







## SAKSHAM 2022 Message

NRL is privileged to be a part of SAKSHAM 2022, acronym for Sanrakshan Kshamata Mahotsav- a nationwide public awareness campaign for conservation of fuel and petroleum products. Spearheaded by the Petroleum Conservation Research Association (PCRA) under the aegis of the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas, SAKSHAM 2022 is being rolled out on a very topical theme, 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav Through Green and Clean Energy' from 11<sup>th</sup> April to 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2022.'

We live in tumultuous times; the times of war and pandemics. As many of you would be aware, India imports more than 3/4thof its petroleum requirements and roughly 80 % of its requirement of Crude Oil. This places us at the mercy of international oil & gas prices. Additionally, many Indian cities rank among the most polluted urban spaces in the world. A leading cause of air pollution is emissions from the consumption of fossil fuels.

NRL has not only been an active stakeholder of SAKSHAM since its inception but is also taking giant steps in advancing the nation's renewable energy capabilities through initiatives such as Green Hydrogen production and conversion of bamboo into Bio-ethanol, which will go a long way in ensuring India's energy security and reducing air pollution.

Energy conservation will remain a core priority for the country for years to come, and hence, I implore all of you to not only actively participate in SAKSHAM 2022 but also embrace its message and become its brand ambassadors with your family and friends.

With sincere regards,

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