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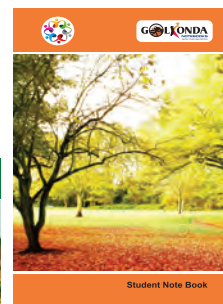
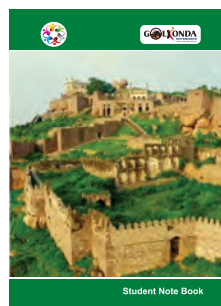
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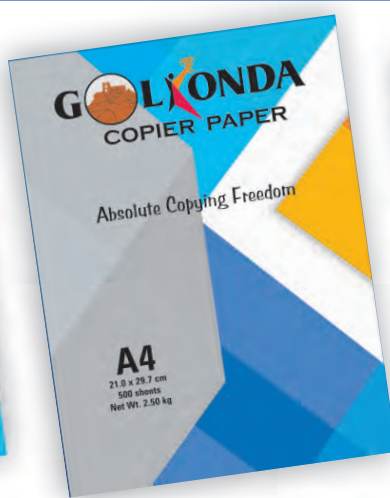
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Message from the Joint Managing Director's Desk

It is giving me great pleasure to wish all the readers **"A Happy and Prosperous New Year 2020"**. Telangana State Trade Promotion Corporation wishes that the State of Telangana

would prosper in terms of economic development, new investments, more infrastructure projects and creation of employment in the State under the able administration of Sri K. Chandrashekar Rao, Hon'ble Chief Minister and Sri. K.T. Rama Rao, Hon'ble Minister for Major Industries and IT. TSTPC extends warm welcome to the new Chief Secretary to Government, Sri Somesh Kumar IAS and wish that he would achieve all the challenges before the Government with his efficiency and long experience in the public service.

I am happy to share that **Telangana State** has already attracted over **Rs 1.61 lakh crore investments through TS-iPASS Industrial Policy in 2015**, nearly 9,796 new industries have come to the State with an employment potential to about 13 lakh people and indirect employment to another 20 lakh persons in these four years. 6,783 industries commenced operations and 639 are in the advanced stages of construction. While 616 industries are in the initial stages of construction, another 1,758 industries are yet to commence their work. Government of Telangana is taking up all efforts to attract more and more investments. It may be due to policy initiatives like Single Window Clearances & Self Certification, deemed approvals, infrastructure creation, promotion of potential sectors like pharma, biotechnology, Medical Devices, Defence and Aerospace, MSME, Energy & Solar Power, IT&C, Agriculture and Food Processing.

I am happy to note that **\$1.75 billion South Korean textiles and apparel major Youngone Corporation has signed the final agreement with Telangana government** to set up a unit in **Kakatiya Mega Textile Park (KMTP)** in Warangal, with an investment of about Rs 900 crore in 290 acres to create direct employment of 12,000. Kakatiya Mega Textile Park coming up near Warangal is emerging as a top textile park in the country.

IT firms from Canada visited Hyderabad and observed that there were many opportunities for Canadian companies to invest in the State and they are showing keen interest to invest in Telangana. A business delegation from Kazakhstan visited Hyderabad and observed that Telangana holds huge trade potential and they are keen to explore sister relationship. **The Global Block chain Business Council (GBBC) has nominated the Telangana government as Ambassador to India.** The GBBC, conceived on Richard Branson's Necker Island, is a Swiss-based non-profit organisation representing one of the most impactful technologies to emerge since the Internet.

This year has seen some big-ticket investments in the State. **Amazon, Intel, Micron, phone maker OnePlus, electronics major Skyworth and Hitachi Vantara** are some of the IT majors that set up shop in Hyderabad, all in the last four months. New IT Tower is coming in Karimnagar. **T-Works launched its in-house Intellectual Property Facilitation Cell (IPFC)** to enable innovators secure their inventions by drafting and filing patent applications at a highly subsidised fee. **IT exports from the State reached ₹1.2 lakh crore in 2019-20**, doubling the number when compared to the year 2013-14.

There is good demand for Telangana seeds across the country, and all efforts are being made to make good use of the opportunities by increasing the seed production. Telangana Government would set up Farmers' Produce Organizations (FPO) in every village and mandal-level soon and they would be trained to produce quality groundnut for export to other countries. Cluster development programme for Mango was organised in Sangareddy, this will help farmers to earn much better profits by exporting the processing foods of Mango to USA, Dubai, Japan, Australia, Singapore and other parts of the world. Government is planning big on promoting micro irrigation through subsidies after March 2020

The Trade Journal of this month has extensively covered the achievements of the Governments during the last one year in the areas of **Industrial Investments, Aerospace & Defence, Energy, Logistics, R&D and Innovation, Retail Sector, IT Sector, Agriculture and Food Processing, MoU's signed, Awards etc.** I am sure the readers will appreciate the initiatives of Government in taking forward the state for the overall growth particularly to create employment to the unemployed.

E. Venkat Narasimha Reddy

Youngone Corporation to invest Rs 900 cr in KMTP

Hyderabad : 12th Dec 2019

\$1.75 billion South Korean textiles and apparel major Youngone Corporation has signed the final agreement with Telangana government to set up a unit in Kakatiya Mega Textile Park (KMTP) in Warangal, with an investment of about Rs 900 crore in 290 acres. The company is expected to create 12,000 direct and indirect jobs through this venture. A formal agreement has been signed in the presence of Telangana Industries Minister KT Rama Rao, Indian Ambassador to Korea Sripriya Ranganathan, Korean Ambassador to India Shin Bongkil and Youngone Corporation chairman Kihak Sung in Hyderabad to set up the company's unit in the Park.

Youngone also received the land allocation documents for the project. The Korean firm has earlier signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the State Government for this unit. The company plans to manufacture knitted and woven garments for outdoor wear and technical textile products, predominantly for exports. The Minister welcomed Youngone Corporation and stated that this anchor investment is expected to catalyse more investments in KMTP as well as more Korean foreign direct investment (FDI) in textile and other sectors in Telangana. Youngone Corporation chairman Kihak Sung said in an interview, "Telangana government attracted our investment with its industry-friendly policy and proactive approach. KTR has been very facilitating to make this project possible. We have signed the final agreement to set up our unit in Warangal, which will create jobs not



only in Warangal but in India." Sung added, "We plan to make various textiles, fabrics and technical textiles. We will also be making outdoor apparel and sportswear. Our major focus will be exports, but we hope to cater to India market as well. For us, key export markets remain the US, Europe and Asia."

When asked if the company will look at automation, he said, "Currently, we use a lot of robotics and automation. We are one of the champions in computerised and automated manufacturing in the industry. We will be building a forward looking unit in Warangal. We are also going to have research and development (R&D) base along with manufacturing at the site. We have manufacturing facilities in eight countries at present and export to every market globally."

Youngone currently operates in 13 countries, including Bangladesh, Vietnam and Ethiopia with subsidiaries in the US and Switzerland, and employs over 90,000 employees worldwide. The company makes textiles, technical outdoor/ athletic apparel, sportswear, knitwear and footwear. E V Narasimha Reddy, vice-chairman and MD of TSIC, said, "Youngone Corporation plans to make synthetic fabric and other apparels at the unit. The anchor investor has acquired about 20-25 per cent of the land in the Park." The Consul General of Korea in Hyderabad Suresh Chukkapalli, Telangana Principal Secretary Jayesh Ranjan and other senior officials of the Government also participated in the meeting.

Canadian IT firms keen to invest in Telangana'

Hyderabad : 17th Dec 2019

IT firms from Canada are showing keen interest to invest in Telangana, said Prasad Panda, Infrastructure Minister of Alberta Province of Canada. He observed that there were many opportunities for Canadian companies to invest in the State. Prasad Panda called on IT minister KT Rama Rao at his camp office in Hyderabad, and the duo discussed on various investment opportunities in the State. On the occasion, the Canadian delegation invited the Minister to visit Alberta to interact with the industrialists and explain about industrial policies and opportunities available in the State. He said Alberta Province premiere Jason Kenny will visit Telangana State next year to strengthen commerce and trade relations between Alberta Province and Telangana State.

Prasad Panda pointed out that while Canada had good natural resources, India had strong human resources and their combination would create more business opportunities for the both. He stated that Bathukamma festival is celebrated in a grand manner by Telangana natives in Alberta Province. Principal Secretary for IT and Industries Jayesh Ranjan, Regional Passport Officer Vishnuvardhan Reddy and other officials were present.



Kazakhstan explores sister State relationships with Telangana, AP

Hyderabad: 13th Dec 2019

A Kazakh delegation, headed by Ambassador of Kazakhstan to India Yerlan Alimbayev, visited Hyderabad to explore sister State relationships with Telangana and Andhra Pradesh. Alimbayev said Hyderabad, Telangana and Andhra Pradesh hold potential in terms of trade for Kazakhstan. Kazakhstan has a huge tourism potential and economic and investment opportunities and it has been opening up its economy. "Our relations with India are excellent and share similar positions on many issues in international relations," said Alimbayev.

The trade turnover between both the countries has touched \$ 1.2 billion and is expected to reach \$ 1.5 bn by the end of this year, and six joint working groups and one Inter- governmental commission were formed. "We recently had a joint working group meeting on transport and logistics to fix a route for transportation of cargo. It will be through sea to Iran and by road and rail through Turkmenistan which reduce travel time and costs," the Ambassador said. Tourists from India are growing at 40 per cent year-on-year and about 25,000 Kazak nationals visited India for medical needs. Apart from that, Indian movie industry has been showing interest to shoot in Kazakhstan besides being a preferred wedding destination.

Nawab Mir Nasir Ali Khan, Managing Director of MAK Projects will be appointed as the Honorary Counsel General of Kazakhstan at Hyderabad for Telangana and Andhra Pradesh, and a honorary consulate will be opened in Hyderabad shortly.



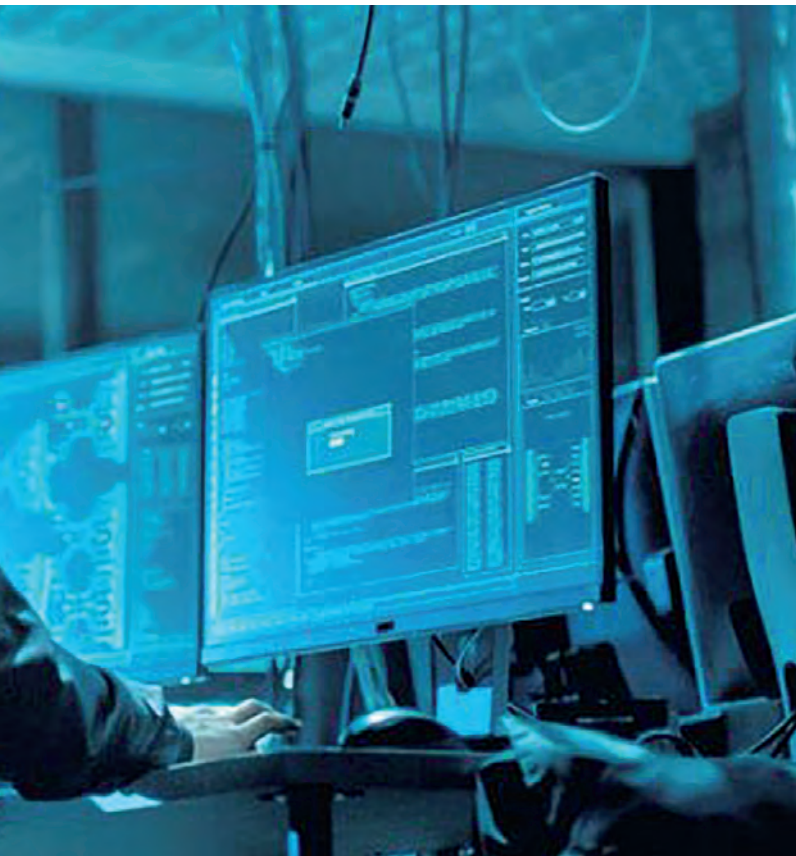
National CoE to begin operations soon

Hyderabad : 14th Dec 2019

Data Security Council of India (DSCI), industry body on data protection in India, setup by Nasscom, is working with Ministry of Electronics & IT (MeitY) to set up a national level centre of excellence (CoE) for cybersecurity. The CoE coming up in Noida (UP) will begin operations by early 2020. Sharing the role the CoE will play, said Rama Vedashree, CEO, DSCI, "The national-level CoE will drive programmes where State-level CoEs can benefit from. It will act as a hub and Telangana CoE will be very aligned with that. There will be a technology lab that will be created in the national CoE, which can be used by Telangana-based startups and companies from other States to test their products and solutions." DSCI is entrusted with the responsibility of making cyberspace safe and secure by establishing best practices, standards and initiatives in cyber security and privacy.

Policy framework

She said, "Cybersecurity Task Force has recommended action points to the government. Many of them are now being operationalised including investments in cybersecurity. We actively evangelise with the government that whenever there is a large IT project, 10 per cent of the IT spend should be catered



and reserved for security.” “Similarly, we have closely worked with the National Cybersecurity coordinator’s office and Ministry of Urban Development for a cybersecurity framework for smart cities. We are now working with Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs for a cybersecurity policy for cities. The moment we have smart cities, so many agencies and utilities are getting integrated to provide smart services to the citizen. We have developed a smart city cybersecurity framework. We are trying to work with some cities and the Central government to operationalise that. We are also looking at having a city-level policy so that security operations can be beefed up and capability can be built at the city level, as the services get delivered at the local government level,” she added. Vedashree, who is also actively engaged with the Central government on the Data Protection Bill says, DSCI is working on the framework for data protection and privacy and hopes that the Bill will be tabled in Parliament soon.

Cybersecurity footprint

“DSCI wants to enhance the cyber preparedness of the user organisations, which could be critical infrastructure organisations across verticals such as oil & gas, energy, utilities, banking, financial services and insurance. We also want to ensure that small and medium businesses (SMBs) are ready, who are aggressively using online strategy by going digital. We also

want to support governments as well as administration authorities of smart cities. We need the talent pool to serve all these user organisations,” she explained.

The Cybersecurity Sector Skill Council has identified the emerging job roles and started defining the qualification packs to meet the roles. Curriculum and content is being built to meet these needs. DSCI is working with academic institutions to integrate their curriculum and courses with industry-aligned job roles and content. A lot of content has already been created for top 10-11 job roles.

Training programmes had also be developed focusing on privacy and cybersecurity while advanced programmes had been created for areas such as malware forensics and deep-dive forensic, developer and security design programmes. DSCI has also created leadership programmes where it is educating the board or management of large enterprises. Efforts are also being stepped up to offer certification-based training programme in privacy. “We are also engaging startups with ‘Privacy by Design’ training workshops where we are taking startups and looking at use cases that these companies can start building solutions under our concept ‘Think Privacy, Think Technology’,” she informed.

Growing digital space

According to DSCI’s estimates, the cyber security market in India is expected to grow from \$1.97 billion in 2019 to \$3.05 billion by 2022, at a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 15.6 per cent-almost one and a half times the global rate, noted Vedashree. While the products market is estimated to grow at a CAGR of 16.9 per cent over three years and reach \$1.64 billion by 2022, the market for cyber security services will grow to \$1.41 billion by 2022, at a CAGR 14.2 per cent.

The new generation India is ‘mobile first’, with 1.16 billion mobile phone subscriptions and more than 12.3 billion apps being downloaded in 2018 alone. On the other hand, the digital payments’ transaction value is estimated to grow at a CAGR of 20.2 per cent from approximately \$64.8 billion in 2019 to \$135.2 billion in 2023. An estimated 47.5 billion national e-transactions have been recorded in 2019, until November. The number of social network users in the country is expected to grow from 326 million in 2018 to 422 million in 2022, second only to China.

ICRISAT study links millets to child growth

Sangareddy : 19th Dec 2019

Findings from a recently published feeding study with 1,500 children in Karnataka suggest that millet-based mid-day meals can boost the growth of children by 50 per cent in just three months. Children rated the meals, which were designed by scientists and chefs and included little millet as a rice substitute, over 4.5 on 5 for taste. The findings of the study were released jointly by Prof Ramesh Chand, member, NITI Aayog, and Dr Ashok Dalwai, chair, Empowered Body, Doubling Farmers' Income, Government of India, in New Delhi. The results were presented at the Tasting India Symposium later in the day. "This is an example of not only a science-backed nutrition solution but also a link between agriculture and nutrition. It is important now that we achieve mainstream consumption of millets and that they are not just for the elite," said Prof Ramesh Chand.

Dr Ashok Dalwai emphasised, "Making it profitable for farmers to grow nutritious foods like millets has to be a key part of the Doubling Farmers' Income vision and millets are important in the rain-fed areas for farmers to cope with climate change and water scarcity."

This Smart Food study, 'Acceptance and impact of millet based mid-day meal on nutritional status of adolescent school-going children in a peri-urban region of Karnataka State in India published in the journal *Nutrients*, was undertaken by The Akshaya Patra Foundation and the International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT). Early adolescent school children in four villages—Thathaguni, Kagallipura, Allahali and Chensandra which are located around Bengaluru—participated in the study. Growth was assessed using anthropometry measurements, while sensory evaluations were made to determine acceptability. "It is not good enough just to say we are going to add millets into the meal," said Dr S Anitha, a nutritionist at ICRISAT and the study's corresponding author. "The type of millet, its variety, how it is cooked and the foods it is combined with are

some of the key elements that can make a difference in nutrition. For instance, the amount of iron available in a meal can be doubled by selecting the right variety of millet. This is the first known scientific study of millet based meals in a school feeding programme."

The researchers gave the study group children meals including idli, khichdi, upma and bisibella bath in which rice was replaced by pearl millet (bajra), ragi (finger millet) or little millet (kutki). The anthropometric measurements at the end of the feeding programme were compared with that of control group children who consumed fortified rice with sambar.

"Akshaya Patra is always looking for ways to improve nutrition in mid-day meals. The millet meals were exceptionally successful and were really liked by the children. We appreciate the Karnataka State government's support, and with this positive result, we now hope this will garner the support needed to make nutritious millet-based meals available to our future generations," added Ajay Kavishwar, Head of Research at The Akshaya Patra Foundation. "This initiative also included developing guidelines on how to introduce millets into menus to maximise the nutrition benefits and likability. This is pertinent now given the renewed interest in millets," said Ashok Jalagam, Smart Food Coordinator for Asia Pacific.

Call to policymakers

The study's authors have called for policymakers to follow the lessons learnt on how to include millets into meals. They have asked to create a level playing field for the pricing and availability of millets (through Minimum Support Price (MSP), Public Distribution Scheme (PDS) and feeding programmes (MDMs, ICDS) that will benefit from not only including millets, but also from the approach taken to introduce them. "Going one step further and select millets by varieties in programmes, ensuring maximum nutritional value and impact and promote millets in positive fun ways, they said.

This is highly relevant now as millets have gained attention for their nutritional value and resilience in the face of water scarcity and climate change, making them a viable option for struggling farmers if markets

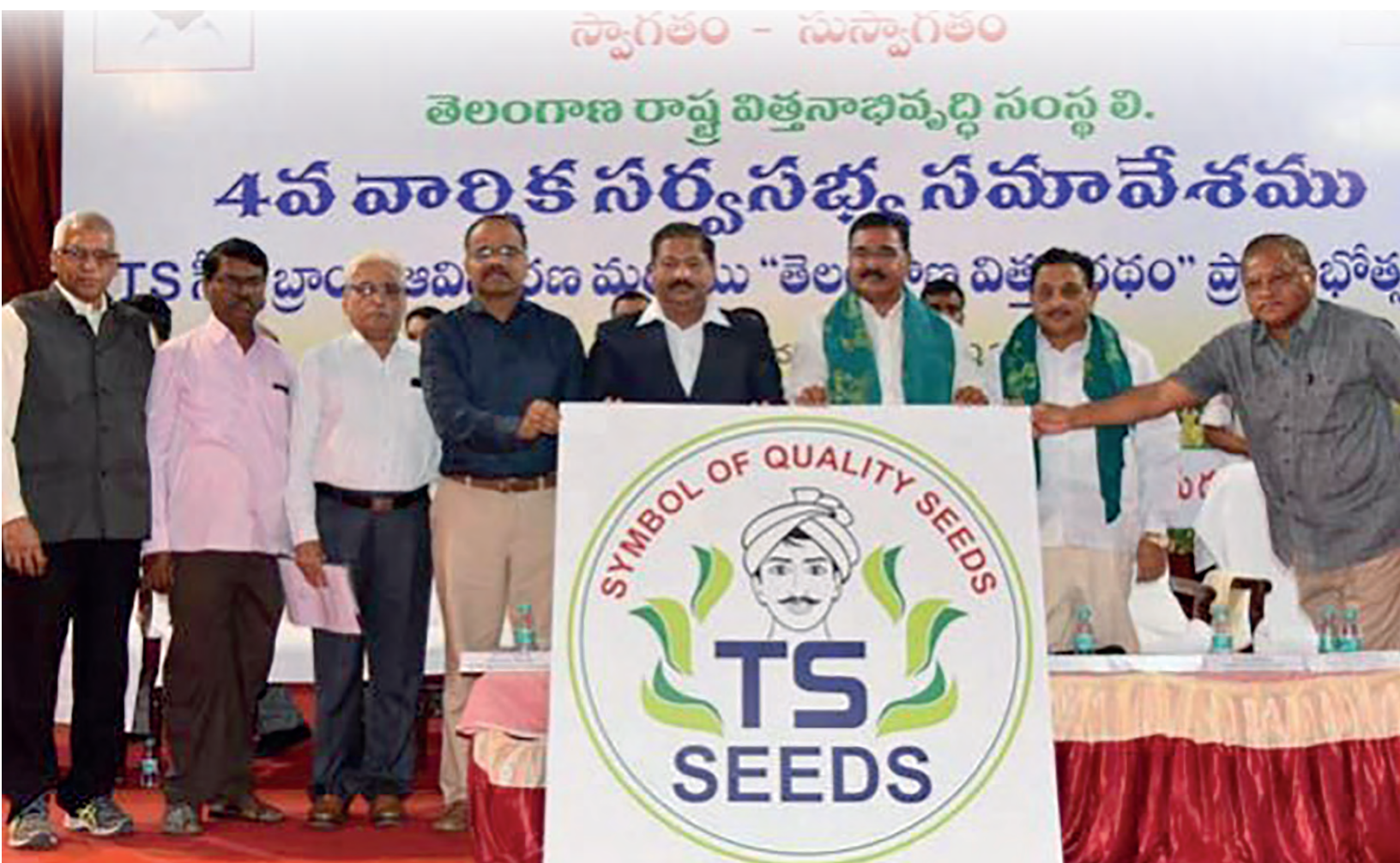
can be further developed. The Government of India and various States like Karnataka and Odisha have led the cause to make millets a popular food choice. The government of India designated 2018 as 'National Year of Millets' and initiated a millet mission. NITI Aayog recently announced a pilot to include millets in the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) and MDM schemes.

"These results and guidelines developed from the study are equally important for any scheme addressing malnutrition or general health diets—whether that of governments, NGOs or private sector processors or caterers," noted Joanna Kane-Potaka, Executive Director of Smart Food and Assistant Director General of ICRISAT. "ICRISAT holds the world's largest collections of millet genetic material and works closely with Indian Institute of Millets Research and other partners to improve millets by developing varieties having higher nutrient levels as well as the more conventional traits like yield and resilience," commented Dr Peter Carberry, Director-General, ICRISAT.

Telangana must become hub for seed production: Niranjan Reddy

Hyderabad : 12th Dec 2019

Agriculture Minister S Niranjan Reddy said Telangana must become a brand for production of seeds as conditions in the State are conducive for it. The Minister said the State government was taking all measures to promote seed production by increasing godown storage capacity and laboratories for developing seed. He pledged complete support to seed farmers in their endeavour to conduct study tours and organise district-wise training programmes. Since Telangana does not have any coastline, the Minister said the probability of seeds getting damaged due to moisture does not arise. "There is good demand for Telangana seeds across the country, and all efforts should be made to make good use of the opportunities by increasing the seed production," he said. Addressing the fourth annual meeting of seed farmers at Ravindra Bharathi, Niranjan Reddy said seeds produced in the State should match the standards and quality of those in the international market. He urged farmers to take into consideration types of soils and availability of natural resources before growing crops.



“Chief Minister K Chandrashekhara Rao proposed crop colonies keeping in view the variations in soil fertility and climatic conditions in different parts of the State, to encourage farmers take up cultivation of suitable crops,” he said.

The Minister observed that paddy was the second largest cultivated crop in the State after cotton. He suggested farmers cultivate maize to meet the demand from the poultry industry for fodder. “In tune with the scenario, the Chief Minister specifically instructed the Cabinet Sub-committee to initiate measures to bail out the industry from shortage of fodder,” he added.

Apart from traditional crops, Niranjan Reddy appealed to farmers to take up cultivation of spices and other crops which were in demand. He urged farmers to take inspiration from their Netherlands counterpart who were cultivating 40,000 varieties of flowers despite adverse conditions and exporting them to different countries.

Telangana Seed Development Corporation Chairman K Koteswara Rao, MLA Alla Venkateshwar Reddy, Principal Secretary for Agriculture C Parthasarathi and others were present.

Kakatiya Mega Textile Park will be top park in country: Minister

Warangal Rural: 11th Dec 2019

Kakatiya Mega Textile Park coming up near Warangal would emerge as a top textile park in the country, Minister for Panchayat Raj and Rural Development Errabelli Dayakar Rao said. The Minister accompanied chairman of Youngone Corporation, Korea, Kihak Sung, on a tour of the textile park site spread over 1,190 acre. Local MLA Challa Dharma Reddy, ZP chairperson Gandra Jyothi, district collector M Haritha and other officials were also present. Youngone Corporation, which is planning to set up its units in 290 acre of the land, plans to produce synthetic jackets, boots, track suits and other apparel used in trekking. The corporation would invest Rs 1,000 crore to set up eight units and provide employment to nearly 12,000 directly and indirectly, according to officials.

Karimnagar IT Park will set standards: Gangula Kamalakar

Karimnagar : 22nd Dec 2019

BC Welfare and Civil Supplies Minister Gangula Kamalakar said that Karimnagar IT Park would be an icon. The Minister inspected works of IT tower which would be inaugurated by IT and Municipal Administration Minister KT Rama Rao on December 30. He instructed officials and contractors to complete all pending works as early as possible. Speaking on the occasion, Kamalakar said the dream of the IT Minister to develop IT sector outside Hyderabad was going to be materialised with the inauguration of the tower.

Informing that 80 posts would be filled with local youth, he said about 3,000 unemployed youth would get jobs in the IT Park. The Minister thanked Chief Minister K Chandrashekhara Rao and KT Rama Rao for sanctioning the tower for Karimnagar. Government sanctioned IT tower for the district and allocated Rs 34 crore. On January 8, 2018, the IT Minister laid foundation stone for the tower.

All facilities were made for companies to work in plug and play mode. 62,000 square feet space is available for companies to run their activities. At a time, about 1,100 to 1,200 employees could work. Besides learning center, there would be AC and non-AC canteens in the ground floor. While eleven IT firms have already entered MOU with the government to establish their units in the tower, more companies are ready to open its units.





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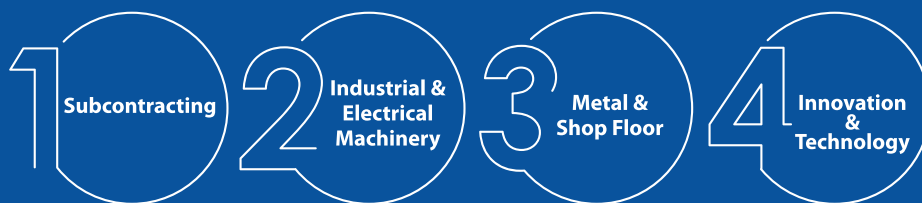
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Great potential for processed food products, say experts

Sangareddy: 18th Dec 2019

Officials and experts in the field of horticulture crops have suggested the Mango farmers to raise a different variety of Mango crops so that they can export the processed food products of fruit across the nation and also other parts of the country. They have educated the Mango farmers during a sensitisation programme cum workshop on cluster development programme for Mango in Sangareddy .

Addressing the farmers general manager and field officer, APEDA (Agriculture and Processed Food Products Development Authority), NC Lohakare said that the farmers must ensure the crops free from all kinds of pesticides besides maintaining international standard while spraying the crops as suggested by the APEDA. “They are going to be very crucial to get the nod for exporting the processed foods to various nations, he observed. However, Lohakare said that the farmers can earn much better profits by exporting the processing foods of Mango to USA, Dubai, Japan, Australia, Singapore and other parts of the world. He further informed the farmers that they were always available for helping the farmers in this regard.

T Joythirmai, senior principle scientist CFTRI (Centre Food Technology Research Institute), said that the farmers can earn better profits in processed foods of Mango since there was good demand in the world for Mango pulp, canned slices, pickles, jams, jellies and frozen chunks.

District horticulture officer, Sangareddy, Sunitha said that the farmers in Sangareddy were growing just three to four regular varieties of Mangoes though there was 350 variety of Mangoes in the world. Saying that the farmers from Sangareddy were raising Mango orchards in a rich 13,000 acres, Sunitha informed the farmers that they were having the Fruit Research Station (FRS) in Sangareddy, where experts were always ready to extend support to farmers.

Collector, Sangareddy, M Hanumantha Rao has suggested the farmers’ form into Farmers Producers Organisations so that they can easily process and export the Mangoes. He further observed that the extending the technical support would become very easy for them too. Horticulture officials, scientists from FRS and others were present.

TS-iPass attracts Rs1.73 lakh cr investment in 5 years: KTR

Hyderabad : December 04, 2019

Over Rs 1.73 lakh crore investments have come into the State since the implementation of Telangana State Industrial Project Approval and Self Certification System (TS-iPASS), , said KT Rama Rao, Minister of Industries, Government of Telangana.He said at a function to mark the completion of five years of the launch of TS-iPASS, that it has also helped generate over 13 lakh jobs. The Telangana government had enacted the TS-iPASS in 2014 for speedy, single-point processing of applications for various clearances required to set up industries.The clearances are time-bound and based on self-certification by the

entrepreneurs. The objective was to create an investor-friendly environment in Telangana. Time limits for each approval vary from one day to a maximum of 30 days. "We are committed to industrialisation of Telangana. With the support and guidance of investors, we will continue to bring in new reforms which will reduce corruption, improve ease of doing business and lower the cost of doing business," he said.

He also presented a cheque of Rs. 305 crore towards subsidy to T-Pride (Telangana State Program for Rapid Incubation of Dalit Entrepreneurs) on the occasion. In a separate statement, the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) also hailed TS-iPASS. D Raju, Chairman, CII - Telangana, said: "TS-iPASS is one of the best industrial policies and made Telangana a pioneer in the country in terms of single window approvals for industry."

Attract investments aiming large scale employment: KTR

Hyderabad: 18th Dec 2019

With agriculture production expected to go up in the State, the Industries Department has initiated efforts for attracting investments in food processing sector and thus, create large scale employment for youth in rural areas. IT and Industries Minister KT Rama Rao directed officials to tap the potential for employment generation in food processing industry in the wake of the government giving high priority for agriculture and irrigation projects.

The State government is aiming to renew efforts in attracting investments targeting priority sectors to generate large scale employment in the State. Due to the government's industry-friendly initiatives, around 11,569 companies received approvals for establishing their units through TS-iPASS in the last five years and about 80 per cent of them commenced operations, providing employment to over six lakh people.

"Special emphasis should be laid on companies from textile, electronics and food processing sectors which can generate large scale employment. Officials must set targets to attract investments within a fixed timeframe," said Rama Rao, in a review meeting with the officials of IT and Industries Department.

The Minister pointed out that due to pro-active policies



of the State government, many major companies had established their units in the State, while several others had signed memoranda of understanding for setting up their units. Textile sector which was identified as a priority sector had witnessed large scale investments which could generate massive employment. Korean textile giant Youngone would be setting up its manufacturing unit at the country's Mega Textile Park coming up in Warangal, while several other major companies were lined up to invest in textile sector, he said.

In continuation to his meetings with electronic industry representatives in Bengaluru, Rama Rao will be holding more meetings in other metro cities in India and abroad for attracting investments from electronics sector. While One Plus, Skyworth and other companies have already expressed commitment to set up manufacturing units in the State, the government has decided to approach manufacturing companies involved in electronics, electric automobile and batteries.

The Minister himself will hold separate meetings with representatives from all three priority sectors of food processing, electronics and textiles soon. The officials were instructed to prepare a detailed report comprising information pertaining to available land bank, industrial parks and the government policies as a ready reckoner for investors. They were also directed to provide skill development training to youth through Telangana Academy for Skill and Knowledge (TASK) and provide them placement in upcoming companies. Principal Secretary for IT and Industries Jayesh Ranjan, Telangana State Industrial Infrastructure Corporation Managing Director Narsimha Reddy and other officials were present.

Telangana is Global Blockchain Business Council's Ambassador to India

Hyderabad : 12th Dec 2019

The Global Blockchain Business Council (GBBC) has nominated the Telangana government as Ambassador to India. The GBBC, conceived on Richard Branson's Necker Island, is a Swiss-based non-profit organisation representing one of the most impactful technologies to emerge since the Internet.

The organisation brings together innovators and thought-leaders from over 50 countries to adopt blockchain technology by engaging and educating regulators, business leaders, and lawmakers on how to harness this ground-breaking technology to create more secure, equitable, and functional societies.

The move comes in the wake of Hyderabad's Blockchain District, an ecosystem in blockchain, going global. Conceptualised and launched with a vision to

place Hyderabad among the top 10 Blockchain cities of the world, Blockchain District has now established its presence in the international blockchain community. Hyderabad is uniquely positioned to take a leadership role in the development of blockchain technology due to the proactive approach of the government in adopting blockchain.

The presence of critical mass of industries leveraging blockchain technology, access to talent, support of entrepreneurship, and collaboration with enterprises is further accelerating the blockchain ecosystem.

Jayesh Ranjan, Principal Secretary, Information Technology and Industries, said it was indeed a step closer to the government's vision and "is an acknowledgement of the growth of blockchain ecosystem in Hyderabad by global forums."

The Blockchain District is facilitating and enabling several initiatives pertaining to Blockchain technology by developing a talent pool, incubating start-ups, investing in research and development, building

T-Works launches IP facilitation cell for startups, SMEs and innovators

Hyderabad : 13th Dec 2019

T-Works launched its in-house Intellectual Property Facilitation Cell (IPFC) to enable innovators secure their inventions by drafting and filing patent applications at a highly subsidised fee. T-Works is set to be India's largest prototyping center and the IPFC will facilitate startups, SME's, makers, and rural innovators protect their IPRs by drafting applications for patent registration, copyrights, trademarks, and industrial designs at highly affordable rates.

T-Works CEO Sujai Karampuri said: "IP protection is usually considered as a costly affair for startups and individual innovators. We aim to lower the barrier for innovators to protect their inventions by providing affordable access to IPR services." He also added that innovators should look at IP matters as much more than just a legal compliance. "It is a creation of an asset that will not only give them a competitive edge but will also aid them in raising capital," he said.

T-Works IP Facilitation Center will aid startups, SME's, entrepreneurs, makers, rural innovators by providing hassle-free access to IPR services at a highly discounted rate as compared to the industry rates with the objective of promoting IPR among hardware entrepreneurs. T-Works IPFC will work closely with government departments and partners to expand the scope and operationalise various IP incentive schemes in future.

The service was launched by T-Works as a pilot in August this year. After the satisfactory pilot project and evident need in the market, the service is now available for the public. Innovators can register their applications at <https://tworks.telangana.gov.in/ipr>



local communities, and more importantly, developing innovative blockchain-based government solutions to help citizens. Some of the areas where the government is implementing blockchain-based solutions include land records, securing students credentials, micro-finance, anti-drug counterfeiting, peer-to-peer energy trading, and credit financing. Four user cases were officially accepted by ISO as entries from India, all of them from Hyderabad's Blockchain District, and are currently being implemented across various user departments of the State government.

The GBBC's first newsletter featuring India's Blockchain District covered the hugely successful 5-day long Blockchain conference held in Hyderabad last month. Hyderabad's Blockchain District had hosted the 6th International Plenary and Working Group meetings of ISO TC 307. The event saw more than 140 international Blockchain experts coming together to formulate international standards in Hyderabad, paving the way for the future of Blockchain Technology.

WE Hub to give flight to WING in TS

Hyderabad , December 21, 2019

Startup India teams up with incubator to support women entrepreneurs for programme roll-out. Telangana government's WE Hub will play a major role in implementing WING, the flagship programme for women entrepreneurs under the Centre's Startup India. The State-led incubator, for women entrepreneurs, has joined hands with Startup India and will identify and provide aspiring women entrepreneurs access to incubation, investors and business support under the programme. The Kerala Startup Mission (KSUM) is also involved with the programme.

Telangana Industries and IT Minister K.T. Rama Rao launched the WING programme in the State, at a function in WE Hub in which Industries and IT Secretary Jayesh Ranjan participated. WING is a unique capacity development programme that aims to support 7,500 women entrepreneurs in the country per year. It is being spearheaded by Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) through the Startup India programme. Besides facilitating the process of becoming an entrepreneur for at least 500 women from Telangana, WE Hub will also lead the task of scouting outstanding women-led startups in the State for the National Start-up Award 2020.

Speaking on the occasion, the Minister highlighted the work to encourage women entrepreneurship, especially the support it offered to innovation, undertaken by WE Hub in the one-and-a-half-years of its operations. The incubator has also forged some international collaborations. Urging WE Hub team, led by CEO Deepthi Ravula, to expand its activities and help more women aspiring to be entrepreneurs, Mr. Rao listed the various support mechanism made available to promote women entrepreneurship under the State government's TS-iPASS industrial policy measure.

Mr. Ranjan said WE Hub is helping 128 women entrepreneurs by creating multiple collaborations across



socio-economic communities. DPIIT's partnership with WE Hub will help women entrepreneurs in Telangana to follow their ambitions and build successful companies. Such initiatives, according to Ms. Ravula, will contribute to more women becoming entrepreneurs. At present, women constitute only 14% of the total number of entrepreneurs in the country. Under the partnership, WE Hub will target to conduct 10 workshops to promote women entrepreneurship.

IT industry, TS-iPASS drive Hyderabad's growth

Hyderabad :December 20, 2019

If nothing works, IT will work for Telangana. Despite the economic slowdown that resulted in a decline in growth, the IT industry in Telangana continues to attract investments and act as the growth engine for the State. Cheaper real-estate prices, relatively better infrastructure and availability of skilled manpower are making it an attractive proposition for both multinational and domestic IT firms.

Big-ticket investments

This year has seen some big-ticket investments. Amazon, Intel, Micron, phone maker OnePlus, electronics major Skyworth, and Hitachi Vantara are some of the IT majors that set up shop in Hyderabad, all in the last four months. As the State targets IT exports of ₹1.2 lakh crore in 2019-20, doubling the number from 2013-14, the year it was formed, Telangana IT Minister KT Rama Rao attributes the

success so far to the 'pro-active IT policy' formulated by the government. In 2018-19, it clocked IT exports of ₹ 1.09 lakh crore. Real-estate industry research firm JLL has said Hyderabad could surpass Bengaluru in terms of office space absorption with over 12 million sq ft in 2019. One major trigger for this is the continued appetite for space by information technology and IT-enabled services companies.

New entrants

Chip maker Intel, which acquired a local start-up working in the niche automobile tech space early this year, chose to set up its R&D centre with an initial workforce of 400 employees. The 40,000-sq ft facility will work on hardware platforms, 5G and System on Chip (SoC). It will have about 1,500 employees in the next few months. Not very far from the Madhapur facility of Intel, Nasdaq-listed Micron Technology opened a Global Development Centre in October. The \$30.4-billion firm will hire 2,000 employees for the 3.5 lakh sq ft facility. Hitachi Vantara, a Hitachi firm, set up an innovation and global delivery centre for the Asia-Pacific (APAC) region with 300 people. The number is set to double over the next year.

Telangana Minister for IT and Industries K T Rama Rao says TS-iPASS, the Industrial Policy launched after the Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS) formed its maiden government in the State, has given approvals to 11,570 industries. "About 80 per cent of the companies have started functioning and have generated six lakh jobs," he said recently. With the IT sector continuing

to be the mainstay, he has asked officials to identify the availability of land in land banks and in industrial parks. The State is also providing investors with information related to the availability of land to locate their ventures.

Besides the traditional IT industry, Telangana is also witnessing steady growth of startups. The



ecosystem just gets strengthened by the entry of global co-working space providers like WeWork. The firm has opened two facilities in December with a total capacity of 7,000 seats. The State is betting on the second phase of T-Hub to further boost the innovation ecosystem in the city. When it is ready in March-April, 2020, the second phase will be the second biggest incubator, spread over 3.5 lakh sq ft, behind a French incubator with 3.7 lakh sq ft.

Rs 1k cr market intervention fund soon: Niranjan Reddy

Hyderabad : 23rd Dec 2019

Telangana will soon have budgetary allocation for market intervention fund to help farmers get a better price and save them from distress sale. Agriculture Minister Singireddy Niranjan Reddy in an interview said that Rs 1,000-crore revolving fund would be set up to stabilise the oscillating prices of agricultural products.

Explaining the need for such a mechanism, he said that Government of India's Minimum Support Price (MSP) was only for a few crops and the procurement was also limited. "In such cases, the State government is intervening through Markfed. Generally, such market intervention funds have no budgetary allocation. Hence, Chief Minister K Chandrashekhar Rao said that market intervention fund would also be incorporated in the budget from next year," he said.

He further said that the fund would be around Rs 1,000 crore which the government generally keeps aside for such price stabilisation purposes.

No guidance from centre

Unfortunately, there is no clear cut policy or guidance from the Centre regarding the annual demand and availability of grain for internal and export markets, he said. "On the other hand, all that is produced in Telangana can't be consumed within its State borders. Necessarily, it

has to be consumed elsewhere. For instance, last year there was no market for onions. Hence, a few farmers took up onion cultivation. Due to dwindling supplies the prices sky rocketed," the Minister explained. On details of the Telangana government's initiative to boost onion cultivation, he said onion seeds would be distributed through Telangana Seeds Corporation. "Some seeds will be produced locally and remaining will be purchased from certified seed agencies for distribution to farmers in subsidised prices. After the Chief Minister approves this, we will declare the scheme," he said. He further said that the government won't hesitate to intervene if the onion farmer fails to secure fair price.

Draft policy in two months

Giving details of the second sitting of the Cabinet Sub-Committee on Agricultural Production, Procurement, Disposal Policy, the Minister said that the policy would be ready for submission for Cabinet's approval in two months. "The aim is to encourage massive agricultural production from the state and ways to convert that national wealth into monetary wealth for the farmers. Secondly to procure and produce in a systematic manner and to dispose it either raw or after processing," he said.

Seed capital

Answering a question on transforming Telangana into the seed capital of the nation, the minister said that



the state already has achieved that recognition. “We are the top most seed producing state in the country with a huge number of public and private and multinational companies with massive installed capacity. “It is a Rs 5000 cr industry and we are exporting seed to 15 countries. However we have to strengthen the indigenous vegetable seed sector. At present there is heavy dependence on seed from Netherlands,” he said.

He mooted a Turmeric Board or a board like organization by the central government with a definite policy and price to solve the problems faced by Turmeric farmers. He ridiculed allegations of the opposition parties that the government has failed to disburse Rytu Bandhu funds and said that 94 % of the farmers registered for the scheme received the funds and only 6% is yet to be cleared because of variation of acreage claimed by the farmers. He said that he would be happy if he can successfully implement Chief Minister’s vision on agrarian sector. “Understanding KCR’s vision is a difficult task. I don’t have a separate agenda other than fulfilling his vision,” the Minister said.

FPOs to be set up in every village: S Niranjan Reddy

Wanaparthi: 17th Dec 2019

Agriculture Minister S Niranjan Reddy has said that Farmers’ Produce Organizations would be set up in every village and mandal-level soon and they would be trained to produce quality groundnut for export to other countries. He also stated that the State government was planning big on promoting micro irrigation through subsidies after March 2020.

Addressing groundnut farmers and agricultural officials at the awareness camp held for groundnut farmers in Wanaparthi town, Niranjan Reddy stressed on the need to increase oil seeds cultivation in Telangana, so that the edible oil needs of the people could be met. He said that though a foundation seed was supposed to be used for only four to five crop seasons, in Telangana, farmers were cultivating the same seed for 20-25 seasons, which would ultimately render the seed yielding groundnut of less weight and low quality.

He has said that looking at the high produce coming from Palamuru region, especially Wanaparthi, Nagarkurnool and Jogulamba Gadwal districts, the Centre has sanctioned subsidy for 50,000 acres as part of



their oilseed package to promote cultivation, storage and marketing of oilseeds and that a groundnut seeds processing and purification unit was soon going to be setup in Wanaparthi, for which efforts were being put-in by the State government, for which meetings would soon be held with APEDA and other Central agencies exporting groundnuts.

He also said that in the present Yasangi season, foundation seed would be developed by Professor Jayashankar Telangana State Agricultural University and the developed high quality breeder seed which can be highly resistant and could yield more, would be distributed to farmers interested in exporting their produce by following the requirements of European Union regarding drying and storage of export-quality groundnuts. He said that short-term goal was to produce 1,20,000 groundnut seeds from these foundation seeds to make a mark for Wanaparthi in the global market.

Directing the agricultural officials to continuously monitor cultivation of groundnuts by farmers at the field-level, he said that farmers needed to ensure moisture content in groundnuts didn't cross 6-7 per cent. He also urged farmers to go for maize in Kharif, before going for groundnuts in Yasangi, so that there could be a transfer of nutrients and protection of soil fertility as a mutual benefit between both the crops.

Sheryll Harisson, a representative of VIVIA Foundation, Netherlands, who attended the programme to give advice to groundnut farmers, said that there were four major processes which were important in groundnut export, which were to produce high quality Seeds, keeping them dry, employing soil and crop management to increase production, going for post-harvesting management methods like using solar, drying chambers and storage bags to extend shelf-life of the produce.

She said that there was a market opportunity for commercialization of groundnut from Wanaparthi district in international markets and that by improving the drying, storage, processing and packaging methods, would help to improve the groundnut supply-chain. Dr Durga Rani, Principal Scientist, Oil Seeds Department, College of Agriculture, Palem, has said

that though 30 million tonnes of oil seeds were being produced in India and despite progressing well in food grain and pulses production, playing a major role in the world market, we were still a major importer of cooking oil, spending Rs 70,000 Crore for importing them every year.

Pointing-out that there was a need to trial new varieties of groundnuts by replacing old varieties, she said that at Palem college, since 2018 they have been developing a new variety. She also said that ICGV03403 variety of groundnut seed which has been released in India, had more oil content in them, which makes them good for exporting. She said that the Girnar 4 and 5 varieties would be released to farmers as soon as the notification process was done, which could take 2 crop seasons to be released. She said that seed treatment, taking quality seed, water management and administering gypsum was important to get good quality groundnuts. Dr Sunil Chowdhary, Assistant Scientist, ICRISAT, said that 4-5 lakh tonne groundnuts were being exported every year and that in order to supply the produce to the confectionery market where it is widely used, certain quality and uniformity needed to be maintained, as per country-specific requirements for production, harvest and storage.

He said that there was a need for producing high oleic groundnuts for chocolate and food industries and said those groundnuts could be good for reducing blood glucose levels and also could reduce the risk of heart problems among people. He said the responsibility was on the government, processing industries and also farmers to ensure only varieties needed by the industry were provided, that too in high quality groundnuts which were dried well and stored well to prevent the risk of post-harvest contamination of the produce.

District Collector Sweta Mohanty, Devarkadra MLA A Venkateshwar Reddy, ZP Chairperson R Loknath Reddy, Telangana Seeds Development Corporation MD Keshava Rao, agricultural officials and groundnut farmers attended the awareness meeting which was the first of a series of such meetings which would be held in Wanaparthi once a month.



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General Holidays

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Jan 14	Tue	Bhogi
Jan 15	Wed	Sankranti/Pongal
Jan 26	Sun	Republic Day
Feb 21	Fri	Maha Shivaratri
Mar 09	Mon	Holi
Mar 25	Wed	Ugadi
April 02	Thu	Srirama Navami
April 05	Sun	Babu Jagjivan Ram's Birthday
April 10	Fri	Good Friday
April 14	Tue	Dr. Ambedkar Birthday
May 25	Mon	Eidul Fitar (Ramzan)
May 26	Tue	Ramzan Following day
July 20	Mon	Bonalu
Aug 01	Sat	Bakrid
Aug 11	Tue	Sri Krishnaasthami
Aug 15	Sat	Independence Day
Aug 22	Sat	Vinayaka Chavithi
Aug 30	Sun	10th Moharram
Oct 2	Fri	Gandhi Jayanthi
Oct 17	Sat	Bathukamma Starting Day
Oct 24	Sat	Durgastami
Oct 25	Sun	Vijaya Dashami
Oct 30	Fri	Eid Milad Nabi
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Telangana makes strong pitch for more power to States

Hyderabad : 19th Dec 2019

Telangana State has made a strong case for devolution of powers to States, with Finance Minister T Harish Rao declaring that it was imperative for the Central government to empower States, both in terms of financial resources and autonomy as States are the drivers of economic activity. Listing suggestions to address the current economic slowdown at the pre-budget meeting of Finance Ministers with Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in New Delhi, Harish Rao said that with the exception of macroeconomic policies, much of the action in developing both physical and social infrastructure and providing an investor-friendly ecosystem lies with the States. The Telangana Finance Minister, stating that the current economic slowdown was unique, pointed out that while inflation was low and external imbalances were modest, the decline began with a loss of confidence not among foreign investors, but among the country's domestic investors and consumers.

Decisive say

"The growth has been hit more by domestic developments such as stalled investments, improper implementation of GST, collapse of the NBFC sector, higher rates of unemployment resulting in decline in

consumption and high non-performing assets in the public sector banks resulting in low credit growth," he said, adding that one of the main concerns today was decelerating growth of GDP since 2016-17.

Pointing out that the Cabinet resolution constituting the NITI Aayog had articulated that "States do not want to be mere appendages of the Centre and seek a decisive say in determining the architecture of economic growth and development, Harish Rao said the one-size-fits-all approach, often inherent in Central planning, has the potential to create needless tensions besides undermining the harmony needed for national effort. "One of the main mandates of NITI Aayog is to foster cooperative federalism through structured support initiatives and mechanisms with the States on a continuous basis, and recognizing that strong States make a strong nation and to build 'Team India,' he said, adding: "There has been no action in this direction even after five years."

US\$ 5-trn economy looks tough: Harish

The Telangana government warned the Centre that the target of a US\$ 5-trillion economy by 2024-25 would be difficult to achieve given the 'unique' economic slowdown the country was faced with. "Because of the slippage in growth, the economy needs to grow at more than 10 per cent in the remaining years. We need to address this issue head on," Finance Minister T Harish Rao said, at the pre-budget meeting of State

Finance Ministers in New Delhi.

The Minister pointed out that the GDP growth rate had slipped from 8.2 per cent in 2016-17 to 7.2 per cent in 2017-18, and said that it had further decelerated to 6.8 per cent in 2018-19. "The growth of GDP in the second quarter of the current year (2019-20) was just 4.5 per cent, the lowest since 2013," he added.



Telangana tightens its belt to tackle economic slowdown

Hyderabad :13th Dec 2019

Reeling under acute financial crisis following the economic slowdown in the country, the State government began its efforts to implement austerity measures in the wake of the State Cabinet's decision in this regard. The departments were told that no fresh proposals would be entertained during the current fiscal and they were also barred from making any additional expenditure under existing schemes beyond budgetary allocations.

Soon after Chief Minister K Chandrashekhar Rao emphasised the need to maintain restraint on unnecessary expenditures, the Finance Department was asked to prepare guidelines for implementing austerity measures in all government departments, sources said, adding that all government departments were directed to list out priority projects and expenditures for releasing necessary funds.

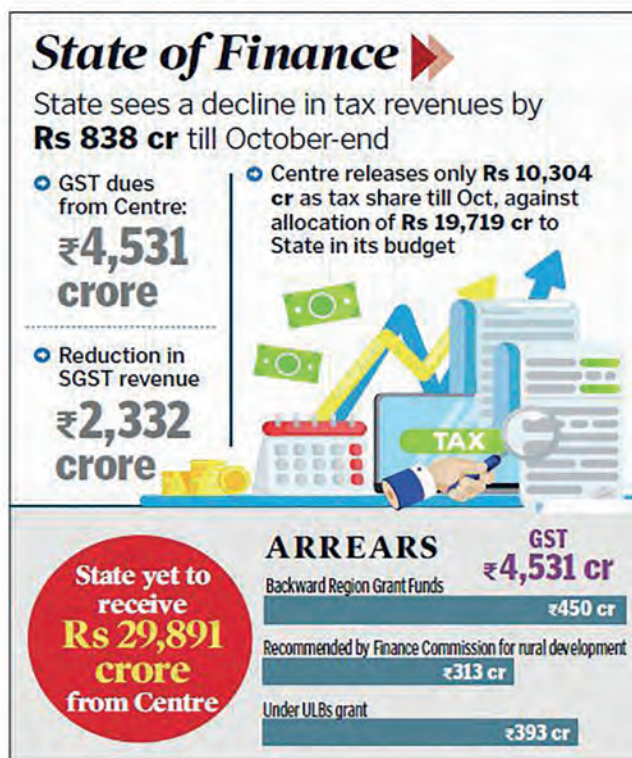
“The Chief Minister does not want to compromise on welfare schemes. Besides irrigation and power projects, the government is keen on continuing its schemes such as Rythu Bandhu, farm loan waiver scheme, double-bedroom houses, Kalyana Lakshmi/Shaadi Mubarak, and other welfare schemes,” a senior official in the Finance Department said.

Finance officials have already submitted a report to the Cabinet on issues pertaining to pending schemes, the release of funds and the State revenues among others. According to the authorities, the State had witnessed a decline in tax revenues by Rs 838 crore till October-end. Besides GST dues amounting to Rs 4,531 crore from the Centre, the State also saw about Rs 2,332 crore reduction in GST revenues.

The Centre allocated about Rs 19,719 crore from the Union Budget to the State for fiscal 2019-20. Though this is 6.2 per cent more than that of last fiscal's Rs 18,560 crore, the Centre released only Rs 10,304 crore as tax share till October. During the last fiscal till October, the State received Rs 10,528 crore, resulting in a revenue decline of 2.13 per cent when compared to that of last year.

Besides fall in its own tax revenues, the State government is yet to receive about Rs 29,891 crore from the Central government, including Rs 4,531 crore in GST dues during

the current financial year. The Centre also failed to release funds amounting to about Rs 450 crore under Backward Region Grant Funds (BRGF), Rs 313 crore recommended by Finance Commission for rural development, and Rs 393 crore under Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) grants among others. “We are staring at a financial crisis where the State is falling short of Rs 2,000 crore every month while comparing both revenue and expenditure of the State,” the official added. The Finance Department was also directed to explore various options, including the of government lands, to increase the State revenues in the wake of the economic slowdown.



Telangana keen on forging tie-ups at Central level: KTR

Hyderabad : 18th Dec 2019

At a time when India and the US are looking to build stronger ties in the defence sector, Telangana is keen to facilitate collaborations at the government as well as industry level. The State government is willing to play the role of industry's advocate to help resolve any challenges or issues by talking to the Central government at New Delhi. Presenting his keynote address at the US-India Defense Ties Conference in Hyderabad, Telangana Industries Minister KT Rama Rao, emphasised, "Having a State (Telangana) as a partner will help US and Indian defence companies to represent issues and challenges at the Central government level (New Delhi) and help resolve them."

Telangana government, which has identified aerospace and defence as a priority sector, has created an ecosystem for advanced defence systems development and manufacturing that has attracted several global original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) to set up units in joint venture with Indian companies as well as independently. There is a growing base of Indo-US joint ventures in defence, which is not only boosting manufacturing but also creating jobs.

Advantage Hyderabad

Hyderabad is the largest and most strategic locations in India for defence and aerospace industries. The city historically has been the defence hub with the presence of defence labs and public sector units, which led to attract 25 large private companies and creation of an ecosystem that became a base for over 1,000 MSMEs. To boost the sector, the State has actively nurtured four clusters for aerospace and defence, with two new aerospace parks coming up. Global companies such as Lockheed Martin, Boeing, Honeywell, Collins Aerospace, Raytheon, Pratt & Whitney and GE have already chosen Hyderabad for their supply chain needs. The city is playing a key role in making F16 wings at Tata Lockheed facility. Hyderabad is perhaps making in India for the world. The US and Indian companies are already collaborating in the co-production of C-130 transport aircraft and Apache & Chinook helicopters at joint venture facilities in Hyderabad.

Tata Advanced Systems carries out 90 per cent of its manufacturing activity in the State, while Telangana has also attracted companies such as Adani and Kalyani.

State policies

India has several progressive States that offer evolved defence ecosystem, including Telangana. The State is the fastest growing State in the country with 14 per cent growth rate in its GSDP during 2018-19. It has also topped the ease of doing business (EoDB) rankings for two consecutive years, backed by industry-friendly policy framework, he emphasised. The government's industrial policy TSiPASS has brought enormous benefits. The system enables self-certification, clearances within 15 days under a statute and penalty over officials causing delay beyond 15-day clearance window period.

Naming those who benefited from the system, he said, Amazon for instance obtained its certification for its 3.1 million sq ft building in Hyderabad in a record 11 days. Micron has also opened its R&D and engineering centre in Hyderabad, which also received fast-track clearance. Telangana is also building the talent pool for the industry, establishing collaborations with several global academies and through initiatives under TASK. An exclusive aerospace university has also been proposed in the State. There is a large scope for US companies to make this university successful, KTR said. On the startup front, the minister added, while T-Hub is playing an active role to handhold and help defence startups scale up, Boeing has conducted startup innovation challenges Horizon X and Build, and Pratt & Whitney has established training facilities. T-Works, another State initiative will drive innovation in the hardware space of defence that will benefit startups.



'Focus should be on value addition in trade'

Hyderabad : 19th Dec 2019

The domestic bulk drugs industry, which has been a stronghold of Telangana, took a beating in the recent times with China getting aggressive by supplying the required raw materials at lower prices, according to Bipin Menon, Addl DGFT, Government of India. The industry, which did not pay enough attention to opportunities in the domestic market, is now once again building the bulk drugs segment with innovation and value addition, he said.

The Indian enterprises should now look to tap in to the opportunities that will evolve due to the China-US trade war. There should be a greater focus on value addition and taking up appropriate branding exercises apart from taking a hedge cover to deal with currency fluctuations, he said in his key note address at a conference, Rise Above, organised by CII Telangana.

Menon said that more than 50-60 per cent of the imports to India under Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) are raw materials needed by industries. There is asymmetry in trade agreements and that industry members should be actively engaged in trade agreements to reap benefits of incentives and leverage the opportunities.

Citing rice exports as an instance, he said the domestic logistics costs for Punjab farmers to take their rice to ports for export are high. This erodes the profit margin

from exports, he said. In another case, India lost out its strong position in cashew trade to Vietnam, which mechanised the industry for faster turnaround. However, both the countries still are majorly into raw cashew and shell cashew. But it is the salted and roasted cashew, which the US is doing in a big way, where the money is, the explained.

G Seetharam Reddy, Addl DGFT and Development Commissioner, AP Special Economic Zone (Visakapatnam) said the DGFT is currently reworking on making its schemes compliant with WTO guidelines. He said a new foreign trade policy will be launched next year and asked the industry members to make suggestions on the pain-points that need to be addressed.

Telangana Industrial Health Clinic Limited Advisor Yerram Raju said that the economy is currently facing a downturn but industry must turn it into an opportunity. "How we address the transition to free trade agreements is important for SMEs," he said. Cleaning up the financial ecosystem, which is fraught with inefficiencies, frauds and balancesheet fudging, should be the priority for the economy, he said stressing on the need for alternate institutional mechanisms. Sick units should look to find a strategic partner and go for cobranding to improve their market holding. There is a need for data on the number of units getting closed in the SME sector for policy action. CII National MSME Council Co-Chair Mahesh Desai and CII Telangana MSME Panel Convenor AVS Reddy also spoke.





Governor lauds Telangana Govt's efforts in saving energy

Hyderabad: 20th Dec 2019

Governor Tamilisai Soundararajan commended the efforts of the Telangana government in saving valuable energy and said the State was one of the best in the country when it came to conservation. She said this at the Telangana State Energy Conservation awards ceremony organised by the Telangana State Renewable Energy Development Corporation Ltd. (TSREDCO). "Prime Minister Narendra Modi, in his Independence Day speech, called for conservation of energy by judiciously using electricity. He wanted people to take up energy conservation in a big way. Telangana is one of the States that has emulated his directions," the Governor said.

She said Hyderabad saved power considerably by replacing all streetlights to LED bulbs. Terming the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Scheme as an "engineering wonder", she said the project offers multiple advantages to farmers. "While construction of such a mega project required chopping of trees, crores of trees were planted again, making it one of the most environmental friendly irrigation projects in the country," the Governor said. She said greenery increased under Chief Minister K Chandrashekhara Rao's flagship Haritha Haram initiative, which helps check the quantity of harmful carbon monoxide in the air. She also advised the awardees to help conserve water.

State Energy Minister G Jagadish Reddy, in his address, said Telangana's pioneering policies were emulated by other States. "At the time of the State's formation, there

was severe shortage of power. Lack of power was one of the major reasons why we fought for a separate State," the Minister said. He said Telangana is now free from outages and is the only State in the country to offer 24x7 power supply to the farm sector.

Telangana Transco and Genco CMD D Prabhakar Rao said TSREDCO was doing a commendable job in the field of conservation of fossil fuel-based energy. He said power conservation was taken by more than 150 commercial complexes in the State. "Before Telangana was formed, there were power holidays for industries too. Now, those days are gone. Today we produce enough power for running the mega Kaleshwaram project," the CMD said.

TK Sreedevi, Director of the Municipal Administration Department; and Prof Rajkiran V Bilolikar, associate professor at Administrative Staff College of India; received Excellency awards. Awards were also given to different sectors such as cement, commercial buildings and energy clubs in schools for conserving energy.

Telangana will ease rollout of 5G: Jayesh Ranjan

Hyderabad: 21st Dec 2019

IT Principal Secretary Jayesh Ranjan at a conference on '5G: The Catalyst to Digital Revolution in India' organised by industry body FTCCI in Hyderabad. Even as Hyderabad has been the test bed for 5G technology, Telangana State has already created a regulatory framework here that will hasten the rollout process, said IT principal secretary Jayesh Ranjan. The framework will include a simple and streamlined procedure including the right of way for setting up infra, towers and base stations, he said.

"Telangana State did the same with 4G, which allowed for faster roll-out. The fastest rollout was done by Jio. It had repeatedly said that the first State where it reached near 100 per cent coverage in country is Telangana. That happened because we have been able to offer a unified process for rolling out of 4G cable lines, towers and base stations," he said at a conference on '5G: The Catalyst to Digital Revolution in India', organised by industry body FTCCI. "The 5G technology is proven and there are many use-cases. But we are not able to do anything about 5G. Not one subscriber is present on it as it is not available due to the current regulatory environment," the top official said.

Korea, China and the US have done good work in 5G. Finland is 5G saturated. "The world is in going one direction but



unfortunately our regulation is looking in the other direction. We are still thinking, discussing and hoping for 5G to be mainstream. Some have even moved to 6G and completed some trials," said Ranjan. "This is clearly a case where regulation has not been able to keep pace with technology. In fact, all telecom operators have a partner to offer 5G services and they are just waiting for the regulatory nod. Unfortunately, the regulatory domain is completely in the hands of Government of India and there is little that States can do except to wait and watch," he said. "We have Digital India kind of campaigns but on the other hand we do not create an enabling ecosystem in which all the goals and objectives of the flagship programme can be achieved," he said asking the telecom stakeholders to pursue 5G.

Most of the 5G tests have actually happened in Hyderabad. IIT-Hyderabad has established a 5G test bed and with the help of Department of Telecommunications and a few other knowledge institutions, IIT-H has conducted a series of experiments on 5G, which is now a proven technology, he said. IIT-H, which had a headstart in 5G, is now entering into a partnership agreement with University of Oulu, Finland for taking up further work. The University already has a Centre for Wireless Communications and 6G Flagship.

Need to fight stereotypes, says KTR

Hydereabad : 20th Dec 2019

Telangana State will be the first customer if startups come up with products and services that are relevant to the Government. While this applies to all startups, those led by women stand to get additional benefits under the TS-iPASS, the State's industrial policy, said IT and Industries Minister KT Rama Rao. He was speaking at the launch of WING, an initiative by Startup India and led by Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, at WeHub. The capacity development programme aims to train about 500 women entrepreneurs. "Effort should be to support women entrepreneurs beyond the training module," he said. While there are many success stories, women have to fight many stereotypes created by men. These mindsets in the process have created hurdles for women in the form of lower or restricted access to infra, knowledge base, funding channels and other factors.

Earlier, he interacted with select entrepreneurs at the We Hub. After seeing their technical presentations, the Minister said that some of the ideas hold a promise to solve societal problems and to scale up," he said. We Hub, which is now two years, was a result of the deliberations held during Global Entrepreneurship Summit held in Hyderabad in November 2017, he said.

IT Principal Secretary Jayesh Ranjan said women entrepreneurship for long time did not go beyond making papads, tailoring and embroidery. "The society mindset has to change from think in this unfortunate manner. Given a chance, they will prove successful in multiple domains," he said.

Programme

Under the WING programme, WeHub will identify and provide aspiring women entrepreneurs access to incubation, investors and business reports. It will target to conduct 10 workshops to promote women entrepreneurship. For WING, We Hub will collaborate with Kerala Startup Mission (KSUM). At the national level, WING aims to train about 7,500 people. Additionally, We Hub will also scout for outstanding women-led startups in Telangana for the National Startup Award 2020, said We Hub CEO Deepthi Ravula.

Telangana Achievements

Industrial Investment, Trade

- ◆ Telangana has attracted over Rs 1.61 lakh crore investments through TS-iPASS Industrial Policy in 2015.
- ◆ Nearly 9,796 new industries came to the State and about 13 lakh people in direct employment and also created an additional indirect employment for another 20 lakh persons in these four years.
- ◆ 6,783 industries commenced operations and 639 are in the advanced stages of construction. While 616 industries are in the initial stages of construction, another 1,758 industries are yet to commence their work



- ◆ Google's 2nd biggest campus



- ◆ US-based Katterra Building Material Project



- ◆ Asia's largest corn cob drying facility by Kaveri seeds



- ◆ Asia's largest stunt project by Sahajanand Technologies (SMT)



- ◆ US-based Shaw Group company Shaw Contract, a commercial flooring solutions project



- ◆ Singapore-based Eaglesford Group's biodegradable project



- ◆ Mumbai-based home appliances maker Atomberg Technologies



- ◆ GMR Business Park at Hyderabad International Airport



- ◆ Textile Park by Kasam Industries



- ◆ Welspun Textile Unit



- ◆ Youngone Corporation Textile Project



- ◆ Green Industrial Park for MSMEs, Yadadri



vements in 2019

de, Business and Economy

- Expansion project of Pennar Industries Limited (PIL) - hydraulic cylinders
- Expansion project of Air India MRO
- Expansion project of Visakha Industries solar roofing system
- Electrical goods company, Goldmedal Electricals,
- Hyderabad-based Genomelabs Bio, a nutraceuticals project

- largest experience centre of OnePlus – R&D Project

- Oppo sub-brand Realme's R&D Centre

- Welspun- steel pipes Project.

- Walmart India in Karimnagar

- Walmart opens its 4th store in Telangana Warangal Urban

- Transasia Bio-Medicals Project

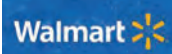
- DBS Asia Hub Bank Development project

- Expansion Project by Somany Group

- Sponge Iron project by NMDC

- Schneider Electric's Smart Factory

- NCL VekauPVC profile extrusion Project



Industrial
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Industrial Investments Attracted



- Expansion Project by Kirby Building systems



- Vanesa Group's deodorants Project



- NCL Industries Premium doors Project



- New York-based The Chatterjee Group's TCG Life sciences Project



- Aparna-Craft Exteriors Project



- E-Trio's retrofitted car kits Project



- Dr Reddy's Laboratories - advanced B2B customer service portal 'XCEED'



- Waterless personal hygiene solutions by Clensta



- Expansion project of Hyderabad-based Tenet MedCorp – Diagnostic Centre



- Wonderchef Home Appliances project



- Dairy products company Dumont expansion project



- PepsiCo business services centre



- Expansion project of Premier Solar Systems - solar retail business.

Aerospace and Defence Sector



SAFRAN

- ◆ France-based Safran to build Rs 290 crore plant in Hyderabad to make parts for the LEAP turbofan engine from CFM International

TURBO Shaft™

- ◆ Aerospace major Boeing Co will deliver the first of 22 AH-64E Apache twin-turboshaft attack helicopters to the Indian Air Force

LOCKHEED MARTIN

- ◆ Lockheed Martin is making progress with its F16 fighter jet wings' production at Hyderabad,

KALYANI

- ◆ Kalyani Group to set up the first ever missile system MRO (Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul) facility in Hyderabad

RAFAEL

- ◆ Astra Rafael Comsys (ARC), a joint venture (JV) between Hyderabad-based Astra Microwave and Israel-based Rafael Advance Defense Systems, has set up project for tactical communication systems (software defined radio) for defence



Energy Sector

MIDHANI
A Mini Ratna and An ISO 9001:2008 Company

MIDHANI and Tubacex a Spanish multinational team up to develop advanced materials for energy sector

BHEL

BHEL commissions 800 MW super critical thermal plants in a record time of 46 months.

SCCL

Singareni Collieries Company has awarded a contract Valued at Rs 565 crores to BHEL to set up largest SPV power plant which generate 3.5 GW is the second highest in India after Karnataka.



Logistics



- The global e-commerce giant Amazon signed a lease agreement with GMR Hyderabad Airport City to expand its largest Fulfilment Centre (FC) in the country.



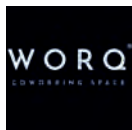
- US-based Innovapptive Global Solutions - workforce platform Expansion Project



- UK-based Aveva eyes smart city, smart airport projects



- Germany-based Wunder Mobility - carpooling and fleet management services.



- Amsterdam-born co-working space provider - International Workspace Group expansion Project



- Chocolate maker and beverages player, The Chocolate Room- Cafe Co-working Lounge at Hitec City.



- Workspace provider GoFloaters Centre



- Co-working space provider 91springboard opened its third hub



- Gubba- cold storage facility



- RGIA - Hyderabad airport to double cargo handling capacity



Retail Sector



Amazon- the e-commerce major Asia's largest fulfilment centre has come up in Hyderabad



Microsoft launches e-commerce portal for training to the handloom weavers in Hyderabad.



Wipro consumer care -plans units in Telangana – includes customer care, lighting and furniture.



QuikrBazaar plans online-offline strategy to setup stores in Telangana Hyderabad



2nd after Chennai- E-commerce firm Flipkart has opened a data centre designed to be a tier-4 rated facility with the bulk of the energy coming from renewable source in Hyderabad.



R&D and Innovation

Foxconn company –an Industrial internet setting up its advanced industrial artificial and internet of thing research and development centre in Hyderabad.

FOXCONN

US-based technology company Xilinx has opened its largest research and development centre outside of its headquarters in Hyderabad to drive Xilinx's hardware and software products including adaptive compute acceleration platform devices.

XILINX

US-headquartered enterprise cloud data management company Informatica expanded its research and development facility.

Informatica

Tentamus German Group to invest in food testing –ensure the quality and safety of tested goods.

Tentamus
Labs for Life

Pullela Gopichand Badminton Foundation is gearing to expand its facilities



Hyderabad-based GVK BIO, a global contract research and development organisation (CRDO), has completed a USFDA inspection at its analytical lab in Mallapur to further strengthen its services in Europe, US and China

GVK BIO

Osmania University sets up technology business incubator in Hyderabad



IIT Hyderabad Researchers develop Low Power Chips for Artificial Intelligence devices Hyderabad



IIT-Hyderabad researchers develop bio-bricks for construction from agricultural waste products and development of eco-friendly, sustainable building materials



NPCI sets up fintech innovation hub in T-Hub Hyderabad to help financial technology (fintech) startups to develop prototypes and test their innovation,



National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has setup an innovation hub at T-Hub for startups working in the fintech space along with the Fintech accelerator programme that is being rolled out by T-Hub with Department of Science and Technology (DST) and NPCI.



IIT-Hyderabad develops algal-bacterial hybrid system to reduce waste water treatment cost.



Retail Sector



Zoe Concepts, a 65 year-Old Danish furniture manufacturer and retailer will be located in Banjara Hills launched BoConcept's first retail outlet in Hyderabad.



Hyderabad-based boutique supermarket Q-Mart launched its second store in Hyderabad at Gachibowli.



Online grocery retailer Grofers is ramping up its warehousing infrastructure in Hyderabad.



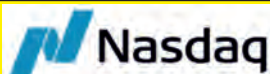
Wellness and beauty retailer Nykaa to set up 180 stores Hyderabad



Allianz FMCG announced the launch of Celozia, Dr Neem, Mr Darlie, Maaqui and Divine Care brands in Hyderabad.



IBM – Expansion Project increasing manpower to 12,000 from 2000



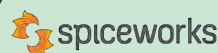
Nasdaq-listed \$30.4 billion semi-conductor company, Micron Technology, opened its Global Development Centre in Hyderabad,



Arcesium, New York-headquartered and a technology innovator of post-trade solutions, has expanded its operations to a second location in Hyderabad's IT corridor.



The Walmart Foundation announced \$4.8 million (approximately Rs 34 crore) in grants to Digital Green and TechnoServe to enable programmes that help smallholder farmers have access to agriculture technology, training on sustainable farmer methods, enhanced access to formal markets, and skill and capacity building for farmer producer organisations (FPOs).



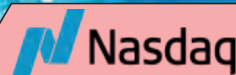
US-based Spice works, opened its India development centre in Hyderabad to help build the IT marketplace technology for buyers and sellers across the world, by using artificial intelligence, natural language processing and latest analytics technologies.



Suneratech Inc has set up its third technology centre in Hyderabad at DivyaSree Orion SEZ.



Blockchain district launched in Telangana Hyderabad to Continue its focus on emerging technologies space.



Euro 3.8 billion Nasdaq-listed Hexagon AB, a Swedish technology company, which operates its Hexagon Capability Center India (HCCI) in Hyderabad, the single largest R&D centre of Hexagon globally, is planning to expand operations by both hiring more staff as well as setting up a Centre of Excellence focused on Artificial Intelligence (AI).

Information Technology and Communication



Hyderabad-based Ozonetel has launched a voice bot platform for B2B enterprises.



Indeed to expand tech centre in Hyderabad with new development office over 91,000 square feet.



Payment solutions provider PayPal is working with its partners on localisation of data as mandated by the Reserve Bank of India



Hyderabad-based startup Cellestial E-Mobility is in advance stage of developing electric tractors.



T-Hub, FB launches second edition of India Innovation Programme Hyderabad to focus on identifying and empowering innovative startups leveraging Artificial Intelligence (AI) based solutions that will have a positive impact on the community.



One of the two Greenfield Electronic Manufacturing Clusters (EMCs) in Raviryalasatla to come up in the State has gained some momentum.



New age insurance broking firm Coverfox has plans to set up a new centre in Hyderabad in about six months to employ about 100 technology support personnel and about 400 in the marketing department.



Hyderabad-based T-Hub announced its partnership with Freshworks Inc., a global innovator in customer engagement software to enhance its existing pool of talent and support its expansion plan.



Hyderabad-based mobile accessories maker PTron is planning to set up an assembly plant for mobile accessories in or around Hyderabad, to start making power banks and speakers at the assembly plant.



Tech Mahindra announced that it has successfully deployed Cisco Digital Network Architecture at its Hyderabad Campus, and has become one of the largest Software Defined Campus Networks with over 14,000 live users in India.



Mphasis, a Bengaluru-based information technology solutions provider, inaugurated a new facility, as part of a plan to expand its footprint in the city.



Tech Mahindra and Adjoint, a financial technology company, have announced a Blockchain solution for secure enterprise financial management and insurance services across locations to create a seamless and reliable customer experience.

Agriculture and Food Processing



Kaveri
Seeds plans to up revenues from non-cotton segments- will spend about Rs 50 crore this year for capital expenditure and the seed company is expecting to see 15 to 20 per cent growth.



Telangana
Paddy set to be highest in 20 years which crossed 60 lakh tonnes market the end of the season.



Telangana
achieved another milestone in the inland fisheries sector as the production crossed three lakh tonnes for the first time.



Walmart
Foundation announced \$4.8 million (approximately Rs 34 crore) in grants to Digital Green and TechnoServe to enable programmes that help smallholder farmers have access to agriculture technology, training on sustainable farmer methods, enhanced access to formal markets, and skill and capacity building for farmer producer organisations (FPOs).



Smart Agro
First food park Smart Agro Food Park Private Limited in 78 acres with an investment of Rs 109 crores at Lakkampally Special Economic Zone in State was inaugurated by Union Minister Union Minister for Food Processing Industries Smt. Harsimrat Kaur Badal.



Rythu Yantra, app launched to help smart farming



Anmol Feeds
plans set up manufacturing plant for fish and shrimp feed with an investment of Rs 50 crore unit at Hyderabad



Kaveri Seeds
Seed maker Kaveri Seed Company Limited launched its biotechnology laboratory - Centre for Applied Genomics and Seed Technology with an investment of Rs 20 crs at Pamulaparthi village of Siddipet district. for developing hybrids particularly in rice, maize, cotton and vegetables.



CCL
World's largest private label instant coffee manufacturer, CCL Products (India), is going to invest \$20 million (about Rs 140 crore) in Hyderabad.



NIN
Hyderabad-based National Institute of Nutrition (NIN) has launched the National Information Communication and Education (NICE) portal, specifically aimed at providing access to vast amounts of content related nutrition over the internet





Telangana state govts, robust growth rate that clocked at 17.7 % between 2014 and 2018 and stood at 29.3 in the year 2019 is a pride for the state



Hyderabad ranked as worlds 2nd dynamic city according to the works economic forum unveiled the top 30 global cities ranking.



According to Knight Frank Global residential cities index -2018, Hyderabad is ranked as the top five cities in the world to have quick rise in residential property values in the last year



According to Mercer Survey, Hyderabad and Pune continue to be the most liveable cities in India for expatriates.



According to property consultant JLL India, Hyderabad is the most affordable of all major cities with Stable prices and lower interest rates on home loans.



According to the latest Knight Frank Prime Global Cities Index, - Hyderabad is seen among the affordable luxury housing cities, keeping it outside of this 45-global cities'



Telangana State Industrial Infrastructure Corporation (TSIIC) has built up one of the largest land banks in the country with a whopping 1.5 lakh acres.



Telangana's startup ecosystem builder T-Hub announced the launch of its funding programme called T-Angel, a joint venture between T-Hub and Telangana government along with support from LetsVenture, seeks to empower and enable early stage startup and investors build the ecosystem in Telangana.



T-Works, the much-awaited T-Works, the country's largest prototyping centre for electronics, electromechanical and mechanical startups and individuals has commenced operations.



Singareni Collieries Company Ltd has more than doubled its sales in the past five years from Rs. 11,928 crore in 2013-14 to Rs. 25,828 crore in 2018-19, registering a growth of 116.5 per cent. Its profit increased nearly four times from Rs. 419 crore to Rs. 1,600 crore during the same period



We-Hub is building an ecosystem for women entrepreneurs Hyderabad. We-Hub is not just about giving women entrepreneurs a space to work, but is about building an ecosystem wherein any women entrepreneurs from any part of the country can approach us on any issue ranging from funding, mentorship to confidence building and pitching.



Indian Economic Trade Organisation (IETO) in collaboration with business associations and entrepreneurs from across the world is setting up an International Women Startup Corridor (IWSC) in Hyderabad, a first-of-its-kind initiative in the country.



According to LinkedIn Report, Hyderabad among top 3 cities in attracting talent.

Economic Growth

CENTERS of EXCELLENCE

US headquartered F5 Networks opened its first centre of excellence for product development in India in Hyderabad..

NALSAR University of Law has joined hands with CYCOPS Information Security Services to start CTRL-Z, a cyber-forensic laboratory at its Shamirpet campus to help law enforcement authorities and judiciary in retrieving digital evidence from the devices in question, analyse the data and document the data thus retrieved.

Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR) got Rs. 896.09-crore Central grant to set up a 200-acre campus at Gachibowli,

Innovivi opens centre of excellence in Hyderabad - not only provide an incubation space for startups, but will also provide certification programmes and workshops



Centers of Excellence



Telangana's startup ecosystem catalyst T-Hub announced the launch of Trestle. The programme provides growth-stage startups with opportunities to assess product fitment and readiness to new markets across the globe



Memorandum of Understandings (MoUs)



An MoU has been signed between Government of Telangana and Taizhou Medical Hi-Tech Development Zone (Taizhou Zone) supported by the Government of Taizhou, China to share the know-how and offered to support the research in the field of life sciences, biotechnology and medical devices along with identifying new technologies and industry requirements



American Telecommunications Company Verizon has partnered with the Department of IT, Telangana government and Hyderabad Security Cluster (HSC) to take part in the former's public research project.



Global smartphone brand OPPO has partnered with Information Technology, Electronics & Communications Department (ITE&C), Government of Telangana, to create opportunities for budding entrepreneurs and promising startups in India.



Google has signed a MoU with the Telangana government to get more local language content online by using the giant technology publishing tool, Navlekha.



Telangana government has signed a MoU with the UK India Business Council (UKIBC) for mutual opportunities in the areas of business, investment, job creation and economic growth.



Procter & Gamble (P&G) in partnership with WE Hub, the State-run platform for Women Entrepreneurs, recently concluded its first Telangana edition of vGrow Summit.



The State Agricultural University has entered into a MoU with Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, United States to take-up collaboration academics.



Telangana and New Jersey signed a 'Sister State Partnership Agreement' to strengthen the partnership and relationship between the people of the two States.



ICRISAT signs MoU with university of Reading, UK for farmers to grow the best food that is fit for future generations



Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH

In order to provide mentoring support and training assistance to women entrepreneurs in tier 2 and 3 cities, WE-Hub has collaborated with Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH.



Memorandum of Understandings (MoUs)



Telangana government has announced a tripartite MoU with Telangana State Aviation Academy (TSAA) and Cyient to develop and conduct Remote Pilot (Drone Pilot) Training and Certification Programme for deepening its engagement in the drone technology space.



Telangana has become the first State in the country to enter into a MoU with the digital business platform Globalinker, which will enable SMEs and startups in the State to register and connect with the enterprises in India as well as ASEAN region to expand their business.



Federation of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FTAPCCI) has signed a MoU with Tomsk Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Russian Federation to enable a formal platform for collaboration.



Indian School of Business (ISB) has entered into a five-year MoU with the University of Pittsburgh in the USA for collaboration in a range of academic research in healthcare and other projects.



European Union through its India-EU ICT Standardisation Cooperation Project is supporting the creation of a Centre of Excellence (CoE) on Internet of Things (IoT) for Smart Cities at IIIT-Hyderabad



The Telangana government and ANI Technologies-owned Ola Cabs, an appbased public transportation company, signed a MoU towards strengthening the traffic infrastructure in the Hyderabad city.



Tech giant Microsoft has announced a partnership with the Women Entrepreneurs Hub, an initiative of the Telangana government aimed at empowering women entrepreneurs and technologists in the region.



IKP Knowledge Park, which is celebrating its 20-year journey, has opened its agri-innovation translation centre at the newly developed 1.10 lakh sqft Sustainability Innovation Centre (SINC) in Genome valley.



The Indian School of Business, Hyderabad (ISB) signed an MoU with Cisco on to build India's first truly digitally intuitive campus.



HealthNet Global

HealthNet Global Limited (HNG), a company owned by Apollo Hospitals Group has signed a MoU with the American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin (AAPI) to deliver virtual second opinion consultations.

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- USA based multinational brand consulting & market research firm Berkshire Media Private Limited, selected Singareni Collieries Company Limited for its Indian Best Company Award for the year 2018.
- Telangana Stood first in per capita power consumption in country
- The National Seed Association of India has recognized Telangana State Seed & Organic Certification Authority as the 'Model Seed Certification Authority' in the country.
- Telangana bagged the No.1 position in the country in speedy delivery of passports to applicants.
- Telangana State Played a key role in framing of National Mineral Policy –Sri. BRV Susheel Kumar, Director of Mines and Geology, contributed ingenious and resourceful inputs
- According to NITI Aayog's first-ever Innovation Index released, Telangana ranks 4th best innovative State in India.
- According to latest NITI Aayog 'Health Index' report, Telangana ranks 11th in child immunisation Hyderabad
- Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TSRTC) was given the best organisation award for supporting quality control during 33rd Annual Convention of Quality Control Hyderabad chapter.
- L&T Metro Rail Hyderabad Limited (L&T MRHL) bagged two IT Awards 'Hybrid project of the Year' for smooth migration into Cloud and 'IT Genius Award' in the category of Cloud Excellence.
- GMR Hyderabad International Airport has been featured as the third fastest growing airport in the world in terms of passenger growth.
- T-Hub Hyderabad selected for defence incubator programme by Ministry of Defence
- Telangana State has bagged the first place in consumer experience and second in Overall States Rooftop Solar Attractiveness Index (SARAL).
- Amitabha Chattopadhyay, senior scientist and SERB (Science and Engineering Research Board) Distinguished Fellow, Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB), has been conferred with G N Ramachandran Gold Medal for his work in biological sciences and technology.
- AIIMS Bibinagar, Telangana opens in record time Hyderabad
- Telangana received two National Tourism Awards - 'Most Innovative Use of IT and Social Media/Mobile App/Website' and 'Best Medical Tourism Facility (Apollo Hospitals)' - on the occasion of World Tourism Day.
- Telangana ranks second in India in implementing Crime and Criminal Tracking Network Systems (CCTNS).
- Telangana State Police Welfare Wing has won the Prestigious IT Excellence Awards from Express Computer for extending various welfare services like health care and loans through a common web application for police personnel.
- The Irrigation, Groundwater and Rural Water Supply (Mission Bhagiratha) departments of Telangana have bagged National Water Mission (NWM) awards announced.
- Governor Dr Tamilisai Soundararajan said that Telangana State is a model state for rest of country - strong State to promote a strong nation
- According to Telangana State Planning Board, Telangana State was a frontrunner in the proactive use of data aimed at understanding problems in a scientific manner and in formulating innovative schemes for their enduring solutions.
- The Global Blockchain Business Council (GBBC), a Swiss-based non-profit organisation has nominated the Telangana government as Ambassador to India.
- The women sangams (groups) of the Deccan Development Society have bagged the United Nation's Equator Prize for 2019.