

NEW DELHI. The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi visiting the stalls at the Global Trade Show, in Gandhinagar, Gujarat on January 17, 2019.



Centre to set up 29 airstrips on national highways for emergency landings of fighter planes

NEW DELHI. The Centre plans to set up 29 such airstrips at strategic locations for emergency landings by fighter aircraft. The proposed locations include highways and roads near the international borders in states like Jammu & Kashmir (J&K), Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan, Manipur and West Bengal, as well as Maoist-affected areas.

highways connecting Odisha, Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh are also part of the plan, besides emergency airstrips in the southern states of Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh.

In 2016, the transport ministry had set up an inter-ministerial joint committee with the Ministry of Defence and the Indian Air Force (IAF) to look into the feasibility of the highway-cum-runway proposal.

"The work of site survey and inspection as well as the planning and bidding of the Emergency Landing Facilities (ELFs) are at different stages. The completion period of work has been kept as eight months," Union Minister of State for Road Transport and Highways Mansukh Mandaviya informed Lok Sabha last week.

Out of the 29 proposed stretches, bidding is reportedly underway for airstrips on three highways - from Kharagpur, West Bengal, to Keonjhar in Odisha at a proposed cost of Rs 97.51 crore; from Nellore to Ongole in Andhra Pradesh (Rs 79.84 crore), and from Bijbehara to Chinar Bagh in J&K. Five other proposed stretches in West Bengal, J&K, Odisha, Rajasthan and Tamil Nadu are facing delays due to issues related to wildlife and land acquisition.

But quite a few have been scrapped. According to the transport ministry, four proposed projects in Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh have been deemed "non- feasible" while two of projects in J&K and West Bengal have been kept on hold after "discussions with local IAF units", the daily added.

Currently only one highway-cum-runway strip is operational - on the Lucknow- Agra Expressway in Uttar Pradesh. In 2016, this stretch was used

Prime Minister visits MOP pavilion at Vibrant Gujarat Global Trade Show

Ghandi Nagar . Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi visited the Ministry of Power Pavilion yesterday at Vibrant Gujarat Global Trade Show at Gandhinagar, Gujarat.

11 PSUs participated in an Integrated pavilion of MoP for which POWERGRID was the nodal agency and coordinated and executed the work with support of all PSUs. CMD SJVNL, RED NTPC, ED REC and CGM POWERGRID were present to greet the PM.

CMD, SJVN Welcomed PM during Vibrant Gujarat - 2019



Shimla: 9th Vibrant Gujarat 2019 was inaugurated by Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi today.

for landing six fighter aircraft for the first time. <https://www.businessstoday.in/current/economy-politics/centre-to-set-up-29-airstrips-on-national-highways-for-emergency-landings-of-fighter-planes/story/310958.html>

BHEL to set up EV charging stations on Delhi-Chandigarh highway

NEW DELHI. Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd (BHEL) said on Thursday that it would set up a network of solar-based electric vehicle chargers (SEVC) on the Delhi-Chandigarh highway.

"The establishment of EV chargers at regular intervals over the entire 250 km stretch between Delhi and Chandigarh would allay range-anxiety among the electric vehicle users and bolster their confidence for inter-city travel," the company said in a statement.

India is pushing for greater use of electric vehicles to reduce vehicular pollution and cut dependence on oil imports. However, infrastructure for charging the batteries in such vehicles is critical for achieving that objective. <https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/companies/bhel-to-set-up-ev-charging-stations-on-delhi-chandigarh-highway/article26012286.ece>

CBI raid Sports Authority of India office, arrest four officials over bribery allegations

NEW DELHI. The CBI on Thursday carried out a raid at the Sports Authority of India (SAI) office in New Delhi following bribery allegations against some officials. Four officials including Director SAI and two private persons have been arrested.

There was some complaints against some officers that they were taking a bribe for approving work, sources said.

In the wake of the complaints, the SAI asked the CBI to investigate the matter, they added. **Business Line**

Shri BV Rama Gopal, Director (Refineries), IndianOil flags-off 'SAKSHAM-2019' at Refineries HQ



New Delhi. Shri BV Rama Gopal, Director (Refineries), IndianOil, inaugurated 'SAKSHAM-2019' (Sanrakshan Kshamata Mahotsav), the month-long oil & gas conservation mass awareness campaign, at Refineries Headquarters in New Delhi on Wednesday. He administered the 'SAKSHAM' pledge and later in his address to the functional heads and senior members of Team RHQ, urged IOCians to cultivate conservation of energy as a habit in daily life.

Shri SM Vaidya, ED (Operations), RHQ, gave an overview of the global and domestic energy consumption trends. Talking of refinery operations, he underlined the need to reduce carbon dioxide emissions by maximising the use of cleaner fuels like natural gas. Earlier, Mr. Kaushik Bora, ED (HSE), RHQ, shared the message of Chairman-IndianOil, Mr. Sanjiv Singh with the audience.

Vibrant Gujarat is a biennial Investors Summit held by Govt. of Gujarat with an aim to provide the platform to understand and explore business opportunities in the state of Gujarat.

Since last many years, SJVN has also been participating in Vibrant Gujarat under the aegis of Ministry of Power, Govt. of India.

On this occasion, Shri Nand Lal Sharma, CMD, SJVN welcomed Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi in the Power Pavilion. Shri Modi visited Power Pavilion, which is displaying the achievements of SJVN Limited and all other CPSEs under Ministry of Power, Govt. of India.

POWERGRID awarded for "Strategic Performance and Consistent Growth"



NEW DELHI. POWERGRID awarded for "Strategic Performance and Consistent Growth" at the 6th PSU Awards, by @governancenow . Hon'ble MP Sh. @ManojTiwariMP actress & activist Ms. @poonamdhillon presented award to Shri Ravi P. Singh, Director (Personnel). Sh. Anil Mehra, ED (IB) was also present.

Govt mulls creating national business register, may spend Rs 300 crore in economic census

NEW DELHI: The government plans to create a business enterprise register that will have details of all kind of businesses being run in the country as it gears up to conduct a nationwide economic census in 2019-20, a top official said Thursday.

"We propose to build a business enterprise register which can be regularly updated and utilised by all stakeholders— state and central government," Pravin Srivastava, Secretary, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI), said at .. Read more at: [//economictimes.indiatimes.com/articleshow/67573802.cms](http://economictimes.indiatimes.com/articleshow/67573802.cms)

SAIL bags Governance Now Award

Chief Minister of Bihar Laid Foundation Stone for POWERGRID Sitamarhi Sub-station



Sitamarhi: Shri Nitish Kumar, Chief Minister of Bihar, laid the foundation stone for 400/220/132 kV Sitamarhi POWERGRID Sub-station at Village Parmanandpur in Sitamarhi District in Bihar today on 17th January 2019. The programme was presided over by Shri R. K. Singh, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Power, New and Renewable Energy as chief guest on the occasion.

Shri Singh said 'The Sub-station will be completed in two years and will supply power to Sitamarhi, Darbhanga, Madhubani, East Champaran, West Champaran and Sheohar districts of Bihar. This Rs. 620 Crore project of Government of India will enable quality power. In 4.5 years, the grid has been interconnected to form one national grid, fulfilling the cherished dream of One Nation, One Grid.' .

This Sitamarhi Sub-station shall be constructed along with associated 400 kV transmission line at an estimated cost of Rs. 620 Crore in an area of about 36 acres lands at Village Parmanandpur, Distt- Sitamarhi in North Bihar.

This Sub-station along with associated transmission lines shall facilitate in meeting the long-term power draw requirement of West Champaran, East Champaran and Sitamarhi districts of Bihar and shall further strengthen interconnection of the state with the National Grid. Besides this, it shall also facilitate in additional power transfer between Bihar (India) and Nepal and would be an additional 400 kV Inter-State Transmission System (ISTS) source point in North Bihar. It will also help in resolving low voltage issues in Sitamarhi and Motihari areas.

Shri Bijendra Prasad Yadav, Minister for Energy, Prohibition, Excise and Registration, was the guest of honour on this occasion in the gracious presence of MP, Sitamarhi, Shri Ram Kumar Sharma, MLA, Sitamarhi, Shri Sunil Kumar, Shri Nand Kishore Yadav, Minister of Road Construction, Bihar, along with Shri Pratyaya Amrit, Principal Secretary (Energy), Shri A. K. Verma, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Power and CMD, POWERGRID, Shri I. S. Jha apart from other senior officials of state government and POWERGRID.

PM to Inaugurate NBCC Built Museum Building



NEW DELHI . Steel Authority of India Limited bagged Governance Now PSU Awards for 'Resilient Growth' in the "Maharatna" category on 17th Jan 2019 in New Delhi. The award was received by Ms. Sumita Dutta, Executive Director (Corporate Affairs) along with team members of Corporate Affairs, SAIL.

NRDC bags Governance Now Award



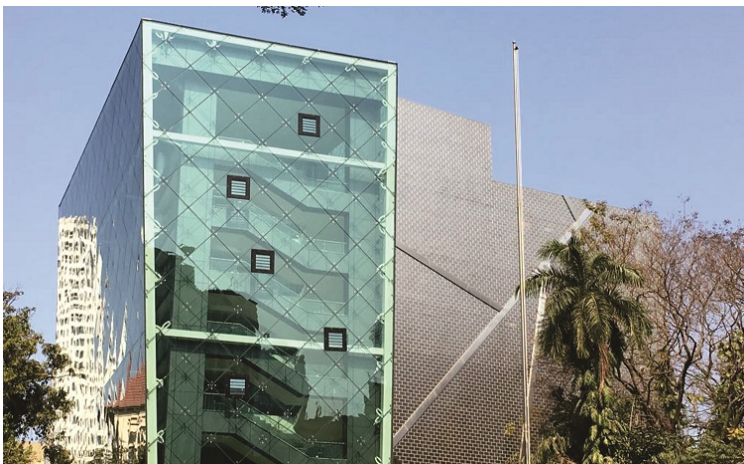
NEW DELHI . National Research Development Corporation bagged Governance Now PSU Awards for 'Outreach (Communication)' on 17th Jan 2019 in New Delhi. The award was received by Dr. H. Purushotham, Chairman & Managing Director along with team members of NRDC.

IRCON bags Governance Now Award



NEW DELHI .IRCON has bagged Governance Now PSU Awards in the 'Value Growth' category on 17th Jan 2019 in New Delhi. The award was received by Sh Parag Verma, Chief General Manager, Business Development and Sh Peeyush Arya, Chief General Manager, IT.

Oilfield auction deadline deferred for second time: DGH



Mumbai: Founded on an amalgamation of technology and amenities in a Victorian structure, constructed and refurbished by state-owned Navratna PSU, NBCC (India) Limited, the National Museum of Indian Cinema (NMIC) will be a treat for historians, tourists and film buffs from across the world with Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi set to inaugurate the complex on January 2019.

NBCC was able to complete the project despite facing challenges like the locality being a congested one, with barely any working space available. Considering such factors, adoption of the unconventional method of construction was the way ahead, which led to the incorporation of composite construction which offered the combined benefits of concrete and steel.

In NMIC, pre-fabricated structural steel and deck sheets are the two components that are combined together for forming a composite structure. An engineering marvel, the NMIC project is NBCC's first-ever steel building structure.

Dr. Anoop Kumar Mittal, CMD, NBCC said, 'We are immensely proud to construct and restore an edifice that will narrate the rich history of Indian Cinema.

NEW DELHI. Fund raising mode: PFC to borrow Rs 14,000 crore to fund REC buy-Financial Exp

Power Finance Corporation (PFC) will borrow nearly Rs 14,000 crore to fund its acquisition of the Centre's 52.63% stake in Rural Electrification Corporation (REC) by February 15, before the government goes in the election mode

<https://www.financialexpress.com/industry/pfc-to-borrow-rs-14000-crore-to-fund-rec-buy/1447197/>

NEW DELHI. I-T dept holds back Rs 20,000 crore in tax refunds to private, PSU firms-Business Standard

https://www.business-standard.com/article/economy-policy/i-t-dept-holds-back-rs-20-000-crore-in-tax-refunds-to-private-psu-firms-119011701296_1.html

Small Hydro Power Developer in Maharashtra Wins Case Against MSEDCL.

MUMBAI. The Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission (MERC) has passed an order reprimanding the Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Company Limited (MSEDCL) for not paying the interest accumulated on its principle dues to a small hydro project developer in the state.

The commission was examining a petition filed by Mahati Hydro Power Projects Private Limited seeking adjudication of its dispute with the MSEDCL. Mahati Hydro Power had asked the MERC to direct MSEDCL to do the following: Make the outstanding payment for the monthly energy bill until June 2018, to honor terms of energy procurement agreement (EPA), keep paying its dues, pay carrying cost at the rate of 15 percent per annum

New Delhi: The government has deferred for the second time the deadline for submission of bids in the auction of 25 oil and gas fields that hold resources worth an estimated Rs 1 lakh crore, upstream regulator DGH said.

The second round of Discovered Small Fields (DSF) auction opened in August, and December 18 was the original deadline for submission of bids. This was deferred by a month to January 18 and now, it has again been deferred without intimating a new deadline.

<https://energy.economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/oil-and-gas/oilfield-auction-deadline-deferred-for-second-time-dgh/67570451>

SAMBALPUR ITIHAS



SAMBALPUR. Mr K R Vasudevan, Director (Finance) Mahanadi Coalfields Limited along with Mr L N Mishra, Senior Advisor, presented a book "Sambalpur Itihas" to Mr Dharmendra Pradhan, uNion Minister of Petroleum & Natural Gas and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship,.

The Book, a detailed research work on the history of Western Odisha by Mr Deepak Kumar Panda, was supported by Mahanadi Coalfields Limited Coal India Limited

SBI plans to sell Essar Steel's NPAs worth over Rs 15,000 cr to recover dues. y

MUMBAI. SBI plans to sell over Rs 15,000 crore worth bad loans belonging to Essar Steel to recover its dues from the debt-laden steel maker. "State Bank of India (SBI) invites expression of interest (EoI) from banks/ARCs/NBFCs/FIs for the proposed sale of its non performing financial asset with total dues of Rs 15,431.44 crore," the bank said in an advertisement.

The lender has put the reserve price for the recovery of bad loans from Essar Steel India at Rs 9,587.64 crore.

<https://www.businesstoday.in/current/corporate/sbi-plans-to-sell-essar-steels-npas-worth-over-rs-15000-cr-to-recover-dues/story/310603.html>

HAL's Light Combat Helicopter Completes Weapon Trials.

BENGALURU: The Light Combat Helicopter (LCH) developed by state-run Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd (HAL) has completed weapon trials and is ready for operational induction, it said on Thursday. "The LCH achieved a milestone by carrying out air-to-air missile firing on a moving aerial target," the city-based defence major said in a statement.

for the delay in payment of delay charges.

Mahati Hydro Power had entered into an EPA with MSEDCL for the sale of power from its 4 MW Sonawade small hydro project. The project is situated in village Chandoli of Maharashtra's Sangli district. MSEDCL had given the hydro company a letter of intent on September 21, 2010, confirming the purchase of power from the date of commissioning of the project.

<https://mercomindia.com/>

small-hydro-developer-wins-case-maharashtra/

Railways to develop 'model' stations for passengers' comfort.

New Delhi: Railways is all set to upgrade the railway stations for passengers' comfort. Each division of the railways has been given Rs 20 crore in order to develop one station in the division which will be a model of development for other stations in the division. The model station will have all amenities like lifts, escalators, foot-over-bridge etc, reported PTI.

As per the agency report, the divisional railway manager of 68 railway zones have been asked to choose one station and develop it within the next two months. These developed and upgraded stations will act as a model for other stations upgradation in the coming years.

The idea behind model stations to develop railway stations across the country. According to the source cited in the report, divisions have been asked to focus on upgrading the infrastructure of the stations based on footfall and revenue among other things. Some of the stations which are expected to get a makeover soon include Pune, Mathura, Howrah, Allahabad, Delhi Main, Ambala etc.

<https://www.timesnownews.com/business-economy/>

industry/article/railways-to-develop-

model-stations-for-passengers-comfort/349190

NEW DELHI. Shri Anuj Dayal, Executive Director (CC) , Delhi Metro, interacting with Mass communication students at Manav Rachna University, Faridabad.



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The weapon trials were recently conducted at the integrated test range in Chandipur on Odisha coast, by test pilot Wing Commander (retired) Subash P. John, HAL's flight test engineer Col. Ranjit Chitale (retired) and test pilot from Indian Air Force (IAF) Group Captain Rajeev Dubey. **NDTV**

MRPL commences Oil and Gas conservation campaign Saksham 2019



Mangaluru. Mangalore Refinery and Petrochemicals Limited (MRPL) is observing Oil and Gas conservation campaign from 16th January to 15th February 2019 in association with PCRA.

The inauguration ceremony of Oil and Gas conservation campaign, Samrakshan Kshamata Mahotsav – Saksham 2019 was held in MRPL on 16.1.2019. Shri Rajeev Kushwah, CVO, Shri M Vinayakumar, GGM I/c Refinery, Shri Devdas Shenoy K, GGM I/c Operation, other senior officers and employees of MRPL were present on the occasion. Oil Conservation Pledge was administered in Hindi, English and Kannada during the occasion.

MRPL is planning a series of activities to create awareness about energy conservation during the month. A cycle rally is planned in Mangalore on 20th January 2019 as Saksham Cycle day to create awareness about the energy conservation among the general public. An awareness campaign, various competitions and activities for creating awareness is also planned during the month.