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2007

New cars are equipped with Vide anti-collision pot radar, thermalinaging systems to improve visibility, on-board computers that detect and warn drivers about imminent faults, and satellite-based automatic global positioning systems.

Video vacation postcards, postcard-sized film screens that display 10 seconds of holiday sights and sounds, are introduced onto the market.

The active contact lens, linked to the internet, allows the wearer to read e-mail and surf the world wide web without even opening her eyes.

2500

Vears.

From an average of 78 years, human life-spans are extended to 140

Robotic pets programmed to recognise their master's voice and face, operate and control all computerised functions of the household.

2040

Nuclear fusion is harnessed to generate electricity.

future

2010

2015

The genetic roots of all diseases are identified.

2006

Smart construction materials, with electronic sensors built into their molecular structures, detect excessive stress and warn of potential collapse. Clothes made from smart fabrics automatically warm up the wearer in cold weather and cool him down in hot weather.



2020 **Dectors** consult your genetic profile, recorded on a chip, to design a prescription just for you. 2016 The holographic telephone projects a life-size image of the person being called.

tuman 2020

Flying wing aircraft are able to carry 1,000 passengers up

to a distance of 9,000 kms at average speeds of 900km/h.

nibernation s used for ne first ime in long-distance space travel.

Human beings land on Mars.

A permanent colony is established on the planet around 2044.

2022

Foetuses conceived in vitro, mature to term in extrauterine incubators,

^{are born} without ever having been inside a human womb.

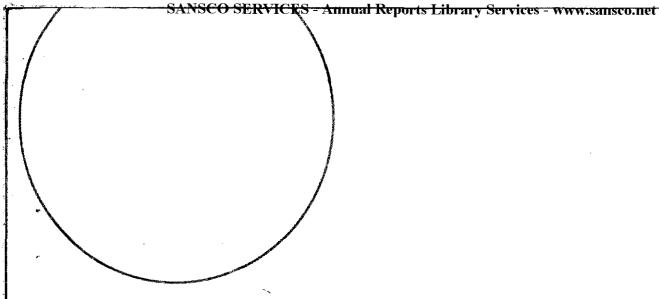
2025 Computers connected directly to the brain and able to recognise and respond to thoughts, obviating the need for the manual input of data and commands.

2030

Following on the development of artificial lungs, kidneys and livers, doctors now create artificial legs and fully functional artificial eyes.

Microscopic robots capable of reproducino themselves are devised using nanotechnology.

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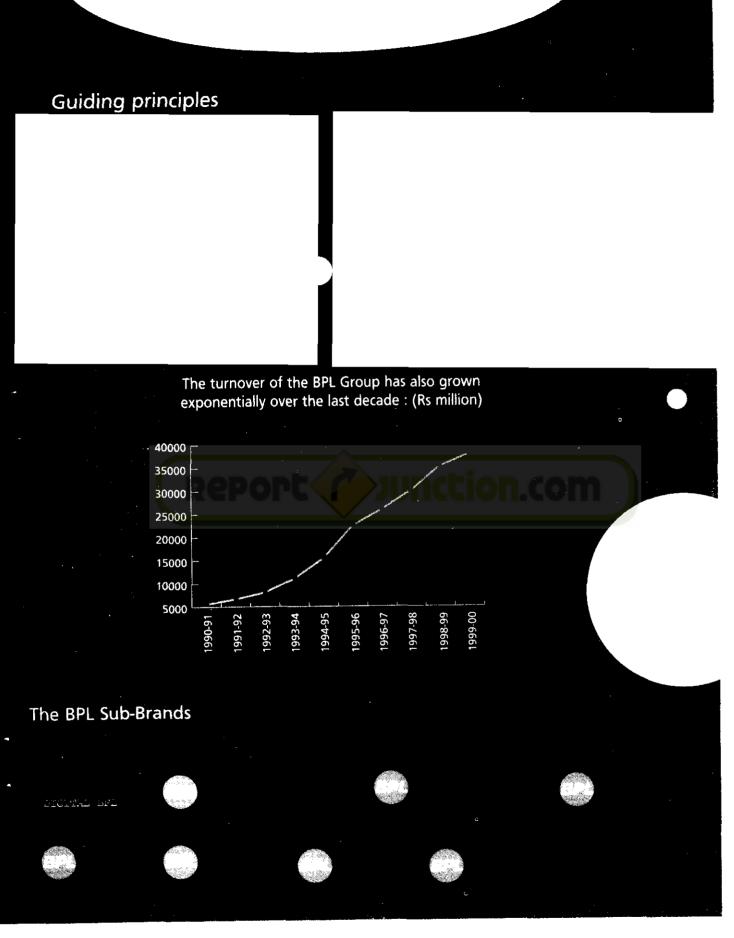
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