

up." He further added that India was among the top-three markets for SAP in terms of revenue generation from the Asia Pacific region.

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### **Prime Database Lists 8,500 Professionals**

PRIME Database, an independent primary market-monitoring firm, has set up a list of more than 8,500 professionals eligible to be independent directors on the board of listed companies. Of this, 3,985 professionals have already submitted their detailed profiles. The details of these professionals are available on its website, [www.primedirectors.com](http://www.primedirectors.com), which can be browsed free of cost by listed companies. The firm in a release, said the quality of professionals who have submitted their profiles ranges from IIM and IIT graduates, Chartered Accountants and Company Secretaries to Cost Accountants and lawyers and 87pct of the total registered professionals have more than 10 years of experience and only 212 professionals currently hold 338 independent directorships.

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### **Mahindra British Telecom To Set Up A 6000 Seat Campus At Pune**

Mahindra British Telecom signed an agreement with the Maharashtra government for setting up an integrated software development and residential complex in Hinjawadi, Pune. The company will be investing about Rs 450 crores to create the facility in the next three years. This facility would be developed on the lines 'walk to work' where workplace and staff quarters are at walking distance. Mr Vineet Nayyar, CEO & MD, MBT said that by the end of the three-year investment period, MBT would have a total workforce of 25,000, up from about 10,000 by the end of March 2006.

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### **Yahoo India Gets New Marketing Head**

Media portal Yahoo India has appointed Ms Sonya Banerjee as its Head Marketing. Prior to this assignment, Ms Banerjee worked in advertising agencies such as Grey Worldwide and HTA-Fulcrum and had more than 10 years experience in media marketing, as per a company release.

**Source:** 21 Nov' 05 The Economic Times New Delhi Edition

### **Ford To Axe 4000 White Collar Jobs**

Ford Motor Co., facing a deepening financial crisis plans to eliminate about 4,000 white-collar jobs in North America early next year as part of a major restructuring plan. Spokesman Mr Tom Hoyt said the cuts, which will be made in part through attrition and elimination of some agency and contract positions, were announced to employees in an e-mail distributed by Mr Mark Fields, president of the Americas and these cuts will be made during the first quarter of 2006. They will be in addition to 2,750 North American salaried jobs that Ford earlier said it wanted to cut by the end of 2005. Ford started the year with about 35,000 salaried workers in North America, Mr Hoyt said.

**Source:** 21 Nov' 05 The Financial Express New Delhi Edition

### **Govt Lifts Ban On Teachers' Recruitment**

As per the recent announcements by Haryana Chief Minister Mr Bhupinder Singh Hooda, the ban imposed on recruitment of teachers in colleges and schools had been withdrawn so as to fill these at the earliest. Mr Hooda said that the state government was giving priority to job-oriented education and education of women and indicated that new courses had been introduced in schools and colleges keeping in mind the employment factor and the industrial units that were coming up in the state. These units are expected to provide employment to youngsters and Mr Hooda pointed out that it was for the first time that the budget for education had been increased by 50 pct so as to bring about a qualitative improvement in the education sector.

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### **HTMT Elevates Mr Yagnesh Sanghrajka As Global CFO**

HTMT announced two senior level elevations in the company, Mr Yagnesh Sanghrajka, Global CFO and Mr B N Narashima Murthy, Senior Vice President, Business Transition and Domestic Markets with immediate effect. In his enhanced role as Global CFO, Mr Sanghrajka will be responsible for Finance, Accounts and Administration departments of India operations apart from continuing his existing roles of Corporate Finance, Accounts and Treasury as well as F&A monitoring of all HTMT locations and subsidiaries worldwide.

**Source:** 21 Nov' 05 The Economic Times New Delhi Edition

### **TBWA's Tequila Names U.S. President**

Ms Kristi VandenBosch has been tapped for the new role of U.S. president of Tequila, the marketing services arm of TBWA. Ms VandenBosch, 42, previously was president of Tequila's operation in Playa del Rey, California.

**Source:** 21 Nov' 05 The Financial Express New Delhi Edition

### **Dr Jacques Diouf Wins Third Six-year Term As FAO Director-General**

Dr Jacques Diouf of Senegal was re-elected to a third six-year term as Director-General of the UN Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO). He received a total of 137 votes out of 165 votes cast and was the only candidate nominated by the Organisation's 189 members.

**Source:** 21 Nov' 05 The Hindu New Delhi Edition

### **Ms Cie Nicholson Named Pepsi CMO**

Pepsi-Cola North America named Ms Cie Nicholson as CMO. Ms Nicholson, meanwhile, has risen through the ranks rapidly since joining the company in 1997 as director of innovation. In 2002 she was named a Brandweek Marketer of the year for spearheading the launch of Mountain Dew Code Red.

**Source:** 21 Nov' 05 The Financial Express New Delhi Edition

### **Worldwide Recruiting Market To Grow At 8.3pct A Year**

The market for talent acquisition and staffing services demonstrated solid growth in 2004, and early indications reveal that this trend is continuing through 2005. Total market spending on recruiting and staffing services in 2004 grew 10.8pct over 2003. IDC forecasts that worldwide recruiting and staffing services spending will experience a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 8.3pct during the 2005-2009 forecast period.

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