

AP's AI-led GST admin model draws national applause

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BIZZ BUZZ BUREAU AMARAVATI

ANDHRA Pradesh's Commercial Taxes Department on Friday showcased its Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML) led GST administration model at the 6th National Coordination Meeting (NCM) in Delhi, winning huge appreciation from all.

The meeting was held under the chairpersonship of the Union Revenue Secretary, attended by the GST Council Secretariat, the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC), and Commercial Tax Commissioners and senior officers from States and Union Territories across the country.

Andhra Pradesh presented data-backed comparisons of AI-assisted outcomes against the legacy, manual process. In return scrutiny alone, six months of AI-driven operation yielded revenue detection of Rs743.43 crore against Rs365.75 crore under the comparable legacy period, and detection of Rs27.63 lakh per case against Rs3.08 lakh per case under the legacy



process — an outcome the department noted could not have been achieved through manual scaling alone.

The Department emphasised that automation has been built strictly within the statutory workflow: AI drafts, but officers decide, with every notice and order carrying an officer's digital signature and full traceability through BO Case ID, ARN and DIN generation.

Andhra Pradesh's presentation, titled "Use of AI/ML and Automation in GST Tax Administration — From Case Selection to Litigation,"

was taken up as a dedicated agenda item on the use of AI to improve compliance, taxpayer services and tax administration, and was delivered by A Babu, Chief Commissioner of State Tax, the afternoon session of the meeting.

The presentation set out how the department has built AI-based systems across the full lifecycle of tax administration — case selection and allocation, return scrutiny under Section 61, GST audit under Section 65, GST inspection under Section 67, and litigation before the First

Appellate Authority, the GST Appellate Tribunal (GSTAT) and the High Court.

Officers detailed how a four-source data integration layer, 19 automated analytical reports and a 35-parameter risk matrix now screen and classify cases before they reach an officer, with statutory value-based routing to Joint Commissioners, RIMC and SIMC ensuring high-value cases receive additional scrutiny.

The department also demonstrated its Legal-AI Officer Assistant, an AI system trained on the complete GST

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statutory corpus and approximately 22,000 judgments from the Supreme Court, High Courts, Tribunals and the First Appellate Authority.

The same engine has been extended, without separate development, across three litigation forums — the First Appellate Authority, GSTAT and the High Court (through the Online Legal Case Management System) — absorbing over 13,700 cases into AI-assisted drafting of instructions, parawise remarks and replies, with every draft reviewed and signed off by an officer before issuance.

Centre blocks Revanth's US visit, TG delegation to proceed without CM

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BIZZ BUZZ BUREAU HYDERABAD

CHIEF Minister A Revanth Reddy has been forced to cancel the United States leg of his overseas tour after the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) denied political clearance for the trip. The Chief Minister, who is leading a 'Telangana Rising' official delegation, was informed of the refusal after arriving in London.

Following the Centre's decision, Revanth Reddy will cut short his itinerary and return to Hyderabad from London on August 23 instead of proceeding to Boston. However, he has directed the official state delegation to continue with the scheduled US tour and formalise the proposed Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) and academic partnerships.

The state government has sought central permission for the trip to the UK and USA, as per policy and protocol, but only the UK trip was approved. The Centre informed the state government of its refusal of permission after the official delegation reached the UK.

Responding to the Central decision, Chief Minister Re-



vanth Reddy said, "The only purpose of the visit was to, as part of the New Education Policy if Centre, bring the world's best institutions to India, to Telangana, to Hyderabad. They would have been an answer to our youth's aspirations to get education, skills, and training from the best Ivy Leagues and top global institutions."

"I have always believed we should all think beyond politics and elections when it comes to nation building and future of the youth," he said.

"We will make Hyderabad a global knowledge hub. The creation of Universities from Osmania to HCU to JNTU et al made Hyderabad a hub for best Human Resources. A single school, Hyderabad Public School, has shown

how we can lead the world, producing some of the greatest tech leaders. The starting of IIT, ISB, IIIT, Nalsar helped Hyderabad attract top corporations and their GCCs. Now, we will make Hyderabad the home for the world's greatest education and skills institutions to power our 21st century journey," he said.

Revanth Reddy will continue, as per scheduled programme, his visits to and interactions with Oxford, Cambridge, London School of Economics, the London Business School, University of London, among others.

He will also be meeting with top sports institutions and skilling leadership in United Kingdom, and try to formalise partnerships to Telangana.

AMTZ launches HR platform



BIZZ BUZZ BUREAU VISAKHAPATNAM

ANDHRA Pradesh MedTech Zone (AMTZ) has hosted a leadership & workplace culture dialogue at World Trade Center on its campus here bringing together HR and business leaders to discuss building workplaces where people can perform, grow and contribute.

The event marked the launch of RISE HR-Global Forum — Recruitment, Innovation, Skills and Excellence, a platform for HR professionals to connect, collaborate and exchange best practices across sectors. It also featured the Great Place to Work certification launch for AMTZ Group of Institutions.

The event also featured an MOU exchange between RISE HR-Global Forum and CTC Training Resources Pvt. Ltd. to strengthen capacity building and skill develop-

ment across organisations, along with the RISE logo launch, AMTZ culture showcase, an interactive workshop and campus tour.

The programme also marked the unveiling of The Atrium, bringing together ISAT, the BRICS Biodesign Centre and Medi Mold's Advanced Manufacturing Facility to advance innovation, manufacturing and technology translation.

Among others, Dr Vishwanath Joshi, Executive Vice President & Head — People & Culture at Great Place to Work India; E Geetha Varalakshmi, Chief People Officer, AMTZ Group of Institutions; and Nitin Bharadwaj, Partner & Head — Oracle Human Capital Management, KPMG India, spoke.

The keynote address was delivered by Dr. Jitendra Sharma, MD & Founder CEO, AMTZ, who described the Great Place to Work® certification as a recogni-

tion of AMTZ's culture and purpose. He emphasised that as the ecosystem grows, its strength must remain its people, building human capital driven by purpose, contribution and growth, where individuals find meaning in their work and contribute to something larger than themselves.

Dr Vishwanath Joshi highlighted that people are an organisation's key differentiator. He emphasised that great workplaces are intentionally built by leaders who listen, inspire and care, creating an environment where people feel heard, valued and trusted. When employees understand why their work matters, they contribute with greater pride and purpose. Geetha Varalakshmi underlined that culture shapes people, people shape performance and ultimately culture drives the business. She stressed the need to move beyond conventional HR practices towards coaching, engagement and opportunities that help people realise their potential.

Nitin Bharadwaj highlighted the evolution of HR at AMTZ beyond administration into a force connecting people, manufacturers and institutions across the ecosystem, fostering resilience, purpose and responsibility.



KIMS docs save 28-day kid in critical surgery

BIZZ BUZZ BUREAU HYDERABAD

DOCTORS at KIMS Cuddles, Kondapur, have successfully treated a 28-day-old infant who was critically ill with severe breathing difficulty caused by narrowing of the airway, helping the baby breathe normally without the need for a tracheostomy.

The details of the challenging case were shared by Dr Priyanka Valluri, Consultant ENT Surgeon, and Dr Aparna, Regional Director, Neonatology -Academics and Research, KIMS Cuddles (Telangana) and Head of Department, Neonatology, KIMS Cuddles, Kondapur, who treated the infant.

₹2,250-cr Coromandel plant gets 450 acres at Mulapeta

Mulapeta Port is being developed under aegis of Maritime Board at a cost of ₹4,362 crore to boost regional trade and commerce

SANTOSH PATNAIK VISAKHAPATNAM

IN a shot in the arm to develop an industrial zone near the upcoming Mulapeta Port in Srikakulam district, Coromandel International Limited has come forward to establish a phosphoric acid and associated fertilizer value-chain manufacturing complex with a proposed investment of Rs2,250 crore.

After following due process for approving the project, the State Government has issued orders to allot 450 acres sought by the project proponent under the land acquisition for others policy on actual cost basis.

Mulapeta Port is being developed under the aegis of Andhra Pradesh Maritime Board (APMB) at a cost of Rs4,362 crore to boost regional trade and commerce. It is designed to have a capacity to handle 23.5 million tonnes. A Group of Ministers (GoM) is presently studying the request of Visakhapatnam Port Authority (VPA) to



have a strategic stake in the port project by developing an industrial cluster.

The GoM is evaluating the request of VPA to shift some of the dusty cargoes to Mulapeta to ease congestion and reduce pollution. Visakhapatnam has formally submitted a proposal to acquire 49 to 50 per cent equity as a joint venture partner. The GoM is studying various terms, berth allocation right of first refusal (RoFR) so as to place it before the State Cabinet soon for consideration.

Industries and Commerce Secretary N Yuvaraj said in a GO issued on Thursday that after careful consideration of the decision of the State Investment Promotion Board (SIPB), the government accorded approval for allotment of 450 acres of land to Coromandel International Limited at Mulapeta for setting up of a phosphoric acid and associated fertilizer value-chain manufacturing complex.

The government also approved the request of Coro-

mandel International Limited to consider the project implementation timeline from the date of receipt of all statutory approvals, in view of the project's dependence on imported raw materials and the associated supply-chain and geo-political risks, subject to the company submitting the applications for statutory approvals within 4-6 months from the date of allotment.

The Vice Chairman & Managing Director, APIIC Ltd., the Director of Industries and the District Collector, Srikakulam have been directed to take necessary action in the matter, accordingly. Coromandel International Limited has also been told clearly to register themselves and their vendors and suppliers in Andhra Pradesh as GST is a destination-based tax where revenue flows to the State where goods or services are consumed and registration in the State ensures the correct State Government receives its share of the tax.

NSTL celebrates 57th Lab Raising Day

VISAKHAPATNAM: Naval Science & Technological Laboratory (NSTL), Visakhapatnam, celebrated its 57th Lab Raising Day marking more than five decades of dedicated service to the nation in the field of defence research and technology development.

NSTL is engaged in the development of underwater weapons, stealth technologies and advanced hydrodynamic technologies, addressing critical requirements of the Indian Navy. Its

sustained efforts in indigenous technology development have contributed significantly towards enhancing the operational capabilities and self-reliance. With a strong focus on innovation, indigenisation and technological excellence, NSTL remains committed to developing and delivering cutting-edge and futuristic technologies, thereby contributing to the vision of a self-reliant and technologically advanced Indian defence sector.



APMDC bags ASSOCHAM "Best State Linked Issuer" Award

BIZZ BUZZ BUREAU VIJAYAWADA

ANDHRA Pradesh Mineral Development Corporation Limited (APMDC), a State Government Undertaking, has been conferred the prestigious "Best State Linked Issuer" Award at the ASSOCHAM IX National Summit & Awards on Cor-

porate Bond Market, held in Mumbai.

The award presented on Thursday recognises APMDC's successful initiative in accessing the corporate bond market and mobilising Rs9,000 crore through secured Non-Convertible Debentures (NCDs), marking a significant fund-raising initiative by

a State-linked entity.

APMDC expressed its sincere gratitude to Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu Garu, for his visionary leadership and guidance.

The Corporation also acknowledged the valuable support extended by the Finance Department, Industries & Commerce/

Mines & Geology Department; and other institutions and agencies that facilitated the successful bond issuance. Under the leadership of Pravin Kumar, Managing Director, APMDC, the corporation successfully mobilised Rs9,000 crore through secured NCDs, backed by the support of the State Government.

TTD to deploy robotic dog for wildlife monitoring around Tirumala

Robotic dog is equipped with optical and thermal imaging cameras, including a 360-degree LiDAR, multiple sensors and artificial intelligence

TIRUPATI

TTD, the official custodian of Sri Venkateswara Swamy temple, is eyeing the deployment of an advanced robotic dog to strengthen real-time monitoring of wildlife movement to enhance devotees' safety in the woods surrounding Tirumala.

TTD additional executive officer Ch Venkaiah Chowdary and other temple officials reviewed the per-

formance of a quadruped robot (Robotic Dog) at Sri Padmavathi Guest House in Tirumala.

"To strengthen real-time monitoring of wildlife movement and enhance devotee safety in forest areas around Tirumala, TTD is evaluating the use of advanced robotic technology," an official release from the temple body said on Thursday.

The robotic dog is equipped with optical and

thermal imaging cameras, including a 360-degree LiDAR, multiple sensors and artificial intelligence. These features enable detection and tracking of wildlife under low visibility conditions such as darkness or fog, the release said.

The AI system can classify large animals, humans, vehicles and domestic animals and on detecting wildlife movement, it can send geo-tagged alerts and stream



live video and thermal feeds to the control room and patrolling staff for immediate response.

"Priority areas include the forest stretches adjoining the Alipiri-Tirumala footpath, where early detection of leopards and other wildlife will help warn devotees and enable rapid deployment of forest, vigilance and security teams," the release said.

The feasibility of using the robot's sound and light

units to non-physically deter animals away from pilgrim areas was also examined to avoid direct human-wildlife confrontation, it said.

Further, the temple body views that the robot would complement but not replace the existing camera traps, foot patrols and forest surveillance. It can serve as a mobile monitoring asset that can be rapidly deployed to locations with high wildlife activity as required.

Analysis of video, thermal imagery and movement data collected by the robot is expected to improve understanding of wildlife patterns and inform better patrol scheduling and surveillance deployment in critical zones, the release added.

TTD considering robotic tech to monitor wildlife assumes significance as there were instances of leopards attacking devotees earlier, especially minors.