FICCI Telangana State Council Weekly Key Development Highlights April 27- May 1, 2020

Initiate immediate measures to attract investments: KTR urges Centre

Hyderabad: IT and Industries Minister KT Rama Rao on Friday urged the Centre to constitute an empowered strategy group to identify and follow up on investment opportunities. In a series of tweets to Union Minister for Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal, he proposed several measures that the Union government may consider to reboot and energise Indian economy to attract investments in the post-COVID scenario. <u>Read more</u>

Watch: Telangana is the new 'rice bowl of India'

Telangana has sent 2.52 lakh tonnes of rice to Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Karnataka during the hour of coronavirus crisis. Read more

Special train ferries stranded migrants from Telangana to Jharkhand

New Delhi: Railways on Friday ran its first special train to ferry 1,200 stranded migrants from Lingampally in Telangana to Hatia in Jharkhand since its services were suspended due to the coronavirus lockdown, RPF DG Arun Kumar said. Thousands of migrants were stranded in places across the country since the lockdown was enforced on March 25, many even attempting to walk home. Read more

KTR suggests Standard Health Code for IT sector

Hyderabad: IT and Industries Minister KT Rama Rao who sought several reliefs for the information technology sector and the micro, small and medium enterprises (MSME) from the Centre, suggested implementation of a Standard Health Code in high-density IT parks and special economic zones similar to that of fire protection policy. <u>Read more</u>

Irrigation Department seeks Rs 147 crore for Priyadarshini Jurala Link Canal

Hyderabad: The Irrigation and Command Area Development Department on Thursday sought administrative approval of Rs 147 crore for the construction of a canal linking Singotam with Gopaldinne meant for stabilization of tail end ayacut of the RBLISP package -16 and Priyadarshini Jurala Project (PJP). The Detailed Project Report (DPR) of the Mahatma Gandhi Kalwakurthy Lift Irrigation Scheme (MGKLIS) -Rajiv Bhima Lift Irrigation Scheme (RBLIS)-Priyadarshini Jurala Project (PJP) Link Canal from Singotam balancing Reservoir of MGKLIS was approved by the government through GO in November 5, 2018. <u>Read more</u>

Central team happy with Telangana's Covid battle

Hyderabad: The Inter-Ministerial Central Team (IMCT) that visited Hyderabad to make a spot assessment of the Covid-19 situation has expressed satisfaction over the measures taken by the State government to contain SARS-CoV-2 in Telangana. The team observed that lockdown and social distancing measures were being implemented successfully with the able participation from community leaders. <u>Read more</u>

Telangana working on Covid-19 lockdown exit strategy, says KTR

Hyderabad: After successfully checking the spread of coronavirus through prompt and timely lockdown that also reduced the risk of community transmission of Covid -19, the State government is now working towards a lockdown exit strategy. IT and Industries Minister K T Rama Rao on Thursday directed officials of the Industries department to chalk out an exit

strategy so that that the industrial sector continues to perform in its efficient and productive manner. Read more

Life-saving drugs to be delivered at doorstep in Telangana

Hyderabad: To ensure enough supply of medicines for hypertension and diabetes, the Health, Medical and Family Welfare Department has directed field-level staff in the State to immediately release drugs sufficient for a month at the doorsteps of patients under the NPCDCS initiative. <u>Read more</u>

DGP asks City Police to allow construction activities in Hyderabad

Hyderabad: Director-General of Police M. Mahendar Reddy has asked the City Police to allow construction activities in the twin cities. "Please do not stop lorries or other vehicles carrying construction material like cement, sand, steel etc. These vehicles should be allowed to proceed to the construction sites. Alert all check posts also," is the message forwarded to the City Police. <u>Read more</u>

TITA telemedicine platform to be implemented in all districts in Telangana

Hyderabad: Telangana Information Technology Association (TITA)'s efforts to mainstream telemedicine has got appreciation from Telangana IT and Industries principal secretary Jayesh Ranjan. The principal secretary has written to all district collectors to consider implementing TConsult, the telemedicine project being implemented by TITA. <u>Read more</u>

Telangana Govt eases out lockdown in rural areas, allows informal industries to function

Hyderabad: In a major move to bring some semblance of normalcy in rural Telangana, the State government has directed the District Collectors to ease out the lockdown norms and allow functioning of informal industries that will provide livelihood for the rural folks. The government, however, also instructed the District Collectors to take decisions in this regard only after ensuring strict adherence to other lockdown norms like social distancing and adequate sanitisation like providing hand wash for the workers. Read more

16 industries get exemption to operate during lockdown in Ranga Reddy

Hyderabad: The Ranga Reddy district administration has given exemption to 16 industries to operate during the lockdown in rural areas by complying with sanitization and social distancing measures listed out in the Covid-19 Standard Operating Procedures of the Ministry of Home Affairs. The industries include stone crushers, brick kilns, handloom weaving, repair workshops, beedi making, sand-mining, ceramic and roof tiles, cement factories, ginning mills, iron, steel, plastic and rubber industries, plastic and sanitary pipes, paper industry, cotton mattresses, construction work and shops selling other items. Read more

KCR calls for comprehensive strategy to make agriculture profitable

Hyderabad: With Telangana emerging as the Rice Bowl of India, the State government will chalk out a comprehensive strategy to make farming a profitable venture by ensuring commensurate price for the bumper yield that the farmers in the State have produced. Announcing this here on Tuesday, Chief Minister K Chandrashekhar Rao ordered creation of 40 lakh ton storage capacity godowns in addition to the existing 22. 5 lakh tons storage capacity created in the past five years. <u>Read more</u>

KTR suggests strategic working group to exploit post-Covid opportunities

Hyderabad: Observing that the post-Covid-19 world would throw up great opportunities for India, IT and Industries Minister K T Rama Rao on Tuesday suggested that the Centre set up a strategic working group of government officials, industry captains and thought leaders at the national level to deal with the future scenario. The strategic working group will explore digital solutions in education, healthcare, commerce, and emerging technologies among others as well as guide different industries after India overcomes the coronavirus pandemic. <u>Read more</u>

Post-COVID world offers great opportunities for India: KTR

Hyderabad: IT and Industries Minister KT Rama Rao felt that the Centre should focus on augmenting digital infrastructure, digital literacy and digital governance capabilities as part of an action plan for post-COVID world. He emphasised the need to strengthen network capacities and cyber security as there is an increased reliance on internet in the wake of lockdown. In a video conference with Union IT and Communications Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad from Pragathi Bhavan on Tuesday, Rama Rao stated that the COVID-19 was an adversity that presents great opportunities for India in the aftermath of the epidemic. <u>Read more</u>