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Arun Pudur Among Top 10 on Under-40 Rich List

NEW YORK - Indian billionaire chief executive officer of Malaysia-based Celframe Technology Group of Companies, Arun Pudur, is among the world's top 10 richest individuals under 40, according to a list published on Wednesday by Wealth-X, a global wealth intelligence and prospecting company.

Pudur, 36, is ranked at 10th position on the list with a personal fortune of \$4 billion. His company has over 500 clients, including Boeing, MTV, Nortel, General Motors and Delta.

An investor with a passion for solving consumer problems, Pudur began his career at the age of 13 fixing bikes, and breeding champion dogs before he graduated to start his technology business. He



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made his first million at the age of 21, first billion at the age of 26 and never looked back.

Facebook co-founder Mark Zuckerberg, 30, topped the list. The list is dominated by other male technopreneurs, with four of them deriving their fortunes from their early involvement in Facebook.

The list also features two under-40 female billionaires.

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At 95, Bihar Man Enrolls For Masters Degree

PATNA- He is of an age few people reach and when there are no more goals to be achieved, but 95-year-old Raj Kumar Vaishya is still keen to fulfil his dream of acquiring a post-graduation degree and is working for it with the help of his retired son and daughter-in-law. He has enrolled for a master of arts in economics from the Nalanda Open University here.

"I am nearer to fulfilling my long cherished dream of a post-graduate degree in economics. My aim is not to get a degree; the thrust is to study and gain knowledge of economics so as to understand the problems faced by the people and the country and to contribute something, if possible," says Vaishya, who retired in 1980 as a general manager in a private firm in Jharkhand.

He says he wished to study economics also to understand why the country had failed to solve problems like poverty, illiteracy and joblessness.

Living with his second son and daughter-in-law in the posh Rajendra Nagar colony here for the last 10 years after his wife's death, Vaishya said the academic atmo-



Raj Kumar Vaishya and his family

sphere in the house helped him make up his mind to study further. His son Santosh Kumar, now in his early 70s, retired from the National Institute of Technology, Patna, whereas daughter-in-law Bharti S. Kumar, in her early 60s, retired as a professor from Patna

University. "Initially, they told me studying is not an easy task at this age, but later agreed to support me in view of my commitment. My son will teach me mathematics and statistics and the daughter-in-law will pitch in with other help," Vaishya said. (IANS)