

# Indian engineering exports growth continues for 9th straight month: EEPC India

Kolkata, (UNI) India's engineering exports continue to show resilience despite several external challenges, according to EEPC India. EEPC India chairman Pankaj Chadha on Wednesday said sustaining the growth momentum, engineering goods shipments during January 2025 stood at \$9.41 billion, a growth of 7.4 percent year-on-year compared to \$8.76 billion in the same month last year. "This is the ninth straight month of positive growth for the Indian engineering sector showing that it is one of



the key growth drivers of overall merchandise exports: he said. The steady growth also indicated how the exporting community has adapted to the changing global trade scenario and navigated the challenges, Chadha opined. On a cumulative basis, engineering exports grew 9.8

Modi to the US suggests there is no impending tariff threat from the Trump administration. This is quite a significant development considering that the US is the topmost destination for India's engineering exports," Chadha said in a statement. "We remain hopeful about India and the US signing a trade deal by the end of the year and therefore stay optimistic about the export outlook going forward. There are other bilateral trade deals also in the pipeline such as those with the UK and the EU," he concluded.

# Healthfab raises USD 1 mln; To drive sustainable innovation in menstrual care

New Delhi, (UNI)

Healthfab, a reusable period panty brand on Wednesday said that it has successfully raised USD 1 Million in its Pre-series A funding round. The round was led by Mistry Ventures with participation by BeyondSeed, Thrive Ventures and distinguished investors Anupam Mittal, Aman Gupta, Vineeta Singh and Peyush Bansal also known as the Sharks. The fresh funding is followed by its seed round in 2022, led by BeyondSeed, Healthfab said in a statement. Founded by Kiriti Acharjee, Sourav Chakrabarty, and Satyajit Chakrabarty, Healthfab is at the forefront of sustainable menstrual care, becoming the first reusable period panty brand in India to receive BIS certification and patent protection for its innovative technology. Having acquired more than 3 Lakh customers along with an annual growth rate of 2.5-3x in revenue, Healthfab plans to use the funds to further expand its presence in metro and Tier 2 cities as well as invest in further R&D. India's feminine hygiene industry is project-



ed to reach USD 2.0 billion by 2030 with a growing CAGR of 14.8 per cent (2025-2030). This points to a rising awareness and a shift towards eco-friendly menstrual solutions. Expressing enthusiasm about the funding, Kiriti Acharjee, Co-founder of Healthfab said, "We are thrilled to welcome our new investors and grateful to BeyondSeed for their continued trust in Healthfab as we close our Pre-Series A round. Their belief in our vision strengthens our commitment to making menstrual care more comfortable, affordable, and sustainable for women across India. With this funding, we will deepen our market penetration, ensuring access to our products in every corner of the country, and double down on R&D, driving innovation in functional wear." Healthfab was founded to revolutionize menstrual hygiene with convenient, comfortable, and eco-friendly solutions. Inspired by challenges faced by women in their families, the three co-founders conducted extensive research to develop a sustainable alternative.

# MP Cabinet Approves Seven New Policies Just Before the Global Investors Summit 2025



Bhopal: In a cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav, the Madhya Pradesh government approved seven key policies to accelerate the state's development. These policies focus on water conservation, industrial growth, startup promotion, electric vehicle (EV) adoption, and the expansion of the aviation sector. Tapti Mega Recharge Project: This project is a significant step toward addressing water scarcity. Under an agreement between the Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra governments, the world's largest water recharge initiative has been approved. The project involves constructing a 273-kilometer-long canal that will recharge groundwater with 11.76 million cubic meters of water. This initiative will ensure water

supply to 1,23,000 hectares in Burhanpur and Khandwa districts. The project is expected to enhance agriculture, improve water resources, and raise groundwater levels, particularly benefiting farmers in Khandwa who frequently face water shortages. MSME Development Policy 2025: The new policy provides up to 40% financial assistance for micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs). Women and entrepreneurs from Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes will receive enhanced support of 48-52%. Export-oriented units will be eligible for freight subsidies and employment incentives ranging from Rs5,000 to Rs13,000 per employee. This policy is expected to boost ease of doing business and generate significant employment opportunities in the state. Startup Policy 2025: The state government aims to increase the number of startups in Madhya Pradesh to 10,000 under this policy. A Rs100 crore seed capital fund has been announced to support new startups. Additionally, the government will establish incubation centres and a Startup Advisory Council. Startups will receive lease rent assistance, loan facilities, and patent support.

# Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal dedicates IWT Terminal at Jogighopa to the Nation

Guwahati, (UNI)

Union Minister of Ports, Shipping & Waterways Sarbananda Sonowal on Tuesday inaugurated an Inland Waterways Terminal (IWT) in Assam's Jogighopa by flagging off a ship MV Trishul with two barges carrying 110 metric tonnes of coal along with stone chips to Bangladesh. The foundation stone for the terminal was laid by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in February 2021. The terminal holds strategic importance as it is located at a distance of 91 km from Gelephu in Bhutan, 108 km from Bangladesh border and 147 Km from Guwahati. This makes it crucial for bilateral trade ties with Bangladesh and Bhutan. The Jogighopa terminal is also one of the declared Ports of call under the Protocol on Inland Water Transit and Trade (PIWT&T) between India and Bangladesh. By the year 2027, this terminal is expected to handle cargo of 1.1 million tonnes per annum, the minister said. The MV Padma Navigation II ship along with Barges Ajay and Dikshu are carrying 110 Metric Tonnes of Coal, while MV Trishul is carrying Stone Chips to Bangladesh. "Today marks a historic day for the waterways



transportation sector in the country as we dedicate the IWT Terminal at Jogighopa to the people and to the nation. The waterways transportation has been undergoing a tremendous transformation propelling India's logistics growth, propelling us towards PM (Narendra) Modi's vision of 'Viksit Bharat,' said the Minister. The IWT terminal at Jogighopa is set to transform the connectivity in the region and bolster India's trilateral trade with Bhutan and Bangladesh. "Its strategic position allows it to play the role of an economic multiplier

for the region, a testament to PM Narendra Modi's doctrine of 'Neighbourhood First.'" Sonowal, said. Through strategic regional projects and agreements with neighbouring countries such as Bangladesh, Nepal, Bhutan, Myanmar and others, India is diligently establishing itself as a pivotal waterway gateway for facilitating enhanced regional trade and seamless transport connectivity, thus contributing to the overall development and integration of South Asia, while ensuring the sustainability and vitality of the region's economic landscape.

# Sensex surges over 300 pts

Mumbai, (UNI): The BSE Sensex on Wednesday bounced back 324 pts at 76,291 in opening session as almost all stocks were in green. The National Stock Exchange (NSE) rose 91.65 pts at 23,036. Easing 29 points on Tuesday, the equity market was seen in positive note as the sensex registered intra day high and low at 76,302 and 75,814.85 pts respectively. The Nifty registered days high and low at 23,077.85 and 22,814.85 pts respectively. The Mid cap rose 1.28 pc and Small cap by 2.32 pc. In 30 scrips, 18 advanced while 12 declined. The gainers were Zomato by 2.19 pc to Rs 228.15, Tata Steel by 1.56 pc to Rs 136.60, IndusInd Bank by 1.38 pc to Rs 1038.35 and Axis Bank by 1.51 pc to Rs 1008.90. The losers were TCS by 1.33 pc to Rs 3818, M&M by 1.02 pc to Rs 2760, Sun Pharma by 0.90 pc to Rs 1686 and Hind Unilever by 0.79 pc to Rs 2277.70.

# JEE Main Result 2025: 5 students of PhysicsWallah (PW) in Bhopal score over 99 percentile

Bhopal: PhysicsWallah (PW), an education company, has announced results in the JEE Main Session 1 2025 Exam, with four state toppers, one of whom secured 100 percentile from Gujarat, along with more than 612 students scoring above the 99.5 percentile, over 1359 students scoring above the 99 percentile, and 3548+ students scoring above the 98 percentile, with counting still underway. 5 students from PhysicsWallah in Bhopal city have scored above the 99 percentile in the JEE Main Session 1 2025 results. Veer Manawat (99.89), Aditya Yadav (99.81), and Arun Chouhan (99.49) were among the top 3 students of PW in the city. The PW Achievers are four state toppers who have excelled in their exams with remarkable scores. Shiven Vikas Toshniwal from Gujarat secured 100 percentile, Ishant Verma from Mizoram achieved 99.57 percentile, Pranay Kumar Roy from Arunachal Pradesh scored 99.38 percentile, and Kamran Bilal Bhat from Jammu & Kashmir attained 99.89 percentile, closely matching his performance in PW's mock test.

# Prachay Capital Limited Public Issue of Secured NCDs to open on 28 February 2025



Bhopal: Prachay Capital Limited, an RBI-registered Non-Banking Financial Company - Investment and Credit Company (NBFC-ICC), has announced the public issue of its Secured, Rated, Redeemable Non-Convertible Debentures (NCDs) to raise up to Rs100 Crore. The issue opens on 28 February 2025 and closes on 13 March 2025. The BBB-/Stable CRISIL-rated NCDs offer investors a 13% p.a. return with monthly interest payments, making it a fixed-income investment opportunity. The proceeds from this issue of NCDs will be primarily used for the stated fund utilization. Speaking about the issue, Mr Girish Murlidhar Lakhotiya, Managing Director,

Prachay Capital Limited said: "This NCD issue is a key step in Prachay Capital's expansion strategy. With our focus on structured corporate lending and investment in private debt instruments, we aim to generate strong and sustainable returns for our investors while maintaining a robust financial profile. Prachay Capital has zero delays in servicing liabilities and has Gross NPA of 0% on its Assets Under Management (AUM). The Company's AUM has grown at a CAGR of 46.61% from Rs 132.92 Crore as at March 31, 2022 to Rs285.70 Crore, as at March 31, 2024 and has returned on equity (ROE) above 17% post tax over the last three financial years. The Com-

pany's Net Interest Margin (NIM) for the last three financial years ending on March 31, 2024, March 31, 2023 and March 31, 2022 stood at 8.40%, 9.49% and 11.02%, respectively and Company's Return on Total Assets (ROTA) have been in range of 4% to 5% for the same period. As on quarter and six months period ended September 30, 2024, the Company's Capital Risk Adequacy Ratio (CRAR) was 27.32%. With BSE listing, the issue is open for subscription by retail individual investors, high-net-worth individual investors (HNIs), institutional investors, and corporates. For details relating to eligible investors, see "Issue Structure" beginning on page 189 of the Prospectus. In the first half of fiscal 2025, 607 different issuers tapped the corporate bond market, issuing bonds totalling Rs 5.11 lakh crore. In the fiscal 2025, the corporate bond market saw 200+ new issuers, reflecting growing confidence and participation in the debt market. Moreover, AAA-rated corporate bonds dominated the bond market with -67% issuances in the first half of fiscal 2025." He added.

# TVS unveils all new 2025 TVS Ronin



Chennai, (UNI) Two and three-wheeler makers TVS Motor Company on Tuesday unveiled the all-new TVS RONIN 2025 Edition--a bold new iteration of its category defining modern-retro motorcycle. The 2025 TVS RONIN now introduces vibrant colours, a sleek new style and enhanced features. Designed for the free-spirited rider who embraces life beyond the script, the 2025 TVS RONIN was launched with two additional striking colours--Glacier Silver and Charcoal Ember.

This addition highlights the company's commitment to providing customers with fresh, bold choices that enhance the bike's overall visual appeal and give it a sharp, modern edge. Along with its eye-catching new colours, the 2025 edition now has Dual Channel ABS in its mid variant, starting at an attractive price of Rs 1.59 lakh, a company release said. Mr. Vimal Sumbly, Head Business - Premium, TVS Motor Company, said, With the 2025 edition, we bring in a new palette of striking colours along with upgraded safety features and are excited to bring this refreshed model to our customers and look forward to their enthusiastic response as they experience the next chapter of the TVS RONIN's journey. This upgrade helps set apart all three RONIN variants and maintains a strong balance between style and functionality. The 2025 TVS RONIN will be available at authorized TVS dealerships across India, starting Rs 1.35 lakh (ex-showroom.)

# Walkaroo Launches 1000 New Footwear models at Trade Show 2025 in Indore



Indore: In a move towards being customer's most preferred brand, Walkaroo launched over 1000 footwear models at the Trade Show 2025, Indore. These designs are tailored to meet the lifestyle & preferences of customers across Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh & Gujarat, Manoj Bastian, Director- Walkaroo Group said, "We aim to become the most preferred brand in India by catering to not just the functional needs of our customers but also their fashion aspirations, all while en-

uring comfort" Walkaroo reaches customers of Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh & Gujarat through the network of over 16000 Retailers. Walkaroo's extensive range and innovative initiatives are a testament to its mission of delivering high-quality, fashionable, and comfortable footwear to its customers while staying ahead in the industry. ABOUT WALKAROO, Walkaroo, a home-grown brand launched in 2012, aims to democratize fashion by offering a wide range of designs across various styles and categories at affordable prices. The Brand provides slippers, sandals, and different types of footwear made from Polyurethane, EVA, and Sports shoes for both men and women under the Walkaroo brand and its sub-brands Walkaroo Flip-Flopsz and Walkaroo Sportz, catering to consumers across various age groups. In the financial year 2023-2024, Walkaroo achieved a turnover of Rs. 2138 crore, showcasing its significant growth and market presence. With a widespread network of over 700 dealers and access to more than one lakh retail outlets nationwide, the brand effectively reaches its customers across India.

# JSW MG Motor India Celebrates 15,000 Production Milestone of MG Windsor

Gurugram : JSW MG Motor India today announced that the MG Windsor, India's 1st Intelligent CUV, has crossed the production milestone of 15,000 units. The CUV emerged as the best-selling EV four months in a row (October 2024 - January 2025) since launch and has contributed to the overall growth of the EV segment in India. Speaking on the occasion, Biju Balendran, Deputy Managing Director, JSW MG Motor India said, "We are delighted with the response that the MG Windsor has been receiving and are grateful to our customers who have helped us cross the 15,000-unit production milestone. The CUV has been widely accepted by car buyers for its overall pricing and packaging, and for offering a luxurious business-class experience to customers. Smart initiatives such as BaaS, the buyback program, and a lifetime warranty, have all boosted consumer confidence in EVs. As we diversify our portfolio, we remain committed to bringing quality products to our customers at a faster rate." "Consequently, we are increasing



the capacity of the facility at Halol to meet the rising demand for Windsor. Additionally, we are undertaking certain facility modifications to ensure readiness for new products under MG Select which is due for launch in the first half of this year. Hence, we anticipate a production slowdown during the month of February, which may temporarily affect our wholesales during this period", he added further. JSW MG Motor India will be diversifying its portfolio by launching two new products in the Indian market. This includes the MG Cyberster and MG M9 that will be launched under MG Select, company's new 'accessible luxury' brand channel.