

Career Launcher announces the launch of Finance Upskilling courses In collaboration with BDO India

~Tie-up presents exciting placement opportunities for youth~



New Delhi, November 5, 2018: Career Launcher, India's leading test-prep brand & a division of CL Educate Ltd, announced the launch of CL FinSchool, a suite of new era financial skills courses in New Delhi today.

Speaking at the launch, **Mr. Arjun Wadhwa, CFO, CL Educate** said, "There could be no better day than the auspicious occasion of Dhanteras, for us to begin our adventure in the financial skills space. *The courses on offer will be a mix of programs that are either fully-owned and operated by CL or offered through a content-collaboration partnership with*

industry specialists. We are delighted that BDO India, one of the Big-6 accounting and advisory firms in India, is a significant early partner."

Commenting on the initiative, **Mr. Nipun Gupta, Partner, Accounting Advisory Services at BDO India**, said "We share the excitement of converting our knowledge and insights into skills for the youth and enabling the growth of the industry and the country at this critical juncture. Through our courses crafted to excellence, for delivering knowledge that the industry is looking for in new-age students, BDO India comes in to bridge the expectations of corporates and students".

CL FinSchool will offer new financial skills courses for the youth pursuing Commerce in high school, CA/CS or management degrees. ACCA Diploma in IFRS, ACCA Certificate in IFRS, and Finance for Non-Finance Professionals are some of the courses that are being launched in Phase One. FinSchool will also expand its scope to become an integrated suite – including existing CL offerings on NSE Derivatives, FRM, CFA, CA & CS coaching programs.

Talking about the initiative, **Mr. Gopalakrishnan Rengan, Head of Upskilling Division at Career Launcher** said, "Our aim is to provide a bridge between the youth and the corporates that are thirsty for talent with relevant & new-age skills. We will actively bridge this through partnered programs. CL FinSchool is a focused initiative to deliver high quality jobs to the youth with 21st century skills in Finance & Accounting. This is where the ace accounting advisory firm, BDO India, would feature as a preferred Learning Partner to conceive and deliver relevant courses. CL alone would be servicing around 25,000 students in commerce & related areas this year. We will start there and scale it. Additionally, according to NASSCOM's report on jobs & skilling, up to 40 percent of the estimated 4 million workforce in India needs re-skilling over the next five years to keep pace with automation and changing skill needs in various industries. This confirms the amazing opportunity FinSchool has, to cater to in the country. In collaboration with BDO India, we seek to target one such full-of-potential opportunity, i.e. in the area of Finance & Accounting."

CL FinSchool programs will be a one-stop solution for students interested in pursuing their careers in the Finance & Accounting domain. FinSchool graduates will be offered placement support services into accounting, finance, investment, and mutual funds through placement program partnerships. CL



FinSchool will be delivered in classroom, online, live & recorded formats, and these have been configured keeping in mind the aspirants' convenience.

About CL Educate Ltd.

Listed on the BSE and NSE of India in 2017, CL Educate Ltd is a well-diversified and technology-enabled provider of education products, services, content, and infrastructure with presence across the education value-chain. It commenced its operations in 1996; and is present in test-preparation & training services, publishing & content development, integrated business, marketing & sales services for corporates, vocational training programs, and integrated solutions to educational institutions. CL operates a gamut of test-prep services under the 'Career Launcher' brand that offers coaching for MBA, Overseas (GRE, GMAT, SAT), Bank, SSC, Civils, Law/BBA, Gate/Engineering/Medical across India and in the Middle East. Led by a team of highly qualified professionals, including IIT-IIM alumni, with a passion for excellence, the 22-year old company has successfully diversified from a single MBA Test-prep center to a pan-India conglomerate in an asset-light, technology-enabled manner leveraging strong synergies among its businesses.

For more details, please visit <http://www.cleducate.com/>

About BDO India

BDO India LLP is the India member firm of BDO International and offers Assurance, Tax, Advisory and Business Services & Outsourcing. Led by more than 150 Partners & Directors with a team of over 2300 professionals operating across 10 cities – Ahmedabad, Bengaluru, Chennai, Hyderabad, Goa, Kochi, Kolkata, Mumbai, New Delhi-Gurugram and Pune, BDO India has in its service portfolio the backing of a rich blend of experience and expertise, bringing to fore a work culture that is both client-centric and knowledge driven. With a tremendous level of focus on delivering exceptional client service, backed by global resources and knowledge, BDO India delivers bespoke solutions driven by quality excellence & time efficiencies.

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