<u>INDUSTRIAL VISIT OF 2022 – 2026 BATCH</u> <u>Kinfra Bottling Company, Kinfra Industrial Park, Koratty</u>

As part of academic program, the Automobile Engineering, Batch 22 students of SSET (2022-2026) visited Kinfra Bottling Company, Kinfra Industrial Park, Koratty on 1st March 2024, which specializes in packaging. The visit aimed to enhance the understanding of modern bottling operations, machinery, and quality control measures. This report provides a detailed account of the visit, highlighting key processes, equipment, and lessons learned.

Objective

The primary objectives of the visit were:

- 1. To understand the bottling process and its components.
- 2. To observe quality control techniques in the beverage industry.
- 3. To learn about the logistics and management of a bottling unit.

Overview of Kinfra Bottling Company

Kinfra Bottling Company operates under the Kinfra Industrial Park initiative, aimed at promoting industrial growth. The company is equipped with advanced bottling technology and follows strict hygiene and safety standards. It caters to both domestic and international markets, producing a wide range of beverages.

Description of the Visit

The visit began with a warm welcome from the company officials, followed by a presentation on the company's history, production capacity, and its role in the industry. We were then taken on a guided tour of the production unit.

1. Bottling Process

The bottling process at Kinfra consists of several key stages:

Bottle Manufacturing: Preforms are heated and blown into bottle shapes using automated blow molding machines.

2. Machinery and Automation

We observed cutting-edge machinery, including high-speed filling and capping systems, robotic arms for packaging, and conveyor systems ensuring smooth workflow. Automation played a critical role in maintaining efficiency and precision.

3. Quality Control

The company emphasized its rigorous quality control measures. Samples from each batch are tested in their laboratory for pH, carbonation levels, and contamination. They also implement regular inspections of machinery and hygiene protocols.

4. Environmental Practices

Kinfra Bottling Company showcased its commitment to sustainability by:

Recycling water and plastic waste.

Using energy-efficient machinery.

Adopting eco-friendly packaging materials.

Interaction with Experts

The visit included an interactive session with industry experts, who provided insights into operational challenges, market trends, and career opportunities in the beverage industry.

Key Learnings

- The importance of automation in improving production efficiency.
- Stringent quality control practices required in food and beverage manufacturing.
- Sustainable practices in industrial operations.
- Coordination between different departments for smooth workflow.



(Group photo at KINFRA Bottling Company)

Conclusion

The industrial visit to Kinfra Bottling Company was an enriching experience. It provided practical exposure to the bottling process and the integration of technology in modern manufacturing. The visit underscored the importance of adhering to quality and environmental standards in the industry.

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