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'Our Stance on RINL very clear'



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Slamming reports that the state government is not doing enough to save RINL from being privatised, Industries and IT minister **Mr Gudivada Amarnath** made it explicitly clear that the government of Andhra Pradesh continues to vehemently oppose the privatisation of Vizag steel plant.

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Mega Ports by 2047

Min asks to prepare master plan for mega ports

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Chairing the 3 day Chintan Baithak of the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, **Mr Sarbananda Sonowal**, Union Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways discussed a n d deliberated ideas and innovations that can propel India's blue economy. Speaking on the occasion Mr Sonowal reiterated Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision to develop and promote India's blue economy. He further suggested that all ports should prepare a master



plan in order to become Mega Ports by 2047. Mr Sonowal suggested major ports to draft land policy guidelines, explore potential of satellite presence out of port limits. In order to make

SPVs more efficient and effective, the Minister directed the officials to repurpose the SPVs so as to make them lean and agile towards achieving the desired objectives.

The minister suggested all the ports develop independent feedback

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India's marine exports surge

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India shipped 13,69,264 MT of seafood worth Rs 57,586.48 crore (USD 7.76 billion) during 2021-22. Exports improved in rupee terms by 31.71% and in USD terms by 30.26%. Similarly in quantity terms they were up by 19.12%. In 2020-21, India had exported 11,49,510 MT of seafood worth Rs 43,720.98 crore (USD 5,956.93 million). Frozen shrimp remained the major export item in terms of quantity and value. Frozen shrimp, earned Rs 42,706.04 crore (USD 5,828.59 million), accounted for a share of 53.18 per cent in quantity and 75.11 per cent of the total dollar earnings.

Collector talks tough on CSR & Skill Dev.

Calls on Industry to Act



Aditya Sabharwal

Speaking at a recently held review meeting, Visakhapatnam's district collector and magistrate, **Dr Mallikarjuna, IAS** made it amply clear to the local Industry that he had a keen focus on skill development for the youth. 'Apprenticeship and Skill development are

paramount for our today's youth. This will help them become employable' said the District collector addressing some of the major industries in Visakhapatnam.

He called on industry to contribute significantly in this area and to further aggrandize their

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200 VESSELS CONSTRUCTED & 2000 REPAIRED

The iconic **Hindustan Shipyard Limited** is implementing significant reforms in all facets of the shipyard, keeping pace with evolving technology and a competitive marketplace.

The expansion ambitions of maritime services such as the Indian Navy and Coast Guard, have given the indigenous military shipbuilding industry a much-needed boost.

HSL under the able leadership of its C&MD, **Mr Hemant Khatri** reported the highest ever turnover of **Rs 759 Crores** (Prov.) since inception. In addition, it recorded a Net Profit over **50 Crores** (Prov.) and registered a YOY growth of 60%. "With the government encouraging and putting strong emphasis on 'Atmanirbhar Bharat', its time to embark on a new phase of self-reliance by producing technologically advanced equipment in India" said its C&MD, **Hemant Khatri**.

Armed with the vision to become an internationally competitive and modern shipyard for construction, repair and refitting of ships and submarines, the shipyard is also venturing into new partnerships to further enhance its technical capability and overall growth.



The major reforms undertaken at HSL in the past few years have propelled HSL's growth and created enormous opportunities for MSMEs.
Hemant Khatri, C&MD, HSL

NEW ORDER FOR 5 FSS WORTH Rs 20,000 Cr BY DEC 2022 TO CREATE HUGE POTENTIAL FOR MSMEs TO PARTICIPATE IN MEGA SHIPBUILDING PROGRAMME

FY 22 HIGHLIGHTS

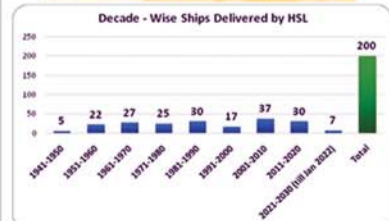
- ✓ Highest ever turnover of **Rs 759 Crs.** (Prov.) since inception
- ✓ Recorded a Net Profit over **Rs.50 Cr** (Prov.)
- ✓ Registered a YoY growth of **60%**
- ✓ Won five successive Ship Repair Orders worth **Rs 230 Cr.**
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- ✓ Repaired two foreign ships

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COMMERCIAL VESSELS



MANOEUVRING THE NEW HSL

- ▷ Exploring strategic partnership model to tie up with global OEMs to support MSMEs to setup ancillary industries and supply chain under Atmanirbhar
- ▷ Exploring diverse business models & innovative proposal for prospective customers
- ▷ Signed an MoU with Eker Group (Norway) and Vaanmotto to explore future business in the field of manufacturing high speed boats
- ▷ Signed an MOU with Kongberg, UK to explore increased indigenous content of RAS equipment for five Fleet Support Ship project.
- ▷ Adopting new technologies for Operational Excellence.
- ▷ Significant focus on the Export orders

KEY VESSEL CAPABILITIES & STRENGTHS

- | DEFENCE | COMMERCIAL |
|---------------------|------------------|
| Tugs | Cargo/Containers |
| Patrol Vessels | Passenger |
| Diving Support | Dredgers |
| Pontoons | Rigs |
| Surveillance | Others |
| Auxiliary / Support | |

WINNING AT HSL



3 KEY BUSINESS AREAS

SHIPBUILDING
+ Defence - 40 vessels delivered across auxiliary and support
+ Commercial - 144 delivered to maritime sector & 16 vessels to oil sector

SHIP REPAIRS & SERVICES
+ Over 2000 Naval and Merchant vessels repaired and serviced so far at HSL

SUBMARINE RETROFITTINGS
+ 5 submarines SR/MR/NR undertaken for the Indian Navy
+ 3 submarine projects post 2005

SAIL's New Dir. Finance



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Mr. Anil Kumar Tulsiani has recently taken charge as Director (Finance) of Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL). A Cost & Management Accountant (CMA) and MBA (Finance), Mr. Tulsiani joined SAIL in 1988 in the company's Durgapur Steel Plant (DSP) as Junior Manager (Finance). Rising through the ranks, Mr. Tulsiani became the Executive Director, (F&A) in SAIL before taking over as the Director (Finance) of the company. He carries an experience of almost 34 years in various areas of Finance and Accounting.

Coal Blocks Data to be Digitized

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The Ministry of Coal recently launched Project Information & Management Module of Single Window Clearance System (SWCS). While launching the new IT-enabled facility, the Secretary Coal, **Dr. Anil**



Kumar Jain said that this is an innovative endeavour of the Ministry to create a platform to obtain various clearances for operationalization of coal mines in the country. He called upon the officials to organize interactive sessions in order to make the new facility familiar to all stakeholders.

As part of the decision to digitize the clearances,

Ministry of Coal has conceptualized a Single Window Clearance System, through which a project proponent can apply for requisite clearances with a single registration interface. The portal is proposed to map applications and their

To map applications and their respective process flows for grant of all the statutory clearances required

respective process flows for grant of all the statutory clearances required (covering Central

Single Window Clearance System: One can apply for requisite clearances with a single registration interface.

Ministries as well as State Government departments/agencies) for starting of a Coal Mine.

31 Cos Bid for Commercial Coal Mining

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The auction process of 122 coal/lignite mines for sale of coal was launched by the Nominated Authority, Ministry of Coal on March 30, 2022. The last date of submission of Technical Bid was June 27, 2022 except for 10 mines (Parbatpur Central coal mine and 9 nos. lignite mines). As part of the auction process, technical Bids consisting of online and offline bid documents were opened on June 28, 2022 in the presence of the interested bidders. A total of 38 bids were received under three tranches of commercial coal mine auctions. Under the Fifth tranche of auctions, a total of 28 bids were received against 15 coal mines, where 2 or more bids have been received for 8 coal mines, said the release. Under 2nd Attempt of Third tranche, a total of 9 coal mines were put up for auctions and 6 bids have been received against 6 coal mines.

Minister unveils 1st Steel Slag road

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Union Minister of Steel **Mr. Ram Chandra Prasad Singh** recently inaugurated the first six lane highway road made by using Steel Slag at

that the use of such material in road construction shall not only increase durability but also help in reducing the cost of construction as slag-based materials are having better



Mr. RC Prasad Singh, Union Minister of Steel

This road constructed by 100% use of steel processed slag is a real example of converting waste into wealth.

Surat. While inaugurating the road, the Minister impressed upon the need to promote circular economy and resource efficiency by converting all waste into wealth. The road constructed by 100% use of steel processed slag is a real example of converting waste into wealth and improving sustainability of steel plants, he added. The Minister further said

properties than natural aggregates. He informed that his Ministry is exploring all other options to utilize such materials in road construction, agriculture as a replacement to soil nutrients and fertilizers, ballast for railways and making green cement. Steel Ministry has already awarded several R&D projects for utilization of different types of slags generated during manufacturing of steel and majority of which are being considered as a liability. The road constructed by using steel slag is also part of the R&D project sponsored by the Ministry along with other major steel players.

IN BRIEF

RINL conducts mock drill

Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL), Visakhapatnam Steel Plant recently conducted a Plant Level Mock Drill to test the On-Site Emergency Preparedness at an imaginary fire at Final Gas Cooler - 3 area of Coke oven and Coal Chemical Plant Dept, in which the emergency services like CISF Fire wing, Medical services, Gas Safety, Maintenance, Safety Department, Environment Management Dept, CISF (Security), HR dept etc have participated. As part of the Mock drill, CISF Security personnel carried out the rescue operation and rescued the affected persons from the spot using Self-contained breathing apparatus and other emergency response devices. **Mr. J. Shiva Shankar Reddy** - Joint Chief Inspector of Factories, Visakhapatnam, Govt of AP, and **Mr. P. Chinna Rao** - Inspector of Factories, Visakhapatnam, Govt of AP, witnessed the Mock Drill, gave suggestions, and applauded the efforts and preparedness of VSP team in conducting the Mock Drill.



NMDC participates in DPE's AKAM Mega Show

The largest iron ore producer of India, NMDC recently participated in the Department of Public Enterprises (DPE) Exhibition to celebrate the ongoing Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM) in Gujarat from 9th to 12th June, 2022. The NMDC pavilion was inaugurated by the company's Director (Finance) **Mr. Amitava Mukherjee**. The stall displayed NMDC's major achievements of 42 million tonnes iron ore production, the company's transformational digital journey, and investment in building the social capital of its host communities. In the backdrop of the Smart Cities Mission of India @75, NMDC also commissioned a Solid and Liquid Resource Management (SLRM) Center at its BIOM Bachel Complex.



51 MT Raw coking coal produced in FY22

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India produced 51.7 Million Ton (MT) of raw coking coal during the financial year 2021-22 which is 15 % more as compared to 44.8 MT during FY21.

Domestic raw coking coal production continues to witness an increasing trend in the current fiscal as well with production of 8.3 MT, as per the figures up to May 2022, which is 20% more compared to 6.9 MT during the same period of the previous year.

At present, domestic raw coking coal washing capacity is about 23 MT per annum including 9.26 MT of the private sector. Coal India Ltd.(CIL) is planning to set up and operationalize nine more new washeries with a capacity of 30 MTPA. With the setting up of new washeries, it is estimated that CIL will be able to supply about 15 MT of washed coking coal to the steel sector, thereby reducing import of coking coal.

There is a need to set up more washeries to enhance capacity to meet the fast increasing demand of coking coal in the country. During FY22, CIL supplied 1.7 MT washed

coking coal to the steel sector and has set a target of 3.45 MT during FY23. To further enhance raw coking coal production, the Ministry of Coal has auctioned 10 coking coal blocks to the private sector

with a PRC of 22.5 MT during the last two years. CIL has planned to increase raw coking coal production from existing mines up to 26 MT with PRC of about 20 MT by FY 2025.

'Secondary steel sector Needs right ecosystem'

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The Union Minister of Steel **Mr. Ram Chandra Prasad Singh** emphasized that there is a need to provide the right ecosystem for secondary steel sector and consumers in a bid to achieve 300 million tonnes of steel capacity by 2030. Interacting with steel manufacturers and consumers to understand the challenges faced by the secondary steel sector and steel consumers at Surat, the Minister stressed that all these targets can be achieved only with the active participation of secondary steel producers and steel consumers. He also stressed upon the synergy between state and central Govt. policies for achieving the intended target of ease of doing business stated a press release. The meeting was attended



by South Gujarat Chamber of Commerce, around 50 members of secondary steel & Steel consumers Association of Gujarat and officials from Ministry of Steel and Govt. of Gujarat. Role of secondary steel players in Nation building, provision of various schemes for secondary steel sector were discussed in the meet. Representatives of Gujarat Steel sector presented their issues faced by them. **Visits Diamond Bourse** The Steel Minister also

visited Diamond Bourse, World's Largest Business Complex Established for all Diamond Business activities under one roof. The said complex has used around 54000T steel in the form of TMT bars, all produced by Secondary Steel manufacturers. The Minister said that this shows that the steel produced by Secondary Steel producers is meeting all the quality requirement of the high rise buildings and congratulated all the secondary steel players.

Guidelines issued for Ro-Ro and Ro-Pax ferry service

Ministry supporting 4 projects in Andhra Pradesh

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In order to develop an ecosystem for promotion of Ro-Ro (Roll-on, Roll-off) ferry and waterway transportation in the country the Ministry has prepared draft "Guidelines for Operationalization of Ro-Ro and Ro-Pax ferry service along the coast of India".

These guidelines will homogenize and streamline the development and operations of ferry services, along with, promoting ease of doing business by eliminating unnecessary delays, disagreements and introducing digital interventions at customer interface, said an official release from the Ministry of shipping.

It further added that it will also help State/UT

Governments and Port Authorities in implementation of such projects by standardization of procedures. Further, it will help in instilling confidence among the

➤ Guidelines to encompass Concessions for terminal operation AND

➤ License for operation of Ro-Pax vessels



private players thereby increasing their participation and promoting healthy competition in such projects. In view of the immense potential and distinct advantages of ferry service, the Ministry is financially supporting 45 projects with a total project cost of Rs. 1900 crore. Under the gambit of Sagarmala, the Ministry has operationalized

Ro-Pax Ferry service between Ghogha - Hazira in Gujarat and Mumbai - Mandwa in Maharashtra. These services have transported more than seven lakh passengers and 1.5 lakh vehicles, contributing towards a clean environment and public welfare. In view of the success of these projects and high demand and potential,

additional projects are planned at Pipavav and Muldwarka in Gujarat and Ghodbunder, Veldur, Vasai, Kashid, Rewas, Manori and JN Port etc; in Maharashtra. In addition to the above, the Ministry is supporting four projects in Andhra Pradesh, two projects in Odisha and one each in Tamil Nadu and Goa.

Export of Apricots from Ladakh

The Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) in collaboration with the Union Territory of Ladakh recently organized an International Buyer Seller Meet (IBSM).

IBSM was aimed at boosting exports of Apricots and other agri products from Ladakh. Eighteen entrepreneurs from UTs of Ladakh and J&K displayed a range of Apricots and other Agri Products. Twenty buyers from India, USA, Bangladesh, Oman, Dubai participated in this event. More than 30 producers of Ladakh Apricots and other agro products and stakeholders from UTs of Ladakh and J&K participated to interact with the importers and exporters providing a platform to entrepreneurs to display their products and facilitate B2B interactions.

DCIL scores Rs.250 crore contract

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The Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority (JNPA) has awarded Rs. 250 crore project of maintenance of Mumbai & JNPA navigational channel to DCIL,

turnover of Rs.1000 Cr for this financial year 2022-23.

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



Visakhapatnam. The award includes dredging of 20 Million Cubic Meter Plus or minus 20% yearly.

The extension of the contract by JNPT is feather on the cap of DCI which is aiming at a record highest ever

major Ports, Minor Ports, Indian Navy, Fishing Harbours and other maritime organizations by deepening and maintaining the safe navigational channel for EXIM activities.

DPA commissions West Gate-2

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Deendayal Port Authority (DPA), Kandla recently commissioned the West Gate-2 the second gate of

the e-Drishti Project Phase I RFID-based Access Control System for entry-exit to and from the port.

The gate was inaugurated by Mr

G.R.V. Prasada Rao, Traffic Manager along with **Mr Abhijeet Kumar**, Commandant-CISF; **Mr C. Harichandran**, Secretary; and **Mr Sushil Nahak**, CME i/c, among others.

The learnings from the commissioning of West Gate-1 have been taken forward and operational convenience for the trade has been ensured for the smooth flow of traffic through the gates. The port management aims to cover all entry-exit gates with RFID-based Access Control System, whose completion will ensure enhanced security, for seamless movement of traffic across port gates.

NIRYAT portal launched

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NIRYAT -i.e. National Import-Export for Yearly Analysis of Trade portal will help in breaking silos by providing real time data to all stakeholders.

From this portal, important information related to more than 30 commodity groups exported to more than 200 countries of the world will be available. In the coming time, information related to district-wise exports will also be available on this. This will also strengthen the efforts to develop the districts as important centers of exports.

NFDB signs MoU



NFDB recently entered into a MOU with ASCI (Agriculture Skill Council of India) to take up skill development programmes in the fisheries sector. As per NFDB(National Fisheries Development Board) this will lead to jobs/self employment and enhanced incomes through enhanced skills The National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB) was established in 2006 as an autonomous organization under the administrative control of the Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India to enhance fish production and productivity in the country and to coordinate fishery development in an integrated and holistic manner..

APM Terminals receives new rail service

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APM Terminals Pipavav recently received a new rail service started by Maersk and operated by PRCL that connects exporters from the ceramics heartland of Morbi via Private Freight Terminal at Maliya.

As per the APM terminals the rail service has resulted from the collaboration between the three crucial stakeholders: Maersk with its ocean and landside transportation

expertise, APM Terminals Pipavav with its strategic location and as a preferred



partner with superior connectivity and productivity and PRCL as an efficient rail partner. The export cargo is being

moved on a rail service and

is helping decongest roads and improving the speed-to-market by reducing the total transit time by 15%, said the release.

Mr Vikash Agarwal, Managing Director, Maersk South Asia, commented, Over the last year, we have put together dedicated rail services for various industries and sectors from different belts across the country. Now, with one for ceramics exporters, we have another feather in our hat."

Mega Ports by 2047

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mechanisms to identify gaps and resolve them in consultation with all the stakeholders. It also proposed 100% financial assistance for developing dedicated coastal berths at ports through the Sagarmala programme and to offer more berths on PPP mode.

A session on 'Implementation of New Tariff Guidelines for existing projects and Ongoing Projects' pondered on the issue of tariff fixation of existing BOT operators. While, the session on 'Ensuring level playing field amongst New and Existing Concessionaires in Context of New MCA' discussed the challenges brought by New MCA 2021 bringing in tariff dynamism based on market rates thereby resulting in non-level playing field for old players.

The Chintan Baithak also focused on 'New Generation Automated Technologies' wherein application of various cutting-edge technologies such as drone surveillance, Internet of things, Artificial Intelligence, etc, can significantly improve operations at Indian Ports. A presentation on Steps to

be taken to compete with private/non-major ports talked about increasing competitiveness in the port sector and the positioning of major ports versus the non-major ports in India.

It was suggested by the Minister that all ports must explore ways of adopting the intervention of VHF technology at their ports. The Green Ports Policy was also discussed, which will be applicable for all the major and non-major ports of India. The draft policy also suggested port authorities to explore the option of project financing through multi-lateral development banks/ other financial institutions/ any green financing agencies.

Bangladesh Rly. Minister visits ICD/TKD



Railway Minister of Bangladesh, **Mohd Nurul Islam** along with his delegation recently visited ICD/ Tughlakabad. He also had a discussion on various Logistics related issues with CMD CONCOR during his visit.

IN BRIEF

APIIC new ZM



Mr. Rangaiah

Mr Rangaiah recently took over as the Zonal manager, Andhra Pradesh Industrial Infrastructure Corporation (APIIC) Visakhapatnam region. He had previously worked as SDC for KRRC Koneru Ranga Rao committee for the last three years.

CTU extends Registration Date

The registration date for various PG courses offered at the Central Tribal University has been extended until July 4 by the NTA. Candidates have to apply through CUET PG 2022 conducted by the National Testing Agency. Vice Chancellor Professor Tejasvi. V. Kattimani in a release asked the candidates to submit applications through NTA official website <https://cuet.nta.nic.in/>. He said the Central Tribal University would have 20 seats in each course and allocation of seats for students of all categories would be in line with the national reservation policy. And all programs were designed on the basis of fieldwork and skills development.

Hemachandra Reddy gets 2nd term at APSCHE

Prof. of Mechanical Engineering JNTU Anantapur, Prof. K. Hema Chandra Reddy, has been appointed as Chairman, Andhra Pradesh State Council of Higher Education (APSCHE), for a second term of three years. A GO to this effect was released recently.

Fostering Entrepreneurship in disadvantaged Youth

The Centre for Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy (CSSEIP), Andhra University recently organized a Guest Lecture on "Entrepreneurship Skills among the Socially Disadvantaged Youth in India" on 20th June, 2022. Prof. K. Samatha, Rector, AU inaugurated the event. Delivering the Guest lecture, Prof. A. Chandra Mohan, Head, Department of Management & Dean, School of Commerce and Business Management, Central University of Tamil Nadu, stated that Entrepreneurship is to be seen as a means to encourage youth and their talents and skills must be explored to cash their business acumen.

AU VC felicitates ORM Rao

Andhra University Vice Chancellor Prof. PVGD Prasad Reddy and Registrar, Prof. P Krishnamohan felicitated and congratulated RINL GM (HR) Dr. ORM Rao, GM (HR), RINL & Chairman, ISTD, Vizag Chapter on achievement of Best member Award at the National Level. International Federation of Training & Development Organizations (IFTDO).



The major contribution of Dr. ORM Rao was enrolment of more than 250 life members (11 eminent personalities), More than 30 webinars conducted during pandemic, around 40 members enrolled in a single day and many more.

Thrust on road safety

A special talk on "Communicating Road Safety" was recently held at the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication. Mr AD Joshi, Retired Chief General Manager of Vizag Steel Plant, in his talk stressed the need to create road safety awareness among public as well as government authorities. He said lack of understanding and neglecting basic rules are the main causes for road accidents. He advocated strict adherence of rules by licensing authorities in issuing driving licences and awareness among the youth about safe driving techniques.

Waste Mgmt Co launched in Vizag

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Bringing innovative technology into waste management and recycling space, ScrapQ recently launched its operations in Vizag. Claiming to be the fastest growing new age waste

Tulsiram.

He further informed that they are one of the largest technology-based company in waste management and recycling space involved right from picking up recyclables from customer location,



We aim to be the Amazon of Scrap industry with a vision to create a "Zero Landfill".

Mr Venkat Tulsiram, CEO

management company with a vision of "Zero Landfill" and promoting "100% recycling, ScrapQ offers a One stop solution for all recycling needs for individual consumers and large corporations.

'We aim to be the Amazon of Scrap industry with a vision to create a "Zero Landfill" environment for future generations' said its CEO, Mr Venkat

monetizing customers, segregate and send it to the right recycling industry. The platform uniquely blends demand from individual customers, small and medium business, restaurants, schools, hospitals, large enterprises and industries to dispose of more than 150+ recyclable items with just one click. Headquarter in Hyderabad

the company aims to have an annualized run rate of USD 15 Mn in 24 months. It is currently operational in 3 cities with a plan to go into 7 cities across India and 2 cities internationally in next 6 quarters.

'We are currently servicing 1,00,000+ customers, which include households, pubs & restaurants, schools, hospitals, government institutions, publications, large retail outlets & enterprises' said the CEO. ScrapQ is also pioneering in setting up the first AVSF (Authorised vehicle facility) in South India. ScrapQ aims to reduce the carbon footprint in Visakhapatnam by educating the citizens about recycling and giving them the services with accurate weight and best rate.

IOB's new Sr. RM



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Mr. Bijay Ketan Sahoo has recently joined as Senior Regional Manager of Indian Overseas Bank. Prior to this Mr. Sahoo was working as Assistant General Manager at the Inspection Department at IOB Central Office in Chennai. Mr. Sahoo who joined the IOB in 1991 April as Assistant Manager has earlier worked at Kerala, Mumbai and Kolkata in various positions.

Private Firm gives over Rs 1.6 Million to Vizag Zoo



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As part of its CSR (Corporate Social Responsibility) activity, Deccan Fine Chemicals India Pvt Ltd came forward to sponsor funding for the construction of a new enclosure for a new exotic species Red Necked Wallaby and also adopted few animals in the Indira Gandhi Zoological Park, Visakhapatnam.

Deccan Fine Chemicals India Pvt Ltd allocated Rs.16.80 lakhs for constructing new enclosure for "Red Naked Wallaby" which is to be brought to Vizag Zoo in few months from Zoo Zlin, Czech Republic. In addition it has also allocated Rs.3.20 lakhs for adoption of 2 Leopards, 1 Zebra, and 1 Ostrich for a period of one year.

Mr KVLP Raju, Plant Head and Director – Technical handed over the cheque for Rs. 20 lakhs to

Dr. Nandani Salaria, IFS, Curator, IGZP.

The Curator thanked the management of Deccan Fine Chemicals India Pvt Ltd for coming forward for the welfare of the wildlife and requested them to continue their contribution to IGZP in the future as well.

Mr KVLP Raju, Plant Head and Director – Technical thanked the Curator, IGZP for giving them the opportunity to sponsor the construction of a new enclosure as well as adopting animals in the Zoo.

Deccan Fine Chemicals India Pvt Ltd Head – HR Mr PVSS Raju said that wildlife is very important to nature and hence they are very happy to allocate their CSR funds for the animals at the Vizag Zoo for their conservation.

He further added that the company will do its part to further contribute to the Zoo Park going forward.

IPS Officers Transferred

The government recently transferred certain IPS officers in the State wherein Krishna district SP Mr Siddharth Kaushal was transferred to Kurnool district as SP while Mr P Joshua has been transferred to Krishna district as SP.

City Based IT co gears up for Big Animation Film

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Vizag headquartered SYMBIOSIS Technologies recently announced that it is producing a high-end global animation film in the city of destiny.

The full animation movie titled Noah's Ark Being is being produced with a budget of USD 6 million and

at the company's IT park and is the first time that an entire film is being produced on green energy.

High end computers costing about Rs. 12 lakhs each have been procured from Dell, and a lot of VFX and SFX, water simulation, recreating an entire ocean



is slated for global release in 2023 and is being co-produced with US and Brazil producers.

A release from the company stated that already 20 distributors in 20 different countries have expressed serious interest to buy the movie rights for telecast in their respective countries. This will be one of the high quality animation films produced in India, and also first time in AP with a budget of 45 crores just in animation stated the release. For this film a 200 KW solar power plant has been set up

and storm is being done here. This is a very prestigious event for our city and state, that 2 major firms in the USA and Brazil have come forward to produce high end global animated content from AP said the release.

As per the company it has also set up a new VFX live lab, a dubbing studio, a film lab, with editing and DI facility, to promote short films, Ad shoots in Visakhapatnam on par or better than any studio in the country.

Ind-Indo Corpat Held

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The 38th edition of India-Indonesia Coordinated Patrol (IND-INDO CORPAT) between Indian Navy and

Andaman and Nicobar Command, along with a Dornier Maritime Patrol Aircraft, participated in the CORPAT whilst the Indonesian Navy was being represented by KRI

between India and Indonesia has expanded substantially with frequent port visits, participation in bilateral/multilateral exercises and training exchanges.

Under the broad ambit of this strong maritime relationship, the two navies have been carrying out CORPATs along the International Maritime Boundary Line every year since 2002, with the aim of

keeping this vital part of the Indian Ocean Region safe and secure for commercial shipping and international trade.

The CORPAT has also strengthened understanding and interoperability between the navies and facilitated the institution of measures to prevent unlawful activities at sea as well as conduct Search and Rescue (SAR) operations



Indonesian Navy was recently held. Indian Naval Ship INS Karmuk, an indigenously built Missile Corvette based at the

Cut Nyak Dien, a Kapitän Pattimura (PARCHIM I) class Corvette.

Maritime interaction

AU to conduct M.Tech for Defence officials

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A M.Tech programme for defence personnel will be conducted in AU. This will be in the areas of

degree from AU. This is very unique for any state University in India. Previously this program used to be conducted in



IIT's but this is the first time that Andhra University is going to conduct regular M.Tech Program for Defence serving officers

Mechanical Engineering, EEE, ECE, CSE and Defence Technology jointly with Andhra University and DRDO. The Officers will attend regular classes at the A.U Campus for a period of 2 semesters while the balance 2 semesters will be held in Naval Technical Establishments for dissertations work. At the end of 4th Semester they will be awarded M.Tech

in AU campus. In this regard a representative of the Director Naval Education, **Capt. Edwin Jyothi**, and **Commander Ms. P. Manorama** from Indian Navy HQ, New Delhi recently met AU Vice-Chancellor **Prof. P.V.G.D Prasad Reddy**, for implementation of MoU signed for M.Tech Program.

HSL dedicates the 200th ship & 2000th repaired ship to nation

Celebrates 81st Foundation Day

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The Hindustan Shipyard Ltd recently celebrated its 81st Foundation Day on June 21, 2022 by dedicating its 200th constructed Ship 'Balbir' for Indian Navy and 2000th repaired Ship 'SCI Pawan' of SCI to the Nation under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM).

On this occasion, HSL released a book on "200 Ships & Beyond" in commemoration to the glorious history of eight plus decades.

According to a release, the HSL also launched 3 Information Technology based applications namely, Annual Property returns, NIC mail access from LAN PC and Dynamic payment QR code for tax

invoices to customers for the benefit of the employees under green initiative. The Shipyard instituted the newly on the path of transformation and is emerging as 'New HSL'. The Major reforms undertaken at HSL in the



refurbished Submarine Pump Test Bed facility and renovated quarters in HSL residential Colony for the welfare of Employees as a part of AKAM.

As a part of AKAM, HSL is accomplishing 75 key activities, it has set itself

past few months have propelled its growth and created extensive opportunities for MSMEs. HSL is working to increase the pace of transformation & double its turnover in this year of 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav'.

Transition of Indian Navy personnel to Merchant Navy

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A landmark Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the Indian Navy (IN) and the Directorate General of Shipping on 20 Jun 22 to facilitate transition of Indian Navy personnel, both serving and retired, into the Merchant Navy. Through this MoU, DG Shipping has envisioned certification of IN personnel in accordance with the International STCW (Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for



Seafarers) conventions in furtherance to the Prime Minister's vision of expanding Indian presence and share in the global seafarers. The MoU is also in line with the GoI's focus on the maritime domain including Blue economy as also the

optimal utilisation of skilled and trained human resources. The detailed procedures to effect

this transition have been issued by DG Shipping through the DGS Order 17 of 2022. The Order duly acknowledges the naval sea service and advanced training undergone by IN personnel and covers almost all the officers' and sailors' cadres of the IN,

both in the Nautical as well as Technical domain. The Scheme would ensure naval personnel to acquire Certificate of Competence, while in Naval Service, which is recognised globally, after undergoing relevant bridging courses and examinations and a minimum merchant ship sea service in certain cases as mandated by STCW provisions. This would aid IN personnel in a smooth transition to various designations on-board Merchant ships, both in India as well as abroad.

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At Rs 60 crs Vizag Airport completes its Expansion

Annual capacity increases to 3.5 million passengers

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The city's Airport recently completed the expansion of its existing terminal building at a cost

total passenger handling capacity taking it to 3.5 million passengers annually' said Vizag's Airport Director **Mr Srinivas** speaking to *Vizag Industrial Scan*.



The expansion of the terminal will augment our total passenger handling capacity taking it to 3.5 million passengers annually.

Mr Srinivas
Vizag's Airport Director

of Rs 60 crores. With the expansion of the terminal building an additional 10,000 sqm of space has been added to the existing 20,000 sqm.

Delayed due to the covid 19 pandemic the new

New Space Added
Zone 1 Departures: **5723 sqms**
International arrival: **5429 sqms**

spacious building can now accommodate more number of passengers both in terms of domestic and international Terminal.

'The expansion of the terminal will augment our

The expansion is also said to increase the airport's peak hour international passenger handling capacity to 450 from the current 300 passengers. Similarly for domestic passengers the peak hour handling capacity is said to increase to 600 from the current 450.

As per the officials the new space has six parking bays and three aero-bridges. Six more are already operational, it will facilitate parking of 12 planes at a time. In addition two new baggage handling belts for international arrivals

and 4 additional departure gates have been added. Plus there are four parking bays at the apron near the old terminal building. These parking bays are now being used for the movements of non-scheduled aircraft and VIP planes.

Vizag Lok Sabha, MP **Mr. MVV Satyanarayana** along with Airport Director, **Mr. Srinivas** and the Airport Advisory committee members **Mr.K KumarRaja,**

committee members requested the Airport director to allow passengers to start using this immediately as a trial test for full commercial operation for which it was noted that permission for the same has been obtained.

It was also informed that the canopy work is also fully completed and operational. Visakhapatnam airport handled 16,10,483 passengers in 2021-22 as



With this expansion new facilities have been made available. Now more night parking space will be there for aircrafts resulting in more morning connections.

Mr DS Varma
Airport Advisory Committee

Mr.DS Varma, and **Mr.O.Naresh Kumar** reviewed the progress of the new Terminal building. Airport Advisory

against 11,13,516 in 2020-21. Similarly aircraft movements in FY 22 were 14,878 up 39.5% over last year.

SIDBI Thematic Assistance for Purchase of capital Assets in New Enterprises (STHAPAN)

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PF Near You on July 11

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The next Nidhi Aapke Nidhi Nikat or PF Near You will be held on July 11, 2022 at Regional Office, Marripalem VUDA layout, NAD Post 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 hereby requested to prefer the same before the Regional PF Commissioner, Visakhapatnam on or before July 5, 2022. The grievances or other issues may be addressed to the Regional PF Commissioner-II (Nidhi Aapke Nikat), Visakhapatnam.

Offshore Assets security reviewed

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The Chief of Staff, **TENC, Vice Adm Sanjay Vatsayan AVSM, NM** recently chaired the 46th Regional Contingency Committee Meeting to review the Security and Protection of Offshore Assets. The meeting was attended by representatives from various stakeholders namely IN, ICG CISF, IB, Marine Police, State Police, Customs, Fisheries, ONGC and other oil authorities. During the meeting the challenges

faced by oil rigs were discussed and workable solutions were suggested by supporting agencies. The session ended with an intent to increase the number of such review meetings to enhance the security of our offshore energy assets through a robust integrated coastal security organization. The Regional Contingency Committee Meeting is conducted biannually in rotation by the Indian Navy and Oil producing agencies to discuss the Offshore Security Measures and Protection of Oil Rigs.

New Dir. Gandhian studies

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Dr Challa Ramakrishna, Chairman of Board of Studies of Journalism and



Mass Communication, has recently been appointed as

Director of Gandhian Studies Centre of Andhra University.

Prof V Krishna Mohan, Registrar, handed over the orders to **Dr Ramakrishna** in the presence of **Prof PVGD Prasad Reddy**, Vice-Chancellor.

Dr Ramakrishna has held various positions which include Assistant Principal, head of Department and Co-Convener of AU Research Forum.

Indian Importers not liable for GST in Ocean freight

Anil Bezawada

The Hon'ble Supreme Court recently held that Indian importers are not liable for GST @5% on ocean freight charges under reverse charge (RCM) in CIF imports. Supreme Court in GST for the first time gave the Ruling in favour of Taxpayer assesses. In case of CIF imports, the exporter in foreign country is responsible for transporting goods to the port in India, for which he engages a foreign shipping line and pays freight. In such scenarios, the Central Government had made Indian importer liable for payment of GST under reverse charge in respect of such transportation services deeming the importer as the recipient/ultimate beneficiary of the freight service.

However the importer while importing the goods pays applicable Customs duties & IGST under Customs Act, 1962 on the value of goods which includes the value of



ocean freight and again levying one more GST on the same freight value leads to double taxation and this is an additional cost to the importer. Thus recently, **Hon'ble Supreme Court in the**

goods, transportation services, insurance, etc. in CIF imports, **a separate levy on the importer for the 'supply of services' by the shipping line would be in violation of the GST Act and hence not liable for GST under RCM.**

This judgment is applicable retrospectively from the inception of GST i.e. July, 2017. Hence, the **Importers can go for refund of the taxes paid in the past & the GST Department is bound to**

- Importers can ask for refund of the taxes paid in the past
- GST Department bound to sanction such refunds
- Judgment to bring in huge cost savings to Importers

case of **UOI Vs Mohith Minerals Pvt Ltd 2022-TIOL-49-SC-GST-LB** in their judgment held that since the Indian importer is liable to pay IGST on the composite supply comprising of supply of

sanction such refunds. This judgment saves lot of cost to the importers. Hon'ble Supreme Court further said that recommendations of the GST Council are only recommendatory not binding on the State

Legislatures. This gives an indication that States can go for their own exemptions list and different rates of taxes in contrast to the recommendations of the GST Council. This proposition goes contrary to the very basic objective of introduction of GST i.e. **common national market for goods and services.** Therefore, this proposition leads to unwarranted consequences. Hon'ble Supreme Court also said that Central Government u/s. 9(4) is having the power to impose the GST even on third party to the transaction. I respectfully, with deep sense of gratitude disagree on this point as third person to the transaction cannot be taxed unless present Section 9(4) is amended to that affect.

(The writer is a Chartered Accountant, Partner in HIREGAGE & Associates. He is also CMA, LL.V specialized and domain expert in Customs, Goods & Service Tax Law, Foreign Trade Policy, EOU's & SEZs.)

MSMEs face many hardships, need handholding: VK Raju

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Speaking on behalf of Micro small and medium enterprises on the world MSME day, MSME



National Board member, **Mr Vishnu Kumar Raju** hailed MSMEs for the work they do despite facing a myriad number of challenges.

'Having been an entrepreneur myself I can therefore understand the many challenges MSMEs face in their day-to-day activities' said Mr Raju. Assuring them of full support in resolving their issues Mr Raju called upon MSMEs to avail the various

offerings available to them. He urged MSMEs to utilize his good offices and bring to his notice the problems they face.

Citing the example of the fly ash brick manufacturers he said 'The Fly ash brick manufacturers approached me stating that as per government policy they were promised of free supply of fly ash but that wasn't being adhered to as the present govt had taken a decision not to. There are 25000 fly ash brick manufacturers in the country and we need to support them' said the MSME national board member.

Elaborating further he said that he then took up the matter and recommended to the national board to reserve at least 30% of fly

ash being produced by thermal power plants and be given to fly ash brick manufacturers.

'I am happy to inform you that the Government changed its policy and 30% of fly ash produced has now been reserved for them' said Mr Raju.

He further highlighted other issues such as cutting short the time limit of Reopening of books for MSMEs, reduction in Power and municipal tariffs for MSMEs.

Mr Raju also advocated for the immediate release of the long pending IT incentives due to the IT industry in the state. 'It has been pending for the last 4 years we thus request you to expedite its release' said Mr Raju. He also spoke on the need to set up two more MSME facilitation centres one at Visakhapatnam and the other in Tirupati.

Our Stance on RINL very clear

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Addressing media persons on the occasion of the World MSME day, Mr Amarnath reiterated the state government's stance of being against the privatisation of RINL.

Noting that the people of Andhra Pradesh were extremely sentimental about the steel plant he said that the government in no way is backing out in its opposition to the privatisation of the steel plant. I have even communicated our strong opposition to the privatisation of the Vizag steel plant to the CMD of

RINL, **Mr Atul Bhatt** when he came to meet me' said Mr Amarnath.

Highlighting that the steel plant was not loss making and is performing well he said 'What is the need to privatise when the entity is doing well and has made a profit of about Rs 900 crores'.



CM kickstarts works at new units in Tirupati



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The Chief Minister **Mr.Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy** recently participated in the ground-breaking ceremony of Hilltop SEZ Development (P) India at Inagaluru, Srikalahasti Zone, in the newly formed district of Tirupati.

The associate of Apache Group which supplies footwear under the famous brand Adidas is investing Rs. 700 crore and will provide employment opportunities to about 10,000 people in Tirupati district. Minister for Industries, Infrastructure, I&C, IT **Mr. Gudivada Amarnadh** along with APIIC Chairman **Mr. Mettu Govinda Reddy** and APIIC

VC&MD and APEDB C E O **Mr. Subrahmanyam IAS** met representatives of Apache Footwear Group to discuss their ongoing expansion plans in Andhra Pradesh. Similarly The Chief Minister, also laid the foundation stone for Dixon Technologies Unit and Foxlink India Limited Unit in Tirupati Electronic Manufacturing Cluster. Major firms such as POTPL Electronics, Tech Bulls, Smart DV Technologies and JetWork Technologies signed MoUs with APEITA in the presence of Chief Minister Mr. YS Jagan Mohan Reddy for setting up their units in Electronics Manufacturing Cluster.

AU MoU with Sainik Welfare Board

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A MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) has recently been signed between Director of Sainik Welfare of Andhra Pradesh on behalf of Kendriya Sainik Board, New Delhi and Andhra University for award of graduation certificate in Physical Education i.e. B.P.Ed. for eligible Ex-service men. AU Vice-Chancellor Prof. Prasada Reddy was present on the occasion.

Felicitating Awardees



The Vizagapatam Chamber of Commerce and Industry (VCCI) recently held its excellence awards wherein it recognized the untiring efforts of people and companies amid the pandemic. The Chief guest on the occasion **Ms Vanitha Datla**, Vice Chairperson & Managing Director at Elico Ltd. distributed the awards to the participating members. Earlier the chamber conducted its AGM electing its new board for the current fiscal.

Delhi Industry Officials laud Sri City

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The integrated business city, Sri City has yet again won rewarding reviews by senior government officials.

The Secretary-Cum-Commissioner, Industries, Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi (GNCTD) **Ms. Niharika Rai**, IAS, accompanied by **Mr. Sanjeev Kumar Mittal**, IAS, Managing Director, Delhi State Industrial and Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd. (DSIIDC) along with two other officials recently visited Sri City.

Welcomed by Sri City's President (Operations), **Mr. Satish Kamat** he informed the guests about Sri City's existing world-class infrastructure, distinctive features, commercial possibilities, government incentives, and elements that contribute to the 'ease of doing business.' He also discussed the various possibilities available, such as developed plots, ready-built factories, and custom-built

units to meet the specific demands of small and medium-sized businesses. "We would be happy to contribute our ideas for use in developing any big projects," stated **Mr. Ravindra Sannareddy**, Founder Managing Director, Sri City, in reference to some of the challenges faced and solutions

"We are all quite delighted and enchanted with the top-notch facilities and business-friendly environment at Sri City. According to her, Sri City is a shining example of a significant industrial infrastructure development project in the nation.

The purpose of their visit was to observe the world's



adopted during the early phases of development. Commenting on the visit, he stated, "We feel honoured that the top planners and officials of other states are referring to and studying our project execution model." Mrs. Niharika Rai expressed her appreciation for the efforts made by the leadership of Sri City in creating such a large industrial park, and added,

best infrastructure first-hand and to research the growth of Sri City in general and the SEZ and Electronic Manufacturing Cluster in particular. They all showed serious attention and asked queries on different aspects during the briefing. The team later toured the industrial area to witness the facilities and the bustling business activities.

Collector talks tough on CSR&Skill Development

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apprenticeship and skill training efforts.

We need to have a collaborative approach to this and only then will we be able to attain our goal of skill training and development said Dr Mallikarjuna.

And to further capitalise on these efforts he said that the district collector's office would soon be launching a dedicated portal on this. 'Very soon you shall see us come out with a portal helping both industry and job seekers in

the district' said the collector. This will be undertaken by the district collectors office.

Need for CSR

He also spoke on the CSR activities of various organizations and urged them to give preference to their district of operations first rather than go elsewhere. 'If you are operating and functioning out of this district and are contributing your CSR funds elsewhere I don't think this goes down well with the people here' noted Dr Mallikarjuna. Identifying that many works are

needed to be completed here he urged industry to come forward and help the administration in getting those completed by financially supporting them. In addition the collector also emphasised on the need for tree plantation. "We need to do 1 million tree plantations every year" he said. Various companies present informed on their respective plantation drive and affirmed to do more. Similarly the collector also called for carrying out a plastic free campaign in the city.

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Aditya Sabarwal

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'It's a framework to connect any device or machine online. Operations managers don't get a holistic view of data from machines as OEMs don't support interoperability leading to operational inefficiencies and downtime' said its co-founder and Chief application officer, Mr Srinivas Maddala.

While most of the companies still use manual reporting to get data from operations. This process Srinivas says is not only error prone and time consuming but also needs a dedicated resources working on reports.

Similarly if you were to install a Custom Software this could well turn out to be complex and costly and also restricting any changes or upgrades.

However with Transec's patented self-forming and self healing universal applications networking platform all an operations manager needs to do is select any machine then add Transec SDK (software development kit) to the machine drivers which will enable all data from the machine to be available on Transec's universal dashboard.

Some of the best applications for their service include Milk processing plants, pharma cos, refineries, fertilizer cos all of which look to enhance their yield. The startup currently is working on a Pilot project with a US based company and is also working with AP government's health dept for creating a smart pill box. Enabled with a chip and connected to internet this pill box will provide free flowing information to the health dept in order to better monitor the medicine intake and inventory. In terms of revenue Spatika charges, a onetime set up fee and then has a recurring subscription fee charged monthly/yearly.

Below is a Snapshot of the Company:

Founder's: Mr Ken Wada, Mr Murthy Ivaturi & Srinivas Maddala

Incubated at: NASSCOM CoE, Visakhapatnam

Industry /Space: Industrial IOT

Number of Team Members: 5

Funding Received: Not as yet

Looking for: Mentorship, Industry problems

Claim to Fame: Winners of NASSCOM's All India Manufacturing innovation challenge 2021

Market of Operation: Global

Revenues: Rs 15-20 lakhs (annual)

Company's culture:

Aggressive Easy Going Methodical

PTIM (Person that inspires me): Mr Bill Gates. It is the enormous impact that he has created across the world through his innovation of OS and other applications.

BIS formulates innovation-based standards

The first official standard for a grassroots innovation has been set up for clay cooling cabinet Mitticool developed by Mr. Mansukh Bhai Prajapati, from Wankaner, in Gujarat. The standard set up by the Bureau of India Standards is necessary after a particular stage for scaling up and entering the cross-border markets.



National Innovation Foundation (NIF) - India, put forward this idea at the Innovations Scholars In-residence Programme held at Rashtrapati Bhawan. BIS took cognizance of this innovative technology and subsequently engaged with NIF to develop a new Indian Standard -- IS 17693: 2022 'Non-electric cooling cabinet made of clay'.

The IS 17693: 2022 Non-electric Cooling Cabinet Made of Clay is the first standard rooted in a grassroots innovation - 'Mitticool Refrigerator'.

'Startups the new normal'

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Startups are not a fashion these days, they are the new normal. They are the new Reality emerging out of the deep structural changes in the Indian economy ushered by the proactive policies & reforms initiated by the Narendra Modi Government over the last 8 years ", said Union Minister of State for Electronics & Information Technology and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Mr Rajeev Chandrasekhar in reply to one of the questions posed by a student during his presentation at the NIRMA University, Ahmedabad.

SCR invites T-HUB for StartUp for Rlwys Initiative

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Mr. Arun Kumar Jain, General Manager (In-Charge), SCR recently met Mr. M Srinivas Rao, CEO, T-HUB and his team with regard to Indian Railways "StartUp for Railways" initiative. With the objective of harnessing the growing technological advancements in the Start-up ecosystem and to promote participation of emerging entrepreneurs to address quality, reliability and maintainability-related issues of the Indian Railways, the Ministry of Railways have launched a unique initiative namely, "StartUps for Railways". As part of the initiative, as a first-step Railways have identified 11 critical areas wherein solutions from the StartUps are being invited.

This number will be progressively increased over a period of time. The activities under this initiative can be accessed

Funding scheme will be on a cost sharing basis in equal proportion (50:50), between Indian Railways and Startup/MSME/



at <https://innovation.indianrailways.gov.in/>. To earnestly support the StartUps showing capability, intent and promise to produce functional prototypes, based on new innovative concepts for potential use on Indian Railways, a seed fund support upto Rs. 1.5 crs will be given by the Railway Board.

Innovator/Entrepreneur. Under the policy, the Startup/MSME/Innovator /Entrepreneur will have exclusive ownership of IPR created in the project. A structured timeline framework has also been laid down so as to ensure speedy implementation of the projects showing potential.

Purushotham in coveted committee on IPRs

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The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce & Industry Govt of India has constituted an expert consultative committee



working group to assist the Government on issues that may arise in the ongoing international negotiations on Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) under Free Trade Agreements (FTAs). Making sure that this region has a representative on this committee, Prof PVGD Prasad Reddy Vice Chancellor Andhra University had nominated Prof Hanumanthu

Purushotham DPIIT-IPR Chair Professor of Andhra University for consideration as a member of the working group against the nominations sought by the DPIIT. DPIIT has accepted the nomination and appointed Prof H Purushotham as one of the working group members on the Expert Consultative Committee.

The Office order of DPIIT says that the appointed members provide their expert views and inputs on various IPR issues on the Enforcement provisions and measures embodied in the Trade Related Aspects of Intellectual Property (TRIPS) Agreement and International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV) Convention 1991.

New DG at NIC



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Mr. Rajesh Gera has recently joined as the Director General, National Informatics Centre (NIC), Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY).

In his association of more than 31 years with NIC, Mr. Rajesh Gera headed several prominent divisions - Video Conferencing Division, Satellite Network Division, Aadhaar Authentication Division, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Ayush, Ministry of Corporate Affairs, NITI Aayog, PMO, Cabinet Secretariat, President Secretariat, Labour and Employment Informatics Division.

AU students selected for TCABS-E

The Centre for Advanced-Applied Biological Sciences & Entrepreneurship (TCABS-E) has recently conducted a national level entrance exam followed by interviews for laboratory training in interdisciplinary Sciences. Four students from Andhra University were selected in this competition. Mr. Ayyappa, K; Ms. Srividya, I; Ms. Ramya, T and Ms. Divyasri, G. All four of them will undergo full interdisciplinary laboratory training at TCABS-E located in A.U. campus. This training will be used towards capacity building in A.U.

Additionally, TCABS-E has also offered more than 50 free projects and 20 free internships for A.U. P.G. students from 10 different departments belonging to A.U. College of Science & Technology and A.U. College of Pharmaceutical Sciences. TCABS-E was founded by Dr. Ravikiran S. Yedidi in 2019 in Rajamahendravaram, A.P. which still exists as the laboratory headquarters. The Visakhapatnam branch was started in 2020. An extension of TCABS-E was started in A.U. campus in 2021 as a startup company incubated within A.U. campus.

Satish takes over as VCCI President



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Mr Satish Ramanujakoodam recently took over as the new President for the The Vizagapatam Chamber of Commerce & Industry.

Elected for a period of 2 years i.e. from year 2022 - 24 Mr Satish is the CEO of Manoj Vaibhav Gems 'N' Jewellers Limited.

He is also an accomplished Chartered accountant as well a cost accountant.

The other key members elected to the head table include **Mr KV Krishna Kumar** as the Vice President, **Mr Rolland Williams** as the secretary and **Mr Sudharshan Swamy** as the Treasurer. In addition 10 committee members were too appointed for the two year period.

How Vizag based DCIL is Reinventing itself

Aditya Sabharwal

Owned by the four major ports and administered under the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and waterways, Dredging Corporation of India Limited is counted among the leaders in technically specialised maritime dredging and land reclamation. With over 45 years of dredging in the maritime space DCIL is



chartering itself new avenues of growth.

The organisation recently reported its highest revenue in 12 years in the last fiscal and has set itself a target of Rs 1000 crores for the current fiscal.

Just in the initial months of the current fiscal the organization has already surpassed this figure.

'As of date we have already achieved Rs 1156 crores in revenue' said DCIL's Managing Director and CEO, **Prof Dr G.Y.V Victor** speaking exclusively to *Vizag Industrial Scan*. The company is now eyeing

to close this fiscal with about Rs 1250 crores in revenues. It might be noted that a bulk of these orders relate to the maintenance dredging of all major ports.

Currently close to 100% of its revenue comes from maintenance dredging. In order to diversify and look at other avenues of growth DCIL is venturing into new verticals of business and expansion.

Newer Areas for Expansion

- Capital Dredging
- Rock Dredging
- Flood Management

For instance the corporation is now looking at Dams and reservoirs. 'As a pilot project we have taken up 5 dams to dredge to their original design level and also taken up monetisation of the dredge sand' informed Prof Dr Victor. Capital dredging is another area the company is actively looking to enter into. It is in discussion with APMB (Andhra Pradesh Maritime Board) for capital dredging for 2 of the 3 greenfield ports to be developed in AP. If awarded to DCIL it could

rake in Rs 150 crores per year for the next 3 years for DCIL. It is also discussing with APMB and others to allocate its space for the construction of jetties to undertake floating repairs.

Similarly DCIL is also re-entering rock dredging. 'Rock dredging is coming back after a hiatus of over 20 years' informed the MD and CEO.

Just recently Dredging Corporation of India Inked a Historic Agreement with the Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries, Govt of

India for developing fishing harbours/ reservoirs/ ponds/ other water bodies across India through Dredging and other Marine activities.

In fact the Gujarat government had already given it the mandate to develop fishing harbours on the coast of Gujarat. Works have already commenced at Mangrol Fishing harbour in Gujarat. And to better coordinate its works in Gujarat it is soon slated to start its new office in Gujarat.



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Prof Dr G.Y.V Victor
Managing Director & CEO, DCIL

Another interesting vertical the corporation has gone into is flood management. 'Both the Delhi and Haryana governments have sought our help to assuage the flooding problem seen during the monsoon season in the national capital area' said Prof Dr Victor.

Elaborating further he said that DCI will be extending its expertise on the project which comprises a stretch of 57 kms in length 100 mtrs in width and 4 mtrs depth. Inland waterways too is an area of opportunity for the company.

New Assets

With existing and new businesses making strong headways DCIL has already placed orders for 3 new dredgers at a total cost of Rs 2400 crores.

It is estimated that each dredger would take about 36 months to be built wherein the first one is slated to be built by the end of 2025.

These dredgers are being built at Cochin shipyard with technical expertise coming in from IHC Holland.

IIMV welcomes 8th MBA Batch

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The Indian Institute of Management Visakhapatnam (IIMV) recently welcomed the 8th batch of the Master of Business Administration (PGP) program and the 4th batch of the (PhD) program as well as the 4th batch of the Post-Graduate Program in Management for Experienced Professionals



'You all will be the 1st occupants of this new permanent campus which is GRIHA (Green Rating for Integrated Habitat

incubator and are the only IIM to have a board approved policy for startups' said the IIMV Director.

The chief Guest on the occasion **Mr Manish Goyal** Vice President, Bain & Co. & Chief Operating Officer, Bain Capability urged students to not just focus

on placements but on a holistic learning

approach. 'Placements are an outcome not a goal' said Mr Goyal. He identified 4P's that one needs to follow in their career: Purpose, Passion, Pride, and Performance. He talked about the importance of being resilient and adaptable, enabling one to sustain in the long run and produce effective results.

IIMVs 2022 Student Intake

- 294 PGP
- 17 PGPEX
- 2PhD
- 72% with prior work experience
- 28% out of college

(PGPEX). Congratulating the incoming batch for having made it here **Prof. Chandrasekhar M**, Director, IIM Visakhapatnam, said 'You all have come through a very vigorous selection process as IIMV is one of the top notch institutions in the country'. Highlighting the sprawling new campus of the institute he noted

Assessment) five-star rated'. Emphasising creative learning the director hailed the institutes teaching faculty. 'Our faculty is great and have an impeccable track record utilize them to gain knowledge,' said Prof Chandrasekhar. He also urged the students to explore entrepreneurship opportunities on the campus. 'We have a full - fledged

Raheja Group Officials meet Amarnath

Evince interest in Andhra Pradesh

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A team of senior officials of the Raheja Group including vice president (Liaising) **Mr. O.P Nandakumar**, Chief Operating Officer **Mr. Sravan Kumar**, General Manager **B.Balaraju** recently met the Industries Minister and sought government support. Minister Industries, infrastructure, investments and Commerce **Mr. Gudivada Amarnath** said that Raheja Group Pvt. Ltd is ready to start operations from Visakhapatnam in one or two months.

Speaking to the visiting delegation the industry minister gave them assurance that 'government will extend all cooperation.' He also said that once Raheja Group



comes to Vizag, there will be a big boom to the AP industrial sector.

Mr. Amarnath said that the Chief Minister **Mr. Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy** is planning to build new industrial clusters in ap. in the meanwhile Raheja

Industry Minister to take proposals to Chief Minister

group has come forward to set up their units in Vizag. This is a good sign as youth will get new job opportunities.

Mr Amarnath requested Raheja Group members to start their hotels, malls and IT industries in AP as it will help the government to grow financially. The Minister further said that Raheja Group has given certain proposals which he would be presenting to the Chief Minister.

Epitomizing the Art of giving

Abhilasha Ojha

Seated in her plush living room in New Delhi, Mrs Promila Saraf is a picture of grace, her smiling face radiating an unmistakable healing quality.

Felicitated recently by Andhra University's Department of Yoga and Consciousness on the occasion of International Yoga Day on June 21, 2022, Mrs Saraf's life is one of supreme dedication to uplifting the downtrodden.

Married at a young age of 18 years in 1965 to Mr R. K. Saraf, chairman and MD of Facor Alloys Ltd, she and her husband moved in 1965 to Garividi, a village in Andhra Pradesh, 80 kms from Visakhapatnam, to look after the company's factory and businesses there. Almost immediately, Mrs Saraf started teaching children in a shed, began interacting with the locals, and wherever it was needed, fought to bring about change. Refusing to sit idle, Mrs Saraf became



the pivotal person who worked for the economically disadvantaged men, women, and children in the village, including the physically and mentally disabled. "The hurdles came my way but I just kept my focus," she says speaking to Vizag Industrial Scan.

To understand Mrs Saraf's journey as a tireless philanthropist, it's important to go back to her younger days, which she spent with her

parents, siblings, and other family members in Modinagar. Back in the day when daughters were rarely encouraged to voice their opinion, Mrs Saraf reasoned with her father and became the first girl in her family to study in a boarding school in Scindia Kanya Vidyalaya, Gwalior. Later, she graduated from Modi College, Modi Nagar. The daughter of Dayawati Modi, and the legendary Gujarmal Modi, Promila imbibed the same altruistic principles of her mother.

To that effect, Mrs Saraf's contribution has transformed the once-barren village in Andhra Pradesh into a township that has the best of facilities, including a CBSE school with 3500-plus children along with a college, and the Andhra University's Department of Yoga and Consciousness, all of which she founded in the 1970s and '80s. The Woman and Child Welfare Centre, which Mrs Saraf began in the mid-1970s continues even today with various facilities, including hostels for the disabled, home for the elderly, besides several other programmes.

The recipient of several awards, including the prestigious national award by the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Mrs Saraf continues to strive and work hard even as she's passed on the baton in the able hands of her grandson Mr Arnav Saraf who continues to enrich the legacy of his grandmother.

At the Secretariat



Atmakur MLA Mekapati Vikram Reddy, alongwith Ministers Mr. Kakani Govardhan Reddy and Mr. Karumuri Nageswara Rao met Chief Minister Mr. YS Jagan Mohan Reddy at the CM Camp office. The Chief Minister congratulated Mr. Vikram Reddy and party leaders on their impressive victory in the recent Atmakur Assembly by-election.

Lakshmi Hyundai unveils new VENUE

VIS News Service M/s Sri Jayalakshmi Automotives Pvt.Ltd. (Lakshmi Hyundai), one of the largest Automobile Dealers recently launched

performance, space, comfort, advanced technologies and connectivity. Speaking at the launch of All New Hyundai Venue, Mr. P Visweswara Rao

the new Hyundai VENUE. The New Car was unveiled by Mr. G. C. Raja Ratnam / Dy.



Transport Commissioner," along with Mr. P Visweswar Rao (GM-Sales) & Team. Accentuating the Hyundai SUV Life, the new Hyundai VENUE is geared up to redefine Lit experiences for customers with its bold design, power packed

(GM-Sales), Lakshmi Hyundai. said, "With a keen focus on Design, Technology, Functionality and Space, the new Hyundai VENUE is here to elevate customer experiences and amplify the Hyundai SUV Life.

VCCI women's Wing New Team



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The VCCI Women's Wing recently elected its new office-bearers during the 4th General Body meeting. Ms. Jeeja Valsraj was elected as the

OSOP Kiosks Launched at 4 stations

Waltair Division of East Coast Railway in association with local recognized handicrafts and artisans associations recently launched the One Station One Product kiosks at Duvvada and Paralakhemundi, Vizianagaram and Chipurupalli stations.

It was inaugurated by Divisional Railway Manager Mr. Anup Satpathy in presence of ADRM(Operations) Mr. Manoj Kumar Sahoo; Senior Divisional Commercial Manager Mr. AK Tripathi, Sr.DCM-II Ms.Preethi Rana, Divisional Commercial Manager Ms. Urvashi Kumari through video conferencing.

the Treasurer.

Taking charge Ms. Jeeja Valsraj, launched an initiative on Traffic Discipline Awareness. As part of this initiative, members of VCCI, Women's Wing will conduct sessions promoting Traffic Discipline Awareness in schools and colleges of Visakhapatnam.

Cultural fete held at Waltair division

Waltair Division recently organised the first Divisional Cultural Competitions were held in Music (Both Classical and light vocal), Dance, Drama, and Rangoli in various age groups among the employees and family members. More than 120 persons participated.

మహా విశాఖపట్నం నగరపాలక సంస్థ

విశాఖ నగర ప్రజలకు ముఖ్య విజ్ఞప్తి :

ప్రపంచ పర్యావరణ దినోత్సవం పురస్కరించుకుని 2022 జూన్ 5వ తేదీ నుండి విశాఖనగరంలో సింగిల్ యూజ్ ప్లాస్టిక్ వస్తువులు నిషేధం. (Ban on Single-Use Plastic)

ఒకసారి మాత్రమే వినియోగించగల ప్లాస్టిక్ వస్తువులను వినియోగించరాదు. ప్లాస్టిక్ వస్తువులు మానవ మనుగడకు, పశువులు, జల రాశులకు, భూమాతకు హాని కలిగిస్తున్నాయి. వ్యాపారస్తులు నిషేధిత ప్లాస్టిక్ వస్తువులను అమ్మినా, సరఫరా చేసిన యెడల వారి వాణిజ్య లైసెన్స్ రద్దు చేయడమే కాకుండా మరియూ జరిమాన విధించబడును. ప్రత్యామ్నాయ వస్తువులైన వస్త్ర, నార లేదా కాగితపు సంచులు, స్టీల్, గాజు, పింగాణి, చెక్క లేదా పునర్వినియోగపరమైన వస్తువులను ఉపయోగించండి. పర్యావరణాన్ని పరిరక్షించండి.

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