



## **HPPCL Projects achieves One Billion units generation**

Himachal Pradesh Power Corporation Ltd. achieved One Billion units of electricity generation figure on 31<sup>st</sup> March,2019 from its commissioned projects since the commencement of the generation from the projects. HPPCL has successfully commissioned two of its Hydro Electric Projects i.e. 65 MW Stage-I Kashang Hydro Electric Project in District Kinnaur and 100 MW Sainj Hydro Electric Project in District Kullu of Himachal Pradesh. HPPCL has not only limited its roots to explore the hydro potential of the State but has also started exploring the Solar Energy potential of the State. HPPCL commissioned first Solar PV Project developed by any Government organization in the State at Berra Dol near Naina Deviji Shrine in District Bilaspur. The



**Outfall of Kashang Hydro Electric Project**

Berra Dol Solar PV Project having capacity of 5 MW has been dedicated to the people of State on 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2019 by the Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh.

## **HPPCL will Sponsor 28 Candidates to Technical Training in ITI's for the session 2019-21**

HPPCL will sponsor 28 candidates belonging to its project affected areas in ITI's for the session 2019-21. Sh. H.K. Gupta, Chief Environment Specialist, elaborated that HPPCL will sponsor 12 candidates from Sawra Kuddu Hydroelectric Project, 7 candidates from Integrated Kashang Hydroelectric Project and 9 candidates from Shongtong-Karchham Hydroelectric Project belonging from Project Affected Families in different trades in ITI's for the session 2019-21. These candidates will be sponsored in draughtsman, electrician, mechanical motor vehicle, mechanic diesel engine and computer operator and programming assistant trades in different Industrial Training Institutes.



### **Identification and suitability of Non-forest land for Compensatory Afforestation under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980– identification of the land bank for Compensatory Afforestation (CA)**

Himachal Pradesh Power Corporation Limited had initiated the construction of Thana Plaun HEP (191 MW) in District Mandi & Deothal Chanju (30 MW) and Chanju III (48 MW) HEPs in District Chamba of Himachal Pradesh which required the diversion of 406.79 ha, 15.64 ha and 25.98 ha of forest land respectively under FCA, 1980. As per guidelines issued by MoEF&CC, Govt. of India dated 08.11.2017; only the Central Govt. Projects and Central Public Sector Units (CPSU) were allowed to carry out Compensatory Afforestation (CA) on the degraded forest land and the categories of revenue lands/zudpi jungle/ Chhote/ Bade jhar ka jungle/ jungle jhari land/civil-soyam lands and all other such categories of land on which the provisions of Forest Conservation Act (FCA), 1980 are applicable.

In this way the State Govt. Projects and State Public Sector Units (SPSU) were kept outside the preview of this notification. Thus

State Govt. Projects and State Public Sector Units (SPSU) were bound to apply for diversion of forest land under Forest Conservation Act (FCA), 1980 after identifying non-forest land for carrying out Compensatory Afforestation (CA).

As per records, 66.5% of the total geographical area in Himachal Pradesh is forest area under the control of HP Forest Department and rest of the land belongs to either revenue or private land. Therefore the scope of availability of non-forest land in the State of Himachal Pradesh becomes very less; which was the main cause of delay in the execution of the hydro power projects. HPPCL is one of the stakeholders which suffered due to non-inclusion of degraded forest land for Compensatory Afforestation (CA) for seeking permission under Forest Conservation Act (FCA), 1980.

After due deliberation, a proposal was moved by HPPCL through HP Forest Department to include State Govt. Projects and State Public Sector Units (SPSU) for carrying out Compensatory Afforestation (CA) over the degraded



forest land on the analogy of Central Govt. Projects and Central Public Sector Units (CPSU) permitted by Govt. of India vide notification dated 08.11.2017.

The MoEF&CC, Govt. of India did not convey its concurrence on the relief sought by the State of Himachal Pradesh to include State Govt. Projects and State Public Sector Units (SPSU) in the notification dated 08.11.2017. It is pertinent to mention here that due to delay caused by Govt. of India on the subject matter, three of projects of HPPCL namely Thana Plaun HEP (191 MW) in District Mandi & Deothal Chanju (30 MW) and Chanju III (48 MW) HEPs in District Chamba were hanging on fire for a quite considerable time. HPPCL took another initiative with the help of HP Forest Department to consider the H. P. Govt. wasteland which comes under the category of Protected Forest (PF) as per Govt. of HP notification dated 25.02.1952 for carrying out Compensatory Afforestation (CA) in lieu of diversion of forest land for non-forest purpose under FCA, 1980.

A proposal was mooted through Additional Chief Secretary (ACS) Forests to Govt. of Himachal Pradesh to consider such Protected Forest (PF) as non-forest land for

carrying out Compensatory Afforestation (CA) because these lands were neither demarcated on the ground nor transferred & mutated in the name of HP Forest Department in revenue records.

The Govt. of Himachal Pradesh took a stand on this issue and a meeting was held on 17 July, 2018 at New Delhi under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Union Minister for Environment, Forests & Climate Change in which Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh put forth the claim of the State strongly keeping in view the interests of State of Himachal Pradesh. There after the matter was sent to MoEF&CC, Govt. of India by the Govt. of Himachal Pradesh on the basis of decisions taken during the meeting held with Hon'ble Union Minister, MoEF&CC on 17 July, 2018.

The HPPCL being a stakeholder pushed the case in MoEF&CC and ultimately the competent authority agreed to put the agenda in the meeting of Forest Advisory Committee (FAC), MoEF&CC which was held on 20.09.2018 and the request of Govt. of



Himachal Pradesh was considered in letter and spirit.

The MoEF&CC, Govt. of India issued the directions to consider the Govt. wastelands of Himachal Pradesh which comes under the category of Protected Forest (PF) as per Govt. of HP notification dated 25.02.1952 for carrying out Compensatory Afforestation (CA) under FCA, 1980; provided that double the area of such category of land is covered under CA and is declared as Reserve Forest (RF) after mutation in the name of HP Forest Department on dated 16 November, 2018.

### **In-House Training on SAP- Finance Module Held at Corporate Office**

A training on SAP- Finance Module was held for the finance and accounts employees of HPPCL at Corporate Office in two sessions on 8-9<sup>th</sup> May, 2019 and 18-20<sup>th</sup> June, 2019 respectively. The training was imparted by Mr. Satya Narayan Rayapati, Gemini Consultant, the company entrusted with SAP support work by HPPCL. Twenty seven officers and employees of Corporate Office and field units participated in this training.



**Finance & Accounts Officers during the SAP-Training**

### **International Yoga Day Celebrated at Corporate Office**

International Yoga Day was celebrated at Corporate Office, HPPCL on 21st June, 2019. Mr. Vivek Dutt Sharma imparted the training session on Yoga to HPPCL employees. He delivered a talk on Yoga and said that Yoga is basic essence of human life. One should make it a part of life to remain physically and mentally healthy. A TED talk on yoga was also shown to the participants on this day.





**Yoga Training Session Held at Corporate Office on Interantional Yoga Day**

### **FAREWELL**

Sh. Neeraj Kumar, an HAS Officer of 1998 batch was given a warm send off by the employees and officers of HPPCL on 11<sup>th</sup> June, 2019. He remained Director (Personnel & Finance), HPPCL for three years and seven months. He has been appointed Special Secretary (Forests & Industry), GoHP and given



**Sh. Mahesh Sirkek, Director (Electrical) felicitating Sh. Neeraj Kumar on Farewell Party**

additional charge of Controller, Printing and Stationary Department.



**Sh. D.S. Thakur, Director (Civil) felicitating Sh. Neeraj Kumar on Farewell Party**

### **HPPCL Invites Applications for Merit Scholarship Scheme**

HPPCL Invited applications for grant of Merit Scholarship for the academic session 2019-20 from the members / wards of Main Project Affected Families, Project Affected Families and resident of Projects Affected Area of Integrated Kashang Hydro Electric Project, Songtong Karchham Hydro Electric Project and Sawra Kuddu Hydro Electric Project who are studying in school, college, Government educational institute and any other educational institute recognized or affiliated to the State Government/ Govt. of India.



Sh. H.K. Gupta, Chief Environment Specialist, HPPCL said that application forms are available on the HPPCL website <http://hppcl.in> and applications should reach respective project offices by 9<sup>th</sup> August, 2019. Details of this scheme are available at HPPCL website. He said that under this scheme HPPCL will sponsor 123 candidates in all categories from all the projects for the financial year 2019-20. Under this scheme matriculation candidates (6<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> Standard) will get Rs.500/- per month, Plus Two (11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>) candidates will get Rs.700/- per month, Vocational training (ITI) candidates will get Rs.1000/- per month, Diploma courses candidate will get Rs.1,500/- per month, Non professional degree candidates will get Rs.1,600/- per month and Degree (professional) candidates will get Rs.2,000/- per month scholarship.

### **Sh. Manmohan Sharma, New Director (Personnel & Finance), HPPCL**



Sh. Manmohan Sharma assumed the charge of Director (Personnel & Finance) in Himachal Pradesh Power Corporation Ltd. on 10<sup>th</sup> June, 2019. He is a senior HAS officer of 1998 batch. He held various important Govt. positions prior to his postings including Director, Elementary Education; and Mission Director, National Health Mission.

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