

CCEA approves doubling of solar park capacity to 40,000 MW

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) has given its approval to raise the capacity from 20,000 MW to 40,000 MW of the scheme for development of solar parks and ultra-mega solar power projects. The increase in capacity will ensure developing of at least 50 solar parks, each with 500 MW and above capacity, in different parts of the country. The scheme will also consider places like the Himalayan region and other hilly states. The solar parks and ultra-mega solar power projects will be developed by 2019-20. The central government will provide financial support of Rs 8,100 crore. All the states and union territories are eligible for benefits under the scheme. Solar Energy Corporation India (SECI) will administer the scheme under the direction of the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE).

Tata BlueScope Steel conferred the CIDC Vishwakarma Award



Tata BlueScope Steel Limited, a market leader in the field of coated steel, steel building products and building solutions was presented "Achievement Award for Construction Health, Safety and Environment" for its Tata Steel Kalinganagar Project, Odisha by Construction Industry Development Council. In a glittering evening amidst the doyens of construction ecosystem; the award was jointly conferred by Pradip Bhargava, Retd. IAS

& Former Addl. Chief Secretary, Government of Madhya Pradesh, along with Mr. Arijit Pasayat-Judge (retd.) and Vice Chairman Special Investigation Team (Black Money), to Tata BlueScope in recognition of its efforts in promoting Safety, Health and Environment initiatives for project site at Kalinganagar, Odisha. TBSL's Building Products division, LYSGAHT® was instrumental in providing design detailing, engineering and construction, support along

with the supply of colour coated metal sheets for their roofing and walling requirement. Speaking on this occasion Ajay Rattan, General Manager - Sales, Construction & Engineering (Lysaght Business) said, "It is an honour to receive this recognition for one of our prestigious projects. This is a testimony to our dedicated efforts in creating an environment that follows highest safety standards, eliminating injuries, ill health and any negative impact on the environment. Tata Steel's Kalinganagar Plant came with many challenges; such as, terse climatic conditions, over 80 mts. height of installations spread across 3500 acres, workforce availability etc. to name a few. With our stringent safety norms and practices, we were able to clock 1 Million LTI/MTI** free man hours upto till date with 80 per cent project completion."

Prime Minister unveils Shiva statue in Coimbatore

Prime Minister Narendra Modi unveiled a 112 ft. tall Lord Shiva statue in Coimbatore, in Tamil Nadu, on 24 February 2017. The statue is located in the foothills of Velliangiri mountains in the western Ghats. The designing of the statue took two and half years, while constructing it took just eight months. The face of Lord Shiva is made of steel and the whole structure is estimated to weigh about 500 tonne. Isha Foundation has constructed the Lord Shiva statue and plans to build similar statues in other parts of the country. The statue was constructed by The Isha Foundation, which plans to set up similar statues in other parts of the country. Sadhguru Vasudev has claimed that it took two and half years to design the 112-foot-statue but its construction took just eight months. The face of Lord Shiva is made of steel. Structure is estimated to weigh around 500 tonnes.

International Convention Centre Project in Andhra Pradesh



Even as the deadline for receiving bids for Andhra Pradesh's first international convention centre is nearing, Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu has directed the officials to take up the prestigious project on a fast-track mode. Highly-placed sources told that problems encountered with regard to acquisition of a piece of land for the project have been sorted out. The project will come up at the sea-facing APIIC Grounds in the Harbour Park area of the city. At the same place, CII Partnership Summit-cum-Sunrise AP Investment Meet was hosted twice consecutively by erecting AC hangers for want of a permanent

venue. Though 10 acres in Harbour Park belongs to the AP Industrial Infrastructure Corporation, the authorities have convinced a mall owner to surrender nearly four acres at the adjoining area and take an alternative land in the same vicinity as compensation, sources said. This will enable the Infrastructure Corporation of AP (INCAP) to finalize a developer on a PPP mode to construct the international convention centre and a five star hotel in an area of 10 acres leaving the remaining land for raising greenery. As Naidu wants the AP's first convention centre look better than HITEX in Hyderabad, we want to go for a

best available design as well as landscaping," a senior official of the APIIC said. At present, Hotel Novotel Varun Beach located at the most sought after RK Beach can accommodate not more than 1,200 forcing organizers to hold Partnership Summit at the vacant ground by spending huge amount on AC hangers. Two earlier attempts by the government to build international convention centre's in 58 acres at Madhurawada and 20 acres at Mudasarlova were dropped due to lukewarm response from the bidders.