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Over 350 items for Indigenisation

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Addressing a virtual 'MSME Conclave on Indigenization of Critical Defence Components – Forging Partnerships between FOEM-IOP-MSME', organized by

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

FICCI and Department of Defence Production, Mr Sanjay Jaju said that the government has already identified the indigenized list of over 2,500 items which are not going to be imported.

"351 more items have been listed which can be indigenized and it is now an

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Sonowal emphasises Gati Shakti Lays foundation stone for key projects at VPT

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Union minister for Ports, Shipping & Waterways and Auys, Mr Sarbananda Sonowal was recently in the port city of Vizag wherein he stressed on the importance of Gati Shakti Projects. Hailing the scheme he said this will definitely ensure removal of all bottlenecks and result in timely completion of the Projects as it aims at linking all the organisations like Road, Railways, Environment, etc.

While at the port the Minister also inaugurated

and laid Foundation Stones for projects with an investment of Rs. 55 Crores. These included the Mobile Container Scanner set up by the Port



to scan containers for radioactive materials at an estimated cost of Rs.30 Crs.

Similarly he inaugurated the Sagarmala Convention Hall at Salagramapuram. VPT has built this

Convention Hall at an estimated cost of Rs.25 Crs., which is towards the welfare of the employees of the Port. Talking on state of Andhra Pradesh he said, most proposals submitted by Andhra Pradesh were sanctioned and the Government is always ready to render any

assistance for achieving the developments in the State of Andhra Pradesh.

Mr Sonowal also planted a tree as a part of encouraging green initiatives.

RRM gives HSL a Thumbs up

Hails yard's execution & timely delivery



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Minister of State for Defence, Mr Ajay Bhatt recently visited Hindustan Shipyard Ltd. wherein he called the shipyard a national asset and praised its employees for working with passion and commitment to make it one of the best shipyard in the country.

Giving an overview on the yard, HSL's C&MD

Hemant Khatri, informed the minister that HSL has vast potential to secure high value construction and refit orders and meet the future requirements of Indian Navy, Coast Guard and SCI, thus propelling the 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' initiative of the Government of India.

The minister said that unity among the employees, strong desire to do better

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Nalco Bags Golden Peacock Award

NALCO has won the prestigious Golden Peacock Award for Sustainability in the Mining & Metallurgy sector. The Award recognizes our focus on environmentally-sustainable practices. NALCO CMD Mr. Sridhar Patra dedicated the Award to the collective effort of Nalconians.



'Competency Development' program at RINL

RINL CMD Mr. Atul Bhatt, recently inaugurated a 3-day 'Competency development' program for Young Managers. Speaking on this occasion, Mr. Atul Bhatt, CMD explained about the present steel scenario and its importance, the need & demand of raw materials and uncertainty in present market conditions. He said that Organization



needs the change which is driven by Young Managers. RINL has the capability to grow further & further to achieve 30~40MT in future. He stressed that the young managers need to focus on self-development and also benefit the organization to stand in the global competition. Mr. D K Mohanty, D(C) &D(P) Addl. Charge and Mr. AK Saxena, D(O) also spoke.

SAIL wins AI World Awards in Mfg. category

Steel Authority of India (SAIL) made yet another achievement by winning AI World Awards in the Steel Manufacturing category. AI World Awards is a platform in India that recognizes innovative AI solutions, AI designing, software, new product development, research, education, and service providers across all sectors and specializations. Trinity Media-AI World hosted the AI World Awards 2022 which was held in virtual mode on recently. SAIL was conferred with AI World Awards 2022 - AI Catalyst in Steel Manufacturing. The award was presented to Mr. Sanjeev Kumar, CGM-in-Charge (Services), SAIL- IISCO Steel Plant.



New records in Iron Ore & Sugar Loading

Strategically located GPL set new records in loading recently.

Highest Ever Loading of Iron Ore Fines: The port achieved the highest loading of Iron Ore Fines



53,261 MT in 24 hrs to MV Crimson Knight A/c KIOCL in February 2022 which has surpassed the earlier record of 52,677 MT of the vessel MV African Spoonbill stated a release from GPL.

Highest Ever Sugar

Loading: The Port achieved its maiden record in Sugar cargo loading at Gangavaram Port Ltd (GPL). The port performed excellent by loading 16,020 MTs from the vessel MV Jenny M which berthed at port on 21.02.2022. "We are incredibly proud of our team's accomplishments. Our cargo management efficiency is demonstrated by our record of Sugar cargo loading and discharge of numerous commodities. We at Gangavaram Port always strive to provide the best service to our customers" said an APSEZ Spokesperson.

Focus on prod. of vanadium for steel usage: NITI Aayog

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India is a significant consumer of vanadium but is not a primary producer of the strategic metal, said Mr. R Saravanabhavan, Deputy Advisor, NITI Aayog. It is recovered as a by-product from the slag, he said and added that India consumes approx 4-5% of the vanadium produced globally, with China accounting for 44-45% of the consumption. Highlighting upon the importance of vanadium for the steel industry, he added, "It's time that India transits from the R&D stage to production of vanadium domestically, for supporting import substitution under the

National Mission of Atmanirbhar Bharat."

Addressing the Webinar 'Vanadium Usage in Indian



Steel Industry', organized by FICCI, jointly with SRTMI, Mr. Parmjeet Singh, Additional Industrial Advisor, Ministry of Steel, highlighted upon the value chain of vanadium usage in steel industry from availability and sourcing of vanadium, production of ferrovanadium (iron+vanadium) and alloying. "Construction sector

is the biggest consumer of steel products, and vanadium plays an essential role in providing high strength & cost-effective solutions for steel applications in the construction. Vanadium is the most widely used alloying element for strengthening steels and enhancing the toughness of reinforcing bars employed in buildings, tunnels and bridges," he added.

Mr. VR Sharma, Co-Chair, FICCI Steel Committee and Managing Director, Jindal Steel & Power Ltd. emphasized on the need for reducing cost and increasing value preposition for enhancing vanadium usage in the sector.

Minerals production Grows 16%

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The index of mineral production of mining and quarrying sector for the month of December, 2021 (Base: 2011-12=100) at 120.3, was 2.6% higher as compared to the level in the month of Dec., 2020. As per the provisional statistics of Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM), the cumulative growth for the period April-December, 2021-22 over the corresponding period of previous year has increased 16.0%. Production level of important minerals in December, 2021 were: Coal 748 lakh tonnes, Lignite 39 lakh tonnes, Natural gas (utilized) 2814 million cu. m., Petroleum

(crude) 25 lakh tonnes, Bauxite 2492 thousand tonnes, Chromite 384,000 tonnes, Copper conc. 10,000 tonnes, Gold 106 kg, Iron ore 209 lakh tonnes, Lead conc. 28,000 tonnes, Manganese ore 273,000 tonnes, Zinc conc. 126,000 tonnes, Limestone 309 lakh tonnes, Phosphorite 110,000 tonnes, Magnesite 11,000 tonnes and Diamond 70 carat.

The production of important minerals showing positive growth during Dec. 2021 over Dec. 2020 include: Magnesite (73.2%), Gold (71.0%), Bauxite (27.1%), Lignite (21.4%), Natural gas (utilized) (19.5%), Coal (5.3%) and Chromite (5.3%).

Stone laid for Coke Oven Plant @ KIOCL

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The Union Minister of Steel, Mr. Ram Chandra Prasad Singh

Ductile Iron Spun Pipe Plant under forward & 1.80 LTPA Coke Oven Plant under backward integration projects at Blast



recently laid Foundation stone for Coke Oven Plant of Kudremukh Iron Ore Co.Ltd (KIOCL), Panambur Mangalore.

The proposed project is for Setting up of 2.0 LTPA

Furnace Unit at a Capex of Rs. 836.90 Crores and would take 24 months to complete from the date of placement of order on the Main technological package supplier.

Minister flags off Tata steel shipment from Haldia to Pandu

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Union Minister of Ports, Shipping & Waterways and AYUSH Mr. Sarbananda Sonowal, flagged off the maiden voyage of barges with a consignment of 1798 MT of

The barges will move along NW-I - Indo-Bangladesh Protocol Route - NW-II.

finished steel products of Tata Steel Limited from Haldia to Pandu (in Assam) through the Indo-Bangladesh Protocol Route (IBP Route) in presence of Mr. Shantanu Thakur, MoS for Ports, Shipping and Waterways.

This maiden voyage showcases multimodal movement of cargo along

with harnessing of the power of river - sea combination. The consignment of steel products of Tata Steel Ltd.

barges for the voyage. Customs have given special permission to move this cargo on this route on priority. The barges will be

flagged off and will move from Haldia to I W A I

Pandu terminal in Assam. The barges will move along NW-I - Indo-Bangladesh Protocol Route - NW-II. In the return leg, the barges will load coal provided by Fuel Sources India Pvt. Ltd. where LSC Solutions is providing ground logistic support along with last mile delivery, and is destined for unloading at SMPK, Kolkata.

RINL's 40th Formation Day

RINL CMD Mr. Atul Bhatt, addressing the RINL fraternity on the occasion of 40th Formation Day of RINL-VSP, congratulated the outstanding performance employee award winners. He said that, "In a step towards achieving continuous improvement, recently RINL has taken a pledge to accomplish success in all spheres. A message from Mr. Faggan Singh Kulaste, Union Minister of State, Steel was also read. RINL's Brand ambassador, ace badminton champion Ms. PV Sindhu conveyed her best wishes to RINL collective through her video message, which is displayed on the stage.

DCI reports PAT of Rs. 29 Cr.

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Dredging Corporation of India reported a profit after tax of 29 Crores which is the highest in the last 7 quarters. The Earning per Share (EPS) of Rs 10 is also the highest for the last 7 quarters. The company CMD **Dr G.Y.V Victor** said the total turnover of the company is 241 Crores which is the highest in the last 3 quarters. The company has already earlier reported a major capital expenditure for purchase of 12,000 Cubic Hopper Capacity dredger at the cost of Rs 1,000 Crores.

Further, the company had earlier reported signing of MOU with National Marine Dredging Company, Abu Dhabi for strategic alliances in India & Abroad.

The New Management headed by **Prof Dr. G.Y.V Victor** is exuberant for improvement of the performance.

PPT achieves 100 MMT mark

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Paradip Port achieved yet another 100 Million Metric Tonnes (MMT) of cargo handling for fifth year in row. Despite COVID-19



crisis and huge shortfall in iron ore exports, it once again repeated the feat by crossing the 100 MMT mark in succession and achieved cargo throughput of 100.04 MMT till 18th February in the current fiscal. Notably, last year the coveted mark of 100 MMT was achieved on February 21st 2021. In spite of shortfall of Iron Ore/Pellet shipments by 30.24 %, PPT could achieve 36.86% growth

in coastal Shipping of Coal and 6.77% growth in POL, by showing better efficiency and that too in 3 days before, in comparison to the last fiscal.

Marking the occasion, symbolic cake cutting was done at Officers' Club by **Mr. P.L. Haranadh**, Chairman, PPT in presence of Mr. A.K. Bose, Dy. Chairman and other HoDs and Dy. HoDs.

For the above feat, Mr. Haranadh, congratulated all Officers/Employees, the user industries, Stevedores, Steamer Agents, Trade Unions, PPP Operators to have their continued faith in the ability of the Port to serve them. Congratulating the employees and officers of the Port for their continued commitment to serve the trade.

DCI an Important Organisation: Sonowal

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Addressing the DCI Employees Union Minister for Ports, Shipping & Waterways, **Mr. Sarbananda Sonowal** said that Dredging Corporation of India is a very important organization in the Maritime Sector and urged all the employees to work together as a team.

The minister was reviewing the performance of DCI along with Chairman DCI **Mr. K Rama Mohana Rao** and MD & CEO DCI, **Prof Dr G.Y.V Victor**. A detailed presentation was given to the minister about the future plans of DCI growth prospectus.

Stating that the expectation of the people of the country are very high from DCI he



Emphasised the importance of DCI and said that dredging is very important for the existence of the port and in this competitive world and DCI has to prove it is the best in the dredging business.

Identifying Dredging as very important for strengthening the country's economy the Union Minister said that one must get learning from our Prime Minister Mr Narendra Modi on how to work as a team with full of dedication.

Dredging Corporation of India, a pioneer dredging

company is celebrating 45 years of rendering dedicated dredging services to the Nation's ports as a part of "Azaadi Ka Amrit Maahotsav"

During his visit the union minister inaugurated a State of Art Dredging Museum at DCI campus. The museum displays models of different types of dredgers, ancillary crafts, vintage photo shoots and various technological artefacts & historical milestones of this dredging behemoth from the Eastern Port City of Vizag.

GPL, RINL, Integral create national record in Steel loading



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Gangavaram Port (GPL) has yet again set a record in loading this time nationally.

The port recently achieved Highest ever Steel Loading by loading 10,854 MT of

Contributing to this record breaking feat was also achieved by M/s. Integral Trading & Logistics, Stevedores, and Handling Agents of M/s. Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited.

This has created a National Record by any port in India said an official press release from GPL.

Steel Blooms A/c RINL by using the vessel cranes on a 24-hour basis.

This surpassed the earlier record of 9,078 MT on a 24-hour basis on November-2021.

RINL Vizag Steel expressed its gratitude for this National Record and has appreciated the port management, staff, workers, and Stevedore M/s Integral Trading Ltd who helped in achieving this marvellous feat.

PSA Chennai receives 2 RTGs

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PSA Chennai received 2 state-of-the-art hybrid RTGs recently. Stating that it is the first of its kind in



India PSA said that it will increase its equipment fleet and service levels. Each RTG will reduce carbon emissions by 47% or 162 tonnes per year compared to diesel RTGs said PSA Chennai in a linkedin post.

APM Terminals Mumbai to invest US\$115 mn.

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APM Terminals Mumbai also known as Gateway Terminals India (GTI) will invest US\$115 million in infrastructure development that will increase the container handling capacity. The company is investing in Ship-to-Shore (StS) cranes and Rail Mounted Gantry (RMG) cranes. The investment is aimed at enabling GTI to accommodate changing

customer needs for larger vessel capability. With this investment, the container handling capacity of GTI will increase by 10% to 2.18 million TEUs.

Explaining the rationale behind investment, Mr. Girish Aggarwal, COO, GTI said "The investment will allow us to cater to the larger vessels safely and efficiently at our terminal. This in turn will assist our customers to drive operational efficiency towards the Indian trade."

CONCOR extends 100% discount on Rail freight

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CONCOR is pleased to announce the extension of the scheme of upto 100% discount on rail freight for repositioning of empty containers from various Gateway Ports / Portside Terminals / CFSs to hinterland terminals / ICDs for use in export purpose for a further

period of one year i.e. w.e.f. April 1, 2022 to March 3, 2023. CONCOR launched the scheme in 2021 for movement of EXIM dry & reefer empty containers from various Gateway Ports to CONCOR ICDs/ Private sidings/CRTs for export purpose.



ECoR Carries 311 Rakes of Fly Ash

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East Coast Railway has loaded 311 rakes of fly-ash from its jurisdiction towards different destinations of the country following Environment Guidelines.

As per an official release from ECoR these 311 rakes have been carried since September 15, 2020 till now which have been transported towards different parts of the country.

141 Rakes of fly ash transported from Khurda Road Division, 138 rakes from Sambalpur and 32 rakes from Waltair Division till now.

Made possible due to the consistent effort of Business Development

Unit (BDU) of ECoR it had frequent interactions with the customers and industries



and explored ways to increase miscellaneous non-bulk goods traffic through rail.

Participants of Fly Ash transportation have jointly agreed to make concerted efforts for utilisation of fly ash to 100% as per the guidelines of Ministry of Environment and ensuring this by the joint effort of the producer of fly ash, transporter and the end-users stated an official release from ECoR.

ECoR's BDU consistently meet the representatives of Thermal Power Plants,

Integrated Steel Plants, Aluminium Smelter Plants and Cement Plants for transportation of Fly Ash by Rail.

In the last fiscal i.e. 2020-21 ECoR had carried 91 rakes of fly ash.

Before the end of the current fiscal, i.e. from 1st April to 16th February, 2022, ECoR has carried 0.847MT of Fly Ash in 220 rakes towards various places. This includes 99 from Angul area, 91 rakes from Sambalpur area and 30 from Koraput & Visakhapatnam areas.

Altogether, ECoR has loaded 1.20 MT of Fly Ash towards different destinations from its jurisdiction.

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GAIL-VSPL has been awarded CII - GreenCo Rating

GAIL Vizag-Secunderabad LPG Pipeline (VSPL) has been awarded CII - GreenCo Rating Silver Rating as an acknowledgment of our effort towards promoting sustainable industrial growth. On this GAIL mentioned, "Another feather in our cap for fostering operational safety, employee health, and a cleaner environment." GreenCo Rating is the first holistic framework in the world that uses a life cycle assessment to evaluate companies based on their environmental friendliness.

Rs. 60 cr for scanning old records

Revue records in the state are being scanned and made available, Survey Commissioner **Mr. Siddharth Jain** said. Mr. Siddharth Jain recently participated in the district level response workshop in Srikakulam. He said Rs 60 crore has been sanctioned to scan old revenue records in the state and make them available to the public. Mr. Jain, said the joint collectors should call for tenders soon and start the process. The records are likely to be available in four to six months, he said and added that after the scanning, the records would be put online and a search option would be given.

**Webinar on Understanding Cyber Security**

The Department of CS&SE, AUCE(A) has conducted a Webinar "Understanding Cyber Security". This webinar was conducted under AICTE-CPF Project eSaksham. **Dr. Buddha Chandra Sekhar**, Chief Coordinating officer, AICTE, Ministry of Education was the Chief Guest and he expressed that skilling in Cyber Security is most relevant to any person using the Internet and any electronic device.

Gadkari sets the ball rolling for Andhra Pradesh's Road Infra**Announces Rs 3 lakh crore over next 2 years**

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Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways **Mr. Nitin Gadkari** recently inaugurated and laid Foundation Stone for 51 National Highway Projects of total length 1380 Km with an investment of Rs. 21,559 Crore in Vijaywada, Andhra Pradesh.

It was stated that 30 of the road projects run into 735 km with an estimated cost of Rs. 10,368 crore while 21 projects measuring 645 km with a cost of Rs.11,191 crore.

Speaking on the occasion Mr Gadkari said that the central government will



Andhra Pradesh under the able leadership of the CM Mr. Jagan Mohan Reddy is now developing as one of the most progressive states in the country.

Mr. Nitin Gadkari

Union Minister for Road Transport & Highways

Andhra Pradesh over the next 2 years.

Gadkari informed that out of the 23 greenfield

six of them are in Andhra Pradesh.

He identified these projects as the Raipur-Visakhapatnam (465 km)

slated for completion by 2024, Nagpur

to Vijayawada highway for completion by 2025,

Chittoor-

Tanjavur highway,

Hyderabad-Visakhapatnam highway

and Bengaluru-Chennai highway which runs through 85 km in AP, all of which will be completed before 2025.

He said improved road connectivity in the coastal area will boost tourism, create employment opportunities for urban and rural youth and play a pivotal role in bringing prosperity to the people of Andhra Pradesh.

The Minister said the construction of ROB's under Setu Bharatam will facilitate hassle free movement of traffic, ensure the safety of commuters, save time & fuel and will also reduce pollution. He said the National Highways are the arteries of socio-economic development of the state.

The Minister said the 4-lane road to Visakhapatnam and Kakinada ports of Andhra Pradesh will play a crucial role in improving logistics. The construction of Benz Circle flyover will also help decongest the city of Vijayawada, he added.

**AP's Greenfield Expressways**

➔ Raipur-Visakhapatnam by 2024

➔ Nagpur-Vijayawada by 2025

➔ Chittoor-Tanjavur by 2024

➔ Hyderabad-Visakhapatnam by 2025

spend a whopping Rs 3 lakh crore on development of highways and roads in

expressways being undertaken by the centre

ECoR Achieves 200 MT Loading**1st Railway to have Achieved 200 MT freight Loading in 2021-22**

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East Coast Railway recently achieved the 200MT Milestone in loading registering an increase of 15% compared to the corresponding period of last fiscal, i.e. from 1st April 2021 to 14th February, 2022.

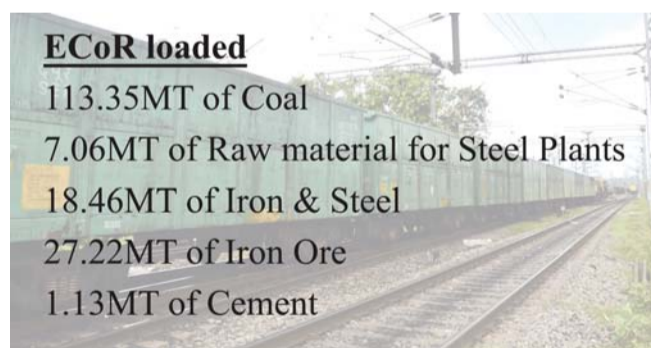
East Coast Railway loaded 200.50MT of freight as against 173.82MT carried in the corresponding period of last fiscal thereby an incremental growth of 26.67 MT.

It is mentioned that, East Coast Railway has achieved this remarkable performance in just 320 days as against 360 days loaded in corresponding period of last fiscal stated an official release from ECoR.

As per ECoR this was made possible due to outstanding performance of all the three Divisions of East Coast Railway, i.e. Khurda Road, Waltair and Sambalpur.

The record loading of ECoR is followed by South East Central Railway (SECR) with 182.0MT

contributors of freight included Talcher, Paradeep, Dhamara, Visakhapatnam,



and South Eastern Railway (SER) with 168.5MT in freight loading.

During the period, ECoR loaded 113.35MT of Coal, 7.06MT of Raw material for Steel Plants, 18.46MT of Iron & Steel, 27.22MT of Iron Ore, 1.13MT of Cement, 2.56MT of Food Grains, 5 MT of Fertilizer, 2.34MT of POL and 23.37MT of freight loaded in Containers and other cargo.

Some of the major

Gangavaram, Keonjhar, KK Line, Steel Plants, Aluminium plants and from other places of ECoR

ECoR has earned Rupees 19884.3 Crores which is 20% more than the corresponding period of last fiscal

jurisdiction.

Relentless Round the Clock Close Monitoring & Outstanding supervision, dedicated and sincere work force brought this

performance, to make ECoR proud said the release.

During the period, 132.54MT of freight carried from Khurda Road Division, 57.21MT of freight from Waltair Division and 10.73MT of freight carried from Sambalpur Division.

Khurda Road Division of ECoR has utilised 9452 wagons per day which is about 174 rakes per day. This Division has also surpassed its last year annual loading performance of 131.36MT.

Similarly, Waltair and Sambalpur Division of ECoR have also performed better than

previous year. From the above loading East Coast Railway has earned Rupees 19884.3 Crores which is 20% more than the corresponding period of last fiscal.

Rakes of AP Express branded by NMDC

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Two more rakes of prestigious AP Express have been branded by NMDC- one of our biggest customers & the largest producers of Iron ore in India. Earlier, National Mineral Development Corporation did train branding of two rakes out of four rakes of AP Express. A check of

perfect way to attract the attention of commuters who travel by trains across the country. It is the easiest, fastest and most effective way to reach out to lakhs of consumers by advertising on train exterior. AP Express passes through Telangana, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh after commencing journey from Andhra Pradesh. It has good reach



Rs. 1crore towards branding was handed over to DRM **Mr. Anup Satpathy** by NMDC official **Mr. Niranjan Naik**. With this all the four rakes of AP express got branding by NMDC, stated a release issued by Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager **Mr. A K Tripathi**.

The train branding is a

to the public during its journey.

Indian Railways having the highest captive eyeballs in its entire system, is an important source of communication for the global market. Railway is offering a wide range of advertising facilities for brand promotion by way of train branding, station branding etc.

Vizag an Important Port for Centuries

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The President of India and Supreme Commander of the armed forces of India, **Mr. Ram Nath Kovind** recently reviewed the Indian Navy Fleet at Visakhapatnam on 21 Feb 22.

Terming the city of Visakhapatnam as beautiful the president said that Vizag has been an important port for centuries. 'Historically, it has been known as a crucial hub of trans-national trade and commerce. From the sixth century Before Common Era to the 21st century, Vizag continues to be an important centre for industry and economy. Its strategic importance is



underlined by the fact that the headquarters of the Eastern Naval Command of the Indian Navy is located here' said the supreme commander of the defence forces.

In his the speech the president said that Vizag made a glorious contribution during the 1971 war. 'I recall the heroic action of the Eastern Naval Command in the naval blockade of the then East Pakistan and the sinking of Pakistan's submarine 'Ghazi'. That was a decisive blow to Pakistan. The 1971 war remains one of the most emphatic victories in our history' said the president.

CEMS to make youth Industry Ready

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Emphasising the imminent need and importance of skill training and development, Union Minister for Ports, Shipping and waterways, **Mr. Sarbananda Sonowal** recently inaugurated a state of the art Centre of Excellence in Maritime and Shipbuilding (CEMS) at Visakhapatnam.

Stating that the youth of the country need to be made employable while create a quality workforce places like CEMS have an important role to play.

'We have to make India Atmanirbhar in the next 25 years' said the Union minister and added that CEMS will cater to the needs of the Industry by instilling crucial skills in today's workforce.

Lauding the prime minister **Mr. Narendra Modi** for

his team building efforts he said that the PM has created an inspiring environment in the country by asking them to work as a unified team.

CEMS has been developed as a special purpose vehicle – in association with the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways and Indian Register of Shipping with an aim to bridge the skill gap, up-skilling and re-skilling of the current workforce. A skill development initiative for enabling seamless transition towards Industry 4.0, CEMS offers courses with multi-industry applications in manufacturing, automotive, aerospace, oil



& gas and heavy engineering.

The Visakhapatnam facility has 18 state-of-the-art labs, covering every aspect of manufacturing from design, simulation, analysis and production. CEMS also has a Mumbai campus located at the Head Office of Indian Register of Shipping which mainly caters to re-skilling.

'We are pleased to have The Minister inaugurate the CEMS facility which

will undoubtedly provide an impetus to its growth. We will work closely with the students to enhance their employability and engage with industry to understand their skilling requirements.' said **Mr. Arun Sharma**, Chairman, CEMS.

Also present on the occasion was CEMS, Chief Operating Officer, **Commander Gopi Krishna Sivvam IN** (Retd.) along with a host of dignitaries and officers.

AU inks MoU with Armed Forces

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Three MoUs have been signed with Director, Sainik Welfare Department RajyaSainik Board of Andhra Pradesh for Academic Excellence of Ex-Servicemen and Retired commissioned officers in Andhra University. Vice-Chancellor **Prof. P V G D Prasad Reddy** congratulated Director of Sainik Welfare **Brig.V V Reddy** and entire Armed Forces for signing of these MoUs to Award Trade Diploma of all Ex-servicemen of their respective trades in Armed Forces.

SIRC-ICAI's Vizag branch adjudged best

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Visakhapatnam branch of Southern Indian Regional Council (SIRC) of the Institute of the Chartered Accountant of



India (ICAI) under the Chairmanship of CA. Murali Krishna S, has been adjudged as Best Branch by SIRC-ICAI under Large and Mega Branch Category in Southern Region for the year 2021-22.

Visakhapatnam branch consists members for more than 1400 and covered with 3 districts Visakhapatnam, Vizianagaram and Srikakulam. Chairman **Mr. C A . Muralikrishna** proudly says that it is a proud moment for each and every member of

Visakhapatnam branch and the entire credit of achieving this award goes to Past chairmen and Managing Committee members for the year 2021-22.

India as Defence Mfg. hub

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opportunity for the Indian industry to manufacture them and we are not going to stop here. By month end, we will come up with a further bigger level and this would include not just components but also LRUs which are critical for defence requirement. We will offer these LRUs to industry with procurement assurance to design and develop the products within the county," said the Additional Secretary, Department of Defence Production, Ministry of Defence, Govt of India.

He said that in the post-COVID world there are global strategic alignments taking place, supply chains

moving from one country to another, and it is important to diversify the supply chain. "India has a



huge defence aerospace market including civil aerospace market. We are going to march ahead, and this sector is going to grow at the best rates in the world with huge demand. We have to look at India as the design and

manufacturing hub in Defence components for global needs," he added.

Mr Jaju further stated that there is a limit to what government can do and it is not the business of the government to do business. "We can act as an enabler and provide level playing field. It is now the time for tier 1, 2 and 3 within the defence and aerospace sector start looking at these opportunities and forge partnerships," he emphasized.

Highlighting the potential for foreign OEMs, Mr Jaju said that India has the opportunity and produce in India for the global requirements.

Itinerating centre opened at Sri City

To speed up registration & processing

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In order to facilitate speedy registration of documents pertaining to Sri City and other deeds executed by the Sri City an itinerating centre attached to the Sub Registrar office, Satyavedu was recently opened.

District Registrar **Mr. P.V.N. Babu** formally inaugurated the office in the presence of **Ms. Komala Devi**, Sub Registrar, Satyavedu, **Mr. C. Ramesh Kumar**, Vice President (Customer

Relations), **Mr. R. Janardhana Reddy**, Head, Accounts Division



and a few others.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Babu said that the itinerating centre was sanctioned specially to Sri City as part of the state government's industrial

policy for improving ease of doing business. "This will make the land registration

process faster and easier for companies in Sri City. To start with, the centre will work on all Tuesdays during 10.30 - 17.00 hrs., and gradually the services will be expanded," he said.

Acknowledging the excellent support being given by the State Government, Sri City Founder Managing Director **Mr. Ravindra Sannareddy** stated "We thank the Andhra Pradesh Stamps & Registration Department, headed by **Dr. Rajat Bhargava**, IAS for approving the itinerating Sub Registrar office for the exclusive processing of transactions pertaining to Sri City, and decisions of this kind speak of government's proactive industrial policies and keenness in improving ease of doing business."

Opportunity for SCs and STs to revive industrial plots

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Mr. AV Patel, Additional Director, Ministry of Industries recently informed that the government has given an opportunity to SCs and STs to revive industrial plots. He said the government had issued orders to rehabilitate plots which had been allotted on lease to SCs and STs in industrial estates in the past but could not be paid for various reasons.

Mr Patel said that SCs and STs who were allotted plots from April 2008 to March 31, 2020 were eligible and orders were

issued to allot plots to them at the prevailing prices. He explained that the then beneficiaries should submit applications with details by March 31. Mr Patel further added that the Jagananna Badugu Vikasam development program would be very beneficial for SCs and STs.

Stating that employment opportunities would be increased under the PMEGP he said SCs and STs would get a discount of up to Rs 20 lakh on APIIC plots. As per Mr Patel, permits will come if applications are made through single window.

President hails Navy's Aatmanirbhar Efforts

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The supreme commander of the Indian armed forces, **Mr. Ram Nath Kovind** lauded the Indian Navy's consistent and noteworthy strides in becoming self-reliant.

Addressing the gathering at the presidential fleet review 2022 Mr. Kovind said that it is a matter of great pride that India has built nuclear submarines and soon we will have our indigenously built aircraft carrier, 'Vikrant', joining the service.

'I am happy to note that the Indian Navy is becoming increasingly self-reliant and has been at the forefront of the 'Make in India' initiative. I am told that about 70 per cent of the contents of several warships and submarines under construction in various public and private shipyards across the



country are indigenously' said the president of India.

He further mentioned that he was happy to inspect 'Vikrant' during his recent visit to Kochi. 'The development of indigenous naval shipbuilding capabilities is an impressive contribution to the making of an 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat' he said.

With the theme '75 years in Service of the Nation,' Indian

Navy showcased its latest state-of-art indigenously built combat platforms during the 12th edition of the Fleet Review which was also conducted as part of the 75th anniversary of India's Independence being celebrated as 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav'.

After a 21-Gun Salute and Ceremonial Guard of Honour, the President embarked on the Presidential yacht, INS

Sumitra, an indigenously built Naval Offshore Patrol Vessel designated as the Presidential yacht.

The President was received by the Raksha Mantri **Mr. Rajnath Singh** and **Admiral R Hari Kumar**, the Chief of Naval Staff.

The Yacht sailed past 44 ships from the Navy, Coast Guard, SCI and MoES lined up in four columns at

anchorage off Visakhapatnam, exhibiting the nation's maritime power in full display. A spectacular flypast was conducted as a part of the static review of the Fleet. During the final stage of the review, a mobile column of warships and submarines carried out high-speed steam past alongside the Presidential yacht. Several enthralling waterfront activities by Parade of Sails, Search and Rescue Demonstration at Sea, Aerobatics by Hawk aircraft and Water Para Jumps by the elite Marine Commandos (MARCOS) held the guests mesmerised.

The Review was followed by the release of a special First Day Cover and a commemorative stamp by the President in the presence of Raksha Mantri Mr Rajnath Singh and Minister of State for Communication **Mr Devusinh J Chauhan**.

DCI signs MoU with Gujarat Govt.

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Dredging Corporation of India Limited, Visakhapatnam and Director of Fisheries, Government of Gujarat have recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding for Holistic and turnkey solutions for Civil Maritime/ Dredging and other works which include carrying out dredging & Reclamation projects, Conducting surveys & soil studies, Preparation of DPRs, Consultancy services etc for the harbours/ water bodies under the purview of Fisheries Department, Govt. of Gujarat with DCI as a nodal, one-point-contact agency.

With this MOU, Dredging Corporation of India Limited and Director of Fisheries, Government of Gujarat will work together for maintenance and development of fishing harbours/ reservoirs/ ponds/other water bodies in the state of Gujarat through dredging and other marine activities.

Govt. of Gujarat is having 6 major fishing harbours, more than 100 fish landing centres and more development projects are under planning.

DCI is the premier dredging organization of India catering to the dredging and allied services

State's new DGP



Intelligence Chief **Kasireddy Venkata Rajendranath Reddy** recently made a courtesy call on Chief Minister **Mr. YS Jagan Mohan Reddy** in the wake of the assignment of full additional responsibilities as DGP.

PF adalat on March 10

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The next Nidhi Aapke Nikat or PF near you will be held on March 10 at Regional Office, Marripalem, Visakhapatnam.

Accordingly, all employees' provident fund subscribers as well as employers (both exempted and un-exempted establishments) and other stakeholders of Visakhapatnam district having any grievances/issues are requested to refer the issues to Regional PF Commissioner,



Visakhapatnam on or before March 3. Issues pertaining to Srikakulam and Vizianagaram may be preferred at respective district offices on or before March 5 as district offices

are also conducting separately at their district offices. The grievances or other issues may be addressed to the Assistant PF

Commissioner (Nidhi Aapke Nikat) Visakhapatnam duly super scribing as Nidhi Aapke Nikat. They may register their grievances through E-mail address ro.vizag@epf.india.gov.in.

Rs 185 crs for sports infra

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Minister for Tourism, Culture and Youth Advancement **Mr. Muttamsetti Srinivasa Rao** said the government has sanctioned Rs 185.34 crore to take up 138 works involving development of sports complexes and outdoor sports stadiums under Sports Authority of

Andhra Pradesh (SAAP).

Reviewing the progress of sports and tourism sectors in the State with officials at his chamber in the Secretariat, the Minister said the government has been organising CM Cup Sports Competitions to promote sports and provide a platform for youth from rural backgrounds

He said tennis courts, swimming pools, regional sports academies, water sports academies and indoor stadiums will be constructed in different parts of the State. Mr. Srinivasa Rao said, SAAP has sanctioned Rs 2.97 crore to work in coordination with 18 other sports associations in the State to promote sports at village-level.

CII AP holds MSME conclave

Emphasizes support to MSMEs

VIS News Service

The CII Visakhapatnam Zone Annual Meeting recently organized a MSME Conclave 2022 with theme focusing on India@75: Transformation through Competitiveness, Technology, Finance and Sustainability—Accelerating Growth for MSMEs.

Delivering Special Address at Inaugural Session of MSME conclave, **Ms. Rama Gummalla**, Chief General Manager – Materials, Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd Visakh Refinery briefed on opportunities in Refinery for accelerated Growth for MSMEs.

She mentioned that MSMEs sector is a major contributor to the economic development of the country and has gained significant importance due to its contribution to Gross

Domestic Product (GDP) of the country.

Ms. Rama further mentioned that HPCL supports Government initiatives such as Aatmanirbhar Bharat, Make in India and gives priority to MSMEs and had set a goal of sourcing a minimum procurement of 25% of its total requirements from MSMEs.

HPCL has also been fully abiding by various government directives and policies to provide relief to MSMEs and promote indigenization of products and services said Ms Rama Gummalla.

Speaking on the opportunities for MSMEs

in the defence sector **Mr. Manoj Yadav**, Head – Corporate Management Services, Bharat Electronics Limited in his Special Address said that MSMEs contributes

significantly to defence manufacturing with quality products.

One of the key objectives of the Make in India initiative of the Government of India is to bring Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises into the defence supply chain and thereby boost the self-reliance of the country in defence said Mr Yadav.

He mentioned that India is among the top 5 military spenders and one of the

emerging defence manufacturing hub. He said that the two Defence Industrial Corridors being set up one in Uttar Pradesh and another in Tamil Nadu will provide opportunities to MSMEs and promote Make in India initiative.

Representing the state of Andhra Pradesh **Mr. S V Giridhara Rao**, Joint Director (SDP & EODB), Department of Industries, Government of Andhra Pradesh mentioned that Government of Andhra Pradesh aims to provide conducive business environment for investors by developing strong regulatory framework through Ease of Doing Business. He said that the new Industrial Development Policy 2020-23 focuses on sustainable development with accent on MSMEs, Women Entrepreneurs and wide-based development of the State.



CNS urges collaboration among Navies

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Organizing MILAN 2022 in the city of destiny, Visakhapatnam, the Indian Navy put on an impressive show bringing in 39 navies across the globe to participate in this biennial congregation of friendly navies.

MILAN 2022 was the eleventh edition which was held under the aegis of Eastern Naval command.

Delivering a keynote address during an international maritime seminar the Chief of the Naval staff, **Admiral R**



Hari Kumar, PVS, AVSM, VSM, ADC emphasised the importance of collaboration and cooperation among navies of the world to address the various challenges that the maritime domain presents.

'Indian ocean has served as an invaluable conduit for trade and supported livelihoods and enabled cultural and social interactions and has its own unique identity' said the CNS Addressing media persons the CNS said that

they couldn't be a better place than Vizag to hold MILAN 2022.

Answering to a question on the economic impact MILAN 2022 has created on the city he stated that there has had quite a bit of impact on the local economy. There has been a lot of amount of preparedness that has gone into getting the city beautified in addition to contributing to the city's hospitality and other sectors said Admiral Hari Kumar.

'Both the PFR and MILAN 2022 has

generated large number of visitors and foreign delegates to the city and this has certainly added quite a bit of impact on the economic activity here' said the CNS.

Talking on the enhanced participation of the navies in MILAN 2022 he highlighted the growing role of the Indian Navy in this region.

The participation of 39 countries in MILAN 2022 showcases India's growing stature as a responsible and reliable partner in the maritime domain, underscoring the Indian Navy's commitment to maritime security across the global commons said the CNS.

The CNS also cited the Indian Navy's atmanirbharta efforts gained over the many years. 'We should be proud that in the recently held PFR out of the 60 ships 50 ships have been built in India' said Admiral Hari Kumar.

CII Vizag's New Chairman



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The CEO & Director of Vizag Seaport Private Ltd, **Mr. Ragam Kishore** has been nominated as the Chairman, CII Visakhapatnam Zone for the year 2022-23.

Mr Kishore holds a MSC from Andhra University and was earlier the Chief Regional Manager at Southern Region, Steel Authority of India Limited.

In the early part of his career he had worked for PSU SAIL for a period of 21 Years in their Home Sales Division and Transport & Shipping Division at various levels.

During his stint with SAIL

Mr Kishore worked across various locations including Kolkata, Mumbai, Ahmedabad and Vizag.

Dr P P Lal Krishna, Managing Director, Ramky Pharma City (India) Limited was appointed as the Vice Chairman for CII Visakhapatnam Zone for the year 2022-23.

Foreign Navies laud India's MILAN 2022

'Absolutely magnificent show put up by the Indian Navy'. **Admiral Samuel J Paparo**, Commander US Pacific Fleet

'Tremendous achievement by the Indian Navy for MILAN 2022'. **Vice Admiral Michael Noonan**, Chief of the Royal Australian Navy

'We have received very warm hospitality at MILAN 2022'. **Commodore Shaheen Rahman**, Commander Flotilla West, Bangladesh Navy

'I congratulate Indian Navy for the success of MILAN 2022'. **Admiral Hiroshi Yamamura**, Chief of Staff, JMSDF

Vietnam's Envoy explores Business Potential in Vizag

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The Vizagapatam Chamber of Commerce and Industry (VCCI) recently held a meeting with **Mr. Pham Sanh Chau**, Vietnam's Ambassador to India and **Mr. Bui Trung Thuong**, Trade Counsellor to explore business

Addressing the gathering Mr. Chau expressed his happiness in meeting a wider spectrum of industries through VCCI.

Having helped many big companies improve bilateral trade between Indian and Vietnam Mr. Chau said that he is now trying to work with small and medium

MoU with HAL

Indian Navy and HAL recently signed a 'Mutual Expression of Interest' to facilitate Faculty Exchange Programme between Naval Institute of Aeronautical Technology, Kochi and HAL Management Academy, Bengaluru. This association is aimed to facilitate development of key skill-sets amongst trainees to help them imbibe latest aviation technologies and MRO management.

RRM gives HSL a Thumbs up

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than others and making the best of the opportunity provided by 'Atmanirbhara Bharat' are essential for HSL to write its success story.

He further appreciated various initiatives taken by the yard that resulted in timely delivery of ships in both Shipbuilding and Ship repairs sectors and also

encouraged officers present to do much more. The RRM complimented the yard personnel for achieving the milestone targets of completing construction of 200 ships and repairs of 2000 ships during the year of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.

While at the yard he also planted a tree at the Dolphin jetty in HSL.



potential between the two regions.

Welcoming the delegation **Mr. G. VeeraMohan** President of VCCI informed them about Vizag's business community and the various sectors for business.

He apprised them that VCCI members come from various sectors such as Seafood, Textiles, Logistics, Hospitality and Tourism, Jewellery, Real Estate and Infrastructure will be interested to expand their businesses to Vietnam.

sized companies to improve business further.

As per VCCI the envoy informed the gathering that that a big real estate company from Vietnam is planning to develop a mega city project in India and he feels that Vizag is the best place to execute that idea.

Mr. Chau also expressed his interest in expanding their logistics and sea connectivity with Vizag.

He shared an open invitation to VCCI members to invest in Vietnam and vice versa.

"Many schemes present for MSMEs"

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Mr. D Chandra Sekhar, Addl Development Commissioner, MSME-Development Institute, Government of India recently highlighted the various schemes available for MSMEs and how they can benefit from them.

Addressing participants at the CII Visakhapatnam Zone Annual Meeting, MSME Conclave 2022 Mr Sekhar spoke about the various schemes by Government such as Credit Linked Capital Subsidy Scheme, Procurement and Marketing Support (PMS) scheme, and Market Development Assistance (MDA) Scheme for

MSME for International Trade Fairs and Exhibitions.

ADC also emphasized on the Public Procurement Policy, 2012 which mandates the Central Ministries/ Departments/ CPSUs to mandatorily procure 25% of their annual procurement from MSEM.

He further informed that under the public procurement policy there are 358 items to be exclusively purchased only from micro and small enterprises. Emphasizing the importance of the scheme Mr Sekhar said that the state government too should have a similar Public procurement policy.



Mr. Sekhar mentioned about the MSE Cluster Development Programme (MSE-CDP) and the status of clusters of Andhra Pradesh State. He highlighted the International Cooperation scheme of the Ministry where he encouraged the participants to utilize the opportunity to participate in International

exhibitions and explore the export opportunities. On his concluding remarks, he congratulated CII for organizing this webinar focusing on the competitiveness, technology, finance and sustainability of MSMEs.

He further emphasized on the marketing assistance provided to the MSMEs through the Procurement & Marketing support scheme of the ministry where MSMEs participating in domestic trade fairs and exhibitions can avail reimbursements for space rent charges, contingency expenditure etc.

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AP's Toy Story



Meenakshi Bhatt

Preserving the traditional method of making Etikoppaka toys from the Etikoppaka village in Andhra Pradesh is **Mr C V Raju**.

A grassroots innovator Mr Raju is conserving the ancient process of creating Etikoppaka toys, a proud heritage entrenched in his village, by developing vegetal dyes and improving dye shelf life.

His work on this otherwise disappearing art has been so inspiring that it drew the attention of the Prime Minister of India **Mr Narendra Modi** wherein he praised Mr Raju's work in his 68th Mann Ki Baat. In addition he has been bestowed upon various awards and recognitions for his work.

Former President of India **Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam** had also presented Mr C V Raju with the NIF's 2nd Biennial National Grassroots Innovation and Outstanding Traditional Knowledge Award.

As per Mr Raju the traditional way of manufacturing wooden toys is by using non-toxic paints and natural dyes, which defined the Etikoppaka hamlet in Southern India as a craft community.

We explored plant sources and the lead-free dyes in their roots, barks, stems, leaves, fruits, seeds and much more informed Mr Raju.

His experiments resulted in natural dye concentrates over wide-ranging colours, including royal red and Indigo. As per Mr Raju Etikoppaka toys are well rounded and made using natural dye colours. This makes them safe, even for kids.

Some of the toy shapes that children enjoy include teethers, telephones, cars, motorcycles, cooking sets, bowling games, go-go, ducks, whistle birds. These toys are priced at about Rs 4000-4500 per set and he sells these products to prestigious galleries like Cane and Bamboo, Contemporary Arts and Crafts, Bandez, Kamala shop in Delhi.

In addition they can also be bought at Trade Fairs in Pragathi Maidan and exhibitions in Delhi Haat. His efforts have also been aptly supported by the National Innovation Foundation (NIF) – India in a variety of ways, including financial support through the Micro Venture Innovation Fund (MVIF).

Below is a brief snapshot of the company and founder:

Founder's Name : Mr C. V. Raju

Incubated/Started (Year): 2020

Industry: Eco-friendly Wooden Toys

Number of Team Members : 5

Funding Received : National Innovation Foundation (NIF) – India

Vision : To develop more of these wooden toys and receive fame in the future

Claim to Fame : NIF's 2nd Biennial National Grassroots Innovation and Outstanding Traditional Knowledge Award by Abdul Kalam.

Market of Operation: Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh

Revenues: Rs. 30-35 lacs

Company's culture :

Aggressive Easy Going Methodical

PTIM (Person that inspires me): Mrs. Kamala Devi Chottopadhyaya, an inspirational woman and a Legendary handicraft artisan.

India as preferred Start-Up hub

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Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology; Minister of State (Independent Charge) Earth Sciences; MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, **Dr. Jitendra Singh** has said that India is emerging as world's preferred Start-Up destination due to its vast unexplored potential coupled with ease of doing business and regulatory environment provided by Prime Minister **Narendra Modi**.

Dr. Jitendra Singh was speaking as chief guest at "India First Tech Start-Up Conclave-2022" and Awards Summit here. He said, the robust ecosystem of Start-ups will play a critical role in ensuring that India achieves its goal of \$5 trillion economy by 2025.

AU Transfers Patent Tech.

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Andhra University, And AkshayaInnotech, signed a technology transfer licensing agreement for the transfer of patented technology on "Portable novel biosensor for type 2 diabetes" in the presence of all the Principals, HODs.

During the Technology Licensing agreement signing ceremony the Vice-Chancellor, **Prof PVGD Prasad Reddy** expressed his happiness

AIC-SKU takes 3 rural startups into its fold

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Being at the forefront of supporting and nurturing rural startups in Andhra Pradesh's tier-3 cities and small villages AIC-SKU (Sri

been formally inducted and incubated as members of the AIC-SKU family are **Avan Tech Innovation Pvt Ltd, organic anantha products LLP and Suchandra Technologies Pvt Ltd.**

helps save the usage of water in industries.

Organic Anantha Products LLP is a business on organic/natural farming products value chain and value-added food products startup. The startup helps the farming community by acting as a platform for aggregating their produces and getting them good value for the same.

Suchandra Technologies Pvt. Ltd. is a green and clean tech-based startup which produces Liquid free Sanitizer. The startup has developed the world's first liquid-free electronic sanitizer that can eliminate any virus or bacteria present in palms within 5 seconds.

HDFC Bank, under its social umbrella of 'Parivartan' is reaching out to communities to make them self-sufficient and empowered through social entrepreneurs.



Krishnadevaraya University has chosen to fund 3 entrepreneurs via the CSR Fund of HDFC Bank.

As per the university AIC-SKU will assist them with technical, mentoring, and handholding them as well as providing market access and any other resources required for growth and impact.

The three startups that have

Pvt Ltd.

Avan Tech Innovation Pvt. Ltd. is a tech-based startup that produces Automatic Switches for Water Motors used for Domestic, Industrial, and Agricultural purposes. As wastage of water is a major problem in the agricultural sector the Startup helps the Agricultural sector in saving water. This also

AP EO - GITAM selects 7 Finalists



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The AP chapter of **Entrepreneurs' Organization (EO)**, recently announced the 7 Finalist who will represent

India in the Global Finals of the local of the Global Student Entrepreneurs Awards (GSEA).

A high-quality network of 14,000+ like-minded leaders across 61 countries, GSEA is EO's premier awards program and community that fosters business innovation by recognizing student entrepreneurs worldwide.

EO AP hosted this year India Finals competition in association with GITAM University as Platinum Sponsors of the event. This year we have 14+ chapters participating in the finals with about 28 contestants from across India said an official release from EO.

The competition took place on 25th & 26th Feb 2022 at GITAM (Deemed to be university) at Visakhapatnam. The student entrepreneurs were judged by 20 notable judges over a period of two days.

Startup summit at AIC-SKU



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AIC-SKU's 3rd annual startup summit Jaathara was recently organized to celebrate innovation and entrepreneurship.

The programme was organized both virtually and physically wherein the

and said it is a historic day in the annals of Andhra University as the University has successfully transferred a novel technology for the first time to a Start-up for commercialisation. **Prof H Purushotham** DPIIT-IPR Chair Professor and **Dr. Aparanji** the faculty member who developed the technology said it is a novel biosensor device using SPR powered technology with novel diabetes biomarker GLP1 peptide.

Startups that have been nurtured at AIC-SKU and they shared their startup stories with the audience.

Some of the startups that took part in the event included **Avan Tech Pvt Solutions, Kuppam electro solutions pvt Ltd, J N Swamy organics, Helen Bikes, Avas Digi tech pvt Ltd, Blue Boon Pvt Ltd, Welfinity Pvt Ltd.**

An awards and felicitation ceremony was also organized wherein it honoured 11 best innovation awards to students, 10 best Startup ecosystem enablers awards and 12 best startup awards.

At the campus a session on startup stories was held wherein it had invited

BIS Vizag raids 2 locations for misusing BIS mark

Spurious Plywood & Jewellery seized

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Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) officials recently conducted an Enforcement Search and Seizure operation in Anantapur to check the misuse of BIS Standard Mark i.e. on Plywood.

As per an official release from BIS a huge quantity of 106 plywood bearing spurious BIS Standard Mark with brand names "WUD FORTUNE, GURJAN KING AND CORE PLY" was seized during the operation.

During the search and seizure operation at the premises of M/s Mahalakshmi Glass and



Plywood, D.No.1/1162/B, Bypass Road, Anantapur, the firm was found to be misusing the BIS Standard Mark on Plywood without valid BIS Certification Marks Licence.

The misuse of BIS Standard Mark is a punishable offence with imprisonment for a term which may extend up to two years or with fine which shall not be less than One lakh rupees for the first contravention with imprisonment up to two years or both as per Section 29 of BIS Act 2016.

Action is being initiated by BIS against the offender under the Bureau of Indian Standards Act, 2016 said the release.

Hallmark gold Jewellery

Similarly BIS officials recently conducted a Search and Seizure operation at Kurnool to check the misuse of BIS Hallmark on gold jewellery. Many gold

jewellery items bearing spurious BIS Hallmark were seized during the operation. During the search and seizure operation at the premises of M/s. Om Hallmarking

and Assay Centre, D.No.18/84, Shroof Bazar, Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh, the firm was found to be misusing the BIS Hallmark on gold jewellery.



As per the Hallmarking of Gold Jewellery and Gold Artefacts Order, 2020 issued by the Department of Consumer Affairs, gold jewellery and gold artefacts shall mandatorily bear BIS Hallmark, starting from June 16th 2021, onwards.

BIS has recently introduced a system of Laser Marking of six digit Hallmarking Unique ID (HUID) on each jewellery along with BIS logo and purity. The hallmarked jewellery can be sold only by jewellers registered with BIS and can be hallmarked only by BIS recognized Assaying and Hallmarking Centres (AHCs) said the release from BIS.

The misuse of BIS Standard Mark, including Hallmark while under

suspension is a violation of Hallmarking regulations in accordance with sec 13 of Hallmarking regulations,

2018. Action is being initiated by BIS against the offender under the Bureau of Indian Standards Hallmarking Regulation 2018. BIS has asked Citizens to report any misuse of BIS Standard mark on any kind of product to:

Scientist-E & Head, BIS Visakhapatnam Branch Office, 1st Floor, C-Block, Udyog Bhavan, VUDA Complex, Siripuram, Visakhapatnam-530003

Such complaints can also be made by E-mail at the address hvzbo@bis.gov.in. The source of such information will be kept confidential, Complaints also can be made through "BIS Care" mobile application.

RoDTEP Committee visits Sri City

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The committee for determination of 'Remission of Duties and Taxes on Exported Products' (RoDTEP)

committee for determining refund of various central and state duties, taxes, and levies imposed on input products at various levels, among others.

Seeks inputs from Exporters

recently visited Sri City.

The committee headed by Mr. G.K. Pillai, IAS (Retired), former Union

Home and Commerce Secretary sought the views of exporting industries

for determining RoDTEP rates for exports by taking into consideration the incidence of duties/taxes/levies on exports and other relevant factors as deemed fit.

He requested the companies to give inputs in the specified format pertaining to the cost components of their products, so as to facilitate reimbursement of taxes and duties incurred.

Exporting Industries submitted their representations to the

Mr. Ravindra Sannareddy, Founder Managing Director, Sri City thanked the members for



interacting with the manufacturers. He also requested the Chairman of the Committee to arrange a webinar on the subject, so that the companies can better understand the input formats and other provisions.

The visiting committee members also went round the business city and visited the production units of Foxconn, Zen Linen International, Siddhartha Logistics, Astrotech Steels and Healthium.

Industry Mourns the Loss of a Cherished Leader

Aditya Sabharwal

The sudden demise of Andhra Pradesh's Industries minister, **Mekapati Goutham Reddy** has left the Industry in deep sense of shock and dismay.

Goutham Reddy in his short tenure as Industries, IT and Skill Development Minister had made a huge impression on captains of industries across various sectors.

Easily one of the most impeccably dressed people in the state government Goutham Reddy spoke with a sense of purpose

while having a deep understanding on his subjects.

Vizag Industrial Scan in its numerous interactions with him had witnessed a person who had a keen and unflinching desire of making Andhra Pradesh a preferred destination for investments.

It was under his watch that Andhra Pradesh was adjudged the no 1 state in the Ease of doing business rankings.

Mr Goutham Reddy had on numerous occasions paid visits to New Delhi to make



Andhra Pradesh's voice heard both in terms of its pending dues while also making use of the opportunity to attract more investments into the state.

From building Greenfield ports, to skill development

to nurturing Andhra Pradesh's marine exports the minister spoke passionately about various sectors and striving towards creating a robust infrastructure for the state.

In fact he had just returned

from a 10 day business trip to Dubai expo 2020 where he diligently showcased the state as a promising and able place to do business. His trip included a series of investor meetings which he used to convince investors to come and set up in Andhra Pradesh. And sure he did as the minister's Dubai visit saw Andhra Pradesh get close to Rs 3000 crores of investments.

Many would state that Mr Goutham Reddy was the conduit between the local industry and the CM.

An avid listener coupled with a smile always adorning his face he was a person many in the industry had come to become fond of while have the opportunity to put forward their respective views and inputs. It's thus no surprise that industry/associations on a whole were plunged into sombre hearing the unfortunate passing away of a much able, young and promising leader.

The industry shall surely remember him as cherished and affectionate leader.

AP State has lost a respected leader who was deeply committed to the growth of IT Industry. He was instrumental in releasing an innovative IT Policy for the state of AP.

Mr. Sridhar Kosaraju
President, ITAAP

A visionary leader who made a mark in the Information Technology as well as Industries department. He was a very friendly person and understood the problems faced by industries and helped them by all means.

Mr. Veera Mohan
President, VCCI

Goutham Reddy was known for his sincerity, hard work, dynamism and a very friendly attitude towards all. Till the last day, he was working for the promotion of the industry.

Mr. V. Atchut Rao
President, FAPCCI

He was a great friend of CII and the industry. CII AP had the opportunity to work him closely on strategic imperatives for the development of the state. He played a key role in framing AP's Industrial policy-2020-23.

CII Andhra Pradesh

Industry has lost a true leader and a transparent Minister. He always worked for development of infrastructure and industry in the state of Andhra Pradesh

Mr. G. Sambasiva Rao
APCCIF

Navigating the Blue Seas



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Andhra Pradesh's chief Minister, **Mr Jagan Mohan Reddy** recently dedicated INS Visakhapatnam, the indigenously designed and constructed guided-missile stealth destroyer named after the City of Destiny –

Visakhapatnam, in a formal ceremony held at Naval Dockyard on 27 Feb 22.

The ship was on her maiden visit to the port for participating in the PFR and MILAN 2022.

INS Visakhapatnam is the lead ship of P15B class of guided missile stealth

destroyers and was commissioned on 21 Nov 21. The ship symbolises India's matured shipbuilding capability and quest for the Make in India initiative

towards achieving 'Atmanirbhar Bharat'.

The crew of the ship abides by her motto 'Yasho Labhasva' - a sanskrit phrase that translates to 'Attain Glory'. It embodies the indomitable spirit and capability of this mighty ship to achieve success and glory in every endeavour. The motto inspires her crew to surmount all odds and uphold the glory of the Ship, Service and Nation always.

The CM also took a short tour of the ship and interacted with crew after the Dedication ceremony.

Water Taxi Service in Mumbai

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Union Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways & AYUSH **Mr Sarbananda Sonowal** recently virtually flagged off the 'Most Awaited' Water Taxi for citizens of Mumbai, from Belapur Jetty. Chief Minister of Maharashtra, **Mr Uddhav Thackeray** presided over the on-ground function where he inaugurated the newly constructed Belapur Jetty.

A long time aspiration of the people of coastal Maharashtra, the Water Taxi service will connect the twin cities of Mumbai and Navi Mumbai for the first time. The Water Taxi services will commence from the Domestic Cruise Terminal (DCT) and will also connect nearby locations.

At the Secretariat



NTPC Chairman and Managing Director Mr. Gurudeep Singh recently met Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister **Mr. Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy**. The Chief Minister's Office said in a release that it was a "courtesy visit". In a tweet later, the NTPC said its CMD discussed the possibilities for collaborating with the AP government for renewable energy, pumped storage and efficiency in the power sector. The CM appreciated NTPC's efforts in ensuring reliable power supply to the state, the central power company said.

New amenities inaugurated

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With a focus on improving staff amenities, newly provided lift at Transit



accommodation quarters, Thachetlapalem, were inaugurated by **Ms. Parijata Satpathy**, President East Coast Railway Women's Welfare Organisation, Waltair in the august

presence of Divisional Railway Manager **Mr. Anup Satpathy**. speaking on the occasion **Ms. Parijata Satpathy** said that more such modern amenities would be developed over the Division for the staff convenience.

Further, DRM **Mr. Anup Satpathy** inaugurated High Volume Low Speed fan on Platform No.8 of Visakhapatnam railway station. This is the third such fan provided at the station.

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Praveen Prakash takes charge at AP Bhavan

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Mr. Praveen Prakash, recently assumed charge as the Principal Resident Commissioner (PRC) of AP Bhavan. **Mr. Praveen Prakash** said that he would work hard to resolve the pending issues in AP in coordination with the Central Government. Officers and staff then



observed a two-minute silence to pay tributes to former PRC **Abhaya Tripathi**.

MILAN 2022 puts on a Grand Show at Vizag

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The biennial Multilateral Naval Exercise, MILAN 22 saw a spectacular opening at the Naval Auditorium in Visakhapatnam with the Raksha Rajya Mantri, **Mr**

Navies, Delegation Heads of participating countries and the Commanding Officers and crew of all participating ships. A Special Day Cover and a movie on the MILAN exercise was also released by the Chief Guest to mark



visitors, showcasing Indian handicrafts, cuisine and arts, especially from the state of Andhra Pradesh. The village also provided a venue for social interaction and cultural exchange between the

participating navies.

The Navy wives welfare association (NWWA) had put up a stall at the MILAN village to display their initiative called Tarsh. Tarsh is an initiative of NWWA which provides an

opportunity for the wives of sailors to learn the art of block painting and sell handcrafted products. This besides skilling them also provides them with regular income. These block printing units have been set up in all the regions of

held wherein the CM of Andhra Pradesh **Mr. Jagan Mohan Reddy** was the chief guest. The op demo showcased various operations by the Indian Navy including special operations and sky diving by Marine



NWWA to train its ladies in this traditional art. As per NWWA this is one of the ancient printing techniques and prides itself on being centuries old.

An Operational Demonstration was also

Commandos, rescue operations by naval helicopters and fly-past by naval aircraft. The sky diving demonstration was the show stealer, where six divers landed next to the dais and presented a memento to the Chief Minister.



Ajay Bhatt as the chief guest. The opening ceremony event was attended by the Chief of the Naval Staff, Admiral **R Hari Kumar**, along with Ambassadors, High Commissioners, Chiefs of

the occasion.

As a part of the harbour phase, a MILAN village was set up at the Tarang Naval Institute. The village provided a glimpse of Indian culture to the

