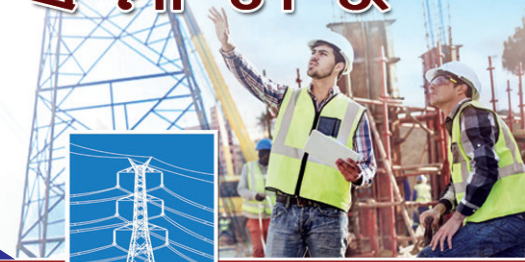


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15800 Ckt km  
Transmission Line

24500MVA  
Transformation Capacity

178 Grid  
Substations

# Dedication of Seven Nos of EHV Projects by Hon'ble CM

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Odisha on 21st May dedicated Seven Nos of Extra High Voltage Transmission Projects constructed by OPTCL to the people of Odisha through virtual mode. Hon'ble Chief Minister said that these six EHV Grid Sub-stations at Hirakud of Sambalpur, Gunupur of Rayagada, Kesinga of Kalahandi, Nawarangpur, Pratapsasan of Khordha and Telkoi of Keonjhar District will undoubtedly benefit to the consumers of the locality. "Most of the projects belong to tribal populated Districts and the tribal people will get access to quality electricity uninterruptedly. Apart from this, these projects will also ensure quality and reliable power supply to lift irrigation projects, Health Care units and small scale industries" said Chief Minister.

Present on the occasion were Sri Suresh Chandra Mohapatra, IAS, Chief Secretary of Odisha, Sri P.K Jena, IAS, Development Commissioner, Sri Nikunja B. Dhal, IAS Principal Secretary Energy and Chairman OPTCL & GRIDCO and Sri Sanjay Kumar Mishra, IRTS, Managing Director, OPTCL. Captain Dibya Shankar Mishra, Hon'ble Minister, Energy and Sri Premananda Nayak, Hon'ble Minister, Skill Development & Technical Education, Sri Susant Singh, Hon'ble Minister, RD, L & ESI and Sri Ashok Chandra Panda, Hon'ble Minister PE, SSEPD were present at Kesinga, Telkoi, Hirakud, Pratapsasan respectively

Principal Secretary Energy, Sri Nikunja B. Dhal, IAS in his welcome address told that Odisha Govt. has always given utmost thrust to State Energy Sector. Huge funds through flagship schemes have been pumped in to for strengthening all three arms of Power Sector i.e Generation, Distribution along with Transmission. Recently, a high level meeting has been held for medium

term futuristic plan for next five to seven years.

220/132/33kV Grid Sub-station has been constructed at Gunupur in Rayagada District of worth 90 Crore. After function of this Grid Sub-station Gunupur and its command area, Jalda, Bikrampur will get power supply at 33kV with adequate voltage and reliable power. The utilisation of the state share from Machkund power house will further improve that will help the consumers to get one of the cheapest hydro Power. This Grid S/s will also feed power to Railway Traction Sub-stations at Palasingi of Naupada-Gunupur section.

Similarly, 132/33 kV Grid Sub-station has been constructed at Hirakud of Sambalpur of worth 48.40 Crores. The Sub-station will feed the load to Remed, Primary S/s to be commissioned by TPWODL under ODSSP Scheme. It will also be the Second source to feed supply to Medical College. The said project will improve the quality and reliability of power supply at Hirakud and its adjacent areas namely Gandhi Nagar, V.S.S Medical College, Sambalpur, HPCL, etc which are getting supply through 33kV feeder passes through Hirakud catchment area.

220/132kV Grid Sub-station has been constructed at Kesinga along with 220kV line from Bolangir to Kesinga at Kalahandi District of worth 110 Crores. The areas like Kesinga, Bhawanipatna, Junagarh,



Narla, M Rampur, Titlagarh, Kantabanji, Saintala, Muribahali, Tureikela, Khariar, Nuapara, KomnaSinapalli will get benefitted after commissioning of this 220kV system. Earlier it was getting 132kV power from Bolangir and Therubali with single circuit leading to low voltage in 3 districts kalhandi, Nuapara and some part of Bolangir. Railway tractions and Mega lift irrigation points will also be benefitted and get not only reliable and stable power but also additional source of power shall be available to consumers.

132/33kV Grid Sub-station has been constructed at Nawrangpur of worth 34.69 Crores. The areas to be benefitted after functioning of Nawrangpur S/s are Nawrangpur and its command area, Papdahandi, Sanamasaingaon, Maidapur area. Earlier these areas were getting power supply from Dabugaoan and Tentulikhunti grids with long transmission line. After commissioning of this S/s, the line length will be reduced and the reliability will be improved to a large extent.

220/132/33kV Grid Sub-station has been constructed at Pratapsasan, Khordha of worth 110 Crores. This Sub-station will feed power to the areas




like Balakati, Uttara, Balianta, pratapsasanetc and a part of ring system of twin city of Bhubaneswar and Cuttack. This will facilitate in providing alternate source of power in case of one source is under outage and will not only minimise the power interruption but also provide reliable power with proper voltage profile.

220/33kV Grid Sub-station has been constructed at Telkoi in Keonjhar district of worth 55.71 Crores. This sub-station will cater power supply to Telkoi, Jagamohanpur, Pallahara area. It will also cater to around 15 nos. Gram Panchayats coming under Telkoi block and majority population is tribal. Earlier these areas were getting supply from keonjhar S/s at a distance of 50 kms leading to low voltage and vulnerable to frequent breakdown as the line was passing through dense forest.

# Inauguration of IPDS ERP Project

Hon'ble Minister Energy, Shri PratapKeshari Deb on 7th June inaugurated the IPDS ERP Project meant for DISCOMs. Present on the occasion were Sri Nikunja B Dhal, IAS, Principal Secretary Energy and Sr. officers of Power Sector PSUs, DISCOMs. This IT enabled ERP system will facilitate robust service delivery in 84 towns for around 75 lakhs consumers under TPNODL, TPWODL and TPSODL. After intervention of this technology driven system, there will definitely be improvement in Metering, Billing & Collection, power supply reliability and ultimately reduction of AT&C losses due



to proper Energy Accounting and Auditing. Honble Minister emphasized on harnessing more solar power in the state and also

exploring the scope of wind energy in the state. He insisted for long term sustainable plan keeping in view of energy demand in 2050.



# Plantation activities on occasion of World Environment Day



# SLDC Award



The OPTCL State Load Dispatcher has been conferred with best SLDC award by IPPAI at 22nd Regulator and Policy makers retreat in kind presence of Joint Secretary (Transmission), Ministry of Power, Govt of India.



It was the day on which the complete shift 8am to 8pm grid operation, generation regulation, inter- state and ERLDC coordination along with real time scheduling was carried out by only female executives at Odisha SLDC Control Room. During this SCADA & Telecom support was also provided by female Telecom Engineers.

# Celebration of Foundation Day

OPTCL celebrated its 17th Foundation Day at Power Community Centre on 1st April, 2022. On this occasion Sri Nikunja B Dhal, IAS, Principal Secretary Energy graced the occasion as Chief Guest and Sri Sanjay Kumar Mishra, IRTS, MD, OPTCL graced the occasion as Guest of Honour. "The Transmission Availability of OPTCL is 99.99 % which is highest in the country. Similarly, as regard to access to electricity, the performance of Odisha is more than the National Average. This is possible because of the hard work and dedication of the employees working in Odisha Power Sector "said Sri Dhal in his address to the gathering. MD OPTCL told that OPTCL was formed on an auspicious day like Utkal Divas in the year 2005. As the Odia language culturally uniting the whole state, in the same way the large transmission network of OPTCL is economically empowering the State with quality and reliable power. To motivate the employees, Best employee award, Best GRID/



Project Award and Best Team awards were presented. Sri Bijay Kumar Mohanty, REC, CPM was felicitated for his outstanding contribution in rural electrification of Odisha. Similarly, Sri K.C Mohapatra, Ex-Chairperson, OSEB was also felicitated for his remarkable contribution to the Odisha Power Sector. A patriotic Drama namely SaheedKrutibas was staged by the artists of OPTCL.



# Safety week



Closing in ceremony of safety week at construction site of 220/33kV GIS Sub-Station, Kantabada. It was celebrated in presence of Safety wing of OPTCL, Construction Subdivision officials of OPTCL. It was arranged by Executing agency Toshiba Transmission and Distribution where best practitioners of safety was been awarded, safety day pledge was deliberated, workers and supervisors were motivated keep the spirit of safety and practice safety each day at site.



**51st National Safety Day was observed in OPTCL ON 4.3.2022 under the chairmanship of Sri S.K.Mishra, IRTS MD, OPTCL.**

# OPTCL Bags 3rd Position in AIMA Quiz

**AIMA**  
ALL INDIA MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION  
CORPORATE MANAGEMENT OLYMPIAD 2022

**Quiz 6**  
Business Personality & Corporate Knowledge

SAIL DSP	NTPC	OPTCL
PROSENJIT MITRA	Anshuman Srivastava	SATARUPA PANDA
ANAND KUMAR	Amit Kumar	ASHUTOSH PANDA

ONLINE 15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> March 2022

OPTCL bagged 3rd position in the "CORPORATE MANAGEMENT & OLYMPIAD -2022 " on the topic "Biz Personalities & Corporate Knowledge" organized by "All India Management Association"( AIMA).

OPTCL family congratulates Sri Ashutosh Panda and Ms Satarupa Panda from HRD Wing for participating enthusiastically and bringing accolades home.

## MD Visit

MD OPTCL Sri Sanjay Kumar Mishra, IRTS paid visit to different GRIDs of South Zone. He reviewed different infrastructure projects and emphasized on early completion of same.



# Launching of Training Calendar

Principal Secretary, Energy Department, Govt of Odisha and Chairman OPTCL & GRIDCO Sri Nikunja B Dhal, IAS paid a visit to Power Training Centre of OPTCL today. Present on the occasion were Sri Sanjay Kumar Mishra, Managing Director, OPTCL, all functional Directors of OPTCL, CGM (HRD), GM (HRD) CR, DGM (HRD) PTC, Trainers of OPTCL and recently recruited Management Trainees (Elec).

"I am quite happy that we have got best talents through the GATE mode of recruitment. All of you should apply your knowledge for



optimisation of cost, O&M and quality service delivery. Apart from engineering skills, Engineers must learn soft skills like Management, Behavioural skills etc as the power sector is very dynamic. He insisted all to go through the regulatory

framework of Power sector for better understanding about the system." Said Principal Secretary, Energy in his address to the trainees. He also emphasised on training component and told cost of training should be considered as a long term investment



MD, OPTCL gave thrust on ownership of employees towards the organization. He insisted upon highest standard of dedication and commitment from the trainees and also assured full support from the management for 24X7 guidance. On this occasion the Training Calendar for 2020-23 was also launched in presence of the dignitaries.



# Celebration of International Women's Day



OPTCL celebrated International Women's Day at Convention Centre, LokasevaBhavan. Smt. SusmitaBagchi, Chairperson, Mo School Abhiyan graced the occasion as Chief Guest and Shri Nikunja B. Dhal, IAS, Principal Secretary, Energy, Chairman, OPTCL & GRIDCO & Shri Sanjay Kumar Mishra, IRTS, MD, OPTCL as Guest of Honour. Twelve no of Women Employees of OPTCL were awarded as Best Women Employee Award.



# Odisha Energy Department Bags 'SKOCH Order Of Merit' Award For 'Mo Bidyut'



The Department of Energy, Government of Odisha qualified for the semi-finals of SKOCH Award 2021 and bagged the 'SKOCH Order of Merit' award under e-Governance category for implementation of 'Mo Bidyut' application.

The award was conferred on Nikunja Bihari Dhal, Principal Secretary of Energy Department. On behalf of the Department, Director (F&CA), GRIDCO exhibited the key features & benefits of 'Mo Bidyut' in the Award proceedings.

'Mo Bidyut' is an integrated online web portal and mobile application for facilitating consumer services like new connection, bill payment, and grievance redressal.

The application was launched by Hon'ble

Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik in October 2020. Since roll-out nearly 1.15 lakh new service connection applications have been given online and around 7,000 consumer grievances addressed.

The portal has not only eliminated the need for physical visits of consumers and general public to concerned electricity offices but also helped in minimizing time-consuming manual process.

'Mo Bidyut' has been implemented as part of the governance reform initiative for more transparency, accountability and seamless delivery of electrical services by the Department. It has transformed the existing service delivery system by making it more efficient, convenient, and time-bound.

# Odisha Investing Significantly In Power Infra To Provide 24×7 Quality Power To All: Hon'ble CM



Odisha is investing significantly for improving power infrastructure to provide 24×7 quality power to all, stated Hon'ble Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik at an orientation programme for the new recruits of Odisha Power Transmission Corporation Limited (OPTCL) held on 01.06.2022. The orientation programme was organized at Convention Centre in Lok Seva Bhawan on virtual mode. 60 Management Trainees and 175 Junior Technicians joined OPTCL on this day.

Welcoming the newcomers to the State Power PSU, the Chief Minister said, "Electricity being the prime mover of economy, our Government has given utmost thrust to building quality power infrastructure. For ensuring 24-7 quality and stable electricity supply to all, the Government has been investing significantly in the power sector to enhance the generation capacity, strengthen the transmission and distribution infrastructure, and provide electricity to all."

"Our Government's advance planning has brought the State from a power deficit to a surplus situation," he added.

He further said that very recently, Rs 1800 crore has been sanctioned for the construction of 99 numbers of 33 KV primary substations to strengthen the distribution network of the State.

Appreciating the role of new entrants in OPTCL, he said, "All of you will be playing a critical role in this crucial sector to ensure that our farmers, entrepreneurs and small scale industries get quality and reliable power uninterruptedly."

Stating that the Government is committed to creating employment opportunities for the youth of the State, he said that since 2010, OPTCL has recruited more than 2000 young men and women.

He urged the new employees to follow and imbibe the 5T mantra of his Government in their daily assignment.

"The world is changing very fast due to technological transformations at an unprecedented pace. You must keep learning & keep yourself updated on the developments in your area of work, the CM said.

Highlighting the principles of State's governance, he said that people are at the core of our governance.

We need to serve them with dignity & professionalism, he added.

Taking part in the interaction during the programme, some participating newcomers said that the recruitment process is one of the fastest recruitment processes in the country. The process has entirely been on merit and utmost transparency. They thanked the Chief Minister for this efficient recruitment mechanism.

Principal Secretary Energy Department Nikunja Bihari Dhal, IAS gave the welcome address and Director (Operation), Sri U.K Pati OPTCL offered the vote of thanks.



Training program on Charm in Post Retirement Life held at Hotel Empires, Puri



Signing of agreement between OPTCL (E.D,West Zone) & SAIL, RSP(E.D, Projects) for construction of 220KV Bay at Bonei GSS and Transmission line from Bonei GSS to Taldihi mines on dt 07.05.2022.



The Induction program of Newly Recruited Management Trainee (Electrical) was inaugurated 2nd February, 2022 at Power Training Centre Chandaka. Present on the occasion were Sri U.K Pati, Director (Operation), Sri R.L Panda, Director (Projects), Sri C.S Pradhan, CGM (HRD), Ms. Anita Mahapatra, GM(HRD), and Ms. Madhumita Swain, DGM(HRD).