



the Airports Authority of India. "We stand committed to building an airport that Mumbai will be proud of," said **GV Krishna Reddy, Chairman, MIAL.**

BCCI to build own stadium, promote offshore venues

India will help develop cricket infrastructure overseas to promote the game by featuring the national team. The Board of Control for Cricket in India, the world's richest cricket body, is helping the Malaysian Cricket Association to install floodlights at the Kinrara Oval for a series involving India, Australia and West Indies.

Recently, the BCCI had announced plans to build its own stadium in New Delhi for the 2011 World Cup finals, at a cost of Rs 300 crore. The board is acquiring 35 acres to build the state-of-the-art stadium, which will have entertainment and accommodation facilities, as well as a five-star club. The main aim, however, is to provide more comfort and security to spectators, said **Niranjan Shah, Secretary, BCCI.**

It is also moving to upgrade test-match stadiums in the country at the initiative of **Union Minister Sharad Pawar**, the board president. Subsidy amounting to Rs 25 crore has already been sanctioned. "We are focusing on providing spectator friendly ambiance," said Shah. Associations have been granted Rs 4 crore to develop cricket academies.

The tournament in Malaysia, to be held from September 12 to 24, precedes the ICC

Champions Trophy to be hosted by India. The BCCI had helped the Abu Dhabi cricket authorities to organise the Indo-Pak Friendship Series in April in the new Sheikh Zayed stadium. "We plan to extend similar help to Singapore, Dublin (Ireland), and even USA and Canada," Shah said. "This is part of our programme spread over the next four to five years to promote off-shore cricket."

CICO Club Performance Awards presented

Construction chemicals firm CICO



Amit Gupta, CMD, CICO Technologies

Technologies Ltd formed the 'CICO Club' about a year ago to strengthen its distribution network. The first CICO Club Performance Awards were presented recently at a function in New Delhi. There was one Platinum Club Award winner, 10 Gold Club winners, three Silver Club winners and 11 Privilege Club winners. Dealers from all over the country attended the event.

In his address, **Amit Gupta, CMD, CICO Technologies**, covered the role of the construction industry in the context of the growth of infrastructure in India.

Tata-BlueScope joint venture inaugurates steel unit in Pune

Tata BlueScope Steel Limited, a 50:50 joint venture between Tata Steel and Australia's BlueScope Steel Limited recently inaugurated its first roll-forming and pre-engineered building facility near

Hinjewadi, Pune. There will also be a design centre with an engineering team to create new concepts, products and applications of steel in buildings.

The state-of-the-art unit will manufacture beams, columns, purlins, and other roofing and wall-cladding components, said **Chetan Tolia, MD, Tata BlueScope Steel.** The company will offer a comprehensive range of branded steel products for building and construction applications, like Zinalume metallic-coated and Colorbond painted steels, Lysaght steel-building solutions, and Butler pre-engineered metal building systems.

Two more such factories are under construction, at Sriperumbudur in Tamil Nadu and Bhiwadi in Rajasthan. A metallic coating (250,000-tonne capacity) and painting facility (150,000 tonne) is being built at Jamshedpur.

Tata BlueScope also unveiled its new corporate identity, which will lead brand development in the fast emerging Indian construction market. "The building industry is growing rapidly, and it is a great opportunity to showcase our products and



B Muthuraman, MD, Tata Steel and Kathryn Fagg, Chairman, Tata BlueScope Steel, at the inaugural ceremony.

solutions to the construction industry," said **B Muthuraman, MD, Tata Steel.** The company will offer premium quality branded steel products to the building and construction markets of India and South Asia, said **Kathryn Fagg, Chairman, Tata BlueScope Steel.** The company will operate in the SAARC region. **CW**

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