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WELCOME

Dear Friends,

I am very happy to present to you the new edition of the Economic & Commercial Newsletter of Consulate General of India, Frankfurt.

August is always an august month for Indians, as we celebrate our 'Independence Day' on 15th August. This year, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, we had to somehow restrict our public event, but it was celebrated with the same festive fervor and patriotism. Hon'ble President of India Shri Ramnath Kovind addressed the nation on the eve of Independence Day in which he remembered the universal prayer guiding our collective conscience for the welfare of the entire world, while Prime Minister Modi's address from the ramparts of the Red Fort resonated with the hope, aspirations, vigor and resoluteness of the people of India.

In this edition of our newsletter, we have covered some of the major developments in India including the several momentous decisions taken and announcements made by the government led by Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. We have also provided a flavor of some developments in Germany and the Consulate's outreach activities. I hope you will enjoy reading the newsletter.

We look forward to your feedback, which may be sent to us on com1.frankfurt@mea.gov.in.

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DEVELOPMENTS IN GERMANY



Rheinmetall AG has expressed interest in investing in India through partnership with BHEL:

Rheinmetall AG, a German defence manufacturer, is exploring options to enter the Indian defence market in collaboration with state-run engineering major BHEL. The company has shown interest in investing in the Uttar Pradesh Defence Corridor and is in talks with BHEL as well as the Uttar Pradesh government in this regard.

The CEO of the Rheinmetall Electronics Division, Susanne Wiegand, and the CEO of Rheinmetall Air Defense, Fabian Ochsner held a video conference with UP's investment and promotion of MSME minister Siddharth Nath Singh over the proposed investment in the state.

Source: <https://www.financialexpress.com/>



Deutsche Bank infuses ₹2,700 crore into India:

Deutsche Bank has infused ₹2,700 crore into its India branch operations, taking its total investment into Indian branches to ₹18,200 crore. Earlier in 2019, the Deutsche Bank put ₹3,800 crore into India.

Source: <https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/>

DEVELOPMENTS IN INDIA

PM Shri Narendra Modi launches National Digital Health Mission(NDHM)

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi announced the launch of the National Digital Health Mission on the occasion of the 74th Independence Day. NDHM is envisioned to create a national digital health ecosystem that supports universal health coverage in an efficient, accessible, inclusive, affordable, timely, and safe manner, that provides a wide range of data, information, and infrastructure services, duly leveraging open, interoperable, standards-based digital systems, and ensures the security, confidentiality, and privacy of health-related personal information.

Components of NDHM

Health ID(HID)

HID is used to standardize the process of identification of an individual across healthcare providers. The Health ID will be used to uniquely identify persons, authenticate them, and threading their health records (only with the informed consent of the patient) across multiple systems and stakeholders.

Patient Health Record(PHR)

A PHR is an electronic record of health-related information on an individual that conforms to nationally recognized interoperability standards and that can be drawn from multiple sources while being managed, shared, and controlled by the individual. The most salient feature of the PHR is that the information it contains is under the control of the individual.

Electronic Medical Record (EMR) web app

It contains the patient's medical and treatment history from a SINGLE health facility. EMRs allows clinicians to:

- Track data over time
- Easily identify which patients are due for preventive screenings or checkups
- Check how their patients are doing on certain parameters—such as blood pressure readings or vaccinations
- Monitor and improve the overall quality of care within the practice

Digi Doctor Platform (Doctor's Directory)

It is a single, updated repository of all doctors enrolled in the nation with all the relevant details of the doctors such as name, qualifications, name of the institutions of qualifications, specializations, registration number with State medical councils, years of experience, etc.

Health Facility Registry

The Health Facility Registry will be a single repository of all the health facilities in the country. The registry will be centrally maintained, store, and facilitate the exchange of standardized data of both public and private health facilities in the country. The registry allows health facilities to access their profile and update it periodically with specialties and services they offer, as well as provide a secure common platform to the facilities to maintain all essential information.

India launches Transparent Taxation—Honoring the Honest platform

The Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi launched a platform 'Transparent Taxation, Honoring the Honest' on 13 August 2020 to reform and simplify the Indian tax system. The reform is aimed at easing compliance and expediting refunds, benefiting honest taxpayers. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, during his speech, mentioned that the four factors responsible for changes in the taxation system were policy-driven governance, belief in people's honesty, the use of advanced technology and efficiency in bureaucracy.

The platform has been divided into three buckets – Faceless Assessments, Faceless Appeal, and Taxpayers' Charter. Faceless assessments and the Taxpayers' Charter have become operational with immediate effect from 13 August 2020, while Faceless Appeal will be operational from 25 September 2020.

PM Modi Launches A PLATFORM FOR TRANSPARENT TAXATION - HONORING THE HONEST

FACELESS ASSESSMENTS

FACELESS APPEALS

TAXPAYERS' CHARTER

✓ Any assessment, other than exception, outside Faceless Scheme will be invalid

✓ No intrusive and survey actions by field officers – Only Investigation wing and TDS wing can after approval by officer of the level of Chief Commissioner or above

#HonoringTheHonest Date: 13th August, 2020

Faceless appeals and assessment:

The move is part of the government's efforts to bring more transparency in the tax assessment system. By making the tax process "faceless", the government aims to minimise human interaction between the individual taxpayer and the tax officials.

Under the new system, appeals will be automatically allotted randomly to any tax officer in the country. The identity of the tax officer will remain unknown to the taxpayer, and vice versa. The scheme aims to eliminate the interface between the taxpayer and the income tax department.

Widening the Tax Base ENSURING BETTER COMPLIANCE & TRANSPARENCY

MORE TAX COMPLIANCE, MORE PROGRESS

Deduction/collection of tax (TDS/TCS) on new transactions:

- TDS on Cash withdrawal above ₹1 crore (20 lakh for Non-filers)
- TCS on motor vehicle above ₹10 Lakh
- TCS on Foreign remittance under LRS above ₹7.5 lakh/ overseas tour packages
- TDS on e-commerce suppliers & TCS on purchase of goods above ₹50 Lakh

Expansion of scope of Reporting of transactions (SFT):

- Cash deposit/withdrawal of ₹50 lakh or more in current account
- Cash Deposit of ₹10 lakh or more in non-current account
- Sale of foreign exchange above ₹10 lakh
- The reporting of transactions of mutual funds, credit card transactions, immovable property, etc. rationalised

Compulsory Filing of return:

- Deposit above Rs. 1 crore in current account, Expenditure of ₹2 lakh on foreign travel & electricity consumption above ₹1 lakh

#HonoringTheHonest Date: 13th August, 2020

Faceless Appeals TRUST, TRANSPARENCY & TAX

Faceless Appeal Scheme will be implemented from 25th September

TOTAL TRANSPARENCY

#HonoringTheHonest Date: 13th August, 2020

FEATURES

- Appeals to be randomly allotted to any officer in the country
- The identity of officers deciding appeal will remain unknown
- No need to visit the officer/office
- The appellate decision will be Team-Based & reviewed

EXCEPTIONS

CASES RELATING TO:

- Serious frauds, Major Tax Evasion, Sensitive & Search matters
- International tax
- Black Money Act & Benami Property

Taxpayers' Charter:

The taxpayers' charter is a set of rules giving more rights to the income tax assessee, aimed at both empowering and encouraging the taxpayer to file returns in a time-bound and responsible manner. According to the taxpayers' charter, the Income Tax Department is committed to treating every taxpayer as honest unless proven otherwise, and provide a fair, courteous and reasonable treatment. It emphasizes taxpayers' privacy and authorities' accountability, and provides mechanisms for appealing and reviewing an assessment, as well as raise complaints.

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PM Shri Narendra Modi launches submarine optical fibre cable to Andaman & Nicobar Islands

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi today inaugurated a 2,312 km long submarine optic fibre cable linking Chennai and Port Blair in Andaman and Nicobar, which is expected to radically improve mobile and landline telecom services and make broadband speed 10 times faster than it was in the islands. The submarine cable will also connect Port Blair to Swaraj Dweep (Havelock), Little Andaman, Car Nicobar, Kamorta, Great Nicobar, Long Island, and Rangat.

This project is expected to give tourism, business, e-commerce, and digital education a boost in the union territory. The project has been implemented at a cost of ₹1,224 crores. The submarine OFC link will deliver bandwidth of 2 x 200 Gigabits per second (Gbps) between Chennai and Port Blair, and 2 x 100 Gbps between Port Blair and the other islands. The provision of reliable, robust, and high-speed telecom and Broadband facilities in these Islands will be a landmark achievement from the viewpoint of consumers, as well as for strategic and governance reasons. 4G mobile services, which were constrained due to limited backhaul bandwidth provided via satellite will also see a major improvement.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1644067>

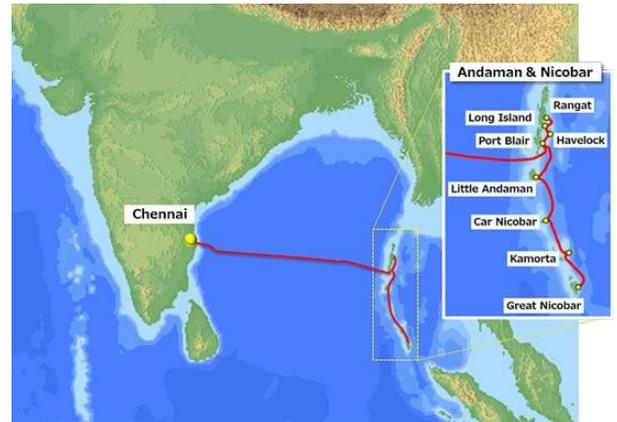


Image Source : NEC

Uttar Pradesh government announces a new investment policy to attract more companies:

The Uttar Pradesh government has cleared a new investment policy aimed at providing a stimulus to industries, especially in the Eastern UP and Bundelkhand regions.

It promises to reimburse state goods and services tax (SGST) by 200-300 percent of the capital investment, subject to differential ceiling depending upon the geography, made by the industries in the Purvanchal (Eastern UP), Bundelkhand regions, and Madhyanchal (Central UP) regions.

In Bundelkhand, 70 percent of the net SGST reimbursement would be applicable for 15 years subject to 300 percent of the capital investment. Similarly, 70 percent of the SGST would be reimbursed to the investor subject to the ceiling of 200 per cent of the capital investment made in Madhyanchal during the policy period.

However, the mega and super mega industrial units applying for benefitting under the new policy would be expected to achieve commercial production within 30 months and 42 months respectively of the issuance of the notification of the policy.

National Technical Textiles Mission

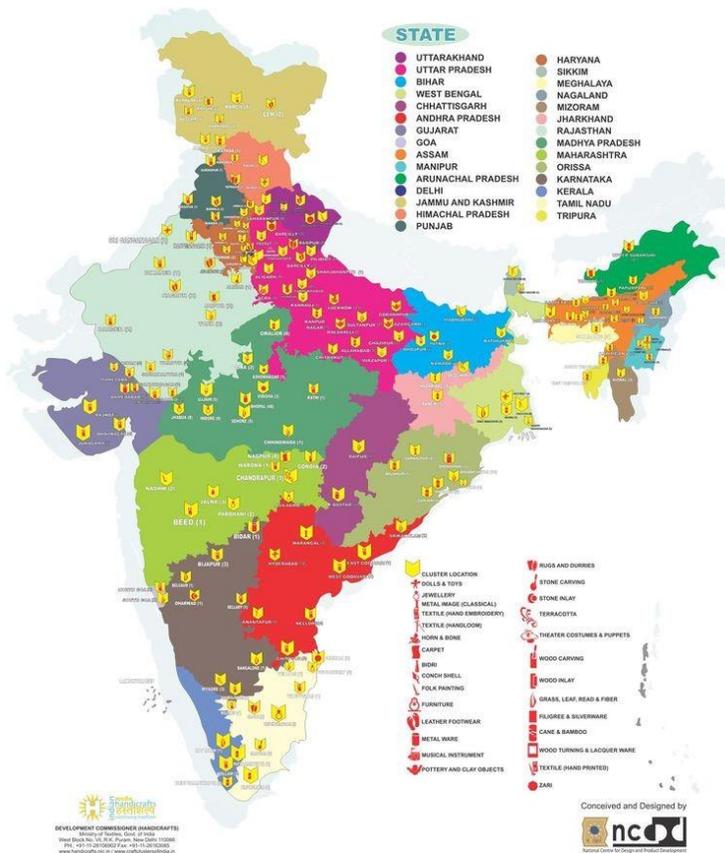
Technical Textiles are textile products which are manufactured primarily for their functionality and use rather than the aesthetic appeal. This includes functional fabrics which find application in civil engineering, construction, defence, healthcare and automobile among other industries. The Indian Technical Textiles Sector has an Annual Average Growth Rate (AAGR) of 12% which is three times the world average of 4%. The market size of the sector in India is estimated to be more than \$15 Bn (in FY 2018). Moreover, with a Compound Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) of 20%, the domestic market of technical textiles is projected to cross \$25 Bn by FY 2021.

Technical Textiles Mission in India :

To increase the penetration level of technical textiles in India while leveraging the extraordinary growth rate of the sector, the Ministry of Textiles has launched the National Technical Textiles Mission. The aim of the mission is to position India as a global leader in Technical Textiles. It also supports the 'Make in India' initiative promoting domestic manufacturing of related machinery and equipment. The National Technical Textiles Mission has been approved with an implementation period of four years starting from FY 2020-21 till FY 2023-24. The total outlay of the mission is ₹1,480 Cr. The Mission has a target to take domestic market size of technical textile sector to \$ 40-50 Bn by the year 2024 with an average

Handicraft Clusters

Under Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojna (AHVY)



Promoting Make in India

The National Technical Textiles Mission is deriving its support from the 'Make in India' initiative. The mission aims to develop the technical textile sector in India through:

- Market development and promotion
- International technical collaborations
- Investment promotion
- 'Make in India' initiative

All the components of National Technical Textiles Mission promotes research activities for indigenous development of machineries and process equipment for technical textiles. This will promote domestic manufacturing of capital goods in the sector.

COMMERCIAL OUTREACH

SAMSON's vision is to supply intelligent products, systems, and solutions to improve process automation. They bring in their expertise in chemicals, petrochemicals, industrial gases, food and beverages, pharmaceuticals and biotechnology, marine equipment, and oil and gas. Samson AG has a focus on digitization from the past 5 years and the company is combining the valve technology with self-diagnostics, sensors, AI along with developing algorithms to anticipate the functioning or malfunctioning of a valve.

The future strategy of Samson for the Indian market inter alia to produce locally in India and supply the products to the Indian market, which is in consonance with the Make in India initiative. Till date, it has invested around EUR 20 million under the Make in India initiative.

From 2014-2020, Samson has laid its focus on oil & gas, chemical & process industry, food & beverages, life sciences & pharma, steel & energy, and fertilizers, and many major companies in these fields are now customers of Samson. With encouragement from success received in these fields, Samson group's focus for the period 2020-2030 is on LNG market, Energy, Coal Gasification, Fertilizers, Food and Life Sciences, and Steel/Metal & Mining



Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Indian Business Forum was organized on 24th August 2020, during which, senior representatives from SAMSONAG made a presentation outlining the future strategy of SAMSON group for the Indian market. Various options for the expansion of SAMSON's presence in the Indian market were also discussed.

SAMSONAG is a prominent German multinational company, specialized in control valve technology and has a significant presence in India. The company was founded in 1907 and is headquartered in Frankfurt am Main, Germany. The company's turnover in 2019 was EUR 665 million and has 4500 employees worldwide. It has operations in 50 countries and over 200 locations.

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