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AP as Defence Hub



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Highlighting the state of Andhra Pradesh to be blessed with many natural advantages coupled with the presence of the Eastern Naval Command (ENC) along with many other defence related organizations in Vizag, AP's minister for

Industry, IT and skill development, **Mr Mekapati Goutham Reddy** stated that the state has the potential of becoming a defence hub.

'We want AP to cater to world class defence needs of India' said Mr Goutham Reddy.

Stating the Defence

sector is a non-recession sector the minister identified innovation as the key ingredient for growth. 'Innovation for me is those who dare to dream' opined Mr Goutham Reddy.

The minister was speaking at the 'Defence Electronics and Start-ups Interoperability Conclave - DESI 2021' organized by Andhra Pradesh Electronics and IT Agency (APEITA) in Vizag recently.

He highlighted the innovation arm of the government, Andhra Pradesh Innovation society and said that APIS welcomes innovators and that the government is there to support them in whatever way possible.

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Indian Steel to play dominant role Globally

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Stating that the future of the Indian steel industry is bright, RINL's chairman and managing director, **Mr Atul Kumar Bhatt** has said that India will play a dominant role in the global steel market. 'We have got the best iron ore in the world our steel professionals are the best in the market. Indian Steel industry will lead the way for growth in global steel supply' stated Mr Bhatt.



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Mr. Atul Kumar Bhatt
CMD, RINL

dressing the gathering at the Second Edition of the Sustainability in Steel Sec-

Stating that steel will play a critical role in India's ambition of becoming a USD 5 trillion economy he highlighted that a large number of infrastructure

Fall in Chinese Steel Exports great opportunity for Indian Steel Industry

tor 2021 Conference held in Vizag organized by CII Andhra Pradesh.

RINL's CMD was ad-

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VADM Dasgupta takes over as CnC

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Vice Admiral Biswajit

Dasgupta, AVSM, YSM, VSM recently assumed charge as the Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief (FOC-in-C) Eastern Naval command.



was the Chief of Staff, Eastern Naval Command (ENC), Visakhapatnam.

Vice Admiral Biswajit Dasgupta is an alumnus of National Defence Academy and was commissioned into the Indian Navy in 1985. A specialist in Navigation and Direction he has com-

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Prior to taking charge as CnC, VADM Dasgupta

AP well poised for Steel Industry

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Talking on the steel industry in Andhra Pradesh **Dr P Madhusudhan**, Advisor, YSR Steel Corporation said that the State of AP is well poised for the steel industry.

'We have about 285 mtpa iron ore reserves in the state and the state government is also exploring new reserves in the state'

said Dr Madhusudan and appreciated the state government's full support to this industry.

Commenting on the Kadapa steel plant he said that it has already got the necessary approvals including environmental clearance and is progressing as per schedule.

It is estimated that the total steel production can-

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Navy at the forefront of Atmanirbhar



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Emphasising that the Indian Navy has been at the forefront of Atmanirbhar **Vice Admiral Sreekumar Nair, AVSM, NM**, Director General of Naval Projects, Visakhapatnam said that the men in white uniform have had a strong focus on Indigenisation much before it became a mandate. Highlighting the varied opportunities in the electronics space in the Indian Navy VADM Nair clarified that electronics doesn't only mean weapons and sensors bit presents a wide range of applications.

'There is no dearth of applications for electronics in the Indian Navy' said the

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5-star awards for sustainable Mining



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Union Minister of Coal, Mines and Parliamentary Affairs **Mr. Pralhad Joshi** gave away awards to 5-star rated mines for sustainable mining practices and all round performance. In all 149 awards for the last three years were given away to

different public and private sector firms from across the country. The Minister also inaugurated an E-portal of accreditation scheme for Mineral exploration.

Speaking at the fifth National conclave on Mines and Minerals, Minister the minister said that Ministry

of Mines is open to considering further policy reforms to bring about more growth in the mining sector of the country. He said that the Centre can consider more incentives to the State Governments to give more fillip to mining process across the Nation. He also urged the State Governments to strengthen available mineral infrastructure for attaining this goal. The Minister pointed out that during the first seven months of this financial year, Odisha Government has generated Rs.10000 Crore through proactive auction process of mines. He added that the focus should be on reducing import of minerals to the very minimum.

Workshop on E-Shram portal held

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An interactive session on E-Shram portal, an initiative of Government of India for unorganized workers was conducted at the HRD Centre of Excellence of NALCO at Bhubaneswar recently.

The objective of the interactive session was to spread awareness on 'E-Shram Card' and National Database of Unorganised



Workers through E-Shram Portal. During the session the participants were informed regarding various benefits of registration in the E-Shram portal and the process of registration in the portal. About 40 participants from various organisations like NALCO, IOCL, Powergrid, SBI, TFL, OIL, BPCL, OMC, NTPC, MCL, GAIL, HPCL, AAI, NABARD, HPCL AIIMS including representatives of various Unions attended the awareness session.

In his address **Mr. DPS Negi** Chief Labour Commissioner (Central) sensitized the HR representatives and Unions to percolate down and sensitize others for spread of awareness to cover all such uncovered workers under the social security umbrella coverage.

GoI hands over 52 Mining blocks to 15 state govts

As part of unlocking India's vast mineral potential by exploration, this year the Ministry of Mines has handed over, 152 mineral block reports to different State Governments so far. 52 potential G-4 mineral blocks approved by the Geological Survey of India (GSI) have been

handed over to 15 State Governments recently in New Delhi during the national conclave on Mines and Minerals by Union Minister of Coal, Mines and Parliamentary Affairs **Mr. Pralhad Joshi**.

The States those received the mineral block reports include Madhya Pradesh (8), Chhattisgarh (6), Karnataka (7),

Maharashtra (6), Odisha (5), Rajasthan (5), Jharkhand (5), Gujarat (2), Tamil Nadu (2), Telangana (1), Bihar (1), Assam (1), Arunachal Pradesh (1), Andhra Pradesh (1) and Himachal Pradesh (1). The mineral potential identified by GSI includes ferrous group of minerals, precious

metals & minerals, non-ferrous & strategic minerals, industrial & fertilizer minerals. As per an official release from the ministry the G-4 stage blocks are governed by the results of reconnaissance survey and supporting the mineral industry for development of bulk minerals, strategic and critical minerals, noble metals for overall participation by the stake holders.

AP allocated 1 G-4 mineral block

SAIL supplies 48,200 tons of Steel for Purvanchal

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Steel Authority of India Ltd. (SAIL), CPSE under the Ministry of Steel has supplied 48,200 Tonnes of steel for the Purvanchal Expressway which has been recently inaugurated by Prime Minister **Mr. Narendra Modi**. The total quantity of steel supplied by SAIL for this massive project comprises of TMT Bars, Structural and Plates. The 341 km long Purvanchal



Expressway will substantially improve the road connectivity and will join several

districts of Uttar Pradesh.

SAIL has always catered to the country's domestic steel requirement and played a crucial role in

the growth and development of the country. In the past, SAIL steel has been extensively used in the construction of various infrastructure projects including Eastern and Western Peripheral Expressways, Atal Tunnel, Bogibeel and DholaSadiya bridges etc along with several other notable projects of national importance. SAIL is continuously enhancing its production with steady increase in the percentage of value-added products in its product basket.

Steel Minister Pulls up CPSEs on non-op Mines

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In a recent meeting taken by the Union Steel Minister **Mr Ram Chandra Prasad Singh** he expressed his concern over the non-operationalization of certain mines and directed the concerned CPSEs to finalise the roadmap for starting the mining operations in these non-working leases/mines.

'Reviewed the status of non-working mines of SAIL, NMDC and MOIL advised them against the idling of na-



tional resources and not be complacent and careless' the minister had tweeted.

As per an official release from the steel ministry the minister directed that the CPSEs should expedite the regulatory compliances needed

within the existing framework of Government guidelines so as to avoid lapsing of the leases/mines. The CPSEs have been directed to submit a status report at the earliest said the release.

Chairman Steel Authority of India Ltd. (SAIL), CMD of National Mineral Development Corporation Ltd. (NMDC), CMD of Manganese Ore India Ltd. (MOIL) and other officers of the Ministry of Steel and Ministry of Mines were present.

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RINL bags awards @ QCC

Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited - Visakhapatnam Steel Plant (RINL-VSP) has won one "Par Excellence" award and two "Excellence" awards at the International Convention on Quality Control Circles (ICQCC-2021), organized by "Quality Circle Forum of India (QCFI)", being held at Hyderabad from November 24th

– 27th 2021 stated a release. QC team "PRERANA" of SMS department presented their case study on "cleaning arrangement for scrubber gas channel" and bagged "Par Excellence" award.

QC team "NIYANTRAN" of

RS&RS department presented their case study on "setting device modification" and bagged "Excellence" award. QC team "PRAGATI" of L&DC presented their case study on "development of four stoke four-cylinder internal combustion engine prototype" at skill development centre, TTI and bagged "Excellence" award. RINL-

VSP also bagged the Long Participation Award, which was received by **Mr.K. Srinivasa Rao**, CGM(HR)-IR & Admn. on behalf of RINL.

RINL CMD **Mr. Atul Bhatt**, CMD, congratulated all the winners for bringing laurels to the company.



Chennai Port Sets Cargo Handling Record

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Chennai Port has surpassed all its earlier records in Cargo Handling



by handling 44,65,459 Tonnes in October 2021 over and above the cargo tonnage of 39,43,100 Tonnes it handled in June 2021.

As per an official release

Chennai Port has recorded landmark performance of Handling of Containers of 1,53,948 TEUs during the month of October 2021 sur-

passing the previous record of 1,51,754 TEUs during the month of December 2020.

M/s. Chennai International Terminal Pvt. Ltd., has

achieved its highest throughput for the month by handling 94,330 TEUs in October 2021 surpassing 93,484 TEUs handled during the month of December 2020 said the release.

Mr. Sunil Paliwal, I.A.S., Chairman, Chennai Port Trust, appreciated the efforts taken by the Terminal Operators M/s Chennai Container Terminal Pvt. Ltd and M/s Chennai International Terminal Pvt. Ltd., the Stakeholders and Port Officials for the above achievement, according to a press release issued by the Secretary.

Banks urged to support Exporters

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The Federation of Indian Export Organizations (FIEO) recently held a "Banking Conclave on Exports" in Mumbai.

Speaking at the conclave **Dr Ajay Sahai**, DG & CEO, FIEO, listed out some pertinent challenges faced by exporters with respect to Increasing Demand for Exports Credit, Pre-shipment Credit on Export Order/LC, Continuation of Interest Equalization Scheme (IES), Restrictions on opening of current account, Challenges for E-Com Exporters, Third Party/Third Country Payment, Iran & OFAC Countries, Factoring, Niryat Rin Vikas Yojna (NIRVIK), Updation of EDPMS, Gold Card Scheme, Problems of collat-

eral, Post-shipment advance against GST receivables in addition to duty drawback entitlement, Issuance of e-BRC for set-off of export receivable from import payable, High charges on ACU transactions and High trans-



action charges in e-commerce shipment.

Mr Khalid M Khan, Vice-President, FIEO highlighted important issues, with respect to merchanting trade transactions (MTT) wherein the RBI's clause of being MTT in line with the prevailing Foreign Trade Policy is a constraint. He also high-

lighted issues related to shipments via Chabahar port.

Addressing the gathering Union Minister of State for Finance, **Dr Bhagwat Kishanrao Karad** highlighted the importance and role of the banking sector in promoting and facilitating exports. He informed that the several reforms related to the banking sector have taken place in the recent past, and all the banks have implemented it in a successful manner.

Mr Nandkishor Kagiwal, Regional Chairman (WR), FIEO said that the banks have to play a role of key catalyst for exports, as the gap between the current exports and the set targets, may only be achieved through the seamless support from the banking sector.

DPT wins Logistics award



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DPT won prestigious "Maritime & Logistics Award 2021", under the Category of "Best Major Port of the Year (Non Containerised)", organized by EXIM Multimedia. **Mr. Nandeesh**

Shukla, IRTS, Dy. Chairman, received it in a function at Mumbai. Chairman DPT, **Mr. Sanjay Mehta**, IFS, congratulated all employees, Unions & Stake Holders of DPT. award was given jointly to DPT and PPT.

'Expedite seaplane project'

Union Minister of State for Ports, Shipping and Waterways **Mr. Shantanu Thakur** undertook an emergent review meeting of efforts for strengthening the development initiatives of Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port (SMP), Kolkata.

The Minister has directed to expedite the Seaplane project and Development of Passenger Jetties, Development of Ship/Barge repair facilities in NW-I area in West Bengal.

He also reviewed activities for port-related and port-based industries in the hinterland.

'JNPT to navigate India's port-led prosperity'

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Union Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways **Mr. Sarbananda Sonowal** recently visited Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust (JNPT), one of India's premier container handling ports.

During his visit, he got a comprehensive understanding of the port's operations, infrastructural and technological advancements, reviewed the progress made by the port through its Public-Private Partnership initiatives, and engaged with JNPT's key stakeholders.



Mr. Sarbananda Sonowal, outlined how PPP-led synergies can transform and accelerate the country's progress. Public-private partnership at JNPT will help developing strong, well-functioning maritime transport infrastructure and is a key element of economic growth for the country. This initiative will become a means to manage port operations more effectively, as well as to develop new port infrastructure, traditionally both exclusively government functions said the minister. He further stated "I am confident that, through consis-

tent tech advances and multimodal infrastructure development, JNPT will continue to navigate India's port-led prosperity and anchor itself as a mega port by 2030." Commenting on the visit of the Union Minister, JNPT Chairman **Mr. Sanjay Sethi**, IAS, said, "We have been able to showcase our Port's achievements and ongoing advances. During his day-long visit at the Port, Mr. Sarbananda Sonowal inaugurated the 'Bhumipoojan ceremony' of the JNPT Port Road Concretization Project and reviewed various other projects.

Sunil Talati SEPC Chairman



Services Export Promotion Council (SEPC), an apex trade body set by the Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India, recently announced that **Mr. Sunil H. Talati** has assumed charge as Chairman. In my role as Chairman of SEPC, I look forward to achieve the target of \$1 trillion by 2030, said Mr. Talati.

Mr. Karan Rathore, Director of Hotel Umaid Haveli and Resorts has been elected as Vice Chairman of SEPC for the period 2021-23.

New projects launched at Haldia Dock Complex

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Union Minister of State for Ports, Shipping and Waterways **Mr. Shantanu Thakur** launched a number of projects at the Haldia Dock Complex of Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port, Kolkata. These projects include: a) Improved Storm Water disposal & Widening of Roads, b) inclusion of 41000 sq.m of Cargo Handling area, c) Upgrading & landscaping of

Port Guest House, and d) New ICU & Emergency Ward at Port Hospital.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Thakur said, Indian waterway systems are expanding at such a fast pace that no other country can match our speed.

The minister was accompanied by **Mr. Dibyendu Adhikari**, MP, **Ms. Tapashi Mandal**, MLA and Chairman of the Port **Mr. Vinit Kumar**.



APM Terminals new intra-Asia Weekly service

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APM Terminals Mumbai offers weekly connection to Asia through intra-Asia service operated by RCL feeders led consortium.

APM Terminals Mumbai also known as Gateway Terminals India (GTI) has secured a new weekly intra-Asia service. The service, known as RWA1 (RCL feeders China-Western India Service) is operated jointly by

RCL Feeders, Pacific International Lines, CU Lines and Inter Asia Lines using 5 vessels in a

on November 15. The loop includes the ports of Nansha - Shekou - Singapore - Westport - Northport - Nhava Sheva - Mundra - Westport - Haiphong - Nansha.

The service provides one more connection to our customers to expand their market in Asian countries said the company. GTI currently accounts for about 35% of JNPT's total throughput.



35-day rotation with RCL feeders being the berth window holder. As per APM the maiden call of the service was received at the terminal in Mumbai

IN BRIEF

Collector inspects Sugar Factory

The District Collector **Mr. Srikesh Lathkar** recently inspected the sugar factory. Inspections were carried out to examine the situation as per the request of the farmers to open a sugar factory. The current situation of the factory, the infrastructure required for it, the use of existing equipment, etc. were examined. District Coordinating Officer and Sugar Factory in-charge **Mr. K.S. Murali Krishna Rao**, Municipal Commissioner, Mandal Tehsildar, etc. participated.



Vijaya Sunitha assumes charge as Revenue JC

Ms. Y. Vijaya Sunitha took over as Joint Collector of Revenue in Srikakulam recently. It is learnt that she has been transferred as the Joint Collector of Srikakulam District Revenue after serving as the CCLA Joint Secretary. On her first visit to the Collector's Office, she was received by District Revenue Officer **Mr. Baliwada Dayanidhi**, Collector Office Administration Officer **Mr. YS Rajeshwara Rao**, District Supplies Officer, officers and staff of various departments.



Seminar on fire safety

A seminar on "contemporary Fire and Industrial Safety Strategy" was organised for the PRC participants of "Fire and Industrial Safety" course for Indian Armed Forces soldiers and Junior commissioned officers by the Centre for Defence studies, Andhra University Registrar, **Prof. V. Krishna Mohan**, formally inaugurated the seminar. **Ms Girija B Angustina**, member of A.U. Executive council and Chief Fire Officer of VPT spoke. Around 100 participants from Defence services participated the seminar.

SCR GM inspects works

South Central Railway General Manager **Mr. Gajanan Mallya**, recently undertook annual inspection of stations between Vijayawada – Eluru – Rajahmundry –



Samalkot – Kakinada Port section of Vijayawada Division to take stock of the progress of level crossings and passenger amenities at the stations.

He was accompanied by **Mr. Shivendra Mohan**, Divisional Railway Manager, Vijayawada Division and other senior officials (from both the Headquarters and Division) throughout the inspection.

Students' internship programme at AU

AU Vice Chancellor **Prof PVGD Prasada Reddy** said efforts should be made to add more value to education. He recently inaugurated the Botany Department students' internship program 'HP Harita', jointly organized by Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited and Visakh Refinery. Speaking on the occasion, he suggested that students should take advantage of the internship offered by HPCL and develop new skills and abilities. HPCL Executive Director, **Mr. V. Ratan Raj**, said, "This internship is very useful for students to hone their skills. Launching as a pilot project, the program will pave the way for more studies in the future."

SIPB gives nod for new industries

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The State Investment Promotion Board (SIPB), in a recent meeting chaired by Chief Minister **Mr. Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy** gave its approval for setting up five major industries with an investment of Rs. 2,134 crore. About 7,683 people will get direct employment with the setting up of the new units.

The Chief Minister asked the officials to take appropriate measures in the allotment of land to the proposed industries, duly considering their expansion plans in future. The five industries include Aditya Birla Fashion and Retail Limited, which would invest Rs. 110 crore in a garment factory for



Badvel with an investment of Rs. 956 crore, providing direct employment to 2,226 people. The unit would immensely benefit farmers as Century Plyboards has come forward to purchase eucalyptus trees grown in an extent of 22,500 acres. This would fetch the farmers about Rs. 315 crore. The SIPB also gave green signal for manufacturing industrial chemicals factory in East Godavari district. Grasim Industries will set up a plywood unit at

- ✓ Aditya Birla Fashion (Kadapa)
- ✓ Century Plyboards (Kadapa)
- ✓ Grasim Industries(East Godavari)
- ✓ Dixon Technologies (Kopparthi)

an investment of Rs. 861 crore, generating employment for 405 people. SIPB gave its nod for the chemical unit only after the firm withdrew its plan to set up a thermal power unit in the district, which was strongly opposed by locals. In Kopparthi EMC, AIL Dixon Technologies Pvt. Ltd. will set up two units, including a camera manufacturing unit, with an investment of Rs. 127 crore, providing direct employment to 1,800 people. The other unit, which will produce computers and tablets will be set up with an outlay of Rs. 80 crore and will provide employment to 1,100 people.

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'New edu. System in three phases'

The Chief Minister **Mr. Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy** informed that the new education system will be fully implemented in three phases over the three academic years from 2021-22 to 2022-23 and 2023-24.

At a review meet on comprehensive review on implementation of new education policy, he said the new education system aims to recruit teachers according to the number of students, subject to subject-wise teachers and teaching with them. As part of this, 25,396 primary schools will be merged into UP (Upper Primary) schools and high schools.

The Officials said that 2,663 schools were merged this academic year as part of the initial phase. Officials said 2,05,071 students have been merged under the new curriculum

A total of 9.5 lakh students in the process were given access to the new education system this year alone, officials said.

Term extension



Chief Secretary **Dr Sameer Sharma** made a courtesy call on Chief Minister **Mr. YS Jagan Mohan Reddy** after the Centre extended the tenure of Dr Sameer Sharma by another six months. Dr. Sameer Sharma will continue as the Chief Secretary till May 31, 2022.

Hyundai Transys & GITAM join hands

Hyundai Transys Leadership Team recently visited GITAM Deemed to be University. The Team visited the university mechanical engineering labs including CNC, Additive Manufacturing, Design Thinking & Innovation and interacted with students of various professional

is giving high priority to research and closely associated with several industries in and around Andhra Pradesh and Telangana states. He felicitated the visiting delegation and said this association will lead to long-term collaboration in other domains as well including setting up of Cen-



clubs. Hyundai Transys Team appreciated GITAM Management for establishing state-of-the-art labs and infrastructure, launching various career fulfilment initiatives and expressed their willingness to join hands with GITAM as part of talent acquisition. The team gave an overview of Hyundai Transys and explained the recruitment process in detail.

While interacting with the team GITAM Vice-Chancellor **Prof.Siva RamaKrishna** informed that the university

tre of Excellence. The delegation was led by Hyundai Transys R&D Chief Technology Officer **Mr. Jong Kyu Chae** accompanied by Seat Design Centre HoD **M.S.N. Reddy**, and Human Resource Deputy Manager **Mr.Aravind**. Hyundai Transys is a global auto parts manufacturer with annual revenue of more than USD 6.1 trillion.

Lok Adalat on Dec. 11

The National Lok Adalat is scheduled to be held on December 11. It will be held throughout Andhra Pradesh under the directions of **Justice Prashant Kumar Mishra**, Chief Justice and Patron-in-Chief, AP State Legal Services Authority, **Justice Ahsanuddin Amanullah**, Executive Chairman, AP State Legal Services Authority and **Justice Akula**

Venkata Sesha Sai, Chairman, AP High Court Legal Services Committee for settlement of pending criminal compoundable cases, Cheque bounce cases (Cases under N.I.Act) Cases under Motor Vehicle Act, Labour Cases, all Civil Cases viz., Family Disputes, Property Disputes, Bank Recovery Cases, Money Suits, Pro-Note cases etc and other Pre-litigation Cases.

Coromandel Intl. to invest addl. Rs. 400 cr. in Vizag



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Coromandel International Limited, the country's second largest Phosphatic fertilizer player and part of Murugappa Group, is setting up a new 1650 Metric Tonnes per day capacity sulphuric acid plant at its fertilizer complex in Visakhapatnam with an investment of Rs. 400-cr.

This announcement was recently made by **Mr. Arun Alagappan**, Executive Vice Chairman, Coromandel International Limited. As per an official press release the company has also signed technology partnership agreements with MECS (Monsanto Enviro-Chem Systems) and TKIS (ThyssenKrupp

Industrial Solutions).

Commenting on the setup of new sulphuric acid plant, **Mr. Arun Alagappan** said, "India is a net importer of sulphuric acid, and the

will improve the self-sufficiency and availability of phosphatic fertilizer in the country.

The new sulphuric acid plant will increase the sulphuric acid production

New sulphuric acid production capacity to be enhanced to 11 lakh Metric Tonnes.

3rd largest importer globally, accounting for close to 20 Lakh Metric Tonnes of imports.

The company said, considering the essential nature of fertilizers, this investment

capacity by a further 5 Lakh Metric Tonnes per annum from the current level of 6 Lakh Metric Tonnes per annum, thereby resulting in a combined capacity of 11 lakh Metric Tonnes.

The investment is in line with Coromandel's long term objectives to secure key raw materials for its fertilizer production. The new sulphuric acid plant will reduce the import dependence considerably and ensure sustainable production of phosphoric acid, one of the key raw materials for phosphatic fertilizer manufacturing.

The new state of the art sulphuric acid plant is being built on par with globally best technology standards to control emissions. The steam generated from the process shall also be used for captive power generation.

Speaking on the event, **Mr. Brian Blair**, Global Licensing Manager, MECS USA said, "We have worked in close partnership with Coromandel International Limited to be able to guarantee the precise performance and emissions control needed for the project to meet stringent environmental standards and production objectives."

Mr. Rajesh Kamath, CEO & MD TKIS India said, "Coromandel International remains one of our most esteemed customer in the Phosphatic Fertilizer space.

3 AP cities to soon have Work from Home centres

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In order to facilitate work from home for IT, ITes employees/ employers and freelance workers IT Minister Mekapati Goutham Reddy recently launched the State Government's Work from Home town (W@HT) website.

As per the government it aims to provide proper infrastructure, such as high-speed internet, uninterrupted power supply and dedicated work spaces.

Initially W@HT pilot centres will be launched in 29 locations in engineering colleges and APIS fa-

cilities in Visakhapatnam, Kakinada and Tirupati, in coordination with AP State Skill Development Corporation, AP Non-Resident Telugu Society, AP Innovation Society (APIS) and AP State Council of Higher Education.

Each centre will accommodate a minimum of 30 employees. Requests of any IT/ITES company requiring a dedicated centre will also be considered. Based on the demand, the ITE&C department has plans to expand W@HT spaces by leveraging existing infrastructure in near future that could accommodate 100,000 IT employees.



New president of Bar Council

Mr. Ravindra Prasad has been elected as new president of the Visakhapatnam Bar Association, in the elections held recently.



Ravindra Prasad had his primary education in Visakhapatnam and college education in AVN College and BVK College. He obtained his graduation degree in law from Andhra University through NVP law college in Visakhapatnam.

He enrolled himself at the bar in 1987 and has been practising ever since. He was elected as the secretary of the Bar Association during 1999-2000. He is a legal adviser for various public sector and private sector in addition to representing clients from various backgrounds.

WB to provide \$250mn loan for School Project

The Government of India, GoAP and the World Bank recently signed the legal agreements for \$250 million for a project which aims to improve quality of learning for over 50 lakh students in the state of Andhra Pradesh.

The agreement was signed by **Mr. Rajat Kumar**

Mishra, Additional Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance on behalf of the Government of India; **Mr Budithi Rajsekhar**, Principal Secretary, Department School Education on behalf of the GoAP and **Mr Junaid Ahmad**, Country Director, India on behalf of the World Bank.

VADM Nair bestowed Ati Visisht Seva Medal



President Mr. Ram Nath Kovind presenting *Ati Vishisht Seva Medal* to **Vice Admiral Sreekumar Nair**, DGNP, Visakhapatnam, for his meritorious service in a recently held investiture ceremony at Rashtrapathi Bhavan in New Delhi recently. The Flag Officer has held various important appointments in the Indian Navy including operational, staff and dockyard.

Vijayawada India's 3rd Cleanest City

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In Swachh Amrit Mahotsav, Andhra Pradesh has received a total of 11 Awards compared to 6 Awards last year.

Vijayawada was awarded for India's 3rd Cleanest City from the President **Mr. Ram Nath Kovind**.

Tirupati bagged award for Best City in Citizen Feedback (1 - 3 lakh Population) and Greater Visakhapatnam

was awarded for Best City in Citizen Feedback (10 - 40 lakh Population).

Punganur was awarded for Best City in Citizen Feedback (50K - 1 lakh Population - South Zone) Pithapuram was awarded for Best City in Innovation and Best Practices (50K - 1 lakh Population - South Zone) Nellore was awarded 1st Rank in Safaimitra Suraksha Challenge (3 to 10 lakh Population) - Vijayawada

was also awarded for 5 Star rating in Garbage Free Cities.

Tirupati was also awarded for 3 Star rating in Garbage Free Cities - Greater Visakhapatnam was also awarded for 3 Star rating in Garbage Free Cities - Kadapa was awarded 3 Star rating in Garbage Free Cities (1 - 3 lakh Population)

Special Recognition

Andhra Pradesh is the only state to have more than one Water Plus City

AP bags 11 awards in various categories

i.e., Tirupati, Vijayawada and GVMC. Punganur, Tadepali and Palmaneru have achieved 1 Star rating in Garbage Free Cities

Andhra Pradesh has been ranked 5th at National level for its efforts and performance in the Swachh Survekshan 2021 improving from 6th rank in SS 2020 with the support of Ward Secretariats and Volunteers system.

AI enabled EV Bike debuts in Andhra Pradesh

Aditya Sabharwal

Giving a further boost to Electric vehicles in this region, Revolt Intellicorp the parent company of Revolt bikes recently launched its first dealership in the state of Andhra Pradesh in the city of Vizag.

Incorporated in 2019 Revolt Intellicorp currently offers two EV models in India and in addition has a full range of genuine parts and accessories available through its authorized dealerships.

'We have introduced India's first AI-enabled motorcycle without compromising on the performance or aesthetics of a regular ride. And we are the only EV bike manufacturer currently available in the country' informed Revolt's CEO, **Mr Jenender Anand** speaking to *Vizag Industrial Scan*.

Revolt Motors flagship RV400 model comes with a 3KW (Mid Drive) motor, powered by a 72V, 3.24KWh Lithium-Ion battery that can churn out a top speed of 85km/h.

Manufacturing Plant

With a manufacturing facility in Manesar in Gurgaon the company



'AP is an important market for us and we shall soon be expanding our dealer network here'.

Mr. Jenender Anand, CEO, Revolt

rolls out about 2000 bikes a month. 'This shall soon be expanded to more than 5000 bikes a month' informed Mr Anand.

The company is also leveraging AI, to upscale and provide an in-house developed contactless experience for its customers.

Commenting on the battery infrastructure he informed that battery charging for Revolt bikes isn't at all a problem as the bikes come with removable batteries.

'As our bikes have removable batteries you can

recharge your bike battery anywhere i.e. at your home, office etc.' cited Mr Anand.

With the rising petrol prices the company has plans to expand its sales network and strengthen retail presence further by entering 60 new cities in India including Kolkata, Chandigarh, Lucknow & NCR by early 2022.

AP an Important Market

Informing that the state of Andhra Pradesh is an important state in their overall strategy he said

that the company looks to increase its dealerships in the state in the coming months.

'Over the next 6 months you shall see us expand our dealer presence in Andhra Pradesh to 6 more cities' said Mr Anand.

He however called on the state government to come out with a dedicated EV policy and offer subsidies which would help EVs become more affordable to the end user.

'Many states like Maharashtra, Gujarat, Rajasthan and even Delhi have come out with their own policies which incentivize consumers to opt for this greener mode of transportation. We hope AP will follow too' said Mr Anand.

EV market in India

Talking on the overall EV market in India Mr Anand said that the overall potential is huge. 'Keeping in mind that there are 20 million two wheelers sold in India EVs have a huge opportunity to tap' said Mr Anand.

It is estimated that all EV manufactures put together currently sell on average about 20,000 vehicles a month.

Kia delegation calls on Jagan



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Kia India's new MD, **CEO Mr. Tae-Jin Park** along with his team recently called on Chief Minister **Mr. Jagan Mohan Reddy**.

Mr. Tae-Jin Park thanked the CM for the government's support even during the Covid-19 crisis. The Chief Minister discussed with the Kia India team on the favourable conditions for investments in the State and the incentives being provided to the industrial sector.

The Kia team informed

the CM that with the government support, they were able to surpass their production and marketing targets.

The Chief Minister had felicitated Tae-Jin Park and presented a memento.

The meeting was attended by Finance Minister **Mr. Buggana Rajendranath**, Kia India Chief Administrative Officer **Kub Dang Lee**, Legal Corporate Affairs HODs **Mr. Jude Lee**, **Mr. Yang Gil Ma** and Principal Advisor **Dr. T. Somasekhar Reddy**.

Rawat visits Sri City

VIS News Service

Andhra Pradesh Principal Secretary for Finance **Mr. S.S. Rawat**, IAS, accompanied by **Mr. P. Ravi Subash**, IAS, Chief Executive

200 prestigious brands across the world to set up their units. He appreciated the efforts of Sri City team headed by **Mr. Ravindra Sannareddy**, Founder Managing Director, for developing it



Officer, AP Centre for Financial Systems and Services paid a brief visit to Sri City. **Mr. Satish Kamat**, President, (Operations) received and briefed them on the current status of Sri City.

Recalling his association with Sri City during its initial phase as Chittoor district Collector, Mr. Rawat mentioned that in a short span, with its world class infrastructure, it attracted nearly

as one of the busiest industrial hubs in the country.

Thanking Mr. Rawat for visiting Sri City, **Mr. Ravindra Sannareddy** commented that. His encouragement and support in developing Sri City as a world class industrial hub have been very substantial. During Covid time his guidance helped us in quick resumption of business, for which we remain indebted to him.

ECoR introduces LHB coaches in Vizag-Kirandul

VIS News Service

The additional Vistadome Coaches with upgraded LHB Rake in Visakhapatnam-Kirandul-Visakhapatnam train was recently flagged off, by Vice President **Mr. M. Venkaiah**

As per a release from railways LHB coaches, based on German technology, offer better riding comfort, lighter in weight, have higher speed potential as well as higher carrying capacity.

Referring to the tourism

Railways for the introduction of a LHB coach to the train, which enhances comfort and safety of the passengers.

Vice President Venkaiah Naidu also interacted with the passengers boarded in the Vistadome coaches of the inaugural train prior to its inauguration. He went to the coaches and took feedback on the facilities and amenities from the passengers.

Ms Archana Joshi, General Manager, East Coast Railway said that the upgraded

LHB coach will provide better comfort and jerk free journey, enhance Safety with better ride experience and lesser noise. Apart from this, LHB Coaches are fire retardant, low maintenance, better design, low weight and higher passenger carrying capacity along with safer & comfortable journey, she added.

AU inks MoU with TCABS-E

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Andhra University has entered into an MoU with The Centre for Advanced Applied Biological Sciences and Entrepreneurship (TCabs- E). Andhra University Vice Chancellor **Mr. PVGD Prasada Reddy**, AU Registrar **Prof. V. Krishna Mohan**, TCabs-E Founder **Dr. Ravikiran S.Y.** were present.

Through the MoU the two institutes will together work in Research and in acquiring patents.

AU Rector **Prof. K. Samatha**, Science College Principal **Prof. K. Srinivasa Rao** zoology **Prof. U. Shameem** and Incubation Centre CEO **Ravi Eswarapu** were present.



LHB coaches will provide better comfort and jerk free journey & enhance Safety.

Ms. Archana Joshi, GM, East Coast Railway

Naidu at Visakhapatnam Railway Station.

The East Coast Railway in its effort to provide comfortable journey to the travelling passengers, recently introduced modern Linke Hofmann Busch (LHB) coaches to Visakhapatnam-Kirandul-Visakhapatnam express.

potential of the route, which passes through a scenic, mountainous terrain of Eastern Ghats through many curves, tunnels and bridges, **Mr. Venkaiah Naidu** said the 360-degree viewing system of the Vistadome coaches will make the journey an unforgettable experience for the passengers. He also commended the

“INS Visakhapatnam symbol of India’s maritime prowess”

VIS News Service

INS Visakhapatnam, a P15B stealth guided missile destroyer, was recently commissioned into the Indian Navy in the presence of Raksha Mantri Mr Rajnath Singh at the Naval Dockyard, Mumbai.

Named after the historic city of Andhra Pradesh on the east coast, Visakhapatnam, the ‘City of Destiny’, the ship has a total complement of about 315 personnel.

Enhanced crew comfort is a significant feature of INS Visakhapatnam, which has been ensured through ergonomically designed accommodation based on ‘modular’ concepts. The ship will be under the command of Captain Birendra Singh Bains, a Navigation & Direction specialist.

The event marks the formal induction of the first of the four ‘Visakhapatnam’ class destroyers, indigenously designed by the Indian Navy’s in-house organisation Directorate of Naval Design and constructed by Mazagon



Dock Shipbuilders Limited, Mumbai.

In his address, the Raksha Mantri termed INS Visakhapatnam as a symbol of the growing maritime prowess of the country and a major milestone in achieving Prime Minister Mr Narendra Modi’s vision of ‘Make in India, Make for the World’.

Mr Rajnath Singh exuded confidence that the state-of-the-art ship, equipped with latest systems and weapons, will strengthen the maritime security and protect the

interests of the Nation.

He defined the ship as one of the most technologically advanced guided missile destroyers in the world which will cater to the present & future requirements of the Armed Forces and the Nation as a whole.

Talking on the Indian

Navy’s self reliant mission the defence minister appreciated the efforts of the Indian Navy, terming Navy’s order of 39 of the 41 ships and submarines from Indian shipyards as a testament to their commitment towards achieving ‘Aatmanirbhar Bharat’.

The Raksha Mantri also praised the Indian Navy’s consistent efforts to participate in various outreach programmes of the industries and increase indigenised items under ‘Float’, ‘Move’ and ‘Fight’ categories.

Stressing on the need to maintain the momentum, he expressed confidence that “the steps

build ships not just for India, but for the entire world”. He assured of Government’s continuous support to achieve this vision.

About INS Visakhapatnam

INS Visakhapatnam measures 163m in length, 17m in breadth with a displacement of 7,400 tonnes and can rightfully be regarded as one of the most potent warships to have been constructed in India.

The ship is packed with sophisticated state-of-the-art weapons and sensors such as Surface-to-Surface missile and Surface-to-Air missiles.

A unique feature of

accentuating the national objective of ‘Aatmanirbhar Bharat’. Some of the major indigenised equipment/system onboard INS Visakhapatnam include Combat Management System, Rocket Launcher, Torpedo Tube Launcher, Integrated Platform Management System, Automated Power Management System, Foldable Hangar Doors, Helo Traversing system, Close-in Weapon System and the Bow mounted SONAR.

With the changing power dynamics in the Indian Ocean Region, INS Visakhapatnam will augment the Indian

INS Visakhapatnam

- To strengthen maritime security & protect national interests
- Packed with state-of-the-art weapons & sensors
- High level of indigenisation incorporated in production

taken by the government will continue to provide boost to the self-reliance efforts and we will soon

this ship is the high level of indigenisation incorporated in the production,

Navy’s mobility, reach and flexibility towards accomplishment of its tasks and goals.

Special cover on Bhagavan Das released

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A special cover was recently released on renowned sports personality, Y.Bhagavan Das for outstanding contribution in the field of Kabaddi in Nellimarla, Vizianagaram District by Vizianagaram MP Mr. Bellana Chandrasekhar.

Speaking on the occasion Mr. Bellana Chandrasekhar, said that it is an honour for him to be

part of this event to release special cover by Department of Posts on Y Bhagavan Das.



Dr. M.Venkateswarlu, IPoS, Postmaster General, Visakhapatnam Region admired that release of special cover is a befitting trib-

ute to Y.Bhagavan Das, who started his career in Vizianagaram as Physical Education Trainer in the year 1955. Das trained many young kabaddi players to improve their skills to compete and win medals in State, National and International tournaments, who include Dronacharya Awardee, Ejjapureddy Prasada Rao, PMG said.

Exploring ties with S Africa



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Mr. C V Atchut Rao, President, the Federation of Andhra

Pradesh Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FAPCCI) recently had an interactive meeting with Mr. Dean Hoff,

Consul Economic and Mr. Rajan Kumar, Advisor Business Development, Consulate General of the Republic of South Africa, Mumbai in Hyderabad.

The interactive meeting was aimed to promote trade and investment opportunities and also explore topics for having future cooperation towards promotion of India-South Africa bilateral relations.



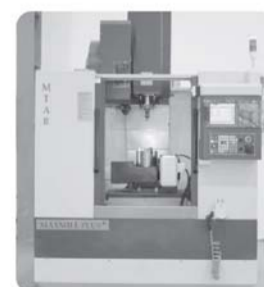
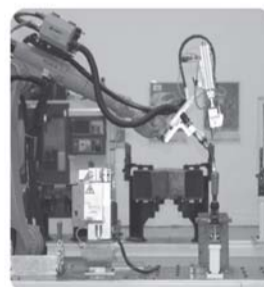
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Johri as CBIC Chairman



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Senior bureaucrat **Mr Vivek Johri** has been appointed as the Chairman of the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC).

The appointments committee of the cabinet declared the appointment of Mr Johri currently a member of the CBIC, handling GST and tax policy.

He succeeds current chairman of the Board Mr. Ajit Kumar.

Navy at the forefront of Atmanirbhar

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DGNP. He further cited repairs and maintenance as an important area of opportunities for both startups and MSMEs.

Identifying certain key areas of focus for the Indian navy VADM Nair said that the focus needs to be on the following Long range sensing, High end algorithms, unmanned automotive systems, Data analytics & AI, Quantum technologies, mapping of infrastructure, LTE etc.

AP well poised for Steel Industry

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capacity in Andhra Pradesh is about 9-10 million tonnes out of which RINL itself has a capacity of about 7 million tonnes.

Speaking on the overall steel industry the advisor to YSR Steel Corporation said that India has all the potential to achieve the 300 mtpa.

He however called for further enhancing the per capita consumption of steel in the country.

'Even though we are the second largest steel

HPCL bags OMC Award

VIS News Service

HPCL was recently conferred with 'Oil Marketing Company of the Year' award 2021 by Federation of Indian Petroleum Industry (FIPI). The award was given recognizing HPCL's excellence in Oil and Gas Marketing. This is the third time in the last four years that HPCL has been conferred with this coveted award stated an official release from HPCL.



The Award was received by C&MD - HPCL, **Mr. Mukesh Kumar Surana** and Director Marketing- HPCL, **Mr. Rakesh Misri** at the hands of Minister of P&NG and Housing & Urban Affairs, **Mr Hardeep Singh Puri** in the presence of Minister of State for P&NG and

Labor & Employment, **Mr Rameshwar Teli** and Secretary P&NG, **Mr Tarun Kapoor** during the award function held in New Delhi.

FIPI is the apex Society of entities in the hydrocarbon sector and acts as an Industry interface with various stakeholders.

FIPOil and Gas Awards are conferred every year in recognition of exceptional performance of Companies and Individuals in different fields of Oil and Gas business.

'AP as Defence Hub'

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sible. 'AP can well be a perfect place of nurturing startups' said the minister.

Stating that good governance is the motto of the CM, **Mr Jagan Mohan Reddy** the minister highlighted the areas of Education,

health and Industrial growth as the key focus areas of the government.

The DESI conclave explored opportunities where Andhra Pradesh can offer in building capability in the areas of defence and aerospace electronics and ex-

plore the arenas of start-up development in the sector, with a focus on the theme "Make in Andhra Pradesh".

A panel session on Investment Opportunities for Electronics and System Interoperability Solutions from a Defence Electronics standpoint took place.

In addition a panel session on R&D and Innovation & Entrepreneurship in Emerging Technologies and a session discussing the Ecosystem for Defence and Aerospace start-ups in the state was also held.



New FOC-in-C

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manded four frontline ships including the missile corvettes INS Nishank, INS Karmuk, stealth frigate INS Tabar and the aircraft carrier INS Viraat.

Vice Admiral Biswajit Dasgupta is a graduate of Defence Services Command and Staff College, Bangladesh, Army War College, Mhow and National Defence College, New Delhi.

The Flag Officer is a recipient of the Ati Vishisht Seva Medal and Vishisht Seva Medal for distinguished service. He was also awarded the Yudh Seva Medal for coordinating evacuation operations from strife-torn Yemen in 2015 under Operation Raahat.

producer in the world our per capita consumption of steel is low at 70 Kgs compared to a global average is 210 Kgs' said Dr Madhusudan. It is said that china's per capita consumption of steel is 590kg.

He also cited the National Steel Policy to be a road map to steer the industry to achieve its full potential to enhance steel production with focus on high-end value-added steel while being globally competitive.



CM pats DGP for excelling in smart policing

VIS News Service

AP Police were recently ranked first in smart policing initiatives. **DGP Mr. Gautam Sawang**, met Chief Min-

ister and handed over the Smart Policing Survey Report. Chief Minister **Mr. YS Jagan Mohan Reddy** lauded the AP Police Department for being a pioneer in providing the best services to the people of Andhra Pradesh and wished to continue this initiative by providing more services to the people in a timely manner.

The Indian Police



ister and handed over the Smart Policing Survey Report. Chief Minister **Mr. YS Jagan Mohan Reddy** lauded the AP Police Department for being a pioneer in providing the best services to the people of Andhra Pradesh and wished to continue this initiative by providing more services to the people in a timely manner.

AP police scored 8.11 in the smart index score, while Telangana scored 8.10.

AP police also stood

Foundation, which conducted a survey on smart policing in all states across the country, conducted a survey on nine standard topics online and offline.

DGP Gautam Sawang along with Law and Order Additional DG **Ravishankar Ayyanar**, Additional DG (Battalions) **Shankabrata Bagchi**, DIG (Technical Services) **Palaraju**, Guntur Range DIG **Trivikram Verma** and Guntur Rural SP **Vishal Gunny** were present on the occasion.

AU begins IPR course

Prof P Srinivasa Rao Principal A U College of Engineering (Autonomous) formally launched IPR Course for the B. Tech Computer Science & Engineering Students.

Addressing the gathering and **Prof Hanumanthu Purushotham** stated that for the first time an IPR course is introduced in the State University in the country at under graduate level as a mandatory skill development credit course.

Indian Steel to play dominant role in Global Markets

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projects are to come up in the country which would hugely spur growth of steel in the domestic market.

'We can reach 250 mtpa of steel capacity by 2025' opined Mr Bhatt.

India's current steel capacity stands at 140 mtpa.

The RINL CMD however stated that the industry's fundamentals need to be strengthened and called on the industry to address some of the challenges faced by the sector.

Opportunity for Indian Steel Manufacturers

RINL's director commercial and conference chairman **Mr DK Mohanty** cited that the steel export market in China has dropped significantly and that it is

down 15-16%. 'This presents a good opportunity to Indian steel companies' said Mr Mohanty.

It was informed that Chinese steel consumption is down from 90 mtpa to 61 mtpa.



He however called for the need to make Indian steel more competitive.

'The cost difference between Indian made steel and steel of the west is about USD 80-100. We need to bring this down at least by half to become more competitive' said Mr Mohanty.

Energy Efficiency in Steel

Giving the special address, **Mr M V S Seshagiri Rao**, Chairman, CII National Steel Committee & Jt. Managing Director and Group CFO, JSW Steel Ltd identified two themes of sustainability in steel i.e.

adopting latest technologies to enable efficiency and Energy Transition.

Stating that the try steel industry is very carbon intensive he said there was an imminent need to reduce our carbon emissions substantially. He also called for adoption of new age technologies in the steel industry.

He further stated that in the first 6 months of this fiscal India exported 11 million tonnes of steel while last year it exported 17 million tonnes.

VIS Startup Focus

Keeping Solar Panels Up and Running



Meenakshi Bhatt

UPRUN Solar is an innovative startup in the Anantapur district of Andhra Pradesh which manufactures and sells solar panel 'cleaning machines'.

Founded in 2019 by **Mr. Sandip Eranti**, a former Marine Engineer the startup with its superior engineering asserts to have uniquely designed water pipes, safe cleaning roller brush and other light weighted and easy to clean products.

A partnership with AIC-SKU and Go Green Partners, UPRUN works efficiently to reduce carbon footprints.

Armed with the tagline "Made on Earth by Engineers" the startup claims that its uniquely designed water wiper ensures maximum efficiency by wiping up to 98% of water leaving the solar panel dry.

One of the important features of the startup is that it provides highly Customer friendly products and the machines are made of high quality and light-weight Aluminium and stainless Steel.

The team states to have worked on different estimations of Semi Automatic Solar Panel Cleaning machines ranging from 2 meters to 8 meters with effective time and delivery. The startup claims that its fastest machine is 8 meters long and has a speed of cleaning 20 meters/min. This quick operation helps the manpower to clean 2 M/W in 1 hour at most. The products are also frequently tested and timely maintained in case of any inconveniences.

The price of these cleaning products ranges from Rs 1.5 lakhs to Rs 8 lakhs and can be bought from the startup's website. It also boasts of having various renowned companies like BHEL, Greenko Group, Adani and Belectric as its satisfied and content clients.

Going forward Uprun is also working on exporting products globally to geographies like South America and parts of Europe. In addition it is also working on diversifying its machine's mechanism wherein it can be used in cleaning windows and coating nano fibres on the solar panels.

Below is a brief snapshot of the company and founder:

Founders Name : Mr. Sandip Eranti

Incubated/Started (Year) : 2019

Industry : Renewable Energy cleaning material

Number of Team Members : 15 Members

Funding Received : Yes

Vision : Diversify globally and technologically with nano-coating

Market of Operation: Anantapur, Andhra Pradesh

Revenues: Upto Rs 50 Lakh

Company's culture :

Aggressive Easy Going Methodical

PTIM (Person that inspires me): Mr . E I o n Musk, as he is an Entrepreneur and an engineer that works for something important and makes this world a better place to live in.

SMARTec India Initiative from Dec. 3

Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology; **Dr Jitendra Singh** said that India has emerged as one of the fastest-growing innovation-led economies in the world. The SMARTecIndia Initiative is a unique Digital platform to showcase, reward, recognise and celebrate the world of smart technologies and how they are making our lives and businesses smarter and simpler.

Addressing the conference on 2nd Edition of "The



SMARTecIndia Initiative" to be held from December 3 to 15, Dr Jitendra Singh said, Start-up eco-system has thrown up immense livelihood opportunities for youth in India and it is gaining rapid footprints in rural areas. He said, India is emerging as world top leaders in the area of Science & Tech and recently it entered the list of top 50 innovative countries reaching to 46th position in the Global Innovation Index 2021.

Dr Jitendra Singh said, despite the economic distress caused by the pandemic, the Indian startup ecosystem already has 35 new unicorns, surpassing the projected numbers this year.

MoU Signing



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NRDC CMD **Amde Rastogi** (Retd.) recently signed a MoU with APEITA group CEO **Mr M Nanda Kishore Reddy, IIS**.

The MoU was signed at the DESI conclave held in

Vizag which explored opportunities for Andhra Pradesh in offering building capability in the areas of defence and aerospace electronics and explored the arenas of start-up development in the sector, with a focus on the theme "Make in Andhra Pradesh".

Inculcating the Spirit of Innovation

Institution Innovation Council (IIC) and AU Incubation Centre recently conducted a workshop on "Awaken the Entrepreneur in you" to inculcate the spirit of Innovation and Entrepreneurship in the minds of young students at the Department of Commerce and Management Studies, Andhra University.

Prof. Hanumanthu Purushotham, explained how IIC can help the students who wanted to test their innovative ideas and ultimately taking their ideas to market through incubation and various government

support services available now to students to realise their entrepreneurial dreams. **Prof V Krishna Mohan** the chief guest of the function addressed the students on the AU Innovation & Entrepreneurship Ecosystem being built and how the students should take advantage of the benefits.

Mr. Ravi Eswarapu, CEO, AU Incubation spoke on how to start-up, the qualities of a successful entrepreneur, and the support system created in the AU Incubation Centre to help students pursue their entrepreneurial dream.

NRDC to launch 2 new schemes for startups

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Addressing the 'Defence Electronics and Start-ups Interoperability Conclave - DESI 2021' in Vizag recently NRDC's newly appointed CMD, **Cmde Amit Rastogi** (Retd.) stated that the Indian Aerospace and Defence sector is one of the fastest growing sectors in the country.

'There are a number of startups venturing into the defence sector and Indian startups are leveraging technologies like drones' cited Cmde Rastogi.

He added that as startups work on Defence technologies ToT (technology transfer) plays an important role and it is here where a corporation like NRDC can play a paramount role.

'We have assisted over



5000 entrepreneurs' highlighted Cmde Rastogi and informed that NRDC will shortly be launching 2 new schemes which will further boost the startup ecosystem here.

'The seed funding and the TDVC program shall be launched in December which will add to making the eco-system more robust' said Cmde Rastogi.

The seed funding scheme aims to Promote and accelerate start-ups/

aspiring entrepreneurs in the country who are incubating their ideas in any state/central government funded incubators and Promote fruitful utilization of research work.

While under the Technology Development, Validation and Commercialization (TDVC) Program, NRDC is providing support to start-ups, MSMEs and Incubatees for scaling up their novel technological developments and ventures to commercial level. The program will be implemented in two phases.

Cmde Rastogi (Retd.) also informed that NRDC is open to starting incubation centres on PPP mode.

APITA bags Award

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The CEO of APITA, **Mr Anil Kumar Tentu** recently received the most admired CEO of the Year award under the Technology Category. The award was presented by Business Mint Nation wide Awards.

The Andhra Pradesh Technology Academy



aims to Bridge the urban rural divide in producing readily employable graduates and supports capacity building initiatives of Information Technology, Electronics and Communications Department of Government of Andhra Pradesh. It develops and offers courses in IT, Electronics and Communications in collaboration with Industry and Academia.

Haryana launches 1st fisheries incubator

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Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, **Mr. Parshottam Rupala** recently inaugurated the country's first-of-its kind LINAC-NCDC Fisheries Business Incubation Centre (LIFIC) in Haryana's Gurugram. Established at a cost of Rs. 3.23 crore the incubator will nurture fisheries start-ups under real market-led conditions.

Mr. Rupala said that the incubation unit will provide handholding such as training, converting entrepreneurial ideas into business models and doling out seed money to the new as well as existing business entrepreneurs keen to make big in the segment.



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5.5mm - 45mm Dia

Wire drawing, Bright bars, Fasteners etc.



ROUNDS

16 - 90mm Dia in straight length

Fasteners, Forging, Re-rolling, Railways, Construction etc.



'VIZAG TMT' REBARS

8mm - 36mm Dia

Construction - Reinforcement etc.



BILLETS / BLOOMS

**Billets : 65mm, 77mm, 90 mm, 125mm RCS
 Blooms : 150 x 150, 200 x 200, 250 x 250
 320 x 250mm**

Forging, Re-rolling, General Engineering purposes etc.



'VIZAG UKKU' STRUCTURALS

**Angles 50 x 50 x 6 - 110 x 110 x 10mm
 Channels 100 x 50 - 200 x 75mm
 Beams 125 x 70 - 150 x 75mm
 Flats 80 x 12 - 100 x 20mm**

Construction, Fabrication, Auto Leaf Springs etc.