

Visakhapatnam port posts its busiest month for container cargo

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Visakhapatnam port handled its highest-ever monthly container volume in September, officials said, driven by a rise in electronics and pharmaceutical exports from the region.

Port officials credited new berths and faster customs clearance for

the growth. Transport operators said waiting times for trucks outside the port had come down noticeably.

Trade bodies have asked for better road and rail links to the port so the growth can be sustained through the winter shipping season.

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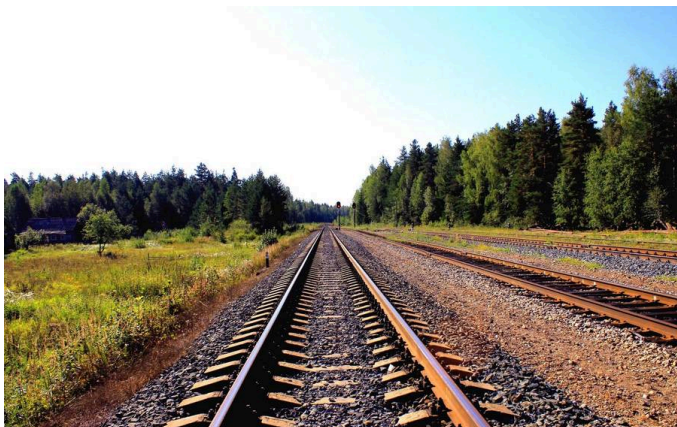
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Hyderabad startups plan to add thousands of jobs this year, survey finds

Startups in Hyderabad expect to hire several thousand people over the next twelve months, according to a survey of founders released by an industry association on Monday.

Software services, health technology and electric-vehicle companies account for most of the planned hiring. Founders said finding experienced engineers remained their biggest challenge.

The association said it would work with colleges to run short courses aimed at the skills companies say are hardest to find.

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Degree admissions: second round of web options open till the 28th

The schedule for the second round of degree college admissions has been released. Students who did not get a seat in the first round can enter web options until the 28th.

The seat allotment list will be published in the first week of next month, officials said, and classes are expected to start soon after.

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Paddy fields ready for harvest

Officials in Warangal opened 180 paddy procurement centres for the kharif season and said all paddy would be bought at the minimum support price.

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Officials said gunny bags had been stocked in advance and that a helpline had been set up for complaints.

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Three injured as car rams parked lorry on Nalgonda highway

Three people were injured when their car rammed into a parked lorry on the national highway in Nalgonda district early on Tuesday.

Passers-by took the injured to a nearby hospital, where doctors said they were stable. Police have registered a case and are investigating.

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About 600 people were screened for diabetes, blood pressure and eye problems at a free health camp in Khammam on Sunday.

Medicines were given free, and 40 people who need surgery were referred to the district hospital, organisers said.

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Potholes on a busy Gachibowli road trouble commuters

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Commuters on a busy road near Gachibowli say potholes that have appeared after the rains are causing two-wheeler riders to fall, especially at night when the water hides them.	Residents said the stretch had been in this condition for about a month and asked the authorities to carry out repairs before more people are hurt.	Residents want officials to act quickly on local problems, and have asked for better roads, drinking water and power supply in their villages.	Several public representatives, officials and residents took part in the programme. Officials promised more development works in the coming weeks.	Special teams have been set up across the district to implement the scheme, and officials said they would make sure every eligible person benefits.
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