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70% of AP's Minor ports yet to set sail

Aditya Sabharwal

The government of India recently laid out the list of non-active minor

ports, shipping and waterways said there are a total of 15 minor ports in Andhra Pradesh out of which a staggering 11 are non-active.



ports in each state.

Giving a written reply to **Mr Magunta Sreenivasulu Reddy's** question on the number of non-active minor ports in the country, the ministry of

This is glaring keeping in mind that the government of Andhra Pradesh has earmarked ports to be a key focus area of the government and has set itself an ambitious target of achieving 300 MTPA cargo throughput by 2024. Currently it is estimated that all minor ports in the state

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RINL's best ever Apr-Dec figures

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RINL the corporate entity of Visakhapatnam steel plant ended 2021 on a high note. The government of India enterprise under the ministry of steel recorded its best ever Sales Value of Rs 19,357 Crs. and Volume of 3,777,215 MT. This as per the company is its best ever figures in any Nine month FY period since inception.

"We have achieved a Sales Volume of 3.73 Mt

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IT Cos in Andhra face huge Skill crunch

Aditya Sabharwal

The COVID-19 pandemic has undoubtedly given a big push to digital further elevating the need for companies to more keenly look at their digital strategies.

Albeit good news for most IT companies as they benefit to get more business, this has increasingly shot up their need for skilled IT manpower in the state thereby causing a huge talent crunch in the job market. Hiring in the IT sector has seen a shooting rise

over the past couple of years with IT/ITES companies competing vehemently for trained talent to serve their customers.

'There is intense hiring going on in AP's IT sector

Andhra Pradesh) there will be an estimated demand of 8,000-10,000 people in the IT/ITES sector alone in the state.

'The offer to job ratio has plummeted significantly



- Candidates not Industry ready
- Candidates resorting to 'Offer Shopping'
- Hiring Costs zoom
- Estimated 8K-10k IT jobs in 2022

and hiring is under severe pressure' said **Mr G Krishna Mohan**, CEO Inspiredge IT Solutions speaking to *Vizag Industrial Scan*.

As per industry body ITAAP (Information Technology Association of

from 70% to 20%' said **Mr Sreedhar Kosaraju**, ITAAP's president.

For e.g. If an IT company sends out 10 offer letters earlier 7 would join while now only 2 join.

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Hindustan Shipyard Limited

(The First ISO-9001 Ship Building Company in the Country)
A Govt. of India Undertaking-Ministry of Defence



Key vessel capabilities & strengths

Defense	Commercial
Tugs	Cargo/ Containers
Patrol vessels	Passenger
Diving support	Dredgers
Pontoons	Rigs
Surveillance	Others
Auxiliary/support	

Rejuvenating Shipbuilding on the Eastern Seaboard

"Welcome to the new HSL where customer is king"

Rated as one of the pillars of economic growth in this region, the iconic Hindustan Shipyard Limited has been on a mission of reinventing itself in order to gear up for bigger projects. From bringing in the latest technology to ramping up infrastructure to streamlining vendor payments, HSL is preparing itself for a brighter future.

A series of new and bold reforms are being taken up at the yard under the leadership of its dynamic C&MD **Hemant Khatri** who says, 'Welcome to the new HSL where Project delivery to meet time and quality requirements of the customer is the main goal'.

With a new synergistic approach towards customer requirements, HSL is seeing a transformation to make sure that deliveries of vessels happen on time. HSL in fact recently achieved a milestone having delivered its 200th vessel, a 50 T Bollard pull Tug to the Indian Navy as per schedule.

Armed with 3 key strategic business units i.e. Shipbuilding, Ship repairs and Submarine retrofitting, HSL is competing aggressively on all 3 fronts.

One of the key focus areas of HSL has been to create a robust eco-system of MSMEs. 'We currently have 364 MSMEs registered at the yard and we are constantly looking for more' said the C&MD. It is also to note that 38% of HSL's total procurement is done through MSMEs which has been the norm for the past 4 years.

In anticipation of new orders HSL is looking to procure whopping Rs 4500-5000 crores from MSMEs in the next 3-4 years and with the FSS (Fleet Support Ships) order on the anvil, the yard is looking to spend a significant Rs 1000 crores on its infrastructure up gradation.

3 key business areas

- Shipbuilding**
 - Defence | 40 vessels delivered across auxiliary and support vessels
 - Commercial - 144 delivered to maritime sector & 16 vessels to oil sector
- Ship repairs & services**
 - Overall - 2000 vessels repaired and serviced so far at HSL
- Submarine Retrofit**
 - 5 submarines refits undertaken
 - Only Indian shipyard to have undertaken Mid Life Upgrade of a Russian built submarine

PRODUCT SPECTRUM

DEFENCE VESSELS

Inshore patrol vessels

Offshore patrol vessels

Fleet Support Ship

DECADE-WISE SHIPS DELIVERED BY HSL

Decade	Ships Delivered
1941-1950	5
1951-1960	22
1961-1970	27
1971-1980	25
1981-1990	30
1991-2000	17
2001-2010	37
2011-2020	30
2021-2030 (till Jan 2022)	7
Total	200

The above graph represents Decade-wise number of Ships built and delivered by HSL to various customers since inception.

COMMERCIAL VESSELS

Passenger vessels

Bulk carriers

SK Singh new Steel Secy



Tripathi, Secretary who was holding additional charge of Secretary Steel. Mr Sanjay Kumar Singh was appointed as Steel Secretary as part of a major top-level bureaucratic reshuffle effected by the Centre.

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Mr. Sanjay Kumar Singh recently assumed charge as the Secretary, Ministry of Steel in New Delhi. A 1987 batch IAS officer of Madhya Pradesh cadre Mr Singh succeeds **Mr P.K.**

Before assuming the present post, Mr Sanjay Kumar Singh was holding the post of Secretary, Department of Administrative Reforms & Public Grievances (DARPG) and Department of Pensions & Pensioners Welfare (DoPPW).

NMDC achieves Best Ever Dec.

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The largest iron ore producer of India delivered the highest ever production in any December month since inception.

Cumulative production and sales figures for the first nine months of FY22, up to December 2021, stood at 28.32 MT and 28.36 MT respectively, recording the best ever 9

team for yet this impressive performance, CMD, NMDC **Mr Sumit Deb** said, "I'd like to congratulate the team for continuing to deliver solid results at the start of an exciting

(in Million Tonnes)

	2020	2021	Up by %
Production in December	3.86	3.95	2.33%
Production upto December (9 months)	21.83	28.32	30%
Sales upto December (9 months)	22.27	28.36	27%

National Mineral Development Corporation Ltd. (NMDC), under the Ministry of Steel produced 3.95 MT and sold 3.40 MT of iron ore in the month of December, 2021.

months physical performance of NMDC. As per the NMDC the company achieved a growth of 30% in production and 27% in sales over the same period last year. Congratulating the NMDC

year. In 2022 with the completion of several of our projects you will see NMDC transition into a very different company with stronger fundamentals and exciting, cutting edge mining technologies."

SAIL's new Dir. Commercial



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Mr. Vejendra Srinivasa Chakravarthy has recently taken charge as Director (Commercial) of Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL). A chemical engineer from Laxminarayan Institute of Technology, Nagpur University, **Mr. Chakravarthy** joined SAIL in 1987 in the company's Central Marketing Organization.

Rising through the ranks, **Mr. Chakravarthy** became the Executive Director, Marketing in SAIL before taking over as the Director (Commercial) of the company. He is known for his commercial and marketing acumen. **Mr. Chakravarthy** has worked on various important projects including formulation of the company's Annual Business Plan for Marketing and contributed to production planning which has guided the company's long term marketing strategy.

Minister lays Stone for new Project of JSW Steel

VIS News Service

Union Steel Minister, **Mr. Ram Chandra Prasad Singh**, recently laid the foundation stone for the new 5 MTPA project at JSW Steel Vijayanagar Works integrated steel facility in Ballari, Karnataka. This brown-field expansion project is being undertaken through JSW Vijayanagar Metallics Ltd, a wholly owned subsidiary of JSW Steel Ltd. The Company has earmarked a capex investment of Rs 15,000 crore for this expansion and is expected to be completed by FY24. The Foundation Stone laying ceremony was conducted in the presence of JSW Steel Chairman **Mr. Sajjan Jindal** along with



other government and company officials.

The Environmental Clearance (EC) for the project has already been received from the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India and preliminary clearance from the 'Single Window High-Level Clearance Committee' (SHLCC), Government of Karnataka has also been

secured. As part of the 18 MTPA Roadmap for its Vijayanagar Works Steel Facility, JSW Steel aims to achieve an additional 1 MTPA expansion through upgradation of the current facility to achieve 13 MTPA capacity within the next 12 months.

Bhola Singh Takes charge @ NCL

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Mr. Bhola Singh recently assumed the charge of Chairman-cum-Managing Director (CMD) of Singrauli Based Coal India's flagship Subsidiary, Northern Coalfields Limited (NCL).

With a diversified experience of more than 34 years in the Coal Sector, **Mr. Singh** was working as Director (Technical) in Central Coalfields Ltd (CCL), a Jharkhand-based subsidiary of Coal India Limited (CIL), before assuming the charge of CMD NCL.



Mr. Bhola Singh succeeded **Mr. P. K. Sinha**, who superannuated on 31st December 2021. **Mr. Bhola Singh** started his career with NCL only as a Graduate Engineer Trainee in 1987. During his career, he also served in AES (USA-based MNC) as Head of a Greenfield Mining project in Chhattisgarh and Odisha.

RINL records best ever Apr-Dec figures

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against the production of 3.88 Mt. with a Sales turnover of Rs. 19,370 crores showing a growth of 69%." said RINL's C&MD **Mr. Atul Bhatt** while addressing employees on the New Year day.

Saleable Steel

Sales of saleable steel stood at 3,733,000 tons registering a growth of 21% over CPLY.

In terms of production of Saleable Steel the numbers stood at 3,885,000 tons registering a growth of 44% CPLY while saleable steel volume in Domestic sales stood at 2,744,000 tons registering a growth of 36% CPLY.

"RINL has a history of

converting challenges into opportunities. We could achieve improvement in all areas of operations during

The year also saw RINL achieving another milestone in its efforts towards maintaining a leadership position

would be a very promising year for RINL" and urged employees to not get complacent and to keep striving for even better results.

"Looking ahead, we should not rest on our laurels. We need to work even harder to sustain our position in the market. We

should focus on this quarter and try to achieve the best quarter figures in all areas."

RINL was also AWARDED 4 Star Export Trading House, for achieving two consecutive years with trade value more than Rs. 4000 Crs.



RINL has a history of converting challenges into opportunities. We achieved improvement in all areas of operations during the year.

Mr. Atul Kumar Bhatt
C&MD, RINL

the year. We have achieved Liquid Steel production of 5.85 Mt with an average of 109 heats per day in the Calendar Year 2021. It translates to about 94% utilization of 6.3 Mtpa Liquid Steel capacities" said **Mr Bhatt**.

in Energy conservation and also Commissioning activities at the Forged Wheel Plant completed and the first batch of wheels were handed over to Railways.

2022 to be Promising

The CMD **Mr Atul Bhatt** opined that "2022

NALCO awards presented

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National Aluminium Company Limited (NALCO), recently celebrated its 42nd Foundation Day in a hybrid mode at NALCO Corporate Office in Bhubaneswar.

On the occasion NALCO awards were presented to renowned and eminent personalities for their significant achievements in respective fields with the objective of promoting literature and culture. This year the NALCO Kalidas Samman was conferred upon well-known spiritual thinker and writer **Dr.**



Chandra Bhanu Satpathy. Renowned Odissi Dancer Padmashri **Aruna Mohanty** was bestowed with the NALCO Kharavela Award in Odissi Dance Guru Category. **Ms. Mamata Ojha** and **Mr. Harekrushna Dhall** were both presented with the N A L C O Kharavela Award in Odissi Dancer category.

Addressing the employees and stakeholders of the Company, NALCO CMD **Mr. Sridhar Patra**, appreciated the dedication and hard work of the employees.

Rly. Board's New CEO



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Mr Vinay Kumar Tripathi recently took over as the Chairman and CEO of Railway board, New Delhi. Mr Tripathi was earlier the general manager of North eastern railway. As per an official statement from North Eastern Railway, Tripathi did B Tech (Electrical Engineering) from Roorkee and joined railways through the Indian Railway Service of Electrical Engineers (IRSEE) batch of 1983. His first posting was as an Assistant Electrical Engineer on Northern Railway. The appointments committee of the cabinet had approved the appointment of Mr Tripathi.

Mr Tripathi has wide experience in railway management and administrations. He is equally popular among railway officers and staff.

Cochin Port's team reaches out to clients on East Coast

Holds series of Biz meetings with Trade in Kolkata

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In order to garner a bigger share of exim trade, the Business Development Team of Cochin Port reached out to clients in eastern India with their recent visit to Kolkata.

In a series of business meetings they met with the Engineering Export Promotion Council which explored tapping the potential of steel forgings and cast iron products thru coastal shipping for transshipment from Cochin to Jabel Ali.

The members agreed to discuss with the Logistics Service provider to work out costing for trail shipment.

In a first of its kind joint sales pitch by two sister ports, Haldia Dock Complex and Cochin Port Team associated to canvas and promote a modal shift of jute products which are presently being transported by road from Kolkata to Alleppy.

In another meeting

with Jute Manufacturers Trade, that supply jute products to the coir exporters of Alleppy belt, by road; the members were explained the significant savings in logistics by modal shift to coastal shipping using WEX service.

As per Cochin port the approx. cost by coastal shipping would come to Rs.3300/ Ton as against



Image courtesy of Cochin Port Trust

Rs.8000- Rs.10,000/ Ton by road. The first trail shipment was scheduled on 2nd Jan.2022. There is a potential of moving 50-75 TEUs/month by coastal shipping thereby reducing load on the road said the release from Cochin port.

In another meeting with jute bag suppliers, they expressed their interest to try coastal shipping for supply to Kushalnagar coffee belt.

The Logistics service providers have been asked to provide the costing and to fix up the schedule.

A meeting was also held with a Ship Owner for deployment of a ocean going barge for the coastal movement of steel coils from Gujarat to Kerala. The Ship Owner has agreed to revert by end Jan.22 with cost workings.

Overall, the Trade fraternity of Kolkata expressed their satisfaction with Cochin Port coming forward to offer alternate cost effective logistics options to the middle East markets as well as the end customers in Kerala/ Kushalnagar, considering the short supply of containers, non availability of slots, limited sailings and exorbitant road transport cost. **Mr AK Mehera, Dy. Chairman, Haldia Dock Complex** chaired the meeting with the Jute Manufacturers - setting a novel beginning of joint marketing by sister ports of Cochin and Haldia.

Engg. goods exports up 37%

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Engineering goods exports ended 2021 on a positive note despite a host of challenges ranging from high input costs to supply-chain disruptions and exceptionally high freight rates posing downward risks, said **EPEC** India Chairman **Mr Mahesh Desai**. Engineering goods shipments recorded 37% year-on-year growth in the month of December, 2021 with the total

value estimated at US\$ 9.7 billion.

"While we remain cautiously optimistic the Omicron worry is real and it could play major spoilsport. Our key markets in Europe and North America are witnessing a very high number of infections and that could negatively impact the order pipeline. As of now we have not seen any impact but in the next few weeks we will have a clear picture," said Mr Desai.

ONGC's 1st Woman CMD

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Director (HR) Dr Dalka Mittal has been entrusted with additional charge of CMD, making her the first woman to head the Energy major.

She replaces **Mr. Subhash Kumar** who retired on December 31. Ms. Mittal will hold office till a period of six months from January 1 or till the



appointment of a regular incumbent, whichever is earlier.

Dec'21 Exports touches all time high

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Export figures for the month of December '21 achieved a milestone by recording the highest ever exports in a month and in a quarter. As per data Merchandise Exports touched USD 300 billion till December, 2021.

Reacting to the Trade Data, FIEO President, **Dr A**



Sakthivel hailed the export figures for breaking all records.

FIEO stated that this was the highest-ever exports of USD 37.29 billion with a growth of 37% during the month and USD 103 billion during the October-December Quarter of 2021-22 along with merchandise exports of about USD 300 billion with an increase of around 49 percent during April-December, 2021-22.

This is phenomenal in it-

self, as it has broken all previous records of recent times, showcasing the continuous resilience of India's exports sector said Dr Sakthivel.

Looking at the current trend, we are on course to achieving the USD 400 billion merchandise exports target for the fiscal, said FIEO President.

As per FIEO the top sectors, which performed impressively during the month were Engineering Goods, Petroleum Products, Gems & Jewellery, Organic & Inorganic Chemicals, Drugs & Pharmaceuticals, Electronic Goods, RMG of All Textiles, Cotton Yarn/Fabrics/Made-ups, Handloom Products etc., Plastic & Linoleum and Rice contributing to about USD 30 billion (constituting about 80 percent of exports with a growth of 41 percent during the month over December 2020).

Haldia Jetty to be operational soon

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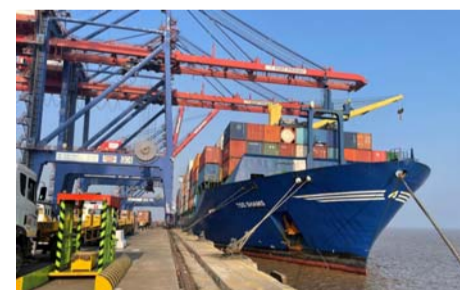
Announcing that the contract has been awarded for Haldia inland waterway terminal, Union Minister for Ports, Shipping & Waterways and Ayush **Mr Sarbananda Sonowal** said that the jetty will be operational soon for sending exim and inland cargo to Pandu terminal in Guwahati connecting the northeast with Kolkata via National waterway 2. This will provide an alternate to chicken neck route for easy and cost effective movement of cargo to and from northeast to the foreign countries and other states of India said the minister.

He interacted with various stakeholders of port and shipping industry of Kolkata and Haldia port and invited all of them to be a partner in this unique opportunity of using sea and river route combination (NW1 and NW2) via Kolkata port.

New weekly service to Gulf

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APM Terminals Pipavav recently secured a new weekly service to the Gulf. The weekly service NMG (NHAVA SHEVA MUNDRA GULF) connects India to the Gulf and will ease the supply network between the regions, stated an official of APM Terminals.



The vessel, 'TSS SHAMS 0009' will start from Jebel Ali Port and will call at Sohar, Nhava Sheva, Pipavav and Mundra Port. The service will cater to the exporters/importers of western and northern India there by strengthening and boosting connectivity of Indian hinterland to the Gulf markets.

As per APM this service

will repose and ease the supply network between the India and Middle East. The vessel is scheduled to arrive in Pipavav port ev-

foods, potato, onion, rice, brass items and white goods.

Commenting on commencement of the new

Vessel scheduled to arrive in Pipavav port every Thursday

ery Thursday. The service will cater to the exporter/importers of states like Rajasthan, Gujarat, Punjab and Delhi. The various commodities for EXIM include scrap, wastepaper, dates, bitumen, clay, ceramic tiles,

service, **Mr. Jakob Friis Sorensen, MD, APM Terminals Pipavav** said, "Delighted to announce that the year 2022 starts with securing new service to the Gulf region. The weekly service will strengthen and boost connectivity of Indian hinterland to the gulf markets. We believe that this service will deepen our presence in Gulf markets

Exporters/Importers from Rajasthan, Gujarat, Punjab & Delhi to benefit

handicrafts, crated stone, marble, agricultural commodities, dehydrated

and thereby help our customers to widen their reach into the global markets."

Jagan asserts payments to AP

Asks Centre to release pending Dues to state

VIS News Service

In a high profile two-day visit to the capital, CM Mr. Jagan Mohan Reddy, called upon several key central ministers in New Delhi and sought their support in releasing various pending dues to the state and also to aggrandize development works in Andhra Pradesh.

The Chief Minister started off his visit by meeting the Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi wherein he discussed several key and pending issues related to the State. He reiterated the unfulfilled de-



enue deficit in 2014-15 financial year was Rs 22,948.76 crore, Jagan Reddy said only Rs 4,117.89 crore has been

AP Genco had supplied power to Telangana power distribution companies after the bifurcation of the state and that Rs

strengthened.

YSR Steel Corp

Informing the PM on the establishment of the steel plant in Kadapa the CM told the prime minister that securing mines for the steel plant was crucial and that requests have been made to the ministry of mines for the same. He however mentioned that the Ministry of Mines has suggested the auction route for securing the supply of minerals. This the CM said would reduce the possibility of availability of low-cost mineral thereby threatening the feasibility of the project. Jagan urged the Prime Minister to direct Mines Ministry to reserve mineral areas as it is of vital importance for the future of the project.

Meet With FM

After the meeting with Prime Minister the Chief Minister met India's Finance

Some of the pending Dues:

- Rs 18,830.87 crs to be received from Centre
- Rs 6284 crs to be received from Telangana power to AP GENCO

mands the centre had promised to the state at the time of bifurcation.

Mr. Jagan Mohan Reddy requested Modi to approve the revised cost estimates of Rs 55,657 crore at 2017-18 price level, and also to release the pending payments of Rs 2,100 crore already incurred by the state government towards the Polavaram project. Pointing out while state's total rev-

released.

He asked the Prime Minister that the remain-

6,284 crore is pending in dues to AP.

Jagan requested the

YSR Steel Corporation

CM Seeks PM's help in securing mines for YSR steel plant.

ing Rs 18,830.87 crore be released at the earliest, to support the state during this hour of need. He also apprised the PM that

Prime Minister to direct the concerned authorities to settle the dues so that the State power sector will be financially

Minister Ms.Nirmala Sitharaman and highlighted key and pending issues related to the state.

IN BRIEF

OP Singh gets addl. charge as CMD of MCL

Mr. OP Singh, Director (Tech/Operations), recently assumed the additional charge of Chairman-cum-Managing Director, Mahanadi Coalfields Limited (MCL). A mining engineer with a first-class competency certificate, Mr. Singh has held various senior positions in mine planning and production management in both underground and opencast projects during his long experience of about 37 years in the coal industry.



CII AP holds QC competition

CII Andhra Pradesh recently organized its 34th Edition of Andhra Pradesh State Level Quality Circle Competition for the year 2021 through Digital Platform. Mangal Industries Limited (Vivekananda-01 QC team) won the competition first place while Aurobindo Pharma Ltd (Badlav QC team) won the second place and Amara Raja Electronics Limited (Power zone QC team) secured third place out of the 13 Teams competed at State level quality circle competition.

SCR Bags 2 Efficiency Shields

South Central Railway has bagged two All India Performance Efficiency Shields for the year 2021. SCR has attained this recognition at National level for best performance in various fields. The zone has received two shields in Performance Efficiency viz., Stores shield and Civil Engineering shield (Jointly with West Central Railway). SCR has been a pioneer in disposal of scrap and ensured that all the three major scrap depots at Lallaguda, Rayanapadu and Tirupati are declared as scrap free.



AP, Odisha CSs hold meet

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The Chief Secretary of AP Dr Samir Sharma recently held a virtual meeting with Odisha Chief Secretary Mr. Suresh Chandra Mahapatra and other officials to amicably resolve various inter-state issues between the states of Andhra Pradesh and Odisha. Mr. Mahapatra said in a video conference that efforts would be made to resolve various pending issues between the two states in an amicable manner. CS Sameer Sharma pointed out that road connectivity needs to be com-



pleted expeditiously, especially in the border villages of the two states. Earlier in the day, various pending issues pertaining to energy, water resources, higher education, school education, revenue and transport were discussed.

General Secretary Mr. KS Jawahar Reddy said that the Odisha government should hand over 106 acres of land for the construction of the barrage.

The CSs of the two states, agreed to take steps at the district level to resolve the issues of the Kotia Group of Villages.

IIM Vizag yet again scores a 100%

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IIM Visakhapatnam yet again managed to secure a successful placement season this year for its MBA 20-22 batch despite the uncertainties caused by the Covid-19 pandemic.

Popularly known as the sunrise IIM completed the final placement season for the 6th graduating MBA batch in record time, with record offers.

As per a release from IIMV the institute shattered its previous records to achieve the highest ever average package at 14.6 LPA (up 16% from last year) and median at 15 LPA (up 25% from last year).

Reinforcing their faith in the distinctive quality of IIMV's students, industry-wide re-



Competence & confidence of our students are a winning combination.

Prof. M Chandrasekhar
Director, IIMV

cruiters offered higher packages for coveted roles pushing the highest package up to 23.5 LPA, a handsome increase of 13% over the last season said

the release.

Held on a rolling basis, the placement season witnessed over 75 companies participating in the process and making multiple offers with 40+ new recruiters offering roles across various domains, including Consulting, Strat-

Sector Wise Break Up

- BFSI (31%)
- IT/ITES (26%)
- Consulting (25%)
- E-commerce (7%)
- Manufacturing (5%)
- FMCG (3%)
- Other sectors (3%)

egy, Finance, Product Management, Sales & Marketing, HR, IT & Analytics etc.

Some of the prominent recruiters at the campus included Amazon, Deloitte, Cognizant, YES Bank, Anand Rathi, ICICI Lombard, TATA AIA, NCR Corporation, Zetwerk, KPMG, Virtusa, ICICI Bank, HashedIn, Infosys, IndiaMART, L&T, HCL, TAFE, TATA Advanced Systems, HSBC.

Congratulating the students and thanking the recruiters, the Director Prof. M Chandrasekhar said "This is a perfect gift the students gave us on the eve of the New Year. Competence and confidence of our students are a winning combination.

SCR's New GM Appointment



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Mr. Sanjeev Kishore, General Manager, South Western Railway (SWR) has recently assumed charge as In-Charge General Manager of South Central Railway.

He is an alumnus of Indian Railway Institute of Mechanical and Electrical Engineering (IRIMEE), Jamalpur. Mr. Sanjeev Kishore earned a PG diploma in management from MDI Gurgaon (with Prime Minister's medal for best overall performance) and has completed the Executive Fellow Program (Doctoral Level) in Strategic Management from MDI Gurgaon.

He has wide and varied experience of working in various capacities over Indian Railways and has served in North Eastern Railway, Rail Coach Factory, Kapurthala, Central Railway, RITES, COFMOW, Centre for Railway Information Systems, New Delhi, Railway Board, and Rail Wheel Factory, Yelahanka, Bengaluru.

Industry better prepared for 3rd wave: CII AP

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With the recent spike in Covid-19 cases, CII is working with the State Government of Andhra Pradesh towards Business Continuity & supporting MSME's to overcome the economic downturn by facilitating cross sector initiatives and policy interventions.

In a press release issued **Mr D Tirupathi Raju**, Chairman CII Andhra Pradesh & Executive Chairman, Vijaynagar Biotech Pvt Ltd said that it is imperative on the part of all stakeholders to work collaboratively to combat the spread of Covid-19. Given the experiences of first wave and second wave industry is well prepared to the situation arising out of third wave. He further said that Govern-

ment of Andhra Pradesh is supportive in ensuring fair balance between lives and livelihood for running the industry. Infact, the industries are already implementing Covid-19 appropriate behavior in their factories.

Mr Neeraj Sarma, Vice Chairman CII Andhra Pradesh & Deputy Managing Director, Sarma Metals & Alloys Ltd said that in view of increasing Covid-19 cases, many companies have suspended or are re-considering their return-to-work plans and are reassessing business continuity measures as a third wave of the pandemic is gaining momentum.

Mr Neeraj Sarma added that the corporates are better prepared this time around after dealing with two previous waves and have established their Covid Protocols.

Global meet at Raghu College



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A two-day International Conference on Computing, Communication and power technology (IC3P2022) was recently held at Raghu En-

gineering College.

APSCHE Chairman **Prof. Hemachandra Reddy** who inaugurated the conference said this is the right platform to gain knowledge on innovation.

NRDC's Sahu gets coveted Danida Fellowship

VIS News Service

Regional Head of NRDC Vizag, **Dr B K Sahu**, was recently bestowed with the prestigious Danida Fellowship from Royal Kingdom of Denmark, which is the part of bilateral relation between Republic of India and Denmark. Under this programme, Dr Sahu visited Copenhagen during the month of November 2021 and trained on "Fostering Innovation and Commercialisation of IPR" at Copenhagen Business School (CBS), Copenhagen, Denmark.

This opportunity and experience gained on innovation management strategy and technology



transfer mechanism will certainly create an ecosystem for formulating advanced methodologies and mechanism to address the challenges with in India towards indigenization and self-reliance on technology Dr B Sahu told *Vizag Industrial Scan*.

He further added "This exposure certainly created engagement international

learning experience in line with technology transfer, innovation management and technology indigenization in the country and also NRDC's mandate and objective and there is a need of reorientation in changing paradigm of ecosystem of innovation"

During the stay at Copenhagen Dr Sahu visited many industries, startups ecosystem, university TTO Offices and Medicon Valley. In the recent time, NRDC Vizag has also received National Awards as best Technology Innovation Centre from DPIIT, Ministry of Commerce & Industries for the year 2021.

Jagan urges Gadkari for 6 lane National Highway

VIS News Service

In his recent visit to the capital the CM called upon Union Minister for Road Transport & Highways **Mr. Nitin Gadkari** and discussed issues pertaining to State highways and their development.

They discussed details about the Detailed Project Report (DPR) for constructing the national highway from Visakhapatnam Port to Bhogapuram via Rishikonda and Bhimili beach road.

The road he said will be very useful for Visakhapatnam and will shorten the distance from Visakhapatnam port to Odisha and Chhattisgarh states for transport vehicle.



In view of the traffic congestion in Visakhapatnam, the Chief Minister sought for a six-lane highway.

The Chief Minister also requested Mr. Gadkari to grant a bypass road on the eastern side of Vijayawada and said the land acquisition for it will be completed as soon as possible.

He added that exemption will be given on SGST and royalty to reduce the cost of the project and urged the Centre to take up the project as soon as possible.

As part of the Kathipudi-Ongole Corridor, the CM sought the extension of the NH-216 to be extended as a 4-lane road in Bapatla. He sought for widening the existing road at Bapatla and make it a four-lane road, owing to traffic congestion due to a large number of educational institutions, tourists, and vehicular movements to the airbase there.

Highest Ticket Checking drive @ Waltair Div.

VIS News Service

Waltair Division of the East Coast Railway earned Rs.2.05 crores in ticket checking drive for the month of

December 2021. This as per the division is their highest ever record surpassing all its previous records.

The checking drives

initiated over the Waltair Division saw as many as 35,342 cases fetching Rs.2.05 crores. There are five ticket checking bases in the Waltair Division.



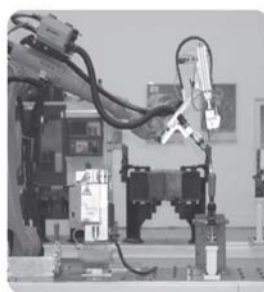
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AP's IPR filings Zoom

Ranks No.2 in terms of Growth of Patent Filings

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Giving a major boost to IPR filings in the state of Andhra Pradesh, the office of the Controller General of Patents, Designs, Trademarks and Geographical Indications, Government of India said that the growth rate in filing patent applications from Andhra Pradesh was about 51% compared to the last year.

Releasing the Intellectual Property India Annual Report for 2019-2020 it stated that AP filed 484 Patents in 2019-20 compared to 321 in 2018-19 and maintained its 11th position in the Country.

The state of Punjab however registered the highest growth rate of 117% with filing of 1435 patent applications in 2019-20 and occupying fifth position in the country.

The top three States in filing patent applications in-



Chair Professor and the AP State IPR Nodal Officer said the University has prepared a road map to position AP in the top 5 States in the next 3 years.

The Annual report compiles and present all the Intellectual Property generated and applications filed seeking protection in India. According to the latest Annual report 56,267 patent applications were filed in 2019-20 compared to 50,659 in 2018-19.

The growth rate in overall patent filing was about 11%. Out of the total patent applications filed 37% are Indian applicants and 63% are foreign applicants. Compared to last year there is about 3.4 % increase in patent filings by Indian nationals is a good sign.

Prof Purushotham DPIIT-IPR

Andhra Fish thru mobile services

VIS News Service

In an effort to brand Andhra fish Srikakulam District Collector Mr. Srikesh Lathakar reviewed the setting up of mini fish retail outlets in village and ward secretariats in connection with the Fisheries Department. On the occasion he said that he was directed to take steps to sell fish through mobile services.



Marketing Department official Eddy Srinivasa Rao said the stalls would be rented out to sell fish if the stalls at the farmer's markets were vacant. Fisheries Minister JD Srinivasa Rao told the Collector that the intention was to set up three hubs at Palakonda, Srikakulam and Palasa.

HSL's 200th vessel

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Hindustan Shipyard Limited achieved a significant landmark recently by delivering its 200th vessel. The strategically located shipyard under the ministry of defence has come a long way since its inception in 1941.



The 200th vessel 'Balbir', sailed out with HSL Engineers for delivery to the Indian Navy at Naval Dockyard (Mumbai) on 8 Jan 2022. This is the last of the series of four 50T Bollard Pull Tugs built for Indian Navy.

The Tug has been completely designed and built by HSL which is capable of producing 50 Ton Bollard Pull and can achieve a speed of upto 12 Knots. During the first sea trials itself, ship has proved her capabilities and achieved performance

greater than the contractual requirements stated a release from HSL.

On this occasion, Cdr JP Gupta, Director (Corporate Planning & Personnel) HSL congratulated all Officers, Staff and Workmen for professionalism.

Cmde Kunjumon E Mathew, Director (Shipbuilding), HSL thanked all stakeholders including Indian Navy for extending their support for successful completion of the project on time. HSL had also recently delivered the third of the four 50 Ton Bollard Pull Tug (Balraj) to Indian Navy on time. This Tug was the 199th vessel being built and delivered by Shipyard.

IAS trainees visit Sri City

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A group of 19 trainee officers of the Indian Administrative Service (IAS) of 2020 batch recently visited Sri City as part of Bharat Darshan tour.

The IAS officers on training belong to different state cadres. During the briefing session, they all evinced keen interest and inquired on different aspects of Sri City, encompassing water & power supply and industry needs,

job opportunities, waste management, etc., Later, they went round the mega industrial park and witnessed the world-class infrastructure and the business friendly ambiance.

Exhilarated at the clear vision, perfect planning, meticulous implementation, keenness on employment generation, and sustainable urbanisation principles of Sri City, the team of officers appreciated the efforts of the management of the business city.

Gitam- LVPEI Ink MoU

VIS News Service

Gitam Deemed to be University recently

entered a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with LV Prasad Eye Institute to promote closer interaction between team of scientists and faculty through various research activities, joint seminars, workshops, conference.

As part of MoU Gitam and LVPEI would collaborate to do joint research in the areas of eye health particularly ophthalmic sciences pertaining to ocular microbiology, pathology, epidemiology, innovation, artificial intelligence in ophthalmology, biomedical engineering, ocular genetics.



BIS issues recall Alert

VIS News Service

BIS Visakhapatnam branch recently issued a public alert for a product recall manufactured by M/s Vijayalakshmi Health & Surgicals Pvt. Ltd. Plot No. 406, APIIC, Gundia Palle Maddipadu Mandal, Ongole Prakasam, Andhra Pradesh.

This is to bring to the public notice of the general public that the manufacturer with details given has been advised for product recall in view of the non-conformities observed in the product w.r.t. the requirements stipulated in relevant Indian Standard and the non-conformities have an impact on public health/safety stated BIS in a statement.

It further stated that the product of disposable surgical rubber gloves is under brand name DR Glove



AI powered App for Elderly now in Vizag

VIS News Service

In order to serve the needs of the elderly people living away from their children, Anvayaa an AI tech-based platform recently launched its elderly care services in the city of destiny, Vizag.

Claiming to be India's first and only IoT and AI tech-based platform, Anvayaa has set up a robust eco-system in Vizag by partnering with 7 Hills Hospital for health care services, Quantum Diagnostics, Sri Sai Ambulance Services, Grace Home HealthCare, Pioneer Marketing Co & V R Local for Home Repairs and also creating its own in-house team of 'Care Managers' and '24x7 Care Coordinators'.

"We are delighted to start our services in Vizag. Anvayaa is helping children to look after their parents while they are away from their elderly. We offer a one-stop solution for the needs of the elder's in the society by taking care of elders health" said Mr. Prashanth Reddy,



Founder, and Managing Director, Anvayaa Kin-Care Pvt Ltd.

Anvayaa's innovative technology provides efficient care and predictable service for senior citizens and maintains their medical records, home healthcare support, diagnostics, Medical Emergency tracking system, auto reminders, and daily care. According to research, health care forms only 30% of the services required by the elders in the society, the rest is practical and emotional support for daily needs.

Besides support for health care, they have set up a detailed eco-system with over 250 partners to fulfil every need of elders and

make their life easy. These services include Diagnostics and pharmacy, home maintenance, libraries, grocery, surveillance & security, local travel, lawyers.

Speaking on the occasion Wing Commander - MK Bose, CEO - 7 Hills Hospitals, Visakhapatnam said, "We are delighted to partner with Anvayaa as a health care partner for providing elder health care services along with emergency care support. Health care management for elders requires a multi-dimensional approach and 7 Hills offers the necessary skill-set and infrastructure to support the healthcare requirements of the subscribers for Anvayaa's elderly care services in Visakhapatnam."

Papua New Guinea Explores Biz. potential @ Sri City



missioner said that it is a 'world class' facility. Commenting on the greenery in Sri City, he said, "It is really enthralling to visit Sri City. Hailing from the most forested country in the world, I really appreciate

VIS News Service

Mr. Paulias Korni, High commissioner of Papua New Guinea in New Delhi recently visited Sri City. **Mr. Shivsankar**, Senior Vice President (Marketing), Sri City explained them about the world class infrastructure and locational advantages of multi sector industrial park. The High Commissioner was accompanied by a few investors from Papua New Guinea.

The intent of their visit was to witness and gain first-hand knowledge about the industrial park, assess its business

potential and explore investment opportunities, particularly in the coffee industry. During the interaction, they all evinced keen interest and inquired on different aspects of Sri City.

Briefing them on the unique features and the brisk pace of development of the industrial park, **Mr. Satish Kamat**, President, (Operations), Sri City highlighted the host of incentives being offered by the State and as well as the Central Governments. Impressed with the infrastructure and industry-friendly ambiance of Sri City, the High Com-

your conscious efforts in turning the entire area into a 'green city'."

Commenting on the visit, **Mr. Ravindra Sannareddy**, Founder Managing Director, Sri City, said, "We feel honoured at the impression of Mr. Paulias Korni on our campus greening as a tool for institutional sustainability efforts. Interaction of this kind will further enhance business ties between the two countries. We are confident that his observations, which are very encouraging, would pave way for business investments from Papua New Guinea."

NRDC's ToT for skin care application

VIS News Service

NRDC recently transferred an innovative and indigenous technology "Recombinant Ectoine from Deep Sea Bacteria for Skin Care and Cosmetic Application" for commercialization to M/s. Ambtu Life Sciences Private Limited (ALPL) Mumbai under Make in India Mission.

This technology is patented and developed by National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT), Chennai.

As per NRDC this technology provides indigenous method for producing recombinant ectoine or a derivative thereof, using the recombinant plasmid containing genetic material coding for biosynthesis of ectoine. The development of this recombinant ectoine is intended for skin care and cosmetic applications such as anti-aging and UV protectant skin creams, sun burn lotions/creams, eye and nasal drops etc.

India's New DG Coast Guard

VIS News Service

Director General **VS Pathania**, recently took over as the 24th Chief of Indian Coast Guard.

An alumnus of the Defence Services Staff College, Wellington and National Defence College, New Delhi the Flag Officer is a qualified helicopter pilot and holds a Master's Degree in Defence & Strategic Studies from the University of Madras. He has also undergone specialization in Search and Rescue and port operations with US Coast Guard. In his illustrious career spanning over 36 years, he has held several key appointments afloat and ashore.

The Flag Officer was elevated to the rank of Additional Director General in Nov 2019 and took over the reins as Coast Guard Commander (Eastern Seaboard) at Visakhapatnam. The period under his apex

watch on Eastern Seafloor saw surge in major operations that included apprehension of gold and tons of drugs/narcotic substance



worth thousands of crores, pollution response operations, joint exercises with Foreign Coast Guard, anti-poaching operations, mass rescue operations and humanitarian assistance during cyclones/natural calamities and strengthened Coastal Security.

He is also the recipient of President's Tatrakshak Medal for Distinguished Service, Tatrakshak Medal for gallantry and Director General Indian Coast Guard Commendation.

IN BRIEF

Record no. of surgeries at Sankar Foundation

Sankar Foundation, a super Speciality Eye Hospital has performed a record number of 25,012 eye surgeries during 2021. The hospital has performed the highest number of cataract surgeries during 2021 under Dr. YSR Kantivelugu and Dr. YSR Arogyasree schemes and stood 1st in the State. Addressing the gathering on the occasion of New Year **Ms. K B N Manimala**, Managing Trustee & CEO, Sankar Foundation commended the State government for their support to the hospital particularly the government Paramedical Ophthalmic Officers who were instrumental in successful implementation of AP government's prestigious programmes like Dr. YSR Arogyasree and Kantivelugu. The hospital has so far performed 3,67,888 eye surgeries of which 2,87,356 (i.e., 78%) were performed to the poor patients free of cost.



NAC's Free training programme

National Academy of Construction (NAC) is conducting free training in refrigeration - air conditioning - washing machine (RACW) under the auspices of Andhra Pradesh State Skills Development Corporation (APSSDC) of National Academy of Construction Assistant Director **SVSS Ravikumar**, said in a statement. The training which began on January 5th will last for 2 months. He said the training would be on a purely non-residential basis and free lunch, uniforms and stationery would be provided during the training period.

Puneetha Uttarakhand CIC

VIS News Service

Mr. Anil Chandra Puneetha was recently sworn in as the Chief Commissioner of Right to Information in his home state of Uttarakhand in Dehradun. State Governor Lieutenant General **Gurmeet Singh** administered the oath of office. Anil Chandra Puneetha was the District Collector of Srikakulam from 1993 to 1996.

At the Secretariat



In order to curtail spread of COVID-19 pandemic and to help the recent flood victims, Andhra Organics Ltd. has donated Rs. 1 crore to the State government. The cheque was handed over to Chief Minister **Mr. YS Jagan Mohan Reddy** at the Chief Minister's Camp Office by the Director of the Virco Group of Companies, **Mr. M. Maha Vishnu** along with Srisailam MLA **Mr. Shilpa Chakrapani Reddy**.

AP Tech Cos Assn. New President



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Mr Sreenivas N Talapaka has been elected as the president of the technology companies association of Andhra Pradesh (TCOAP).

Mr Sreenivas has been elected for a period of 2 years i.e. 2022-2024. As per TCOAP it has been incorporated solely for Technology Industries association in Andhra Pradesh without any commercial and profit motive purposes.

TCOAP looks to be part of the AP state government activities connected to policy making, conducting seminars, symposiums, Business meetings & exhibitions etc.

City based CS new Chairman SIRC

VIS News Service

CS A V V S S CH B Sekhar Babu, has been appointed as the Chairman of SIRC, ICSI Chennai.

A fellow member of the prestigious Institute of Company secretaries of India (ICSI) since 1994 and engaged in Practice of the Profession for the last 26 years, he has served as Chairman of the Visakhapatnam Chapter of



the Southern India Regional Council during the years 2012 and 2013, focusing on facilities for Students and Professional Development

of Members during his tenure. He was also a Southern Regional Council member for the year 2019, Secretary for the Year 2020 and Vice Chairman for the year 2021.

He is an Independent Director on the Boards of a few Listed Public Limited Companies.

CS Sekhar Babu will take charge from 19 Jan 2022 as Chairman of SIRC of the ICSI, Chennai.

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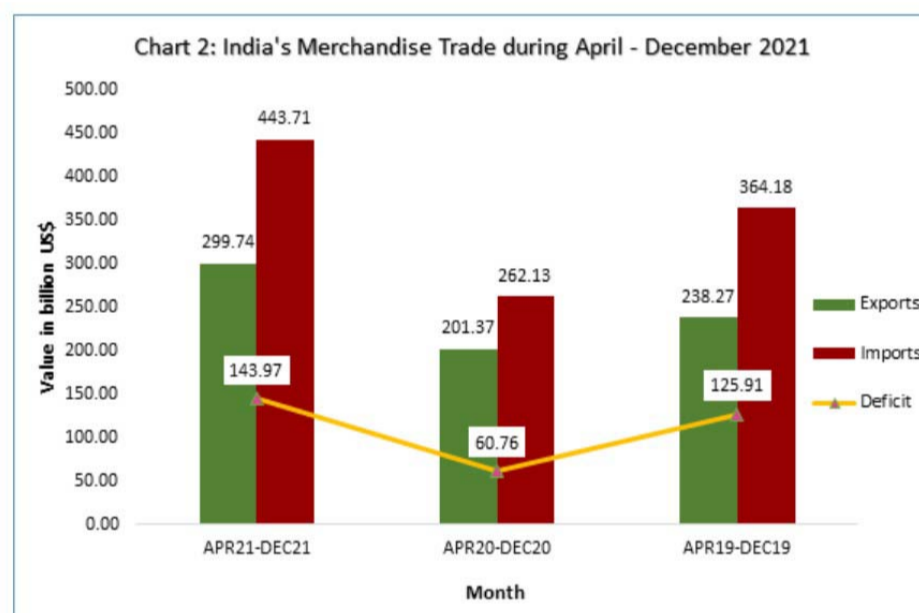
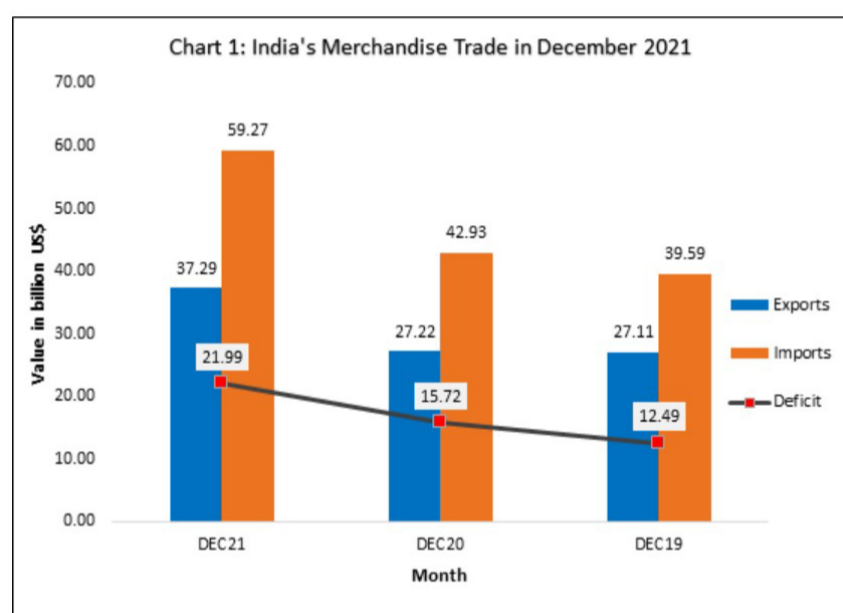
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Exports of Top 10 Major Commodity Groups (National)

SL. No.	Major Commodity Group	Value of Export (Million USD)		Share %	Growth %
		Dec-21	Dec-20	Dec-21	Dec-21 over Dec-20
1.	Engineering goods	9708.94	7072.63	26.04	37.27
2.	Petroleum products	5611.70	2336.63	15.05	140.16
3.	Gems and Jewellery	2982.55	2575.67	8.00	15.80
4.	Organic and Inorganic chemicals	2646.32	2100.00	7.10	26.01
5.	Drugs and Pharmaceuticals	2288.20	2203.53	6.14	3.84
6.	Electronic goods	1663.70	1248.33	4.46	33.27
7.	RMG of all Textiles	1460.36	1195.78	3.92	22.13
8.	Cotton Yarn/Fabs./Madeups, Handloom products etc.	1439.44	987.76	3.86	45.73
9.	Plastic and Linoleum	893.02	570.49	2.40	56.54
10.	Rice	882.62	682.77	2.37	29.27
	Total of 10 Major Commodity Groups	29576.85	20973.58	79.33	41.02
	Rest	7708.21	6242.71	20.67	23.48
	Total Exports	37285.07	27216.29	100.00	37.00



Imports of Top 10 Major Commodity Groups (National)

SL. No.	Major Commodity Group	Value of Import (Million USD)		Share %	Growth %
		Dec-21	Dec-20	Dec-21	Dec-21 over Dec-20
1.	Petroleum, Crude & products	15904.53	9629.01	26.83	65.17
2.	Electronic goods	6532.02	5037.69	11.02	29.66
3.	Gold	4690.68	4485.76	7.91	4.57
4.	Machinery, electrical & non-electrical	3878.29	3149.33	6.54	23.15
5.	Organic & Inorganic Chemicals	3224.79	1879.88	5.44	71.54
6.	Pearls, precious & Semi-precious stones	2882.49	2397.17	4.86	20.25
7.	Coal, Coke & Briquettes, etc.	2796.08	1624.32	4.72	72.14
8.	Transport equipment	2265.75	2476.59	3.82	-8.51
9.	Artificial resins, plastic materials, etc.	1961.81	1434.57	3.31	36.75
10.	Vegetable Oil	1822.63	1210.88	3.07	50.52
	Total of 10 Major Commodity Groups	45959.08	33325.21	77.54	37.91
	Rest	13315.21	9609.34	22.46	38.57
	Total Imports	59274.29	42934.54	100.00	38.06

IT Cos in AP face huge Skill crunch

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‘Candidates are offered shopping with no guarantee they will join’ said Mr Sreedhar.

Companies are said to

entrants’ said Mr ShivKumar.

Reiterated Mr Sreedhar ‘With the advent of the pandemic the Training eco-system got totally disrupted’.

Industry stakeholder. With limited trained manpower available in the market hiring costs have surged.

‘There has been at least a 40% escalation in hiring costs for IT firms

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70% of AP's Minor Ports inactive

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handle about 100mtpa of cargo.

And to further strengthen the port led economy in the state

number of non-active minor ports included Kerala and Odisha (See Table).

The state of Maharashtra was the only state with the



There is intense hiring going on in AP's IT sector and hiring is under severe pressure.

Mr. G Krishna Mohan,
CEO, Inspiredge IT Solutions



The offer to job ratio has plummeted significantly from 70% to 20%.

Mr. Sreedhar Kosaraju,
President, ITAAP

be losing out majorly due to unavailability of skilled manpower.

‘The supply gap had existed even earlier and now with the pandemic it has only multiplied’ said

What is causing even more pain to the Industry is the dismal state of job ready candidates. Students out of engineering colleges and training development institutes are said to be falling far short

in Andhra Pradesh’ said Mr Krishna Mohan.

Many small and medium sized IT firms have had to lose out on good trained employees due to lucrative offers being offered from deep pock-

partnership with the state government has started a new training initiative which it says will be more relevant to industry requirements. ‘To mitigate the enormous skill gap ITAAP in partnership with



Cos are revisiting their respective HR/employee policies to better address employee needs.

Mr. Murali Krishna Gannamani,
MD, Fluentgrid



Most of the candidates are not able to complete education in time due to multiple lockdowns.

Ms. Lakshmi Mukkavilli,
MD, Patra

Mr Sreedhar.

Concurred Mr ShivKumar Gunturu of Maple software and said, ‘With demand spiking Supply hasn't kept pace’.

of what the industry requires.

‘Students are just not job ready. The hiring quality of students coming out of engineering

eted MNCs. In addition with employees working from home many of them have taken up multiple jobs thus hitting their productivity levels.

the GoAP has started a unique training initiative called Industry Specific training program (ISTP)’ said Mr Sreedhar.

Under this initiative it

the GoAP is developing 3 greenfield ports i.e. Bhavanapadu, Machilipatnam and Ramyapatnam.

highest number of active minor ports in the country wherein out of a total of 48 minor

As per government of India there are 9 projects worth Rs. 1124 cr partially funded through sagarmala programme.

Out of these Projects 4 projects worth Rs 694 cr have been completed, 3 projects worth Rs. 88 cr. are under implementation and 2 projects worth Rs. 342 cr. are under development.

Other States Non Active Ports

Some of the other states with a high number of non-active minor ports included the state of Gujarat which out of a total of 48 minor ports had the highest number of non-active minor ports i.e. 28. Other states with a high

ports in the state all of them are said to be active.

All in all out of 217 minor ports in 13 states and Union territories, 86 ports are said to be non-active.

Minor ports in the country are said to have together handled 362 million tonnes of cargo during the April and November 2021 period.



With demand spiking supply side hasn't kept pace.

Mr. ShivKumar Gunturu,
CEO, Maple Software



Educational institutions are not training as per industry requirements and we are trying to bridge that gap.

Mr. Rameshraj,
MD, Media 3

As per industry one of the prime reasons for this skill shortage has been due COVID-19 pandemic causing frequent lockdowns and the advent of WFH leaving companies with little room to train.

‘Due to Work from Home being in place for over a year and half we haven't had the chance to train freshers and new

colleges is in shambles. In many cases they can't even communicate in an effective manner let alone technical capability’ said an industry veteran.

Some have also mentioned the time taken to train students to have risen considerably. ‘Earlier we could train in 6 weeks now it's increased to 12 weeks’ said an in-

‘WFH employees are taking advantage of the situation and taking up more jobs thereby causing pressure on our bottom line’ said the founder Inspiredge. Agreed Fluentgrid's Mr Murali Krishna Gannamani, ‘The pandemic has opened a whole set of new options for employees’.

As per Mr Krishna Mohan more than 50% of

aims to train 2000 people in the first phase who shall be industry ready and shall also take the onus of placing them post their training. The skill gap though has also led some companies to look inward and turn their focus on becoming more employees centric.

As Mr Murali Krishna puts it ‘This is a good challenge for us to have

What are minor Ports?

Minor ports come under the jurisdiction of the State governments who have the power to plan, develop, regulate and control their functioning.





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