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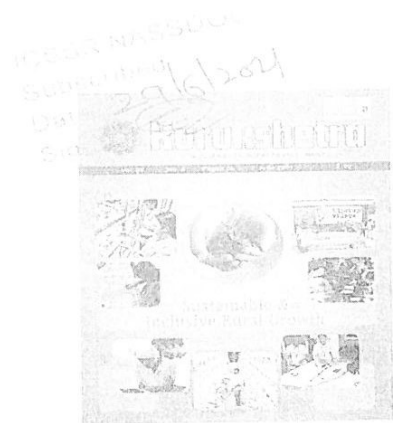
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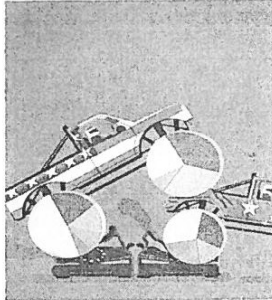
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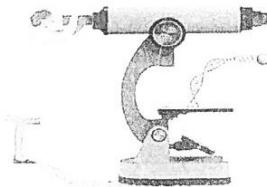
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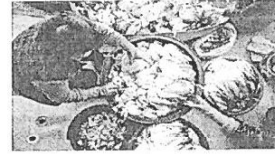


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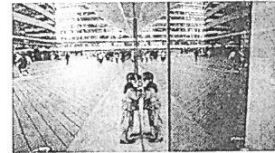
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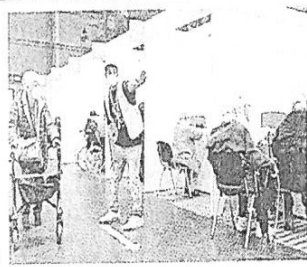
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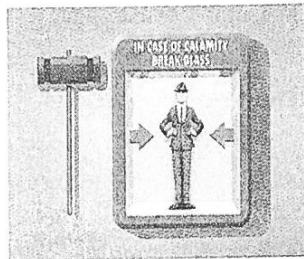
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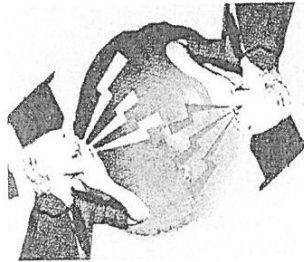
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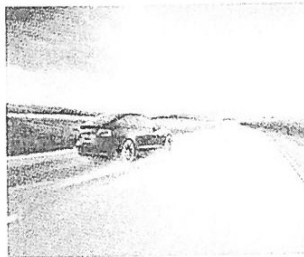
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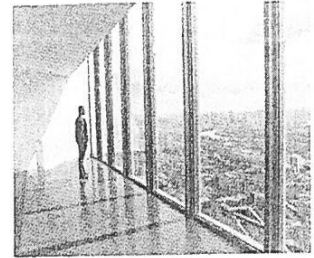
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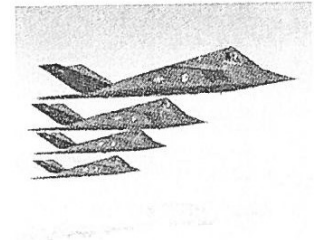
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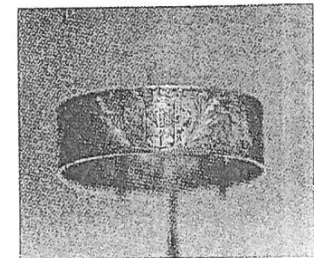
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### New Operating Model for Private Business Schools for COVID-19 and Post-COVID-19 Times

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COVID-19 Pandemic, among others, has put private business schools in great difficulty. Being self-financing, on the one hand, these business schools are facing the challenge of new admissions, and on the other, they are now required to emphasize on internal cost efficiency. Uncertainty in managerial level job availability for MBA graduates now dissuades many prospective students to postpone their plans for higher studies and stick to their current jobs (if they are already employed). Those who do not have any job at present are getting engaged in low-end jobs, as new normal process has increased the spate of hiring for various non-managerial job positions. While front-end strategies are now compelling private business schools to increase technology-enabled delivery modules, back-end strategies are compelling these business schools to optimize their costs of operation. This article highlights such practices, along with possible adverse consequences, unless business schools sustain their identity as quality institutions, embracing suitable operating model.

India has six thousand business schools that offer MBA or PGDM (some also say PGDBM) as full-time, part-time or as distance learning mode. Going by National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) ranking 2020, we find there are seventy-five business schools, which are ranked. But we have several thousands more, including some private business schools, outside the ambit of NIRF ranking. Some of these business schools are also good, but presumably not showing their eagerness to come under the lens of NIRF. However, for our purpose, NIRF being endorsed by Ministry of Education, its ranking is considered as quality indicator for institutions of higher learning. In recent business school ranking list, among top ten category, we find that only two private business schools are ranked—XLRI, Jamshedpur (ninth position), and MDI, New Delhi (tenth position). One way, this indicates that private business schools in India are gradually losing ground to government aided institutes and universities. Over the years, private business schools in India, which are roughly estimated to the tune of six hundred, showed more interests for accreditation of AACSB, ACBSP, IACBE, SQAC, etc. to establish their legitimacy as quality institutions, for influencing stakeholders' attention. Without going into their veracity, we find many unaccredited institutions today are in top rank of NIRF. NIRF ranking is now a hallmark of quality for business schools in India, for obvious change in pandemic environment, as global mobility of management graduates will get restricted, for more emerging job opportunities in India. Gradually, it will also catch recruiters' attention, as over the years NIRF has come to the stage of maturity with greater compatibility with any international level rating

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