

From CMD's Desk...



1st July 2023

Dear Colleagues,

The month of June was quite eventful for NHPC with new business ventures being added to our portfolio. With this, we have set up an ambitious growth plan not only in the field of Hydro power projects but Pumped Storage Plants and Renewable Energy Projects as well. Now, that we are getting new businesses and opportunities to further grow as an organization, it is important to rededicate ourselves and remain committed to NHPC objectives for bringing greater success for the Organization.

It was indeed a very proud moment for NHPC when a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was exchanged between NHPC and Vidhyut Utpadan Company Limited, Nepal for development of Phukot Karnali Hydro Electric Project (480MW) in Nepal in the august presence of Shri Narendra Modi, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India and Shri Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda' Hon'ble Prime Minister of Nepal at Hyderabad House, New Delhi on 1st June 2023. The MOU was signed by the undersigned and Shri Surya Prasad Rijal, Managing Director, VUCL. The signing of this MOU is a landmark step towards India-Nepal Joint Vision on Power Sector Cooperation.

In another landmark development, an MOU has been signed between NHPC and Department of Energy, Govt. of Maharashtra on 6th June 2023 in the presence of Shri Devendra Fadnavis, Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister, Govt. of Maharashtra for the development of Pumped Storage Schemes and other Renewable Energy Source Projects in the State of Maharashtra. The MOU envisages development of four Pumped Storage Projects aggregating to 7350 MW namely Kalu-1150MW, Savitri-2250MW, Jalond-2400MW & Kengadi-1550MW and other Renewable Energy Source Projects in the state.

An MOU was signed between NHPC and Govt. of Odisha through GRIDCO Limited on 23rd June 2023 for "Development of Pumped Storage Projects (PSPs) and Renewable Energy in the State of Odisha". To further strengthen NHPC endeavor to develop Pumped Storage Projects (PSPs) and Renewable Energy in the State of Odisha, Shri Biswajit Basu, Director (Projects) met Shri Nikunj B. Dhal, Additional Chief Secretary (Energy), Govt. of Odisha cum Chairman, GRIDCO and Sh. Vishal Kumar Dev, Principal Secretary (Finance) cum Chairman OHPC cum CMD, GEDCOL at Bhubaneswar on 24th June 2023.

It is my great pleasure to welcome Shri Uttam Lal who has taken over as Director (Personnel) at NHPC. Shri Lal has over 35 years of rich experience in the area of Personnel Management, Industrial Relations and Corporate Social Responsibility. I am sure that NHPC will be greatly benefitted by his expertise and deep understanding of the power sector.

A significant milestone has been achieved at our 2000 MW Subansiri Lower HE Project with the completion of concreting upto Dam top level of EL 210 M in all the blocks on 29th June 2023. This is an important achievement towards completion of the Project.

I visited UT of J&K on 2nd June 2023 and reviewed the progress of Pakal Dul, Kiru, Kwar, Ratle and Sawalkot HE projects. Dr Jitendra Singh, Hon'ble Union Minister of State (Ind.Charge) Ministry of Science and Technology and Hon'ble Minister of State, Prime Minister's Office, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, Department of Atomic Energy and Department of Space visited NHPC Dulhasti Power Station, (J&K) on 3rd June 2023. During his visit, I briefed the Hon'ble Union Minister about the status of NHPC projects and power station in the Kishtwar District (J&K).

NHPC participated in Annual meeting on International Commission on Large Dams (ICOLD 2023) held from 10th to 15th June 2023 in Gothenburg, Sweden. The NHPC delegation led by Shri R.P. Goyal, Director (Finance) and Shri Biswajit Basu, Director (Projects) actively participated and presented various Papers on critical issues faced by hydropower developers in respect of management and safety of dams which were highly appreciated by the participants. NHPC's capabilities in the field of hydropower development were also showcased in a special pavilion at the event.

Other highlights of the month are:

- NHPC participated actively during World Yoga Day celebrations across all it locations on 21st June 2023. Shri R.P. Goyal, Director (Finance), Shri Uttam Lal, Director (Personnel), and other senior officers participated in the special Yoga Day exercise led by Shri R.K. Singh, Hon'ble Union Minister of Power, New and Renewable Energy held at New Delhi.
- NHPC signed an MOU with Kerala State Electricity Board (KSEB) to set up a "Design Clinic" for vetting of design of KSEB Projects on 16th June 2023 as part of its Consultancy Services initiatives.
- A Pump Hydro Storage site with estimated storage capacity of 525 MW X 6 Hours has been allotted to NHDC by Department of New and Renewable Energy, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh on 7th June 2023.
- World Environment Day was celebrated by NHPC on 5th June 2023 under the theme of 'Beat Plastic Pollution' with great enthusiasm at Corporate Office, Regional Offices, Power Stations, Projects and Units under Mission LiFE.
- A Blood Donation camp was organized on the occasion of World Blood Donors' Day on 14th June 2023 at NHPC Corporate Office wherein 49 units were collected.
- > The revenue collection during the month of June 2023 stood at Rs 710.55 Crore.
- > The total cumulative generation of all NHPC Power Stations stood at 7786.7 MUs at the end of June 2023.

I convey my best wishes to you and your family members on the auspicious occasion of Guru Purnima.

Sincerely Yours,

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(R.K. Vishnoi) Chairman & Managing Director