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Sustainable cooling and cold chain CoE opened at Hyderabad

A Centre of Excellence (CoE) dedicated to promoting sustainable cooling innovation and expediting the deployment of energy-efficient refrigeration for food and vaccine supply chains across India was inaugurated on August 9 at the GMR Innovex Campus, located near the Rajiv Gandhi International Airport in Hyderabad. This initiative is the first of its kind in India and draws inspiration from a similar successful venture in Africa. The Telangana CoE for Sustainable Cooling and Cold Chain is a collaborative effort involving the Telangana State Trade Promotion Corporation, the Centre for Sustainable Cooling (CSC) at the University of Birmingham, the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), and the GMR Group. During the inauguration, IT and Industries Minister Shri K. T. Rama Rao emphasized the significance of sustainable cooling solutions, especially in light of the increased importance of cold chain facilities due to the COVID-19 pandemic. He highlighted the critical role of cold chains in ensuring food security and the constant availability of medicines. In its initial phase, the CoE will focus on post-harvest practices as well as food and health cold chains. Subsequent phases will likely address thermal comfort, electronics, and data centers. The CoE aims to enhance farmers' incomes, optimize produce storage, and minimize food wastage. It will feature a solutions development lab, a demonstration center, a model pack-house, and community cooling hubs. The center will also offer upskilling and training programs for various stakeholders, including farmers, local agribusinesses, startups, equipment technicians, and researchers. Additionally, the facility will explore new and sustainable technologies for vaccine and pharmaceutical cold chains.



WTITC Conference in Singapore - A Resounding Success: The World Telugu Information Technology Conference (WTITC) held in Singapore has garnered significant attention and acclaim from industry leaders and professionals. The conference, which took place at the prestigious Singapore Changi Expo, aimed to bring together Telugu technocrats from around the globe, fostering opportunities for collaboration, networking, and knowledge-sharing. The conference was not just about discussions; it was a testament to the strength and unity of the Telugu IT community. WTITC, as an organization, has always been at the forefront of empowering Telugu-speaking IT professionals. With a keen focus on innovation, collaboration, and knowledge-sharing, WTITC has played a pivotal



role in nurturing the thriving Telugu IT community. The success of the Singapore conference is a testament to their relentless efforts and vision for the future. The conference saw an active participation call from Shri Jayesh Ranjan Garu, the Principal Secretary for Information Technology, Electronics, and Communications (ITE&C) of Telangana. His warm invitation to Telugu technocrats worldwide was a significant factor in making the WTITC 2023 a global event. One of the highlights of the event was the participation of Telangana Chambers of Commerce and Industry. Mrs. Madhavi, the Committee Chairperson, and Dr. Murali Darshan, the Committee Chairman, graced the occasion with their esteemed presence. Their involvement, along with several other TECCI life members, added immense value to the discussions and deliberations that took place. In conclusion, the WTITC conference in Singapore was not just an event but a milestone in the journey of Telugu IT professionals. With the combined efforts of industry leaders, professionals, and organizations like TECCI, the future of the Telugu IT community looks brighter than ever. Chairman of WTITC, Mr. Sandeep, expressed his immense happiness over the event's success. His vision and leadership have been instrumental in the growth and success of WTITC, and the Singapore conference was

a testament to that. A significant highlight of the event was the speech by Mr. Jagan Patimeedi, Chairman of Telangana State Technology Services. His insights and perspectives were highly anticipated and did not disappoint. His speech was considered one of the standout moments of the conference, reflecting the depth and breadth of knowledge he brings to the table.



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The Telangana government, led by IT and Industries Minister Shri KTR, has inaugurated a state-of-the-art IT Tower in Nizamabad, marking a significant step in expanding the IT sector to tier-II towns. This move reflects the state's dedication to decentralizing the IT industry and offering opportunities outside major cities. The IT Tower, built at a cost of Rs. 50 crore, covers 55,000 square feet and is set to be a center of innovation and job creation. Fifteen firms have already started operations there, and around 1,400 students from local colleges have been hired, with more recruitments planned. The building also hosts the Innovation Hub, aimed at promoting innovation, research, and skill enhancement among Nizamabad's youth. This inauguration is a pivotal moment in Telangana's mission to develop the IT sector in Tier-II and Tier-III towns. The proactive efforts of the state government in establishing such facilities highlight its goal to make IT opportunities available throughout the state. The



Nizamabad IT Tower symbolizes progress and potential for the area. With the collaboration of the government and private sector, Nizamabad is poised for significant IT sector growth. This initiative ensures economic development and provides local youth the opportunity to pursue tech careers without relocating to bigger cities. The IT future in Telangana's tier-II towns is bright, with Nizamabad paving the path.

Telangana tops country in deceased organ donation, transplantation. On this year's National Organ Donation Day, celebrated on August 13, Telangana received special recognition. The Health Minister of Telangana, T Harish Rao, announced that the Government of India has acknowledged Telangana as the state with the highest number of deceased donors. This achievement is attributed to the state's flagship initiative, the Jeevandan Cadaver Transplantation Programme (JCTP). Telangana leads the nation not only in deceased organ donations but also in transplantations. The state has been recognized by the National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation (NOTTO) for its commendable efforts. Jeevandan Programme's Impact: Since its inception in 2013, the Jeevandan programme has facilitated the retrieval of 4,829 organs and tissues from 1,288 cadaveric donors. A total of 480 organ transplantations have been conducted in government hospitals free of cost under the Aarogyasri Scheme. Top States in Organ Donation, In 2022, Telangana led the top five states with 194 organ donations. The list also includes Tamil Nadu (156 donations), Karnataka (151), Gujarat (148), and Maharashtra (105). In terms of transplantations, Telangana tops with 530 procedures. Promoting Organ Donation, Dr. G Swarnalatha, head of the Department of Nephrology and in-charge of Jeevandan at Nizam's Institute of Medical Sciences (NIMS), highlighted various initiatives to promote organ donation. This includes training programs for ICU staff, awareness campaigns, and the establishment of an award-winning website for Jeevandan.



Gummadi Vittal Rao, popularly known by his pseudonym Gaddar, is not just a name but an emblem of resistance, revolution, and resilience in the Indian socio-political landscape. Born in the heart of Telangana, Gaddar's life journey is a testament to his unwavering commitment to the upliftment of the marginalized and his fight against oppression. Born in 1949 in the village of Toopran in Medak District, Telangana, Gaddar's early life was marked by hardships. He witnessed the socio-economic disparities and injustices prevalent in society, which deeply influenced his ideologies and future endeavors. Gaddar's primary weapon against oppression was his poetry. He used it as a medium to voice the concerns of the downtrodden and to rally the masses against the oppressive forces.

His songs, filled with revolutionary fervor, became anthems for many movements across Telangana and Andhra Pradesh. They resonated with the struggles of the common man, making Gaddar a household name. Gaddar's association with the Naxalite movement, a radical communist movement in India, further cemented his status as a revolutionary icon. He became an integral part of the movement, using his art to propagate its ideologies. His commitment to the cause was so profound that he even took the pseudonym 'Gaddar', inspired by the Gadar Party, an early 20th-century organization that opposed British rule in India. Founder of Jana Natya Mandali: Gaddar founded the Jana Natya Mandali, a cultural wing of the Naxalite movement. The group used songs, dance, and drama to raise awareness about social issues and mobilize people against oppression. Voice of



Telangana Movement, Gaddar played a pivotal role in the Telangana movement, advocating for the state's separate identity. His songs became the voice of the movement, inspiring thousands to join the cause. Champion of Human Rights, Beyond his revolutionary activities, Gaddar has been a staunch advocate for human rights. He has consistently raised his voice against custodial deaths, fake encounters, and other human rights violations. Gaddar's influence is not just limited to India. He has performed in various international forums, spreading his message of equality, justice, and revolution. Gaddar's association with the Naxalite movement, a radical communist movement in India, further solidified his reputation as a revolutionary icon. He became an integral part of this movement, using his art to propagate its ideologies. His commitment was so profound that he adopted the pseudonym 'Gaddar', inspired by the Gadar Party, which opposed British rule in India during the early 20th century.



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Despite facing multiple assassination attempts and enduring personal losses, Gaddar's spirit remains unbroken. He continues to inspire generations with his unwavering commitment to justice and equality. His life stands as a beacon of hope for all those who believe in the power of resistance and the possibility of a better world. In conclusion, Gummadi Vittal Rao, or Gaddar, is not just a revolutionary poet or a political activist; he is a legend whose legacy will continue to inspire and guide future generations in their fight against oppression and injustice. Gaddar passed away at the age of 77 at Apollo Spectra Hospital in Hyderabad. He had been suffering from severe heart disease and had undergone bypass surgery. Despite recovering from the surgery, his pre-existing lung and urinary problems, combined with his advanced age, led to his passing. His death was mourned by many, with leaders and prominent figures from across the country paying their respects. Gummadi Vittal Rao, or Gaddar, was more than just a revolutionary poet or political activist. He was a beacon of hope, a symbol of resistance, and a voice for the voiceless. His life and legacy will continue to inspire future generations in their fight against oppression and injustice.

India to Launch BRICS Startup Forum in 2023: A New Era of Collaboration and Best Practices. In a significant move towards fostering international collaboration and knowledge exchange among startups, India has announced the launch of the BRICS Startup Forum in 2023. This initiative, as revealed by Piyush Goyal, aims to facilitate collaboration and share best practices among startups from the BRICS nations – Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa. The BRICS nations, collectively representing over 40% of the world's population, have seen a surge in entrepreneurial activities in the past decade. These nations have been at the forefront of technological advancements, innovation, and startup ecosystems. The BRICS Startup Forum is a testament to the recognition of the potential that lies within these nations and the need for a platform that encourages mutual growth and learning. Collaboration, The primary objective of the forum is to foster collaboration among startups from the BRICS nations. This collaboration can manifest in various forms, including joint ventures, partnerships, and co-innovation projects. Knowledge Exchange, The forum will serve as a platform for startups to share their experiences, challenges, and solutions. This exchange of knowledge will help startups navigate common hurdles and leverage shared insights. Access to Markets, With the combined market potential of the BRICS nations, startups can explore opportunities beyond their home countries. The forum will provide a gateway for startups to tap into these vast markets. Policy Advocacy, By bringing together startups from five major economies, the forum will have a collective voice. This voice can be instrumental in advocating for startup-friendly policies and regulations across the BRICS nations. According to Shri Piyush Goyal, has been a staunch supporter of the startup ecosystem in India. His vision for the BRICS Startup Forum is clear – to create a platform where startups can collaborate, learn, and grow together. Goyal believes that by sharing best practices and leveraging the collective strength of the BRICS nations, startups can achieve unprecedented success. The BRICS Startup Forum is a monumental step towards a more integrated and collaborative startup ecosystem among the BRICS nations. As the world becomes increasingly interconnected, such initiatives are crucial in ensuring that startups have the resources, knowledge, and networks to thrive in a global marketplace. The launch of the forum in 2023 is eagerly anticipated by startups, investors, and policymakers alike. It promises to be a game-changer, not just for the BRICS nations but for the global startup ecosystem as a whole. In conclusion, the BRICS Startup Forum is a testament to the vision and commitment of the BRICS nations towards fostering entrepreneurship and innovation. As the world watches, the forum is set to usher in a new era of collaboration and best practices that will shape the future of startups globally.



IT and Industries Minister Shri K T R recently met with Boston Scientific's top leadership, including Steven Morse and Dr. Vibhav Garg, to discuss advancements in the Med-Tech sector. The primary focus was on innovative strategies to boost healthcare, emphasizing the vital role of medical technology, especially highlighted during the pandemic. Industry trends by Deloitte underscored medtech's significance in healthcare infrastructure. Boston Scientific, a med-tech pioneer, has shown expansion interests, notably its proposal for a majority stake in Acotec. The company also

announced an €80m investment in its Clonmel site, anticipating 400 new jobs in Ireland. The Med-Tech industry is integrating digital health solutions, merging tech devices with healthcare services. The collaboration between Minister Shri K T R and Boston Scientific symbolizes the synergy between governments and global firms, fostering shared resources and knowledge. This partnership signals a transformative phase for the Med-Tech sector, powered by technological progress and joint endeavors.

Inauguration of VXI Global's first India Centre of Excellence (CoE) in Hyderabad, marking a pivotal step in enhancing the city's IT sector. This initiative, backed by Bain Capital's VXI Global, promises significant employment growth in Hyderabad. The CoE stands as a symbol of Hyderabad's expanding IT infrastructure and is anticipated to generate jobs for 10,000 individuals within the next five years, reinforcing Hyderabad's stature as a premier IT hub in India. The rapid progression from the announcement to the inauguration of the CoE is noteworthy. VXI Global Solutions' leadership had discussed their intentions to establish a delivery

centre in Hyderabad with Minister KTR during his US visit in May 2023. Within a mere two months, this vision was realized with the CoE's launch. VXI Global's choice to position their CoE in



Hyderabad reflects the city's allure as an IT hotspot, given its advanced infrastructure, proficient workforce, and supportive government. The CoE's inauguration by IT Minister @KTRBRS is a landmark event for Hyderabad's IT landscape. With global corporations like VXI Global Solutions investing in Hyderabad, the city is set to fortify its reputation as a dominant IT hub in India. This development heralds a promising future for Hyderabad and its inhabitants.



Telangana BFSI Consortium: A Beacon of Financial Services Growth in the State. In a significant move to bolster the Banking Financial Services and Insurance (BFSI) sector in Telangana, IT and Industries Minister Shri KTR launched the BFSI Consortium and unveiled its official logo. This initiative is set to catalyze the growth of financial services in the state, marking Telangana's commitment to becoming a leading destination for BFSI companies. The Emerging BFSI Capital, Hyderabad, the capital city of Telangana, has been making waves in the BFSI sector, with its diverse offerings spanning retail, commercial, wealth, investment, fintech, insurance, e-commerce, and digital payments, among others. The city's strategic positioning, coupled with the state government's proactive approach, aims to transform Hyderabad into the new BFSI capital of India. The city's robust technological infrastructure and proven track record in the tech sector make it an ideal destination for BFSI companies. The BFSI Consortium's primary objective is to drive innovation, transformation, and sustainable growth in Telangana's financial services sector. With the collective efforts of industry stakeholders, the consortium is poised to bring about significant advancements in the BFSI landscape. As Mamatha Madireddy mentioned on LinkedIn, the consortium will play a pivotal role in fostering innovation and sustainable growth in the state's financial services sector. Telangana has been successful in attracting major investments in the BFSI sector. The state's strategic initiatives and conducive business environment have made it an attractive destination for banking and financial services industry players. Minister KT Rama Rao highlighted that Hyderabad is emerging as a key investment hub for the BFSI sector in India. The launch of the Telangana BFSI Consortium is a testament to the state's vision and commitment to enhancing the BFSI sector. Through strategic collaborations, innovative approaches, and a focus on sustainable growth, Telangana is set to redefine the BFSI landscape in India. With the state's continuous efforts and the collective drive of industry stakeholders, Telangana is poised to become a leading BFSI hub in the country.

In a significant move to strengthen ties and foster collaboration between Telangana and the USA, the president of the Telangana Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Mr. Karthik Maheshwaram, recently met with Mr. Bhaskar Pinna, the head of the BRS USA wing, Core Member. The meeting, which also saw the participation of the Oversea Head, Mr. Nikhil Pendota, was centered around discussions for the upcoming "Telangana Connects" event in the USA. The meeting was not just a mere formality but a confluence of ideas and strategies. Mr. Bhaskar Pinna, with his vast experience and understanding of the USA's business landscape, provided invaluable insights that promise to shape the event's trajectory. His guidance is expected to play a pivotal role in ensuring the success of the event, not just in the USA



but also in its subsequent edition in Canada. "Telangana Connects" is envisioned as a platform that will bring together business leaders, entrepreneurs, and policymakers from Telangana and the USA. The event aims to facilitate discussions on potential collaborations, investments, and partnerships that can benefit both regions. With the USA and Canada being two of the largest economies in the world, such an event holds immense potential for Telangana, opening doors to new opportunities and ventures.



Telangana Chambers of Commerce and Industry - Australia's Consul General. In a significant move to strengthen the business ties between India and Australia, the Telangana Chambers of Commerce and Industry (TECCI) is Invited to a high-profile meeting with Australia's Consul General based in Bengaluru, Ms Hilary McGeachy. This meeting, scheduled for 11 August, marks Ms McGeachy's first official visit to Hyderabad. The key representatives from TECCI include Dr Murali Darshan, Committee Chairman of International Trade and Commerce, and Mr Paban Benerjee, an Associate Life Member. Dr Murali Darshan and Mr Paban Benerjee have been instrumental in understanding and fostering business expansions in Australia. Their insights and leadership have paved the way for many members of TECCI to explore lucrative opportunities in both the Australian and New Zealand markets. This upcoming meeting is anticipated to provide invaluable insights for these members and further solidify the business



relationship between the two nations. Speaking about the meeting, a representative from TECCI mentioned, "We are deeply appreciative of the invitation extended by the Australian Consulate-General. We believe that this interaction will be fruitful and will pave the way for enhanced collaboration between our two countries." The meeting was focussed on various avenues of trade and commerce, potential business opportunities, and strategies to enhance the bilateral relationship between India and Australia. Both nations have shared a robust trade relationship, and such interactions are pivotal in ensuring that the relationship continues to thrive. With this meeting, they aim to further their mission and provide their members with the tools and knowledge they need to succeed in the global market. The meeting between TECCI and the Australian Consulate-General team is a testament to the growing business ties between India and Australia. It promises to be a significant step towards fostering mutual growth and understanding between the two nations.

Bosch Shifting Production Of Certain Items To India. Bosch Ltd. has transitioned the production of certain items from Russia and China to India. This decision underscores the auto component manufacturer's emphasis on India as a pivotal production hub. Guruprasad Mudlapur, the managing director at Bosch, highlighted during the Q1 earnings call that there have been notable shifts in their production out of Russia. Specifically, the production of spark plugs, which was previously based in Russia, has now been relocated to India. Bosch boasts a comprehensive e-Axle portfolio on a global scale. Sandeep N, the joint managing director at Bosch, mentioned that the Indian market is currently in its formative phase. The company is striving to align its global portfolio with the regional requirements in India, a process that is expected to unfold over time. Bosch has earmarked a capital expenditure of Rs 450 crore for the current fiscal year. This investment will primarily be channeled towards plants, machinery, and equipment. Karin Gilges, the Chief Financial Officer, emphasized the company's commitment to localisation, indicating that they are moving forward with their investment plans. The relocation of production by a global giant like Bosch underscores India's growing prominence in the manufacturing sector, especially in the auto components domain. This move is likely to have ripple effects, fostering growth, innovation, and employment opportunities in the region.