

Regasification unit to start on Jan. 15

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The much-delayed floating, storage and regasification unit (FRSU) for liquefied natural gas (LNG) terminal project at Kakinada will finally take off on January 15. Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu will sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the Gas Authority of India Limited and Shell among other companies.

Decks for the prestigious project were cleared by AP chief secretary I.Y.R. Krishna Rao after GAIL representatives met him. "There were some obstacles due to which the proj-

ect was getting delayed. They have been cleared now. It has been decided to float a terminal company and a trading company," Mr Krishna Rao told this correspondent.

The companies have to go for financial closure within six months from the date of MoU and the actual operations will commence within 18 months from the date of financial closure.

The government is expected to get over ₹1,700-crore revenue per annum in the form of equity value, taxes and duties in addition to revenue share. The project is targeted to provide direct and indirect employment to 2,000 people.