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Revise draft RTI ordinance

Speakers tell roundtable

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a roundtable yesterday called on the government to revise the draft of the Right to Information (RTI) ordinance, saying that it has a number of flaws and inconsistencies.

They also urged the government ensuring the right to information. to shorten the list that restricts the disclosure of information in certain cases.

They suggested deleting the Section 8 of the draft ordinance, saying that it would create obstacles to ensuring the right to information.

Mass-line Media Centre (MMC) and Article 39, an international organisation, jointly organised the roundtable at the IDB auditorium in the city, with human rights activist Dr Hameeda Hossain in the

Barrister Amir-Ul Islam, former Awami League lawmaker Suranjit Sengupta, former BNP lawmaker

GOLF COURSE

HC orders govt to maintain status quo

UNB, Dhaka

The High Court yesterday ordered the government to maintain status quo at the allocated 25 acres of land of Suhrawardy Udyan to Dhaka Club for golf course.

A division bench comprising Justice Syed Mahmud Hossain and Justice Farid Ahmed passed the interim order, after hearing both sides.

On March 9, the High Court, responding to a writ petition, issued rules upon the government and others to explain why the allocation/transfer of 25 acres of land of Suhrawardy Udyan to Dhaka Club for golf course should not be declared to have been made without lawful authority.

The court had also asked the respondents to show cause as to why they should not be directed to protect and maintain the Udyan for use by public as open space.

The writ petition was filed jointly by the Bangladesh Environment Lawyers Association (BELA) and Ain-O-Salish Kendro (ASK), human rights watchdog.

Mayor of Dhaka City Corporation, secretaries Housing and Public Works Ministry and Environment and Forest Ministry, Rajdhani Unnayan Kartripakkha (Rajuk) and president of Dhaka Club were made respondents in the case.

On June 18 last year, the PWD chief engineer signed an agreement with the president of Dhaka Club Ltd allowing the latter to use 25 acres of land of Suhrawardy Udvan- from the Engineers Institution gate to the memorial of three national leaders as golf course.

Adv M Enayetur Rahim appeared for BELA and ASK.

MK Anwar, Prof Mizanur Rahman, ordinance without consultation Asst Prof Shameem Reza, Barrister with the people and political par-Tanjib-ul-Alam and Chief Adviser to ATN Bangla Saiful Bari took part in the discussion.

The speakers said the draft RTI ordinance has many provisions, which would create obstacles to

The government has consciously included such provisions in the ordinance to hinder the right to information, they alleged.

They also said there are some major loopholes in the draft, which need to be removed.

Hameeda Hossain said the government should ensure maximum disclosure of information and shorten the list that restricts disclosure of information.

government has formulated the welcome address.

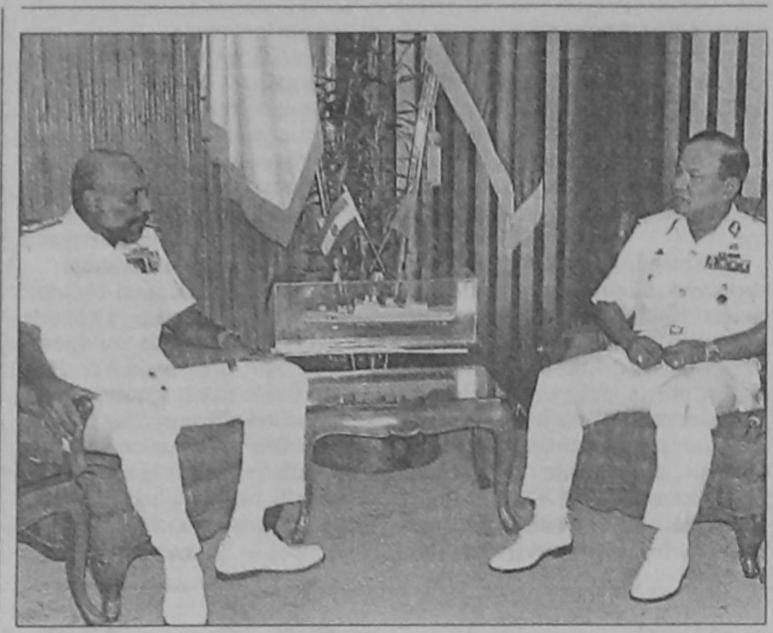
Formulating laws without the participation of political parties in the process would not bring any good, he added.

He also called on the government to start dialogue with the political parties without delay.

He also alleged that the government is now suppressing information rather than ensuring the right to information.

Mizanur Rahman called on the government to simplify the draft so that general people can easily understand it.

Monjurul Ahsan Bulbul, executive editor of the Sangbad, moderated the roundtable while Kamrul Suranjit Sengupta said the Hassan Monju of MMC gave the



Indian Deputy Navy Chief Vice Admiral Raman P Suthan pays a courtesy call on Chief of Naval Staff Vice Admiral Sarwar Jahan Nizam at Naval Headquarters at Banani in the city yesterday.



Rain likely

UNB, Dhaka

Rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely at one or two places over Dhaka, Khuln'a, Barisal and Sylhet divisions and the regions of Rajshahi, Pabna, Comilla, Noakhali and Chittagong in the next 12 hours until 6:00pm today.

Weather may remain mainly dry with temporary partly cloudy sky elsewhere over the country, Met Office said, predicting nearly unchanged day temperature over the country.

Highest temperature 35.5 degrees Celsius was recorded yesterday at Jessore and lowest 19.8 degrees Celsius at Teknaf.

The sun sets in the capital at 6:10pm today and rises at 6:00am

Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns vesterday were:

City/Town	' Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	32.0	21.2	78	67
Chittagong	28.9	21.2	88	67
Rajshahi	35.2	21.7	77	44
Khulna	34.5	22.5	87	70
Barisal	32.5	23.8	84	72
Sylhet	32.0	19.9	57	66

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Tk 700cr UK help for English language programme

UNB, Dhaka

The British government will provide 50 million pounds sterling, equivalent to around Tk 700 crore, for developing English language skills in Bangladesh.

A nine-year-long programme on 'English in Action', to be implemented with the fund, is expected to significantly increase the quality of education for 25 million people contributing to economic and social development in the country, said a DFID press release yesterday. The innovative and comprehensive programme will target people of different ages and groups.

It will provide teachers at primary and secondary levels with a firm foundation for teaching English and it will offer opportunities for using and practising English in a variety of economic and social contexts.By raising the standard of English language, the programme will also address a major skill gap in the workforce and help the country become more competitive in internal and international labour markets.

2100 Yaba tablets seized, six held

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Detective Branch (DB) of Police seized 2100 Yaba tablets and Tk 3.31 lakh during raids on different places in the city on Wednesday and also arrested six people in this connection.

The six -- Manzurul Hasan Rony, 29, Saiful Mahmud Rajan, 26, Mohammad Karim, 30, Uzzal, 20, Lokman Hakim, 47, and Abul Kalam, 28, -- were arrested during the raids in Moghbazar, Uttara, Bijoy Nagar and Amin Bazar areas.

SM Mehedi Hasan, senior assistant commissioner of DB, said the drug peddlers again become active recently.

Rony and Kabir were arrested with 50 Yaba tablets from the gate of Central Law College at around 11:30am, he said. Acting on their statement, the

DB police raided Rajan's residence in Azampur and found 500 tablets in his possession. Later, they arrested Rajan's

friend Karim with 400 Yaba tablets at Maghbazar. The police also raided Karim's house at Amin Bazar and recovered 800 more Yaba tablets and Tk 3.31

lakh and also arrested his uncle

Hakim and Kalam from the house. Karim told reporters that a gang from Myanmar gave them the tablets in Chittagong to supply them in the capital.

BPRA election April 11

BSS, Dhaka

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The election of Bangladesh Public Relations Association (BPRA) will be held on April 11 at the association office in the city.

The election schedule of the BPRA was finalised at a meeting on Wednesday at the association office with president of the organisation Mustafa-E-Zamil in the chair.

SCF nat'l convention today

Ekushey Television will broad-

cast live the convention beginning

Muhammad Habibur Rahman,

Prof Anisuzzaman, Prof Serajul

Islam Choudhury and Dr Mizanur

Meanwhile, the law enforce-

ment agencies have taken ade-

quate security measures to avert

session of convention as guests.

any untoward situation.

socially and nationally.

at 9:30am.

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Sector Commanders Forum (SCF) will hold its national convention in the capital today with a call to form a special tribunal under the supervision of the United Nations immediately to try war criminals.

Freedom fighters and members Rahman will address the inaugural of pro-liberation organisations will gather at the convention at Bangladesh-China Friendship Conference Centre to demand the trial of the war criminals.

The Forum will also call on the people to boycott war criminals

from six divisions are likely to join sion for the gathering. Obaidul Quader's 1000 tons of Thai rice flat attached STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government yesterday attached a flat owned by detained former state minister and Awami League Joint Secretary Obaidul Quader at Segunbagicha in the city following an order by a special

Ramna police said the flat at Subastu Taj Villa at 73 Segunbagicha was attached following an order by the Special Court-4.

They said they have put up notice on the wall of the flat in this

arrive in Ctg

About 1000 freedom fighters the government refused permis

and anti-liberation elements the convention, SCF sources said. A

Former chief adviser justice civil society members, intellectu-

fighters will also attend it.

Besides, about 1500 invited

guests, including political leaders,

als, teachers, students, human

rights activists and lawyers, are

expected to attend the convention.

the Sector Commanders Forum

scheduled for March 15, but it was

postponed at the eleventh hour as

will address the second session.

Freedom fighters and leaders of

Earlier, the convention was

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chittagong

Bangladesh received 1000 tons of rice donated by the Thailand government in aid of Sidr-affected people onWednesday.

Chittagong Divisional Commissioner Hossain Jamil at a ceremony at the New Mooring Container Jetty of Chittagong Port.

Ambassador Thanchitt said the

ment and general people were deeply saddened by the news of the devastating cyclone that had caused

He also praised the Bangladesh government for tackling and managing the crisis effectively both before and after the cyclone.

Sirajul Islam was also present.

donation reflects the warm relations and close bond of friendship between the Thai and Bangladeshi

Thai Ambassador Chalermpol Thanchitt handed over the rice to

The bagged white-rice arrived at Chittagong Porton March 19.

Speaking on the occasion,

He said, "Both the Thai govern-

heavy loss of lives and damages in Bangladesh in November last year."

Regional Controller of Food

EC wants list of 'risky' polling centres

FROM PAGE 1

said sources at the EC Secretariat quoting from the letter sent to the police headquarters and DGFI. In the run-up to the cancelled

January 22 election last year, security agencies had declared over 19,000 polling stations "vulnerable", 500 "severely vulnerable" while 13,500 "normal", according to information available at the EC Secretariat.

The categorisation was meant to help the administration take security measures according to nature of the polling stations.

But there were allegations that

the then ruling alliance led by BNP-Jamaat had influenced the security agencies to identify a large number of polling stations in the traditional stronghold of Awami League (AL) and its allies as posing security risks.

Now the current EC wants to see if the grading was done on political considerations, observed a senior official at the EC Secretariat. Since November last year, it has

been working to select prospective polling centres for the national and local government polls with help from the army personnel to avoid controversy.

According to its directives, the the field-level election officials.

field-level election officials have been selecting polling stations on completion of voter registration in their areas. Sources in the EC Secretariat

said the job is nearing completion in at least 55 upazilas, four city corporations and seven municipal-

"In many cases, centres were changed or relocated or set up afresh under unwarranted influence, which is one of the major obstacles to holding a fair election," the EC said in a circular issued on November 4 last year for

Tigers secure series with easy win

over, separated the opening pair feated 90 in the first match, Nafees

FROM PAGE 16

ate members after defeating Zimbabwe three times, Kenya twice and Scotland once. After electing to bat, Mohammad

Ashraful's boys got off to a slow but decent start as the 94-run opening stand between Tamim Iqbal and Nafees gave the side a launching pad to post a challenging 246 for eight in 50 overs at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur. The visitors also began soundly

but having weathered the new ball carefully for the first 10 overs, they lost their way against mediumpacer Forhad's accuracy, some tremendous fielding and tight line by the two left-arm spinners. Man-of-the-match Forhad, who

failed with the bat, topped and tailed to take 5-42 as Ireland were bundled out for 162 in just 38.2

Abdur Razzak, who replaced Mashrafe Bin Mortaza in the 11th

with his second delivery, inspiring Forhad to take wickets with successive deliveries in the next over. After opener Reinhardt Strydom

was trapped lbw by a low Razzak delivery, Nafees and Aftab palmed spectacular catches to set up a hattrick chance for Forhad. But the all-rounder had to wait for his third spell when he took the third and two more wickets including the scalp of top-scorer Andre Botha (34) to mop up the tail. Earlier, Tamim missed a

deserved fifty when the young lefthander fell four runs short of the landmark just after halfway of the Bangladesh innings, holing out to deep midwicket while trying to hit consecutive sixes off Kyle McCallan.

His senior partner Nafees, however, completed his second successive half-century before being run out. Fresh from an unde-

scored 60 off 92 balls with half-adozen fours. After the opening pair's cautious approach, Aftab and captain

Ashraful raced the scoreboard on top gear, adding 64 runs from 52 deliveries for the third wicket. Aftab's quickfire 61 off 57 balls was laced with two fours and a six each off Botha and Greg Thompson

came with three boundaries. Both the batsmen skied ambitious shots to depart in quick succession, but vice-captain Mashrafe's cameo 15-ball 26 sparked huge cheers among the 15,000-strong crowd.

Mashrafe, who was dismissed in the last over, clubbed three fours and a straight six off Botha that landed into the sightscreen. The third and final match of the

series will be held tomorrow.

Academic Qualification

To keep files updated:

· To maintain confidentiality;

Academic Qualification

experience in the relevant field.

12. Secretary cum Sales Admin Asst. - 01 Post

· To handle all sorts of secretarial requirement and personal affairs;

Ideal candidates should conform to the following requirements:

Should be intelligent, confident, self motivated and dynamic:

Excellent verbal and written communication skills in English.

Should be Masters/Bachelor degree in any discipline with 3-4 years

13. Assistant Manager, Mobile Service - 01 Post

Ideal candidates should be M. Sc./B. Sc. in Applied

Physics/Electrical and Electronics Engineering/Computer

Engineering with good academic background and having 3-5 years

experience in reputed Mobile Phone sales and service firm

Handling and servicing of GSM & CDMA Mobile Phone technology;

Capable of maintaining, repairing and troubleshooting all brands of

14. Asst. Systems Engineer, Mobile Service - 02 Posts

Ideal candidates should be M. Sc./B. Sc. in Applied Physics/

Electrical and Electronics Engineering/Computer Engineering with

good academic background and having 1-2 year(s) experience in

Handling and servicing of GSM & CDMA Mobile Phone technology.

Excellent verbal and written communication skills in English.

reputed Mobile Phone sales and service firm including:

· Maintain liaison between all the departments;

· Drafting memos, letters and other documents;

To attend all queries of outside calls over telephone;

To handle all routine correspondence;

Tele-medicine centre opens number of expatriate freedom BSS, Dhaka

After examining the medical reports of a Bangladeshi patient with heart blocks, renowned cardiologist Dr Devi Shetty of India advised him to continue taking medicines for six more months as prescribed by a

local heart specialist. The decision about whether the patient would need a surgery will be taken after six months on the basis of his condition, said Dr Shetty, sitting at his chamber at Narayan Health City (Narayan Hrudayalaya Institute of Medical Sciences) at Bangalore while the patient was in Dhaka. The medical reports were sent to the institute earlier.

A newly established telemedicine centre made it possible for the patient to receive advice from a world-renowned heart specialist through a videoconference at Dhanmondi on Wednesday morning after its inauguration.

Child specialist Dr MR Khan inaugurated the centre as the chief guest and Dr Jafarullah Chowdhury of Gonoshashthaya Kendra chaired the inaugural function.

Replying to a question, Dr Shetty told reporters that he will give consultation to Bangladeshi patients free of cost over videoconference once a month initially. "We are not giving treatment to the

patients over teleconferencing but providing them with suggestions whether they should continue medication or they need surgery," he replied to another question. The patients having cardiac com-

plication would be selected for videoconferencing and the doctors at the tele-medicine center will make the selection, he added. "Besides giving consultation on

heart diseases, the Narayan Hrudayalaya Institute of Medical Sciences will also provide similar service to cancer patients and others having liver and kidneys problems," Dr Shetty said. Obaidur Rahman's

death anniversary today Today is the first death anniversary of KM Obaidur

tion and former secretary general of Bangladesh Nationalist Party,

says a press release. Obaidur Ra iman Smriti Sangsad and KM Obaidur Rahman Foundation have chalked out various programmes to observe the day. On the occasion, wreaths will be

placed, fateha will be offered and

Qurankhwani will be held at his mazar today. Nurul Momen Khan Mihir

while Ashraful's run-a-ball 38



Today is the 16th death anniversary of Nurul Momen Khan Mihir, a freedom fighter and former secretary, says a press release.

Rahman, an

organiser of the

War of Libera-

On the occasion, doa mahfils will be held at a local mosque and orphanages at his village Shologhar under Srinagar in Munshinganj.

Cox's Bazar

1. Asst. Manager, Sales - 02 Posts Location of Post: Dhaka Ideal candidates should conform to the following requirements: · Working experience in sales target management, product distribution management, Distribution channel creation, sales

monitoring and managing field sales force & channel will be given

· Responsible for day to day sales and marketing goal oriented, self motivated, hard working and able to work under pressure to meet deadlines; · Prepare reports on customer needs, problems, interests, market

situation, competitive activities, and potential for new products/services; Proven sales and managerial working experience in a renowned IT

Company is a must; . Knowledge in IT industry and Telecommunication is a must; • Top class leadership qualities with pleasing Marketing & Sales UNIX experience will be highly preferred; personality to make him acceptable to a large number of field forces

 Capable to meet business targets and maintain the agreed profitability targets of the Company; Excellent verbal and written communication skills in English.

including few managers of different levels;

Academic Qualification

self driven;

academic background. Minimum 3-4 years sales and marketing experience in a reputed IT firm is preferable.

2. Asst. Sales Executive - 04 Posts

Location of Post: Dhaka and Chittagong Ideal candidates should conform to the following requirements: · Smart, energetic, highly motivated, target oriented, aggressive and

/Commerce / Marketing or in any related discipline with good

 Capable to achieve challenging sales and growth expectations; · Capabilities to influence client/customer; Experience in IT Products/Mobile Phone sales and marketing; Willingness to achieve sales target and to work under pressure;

· Having good computer skill in MS Word, Excel, PowerPoint;

Excellent verbal and written communication skills in English;

· Candidates should indicate preference of location of Post.

Academic Qualification Should be Bachelors / Masters / MBA / B.Sc. in Computer Science / • HP UNIX or LINUX or Cisco CCNA or MCSE certified engineer will Visual FoxPro will be preferred; Commerce / Marketing or in any related discipline with good academic background. Minimum 2-3 years sales and marketing experience in a . Excellent verbal and written communication skills in English; reputed IT firm is preferable.

3. Assistant Accountant - 02 Posts

Location of Post: Chittagong and Dhaka Ideal candidates should conform to the following requirements:

Excellent verbal and written communication skills in English.

· Willingness to work under pressure; · Having good computer skill in MS Word, Excel and PowerPoint;

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Academic Qualification Should be M.Com in Accounting with 2-3 years experience in the field of Accounts and Finance.

4. Systems Engineer - 02 Posts Ideal candidates should conform to the following requirements:

 Can Install and troubleshoot UNIX, Windows NT, Windows 2000 Working experience on implementing and installation of Ethernet/Switching/ATM/TCP/IP over LAN/WAN is must;

Can Fix Midrange Servers, PC Servers, PCs, Printer hardware, MS

Office, MS Exchange, MS SQL Server software problems independently; HP UNIX or LINUX or Cisco CCNA or MCSE certified engineer will

be preferred; Excellent verbal and written communication skills in English; Can meet task deadlines, ability to work in a team environment.

Should be Bachelors / Masters / MBA / B.Sc. in Computer Science

Academic Qualification Should have M.Sc./B.Sc./Diploma in Computer Science or Electrical and Electronics Engineering from any reputed university with good academic background and with 2-3 years similar experience in a reputed IT firm is preferable. Persons who do not possess sufficient academic qualification but are otherwise capable of meeting the Working Skills may also apply.

5. Assistant Systems Engineer - 05 Posts

Ideal candidates should conform to the following requirements: Can install and troubleshoot UNIX, Windows NT, Windows 2000

 Working experience on implementing and installation of Ethernet/Switching/ATM/TCP/IP over LAN/WAN is must; UNIX experience will be highly preferred; • Can Fix Midrange Servers, PC Servers, PCs, Printer hardware, MS • Should have sound knowledge on HTML, JavaScript, C#, MS SQL

independently;

Can meet task deadlines, ability to work in a team environment.

By a Company known for excellence in the field of Information and Communication Technology Academic Qualification

Should have M.Sc./B.Sc./Diploma in Computer Science or Electrical M.Sc./B.Sc. in Computer Science from any reputed university with Should be Masters/Bachelor degree in any discipline with 3-4 years and Electronics Engineering from any reputed university with good academic background and with 1-2 year(s) similar experience in a reputed IT firm is preferable. Persons who do not possess sufficient academic qualification but are otherwise capable of meeting the Working Skills may also apply.

Career Opportunity

6. Project Manager - 01 Post

Ideal candidates should conform to the following requirements: Experience with modeling of system architecture with UML would be

an added advantage having excellent team leadership skill;

 Strong communication and Interpersonal skill with pleasing personality; Excellent verbal and written communication skills in English. Responsibilities Planning & Defining scope of work, Resource Planning, Developing Schedules, Time Estimating, Cost Estimating, Developing Budget,

Controlling Quality, Managing Risks & Issues, Creating Charts &

Schedules, Risk Analysis, Scalability, Interoperability and Portability;

Analysis, Documentation, Customer Liaison etc. Academic Qualification M.Sc./B.Sc. in Computer Science from any reputed university with good academic background. At least 3-4 years hand on experience in

Project Management in a reputed Software firm is a must.

Visual FoxPro will be preferred;

Academic Qualification

Office, MS Exchange, MS SQL Server software problems Server and Oracle Database and Technical documentation;

7. Programmer- 03 Posts Ideal candidates should conform to the following requirements: . Should have sound knowledge on HTML, JavaScript, C#, MS SQL Server and Oracle Database and Technical documentation;

Knowledge on banking Software Development and experience on

 Knowledge on 3-tier Architecture using message queue server will be an added advantage; Excellent verbal and written communication skills in English.

good academic background. Minimum 2-3 years experience in C#, ASP.NET and FoxPro in any reputed Software firm is a must. Managing sales force will be given preference. 8. Assistant Programmer- 03 Posts Ideal candidates should conform to the following requirements:

M.Sc./B.Sc. in Computer Science from any reputed university with

 Knowledge on 3-tier Architecture using message queue server will be
Willingness to work under pressure; an added advantage;

Excellent verbal and written communication skills in English.

added advantage;

Academic Qualification good academic background. Minimum 1-2 year(s) experience in C#, ASP.NET and FoxPro in any reputed Software firm is a must.

Managing sales force will be given preference. 9. QA Engineer- 01 post Ideal candidates should conform to the following requirements:

 Experience with functional testing and documenting the testing process; Experience with structured testing like Unit Testing, Integration

Testing, System Testing and Acceptance Testing; · Experience with testing tools like Selenium, Fitness; Experience with handling bug tracking with different systems; · Basic knowledge in .Net technologies, Should be a good team player, · Willingness to work under pressure;

Academic Qualification M.Sc./B.Sc. in Computer Science from any reputed university with experience in the relevant field. good academic background. At least 2-3 years work experience with

Excellent verbal and written communication skills in English.

testing and QA in a reputed software firm is a must. 10. Technical Document Writer - 01 Post Ideal candidates should conform to the following requirements: Excellent grammatical and structural knowledge on written English.

· Skills with the following applications: Ms Word, PowerPoint, Visio, Adobe Acrobat, Paint Shop Pro etc. Touch-typing capability and fast typing speeds. Familiarity with industry-standard development tools

· Clear understanding of general architecture and nature of desktop-

Excellent verbal and written communication skills in English.

Rich vocabulary and understanding of contextual meaning of words.

Excellent computer skills and aptitude- fast learner.

Academic Qualification M.Sc./B.Sc. in Computer Science from any reputed university with English medium background at secondary and higher secondary level. Experience of working in offshore outsourced software development project performing documentation activities is preferred.

11. Store Officer - 01 Post

firm is a must.

bases and web-based applications;

• Knowledge on banking Software Development and experience on Ideal candidates should conform to the following requirements: Adequate knowledge of IT Products/Mobile Phone components;

· Excellent verbal and written communication skills in English.

· Having good computer skill in MS Word, Excel:

 Capable of maintaining, repairing and troubleshooting all brands of At least 2 years experience in technical writing in a reputed software Excellent verbal and written communication skills in English.

Working with modeling of system architecture with UML would be an
MS Office typing speed should be minimum 40WPM;

Mobile Phones:

Candidates fulfilling the above requirements may apply in confidence with an updated resume, two copies color passport size photograph addressed to the General Manager, HR & Admin., to the following address within 31st March, 2008. All Candidates are requested to clearly mention the Position and Location they are applying for in their application.

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