



# THE HINDU

## 4TH MARCH

### E-commerce News

#### BLUE DART EXPRESS: THE BUSINESS IS IN THE BAG - BUY

*"The company has sustained sales growth, thanks to its diversified revenue mix"*

*Logistics players who deliver e-commerce products enjoyed lofty valuations in the past and investors paid high-scarcity premiums to get a share of the red-hot sector.*

*This can provide a buying opportunity for investors with a long-term perspective. And branded delivery companies will benefit as increasing internet penetration boosts online purchases.*

### DIVERSIFIED

*enlarge or vary its range of products or field of operation.*

*"the company expanded rapidly and diversified into computers"*

### LOFTY

*of imposing height*

*"the elegant square was shaded by lofty palms"*

*adjective: lofty*

### Stock News

#### ICICI PRUDENTIAL FINANCIAL SERVICES FUND

*"The fund's a top performer but sector funds are affected more by market ups and downs"*

*Public sector bank stocks have been beaten down over the last two to three years, owing to a sharp slowdown in their loan growth and rise in delinquencies.*

*While earnings appear to be making a comeback after a dismal performance last year, it is still early days for investors to be bottom-fishing. At the same time, a few private banks after a resilient performance, appear to be losing ground in recent quarters.*

### DELINQUENCIES

*neglect of one's duty.*

*"he relayed this in such a manner as to imply grave delinquency on the host's part"*

### RESILIENT

*able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions.*

*"babies are generally far more resilient than new parents realize"*

### National News

#### 'LAW AND ORDER IN TN HAS DECLINED'

*"PMK leader says crime has seen a spurt"*

*PMK founder S. Ramadoss on Saturday alleged that the law and order situation had deteriorated in Tamil Nadu, and that there had been a steady rise in crimes such as murder and robbery.*

*Expressing concern over the murder of a history-sheeter while in the custody of Tirunelveli police, he contended that there had been a breakdown in intelligence-gathering in the State.*

### SPURT

*a sudden marked burst or increase of activity or speed.*

*"late in the race he put on a spurt and reached second place"*

### CONTENDED

*assert something as a position in an argument.*

*"he contends that the judge was wrong"*

*past participle: contended*