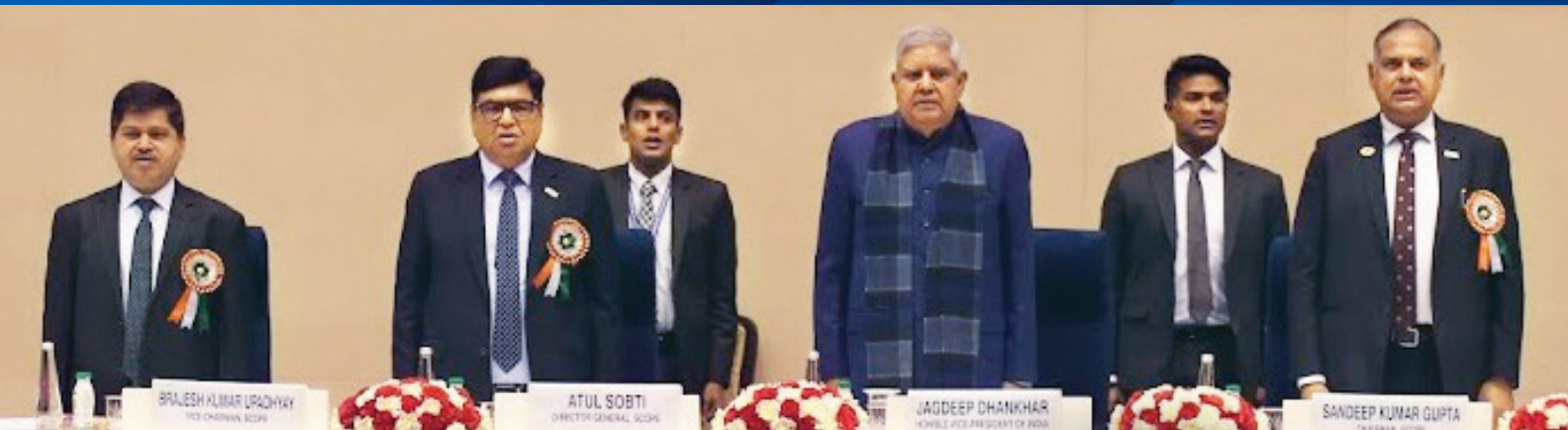


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Message by Chairman

The recently announced Interim Budget by our Hon'ble Finance Minister is another step in the roadmap of the country's becoming a 'Viksit Bharat.' Focusing on people-centric inclusive development, the Budget focuses on Empowering the Youth; welfare of the people, Women empowerment and attaining a sustainable environment with commitment to 'Net Zero.'

Following the roadmap indicated by the Interim Budget, Public Sector Enterprises (PSEs) are steadfast in their incessant contribution, initiatives and dedicated commitment as nation builders. And, SCOPE as the apex body of PSEs in India, continues to highlight not only their efforts and initiatives but facilitate due recognition of the same.

Cognizant of its core objective of enunciating the endeavours of PSEs, I am happy to share that SCOPE Awards were recently felicitated by the Hon'ble Vice-President of India, Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar. These awards brought together not just the outstanding performers of the fraternity, but reverberated and celebrated the spirit of PSEs and their inherent connect with the nation.

SCOPE has always believed in creating a conducive environment of learning and development, where innovation is the key. Organizing various programs on pivotal subjects, SCOPE has been making continuous efforts towards capacity building.

Honouring Mahatma Gandhi, our Father of the Nation, SCOPE also held a Symposium on 'Reflections on Mahatma Gandhi's Ethical Leadership' and participants were addressed on Gandhiji's legacy and teachings by Shri Rohit Kumar Singh, Secretary (CA), Department of Consumer Affairs, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution.

In the coming months, SCOPE will be organizing its National Meet on RTI Act and Workshop on Public Procurement at Shillong, Meghalaya. In the past, SCOPE received a tremendous response to its programs that were held in different regions of the country. Taking forward its effort of capacitating the fraternity in North-Eastern region of the country, SCOPE is now organizing these programs in Shillong.

As the country celebrated the Republic Day, PSEs also held vivid celebrations across the country. I suggest our readers to take a glance at the celebrations featured in this issue of the magazine.

I look forward to your feedback and suggestions to take forward SCOPE's endeavours and I hope this year too, we will continue to transcend newer heights of excellence through novel initiatives.

Sandeep Kumar Gupta
Chairman, SCOPE

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Director General's Desk

At the outset, SCOPE will like to compliment the Hon'ble Union Finance Minister for presenting a balanced and a directional Interim Budget 2024. Like every year, this Budget too serves as a roadmap for unravelling newer opportunities of the future.

Aiming at inclusive and comprehensive development of the country, the Budget further fortifies the role of Public Sector Enterprises (PSEs) in being partners in the nation's growth.

SCOPE, as the apex body, continues to showcase and earmark the achievements of PSEs not only nationally but across the globe. I am glad to share that the recently held SCOPE Awards, commemorating the contribution and exemplary performance of PSEs were felicitated by our Hon'ble Vice-President of India, Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar and were widely acknowledged by all.

I extend my gratitude to the Hon'ble Vice-President of India for gracing and guiding the fraternity towards scaling newer heights, our eminent jury headed by T.S. Thakur, Former Chief Justice of India, for showing us the path towards setting new benchmarks of success, and the fraternity for heartedly joining and revitalizing the spirit of the Public Sector.

But after the celebrations, for SCOPE comes the responsibility of furthering learning and development amongst PSEs. Various programs are in the pipeline and we look forward to the continued support of our members, making our efforts a success.

I look forward to a vivid participation in our upcoming programs of RTI and Public Procurement in Shillong and I hope our effort of taking our programs to north-eastern regions of the country, continue to benefit PSEs.

As representing labour and employment issues at pertinent boards remains a prerogative of SCOPE, I am happy to share that I have been appointed as Member (Employers' Representative), Dattopant Thengadi National Board for Workers Education and Development (DTNBWED) yet again, for the second time.

Besides, I have also been appointed as the Member of Central Board of Trustees (CBT), Employees' Provident

Fund Organisation (EPFO) for the second time vide Gazette Notification of Government of India. It is a matter of pride to be selected once again as a member and SCOPE will continue to represent employers on various important committees.

SCOPE also participated in the meeting of Standing Committee of ESI Corporation chaired by Smt. Arti Ahuja, Secretary, Labour & Employment, GoI.

SCOPE also participated in the recent Council of Indian Employers (CIE)'s meeting with Ms. Michiko Miyamoto, Director, International Labour Organization, DWT, where discussions on SCOPE and ILO's pivotal association and endeavours of the future were deliberated.

Forging ahead with the commitment to bring newer, innovative opportunities to the threshold of PSEs, SCOPE will continue to foster newer partnerships and industry-academia collaborations.

With the first month of the year being engulfed with a plethora of activities and endeavours, I am hopeful that the year ahead will be packed with activities. I invite each of our members to share their feedback and help us better our efforts.

Programmes & Initiatives launched (since last issue of KALEIDOSCOPE)

SCOPE Awards Ceremony- **18th January 2024**

Celebrations of Republic Day- **26th January 2024**

Symposium on 'Reflections on Mahatma Gandhi's Ethical Leadership – **30th January, 2024**

Programmes & Initiatives in the offing

National Meet of Women in Public Sector (WIPS) under the aegis of SCOPE– **12th & 13th February 2024**

Workshop on Public Procurement: Issues & Challenges in Shillong- **29th February- 1st March 2024**

National Meet on RTI Act- **1st & 2nd March 2024**

Atul Sobti

Director General, SCOPE

ADDRESS BY VICE-PRESIDENT OF INDIA Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar (Excerpts)



Presentation Ceremony of SCOPE Awards

I must start with a disclaimer: I am regarded by the legal fraternity and people who know me well as a Public Sector fanatic. I believe in the Public Sector because of their talent, commitment, direction and accomplishment and the one who introduced me into the Public Sector is here, Shri Sushil Rungta, Former Chairman, SAIL. He gets the best out of his professionals while keeping them in a good mood.

Your jury is headed by one of the finest men of Indian Judiciary, Justice Tirath Singh Thakur. Anything that carries his stamp is bound to be suffering the toughest evaluation. He is guided by only one aspect and that is merit.

Public Sector is our pride, the Public Sector is the spine of the Indian economy and you all are the spinal strength of the Public Sector. I want the people at large, particularly the Corporate Sector to know it. We need to give recognition to the Public Sector, its Human Resource- that is long overdue. When you take into account the conditions of your peers, they are in geometrical situations but when it comes to the table, you are far ahead of them. I am sure the nation is greatly benefiting thereby.

Reflections have been made by Prime Minister Narendra Modi ji about the Public Sector Enterprises and he reflected on it as a visionary. He could realize your strength and he therefore indicated that Public Sector Enterprises stand for profit. People have a misconception - they associate the Public Sector with liability. No! Going into the hard facts, the Public Sector does stand for profit and this

profit is not only in the balance sheets, this profit is in your massive contribution for societal upliftment and upliftment of the elements of society that matter to all of us.

Remember the days when going to a bank was a tough job. They would never be keen to open your account. When we come to the present statistics, 500 million accounts in the Jan Dhan category, so well accomplished. A vision executed by the Public Sector, no one else could do it. The benefit was to a nation which houses 1/6th of humanity and what are the consequences? Because of this massive banking inclusion, thanks to the efficiency of our Public Sector, we now have a transparent, accountable mechanism for the transfer of money. It has been tested time and again. I am the son of a farmer. 110 million farmers, thrice a year, get money directly in their accounts all thanks to the Public Sector. You have not only facilitated the government machinery, you have really surcharged it, you have given to farmers the ability to receive that amount, and it has cut down interventions, leakage, corruption, the amount reaches directly. Again, congratulations to the Public Sector.

Rich human resource of the Public Sector is to be further exploited because we are living now in times that are dynamic and fast changing. We have to live with disruptive, futuristic technologies. Those technologies will guide our path. They have entered our offices and our homes. We have to ensure these technologies unleash their power for positivity and for that the Public Sector will have to

engage in securing Research and Development. Fortunately, the Government of India has taken initiatives and is in the league of nations, this number is not in double digits. When we talk of quantum computing, we have thought of it well in time. There is a Quantum Commission, there is allocation of Rs. 6000 crore. We have to go ahead. If we come to the Green Hydrogen Mission, look at the potential it has, 19000 crore have been committed to this mission. By one estimate, in 2030, there would be about 8-9 lakh jobs and 6 lakh crore investment. These are the areas where the Public Sector should take initiative.

Research and Development in the world has been catalyzed by the corporate sector and the industry. Research and development will define how strong a nation will be and how secure a nation will be. I had the good fortune to address three International conferences on security aspects focusing particularly on the Indo - Pacific. Wars will no longer be fought in conventional manners - they will be technologically driven.

The Public Sector has always risen to the call of the nation. Whenever there was a need for the nation to get a healing touch, the Public Sector came forward and also repaired its balance sheets; this is something unique which is not shared by the corporate world. Therefore, please hand hold institutions.

Those pernicious tendencies of which the Public Sector was victim, they never originated in the Public Sector. The Public Sector could not perform on occasions because the governance was not of the kind which it should have been. We now have a governance mechanism for every industry - public or private, because transparency and accountability is the new fulcrum of it.

Patronage is not a word in the Public Sector. The Public Sector has never believed in patronage.

It has performed objectively. There had previously been some kind of incursions in their governance by the authorities where they were directed and rendered helpless.

Now there is no such constraint. You have to outperform no one but yourself and that is why in AmritKaal, firm foundations have been laid for what Bharat will be in 2047, and Bharat in 2047 will be a world leader. Empowerment does not come with knee jerk reactions, empowerment comes with bold decisions and in these bold decisions, half of humanity - women, have to actively participate in governance. They have to have a constitutionally structured mechanism in which they will participate. This eluded us for three decades. Efforts were made, I don't doubt the efforts but success eluded us. A great event happened in September 2023, when Lok Sabha passed a historic, epochal bill providing reservation to women. One third seats in Lok Sabha and state legislatures would be reserved for women and this should be understood in proper perspective. The proper perspective is that the number will always be more than one - third, because women can always contest from the usual seats, general seats.



This reservation has a great societal element. It is horizontal and vertical which means Scheduled Caste and Scheduled tribe women, for these two categories there is already a reservation in Parliament and legislature, but one third of their category will be women.

Imagine by the end of this decade what will be the shape of the Parliament! More than one third parliamentarians will be women. That is a great accomplishment and the entire world has acknowledged it.

I appeal to you, people before me are not ordinary people, your track record of success shows that you are gifted with sharp intellect. You are discerning minds. Can this be effected in 2024? There will have to be delimitation.

So the greatest threat comes to us from informed minds. There is a gentleman, he held high positions, you regard him well because he happened to be the Finance Minister of the country, a long Parliamentary career and he comes out with a thought immediately "why not now?".

If informed minds, sensible minds, whom we regard well, trade on ignorance of the people, it is antithetical to morality, ethics and an injustice to the nation. In the world of finance, someone had his workstation outside this country, came to this country as the Chief Economic Advisor and was lucky to become the RBI Governor, could not get a second term and then said two things that hurt me. I can't digest those two things.

One, India's rise will not be more than 5%, it was actually 7.6%. Why is he silent? The second was

awful, totally unjustifiable, what will happen ki भारत सुपर पावर बनेगा तो क्या करेगा? औरों को परेशान करना है। यह बात ट्विटर पर कह देना कि क्यों बनना चाहते हो सुपर पावर, किसको परेशान करना चाहते हो? He betrays ignorance of about 5000 years of Civilizational Ethos. हमारे देश ने किसी को परेशान नहीं किया है। This country has never believed in expansion. I therefore appeal to you. You are leaders in one form or other. Those who are before me and those who are accessing this program are influencers; your word will count.

Time has come when as Indians we must believe in economic nationalism. Our country is being bled because of imported items that we can make here. We are not respecting the concept of Vocal for Local. Being Vocal for Local as indicated by the Prime Minister encapsulates essence of economic nationalism. हम क्या इंपोर्ट कर रहे हैं दिए कैडल कर्टेन फर्नीचर? Should we be doing that? When we import these articles, there is a 2 point impact: जो यहां बना सकता है उसके हाथ से हम काम छीन रहे हैं और जो एंटरप्रेन्योर बन सकता है उसको हम धक्का दे रहे हैं। इसकी आवश्यकता नहीं है। I am sure if each one of you takes it upon himself or herself to generate this vibe of economic nationalism, it will have an exponential impact.

I am not a stakeholder in politics. Politicians have freedom to play their politics. Let them set any narratives but let them not shut their eyes to national interests. Our epochal achievements are being appreciated by one and all. मुझे आपको यह कहना है कि आज का भारत बदल गया है। आज का भारत किसी का मोहताज नहीं है। आज का भारत देश हित को आगे रखता है की अंतरराष्ट्रीय संबंध हो और देश में विकास हो। पब्लिक

सेक्टर की बहुत कैपेसिटी है। You have something which no one else can do. नालंदा तक्षशिला यह आप क्रिएट कर सकते हो आपका हुमन रिसोर्स बहुत ज्यादा है। The Public Sector is sometimes regarded as a punching bag. They associate inefficiency with the Public Sector. How wrong they are! We have to do something about it. I am your soldier. It is not inefficient; it is the most efficient. It is not a category which doesn't look at the balance sheet, it does. The balance sheet is brilliant but it has another balance sheet which normally others don't have - that it gives so much to the society which you cannot imagine. If I look around there was one Public Sector undertaking, that undertaking has made Tejas. That undertaking has made a helicopter. It's job card is full. It will have to do much to discharge that obligation.

Ignorance is no longer a bliss. We have been saying this for a long time, ignorance is bliss. Ignorance is in fact not bliss and sky is not the limit for Bharat!

Now, if you tell someone you are from India, if you tell someone your passport is Indian, he remembers only two things. In present times amongst global economies of that size, India's rise is at number one. World bodies like the International Monetary Fund have confidently said that India is the favorite destination for investment and opportunity. Let us make the most out of it.

History is being created in the AmritKaal thanks to the labour, efforts and contribution of every Indian supporting the visionary leadership that thinks big, executes fast and brings about development for one and all.

SPEECH BY Chairman, SCOPE Shri Sandeep Kumar Gupta

- Hon'ble Vice-President of India, Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar Ji
- Shri Atul Sobti, Director General, SCOPE
- Shri Brajesh Kumar Upadhyay, Vice Chairman, SCOPE & CMD, Goa Shipyard Ltd.
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- Ladies and Gentlemen

Good Morning to everyone,

It is truly an honour to have Hon'ble Vice-President of India, Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar Ji amidst us today. On behalf of SCOPE, the PSU fraternity and myself, I would like to welcome you Sir and extend my heartfelt gratitude to you for gracing the occasion.

It is indeed a matter of great privilege for us as we gather here today to felicitate the achievements of the Public Sector fraternity and this recognition is being bestowed by the Hon'ble Vice President of India, Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar Ji himself.

The presence of a great stalwart who has led the nation in various capacities and portfolios with his passion for development of the country both economically and socially is a matter of immense pride for all of us.

The past few years have been challenging for the world at large. As global economies recovered after the pandemic, issues such as technological disruptions, impact of climate change and the geo-political conflicts have added further complexity to the global landscape.

Under the able and visionary leadership of our Hon'ble Prime

Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji, the country managed to steer through the various geo-political challenges and economic crisis by capitalizing on the inherent opportunities and strength of Indians.

The accomplishment of the Indian economy is evident from the fact that India is the fastest growing economy in 2024 and is poised to shortly become the third largest economy in a matter of years. The 'Voice of India' is now being recognized as the 'voice of growing economies' having a significant place in many international forums.

This is evident from the many achievements of the country as can be seen over a period of time.

India has evolved into a country with expertise in Space Technology, Information Technology, Artificial Intelligence and abundant human resources. Walking hand in hand with wisdom from its ancient past and confidence to stride into the future, it has demonstrated self-sufficiency and compassion to support other countries, as was visible during the pandemic when the country met the vaccine demands of the world.



Presentation Ceremony of SCOPE Awards

The recent successful completion of the G20 Meet under the country's presidency saw the world echo a similar sentiment while acknowledging India's emergence as the leader of the Global South.

In this long journey of seven decades of the country since its independence, the Public Sector Enterprises have played a defining role.

While, DG SCOPE has already given an overview of the exemplary performance of the fraternity, I would just like to add that today PSEs have played a critical role in ensuring economic development, social justice and employment generation.

This is apparent from the fact that PSEs together have achieved CAPEX of more than Rs. 2 lakh crore, continuously in the last three financial years. (They) have registered close to 50% growth in their revenue and more than 100% growth in profits over the last 5 years while adding to the stakeholders' wealth by registering more than 50% increase in the dividend payout and nearly 35% increase in their spent on the Corporate Social Responsibility.

It is also heartening to note that we, as the PSE fraternity contribute over Rs. 5 lakh crore to the central exchequer in the form of taxes, duties and dividends. And according to an estimate, we contribute to about 14% of the country's GDP.

In other words, PSUs have fulfilled the dream and purpose of their genesis by contributing to social development with commercial prudence, while adhering to highest benchmarks of corporate governance.



The PSUs, while ensuring socio-economic development of the country, have served as the prime carrier of Government initiatives, extending support to the nation in the most challenging times.

Sir, I am happy to let you know that supporting the various endeavours of PSEs, Standing Conference of Public Enterprises i.e. SCOPE, an apex body of Indian PSEs, is determined to focus on fortifying the capacities of the fraternity in pertinent conventional areas while also developing their strengths in emerging areas and recognising their untiring efforts towards the development of the country.

In this regard Sir, I am proud to share that SCOPE is relentlessly making its efforts to enable advancement of the PSEs in emerging areas including Women Empowerment, Digital Transformation, Climate Change mitigation, Leadership Development in the new normal and incorporating Artificial Intelligence (AI) to optimize business processes, besides ensuring capacity enhancement of PSEs in

many other areas.

While continuing with our various initiatives, today, we take the onus to recognize and appreciate the achievements and resilience of the PSEs by felicitating them with the SCOPE Awards, which I am sure would encourage the fraternity to continue with their good work.

In our endeavour to further propel PSEs to greater heights, Sir your guidance is of paramount importance and it is indeed our honour to receive your invaluable insights. This in turn would enable SCOPE and PSEs to enhance corporate excellence for accelerated and sustainable growth of the country so that India is considered the ultimate epitome of success.

I, once again, thank you Sir for accepting our invitation to grace the occasion and give away the Awards. I also congratulate all the Award Winners and wish all others also to perform to their best capacity in the future times.

Thank You.
Jai Hind.

SPEECH BY DG, SCOPE Shri Atul Sobti

- Hon'ble Vice President of India, Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar Ji
- Shri Sandeep Kumar Gupta, Chairman, SCOPE
- Shri Brajesh Kumar Upadhyay, Vice Chairman, SCOPE
- Senior Officials from various Ministries, Government Departments, Statutory and Regulatory Bodies, SCOPE Associates, Dignitaries, Chief Executives, Directors and senior executives of Public Sector Enterprises, Award Winners and the media personnel present here.

Ladies and Gentlemen!

Namaskar!

It is my pleasure to welcome you all today to the presentation ceremony of SCOPE Awards, that seeks to commemorate the achievements of the Public Sector Enterprises in India.

For this momentous occasion, it's indeed a great honour and privilege for us to have amongst us Hon'ble Vice-President of India, Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar Ji to encourage the Public Sector fraternity by presenting the SCOPE Awards and also enlighten us with his guidance and words of wisdom.

Sir, we welcome you and extend our heartfelt thanks to you for your gracious presence today. It's a great encouragement for all of us.

Today is a landmark day as we celebrate the achievements of the Public Sector and make a pledge to attain even greater heights.

Ladies and Gentlemen, as you are aware, the journey of the PSEs has indeed been riveting as they grew from 5 PSEs during the first five year plan to the present strength of 389.

Envisaged to play the pivotal role of enhancing the socio-economic development of the country since their inception, PSEs have emerged as prudent commercial entities as they contribute over 13% to India's GDP while registering a gross turnover of nearly ₹32 Lakh Crores (in 2022) which surpasses the GDP of many countries.

Defying the common perception, 76% of the PSEs recorded profit in the previous year, registering a net profit of ₹2.5 Lakh Crores.

Undoubtedly, Public Sector has been effectively contributing as the country moves on an upward trajectory and as India now aims to become Viksit, it's vital that PSEs, as the backbone of the economy, persevere their commitment to drive the nation forward and evolve with the changing times.

In this journey of PSEs, Standing Conference of Public Enterprises- an apex body of PSEs, continuously works towards not only enhancing the capacities of the PSEs, but also undertakes initiatives to showcase the achievements of the enterprises to the world. SCOPE Awards



Presentation Ceremony of SCOPE Awards



is an effort in this direction. These Awards are culmination of a rigorous process through an eminent jury headed by the former Chief Justice of India.

Sir, the acknowledgement of the hard work of the PSEs in your august presence would encourage the PSEs to continue to excel and innovate in diverse fields.

I want to congratulate all the award winners and convey our best wishes to the Public Sector fraternity.

Once again, I would like to express my gratitude to the Hon'ble Vice-President for his time and guidance. I also want to take this opportunity to thank Department of Public Enterprises, Ministry of Finance and Corporate Affairs and all Departments and Ministries of the Government of India, Statutory and Regulatory Bodies for their continued guidance and support in all endeavours of SCOPE.

I am also grateful to our business associates, many of whom are present here, including ILO,

GIZ Germany, AIOE, ICAI, ICMAT, ICSI, IMT, CCL, IIPA, International Solar Alliance, for their partnership and also to the PSEs for their enthusiastic participation and support in all the SCOPE initiatives – motivating us to innovate every time.

तो आइए आज एक साथ मिलकर सार्वजनिक उपक्रमों की उपलब्धियों का त्योहार मनाएं और राष्ट्र निर्माण के लिए स्वयं को पुनः प्रतिबद्ध करें।

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Vice-President calls Public Sector the Pride of the Nation and spine of the Indian Economy



Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar, Hon'ble Vice-President of India; Shri Sandeep Kumar Gupta, Chairman, SCOPE; Shri Atul Sobti, Director General, SCOPE and Shri Brajesh Kumar Upadhyay, Vice Chairman, SCOPE during SCOPE Awards ceremony at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi.

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Deloitte's presentation on 'Beyond Nation-Building: Towards a Global Viksit Bharat with Empowered PSEs'

During the SCOPE Awards ceremony, Shri Anandurup Ghose, Partner & CHRO Programme Leader, Consulting, Deloitte India gave a presentation on 'Beyond Nation-Building: Towards a Global Viksit Bharat with Empowered PSEs.' The presentation reflected upon how Public Sector Enterprises represent being the bulwark on which the Indian business world is standing today. He made a presentation on the incessant contribution of PSEs, while stating that PSEs represent not just the economic and social scenario of the nation, but are a reflection of our society and also

reflect how far we have come as a nation.

Sharing the immense contribution of PSEs in nation's growth since independence, he acknowledged the pivotal role they will be playing in taking the nation forward. He also threw light on how PSEs are the Inspiring Examples of Driving Economic Growth through Productivity and Skill Enhancement while citing the ways through which PSEs can take forward the socio-economic development of the nation. These include infusing technology and innovation to drive richer jobs and roles, cultivating fundamental capabilities around creativity,



agility and critical thinking. Investing and harnessing the research and development capacities, and also giving special attention and focus to ESG across all stakeholders, by proactively leading the industry thinking and facilitate action on environmental sustainability.



WINNERS OF SCOPE AWARDS



Shri Sujoy Choudhury, Director (P&BD), IOCL receiving the SCOPE Eminence Awards in the categories of Institutional Excellence Award (Maharatna & Navratna PSEs) and Women Empowerment; and SCOPE Meritorious Award in the category of Environmental Excellence & Sustainable Development.



Ms. Sukla Mistry, Director (Refineries), IOCL receiving SCOPE Excellence Award as Outstanding Woman Manager in PSEs.



Dr. Pushp Kumar Joshi, CMD, HPCL receiving the SCOPE Eminence Awards in the categories of Human Resource Management and Digital Transformation; and SCOPE Meritorious Award in the category of Effective Implementation of RTI Act.



Shri M.K. Surana, Former CMD, HPCL receiving the SCOPE Excellence Award for Individual Leadership Category- I (Maharatna & Navratna PSEs).



Shri K. Sadashiv Murthy, CMD, BHEL & Shri Jai Prakash Srivastava, Director (E, R&D), BHEL with additional charge of Director (Finance) receiving the SCOPE Eminence Award and SCOPE Meritorious Award in the category of R&D, Technology Development & Innovation; and Commendation Certificate of SCOPE Excellence Award in Special Institutional Category (Digitalization).



Shri Manish Patil, Director (HR), ONGC & Shri Deepak Tandon, GGM - Chief Carbon Management & Sustainability Group, ONGC receiving the SCOPE Eminence Award in the category of Environment Excellence & Sustainable Development and SCOPE Meritorious Award in the category of Good Corporate Governance.

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Shri Ashok Das, Director (HR), Oil India Ltd. receiving the SCOPE Eminence Award in the category of Corporate Social Responsibility & Responsiveness.



Shri R.K. Tyagi, CMD, Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd. receiving the SCOPE Meritorious Award in the category of Corporate Social Responsibility & Responsiveness.



Shri I.S. Jha, Former CMD, Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd. receiving the SCOPE Excellence Award in Individual Leadership Category- I (Maharatna/Navratna PSEs).



Ms. Seema Gupta, Former Director (Operations), Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd. receiving the SCOPE Eminence Award in the category of Outstanding Women Leadership Award.



Shri Rajiv Ranjan Jha, Director (Projects), Power Finance Corporation Ltd. receiving the SCOPE Excellence Award in Institutional Category- I (Maharatna/Navratna PSEs) and SCOPE Meritorious Award in the category of Best Managed Bank, Financial Institution or Insurance Company.



Shri Ajoy Choudhury, Director (Finance), REC Ltd. & Shri Saurabh Rastogi, Executive Director (BDM), REC Ltd. receiving the Commendation Certificate for SCOPE Excellence Award in Special Institutional Category (Digitalization).

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Shri Sanjay Jindal, Director (Finance), EIL & Shri Atul Gupta, Director (Commercial), EIL receiving the SCOPE Eminence Award in the category of Women Empowerment.



Shri Rahul Mithal, CMD, RITES Ltd. & Shri K.G. Agarwal, Director (Finance), RITES Ltd. receiving the SCOPE Eminence Awards in the categories of Institutional Excellence Award (Miniratna I & II PSEs); and Corporate Governance.



Shri Kalasani Mohan Reddy, Director (Planning & Projects), NLC India Ltd. receiving the SCOPE Eminence Award in the category of Digital Transformation.



Shri Bhanu Prakash Srivastava, CMD, BEL receiving the SCOPE Excellence Award in Special Institutional Category (Digitalization).



Shri Jayapal Reddy, Executive Director, NMDC Ltd. receiving the SCOPE Eminence Award in the category of Corporate Social Responsibility & Responsiveness.



Shri J. Arora, Director (P&T), NALCO & Shri N. K. Mohanty, GGM & Company Secretary, NALCO receiving the Commendation Certificate for SCOPE Meritorious Award in category of Good Corporate Governance.

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Shri Sanjai Kumar, CMD, RailTel Corporation of India Ltd. & Shri V. Rama Manohara Rao, Director (Finance), RailTel Corporation of India Ltd. receiving the SCOPE Eminence Award in the category of Institutional Excellence Award (Miniratna I & II PSEs).



Shri D. Singh, CMD, IREL (India) Ltd. receiving the SCOPE Excellence Award in Special Institutional Category (Turnaround).



Ms. Usha Singh, Director (HR), MOIL India Ltd. receiving the Commendation Certificate for SCOPE Excellence Award as Outstanding Woman Manager in PSEs.



Shri Rajeev Kumar Vishnoi, CMD, NHPC Ltd. receiving the Commendation Certificate for SCOPE Meritorious Award in the category of Effective Implementation of RTI Act.



Shri Pawan Varma, Executive Director, SJVN Ltd. & Shri Anshul Kumar Singh, Senior Manager, SJVN Ltd. receiving the SCOPE Excellence Award in Institutional Category- II (Miniratna I & II PSEs) and SCOPE Meritorious Award in the category of Corporate Social Responsibility & Responsiveness.



Shri Anurag Kumar, CMD, ECIL & Brig K. S. Dalal (Retd.), Executive Director, ECIL receiving the SCOPE Meritorious Award in the category of R&D, Technology Development & Innovation.

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Shri Rajan Sehgal, MD, NBCFDC receiving the SCOPE Eminence Award in the category of Institutional Excellence Award (Section 8 PSEs) and SCOPE Meritorious Award in the category of Best Managed PSE set up under Section 8 of the Companies Act, 2013.



Shri K. C. Shakdwipee, General Manager, NHDC Ltd. receiving the SCOPE Excellence Award in Institutional Category III (Other Profit-Making/Surplus Generating PSEs).



Shri Basuraj Goswami, CEO, NSPCL & Ms. Premlata, CHRO, NSPCL receiving the Commendation Certificate for SCOPE Meritorious Award in the category of Best Practices in Human Resource Management.



Shri Rajeev Kumar Vishnoi, CMD, THDC India Ltd. & Shri Shallinder Singh, Director (Personnel), THDC India Ltd. receiving the SCOPE Meritorious Award in the category of Best Practices in Human Resource Management.



Shri P. A. Suresh Babu, Director (HR), Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited receiving the SCOPE Meritorious Award in the category of Innovative Practices in Women Empowerment.



Shri Kalyan Kumar, Executive Director, Punjab National Bank receiving the Commendation Certificate for SCOPE Meritorious Award in the category of Innovative Practices in Women Empowerment.

SCOPE organizes program on 'Reflections on Mahatma Gandhi's Ethical Leadership'



Shri Rohit Kumar Singh, Secretary (CA), Department of Consumer Affairs, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution; Shri Atul Sobti, Director General, SCOPE and Dr. Shobhana Radhakrishna, Eminent Gandhian during Symposium on 'Reflections on Mahatma Gandhi's Ethical Leadership'.

Remembering the Father of the nation on the 76th Martyrs' Day, Standing Conference of Public Enterprises (SCOPE) organized a Symposium on 'Reflections on Mahatma Gandhi's Ethical Leadership' on 30th January, 2024. The program was addressed by Shri Rohit Kumar Singh, Secretary (CA), Department of Consumer Affairs, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution; Shri Atul Sobti, Director General, SCOPE and Dr. Shobhana Radhakrishna, Eminent Gandhian. Offering an insight into Gandhiji's principles of Ethical leadership centred around values and integrity, the program deliberated upon the necessity of these principles

amidst the changing paradigms at workplaces.

The symposium was enthusiastically participated by a large number of participants from across the country. Shri Atul Sobti, in his address, shared his experience from the past, when Martyrs' Day was celebrated across the country with reverence and great fortitude for the most influential leader of all times, our Father of the Nation. Reflecting on Mahatma Gandhi's tremendous impact on generations, DG, SCOPE said that Mahatma Gandhi was one of the most ethical leaders that Humanity ever had, and his legacy is not only restricted to

India only but is revered across the world. He further encouraged everyone, to revisit and imbibe Bapu's teachings not only on days like these, but every day and reassured that SCOPE will remain committed in following the steps and teachings of the Mahatma. Shri Rohit Kumar Singh began his address by complimenting SCOPE for keeping alive the tradition of remembering our Father of the Nation and bringing to the fore the fact that Mahatma Gandhi's teaching hold equal relevance today like before. He further shared his views that the dilemma between ethical and commercial interests being faced by organizations today, would not have been seen the same way

by Gandhiji, because if we dig deeper there is never a dilemma between ethical and commercial interests. It is the way we perceive our goals, we will realize that commercial and ethical interests are totally aligned if we aim at benefitting the society at large. He also emphasized that the values of Gandhiji such as

Satyagrah, Ahimsa, Swadeshi and humility are most relevant and applicable today, than ever before, reiterating the fact that Gandhiji was one of the greatest leaders ever, and we must imbibe his teachings to build a better tomorrow. Smt. Shobhana Radhakrishna presented her views of Reflection on Mahatma

Gandhi's Ethical Leadership and shared that the approach to Bapu's life cannot be divided into watertight compartments, of social, religious, political, personal and public life. She emphasized that Mahatma Gandhi was the leader of the masses and taught leadership through the virtues of nonviolence and self-reliance.

SCOPE hails 'directional' budget paving roadmap for inclusive and comprehensive development

SCOPE compliments the Hon'ble Union Finance Minister for presenting a balanced and a directional Interim Budget 2024. "This 'directional' Budget paves a roadmap for inclusive and comprehensive development by integrating all strata and sectors of the economy for a developed India." said DG, SCOPE. While appreciating the Interim Budget, DG, SCOPE added that though the announcements are macro in nature, they are

likely to boost the overall socio-economic development of the country as it gives requisite impetus to economic prosperity by empowering youth, women and the marginalized; social development by focussing growth and development of rural India and focusing on environmental sustainability so as to contribute towards a greener planet. The inclusivity aspect combined with focus on infrastructure development and

synergy amongst sectors would pave the way for a sustainable inclusive development.

Highlighting the role of PSEs in the developmental journey of the country, he added that with presence of the Public Sector in strategic areas, they shall continue to play a pivotal role in achieving the economic growth in the country as the Budget paves way for innovation, digitisation and investment led growth.



SCOPE's representation on various bodies of Ministry of Labour & Employment

Employees Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO)

Shri Atul Sobti, DG, SCOPE has been appointed as the Member of Central Board of Trustees (CBT), Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) for the second time vide Gazette Notification of Government of India dated 12th January, 2024. The government fully recognizes the

contribution and efforts of SCOPE, as it is evident from the fact that CBT, EPFO has been reconstituted with Shri Sobti's continuation as CBT Member representing Employers. Besides this, he also represents the Regional Committee of EPFO.



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Hon'ble Union Minister for Labour & Employment has taken charge as the President of the Board of DTNBWED, thereby, committing himself for achieving the objectives of creating awareness and educating the workforce for their effective participation in the socio-economic development of the country.



Employees State Insurance Corporation (ESIC)

DG, SCOPE also represents employers as Member in Employees State Insurance Corporation (ESIC). Additionally, he has recently been nominated as Member of many Sub-Committees of ESIC viz. ATR

Committee on decisions of Standing Committee, Standing Committee, Investment Committee and Construction Sub-Committee.



DG, SCOPE addresses Valedictory Ceremony of Civil Conclave at IIT, Roorkee

Shri Atul Sobti, DG, SCOPE addressed the participants during the Valedictory Ceremony of Civil Conclave at IIT, Roorkee recently. More than 250 students from 17 IITs across the country participated in the Valedictory Ceremony in which DG, SCOPE was present as the chief guest. The conclave delved into cutting-edge advancements and engaged in stimulating discussions that fuelled innovation and collaboration.

Interface with Stakeholders



DG, SCOPE representing PSEs at the meeting of Standing Committee of ESI Corporation in New Delhi.



SCOPE and Council of Indian Employers (CIE) members meet Ms. Michiko Miyamoto, Director, ILO Decent Work Team for South Asia and Country Office for India during an introductory meeting in New Delhi. SCOPE & ILO work closely on various labour and employment related matters.



Shri Atul Sobti, DG, SCOPE meets Shri T. S. Thakur, Former Chief Justice of India.



DG, SCOPE met Ms. Michiko Miyamoto, Director, ILO Decent Work Team for South Asia and Country Office for India on the sidelines of National Conference on 'Women In The Workforce for Viksit Bharat' at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi.



Shri Hiranmay Pandya, National President, Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh calls on DG, SCOPE at SCOPE Complex in New Delhi.

'Capacity enhancement of Public Sector Enterprises in India on Climate change'

India has been at the forefront of driving global climate action by proactively taking measures as reflected by its Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) towards the Paris Agreement, and many active policies to achieve long & short-term goals to confront global climate change. Indian Public Sector Enterprises (PSEs), while contributing significantly to the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and employment, also accounts for large fraction of GHG emission. Therefore, the success of national climate action agenda will rely on the commitments from PSEs, especially those operating in hard to abate but strategic sectors, to reduce their carbon footprint through globally competent & innovative processes, technologies, and product developments.

The Standing Conference of Public Enterprises (SCOPE), an apex body of Indian PSEs and the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), a German public-benefit federal enterprise, have collaborated since 2019 in the area of climate change mitigation, sustainability, climate finance, and carbon market with an ultimate goal to support PSEs in playing a critical role in the agenda of climate change mitigation. This partnership has successfully executed a capacity gap assessment study for PSEs that produced a comprehensive report on 'Low Carbon and Climate-Resilient Pathways' highlighting PSE's role in the national climate agenda which also incited four regional training workshops for PSE employees. It was followed by the release of a compendium on 'Initiatives towards Building Low-Carbon Economy', a short film on 'Climate Action and Green Initiatives by PSEs' highlighting endeavors of PSEs from hard-

to-abate sectors, a series of workshops across the nation for developing green skills in PSEs as per international standards, and handholding major PSEs in determining their Internal carbon price (ICP) which is one-of-a-kind initiative for Indian PSEs.

Though many PSEs are undertaking unique climate action measures, SCOPE assessed that a project aiming at fostering awareness and capacity building will further benefit PSEs. In this context, SCOPE and GIZ have embarked upon a new project on "Capacity enhancement of PSEs in India on climate action" which includes:

- Capacity enhancement for Indian PSEs to apply and institutionalize climate co-benefits methodologies in two focus areas i.e., Circular Economy/Resource Efficiency (CE/RE) and Biodiversity/Forests
- Personnel Training, Regional and National Workshops, Focus Group Discussions (FGD), Bilateral Meetings, Possible Exchange Visits, etc.
- Development of Co-Benefit Methodology, Pilot Studies, Climate Action Declaration, etc.
- Development of Online Knowledge Platform, e-Learning Course, etc.
- Publishing of recurrent articles, FAQs, and other forms of literature to raise understanding and awareness about various approaches and concepts related to the climate change/actions

To get further insights on current project activities and boost your knowledge on climate action concepts, look for and read related dedicated section in the upcoming volumes of Kaleidoscope.





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THE NEWS HASHTAG



Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar Emphasizes Public Sector's Role in Nation Building At SCOPE Awards Ceremony

New Delhi: The prestigious SCOPE (Standing Conference of Public Enterprises) awards ceremony held in New Delhi witnessed Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar expressing his unwavering support for the public sector, emphasizing its pivotal role in the Indian economy. The event, attended by dignitaries including Shri Sandeep Kumar Gupta, Chairman of SCOPE, and Shri Brajesh Kumar Upadhyay, Vice-Chairman of SCOPE, showcased the significant contributions of the public sector to societal development.

In his address, Vice-President Dhankhar highlighted Prime Minister Narendra Modi's perspective on the public sector, underscoring that it symbolizes both profit and societal welfare. Contrary to the misconception associating the public sector with liability, the Vice-President emphasized its substantial contribution to societal upliftment. He applauded the rich human resource of the public sector, which played a crucial role in the large-scale opening of bank accounts for the general public, facilitating the seamless transfer of direct benefits to farmers and other economically vulnerable segments.

Expressing confidence in the potential and capability of the public sector, Shri Dhankhar urged its entities to leverage emerging technologies like artificial intelligence and quantum computing. He underscored the role of research and development in defining a nation's strength and security, calling upon the public sector to invest in these areas and provide support to institutions.

The Vice-President commended recent governance improvements, noting that transparency and accountability now characterize the functioning of the public sector. He emphasized that patronage has no place in the public sector, highlighting its objective and performance-driven approach.

Addressing the issue of gender empowerment, Vice-President Dhankhar lauded the historical constitutional amendment providing one-third reservation to women in parliament and state legislatures. He noted the societal significance of this provision, extending its benefits horizontally and vertically to Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe women.

The Tribune

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PSUWATCH

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Outlook

People Need To Embrace Economic Nationalism: Jagdeep Dhankhar

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Time has come when as Indians we must believe in economic nationalism. Our country is a big land because of imported items that we can make here. We are not respecting the concept of 'Vocal for Local'. Being 'Vocal for Local' as indicated by the Prime Minister encapsulates the essence of economic nationalism," he added.

Addressing his anguish over the use of ignorance of people for political beliefs, the Vice-President said "Transformed minds, whether minds of nations or engaged well, trade in ignorance of the people. It is antithetical to morality, ethics and an impingement to our nation."

COMMEMORATING THE CONTRIBUTION

Glimpses of SCOPE Awards ceremony held at



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NAMO Drone Didi: Pioneering Agricultural Empowerment



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In the realm of modern agriculture, the transformative impact of drones has emerged as a groundbreaking force, reshaping traditional practices and unlocking unprecedented potential. These unmanned aerial vehicles, once relegated to the domain of military and recreational applications, have seamlessly integrated into the fabric of farming, becoming a catalyst for efficiency, precision and sustainable resource management.

As we delve into the myriad applications and transformative impact of drone technology in

agriculture, it becomes evident that these aerial marvels are not just tools; they represent a paradigm shift in how we cultivate the land and ensure global food security.

Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has underscored the significance of the NAMO Drone Didi initiative, highlighting its role in empowering women as integral contributors to local farming supply chains and rural prosperity.

The utilization of drones for the application of pesticides and liquid fertilizers not only relieves farmers from physical exertion

but also introduces a faster, more efficient method, allowing more time for productive agricultural pursuits. Following Hon'ble PM's call, various fertilizer companies (Lead Fertilizer Supplier) across the country have scripted an extraordinary tale of commitment and innovation. This visionary journey, driven by unwavering commitment, turned aspirations into realities, empowered farmers and left an indelible mark on the transformative landscape of the country.

Recognizing the pivotal role of women's empowerment in nation-building, particularly in



their economic prosperity contributing to rural development, Prime Minister Narendra Modi's forward-thinking NAMO Drone Didi initiative, unveiled on November 30, aims to empower 15,000 women Self Help Groups (SHGs) through the provision of agricultural drones. This innovative approach utilizes technology to empower rural women, placing them in key positions within the agricultural revolution. Addressing the imperative for modernizing agricultural practices and enhancing productivity, NAMO Drone Didi places cutting-edge drone technology in the hands of rural women, transforming them into crucial contributors to the rural economy.

Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi's introduction of the "Drone Didi" scheme is truly commendable, underscoring his unwavering commitment to women's empowerment and rural development. The visionary NAMO Drone Didi initiative reflects his foresight in recognizing the pivotal role of women in nation-building. By aiming to empower Women Self

Help Groups (SHGs) through the provision of agricultural drones, he has harnessed the power of technology to elevate rural women, positioning them as key players in the ongoing agricultural revolution. This innovative scheme not only addresses the imperative for modernizing agricultural practices but also contributes to enhancing overall productivity. Placing cutting-edge drone technology in the hands of rural women, Hon'ble Prime Minister Modi has taken a significant stride towards transforming them into indispensable contributors to the rural economy.

This initiative stands as a testament to his commitment to fostering progress and inclusivity, reflecting a forward-thinking approach that has the potential to bring about lasting positive change in the lives of countless women across the nation.

Beyond unlocking opportunities for budding start-ups in drone aeronautics, the initiative tackles India's heavy reliance on fertilizer imports despite being the second-largest producer. The Atmanirbhar Bharat scheme

focuses on revitalizing closed-down units and establishing new ones, ensuring stable fertilizer prices for farmers. In the backdrop of challenges posed by the Covid-19 pandemic and global geopolitical tensions, the government encourages indigenous research, leading to groundbreaking liquid nano fertilizers. The introduction of Kisan Drones revolutionizes agricultural practices by automating the application of pesticides and liquid fertilizers, not only saving time but also ensuring a safer and more efficient application system.

The NAMO Drone Didi initiative not just empowers women in rural areas but also generates employment prospects for the younger generation in sectors like drone manufacturing, piloting, mechanics and spare-part dealerships.

This initiative promotes fairness and resilience in agrarian family dynamics, wherein female drone pilots play a pivotal role in enhancing agricultural productivity and efficiency.





The nationwide campaign Vikshit Bharat Sankalp Yatra has been aimed at raising awareness and achieving the saturation of Government of India schemes. The Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra stands as a consequential initiative by the Government of India, aiming to enlighten the citizens residing in the remotest corners of the country about the various government schemes. This undertaking, designed as a two-way communication avenue, allows citizens to share their first-hand experiences, illustrating how they have derived benefits from these schemes, thereby bolstering their livelihoods. Our mission is not just to witness progress but to actively contribute to it. Hamara Sankalp Viksit Bharat is not a slogan; it's a call to action for every Gram Panchayat, Nagar Panchayat and Urban Local Body to be a catalyst for change.

Various teams of the fertilizer

companies ensured seamless demonstrations in various Gram Panchayats, Nagar Panchayats and Urban Local Bodies of the country. It was ensured that drone praharis, along with vehicles for drone demonstrations, covered various regions of the country. Team members accompanied and remained present in all the demonstrations, generating awareness on PM-PRANAM, nano urea and the balanced use of fertilizers.

The quality of soil in various parts of the country has been witnessing a decline due to the prevalent use of chemical fertilizers. Our concerted efforts involve educating farmers on achieving a harmonious balance between chemical and biofertilizers to preserve soil quality. The incorporation of biofertilizers and organic alternatives, in conjunction with chemical fertilizers, serves the dual purpose of maintaining

soil health and sustaining productivity. Recognizing this need, the Government of India has introduced nano fertilizers that can be efficiently sprayed onto crop leaves. This revolutionary approach, coupled with the integration of drone technology, is reshaping agricultural practices in various regions of the country.

During my time at BVFCL, we have received testimonials from farmers in Assam, Tripura, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Arunachal Pradesh and Nagaland which resonate with the positive impact of the drone initiative, highlighting the transformative effects of the Vikshit Bharat Sankalp Yatra (VBSY) and the government's unwavering commitment to sustainable farming practices. Farmers like Mukunda Chetia in Assam and Shri Ronit Singh Brahma in Baksa express their enthusiasm for the drone demonstrations, emphasizing the potential for precision



agriculture and increased yields. In Arunachal Pradesh, Mr. Tao Tech and Ms. Tabu Yaro from Yazali Agri-farm share their excitement about the efficiency and health benefits brought by this innovative technology. The initiative's positive influence on Meghalaya's Arbiangk Shullai and the perspectives of farmers in Nagaland and Tripura add valuable dimensions to the narrative of sustainable and tech-driven farming futures.

The VBSY's impact resonates across communities, with farmers like Mr. Manoj Kr. Gogoi emphasizing the uplifting vision that extends beyond technology. The event facilitated meaningful interactions, creating a profound connection between the government and the farming community. Testimonials from various farmers, including Diyudi from Ziro and a local from Longmisa village in Nagaland, offer first-hand feedback that

highlight the positive outcomes that this innovation can bring about. From the excitement about advanced farming machines to the appreciation for the potential benefits of nano urea, these testimonials collectively paint a vivid picture of these breakthrough initiatives.

While Hamara Sankalp Viksit Bharat is a nationwide initiative, the approach implemented ensures a significant impact at the local level.

Each drone and every drop of nano urea contributes to the larger narrative of sustainable development. Nationwide campaigns find success in local stories. Our efforts are not just about achieving numbers; they are about transforming lives.

In conclusion, the NAMO Drone Didi initiative, announced by Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi during interaction with beneficiaries in Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra, stands as a

shining example of leveraging technological innovation to empower women in rural areas. This forward-thinking initiative is poised to open a new chapter in women's empowerment, addressing multiple challenges by placing rural women at the forefront of economic activity and rural prosperity. Supported by the extensive network of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Samridhhi Kendras, offering comprehensive agricultural services, this initiative holds the promise of catalyzing a contemporary agricultural revolution and fostering prosperity in a nation predominantly reliant on agrarian practices.

As the NAMO Drone Didi scheme takes flight, it embodies the potential to bring about transformative change, bridging the technological gender gap and steering the trajectory toward a more inclusive and prosperous future for rural communities.

Empowering Tribal Women – A journey towards Eco- Friendly & Inclusive Development

A unique HPCL CSR Initiative



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Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) exemplifies its commitment to Corporate Social Responsibility by undertaking various unique and impactful CSR initiatives under the focus areas of Childcare, Education, Healthcare, Skill Development, Sports, Environment and Community Development. Recognizing the importance of inclusive and sustainable growth, HPCL has consistently prioritized programs aimed at uplifting vulnerable communities across diverse regions and preserving environment. Through strategic partnerships with local administration, non-government organization and project implementing agencies, HPCL channels its resources into projects that address fundamental socio-economic challenges faced by marginalized populations.

One of the focus areas of HPCL's CSR Policy is Skill Development. By offering vocational training, capacity-building programs and augmenting infrastructure to catalyze skill development eco-system, HPCL empowers individuals from needy and disadvantaged backgrounds leading to their economic self-sufficiency. These initiatives not only contribute to individual empowerment but also foster community development by creating a ripple effect of positive

change. HPCL is supporting one such initiative in Simdega district of Jharkhand for 60 nos. of tribal women. Under this initiative, HPCL aims to empower these tribal women with the skills needed to seek new livelihood opportunities and enhance socio-economic prospects. This CSR Project is focused on promoting eco-friendly development by supporting manufacturing of soft toys that reduce environmental impact. Tribal women in this part of the country encounter a myriad of challenges that hinder their socio-economic progress.

Limited access to education, healthcare and employment opportunities forms a significant barrier, perpetuating cycles of poverty within these communities. Geographic

isolation and inadequate infrastructure exacerbate the difficulties, restricting their ability to connect with main-stream services. Cultural norms and gender-based discrimination further impede their empowerment, limiting their decision-making roles within the family and society. HPCL has emerged as a beacon of hope through its innovative Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative for these tribal women in Simdega district of Jharkhand state. As part of this CSR project, HPCL has provided necessary facilities for crafting eco-friendly soft toys, supporting skill trainings and facilitating promotion of entrepreneurship amongst these women, empowering them to become economically self-sufficient.



Signing of MoU for CSR Project

KEY FEATURES OF HPCL'S CSR INITIATIVE FOR TRIBAL WOMEN

Comprehensive awareness programs: An important aspect of CSR projects involves the incorporation of deserving and underprivileged beneficiaries. Special attention has been devoted to the implementation of comprehensive awareness programs with a specific emphasis on identifying those in need to ensure the targeted delivery of assistance. This process is facilitated through a strategic combination of targeted communication and outreach efforts, encompassing focused group discussions, one-to-one sessions, and baseline surveys.

Provision of required infrastructure: Understanding the need for required facilities and set-up infrastructure to translate skills into sustainable livelihoods, HPCL has taken a proactive step by setting up facilities equipped with the necessary tools and resources for the production of eco-friendly soft toys.

Skill training program: Tribal women are trained in various aspects, including design, crafting techniques, and quality control, ensuring that they are well-prepared for pursuing new livelihood opportunities in the sustainable soft toy market. This

training program comprise of primary training and advanced training, ensuring a well-rounded skill development journey. Primary training include cutting, drafting, drawing and hand stitching; advance training include training with machines for undertaking sewing & stuffing operations, product specific training, market understanding and handling commercial aspects of the products. Types of products crafted by these women include nightingale bird, teddy bear, Santa Claus, embroidery Diya, tortoise, elephant, parrot, angry bird, rabbit, giraffe monkey, dog, duck dolphin, lord Ganesh, cushions, key ring, wall hanging design, car hangings and hand bags among others.

Monitoring and feedback mechanisms: To ensure the achievement of project goals, monitoring and feedback mechanisms have been established at both individual and organizational levels. Beneficiaries covered under the project are being evaluated continuously by conducting regular assessments on various theoretical and practical aspects of their training programs and continuous feedback is shared with them. At organization level, structured reporting mechanisms is established to monitor and evaluate project progress.

Harnessing competitive spirit:

Harnessing the competitive spirit is a strategic approach that stimulates individuals or groups to strive for excellence, fostering a dynamic environment where participants are motivated to outperform one another. At two training centers set-up under the project, five distinct groups, each consisting of six members, have been organized to undertake individual tasks. These groups are entrusted with specific assignments, and the outcomes of their efforts are subjected to evaluation. This intentional structuring not only cultivates a sense of healthy competition among the participants but also serves to heighten their overall engagement and interest in the learning process.

Cultural sensitivity in design:

One of the aspects of this initiative is incorporation of cultural elements, preserving the rich heritage of tribal culture. The design of the eco-friendly soft toys reflects the traditional arts and crafts of the tribal communities, adding cultural value to the products.

Continuous market feedback:

Obtaining continuous feedback from the market is crucial for product development, ensuring that offerings align closely with evolving consumer needs and preferences. Under this project,



Training in progress for project beneficiaries



Project beneficiaries with products crafted by them under the Project

stall was setup during Diwali and Dussehra festivals and basis response for the products, areas for improvement were identified. This customer-centric approach ensures that soft toys resonate with the ever-changing demands

of consumers. HPCL's CSR initiatives in Simdega District Jharkhand, stand out as a model of comprehensive support for community development. By not only providing skill training but also establishing set-ups to



facilitate crafting of soft toys, HPCL is empowering these tribal women with the means to transform their skills into sustainable livelihoods. This holistic approach, coupled with a focus on cultural sensitivity and sustainable practices, showcases the commitment of HPCL to fostering long-term economic empowerment and environmental responsibility within the tribal communities of Simdega. Together, HPCL and the local community are forging a path towards a more sustainable and inclusive future.





Hon'ble President of India inaugurates NBCC built eco-friendly building "Kaushal Bhawan"



Smt. Droupadi Murmu, Hon'ble President of India inaugurating NBCC built Kaushal Bhawan in presence of Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, Hon'ble Union Minister for Education and Skill Development and Entrepreneurship; Shri Rajeev Chandrashekhar, Hon'ble Union MoS for Electronics and IT, Skill Development and Entrepreneurship and Jal Shakti; Shri Atul Kumar Tiwari, Secretary, Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship in New Delhi.

Shri K. P. Mahadevaswamy, CMD, NBCC explains the features of NBCC built Kaushal Bhawan to Smt. Droupadi Murmu, Hon'ble President of India with the help of a model.

Kaushal Bhawan is a state-of-the-art office building equipped with modern facilities and amenities befitting the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship's mission to foster its initiatives across the Nation. Located in New Moti Bagh, New Delhi, Kaushal Bhawan was inaugurated by Smt. Droupadi Murmu, Hon'ble President of India recently in the presence of Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, Hon'ble Union Minister for Education and Skill Development and Entrepreneurship; Shri Rajeev Chandrashekhar, Hon'ble Union MoS for Electronics and IT, Skill Development and Entrepreneurship and Jal Shakti; Shri Atul Kumar Tiwari, Secretary, Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship; Shri K. P. Mahadevaswamy, CMD, NBCC; Shri Saleem Ahmad, Director

(Projects), NBCC and other senior officials from Government of India and NBCC. Expressing his happiness on this occasion, Shri Mahadevaswamy briefed Hon'ble President of India that Kaushal Bhawan has been designed in such a manner to accommodate and support the existing trees. The main attraction of the office complex is an over 80-year-old majestic banyan tree with a girth of 7 meters, serving as a focal point and enhancing aesthetic appeal of the surroundings.

The auditorium in Kaushal Bhawan has a capacity of 240 seats. Covering an area of 1.354 acres, this 7 storied building has a built up area of over 23,000 sq. m and a seating space for around 700 persons, was built at a cost of around Rs.150 Cr. and has a parking capacity of over 200 cars. The solar power system (30 kilowatts peak (KWp) capacity)

installed in the building of reduces reliance on conventional power and contributes to environmental sustainability.

Besides, LED lights throughout the premises and automatic occupancy sensors are installed, ensuring that lights are turned off in unoccupied areas. Keeping in view the welfare of employees, there is space for gym and yoga offering fitness and wellness activities and the facility of a crèche.

Kaushal Bhawan also features, a rainwater harvesting plant with a capacity of 55 m3 which efficiently collects and stores rainwater, promoting sustainable water management within the building an advanced sewage treatment plant (STP).

The STP has a capacity of 90 KLD along with a water treatment plant of similar capacity.

7th GRID-INDIA Day commemorates 7 years of independent functioning and contribution of GRID-INDIA

The 7th GRID-INDIA Day was celebrated in New Delhi recently, to commemorate seven years of independent functioning of Grid Controller of India Limited as a Central Public Sector Enterprise. The event was graced by Shri R.K. Singh, Hon'ble Union Minister for Power and New & Renewable Energy; Shri Jishnu Barua, Chairperson, Central Electricity Regulatory Commission; Shri S. R. Narasimhan, CMD, GRID-INDIA and other power sector stakeholders belonging to government and industry. The event served as a platform to recognize the contributions of GRID-INDIA in shaping India's power sector.

Addressing the gathering, Shri R. K. Singh, Hon'ble Union Minister for Power and New & Renewable Energy exhorted the GRID-INDIA employees to brace for future challenges, in line with the demands of a growing economy which aims to transition to increased share of renewable energy. "The growth up till now has been linear or sequential, but the future growth is going to be hugely disruptive. The rate at which the country is growing and the rate of transformation of power sector means that the future is going to be totally different." The Minister said that the major challenge is going to be upon GRID-INDIA since it is the backbone of the power sector,



Shri S. R. Narasimhan, CMD, GRID-INDIA welcomes Shri R. K. Singh, Hon'ble Union Minister for Power and New & Renewable Energy during GRID-INDIA Day celebrations.

transferring power across the country and acting as the uniting force and the main trouble-shooter for the power sector.

Throwing light on the challenges, the Minister said that the future will witness introduction of new systems, increasing share of renewable energy and distributed renewable energy. "A lot of new systems are being introduced. Up till now, we have been able to integrate renewables, but going forward, the share of renewable capacity in total capacity will become larger and larger, posing greater challenges in integration. We are trying to reduce intermittence by adding storage to any future capacity addition to renewables. The other part of the challenge is that a lot of renewable energy is going to be distributed generation, with

initiatives such as rooftop solar, thereby making consumers into prosumers. We are going to make cooking electric and electric mobility too is being promoted in a big way."

Emphasizing that GRID-INDIA will need to face the brunt of meeting the challenges, since it is the organization which brings it all together, the Minister asked the employees to think of challenges arising in the light of ambitious goals for the nation. "Think of what needs to be done if solar is to be put on every roof, think of what will happen when cooking becomes totally electric, think of the scenario when vehicles need to be plugged in and plugged out."

The Minister highlighted the need to put in place new systems and

asked GRID-INDIA employees to be ready for change. "Our demand is increasing rapidly; it is going to double by 2030 or even before that. Imagine going up from 243 GW to around 500 GW by 2030. We are adding a lot of transmission capacity, but we need to do more for a country the size of ours and for an economy which is growing this fast. The days of incremental straight-line growth are gone. Now, we think of the whole system and evolve in a direction which puts us ahead of any developed country, with initiatives such as the General Network Access."

Shri Singh said that while these challenges are ones we can anticipate and prepare for, challenges in the area of cybersecurity are those which we may not be as adequately prepared as we should be. "We need to be very careful. In previous years, we were not very careful about where from we procure our systems.

Now, we have introduced the system of buying from trusted vendors only.

Do not allow the internet to be connected to your system. Enemies will always be there; so, cybersecurity challenges are an ever-present danger which we need to prepare for and tackle. We need to have greater capacity

for testing equipment when we purchase so that we are able to spot malware."

Speaking of the future, the Minister said that bundling of energy will be a key part of the future energy systems. "The future is where thermal power and renewable power or hydro and renewable energy get bundled. Rules and regulations are meant to be changed to meet the future. We are going to transition in an orderly manner. The future is that we are going to become totally green."

In his address, Shri Jishnu Barua, Chairperson of the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC) emphasized the pivotal role of the energy sector in shaping the future of the 21st century global landscape. He highlighted India's prominent position as a strong advocate in the international arena for energy transition and the exploration of novel energy resources.

Furthermore, Shri Barua acknowledged the crucial role of system operators as the eyes and ears of the Commission, emphasizing the Commission's significant consideration of their perspectives. Shri S. R. Narasimhan, CMD, GRID-INDIA, in his welcome address said: "The history of grid operations in India dates back to 1964 when

five electricity boards were constituted. RLDCs have changed ownership over the years, and now under GRID-INDIA, even as we synchronized regional grids to form a national grid. Today, I salute all predecessors for setting up a robust electricity grid."

The CMD said that the name change from POSOCO to Grid Controller of India has been initiated by the Power Minister in 2022 and that it has been well-received both within India and abroad. He said that GRID-INDIA is ready to take on new responsibilities whenever envisaged. "We strive to rise to the challenge of maintaining the stability of the grid, in line with the rising and growing power demand."

During the event, the Power Minister unveiled a report titled 'Electricity Demand Pattern Analysis,' compiled by GRID-INDIA. The report seeks to offer insights into the diurnal, seasonal, and annual patterns of electricity demand, providing valuable information for strategic planning by both central and state-level power agencies. The report delves into seasonal fluctuations, time-of-day variations, day-of-week trends, and regional diversity, presenting a comprehensive understanding of the intricate electricity demand patterns.

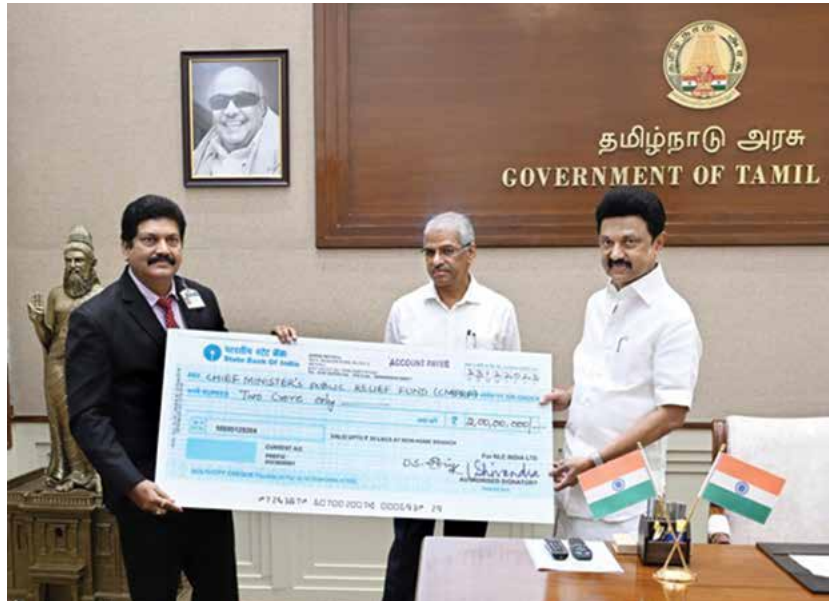


NLCIL contributes Rs. 4.30 crores to CM Public Relief Fund for flood affected people of Tamil Nadu

NLC India Ltd, in its mission towards the social responsibility, extended helping hand by contributing Rs. 4.30 crores to the Tamil Nadu Chief Minister's Public Relief Fund, including Rs. 2.30 crores as one day salary from its employees, for fostering recovery of the people affected by the flood caused by the Michaung Cyclone that devastated Chennai and its surrounding districts of Thiruvallur, Kanchipuram and Chengalpattu and for the people affected by the recent unprecedented heavy rain lashed in the southern districts of Tuticorin and Tirunelveli.

Shri Prasanna Kumar Motupalli, CMD, NLC India Ltd. handed over the cheque today for Rs. 4.30 crores to Shri. M.K. Stalin, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu at Tamil Nadu Government Secretariat in the presence of Shri. Shiv Das Meena, IAS, Tamil Nadu Chief Secretary.

NLC India had also extended its helping hand by deploying 18 giant 25 HP water pumps along with its engineers and technicians



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during the peak suffering by the people of Chennai and cleared inundation in the very crucial locations. Totally 51,20,000 cubic feet of water had been cleared from the food affected dwelling places.

NLC India also deployed 12 number of similar giant 25 HP pumps in the flood affected

Tuticorin district due to unprecedented recent incessant rain. Further, 6 number of water lorries were also deployed in Tuticorin and drinking water supply was extended for the people of flood affected area, from the RO plant of NLCIL's Joint Venture Power Plant, NTPL, at Tuticorin.

BEL receives orders worth Rs. 1034.31 Crore

Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) has received an order from Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Ltd for a value of Rs. 695 Crore for supply of spares related to missile systems. The company has also received additional orders worth Rs. 339.31 Crore since the last disclosure recently and these

orders pertain to Combat Management System, Composite Communication System, Transmit/Receive Modules, Mobile Autonomous Stabilization System and other spares/services. With the above, BEL has received cumulative orders of Rs. 27,647.31 Crore in the current financial year.

NBCC participates in Northern Region Student Convention

Shri Om Birla, Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha graced the Northern Region Student Convention as Chief Guest at SCOPE Complex, New Delhi recently for newly Qualified CMA on "Role of CMA In Rashtra Nirman." organised by NIRC of ICMAI. Smt. Baldev Kaur Sokhey, Director (Finance), NBCC, graced the program as a Guest of Honour along with several other distinguished personalities including Shri R.P. Goyal, Director (Finance), NHPC; Shri Sanjay Jindal, Director (Finance), EIL; Ms. Anu Kukreja Director (Finance), NDMA and Shri Parmanand Goyal, Executive



Smt. Baldev Kaur Sokhey, Director (Finance), NBCC addresses Northern Region Student Convention in the presence of Shri Om Birla, Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha and other dignitaries in New Delhi.

Director (Finance), IOCL. It is a significant gathering that brought together notable figures in the field of CMA, enhancing the discourse on their role in nation building.

Defence Secretary inaugurates BEL's Abhigyaan

The Defence Secretary, Shri Giridhar Aramane, IAS, inaugurated Abhigyaan, the state-of-the-art auditorium at the Central Research Laboratory (CRL) of Navratna Defence PSU Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) at Ghaziabad recently.

Other dignitaries at the inaugural included Shri Bhanu Prakash Srivastava, CMD, BEL; Shri Manoj Jain, Director (R&D), BEL; Shri Sankarasubramanian R, Executive Director, Ghaziabad Unit of BEL and Shri Anoop Kumar Rai, Chief Scientist, BEL CRL-Ghaziabad.

Abhigyaan will be used for product demos, symposiums, hackathons, tech talks and lectures. It can seat 250 people.



Shri Giridhar Aramane, Defence Secretary inaugurating Abhigyaan, the state-of-the-art auditorium, at the Central Research Laboratory of BEL at Ghaziabad.

The auditorium boasts excellent acoustics, smart interfaces, a large interactive data wall (6 metre by 3.3 metre) and 3 PTZ cameras for live feed. There are

also 2 high resolution displays for simultaneous presentation and demonstration. Abhigyaan will be an asset to the scientific community.

REC Limited organizes a conference on financing for Roads & Highways



Shri Vivek Kumar Dewangan, IAS, CMD, REC Limited addresses conference on 'Financing for Roads and Highways'.

REC Limited hosted a conference on 'Financing for Roads and Highways'. The objective of the conference was to bring all key stakeholders under one roof and to discuss the financial aspects of the sector. The conference was held in New Delhi and was attended by key stakeholders from the government and industry, including those from the Road and Highways sectors. The conference also witnessed participation from MoRTH, NHAI, IRC, NBHF, State Road Development organizations, industry policy-makers, and developers. During the conference, four MoUs worth Rs. 16,000 Crore were signed with Dilip Buildcon Limited, GMR Power & Urban Infra, CDS Infra Projects Limited & DP Jain & Co. Infrastructure Pvt. Ltd.

In the welcome address, Shri Vivek Kumar Dewangan, IAS, CMD, REC Limited, gave an overview of REC's loan portfolio, along with the Company's vision for financing non-power infrastructure, with a special focus on the road sector. Shri Dewangan further added the Roads and Highways industry in India plays a pivotal role in our economic progress. The Government's initiatives like Bharatmala, Sagarmala, National Infrastructure Pipeline have set the stage for expansion in the Roads sector. The need for customized debt financing solutions has never been more pressing. We, at REC Limited, are committed to being a partner in this journey.

Addressing the participants, Shri Anurag Jain, IAS, Hon'ble

Secretary (RT&H) MoRTH, Govt of India urged MoRTH's vision for the development of the sector & ease of financing road projects. He talked about India's roads and highways journey and said the quality of roads has improved significantly from the last few years. Along with this, he hoped that REC Limited and MoRTH would grow together.

The conference featured presentations from REC and the Road and Highways agencies, highlighting their unique perspectives on financing challenges and opportunities within the sector. It provided an opportunity for the presentation of both lenders' and borrowers' perspectives, followed by an open forum discussion, in which queries of Road and Highway developers were addressed.

MCL observes Annual Mines Safety Fortnight 2024

Awareness through 'Safety Rally' by employees and their family members marked the beginning of Annual Mines Safety Fortnight 2024 at Mahanadi Coalfields Limited (MCL) recently. The fortnight was celebrated recently under the aegis of Directorate General of Mines Safety.

Shri P. K. Patel, Chief Vigilance Officer, MCL unfurled the safety flag in presence of Shri J. K. Borah, Director (Technical/Operations); Shri A. K. Behura, Director (Finance); Shri A. S. Bapat, Director (Technical/Projects & Planning); Shri P. R. Thakur, Director, Mines Safety, Bhubaneswar Region-II and Area General Managers, who joined through video-conferencing. Meanwhile, Shri J K Borah administered the safety pledge to all the employees at the company headquarters. 'Suraksha rath'



Shri P. K. Patel, Chief Vigilance Officer, MCL flags off 'Safety Rally' during Annual Mines Safety Fortnight 2024 at MCL.

was also flagged off to raise awareness. Similar programmes were organised in the operational areas of MCL to propagate awareness on Mines Safety. In his address, Shri Patel stressed the significance of cultivating safety habits on a daily basis within the coal mines emphasizing "safety is top priority". The dignitaries also felicitated the MCL Rescue team

who stood victorious at the All India Mines Rescue Competition 2023.

A street play, depicting the importance of safety conscience in the coal mines was also presented on this occasion.

As part of the Annual Mines Safety Fortnight celebrations, a series of activities and competitions are being organized in all units of the company.

Chairman, Coal India visits Talcher coalfields of MCL

Shri P. M. Prasad, Chairman, Coal India Limited, visited Talcher coalfields of Mahanadi Coalfields Limited and took stock of the operational works. He visited Lingaraj, Hingula, Jagannath area and Balram, Bhubaneswari and Ananta opencast projects of Talcher Coalfields.

Shri Uday A Kaole, CMD, MCL and Shri J. K. Borah, Director (Tech/Op) accompanied the Chairman during the visit.



Shri P. M. Prasad, Chairman, Coal India during his visit to Talcher coalfields of MCL.

NALCO celebrates 44th Foundation Day

NALCO CMD lays roadmap to drive growth and sustainable business for next three decades



Shri Sridhar Patra, CMD, NALCO addressing participants during the 44th Foundation Day celebrations of the company.

National Aluminium Company Limited (NALCO) celebrated its 44th Foundation Day recently. Celebrating more than four decades of unparalleled success, the company proudly marked the milestone of completing more than 43 years, by organizing special events at its corporate headquarters at Bhubaneswar

and at its operating units and regional offices.

In a function organized at Nalco Nagar, Bhubaneswar, Shri Sridhar Patra, CMD, NALCO along with Functional Directors of the Company and CVO, greeted the employees and in their address, acknowledged the dedication and hard work of the employees and cooperation

received from other stakeholders.

Shri Patra, in his address said that the strenuous efforts of the last 43 years and constant pursuit towards exhibiting excellence in almost all domains of business has succeeded in creating a formidable business enterprise like NALCO and the company has always striven to do better than the previous set benchmarks. The past three years has witnessed significant achievements and have brought new laurels to the company. Backward integration and securitization of energy and bauxite has increased the business span of the organisation for the next 30 years, he said. Worth mentioning that the ongoing Refinery expansion and forthcoming Smelter expansion plans have been further propelled with operationalization of allotted Coal blocks and receiving of the statutory clearances for Pottangi Bauxite mines.

Power Finance Corporation Ltd. to set up a finance company in IFSC, GIFT City, Gujarat

Power Finance Corporation Ltd. announced its plans to establish a wholly-owned subsidiary, a Finance company, in International Financial Services Center (IFSC) in GIFT City, Gujarat. This strategic decision aligns with PFC's vision to diversify its business and maintain its long-term growth trajectory. Commenting on the occasion, Smt. Parminder

Chopra, CMD, Power Finance Corporation Ltd. stated, "We are excited to embark on this new chapter. The GIFT City platform provides a conducive environment for international lending activities and a world-class infrastructure.

We are confident that PFC will leverage these advantages to carve a niche for itself in the global

market." Smt. Chopra added that the "IFSC entity will present new business opportunities for PFC and contribute to the growth of the country's power sector."

PFC's entry into IFSC is expected to unlock new opportunities not only for PFC but also to strengthen India's position in global finance and contribute to the growth of the GIFT City ecosystem.

Defence Secretary inaugurates new design and test facility for Aero Engine R&D at HAL



Shri Giridhar Aramane, Defence Secretary inaugurating a new design and test facility at HAL's Aero Engine Research and Development Centre in Bengaluru.

Shri Giridhar Aramane, Defence Secretary inaugurated a new design and test facility at HAL's Aero Engine Research and Development Centre (AERDC) in Bengaluru recently. Hailing the important work being done by HAL, Shri Aramane said, "HAL has received applause at the highest levels and the government trusts your capability to deliver and make the country self-reliant.

Manufacturing sector is the future of our country and in the coming decades, HAL should focus on mastering technologies for all types of aircraft. Think ahead as the entire paradigm of warfare is changing."

Thrusting on the role of unmanned aircraft in the future warfare, he encouraged HAL to collaborate with other private companies to develop new platforms. "HAL is the largest DPSU in India and I want it to become the top ten companies in the world," he added. He had a look at the manufacturing range

of various engines and test beds. He also paid a visit to HAL's Aerospace Division.

Shri C.B. Ananthakrishnan, CMD (Addl. Charge), HAL said, "The development of this facility marks a key milestone in HAL's growth trajectory.

It is a testimony of HAL's commitment towards achieving Aatmanirbharta in aero-engine design and development." The new facility spanning over 10,000 sq. meters has been established under the modernisation plan.

Dr. D.K. Sunil, Director (Engg, R&D) outlined the design perspectives of HAL's R&D initiatives. The AERDC is currently involved in the design and development of several new engines including two strategic engines — Hindustan Turbo Fan Engine (HTFE) of 25 kN thrust for powering trainers, UAV's, twin engine small fighter aircraft or regional jets and Hindustan Turbo Shaft Engine (HTSE) of 1200 kN thrust for powering light and medium weight helicopters

(3.5 to 6.5 tonnes in single/ twin engine configuration).

The new state-of-the-art facility houses special machines, advanced setups leveraging on computational tools, in-house fabrication facility and two test beds for testing HTFE-25 and one testbed each for testing HTSE-1200 and upcoming JV engine for IMRH to be co-developed by Safran, France and HAL.

In addition, the newly developed facility has setups for testing Air producer of Jaguar, Gas Turbine Starter Unit (GTSU) -110 M2 and 127E of LCA, Auxiliary Power Units of IMRH and AMCA, Gas Turbine Electrical Generator (GTEG) -60 for An-32 aircraft. Setups to carry out various critical tests for engine components and LRUs have also been established within the new facility.

The Centre, established in the 1960s, holds the unique distinction of being the only design house that has developed test beds for engines of both Western and Russian origin. The Centre has successfully developed & certified PTAE-7 engine, the first indigenous turbojet engine of India powering Lakshya (Unmanned Aircraft), Gas Turbine Electrical Generator GTEG-60 for starting An-32 aircraft, Air starter ATS 37 & Air producer for starting Adour-Mk 804E/811 on Jaguar Aircraft and Shakti engine for powering ALH to support Ad804/811 engine of Jaguar aircraft. Senior officials from HAL, IAF, GTRE, ADA, NAL, CEMILAC and ADE were present on the occasion.

ECIL bags IEWS contract for supply of COM segment systems to MoD from BEL

Electronics Corporation of India Limited (ECIL), Hyderabad has bagged the prestigious “Integrated Electronic Warfare System (IEWS)” contract for the supply of COM segment systems to MoD (Indian Army) from M/s BEL, Hyderabad. The total contract value is approximately Rs. 980 Crores. The project provides a significant leap in developing Indigenous capabilities towards achieving self-reliance in EW systems for the Defense sector.

The project will be executed in collaboration with M/s BEL as Prime Production Agency and DLRL as the Design Agency.

ECIL along with BEL, Hyderabad and DLRL, Hyderabad had undertaken the technology capability demonstration for this system against which MoD has awarded the contract to M/s



Handing over of IEWS Contract by Dr. CH Viswanadham, GM (EWLS), BEL, Hyd to Cmde R Santosh (Retd.), ED (Defence), ECIL, Hyderabad.

BEL, Hyderabad. The system is expected to be handed over to the customer within 24 months. The system is in full compliance with the user requirements and is based on ECIL's vast experience in the development, manufacture, integration and testing of EW systems on various platforms. Over the past three decades, ECIL

has developed a large number of EW technologies & EW Systems specifically in the COM segment meeting the state-of-the-art requirements of Indian Defence Forces. Many of these projects are first of its kind and have been successfully completed and are in use by all the three Arms of our Defense forces.

HSL inaugurates renovated Veterinary Hospital & Library under CSR Project

Hindustan Shipyard Limited inaugurated renovated Veterinary Hospital and Public Library as part of its CSR project recently.

The Veterinary Hospital and Public Library underwent a major revival which included Civil work repair to its concrete slab, walls, electrical work etc. CMD, on this occasion was briefed about the large number of animals being brought to this veterinary hospital for treatment. He said



Cmde Hemant Khatri, CMD, HSL inaugurates renovated Veterinary Hospital & Library under CSR Project in presence of employees of the company.

that nearly 40 students are using the library daily and HSL shall

work towards supplying books also to the library.

GRSE launches state's first next-generation electric ferry for Government of West Bengal



Mrs. Lipi Das, General Manager (Human Resources), GRSE inaugurates next-generation electric ferry in the presence of Cmde PR Hari IN (Retd.), CMD, GRSE and other senior officers of the company.

Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE) Ltd, launched a Next Generation (NG) Electric Ferry recently. The vessel was launched in the traditional way by Mrs. Lipi Das, General Manager (Human Resources), GRSE in the presence of Cmde PR Hari IN (Retd.), CMD, GRSE; Shri R. K. Dash, Director (Finance); Cdr Shantanu Bose IN (Retd.), Director (Shipbuilding); DIG Subrato Ghosh, ICG (Retd.), Director (Personnel) and other senior officials of GRSE. The vessel being constructed for the Government of West Bengal holds the prospect of replacing diesel-engine run ferries with Green platforms that use only battery and solar power.

The launch of the NG Electric Ferry, named 'Dheu' (means

'wave') kickstarts several opportunities in zero emission transport contributing to growth of waterways of India in line with the Maritime India Vision-2030, which can complement road/rail-based cargo and passenger transport.

The 24-metre-long Next Generation Electric Ferry designed by GRSE will be powered by a 246 Kilowatt per hour (kWh) liquid-cooled Energy Storage Solution. It is ergonomically designed to carry 150 passengers in air-conditioned comfort and with no noise or engine vibrations. The Ferry will have twin screw propellers for greater maneuverability and a Catamaran Aluminium hull which will allow speeds up to 10 knots. It will have solar panels to augment the power supply. It is

being built to comply with the latest classification society rules of Indian Register of Shipping (IRS) related to passenger safety. Once launched, the vessel shall undergo harbour and afloat trials and shall thereafter be delivered to the Govt. of West Bengal.

Cmde PR Hari IN (Retd.), CMD, GRSE, said that Launch of this "Green Vessel" is a major accomplishment and when delivered, "Dheu" shall be a gamechanger that shall revolutionise the Inland Water ways transportation sector".

"New Technology adaption with specific thrust on autonomous and Green energy platforms has been a key focus area for GRSE, and the coming months shall see the development of more such new products," Cmde Hari said.

NHPC Celebrates 75th Republic Day



Shri R.P. Goyal, Director (Finance), NHPC addressing the employees during Republic Day celebrations.

NHPC celebrated India's 75th Republic Day with great enthusiasm and patriotic fervour. The celebrations began with unfurling of the National Flag by Shri R.P. Goyal, Director (Finance), NHPC and singing of National Anthem at NHPC Corporate Office, Faridabad. Shri Uttam Lal, Director (Personnel), NHPC and Shri R.K. Chaudhary, Director (Technical & Projects), NHPC were also present on the occasion along with other senior NHPC officers, employees and their family members.

Addressing the occasion, Shri R.P. Goyal extended his greetings to the entire NHPC family on Republic Day. Shri Goyal said that on 26th January 1950, our country was declared as a democratic republic which is a system of governance by the people and for the people.

Director (Finance), NHPC said that NHPC is the premier organisation of the country in the field of hydropower generation. He further added that the present hydropower installed capacity of NHPC is about 15% of the total capacity of the country and that our responsibility can also be gauged from the fact that today NHPC is constructing 52% of the total hydropower projects under construction in the country. Shri Goyal also said that NHPC's 2000 MW Subansiri Lower Hydroelectric Project and

800 MW Parbati- II Hydroelectric Project will start generation of power in the financial year 2024-25.

On this occasion, Shri Goyal appealed to all the employees of NHPC to work with full dedication and perform their duties with utmost determination. The Republic Day programme was also telecast live at all NHPC locations in the country through web casting.

India's 75th Republic Day at Khanij Bhavan, NMDC



Shri Amitava Mukherjee, CMD (Additional Charge), NMDC addressing the gathering during Republic Day celebrations at Khanij Bhavan in Hyderabad.

National Miner NMDC celebrated the 75th Republic Day at Khanij Bhavan in Hyderabad and its mining projects across India. Shri Amitava Mukherjee, CMD (Additional Charge) hoisted the National Flag along with Shri Zailabuddin, senior most employee at its Head Office.

NMDC's Director (Production) Shri Dilip Kumar Mohanty, Director (Technical) Shri Vinay Kumar and CVO Shri B Vishwanath were also present for the celebrations.

"As citizens we are beyond our individual identities, we are a community bound by shared values and a common destiny. Then, nation building becomes a responsibility of the highest order," said Shri Amitava Mukherjee in his Republic Day address. Further on collective responsibility, he said, "In our standing as the country's largest iron ore producers, we carry on our shoulders great responsibilities towards India and its people. To emerge as a global

environment-friendly mining company, one that not only meets the needs of the present but also safeguards the needs of future generations - the NMDC vision is a promise to the nation that we will fulfill."

In the run-up to Republic Day 2024, NMDC organized Indoor Games and Competitions to engage employees and stakeholders. Winners of Chess, Table Tennis, Carrom, and certain talent games were also awarded during the ceremony.

Hindustan Copper celebrates 75th Republic Day



Shri Ghanshyam Sharma, CMD, HCL addresses the employees during Republic Day celebrations.

In observance of the 75th Republic Day, Shri Ghanshyam Sharma, CMD, Hindustan Copper Limited, unfurled the tricolour in presence of Shri Sanjay Panjiyar, Director (Operations), Shri Sanjiv Kumar Singh, Director (Mining), CVO, Shri Upendra Kumar Pandey and other senior officials at HCL Corporate Office in Kolkata.

CMD, HCL, read out his Republic Day message at HCL Corporate Office in Kolkata. His message was also read out in all the Units of HCL.

Republic Day Celebrations at ECIL

Electronics Corporation of India Limited (ECIL) celebrated the 75th Republic Day with patriotic fervour and enthusiasm at Hyderabad. Shri Anurag Kumar, CMD, ECIL, hoisted the national flag at the ceremonial function held at the factory main gate and inspected the Guard of Honour presented by Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) contingent.



Shri Anurag Kumar, CMD, ECIL hoisting the National Flag on the occasion of Republic Day celebrations at ECIL.

Among the dignitaries present in the function were Dr. Anesh Kumar Sharma, Director (Technical), Shri Rajendra Kumar Parakh, Director (Finance), Shri A Malviya, Director (Personnel), Shri P Krishna Kumar, Chief Vigilance Officer, Shri Rahul Gautam, Commandant, CISF, Shri Ashish Kumar, President, ECIL Officer's Association Shri Lakshman, President, ECMS Union and Senior executives of ECIL. The programme was attended by Executives Directors, General Managers, Employees and ex-employees.

CMD, in his message, conveyed greetings to all the employees on the event of Republic Day celebrations. Shri Anurag Kumar, CMD emphasised that ECIL has been establish for Self-Reliance in Strategic Electronics and has contributed in the field of Nuclear, Defence, Aerospace, Security and IT & e-Governance. He also shared that ECIL has contributed in Chandryaan – 3, Aditya Mission and demonstrated the Missiles develop Seeker successfully completed all these has been possible with hard work of our executives and employees. He requested to all employees to continue the same spirit for achieve 5000 crore target in future.

He urged officers and employees to plan and execute production and sales as per the company targets. Shri Anurag Kumar, CMD called upon one and all to contribute fullest towards the organisation and thereby nation.

Republic Day celebrations at HSL



Cmde Hemant Khatri, IN (Retd.), CMD, HSL hoisting the National Flag on the occasion of Republic Day celebrations HSL Colony parade ground.

Hindustan Shipyard Ltd. marked the 75th Republic Day with patriotic fervour. Cmde Hemant Khatri, IN (Retd.), CMD, HSL unfurled the national flag at HSL Colony parade ground and inspected the parade comprising of Security & Fire Service personnel, NCC cadets, Rover Scouts, Scouts & Guides and Students from Schools & Colleges. Patriotic musical dance was performed by students from Schools & Colleges. CMD presented commendation letters to the employees for their meritorious services rendered during the year and addressed the gathered on this occasion.

CMD, HSL appreciated employee's efforts in transforming HSL to a new HSL. He said that the achievements of 2023 will lay the foundation for a modern HSL. He urged the team to work efficiently with a result – oriented approach to deliver two Diving Support Vessels, one Floating Dock and one Submarine to the Indian Navy in current year. CMD extended congratulations to awardees and encouraged everyone to continue building a credible and modern HSL.

Oil India Limited celebrates 75th Republic Day with patriotic fervour



Dr. Ranjit Rath, CMD, OIL hoisting the National Flag on the occasion of Republic Day celebrations at its Corporate office in Noida.

Oil India Limited (OIL) marked the 75th Republic Day with a spirited celebration at its corporate office in Noida. Dr. Ranjit Rath, CMD, OIL unfurled the National Flag in the presence of Functional Directors, Chief Vigilance Officer, and company officials.

In his address, Dr. Rath commended the dedicated efforts of the company's officials, acknowledging their integral role in shaping the nation's energy landscape. He expressed gratitude for their unwavering commitment and emphasized OIL's dedication to the continued growth and prosperity of the nation. Dr. Rath reassured OIL's commitment to enhancing energy security by exploring new frontiers.

"We have made a significant contribution to the country both in terms of addressing its energy needs as well as our commitment towards meeting the net zero targets and creating an alternate energy portfolio" Dr. Rath added.

As part of the celebration, Dr. Rath extended warm wishes on behalf of OIL to the officials and their families on this joyous occasion.

NLCIL has ambitious growth plan; says CMD, NLCIL at Republic Day celebrations



Shri Prasanna Kumar Motupalli, CMD, NLCIL hoisting the National Flag on the occasion of Republic Day celebrations at NLCIL's Bharathi Stadium.

NLC India Limited celebrated the 75th Republic Day of the nation with usual fervour. Festive arrangements were made at NLCIL's Bharathi Stadium. Shri Prasanna Kumar Motupalli, CMD, NLCIL unfurled the national flag and took salute in the presence of NLCIL's Functional Directors, CVO, Senior officials and employees. The function was attended by the Contract and Society labours, CISF officials, representatives of recognized Trade Unions, Associations representing Engineers & Officers, SC/ST, ST, OBC welfare associations, School and College heads, teaching staffs students and women employees. After unfurling the National Flag, CMD, NLCIL accepted the salute of the platoons of CISF, NLCIL Security, Home Guards, NCC & NSS and Students of Neyveli schools and college. Earlier, CMD, NLCIL garlanded the Statue of Father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhi in the premises of Township Administration.

The celebration of the 75th Republic Day function started with Tamil Thai Vazhthu and NLCIL Theme song. Shri. Samir Swarup Director, Human resource welcomed the gathering. CMD, NLCIL, in his Republic Day address praised and expressed gratitude to Dr. B.R. Ambedkar and the team of constitutional experts who had taken strenuous efforts in framing up the Constitution of India, the Supreme Law of our nation.

He has also reminded India's strides towards Aatmanirbhar through 'Make in India and Make for World' mantra and to become a developed nation by 2047, the centenary year of India's independence. Towards this NLCIL is resolute in its commitment of 6031 MW in Renewable Energy share to become a 17000 MW plus Energy Company by 2030 to support the trajectory of progress of our nation.

CMD lauded the major achievements of NLCIL in consolidated Profit After Tax at Rs.1,500 Crore with a growth of 52.10% compared to previous year and ever highest Coal production & Sales at Talabira II&III Mine in Odisha. He further added that on Renewable Energy capacity augmentation NLCIL has won 1410 MW SPP tender in Rajasthan and Gujarat. Further, NLCIL got the Coal block allotment of 3MTPA North Dhadu (Western Part) through the Commercial Coal block e-auction. He felt proud in announcing placement of order recently for the mega 3x800MW Super Critical Thermal Power project at Odisha with anticipated commissioning by FY 2028-29.

CMD, NLCIL jubilantly expressed that for the first time in the history of NLCIL, the market share price has been constantly improving and reached an all-time high by enhancing confidence in the investors through continuous interactions with media. He expressed confidence to achieve NLCIL's ambitious growth plan of 11,140 MW Thermal power and 6031 MW RE with 100 MTPA (Million Tonne Per Annum) mining capacity (55 MTPA Lignite + 45 MTPA Coal) by the year 2030.

CMD PR Hari sets GRSE's Course with 'Vikshit Bharat' Theme on 75th Republic Day



Cmde PR Hari IN (Retd.), CMD, GRSE unfurling the National Flag at its Kolkata headquarters.

India's 75th Republic Day was celebrated with patriotism at Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE) Ltd. at its Kolkata headquarters. The preceding 12 months have been marked by significant events for GRSE, witnessing the launch

of numerous warships and the delivery of one to the Indian Navy. Consequently, the shipyard has made substantial contributions to nation-building and the Aatmanirbharta (self-reliance) commitment. Additionally, GRSE recently celebrated a pivotal achievement with the launch of the Next Generation Ferry for the Government of West Bengal, a commendable step towards advancing green initiatives. The celebrations began with Cmde PR Hari IN (Retd.), CMD, GRSE unfurling the National Flag in the presence of Shri RK Dash, Director (Finance); Cdr S Bose, Director (Shipbuilding); DIG S Ghosh, Director (Personnel); Shri P Kumar, CISF Commandant, senior officials from GRSE, officials from the Classification Societies, and industry partners.

The CMD received the salute from the contingent of CISF personnel who also performed impressive rifle and pistol 'drills' that enthralled all present.

Cmde PR Hari, brought attention to the two themes for the Republic Day, 'Mother of Democracy' & 'Viksit Bharat.' Addressing the gathering, the CMD stated that he is confident that with the kind of world class infrastructure, the talent pool & a clear vision statement, the shipyard will grow exponentially to achieve the aspirational vision to become a Navratna Company.

In his speech, CMD, GRSE urged the employees to focus on Safety, Security, Quality, Timely Execution, & breaking the barriers of Departments and working as a team with a single goal of taking GRSE ahead.

The CMD congratulated the CISF team for their exemplary turn out and excellent and graceful display, including the cultural program.

GAIL celebrates 75th Republic Day

GAIL (India) Limited celebrated the 75th Republic Day. On this momentous occasion, Shri Sandeep Kumar Gupta, CMD, GAIL unfurled the National Flag in the presence of top-level management and employees. Addressing the gathering on Republic Day, Shri Sandeep Kumar Gupta said, "GAIL is in sync with the vision of Government of India towards Natural Gas-based economy by developing infrastructure and business around Natural Gas. GAIL is



Shri Sandeep Kumar Gupta, CMD, GAIL addressing the employees during 75th Republic Day celebrations.

committed towards the vision of Net Zero by taking sustainable development steps in this direction.”

NALCO CMD unfurls national flag at Mines & Refinery Complex at Damanjodi



Shri Sridhar Patra, CMD, NALCO unfurled the Tricolour at Mines and Refinery Complex of the company at Damanjodi in Koraput District of Odisha.

The 75th Republic Day was celebrated with great patriotic fervour across all the production units, corporate office and various establishments of NALCO across the country.

Shri Sridhar Patra, CMD, NALCO unfurled the Tricolour at NALCO's Mines and Refinery Complex at Damanjodi in Koraput District of Odisha. Addressing a large gathering of employees, family members, school children, security personnel and people from peripheral areas, Shri Patra urged every Indian to uphold the pristine values of our Constitution and contribute towards nation building as responsible citizens.

At the Corporate Headquarters in Bhubaneswar, the National Flag was unfurled by Shri Gadadhar Upadhyaya, former CMD I/c.

BHEL celebrates 75th Republic Day with fervour



Shri Koppu Sadashiv Murthy, CMD, BHEL addresses the gathering during Republic Day celebrations at the company's township in Noida.

India's 75th Republic Day was celebrated with fervour and gaiety by BHEL at all its offices across the country.

Shri Koppu Sadashiv Murthy, CMD, BHEL unfurled the national flag at a function in the company's township in Noida in the presence of Functional Directors on the Board of BHEL, and other senior officials.

On the occasion, CMD, BHEL also addressed a gathering of BHEL employees and their families present at the function. A march-past, prize distribution ceremony and cultural programme was also organised at the event.

PSEs Ink MoU

GAIL signs MoU with Government of Tamil Nadu to invest around Rs. 2,187 crore in Tamil Nadu



GAIL (India) Limited signed an MoU with the Government of Tamil Nadu to invest around Rs. 2,187 crore to lay approx. 320 km of Natural Gas pipeline in the state at Tamil Nadu Global Investors Meet held in Chennai recently.

GAIL (India) Limited has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Government of Tamil Nadu to invest around Rs. 2,187 crore to lay approx. 320 km of natural gas pipeline in the state.

The MoU was signed at the Global Investors Meet held in Chennai recently.

The natural gas pipeline will be laid as part of the Kochi - Kottinad - Bengaluru - Mangaluru Pipeline - II project and will be a very important link in the development of National Gas Grid in southern India.

It is expected that during project execution stage, employment to the tune of 6,50,000 man-days are likely to be generated in Tamil Nadu. The state will be benefited with clean fuel for household, Industries and automobile sector.

In line with the Government of India's mission of Natural Gas based economy, GAIL is playing a significant role in providing clean energy pan India, and expanding its pipeline network across the length and breadth of the country by building the National Gas Grid.

MCL inks MoU for development of "Vatika" project in Talcher

Mahanadi Coalfields Limited (MCL) takes a significant step towards cultural and heritage preservation of Odisha with the sanction of over Rs. 5 crores for the development of the "Vatika" project in Talcher, Angul district, Odisha. In a noteworthy move, MCL signed a MoU with the District Administration, Angul, marking a milestone in CSR initiatives. The MoU was officially inked between the General Manager, CSR, MCL and the Special Land Acquisition Officer of Angul district, Odisha. The primary focus of the "Vatika" project is to create awareness about the rich cultural heritage

associated with Lord Jagannath and contribute to the preservation of the cultural legacy of Talcher, Angul. Structured into five distinctive zones, namely "Pre Purushottam Dhan Tales," "Jagannath and Purushottam Dhan Tales," an Activity area featuring an Open-Air Theater (OAT), a Food Court & Souvenir area, and a dedicated Parking Zone, the "Vatika" project is poised to become an iconic cultural landmark.

The project is expected to serve as a testament to MCL's commitment to community development and cultural preservation of Odisha. MCL's generous contribution will play a pivotal role in bringing this iconic project to life, fostering a unique and vibrant experience for visitors, offering a glimpse into the mythical times associated with Lord Jagannath's culture.

REC Limited & Bank of Baroda sign MoU to finance power, infrastructure and logistics projects



Shri Vivek Kumar Dewangan, IAS, CMD, REC Limited and Shri Debadatta Chand, MD & CEO, Bank of Baroda during the MoU signing ceremony.

REC Limited signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Bank of Baroda recently. This agreement will facilitate joint sanctions of loans to fund power, infrastructure and logistics projects in the country over the next three years.

The MoU was signed in presence of Shri Vivek Kumar Dewangan, IAS, CMD, REC Limited and Shri Debadatta Chand, MD & CEO, Bank of Baroda along with Shri Lalit Tyagi, Executive Director, Bank of Baroda.

Commenting on this momentous collaboration, Shri Dewangan said, "This landmark agreement signifies a collaborative effort to accelerate the realization of pivotal projects crucial to the nation's progress. This partnership marks a significant stride in our commitment to fostering inclusive development. By harnessing synergies between REC's expertise in the power sector and Bank of Baroda's financial prowess, we aim to catalyze transformative projects that will positively impact communities and drive socio-economic progress."

Shri Debadatta Chand, MD & CEO, Bank of Baroda said, "This MoU will enable Bank of Baroda and REC to jointly finance Power (including renewable power), Infrastructure and Logistics projects. With the Indian economy on a strong growth path, we

will see a rise in capital expenditure and private investment and an increasing need for collaborative and innovative financing structures."

Recognizing the pressing need to fortify these critical domains, REC Limited and Bank of Baroda unite with a shared vision of advancing sustainable growth and bolstering the nation's infrastructural backbone. By pooling resources and expertise, both entities endeavour to champion initiatives that will invigorate economic development and enhance accessibility to essential services nationwide.

MoU signed between NHPC and GPCL, Government of Gujarat for investment in Kuppia Pumped Hydro Storage Project



Shri Arun Mahesh Babu, IAS, MD, GPCL, Government of Gujarat and Shri V.R. Srivastava, Executive Director, Renewable Energy and Green Hydrogen, NHPC sign MoU in presence of Shri Bhupendra Patel, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Gujarat and Shri Kanubhai Desai, Hon'ble Energy Minister, Government of Gujarat.

Taking a step forward towards clean and green energy, NHPC signed an MoU with Gujarat Power Corporation Limited, Government of Gujarat for investment in Kuppia Pumped Hydro Storage Project (750 MW) recently. The MoU signing ceremony was organized at the Secretariat in Gandhinagar, Gujarat under the aegis of "Vibrant Gujarat".

In the august presence of Shri Bhupendra Patel, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Gujarat and Shri Kanubhai Desai, Hon'ble Energy Minister, Government of

Gujarat, the MoU was signed by Shri Arun Mahesh Babu, IAS, MD, GPCL, Government of Gujarat and Shri V.R. Srivastava, Executive Director, Renewable Energy and Green Hydrogen, NHPC. On this occasion, Hon'ble Ministers of Gujarat Government, senior officials of Gujarat Govt. and senior officials of NHPC were also present.

As per terms of the MoU, NHPC shall invest an estimated Rs 4000 crores in the proposed 750 MW Kuppa Pumped Hydro Storage Project at Chhota Udaipur, Gujarat.

The MoU aims to contribute towards the national objective of clean and green energy i.e. 500 GW of renewable energy by 2030 and "Net Zero" target by 2070. Government of Gujarat and NHPC plan to develop and utilize pumped hydro storage projects which will be an effective solution for energy storage.

The implementation of this project will create significant employment opportunities and boost the local economy in the area.

PPA signed by RHPCL with Rajasthan Urja Vikas and IT Services Limited



Signing of Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) between Ratle Hydro Electric Power Corporation Limited and Rajasthan Urja Vikas and IT Services Limited for offtake of power generated from 850 MW Ratle Hydroelectric Project, Kishtwar, UT of J&K.

A Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) was signed recently between Ratle Hydro Electric Power Corporation Limited (RHPCL) (a Joint venture company of NHPC Limited and JKSPDC) and Rajasthan Urja Vikas and IT Services Limited for offtake of power generated from 850 MW Ratle Hydroelectric Project, Kishtwar, UT of Jammu and Kashmir for the period of 40 years from the COD

of project and Power allocation to be notified by Ministry of Power, Government of India.

The PPA was signed in the presence of senior officers of RHPCL & Rajasthan Urja Vikas and IT Services Limited.

Vitol and GAIL sign long term LNG Supply Deal into India



Shri Sanjay Kumar, Director (Marketing), GAIL and Mr. Russell Hardy, Vitol CEO during signing of the deal in Singapore.

GAIL (India) Limited and Vitol Asia Pte Ltd. recently announced the signing of a Long Term LNG deal into India for a supply of approximately one million metric tons of LNG per annum for a period of about 10 years, commencing 2026. Under this deal, Vitol will deliver LNG from its global LNG portfolio to GAIL in India on a pan-India basis.

Given this deal for LNG tie up, Shri Sandeep Kumar Gupta, CMD, GAIL said, "This long term LNG deal with Vitol by GAIL will augment its large Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) portfolio and will contribute to bridging India's demand and supply gap of natural gas".

Mr. Russell Hardy, Vitol CEO said, "We are pleased to build on the existing relationship between Vitol and GAIL and to conclude this Long Term LNG supply deal together. India is a significant and growing LNG market and we are excited to bring LNG supply from our global LNG portfolio to meet this rising natural gas demand in India".

Shri Sanjay Kumar, Director (Marketing), GAIL, speaking on the occasion of signing in Singapore, stated that GAIL is doing this deal as demand for natural gas in India is getting consolidated and this LNG tie-up is part of the multiple negotiations which GAIL has been carrying on with various LNG suppliers for long term deals.

OIL and GMC forge alliance for a greener tomorrow



Shri Bhaskar Jyoti Phukan, MD, NRL representing OIL and Shri Megha Nidhi Dahal, IAS, Commissioner, GMC sign MoU in presence of Dr. Ranjit Rath, CMD, OIL & Chairman, NRL; Shri Pankaj Goswami, Director (Operations), OIL and Shri Ashok Das, Director (HR), OIL at NRL Corporate Office in Guwahati.

In a move towards environmental sustainability and cleaner energy solutions, Oil India Limited (OIL) and Guwahati Municipal Corporation (GMC) inked a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) recently to collaborate on the transformation of Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) into Compressed Bio Gas (CBG).

The MoU was signed by Shri Bhaskar Jyoti Phukan, MD, NRL representing OIL, and Shri Megha Nidhi Dahal, IAS, Commissioner, GMC, representing the Guwahati Municipal Corporation in the presence of Dr. Ranjit Rath, CMD, OIL & Chairman, NRL; Shri Pankaj Goswami, Director (Operations), OIL; and Shri Ashok Das, Director (HR), OIL at the NRL Corporate Office, Guwahati.

This collaboration signifies a shared commitment to environmental conservation, efficient waste management, and the generation of clean energy. By leveraging the expertise of both OIL and GMC, this initiative aims to contribute significantly to the reduction of carbon footprint and promote a more sustainable and eco-friendly future.

BEL, IIT Delhi ink MoU to transform breakthroughs in Deep Tech research into products for Indian Navy

Bharat Electronics Ltd (BEL) has joined hands



Shri Manoj Jain, Director (R&D), BEL, and Prof Preeti Ranjan Panda, MD, FITT display the MoU signed between BEL and IIT Delhi in presence of dignitaries from the Indian Navy and IIT Delhi.

with the Foundation for Innovation and Technology Transfer (FITT) at IIT Delhi to translate breakthroughs in Naval Deep Tech research being carried out at CARE - IIT Delhi, into products for Indian Navy.

BEL and IIT Delhi recently signed an MoU for R&D collaborations in various emerging technologies, as envisaged by the Indian Navy's office of Naval Projects at IIT Delhi, to facilitate conversion of inventions in ongoing Deep Tech research into Naval products.

The MoU was signed by Shri Manoj Jain, Director (R&D), BEL, and Prof Preeti Ranjan Panda, MD, FITT in the presence of dignitaries from the Indian Navy and IIT Delhi.

The Naval research being carried out at CARE - IIT Delhi required some handholding from the industry, as industry partners need to be part of the research and product development from the initial stages itself to ensure smooth transition during prototype trials and production.

The entry of BEL marks the beginning of a new chapter of synergy between the industry and user-academia alliance at IIT Delhi, giving a boost to the Government of India's Atmanirbhar Bharat drive

BEL and IIT Delhi will now jointly work on core technology development with use cases in areas of interest pertinent to the Indian Navy.

BEL has expressed interest to participate in collaborations in the field of Naval Electronic Systems, including RF, Sonar systems, IMARS, Communication Systems, etc.

MoU signed between NHPC and Cheshire Home India, Delhi Unit to provide medical care and nutritional support to physically and mentally challenged persons



Officers of NHPC and Cheshire Home India, Delhi Unit during MoU signing ceremony in Faridabad.

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed under Corporate Social Responsibility between NHPC and Cheshire Home India, Delhi Unit recently at Faridabad for providing medical care and nutritional support to the physically and mentally challenged persons residing at Cheshire Home India, Okhla Road, Delhi Unit.

The MoU was signed by GM (CSR&SD), NHPC and Retd. Major General Vijay Krishna, Member Managing Committee, Cheshire Home India in the presence of Shri Uttam Lal, Director (Personnel), NHPC and ED (CSR&SD), NHPC.

Under the MoU, NHPC will provide medical and nutritional support for one year to the physically and mentally challenged people living in Cheshire Home India, Delhi unit through Cheshire Home India, Delhi unit. Further, arrangements will also be made to appoint doctors, nurses, psychiatrists and attendants for the care of the physically and mentally challenged people.

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Shri R. K. Tyagi
assumes charge as
Chairman and Managing Director,
Power Grid Corporation of India Limited.



Shri Siba Prasad Mohanty
assumes charge as Managing Director,
Hindustan Urvarak & Rasayan Limited.



Shri S. Suresh Kumar, IAS
assumes charge as
Chairman,
Damodar Valley Corporation.



Shri Manobendra Ghoshal
assumes charge as
Chairman and Managing Director,
MSTC Ltd.



Dr. Prasanna Kumar Acharya
assumes charge as
Director (Finance),
NLC India Limited.



Shri Alok Sharma
assumes charge as
Director (R&D),
Indian Oil Corporation Ltd.

Awards & Accolades to PSEs

PFC Bags SAFA Gold Award for Best Presented Accounts/Annual Report



Smt. Parminder Chopra, CMD and Addl. Charge Director (Finance), PFC receiving the SAFA Gold Award from Mr. Heshana Kuruppu, Vice-President of SAFA.

The Power Finance Corporation Ltd. (PFC) has won the prestigious South Asian Federation of Accountants (SAFA) Gold Award in Best Presented Accounts/Annual Report Awards (BPA) in 'Public Sector Entities' category for the Financial Year 2021-22.

PFC was bestowed with this coveted Award for its highest level of transparency in accounting practices and for achieving excellence in presenting and disclosing high-quality, relevant, reliable and objective financial statements following the international framework.

Smt. Parminder Chopra, CMD and Addl. Charge Director (Finance), Shri Sandeep Kumar, ED (Finance), Shri R K Malhotra, ED (Finance) and Shri Mohd. Salim, SGM (Finance), received this coveted Award at an award distribution ceremony held at Ghaziabad.

It is worth mentioning that PFC had earlier won the ICAI (Institute of Chartered Accountants of India) Gold Award for excellence in financial reporting in the 'Public Sector Entities' category for the Financial Year 2021-22.

RITES wins SAFA Silver Award for Annual Report

RITES Limited has received the Silver Award for



RITES Director (Finance) & Chief Financial Officer Shri K.G. Agarwal, Executive Director (Finance) Shri Anjeev Jain, and Group General Manager (Finance) Shri Surendra Singh Kshatriya receive the coveted award at a ceremony in Ghaziabad.

'Best Presented Annual Report 2022' by the South Asian Federation of Accountants (SAFA) and The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI).

The company received the joint award in the Public Sector Entities (PSE) category at the SAFA Best Presented Annual Report Awards, Integrated Reporting Award & SAARC Anniversary Award for Corporate Governance Disclosures 2022 ceremony, held in Ghaziabad recently.

The awards under various categories are conferred based on the evaluation by a SAFA committee for improvement in transparency, accountability & governance, of the published annual reports of businesses from South Asian Countries.

This achievement recognizes best practices adopted by RITES for the presentation and disclosure of high-quality, relevant, reliable, and objective financial statements and the company's accountability towards stakeholders and highest degree of compliance with accounting standards, statutory guidelines, and regulations.

REC wins ICAI Award for Excellence in Financial Reporting for FY2022-23

REC Limited has been awarded 'Plaque' under



Shri Ajoy Choudhury, Director (Finance), REC; Shri Sanjay Kumar ED (Finance), REC and Shri Jatin Kumar Nayak, HoD (Finance), REC receive the award from Shri Vishnu Deo Sai, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh at a ceremony held in Raipur.

the 'Financial Services Sector (Other than Banking and Insurance)' category at the ICAI Awards for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the financial year 2022-23.

Shri Ajoy Choudhury, Director (Finance), REC; Shri Sanjay Kumar, ED (Finance), REC and Shri Jatin Kumar Nayak, HoD (Finance), REC received the award from Shri Vishnu Deo Sai, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh at the ceremony held at Raipur.

Hon'ble Cabinet Ministers of Chhattisgarh, Shri Brij Mohan Agrawal and Shri O.P. Choudhary were also present in the event along with ICAI President CA Aniket Sunil Talati, Vice President CA Ranjeet Kumar Agarwal, Research Committee Chairman & Vice Chairman and the ICAI Council Member.

This is the only award bestowed by the ICAI under this category and the selection has been made, based on the accounting practices, policies adopted for disclosure, presentation of financial statements, other information contained in the Annual Report and degree of compliance with Indian Accounting Standards, Statutory guidelines, Regulations, etc. by the Company.

Shri Ajoy Choudhury expressed gratitude for the recognition and highlighted the dedication of REC Limited's team in maintaining top-notch financial practices. Recently, REC was recognized for its exceptional performance in risk management and

bestowed with the 'Golden Peacock Award' by the Institute of Directors (IOD). Additionally, the company was conferred the 'Best Central PSU' Award in the Financial Services category at the Dun & Bradstreet PSU Awards 2023.

WAPCOS Conferred with EEPIC India Regional Award (Northern Region)



Shri H. S. Sandhu, Executive Director, WAPCOS and Shri Naveen Kumar Nada, Head (Generation), WAPCOS receive the award from Shri Ajay Bhatt, Hon'ble Minister of State for Defence.

WAPCOS conferred with EEPIC India Regional Award (Northern) - Special Trophy for Excellence in Export of Engineering Services.

The Award was presented by Shri Ajay Bhatt, Hon'ble Minister of State for Defence and received by Shri H. S. Sandhu, Executive Director and Shri Naveen Kumar Nada, Head (Generation), on behalf of the company.

WAPCOS is a technology driven Consultancy and Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) organization. The Company has provided engineering solutions to various clients in over fifty (50) countries and has developed global presence, particularly in South Asia and across Africa, for various development projects in the areas of water, power and infrastructure sectors.

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Tagore Chamber



The chamber has capacity of 92 persons (86 Nos. Chairs + 6 Nos. Chairs on Dais) equipped with 2 Nos. projector screens and mikes on dais, tables & podium.

Auditorium



The Auditorium has a capacity of 310 persons (300 Chairs + 10 Nos. Chairs at stage) capacity is equipped with projector, screen and mikes on dais and podium on stage.

Bhabha Chamber (Board Room)



The chamber has the capacity of 44 persons (24 Nos. Chairs on round table and 20 Nos. Chairs on sides) equipped with 4K advanced VC system for 12 person, projector screen and mikes on dais, tables & podium.

Mirza Ghalib Chamber



The chamber having capacity of 108 persons (102 Nos. Chairs + 6 Nos. Chairs on Dais) is equipped with 2 Nos.-projector & screen and mikes on table, dais and podium.

Fazal Chamber



The chamber has a capacity of 25 persons (15 Nos. Chairs on round table and 10 Nos. Chairs on sides) with board room type seating arrangement equipped with screen and mikes.



SCOPE's Social Interaction Centre (SSIC), Lodhi Road

SCOPE is setting up first-of-its-kind Social Interaction Facility for the entire Public Sector Fraternity at SCOPE Complex, Lodhi Road.

SCOPE invites suggestions and guidance with regard to possible areas to be addressed and ideas to be incorporated in developing this aspirational club facility.

Bhoomi Pujan of SSIC was organized recently. As this aspirational project can only be realized successfully with your support and participation, we look forward to your valuable inputs .



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shall be available for any further clarification/information on the

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