

FROM CMD's DESK



Dear Colleague,

FY 2021-22 has just sneaked into the pages of history. We started the year on extremely grim note and amid the rampaging 2nd wave of COVID. There were many apprehensions regarding how the year will pan out and yet by the end of it we are more hopeful than ever of finally leaving the challenges of pandemic behind us. The pandemic posed many a challenges at our construction projects and we could not achieve our CAPEX targets, still we managed to surpass the CAPEX achieved in FY 2020-21 and record our highest ever annual CAPEX. This has been possible due to your hard work and commitment, which are so integral to our progress and success. I would like to specially mention Subansiri Lower Project and Teesta VI teams for their admirable efforts. Success is achieved and maintained by those who try and keep trying. Excellence is not an act, but a habit and we are what we repeatedly do. If we all take inspiration from our project teams and dedicatedly work towards organization goals, then the golden age of NHPC is just around the corner.

Our power stations have also performed admirably. The total generation from our power stations in the FY 2021-22 was 24854.6 MU. This is our second highest ever annual generation despite the additional environment flow release from our power stations. Further, there has been marked improvement in PAF of our plants and we have recorded our highest annual PAF since the introduction of this mechanism. Keep up the good work.

The pace of construction activities at our Projects has improved quite a lot and it is evident in the various milestones being achieved. The Lower Bracket Assembly of Unit #1 of 2000 MW Subansiri Lower HE Project, weighing 85T has been successfully placed in generator. Cut off wall (1st phase) of 500 MW Teesta-VI HE Project was successfully completed on 14th of March 2022. The activities related to construction of Concrete Face Rock fill Dam (CFRD) of 1000 MW Pakal Dul H.E. Project commenced on 05.03.2022.

The progress of works at construction projects is a true benchmark of our performance and regular visits by the top level management gives impetus to the works at site. In fact I am writing this message from Teesta-VI Project itself. I am on a five day tour to Teesta Basin Projects and on 30.03.2022 reviewed the progress of the works at Rangit-IV HE Project and held discussions for expediting the construction activities.

NHPC paid an interim dividend of Rs. 933.61 crore to Govt. of India for FY 2021-22 on 4th of March 2022. Undersigned presented the dividend payout bank advice to Shri R. K. Singh, Hon'ble Union Minister of Power and New & Renewable Energy on March 10, 2022 in the presence of senior officers from Ministry of Power and NHPC.

I met Shri Alo Libang, Hon'ble Minister Health & Family Welfare, Social Welfare, Women & Child Development, Social Justice, Empowerment & Tribal Affairs, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh on 24.03.2022 at New Delhi and apprised him about the status of NHPC projects in Arunachal Pradesh. Hon'ble Minister appreciated NHPC's efforts and assured of his full support to NHPC.

The discussions with Government of Nepal authorities for allotting new hydro projects are in final stages. Our teams have held meetings at the top levels of authorities in government of Nepal and a breakthrough in this regard is expected soon.

NHPC was conferred with 'Best Implementation of Dam Rehabilitation Project' award at the Water Digest 'Water Awards, 2021-2022' held at New Delhi on 29th March 2022. The award recognizes the Rehabilitation of Dam and other Components of 280 MW Dhauliganga Power Station (Uttarakhand) after it was damaged by floods in 2013. Undersigned received the award from Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Hon'ble Cabinet Minister, Ministry of Jal Shakti, Government of India.

Other highlights of the month are:

- → Shri Himanta Biswa Sarma, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Assam visited the 2000 MW Subansiri Lower HE Project on 3rd of March 2022. Hon'ble Chief Minister took keen interest in the ongoing construction activities of the project.
- → 2nd Sub Committee of Parliamentary Official Language Committee under the chairpersonship of Prof. Rita Bahuguna Joshi, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Loksabha), held inspection meeting with NHPC on 04.03.2022 regarding work of Official Language being done in the Corporate Office. Hon'ble members of the Committee appreciated the efforts of NHPC in implementation of Rajbhsha.
- International Women's Day was celebrated across all locations on 08.03.2022. To commemorate the occasion, a two day workshop for NHPC women employees was also organized from 8th to 9th March 2022. The workshop was inaugurated by Smt. Alka Tiwari, IAS, Secretary, National Commission for Scheduled Tribes (NCST). Smt. Vartika Shukla, CMD, Engineers India Limited (EIL) inspired the audience with her words during the concluding session of the workshop on 9th March 2022.
- → To welcome the arrival of spring and to showcase the rich and diverse Indian culture, 'Vasant Utsav 2022' was organized under Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav with great fervour and enthusiasm at NHPC Residential complex, Faridabad on 13th of March 2022.
- → A two-day All India Official Language Conference was organized by Rajbhasha Division from 22nd to 23rd March 2022 at Faridabad. Various Hindi litterateurs including eminent Hindi litterateur Chitra Mudgal, scholars and senior officials participated in the conference.
- → NHPC provided 5 nos. patrolling vehicles under CSR & SD policy to Haryana Police, Faridabad on 25th March 2022.
- → NHPC athletes won 18 medals (1 Gold, 7 silver and 10 Bronze medals) in the Inter CPSU Athletic Tournament. Our team stood second in overall position. Congratulations!
- → Our players also put on a great show in 26th Inter CPSU Badminton Tournament and won many medals. Congratulation to all the players for their commendable performance.
- → The total revenue collection during the month of March 2022, was Rs. 418.95 crore and total revenue of Rs. 9330.30 crores has been collected during FY 2021-22.
- → The total cumulative generation of all NHPC power stations till the end of financial year 2021-22 stood at 24854.6 MUs.

I convey my greetings to you and your family on the auspicious occasions of Gudi Padwa, Baisakhi, Bihu, Ramnavmi, Mahavir Jayanti, the holy month of Ramadan and Easter.

Sincerely yours,

Chairman & Managing Director