SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL INAUGURATES NIKARSHAN SADAN" – DREDGING MUSEUM AND SKILL DEVELOPMENT FACILITY -CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE IN MARITIME AND SHIPBUILDING (CEMS) IN VISHAKHAPATNAM

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Shri Sonowal addressed the DCI employees and said Dredging Corporation of India is a very important organization in the Maritime Sector. He emphasised on the fact that all the employees have to work together as a team because the expectation of the people of the country is very high from DCI. The Minister said that Dredging is very important for the existence of the port and in this competitive world DCI has to prove it is the best in the dredging business. He said Dredging is very important for strengthening the country's economy. Shri Sonowal said that we must learn from our Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi how to work as a team with full dedication.



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Shri Sarbananda Sonowal also inaugurated skill development facility -Centre of Excellence in Maritime and Shipbuilding (CEMS) at a function in Visakhapatnam. Speaking on the occasion he said he was pleased to see this laudable initiative take shape under the Skill India program initiated by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. He said CEMS will provide opportunities for the youth to enhance their skills thereby improving employability and be industry-ready.

The Visakhapatnam facility has 18 state-of-the-art labs, covering every aspect of manufacturing from design, simulation, analysis and production. CEMS also has a Mumbai campus at the Head Office of Indian Register of Shipping which mainly caters to re-skilling.

CEMS supports PM Gati Shakti initiative through skill development programs in four out of seven engines of growth identified, including ports, mass transport, waterways and logistics. CEMS was developed as a special purpose vehicle – in association with the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways and Indian Register of Shipping with an aim to bridge the skill gap, upskilling and re-skilling of the current workforce.

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