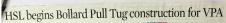
HSL Begins Construction of Bollard Pull Tug at VPA



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HINDUSTAN Shipyard Limited (HSL) marked the formal commencement of construction for a 90-tonne Bollard Pull Tug for the Visakhaspathann Port Authority (VPA) with a ceremonal soel-cutting event at its Hull Snop on Priday. The ceremonal strength of the Priday and the Priday and

at its Hull Shop on Frides.
The ceremony was innegarated by VPA Chairman Dr M
Angamuthu, who initiated the
process by activating the CNC
plasma cutting machine.
Cinde Hemant Khatri, IN
(Redd), Chairman and Managing Director of HSL, expressed
gratitude to VPA for its continued confidence in the shipparel.



Recalling their association since the delivery of Launch Shanti in 1970, he noted that HSL has since delivered ten more vessels to the port.

Highlighting HSI is progress, he spoke of the shirpard's file.

esancial turnaround after four decades of negative net worth and its pursuit of Mini Ratna status. He emphasised HSL's focus on sustainability and inmovation, particularly through the development of next-gener

ation Green Tugs powered by electric and hydrogen technologies aimed at reducing carbon emissions. Dr Angamuthu congratulated HSL on its revitalised per-

formance, praising its ethical practices and work culture. He highlighted the tug's significance in enhancing port operations, with VPA targeting 50 million metric tonnes (MMT) of cargo this year and aiming for over 100 MMT within two

He affirmed VPA's interest in a procuring more such tigs, aligning with national goals of maritime growth, self-reliance, and the vision of Swarna Andbra and Viksit Bharat.