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Thoughts of the Chairman



Dear Friends,

Greetings,

‘Hard work is the mother of good luck’ and there is no substitute for hard work. My best wishes to all the students who are appearing in the CA examinations this month. Recently counterfeit currency with a face value of around Rs one lakh was recovered from the Reserve Bank of India office in the national capital on Oct 14 2009. It is suspected that some banks have "unknowingly" submitted the notes with RBI. The fake notes have been sent for examination in Bank Note Press in Madhya Pradesh. Fake notes with a face value of over Rs 67 lakh has been seized by Delhi Police this year so far with investigators indicating that the rackets are now more into printing counterfeit currency of Rs 500 denomination than Rs 100, reversing a four-year-old trend.

The Reserve Bank has said it is improving security features and has asked banks to install detectors and note-sorting machines at branches and ATMs as part of its drive to check fake currency notes. The central bank has asked banks to switch over to cassette swapping system so that currency notes are put in ATMs in a highly secured manner. The Reserve Bank has also asked banks to waive off the requirement of filing a First Information Report (FIR) by banks and individuals in case less than five fake currency notes are detected. The apex bank said it has found just eight fake notes for every million in circulation.

Dishonest industrialists, scandalous politicians and corrupt officers have deposited in foreign banks in their illegal personal accounts a sum of about \$ 1500 billion, which have been misappropriated by them. This amount is about 13 times larger than the country’s foreign debt and one needs to rethink if India is a poor country. With this amount 45 crore poor people can get Rs 1,00,000 each. This huge amount has been appropriated from the people of India by exploiting and betraying them. If this surplus amount is invested in earning interest, the amount of interest will be more than the annual budget of the Central government. This may be the picture of deposits in Swiss banks only. What about other international banks?

No wonder, everyone in India loots with impunity and without any fear. What is even more depressing in that this ill-gotten wealth of ours has been stashed away abroad into secret bank accounts located in some of the world’s best known tax havens. Ordinary Indians may not be

exactly aware of how such secret accounts operate and what are the rules and regulations that go on to govern such tax havens. However, one may well be aware of 'Swiss bank accounts,' the shorthand for murky dealings, secrecy and of course pilferage from developing countries into rich developed ones.

In fact, some finance experts and economists believe tax havens to be a conspiracy of the western world against the poor countries. By allowing the proliferation of tax havens in the twentieth century, the western world explicitly encourages the movement of scarce capital from the developing countries to the rich. In March 2005, the Tax Justice Network (TJN) published a research finding demonstrating that \$11.5 trillion of personal wealth was held offshore by rich individuals across the globe. The findings estimated that a large proportion of this wealth was managed from some 70 tax havens.

The Bharatiya Janata Party's Prime Ministerial candidate, Mr.L.K. Advani has said that India should become an active player in the global crusade against banking secrecy and tax havens, he said, reiterating that a BJP-led government would seek to bring back the country's wealth from foreign shores and use it for developmental projects. Prime Minister Manmohan Singh has told in the Rajya Sabha that "action has already started" for getting back black money belonging to Indians from Swiss banks. With each one playing the blaming game, it is the common man who is the most affected.

With warm regards

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Indian job market showing signs of recovery: Study

NEW DELHI: Amid uncertainty and global gloom, there is good news round the corner, as the job market in India is showing substantive signs of recovery with the current hiring level soaring to as much as 47 per cent, a study says.

"After a substantial dip in hiring levels at the start of 2009, confidence seems to be returning," global management and professional recruitment services firm Antal International said adding that the professional jobs market in [India](#) has made a substantive recovery after a major loss of confidence at the start of 2009.

"Current hiring levels (for India) are up to 47 per cent from 29 per cent in the last report," Antal International said in its report titled 'Global Snapshot'.

"The period of panic and unilluminated gloom does finally seem to be behind us. Recovery may still be a good way off, but it could be that we are now better prepared to pave the way to it than we have been for quite some time," Antal's CEO Tony Goodwin said.

In India 47 per cent of respondents said that they are currently hiring at managerial or professional level. Around 48 per cent said that they expect to [hire](#) at the managerial level in the coming quarter.

Meanwhile, 37 per cent are currently letting people go at managerial level, while, 32 per cent expect to let go people at the professional level in the coming quarter.

Antal International's Global Snapshot is a quarterly survey of [hiring](#) and firing trends in some of the world's most important employment markets. The latest survey covered HR managers in 4,217 companies, professional partnerships and financial institutions across 32 countries in April 2009.

The global picture is also showing some signs of recovery as 46 per cent respondents said they are currently hiring at managerial level, 44 per cent expect to hire over the coming quarter, while only 33 per cent are currently letting people go at managerial level and 35 per cent expect to let go people in the coming quarter.

The report further said that whilst the percentage of organisations hiring in the 32 countries surveyed has gone down, from 54 per cent to 46 per cent, it has not plummeted in the way that the economic statistics have.

Besides, the percentage of organisations expecting to hire managers or professionals in the coming quarter has actually risen, albeit by a very modest 1 per cent from 43 per cent at the beginning of the year to 44 per cent now.

The signs of recovery in the job market is remarkably visible in Asia as 46 per cent of businesses said they are currently recruiting, for Pakistan it was as much as 76 per cent, Philippines (49 per cent) and Singapore (52 per cent).

Meanwhile, in [Brazil](#) 53 per cent of those surveyed said they are currently recruiting people at the managerial level, in Canada it was 49 per cent and in USA it was 43 per cent.

[India world's most bullish country in hiring: Survey](#)

Recruitment plans are strongest in the emerging markets like India and Brazil, as job prospects remain weak in the U.S, according to the global Manpower Employment Outlook Survey. The report says that the fourth quarter (Q4) of 2009 will continue to challenge job seekers in labor markets around the world.

Employer hiring expectations have improved fairly in the past three months in nearly two thirds of the countries and territories surveyed, which suggests a relief from the job cut pattern.

Employment scenario seems to have improved in comparison to the third quarter in six of the eight countries surveyed in the Asia-Pacific region. Still, the hiring process will be slower than historical patterns across the region.

India, China and Australia have strongest employment opportunities, as Japan and New Zealand have a negative outlook. Employer hiring expectations are notably weaker in Japan, India and Hong Kong.

"Indian employers have absorbed the layoffs conducted in the third quarter and are telling us they will begin hiring again at a conservative pace, but most intend to keep their workforces intact through the end of the year. Government stimulus efforts around infrastructure projects are contributing to accelerated hiring plans in India's mining and construction sector," said Jeffrey A Joerres, Chairman and CEO, Manpower.

"Meanwhile, hiring expectations in China are among the most optimistic of the year, with outlooks improving from three months ago across all industry sectors, particularly in the finance, insurance, real estate and the services sectors," he added.

He added that the job seekers will still have limited opportunities as world's labor markets are not expected to recover in the fourth quarter. "The markets appear to be heading in the right direction with results from 20 countries and territories showing positive movement from three months ago," said Joerres.

Some positive hiring activities are expected in 17 out of the 35 surveyed in the quarter ahead. Among the remaining, 15 reported negative hiring expectations in which 10 reported their weakest hiring plans since the survey.

India, Brazil, Colombia, Peru, China, Australia, Singapore, Costa Rica, Canada, Taiwan and Poland have strongest hiring plans and Romania, Spain, Ireland, Japan and Mexico have the weakest.

The next Manpower Employment Outlook Survey will be released on December 08, 2009, which will report hiring expectations for the first quarter of 2010.

Activity Report of November 2009

<u>Date</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>Subject</u>
01, 08, 09, 14, 15, 21, 28 & 29/11/2009	ICAI BHAWAN	CPT Coaching Class
14/11/2009	ICAI BHAWAN	Managing Committee Meeting
27/11/2009	ICAI BHAWAN	Managing Committee Meeting

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