

From CMD's Desk...



Dear Colleagues,

As we usher into another year, I express my sincere appreciation to each employee for their contributions during the bygone year. New Year has begun, and this gives us an opportunity to retrospect ourselves and identify areas where we could have done better. The coming year also brings newer challenges and commitments. We must, therefore, begin this year with full resolve to work with more passion and dedication so as to achieve our targets in a time bound manner. NHPC Management has always valued its employees and keeping this in mind many employee benefit initiatives and reforms have been introduced during the past year.

Year 2023 was an important year for NHPC as we were able to achieve the day lighting of 31.5 km long Head Race Tunnel of Parbati-II Project. The past year was also a test of our spirit and commitment as our Power Stations / Project in the Teesta Basin were hit by unforeseen flash floods triggered due to outburst of Lhonak Lake in North Sikkim. I feel very proud to see your resilience and hard work in times of such challenges. I am sure that our damaged sites will be restored to their operational status in a time bound manner.

I am delighted to inform that our biggest Project i.e 2880 MW Dibang MPP has started many important activities during December 2023. We have started the excavation of Diversion Tunnel Outlet Portal on 4th December 2023 and also successfully carried out the first blast for excavation of Main Access Tunnel-1 of Power House on 7th December 2023. Earlier, Shri Biswajit Basu, Director (Projects) had laid foundation stone for Construction of 30 room 'Executive Field Hostel' and 'Administrative Building' of the Dibang Multipurpose Project, at NHPC Chimiri Colony on 4th December 2023.

I am glad to inform that consequent to the successful conclusion of bidding process, NHPC has issued Letter of Award (LOA) to 8 successful bidders on 7th December 2023 for "Development of 3000 MW ISTS (Inter State Transmission system) connected solar power projects on anywhere in India basis". The discovered tariff in the said bidding process by NHPC is Rs. 2.52/unit for 250 MW and Rs. 2.53/unit for 2750 MW.

Further, pursuant to a meeting on 16th December 2023 by NHPC team led by Shri Biswajit Basu, Director (Projects) with the Hon'ble Minister of Power, Govt. of Tripura, the Tripura Power Generation Limited conveyed the allotment of 04 nos. Pumped Storage Projects to NHPC Limited by the Government of Tripura on 20th December 2023. The Projects have been given at Longtharai, Sunitipur, Shantipur and Sakhan PSP sites in Tripura for detailed Survey and Investigation Works and their subsequent Implementation based on their techno-commercial viability.

An MOU has been signed on 16th December 2023 between NHPC and ONGC for "Cooperation in exploration" & development of Pumped Hydro Storage & other Renewable Projects".

NHPC has awarded the work to develop Green Hydrogen Based Mobility Station, near its Chutak Power Station, Kargil to M/s Gensol Engineering Limited. The Pilot Project comprises of a 500 kW Grid-connected Solar Power

Plant and Electrolyzers to produce 40 Kg of Green Hydrogen per day & Dispensing Station. The Pilot Project will be the first Green Hydrogen Based Mobility Station of Kargil and will help immensely in spreading awareness about Green Hydrogen in one of the remotest locations of India.

NHPC ended 2023 on an excellent note as it was presented with "India's Best Hydro & Renewable Energy Public Sector Enterprise" award at PRAKASHmay "16th ENERTIA Award'23 – India & South Asia's Awards for excellence in Sustainable Energy, Power & Renewables" held at Mumbai on 29th December 2023.

The revenue collection during the month of December 2023 stood at Rs. 814.17 crore and the total cumulative revenue collection up to December 2023 was Rs. 7857.30 crore.

The total cumulative generation of all NHPC Power Stations stood at 19474.9 Million Units at the end of December 2023.

Other Highlights of the month are:

- The Second Sub Committee of Parliament on Official Language inspected the Rajbhasha Works of NHPC Liaison Office, Kolkata on 28th December 2023.
- NHPC's efforts and commitment towards making India truly a digital economy was also recognized by being conferred with 'Governance Now India PSU IT Award 2023' on 7th December 2023.
- NHPC Independent Directors Dr. Uday S Nirgudkhar, Dr. Amit Kansal and Shri P.K. Goverthanan visited and took a Review Meeting of Subansiri Lower HE Project on 17th December 2023.
- Shri R.P. Goyal, Director (Finance), Shri Uttam Lal, Director (Personnel) and Shri R.K. Chaudhary, Director (Technical) interacted with the 1st Batch of Trainee Officers of NHPC in Induction-cum-Orientation Programme at NPTI, Faridabad on 28th December 2023.
- Ms A. Nalini, Senior Manager (Finance), NHPC won Gold Medals in Javelin and Shot Put and Silver medal in Discus at 2023 World Abilitysport Games held at Thailand. The NHPC family congratulates Ms. A. Nalini for her outstanding all round performance.

Shri Biswajit Basu, Director (Projects), Shri S.P. Mukherjee, Executive Director (Arbitration) and Shri S.N. Upadhyay, Executive Director (Finance) have superannuated from NHPC services on 31st December 2023 after providing valuable services to the organization. On behalf of NHPC family, I express my gratitude to them for their services and wish them a healthy and prosperous retired life.

At the end, I extend my best wishes to you and your family members for a Very Happy and Fulfilling New Year. As we start this New Year, let us all commit to work together as a team and honour our obligations with professionalism to create maximum value addition to our identified goals. May NHPC continue to reach greater heights of glory and have an excellent New Year 2024.

Sincerely Yours,

(R.K. Vishnoi)

Chairman & Managing Director