

Pvt mega industrial park to come up in Nellore district

VPR MINING GETS LAND AND POLICY INCENTIVES TO DEVELOP PLUG-AND-PLAY PARK IN 372 ACRES

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IN a significant development, the State Government has permitted VPR Mining Infrastructure Private Limited for establishment of a private mega industrial park in 372.05 acres at Vadlapudi village in Manubolu mandal of SPSR Nellore district under PPP Park Policy.

The decision comes close on the heels of unveiling the Public-Private Partnership Policy. Incentives have been doled out to the private investors as promised for setting up of private industrial parks with plug and play infrastructure. The project will provide job opportunities for 2,000.

The request of VPR Mining Infrastructure Private Limited for allotment of 26.22 acres of government land in Sy. No. 1100-1, on actual cost basis, for continuity purposes has been accepted. The developer owned 345.83 acres in the project site and



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sought a small parcel of government land to meet the requirement to go ahead with the mega industrial park project. Accordingly, with the remarks of the APIIC, the request of VPR Mining Infrastructure Private Limited was placed before the State Investment Promotion Board (SIPB) in its meeting held on August 12, along with the recommendations of the State Investment Pro-

motion Committee (SIPC).

A GO was issued on Thursday sanctioning the allotment of 26.22 acres of government land in Sy. No. 1100-1, on actual cost basis, to for contiguity purposes and extending the applicable incentives under the Private Parks Policy.

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the milestones achieved by the developer, duly adhering to the specifications detailed in the guidelines of the Private Parks Policy.

The government approved upfront incentives as per the policy duly providing 100 per cent exemptions of land conversion charges (NALA) by the Revenue Department, change of land use (CLU) and layout approval charges by the Urban Development

Authority concerned, as applicable and permitted APIIC to list the details of the park of the project proponent on its (APIIC) website, once 40 per cent physical progress of construction of park infrastructure is completed, to assist the marketing of the industrial plots developed as per the specifications.

APIIC and the line departments have been directed to facilitate the provision of the following external infrastructure: Water Works Department (WRD) and the APIIC to facilitate water supply of 4,000 KLD to the park from the Sangam Reservoir (at a distance of 37 km). The Energy Department has been advised to facilitate power supply to the site (nearest 33/11kv sub-station at Veerampalli at a distance of 6.5 km). The Vice Chairman & Managing Director, APIIC / the Director of Industries, AP and he District Collector, SPSR Nellore District have been told to fast-track the project's implementation.

Bhatti for fair, lawful solutions to Centre-State disputes

Says Telangana's stand firm on Krishna river water row, demands State's rightful share in accordance with the law

BIZZ BUZZ BUREAU
HYDERABAD

DEPUTY Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka said the spirit of cooperative federalism lies in resolving issues between the Centre and the States amicably and ensuring the speedy implementation of decisions taken.

He said the true test of a federal system was its ability to find fair and lawful solutions when the interests of different States come into conflict.

Bhatti Vikramarka made these remarks at the 31st Southern Zonal Council meeting held at Mahabalipuram in Tamil Nadu on Thursday. The meeting was chaired by Union Home Minister Amit Shah and attended by Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu, Karnataka Chief Minister DK Shivakumar, Kerala Chief Minister V.D. Sathesnan, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin, and other leaders.

Speaking at the meeting, Bhatti said true federalism required institutions capable of coordinating diverse interests



(Left) Deputy Chief Minister of Telangana Bhatti Vikramarka along with other leaders on the dias at the South Zonal Council meet at Mahabalipuram on Thursday

in a fair, lawful and effective manner. On the Krishna river water dispute, he said Telangana's position was clear and that the State was firmly seeking its rightful share in accordance with the legal mechanisms already in place. He called for preventing unilateral actions that could affect the rights of downstream States and stressed that uniform principles should be applied to all States in the Krishna basin.

He pointed out that the allocation of Krishna waters between Telangana and Andhra Pradesh was currently before the Krishna Water Disputes Tribunal-II and called for an early resolution through the established legal process.

Bhatti Vikramarka also stressed the need to protect Telangana's interests in the Palamuru-Ranga Reddy and Nakkalagandi lift schemes. He urged the Centre to extend financial assistance for the Kaleshwaram and Palamuru-Ranga Reddy lift irrigation projects. The Deputy Chief Minister said restoration works on the Kaleshwaram barrages were under way and steps were being taken to retrieve the Pranahita-Chevella project at Tummidihetti. He urged the Centre to extend its cooperation in completing the remaining works of the Palamuru-Ranga Reddy lift scheme so that the project could be fully utilised.

Awareness session on NPS

VIJAYAWADA: An awareness session on the National Pension System (NPS), jointly organised by Andhra Pradesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry Federation (AP Chambers) and the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA), was held here on Thursday with an overwhelming response from industrialists, business representatives and members of the unorganised sector.

Officials from PFRDA and SBI Pension Funds explained the features, investment options, tax benefits and other advantages of NPS, and highlighted its importance in building a long-term retirement corpus.

Speaking at the programme, RV Swamy, president, Andhra Pradesh Star Hotels Association, appealed to the public, particularly those in the business and unorganised sectors, to make use of NPS and take advantage of the opportunity to plan for a financially secure retirement. Among others, Potluri Bhaskara Rao, president, AP Chambers, B. Rajasekhara, executive vice President and Ravuri Subbarao, general secretary, addressed. They stressed the need for greater awareness of retirement planning and wider coverage of NPS among employees, self-employed persons, entrepreneurs, and workers in the unorganised sector.

Pulse Pharma gets landmark regulatory nod for Nano medicine

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HYDERABAD

CITY-based Pulse Pharmaceuticals has reached a major milestone with the regulatory approval of its Nano-Carrier Entrapped Vitamin D3 Oral Dispersion. This approval transforms advanced nano pharmaceutical research into a regulated, patient-ready product. After strict scientific evaluation, Pulse Pharmaceuticals achieved regulatory approval for its pioneering nanocarrier technology in Vitamin D3 delivery, such an approval is probably first



KV Rambabu, Founder & MD, Pulse Pharmaceuticals addressing media

in the world. Clinical studies have demonstrated 50-60 per cent higher serum vitamin D levels with Nano-carrier entrapped Vitamin D3 Oral Dispersion compared to con-

ventional formulations. The company has been working in nano pharmaceutical drug delivery since 2010, aiming to solve real-world challenges for large patient populations.

Their proprietary "Aqueol" platform technology is specifically designed to effectively deliver lipophilic compounds in water-based mediums.

Better Performance and Convenience: Pulse uses nanotechnology to improve how well a drug works, its bioavailability, how easily it is tolerated, and the overall patient experience.

Reverse buyer seller meet begins in Vizag

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INTERNATIONAL Reverse Buyer-Seller Meet (RBSM), organised jointly by the Andhra Pradesh MSME Development Corporation (AP MSMEDC) and the Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO), under the Raising and Accelerating MSME Performance (RAMP) Scheme, was inaugurated here on Thursday.

The three-day event was declared open by at Visakhapatnam by Tammi Reddy Siva Sankara Rao, Chairman, AP MSME Development Corporation.



A section of delegates at the International Reverse Buyer-Seller Meet on its inaugural in Visakhapatnam on Thursday

The inaugural session was attended by Directors of AP MSMEDC Neelapu Vijay-ananda Reddy, Mugada Raja Rao, Pradhana Vijayaram, PVP Sathanarayana Mur-

thy, Dr Chinnaraju Gudipudi and Nalle Veera Prasanna Kumar—along with senior officials of the Andhra Pradesh Government, representatives of FIEO, overseas buyers, in-

dustry associations and participating MSMEs.

The programme, being held from August 19 to 21 has brought together more than 40 overseas buyers from 25 countries and over 250 MSMEs from across Andhra Pradesh for structured one-to-one business meetings aimed at generating export enquiries, commercial partnerships and confirmed business orders.

In his address, Siva Sankara Rao, stated that MSMEs are the backbone of Andhra Pradesh's industrial economy and play a vital role in employment generation, balanced regional development and inclusive economic growth.

Massive search operation on for missing Andhra fishermen

AMARAVATI

A massive search operation was underway in the Bay of Bengal for seven fishermen from Andhra Pradesh who had set out to sea earlier this month, officials said on Thursday. Agriculture Minister Kinjarapu Atchannaidu said the search operation involves two Dornier aircraft, a helicopter, and seven boats of the Navy and the Coast Guard.

He said Navy boats were deployed for extensive search from Visakhapatnam to-

wards Paradip. A Navy vessel is also searching towards the port area. Dornier aircraft from Visakhapatnam, Kolkata, and Chennai were engaged in the search operation. A Navy helicopter from Kolkata has also been pressed into service. The minister said continuous search sorties were on in potential areas.

"We are using all available resources to search for the missing fishermen with constant coordination between the Navy, Coast Guard, and the Fisheries Department," he said.

Remove TG Revenue Minister, Harish Rao writes to Rahul

HYDERABAD

BRS Deputy Leader in Telangana Legislative Assembly, T Harish Rao has demanded removal of Revenue Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy over alleged extortion and arbitrary freezing of private properties under Section 22A in Telangana, while stating that these allegations require independent verification. In a letter to Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, Harish Rao also sought an independent judicial and anti-corruption investigation.

The Bharat Rashtira Samithi (BRS) leader drew the attention of the top Congress leader to the



alleged misuse of the Revenue and Registration machinery and the arbitrary inclusion or private properties under Section 22A of the Registration Act, 1908. The allegations concern the functioning of the Revenue Department under Srinivas Reddy and raise serious questions about the failure of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy to exercise effective oversight, wrote the former minister.

Harish Rao mentioned that Section 22A is intended to prohibit registration of legally prohibited properties. It cannot be used to create artificial title disputes, freeze bona fide private properties or paralyse legitimate transactions of citizens. "During revenue-record updates and the transition to Bhū Bharati, thousands of private properties, HMDA/GHMC-approved layouts and private patta lands with long-standing titles have reportedly been classified as government or ceiling-surplus land or otherwise brought under the prohibited-properties regime," alleged the BRS leader in the letter.

AP clears ₹7,800 crore solar mfg project

Agastya Green Energy to build 12-GW Si ingot, wafer plant with incentives up to ₹4817.1 cr

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ANDHRA Pradesh Government on Thursday gave its stamp of approval for an investment of Rs7,799.96 crore by Agastya Green Energy Limited to set up an Integrated plant of 12 GW of Si Ingot and Wafer Manufacturing Plant at Orvakal Mega Industrial Hub (OMIH), Guttapadu in Kurnool district.

Industries and Commerce Secretary N Yuvaraj said the company's request for allotment of 143 acres and 26 cents has been cleared. The project will generate employment opportunities for 1,000 people along with tailor-made incentives as per AP Industrial Development Policy (4.0) 2024-2029.

The project proponent, as per the timelines set by the government, will complete land development by De-

cember, 2026, procurement and delivery by November, 2026 to June, 2028 and launch construction between December, 2026 to March, 2028. The ramp up and trial run will be taken up from October, 2028 and January, 2029, so as to launch commercial production in January, 2029.

The State Investment Promotion Board (SIPB) at its recent meeting noted that the current proposals have been in discussions with the State for their upcoming facilities for some time and hence, deserve consideration with the existing benchmarked incentive framework. The stable governance mechanism demands that existing and upcoming leads be accorded incentives on par with the benchmarked framework for another six months, until the end of the current Financial Year, to



ensure propriety and early closure of such projects to develop a best-in-class solar project.

The SIPB had also considered the request of the project proponent for allotment of lands on concessional basis that the indicated lands are rocky in nature and involve further heavy invest-

ment to level the lands including conditioned blasting. PV ecosystem.

After considering the proposals, the government sanctioned the tailor-made incentives up to 69 per cent of fixed capital investment (FCI), limited to Rs4817.1 crore including land allotment of 143.26 acres at the

concessional rate of Rs10 lakh per acre, limited to subsidy of Rs41.49 crore, contingent upon completion of FCI of Rs.6,981.70 crore by January 1 2029, under AP Industrial Development Policy (4.0) 2024-29.

The incentives also include capital subsidy of 53.5per cent of eFCI, limited

to Rs3,360.40 crore, to be disbursed over 10 years from date of commercial production (DCP), 100 per cent exemption on stamp duty on purchase of land for industrial use, limited to Rs 1.07 crore, power tariff reimbursement of Rs1per unit for 10 years from DCP, limited to Rs290.00 crore, for energy procured from DISCOM.

The company will also get Electricity Duty exemption at Rs1per unit for 10 years from DCP on total energy consumption of the plant, limited to Rs290 crore, 100 per cent SGST reimbursement received to the State of Andhra Pradesh, in the form of cash alone being considered on the products which are manufactured and sold within the State, after deducting refunds issued, if any, for a period of nine years, limited to Rs378.54 crore.

IN BRIEF

Phenom to ramp up its workforce in TG

HYDERABAD: Phenom, dealing in Applied AI for human resources and workforce transformation, is set to deepen its presence in India with increased investments in technology, talent and innovation. The company plans to create more than 2,000 additional employment opportunities in India in the coming years, while expanding its physical footprint in Telangana. The company's India growth plans will be highlighted at IAMPHENOM India 2026, to be held on December 17, 2026 in Hyderabad. Positioned as a dedicated platform for Applied AI in HR and IT, the event will bring together HR professionals, talent acquisition leaders, HRIT teams and C-suite executives to explore how AI can deliver measurable outcomes in hiring, employee development and workforce retention. Mahe Baiyireddi, CEO and Co-Founder, Phenom, said "The future of work is being shaped by how organisations invest in their people. He said IAMPHENOM India will help leaders move from experimenting with AI to transforming how people work, develop and grow. He added that India's technology expertise, talent and ambition position it strongly to drive this transformation."



AP reviewing collectorate building designs

AMARAVATI: Andhra Pradesh Roads and Buildings Minister BC Janardhan Reddy on Thursday said the government is reviewing designs for new district collectorates. Addressing the Assembly, the R&B Minister said the government is reviewing these proposals under the recently issued PPP guidelines. "The government will take a final decision on building these collectorates after reviewing the designs," Reddy said. He highlighted that the plan for building the Bhimavaram collectorate in West Godavari district is ready. The district administration currently operates out of a private building near Bhimavaram.

Revanth in London; begins 10-day UK, US tour

HYDERABAD: Telangana Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy has kicked off a 10-day tour of the UK and US after arriving in London on Thursday. In the UK, Revanth is scheduled to visit the Blavatnik School of Government at the University of Oxford and the Emirates Stadium for an EPL Football presentation, according to the state government. Interactions and events are also planned with the University of Cambridge, University of London and London Business School (LBS) during the first leg of his two-nation tour. The Telagana CM will then head to the US next week, where he is set to visit the campuses of Harvard University and Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). He is also scheduled to interact with a team from Virginia Tech University in Boston on August 25. Besides some official discussions, a meet-and-greet diaspora event organised by the US chapter of the Indian Overseas Congress (IOC) in New York is also on the agenda. Earlier, Congress MP Mallu Ravi and the state government's advisor on protocol affairs, Harkara Venugopal, saw him off at the New Delhi airport in the early hours of Thursday.