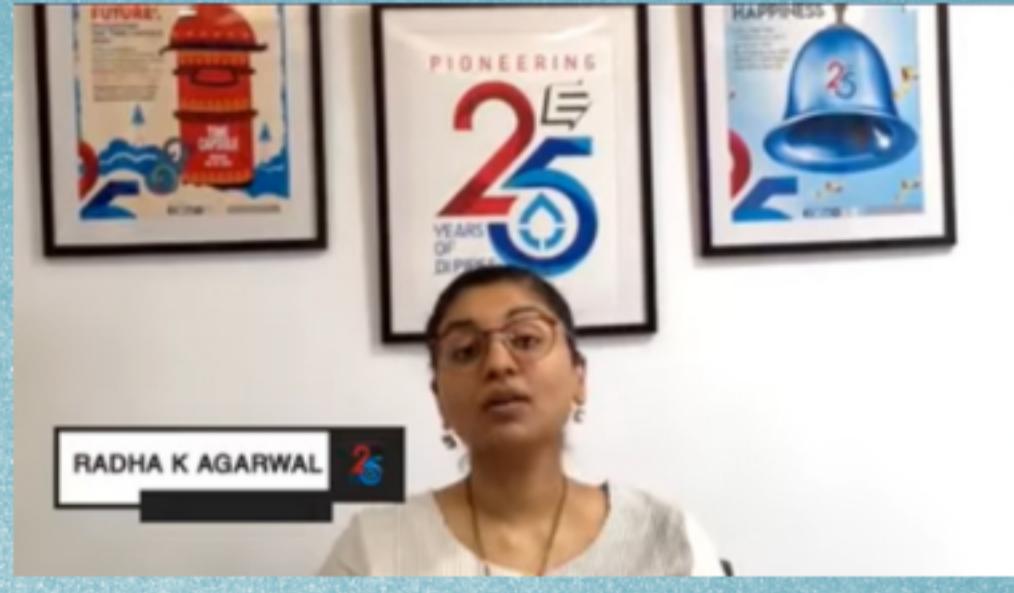




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August was a busy month! We expanded massively, brought water to the waterless, and made the planet a better place! In between we won a Top-Performer award from the Kolkata Port Trust; applauded a member of the Electrosteel UK family who raised money to fight cancer... celebrated the 73rd Independence Day; recycled a lot of paper AND participated in the fun #WaterBucketChallenge!

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Srikalahasti to invest ₹400 crore in Ductile Pipe plant expansion

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The board of directors of Srikalahasti Pipes Ltd has approved a plan to increase the capacity of its Ductile Iron Pipe plant from 3,00,000 tonnes to 5,00,000 tonnes per annum with a total outlay of ₹400 crore.

The decision to expand was taken considering the growing demand of Ductile Iron Pipes.

The board in its previous meeting had already sanctioned capex of ₹145 crore and the balance capex of ₹255 crore has now been approved.

To attain 5,00,000 tonnes per annum hot metal production, it is proposed to install additional Smelter Plant, increased furnace blowing system, additional hot blast stove, oxygen enrichment and all auxiliaries along with higher furnace volume.

The new blast furnace is likely to be commissioned in the third quarter of 2020 and the increase in capacity of Ductile Iron Pipe plant by end of March 2023.

G S Rathi, Wholetime Director, Srikalahasti Pipes, said,



The Ductile Iron Pipe plant's capacity is set to rise by March 2021 ended June 30, 2019 as against against ₹17.29 crore in the same quarter of previous year. It logged in total income of ₹373.18 crore during the June quarter as against ₹306.62 crore in the June quarter of the previous fiscal.

The production of Ductile Iron Pipe during the quarter was up at 65,518 tonnes as against 59,555 tonnes in the corresponding quarter.

During the quarter, the company took a planned shutdown of its plant for ten days as part of routine maintenance.

Similar shutdown for 15 days was taken up during the corresponding quarter of last fiscal.

Profit rises

The company posted a profit of ₹11.37 crore for the quarter