



FROM CMD's DESK



1st March, 2022

Dear Colleague,

On 24th February 2022, I completed 2 years as Chairman and Managing Director of this premier organization. When I look back at this eventful period, I have nothing but admiration and gratitude to all of you for the overwhelming support I have received from each one of you. Together, we have scripted some great success stories despite the gargantuan challenges posed by the pandemic. I am proud of what we have achieved together.

We are currently a 7000 MW Company, but the pace at which we are moving ahead and with the confidence that the Ministry of Power, GoI is reposing in us by allotting many mega projects in the country, I can assure you that we will soon be a 50,000 MW Company. We are making rapid strides not only within the country but also in Nepal where we are on the verge of signing MoU for implementation of Mugu Karnali (1902 MW) and Phukot Karnali (480 MW) hydropower projects. Apart from this, the states of Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Jharkhand and Andhra Pradesh have also expressed keenness to work with NHPC in building Pumped Storage projects. Now it is the time for all of us to keep rising to the occasion by putting our head and hands together to complete these projects in record time. This is essential to dispel the common perception that hydropower projects cannot be built without huge time and cost overruns. We pride that we are the torch bearers of hydropower sector in India and it becomes our responsibility to revamp the laggardly image of hydropower sector. To achieve this, we have to be one unified team which lives up to the expectations of all our major stakeholders.

Our financial performance has been on an upward trajectory. Our profit till the 3rd quarter of this year is Rs. 2978 crore against Rs. 2829 crore for the corresponding period of the last year. Despite the pandemic challenges, we achieved the highest ever profit in FY 2020-21. We will, in all probability, surpass this in FY 2021-22.

On 2nd February 2022, I met Shri Manoj Sinha, Hon'ble Lt. Governor of J&K and apprised him of the ongoing activities at the Pakal Dul (1000 MW), Kiru (624 MW), Ratle (850 MW) and Kwar (540 MW) hydroelectric projects in J&K. He was pleased with the progress and advised to expedite the activities for early start of Sawalkot H.E. project (1856 MW) in J&K.

I was on tour to Subansiri Lower Project from 5th to 6th February 2022 to assess the progress of the construction activities at the project. During the visit, Shri Tarin Dakpe, Hon'ble MLA (Raga), the local community leaders and administration discussed implementation of the projects assigned to NHPC in Arunachal Pradesh. The development of Subansiri Lower (2000 MW) Project has left a positive impression in the mindset of the people and they have assured their support for our other upcoming projects in the state. The visit to project also provided me an opportunity to meet Shri Pradan Baruah, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Lakhimpur. The Hon'ble MP commended the progress of the works and assured his support for the project.

Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh, Shri Chowna Mein, visited 2000 MW NHPC Subansiri Lower Project on 6th February 2022. He visited various project components and expressed his satisfaction over the progress achieved so far. He took keen interest in NHPC's upcoming projects in the state and assured all support not only for completion of Subansiri Lower but also for early start of the works in these projects. Shri Tage Taki, Hon'ble Minister, Agriculture, Horticulture, AH & Vety, Dairy Development, Fisheries, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh, was also present during the discussion.

Considering our mission to expand our presence in solar business, NHPC signed Letter of Intent for "Development of 10000 MW Renewable Energy Parks/Projects in Rajasthan with Rajasthan Renewable Energy Corporation Limited & Rajasthan Urja Vikas Nigam Ltd" on 8th February 2022. The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Rajasthan, Shri Ashok Gehlot graced the occasion. We have already incorporated a wholly owned subsidiary "NHPC RENEWABLE ENERGY LIMITED (NREL)", for development of Renewable Energy, Small Hydro and Green Hydrogen based business.

Shri Gyaneshwar Patil, the Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha) Khandwa Constituency, Madhya Pradesh visited our Corporate Office on 9th February 2022. The discussion was mainly focused on setting up of Solar and Pumped Storage Projects in Madhya Pradesh.

Other highlights of the month are:

- Visited Bundelkhand Saur Urja Limited on 18th February 2022 and reviewed the progress of works at the 65 MW Kalpi project. The project will be commissioned by May 2022 but efforts are in place to commission 22 MW by March 2022.
- NHPC was awarded ICAI Gold Shield for Excellence in Financial Reporting and SAFA Certificate of Merit for Best Presented Annual Report. Dr. Jitendra Singh, Hon'ble Minister of State (IC), Ministry of Science & Technology & Ministry of Earth Sciences and Hon'ble Minister of State, PMO and Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, Govt. of India presented the ICAI Gold Shield and SAFA Certificate of Merit on 9th February 2022.
- NHPC arranged Rs. 2000 Crore Term Loan at very competitive interest rate of 5.66% p.a. for a tenure of 9 years 8 months. This is one of the best rate available to any PSU. This will reduce our weighted average domestic borrowing cost by 29 basis points.
- During the month of February 2022, our outstanding dues of more than 45 days plus surcharge were at Rs. 945.51 crore which is the all-time lowest level since commissioning of all the current power stations. Congratulations to Team Commercial for their relentless efforts.
- One of our Elite Sports Scholarship recipient, Ms. Reetika has won Bronze Medal in 72 kg weight category at the International Wrestling tournament held in Veliko Tarnovo, Bulgaria.
- Continuing with our efforts to upgrade our information and communication infrastructure, an Internet Protocol (IP) Telephone service was launched on 22nd February 2022 across NHPC.
- NHPC has signed an agreement with HDFC Bank for securitization of Return on Equity for Chamara-I Power Station, Himachal Pradesh on 24th February 2022. The monetization deal has fetched present value of Rs. 1016.39 crore against the future cash flow of 10 years for Chamara-I Power Station. The amount has been credited to the NHPC account.
- A 'Hindi Kavi Sammelan' under Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav was organized at Corporate Office on 24th February, 2022. During the occasion, the new logo of NHPC Limited was also launched.
- Our better halves, through NHPC Women Welfare Association, have always supported the poverty stricken sections of the society. Continuing with their efforts, NHPC Women Welfare Association distributed Blankets to the needy section of society on 5th February, 2022 near Khori village, Faridabad.
- We have infused young blood into our organization by recruiting 67 executives in various disciplines.
- NHDC (a JV Company of NHPC and Govt. of Madhya Pradesh) presented Interim Dividend payment of Rs. 210.50 crore to NHPC on 3rd February 2022.
- The total revenue collection during the month of February 2022, was Rs. 428.82 crore.
- The total cumulative generation of all NHPC power stations till the end of February 2022 stood at 23050.2 Mus.

I Convey my greetings to you and your family members on the auspicious occasion of Maha Shivratri and Holi.

Sincerely yours,



(A. K. Singh)

Chairman & Managing Director