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PM lauds people of AP

Launches over Rs. 10k cr Infra projects in Vizag

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Prime Minister Mr Narendra Modi landed in the City of Destiny amid much fanfare and euphoria.

In the city to lay foundation stones for several key infrastructure projects the prime minister lauded Andhra Pradesh and its people.

'People of Andhra Pradesh have a very special characteristic. They are always very loving and are big



ing nature and big heartedness which makes them very admirable' said the Prime Minister. He also lauded Dr K H a r i Babu, Governor of Mizoram and former

Vice-President, Mr Venkaiah Naidu for their unhindered love for AP. 'Whenever they have met me they have always ap-

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With folded Hands CM reminds PM on unkept Promises

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Giving a grand welcome to the Prime Minister on his visit to Vizag, the CM Mr Jagan Mohan Reddy reminded the PM of the many dues pending to the state of Andhra Pradesh.

Addressing the gathering at Andhra University Mr Jagan reiterated the demand for special category status due to the state. He also talked about funding for Polavaram project, issue of privatisation of VSP, railway zone etc.

He reminded the PM that he had on several occasions brought these to his notice and that the state

was looking up to him to fulfil these unmet promises.

'The people of my state will thank you immensely if you do good to the state and give Andhra Pradesh its due share' said the CM.

He also informed the PM that there was no other agenda but the overall development of the state of Andhra Pradesh. On the projects being implemented



by the centre Mr Jagan said that these would certainly help in the economic growth of the state.

Widening of Port Road & Vizag-Raipur corridor to boost trade

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hearted. People of AP are in many leadership positions across the world in

various sectors. This is not just because of their professional skill but their lov-

ITC deepens investment in Andhra Pradesh

Chairman hails CM, opens state-of-the-art spices facility in Guntur

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Indian Multi-business conglomerate ITC Limited recently launched its international benchmarked spices plant in Palnadu, Andhra Pradesh.

ITC in AP

► 18 facilities in AP

► Present in Agri, Manufacturing & Services

► 1st plant opened way back in 1922

Inaugurated by the Chief Minister, Government of Andhra

Pradesh, Mr YS Jagan Mohan Reddy the state-of-the-art mega facility will have processing lines for turmeric, chilli, and blended spices, with an annual capacity of 20,400 MT of spices.

Speaking at the inauguration ITC Limited's chairman

Mr Sanjiv Puri, heaped praises on the CM and the government for their proactive support and mentioned that ITC has had a long relationship with Andhra Pradesh. 'ITC has a very deep and growing relationship with Andhra Pradesh. Our first plant was set up in 1922' noted Mr Puri.

ITC Hails Jagan's



Our investments into the state has only strengthened and accelerated since your taking over as CM.

Mr Sanjiv Puri, Chairman ITC Ltd.

Leadership

Praising the Chief minister for his socio-economic programs and for the upliftment of the weaker sections of the society Mr Puri said that Mr Jagan Mohan Reddy's leadership has been an immense source of inspiration and encouragement to ITC.

'Our investments since your taking over as CM has only strengthened and

accelerated' said the chairman ITC Limited. He further added that as investors they are happy to see the state topping in Ease of Doing Business, having the highest GSDP last year and also for topping in attracting investments.

New Spices Plant

The new spices processing plant in Palnadu will have the capability to pro-

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AP important in growth of Indian Chem&Petrochem industry: Gudivada

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Andhra Pradesh's Minister of Industries, Infrastructure, IT & Electronics, Government of Mr Gudivada Amarnath was recently in the capital to take part in the INDIA CHEM 2022 event.

Addressing the INDIA CHEM 2022, organized jointly by FICCI and the



Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers, Govt of India, he said that many renowned chemicals and petrochemicals industries are

important role in the growth of Indian chemicals and petrochemicals industry' said the minister.

Speaking earlier Dr

of India mentioned that there is a huge opportunity in the Indian chemicals and petrochemicals sector. 'India is developing, and a new India is being built with a holistic approach. There is a need to have an ecosystem for industrial development,' said Dr Mandaviya.

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Speaking earlier Dr

Mr Bhagwanth Khuba, Minister of State for Chemicals & Fertilizers and New & Renewable Energy, Govt of India said that the New and Renewable Energy sector also has tripled in the growth in last 8 years and will reach 500 GW production target by 2030. "India is the only nation for investment, production and the government is working to provide industry-friendly policy to boost the sector," he added.

Mr Arun Baroka, Secretary (Chemicals and Petrochemicals), ministry of

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India sees Biggest Ever Coal Mine Auction

141 mines auctioned in 12 states

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The Union Finance Minister **Ms. Nirmala Sitharaman** recently launched the 6th round of



coal mine auction of the Ministry of Coal wherein twelve states are to benefit directly from auctioning of 141 coal mines.

As per the ministry of coal 133 coal mines were put up for auction in the 6th round of commercial auctions, out of which 71 are new coal mines and 62 coal mines are rolling over from earlier tranches of commercial auctions.

Additionally, 8 coal mines under 2nd attempt of 5th round of commercial auctions were included for which single bids were received in the first attempt. With the launch of this auc-

tion tranche, the Ministry of Coal re-affirms its commitment to attain self-sufficiency in the area of thermal coal. Mines falling under protected areas, wildlife sanctuaries, critical habitats, having forest cover greater than 40%, heavily built-up area etc.

Govt. pegs this year's Coal Production at 900 Million Ton

have been excluded. The block boundaries of some of the coal mines where there was presence of dense habitation, high green cover or critical infrastructure etc. have been modified based on comments received during stakeholder consultations to enhance bidders' interest and participation in these

coal blocks.

The mines being auctioned are spread across coal/lignite bearing states of Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, Odisha, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, West Bengal, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu and Bihar.

Addressing the function Coal, Mines & Parliamentary Affairs minister **Mr Pralhad Joshi** said that Coal Ministry is exploring alternative methodology for enhanced use of coal. He said that finance ministry has extended Rs. 6000

crore incentive for coal gasification and Rs. 250 crore for exploration process. During the biggest auction undertaken so far, 141 mines pertaining to 11 states have been auctioned. Mr Joshi said that previously auctioned mines have started production and hoped that 10 to 15 million ton coal will be produced from new mines by next year. As per the review done the Ministry of Coal is anticipating 900 million ton coal production this year.

New Coal Secy. takes charge



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Mr. Amrit Lal Meena took over the charge of the post of Secretary, Ministry of Coal in New Delhi recently. Prior to assuming the present post, Mr. Amrit Lal Meena, 1989 Bihar Cadre IAS officer, was holding the charge of Special Secretary (Logistics), Department for Promotion of Industry & Internal Trade, Ministry of Commerce & Industry.

Mr. Amrit Lal Meena took over from Dr. Anil Kumar Jain who superannuated from service as Secretary, Coal on October 31.

Mr. Meena holds a B.Tech Degree in Electrical Engineering and Post Graduation Diploma in public policy and management from IIM Bangalore.

Sri City's Top Exporter

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Astrotech Steels has emerged as the top exporter in Sri City.

The company which exports several speciality steel products in large quantities, such as Engineered Pneumatic Fasteners, Structural Steel Accessories has distinguished itself among other export en-

terprises in Sri City in the spirit of "Make in India for World." As per an official release from Sri City it stated that an average of 170

container loads (weighing over 5,000 tonnes) of structural steel hardware products, including more than 200 varieties of Engineered Pneumatic Fasteners, Nails, and Screws, are exported each month from Sri City's state-of-the-art facility. The company's products are widely utilised worldwide in infrastructural, industrial, and housing projects.

"We export our products to a number of major Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs) across the world, including those in the USA, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, UK, Neth-

erlands, Germany, South Korea, and United Arab Emirates," said **Mr Arun Miranda**, Director of the company.

He further added that they are constantly striving to expand their footprint and business around the globe by introducing new products to our portfolio.

Mr Miranda also appreciated that the availability of skilled labour in the region and said that the availability of a choice of skilled labour from Tirupati, Nellore, and

other districts in Andhra Pradesh, as well as the nearby Tiruvallur region, has aided in the quick growth of capacity. Congratulating Astrotech Steels team,

Ravindra Sannareddy, Founder and Managing Director of Sri City, stated that the firm achieved this through exceptional performance and collaboration. "It is a matter of pride for Sri City that one of our valued clients, Astrotech Steels, is ranked first in terms of exports. We applaud them on their outstanding job," he remarked.



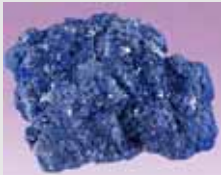
IN BRIEF

SAIL launches e-portal

As a part of ease of procurement of Steel, SAIL has launched e-portal site www.sail.suraksha.com. At the click of your mouse you can order TMT bars to be door delivered at your site. Attached is the detail and for further experience please visit the site or call customer care number given in the portal.

13 Pvt. Agencies Get Accredited for Mineral Exploration

With the amendment of Mines & Minerals (Development & Regulation) MMDR Act in 2021, private agencies can also participate in exploration for mineral sector after getting duly accredited by QCI-NABET. So far, 13 private agencies have been accredited and subsequently notified by the Central Government. The total number of government agencies engaged in mineral exploration comes to 22. Mineral Exploration and Consultancy Limited (MECL), is pursuing mineral exploration activities through NMET funding. Apart from on-going exploration works, MECL is providing consultancy services.



DMF setup in 622 Districts

As per the latest figures of Ministry of Mines, District Mineral Foundation (DMF) has been constituted in 622 Districts spread across 23 States of India. The concept of DMF was introduced through amendment in Mines & Minerals (Development & Regulation) MMDR Act, 1957. The amended Act inter-alia introduced section 9 B which provides for establishment of DMF, a trust as non-profit body, in all districts affected by mining related operations. The objective is to work for the interest and benefit of people and areas affected by mining.

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Session Highlights

- Government's Perspective
- Growth & Challenges in India Steel Sector
- Sustainability in Steel Making
- Sustainability in Steel - Consumers' Perspective
- Futuristic Technology in Steel Making
- Enhancing Raw Materials' Security
- Steel Logistics
- Aatmanirbharta in Steel

The Indian Steel Association is pleased to introduce the Third Edition of its flagship event – "ISA – Steel Conclave". The Conclave will take place on **November 21 - 22, 2022 at The LaLiT, New Delhi, India**. Moving forward after the success of its previous editions, The ISA – Steel Conclave 2022 will once again cover pertinent issues and deliberate on Indian and global perspectives of the steel industry.

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AP bags 2 Global Digital Health Awards

The Chief Minister **Mr. Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy** congratulated the Minister for Medical and Health **Vidadala Rajini**, officials and staff of the Department on receiving two Global Digital Health Awards. The Minister, accompanied by the Principal Secretary (Medical and Health) **Mr. M.T. Krishna Babu**, met the Chief Minister at his camp office recently and appraised him of the details of the Awards. The Minister received the awards at the Global Digital Health Summit-2022 held in New Delhi recently. The Awards were presented in recognition of the reforms introduced in the Medical and Health Department that brought medical services closer to the commoners in the state.



Dolphin Hotel Bags Best of the Best Award

Cascades Restaurant by Dolphin Hotel in Visakhapatnam has been awarded 5th under Everyday Eats in India for the year 2022 by Travellers' Choice Best of the Best Awards. This award ranks restaurants across the globe by travellers' and diners favourites.



NRDC Sahu bags award

Regional Manager and head, National Research Development Corporation (NRDC)-PFC & TISC, Innovation Valley, Vizag, **Dr. B. K. Sahu**, received the Golden Pillar award at the World Intellectual Property



Forum 2022 held in Bangkok recently. As per WIPF Dr Bijay Kumar Sahu has always been supportive and his contributions in the field of Intellectual Property is unexcelled and outstanding towards startups, MSMEs, industries and academia. He has so far executed more than 100

MOUs with various universities, academia, industries and state bodies for promoting innovation, technology and IPR in the country.

Philatelic Expo from Nov. 23

Visakhapatnam Postal Region will be hosting XIII Andhra Pradesh State Level Philatelic Exhibition (APPEX-2022) in Visakhapatnam from November 23rd to 25th, 2022. Last such State level philatelic event was held in Andhra Pradesh in 2014 in Vijayawada.

Philately is popularly called KING OF HOBBIES. Creative and informative stamps not only serve the purpose of transmitting a postage prepaid postal article, but also exchange and disseminate all over the world a precise replica of the country's culture, heritage, flora and fauna, personalities, institutions and its development. Philately Exhibitions serve to bring together the collection of several philatelists under one roof and are thus a beautiful medium of express of their endeavours.



New CVO of VPA

Mr. P.S. Lingeswara Swami, IOFS, took charge as the new Chief Vigilance Officer of Visakhapatnam Port Authority on 31st October. Earlier



P.S. Lingeswara Swami, was associated with the Ministry of Coal. Further, Visakhapatnam Port Authority Chairman, **Mr. K.Rama Mohana Rao**, IAS has administered Integrity pledge at Administrative Office Building along with new VPA-CVO **Mr. P.S. Lingeswara Swami**, IOFS, HOD's and employees in connection with inauguration of Vigilance Awareness Week-2022.

Roshni Korati as new JDC, VSEZ



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Ms Roshni Aparanji Korati, IAS, Secretary, Agriculture, Govt of Assam and SPD has been selected for the post of JDC, VSEZ on deputation basis. It is informed that the period of her deputation shall be for a period of 4 years from the date of joining. VSEZ established in the year 1989 offers state of the art infrastructure coupled with liberal package of incentives, concessions and support services.

Jain elevated as SCR GM

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Mr. Arun Kumar Jain, an Indian Engineering Services Officer of 1986 batch, recently assumed charge as General Manager of South Central Railway. Earlier, Mr. Jain Served as GM (In-Charge)



of South Central Railway. He was elevated to the post of General Manager by the Appointments Committee. Mr. Arun holds a Bachelor's Degree in Electronics Engineering from Gorakhpur & Master's Degree from IIT Karaghpur.

'Aus. has strong ties with India'



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Australian Consul General **Ms. Sarah Kirlaw** who was recently in the port city said that Australia has strong diplomatic relations with India. During her visit to Andhra University recently she held discussions with Vice-Chancellor **Prof PVGD Prasad Reddy** and other officials. Vice Chancellor briefed her about AU's collaborations with various international universities and said that a Japanese corner and an American corner have already been established in AU. He thus said that an Australian corner should also be established in a similar manner. Mr Reddy also noted that there are strong marine liv-

East Godavari gets Rs. 270 crore Bio-ethanol plant

Plant to make bioethanol from damaged rice and grains

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The Chief Minister **Mr. Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy** recently performed the Bhoomi Puja for the Rs. 270 crore Bioethanol plant in Gokavaram mandal of East Godavari district. Describing the plant as a boon to the farmers of the district who have been facing perennial problems of inundation and paddy getting discoloured due to recurring floods, Mr. Reddy said, the Bioethanol plant would use the broken rice, soaked and discoloured paddy, Jowar and Maize as the raw material for producing Bioethanol. The Chief Minister moreover said the plant once commissioned will create both direct and indirect employment for over 500 people of which 75% would



be locals.

Jagan assured the company Assago full support in their setting up of the facility and for having come forward to set up the unit in the state.

Assago industries MD **Mr Ashish Gurnani** is the son of **Mr CP Gurnani**, CEO of Tech Mahindra.

Responding to the request made by the district MLAs on Yeluru right canal

works, the Chief Minister announced a sanction of Rs. 50 crore for modernisation of the canal. East Godavari Collector **Dr. Madhavilatha**, incharge SP **P. Ch. Sudheer Kumar Reddy**, Ministers **Dadisetti Raja Ch. Venugopala Krishna, Gurunadharao**, MLAs **Chirala Jaggi Reddy, Jakkampudi Raja** and others were present.

Session on Labour laws



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With the new labour codes on the anvil an awareness session was organized for MSMEs on labour laws and workforce related issues. Organized by ILO, FICCI, AIOE & KOICA the day-long session disseminated information on the many government backed schemes available for employers while also apprising of the necessary statutory requirements which companies need to abide with. Highlights of the Wages Act, the Industrial Disputes Act and grievance redressal mechanism and other relevant topics were discussed. Joint Commissioner, Department of Labour, GoAP, **Mr M Rama Rao** participated as chief guest and addressed the gathering. **Mr Arvind Francis**, Executive Director, AIOE along with **Mr GVR Naidu**, Assistant Director, MSME Development Institute, **Mr Pradeep Behra**, Assistant Director, ESIC Visakhapatnam, **Mr JAS Krishna Rao**, Deputy Labour Commissioner (Retd.), GoAP also spoke.

AU launches 5-year BBM MBA prog.

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Andhra University launched its third batch of five-year integrated BBM-MBA programme recently. The programme is being con-



ducted in Andhra University School of International Business (AUSIB) in collaboration with Indian Institute of Management-Vizag (IIM-V) under

RUSA 2.0.

Addressing the students, AU Vice Chancellor **Prof. PVGD Prasad Reddy** stressed on the importance of applying management strategies for a successful career and life. IIM-Vizag Director **Prof. M. Chandrasekhar** said that success comes through hardwork, attitude and discipline. The third batch has several international students. Andhra University Registrar **Prof. V. Krishna Mohan** and others were present on the occasion.

Kommineni new chief of Press Academy



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Veteran journalist **Kommineni Srinivasa Rao** has been appointed as the new chairman of the Press Academy of Andhra Pradesh. He assumed charge in the presence of Information and Public Relations Minister Ch. Srinivasa Venugopal Rao.

North Carolina University Chancellor visits AU

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Chancellor of University of North Carolina Wilmington, **Ashwani K Voliti** visited Andhra University recently and had a cordial meeting with the Andhra University Vice Chancellor **Mr. PVGD Prasada Reddy**. A group of representatives of the two varsities met and discussed on various topics.

DCI Q2 profit at Rs. 28 cr.

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Dredging Corporation of India reported a turnaround performance in the 2nd Quarter for the Financial Year 2022-23 clocking a profit of Rs 28.61CR which is the highest achieved against the loss of Rs 3.98 CR in the same quarter for the last Financial Year 2021-22. The Earning per Share (EPS) is of Rs 10.22.

As per an official release from the company EBITA

for the 2nd Quarter stood at Rs 62.68 CR as against 27.97 CR for the same Quarter last year.

DCI has clocked this per-



formance irrespective to the fact that the fuel prices are high in recent times stated the company.

It further added that all the existing projects have been monitored meticulously &

executed on time.

DCIL/VPT Chairman **Mr. K Rama Mohana Rao**, & **Capt S Divakar**, MD & CEO, (A/C), DCIL were exuberant of the performance which they said was not possible without the team efforts of all the employees of DCIL.

The Company is committed to maintain this upward trend and continue to show improved performance which is aiming at a record highest ever turnover of Rs.1000 Cr for this financial year 2022-23.

Modi lauds people of Andhra Pradesh

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prised me of Andhra Pradesh and its proposed development here' said Mr Narendra Modi.

Vizag an Important Trade Hub

Identifying Vizag as being an ancient city of trade he said that the City of Destiny has a history of long time trade.

Visakhapatnam is an important city for Trade and has always been associated with trade since centuries he said.

'Even in ancient India 1000 years ago Vizag was an important port and till today it remains to be an impor-

tant port' said the PM.

He highlighted Multimodal as a way forward and said that Vizag has begun on this journey. The Prime Minister laid foundation stones for projects worth Rs 10, 500 crores. Some of these projects include construction works for Visakhapatnam-Raipur greenfield economic corridor at a cost of Rs 3778 crores, improvement of port road between Sheela Nagar and Convent Junction at Rs 566 crores, GAIL natural gas pipeline project from Srikakulam to Angul worth Rs 2658 crores.

ORM Rao elected to IE Mgmt. panel

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Dr ORM Rao, IEI Ex-General Manager (HR), RINL, Vizag Steel Plant has been elected from Mechanical Engineering Division to Management



Committee, of the Institution of Engineers India, Visakhapatnam Local Centre for the Sessions 2022-23 and 2023-24. He was Honorary Secretary for 2015-16 and 2016-17 sessions and Chairman for 2017-18 and 2018-19 Sessions for the Management Committee, IEI, VLC.

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Marine convention on December 2&3

The 34th Marine convention will be held in Visakhapatnam on, December 2nd & 3rd, 2022. It is being organized by Institution of Engineers India (IEI) Visakhapatnam Local Centre.

Eminent Engineers/Scientists from all over the country will be participate. IEI VLC members led by its Chairman **Mr. Ganesh Kumar** and; **Mr. R. Nageswara Rao**, and **Dr O Rama Mohana Rao**, recently met RINL CMD **Mr Atul Bhatt** Member of National Advisory Committee and invited him to be the chief guest of the 34th Marine convention.



Vigilance Awareness

Week observed at HSL

Hindustan Shipyard Limited, Visakhapatnam (HSL) has observed Vigilance Awareness Week 2022 between October 31 and November 6, 2022. The observance of the week commenced with employees taking the integrity pledge at Visakhapatnam Beach Road on Oct. 31, 2022, which was administered by **Cmde Hemant Khatri**, C&MD,

HSL. HSL has conducted series of events like "Awareness Gram Sabha" at Mangalapalem village, quiz, essay & slogan competition for employees of HSL and an interactive session for vendors & contractors of HSL during the week to highlight the ill effects of corruption and its impact on society. Outreach programmes were also conducted at HSL School and Colleges to make the children more aware and be vigilant. During the valedictory function on November 5, C&MD, HSL delivered his address stressing the importance of Integrity and performance to achieve Corruption free India for a developed Nation. **Mr.T Venkateswarlu**, CPES, CVO HSL also addressed the officers on this event.



Women entrepreneurs park likely in Vizag



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On the lines of MSME Park a women Entrepreneurs Park is likely to come up in Visakhapatnam said Minister for IT and Industries **Mr. Gudivada Amarnath**.

The Minister was speaking at recently held Women Entrepreneurship training programme organised by Association of Lady Entrepreneurs of India (ALEAP) in collaboration with International Labour Organisation (ILO) and Korea International Cooperation Agency (Koica) in Visakhapatnam.

Speaking on the occasion Mr. Amarnadh said they will explore possibility of allotting 25 to 30 acres of land in Visakhapatnam or

Anakapalle to set up units for women entrepreneurs as per the request of ALEAP. He informed that there are 14% of women entrepreneurs in India, and that the State Government is giving its best in promoting women entrepreneurs. The Minister said the government is providing loans at 0% interest rate and helping SHGs in a big way for economic development of women. At least 100 women from Visakhapatnam are being trained by ALEAP to enable them to start their own enterprises in food processing and garments, he said and added that ALEAP has trained about 70,000 women since inception in 1993.

Supreme court grants Taxpayers chance to claim credits/Input (pre GST regime)

Anil Bezawada

The Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in the case of **UOI Vs M/s. Filco Trade Centre Private Limited 2022 (63) G.S.T.L. 162 (S.C.)** permitted the taxpayers for Filing/revising FORM (Trans-1) for availing the Transitional Credits.

The GST was implemented from **01st July 2017**. As on **30.06.2017**, there were closing balances of unutilized VAT, Excise Duty and Service Tax Input Credits laying in books of accounts of the Taxpayers. For carry forwarding of such closing input tax credits into GST Credit Ledger, Section 140 of the GST Act, 2017 prescribed the form Trans-01 and time limit to file the Form was **27.12.2017**.

However large number of taxpayers faced technical/teething problems in the GSTN Portal while filing the Form Trans-1 & could not submit. Some



taxpayers due to system glitches got the part of the Input Tax Credit into their ledger instead of full amount. Some entities were not even aware of this facility & thereby lost the credits.

Several appeals were filed before the Supreme Court praying for one more opportunity for availing the Transitional Credits. On this background, hon'ble Supreme Court generously gave the green signal for availing the Transitional Credits.

Who can avail the benefit of the judgment of Supreme Court: -

1) Some taxpayers have not availed the VAT closing balance of Input

Tax Credit on the pre-text that they can go for **VAT Refund**. However due to scarcity of the funds with the AP Govt they have not got such refunds.

2) Many of VAT Dealers like automobile show rooms, they have not availed the Excise Duty credit involved on the closing stock of goods as on 30th June 2017.

3) Even if there is no Excise Duty paying document, the VAT dealers can avail the **deemed credit**.

4) Construction/Infra Companies also entitled to avail Excise Duty credit involved on the closing stock of goods like **steel, cement & iron** e.t.c as on 30th June 2017.

5) Any service tax paid **reverse charge** after GST implementation can also explore the opportunity to file Trans-1. **6) Construction/Infra Companies** who were under the **Composition Scheme** under the VAT Regime, they can also

avail the VAT Input Credit on the closing stock of goods.

7) Any **CVD, Special CVD (SAD)** paid after GST implementation due to export obligation non-fulfilment can also explore the opportunity to file Trans-1.

The above instances are only examples, there may be many such instances & possibilities. Supreme Court gave the time up to **30th Nov 2022** to file the Trans-1 or to revise the Trans-1 for making the corrections & get the Credits into Electronic Credit Ledger. These additional credits would add some buffer to the working capital requirements.

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In loving memory of
Mr. Pradeep Sabharwal (Prad)



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Mr. Pradeep Sabharwal (Prad).**

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Waltair Division Revenue up 10.85%

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Waltair division of the East Coast Railway has shown all-round progress in the current year with firm focus on safety and passenger services by indulging the latest in technology.

In freight traffic, the Division transported 38.19 Million tons of goods to various destinations as of October 31st -2022 which is about 5% more than the same period last year. This fetched Rs 4507.5 Crores which is also 6.5% more than the corresponding financial year, stated a press release.

On the passenger front, 15.49 millions of passengers were ferried from the Division by October 31st -2022 which is 192.82% more than the last financial year for same period and the revenue is Rs 409.51 crores which is 101.59% higher than last financial year, even surpassed the target by 46.43%.

Overall the Division recorded total revenues to the tune of Rs.5016.18

Crores of October 31st -2022 which is 10.85% more than the last financial year for same period and bettered the target by 2.11%.

Improvements in Passenger conveyance:

☞ Additional LHB Vistadome coaches were introduced in Visakhapatnam-Kirandul - Visakhapatnam train

☞ To provide more comfort to passengers ICF Vistadome coach was introduced in Visakhapatnam to Koraput via Rayagada. Vistadome coach services will be extended up to Kirandul from Oct. 25.

☞ The Double Decker Uday express services was restored.

☞ Stoppages restored at Lakshmipur Road, Bachel, Dusi, Ponduru.

☞ Special trains were run between VSKP- Secunderabad, Visakhapatnam-Tirupati, Visakhapatnam-Bangalore, Visakhapatnam-Mahabubnagar, Srikakulam Road-Tirupati, Vizag - Araku etc.



BIS organizes Manak Manthan for paper-based packaging

VIS News Service

BIS, Vijayawada Branch Office recently organised Manak Manthan on Standards for paper-based packaging material for food items.

MAJ Vinod, Scientist-F/Sr Director and Head delivered spoke on importance of Manak Manthan in development of Indian Standards. Mr. K Rajasekhar, Sc-D & Jt Director presented about core activities of BIS & standards formulation, focused standards for paper-based packaging materials and usage of paper as sustainable alternatives for food packaging. There were 70 participants comprising representatives from food industries, consumer organisations along with the officials of Food Department, Govt of A.P. The meeting ended with an open discussion with the participants clarifying doubts of participants regarding IS 17753:2021, elaborated about importance of new standards & amendments. New Standards developed by BIS.

At Rs 152 Crs Vizag Fishing Harbour set for a makeover

VIS News Service

Visakhapatnam Fishing Harbour (VFH) which was established in the year 1976 by Visakhapatnam Port is all set to get Modernised and upgraded.

VFH was established with an investment of Rs.525 lakhs administered by the Department of Fisheries and is situated on 24 hectares of land with a Wharf length of 1300 Mtrs. 5 Fishing Jetties, 6 Auction Halls, 01 Net mending hall. As per Visakhapatnam port authority the Export Procurement Centre with 24 officers, 1300 Fishing Vessels operate from Visakhapatnam Fishing Harbour, 150 Tons of fish catch per day, 700 mechanized boats, 450 motorized boats, 15 beach landing crafts and 150 non-motorized traditional crafts are operating at VFH.

'Since the establishment of Fishing Harbour in 1976, there has been no major investment except for general repairs and maintenance of Fishing Harbour. Now, under the dynamic leadership of our Prime

Minister Mr Narendra Modi the Govt. have taken a decision for Modernisation and upgradation of Visakhapatnam Fishing Harbour with an investment of Rs.152 crores' said VPA in a press release. The existing Fishing Harbour is being modernized with world class faci-

Conveyor System for movement of fish to the Auction Hall directly.

◆ Mechanized system from the boat to the Auction Hall

◆ Fish drying is presently carried out in the open area at the Fishing Harbour. It takes 2-3 days to dry the fish.

◆ 20 mechanised dryers

Modernisation to Enhance:

➤ Fish catch

➤ Storage

➤ Exports & Quality of life & Provide employment to additional 15,000 families

ties to improve the Fish catch, Storage, Exports and Quality of life with good ambience and provide employment to additional 15,000 families.

The key takeaways of the project are as follows:

◆ Presently it is taking 2 hours to off load the boats and the entire process is manual. This is being automated with 40 Tripods. This will decrease the time taken to offload the fish.

◆ Automation is being made with the installation of a

will be installed

◆ Two Effluent Treatment Plant with a total capacity of 450 KLD to keep the premises neat and clean

◆ 7 Chill Room facility will be made available to store the unsold fish.

◆ Solid waste management system will be developed

◆ A 900 Sq.mtrs. Cold Chambers with a capacity of 50 Tons storage will be developed.

◆ E-auction platform is proposed to be developed for selling of Fish.

FAPCCI team calls on US Consul General

VIS News Service

Federation of Andhra Pradesh Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FAPCCI) Vice President, Mr. Kankatala Mallikharjuna Rao, recently met with Ms. Jennifer Larson, Consul General, US



Consulate General office in Hyderabad. The objective of the meeting was to exchange thoughts on growing ties and continue business collaboration between US Consulate General Hyderabad and FAPCCI. During the meeting, the Vice President of FAPCCI extended an invitation to Ms. Jennifer Larson to address the Members of FAPCCI and share her thoughts on enhancing trade and business oppor-

tunities between India and the US.

As per a release from FAPCCI the meeting also deliberated on strengthening India-U.S. bilateral relations. It also deliberated on strengthening Global Value Chains (GVCs) using FDI in each other's economies to strengthen bilateral trade and integrate GVCs as well as incentivize multinational corporations to participate in these initiatives.

SCR conducts meet with Stakeholders of Ad Industry

VIS News Service

South Central Railway, Principle Chief Commercial Manager Mr. G. John Prasad, recently held a meeting with stakeholders of advertising industry to showcase the potential advertising spaces available in Railway area

for revenue generation and discuss about the issues being faced by the advertising stakeholders. The meeting provided insight into the vast business opportunities that can be explored by the advertising agencies through advertisements.

'Employees deserve decent working conditions'

Aditya Sabharwal

It is stated that 94% of the Indian workers are in the un-organized sector thereby eliminating them from any type of social safety net benefits they can

project to support Indian Micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) to sustainably integrate into the global supply chain in alignment to Decent Work (DW) agenda, and gener-



ate more and better quality jobs while also making MSMEs more productive and competitive.

The PSEI project currently being implemented by two partner states i.e. Andhra Pradesh and Odisha targets potential entrepreneurs such as youth, women and artisans specifically in the garments and food processing sector in

avail of. Moreover it is said that only 4 percent of MSMEs are job creators of which around 70% are micro enterprises employing less than 10 employees.

Due to lack of an organized framework many times employees interests are often neglected and not given due attention.

PSEI i.e. Promoting Sustainable Enterprises in India under the International labour organization is a

Andhra Pradesh and Odisha.

It was to create awareness of this program that a team of ILO officials were recently in the city of destiny, Visakhapatnam wherein they held a session in association with other partners such as FICCI, AIOE & KOICA.

Emphasising the need for better working conditions and overall employee well being Mr Satashi Sasaki, Deputy Director, ILO De-

cent work team for South Asia and country office India said that the focus needs to be on creating sustainable enterprises.

diate implementation of these he said that consumers and businesses abroad look at these aspects keenly while buying.

Project PSEI

Aims to inculcate quality jobs, by providing a safe workplace with decent working conditions

'Providing jobs is important however jobs too need to be good for employees. Protection of employee interest is paramount as this

The PSEI program aims to achieve the following outcomes

✓ MSME policy initiatives are effectively designed

Only 4 % MSMEs job creators

- Of which 70% are micro enterprises employing less than 10 employees

not only is essential from a job satisfaction point of view but also significantly helps in ramping up productivity' said Mr Sasaki speaking to Vizag Industrial Scan.

He underscored the need for having decent working conditions for employees from providing basic and adequate infrastructure to the number of working hours to providing social security etc.

Advocating for the imme-

and implemented, enhancing their market responsiveness to promote sustainable enterprises and integration in the global supply chain

✓ Indian youths are equipped with entrepreneurial skills and generate decent jobs

✓ Indian MSMEs demonstrate responsible management practices and build sustainable business management system with increased productivity.

Giridhar Aramane new Defence Secy.

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Mr. Giridhar Aramane, a 1988-batch Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer of Andhra Pradesh cadre, recently assumed the office of Defence Secretary. Before taking charge, Mr. Aramane laid a wreath at National War Memorial in New Delhi and paid homage to the fallen heroes. He saluted the brave hearts who sacrificed their lives while protecting the nation. "We draw inspiration from these brave hearts and promise to work towards fulfilling their dream of making India a safe & prosperous country," Mr. Aramane said during his visit to the National War Memorial.



In his 32 years of experience in IAS, Mr. Aramane has held various important portfolios in the Central Government as well as Andhra Pradesh government. Prior to his current assignment, Mr. Aramane was Secretary, Ministry of

Road Transport & Highways.

Earlier, he was Additional Secretary in the Cabinet Secretariat. Apart from Cabinet Secretariat, Mr. Aramane looked after Exploration Division in the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas and was Executive Director in-charge of inspections in Insurance Regulatory & Development Authority.

In the Andhra Pradesh Government, Mr. Aramane had served as Principal Secretary in Urban Development Department; Managing Director of AP State Finance Corporation and Secretary (Finance Department). He also held the post of the Collector & DM of Chittoor and Khammam districts. Mr. Aramane did B Tech in Civil Engineering from Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University, Hyderabad and M Tech from IIT, Madras. He is MA (Economics) from Kakatiya University, Warangal.

CNS attends IFR in Japan

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Adm R Hari Kumar, Chief of the Naval Staff, made an official visit to Japan from Nov 05 to 09 22.

During the visit the CNS witnessed the International Fleet Review (IFR), hosted by the Japan Maritime Self-Defence Force (JMSDF) off Yokosuka on Nov 06, 22 in commemoration of the 70th Anniver-



sary of its formation. **Mr Fumio Kishida**, Prime Minister of Japan, was embarked on board JMSDF Ship Izumo for the Fleet Review, along with distinguished heads of delegations from participating Navies. Indian Naval Ships Shivalik and Kamorta represented the Indian Navy in the IFR. **RADM Sanjay Bhalla**, the Flag Officer Commanding, Eastern Fleet was embarked on board INS Shivalik during the Fleet Review.

RM addresses Commanders Conference



VIS News Service

The Raksha Mantri, Mr Rajnath Singh recently interacted with the senior hierarchy of the Indian Navy as part of the commanders' conference.

The RM, during the interaction, commended the Navy for maintaining a high Operational tempo towards ensuring secure seas for

also emphasized the importance of 'Whole of Nation' approach towards overcoming the nation's security challenges. The RM appreciated the Navy for the efforts towards indigenisation and innovation in the recent years, while urging the Naval Commanders to maintain focus on futuristic capabil-

RM Urges Naval Commanders to maintain focus on futuristic capability development.

national security and prosperity. He congratulated the Navy for successful commissioning of INS Vikrant, India's first indigenously designed and constructed Aircraft Carrier and adoption of a new Naval Ensign, shedding vestigial linkages to our colonial past.

He appreciated the Navy for evolving into a 'Combat-ready, Credible, Cohesive and Future Proof' force of the country. He

ity development for effectively overcoming emerging challenges in the Maritime Domain.

The RM and other senior dignitaries of MoD also witnessed a technology demonstration put up by Naval Headquarters and Weapons and Electronics Systems Engineering Establishment (WESEE), the R&D arm of the Navy, showcasing ongoing and planned indigenous projects utilising niche technologies.

ICG conducts Search & Rescue Workshop in AP

VIS News Service

To address issues of maritime search and rescue, a one-day M-SAR workshop for Andhra Pradesh was organised at Headquarters, Coast Guard District No-6 (Andhra Pradesh) on Nov 10, 22. Various central and state agencies including stakeholders participated in the workshop.

Presentation on Maritime Search and Rescue, SAREX-22 and impact of



abandoned lost or discarded fishing gears (ALDGG) delivered. In addition, winching at sea by helicopter and a demonstration of life-saving & communication equipment were also organised during the workshop.

All stakeholders including the Zonal Director, Fisheries Survey of India actively participated in the workshop and shared their knowledge and experience in achieving the desired tangibles in the field of Maritime Search & Rescue.

Vizag significant in U.S.-India ties: U.S. Officer

VIS News Service

Andhra Pradesh plays a significant role in the strategic partnership between the United States and India, said **Frankie Sturm**, Public Diplomacy Officer, U.S. Consulate General Hyderabad.



Speaking at an interactive session with journalism students from different colleges at the American Corner on the premises of Andhra University, Sturm said "From activities as diverse as U.S.-India naval exercises and U.S.-supported English language programs, Visakhapatnam is playing a key role in promoting stronger relations between India and the United States".

He also discussed how the U.S. Consulate worked with Andhra University to open the American Corner, which gives the Consulate the opportunity to organize cultural, educational, and exchange programs in Visakhapatnam. Mr Sturm answered students' questions about the news me-

dia in the United States and he described how students can reach out to the U.S.-India Educational Foundation in Hyderabad (<https://www.usief.org.in/Hyderabad.aspx>) to learn more about studying in the United States. He also encouraged students to combat

disinformation by consuming a variety of media sources and he distributed certificates among students who

attended a workshop on "Countering Disinformation" in August.

Prof DVR Murthy, Head of the Dept of Journalism and Mass Communication, Andhra University, thanked Mr Sturm for his visit and urged students to make use of the facilities at the American Corner, which will be helpful for them in shaping their careers.

Mr. Sturm also visited the Dept of Physics and Dept of Journalism wherein he met **Prof. Challa Ramakrishna**, Chairman, Board of Studies, and **Dr. Krishnaveer Abhishek**,

Widening of Port Road & Vizag-Raipur corridor to boost Trade

VIS News Service

Export trade's long pending demand for widening the port road between Sheela Nagar and Convent junction shall now soon become a reality.

Prime Minister **Mr Narendra Modi** on his recent trip to Vizag laid the foundation for the improvement of the port road between Sheela Nagar and convent junction at a cost of Rs 566 crores.

This is touted to significantly ease congestion and simplify movement of cargo while also making it safe for users of passenger vehicles.

This stretch of road is currently being used both by the heavy commercial vehicles (carrying containers and cargo) as well as by two wheelers and other passenger vehicles thereby making it hazardous for commuters.

As per port authorities the work for the widening of the road has already been entrusted to NHA and the improvement of the 6 lane road to an additional 4 lanes

is under progress.

It is stated that the 4 lanes will be earmarked as a dedicated road for cargo movement while the 6 lanes will be exclusively for public /general use thereby



separating the movement of heavy commercial vehicles and passenger vehicles thus giving a much-needed fillip to connectivity and easing traffic congestion.

Trade has overall welcomed this development and said this is a welcome step and will certainly free up space for cargo vehicles.

Trade however has also urged the port authorities to expedite the tender for the Sheelanagar to highway

connectivity as they say cargo movement is being hindered on this road too.

Visakhapatnam-Raipur Greenfield Economic Corridor

Similarly the

Visakhapatnam-Raipur greenfield economic corridor is also being anticipated to boost trade in this region. An estimated Rs 3770 crores is being spent on this corridor encompassing over 466 kms.

The proposed 6 lane highway will pass through three states i.e. Chhattisgarh, Odisha and Andhra Pradesh. Raipur and Visakhapatnam have been an important trade route for many in the freight and logistics industry.

AP imp. in growth of Indian Chem&Petrochem industry

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Chemicals & Fertilizers, Govt of India said that the Indian chemical industry holds tremendous growth potential, market size expected to reach 383 billion by 2030 growing at 8% CAGR.

Mr Nikhil Meswani, Executive Director, Reliance Industries Limited said that Asia will be the key engine of growth in the coming years with India being the shining star. India will provide growth and savings to the world, he said and added that Sustainability and compliance with our environment to live a better planet for tomorrow are our key challenges.

Mr Prabh Das, Chairman, FICCI Petrochemicals Committee and MD & CEO, HPCL-Mittal Energy Ltd said that we see a great opportunity in the sector and are willing to take advantage of it. The Chemical and petrochemicals sector is growing at 7-8% growth and the industry is focusing on safety, decarbonization along with circular economy and the ESG goals.

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VOC Port sets record in windmill blades

VIS News Service

V.O. Chidambaranar Port in Tamil Nadu recently handled 120 windmill blades, the highest volume in a single consignment



shipped from the Port of Changshu and imported through VOC Port for the windmill farms functioning across the Country.

V.O. Chidambaranar Port, with a commendable track record in handling of windmill blades and accessories, had handled

surpassing the previous highest import of 60 windmill blades in a single consignment. As per the Port the entire consignment was handled diligently with two Harbour Mobile cranes, with utmost concern for the safety of the cargo and cargo handling workers. The flatbottomed Vessel 'MV.NAN FENG ZHI XING' with arrival draft of 6.60 metres, loaded with 120 windmill blades (Length:76.8 Metres), was berthed at the Port on 25.10.2022 and the entire consignment was unloaded in a span of 44 Hours. The windmill blades manufactured in China were

Windmill Blades handled @ VOC

2906 (FY22)

1598 (FY23 upto Sep 22)

2906 windmill blades during the financial year 2021-2022 and 1598 windmill blades during the current financial year up to September, 2022. **Mr. T.K. Ramachandran**, Chairman, V.O. Chidambaranar Port Authority congratulated the Vessel Agent, the Stevedore & Shore Handling Agent, M/s. NTC Logistics(I) the Harbour Mobile Crane Operator and the Port officials for this remarkable performance.

APSEZ registers a record H1

VIS News Service

Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Ltd (APSEZ), has announced its results for H1 FY2023.

"H1 FY23 is a record half-year in APSEZ's history, with the highest ever cargo volume, revenue and EBITDA. Extending this strong performance into October, APSEZ achieved 200 MMT of cargo throughput within seven months, another new milestone," said **Mr. Karan Adani**, CEO and Whole Time Director of Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone.

For H1 FY23, this record cargo volumes have resulted in a 24% Y-o-Y jump in Port EBITDA, while the EBITDA of the logistics business jumped 57% Y-o-Y. The margin expansion of the logistics segment continued with a 470 bps Y-o-Y jump on the back of better utilisation of assets and increased share of the GPWIS revenue stream, stated a release.

SMPK port begins trial runs at Bangla ports

VIS News Service

Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port, Kolkata started using Chattogram and Mongla Ports in Bangladesh for movement of goods to and from North-Eastern region which is a significant step in the Act East policy. For India, in particular, transit and transshipment across Bangladesh is important, as it is expected to boost the economy of India's Northeast. Development in connectivity is

Sheola & Tamabil to Chittagong were carried out with CJ Darcl Logistics Ltd. as partner.

In this connection, **Mr. Samrat Rahi**, IRS, Dy. Chairman (Kolkata), SMP, Kolkata said that the trial movements of Indian cargo, originating from West Bengal, via



Chattogram Port & Mongla Port with final destinations to Tripura, Assam & Meghalaya are successfully carried out and cargo is delivered to the customers in North-East India. The return movement from Tamabil to Chittagong completed on November 7 well ahead of the set timeline. On this significant occasion, **Mr. P. L. Haranadh**, IRTS, Chairman, SMP, Kolkata conveyed his gratitude to all Port Users, Officers and Employees of SMP, Kolkata for actively participating in this programme.

The four trial runs were divided into two parts. The first trials from Mongla to Tamabil & Mongla to Bibirbazar were carried out with Maersk Line India Pvt Ltd. and remaining two trial runs from Chittagong to

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Minister @ 7th IMU convocation

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Union Minister of Ports, Shipping & Waterways and Ayush, **Mr. Sarbananda Sonowal** announced multiple initiatives at the Indian Maritime University's (IMU) 7th convocation in Chennai recently. A Centre for Policy Research in Maritime Studies (C-PRiMeS) of IMU was also inaugurated by the Union Minister.

The C-PRiMeS centre will undertake maritime studies and act as a think tank for the development of the marine economy. To supplement the vision of Sagarmala programme of the Govt, multiple initiatives were announced by Mr. Sonowal to unlock the huge potential of Blue Economy of Indian Ocean at the IMU convocation. Speaking on the occasion, he said, "The role of Blue Economy in propelling the growth story of India is immense. The Ministry is working to strengthen the coastal economy Centre for Policy Research in Maritime Studies opened must equip ourselves to secure optimum utilisation of the opportunity at hand as Ocean based Blue Economy is the next sunrise sector for dev. he said."

Maersk's new warehouse in Bangladesh

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A.P. Moller - Maersk (Maersk), the integrated logistics company, is expanding its warehousing footprint in Bangladesh with a brand new 100,000 sq. ft. facility being built in Chattogram. The upcoming facility is located close to the Chattogram Port and easily connected to the Dhaka-Chattogram Highway through the Outer Ring Road and Karnaphuly Tunnel, giving easy access to Bangladesh's garment exporters based out of the nearby manufacturing hubs. **Mr. Angshuman Mustafi**, Head of Maersk, Bangladesh, commented, "The last two to three years have been extremely challenging for Bangladesh's exporters.

Maersk Bangladesh has partnered with Vertex Off-Dock Logistics Services Limited to commission the new three-storied facility. **Imran Fahim Noor**, MD, Vertex Off-Dock Logistics Services, said, "By building efficient warehouses, we are catering to the demand of the country's exporters.

HSL eyes greater pie in the repair of SCI fleet

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Making a conscious effort in further enhancing its Ship Repair Business, Hindustan Shipyard Ltd under the leadership of **Cmde Hemant Khatri**, IN (Retd.) has been making significant strides in this vertical of business. With HSL's proven expertise in carrying out intricate repair of over 2000 Naval and Merchant ships, the shipyard truly has become major Ship Repairs hub on the Eastern Sea Board of India. A total of 31 ships of various types have been successfully repaired in the last three years for diverse customers like Indian

Navy, Indian Coast Guard, SCI, DCI, FSI, CIFNET, Mc Dermott USA, Aban Offshore Ltd, Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Ltd. Out of which, seven are SCI vessels i.e



SCI Pawan (2 times), SCI Kundan, MV Swarajdweep, Vishwa Vijeta, Vishwa Malhar and Vishwa Ekta. HSL is keen on acquiring three more repair vessels of SCI in the current Financial Year, for

which tenders are being finalised. Presently, HSL is engaged in execution of major refit of ONGC Drill Ship MODU Sagar Bhushan of SCI, the contract for which was won after tough competition with other PSUs. Incidentally, this vessel was built by HSL about 35 years ago in 1987. With this, repair business of ONGC platforms has returned to the yard after a gap of 10 years, which is a testimony to the high quality work by HSL. Customers like SCI are entrusting the repair of their ships to the shipyard. Repairs on the MODU Sagar Bhushan are progressing at a brisk pace said HSL.

Shipping Secy. inspects Kamarajar Port

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Dr. Sanjeev Ranjan, IAS, Secretary, Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways Government of India recently inspected the various cargo handling terminals of Kamarajar Port. He was apprised of the various on-going construction and development activities in Kamarajar Port. The Secretary held a review meeting regarding performance of the Port with its officials. **Mr. Sunil Paliwal**, IAS, Chairman-cum-Managing Director, Kamarajar Port briefed the Secretary about different



areas in which the Port is trying to diversify its operations. The CMD also detailed out the connectivity projects undertaken in a big way by Kamarajar Port. During his visit, the Secretary interacted with the various stakeholders of KPL.

The stakeholders expressed their satisfaction over the cooperation of Kamarajar Port in conducting the terminal operations. Kamarajar Port is the youngest amongst the Twelve Major Ports under Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways. With 8 operational terminals for cargo handling and with a capacity of 54.44 MTPA, KPL handled its highest ever cargo throughput of 38.74 million tonnes during the financial year 2021-22 with an increase of about 50% over previous year which is the highest growth rate among all major ports.

Grievance redressal to resolve pending issues

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As part of the Special Campaign for Disposal of Pending Matters (SCDPM) 2.0 all Major Ports under the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways organized workshops with their PPP stakeholders to resolve pending grievances. The basic aim for organizing these work-

shops was to resolve maximum possible number of issues on the spot and chalk out way forward with a clearly defined timeline for the remaining one. Among Major Ports Paradip Port Authority organized PPP Grievance Redressal Forum with its various stakeholders, in which representatives of

concessionaire/captive berth operators participated. The Port management keenly listened to various issues and resolved most of them. Similarly, the Deendayal Port, also organized a Workshop on PPP Grievance Redressal Forum A 'PPP grievance meeting' was organized by JNPA. The meeting was

headed by the Chairman, JNPA **Mr. Sanjiv Sethi** who briefed about the PPP model. Mormugao Port Authority also organized the same where Terminal operators participated. NMPA conducted a hybrid Workshop. Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port, conducted a PPP Grievances workshop with its stakeholders.

Cake mixing begins at Radisson Blu

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Radisson Blu Resort Visakhapatnam initiated the preparation for grand celebration of



Christmas with the age old cake mixing ceremony that starts a few weeks before Christmas and is known to herald Christmas and New Year. Everyone participated with enthusiasm and excitement in the joyous mixing of 100 kg dry fruits and nuts for plum cakes. It's a ritual wherein the

mixture is put-together into large containers and tossed till they are drenched in the spirits by further storing it ahead of the Christmas celebration. The guests also

took part in the annual Cake mixing event. The ingredients will be soaked this month to bring out the best of confectionaries and festive delights. Furthermore, the resort will add to the merriment with a host of cheerful experiences and togetherness for an indelible time.

GoAP seeks inputs on Viksit Bharat meet

VIS News Service

The 2nd Chief Secretaries Conference will be held from January 5th & 7th 2023 on the overarching theme of Viksit Bharat reaching the last mile connectivity. **Mr R. Karikal**



Valaven, IAS., Special Chief Secretary to Government, Industries & Com-

merce Department, GoAP, who is the Nodal Officer for the Chief Secretaries Conference has sought CII members' suggestions on Growth with Job Creation and Minimizing Regulatory Compliances in specific areas with Possible solutions, Best Practices, Priority Areas and Way forward.

'Cos need to adapt to an Employee 1st strategy'

Aditya Sabharwal

Randstad India recently made a big announcement in Vizag declaring the launch of a Rs 500 million facility in the city of destiny, Visakhapatnam. For a recruitment company like Randstad that is a pretty big announcement. However, this also highlights the surging demand for qualified and trained manpower that both the city and coun-

tries need to be pertinent issue. Employers need to go where talent is' said Randstad India's CEO & MD **Mr Viswanath PS** speaking exclusively to *Vizag Industrial Scan*. Elaborating further he said that companies today need to be flexible and accommodating to the needs of their employees. 'Today talent is King not customer. Therefore, em-



Randstad in Vizag

- ▶ To have 300 FTEs (Full Time Employees)
- ▶ Vizag A hub of potential candidates equipped with futuristic technologies like: Python, Business Intelligence, Machine Learning, Full Stack Development, Animation/Graphics Randstad India research
- ▶ Has more than 1500 non-IT staff placed in Andhra Pradesh to service various clients across industries
- ▶ Randstad Vizag to give impetus to IT cos in this region

try on a whole have been gasping for. Employers have time and again yearned for job ready and skilled workers. And in the last few years this need has gotten even more glaring with the changing dynamics at the workplace. 'Talent is getting scarcer. Despite being a 1.4 billion population job readiness re-

quirement to adapt to an employee 1st strategy. Job flexibility/work life balance is important to them. Companies thus have to be flexible in hiring. Digital transformation/automation is here to stay,' said Mr Viswanath. Randstad India, division of Dutch-based Randstad Holding NV, a Dutch mul-

tinational human resource consulting firm headquartered in the Netherlands has been a key player in the organized job market in India.

'We put 70,000 people to work every day pan India' said Randstad's chief people officer, **Ms Anjali Raghuvanshi**.

And with attrition being high in many sectors the company also trains and upskills its workforce.

Randstad India hires freshers right out of campus and then puts them on Randstad's payroll post which they go to work for other companies.

'We also have a skilling academy wherein through the virtual platform we have trained 7000-8000 people over 3 years' informed Mr Viswanath.

Booming Demand

Commenting on the general

demand in hiring he said that there is significant hiring demand across all sectors and highlighted Technology/IT, Engineering, BFSI, Finance & Accounts, Pharma/Healthcare to be some of the key growth sectors.

Randstad in Vizag

In regards to Andhra Pradesh the Dutch human resource company has mega plans for the state. With an estimated investment of Rs 500 million over the next 3 years it aims to hire 300 FTEs (full time employees). These FTEs shall inturn hire over 3000 freshers across India per annum. The Randstad facility in Vizag is also being anticipated to give a big boost to the IT sector in this region so that more IT companies can establish here while having significant availability of skilled manpower.

ITC's new spices facility in Guntur

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duce over 15 organic spices and will boost ITC's food exports globally.

The target global markets are Europe, the US, Canada, Australia, China,



among other countries. The plant will cater to all processing needs, including storage, cleaning, processing, sterilization, packing, quality testing, leading to an end-to-end custody of quality assurance.

The unit will also anchor a sustainable spices value chain that will extend support to farmers through a robust crop development programme ensuring traceability.

More than 5,500 farmer

families and over 2,200 livelihoods will be supported across the value chain. The facility will be powered by high-tech energy efficient equipment and will have rooftop solar panels to ensure clean energy consumption.

A majority of the workforce at the unit will include women.

'Aligned to the Chief Minister's vision of achieving rapid socio-economic transformation, we have undertaken multi-dimensional initiatives in Andhra Pradesh including a partnership with the Department of Horticulture to transform the State into a global cluster for chill sourcing, besides expanding our footprint of manufacturing and hospitality assets as well as our large-scale social investment

programmes' said Mr Puri. The company's extensive Agri-Business presence in

company has promoted local entrepreneurship. ITC has also set up a 5 star

New Guntur Facility

- ▶ Annual capacity of 20,400 MT of spices
- ▶ Have processing lines for Turmeric, Chilli, and blended spices
- ▶ To produce over 15 organic spices & boost ITC's food exports globally
- ▶ To benefit more than 5,500 farmer families and over 2,200 livelihoods to be supported across the value chain
- ▶ Majority of workforce at the unit will include women

the State spans a range of sustainable value chains encompassing spices, rice, aqua, fruits, pulpwood, among others.

ITC's manufacturing footprint in Andhra Pradesh has been strengthened over the years with over 18 units, including its own facilities and those where the

property, Welcomhotel Guntur with a rich repertoire of world-class hospitality offerings.

This flagship hotel is the first LEED Platinum certified hotel in Andhra Pradesh and is amongst the first 8 hotels in the world to be LEED Zero Carbon certified.

Dolphin Hotel rings in Christmas season



VIS News Service

Hotel Dolphin, Visakhapatnam recently heralded the Christmas season with a grand cake mixing ceremony. A global tradition, the fun filled event saw the Dolphin hotel, General Manager **Mr. I T Rama Krishna** and other HOD's of the hotel along with special guests in mixing 300 kgs of Dry fruits, Dry Nuts spices, rum and other ingredients which can be used in for making Christmas cake.

The cake mixture will be allowed to set in for nearly

one and half months before it is baked as the perennially popular Christmas pudding and rich fruitcake.

The Christmas cake is only a variation of this plum pudding.

The 'plum' before the cake is a misnomer for plums is not added to the cake but dried fruits like raisins and other dry fruit. In all probability it is called 'plum' cake says Sr. Executive Chef **D.V. Naidu** of Dolphin Hotel "because when the dried fruits are soaked in liquor for a long time they plum up."



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