

Navy to commission Taragiri in Visakhapatnam on April 3

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THE Indian Navy is set to commission INS Taragiri (F41), the latest stealth frigate of the Project 17A class, at a ceremony in Visakhapatnam under the Eastern Naval Command. The ship will be formally inducted into service on April 3, in the presence of Defence Minister Rajnath Singh.

Taragiri is the fourth of seven Project 17A frigates being built for the Indian Navy. The class also includes INS Nilgiri,

INS Himgiri and INS Udaygiri, which have already been commissioned, while Dunagiri, Vindhagiri and Mahendragiri are expected to join the fleet in the future.

Built by Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL), Mumbai, Taragiri has been developed as a modern multi-role warship with enhanced stealth features and reduced radar cross-section.

The frigate has an indigenous content of more than 75 per cent, reflecting the growing



role of Indian industry and MSMEs in naval shipbuilding.

Displacing around 6,670 tonnes, the ship is powered by a Combined Diesel or Gas (CO-DOG) propulsion system, designed to support both high speed and long-range operations.

Its weapons and sensors include surface-to-surface missiles, medium-range surface-to-air missiles and anti-submarine warfare systems, integrated through a modern combat management system.

Designed for a range of naval roles, Taragiri can operate in combat missions, maritime surveillance, fleet support and humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) operations.

Its induction is expected to strengthen the operational capabilities of the Eastern Fleet. The commissioning of Taragiri marks another step in the Indian Navy's ongoing induction of indigenous warships built under the Atmanirbhar Bharat framework.

HSL takes part in Defence Industry Conclave to explore partnerships

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE | Visakhapatnam

HINDUSTAN Shipyard Limited (HSL) participated in the National Defence Industry Conclave held at the Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi, engaging with stakeholders from across the defence and industrial ecosystem.

The conclave served as a platform bringing together defence leaders, industry representatives, MSMEs and policymakers to deliberate on strengthening India's defence manufacturing sector.

According to HSL officials, the organisation's booth attracted participation from vendors and MSMEs, facilitating interactions on potential collaborations and ongoing projects. The engagement also



provided an opportunity to explore avenues for expanding vendor partnerships.

Capt G Venkateswarlu, Chairman and Managing Director of HSL, along with senior officials, interacted with stakeholders during the event, focusing on strengthening industry linkages.

Sanjay Seth, Union Minister of State for Defence, visited the HSL booth. During the visit, the company outlined its initiatives to enhance vendor participation and discussed future collaboration opportunities. HSL representatives also took part in technical sessions at the conclave.

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE | Vijayawada

IN a significant step towards strengthening sustainable urban waste management and promoting clean energy generation, the Government of Andhra Pradesh has accorded administrative sanction for ₹59.85 crore for the establishment of five Compressed Bio Gas (CBG) plants across key Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) in the State.

The sanction, issued through an order, aims to operationalise municipal solid waste (MSW)-based bio-energy infrastructure with a total processing capacity of 125 tonnes per day (TPD). The proposed projects will be taken up in Rajamahendravaram, Nellore, Guntur and Ongole, along with the revival and upgradation of an existing plant in Vijayawada.

Each of the four new plants will have a capacity of 25 TPD, while the Vijayawada facility will also be upgraded to handle 25 TPD. The initiative is being implemented with technical consultancy support from CSIR-Indian Institute of Chemical Technology (CSIR-IICT), Hyderabad, following the State's decision to shift strategy after lack of response to earlier PPP tenders.

The revised project framework aligns with updated Government of India cost norms, under which the cost of a 100 TPD CBG plant has been enhanced to ₹32 crore. Accordingly, the cost of each 25 TPD plant has been recalculated to ₹12.60 crore, inclusive of civil works and equipment.

The Vijayawada plant revival has been estimated at ₹9.45 crore. The funding structure includes contributions from the Government of India, the State Government, Urban Local Bodies, and private develop-



ers, with developers bearing approximately 36% of the project cost and recovering investment through CBG sale revenues over a 30-year operation and maintenance period.

Swachh Andhra Corporation (SAC) will act as the nodal agency for implementation and will invite tenders based on technical specifications provided by CSIR-IICT. A tripartite

agreement will be executed among SAC, the respective ULB Commissioners, and the selected developers for execution and long-term operation.

ULBs have been tasked with facilitating land and basic infrastructure, including road access, water, and power supply, while also monitoring project progress and ensuring timely reporting.

Highlighting the significance of the initiative, Principal Secretary (Municipal Administration & Urban Development) S Suresh Kumar said the project represents a transformative shift in urban waste management by converting municipal solid waste into valuable clean energy. He emphasised that the integration of scientific processing technologies with long-term private sector participation will ensure both environmental sustainability and financial viability.

AU doctorate for writer Thallavajhula Patanjali

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE | Visakhapatnam

NOTED environmentalist and Telugu writer Thallavajhula Patanjali Sastry will be conferred a honorary doctorate by Andhra University at its 91st and 92nd combined convocation scheduled to be held in Visakhapatnam on March 25. Sastry has been recognised for his rich contribution to literature as well as his sustained work in environmental conservation. The convocation will be attended by the Governor and Chancellor of the university, S Abdul Nazeer.

HRD Minister Nara Lokesh will also participate in the programme. The chief guest for the occasion will be Purna Chandra Rao Sagurti, Vice Chairman of Bank of America and an alumnus of the university, who will be conferred an honorary doctorate. Addressing a presser on Saturday, AU Vice-Chancellor GP Rajasekhara revealed that the university will present Best Research Awards to two professors, while 17 scholars will receive PhD research medals and 13 will be given research prizes.

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EXPRESS READ

2 boys mowed down by speeding lorry

Tirupati: Two boys died in a road accident near Chikalabaili village in Madanapalle district on Saturday. While they were travelling on a two-wheeler, a lorry mowed them down. The deceased were identified as Kushal Reddy, son of Srinivasulu and Sumitra, and Bhuvaneshwar, nephew of Sumitra. Madanapalle taluk police registered a case

CI booked for illegal dispute settlements

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE | Kadapa

CHINTAKOMMADINNE police registered a case against Circle Inspector Ashok Reddy following allegations of land and illegal dispute settlements during the previous YSRCP regime. The CI, was suspended a week ago, was now booked under non-bailable sections.

The case pertains to a 2023 property dispute between G Prabhakar of Anantapur and JK Rajasingh from Kadapa, which was allegedly settled by Ashok Reddy.

According to the complaint filed by Prabhakar, he was brought to Chintakommadinne by Ashok Reddy and was unlawfully detained for two days during course of dispute settlement.

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