



MMRDA to provide additional Rs 5 lakh compensation to family of deceased labourer

The compensation amounting to Rs 5 lakh will be provided through a 'labour welfare fund' to the family of deceased labourers involved in construction of metro corridors in the Mumbai Metropolitan Region (MMR). This fund has been set up by Mumbai Metropolitan and Regional Development Authority (MMRDA) for the first time and the funds will be gathered by penalizing contractors for accidents, injuries at the construction site. In 2017, three mishaps occurred at the metro construction site, one in which a labourer died after a part of the crane hit his head. This incident has pushed the planning authority to bring a policy for labourer. The planning authority has planned to recover penalties beginning from Rs 5000 to Rs 5 lakh from contractors in case of mishap or any safety violations at the construction site.

Who made it to the Aon's Best Employers 2018 India list?

The Aon Best Employers Study in Asia began in 2001 with an aim to provide insights into how organizations can create real competitive advantage through people, explore what makes a workplace of choice, and ultimately identify a list of Best Employers in India & other geographies. Well into its 18th year, the study is one of the most tenured annual workplace studies. This year, the study's theme was "**#Next Gen Org: Consistently Agile**". The theme focused on the tipping point of man and machine, of the need to be high performing today and relevant tomorrow, of sustaining through innovating, of creating the organization of tomorrow and building a bridge to the future with sustainable talent practices.

The antidote of Modi government's job crisis: Labour reforms in the MSME sector

The Micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) are the backbone of the Indian economy, but the country's myriad laws, regulations and bureaucracy has led to a peculiar problem where enterprises prefer not to scale and remain small. The sector contributes around 8% of gross domestic product, 40% of exports and around 45% of manufacturing

output. The sector consists of 40 million units (which is 2nd largest after China) and provides employment to over 120 people especially in the rural areas.

Nurses restive over wage order delay

Members of the United Nurses Association (UNA) has urged the labour department to expedite the process of implementing revised wages notified by the government on April 23. The union leaders said they would organise a long march to Thiruvnanthapuram if the private managements tried to derail the implementation of revised wages. The association decision comes in the wake of private hospitals management association move to get the revised wages order stayed. The association leaders said they had filed petitions before the High Court and Supreme Court to counter the arguments being made by the management to deprive the nurses of their revised wages. The association has sought court's intervention in getting reinstated the allowances and other benefits which had been cut by the government.

Protest At IMFA Enters 18th Day; Agitators Target Security Personnel

Even after 18 days, stalemate continues over protests in front of Indian Metals & Ferro Alloys Ltd (IMFA) plant at Therubali in Rayagada. Another tripartite meeting between the company officials, district administration and a group of 25 agitators is underway at the Collector's office since evening today to resolve the problem. Rayagada Collector, SP, IMFA's senior GM, DGM & public relations officer are present in the meeting. On the other hand, amid the ongoing protests in front of the plant, allegations have surfaced that the company's security personnel are being threatened by the agitators. As per sources, three youths who had arrived yesterday to join as security guards at the IMFA plant were forcefully stopped by the protestors. The three along with two more local youths were escorted by the agitators to the local police station from where police reportedly sent them to their homes, informed sources.

Central figures on economy unreliable: Yashwant Sinha

Former finance minister Yashwant Sinha today said the data on economic growth put out by the Central government cannot be trusted. He also questioned the government's claims about GDP growth and generation of employment. "We cannot trust the figures put out by the Central government. Indian economy itself is a challenge for our democracy. This is a huge crisis of confidence," Sinha said while addressing a group of intellectuals, Citizens for Democracy, on the topic 'Indian economy and challenges before democracy'.

Minister: Contract government staff to be brought under EPFO net

State labour resources department minister Vijay Kumar Sinha on Thursday said steps would be taken to bring contract employees of the government, appointed directly or through outsourcing agency, under the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) net. Earlier, Sinha reviewed the functioning of the EPFO at Niyojan Bhavan here. He also held a meeting with V P Singh, additional provident fund commissioner for Bihar and Jharkhand. Singh told the minister that contract employees of the government were not covered under EPF scheme. As a result, they are not reaping the necessary benefits accruing from the facility. Singh said he had discussed the matter with the state chief secretary, who, in turn, asked the principal secretaries of the respective departments to take necessary steps. State labour commissioner Gopal Prasad Meena also participated in the review meet along with senior officials of the EPFO, Patna circle, including Rajesh Pandey and Pankaj Kumar.

