

## HC notice over land acquisition

**BANGALORE, DHNS:** The High Court has ordered notice to the State Government in connection with the land acquisition allegedly to favour Nandi Infrastructure Corridor Enterprises (NICE) in Kengeri hobli.

The petitioners, D Hanumantha and others, have moved the High Court challenging the mutation of entries in respect of their 39 guntas of land in favour of Karnataka Industrial Area Development Board (KIADB), claiming that acquisition proceeding was without authority of law and against the interim order of the Apex Court.

The petitioners had obtained stay from Supreme Court (after refusal from High Court) against the State Government notification dated December 19, 1998 and final notification dated May 8, 2003. Following a Special Leave Petition, the Apex Court stayed the matter on January 1, 2004 and extended the stay on January 1, 2005.

Terming the acquisition illegal and defeating the purpose of the order passed by the Apex Court, the petitioner alleged that the acquisition was aimed to help NICE and sought to quash the preliminary as well as final notifications.

Justice Mohan Shanatanagowdar has ordered notice to the State Government, KIADB, Special DC and land acquisition officer, and NICE.

## IISc signs MoU for solar testing

**BANGALORE, DHNS:** The Indian Institute of Science (IISc) will soon be a testing area for solar thermal technology and the host for a 10MW solar thermal plant on its campus. IISc signed a MoU with the Centre for Study of Science, Technology and Policy (C-STEP) on Monday, for partnership in technologies in energy, information and communication, materials and infrastructure.

The two major initiatives of this MoU are to build a solar thermal power plant and a 'smart grid' to improve efficiency, stability and management of the electricity system.

Chairman of the Mechanical Science Division at IISc, Dr Kamano Chattopadhyay said that solar thermal power was rela-

tively new to India and the details of the project were being worked out.

"We want to develop a base in solar energy research and we require a test bed for it. IISc is prepared to provide that test bed. Moreover, our students will be working on different aspects and facets, so it would provide both education and research prospects," he said.

### Manpower base

Dr Chattopadhyay also expressed IISc's interest in developing skilled manpower base in many of these emergent technologies to provide adequate support in the future.

Program Director at C-STEP, Dr Rahul Tongia said that the thermal power plant was likely

to use the parabolic trough design and the idea is to build on this technology and commercialise.

He estimated that the present cost to set up such a unit in the US would be around Rs 175 crore and the exact costs here have not been worked out yet. Though likely to be funded considerably by the Government, the scientists are looking at a consortium of industries to meet some of the costs and also to replicate the power plants in the future.

In the other areas of information technology, infrastructure the two organisations will write concept papers, seek funds and develop research capabilities and as well as demonstration units.

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## 'They would quit than take stress'

**BANGALORE, DHNS:** The global economic slowdown and the resultant job and salary cuts have added to the anxiety of the corporate workforce. The increased pressure at the workplace has been manifesting itself in frequent illness and rise in stress levels. About 59 per cent of respondents of a survey say that they would quit if the current job adds on to their stress.

The survey was conducted by HealthOn Foundation amongst corporate executives, last fortnight among 57% male

and 43% female working executives in the age group of 30-45 years at Mumbai, Delhi, Bangalore, Chennai, Hyderabad and Kolkata. All major sectors of industries were covered with almost equal number of respondents drawn from all mainline functions. The report indicates that a large number of executives have availed medical leaves, in fact many have availed more than their entitlement.

About 64% respondents say that stress at work takes a toll on their productivity, while 76% agree that their hectic work

schedule is the main reason for neglecting their health.

The respondents also attribute recurring health problems such as digestive system disorders (acidity, heartburn, frequent stomach upsets), fatigue and lethargy, anxiety and depression to stress at workplace.

"The survey's findings should serve as a wakeup call for corporates and they should ideally initiate concrete measures to ensure that the executives stay healthy and productive," said Dr Simanta Sharma, Convenor, and HealthOn Foundation.

### TAMIL

**Mariyadhai:** Inox Jayanagar: 10.20 am, 6 pm, 10 pm; Fame Lido: 6.30 pm, Nataraj: 10.30 am, 1.30 pm, 4.30 pm, 7.30 pm; Eshwari: 11.15 am, 2.30 pm, 6.15 pm, 9.15 pm; Srinivasa, S G Palya: 10 am, 1 pm, 5 pm, 8 pm; Padhalakrish

1.30 pm

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**Billa:** Movieland: 10.30 am, 1.30 pm, 4.30 pm, 7.30 pm; PVR: 1.10 pm, 7 pm, 10 pm; Everest: 11.30 am, 2.30 pm, 6.30 pm, 9.30 pm; Vaibhavi Uttarahalli: 6.15 pm, 9.15 pm

**Arundathi:** Pallavi: 10.30 am, 1.30 pm, 4.30 pm, 7.30 pm; Anjan: 1.30 pm,

**8 X 10 Tasveer:** Fame Lido: 12.45 pm, 4.30 pm, 8.20 pm; Abhinay: 10.30 am, 1.30 pm, 4.30 pm, 7.30 pm; Innovative multiplex: 12 pm, 10 pm; Fame Shankarnag: 4.30 pm; PVR: 10 pm; Vision Cinemas: 4 pm, 10 pm; Fun Cine-