

MIO: Naveen sets 75% implementation target in next two years

BHUBANESWAR, NOV 17 /- With Odisha receiving investment intents of over Rs 4.19 lakh crore in the recently concluded 'Make in Odisha' conclave, Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has set a target to implement 75 per cent of proposals in the next two years, an official said.

The state's flagship biennial flagship investors' meet concluded Thursday and the response was satisfactory. Industries secretary Sanjeev Chopra said adding that the conclave had been a watershed moment in Odisha's industrialisation journey as it received investment intent of Rs 4,19,574 crore in 15 diversified sectors.

"The chief minister has set the implementation target at 75 per cent during the next two years for the investment intents received at Make in Odisha (MIO) Conclave 2018," Chopra said Friday. The implementation of the investment intents will create 5,91,000 additional jobs in the state. "This is more than double the investment intents received in the previous edition in 2016 which was to the tune of Rs 2.03 lakh crore," he said. The conclave saw tremendous response with 5,074 industry captains and delegates from home and abroad participating in the event. At least 31,806 people have visited the largest-ever industrial expo set up by the state. Japan was the partner country for the conclave.

Chopra said the focus of the conclave was not just to propel the industrial development further, but also to provide a platform for the stakeholders to engage with the state government to deliberate on the next phase of overall socio-economic growth of the state.

"We are extremely happy to have received some of the most prominent thought leaders for the event. The target by the chief minister is ambitious, yet achievable. We are committed to leave no stone unturned in meeting this target," Chopra said.

Sundram Fasteners bags Deming Prize

CHENNAI, NOV 17 /- City-based Sundram Fasteners Ltd bagged the USD 7.2 billion TVS Group, has bagged the Deming Prize for all its 17 plants across the country. The Deming Prize is presented by the Union of Japanese scientists and engineers annually to companies that have achieved breakthrough results by application of TQM (Total Quality Management) at the manufacturing units. The total quality management drive in Sundram Fasteners Ltd is an initiative by its Managing Director, Arathi Krishna. (PTI)

17th Intl FoodTech India-2018 inaugurated

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KOLKATA, NOV 17 /- "Food Tech India 2018: Bakery Tech & Hotel Tech" eastern India's largest annual business-to-business (B2B) bakery, hospitality and food processing industry exhibition was inaugurated by Jayanta Kumar Aikat, Food Processing Industries, Government of West Bengal, here. The three-day exhibition will be held till November 18 from 10:30 am till 6:30 pm. Highlighting the strong growth potential for food processing industries in West Bengal, Mr Aikat said, "Small food processing companies in the state are opting for food safety certifications and there is a shift towards a more regulatory control regime."

"The Food Tech Exhibition in Eastern India has been growing at a rate of 10 per cent per annum year-on-year in terms of generating B2B growth in

FB investors want Zuckerberg to step down as co's chairman following report

WASHINGTON, NOV 17 /- Facebook investors have called on the company's chief executive Mark Zuckerberg to step down as chairman following reports that the company hired a public relations firm to smear its critics, a media report said on Saturday.

The New York Times recently published a report revealing that Facebook at times smeared critics as anti-Semitic or tried to link activists to billionaire investor George Soros, and tried to shift public anger away toward rival tech firms.

It also said that the company also used a Republican public

relations firm, Definers Public Affairs, to help repair its battered reputation following intense criticism of the social media platform's handling of a scandal over Russian interference in the 2016 US elections and the Cambridge Analytica scandal, The Telegraph reported.

Jonas Kron, a senior vice president at Trillium Asset Management, a US investor which owns an 8.5m stake in Facebook, last night called on Zuckerberg to step down as board chairman in the wake of the report, the paper said.

"Facebook is behaving like it's a special snowflake," the paper

quoted him as saying. "It's not. It is a company and companies need to have a separation of chair and CEO," he said.

The attack on Zuckerberg is set to complicate the daunting challenge facing Sir Nick Clegg, Facebook's new global head of policy and communications, who joined last month and has been asked to conduct a review of Facebook's use of lobbying firms.

Definers allegedly encouraged the depiction of Facebook's critics as anti-Semitic and had published news articles criticising Facebook's competitors.

The business has also been

accused of attempting to encourage journalists to report that anti-Facebook groups were linked to Mr Soros, the paper said.

In a call with journalists on Thursday, Zuckerberg denied knowing that his business had hired the firm. "As soon as I learned about this, I talked to our team and we are no longer working with this firm," he said. Kron said the new revelations about Facebook's use of Definers offered fresh reasons for Mr Zuckerberg to relinquish his dual role as chairman and chief executive. "The latest report should remove any lingering doubts that some may have had," he said. (PTI)



Mahindra group Chairperson Anand Mahindra (R), Classic Legends Pvt. Ltd. CEO Ashish Joshi, Phi Capital Management founder Anupam Thareja, Rustomjee group CMD Mohan Irani during the launch event of Jawa bike models Jawa, Jawa 42, and Jawa Perak, in Mumbai, Thursday.

FinSecy Adhia to retire on Nov 30; Jaitley praises his contribution

NEW DELHI, NOV 17 /- Showing praise on Finance Secretary Hasmukh Adhia, who retires on November 30, Finance Minister Arun Jaitley Saturday said he was a no-nonsense civil servant who performed his job with professionalism.

In a Facebook post titled 'Dr. Hasmukh Adhia retires', Jaitley said "he was unquestionably a highly competent, disciplined, no-nonsense civil servant and of course, with impeccable integrity."

His only diversion from his duties was his passion for spirituality and yoga, he added.

Jaitley also said the government wanted to use the outgoing Finance Secretary's capability and experience in some alternate capacity.

"He (Adhia) had informed me earlier this year that he would not work for a single day after the 30th of November 2018. His time here really belongs to his favourite passion and of course his son," Jaitley wrote.

Adhia, a 1981-batch Gujarat cadre officer of the Indian Administrative Services (IAS), moved to Delhi in November 2014 as secretary in the Department of Financial Services after Narendra Modi became the Prime Minister. In a series of tweets, Adhia

thanked Modi and Jaitley for their guidance and expressed gratitude to his officers and staff.

"I am indeed privileged to have worked in Finance Ministry for 4 years under the guidance and leadership of Hon Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and Hon Finance Minister Shri Arun Jaitley," Adhia tweeted.

"Retire on 30th November with a sense of great satisfaction for what I could do for the country I am grateful to all those officers and staff who worked with me."

"My special gratitude to Hon Prime Minister for his guidance and to Shri Arun Jaitley ji for having acknowledged my contribution publicly," Adhia added.

Giving credit to Adhia for implementing GST, Jaitley said, "It was his efforts supported by his team of officers of centre and state governments, which made it possible to hit the deadline of 1st July 2017. Rate reductions and smoothening of the rough edges were also achieved in a record time."

Recalling Adhia's tenure as Revenue Secretary, Jaitley said tax base and tax realisation saw an "exponential increase".

"He was ably supported by the two boards, CBDT and CBIC. The follow-up after demonetisation in detecting the large cash depositors and making them accountable was no mean challenge," the Finance Minister noted.

During his four-year stint in the Finance Ministry, Adhia spearheaded the rollout of the historic Goods and Services Tax (GST) besides implementing a host of laws to unearth black money.

He was also deeply involved in formulation of various social sector programmes of the Modi government.

Jaitley in his post said Adhia's tenure as the Revenue Secretary will be remembered for various initiatives where he provided the bureaucratic leadership in shaping and implementation of the policy.

"The campaign against black money both within and outside the country was the initial highlight of the Revenue Department," he said.

Jaitley also noted that the Income Tax department now functions online with ease through the assessee and the assessment official.

"I wish him all the best for his post retirement life. Thank You Dr. Adhia," Jaitley said. (PTI)

Oracle veteran Thomas Kurian to head Google Cloud

NEW DELHI, NOV 17 /- Oracle's ex-product chief Thomas Kurian will head Google's cloud division, replacing Diane Greene.

In a blog post Friday, Greene said Kurian will join Google Cloud on November 26 and transition into the leadership role in early 2019. "I believe that he'll do an amazing job helping to take Google Cloud to the next level. Thomas has 22 years of experience at Oracle; most recently he was President of Product Development," she said.

She will continue as CEO through January, working with Kurian to ensure a smooth transition.

Greene, who will remain a director on the Alphabet board, had joined Google in December 2015 to run its cloud business.

"...after an unbelievably stimulating and productive three years, it's time to turn to the passions I've had around mentoring and education," she added.

Greene said the mentoring will include investing in and helping female founder CEOs who have engineering or science backgrounds. "I want to encourage every woman engineer and scientist to think in terms of building their own company someday. The world will be a better place with more female founder CEOs," she said. Greene noted that Google Cloud has moved from having only two significant customers and a collection of startups to having major Fortune 1000 enterprises.

Legislation introduced in US Congress to protect work authorisation of H1B spouses

WASHINGTON, NOV 17 /- A legislation seeking to prohibit the Trump administration from revoking the work authorisation of spouses of H-1B visa holders, which include Indians, has been introduced in the US Congress by two lawmakers who said that eliminating this benefit would force many foreign workers to use their talents to compete against American business.

H-4 visas are issued to the spouses of H-1B foreign workers. The H-1B visa is a non-immigrant visa through which many Indians workers are employed in US companies. It allows the US companies to employ foreign workers in speciality occupations that require theoretical or technical expertise. It is the most sought-after visa among Indian IT professionals. H-4 visas are issued only to very close or immediate family members of the H-1B visa holders.

The move by lawmakers Anna G Eshoo and Zoe Lofgren to introduce the H-4 Employment Protection Act, comes amidst determination by the Trump administration to revoke an Obama-era rule that extends work authorisation to the

spouses of H-1B visa holders. Since the rule was implemented, over 100,000 workers, mainly women, that too from India have received employment authorisation, improving the US' competitiveness and lessening the economic burden on thousands of H-1B workers and their families, the two lawmakers said after introducing the bill in the House.

The H-4 Employment Protection Act prohibits the Trump administration from revoking this important rule, which is expected to do by the end of the year, they said.

"Protecting work authorization for these H-4 visa holders is a matter of both economic fairness and family unity," Eshoo said.

"Eliminating this benefit would create a painful choice for many immigrants to either split up their families or return to their home countries and use their talents to compete against American business," Eshoo said.

"These are American citizens-in-waiting, stuck in line for their visas to come up," Congressman Lofgren said. (PTI)

Ad guru Alyque Padamsee dies at 90

MUMBAI, NOV 17 /- Veteran ad maker and theatre personality Alyque Padamsee died Saturday at the age of 90. Padamsee was the former Chief Executive of advertising firm Lintas in India and helped it to become one of the top creative agencies in the country. He later became the regional coordinator for Lintas in South Asia. He will be best remembered for iconic campaigns such as 'Lal Taj' for Surf, 'Charlie' for Cherry Blossom Soap, 'Polish, MrF's 'Muscle Man', the Liril girl in the waterfalls and 'Hamara Baja' for the auto major.

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City	Date	Time	Forecast
Gangtok	18-Nov	9.0	Generally cloudy sky with haze
	19-Nov	9.0	Generally cloudy sky with haze
	20-Nov	9.0	Partly cloudy sky with haze
	21-Nov	9.0	Partly cloudy sky with haze
	22-Nov	9.0	Generally cloudy sky with haze
Gyalsingh	18-Nov	10.0	Generally cloudy sky with haze
	19-Nov	10.0	Partly cloudy sky with haze
	20-Nov	10.0	Partly cloudy sky with haze
	21-Nov	10.0	Generally cloudy sky with haze
	22-Nov	9.0	Generally cloudy sky with haze
Mangan	18-Nov	12.0	Generally cloudy sky with haze
	19-Nov	12.0	Generally cloudy sky with haze
	20-Nov	12.0	Partly cloudy sky with haze
	21-Nov	12.0	Partly cloudy sky with haze
	22-Nov	11.0	Generally cloudy sky with haze
Namtchi	18-Nov	12.0	Generally cloudy sky with haze
	19-Nov	12.0	Generally cloudy sky with haze
	20-Nov	11.0	Partly cloudy sky with haze
	21-Nov	11.0	Partly cloudy sky with haze
	22-Nov	11.0	Generally cloudy sky with haze
Tadong	18-Nov	12.0	Generally cloudy sky with haze
	19-Nov	12.0	Generally cloudy sky with haze
	20-Nov	11.0	Partly cloudy sky with haze
	21-Nov	11.0	Partly cloudy sky with haze
	22-Nov	11.0	Generally cloudy sky with haze
Darjeeling	18-Nov	6.0	Partly cloudy sky with possibility of moderate rain or Thunderstorm
	19-Nov	5.0	Partly cloudy sky with possibility of moderate rain or Thunderstorm
	20-Nov	6.0	Partly cloudy sky
	21-Nov	6.0	Partly cloudy sky with possibility of moderate rain or Thunderstorm
	22-Nov	5.0	Partly cloudy sky

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