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European Bank injects €650-mn in Kanpur Metro

The European Investment Bank (EIB) has sanctioned funding worth €650 million for the Kanpur Metro rail project after detailed assessment of the project. The Central government has asked for a loan from EIB for the cost of the Kanpur Metro Project and it proposes to apply part of the proceeds to fund the civil works, goods related services and consulting services to be delivered to the project. The project in question would jointly be financed by the EIB with the Central and state government of UP. This project contributes to the 2 major objectives of the EIB External Mandate: (i) climate change mitigation, by promoting a modal shift from road to the rail where decreasing greenhouse gas emissions and also (ii) social and economic infrastructure development by financing the urban development. The project is in series with the EU Country Strategy Paper for India that highlights addressing the infrastructure gap and rising greenhouse gas emissions. European Investment Bank, said in an official statement.

 GPL announces twin realty projects in Mumbai

Inj ecting a major fund booster in the upcoming Mumbai Metro Line 3, the Japanese government controlled Japan International Cooperation Agency has signed an agreement with the Central government for providing an official development assistance (ODA) line to the Mumbai Metro Line 3 project. The ODA loan of 39,928 million yen, which is amounting to Rs 2,480 crore, has been signed between the two governments. The loan agreement was signed between Katsuo Matsumoto, the Chief representative of JICA and the Finance Ministry. Mumbai Metro Line 3 (Aqua Line) will boast of technologically-advanced, world-class train sets, once the line becomes operational. Commenting on the development, Chief Representative, JICA was quoted saying that given the population in Mumbai, there is an urgent need for a metro network in the Mumbai Metropolitan Region and also the mass rapid transport system will help in decreasing the pollution caused by private vehicles. The Metro Line 3, which is the Colaba-Bandra-Seepz line, has been planned to connect the southern part of the city with the other major activity areas such as Bandra Kurla Complex (BKC), Mumbai Airport, Seepz area as well as the Maharashtra Industrial Development Corporation area commanding a distance of 33.7 km, comprising 26 metro stations and is fully underground project scheduled for completion by 2021 and is going to be the first underground metro project in the metropolitan city.

JICA infuses Rs. 2,480-cr in Metro Line 3 in Mumbai

T he World Bank Board of Executive Directors recently approved a $500 million project to build safe and green national highway corridors in the Indian states of Rajasthan, Himachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh. The project is aimed at enhancing the capacity of the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) in mainstreaming safety and green technologies as country’s road network of 5.48 million km carries 65 percent of freight traffic and 85 percent of passenger traffic. The traffic volume on the network has been growing at a Compound Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) of 10.8 percent in the past six decades. To strengthen and improve logistics performance of the network, the central government has launched many investment programs in road sector. In order to limit carbon emissions in the implementation of these programs, the project will help the states adopt suitable green technologies, as well as materials that are resource efficient and low in carbon footprint. The Green National Highways Corridors Project will support MoRTH to construct 783 km of highways in various geographies by integrating safe and green technology designs such as local and marginal materials, industrial byproducts, and other bioengineering solutions. The project will help reduce GHG emissions in the construction and maintenance of highways.
Japanese International Cooperation Agency (JICA) has recently committed to invest Rs 300 crore in real estate developer Wadhwa Group's 1-million sq ft residential project being built by its subsidiary Atmosphere Realty in Mulund suburb of Mumbai and this is Marubeni’s maiden investment in Indian real estate, the company said, adding that it is investing in the project due to the coronavirus pandemic which is hitting global economic growth. The residential project, spread over 4.72 acres on Goregaon-Mulund Link Road (GMLR) is being developed by the Wadhwa Group in alliance with Man Infra Construction and Chandak Group housing 700 apartments. For this project, Marubeni will bring to the table its considerable experience cultivated from developing real estate in Japan, China and the ASEAN region in collaboration with Wadhwa Group, it added.

Amit Gossain takes over the Chairmanship of FINCHAM

The Finland Chamber of Commerce in India (FINCHAM India) has recently elected Amit Gossain, Managing Director, KONE Elevator India as the Chairperson. Previously Vice Chairperson of the body, he took over from Neeraj Sharma, Managing Director & President, Wärtsilä India from April 1, 2020. A decorated Industrial and Production Engineer with Masters in Management and Systems from Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) – Delhi, Amit joined KONE Elevator India as Managing Director in 2015. Prior to this, Amit was the Executive Vice President for JCB India and spearheaded the Sales, Marketing, Business Development, Product Management and Corporate Affairs for India and South Asia. He worked with JCB for a decade and under his leadership, brand JCB was awarded amongst India’s most impactful brands twice. He is currently the Chairman of the Real Estate and Building Technology Committee, as well as the Co-Chair for Smart Cities and Urban Development for CII, which has been tasked to bring out a report that ensures further improvement in the speed of reforms in Real Estate.

Speaking on the occasion, Amit Gossain said, “FINCHAM brings together all Finnish companies on an organized platform to promote commercial and industrial relations between the two countries. Together with the FINCHAM members, I look forward to strengthening our economic and trade interests and create conducive environment for sustainable business. The focus will also be on reinforcing Make in India by encouraging innovation, improving skills and building superior manufacturing infrastructure.”

FINCHAM India was set up in 2018 to boost trade of the Finnish companies and to support investment and other business operation of its members in various terms. In one year, FINCHAM has taken many initiatives including the launch of Skills/Mentorship Program, the Joint CSR Project, road shows for its members to explore opportunities for B2B collaborations, participation in business summits and interface with relevant government officials. FINCHAM India is a part of the working group of European Bilateral Chambers- European Economic Group (EEG) and has actively been participating and presenting sector related concerns with the objective of supporting collective advocacy of the European business community’s concerns.

Effective April 1, 2020, FINCHAM India’s membership is open to India as well as non-Finnish European companies which have a business interest in Finland.

Dhruv Consultancy led consortium wins road contract

In a recent development in the NCR region, Dhruv Consultancy Services with Centro De Estudios De Material Y Control De Obra S.A. in association with G-Eng Advisory Services has received the Letter of Award for Independent Engineer Services for the construction of proposed Narnaul bypass road project. The scope of work included design for a length of 24.0 Km and Ateli Mandi to Narnaul Section of NH-11 from Km 43.445 to km 56.900 (design length 14.0 Km) as an Economic Corridor and Feeder Route Package II in the State of Haryana on Hybrid Annuity Mode. The contract has been awarded by the office of General Manager (Tech) of National Highways Authority of India, said official sources, elaborating that the contract amount is Rs. 71.027.500 and that the assigned contract has to be executed within a period of 48 months.

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Global construction technology leader Trimble (NASDAQ:TRMB) has taken actions to support its customers’ business and productivity in the current testing times. A vast majority of users of Tekla Structures, Trimble’s flagship construction BIM software, are working from home on account of nationwide lockdown announced in India. To facilitate uninterrupted work, Trimble has widened the scope and availability of its structural BIM collaboration tool - Tekla Model Sharing’s free trial and it is now available globally, including India. Tekla users can now use it for a full 90 days for their business without incurring any fee. The number of trial licenses on offer has also been increased from five to ten. The earlier trial was available only for selected countries, and trial licenses were not meant to be used for business purposes. The company has also expanded the capabilities of the cloud-based solution, Trimble Connect Personal license for a limited period applicable until June 2020. The enhanced capabilities would allow a user to create up to 10 projects instead of a limit of one project earlier, invite unlimited number of project members as against a limit of 5 members earlier, and access unlimited storage as against a limit of 100GB earlier. “We are inspired to do everything that is right for our customers. Our offerings enable enhanced collaboration over the cloud, allowing the users even working remotely to deliver without loss of efficiency, which is very much the need of the hour during this worldwide medical emergency,” says Mr Rajan Aiyer, Vice President & Managing Director, Trimble India and SAARC region. With the 2020 launch of the Tekla Tedis and Tekla Structural Designer, Trimble has introduced cloud-based licensing for new customers. The company is now offering flexible license options including one-month subscriptions. All Trimble customers are able to switch their existing licenses to cloud-based licensing service, which would allow them to use Tekla software from home or remote locations without requiring a connection through Virtual Private Networks (VPNs). To support the business and work through these challenging times, Trimble has set up a web page with collated practical advice and information on remote working, called How Trimble Can Support You.

Chennai Port seals Rs. 2,380-cr Kamarajar port deal

In a recent development Chennai Port Trust has completed Kamarajar Port acquisition deal involving an investment of Rs. 2,380 crore. In a Union government’s negotiated deal, the state-owned Chennai Port Trust bought 67 per cent stake in Kamarajar Port, Kamarajar Port commanding a capacity to handle 91 million tons of cargo and the port handled 34.49 mt in FY19. The Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM) signed a share-purchase agreement with Chennai Port Trust and finalised the deal, helping the government to acquire the money for the account at the end of the financial year 2020. Chennai Port Trust will finance the stake purchase mainly through loans from state-run banks led by State Bank of India, the country’s largest lender, commerce ministry said in a statement.

DFC secures Rs. 8,553-cr funds for freight corridor

The freight corridor as the backbone of Delhi-Mumbai industrial corridor (DMIC) development plan, chief representative, JICA India, Katsu Matsumoto, said, adding that the agency is committed towards the development of infrastructure in transportation sector. It will help to promote comprehensive regional economic development along with the freight corridor in DMIC area. In phase 1, 950-km freight line starting from Rewari in Haryana connecting the major cities in states like Gujarat, Rajasthan, and Haryana and culminates at Vadodara in Gujarat, he said.

Trimble Extends Additional Support to Tekla Customers

Rugged Machines for tough Terrains
The Board of CNH Industrial N.V. (NYSE: CNHI / MI: CNHI) recently announced the appointment of Suzanne Heywood as Acting Chief Financial Officer, in addition to her role as Chair of the Board, to lead the business through this current unprecedented period and until a new permanent CEO has been identified by means of a thorough search process. The company is a global leader in the capital goods sector with established industrial experience, a wide range of products and a worldwide presence. Each of the individual brands belonging to the Company is a major international force in its specific industrial sector: Case IH, New Holland Agriculture and Steyr for tractors and agricultural machinery; Case and New Holland Construction for earthmoving; Iveco Astra for quarry and construction vehicles; Suzanne Heywood, who is also Managing Director of Exor, CNH Industrial’s largest shareholder, has been Chair of CNH Industrial since July 2018. Prior to joining Exor, she was a Senior Partner at McKinsey & Company where she led the firm’s Global Organization Design business prior to which she worked in the UK Treasury. Suzanne Heywood is also a Board Member of the Economist and a Non-Executive Director of Chanel. In her combined role, she will chair the Group’s Global Executive Committee to provide the business with leadership during the coming months. Meeting under her leadership, the Board also unanimously agreed on the appointment of Oddone Incisa as Chief Financial Officer, in addition to his current role as President, Financial Services. Mr. Incisa began his career with the Fiat Group in 1997 at Fiat Bank in Germany, and in 2001 was nominated CFO, CNH Capital, based in the U.S. From 2011 to 2013 Mr. Incisa held the position of Chief Executive Officer and General Manager, FGA Capital (now FGA Bank). Mr. Incisa succeeds Max Chiara, outgoing Chief Financial and Sustainability Officer, who will remain available to support the new CFO’s transition over the next two weeks when Mr. Chiara will leave CNH Industrial to take up a new position. “Max has been a loyal and valued contributor throughout his 13 years with the Group. We wish him all the best in his future endeavours” stated Suzanne Heywood. The Board also confirmed its continued strong support for the Group’s “Transform 2 Win” strategy devised under the leadership of Mr. Miethkauser, including the spin-off of CNH Industrial’s “On-Highway” assets (commercial vehicles and powertrain segments) that will be listed alongside the group’s ‘Off-Highway’ assets (agriculture, construction and specialty segments). The two resulting distinct worldwide businesses will each focus on creating value in their respective areas of activity. Suzanne Heywood commented: “The Board and our entire leadership are united in our determination to ensure that CNH Industrial emerges even stronger from the huge challenges of the days, weeks and months ahead. Above all, my thanks go to our exceptional people, wherever they are, as they apply their outstanding skills, strengths and knowhow to this purpose. And it goes without saying that their health and safety will be our priority as together we work our way through to more normal times.”

**Ardent Infra** completes BVEPL NH project before schedule

**A**rdent Infra Equipment Pvt. Ltd. (AIEPL) strengthens its presence in India with the successful completion of the Bhopal-based Bharat Vaniya Eastern Pvt Ltd (BVEPL), which has won the prestigious contract for the 4 lanes of the Ranchi-Jamshedpur project, which is one of the most awaited highway projects in the state as it was delayed by the previous contractor. The fresh tender has been awarded to AIEPL, known for the timely execution of their projects pan India and BVEPL, has entrusted Ardent Infra Equipment Pvt Ltd (AIEPL) for the production of Asphalt for the project, said MD-Ardent, Ashok Tanna, adding that the company has provided a 160 Ton Asphalt plant at the project site which is capable of producing 1,50,000 tonnes in a period of 8 months. The targeted production up to 1200 tons of asphalt per day and is currently being achieved by AIEPL. Similarly, Director, Bharat Vaniya Eastern, Mr. Gokul Agarwal, said, “The company has been highly recognised and associated with one of India’s most reputed clients, i.e., BVEPL. Since we have nurtured ourselves as one of the leaders of our country’s infrastructure segment this partnership will help us complete projects within stipulated timeline and thus increase productivity.”

The Kolkata Port Trust (KPT) is planning to develop a barge jetty to support anchorage operations at Haldia in Midnapore district of West Bengal under Sagarmala Scheme on private public partnership basis (PPP). The estimated cost of the project is Rs 120 crore. Preparation of detailed project report (DRP) is underway. Work on the project is expected to commence by January 2021. The project is expected to be ready by October 2022.

**Bihar approves new alignment for Patna metro**

T he Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) has carried out extensive changes in the alignments of Patna Metro Rail corridors (PMRC) and new metro stations would be developed in Ramakrishna Nagar, Kharishkhiachang with along Jaganpura. Recently, CM Nitish Kumar approved the fresh alignments of 32.12 km metro rail corridor proposed by Municipal Development and Housing Department as recommended by DMRC and at the same time the project cost would also increase by Rs 179 crore. In the changed scenario, there would be thirteen elevated and thirteen underground stations in the total metro project of Phase I according to the revised alignments. In the Corridor-1, an elevated line would be built on Bailey Road from Danapur Kendriya Vidyalaya-Bauganwadi and at Bela Road-Digha-AIIMS Road Canal. Whereas on Jawaharlal Nehru Marg the underground line from Gola Road would be up to Patna Junction through Mithapur bypass. And the Corridor-2 would be underground instead of elevated from Patna Junction. On this route, there would be Dak Bungalow, AIR, JP Golmab, Convention Center, PMCH, Patna University. Some new station would now be developed at Muniyana Stadium and Mahalipark. Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) has committee to provide Rs 5,400 crore loan for the development of Phase I of Patna Metro Rail corridors (PMRC).

**SEZ developers get lax compliance norms**

T he Union government recently relaxed the compliance norms for developers and co-developers of special economic zones (SEZs) due to the countrywide lockdown arising due to cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) epidemic. The easier compliances include the relaxation of file quarterly-programs, requirement of letters by independent chartered engineers by developers and co-developers, SOFTEX form to be filed by JITETES units, filing of annual performance reports by SEZ units and extension of letters of approval (LoA) which may expire. Development commissioners of SEZs have been directed to ensure that no hardship is caused to developers and no punitive action is taken in cases where any compliance is not met during this period impacted by the above disruption, commerce & industry ministry said in a statement. Elaborating that as per the relaxation, all extensions of LoAs and other compliances may be facilitated through electronic mode in a timeline manner, said a statement. There is no possibility to grant extension through electronic mode or in cases where a physical meeting is required, development commissioners have been asked to ensure that no one faces any hardship due to such expiry of validity during this period of disruption. Ad-hoc interim extension and deferment of the expiry date may be granted without prejudice till June-end, the statement added.
There are three independent entry and exits that station will have four entry and exit gates. According to an official spokesperson, the Shahed Sthal Metro station, housing a multi-level structure, was approved in 1980 but construction was delayed by two decades due to disputes related to the construction of two junctions. The NCRTC plans commercial hub at Hindon in Ghaziabad

The state government in Maharashtra has given in principal approval to three integrated projects worth Rs 779 crore in the NCR ensuring hassle free traffic flow on the Rajiv Chowk, Signature Tower and IFFCO Chowk junctions in Gurgaon. The first project is worth Rs 224 crore for Rajiv Chowk, Rs 248 crore for Signature Tower and Rs 307 crore for IFFCO Chowk and also granted in principal approval to the proposed project initiated by the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), the National Capital Region Planning Board (NCRPB) and Haryana Urban Development Authority (HUDA). The project reports had been prepared by Delhi Integrated Multi Modal Transit System Limited (DIMTS) and also informed that no separate toll should be imposed on these routes and directed the authorities concerned to explore possibilities of entry towards Udyog Vihar on the Delhi-Gurgaon route.

Kerala fast tracks ROBs & road bypass projects

The state government in Kerala has recently speed up the construction of 6.8-km two-lane long approach road, road over bridges (ROBs) and development of Kalarcode and Kommady junctions, part of the Alappuzha bypass project, state PWD minister said, elaborating that the entire bypass project would be completed very soon. The Minister blamed the contractor and National Highways Authority of India for the delay in completing the construction of two junctions. The Alappuzha bypass project was first mooted four decades ago. However, it remained on paper until the work got underway in the recent past. The bypass project consists of two road over bridges (ROBs) at Malikamukku and Kuthirapanthy. After a long wait, Railways gave nod for installing girders as part of the construction of the ROB at Malikamukku recently. Subsequently, girders have been placed on the bridge and the concreting work over the girders would start shortly. Though majority of the project has been completed, but the bypass can only be opened to traffic after the completion of two ROBs. The 6.8-km two-lane bypass road will link Kollamudy on the north and Kalarode on the south and pass on the western side of National Highway 66. The festive season from Gudi Padwa, Navratri and Akshaya Tritiya are considered to be auspicious occasions for purchase while many real estate tycoons are also introducing new projects. Realtor Vipul Agrawal said, ―We are anticipating a recovery in real estate and people on a wait-and-watch mode will lock deals in the coming weeks. Many builders gave floated offers to attract buyers and offering a component in property registration, free club membership, cash discount and gifts among other items. The state government in Maharashtra has recently allocated Rs 3,500 crore to develop the existing single-lane state highway (M494) into a concrete two-lane marine highway on the line of the US pacific coast highway. After the commissioning of the project, the commuters will be able to ride on a 50km scenic marine highway between Revas port towards Alibaug up to Raid port near Goa along the Konkan’s beaches and forts. The widening work includes the addition of 30 km of bridges over creeks and rivers. Justifying the project, which has been in the planning stage for about a decade now, will boost the economy of the Konkan region that depends on orchard development, tourism and fisheries, and hence a marine highway assumes significance to facilitate effective transportation. The current single-lane road runs parallel to the coast along residences and markets. The proposed development will increase the road’s width from 18-20 metres to 45 metres which will ensure smooth flow of vehicular traffic.

CREDAI bets big on the on-going festivities

In the midst of coronavirus, which has played spoil sport for realtors expecting to clear stocks are now upbeat on the on-going festive season to give an impetus to demand for residential and commercial spaces. Adding to this, the builders are offering sops to lure prospective buyers hoping to lift buyers sentiment in the stagnant market, Confederation of Real Estate Developers Association of India (CREDAI), Indore chapter member Sandeep Shrivastav said, adding that it is an end-user market that would have grown but the virus effect has weighed on the sentiment. The recovery will not be on the expected lines but considering the auspicious period, deals will get finalized. Cabinet clears Rs. 1,285-cr Aligarh-Harduaganj flyover

In a major infrastructure boost for the Indian Railways in the North Central zone, the CCEA chaired by PM has approved the construction of the Aligarh-Harduaganj 22 km long flyover at an investment of Rs. 1,285 crore, Director and Principal Spokesperson K.S. Dhawalla, said adding that the construction of the railway flyover to be taken up by the Railways Ministry and that the project is expected to be completed in the next five years. The railway flyover will be built around 3 km away from the Aligarh railway station and will come under the North Central Railway (NCR) zone. At the Aligarh junction railway station, the Bareilly-Aligarh branch line terminates and the trains which are coming from the Howrah side and going towards the Harduaganj or Bareilly area, cross the Howrah-New Delhi main route and is the busiest section of the Indian Railways network. Due to the heavy traffic on the section, there is almost no space or area available for the major surface crossing of the loaded freight trains. This situation often results in a heavy detention of trains at the Aligarh junction railway station and has become a site of extreme congestion on the railway network. The heavy traffic on the section has also caused delays and sometimes, the wagons of freight trains have to turn around on the operational route, due to the congestion. All this has prompted the Indian Railways to build the flyover to ensure hassle free movement of passengers and freight trains, he added.

Haryana approves Rs. 779-cr infra projects in NCR

The state government in Haryana has given in principal approval to three integrated projects worth Rs 779 crore in the NCR ensuring hassle free traffic flow on the Rajiv Chowk, Signature Tower and IFFCO Chowk junctions in Gurgaon. The first project is worth Rs 224 crore for Rajiv Chowk, Rs 248 crore for Signature Tower and Rs 307 crore for IFFCO Chowk and also granted in principal approval to the proposed project initiated by the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), the National Capital Region Planning Board (NCRPB) and Haryana Urban Development Authority (HUDA). The project reports had been prepared by Delhi Integrated Multi Modal Transit System Limited (DIMTS) and also informed that no separate toll should be imposed on these routes and directed the authorities concerned to explore possibilities of entry towards Udyog Vihar on the Delhi-Gurgaon route.

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Centre steers Central Vista redevelopment project

The Union Government has approved land use change for execution of its ambitious Central Vista redevelopment project in Lutyens’ Delhi. In this connection, the notification was issued by the concerned Ministry. The Central Vista – the nation’s power corridor – envisages a triangular Parliament building next to the existing one.

The Central Vista project, which has been lying in limbo for over a decade now, has to be completed in 15 months, said official sources, elaborating that apart from the widening of roads, drains, footpaths and electric polls were earmarked to be spent on the project in which the civil works will be carried out at a cost of Rs 44.23 crore and that the remaining amount is meant for building drains, paver blocks and electrification, he said.

Govt. exempts power & coal mining equipment from lockdown

The government has exempted movement of equipment used in coal mining, power generation and transmission from country-wide lockdown. In this connection the coal ministry had issued a similar notification on March 23, but coal mining operations had faced interruptions in certain parts of the country even after that and to prevent such issues, the Ministry of Home Affairs issued an addendum to its earlier order on the lockdown under the Disaster Management Act, and clarified that coal mining and associated operations are exempted from such restrictions. According to separate notifications of the power and renewable energy ministry, exemptions have been granted from “Section 144, nationwide lockdown, or any other such limitations” to enable requisite manpower and ensure uninterrupted operations of power generating stations and electricity transmission networks.

Panchkula: A new hot-spot for home buyers & builders alike

Located in the foot hills of the Shiwalik range, Panchkula is just the outfalls of Chandigarh, has gone through a rapid change and dotting with residential, industrial as well as commercial units. Positioned at a distance of 20 minutes drive from Chandigarh and 3 hours from Shimla, the city is linked to Ambala-Shimla NH-22 and NH-21, apart from direct access to NH 73 and is also beset with modern amenities of life, besides world class infrastructure. All these have created an ideal destination for investors, builders, residental and commercial properties. Panchkula, a part of Trilogy also comprising Chandigarh and Mohali, has become a cynosure owing to its natural beauty and promising business ecosystem. These apart, the city has also emerged as a preferred destination for business houses and IT firms among others.

Tata Power secures Rs. 1,730-cr NTPC contract

Tata Power Solar, India’s largest integrated solar company and a wholly-owned subsidiary of Tata Power, in a post reverse auction held recently, received the Letter of Acceptance for the 300 MW CPSIU for NTPC’s Karamsad ST project at an investment of Rs 1720.16 crore. The Commercial Operation Date (COD) for this grid-connected solar photovoltaic project is 18 months. With this contract, the order book of Tata Power Solar stands at approximately Rs. 8,541 crore including external and internal orders, said MD & CEO, Tata Power Solar and President, Tata Power (Renewables), Ashish Khanna, adding that Tata Power Solar is proud to consistently win large and challenging grid-based solar EPC projects from industry-leading public sector undertaking like NTPC.

IRSDC floating tenders for transit-hub in Mumbai

As a part of Indian Railways ambitious modernisation and redevelopment plan the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus (CSMT) station in Mumbai is all set to get a stunning makeover with world-class facilities. The Indian Railways Station Development Corporation or IRSDC has been assigned the task of redeveloping the railway stations on across its network to matching global standards. The IRSDC is a special purpose vehicle and one of the subsidiaries of the Central Railway (CR) zone and is one of the busiest stations across the country. The IRSDC station will be refurbished without disturbing its heritage value. The IRSDC with the station redevelopment program aims to redevelop the station into airport-like world-class standards.

Haryana sets to award Rs. 101-cr six-lane road project

After the opening of the financial bids, the process to allot the tender for the six-laning of the stretch from Pipli-Kurukshetra University road stretch involving an investment worth Rs 101 crore has been completed. The project, which has been lying in limbo for over a decade now, has to be completed in 15 months, said official sources, elaborating that apart from the widening of roads, drains, footpaths, roadblocks and electric polls were to be installed by the contractor. Due to the poor condition of the road the stretch has been represented as a death trap for road users. Out of the total investment, about Rs57 crore residential complex will be developed in the north direction of South Block and another in the south of the Dhaurohur Road, paving the way for shifting of the prime minister’s office and residence. “The eastern part of the South Block and the west direction of the Ratchtrapati Bhavan will have residential complex. The Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA) is also likely to be shifted. According to the proposed plan, the IGNCA building and other nine others including Udyog Bhawan, Nirman Bhawan, Shastri Bhawan, vice-president’s residence are likely to be demolished to pave the way for the construction of a common Central Secretariat to house various ministries. The common Central Secretariat is likely to comprise 10 buildings, four on each side of the Central Vista whereby each building will have eight floors, which will house various ministries, they added.

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