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Giving a strong business case for MSMEs at

aging Director stated the yard has abundant opportunities available for

frastructure development at HSL over the next 3 years and this represents a great opportunity for MSMEs' informed HSL's CMD, **Cmde Hemant Khatri, IN (Retd.)** speaking at the Accelerating Andhra Pradesh webinar jointly organized by *Vizag Industrial Scan* and FICCI.

He said that a consultant had already been finalized for this from Kochi and said that this is bound to spur up many opportunities

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Hindustan Shipyard Limited, its Chairman and Man-

MSMEs.

'I have a mandate to invest Rs 700 crores in in-

RINL's sales up 48%

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Vizag steel plant has registered a growth of 48% in terms of its sales for the period April – July '21.

As per **Mr DK Mohanty, D(C) & CMD**-additional charge the

company's sales stood at



1.6 million tons against 1.07 million tons of CPLY. Simi-

larly sales turnover stood at of Rs.7958 Crs., against Rs.3606 Crs., of CPLY, registering a growth of 121%. The company's saleable steel volume in domestic sales stood at 1.1 million tons against 0.64

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DCIL to get 3 new dredgers

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Addressing the employees of DCIL at the 75th independence day, DCIL's MD and CEO, **Dr.G.Y.V Victor** announced that that the Company has finalized the acquisition of three new dredgers which will boost its operational capabilities.

He stated that these new acquisitions will be built indigenously under the Atma Nirbhar Bharat initiative. These 3 new dredgers will be built at Cochin shipyard and will have a total 35000 cum hopper capacity said Dr Victor. He assured all the employees that the company 's fundamentals are

strong and was confident that in the years to come DCIL will play a very important role in the National Maritime Development.

He also called on the collective to maintain strict financial discipline to reset its course on the path to progress and stability.



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IN BRIEF

Vinay Ranjan new Dir. P& IR Coal India

Mr. Vinay Ranjan has taken over as Director (P&IR) of Coal India Ltd. He was Director - Personnel of Eastern Coalfields Ltd. prior to joining Coal India Limited. An Alumni of the prestigious INSEAD Business School, he has to his credit a general management program from Fontainebleau, France. The new Director (Personnel/Industrial Relations) of Coal India has done Graduation with Honors in Physics and PG Diploma in Personnel Management and Industrial Relations.



Dubey gets addl charge as Dir. Personnel of NCL

Director (Finance) of Northern Coalfields Limited (NCL) Mr. Ram Narayan Dubey, has been entrusted with the additional charge of Director (Personnel) of the company. He replaced former Director (Personnel) of NCL **Bimlendu Kumar** who got superannuated on July 31.

Webinar on Leadership

The Indian Society for Training & Development (ISTD), recently conducted a webinar on the topic "Strategic Leadership during Turbulent Times". **Dr. N V Warlu**, Personality Development expert talked on the various facets of leadership and opined that in turbulent times, a strategic leader should be both merciful and merciless yet confident and humble, patient and persistent as the situation demands. **Dr. Natraj Ray**, National President, ISTD, **Dr. ORM Rao**, Chairman-ISTD Vizag Chapter and GM (HR) RINL participated.

TOLIC awards presented

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Mr. DK Mohanty, Chairman, Town Official Language Implementation Committee-TOLIC (PSU), Visakhapatnam & CMD

ated the efforts of TOLIC (undertaking) and support of all the member organisations in the progressive use of Hindi in Visakhapatnam.

TOLIC Awards: The Organisations were divided into two categories on the basis of a number of employees. In category-I four offices and in Category-II six offices were recognized.



Addl. Charge, RINL presented 'Rajbhasha Gaurav Samman' for the year 2020-21 to the PSUs located in Visakhapatnam for their exemplary performance in the field of Official Language implementation. Hindi officers & Coordinators of the respective organisations were presented with 'Nagar Rajbhasha Samman' to the Hindi Officers & Coordinators of the respective organisations in Visakhapatnam recently.

Mr. Mohanty, appreci-

In category-I, HPCL-Visakha Refinery, Visakhapatnam Port Trust, Hindustan Shipyard Limited & LIC were awarded First, Second, Third and Consolation prizes respectively.

In category-II, HPCL-Visakha Regional Office, MSTC Limited, FCI-Regional Office, Airport Authorities of India Limited, ECGC, GAIL (India) were awarded First, Second, Third and Consolation prizes respectively.

VSP opens Stock Yard in Guwahati for North East

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In order to make Quality Vizag steel products easily accessible to the North East region of India, Vizag Steel Plant recently opened a new Stock yard at Guwahati, the capital of Assam.

The New stock yard is located at Pandu premises of Inland Waterways Authority of India, Guwahati and the First train rake with Vizag Steel products arrived on 26th July 2021.

While Congratulating

RINL collective and marketing department in particular for expanding the company's market, **Mr.**



DK Mohanty, Director (Commercial) & CMD-Addl. Charge, said that this stock yard will cater to the needs of the customers in the North-East-

ern region and help in the Infrastructural growth & developmental projects of that region. He also said, "This will help RINL to contribute to the priority agenda of GOI to develop the North-East Sector."

The first consignment was handed over to its customer M/s Larsen & Toubro ECC group in the presence of RM (East) & other Senior Officials of RINL and the material were dispatched for their ongoing projects in the NE region.

Dayal gets addl. Charge of CMPDI



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Mr. Binay Dayal, Director (Technical), Coal India Limited has recently assumed additional charge as CMD, Centre for Mine Planning and Design Institute Limited (CMPDI). Mr. Dayal has been working as Director (Technical) CIL since October 11, 2017. Mr. Dayal obtained his graduation degree in Mining Engineering from ISM Dhanbad(IIT Dhanbad) in 1983 and MBA degree from BIT, Mersa, Ranchi in 1990.

Tata Steel deploys EVs

Tata Steel has tied up with an Indian start-up to pursue its aspiration of deploying Electric Vehicles for its steel transport. This endeavour marks the first-ever deployment of Electric Vehicles by any steel producer in the country for transportation of finished steel stated an official release from the company.

New Robotic system at Tata Steel

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Tata Steel Kalinganagar, located in Jajpur District of Odisha, has introduced a new Robotic system for its Wagon Tippler operation. As per a release from the company the tipping operations at the Raw-mate-



rial Handling System of the steel plant, involves critical activities like decoupling, coupling, rotation and CBC alignment of wagon through manual intervention at inhaul and outhaul side.

Under the new system of operation, the Wagon couplers at outhaul, before getting coupled, will be inspected through and aligned by a Robotic system. This will eliminate the man machine interface completely during each cycle of tipping, ensuring safety while contributing to enhanced productivity said the release.

Mr. T V Narendran, CEO & MD, Tata Steel Limited (TSL) inaugurated the new system.

The new system has been installed in one of the Wagon Tipplers & will be horizontally deployed in others as well. This system is also supplemented by a uniquely designed Smart Fencing System with Automated Gate Locking Facility for restricting unauthorized entry during equipment operation

SAIL net up in Q1

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Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) has posted a consolidated net profit of Rs. 3, 897.36 crore for the June 2021 quarter.

According to a company release, the EBDITA stood at Rs.6 741 crore. It has recorded a revenue of Rs.20,642 crore during the quarter.

The gross borrowings during the quarter reduced to Rs.5063 crore, the release added.

On the production front, its crude steel production during the quarter stood at 3.77 million tonnes and sales 3.327 million tonnes.

Its Chairman **Ms. Soma Mondal** said, "The performance during the quarter

bears testimony to objective-driven strategy and resilience by the SAIL collective despite the adverse impact of the dominant second wave of COVID-19.

She added that though the demand for steel products in the quarter has not had the same momentum as during Q4 of FY'21, focused interventions in several areas of operations have helped in achieving this robust performance.

The demand in the later part of the year is expected to remain healthy with sustained domestic consumption coming from sectors like infrastructure, manufacturing, packaging, automotive, etc. as indicated from the present consumption cycle and future sectoral trends.

Nalco Q1 Net Zooms to Rs. 347.73 cr

Sales Revenue up by 79.2%

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Navratna CPSE under Ministry of Mines, National Aluminium Company Limited (NALCO), has kick-started the financial year 2021-22 with robust financial and physical

performances. The company recently reported impressive results for the 1st quarter ended June 30th.

Net profit of the company jumped to

Rs.347.73 crore from Rs.16.63 crore achieved in the corresponding period of previous year.

According to the re-

Rs.2474.55 crore, an increase of 79.2% compared to Rs.1380.63 crore achieved in the corresponding quarter of the previous year. This is mainly propelled by strong demand, higher volumes, better realization and effective capacity utilization of its operational units.

Q1FY22 Production:

- **Bauxite** : 17.61 Lakh Tonnes
- **Alumina** : 5.21 Lakh Tonnes
- **Aluminium**: 1.14 Lakh Tonnes

results taken on record at a meeting of the Board of Directors in Bhubaneswar recently, the company reported revenue from operations of

Nalco CMD **Mr. Sridhar Patra**, attributed the company's impressive results to the collective and dedicated team work of the employees.

IN BRIEF

JNPT sees 21.15% growth

Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust (JNPT), handled 433,533 TEUs in July 2021 compared to 344,316 TEUs in July 2020, thereby marking a growth of 21.15% as compared to the same period last year. As per an official release from the port, the container traffic handled at JNPT during the first 4 months of FY 2021-22 was 1,797,838 TEUs as against 1,192,165 TEUs, which is 50.80% higher than the container traffic over the same period of last year. In terms of rail operations, JNPT handled 77,662 TEUS of ICD traffic from 503 rakes in July 2021, and the Rail-Coefficient was 17.91%.



SCR's Freight Loading up 50%

Freight transported through the South Central Railway in July 2021 jumped more than 50% compared to the same period last year. SCR transported 9.528 Million Tonnes (MTs) of freight in July 2021 compared to a freight loading of 6.341 MTs in July 2020. Revival and growth in Coal and Cement loading were the major contributors.

JNPT inducts 9 E-vehicles

In a major push under green port initiatives Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust (JNPT) recently deployed 9 electric vehicles for its employees to travel within the port area. The induction of the EV fleet is in line with JNPT's green port initiative. Speaking on the occasion JNPT Chairman **Mr. Sanjay Sethi, IAS**, said JNPT persistently focuses on sustainability to minimize the impact of the port's operations on the environment and surrounding communities. The port not only aims to obtain economic efficiencies but also focuses on ecological and social stability.



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for MSMEs in this region.

'HSL sourced 33 % from MSMEs last year. My total procurement last fiscal was Rs 800 crs and this fiscal we are expecting to procure Rs 1200 crs. There is phenomenal scope for MSMEs' said the CMD of HSL.

HSL has changed

many of its procedures for MSMEs keeping in mind the ease of doing business parameter. 'There is no vendor registration, no tender, no EMD, no minimum turnover criteria required from them' said Cmde Khatri.

Talking on the time line for payments he said that HSL was one of the best payment masters. 'We have

a mandate to clear their payments in 45 days. So we are duty bound to abide by this' said the Chairman and managing director.

Manpower Needed

The C&MD also highlighted the imminent need for increasing the manpower at the yard. HSL currently has a strength of 1250 people and is looking to hire more contract labour for the various works at the shipyard.

'Today on a ship only 250 people are working whereas I need 500 people. Similarly 40 people are working on the ship at night and I need that to be 150 people' stated Cmde Khatri.

He also spoke on the opportunity of making Vizag a ship repair hub on the east coast of India.



ECGC comes to the rescue of Kakinada Rice Exporter

Pays claim of Rs 80.36 lakhs

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The ECGC Ltd. branch of Visakhapatnam has paid a Claim for Rs.80.36 lakhs to a Rice Exporter in Kakinada for a rice shipment made to a West African Buyer in Benin.

The company M/s. Manasa Quality Entp Pvt Ltd. had exported rice to the buyer who failed to make the payment to the exporter. Luckily the exporter had taken insurance on the export shipment which came in handy.

'ECGC covers the Non

payment risks for Indian exporters from the foreign

buyers for the goods / services exported to them' informed **Mr. J. Sudhakar** branch manager of the ECGC Vizag branch.

He further added that the credit risks covered by ECGC helps the Indian Exporters to have exports

deals with foreign buyers without a fear for non payment risks.

Mr Sudhakar strongly



stressed on the need for exporters to take insurance on their shipments to save them from any unforeseen events. 'Every

exporter has confidence that his foreign buyer will pay but in case if the buyer doesn't pay, the exporter is exposed to a huge loss of business and goes bankrupt. Therefore an exporter who has coverage from ECGC can expand his exports business by focusing on his exports while ECGC covers his credit risk' said Mr Sudhakar.

The branch manager further informed that it has been proposed by Govt of India to infuse equity in ECGC over five years to boost export insurance cover by Rs.88,000 Crore.

AP approves Revised DPRs for 2 ports

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The State Government at its recent Cabinet meeting took several key decisions which included approval of the revised detailed project report (DPRs) and administrative sanction to take up Phase-I project works of Machilipatnam port in Krishna district at a revised cost of Rs 5155.73 crore and Rs 4,361.91 crore for the development of Bhavanapadu port in Srikakulam district.

Adani Ports Q1 net up 77%

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Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Limited (APSEZ), reported 77 per cent jump in net profit for the April-June quarter of

cal. Its consolidated revenue also grew to Rs 4,557 crore as compared to Rs 2,293 crore in the same period of previous year, registering a growth of 99 per cent.

dia Ports & Logistics platform," **Mr. Karan Adani**, Chief Executive Officer and Whole Time Director of APSEZ.

APSEZ handled 76



Our strategy of establishing a network of world-class ports to balance cargo across the east and west coast has been tracking precisely as per plan

Mr Karan Adani
CEO, APSEZ

FY22 on the back of higher cargo volumes and rising market share.

The company reported Q1 FY22 net profit of Rs 1,342 crore as compared to Rs 758 crore in the last fis-

"The results are a validation of the strong fundamentals of the APSEZ strategy leading to a continued gain of market share as the company transforms into a full-fledged pan-In-

MMT of cargo in Q1 FY22 compared to 41 MMT in Q1 FY21, registering a growth of 83 per cent compared to 33 per cent growth registered by All India cargo.

GPL sets 2 records

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Gangavaram Port the deepest port in the country achieved yet another National Record by discharging **125,380 tons of Bauxite within 24 hours** using the Mechanical Unloading System.

The vessel M V. Berge Apo carrying 165,598 tons of Bauxite was berthed at GPL on account of M/S Vedanta Limited. This achievement stands out as the fastest Bauxite discharge rate in the history of any port in India and possibly in the world said a release from the port.

The Port recorded another milestone in iron

ore loading target by changing its loading pattern. The team achieved the highest loading in difficult grade of Iron Ore Fines. The vessel MV Night Sky which was



berthed at GPL used MHC (Mechanical and Ship loader simultaneously.

Speaking on the occasion Gangavaram Port management said "We are extremely delighted at this dual achievement by

our team. The record discharge rate yet again reaffirms our superior port infrastructure and operational efficiency. Gangavaram Port offers substantial economic benefits to Indian

importers in terms of reduced ocean freight, highly efficient operations, advanced material handling and evacuation system, vast storage areas for all types of cargo, extensive ancillary facilities, and faster turnaround time & delivery. We are extremely happy to see the trade derive benefits of modern deep water infrastructure at Gangavaram Port."

Inland Vessels Bill, 2021 passed

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Parliament has recently passed the Inland Vessels Bill, 2021.

The Bill aims to replace the over 100-year-old Inland Vessels Act, 1917 (1 of 1917) and usher a new era in the inland water transport sector, and also fulfil the vision of the Prime Minister **Mr. Narendra Modi**, to make the legislative framework user-friendly and promote ease of doing business.

Removing operational bottlenecks, the bill will facilitate smooth movement of inland vessels across the country & promote eco-friendly mode of transportation.

SBI takes up mega tree plantation



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State Bank of India, Amaravati Circle has initiated a novel cause by planting 25000 saplings at a time as a CSR initiative of

the Bank. To mark this, **Mr. Sanjay Sahay**, Chief General Manager of the Circle has planted the first sapling recently and in continuation of that AO, Visakhapatnam has organized a Mega Tree

Plantation programme. Deputy General Manager of the module **Mr. Manmaya Pandab** along with **Prof PVGD Prasada Reddy**, Vice Chancellor and Registrar **Prof V Krishna Mohan** inaugurated the programme by planting a sapling in Andhra University campus.

All the branches of State bank of India in these three north coastal districts have participated in this program at different Government schools, hospitals and offices. **R Rama Murthy Naidu**, PRO of the Bank and other officials in large number have attended.

Sindhu mulls Badminton Academy in Vizag



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Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister **Mr. Y.S.**

Jagan Mohan Reddy felicitated ace shuttler **P.V.Sindhu** for win-

ning Bronze medal at Tokyo Olympics.

Ms. Sindhu along with her family members called on Chief Minister recently.

The Chief Minister felicitated her with a shawl and a memento.

Ms. Sindhu said she would soon start her Badminton Academy in Visakhapatnam to train youngsters.

Thrust laid on digital skills

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Speaking about the implications of pandemic on human resources, **Prof M Chandrasekhar** mentioned

ture, he added.

He was speaking at a conference on Human Resources & Industrial Relations focusing on theme 'Realigning the Business with

tual mode.

Referring to work from home in post pandemic he said that organizations have shown greater resilience to continue their business. He

was of the view that there is a need to provide resources, freedom and flexibility to employees operating from home. Self-entrusted workers will be emerging phenomena in post pandemic scenario.

He emphasized that there is a need to build digital skills among the organizations.

Sharing industry perspective, **Mr Chakravarthy ES**, Vice President & Global Head – RMG, Tata Consultancy Services sharing his views on Work from Home said that employees need to have hyper communicative and collaborative skills. It is equally important to collaborate with other teams to complete the given tasks successfully. He mentioned that Covid-19 has brought all individual come together during the period of uncertainty. There is a need to train individual to solve complex problems in the organizations.

Chairman, CII Andhra Pradesh & Executive Chairman, Vijay Nagar Biotech Pvt Ltd **Mr Datla Tirupathi Raju**, **Mr Deb Kalyan Mohanty**, Chairman, CII Visakhapatnam Zone & CMD (In charge), RINL, **Mr R Kishore**, Vice Chairman, CII Visakhapatnam Zone & CEO and Director, Vizag Seaport Pvt Ltd also spoke.

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million tons of CPLY, registering a growth of 77% while exports yielded a

turnover of Rs 2045 crs up to July 21 registering a growth of around 64% CPLY. Mr Mohanty further in-

formed that RINL is now looking forward to utilizing Inland Waterways with two river vessels.

NITI Aayog team calls on CM

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NITI Aayog team led

ficier **Mr. Allen John**, Data Analytics Officer **Mr. Sourav Das** and AP



by Adviser **Ms. Shanyukta Samaddar**, Sustainable Development Group, SDG Of-

Planning Secretary **Mr. GSRKR Vijay kumar met** Chief Minister **Mr. Y. S. Jagan Mohan**

Reddy and presented him SDG India Index 2020-21 report to Chief Minister.

Rajasekhar new chief of LIDCAP

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Mr. Kakumanu

Rajasekhar recently assumed charge as Chairman of Leather Industries Development Corporation of Andhra Pradesh (LIDCAP).

Energy Minister **Mr. Balineni Srinivasa Reddy** felicitated **Mr. Rajasekhar** and said that the Chief Minister **Mr. Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy** has

given priority to weaker sections, Dalits, BCs and minorities in appointment of



Chairmen to various corporations.

Speaking on the occasion **Mr. Rajasekhar** said that he would strengthen the corporation and help the leather tanning units.

Ghormade, New Vice Chief Of Naval Staff



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Navigation and Direction specialist **Vice Admiral SN Ghormade**, AVSM, NM has assumed charge as the Vice Chief of Naval Staff from **Vice Admiral G Ashok Kumar**, PVSM, AVSM, VSM, ADC at a formal ceremony held in New Delhi. Vice Admiral G Ashok Kumar who retired on July 31, after glorious service of 39 years.

Vice Admiral SN Ghormade is an alumni of the National Defence Academy (NDA), Khadakwasla, Naval Staff College at the United States Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island, and the Naval War College, Mumbai.

The Flag officer was awarded the Ati Vishisht Seva Medal on 26 Jan 17 and Nausena Medal in 2007 by the President of India, and Commendation by the Chief of the Naval Staff in 2000. He has succeeded **Vice Admiral G Ashok Kumar** who retired after more than 39 years of illustrious service on 31 July 2021.

NEW APPOINTMENTS

Shaik Subanbe chief of APSTDCFL

The Government has appointed **Ms. Shaik Subanbe** as Chairman, AP State Tailor Development Cooperative Federation Limited (APSTDCFL), Andhra Pradesh, under Section 32 (7) (a) (i) of APCS Act. 7 of 1964, for a period of two years.

Krishna Chaitanya new chief for SAPNET



The Government has appointed **Mr. Bachina Krishna Chaitanya** as Chairman of Society for Andhra Pradesh Network (SAPNET) for a period of two (2) years from the date of assuming the charge.

Arun Kumar sworn in as the new APFDC Chief

Dr. Arun Kumar Manditoka was sworn in as the new Chairman of the Andhra Pradesh Forest Development Corporation Limited in Vijayawada recently. Minister **Balineni Srinivasa Reddy** administered the oath of office to **Arun Kumar**.

APSEEDS bags Governance Now award



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The state seeds development corporation (APSEEDS) has been selected for Governance Now award for distributing high quality seeds to farmers on time. Agriculture Minister **Mr. Kurusala Kannababu**, Special Chief

Secretary **Ms. Poonam Malakondaiah** and APSEEDS Managing Director **Mr. Geddam Shekar Babu** met Chief Minister **Mr. Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy** and explained the significance of the award. The Chief Minister congratulated them for the award.

Govt. to set up 4,530 YSR digital libraries

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Chief Minister **Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy** said 'YSR digital libraries' would be started in every village in Andhra Pradesh and as part of the programme 4,530 would be established in the first phase.



At a review meeting on digital libraries and IT, the Chief Minister directed the officials to take measures to start works for setting up these libraries from August 15. He said, Rs. 140 crore would be spent for providing basic amenities, computer equipment and other requirements in 4,530 digital libraries.

He said the digital libraries should be useful for graduate students apart from primary and secondary school students and added that study material related to common entrance tests would be made available in them. He asked the officials to take measures to provide uninterrupted Internet facilities to village secretariats and

Rythu Bharosa Kendras.

He directed the officials to take measures to strengthen the work from home concept and said the state government had been taking steps to provide high

speed Internet in villages. Industries and Information Technology Minister **Mekapati Goutham Reddy**, Information Technology, Electronics and Communications Chief Secretary **Ms. G Jayalakshmi**, Energy Secretary **Nagulapally Srikanth**, Panchayati Raj, Rural

Development Commissioner **Girija Shankar**, APSFL MD **M. Madhusudan Reddy** and others were present.

speed Internet in villages.

The Chief Minister directed the officials to complete the setting up of digital libraries by December.

IIM-V inks MoU with NCGG

An MoU was signed between Indian Institute of Management Visakhapatnam (IIM-V) and the National Centre for Good Governance (NCGG).

As per the MoU, the two institutions will explore opportunities of conducting joint academic Programmes, exchange of faculty, collaboration in conducting research and consulting, in areas of mutual interest.

The National Centre

for good governance is an autonomous institute under the Dept. of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG), under the Union government.



Additional Secretary DARPG and Director General (NCGG) **V. Srinivas**, IAS, and IIM-V Director **Prof. M. Chandrasekhar**, exchanged the MoU documents in the presence of **Poonam Singh**, Professor at the NCGG and other faculty members of IIM Visakhapatnam.

INCAP nodal Agency for PMG

The Government has nominated Infrastructure Corporation of AP (INCAP) as Nodal Agency to deal with all the matters pertaining to Project Monitoring Group (PMG) for better monitoring and seamless coordination between DPIIT and State Departments according to a GO. This is because INCAP is also acting as nodal agency at State Level for National Infrastructure Pipe Line (NIP) and also for National Monetization Pipeline (NMP).

Eastern Fleet Ships on Overseas Deployment

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In pursuit of India's 'Act East' policy and to enhance military cooperation with friendly countries, a Task Force of Indian Navy's Eastern Fleet have proceeded on an Overseas Deployment to South East Asia, the South China Sea and Western Pacific from early August 2021 for a two month period.

As per a release from the Navy, the deployment of the Indian Navy ships seeks to underscore the operational reach peaceful presence and solidarity with friendly countries.

APCCIF asks FM to look into easing 2 tax requirements

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Senior members of the Andhra Pradesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry Federation recently called on the Finance Minister **Ms. Nirmala Sitharaman** while she was in Vizag.

Thanking the FM for the central government's proactive relief measures provided to the industry the members requested **Ms Sitharaman** to exempt capital gains tax extent of loan repayment when a firm or a promoter sells an asset (such as property, stocks etc.) to clear a bank debt or to come out of an NPA. This, the members advocated would help many



people to clear bank loans/NPAs by selling their assets.

In addition they requested her support for a major GST reform i.e. to allow GST payment to be made payable on receipt of payment rather than on submission of invoice.

This they said would help businesses especially the

ones dealing with PSUs and government organizations as these organizations have not been making payments on time however businesses are being forced to pay interest and penalty in GST for the delay said APCCIF.

The APCCIF members also presented a portrait to the minister.

IN BRIEF

Lakshmi Parvathi appointed as hony. Prof.

Andhra University has appointed Chairperson of Telugu and Sanskrit, **Ms N. Lakshmi Parvathi**, as the honorary professor of Telugu and Sanskrit departments of the varsity. AU Vice-Chancellor **Prof. PVGD Prasada Reddy** handed over the appointment letter to **Ms. Parvathi**. **Lakshmi Parvathi** said she would put in her best to develop both languages.



Railway Board member visits Vizag

The Railway Board executive member (Finance) **Mr. Naresh Salecha** recently visited Vizag to review the ongoing works of railway projects with the officials at Waltair Divisional railway office. Divisional Railway Manager **Mr. Chetan Kumar Shrivastava** gave a power point presentation on the Division's performance in revenue generation, innovative projects, passenger amenity works, safety works and other developmental activities carried out throughout the Division in the last two years.

Book on journalism released



other authors of the book.

Prof. D.V.R. Murthy Head of the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication recently released a comprehensive Book on BA journalism. He lauded **Dr. Challa Krishnaveer Abhishek** and

GITAM inks MoU with pharma co

GITAM Deemed to be University recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Solara Active Pharma Sciences Limited to train human resources in chemistry. Company senior vice-president (HR) **Mr. P. Sathyanarayan** and university Registrar **Mr. D. Gunasekaran** exchanged the MoU documents.

APSEEDCO inks pact with AU

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The Andhra Pradesh State Energy Efficiency Development Corporation Limited (APSEEDCO) signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Andhra University. The MoU is aimed at preparing the design document, evolving manufacturing protocols as per industry standards, operational manual and developing a working model for demonstration of the technology.

APSEEDCO CEO **Mr. A. Chandra Sekhar Reddy**, in a release stated that the Permanent Magnet Brushless Direct Current (PMBLDC) technology in farm motors would help farmers save energy.

The PMBLDC technology improves the motor efficiency up to 90% when compared to the existing 75% achieved with induction technology.

Cos cite opportunities to spur economy

Aditya Sabharwal

The Covid-19 pandemic has had a detrimental

highlight certain initiatives that business leaders and their respective organizations

viving economic activity in the state of Andhra Pradesh.

‘Vizag has a great future and the state government is clearly bullish on Vizag being developed as a leading industrial hub in the country’ said **Cmde Hemant Khatri**, C&MD of HSL.

Cmde Khatri identified ship repair to be a key sector of growth for the state and said that Vizag could well become the hub of ship repair in the country.

‘Right from Kolkata to Chennai there is no place for ships to come and get repaired. This truly places Vizag with a great opportunity to become the ship repair hub. We must capitalize on this’ said Cmde Khatri.

He informed that ships around this region were going all the way to Sri Lanka to get repaired.

‘Ships from here go for repair to Colombo when we can do it right here’ said Cmde Khatri.

Also speaking on the manufacturing space was **Mr Segi Idicula** whose company recently commissioned a Rs 350 crore green field calcium aluminate plant in Atchutapuram.

‘India is a strategic market for Imerys. Technology has been a great enabler and this couldn’t be truer in today’s time. It was amid the pandemic that we commissioned our plant remotely by applying technology. Imerys new state of the art facility in Vizag is equipped with 4.0 technologies’ said the managing director of Imerys, Vizag.

Mr Idicula lauded the state government and APIIC for their full support and coordination. ‘We have had excellent support from the state government’ pointed out Mr Idicula.

The plant has a capacity of 30,000 tonnes per annum and shall initially serve the domestic market and will also look at exports.

Speaking on the role of the construction industry in reviving the economy was **Mr Rajan Samuel**, Managing director of Habitat for Humanity India who are the knowledge partners of the government of Andhra Pradesh for the CM’s mega housing project for the economically weaker section.

Mr Jagan Mohan Reddy’s Navaratnalu pedalandariki illu project envisions to build homes for over 3 million families.

Illustrating on the 3 models of housing Mr Samuel

spoke on the plethora of opportunities that the space presents to the construction and building community and how they can participate in this.

Another key sector which is dear to the Chief minister is agriculture and enhancing farmer income. AP is a major exporter of several Agri products like Aqua, chillies, mangoes, tobacco, rice etc.

Speaking on the Agri business sector was **Mr G Krishna Kumar**, Vice President, crop operations & sustainability, ITC Ltd. Agri business.

‘Agriculture is back bone of AP contributing 27% of state’s GDP and the main occupation of more than 60% people in AP’ highlighted Mr Krishna Kumar.

Stating that ITC has been in AP for over 100 years he spoke on their work with the Chilli farmers in AP. ‘In spite of having a huge chilli production base exports to USA were negligible. ITC then collaborated with GoAP for chilli farm value development under PPP model covering 1 lakh area of chilli area and we have since introduced various new practices thereby leading to an overall increase in farmer income by 27%’ said Mr Krishna Kumar.

He further added that ITC is now setting up state of the art spices processing to enhance exports and advocated for an integrated value chain development coupled with technology to boost exports.

Highlighting the importance of bilateral trade between India & U.S.A was **Mr Andrew Edlefsen**, Principal commercial officer, US Consulate Hyderabad.

‘Total bilateral trade between India and USA in 2020 was \$121.8 billion with India having a surplus i.e. India exports were \$77 billion and USA exports of \$44.8 billion’ said Mr Edlefsen.

The principal commercial officer, US consulate Hyderabad also highlighted some of the key sectors for collaboration such as Civil Aviation, Defense, Food and Agriculture value chain, Healthcare, ICT.

Giving a perspective on the much important and crucial hospitality space was **Mr. Ram Maheshwari**, Vice President Markets South India, International and Ancillary Businesses, IHCL.

The hospitality space has been one of the most adversely affected sectors

est dishes from signature restaurants from the Taj group of hotels across vari-



ITC has been in AP for over 100 years and we have collaborated with GoAP to increase farmer income in chilli farm value development.

Mr. G Krishna Kumar
VP, crop operations & sustainability, ITC Ltd.

effect on various businesses across the state and globe causing most businesses to be in a state of constant disruption. Albeit governments

have undertaken/are undertaking to boost and revive economic activity in the state.

We choose certain key



Qmin (Taj’s food delivery service) has been a great success. Since our launch in June 2020 we have delivered over a million and half orders.

Mr. Ram Maheshwari
VP Markets South India, International, IHCL

are trying to do their bit in providing them interim relief through various measures, businesses have had to reinvent and re-innovate them-

strong hold sectors that are integral to accelerate the economy such as Manufacturing, Infrastructure, Agri business, Hospitality and



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Mr. Segi Idicula,
MD, Imerys Vizag

selves to keep up with the pandemic.

It was for this reason that Vizag Industrial Scan in association with FICCI organized the Accelerating Andhra Pradesh webinar to

Trade.

Industry stalwarts from these very sectors spoke passionately on the opportunities and more importantly on some of their key initiatives in nurturing growth and re-



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Cmde Hemant Khatri, IN (Retd.)
C&MD, HSL

with both domestic and international travel getting hit thereby severely affecting their business.

‘There has been an esti-

ous cities.

‘Qmin has been a great success. We developed the app in 10 weeks and since our launch in June 2020 we



CM’s Mega housing project (Navaratnalu pedalandariki illu) for the poor offers

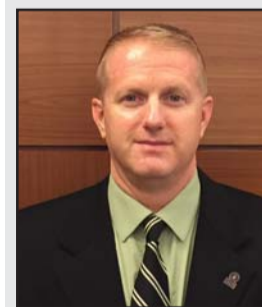
tremendous opportunities to MSMEs.

Mr. Rajan Samuel
MD, Habitat for Humanity India

mated Rs 90,000 crs loss incurred by the hospitality and tourism sector amid the pandemic’ stated Mr Maheshwari.

are now in 15 cities and have delivered over a million and half orders’ said Mr Maheswari.

The webinar also wit-



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Mr. Andrew Edlefsen
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He said that the hotel industry has had to truly reinvent itself.

Mr Ram highlighted IHCL’s Qmin platform the company’s food delivery service which offers the choic-

nessed an interactive Q&A session with participants getting an opportunity to ask the panelists some relevant questions on the respective sectors. The webinar witnessed over 180 registrations.

‘Emphasis is on Sustainable development’

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Confederation of Indian Industry, Andhra Pradesh chapter recently organized a Conference on India@75 focusing on theme “Prospects & Challenges for Accelerating Growth”.

Addressing the industry through virtual mode **Mr Mekapati Goutham Reddy**, Minister for Industries, Commerce, IT, Skill Development and Training, Infrastructure and Investments, GoAP said that Government is giving greater impetus to sustainable development and Skill development to generate employment opportunities and promote growth. The state Government has the roadmap for promoting sectors such as electronics, renewable energy to leverage the opportunities for the benefit of youth.

He also emphasized that there is a need to increase

the share of manufacturing sector contribution to GDP. He was of the view that transformation of people from agriculture to industrial sector is needed to create



better opportunities and increasing standard of living for people.

Dr Jayaprakash Narayan, Founder of Loksatta Party in his address emphasized that revisiting various regulations to attract investment would drive economic growth. The focus on Greenfield infrastructure would leverage India’s position in global infrastructure arena, he emphasized.

Mr CK Ranganathan, Chairman, CII Southern Region & Chairman & Managing Director, Cavinkare Pvt. Ltd in his address focused on bottom of the pyramid to lift billions of people to come out of poverty and averting the social decay and improve in environment. Skill Development, Urbanization and Sustainability would accelerate the growth in coming years.

Mr Rajan Navani, Chair, CII Council on India@75 & Vice Chairman & Managing Director, Jetline Group of Industries said that there is a need to evolve vision at each district level by engaging with all stakeholders.

Mr D Tirupati Raju, Chairman, CII Andhra Pradesh & Executive Chairman, Vijay Nagar Biotech Pvt Ltd and other members participated in the session.

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Vizag ITSEZ firm announces JV with leading US based Accounting firm

JV to boost hiring of skilled IT manpower in the city

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In a significant development that could further

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ness optimization services and SaaS platforms to enterprise clients in the US since 2005 while Walters & Sklyar LLP (WSCPA) is a full-service advisory and accounting firm based out of California with 44+ years of rich experience and a large client base.

industry. ‘We are very excited on this joint venture of ours as this will not only be lucrative for us but will also help us ramp up skilled employment in the state of Andhra Pradesh something that both our CM **Mr Jagan Mohan Reddy** and IT minister **Mr Mekapati Goutham Reddy** have been advocating the industry for’ said **Mr Ramana Bodepudi**, CEO, PreciStat IT Sol. Pvt. Ltd.

PreciStat will aggrandize its US Taxation & Accounting Vertical KPO at its Vizag, ITSEZ campus which is being ex-

panded to a 1000 seater facility.

‘This is despite us losing a large account in the first wave of the pandemic we recruited 124 employees since then and the Tax department alone shall grow to be 500 strong within a couple of years’ said **Mr Ramana**.

Apart from the 1000 direct jobs that the JV looks to create the initiative is said to create 8000 indirect jobs.

‘Commerce and Finance graduates can make a lucrative career in the US Taxation

and Accounting space. We have already started hiring MBA graduates from local colleges and relocated many senior domain experts from other metros

creating an ecosystem of US based Accounting & Taxation business line in the city of Visakhapatnam” said **Mr Ramana**.

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Mr. Ramana Bodepudi, CEO, PreciStat IT Sol. Pvt. Ltd.

spur the growth of the KPO and BPO industry in the state of Andhra Pradesh, Vizag headquartered PreciStat recently announced a joint venture with one of the leading accounting firms in the US.

The joint venture aims to capitalise on the strengths of both the firm’s expertise while enhancing employment in the IT sector of this region.

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Mr. James Walters, Chief Executive Officer, WSCPA

Commenting on the JV **Mr. James Walters**, Chief Executive Officer of

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1	Tea	76.94	211.95	70.05	220.83	-8.96	4.19
2	Coffee	72.56	261.18	71.19	300.94	-1.89	15.22
3	Rice	759.40	2673.85	704.35	3103.18	-7.25	16.06
4	Other cereals	44.04	88.92	91.98	323.49	108.86	263.80
5	Tobacco	72.65	255.16	65.16	313.80	-10.31	22.98
6	Spices	369.75	1250.72	338.91	1374.98	-8.34	9.94
7	Cashew	38.05	112.51	36.68	149.93	-3.60	33.26
8	Oil Meals	98.09	278.29	64.89	362.64	-33.85	30.31
9	Oil seeds	124.69	355.78	76.57	324.49	-38.59	-8.79
10	Fruits & Vegetables	214.88	799.38	216.65	854.86	0.82	6.94
11	Cereal preparations & miscellaneous processed items	154.73	465.83	181.34	709.58	17.20	52.33
12	Marine Products	475.02	1652.18	701.53	2471.44	47.68	49.59
13	Meat, dairy & poultry products	376.85	860.39	256.39	1278.94	-31.96	48.65
14	Iron Ore	375.47	1420.11	362.75	2081.71	-3.39	46.59
15	Mica, Coal & Other Ores, Minerals including processed minerals	339.85	978.58	401.59	1555.83	18.17	58.99
16	Leather & leather products	332.96	706.37	387.75	1273.40	16.46	80.27
17	Ceramic products & glassware	274.20	699.74	293.92	1161.00	7.19	65.92
18	Gems & Jewellery	1500.54	4164.54	3458.70	12630.64	130.50	203.29
19	Drugs & Pharmaceuticals	2057.75	7584.20	2142.26	7921.91	4.11	4.45
20	Organic & Inorganic Chemicals	1886.96	6859.01	2424.24	9292.68	28.47	35.48
21	Engineering Goods	6676.14	20754.39	9519.51	35414.91	42.59	70.64
22	Electronic Goods	845.75	2272.96	1248.13	4225.38	47.58	85.90
23	Cotton Yarn/Fabs./made-ups, Handloom Products etc.	885.32	2259.69	1313.41	4677.76	48.35	107.01
24	Man-made Yarn/Fabs./made-ups etc.	306.16	781.78	486.59	1770.77	58.93	126.50
25	RMG of all Textiles	1063.17	2509.48	1388.37	4793.93	30.59	91.03
26	Jute Mfg. including Floor Covering	32.65	68.25	39.86	146.55	22.08	114.73
27	Carpet	125.82	304.15	158.18	570.03	25.72	87.42
28	Handicrafts excl. handmade carpet	142.39	308.65	188.83	656.14	32.61	112.58
29	Petroleum Products	1768.62	6507.78	5853.75	18829.39	230.98	189.34
30	Plastic & Linoleum	670.20	2502.37	831.97	3401.71	24.14	35.94
	Sub-Total	22161.60	69948.19	33375.50	122192.84	50.60	74.69
	GRAND TOTAL	23642.85	74961.00	35427.93	130819.52	49.85	74.52

Note 1: Exports include Re-Exports. Note 2: The figures for JUL'21 are provisional. Note 3: Grand total is inclusive of component 'Other'

Selected Major Import Commodities For July 2021*



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1	Cotton Raw & Waste	26.54	130.53	57.62	213.04	117.11	63.21
2	Vegetable Oil	1097.74	3027.41	1368.44	5516.67	24.66	82.22
3	Pulses	98.15	323.28	162.03	392.37	65.08	21.37
4	Fruits & vegetables	127.47	496.13	174.56	784.88	36.94	58.20
5	Pulp and Waste paper	41.10	236.52	134.63	470.47	227.57	98.91
6	Textile yarn Fabric, made-up articles	96.11	313.92	141.40	583.60	47.12	85.91
7	Fertilisers, Crude & manufactured	691.51	2243.41	1181.11	3258.48	70.80	45.25
8	Sulphur & Unroasted Iron Pyrites	6.45	24.76	29.39	104.27	355.66	321.12
9	Metaliferrous ores & other minerals	331.05	1222.30	573.03	2412.32	73.09	97.36
10	Coal, Coke & Briquettes, etc.	947.28	4404.35	1961.37	7809.39	107.05	77.31
11	Petroleum, Crude & products	6530.59	19609.86	12894.61	43895.53	97.45	123.84
12	Wood & Wood products	241.66	1232.29	469.34	2075.41	94.22	68.42
13	Leather & leather products	42.71	161.52	55.77	237.94	30.58	47.31
14	Organic & Inorganic Chemicals	1663.94	5688.60	2439.51	9440.81	46.61	65.96
15	Dyeing/tanning/colouring materials	174.29	677.65	270.00	1120.93	54.91	65.41
16	Artificial resins, plastic materials, etc.	810.84	3156.43	1309.77	6208.62	61.53	96.70
17	Chemical material & products	685.48	2335.98	918.69	3895.70	34.02	66.77
18	Newsprint	32.48	156.90	31.35	114.97	-3.48	-26.72
19	Pearls, precious & Semi-precious stones	940.93	1960.29	2628.17	9915.69	179.32	405.83
20	Iron & Steel	760.72	3291.97	1336.17	5146.83	75.65	56.34
21	Non-ferrous metals	585.94	2613.17	1297.04	5335.06	121.36	104.16
22	Machine tools	238.24	818.13	310.98	1362.35	30.53	66.52
23	Machinery, electrical & nonelectrical	2148.19	7535.74	2820.84	11951.07	31.31	58.59
24	Transport equipment	689.06	2627.03	1054.43	4905.85	53.02	86.75
25	Project goods	196.49	480.76	42.00	384.52	-78.62	-20.02
26	Professional instrument, Optical goods, etc.	410.57	1236.03	514.36	2602.72	25.28	110.57
27	Electronic goods	4808.15	12471.48	5323.80	19231.55	10.72	54.20
28	Medicinal & Pharmaceutical products	738.62	2299.67	785.49	3501.10	6.35	52.24
29	Gold	1784.48	2472.31	4203.47	12091.44	135.56	389.07
30	Silver	110.21	685.32	11.95	51.34	-89.16	-92.51
	Sub-Total	27056.99	83933.74	44501.32	165014.92	64.47	96.60
	GRAND TOTAL	28469.11	88906.24	46401.29	172546.52	62.99	94.08

Note 1: Imports include Re-Imports. Note 2: The figures for JUL'21 are provisional. Note 3: Grand total is inclusive of component 'Other'.

*Data for July 2021 (National)

Satpathy as new DRM

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Mr. Anup Kumar Satpathy recently assumed charge as the Divisional Railway Manager, Waltair Division. Mr. Anup Kumar belongs to Indian Railway Traffic Service and began his career in 1995.

He has held various posts in operations at Chakradharpur Division of South Eastern Railway and also in traffic commercial at Garden Reach, Kolkata, S.E. Railway and at Bilaspur & Nagpur Divisions of South East Central Railway.

He also held the post



of Senior Divisional Safety officer of Raipur Division for a brief time.

As the Chief General Manager of the Central Region of Container Corporation of India, he took the business to new heights at Bhopal, Raipur, Nagpur, Aurangabad,

Bhusaval etc and was awarded by the Chief Minister of Chattisgarh as the best Business Leader in 2020. He has many awards and recognitions to his credit for meritorious service like General Managers Award in 1999 and Railway Board National Award in 2001. He has been trained in National Academy of Indian Rlys, Vadodara and also attended Port and Logistics training in Antwerp, Belgium etc.

Kankatala sets foot in Bengaluru

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A P headquartered saree retail brand, Kankatala recently launched its 12th showroom in Bengaluru. The retail chain currently operates a slew of saree showrooms in Visakhapatnam, Rajahmundry, Vijayawada and Hyderabad.

Mr. M.B.Patil former Home Minister of Karnataka inaugurated the new showroom while the first purchase was made by



Mr. Mavuri Venkata Ramana, Chairman CMR Group.

Speaking on the occasion Kankatala's Chairman and Managing Director **Mr.**

Mallikharjuna Rao Kankatala said that the company went online in 2017 and launched "Queens of Andhra" to celebrate 75 years Anniversary.

To Empower Women VCCI launches Skill Programs

VIS News Service

The Women's Wing of the Vizagapatnam Chamber of Commerce and Industry (VCCI) have come together to organize a

that could be used to start their own business enterprise. As per VCCI the course fee would vary for white and pink ration card holders

held over four weeks.

Similarly courses such as Paper bag making and decoration will be for shorter duration, according to a press release issued by VCCI Women's Wing secretary **Ms. Sandhya Godey**.

The courses are being offered at different locations in Visakhapatnam such as Sun Institute Dwarkanagar, Pandurangapuram (Opp: Officers Club), East Point Colony, Samata College M.V.P Colony, VCCI Dutt Island Building, Radisa Waltair Uplands building, Sampurna Zilla Parishad Junction and MVP Colony near ICICI Bank.

Certificates will be issued on the completion of the course subject to a minimum of 80% attendance, stated the release.



series of skill programmes in order to empower women and make them self-reliant.

And to implement this VCCI is offering various courses for women that will increase their employability as well as equip them with skill and knowledge

Some of the courses being offered are in Computer basics, Saloon Services, Basics of Business, Decoration and gift wrapping, block printing, front office, paper bag making, tailoring, candle making and baking. These courses will commence on August 16 and will be

Navy invites CM for Victory Flame

Vice Admiral AB Singh, Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief (FOC-in-C) ENC, recently called-on the Chief Minister **Mr. YS Jagan Mohan Reddy** and invited him to be the Chief Guest for 'Public Reception of Victory Flame' scheduled at War Memorial on Beach Road Vizag, on 03 Sept. 2021.

The CinC briefed the CM on various ongoing initiatives of the Indian Navy.

As per an official release the meeting lasted over an hour wherein the CM was also updated on land issues and key infrastructure projects of mutual interest being planned by the Indian Navy.

Brahmin Welfare Corp. Chairman



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The State government recently appointed **Mr. Sitaramaraju Sudhakar**, as Chairman, Andhra Pradesh Brahmin Welfare Corporation.

Mr Sudhakar has been appointed for a period of two years. A GO to this effect was recently issued by **Dr. G. Vani Mohan**, Principal Secretary to Government.

IGIAT places 400 students

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Power Finance Corporation Ltd recently organized a Valedictory Session under its 'Skill Development Training Program' for students of Indo German Institute of Advanced Technology (IGIAT).

As part of PFC's CSR initiative to impart skill training to the youth, a total of 500 students were successfully trained while close to 400 students have already got job placement with re-

puted organisations like Ashok Leyland, Royal Enfield, Alstom, and Schneider Electricals Pvt. Ltd. among others.

Students have been trained as CNC Machine Operators, Domestic and Industrial Electricians, Solar Technicians, and in Welding technologies. There has also been training in areas like Sewing Machine Operators, particularly for women.

PFC has been funding

and driving the Skill Development programme for the unemployed youth including women in states like Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Orissa and Tamil Nadu.

The Valedictory ceremony was attended by **Mr. Prabhakar Das** CGM, PFC, **Mr. Ramlingeshwar Raju**, GM, DIC & Special Officer, IGIAT and **Mr. B Vinod Kumar**, Director IGIAT.

Sitharaman calls for a Mega textile cluster in Ponduru

VIS News Service

Union Finance Minister **Ms. Nirmaala Sitharaman** has said that the Centre will explore the possibilities of setting up a mega textile cluster in Ponduru on the lines of Mangalgi in Guntur. She said that talks will be held with the Textiles Minister to discuss the further course of action.

Handloom marketing has gone up to Rs. 18,000 crore in 2020-21 as against Rs. 9,000 crore in 2014-15, the Minister said while participating at the National Handloom Day celebrations at Ponduru in Srikakulam district.

The Union Minister directed the NABARD and Lead Bank officials to give loans to a maximum

number of Khadi artisans. 'Ponduru Khadi needs to get a helping hand for further development. We will try to extend more loans to facilitate the adoption of

in gaining international recognition and ensure remunerative price for the products.

District Collector **Mr. Shrikesh B. Lathkar** said that proposals were being made for the establishment of a handloom cluster at Ponduru.

Earlier, Ms. Sitharaman visited stalls in the exhibition, interacted with the artisans, and sought to know their income sources and grievances.

MPs **Mr. B. Chandrasekhar** and **Mr. G.V.L. Narasimha Rao**, Etcherla MLA **Mr. Gorle Kirankumar**, and senior officials were present.



new technologies in weaving' Ms Sitharaman said.

Also present on the occasion Srikakulam MP **Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu** said that Geographical Indication (GI) for the Ponduru Khadi would help

‘Brandix one of the largest Sri Lankan FDI in India’

VIS News Service

The Deputy High Commissioner of Sri Lanka, **Dr. D. Venkateshwaran**, was recently in Vizag wherein he visited Brandix India Apparel City (BIAC) located at Atchutapuram.

Touring the state of the art apparel park the Deputy High Commissioner termed it as a great success story and one of the largest Foreign Direct Investments in India made by a Sri Lankan company.

On visiting the fabric, garment and accessory manufacturing units inside the Park, **Dr. Venkateshwaran** was overwhelmed at the organized assembly line produc-

tion processes and the design and quality of the finished products. He lauded Brandix for their excellent training and upskilling of the large rural women workforce, in manufacturing products for interna-



tional brands and labels. He was pleased to learn that Brandix alongside being the largest textile park operational in the country was also the largest employer of women workforce with over 20,000 total employment at

a single location.

He was amazed at Brandix’s achievement in generating manifold employment and enhancing exports within a short period despite facing a pandemic and a recession in

chain in all segments.

He then met and spoke with some Brandix associates including expatriates from Sri Lanka and admired the way Brandix Management has taken care of all the associates during the pandemic and advised the management to continue to take care of them in future too.

The Park’s overview and its operations were explained to the Deputy High Commissioner by the Brandix Management team including Brandix India Country Head **Mr Neil Rosayro**, BIAC India Partner **Mr PC Doraswamy**, BIAC Deputy Chief Operating Officer **Mr Saravanan Chandramouleeswaran** and Brandix India HR General Manager **Mr Uditha Weerabahu**.

The deputy high commissioner was on an official visit to Vijayawada to meet the Chief Minister **Mr. Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy** following which he visited Brandix India Apparel City on the invitation of **Mr Ashroff Omar**, Brandix’s Group CEO.

the international market.

Appreciating the world class infrastructure instituted to facilitate the textile and apparel exports he keenly observed the state-of-the-art Water Treatment and Effluent Treatment Plants inside the Park.

The deputy high commissioner also hailed the processes being followed to support the manufacturing units and their dedication in complying with the international standards.

Dr Venkateshwaran further enquired on the issues hindering the progress of the Park and assured of them of his fullest support in helping them reach the next level of success.

Enquiring about all the units located in Brandix Park he urged the Management to further expand and develop integrated value

New bridal collection from Vaibhav

VIS News Service

Vaibhav Jewellers recently announced its new branding campaign with its latest collections.

Among the latest collection is the Abhinaya collection inspired by expressions, Handcrafted traditional gold jewellery, bridal jewellery collection.

While the Varna Collection consists of Colours of Mother Earth, stone studded & Diamond jewellery.

Speaking on the occasion CMD Vaibhav Jewellers **Ms. Mallika Manoj** said, it’s the collection of Traditional yet contemporary designs for the upcoming wedding season.

nication to not only spread the message of Covid Appropriate Behaviour to the general public, but also kept the Corporation informed, engaged and invigorated towards Country’s fight against the Pandemic said a release from the organization.

HPCL bagged 2 other prestigious awards at the 8th PSU Awards i.e. HPCL’s ‘Investment in Startups Award’ to **Mr. Rajnish Mehta**,

Executive Director - Corporate Strategy & Planning and Business Development and Digital Transformation Leader (CIO) Award to **Mr. Rajiv Chandra**, Executive Director Information Systems.



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HPCL’s Chief General Manager – Public Relations and Corporate Communication (PRCC), **Mr. Rajeev Goel**, was recently conferred with Communication Leader Award by governance now.

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Calling for Peace



Mizoram Governor **Mr. K. Haribabu** called on Prime Minister **Mr. Narendra Modi** amid tensions between Assam & Mizoram over the recent border clash. The Prime Minister assured him that the Centre is trying to find a solution to the issue.

British trade team visits CM



VIS News Service

Vijayawada.

A delegation led by British Deputy High Commissioner (AP, Telangana) **Dr. Andrew Fleming**, and head of British Trade and Investment **Mr. Varun Mali** recently met Chief Minister **Mr. YS Jagan Mohan Reddy** in

Mr. Andrew Fleming said that UK was interested in investing health, energy, electric vehicles, and agricultural technology in the State. The Chief Minister invited the delegation to explore all possibilities of investment in AP.

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