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Coast Guard gets new Cdr Eastern Seaboard



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Additional Director General Paramesh, PTM, TM has taken over the command of Coast Guard Eastern Seaboard. An alumnus of the National Defence College, New Delhi and Defence Services Staff College, Wellington, The Flag Of-

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Bulk Drug Park to accelerate AP's pharma industry

Shekhar Suman Sinha

The Indian Pharmaceutical Industry is achieving a new high day by day. As per the Annual Report (2020-21) of the Pharmaceuticals Department of the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers, the Indian pharmaceutical industry is the world's 3rd largest by volume and 14th largest in terms of value. Total Annual Turnover of Pharmaceuticals was Rs. 2,89,998 crore for the year 2019-2020 while total pharmaceutical exports and imports were to the tune of Rs. 1,46,260 crore and Rs. 42,943 crore respectively in the year 2019-20.



The report said that the major segments of the pharmaceutical industry are generic drugs, OTC medicines and API/Bulk Drugs, vaccines, Contract Research & Manufacturing, biosimilars and biologics.

To continue this milestone journey of the pharma sector, the Department of Pharmaceuticals of the central government has given in-principle approval to the proposals of three states -Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat and Himachal Pradesh under the scheme for the 'Promotion of Bulk Drug Park'. It will lead to achieving a new milestone in the Pharma industry in Andhra Pradesh.

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AP eyes Rs 5000 crores in Mineral Revenue (FY23)

Ranks among top 3 in operationalisation of Auction mines



Aditya Sabharwal

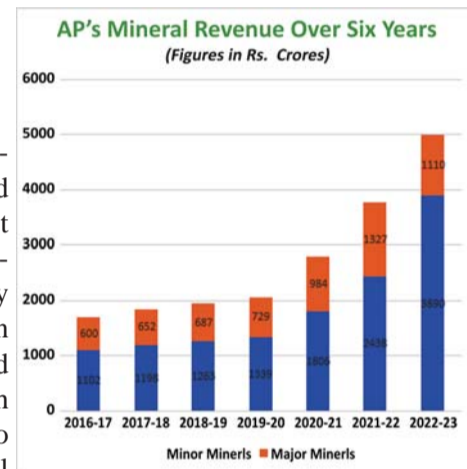
With the Union Government having introduced several reforms to boost Ease of Doing Business in the mining sector Exploration of Mineral blocks have been facilitated to aid auction of blocks to investors and the sector has been made more competitive in order to increase the production of

minerals by 200% in 7 years.

The MMDR (Mines and

employment & improve ease of doing business etc. Since the amendment to MMDR Act, 1957 in 2015, 206 mineral blocks have been auctioned so far, across 10 States.

Minerals development and regulation) Act had been subsequently amended in 2016, 2020 and in 2021 with the objective to boost mineral production, increase revenue earnings of State Governments, generation of



'AP has started taking the benefit from whatever

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Addl. Secretary hails Sri City's JIT

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Ms. Sumita Dawra, IAS, Additional Secretary, Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade(DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India, was recently in the integrated business city, Sri City. In a meeting held with all the Japanese CEOs/ Plant Heads, Ms. Sumita Dawra reviewed the status of the Japan Industrial Township (JIT) in Sri City. Greeting the participants Ms. Sumita Dawra said that Japan is the only country that has dedicated 'country-focused industrial townships' in India.



pants to share their experiences and recommendations for improvement. She urged more investments from Japanese MSMEs and ancillary industries as well.

Speaking on the occasion Sri City's **Mr. Satish Kamat**, President (Operations)

Sri City's JIT 2nd largest among the 13 JITs in the country highlighted that

Expressing satisfaction on the status of JIT, she said "I am delighted to note that most of the Japanese firms here are expanding their operations." To enhance the 'ease of doing business,' she solicited inputs on the existing facilities and government procedures in vogue, and invited partici-

with the presence of 27 companies from different sectors, Sri City's JIT stands as the second largest among the 13 JITs in the country. "The cumulative investment of all these companies is 1.3 billion USD offering employment to 15,000 people" said Mr Kamat.



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DK Srinivas as DG GST Intelligence (West)



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Vizag's former Principal customs commissioner (from 22.06.2017 to 26.07.2021), Dr. D.K. Srinivas I.R.S has now been promoted as Director General I/c West Zone of GST Intelligence, covering 4 states - Maharashtra, Gujarat, Goa & Madhya Pradesh.

Moving from Vizag Dr DK Srinivas had been posted as the Principal Commissioner, CGST Commissionerate, Surat (from 27.07.2021 to 06.07.2022) before taking up his new role as DG GST intelligence of west zone.

A native of West Godavari District of Andhra Pradesh, DR DK Srinivas has rep-

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RINL's AK Saxena to head MOIL as CMD



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Mr. Ajit Kumar Saxena has been selected for the post of Chairman & Managing Director (CMD), MOIL Limited at a Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB) meeting held recently. Presently, he is working as Director (Operations), Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL).

PESB in the Selection meeting interviewed three others apart from him including **Mr. Rakesh Tumane**, Director (Finance), **Ms. Usha Singh**, Director (Human Resources) from MOIL Limited. **Mr. Sanjay Kulshrestha**, Executive Director from Rural Elec-

NTPC's captive mines see 62% growth

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NTPC Limited continues to demonstrate excellence in operations with an increasing trend in coal production from its captive mines. NTPC produced 7.36 MMT of coal during the period April 2022 to August 2022 registering a robust growth of 62% compared to 4.55 MMT achieved during the same period last year.

With meticulous planning, resource mobilization, and regular monitoring, NTPC has achieved substantial growth even during the monsoon period, so far, and is hopeful of sustaining the growth that will help in ensuring uninterrupted, reliable and affordable power generation, said a release. Further, NTPC has dispatched 7.52 MMT of coal from its captive mines as compared to 5.47 MMT of coal dispatched during the same period last year, registering a growth of 37%. The engagement of high-capacity dumpers as well as an increase in the existing fleet size of excavators has allowed the operational mines to increase their production.

trification Corporation was also interviewed in the selection meeting. MOIL Limited is the largest producer of manganese ore in India it operates 11 mines in adjoining districts of Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh.

Stn under Secunderabad Div. handles 100 rakes of Iron Ore

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Manikgarh Station in Secunderabad division has achieved loading of 100 rakes within a short period of 73 days. More



than 4 lakh tonnes of iron ore has been transported till date from this station, fetching around Rs 69 crores revenue. It was informed that the loading of Iron ore was commenced

INS Vikrant cruises with SAIL's speciality steel

30000 Tonnes of DMR Plates supplied to India's Aircraft Carrier

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The country's steelmaking giant, Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL), has supplied the entire DMR grade specialty steel for the nation's first indig-



enously built Aircraft Carrier INS Vikrant.

In a major feat and towards building an 'Atmanirbhar Bharat',

Maharatna PSU, SAIL has supplied about 30000 Tonnes of the speciality steel for building this first swadeshi Aircraft Carrier for Indian Navy which was commissioned at Cochin

Shipyards Ltd. As per an official release the steel supplied by SAIL for this indigenous project comprises special DMR grade Plates.

These DMR grade plates have been developed by SAIL in collaboration with the Indian Navy and DMRL. The DMR plates of Grade 249 A were used for the hull and vessel interiors and Grade 249 B for the flight deck of this warship. The entire quantity of speciality steel, except for the bulb bars, has been supplied by SAIL's integrated steel plants at Bhilai, Bokaro and Rourkela. This special grade steel, DMR plates, which has been used for the construction of INS Vikrant is an import substitute.

'Digital Mining Arena'

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Union Minister of Mines, Coal and Parliamentary Affairs, Mr. Pralhad Joshi recently inaugurated a digital platform called 'The Mining Arena'. This is an interactive platform which will give the people first-hand experience and information about working of the Ministry of Mines. As per the ministry of mines this will provide an insight on Ministry's roles and responsibilities, its achievements and will also give an overview of the Ministry's attached offices, CPSEs and autonomous bodies. This arena was inaugurated at the recently held National Mines Ministers' Conference (NMMC) held in Hyderabad.

only on 25th June 2022 at this station.

The zone attributed this achievement to the extensive marketing efforts undertaken by the Business Development Unit of Secunderabad division which it said has led to the proposal for loading Iron ore from this station from interested freight customers.

'For this purpose a new goods shed was constructed along with proper earthwork and a loading platform was constructed. Track modifications were done so as to handle the full

rake - the earlier shunting neck was extended by 750 meters and other associated works completed. A loading platform was constructed to assist smooth loading operations. All these works have been completed within 30 days' said a release from SCR. In fact, the achievement of 100 rakes within this short-span of 73 days for this new commodity becomes even more significant when seen in the context of 22 days of no loading (in July/August) due to heavy monsoon conditions, said the release. **Mr. Arun Kumar Jain**, General Manager (In-charge), South Central Railway complimented the Division.

Captive & Commercial Coal Blocks Production up 58%

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Coal production from coal blocks during the April-August period for the fiscal 2022-23 was recently reviewed by the Additional Secretary & Nominated Authority, of the Ministry of Coal, in the presence of project proponents.

Coal production achieved during April-August, 2022-23 is 43.93 million ton which is 57.74 % higher than 27.85 million ton coal produced during the same period 2021-22.

As per the ministry of coal 2 mines auctioned in 2021 under commercial auction reforms have become operational and produced 2.36 million ton coal in April-August, 2022-23.

At present, 37 captive and

commercial mines are under production and it is expected that at least 11 more new mines will start production during the year. This will significantly contribute to meet coal demand in the country.

The Ministry appreciated the efforts of coal blocks allocatees in attaining such high growth and hopeful that the target production of 141.78 million ton from these coal blocks during FY 2022-23 will be achieved. At the same time, it was noted with concern that Parsa East & Kanta Basan coal block production has stopped and Parsa coal block production has not started. Continued stoppage may adversely impact achievement of target this year.

Applications for NMA Scheme

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The Ministry of Steel has given approval for the National Metallurgist Award 2022. Receiving of Application started recently and the last date of receiving of application has been set for 11/10/2022.

As per the ministry of steel applications will be received via online only though the NMA portal, web address for NMA portal is as follows " <https://awards.steel.gov.in/> " National Metallurgists Day Awards, were instituted in 1962 by the then Ministry of Steel & Mines to recognise & honour the outstanding contributions of Metallurgists in the metallurgical field.

AK Singh SAIL's new Dir. Technical



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Mr. Arvind Kumar Singh recently took charge as the Director (Technical, Projects and Raw Materials) of Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL). Prior to this, Mr. AK Singh was the Executive Director (Works) of SAIL's IISCO Steel Plant. Mr. Singh is a metallurgical engineer from BIT, Sindri.

He joined SAIL in 1987 at Company's Bhilai Steel Plant as Management Trainee (Technical).

Rising through the ranks, he reached the level of Executive Director, IISCO Steel Plant after having worked in various integrated steel plants of SAIL. He has vast knowledge and experience in various aspects of steel plant operations like coke ovens, steel making, continuous casting and rolling. Mr. Singh has immensely contributed in improving plant operations and plant productivity.

SAIL has an annual turnover of Rs.68,452 cr for fiscal year 2020-21 and has Rs.61,275 employees as on June 1, 2022.

August's Coal Production Increases by 8.27%

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India's overall coal production increased by 8.27% to 58.33 Million Ton (MT) from 53.88 MT during August, 2022 as compared to Aug 2021.

As per the provisional statistics of the Ministry of Coal, during Aug 2022, Coal India Ltd (CIL) and captive mines/ others registered a growth of 8.49 and 27.06% by producing 46.22 MT and 8.02 MT respectively. However, SCCL registered a negative growth of 17.49% during the month. Of the top 37 coal producing mines in the country, 25 mines produced more than 100 % while the production level of five mines stood between 80 and 100 per cent. At the same time, coal des-

patch increased by 5.41% to 63.43 MT from 60.18 MT during Aug 2022 as compared to Aug 2021. During Aug 2022, CIL and captive /others registered a growth of 5.11% and



26.29% by dispatching 51.12 MT and 8.28 MT respectively. The power utilities dispatch has grown by 10.84% to 54.09 MT during August 2022 as compared to 48.80 MT in Aug 2021 due to increase in power demand, said the release. The overall power generation in Aug 2022 has been 3.14% higher than the power generated in Aug 2021.

IN BRIEF

Speed up construction work of houses: JC

Joint Collector **Mr. KS Viswanathan** said that the construction work for Jagananna Houses should be speeded up. He held a review meeting with suppliers of house building materials, owners of stone crushers in Visakhapatnam and Anakapalli districts. He said that one lakh houses have been sanctioned to the beneficiaries and quality construction materials i.e., cement, steel doors, windows, etc. should be supplied. In this meeting, the project manager of the housing construction company **Mr. P. Srinivasa Rao**, Executive Engineer **Mr. R. Prakhmaraju**, Dy. Director of Mines Department and others were present.

Food Track at Rly.Station

In a move to provide delicious and variety of food at Visakhapatnam railway station, IRCTC has provided Food Track- a multi cuisine food plaza on platform No.8. The Food Track was inaugurated recently by Divisional Railway Manager **Mr. Anup Satpathy**. The food court will provide south Indian dishes, tiffins, snacks and meals in addition to north Indian dishes & fast foods. Speaking on the occasion DRM **Mr. Anup Satpathy** said that every effort being taken by the division to provide a comfortable journey to the rail passengers at Visakhapatnam station and to provide a good quality food at the station.

AU signs MoU with US Co

Andhra University signed an MoU with Aliens for Commercialisation and Innovation Research (ACIR) firm of the US. ACIR Director **Mr. Eric Ajule** and AU registrar **Prof. A Krishna Mohan** signed the MoU in the presence of AU Vice Chancellor **Prof. PVGD Prasada Reddy** at the AU American Corner. As part of this, classes would be conducted for incubators and incubator managers by the AU.

Dak Adalat on Sept. 22

The 93rd Dak/Pension Adalat at Divisional level in RMS 'V' Division, Visakhapatnam '17 will be held by **Mr. Y.S. Narasinga Rao**, Superintendent, RMS 'V' Division, on September 22, in the premises of the office of the Administrative Complex, Visakhapatnam to hear and decide the public complaints and grievances relating to postal service / Pension matters pertaining to RMS 'V' Division. The persons having their grievances and complaints on the subject are requested to send their grievances with caption RMS Dak/Pension Adalat as the case may be submitted to **Mr. Y.S. Narasinga Rao**, Superintendent, RMS 'V' Division, Visakhapatnam-530017 to attend the adalat on September 22.

ISTD Chairman feted

On the occasion of Teacher's Day AU Vice Chancellor **Prof. PVGD Prasada Reddy** felicitated **Dr. ORM Rao**, Chairman, ISTD and Ex-GM(HR)-RINL. **Dr. ORM Rao** was felicitated for his contribution in the last two years towards ISTD Visakhapatnam Chapter. The major contribution of **Dr. ORM Rao** was enrolment of more than 250 life members (11 eminent personalities).

Dockyard holds Workshop

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A Workshop with the theme of 'Atmanirbharta in Operation & Maintenance of Deck Machinery' was recently conducted at Naval Dockyard, Visakhapatnam. Aspects related to the operation and maintenance of deck



machinery on board warships to enhance their reliability and measures to foster indigenous efforts towards achieving Atmanirbharta in maintenance were deliberated during the workshop. Chief Guest, **Rear Admiral Sanjay Sadhu**, Admiral Superintendent urged all stakeholders to put in synergised efforts towards achieving self-reliance in the field. Over 250 personnel from IHQ MoD(N), three Commands, Reps of Shipyards - M/s Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Ltd (GRSE), Goa Shipyards Ltd(GSL), Hindustan Shipyards Ltd(HSL) and leading OEMs participated.

Rs. 5 cr for food testing lab

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Andhra Pradesh Food Processing Society has sanctioned Rs. 5 crores for setting up Food Testing Laboratory at Andhra University. Society CEO **Mr. L Sridhar Reddy** handed over a letter in this regard to Vice Chancellor **Prof. PVGD Prasada Reddy**. **Prof. Prasada Reddy** informed that AU is offering courses in food sciences and from this year it has introduced BTech Food Sciences course and Integrated courses in food sciences.

Gareth Wynn takes charge as British's new Dy HC to AP&T

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Mr Gareth Wynn Owen recently assumed charge as the British Deputy High Commissioner to Telangana and Andhra Pradesh. As the Deputy High Commissioner he will be responsible for all aspects of the UK's work in the two Telugu speaking states. Gareth succeeds **Andrew Fleming** who served as British Deputy High Commissioner from July 2017 to July 2022. Commenting on the appointment **Mr Alex Ellis**, British High Commissioner to India, said: "I am delighted to welcome Gareth to India as British Deputy High Commissioner to Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. His strong experience building science and innovation partnerships will fit well in the Telugu region, home to an exciting tech industry." As per an official release from the British deputy high commission's office the Deputy High Commis-

sioner leads a subordinate office to the High Commission in another major city. The Deputy High Commissioner fulfils a similar role to a Consul General, representing the UK government and typically responsible for consular, visa and trade activities in their city or region. Taking charge **Mr, Gareth** said: "I am happy to be in Hyderabad during this exciting phase in the UK- India relationship. I look forward to strengthening ties between the UK and the two Telugu states, working with a wide range of partners. It's wonderful to be representing the UK in two of India's fastest growing states and to experience the hospitality of this fantastic



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Mr. Gareth Wynn Owen
British Deputy High Commissioner

region." Gareth's prior overseas postings include working in Russia, Armenia, Iran and Azerbaijan for the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO). He has worked on Indo-Pacific issues since 2018. He led the work which secured the UK's ASEAN Dialogue Status in 2021 and was part of the cross government team that developed the Indo-Pacific tilt framework which was published in March 2021 in the UK Govt's Integrated Review.

Minister releases Book on Industrial Landscape



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In connection with India's 75th year of Independence a book on "75 Years of Independence - Evolution of Industrial Landscape" was released. The book was released by Minister for Industry and IT, Government of Andhra Pradesh **Mr. Gudivada Amarnath** along with FAPCCI members. Releasing the Book **Mr. Amarnath** said that this book could serve as a quick reference and Congratulated FAPCCI on bringing the book on the special occasion. The Minister also assured that

the Government shall extend all support to the Federation in addressing the issues of trade and industry. **Mr. Karunendra Jasti** informed that FAPCCI has tried to outline the 75 year journey of an independent India's industrial growth strategy in a broad manner. It is stated that the industrial growth strategy of India transformed from a government controlled, public sector dominated one to a mixed economy with moderately participative private sector and finally now to one of a private sector dominated economy.

APHERMC Chief visits Sri City

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Retired AP High Court Judge Justice **V. Eswaraiiah**, Chairperson, Andhra Pradesh Higher Education Regulatory & Monitoring Commission (APHERMC), Govt. of A.P. recently visited Sri City. **Mr. Satish Kamat**, President (Operation) gave a presentation on the infrastructure, unique features, brisk pace of development of Business City. Exhilarated at the meticulous implementation of Sri City Project, **Mr. Justice Eswaraiiah** appreciated the efforts of the Management headed by **Mr. Srinu Raju** and **Dr. Ravindra Sannareddy**. He mentioned, "Sri City has emerged as a role model in all respects, including, world class infrastructure etc.," **Mr. Justice Eswaraiiah** went around the industrial hub.

Media team from Punjab visits Sri City

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Under the 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat' programme, which was launched by Government of India to celebrate the cultural vibrancy of India while establishing a strong mechanism to inculcate nationalism and cultural

awareness, as part of their tour to Andhra Pradesh, a 15 member team of Journalists from Punjab have visited Sri City recently. **Mr. C. Ravindranath**, Head, Media & PR briefed them



on the unique features of the business city, and explained, how Sri City stands out as a true

manifestation of 'Make in India' campaign in diverse sectors, and its contribution towards substituting imports by significantly multiplying exports is conspicuous. Following the briefing session the team went around the industrial park and observed the blooming industrial activity.

IN BRIEF

CSL undertakes Steel Cutting of ASW SWC

Steel Cutting of 6th and 7th ships (BY 528 and BY 529) of Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Craft (ASW SWC) project under construction by Cochin Ship-



yard Limited (CSL), Kochi, was undertaken recently. The steel cutting event and commencement of fabrication of any warship signifies an important milestone, as this occasion is a culmination

of preparatory process and kick starts the construction phase of the ships. The construction of these vessels at CSL, Kochi, is a major boost for the 'Aatma Nirbhar Bharat' and accentuates our national objective of 'Make in India'. Being a potent anti-submarine platform, the ships will further enhance anti-submarine warfare capabilities of Indian Navy and will serve the nation in safeguarding Maritime interests.

CCIL flags off Export Container Train

Container Corporation of India Ltd. in association with Ministry of Railways, Government of India recently flagged off Inaugural Export Container Train from CONCOR ICD-TNPM to Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust - JNPT by DRM - Chennai in presence of CGM/Chennai, other Officials of Railways, Customs, Freight Forwarders, Shipping Lines, CHAs and Trade etc.

Keel laid for first warship of ASW at CSL

Keel laying of the first warship (BY 523, Mahe) of Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Craft (ASW SWC) project under construction by CSL, Kochi, was recently undertaken by **VAdm Kiran Deshmukh**, CWP&A along with **Mr. Madhu S Nair**, CMD, CSL, Commodore **V Ganapathy**, WPS (Koc), CSL, Directors and other senior officials of CSL and Indian Navy. Speaking on the occasion, VAdm Kiran Deshmukh, CWP&A, appreciated CSL efforts in achieving the milestone despite Covid constraints and resultant lockdowns. He called it a noteworthy achievement by the shipyard and commended professionalism displayed by all.



Logistics issues to go digital

Industry associations and trade bodies will no longer have to burden themselves with paper correspondences to highlight issues and suggestions related to logistics services to the government. A new digital initiative of the Logistics Division, DPIIT – the creation of a user-interactive dashboard – will now allow authorized user associations to log-in and lodge issues or suggestions for the government to track and resolve in a transparent manner. It is being seen as a novel initiative for the industry that will not only allow the division to address issues related to a single Ministry/Department but also multiple ministries/departments.

CONCOR CMD visits container mfg units

In order to give boost to indigenous container manufacturing under the ambit of Make-in India and Atma Nirbhar Bharat initiatives, CONCOR CMD along with senior officials visited the newly setup container manufacturing units in Bhavnagar & placed an order of 10,000 containers on a Bhavnagar



based Indian Company taking the total orders on Indian Companies to 18,000 Containers. Later on in a trade meet, CMD assured all support to indigenous Container manufacturing industry and requested them to work effectively towards cost reduction, so that containers manufactured by them are globally competitive so as to make India a Container manufacturing hub.

Logistics Park at Mirzapur

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Minister of State (MoS) for Commerce & Industry, **Ms. Anupriya Patel** recently performed the stone laying ceremony for 'Chunar Logistics Park' in Mirzapur, UP. Addressing the gathering she said 'Chunar Logistics Park' will pave the way for development of the people of Chunar and surrounding areas. Noting that the carpet and handicraft industries of Chunar, Mirzapur and surrounding areas are not only nationally renowned, but also internationally recognized for their uniqueness and quality, Ms Patel emphasized that the state-of-the art 'Chunar Logistics Park' will cater to the long felt needs of local exporters, importers and traders for their export, import and domestic trade requirements.

A.P. Moller – Maersk opens new warehouse in Bhiwandi

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Maersk India, the integrated logistics company, recently inaugurated its brand new warehouse in Bhiwandi on the outskirts of Mumbai. Spread over 250,000 sq. ft., this new facility will be the company's fifth warehouse inaugurated this year in India, taking the total footprint to over 2.1 million sq. ft., including the warehouses from the recently completed acquisition of LF Logistics. Commenting on the new warehouse **Mr.Darryl Judd**, Head of Products, Maersk South Asia, said, "We are delighted to open the doors to our fourth warehousing facility in India this year, with JK Tyre & Industries as the anchor customer and the second one in Bhiwandi, Mumbai".



Also speaking on the occasion President (India), JK Tyre & Industries Ltd., **Mr.Anuj Kathuria** said, "We have been working with Maersk for our ocean requirements, and the warehousing solution along with primary transportation creates an end to end seamless experience for us. The Bhiwandi site will be the hub for our export as well as our domestic OEM supplies creating synergy of operations." To create a seamless experience and integrated logistics solution for its customers, Maersk is strategically investing in W&D facilities along with providing ocean and landside transportation.

Port Sector traffic to zoom to 2.3 bn tons



Paradip Port has been at the forefront in successfully completing several PPP projects worth over Rs.3000 crores recently.

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Addressing the Maritime Public-Private-Partnership Conclave 2022 organized by Paradip Port Authority in Bhubaneswar recently **Mr.P.L Haranadh**, Chairman Paradip Port Authority said that aiming for a USD 5 trillion Indian economy in 2025, the port sector will grow to 2.3 Billion tonnes per annum (BTPA) traffic by 2026. Similarly, India's manufacturing and agriculture push is likely to propel growth of containerisation traffic up to 50 MTEU by 2026. Mr. Haranadh addressed that there is a need to bridge the

port capacity gap in next five years to capture the traffic growth. Mr. Haranadh further said that Paradip port has been envisioned to become 750+ MTPA capacity by 2047. Around 80 MTPA capacity addition projects has been identified to be taken up in recent 4-5 years period. Speaking earlier on Public private partnerships **Mr. Shantanu Thakur**, MoS, MoPSW in his inaugural address (virtual) said that PPPs are well designed and implemented in a transparent regulatory environ-

ment bringing in greater efficiencies and sustainability to the provision of public services. Mr Thakur hoped that as a part of Vision India 2047, Paradip Port will evolve as a world class mega port with over 750 Million Tonnes Per Annum capacity by 2047. Paradip Port has been at the forefront in successfully completing several PPP projects worth over Rs.3000 crores recently, which led to capacity addition of 55 MTPA at Paradip. It is also noteworthy that the Port has recently awarded the Western Dock project of 25 MTPA capacity at a cost of Rs.2392 Crores. On completion, this will enable Paradip Port to have facilities to handle large Cape size vessels upto 18.5 meters draft.

Manipur pineapples showcased in Dubai

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In a move towards harnessing export potential of naturally grown, organic certified fresh pineapples of North-Eastern Region (NER), centre, through the Agricultural & Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) organized an in-store export promotion programme in Dubai,

Agency (MOMA) has supported the sourcing of organic certified Kwe variety of pineapples directly from the farmers of Manipur. As per an official release the Manipur pineapple, is fibre-rich sweetener from North Eastern Region (NER). The showcased pineapples are procured from Thayong Organic Producer Company Ltd in Imphal East district, Manipur. Northeast pineapple is one of the most important tropical fruits grown in the NER and the fibre-rich fruit is cultivated in almost all the region. With a production of 134.82 metric tonne (MT) in 2020-21, Manipur ranks sixth in pineapple production having a share of 7.46 per cent in total production in India.



Manipur ranks 6th in pineapple production

United Arab Emirates (UAE) for Manipur's pineapples among consumers. The 'in-store promotion show' of organic certified fibre rich Kwe variety of pineapples from Manipur, was organized at the Lulu hyper market, Dubai's largest supermarket in association with Manipur Organic Mission Agency (MOMA) of Government of Manipur. Manipur Organic Mission

Kolkata Port berths largest cape vessel

Over 70K tons of coking coal offloaded

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The Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port (SMP) Kolkata achieved a historical milestone when 'M V Mineral Yangfan', cape vessel arrived at Sagar Anchorage on September 1 to discharge 70,300 MT of Coking Coal by Floating Cranes on ac-

count of M/s Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL).



This is the dry bulker to arrive at the anchorage with

the highest ever parcel load. It has an LOA of 299.92 mtrs and a beam length of 50 mtrs stated an official press release.

Incidentally, 'M V Mineral Yangfan' is the 18th cape vessel in the

current fiscal, while only four (04) cape vessels were handled till August in the last fiscal out of a total of fourteen (14) cape vessels, which were handled in 2021-22. Cape vessel 'M V Mineral Yangfan' LOA 299.92m, beam 50 mtrs. and a draft of 9.3m was registered at Portugal. The load port of the vessel was New Port, USA and the last port of call is Dhamra.

Sri City-based unit bags Award

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The Sri City based Vermeiren India Rehab Pvt. Ltd., won the



'Greatest Brands & Leaders 2021-22' award instituted by the Asia-Africa Business and Social Forum.

Mr. Syed Riaz Qadri, Managing Director, Vermeiren received the award at the 18th Edition of Asia-Africa Business & Social Forum Awards & Business Summit-2022, held in New Delhi. The Summit was

jointly organized by AsiaOne magazine and URS Media.

Capturing the resolute entrepreneurial journey of

some of the outstanding business entities, the organisers have presented these accolades in different industrial sectors, marking the 75 years of India's Independence.

Stating that the distinction was in recognition of their outstanding performance and teamwork, Mr. Syed Riaz Qadri said, "It is a matter of immense pride for the entire Vermeiren India Rehab team, and this recognition serves as a testimony for our innovative methods and brilliant performance."

Boosting trade with Netherlands



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Mr. Joost Geijer, Head of Economic Affairs and Mr. Amlan Bora, Trade Commissioner of Netherlands Business Support Office from Netherlands Embassy recently visited Visakhapatnam Port Authority. The objective of their visit was to explore Government 2 Government (G2G) collaborations under the ambit of shipping MoU between India and Netherlands. The MoU will also help in information about

Maritime Sector in the Netherlands. VPA Chairman Mr. K. Rama Mohana Rao, IAS briefed the visiting delegation on the Business opportunities available for Trade between India and Netherlands. Mr. Joost Geijer, stated that these meetings are beneficial for both the nations in developing economic activity between the countries. VPA Dy. Chairman Mr. Duges Kumar Dubey, IRTS and Traffic Manager, Mr. B. Ratna Sekhar participated in the meeting.

Rs.102 crore for Nellore Stn

To be completed within 21 months

VIS News Service

As part of 'Redevelopment of Railway Stations' in the country and to provide world class amenities Nellore Railway Station is going to be modernised with Rs. 102 crore.

The Contract for undertaking this crucial work developmental works has been awarded to and it is targeted to complete within 21 months period, stated a press release.

Nellore Railway station falls under the purview of Vijayawada Division and is located along the important grand trunk route. It is one of the important District headquarters in Andhra Pradesh and has a special importance with large number of travelling public for various purposes.

At present, the station is witnessing the footfall of around 30, 000 and is expected to be much more in the coming days.



The Railway board has instructed South Central Railway to take up the redevelopment of Nellore station as part of "Major upgradation of Railway Stations". The SCR has conceptualized a master plan to integrate the station complex with world class facilities, infrastructure facilities and passenger amenities to provide a

seamless experience to the rail users. Some of the works being undertaken include: Construction of West Side Station Building with

Ground + 2 floors, Extension of East Side Station Building with Ground + 1 floor, Refurbishment of both existing West and East Side Station Buildings with modern and elegant façade, Construction of wide Air Concourse connecting to all Platforms etc.

HSL donates Rs.4 lakhs to school

VIS News Service

Hindustan Shipyard Ltd (HSL) as part of its CSR initiative has undertaken construction of toilets at Mandal Parishad Primary School (MPPS) at MR Puram Village Kothavalasa mandal in Vizianagaram district.

Cdr JP Gupta, Director (Corporate Planning & Personnel), IN (Retd.), HSL inaugurated the CSR project at a project cost of Rs 4 Lakhs. The project was executed through 'Connect to Andhra' which is an Organization formed by 'Govt. of AP for augmentation of infrastructure in govt schools.



IIPE Vizag hosts Annual Convocation

VIS News Service

Indian Institute of Petroleum and Energy (IIPE) Visakhapatnam recently



conducted its 2nd Convocation in Visakhapatnam. IIPE informed that eighty-Seven students (45 students

from Petroleum Engineering & 42 students from Chemical Engineering) were awarded with the degrees. Two students

from each branch have received gold and silver medals for their academic excellence. Delivering the convocation address, the Chief Guest Ms. Hemalatha Annamalai congratulated all the baccalaureate students and wel-

comed them as the next generation Energy leaders. She urged the students to strive for eradicating Energy-poverty. She also em-

phasized on a strong enabling environment in place to encourage greater investment especially in renewable forms of energy. Prof. PK Banik, President, Board of Governors, IIPE praised the institution and all its stakeholders for

maintaining the high academic standards and on achieving almost 100% placements.

He urged the students for strong alumni support for the institute's

development. Prof. Shalivahan, Director, IIPE informed that the construction of the institute's own campus will start at Vangali Village in Sabbavaram Mandal as all pending issues have been cleared.

IN BRIEF

AU-Rural Health link Inc ink MoU

Andhra University has recently inked a MoU with Rural Health link Inc, an international corporation Seattle WA USA. Founded by Sushma Kallam the first Indian female director whose documentary was used by the UN through their community outreach programme Cine Onu and Anirudh Kulkarni Principal

software Engineer at Micro Soft who has been the expert in leveraging conversational Artificial Intelligence to build new products for the company in Seattle. The MoU was signed by Prof. V. Krishna Mohan Registrar Andhra University and Ms. Sushma Kallam the founder of Wow. In this connection, AU Incubation Hub has been approved to conduct the operations of Rural Health Link IN at incubation centre from 1st September.



NATA invites Sri City MD

Dr. Sridhar Korsapati, President, North America Telugu Association (NATA), Texas, USA and a team of members recently visited Sri City to invite Dr. Ravindra Sannareddy, Founder Managing Director, Sri City to an upcoming convention of their association.

Dr. Ravindra Sannareddy gave them a briefing on the brisk pace of development in Sri City and its impact on the socio economic development of the region. Dr. Sridhar appreciated the efforts of Sri City in creating ample jobs for the locals, particularly, the women.



Education Excellence Awards presented

All India Council of Technical Education (AICTE) Chief Coordinating Officer Dr. Buddha Chandrasekhar said that teachers should work hard to make India a global teacher. He participated and addressed the Bharat Education Excellence Awards ceremony organized at AU recently. He said that Andhra Pradesh is in the forefront in implementing the New Education Policy 2020. Mr. Chandrasekhar said that it is essential to promote research and innovation. He said that industries should be linked with colleges to provide internships.



Chairman of Higher Education Council Prof. K. Hemachandra Reddy said that teaching profession is a unique art. AU VC Prof. P.V.G.D. Prasada Reddy and others spoke. On this occasion, 175 teachers were felicitated.

AU Signs MoU for Patent Services

Andhra University Signed an MoU with M/S Novel Patent Service Pvt. Ltd Visakhapatnam. The agreement was signed by Prof V Krishna Mohan Registrar and Ms A Hima Bindu the Managing Director of Novel Patent Service Pvt Ltd.

Prof Prasada Reddy and Prof V Krishna Mohan said that the AU has been investing heavily to promote IP, Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Startups culture in the University Campus. Prof Hanumanthu Purushotham DPIIT-IPR Chair Professor Andhra University said under this MoU M/s Novel Patent Service Pvt Ltd will assist the Centre for IPR of Andhra University in evaluating the patentability of university inventions, file the IPR applications in the Indian Patent Office and extend all support.



At the Secretariat



Union Bank of India General Manager **Mr. Naveet Kumar** who became SLBC's new Convener along with Deputy General Manager **Mr. V. Ramesh** met Chief Minister **Mr. Jagan Mohan Reddy** in Vijayawada recently. They had brief discussion on the need for banks to provide credit support for various schemes being implemented by GoAP.

Taj Tirupati's new GM

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Taj Tirupati recently announced that **Mr. Manoj Mishra** has been appointed as the hotel's new General Manager from 1st Sept 2022.

A true hotelier with over 29-years of experience in the hospitality industry Mr. Manoj Joined IHCL as a member of F&B team at Taj Bengal, Kolkata. He has spearheaded the F&B operations at Taj Exotica Resort & Spa, Goa and Taj Coromandel, Chennai.

With extensive knowledge



and experience of luxury brand at Taj, Mr. Manoj promises to provide guests with memorable experiences and uphold the traditions of the Taj brand.

DK Srinivas as DG GST Intelligence (West)

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resented India at World Trade Organization Workshop on Customs Modernization at TAIWAN in 2004 and was awarded "Best Participant Award" for his outstanding performance. Selected for I.R.S (Customs & Central Excise) Service in 1989 Dr DK Srinivas has worked in various formations like Anti – Smuggling, Custom Houses, Directorate of Revenue Intelligence and Airports in Gujarat, Telangana, Karnataka, Tamilnadu and Mumbai. He has also participated in the WCO workshop in China on Strategic Trade Control Enforcement in Customs.

In addition he has undergone various training programmes on Customs Facilitation Enforcement Areas at Australia & China and was also a member of Indian delegation, participated in finalization of Indo – Sri Lankan Free Trade Agreement at Colombo.

Dr DK Srinivas has also been awarded with the "Presidential Certificate of Distinguished Service" in 2006 for his achievements.

APSSDC mulls customised skill training at Sri City

Seeks inputs from Industry fraternity

VIS News Service

Andhra Pradesh State Skill Development Corporation (APSSDC) MD & CEO, **Mr. S. Satyanarayana**, I.A.S, recently had an interactive meeting with some of the senior HR managers of Sri City Industrial Units wherein it assessed their future skilled manpower & training requirements.

Addressing the gathering, Mr. Satyanarayana said that interaction with industries helps in identifying the different kinds of skills required by different sectors, both qualitatively and quantitatively.

Asking for inputs on the future skilled manpower & training requirements of Sri City units, he requested the participants to fill a questionnaire.

"As Industry is evolving swiftly demanding new skill-sets, and if the educational curriculum and students' skill-sets are not in sync with the requirements of the industry, jobs aspirants will be hard-pressed to find jobs. So as to bridge

this gap, APSSDC in collaboration with industry wants customised skill training programmes in different trades, which will be instrumental in ensuring the youth acquire relevant skills and get placement" said the MD and CEO APSSDC.

He further explained that Govt. of Andhra Pradesh brings unique combination platforms in skill-cascade systems, like skill hubs and skill colleges, and invited Industry to mentor, partner and utilise for requirements of industries. Executive Director **Mr. D.V. Ramakoti Reddy** gave a presentation showcasing the various training programmes tailor made for specific needs of some of the Sri City based industries. Stating that with a target of training 1,00,000 students during the current year, he explained about the various initiatives launched to make students employable and that it plans to establish 26 skill colleges —



one in every Parliamentary constituency— and skill hubs in 175 Assembly segments in the State, to strengthen the skill ecosystem and create industry-aligned skilled workforce. The participants have given the details of specific skillsets needed by the respective industries in different sectors and gave suggestion on the course content. **Ms. S.S. Sony**, Zonal Manager, APIIC, Tirupati was present. **Mr. C. Ramesh Kumar**, Vice President (Customer Relations), Sri City, welcomed the guests. **Mr. V. Sivakumar**, Manager, HRD proposed a vote of thanks.

Bulk Drug Park to accelerate AP's pharma industry

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As per the proposal submitted by the Andhra Pradesh government, Bulk Drugs will be established in

in a singular way because the pharma sector in Visakhapatnam was becoming more or less saturated. This new park he

Pharmazell's Mr Anant, in the last 15 years, things have moved from Hyderabad to Visakhapatnam wherein the pharma industry has significantly grown here.

The Vice Chairman and MD of Visakha Pharmacy Limited, Visakhapatnam Zone, Mr

ucts to various destinations.

Sector Issues/Challenges

Talking on some of the demands of the pharma industry in the state Mr Lal Krishna said that AP required NIPER institute, Pharmexcil office etc. for the growth of the Pharma sector. In line with the Na-



The state of Andhra Pradesh produces 10% of the Nation's Volumes.

Dr P Lal Krishna
Vice Chairman & MD of Visakha Pharmacy

2000.45 acres of land of K.P. Puram and Kodhada of Thondagi Mandal of East Godavari District.

said would help in a major step change in the pharma industry.

"This is very required be-



We welcome this new park allocation as bulk drug requirements are always a little different.

Mr Anant Barbadikar
MD, PharmaZell Group (India)

PP Lal Krishna said that the Pharma sector provides employment to the tune of 1,00,000 in the state of Andhra Pradesh and produces 10 per cent of the Nation's Volumes.

It was possible to increase to 35 percent of the Volumes of India. And with the air cargo terminal at Visakhapatnam Airport and the seaport Visakha Container Terminal companies are able to substantially reduce their logistics cost. It also ensures timely and safe delivery of their prod-

tion Vision of achieving \$130 billion by 2030, AP requires additional common facilities, support for the R&D centres, Innovation centre etc.

Similarly Mr Anant said that the centre needs to focus on the weaknesses/requirements of the pharma industry. They are strongly dependent on the third-party analytical lab, still dependent on critical sample testing in Hyderabad. That kind of stuff should be in Visakhapatnam, he said.

Coast Guard gets new Cdr Eastern Seaboard

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ficer has a professional history, studded with achievements and proven track record of outstanding and meritorious performance in all assignments he has held. The Flag Officer was at the helm of Coast Guard Region (East) and Coast Guard Region (West) before assuming the Command of Coast Guard (Eastern Seaboard). He is specialised in Navigation & Direction and his sea commands include all major vessels of ICG which include Advanced Offshore Patrol Vessel Samar and Offshore Patrol Ves-

sel Vishwast. Some of his key staff assignments include Dy Director General (Operations & Coastal Security), Principal Director (Operations) at the Coast Guard Headquarters, New Delhi and Chief Staff Officer (Operations) at the Coast Guard Regional Headquarters (East), Chennai. The Flag Officer is a recipient of the President's Tatrakshak Medal for Distinguished service, Tatrakshak Medal and was also awarded the Director General Coast Guard Commendation in 2012 and FOCINC (East) Commendation in 2009.

New Conduit

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The Visakha-Gunupur Passenger train will stop at Dusi station. This



was a long-pending demand for this train which con-

nects North of Andhra Pradesh with South of Odisha, which have both trade as well as kinship linkages. 'I thank the Railway authorities for accepting my repeated requests for this halt' said **Mr Ram Mohan Naidu Kinjarapu**, Member of Parliament Lok Sabha from Srikakulam. The train will be stopped at the respective station on an experimental basis for four months.



This is a very good initiative of the government. We import about 30% of API from China. So GoI and GoAP should work in this direction.

Mr Bikash Kumar Nayak
Aurobindo Pharma, Vizag

A leading German pharma company having a unit in SEZ in Visakhapatnam, PharmaZell's Group (India) Managing Director **Mr Anant Barbadikar** welcomed the centre's scheme and said that another bulk drug park would really help

cause bulk drug requirements are always a little different. It is a complex requirement. If the centre comes out with different schemes which attract bulk drugs, we would always welcome them" said Mr Anant. According to

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FAPCCI leads trade delegation to Thailand

Says Thai Firms keen to invest in AP



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FAPCCI recently led a trade delegation to Thailand to explore trade opportunities between Thailand and the state of Andhra Pradesh.

Invited by the Thai Chamber of Commerce and Board of Foreign Trade and Investment, Board of Trade of Thailand FAPCCI signed a MoU with Thai Chamber of commerce.

The MoU signed by **Mr. Phairush Burapachaisri**, Vice Chairman of the Thai Chamber of Commerce and **Mr. Karunendra Jasti** President FAPCCI seeks to facilitate and promote trade and investment

between both economies. Hailing the business environment in the state of AP, FAPCCI informed that Thai firms had evinced keen interest in exploring investment opportunities in the state of Andhra Pradesh'.

It highlighted that Thai trade was keen to explore Agri, Canned Food and Food processing sectors in Andhra Pradesh.

Speaking on the occasion FAPCCI's president, **Mr. Karunendra Jasti** said "This MoU will play a pivotal role in our trade relations and bring a new change".

Similarly **Mr. Phairush Burapachaisri**, said "Its in-

deed a pleasure to exchange MoU with FAPCCI. We are confident that this understanding will pave way for many more investment opportunities in both the regions"

The FAPCCI team also met H.E. **Ms. Suchitra Durai** Ambassador of India to the Kingdom of Thailand and shared details of MoU signed with Thai Chamber of Commerce.

Detailing investment opportunities in Andhra Pradesh with H.E. **Ms. Suchitra Durai** FAPCCI officials also discussed on ways to reduce the trade deficit between India and Thailand.

As part of the visit FAPCCI trade officials visited SCG Homes, largest provider of building materials, home goods, health and life style products and had a detailed interaction with **Mr. Navasphol Ratanarom** Head SCG homes at Thailand and discussed about synergies.

AP eyes Rs 5000 crores in Mineral Revenue (FY23)

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thrust GoI is giving in exploration and auctions' said **Mr. Gopal Krishna Dwivedi**, IAS, Principal Secretary to Government of Andhra Pradesh speaking at a recent National mines minister's conference in Hyderabad.

Giving a presentation **Mr. Dwivedi** informed the gathering the state of Andhra Pradesh ranks amongst the top Indian

tal of 46 areas have been explored in AP since 2019-20 wherein 33 of them were explored just in 2020-21 itself. Similarly for the current fiscal the state has already explored 7. 'We hope to do another 10-15 more this fiscal' said **Mr. Dwivedi**. Private agencies have also been approved for explorations and of the 7 areas explored this fiscal 2 were done by private agencies.

3890 crores. **Ease of Doing Business in AP's Mining & Exploration**

Speaking on the ease of doing business parameters in this sector the principal secretary informed that the state government has undertaken numerous steps to make the process clear of any corruption. Some of these steps include an automated E-permit system

AP's EoDB in Mining & Exploration:

- ✓ Automated E-Permit System
- ✓ Single Desk Portal
- ✓ Vehicle Tracking & Monitoring System
- ✓ Mineral Dealer Licence System



states for establishment of Mineral Based Industries. Highlighting that the state ranks 1st in the production of Barytes, Dolomite and Silica Sand, No 2 in Quartz & Granite and No 4th in Limestone he said that GoAP has laid specific focus on exploration of major and minor minerals areas to continue the pipeline of blocks to be auctioned in order to realize the true potential of the state.

It was informed that a to-

As per **Mr. Dwivedi** a total of 29,449 hectares were explored in FY 22 which included 11 blocks of manganese, 10 blocks of gold, 5 blocks of limestone and 5 blocks of iron ore. This in comparison to FY 21 was just 3996 hectares across 4 blocks and a mere 312 hectares across 2 blocks in FY 20.

Some of the major minerals being explored include Limestone, Manganese, iron ore, gold, diamond.

Auction Status

The state government had auctioned 21 blocks in FY22 of which 18 were CL (coal) blocks and 3 were ML (minerals) blocks. And for this fiscal i.e. FY 23 it has already auctioned 11

i.e. an online platform to issue automated e-permits thereby negating any human intervention. Similarly a single desk portal is there for filing applications, an online platform for real time surveillance of mineral carrying vehicles and also an end-end IT based regulatory mechanism for overall mineral movement.

Seeking GoI Support

Seeking support from the government of India the state government has called for the relaxation of area limits for heavy minerals beach sands. GoAP has identified 16 beach sand minerals (BSM) bearing areas over an extent of 16,604 hect-

GVL seeks captive mines for RINL, moots Seaplanes from Vizag

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Rajya Sabha MP **Mr. RGVL Narasimha Rao** recently met Union Steel Minister **Mr. Jyotiraditya Scindia** and sought his support and intervention on certain aspects of RINL and also for initiating seaplane operations from Vizag.

In a letter submitted to the Minister, **Mr. Rao** noted that non-availability of working material, high raw

charged to RINL appears obscenely high compared to prevailing interest rates in the market. I request these interest rates to be reviewed again and align them with current market rates. This would



GVL on RINL:

- Interest Burden Obscenely high
- Need for Captive Mines
- Quickly Fill vacant management positions

material cost and adverse market conditions have affected functioning of the Steel Plant. This he said is adversely impacting the financials of RINL.

Stating that RINL has a huge annual interest burden of Rs.2500 crore over its staggering loan outstanding of Rs 22000 crores he called for its revision. 'The rate of interest

Mr. Rao in his letter. In addition the Rajya Sabha MP also highlighted the lack of captive iron ore mines and high cost of purchased raw materials and noted this to be the single biggest factor affecting RINL's profitability.

Lastly he informed the minister that certain top level management positions are lying vacant and quick appointments shall improve

decision making in the company.

Seaplanes from Vizag Similarly **Mr. Rao** called for Seaplane Operations from Visakhapatnam cruise terminal to Vijayawada, Kakinada and Bhimavaram under the UDAN scheme.

There is a well developed petroleum, aqua and pharmaceutical industry in these regions and also a major trading centre. The seaplanes services therefore are likely to be commercially viable on these routes as these regions are eco-

nomicallly well off and may require viability gap funding only for a few months' said **Mr. Rao** in his letter to **Mr. Jyotiraditya Scindia**. He also apprised the minister that infrastructure at Visakhapatnam, Vijayawada and Kakinada have already been sanctioned and are likely to be ready in a few months time. In addition a new water aerodrome or passenger terminal can be constructed at Bhimavaram, said the Rajya Sabha MP. Stating that he has already discussed this with the minister of Ports shipping and waterways **Mr. Sarbananda Sonowal** for seaplane routes and he re-

GVL on Seaplanes:

- Seaplanes from Visakhapatnam to Vijayawada, Kakinada and Bhimvaram
- Sanction under RCS-UDAN scheme

sponded positively. He therefore requested **Mr. Scindia** to include the above routes under RCS-UDAN and invite bids from potential operators of seaplane services and also sanction requisite financial assistance for the project.

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AP Mineral Revenue

Andhra Pradesh's mineral revenue has been growing steadily from Rs 1702 crores in 2016-17 to Rs 3765 crores in 2021-22 (see bar graph). The revenue from minor minerals has been a majority contributor to these revenues. For instance in 2016-17 minor minerals contributed Rs 1102 crores of the total 1702 crores. Similarly for FY 22 minor minerals contribution stood at Rs 2438 crores of the total Rs 3765 crores.

'The government this year is targeting a revenue of Rs 5000 crores' said **Mr. Dwivedi** of which minor minerals are expected to contribute a whopping Rs

ares. 'Considering this large extent of area GoAP has requested to relax/increase the extents as permitted by MMDR act 1957' informed **Mr. Dwivedi**. In addition it has also asked for relaxing restrictions on grant of BSM lease to private entities.

Revision of Royalty

The state government also asked the government of India for a revision of royalty for major minerals and has asked for an increase in royalty especially for limestone. AP's Minister for Energy, forest, environment, Science & Technology, Mines and Geology **Mr. Pedireddy Ramachandra Reddy**, also attended the conference.

ESC unveils its Startup Summits from Andhra Selected Startups to be sent to USA



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The Electronics and Computer Export Promotion Council (ESC) and Software Technology Parks of India (STPI) are jointly organizing "Startup Summits – Building The Next Unicorn" in select states to promote and strengthen startup culture in the country, recognizing the best among them so as to create an architecture for the proliferation of unicorns.

As part of this initiative the team was recently in Andhra Pradesh wherein they signed an MoU with both Andhra University and APIS.

The states which have shown interest to host the

State Summits in physical mode include Andhra Pradesh, Rajasthan, Gujarat, New Delhi, and Karnataka. A Virtual Screening and Selection Session is also being planned after the completion of State Summits to ensure the participation of innovative tech startups from the remaining States. As per an official release it will have three main components. Foremost is recognizing local talents going by their tempo of growth, technology absorption capacity, and innovation.

Startups selected out of the State Conclaves will be invited to join the National Conclave for the final round of selections by the

eminent jury panel. The selected startups will be provided travel grants for the USA and pre-fixed meetings with US Investors and Venture Capitalists besides networking with Global Technology Startups in the USA.

"The mission to the US will be a unique initiative of the Council," stated ESC's Chairman, Sandeep Narula, adding that it will be a rich experience for the Indian participants to meet creators of unicorns, investors, VCs, etc. The finale to be held in the United States will have an assemblage of the best startups leading to building new unicorns in India. This initiative would enthruse more and more Indian startups to focus on getting themselves transformed into Unicorns and establishing their credentials globally, said the release.

"This exercise is to create a strong base of startups and promote networking with their counterparts in the USA" said Mr. Narula.

Best Academics Trophy for NCS

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Navy Children School (NCS) Visakhapatnam was conferred the 'Best in Academics' Trophy for outstanding performance in Class X and XII CBSE examination for the Academic year 2021-22 amongst 14 CBSE-affiliated Schools under the aegis of the Eastern Naval Command (ENC). Rear Admiral Sandeep Pradhan, Chief Staff Officer (Personnel & Administration), ENC presented the trophy to Dr. Parul Kumar Principal of the School at a function on the occasion of Teachers' Day Celebrations. Acknowledging the hard work, commitment and dedication of the teachers, Rear Adm Pradhan said teachers are the backbone of our society and appreciated the noteworthy efforts of teachers to bridge the gap developed from online to offline mode of studies during the pre-COVID and post-COVID time.

'APIS now on mission mode'

Aditya Sabharwal

The newly incharge CEO of Andhra Pradesh Innovation Society is a man on a mission. Having earlier served as CEO



of APITA i.e. Andhra Pradesh Information technology academy and having brought in traction there, Mr Anil Kumar Tentu has now been given the reins of APIS as its new CEO.

'We are undertaking numerous steps to get APIS buzzing and importantly create a vibrant and an efficient startup ecosystem in the state' said Mr Tentu speaking exclusively to Vizag Industrial Scan. Startups in Andhra Pradesh have been yearning for an active, well networked and lively startup ecosystem which can help them connect and collaborate better.

This is where APIS has a key role to play.

One of the first things that the new CEO intends to do is to integrate all the various EDCs and incubators in the state.

'There are about 534 entrepreneurship development cells (EDCs) and about 25 incubators in the state and we intend to integrate and bring all of them on one platform. Its important that we don't work in silos and collaborate

with each other' said Mr Tentu.

And to do this APIS plans to hold awareness programs across the state in cities like Vizag, Vijayawada and Tirupati. Similarly APIS has undertaken an aggressive one grand challenge a month target. It has already laid out plans for the next 4 months wherein it plans on holding hackathons concerning a specific sector. 'We have already begun work on the Fintech Hackathon which we are doing in collaboration with APCFMS' informed Mr Tentu. APCFMS i.e. the Andhra

Innovative Technologies Available for Commercialisation to MSMEs, Start-ups & Industries

NRDC, a Premier Technology Transfer Organisation under Govt. of India with over more than 2000 innovative technologies available for transfer and commercialisation to industries. NRDC executed about 5000 technology transfer agreements with Entrepreneurs / Start-ups / MSME's / Industries NRDC also supports end to end IP facilitation and commercialisation.

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Vizag Marathon Poster released

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Police Commissioner Mr. Srikanth recently released a poster of Vizag Marathon being organised by Sandhya marines on



December 18. Title sponsors Sandhya marines Ltd. represented by their director Mr. Anand Kondragunta, Medical partner, Seven Hills hospital, represented by CEO Wing commander Mr. M K Bose, Hospitality partners, Novotel hotel represented by Ms Lakshmi Sridhar and Mr. Abhishek Krishna. Vizag Runners Society is a non-profit organisation, with an aim to create awareness of health & fitness in the community & encourage people to make running or walking, a part of their lives. Interested runners can do registration at <http://www.vizagmarathon.run>

Getting APIS Buzzing

- Hackathons to be organized on Different Sectors
- Prize Money upto Rs 10 lakhs per sector
- Working on Rs.200 crores Alternative Innovation Fund in collaboration with IDBI
- Soon connect program bringing VCs and Angel Funds to Vizag

certain problem statements which will be showcased to startups who can find relevant solutions in this space of work. So to make these hackathons attractive GoAP has put an award money of Rs 10 lakhs. The winner shall walk away with Rs 5 lakhs while Rs 3 lakhs and Rs 2 lakhs shall be given to the 2nd and 3rd runner ups. This is just for the Fintech hackathon. Similar hackathons have been planned for Logistics,

infrastructure and the startups present in this region. 'I am looking to organize a connect program wherein we shall invite venture capitalists and angel investors to come and have a look at our infrastructure and more importantly connect them to startups' said Mr Tentu. Simultaneously APIS is also in the works of creating an alternative innovation fund (AIF) for which it is in talks with IDBI bank.

At the Capital



Vice Adm Biswajit Dasgupta, Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Eastern Naval Command recently felicitated President Ms Droupadi Murmu upon assuming the highest office of the country. In his meeting VADM Dasgupta briefed her about ENC's activities and its Area of Responsibility. ENC is one of the two operational Commands of the Indian Navy, headquartered at Visakhapatnam, which is also the home port of the Eastern Fleet.

City Admin. mulls water drones

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In order to safeguard lives of people swimming at the beaches of Vizag, the city's district administration is mulling the deployment of robotic drones. District Collector **Dr A Mallikarjuna** recently inspected the drones wherein he was given a demonstration by the manufacturers of the drone.

It was informed that the robotic drone can go up to 700 meters at a speed of 7



km and rescue swimmers at risk. The collector said that these measures need to be taken to safeguard tourists on the coast of Visakhapatnam. He said that 39 life guards have been appointed on the beach with the cooperation of GVMC.

He said life jackets and other equipment needed for them have been provided. City Mayor **Golagani Hari Venkatakumari**, GVMC Commissioner Lakshmi Shah, municipal staff and other officials participated in this programme.

Launch of Taragiri

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The fifth Stealth Frigate of P17A, being built at MDL was launched recently by **Ms. Charu Singh**, President NWWA (Western Region) who named the ship 'Taragiri'. The Warship Design Bureau

(WDB) and the MDL teams having demonstrated multiple

successful conventional launches in the past and have honed their expertise further and performed yet another pontoon assisted launch with panache stated an official release from the Indian Navy.

Seven P17A Frigates are under various stages of construction at MDL and GRSE. Indigenous con-



struction of complex front-line ships such as Stealth Frigates has catapulted the nation to a higher pedestal in the arena of shipbuilding. Further, 75% of the orders of the Project 17A have been placed on indigenous firms including MSMEs, thus reinforcing the

country's quest for 'Atma Nirbhar Bharat'. Speaking on the occasion,

Vice Admiral Ajendra Bahadur Singh, FOC-IN-C, Western Naval Command praised the efforts of Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited, Warship Design Bureau and other Naval Teams in realizing the nation's quest for self-reliance with regard to warship building.

At the Secretariat



Tata Advanced Systems Ltd Corporate Affairs and Regulatory Head Mr. J. Sridhar, and Tata Aerospace and Defence Head Mr. Masood Hussaini met the Chief Minister Mr. YS Jagan Mohan Reddy and discussed investment opportunities related to the manufacture, maintenance, and other aspects in the defence and aviation sector in the State. The Chief Minister said that the Government was ready to extend any kind of assistance and cooperation to the Tata officials. He also explained the various policies being implemented to promote industry in the state. Industries Department Special CS Mr. Karikal Valaven, APEDB CEO Mr. Javadi Subrahmanyam and CMO officials were present at the meeting.

'Villaasam will redefine luxury housing in Vizag'

Aditya Sabharwal

Housing for the rich has always been an indulgent and opulent affair. Marked with a keen sense of purpose and a sharp eye for detail luxury home developers make every effort to woo their potential HNI customers. Its thus no surprise that customers pay top buck for their innovative and mesmerizing architecture, thought provoking design and exquisite layout. Once such luxury housing project which has been making waves in the city of destiny is Villaasam.

'We want to set new benchmarks of quality and luxury in the city. I want people to refer to Villaasam as the benchmark for luxury living' said **Mr YS Raveendranath Reddy**, designated partner, Augmented Realty (the developer of the Villaasam project) speaking exclusively to *Vizag Industrial Scan*.

One of things that strikes you of Mr Reddy is his penchant for finer details, his passion for workmanship and a deep sense of humility and modesty. This despite the fact that he hails from one of the most powerful political families of Andhra Pradesh. Emphasising on quality and the precision of workmanship Mr Reddy cites four key elements that are key in delivering a masterpiece.



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'One first needs to have Sankalp i.e. the will and desire to do good work, then comes good design, landscaping followed by good workmanship' opined Mr Reddy.

Walking the talk the team at Augmented Realty has roped in coveted partners for this project. From the architect to the structural design to the landscaping the people associated with Villaasam are probably the most revered in their respective industry.

'We have got in top notch people to execute this pure

villa project. Just to give you an example our Architect is a graduate from Columbia university in New York, our landscaping partner is from the prestigious school of planning and architecture in New Delhi. This coupled with their loads of experience in executing upscale projects like these are a perfect match,' said Mr Reddy.

Being built over 11 acres in Kappulauppada the northern side of Vizag, Villaasam in its first phase

will have 62 villas ranging from 300 to 700 sq yards of space with each villa having 4 bedrooms(& 4 baths), an audio visual room and a powder room. All of these villas have been structured for G+2. Talking of luxury housing how can one be far away from Italian marble, granite, stainless steel etc. 'Our villas are being built with 30-35% Italian marble, 30% engineered wood, high quality vitrified tiles and many other superior quality materials' highlighted Mr Reddy.

In addition to this Villaasam will swank a grand clubhouse that shall encompass a wide array of facilities including a tennis court, a basketball court, a banquet hall, saloon/spa, an Amphitheatre, gymnasium, cafeteria etc.

With such grandeur it's thus no surprise that these villas are not priced for the faint hearted. Ranging from Rs 7157 per sqft to 9041 per sqft these luxury villas will probably be Vizag's most sought after addresses. Slated for completion in April 2024 and armed with an aggressive marketing strategy the promoters aim to sell these prestigious villas over the next 9-10 months.

'I have made a commitment on this and we are working diligently towards achieving this' said Mr Reddy.

Vizag Girl student bags coveted award

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A student of Visakha Valley School **Ms. Sharanya Mudundi**, was recently conferred the Global Child Prodigy Award 2022 in the category of Art & Culture (Vocal Carnatic Music) in Dubai. **Sir Richard J. Roberts**, Nobel Laureate in Physiology or Medicine in 1993 presented the award. Collector **Mr.**



A. Mallikarjuna congratulated her along with the Principal **Dr. Eshwari Prabhakar** on her achievement. Out of thousands of applicants from 68 countries, Sharanya has been selected one of the top hundred prodigies through a rigorous review process and thorough evaluation by the selection committee.

She was conferred with National Award-Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar 2020 in the field of Art & Culture. She is a multi-talented child prodigy in the field of music, sports and Scholastic.