

From CMD's Desk...



Dear Colleagues,

The year 2024 has started on a very positive note for NHPC with achievement of crucial and critical targets in Kwar and Ratle HEPs. On 15th January 2024, diversion of Chenab River was successfully carried out for starting of Dam works of 540 MW Kwar HEP. Further, on 27th January 2024, diversion of Chenab River was carried out successfully for commencement of Dam works of 800 MW Ratle HEP. Achievement of these two significant milestones are indeed testimony of our rigorous efforts being put in for expediting progress at construction projects.

In yet another significant development in 120 MW Rangit-IV HEP on 17th January 2024, erection of 1 no. Spillway Radial Gate in Bay no-4 was completed and its trial operation carried out successfully. Further, on 20th January 2024, the inaugural blast for SFT outlet and 2nd stage river diversion for completion of balance 2 blocks on left bank and Dam HM works was successfully done in presence of Sh. R.K. Chaudhary, Director (Technical & Projects).

The NHPC management is proactively monitoring progress of construction projects and extending all possible support and directions. It is my sincere appeal to everyone to accelerate the momentum of works and make all efforts to meet the timelines set for various targets. I alongwith Director (Finance) and Director (Technical and Projects) visited 2000 MW Subansiri Lower Project from 24th to 25th January 2024 and reviewed ongoing construction activities. Despite of typical challenges, work is progressing satisfactorily and we are steadily heading towards our targets. In a major development in HM works at Dam, Spillway Radial Gate No. S#9 of the project was successfully lifted on 6th January 2024.

You will be glad to know that our ventures in PSP schemes have taken a major step ahead. In this regard a MoU was signed on 3rd January 2024 between NHPC and Gujarat Power Corporation Limited for proposed investment of Rs.4,000 crore in Kuppa Pumped Storage Project (750 MW), Chhota Udaipur, Gujarat.

In another positive development the Power Purchase Agreement was signed on 3rd January 2024 between RHPCL (JV of NHPC and JKSPDC) and Rajasthan Urja Vikas and IT Services Ltd. for offtake of power to be generated from 850 MW Ratle HE Project (J&K).

I had the pleasure of inaugurating the new 'NHPC intranet Portal' and 'Mobile App for patients' on 15th January 2024. These systems and applications use latest technologies and are more user friendly.

You will be delighted to know that, on 18th January 2024, the Hon'ble Vice President of India Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar presented SCOPE's 'Commendation Certificate' to NHPC in the category of 'Effective Implementation of RTI Act'. I along with Director (Personnel) received the award at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.

Other highlights of the month are:

- 75th Republic Day of India was celebrated with great enthusiasm and patriotic fervour across all NHPC locations.
- NHPC organized Customer Meet at Kovalam, Kerala in the presence of Shri R.P. Goyal, Director (Finance), NHPC. During the meet State/ Distribution Companies were apprised about NHPC's activities and status of upcoming projects and initiatives in Pumped Storage Projects
- Memorandum of Agreement to provide medical care and nutrition assistance to the disabled at Cheshire Home India, Delhi unit was signed between NHPC and Cheshire Home India, Delhi unit on 17th January 2024.
- NHPC participated in Vibrant Gujarat Trade Show 2024 wherein its capabilities in hydropower and forays into Wind, Solar & PSPs were showcased in a special 'Energy pavilion' attracting a host of national and international visitors.
- NHPC gave outstanding performance at Inter CPSU Badminton Tournament hosted by DVC at Kolkata under the aegis of PSCB. NHPC's won Gold medals in Women's Singles, Women's Doubles and Women's Team events, Silver medal in Men's Team event and Bronze medals in Men's Singles and Women's Singles event.
- > NHPC participated in the ICC BIMSTEC Energy Forum held on 8th January 2024 at Kathmandu, Nepal.
- Shri Uttam Lal, Director (Personnel), NHPC alongwith Executive Director (SBD&C) and Executive Director (EMS) interacted with 2nd Batch of NHPC Trainee Engineers wherein Director (Personnel) encouraged the Training Engineers to work hard and contribute towards NHPC's growth.
- > The revenue collection during the month of January 2024 stood at Rs 592.31 crores.
- The total cumulative generation of all NHPC Power Stations stood at 19895.8 MUs at the end of January 2024.

As we have just celebrated our Republic Day, let us all resolve our commitment to serve the Nation and NHPC as well. With our capacity addition plan, NHPC is definitely going to play pivotal role in the ushering of Green Energy movement in the country with the aim of achieving net zero emissions. This is only possible by keeping ourselves focused, motivated, committed and putting in our best endeavours to accomplish our goals.

Sincerely Yours,

(R.K. Vishnoi) Chairman & Managing Director