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HINDUSTAN Shipyard Limited (HSL) marked the formal commencement of construction for a 60-tonne Bollard Pull Tug for the Visakhapatnam Port Authority (VPA) with a ceremonial steel cutting event at its Hull Shop on Friday.

The ceremony was inaugurated by VPA Chairman Dr M Angamuthu, who initiated the process by activating the CNC plasma cutting machine.

Guests Hemant Khatri, IN (Retd), Chairman and Managing Director of HSL, expressed gratitude to VPA for its continued confidence in the shipyard.



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 HSL's progress, he spoke of the shipyard's fi-

nancial turnaround after four decades of negative net worth and its pursuit of Mini Ratna status. He emphasised HSL's focus on sustainability and innovation, 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 performance, 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 years.

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