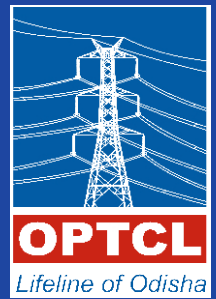


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**Sri Nikunja Bihari Dhal, IAS,**  
Principal Secretary, Department of  
Energy, Govt. of Odisha  
assumed the charges of Chairman  
OPTCL & GRIDCO on 01.04.2021

## 132/33 kV GIS SUB-STATION AT BJB NAGAR, BHUBANESWAR



Foundation Stone for proposed 132/33 kv GIS substation at BJB Nagar, Bhubaneswar was laid on 5th April, 2021 in kind presence of Honble Minister, Science & Technology Sri Ashok Panda and Honble Minister Energy Captain Dibya Shankar Mishra. The 40.38 Cr. worth GIS substation will have 2x63 MVA transformation capacity. This Grid will be connected to Kesura and Satya Nagar Grid through underground cabling. Consumers of Kalpana Square, Badagada, BJB Nagar, Lingipur, Old Town, Nageswartangi, Uttara and Samantrapur will be benefited through this project with quality and reliable power. Present on the occasion were Sri Sanjeev Singh, MD, OPTCL, Sri Raghunath Pratihari, Director (HRD), Sri Rajiv Lochan Panda, Director (Project) and other Senior Officers of OPTCL.

Communication plays a vital role for smooth functioning of an organization. Reaching out and staying connected



MESSAGE FROM  
MD

in the fast changing world is the need of the hour. This is why circulation of in-house newsletter at regular interval makes lots of sense to disseminate the intent of the Management, latest trends, facts and major happening of common interest. This newsletter with refreshing format will definitely capture the issues, trends and news of contemporary relevance. I also encourage employees to share their thoughts and contribute articles which impact us.

Resurgence of Covid 19 pandemic has posed a challenge in every sphere of the society and in our transmission sector also it has spread its tentacles as many of our employees have been affected by the virus. I wish them good health and also advise other employees to strictly adhere the Covid appropriate behavior which is the only option in the fight against the virus. You are aware that electricity is the prime mover during this crucial time. We have to realign ourselves in the changing working environment and ensure smooth operation of our transmission service to the people of Odisha. I congratulate all employees for their dedication and hard work during this time which enabled us to achieve our target entrusted by the Government.

I sincerely thank to the employees who have contributed articles for this edition to make it worthy readable and informative. At the same time, I also invite all employees to share their

constructive ideas and suggestions to make the subsequent editions more informative, interesting and innovative.

Let us Communicate, Connect and Collaborate for the betterment of our organization.

## OPTCL SURGES AHEAD IN PROJECT COMMISSIONING

OPTCL, the State Transmission Utility, commissioned a number of power transmission projects in 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY 2020-21. The long awaited 132/33 KV G Udaygiri Grid sub-station with 20 MVA Power Transformer and its associated 12 km of LILO line from Bhanjanagar-Phulbani line was commissioned in the month of March. The 132/33 KV Manesar Grid sub-station with 2X40 MVA transformer and associated LILO line from Sambalpur-



Rairakhole line was commissioned in the month of February. This will facilitate power distribution to Sambalpur and Manesar area. Further, the much awaited 132 KV RTSS Godbhaga line from Katapalli Grid and the 132 KV RTSS Manesar line feeding power to railway traction system were commissioned amidst severe ROW problems. The 15 km 132 KV D/C Phulnakhara-Pratapsasan line was commissioned, which not only brought the twin cities of Cuttack & Bhubaneswar in a 132 KV Ring system but also improved the power transmission reliability to the State

Capital Region with multi point power injection. In the Southern part of Odisha, OPTCL commissioned the 58 km long 132 kv Jaynagar - Tentulikhunti 2<sup>nd</sup> circuit in February. This line shall cater to the increasing power demand for Nabarangpur, Dabugaon and Umerkote area from the U-Kolab and Balimela power houses. The 132 KV LILO line from Barpali-Bargarh line to 220/132/33 KV New Bargarh was also commissioned in March. This line shall improve the power reliability of Bargarh area. OPTCL has also an obligation to supply power to the Industries. Power supply to Sree Cement at 132 KV was extended through a 6.5 km long 132 KV transmission system in March. In spite of difficult due to Covid-19 resurgence, OPTCL Engineers are working hard to commission the power projects and have ensured power availability to the general public, railways and industries. During the quarter OPTCL has added 100 MVA transformation capacity and 154 ckt km of transmission line with 2 nos of Grid sub-stations to the Odisha Power System.

## INAUGURATION OF D3 APPLICATION



Principal Secretary Energy, Sh Nikunja Bihari Dhal, IAS, inaugurated the Online Webportal Drawing, Design & Document (D3) approval system of OPTCL on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021. The online portal shall be available for all vendors, suppliers and EPC contractors of OPTCL from 1st April, 2021 for uploading their drawings, design documents online and getting them approved. Now it will be easy for them to obtain approval without physically going to respective construction sites. The web portal is a Transparen and less Time consuming application.

## GPMS APPLICATION TO MONITOR CONSTRUCTION WORK

OPTCL signed an MOU with HDFC bank on 15<sup>th</sup> April for Government Project Monitoring System (GPMS) for monitoring of its High Voltage Power transmission projects. The state of the art computerised application shall be very much useful for OPTCL Engineers for online posting of various project activities from award to closure. It is a path-breaking mobile application and collaborates Government departments, Engineering teams, Contractors, and QC professionals on one mobile management and cloud platform. Speaking on the occasion of the signing of the MOU, Sri Rajib Lochan Panda, Director(Projects) OPTCL said that project monitoring is an important tool for early commissioning. From site survey, engineering drawing approval to material supply, erection, testing and commissioning, are all important activities in any project. With so many projects currently being undertaken by OPTCL, it is a gigantic task to have proper monitoring of each project.

The GPMS system shall be helpful for both site Engineers and the senior level officers at Headquarters to have status updating, real time work progress, online MIS and help in quick decision making process. Presiding on the occasion Shri Sanjeev Singh, MD, OPTCL said that the adoption of new



technology in Project monitoring is the need of the hour and a welcome step by the Project team. Shri Sudipta Sengupta, CGM, OPTCL and Shri Deepak kumar Singh, Senior Vice President HDFC Bank Ltd, Odisha signed the MOU. Present on the

occasion were Shri Sameer Swain, Director (Finance), Shri Upendra Pati, Director (Operation), Shri Raghunath Pratihari, Director (HRD), Shri B B Mehta, Director (SLDC) and other Senior officers of OPTCL and HDFC Bank.

## OPTCL INKS LOAN AGREEMENT WITH UNION BANK OF INDIA

Bhubaneswar 22.04.2021: OPTCL inks a loan agreement with Union Bank of India for term loan of 607.12 Crore in kind presence of Corporation's Chairman and Principal Secretary to Govt. of Odisha, Department of Energy, Sri Nikunja Bihari Dhal, IAS. This loan



amount will be utilized for construction of 18 Nos of EHT projects started way back in 2016-17. The total cost for 18 Nos EHT projects is Rs.857.12 Crore. Govt. of Odisha has also approved equity infusion of Rs.250.00 Crore over a period of 5 years for these projects. The rest amount of 607.12 Crore is arranged today by availing loan from Union bank of India.

"The Union Bank of India by providing loan assistance to Government projects is participating in the State's progress and such kind of gesture from nationalized banks should be emulated by all." Said Sri Dhal in his address.

Many Nationalized banks and financing institutions participated in the Bid invited by OPTCL and Union bank of India quoted lowest rate of interest i.e 7.20% MCLR with other favorable terms & conditions of loan repayment to OPTCL. OPTCL has to repay the loan amount over a period of 177 months including moratorium period of 33 months. Sri Samir Kumar Swain,



Director (Finance) and Sri Ramakanta Pradhan, Field General Manager of Union Bank of India signed the MoU on behalf of OPTCL and Union Bank of India respectively. Present on the occasion were Sri Sanjeev Singh, MD, OPTCL, all the functional directors and senior officials from OPTCL & GRIDCO.

## OPTCL WINS A.P MITRA MEMORIAL BADMINTON TOURNAMENT



OPTCL won A.P Mitra Memorial Badminton Tournament in doubles category organized by CSIR-IMMT, Bhubaneswar. Sri Anil Sahu, DGM- HRD and winners Sri Satya Narayan Pradhan, and Sri J.P Singh received the award from the Chief Guest of the occasion Padmashri Dilip Tirky on 14th March, 2021.

## OPTCL CELEBRATES WORLD NURSING DAY



Bhubaneswar-12/05/2021: World Nursing Day was observed at Odisha Power Transmission Corporation Limited (OPTCL) recently at its Corporate Office. On the eve of this occasion, one felicitation ceremony was held by adhering to the Govt Covid guidelines where OPTCL felicitated the nurses of the Power Hospital for their outstanding selfless efforts towards Healthcare during this crucial juncture when the entire world is grappling with Covid. Sri Chandra Sekhar Pradhan, Sr. GM HRD and Anita Mahapatra, GM

HRD and Dr. Rupalita Pattnaik, Medical Officer were present during the felicitation ceremony.

Speaking on the occasion, the Sr. GM (HRD) Mr Pradhan said " We really appreciate the dedication and the contributions of our sister nurses towards the healthcare of our employees.

This felicitation is just a token of recognition of their selfless efforts and we hope this will certainly motivate them to work with great vigor. "Such felicitation has highly motivated and encouraged us. We have always got all necessary support from the management to render our duty" said Anjali Jena, Lady Nurse.

## SUCCESSFUL COVID MANAGEMENT IN OPTCL



The Covid-19 Pandemic has posed challenge in all spheres of life and our transmission sector is no exception. During this time, the health safety of the employees is very important to ensure uninterrupted transmission of electricity in the state. In view of this the Management of OPTCL took many strategic steps to contain the spread of the virus and also took many proactive steps for Covid affected employees.

**Tele-Medicine Facility:** With the help of the Doctors of OPTCL Power Hospital, 24X7 tele-medicine facility has been extended to the employees of OPTCL. This facility enables the employees to consult telephonically at any time. In moderate and severe cases, doctors ensured their hospitalization in local Covid Hospital in coordination with the Covid Cell.

**Isolation Facility:** Isolation facility at transit house has been facilitated at four rooms for mild and asymptomatic employees those do not have such facility in their home due to space constraint.

**Covid-Coordination Cell:** A Covid Coordination Cell has been set up to assist the Covid Positive employees for their hospitalization. Also home delivery of essential goods have been ensured to the affected employees of Colony and cooked food is provided where all the members are affected.

**Financial Compensation:** OPTCL has extended Financial Compensation/Ex-gratia of Rs. 5.00 Lakhs to the nominee or eligible legal heir of the deceased employee who have died due to Covid-19, while in service w.e.f 22.03.2020.

**Precautionary measures:** Automatic Hand sanitizing Dispensers have been installed at strategic points of Hqrs Office and field office. For visitors also, provision of wash basins with soaps have been made. Free Masks have been distributed to outsourced persons (security guards, sanitation workers and other low paid outsourced personnel). Use of Conference Halls are minimized & executives are attending meetings through online from their work places. An Apex Committee comprising senior most officers has been constituted to evaluate the emerging situation and oversee the compliance of Covid 19 appropriate behaviour and approve all emergent procurements. Similarly four Zonal Committees have also been formed for implementation of all guidelines and instructions issued by GoO as well as the Corporation. The Committee ensures periodic sanitization of all offices, vaccination of employees and compliance of Covid 19 appropriate behaviour in all units under their jurisdiction. All the Divisional Head are designated as COVID Compliance Officer (CCO).

## EMPLOYEE WELFARE MEASURE

“Healthy Citizen are the greatest asset any country can have” – Winston Churchill

Being in a bad physical condition due to illness (acute or chronic) affects one's mental condition adversely. And, for optimum productivity in the job, one needs to have stability in both physical and mental health. To ensure that the Organisation and its employees don't distract from providing their best service to the people of Odisha, the management of OPTCL has implemented many steps. Implementation of Group Health Insurance Policy for its employees and their family members w.e.f 01.04.2021 on its 16<sup>th</sup> founding day is one of such measure. More than 10,000 life units are covered under the scheme with 5 to 7lakh sum insured. Being borne wholly by the Organisation and tailor-made, the employees are left untroubled with regards to payment of the premium. We, at OPTCL, value our vision i.e. the lifeline of Odisha, and understand our employees play a key role to realise and sustain that vision. Also, as another goodwill gesture, the Organisation has decided to extend Group Health Insurance Policy to its retired employees and their spouse. While, premium will be borne by the retiree; the management will help to facilitate and cater the scheme. This is a benevolent measure by the Organisation for retirees as a recognition to their long service.

## BHARATNET PHASE-II PROJECT IN ODISHA



BharatNet is a flagship project of Government of India (GoI) funded by Universal Service Obligation Fund(USOF), Department of Telecommunications, Ministry of Communication to provide broadband connectivity(High speed internet) at all Gram Panchayats (GP)s to enable key services like administration, education, health, banking and agriculture

in becoming efficient and transparent at grass root level. Under Bharat Net Phase-I, 15 coastal Districts in Odisha were covered earlier being executed by PGCIL/BSNL. Under Phase-II, the rest 15 districts and balance left over GPs from Phase-I is being implemented by OPTCL. A team of dedicated Telecommunication engineers of OPTCL are working relentlessly to provide Broadband connectivity to 3072 Nos of GPs where 19,795 Kms of Over Head OFC cable are being laid.

A State Level Implementation Committee under the chairmanship of chief Secretary is monitoring the implementation of the project. Till date 15,976 KM of overhead fibre have been strung covering 2181 nos of GPs.

Under this scheme, Broadband services are being made available to the much talk about Kutia village of Koraput district and Odisha's Honorable CM interacted with the district administration on 5th Feb,2021 who were present at Kutia using this broadband service. As such FTTH connection have been completed for provision of high speed internet in in 756 nos of GPs as on date.

### ପ୍ରକଳ୍ପ ନିର୍ମାଣରେ ରେକର୍ଡ କରିଛି ଓପିଟିସିଏଲ୍

କୋଭିଡ୍ ମହାମାରୀ ସତ୍ତ୍ୱେ ଓପିଟିସିଏଲ୍ ପ୍ରକଳ୍ପ ନିର୍ମାଣରେ ରେକର୍ଡ ସୃଷ୍ଟି କରିଛି । ୨୦୧୯-୨୦ ଆର୍ଥିକ ବର୍ଷର ଚତୁର୍ଥ କ୍ୱାର୍ଟରରେ ଅନେକ ଗୁଡ଼ାଏ ପ୍ରକଳ୍ପକୁ କମିଶନ କରାଯାଇପାରିଛି । ବହୁ ପ୍ରତିଷ୍ଠିତ ୧୩୨/୩୩୩ କେଭି ଉପରାମ୍ଭ ଗ୍ରାଡୁ ୨୦ ଏମ୍.ଭି.ଏ ଗ୍ରାଡୁଫର୍ମର ଏବଂ ୧୨ କିଲୋମିଟର ଭଂଜନଗର-ଫୁଲବାଣୀ ଲିଲୋ ଲାଇନ ସହ ମାର୍ଚ୍ଚ ମାସରେ କମିଶନ ହୋଇଥିଲା । ସମ୍ବଲପୁରର ମାନେଶ୍ୱର ଠାରେ ୧୩୨/୩୩୩ କେଭି ଗ୍ରାଡୁ ସହ ଦୁଇଟି ୪୦ ଏମ୍.ଭି.ଏ ଗ୍ରାଡୁଫର୍ମର ଏବଂ ସମ୍ବଲପୁର-ରେଭାଖୋଲ ଲିଲୋ ଲାଇନ ଫେବୃୟାରୀ ମାସରେ କମିଶନ ହୋଇଛି । ଏହା ସମ୍ବଲପୁର ଏବଂ ମାନେଶ୍ୱର ଅଞ୍ଚଳରେ ବିଦ୍ୟୁତ୍ ସେବାକୁ ସୁଦୃଢ଼ କରିପାରିଛି । ସେହିପରି ଅନେକ ରାଇଟ୍ ଅଫ୍ ଓ ସମସ୍ୟା ସତ୍ତ୍ୱେ , ମାନେଶ୍ୱର ଏବଂ ଗଡ଼ଜାଣା ଆର.ଟି.ଏସ୍.ଏସ୍ ପ୍ରକଳ୍ପ ସଂପୂର୍ଣ୍ଣ କରାଯାଇପାରିଥିଲା । ୧୫ କିଲୋମିଟର ଦୀର୍ଘ ୧୩୨ କେ.ଭି ଫୁଲବାଣୀ- ପ୍ରତାପଶାସନ ଡବଲ୍ ସର୍କିଟ୍ ଲାଇନ କମିଶନ ହେବା ଫଳରେ ଭୁବନେଶ୍ୱର-କଟକ ଦୈନିକଗରରେ ୧୩୨ କେଭି ଉତ୍ତର ଏକ ବଳୟ ସୃଷ୍ଟି ହୋଇପାରିଛି ଯାହା ଏହି ଦୁଇ ସହର ପାଇଁ ବିଦ୍ୟୁତ୍ ସେବାକୁ ସୁଦୃଢ଼ କରିପାରିଛି । ଦକ୍ଷିଣ ଓ ଦ୍ୱିଶାରେ ୫୮ କିଲୋମିଟର ଦୀର୍ଘ ୧୩୨ କେଭି ଜୟନଗର-ତେନ୍ତୁଳିଖୁଣ୍ଟି ଲାଇନର ଦୃଢ଼ ସର୍କିଟ୍ କମିଶନ ହୋଇଥିଲା ଯାହା ଡାକୁର୍ତ୍ତା , ଉମରକୋଟ୍ ଏବଂ ନବରଙ୍ଗପୁର ଆଞ୍ଚଳିକ ବର୍ଷିଷ୍ଟ ବିଦ୍ୟୁତ୍ ରାହିଦାକୁ ମେଣ୍ଟାଇ ପାରିବାରେ ସହାୟକ ହୋଇଛି । ମାର୍ଚ୍ଚ ମାସରେ ବରପାଲି-ବରଗଡ଼ ଠାରୁ ନୂତନ ବରଗଡ଼ ଗ୍ରାଡୁ ପର୍ଯ୍ୟନ୍ତ ୧୩୨ କେଭି ଲିଲୋ ଲାଇନ କମିଶନ ହୋଇଥିଲା ଏହା ବରଗଡ଼ ଅଞ୍ଚଳରେ ବିଦ୍ୟୁତ୍ ସେବାକୁ ସୁଦୃଢ଼ କରିପାରିଛି । ରାଜ୍ୟର ଶିଖ

ବିକାଶ ପାଇଁ ଉତ୍କୃଷ୍ଟ ବିଦ୍ୟୁତ୍ ସେବା ଯୋଗାଇବା ପାଇଁ ଓପିଟିସିଏଲ୍ ସର୍ବଦା ଚପୁରାତା ଦେଖାଇଛି । ଶ୍ରୀ ସିମେଣ୍ଟ କଂପାନୀକୁ ମାର୍ଚ୍ଚ ମାସରେ ୧୩୨ କେଭିର ଉତ୍ତର ଯୋଗାଇ ଦିଆଯାଇଥିଲା । ଏହି ଚତୁର୍ଥ କ୍ୱାର୍ଟରରେ ୧୦୦ ମେଗାବ୍ ଗ୍ରାଡୁଫର୍ମେସନ କ୍ଷମତା ଏବଂ ୧୫୫ କିଲୋମିଟର ଗ୍ରାଡୁଫିଗର ଲାଇନର ଭିତ୍ତିଭୂମି ସୃଷ୍ଟି କରାଯାଇପାରିଛି । ଏତଦ୍ ବ୍ୟତିତ ଡିନିଗୋଟି ବ୍ଲୋ ପାରାଦୀପ, ପାରଳାଖେମୁଣ୍ଡି ଏବଂ ବୌଦାରେ ବାର୍ଚ୍ଚ ହୋଇଛି ।

### ଶିବାନୀ ଦଣ୍ଡସେନାଙ୍କୁ “ତେଜସ୍ୱିନୀ ସମ୍ମାନ”

ଓମନେ ତେଜକେସନ ପତ୍ରିକା ଏବଂ ଜେସିଡି ବିଦ୍ୟାପୀଠା ସାରସା ହରିୟାନା ଚରଫୁ ଗଡ ଅର୍ଡ଼ଜାତୀୟ ମହିଳା ଦିବସରେ ତାଃ ରତ୍ନପୁର୍ଣ୍ଣା ଶିବାନୀ ଦଣ୍ଡସେନାଙ୍କୁ “ତେଜସ୍ୱିନୀ ସମ୍ମାନ” ରେ ସମ୍ମାନିତ କରାଯାଇଥିଲା । ତାଃ ରତ୍ନପୁର୍ଣ୍ଣା କରୋନା ମହାମାରୀ ସମୟରେ ସ୍ଥାନୀୟ ପଥରଗାଡୁଆ ଓ ପଟିଆ ଗ୍ରାମର ଆର୍ଥିକ ଭାବେ ଦୁର୍ବଳ ଶ୍ରେଣିର ଝିଅ ମାନେ କିପରି ଅନଲାଇନ ପାଠ ପଢି ପାରିବେ ସେଥି ପାଇଁ ମାଗଣା ମୋବାଇଲ ଫୋନ ବଣ୍ଟନ କରିଥିଲେ । ତାଙ୍କର ଏହି ସେବା ମନୋବୃତ୍ତି ପାଇଁ ସେ ଇଣ୍ଡିଆନ୍ ବୁକ୍ ଅଫ୍ ରେକର୍ଡ୍ “ଇଣ୍ଡରନ୍ୟାସନାଲ୍ ହ୍ୟୁମାନିଟେରିୟନ୍” ପୁରସ୍କାର ଦ୍ୱାରା ସମ୍ମାନିତ ହୋଇଛନ୍ତି । ତାଃ ରତ୍ନପୁର୍ଣ୍ଣା ଶିବାନୀ ଦଣ୍ଡସେନା , ଓପିଟିସିଏଲ ର ଉପ ମହାପ୍ରବନ୍ଧକ (ବିଦ୍ୟୁତ୍) ଜ୍ଞ. ସୁନିଲ ଦଣ୍ଡସେନାଙ୍କ ସୁପ୍ରତୀ । ସେ ମଧ୍ୟ ଏବେ ମହାମାରୀ ସମୟରେ ଗରିବ ଲୋକଙ୍କ ଦାନ୍ତ ଚିକିତ୍ସା ପାଇଁ ଏକ ନିଷ୍ଠୁଳ୍ ବ୍ୟବସ୍ଥା କରିଛନ୍ତି ।



## A DAY FOR ENVIRONMENT



Bhubaneswar/05.06.2021: World Environment Day is celebrated each year on 5th June. It is one of the principal vehicles through which the United Nation (Stimulates) worldwide awareness on environment protection . To mark the occasion, OPTCL took up a massive plantation drive in its all field units and Hqrs premises. Free saplings were also distributed to the colony residents. The Plantation program at GRIDCO Colony was graced by Sri Raghunath Pratihari, Director (HRD) and Sri R.L Panda, Director (Projects). Fruit bearing and medicinal plants were planted in Colony, Transit House and Power Training Centre, Chandaka. The plantation program at PTC Chandaka was graced by Sri Samir Swain, Director (Finance). Present on the occasion were Sri C.S Pradhan, Sr.GM (HRD) , Sri R.K Sahu, SE Civil, Ms. Anita Mahapatra, GM (HRD) and all the DGMs (HRD).



## INDUCTION OF ENGINEERS

Odisha Power Transmission Corporation Limited is the 1st State PSU Odisha to select engineers through GATE score. In order to hire best talents in a transparent

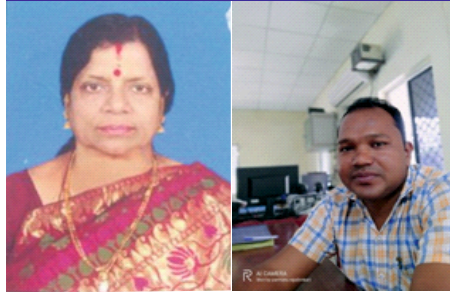


manner, OPTCL recruited 30 electrical engineers through GATE score. Out of 288 candidates participated in the process, 30 candidates were selected on merit considering their GATE and Interview scores. Out of these 30 Management Trainees (Electrical), 10 candidates are female. These trainees are now undergoing through 8 weeks long induction program. To extend a hearty welcome to the new MTs, a welcome program was organized at Krushi Bhawan. The program was graced by the then Chairman Dr. Saurabh Garg, IAS, Sri Sanjeev Singh, Managing Director, OPTCL, Sri Trilochan Panda, Managing Director, GRICO and all functional



Directors of OPTCL. " Working in Govt. Power sector is quite different from other Govt. sectors. We have to be more vigilant and responsible in electricity sector. Electricity service comes under ESMA act. We are also controlled by a regulatory body and our services to be extended in real time. So we have to adopt ourselves in this challenging sector. Further, electricity is very prone to accident. Any negligence would result loss of human life and public property. I would urge to MTs to adhere safety norms strictly during their assignments" said Sri Garg in his address to the gathering.

## OBITUARY



During this Corona Pandemic we have lost two precious lives. Two of our employees succumbed to Covid-19. Ms. Anjali Dei, Manager (Telecom), Rourkela took her last breath on 04.05.2021 and Sri Bhagan Marandi, technician, Gr-III (Electrical), Karanjia Grid Substation took his last breath on 24.05.2021. OPTCL expresses deep condolence on passing of these two family members and we wish for their souls to rest in peace.

## Tier-III DATA CENTRE



OPTCL is coming up with a new Data Centre equipped with latest infrastructure and technology. At present data centres of OPTCL, GRIDCO & SLDC are functioning separately. For smooth operation of such important infrastructures, a Data centre has been constructed near hqrs office where all the data centres will be accommodated in a single building. The data centre has been developed with tier-III datacentre architecture with financial implication of 55 Cr. Which includes around 11 Cr operation cost. Management is also planning to accommodate the data centres of DISCOMs in this Date Centre for better coordination and decision making. All electrical and non-IT works have been completed and the migration of existing date centres will take place very soon.

## YASS RESTORATION BY OPTCL

Preventive measures by OPTCL minimized the damages in YASS cyclone. OPTCL has planned in advance for a possible summer cyclone in the month of May. OPTCL planned meticulously so that damages could be restricted and restoration work begins soon after the Cyclone. Nine restoration gangs with tools and implements, generators, gas cutters were deployed in vulnerable locations where the cyclone Yass made landfall. Similarly ten emergency towers were also kept ready in Balasore, Bhadrak and kendrapada district so that restoration could be made in case of uprooting of towers. Team of engineers



**OPTCL ANNOUNCES ACCIDENT BENEFITS FOR CASUAL ELECTRICITY SUPPLY WORKERS**

Engaged in Yash cyclone restoration work

- Full cost of treatment in case of injury or hospitalization
- Compensation of ₹10 Lakhs to the legal heir of the employee in case of **unfortunate death** while doing restoration work
- These benefits are **above any other benefits** the workmen entitled as per law



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headed by Sr. general Manager/ General Manager was deployed at different grids to take immediate post cyclone restoration. It was decided to restore power on priority to essential services like Covid hospitals, water supply and telecommunication. Though the damage of HT lines and transmission system was very less in the YASS cyclone, restoration of transmission service could be made immediately after the cyclone due to adequate planning and pre-positioning of men, materials and machine at strategic locations. To motivate the restoration workers, OPTCL announced accident benefit for casual electricity workers engaged in transmission restoration. The full cost of the treatment will be borne in case of injury and hospitalization. Compensation of 10.00 lakhs was made provision for the legal heir of the worker in case of unfortunate death during the restoration work. These benefits were above any other benefits the workers entitles under law.

## GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE FOR RETIRED EMPLOYEE



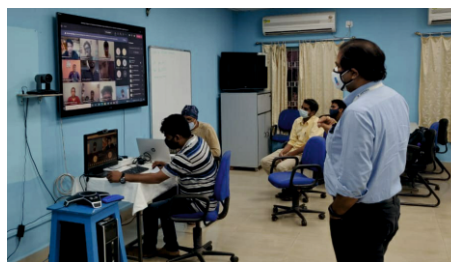
**O**disha Power Transmission Corporation Limited launched a group health insurance scheme for its retired employees in association with the Oriental Health Insurance Company limited, a Central Govt. PSU on 25.06.2021 to mark the occasion Shri Sanjeev Singh, Managing Director of OPTCL today officially inaugurated the scheme and distributed the Insurance cards to some the beneficiaries in presence of all functional Directors. "Though the employees have retired, but all of them will remain family members of OPTCL. We cannot forget their long dedication of service for the company. This insurance scheme shows the belongingness and care of the Management for retired employees. I on behalf of Management wish them a healthy post retirement life" said Shri Singh in his inaugural speech. Till now around 300 pensioners have already registered under the insurance scheme. The Management of OPTCL is also planning for wide publicity among all pensioners so that maximum coverage can be ensured. The registered pensioners are insured for Rs.5.00 Lakhs form the date of payment of their premium. In case of death of the pensioners, their spouse can also avail the benefit of this scheme. The Senior Divisional Manager of Oriental Insurance Company Limited, Cuttack, Shri A.K Bhanja in his thank giving speech appreciated such initiative of OPTCL and assured for 24X7 support for cashless hospitalization of insured retired employees . Sri Jatindra Kumar Ray , Senior Union Leader appreciated the Management after receiving the insurance card from MD Shri Singh and assured for maximum enrollment under the scheme in the coming days .

The management has also planned to educate the retired employees on claim procedure of the scheme through different medium of communication like. BulK SMS , dedicated slot in the web portal , print media and social media. Present on the occasion were Sri U.K Pati, Director (Operation), Sri Raghunath Pratihari, Director (HRD), Sri Samir Swain, Director (Finance), Sri R.L Panda, Director (Projects), Sri Chandra Sekhar Pradhan, Sr.GM (HRD) and Ms. Anita Mahapatra, GM (HRD).

## SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAMEE



**I**n order to create a cohesive Industry-Institute relationship in the state, every year OPTCL conduct a summer internship program on "Transmission & Distribution System" for engineering students of Electrical / Electrical & Electronics discipline. This time due to pandemic situation, this internship programme has been organized in virtual mode. The total course



fee for the internship program is Rs. 5,400/- including GST. Further, son/daughter of our departmental employees (In-service/retired) who are pursuing/ completed their B.Tech degree in the above cited discipline are exempted from course fee. For registration, interested students may visit our website [www.optcl.co.in](http://www.optcl.co.in) . Very senior faculties, industry experts and trainers from OPTCL impart training to the students with an objective to make them aware of the industry requirement, latest technology of Power sector and practical aspects of electrical engineering particularly in HT & EHT segment.

## TRAINING PROGRAM ON POST-RETIREMENT LIFE



**O**PTCL has taken a very unique training initiative for its employees who are retiring in this year. An exclusive training module has been devised in association with Manav Adhyayan Kendra (MAK) to guide the employees so that they can lead a very healthy, happy and stress free post-retirement life. Today, Sri Sanjeev Singh, Managing Director (OPTCL) in presence of all Directors inaugurated the two days training program " CHARM OF POST SERVICE LIFE" through virtual mode on 22.06.2021. "I thank the HRD department for conducting such unique training program. It shows the belongingness and care of the Management for the employees who have rendered long service period for OPTCL. It is all about how you engage yourself after retirement. Hope, our training partner MAK will guide all of you with practical tips. The content of this training module has been designed with experts and all aspects of post-retirement life will be covered." said Sri Singh in his address during the inauguration program. The inauguration program was graced by Sri U.K Pati, Director (Operation) , Sri Raghunath Pratihari, Director (HRD), Sri Samir Swain, Director (Finance), Sri R.L Panda, Director (Projects), Sri C.S Pradhan , Sr. GM (HRD) and Ms. Anita Mahapatra, GM (HRD.)



On 26th June OPTCL commissioned another railway traction transmission project at Bhalumaska in Rayagada district at 6:40 PM



OPTCL commissioned 132 KVRTSS Malatipatpur line from Samagara ss on 25th June at 17:49 hrs.