

Steel Minister Inaugurates **KIOCL's Pellet Auditorium**



Union Minister of Mines, Steel, Labour and Employment Narendra Singh Tomar Inaugurating the Renovated 'Pellet Auditorium' of KIOCL

Union Minister for Mines, Steel, Labour & Employment, Sri Narendra Singh Tomar inaugurated KIOCL's renovated "Pellet Auditorium" during his visit to the Corporate office of KIOCL Ltd. in Bangalore. Speaking on the occasion, Hon'ble Union Minister

emphasized that KIOCL has done pioneering work in the field of iron-ore mining and beneficiation of magnetite ore in the State of Karnataka and has been a leader in the country for Pelletization. He further added, "State Government of Karnataka must consider allocation of a captive iron ore mine

to KIOCL on priority basis. Union government is giving thrust on increased utilisation of pellets as a raw material in the blast furnaces of integrated steel plants in the country." The pellets are converted out of iron ore fines and beneficiated low grade ore, which are abundantly available in mine heads. KIOCL, being a pioneer and a leader in the pelletisation industry can contribute immensely in utilizing these resources in the national interest. CMD, KIOCL Shri Malay Chatterjee thanked the government for timely intervention in securing the Operation & Maintenance contract from NMDC for its upcoming 1.89 Mt beneficiation and 1.20 pelletisation plants in Donimalai mines in Karnataka. This will facilitate KIOCL in gainful utilization of its technical manpower and open up new vistas of opportunities for securing similar contracts in future and demonstrate its Pelletization capability for the nation, he added.

SAIL Shines yet again at Vishwakarma Rashtriya Awards

In a function held at Scope - New Delhi SAIL Chairman, C. S. Verma felicitated company employees who have won the prestigious Vishwakarma Rashtriya Puraskar (VRP). The Vishwakarma Rashtriya Awards are a public recognition of outstanding achievement on the part of the workers in increasing productivity, quality, safety, working conditions, etc. The awards are given to individuals belonging to Industrial Undertakings both in the private and public sector. Earlier Honorable Minister of Mines, Steel, Labor and Employment - Narendra Singh Tomar in presence of Vishnu Deo Sai, Minister of State for Mines, Steel, Labour and Employment had presented the Vishwakarma Rashtriya Puraskar (VRP) to the awardees at a special ceremony held at Vigyan Bhawan. It is noteworthy that the estimated annual savings resulting from implementation of works mentioned in SAIL's award winning projects are approximately over Rs 65 crores (Recurring) & Rs 7 crores (Non Recurring). On the occasion, SAIL Chairman commented, "We are proud of our employees, who have proved their innovative potential and creative streak year after year. I am happy that we have won 19 out of total of 28 awards involving 105 employees, which is a big achievement. I congratulate all awardees for their exemplary contribution and commitment". Continuing with the tradition of previous years, 105 out of total



SAIL Chairman Releasing a Booklet - Celebrating the Finest Innovators at SAIL

126 Vishwakarma Rashtriya Awardees are from SAIL, i.e. 83% of the total awardees.

During the course of the event, a booklet titled- 'Celebrating the finest innovators in SAIL' was released by Chairman and senior officials from SAIL. For the Performance Year, 142 applications were received for VRP, out of which 28 were awarded and these awards were shared by 126 winners. Awards which were given to employees from SAIL's five plants including Bhilai Steel Plant, Bokaro Steel Plant, Rourkela Steel Plant, Durgapur Steel Plant and Salem Steel Plant. In the Prime Minister's Shram Awards for 2012, SAIL had won 6 out of the 16 awards conferred on PSUs; notably SAIL employees constituted half of the total Shram awardees. Instituted by the Government of India in 1965, the Vishwakarma Rashtriya Puraskar is

a national award given every year by the Ministry of Labour in association with the Directorate General, Factory Advice Service & Labour

Institutes. The award is applicable for workers employed in the factories & docks. The accepted applications are evaluated by both Internal and External Evaluation Committees consisting of Three Experts in each with specialization in Mechanical Engineering / Production Engineering / Industrial Engineering / Electrical Engineering / Chemical Engineering / Ergonomics/ Environmental Engineering & General Management. The applications were evaluated by both the Committees and were adjudged by a Tripartite Awards Committee appointed by the Ministry of Labour & Employment, Government of India.