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# From the Yesk of the Editor



Dear Readers.

The most important event of the year, the 31st Annual General Meeting of the Company was held on 30th August 2024, where the results of the Financial Year 2023-24 were declared. The outcomes reflected the Company's sincere commitment to achieve the ambitious targets it has set for itself despite bottlenecks and unforeseen circumstances beyond its control. The post-AGM Press Meet provided an opportunity to highlight NRL's high-growth trajectory with strategic projects worth over ₹45,000 Crore, positioning the Company for sustainable expansion and a transition to green energy.

Another significant milestone in Numaligarh Refinery Expansion Project (NREP) was achieved with the successful erection of the over-dimensional consignments (ODC), including two LC Finning Reactors weighing over 1,100 MT each. This milestone, along with significant civil and structural advances, reflects our relentless pursuit of operational excellence as we approach project completion.

Mr. Girish Kumar Borah took over as the new Director (Technical) of NRL during the quarter. Under his visionary leadership, the Company is expected to soar to greater heights of accomplishment. We wish him a successful tenure.

This quarter also saw the observance of Swachhata Pakhwada 2024, a dedicated effort to cleanliness and sustainability under the theme 'Waste to Wealth'. From cleanliness drives across installations to awareness campaigns, our team showcased its commitment to environmental responsibility. The spirit of service continued through the Swachhata Hi Sewa campaign and extended to our Independence Day celebrations on 15th August, reflecting NRL's values of unity and national pride.

Taking forward the spirit of strategic collaborations, MoUs were signed with Paradip Phosphates Limited for supply 70,000 MTPA of sulphur and with OIL to facilitate the development of a railway siding at Duliajan, a step towards streamlining petroleum product transport.

NRL's efforts in digital transformation were recognised with the prestigious Cyber Security and Data Protection Award at the India PSU IT Forum and Awards, underscoring our commitment to IT infrastructure security and operational excellence.

Activities across various entities that make the greater NRL family covered in this issue will keep you updated on the happenings that make us come a full circle.

With sincere regards,

Madhuchanda Adhikari

### Highlights of NRL's Performance during Q2 of FY 2024-25

#### **Physical Performance**

#### **Capacity Utilisation:**

 NRL's Crude throughput during the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of the year was 683 TMT, which is 91% of capacity utilisation. Cumulative Crude throughput during the year up to September 2024 was 1,448 TMT which is better than the target of 1,390 TMT.

#### **Production Efficiency:**

- Revenue from Operations during the period Apr-Sep 24 increased to ₹11,663.10 Crore as compared to ₹8,128.79 Crore of the corresponding period of the previous financial year. The increase in revenue during Apr-Sep 24 is mainly attributable to refinery shut down followed by fire incident in the Hydrocracker Unit of the refinery during Apr-Jun 23 of the previous financial year.
- Profit before tax for the period ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024 was lower by ₹43.29 Crore at ₹847.55 Crore as compared to ₹890.84 Crore of the corresponding period of the previous financial year. The lower profit during the period Apr-Sep 23 is mainly on account of decrease in margin of products.
- Profit after tax for the period ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024 was lower by ₹52.36 Crore at ₹605.58 Crore as compared to ₹657.94 Crore of the corresponding period of the previous financial year and correspondingly earnings per share for the period ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024 decreased to ₹3.91 per share from ₹4.34 per share of the corresponding period of the previous financial year.
- Net worth of the Company has increased by 2.44% from ₹13,926.00 Crore as on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 to ₹14,265.27 crore as on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

#### **Capital Expenditure:**

Capital Expenditure during April-September-2024 was ₹4,228
 Crore against annual target of ₹9,650 Crore.

#### **Financial Performance**

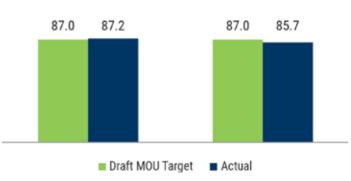
 Sales turnover during the second quarter of the year 2024-2025 was ₹6,465 Crore as compared to ₹2,236.04 Crore of the corresponding quarter of the previous financial year. The decrease of revenue during April-June-2023 is mainly attributable to refinery shut down followed by fire incident in the Hydrocracker Unit of the refinery.

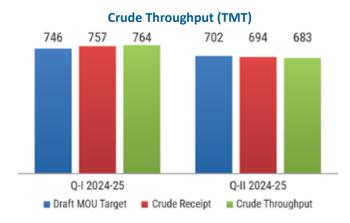
- Gross Refining Margin during the first quarter was \$6.43 per bbl.
- PBT for the quarter ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024 was higher by ₹694.62
   Crore at ₹595.84 Crore as compared to ₹(98.79 Crore) of the
   corresponding quarter of the previous financial year. The lower
   profit during the quarter April-June-2023 is mainly on account of
   refinery shut down following a fire incident in the Hydrocracker
   Unit of the Refinery.
- PAT the quarter ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024 was higher by ₹508.08 Crore at ₹430.53 Crore as compared to ₹(77.56 Crore) of the corresponding quarter of the financial year.

## Progress status of major ongoing projects as on $30^{th}$ September 2024:

Project	Cost (INR CR)	Physical Progress (%)	Financial Progress (%)	Anticipated Completion
NREP – 6 million refinery	22,494	63.7	55.7	December 2025
NREP – PNCPL & COIT	11,407	77.7	71.8	October 2025
Poly-propylene Plant				
(Pet-chem Project) 360 KTPA	7,231	-	13.8	2028-2029
DCU Revamp	370	34.0	41.3	December 2025
Power Recovery Turbine in PFCC unit	293.50	71.0	19.2	December 2025
SMT Augmentation	484	55	33.3	September 2025
LPG Marketing terminal at Dabidubi, Assam	338	20.5	24.1	December 2025
Replacement of heater- coke chamber-sds of DCU	230	-	45.8	December 2025
Coke Drum Structural Project for NREP	635	-	-	December 2025
Green Hydrogen Plant – 2.4 KTPA	170	18.0	22.2	July 2025
2G Bio Refinery (JV-ABEPL – 50% Equity)	4,200	97.5	93.1	October 2024
North-East Gas Grid (JV- IGGL — 20% Equity)	9,265	83.2	59.1	March 2025

#### Distillate Yield (%)



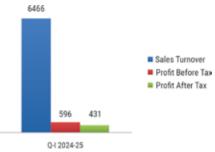


### **NRL News**

# Specific Energy Consumption (in MBN) 62.2 61.5 61.7 61.5

Oraft MOU Target





#### **NREP Updates**

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Tumaligarh Refinery Expansion Project (NREP) has made steady progress across various fronts. In engineering, the 90% model review process for major units has been completed and is now advancing toward final closure. Major equipment required for the project have been secured, while bulk purchases, including pipes, valves, and fittings, are ongoing. Civil and underground work continues in full swing, with structural and mechanical work progressing well across all areas. Spool vendors for EPCM process units have been onboarded, and fabrication work is actively progressing. The hydro testing of 13 out of 24 product and intermediate tanks has been successfully completed. During the quarter, three Over-Dimensional Consignments (ODC) of the RPTU unit, including two of the heaviest ODCs of NREP - LC Finning Reactor 1&2 weighing 1,170 MT each, manufactured by L&T and ISGEC respectively, were transported to project site and successfully erected. The CDU column after reaching NRL Jetty was fully insulated, and foundation preparation work

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has been completed. The welding of the VDU column nozzle is in progress at the NRL Jetty, to be followed by hydrotesting, pickling, and passivation. The CDU column is expected to be erected in the October-December quarter. Elevated flare is nearing completion, with the erection of the demountable flare stack now underway.











Transportation and erection of LC Finning Reactor

## 31st Annual General Meeting of NRL

The 31st Annual General Meeting of NRL was held on 30th of August 2024 at NRL Corporate Office, Guwahati. The Meeting was presided over by Chairman NRL and CMD OIL, Dr. Ranjit Rath and was attended by MD NRL, Mr. B J Phukan and other members of the NRL Board and shareholders of the Company.

A final dividend of ₹258.42 Crore for the FY 2023-24 has been declared during the AGM. The Company has already paid an interim dividend of ₹452.24 Crore for the FY 2023-24. Thus, total dividend pay-out for the FY 2023-24 is ₹710.66 Crore, representing 32.90% of NRL's Profit After Tax (PAT) for the year.

Addressing the shareholders of the Company, Chairman Dr. Ranjit Rath said, 'The Financial Year ended on a positive note despite loss of operations during the first quarter of the financial year 2023-24 on account of the planned Refinery shutdown and an unforeseen fire incident. It is indeed praiseworthy that NRL bounced back with gusto after the initial setback, demonstrating exemplary

resilience, perseverance and unwavering commitment of its employees'.

## Chairman's AGM address is reproduced in the following page for the benefit of our readers.

Post AGM, a Press Meet was organised where Chairman NRL, Dr. Ranjit Rath addressed the Media accompanied by MD, NRL, Mr. B J Phukan on the dais. In his opening remarks, Chairman shared results and highlights of NRL's performance for the year 2023-24 and the future roadmap of the Company which is presently on a high growth trajectory with projects worth more than ₹45,000 Crore on the anvil. Later, Chairman and MD replied to queries from the media on various aspects of the Company and its operations and its transition to green energy resulting in a very interactive and interesting session.

A post AGM cultural evening and dinner was hosted at a city hotel to celebrate the Company's accomplishments which was attended by shareholders and well-wishers of the Company along with distinguished personalities from all walks of life.



31st AGM of NRL being presided over by CMD OIL and Chairman NRL Dr. Ranjit Rath





Glimpses from the Post AGM Press Meet

#### Chairman's Address

#### 31st AGM, Numaligarh Refinery Limited

30th of August 2024, Friday

#### Esteemed Stakeholders and members of the NRL Board,

It is a matter of immense pride and privilege for me to welcome you all to the 31st Annual General Meeting of Numaligarh Refinery Limited.

At a time when India is charting its course towards becoming a global economic powerhouse under the visionary leadership of our Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, NRL remains steadfast in aligning its efforts with the national priorities of 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' and 'Viksit Bharat'.

I take this moment to express my deepest gratitude to all our shareholders and investors for your unwavering belief in NRL and continued support in this journey. Together, we have made tremendous strides in contributing to India's energy security and fostering socio-economic development, particularly in the Northeast region, which holds a special place in the Government's 'North-east Hydrocarbon Vision 2030'.

NRL's success over the past 31 years is a testament to the tireless efforts and exceptional dedication of its workforce. Their commitment to excellence has been the driving force behind NRL's transformation into a model public sector enterprise, not only within the Northeast but across India's oil and gas sector. Together, we have consistently demonstrated our ability to create value for all stakeholders, while also playing a critical role in fulfilling the national vision of an inclusive and self-reliant India.

As we stand at the threshold of another year, I am confident that the collective goodwill and trust that you have placed in NRL will propel us to new heights. Your company, which completed 31 years of service to the nation on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2024, continues to evolve as a key player in India's energy transition journey, and Net Zero goals.

The Notice of AGM, Director's Report, and Audited Accounts have been tabled, and with your kind permission, I consider them as read.

The Annual Report of your company for the Financial Year 2023-24 is available on your Company's website <a href="www.nrl.co.in">www.nrl.co.in</a>. It provides a comprehensive and transparent account of your Company's performance across all parameters—qualitative, quantitative, financial, and non-financial. The report outlines the significant achievements we made during this year, surmounting challenges.

I now take the privilege of sharing with you the notable milestones we have achieved, and the remarkable progress made during the year, all of which continue to contribute to India's growth and development.

The Financial Year 2023-24 ended on a positive note despite loss of operations during the first quarter on account of the planned Refinery shutdown and an unforeseen fire incident. It is indeed praiseworthy that NRL bounced back with gusto after the initial setback, demonstrating exemplary resilience, perseverance and unwavering commitment of its employees.

#### **Financial Performance**

During the Financial Year 2023-24, your Company registered a Profit Before Tax (PBT) of Rs. 2,912 Crore, while the net profit recorded was Rs.2,160 Crore. The reduction in profit figures as compared to last year was due to loss of operations in the first quarter due to planned Refinery Turnaround and the unforeseen fire incident as mentioned earlier. Revenue from operations recorded during the year was Rs. 23,731 Crore while Gross Refining Margin was \$13.17 per bbl. The Earning per Share (EPS) for the year 2023-24 was Rs.13.95. During the year, the Company's net worth soared a notch higher to Rs.13,926 Crore. I am happy to say that the Company continued to contribute significantly to the Central and State Exchequer in the form of taxes, duties and dividends, with a contribution of Rs. 3,819 Crore extended during the FY 2023-24. During the year, the Company recorded the highest ever standalone capital expenditure of Rs. 8,502 Crore, marking an increase of 24% over last year; which is an indicator of the fast paced progress made in executing projects on the anvil, big and small ensuring long term growth and sustainability.

#### **Physical Performance**

During the Financial Year 2023-24, the Refinery processed 2,510 TMT of Crude Oil, out of which 2,458 TMT was domestic Crude Oil and 52 TMT was imported Crude Oil. This implies a Crude throughput equivalent to 100%

capacity utilization for 10 months, a considerable feat taking into account that the refinery was recuperating from a valuable quarter lost during the beginning of the Financial Year 2023-24. This is also a manifestation of improved reliability of plant units. Further, the Refinery could achieve the MoU target for Distillate Yield of 86.54% by maintaining a higher throughput of secondary units on a continuous basis during the last three quarters of the financial year. The Refinery continued to show impressive performance with respect to Specific Energy Consumption (SEC) and Energy Intensity Index (EII), pointers that determine energy efficient operations. SEC of the refinery at 61.57 MBN was better than last year as well as the MoU target of 61.7 MBN and improved primarily due to higher capacity utilization of secondary units and several ENCON measures taken in the Refinery over the years. EII of the refinery during the year improved to 81.4 as compared to 82.3 in the previous year.

#### **Marketing Performance**

Spreading its wings, your Company opened its first international liaison office in Dhaka, Bangladesh during the year. This will pave the way for expansion of NRL's business activities in Bangladesh and subsequently in other neighbouring countries. During the year, 38 TMT of Gas Oil was exported to Bangladesh through the India Bangladesh Friendship Pipeline (IBFPL) from NRL's terminal in Siliguri. NRL also signed an MoU with the Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) for petroleum product transportation to Bangladesh via Jogighopa jetty, that would be put up in the vicinity of NRL's upcoming terminal. During the year, MoUs were signed with various oil companies for sale purchase of additional products, post Refinery expansion. In order to be in readiness to handle more railway rakes at the Siliguri Marketing Terminal, additional land measuring 64,621 Sqm (15.97 Acre) has been taken on long term lease from the Railways to construct an additional loading spur.

Total product sales during the year was 2,720 TMT. NRL's LPG bottling plant recorded the highest ever capacity utilisation of 68 TMT during the year against installed capacity of 42 TMT. Your Company remains the market leader in the country with regard to Wax production and sales. Wax exports during the year was 1.1 TMT out of total Wax sales of 38 TMT. Sales within Northeast was registered at 1,173 TMT, which was 43% against 41% of the total sales in the previous year, thus contributing towards reduction in freight under recoveries.

#### **Projects**

Your Company has made significant progress in the ongoing mega Numaligarh Refinery Expansion Project with a train comprising of the 6 MMTPA Refinery, the 1,635 KM Paradip Numaligarh Crude Oil Pipeline and Crude Oil Import Terminal at Paradip; which is expected to be completed by December 2025. Environmental clearance for the 360 KTPA Poly-Propylene Plant (Petchem Project) has recently been received. This along with the 2.4 KTPA Green Hydrogen Project and imminent commissioning of the 2G Biorefinery being implemented through the JV, M/s Assam Biorefinery Pvt. Ltd demonstrate NRL's push to diversify its product portfolio while transitioning towards cleaner energy and aligns with achieving its net zero goals by the year 2038. The total investment on ongoing projects is in excess of Rs. 45,000 Crore.

#### **CSR**

Your Company remains focussed on executing quality CSR projects that can touch as many lives as possible in line with provisions of Companies Act 2013. This year, NRL's CSR expenditure primarily focused on 'Health and Nutrition' as per guidelines of Department of Public Enterprise and Ministry of Corporate Affairs. The Company walked the extra mile to improve the rural health infrastructure by renovating and providing medical equipment to 40 Hospitals and 8 Public Health Centres in Golaghat District of Assam, as a primary healthcare intervention measure. During the year, your Company collaborated with Govt of Assam to set up a High Performance Sports Training and Rehabilitation Centre at Jorhat, Assam. An amount of Rs.94.18 Crore, including set off of Rs.8.20 Crore, from previous Financial Year, was spent during the financial year 2023-24 for CSR activities undertaken by the Company.

#### The 3S Mantra

The three Ss- Safety, Security, and Sustainability form the bedrock of your Company's operations and guiding principle of its future aspirations.

#### Safety

Your Company continues to thrive in adoption of best practices in Safety Management systems. During the year, the Health, Safety & Environment (HSE) policy has been revised incorporating OISD Guideline 206. Special efforts have been undertaken for dissemination and educating our people on all updated OISD guidelines, standards and recommended practices. Your company has scrupulously implemented all internal and external audit recommendations on safety.

#### Security

In an era marked by evolving threats, maintaining robust security measures is paramount. Your Company has made substantial investments in advanced security technologies and infrastructure to safeguard its assets, information, and people. Your Company attaches high priority on cyber security and has recently implemented Security Operations Center (SOC) solution to primarily monitor IT systems on 24 x 7 basis, thereby enabling the management to promptly respond, protect and defend the organization's assets including intellectual property, personnel data, business systems, and brand integrity from potential cyber threats.

The NRL Security Operations Center (SOC) solution consist of SIEM (Security Information and Event Management system), EDR (Endpoint Detection and Response), NDR(Network Detection and Response), Brand, Deep & Dark Web Monitoring & Firewall Analyzer.

Besides, your Company has successfully implemented its Business Continuity Plan (BCP), which is a comprehensive strategy designed to ensure that NRL can continue operating and recover quickly in the event of an IT disruption or disaster, as a part of which all NRL IT Systems are being continuously replicated to AWS Cloud.

#### Sustainability

Sustainability is at the core of your Company's business strategy and operations. During the year, NRL has been able to bring to the cusp, commissioning of the 2G Biorefinery, that would have a carbon negative impact on the environment and would be a shining example our commitment towards sustainability. The decision to rely on grid power for the new refinery train is yet another manifestation of NRL's resolve to reduce Scopel emissions, while foraying into Petchem reinforces NRL's resolve to mitigate Scope 3 emissions. Apart from the above, more green projects are on the drawing board for making the Company environmentally sustainable.

There is enhanced focus on HSE and Social Responsibility which is detailed in the Business Responsibility and Sustainability Report (BRSR) featuring in NRL's Annual Report since last year, a step your Company has undertaken beyond its mandate to highlight initiatives taken with respect to environmental, social and governance (ESG) perspectives.

#### **Corporate Governance**

Your Company has been resolute in practicing the highest level of integrity, transparency and accountability in all its spheres of business and will continue to imbibe the best business practices and highest principles of work and ethics in its onward journey. Your Company has been consistently achieving "Excellent' grading for compliance of the stipulations contained DPE Guidelines on Corporate Governance.

#### **Acknowledgement**

On behalf of NRL Board of Directors, I take the opportunity to convey my heartfelt thanks to our valued shareholders viz. Oil India Limited, Govt. of Assam and Engineers India Limited for bestowing their continued support and trust which has been a source of motivation for all our endeavours. I wish to express my deep gratitude for the unstinted support and valuable guidance received from the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, Govt. of India at every step of our journey. I would also place on record my sincere thanks to the Govt. of Assam for their support and goodwill, which has helped in taking forward NRL's plans and projects in a seamless manner. Special thanks to Central Govt. Ministries, Oil PSUs and all other stakeholders for their affirmative engagements and collaborations which have added value to our efforts. I would be failing in my duties if I don't thank my colleagues in the NRL Board for their passion, commitment and support which has been the driving force in tiding over challenging situations and soaring greater heights of growth and progress.

#### Conclusion

In conclusion, I am confident that with the collective efforts of our talented workforce, the unwavering support of our stakeholders, and our strategic vision, NRL will continue to achieve new heights of success and contribute positively in the growth story of our Nation.

Warm regards,

Dr. Ranjit Rath Chairman, NRL

## Observance of Swachhata Pakhwada-2024 Campaign at NRL

With a focus on the timeless motto of 'Waste to Wealth', the 9th Swachhata Pakhwada 2024, a fortnight long campaign under the aegis of MoP&NG was observed from 1st to 15th July 2024 at NRL with great enthusiasm and vibrant participation with all the employees. As per the guidelines of MoP&NG various activities and campaigns were undertaken to make cleanliness a mass campaign.

NRL engaged all resources on enhancing awareness and participation in various cleanliness drives across all installations of the company and its surrounding communities. Swachhata Pakhwada was flagged off on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024 with Swachhata Pledge administered across different units of the Refinery site at Numaligarh and all locations of the company including NRL Corporate Office, Guwahati, Siliguri Marketing Terminal, Siliguri, NRL Delhi Office and Paradip Numaligarh Crude Pipeline Project office in Odisha to reaffirm NRL's commitment towards Swachhata. Many other events and activities were organised across NRL in the fortnight to maximise awareness around cleanliness during the 9<sup>th</sup> Swachhta Pakhwada.

## Swachhata Pledge taking in different locations of NRL



At Numaligarh



At Siliguri Marketing Terminal



At Guwanati



At PNCPL



At New Delhi

## Glimpses of different programs held as part of Swachhata Pakhwada 2024



Eco friendly Jute bags distribution amongst the AMC workers and tanker drivers at Siliguri Marketing Terminal



Selfie booth at Numaligarh Site



Selfie booth at Delhi Office



Selfie booth at SMT Site



Signature Campaign





A mass Cleanliness drive was organised by Team NRL at Pura Bangla market area near Numaligarh





 ${\it Clean lines s \ drive \ was \ conducted \ at \ ASTC \ Bokakhat \ in \ the \ presence \ of \ NRL \ CSR \ Team, along \ with \ senior \ officials \ from \ State \ Transport \ Department, \ Golaghat \ and \ a$ 

### Glimpses of different programs held as part of Swachhata Pakhwada 2024



Poster making competitions were organised at educational institutes with an aim to raise awareness amongst the student community about cleanliness and environmental responsibility



Essential sports items and Swachhata Kits including Sanitizer, Soap, Toilet cleaner, bleaching powder towels etc. were distributed among residents of the 'Children's Home' Bokakhat



Swachhata program was organised at ITI, Golaghat to educate and engage the students and staff in maintaining cleanliness, hygiene and healthy environment



 ${\it Distribution of prizes for Poster competition}$ 



Street Play (Nukkad Natak) was organised at different schools and colleges to engage the student community and to effectively convey a powerful message about Swachhata Pakhwada.



Cleanliness drive at JDSG College, Bokakhat



Cleanliness drive at NRL Football Academy, Numaligarh

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#### Glimpses of different programs held as part of Swachhata Pakhwada 2024



Distribution of Swachhata Kits at Sumoni Village Grazing Reserve







Distribution of Garbage Tipper Vehicle, Brooms and Dustbins at Lachit Borphukan Police Academy, Dergaon

## Celebration of 78th Independence Day at NRL

Nation with great zeal and enthusiasm, aligning with the Viksit Bharat or Developed India theme of this year.

#### At Numaligarh

Independence Day was celebrated at CISF NRL Unit Complex, Numaligarh, Assam, in collaboration with CISF and AISF NRL Units, Private Security Agency deployed at NRL township, DPS Numaligarh, VKNRL Hospital and VKNRL School of Nursing.

Symbolising the national pride and unity, the event was

graced by MD, NRL, Mr. Bhaskar Jyoti Phukan; Director (Finance), Mr. Sanjay Choudhuri; Director (Technical) Mr. Girish Kumar Borah and senior officials from NRL along with employees and their families, CISF and AISF fraternity, Students from DPS, Numaligarh and VKNRL school of Nursing. The event commenced with hoisting of Indian National Flag followed by Guard of honour.

MD in his speech to the august gathering exhorted the gathering to imbibe in themselves a strong sense of patriotism and commitment to our nation's progress.







Independence Day Celebrations at Numaligarh

#### At Guwahati

Independence Day was celebrated with great zeal and enthusiasm at NRL's Corporate Office in Guwahati. CGM, Corporate Affairs, Mr. Nalini Kanta Buragohain unfurled the Tricolour followed by the rendition of National Anthem and inspection parade. The event witnessed the



participation of employees, their families and security personnel.

#### At SMT



Celebration of 78th Independence Day at Siliguri Marketing Terminal

## Swachhata Hi Sewa 2024 Observance at NRL

The Swachhata Hi Sewa 2024 campaign was observed in NRL from  $17^{th}$  September to  $2^{nd}$  October 2024 on the theme 'Swabhav Swachhata Sanskaar Swachhata'. This

initiative reinforces the Company's commitment to cleanliness and hygiene, a key priority under the Government's Swachh Bharat Mission.

#### Pledge taking in different locations of NRL as part of Swachhata Hi Sewa





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NRL News Events





At SMT At New Delhi



At VKNRL Hospital

#### Glimpses of programs held as a part of Swachhata Hi Sewa 2024

### At Numaligarh



 ${\it Cleaning of Municipality vehicles at Bokakhat}$ 



Nukad Natak at Golaghat



Cleanliness drive at Bokakhat Market



Cleanliness drive at Golaghat Market Area



Cleaning of Public Toilets at Purabangla



Swachhata fest at Purabangla Public Ground

#### At Guwahati





Employees of NRL Corporate Office, Guwahati along with Safai Mitras undertook a Cleanliness drive in front of the office gate and beyond to clean the area.

#### At SMT





Cleanliness drives were undertaken inside the SMT premises and nearby areas.

### **Visitor's Diary**

## NRL hosts Media delegation from Gujarat

On 26<sup>th</sup> September 2024, NRL had the privilege of hosting a media delegation from Gujarat as part of the Press Information Bureau's Development Communication & Information Dissemination program. The group was welcomed at NRL followed by a presentation showcasing NRL's key initiatives and contributions to Nation's Oil and Gas Industry. This was further followed by an insightful tour of our state-of-the-art refinery, highlighting our commitment to innovation and sustainability.





## MoU with OIL for Development of Railway Siding at Duliajan

NRL and OIL signed an MoU on 24<sup>th</sup> July 2024 at NRL Corporate Office Guwahati, for developing a railway siding at Duliajan. In line with this MoU, OIL has entrusted NRL the responsibility of developing the railway siding by engaging M/s RITES, a Central Govt. PSU. The Resident Chief Executive of OIL, Mr. Anfor Ali Haque and Chief General Manager (Mktg), NRL, Mr. Subrata Das signed the MoU in presence of OIL & NRL officials.



## MoU with Paradip Phosphates Limited for supply of Sulphur

On 9th September 2024, NRL signed a significant MoU with Paradip Phosphates Limited (PPL) to supply 70,000 MTPA of Sulphur to PPL's fertiliser plant in Paradip, Odisha. This partnership marks a major stride in supporting India's agricultural sector and aligns with the Government of India's mission for Import Substitution and Doubling Farmers' Income.

PPL is a leading player in the phosphatic fertiliser industry, catering to over 8 million farmers across 16 states in India



with renowned brands like 'Jai Kisan' and 'Navratna.' With this collaboration, NRL continues to contribute towards the nation's self-reliance and sustainable growth in the fertiliser sector.

#### **Awards and Accolades**

## NRL Wins Cyber Security and Data Protection Award

NRL was conferred with the prestigious Cyber Security and Data Protection Award at the 9<sup>th</sup> India PSU IT Forum and Awards, organised by Governance Now, a premier publication on public policy and governance from Sri Adhikari Brothers Group. The award recognizes outstanding contributions of PSUs in categories like digital transformation, cyber security, and IT infrastructure, underscoring the importance of robust IT solutions in enhancing operational efficiency and data security within PSUs.

The award was handed over to Mr. Bhudev Kumar Das, Chief Information Security Officer, NRL by Mr. Sudhir Choudhary, Consulting Editor-Aaj Tak in august presence of Mr. Kailashnath Adhikari, MD, Governance Now, and Mr. Raja Murad, Veteran Bollywood Actor, at an award-winning function held on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2024 in New Delhi.

NRL has established a robust network security architecture with essential modernization of IT infrastructure. With

a combination of technological measures, collaborative efforts, compliance adherence, and effective leadership, NRL is taking innovative and proactive measures in fortifying its digital assets to ensure service continuity and uphold public trust.



## Paradip Numaligarh Crude oil Pipeline Project (PNCPL) Corner

#### Odisha

#### Nens in Pictures



Bird Eye view of the upcoming PNCPL COIT Terminal in Paradip as of September 2024. COIT construction work is going full swing and 75% of work has already been completed. Out of 206 km in Odisha State,159 km of Mainline welding and 144 km of lowering completed.



Apex review of PNCPL EPCM activities was held on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2024 chaired by Director (Finance), NRL, Mr. Sanjay Choudhuri, ED (Project), EIL, Mr. N. S. Vasudev, and senior project teams of EIL and NRL.



## News in Pictures

Director (Finance) NRL, Mr. Sanjay Choudhuri accompanied by CGM (Project Pipeline) Mr. P. J. Sarma met Hon'ble MP from Jajpur (Odisha) Shri Rabindra Narayan Behera, to apprise about ROU related issues in PNCPL, Odisha Section on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at Bhubaneswar.

#### West Bengal (Part-I), Jharkhand

**IPPS-01:** Construction work in different buildings like IBP Building, Control Room, Fire Water Tank, Mainline Pump House and Boundary Wall of IPPS-01 are going in full swing. Control room Slab casting & Parapet wall casting is completed. In regard to mainline pump house out of 26 nos. of pedestal, 19 nos pedestal casting & Bolt fixing done and 4 nos of Mainline Pump foundation casting completed.



RCC roof slab casting completed for the Repeater building of Intermediate Pigging station (IPS-02)- in Jharkhand section on  $18^{\rm th}$  August.



A total of 270 km of lowering has been completed in the WB1-Jharkhand section of PNCPL. In regard to major HDD Works- out of 04 major HDDs in 03 major river HDD are already completed and Kasai River HDD are in Progress.

NRL News

#### West Bengal (Part-II) SMT- Bihar-SMT

Microtunneling: Tunnel boring work of Raidak River-I of 425 m already completed on 26th June and Retrieval of MT machine was successfully completed in this quarter. Tunnel boring work of Jaldhaka River (1100 m section length) for span 1 (between Shaft 3 & Staft 4) completed and retrieval of MT machine successfully completed.



26 inch HDD pulling at Kaljani river



Registration for SV-32 station, at Amour-Purnia Registration Office,

**IPPS-2:** 100% land Registration completed for IPPS-01 in Kishanganj, Bihar section of PNCPL. Sectionalizing Valve Station (SV-32) registration completed in Purnia district on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

Total 100 km welding and 82.5 km of lowering completed in WB-2 spread. Similarly,135 km of welding and 83.5 km of lowering completed in Bihar spread to PNCPL.

#### SMT Augmentation work

All shell erection completed 9/9 Nos. shell for tank no. 703(HSD), 1101(MS) and 701(HSD) for the same floating roof/deck plate work are under progress and all shell erection completed 5/5 Nos. shell for tank no. 1601 and 1602 (interface/slope) for the same floating roof/

deck plate work under progress. 26000ID pipe fabrication completed out of 109890 ID for processes line, fire water line etc.1st and 2nd lift wall of fire water tank has been casted reinforcement binding and shuttering for final lift is in progress.



PNCPL Corner NRL News

#### Assam

### News in Pictures



CGM (Project Pipeline) Mr. P. J. Sarma, during site inspection cum progress review of the on-going microtunnelling site at Gurphela river with the site team on  $2^{nd}$  July 2024.



Painting work completed for Sectionalizing Valve Station (SV-61) in Assam. Slab Casting for other SVs viz: SV 54, 71, 75, 81, 83 and Repeater Station building completed in this quarter.



Registration of land plot for installation of Sectionalizing Valve (SV-51) Station completed on  $10^{\rm ch}$  Sept 2024.



Piling job in Receipt Terminal (RT) in Numaligarh of PNCPL started on  $2^{\rm nd}$  August 2024



Inauguration ceremony of microtunneling drive at Kanamakra River for a section length of 1100m by M/s ABJV in the presence of CGM (Project Pipeline) Mr. P. J. Sarma, accompanied with other officials from NRL/EIL on  $3^{\rm rd}$  September 2024



The  $1^{\rm st}$  Microtunneling drive started at River Guruphela for a section length of 500m in Gossaigaon, Assam section on  $12^{\rm th}$  August 2024

NRL News SMT Snippets

## Off-Site Mock Drill and Awareness program conducted at Siliguri Marketing Terminal

As per the Disaster Management Plan of Indo-Bangladesh Friendship Pipeline (IBFPL) of NRL, an Off-Site mock drill and awareness program was conducted on 30th September 2024 at IBFPL chainage 2.155 Km, Dagapara, under Darjeeling District. Mock Drill considering pipeline leakage was conducted in association with OIL Sonapur and Rangapani, IOCL and BPCL. The fire mock drill was witnessed by the Factory Inspector, Department

of Factories, Govt. of West Bengal. It was also attended by representatives of District Administration, SIB, Sashastra Seema Bal, State Police, State Fire Service and Head of Gram Panchayat.

An awareness session was organised for nearby villagers to make them aware about the Do's & Don'ts of Pipeline safety.









Glimpses of Mock drill

### Fire & Safety Snippets

## Awareness Programs carried out by Fire & Safety Department













### **Fire & Safety Snippets**













Photo 1	PPE Kit Awareness & Basic Firefighting Training program was held on $24^{\rm th}$ July 2024 at LPG Bottling plant for workers.
Photo 2	Training program for warehouse workers on material handling and job safety was held on $12^{th}$ September 2024
Photo 3 to 9	Level III Emergency mock drill was conducted in coordination with District authorities and NDRF on 13 <sup>th</sup> September 2024. The scenario was based on H2S gas release. Prior to that several awareness sessions were conducted outside the refinery.
Photo 10 to 12	Fire & Safety refresher Training conducted for QC lab Employees from 16 <sup>th</sup> September 2024 to 19 <sup>th</sup> September 2024.





## Petroleum Minister Highlights India's Bioenergy Progress at India Bio-Energy & Tech Expo-2024

- Ethanol Blending Percentage Surges from 1.53% in 2014 to 15% in 2024
- E100 Fuel Launched at Over 400 Retail Outlets Nationwide

At the inaugural session of the India Bio-Energy & Tech Expo 2024 (IBETE), held from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at Yashobhoomi, Delhi Hon'ble Minister for Petroleum & Natural Gas, Shri Hardeep Singh Puri presented a detailed account of India's progress in the bioenergy sector and its critical role in the country's energy transformation. The Minister emphasised that bioenergy is increasingly becoming a crucial alternative to fossil fuels, offering both environmental benefits and economic opportunities, particularly in rural areas.

In his address, Minister Shri Puri elaborated on the Indian government's strategic efforts to advance the bioenergy sector, highlighting its significance in reducing import dependence, saving foreign exchange, and promoting a circular economy.







The government's strategy encompasses several vital areas, including ethanol and biodiesel blending, Compressed Biogas (CBG), Sustainable Aviation Fuels, biomass utilisation (such as pellets and briquettes), Biohydrogen, and waste-to-energy solutions.

One of the standout achievements discussed by Shri Puri was the success of India's ethanol blending program. Since its inception, the ethanol blending percentage has surged from 1.53% in 2014 to 15% in 2024. Encouraged by this progress, the government has set an ambitious target of reaching 20% blending by 2025 and is confidently progressing towards this goal. Over the past decade, this initiative has delivered significant benefits, including saving Rs. 99,014 crore in foreign exchange, reducing CO2 emissions by 519 lakh metric tons, and substituting 173 lakh metric tons of crude oil. Furthermore, the program has had a considerable economic impact, with Oil Marketing Companies disbursing Rs. 1,45,930 crore to distillers and Rs. 87,558 crore to farmers.

Minister Shri Hardeep Singh Puri also highlighted the widespread availability of E20 fuel, which is now offered at over 15,600 retail outlets across India. He commended the Pradhan Mantri JI-VAN Yojana for its essential role in providing financial support to advanced biofuel projects, which is crucial for developing a sustainable ethanol production ecosystem.

The Petroleum Minister Shri Puri outlined several key government initiatives designed to enhance ethanol production and mitigate environmental impact. Notably, two second-generation (2G) refineries have been established in Panipat and Numaligarh to convert agricultural residues like Parali and bamboo into ethanol. These refineries are instrumental in reducing pollution and bolstering energy security while transforming farmers into 'urjadata' or active contributors to the energy sector, he said.

To further support the ethanol industry, the Minister Shri Puri said that the government has introduced various incentives for ethanol production. These include Rs. 9.72 per litre for ethanol derived from maize, Rs. 8.46 per litre for ethanol from damaged rice, and Rs. 6.87 per litre for ethanol from C-heavy molasses. These incentives have significantly boosted maize's contribution to ethanol production, which has risen to 36% in the 2023-24 Ethanol Supply Year (ESY) from a mere 0% in 2021-22. Additionally, he said, the government has resumed the supply of FCI rice to ethanol distilleries, allowing for the purchase of up to 23 lakh tonnes through e-auctions from August to October 2024. Starting from November 2024, the supply of sugarcane juice and syrup to distilleries will also commence, marking the start of the 2024-25 Ethanol Supply Year

Shri Puri emphasised the importance of diversifying feedstocks for ethanol production to ensure security and avoid over-reliance on any single source. The government's ongoing policy of providing stable and remunerative prices

for ethanol has effectively reduced pending arrears for sugarcane farmers, lessened crude oil import dependence, and contributed to foreign exchange savings while benefiting the environment.

A major milestone in ethanol fuel expansion was highlighted by the Petroleum Minister with the successful launch of E100 fuel at over 400 retail outlets across the country.

Minister Shri Puri urged Shri Nitin Gadkari, Minister of Road Transport & Highways Transport Minister Gadkari, to encourage automobile manufacturers to produce vehicles compatible with E100 fuel. He addressed common misconceptions about ethanol blending, clarifying that blending ethanol with petrol not only improves engine performance by increasing the octane number but also enhances engine efficiency. Contrary to some concerns, ethanol's presence in fuel helps prevent pre-ignition knock and improves overall engine operation.

Drawing from global practices, Shri Puri cited Brazil's successful use of high ethanol blends—up to 60-70% in vehicles—demonstrating the viability of high ethanol content. He reassured that India is committed to scaling up E20 production and supporting the transition with measures to facilitate the use of transition fuels in older vehicles.

Minister Shri Hardeep Singh Puri also commended the automobile industry for its proactive approach, noting that manufacturers are not only producing new E20-compliant vehicles but are also developing retrofit kits for older models. These kits, which can be installed during regular servicing, represent a significant advancement in accommodating older vehicles and promoting biofuel adoption.

In conclusion, Shri Puri underscored the vital role of biofuels in reducing fossil fuel dependence and emissions, paving the way for a cleaner and more sustainable future. He also discussed the Global Biofuels Alliance (GBA), established during India's G20 presidency, which serves as a collaborative platform for sharing knowledge, advancing technology, and developing policies to harness the \$500 billion opportunity in biofuels and accelerate global adoption through technology transfer.

The India Bio-Energy & Tech Expo 2024 is being organised by the Indian Federation of Green Energy (IFGE) and MM ACTIV Sci-Tech Communications Ltd. at the Yashobhoomi, Dwarka, from 2nd September to 4th September, 2024. Shri Gadkari, and Shri Puri inaugurated the event today. The event will focus on driving growth in India's bioenergy sector, highlighting key government policies such as the National Policy on Biofuels 2018 and the SATAT Scheme on Compressed BioGas (CBG). It will also cover government initiatives like specific blending targets for ethanol, CBG, and SAF; the Repurpose Used Cooking Oil (RUCO) initiative; Galvanizing Organic Bio-Agro Resources Dhan (GOBARdhan); and the Samarth Mission.

## Mr. Girish Kumar Borah takes over as Director Technical of NRL

Girish Kumar Borah, BE (Electronics & Telecommunication) and **MBA** (Operations) and former head of Projects of Numaligarh Refinery Limited has been appointed as Director (Technical) by the Cabinet Committee of Appointments, Government of India, on 19th July 2024.

A meritorious student from Charing, Sibsagar, he is a first batch alumnus of Electronics & Telecommunication branch of Assam Engineering College, Guwahati.

Prior to assuming office as a member of NRL Board, he was spearheading the mammoth Rs. 28000 Crore, 3 MTPA to MMTPA Numaligarh Refinery Expansion Project (NREP), as Chief General Manager (Projects) and many other ancillary projects of NRL.



He joined NRL in the incipient stage in 1997 and played crucial leadership roles including head of Instrumentation Department, founder head of Marketing Engineering & Projects, lead Manager for ERP launch, Commissioning lead for Wax Blocks, DHDT Project Head, amongst others. He is also a member of the Board of Duliajan Numaligarh Pipeline Ltd. (DNPL). Prior to joining NRL, he also had a successful career spanning 7 years in Bongaigaon Refinery & Petrochemicals Ltd. (BRPL) and contributed towards successful

commissioning of the Refinery Expansion Project.

Shri Borah is a Strategist, a Technology launcher, a strong team maker leading from the front, and enjoys wide popularity amongst all stakeholders of the company.

## We wish our new Director (Technical) the very best in leading NRL to greater heights

### New recruits

Name	Department		
Ajay Bala R	Fire & Safety		
Ganesh Ramdas Ranjane	Fire & Safety		
Anurag Singh	Fire & Safety		
Pushpender Meena	Fire & Safety		
Bhavya Nidhi	Fire & Safety		
Amal George V. Matthew	Fire & Safety		
Vishnu P P	Fire & Safety		

Name	Department		
Adhinan A	Fire & Safety		
Partha Pratim Hazarika	Sr. Officer (Mechanical)		
Dheeraj Kumar	Sr. Officer (Metallurgy)		
Nilam Pathak	Sr. Officer (Commercial)		
Ansuman Gogoi	Sr. Officer (Chemical)		
Kusamendra Singh	Sr. Officer (Chemical)		

Welcome to the NRL family

## Farewell to Director (Projects) EIL

NRL bade farewell to Mr. Rajeev Gupta, Director (Project), EIL on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at New Delhi, who superannuated from his illustrious service on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024. Present on the occasion were MD, NRL, Mr. B. J. Phukan, Director (Finance), Mr. Sanjay Choudhuri, and other senior officials of NRL.



#### Superannuation

**Shri Hemanta Kumar Nath**, Resident Chief Executive superannuated from the services of the company on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2024 after a remarkable career. He has been an integral part of the company since its formative years and has worked and lent his expertise in departments such as Mechanical Maintenance, Power and Utility etc. He has

not only helped shape the organisation but has also set a benchmark of excellence within the organisation and in the Industry.

At the time of superannuation, he was functioning as head of Refinery location at Numaligarh as RCM.





#### **Nupur Art & Music School Activities**

## Acrylic painting workshop at Nupur Art and Music School

Aworkshop on acrylic painting was organized at the school from 17<sup>th</sup> July to 19<sup>th</sup> July, 2024 for the students. The workshop enabled students for honing skills in painting with expertise from renowned Artist Mr. Rupam Saikia and his team.



An exhibition of paintings and an interactive session was organized on the closing day and certificate of participation was distributed among the students.

## **Children's Art Competition**

As part of the Swachhta Pakhwada Fortnight, NRL CSR in collaboration with Nupur Art School, organized an art competition for children on the 8<sup>th</sup> July, 2024 at the school. This event was aimed at fostering creativity among youngsters and raise awareness about cleanliness and environmental sustainability.

The competition was arranged in four groups wherein almost 100 students participated. Winners were awarded with prizes. Eminent artist Mr. Bijoy Tanti and Mr. Shasanka Sharma were invited as judges of the competition.







### Children's Festival

**A** Celebration of Arts and Culture: DNest organised a week-long Children's Festival featuring music, dance, art, and storytelling activities, with the closing ceremony held at R&B Club on 1st September, 2024.





## Kalyani Club

## New Executive Committee of Kaliyani Club takes over

The new executive committee of the Kaliyani Club for the year 2024-25 officially took over charge on 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2024, adopting the theme *'Vital Rhythm'* with a focus on health, sports, music, and relaxation as the keys to holistic development.

With the mission to create a vibrant and engaging community, the committee has successfully organised several events that resonate with the theme.

### **Farewells**

Kaliyani Club hosted a heartfelt farewell function on 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2024 for Mr. Rajani Kanta Bora & Mr. Manoronjan Das

The event was marked by felicitation, token of appreciation, a melodious musical event by singer Mr. Sourav Hazarika. Some nostalgic moments were shared between the club members and the guests of honour. Their contributions to NRL and invaluable support were acknowledged, leaving behind fond memories and an enduring legacy.





## Eye Screening Camp at Kaliyani Club

Prioritising health and wellness under the theme 'Vital Rhythm', Kaliyani Club organised a Premium Eye Screening Camp in collaboration with 'Lawrence and Mayo' on 24th and 25th August 2024. Club members and their families had the opportunity to undergo comprehensive eye checkups, ensuring better eye health and raising awareness about the importance of regular eye screenings. The event also showcased the latest eyewear by Lawrence & Mayo. The camp saw enthusiastic participation and was praised for its health-centric approach.



## Musical Evening & Get-Together in honour of Mr. H K Nath & Family, Ex-Resident Chief Executive, NRL







Amusical evening and get-together was hosted on 14th September 2024 to honour Ex-Resident Chief Executive, Mr. Hemanta Kumar Nath and his family. The event was enriched with captivating performances by renowned artists Ms. Gayetri Hazarika and her group. Child prodigy Miss Anushka Tarangini also performed

on the occasion. The event not only cherished Mr. H. K. Nath's invaluable contributions also treated club members with an enchanting musical experience. With captivating performances and heartfelt tributes, the evening truly honoured Mr. H. K. Nath's legacy while fostering a sense of community and appreciation among the attendees.



## Saturday Night Unplugged, a musical evening by 'Samujjwal Das & Club Members' at Kaliyani Club



On 28<sup>th</sup> September 2024, Kaliyani Club organised *Saturday Night Unplugged*, to celebrate melody by featuring a soulful performance by Singer

Mr. Samujjawal Das and active participation from club members. The evening provided a laid-back, yet engaging environment for everyone to enjoy an acoustic set, bonding over music and relaxation. The event was a true embodiment of the theme 'Vital Rhythm', allowing members to unwind and connect through music. The singing talent from club members Nirmali Das, Anjan Bora, Archana & Chandrabrata Buragohain & Shabnam Ishrat also performed during the unplugged program.

## Inauguration of Book and Literary Club

For the first time ever, Kaliyani Club inaugurated the Kaliyani Club's much-awaited Book and Literary Club, named as 'RIPPLING PAGES' whose maiden event took place on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2024. This initiative aims to cultivate a literary culture within the club by bringing together all the members to encourage reading, discussions, and creative writing.

The maiden event featured a detailed introduction to the

club's vision, future events, and the benefits of engaging with literature. Members can look forward to book reading sessions, literary discussions, and workshops aimed at fostering creativity and knowledge-sharing. The literary club promises to be a significant milestone in Kaliyani Club's journey towards becoming a more intellectually stimulating community.

Kaliyani Club, under the theme 'Vital Rhythm', has started



its tenure on a high note, organising a series of successful events that align with their mission of fostering health, music, sports, and relaxation. With the collective efforts



of the executive committee and active participation of the club members, the club is well on its way to becoming an even more vibrant and engaging community.

## Interview

## An interaction with Ms. Madhavi Divan Additional Solicitor General of India

(December 2018 to June 2023)

By **Samridhi Adhikary Final Year, BBA LLB (Hons)**Christ University, Pune
D/O D.K Adhikary, Retired NRL Employee

Additional Solicitor General of India also held the position of Additional Solicitor General of India from December 2018 to June 2023. Educated at Cambridge University, she represented the Government of India in several landmark constitutional cases in the Supreme Court which include the Triple Talaq case,



the NJAC case on judges' appointments, the entry tax case etc. Madhavi Divan is the author of a book on media law titled Facets of Media Law (Eastern Book Company) which is widely used by practitioners and is a recommended text book in several law schools across India)

**Samridhi:** Ma'am, on behalf of the Law students of Christ University, Lavasa, Pune, I welcome you to this interactive Question – Answer session. Please tell us more about you Ma'am, what motivated you to choose Law as your career path?

MD: It was the intellectual challenges which made me choose Law as a career path. In India, we have the great advantage of being able to practise the diverse areas of law, without confining ourselves to any specialisation. And I feel that is a very enriching opportunity because it gives us an insight into various facets of life, of society, of the economy, of the quality and I think therefore it keeps you invigorated all the time.

**Samridhi:** What was the most memorable case in your career till date Ma'am, which you argued before the highest body known for providing justice, i.e., the Supreme Court of India?

MD: It is hard to give one answer to this question. We argue many cases, some are cases which have a higher resonance with the general public and are more high profile in nature. For example, the Triple Talaq case. I have argued cases like the WhatsApp privacy case and other cases too and most recently I argued on whether adultery should continue to be criminalised in the armed forces. These are of course better-known cases but sometimes the pleasure and satisfaction of having argued a smaller case is even greater. It all depends on how much you need to persuade the court and on what point.

Samridhi: Ma'am, can you please enlighten us with the real

challenges which a person can face while establishing a career in the field of law?

**MD:** The real challenge can be sourcing work, sustaining work, and delivering the work you have at the same time. For women the additional challenge is to simply stay the course.

**Samridhi:** Ma'am, would you recommend any changes in the laws related to women, which according to you is necessary to be made for the betterment of the society at large?

**MD:** I think the real challenge for women is the real implementation of the laws firstly and for people to change their mind-set towards women, rather than having more changes in the law.

**Samridhi:** Many law students from India are planning to pursue LLM & higher education from abroad after completing LLB. I would like to ask you Ma'am how significant it can be for one's career in litigation. Does it really help according to you?

**MD:** I do not have an LLM myself, so I am hardly in a position to recommend it, one way or the other. However, I feel that for those who have the opportunity, they must benefit from an

international experience. It is important to experience what the world outside has to offer and of course different legal systems. I think that making friends from different countries can be a very enriching experience which one can draw throughout his/her life.

**Samridhi:** There are lots of different kinds of struggles that students go through in Law school as well as in professional careers; you must have had a fair share of it too. Would you like to share your experience with us and guide the students as to how to overcome the obstacles associated with this field Ma'am?

**MD:** There are, of course, many struggles that I have had to deal with. But overall, I believe that I have been fortunate. I think from my own standpoint, the greatest challenge has been to stay in the course even when the ship looks down. There have been many unplanned breaks in my career and I had to restart and establish myself all over again, especially after I shifted my practice to the Supreme Court. Hence, I think tenacity is a particularly important attribute for a woman and there is of course no substitute for excellence and always a lot of space for merit.

## **DPS News**

## Principal, DPS Numaligarh, Mr. UC Harbola conferred the Best Zonal Principal Award by Science Olympiad Foundation

Principal Mr. U C Harbola has brought glory to the school by being awarded the 'SOF Best Zonal Principal Award 2023-24' for the North East Zone. The award was bestowed upon Mr. Harbola in recognition of his leadership qualities and visionary initiatives for the cause of education and the academic excellence of students of DPS, Numaligarh. This award is all the more noteworthy since more than 79,400 schools from over 70 countries registered for the Olympiad.



## 78<sup>th</sup> Independence Day Celebrated at DPS, Numaligarh

Marking the freedom and glory of the nation, Delhi Public School, Numaligarh celebrated its 78th Independence Day with zeal and fervour. Promoting the theme 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign, the school decorated various areas in the campus with replicas of the national flag. The entire campus reverberated and filled the air with the rousing patriotic choir 'E Watan E Watan Humko Teri Kasam' sung by the students and speeches by Mrs. Agnes Kamei and the Principal, Mr. UC Harbola. As a token of appreciation, the school honoured and felicitated Sri Kaliya Chaura, a support staff, for his generosity, camaraderie, and remarkable efforts towards the institution.



## Adieu to beloved Founder Teacher of DPS, Numaligarh, Mrs. Nibedita Dutta



On the 31st July 2024, Mrs. Nibedita Dutta superannuated after more than 26 years of dedicated service to the school. Mrs. Nibedita Dutta joined as a Founder Teacher in 1997 and has been crucial to the development and foundation of the school since its inception. The DPS Numaligarh family recalls her exceptional teaching, her grace and kindness and her unwavering zeal towards excellence fondly. Generations of students who have been guided and nurtured in her able hands, grateful parents, teary eyed colleagues and many more bid her adieu and wish her joy and success in the future.

## Teachers bask in the love and appreciation of students on Teachers Day Celebration at DPS Numaligarh

The 5<sup>th</sup> of September commemorates the birth anniversary of revered and beloved teacher, Dr. S. Radhakrishnan. Students of DPS Numaligarh celebrated the day with songs, dances and speeches in appreciation of the teachers. Each performance showered an outpouring of love and gratitude towards their teachers. Hundreds of handmade cards were

gifted and heartfelt hugs were exchanged by the students with their teachers. Needless to say, many teachers were moved and touched by these thoughtful gestures and remembered the nobility of their calling and the impact they have upon children.





## Model United Nations Conference at DPS Numaligarh

The Model United Nations (MUN) 2024 conference was held at Delhi Public Numaligarh from 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> September and it was a great success and an amazing learning experience for many students. With massive participation and spectacular organisation, this conference was successful in leaving its mark in the hearts of the students who got the opportunity to showcase their diplomatic skills through this event.

Through events such as Model United Nation, students can ensure that the leaders of tomorrow are prepared and polished today for a brighter tomorrow. MUN is an educational simulation where students engage in diplomatic debate and negotiation, representing countries and addressing global issues to develop their skills in public speaking, critical thinking, and international relations.





## Health, Hobby and Healthy Lifestyle

Dr. D. K. Hira VKNRL Hospital

#### WHAT DO WE MEAN BY HEALTH

Health is wealth'. WHO defines - health is a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being - and not merely the absence of disease. Health means behaviourally, physically, mentally, psychologically, socially, spiritually, emotionally, reproductively in a state of balance. In other words, if our body can effectively manage the threats to our system (physically, mentally or emotionally), we are healthy. Whenever we are missing something from these elements, we are probably in an unhealthy state.

Everyone wants to be healthy and happy in this world, but it is not achieved by all and remains unhappy or unhealthy in his or her entire life. Some conditions are causes of our unhealthy state that we cannot prevent or restrict in our life e.g. some diseases and disabilities, stresses, ageing and death are inevitable. Our health status has improved in recent times but there are many challenges yet to overcome. Our life expectancy is now average 70 years.

Some non-communicable diseases like Diabetes Mellitus, Hypertension, Respiratory disorders, cardiovascular diseases, and Cancers etc. are the major threats to us in present scenarios. Low physical activity, unhealthy diet, stress, obesity and pollution are major culprits for these diseases.

#### WHAT MAKES US HEALTHY AND HAPPY

'Eat well, sleep well and stay active' this is the simplest form of definition for a healthy life. According to WHO-a healthy lifestyle is a way of living that can help us thrive and reduce our risk of serious illness or prolong our life. Not all diseases are preventable, but a large proportion of morbidities and mortalities, particularly those from cardiac diseases and lung cancer, can be prevented. If we can adopt a healthy lifestyle for our own good health, we can stand as a positive role model to our family and friends, children and to the society.

Healthy habits always help us to live a happy and healthy life. Healthy food habits, Physical activity and exercise, Balanced work and personal life, practising healthy and assertive communication, relaxation and managing stress level by sparing a few minutes for ourselves are some healthy habits.

We must have some basic knowledge about food and nutrition. Carbohydrates are the primary source of energy for our body which are found from grains, fruits, and vegetables. Some good sources of proteins are meat, fish and vegetables. Fats are an important part of a healthy diet. Fats can be obtained from both animal and vegetable sources. Polyunsaturated and monounsaturated and omega 3 fatty acids are essential for our body. Olives, peanuts, safflower seeds, sunflower seeds, flax oil, soybean and fish are the main sources of polyunsaturated fatty acids. Healthy food habits can defend us from probable risk of serious communicable as well as non-communicable diseases like diabetes mellitus, heart disease and malignancy etc. A balanced diet consists of 60% to

70% of carbohydrates, 10% to 15% of protein and 18% to 25% of fats, other micronutrients and minerals, dietary fibres and water. A balanced diet helps us to grow and develop our body and strengthen our immune system and brain development. The World Health Organization recommends eating at least 400 grams of fruits and vegetables per day for adults and children over 10 years. There should be limited intake of sugar and unhealthy saturated fats. Few healthy food habits are high fibre and starchy carbohydrate and should have lots of fruits and vegetables, Eat more fish. Eat less salt: not more than 6gms a day for adults, Drink plenty of water and stay hydrated.

Researchers suggest that a healthy adult needs at least seven to eight hours of sleep to function our mind and body properly. In the case of children and younger age it is more than that. Abnormal and poor-quality sleep may impair the immune system. Researches also suggest that shortened sleep is associated with some kind of malignancies, prone for developing diabetes and weight gain, cardiac diseases. Poor and shortened sleep is also associated with cognition issues, forgetfulness, decreased learning ability and memory. Shortened sleep increases several fold more chances of involving road traffic accidents.

By getting 7 to 8 hours of sleep we can achieve better mood, improved brain function, better body immunity and reduced risk of sickness, better physical performance, better thinking capacity and memory and more over we can minimise risk of serious illness like cardiac diseases, diabetes etc.

There are many ways we can improve our physical and mental health and create a happy and healthy lifestyle. We all know, doing regular physical exercise, healthy eating habits and adequate and good sleeping habits can help us for a healthy life. But in reality, only a few of us practise it regularly. Because we have so many excuses like; I have family burdens, I have job responsibility, I am tired, I am injured, I am too old, I cannot afford, it is too difficult and finally we hate physical exercise.

Yes, these practices are difficult to start. But if we start once gradually and make it a habit and more possibly if we choose some activity that we really love and enjoy, it will transform into our hobby and it could be more durable and finally into a part of our lifestyle. If we really want, we can save one hour every day for our health. Have we ever thought that giving one hour for health can give better health and more productive healthy company to our family and can get financial benefits too by avoiding unnecessary medical expenditure.

Finding a hobby that we enjoy and that fits with our lifestyle is a key to make it sustainable and part of our routine life in the long run.

Running and walking are the most effective outdoor activities- we can be benefitted by both physical and mental health. Every 30 to 45 minutes of running and physical activity can burn approx.400

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to 500 calories of energy. It gives us better blood circulation, better blood sugar control, greater calorie burn, and strengthens our musculoskeletal system.

Sports have a significant effect on a person's daily life and health, both physically and mentally. If we are involved in any kind of sports, it will improve our physical activity and health status and decrease the risk of non-communicable diseases. Benefits of sports are: It controls weight gain, lowers cholesterol level, reduces the chance of hypertension, diabetes mellitus, improves blood circulation, strengthens the musculoskeletal system and improves immune function and improves many biochemical activity in our body. Moreover, sports bring to our life name, fame and joy along with monetary gain if we are passionate and committed about it.

Practising yoga can help improve flexibility, balance, and strength, as well as reduce stress and anxiety.

Gardening is a low-impact physical activity that can help to improve strength, flexibility, and cardiovascular health. It can also reduce stress and improve mental well-being.

Swimming is a low-impact exercise that can help to improve cardiovascular health, build strength, and reduce stress.

Dancing is a fun way to get exercise and improve cardiovascular health, coordination, and balance. It can also improve mood and reduce stress

Engaging in creative activities like painting or drawing can help reduce stress, improve mood, and promote relaxation.

Whether we sing or listen to music, it is a beautiful hobby. Music connects us with our inner soul. Music is a great mood elevator, and it relieves our depression and enhances our intelligence and focus and improves our mental health.

Reading is a relaxing hobby that can help reduce stress, improve cognitive function, and promote mental well-being.

Nature Photography – If we really want to enjoy nature and have keen observation of nature. This is a fantastic idea to bring joy to our life

Finally, I would like to mention Gym. If someone is passionate and committed about it, definitely Gym is a beautiful hobby to boost our body and energy.

Lastly, life is a beautiful journey full of opportunities. But we need to be healthy to explore and experience it to be happy.

## Nens in Pictures



Cancer awareness camp at VKNRL Hospital in association with Dr Bhubaneswar Borooah Cancer Institute on 29th August 2024



Flood Relief Camp at Mohuramukh on 5th July 2024



Independence Day Celebration on 15th August 2024



Universal Brotherhood Day Celebration on 11th September 2024



### **Orientation Session**

An orientation session was conducted for officers from the Kolkata and Guwahati Zonal Offices, as well as consignment stockists on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> July and 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> July. The training focussed on Sales and Distribution, Credit Management and Settlement Management modules included in S/4HANA. The objective was to enhance

their understanding and application of these modules to optimise sales and improve customer engagement. Participants gained valuable insights into leveraging these tools for more efficient business operations and promoted collaboration and knowledge sharing.





## BCPL celebrated the 78th Independence Day 2024





**B**CPL celebrated the 78<sup>th</sup> Independence Day at Dibrugarh on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2024. The celebration commenced with flag hoisting by Shri Prithviraj Dash, Director (Finance) at Administrative Building BCPL.

The tricolour was hoisted by Shri Pranjal Changmai, Managing Director BCPL at BCPL Township Barbaruah followed by the National Anthem.

The inspection parade of CISF contingent was witnessed by Shri Changmai which was followed by his address to the employees and the family members who were present on the occasion. During the occasion children of BCPL employees who passed the  $10^{th}$  and  $12^{th}$  examinations with flying colours were felicitated. Moreover

awards were also given to the units for best performance in Health, Safety and Environment 2023-24 and also employees who gave the best suggestion for plant maintenance were awarded.

In his address Shri Changmai thanked everyone for joining in the Independence Day celebrations and paid his heartfelt tribute to the great souls who sacrificed their lives for the freedom of our nation. He also urged the BCPL fraternity to work dedicatedly for the company's progress and thus contribute to the nation's growth. Programmes like dance and patriotic songs were performed by employees and their family members. Independence Day was also celebrated in Lakwa and Duliajan Unit of BCPL



## BCPL Promoters Meeting 30.08.2024 at NRL Centre, Guwahati

The first Promoters Meeting of Brahmaputra Cracker and Polymer Limited (BCPL) was organised at NRL Centre, Guwahati on 30<sup>th</sup> August 2024. The meeting was attended by Chief Secretary, Govt. of Assam, Dr. Ravi Kota; Chairman BCPL & C&MD GAIL India Limited, Shri Sandeep Kumar Gupta; Chairman NRL and C&MD Oil India





Limited, Dr. Ranjit Rath; Managing Director, NRL, Shri Bhaskar Jyoti Phukan, and Dr. Lakshmanan S, IAS, Secretary, Industries & Commerce Department, Govt. of Assam. During the meeting Managing Director, BCPL, Shri Pranjal Changmai, and Shri Pruthiviraj Dash, Director (Finance) and other officials of BCPL were also present.

## Special Vendor Development Programme for SC/ST and Women entrepreneurs



 $B^{\text{CPL}}$  participated in a Special Vendor Development Programme for SC/ST and Women entrepreneurs from MSE organised by National SC/ST Hub, NSIC, Guwahati

which was held on 6<sup>th</sup> September, 2024 at Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship (IIE) Campus at Guwahati, with the goal of supporting the sustainable growth of BCPL's business. Various participants from across Assam attended the event. During the interactive session, participants were able to share their perspectives, challenges and recommendations for creating a path that drives the opportunities for domestic suppliers/service providers to participate in BCPL's tenders. Additionally, BCPL shared its procurement process and explained various opportunities to participate in its tenders on GeM portal, benefits extended to MSE bidders. BCPL also discussed the different kinds of goods and services procured by BCPL to meet its plant requirements.

## Inter-Departmental Football Tournament 2024

The BCPL Staff Welfare Committee (SWC) has organised the Inter Departmental Football Tournament annually since 2014. However, this year, the tournament was organised by the BCPL Sports Committee in collaboration with BCPL SWC. Notably, as of the Financial Year 2022-23, BCPL has become a Member Organization of the Petroleum Sports Promotion Board (PSPB), with football included as one of the sports events conducted by PSPB.

Currently, the BCPL Sports Committee has been established to facilitate the development of various sports, including the selection of BCPL teams to participate in interorganizational events such as those organised by PSPB. Through this tournament, the BCPL Sports Committee aimed to select a pool of players (Football Squad) based on performances in the inter-departmental football tournament. These selected players will represent BCPL



in future football events whenever and wherever BCPL participates.

Five teams participated in the tournament: Team Mechanical, Team Services, Team Lakwa, Team Fire



& Safety, and Team EIC (a combination of Electrical, Instrumentation, and Chemical). The tournament followed a round-robin format, where each team played against every other team, and the top two teams advanced to the

final. After the league matches, Team Lakwa and Team Mechanical emerged as the top two teams and qualified for the finale.

## नगर राजभाषा कार्यान्वयन समिति(कार्यालय), डिब्रूगढ़ की 74वीं बैठक ब्रह्मपुल क्रैकर एंड पॉलिमर लिमिटेड में सम्पन्न



गर राजभाषा कार्यान्वयन समिति(कार्यालय), डिब्रूगढ़ के अध्यक्ष एवं बीसीपीएल के प्रबंध निदेशक श्री प्रांजल चांगमाय की अध्यक्षता में 74वीं नराकास बैठक दिनांक 29.07.2024 को बीसीपीएल के प्रशासनिक भवन में स्थित सभागृह में सम्पन्न हुई। बैठक की कार्यवाही को अपने निर्धारित समय पर आगे बढ़ाते हुए बीसीपीएल के महाप्रबंधक(मानव संसाधन) एवं सचिव, नराकास श्री असित दास ने अध्यक्ष, नराकास(कार्यालय) एवं बीसीपीएल के प्रबंध निदेशक श्री प्रांजल चांगमाय, क्षेत्रीय कार्यान्वयन कार्यालय(पूर्वोत्तर क्षेत्र), गुवाहाटी के परामर्शदाता (स.नि.) श्री बदरी यादव का स्वागत किया। बैठक में बीसीपीएल के निदेशक (वित्त) श्री पृथ्वीराज दाश, मुख्य संचालन अधिकारी श्री विजय कुमार पाल सहित सदस्य कार्यालयों के विभागाध्यक्ष एवं हिंदी प्रभारी उपस्थित थे।

नराकास बैठक में सभी सम्मानित सदस्यों का स्वागत करते हुए श्री दास ने

बीसीपीएल एवं नराकास के तत्वावधान में आयोजित विभिन्न गतिविधियों के बारे में विस्तृत जानकारी दी। उन्होंने नराकास मंच के माध्यम से राजभाषा कार्यान्वयन की प्रगति की अनुकूलता पर प्रकाश डाला। आगे उन्होंने कहा कि बीसीपीएल हमेशा से ही एक कंपनी एवं अध्यक्ष कार्यालय के रूप में हिंदी की प्रगति के लिए हर प्रयास कर रहा है तथा यह सुखद बात है कि राजभाषा कार्यान्वयन के राष्ट्रीय दायित्व को हम सभी सफलतापूर्वक अपने—अपने कार्यालयों में कार्यान्वित करने में महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका का निर्वाह कर रहे हैं।

बीसीपीएल के प्रबंध निदेशक श्री प्रांजल चांगमाय ने सभी नराकास सदस्य कार्यालयों के विभागाध्यक्षों एवं हिंदी प्रभारियों से वार्षिक कार्यक्रम में निर्धारित लक्ष्यों को प्राप्त करने हेतु ठोस प्रयास करने तथा इस संबंध में भेजी जानी वाली प्रगति रिपोर्टों में वास्तविक और तथ्यपरक आंकड़ें एवं सूचनाएँ देने के लिए अपील किया। इसके साथ ही उन्होंने सदस्य कार्यालयों के प्रमुखों से अनुरोध किया कि वे अपने संगठन में राजभाषा हिंदी के प्रयोग को बढ़ाने के लिए कार्यपालकों एवं गैर-कार्यपालकों को नेतृत्व, प्रेरणा एवं प्रोत्साहन प्रदान करते रहें।

बैठक में सदस्य कार्यालयों से प्राप्त तिमाही रिपोर्टों एवं राजभाषा गतिविधियों पर स्लाईड प्रस्तुतीकरण प्रस्तुत किया गया। तिमाही रिपोर्टों के आधार पर श्री बदरी यादव ने उपस्थित सदस्यों के साथ राजभाषा प्रयोग संबंधी विभिन्न पहलुओं पर मूल्यांकन, सुझाव और चर्चाएं की एवं बैठक के दौरान राजभाषा को बढ़ावा देने हेतु सभी नियमों के शत-प्रतिशत अनुपालन की दिशा में लिए गए निर्णयों को कार्यान्वित करने हेतु सभी से अनुरोध भी किया।

श्री मृणाल ठाकुर , वरिष्ठ प्रबन्धक( सुरक्षा) के धन्यवाद ज्ञापन के साथ 74वीं नराकास बैठक सम्पन्न हुई।

## **Hindi Section**

## नुमालीगढ़ रिफाइनरी लिमिटेड, सिलीगुड़ी मार्केटिंग टर्मिनल में हिंदी कार्यशाला आयोजित

कार्यशाला में आमंत्रित अतिथि वक्ता के रूप में यूनियन बैंक सिलीगुड़ी के श्री कृष्ण साव जी और इंडियन बैंक के श्री राहुल साव जी पधारे । श्री कृष्ण साव जी ने "कार्यालय में राजभाषा अधिनियम एवं नीति का अनुपालन तथा इसके विविध आयाम" शीर्षक पर स्लाइड प्रस्तुतीकरण द्वारा विस्तुत जानकारी दी और श्री राहुल साव जी ने "तिमाही रिपोर्ट भरने की सटीक तरीका, राकास बैठक आयोजन करने की आवश्यकता, उद्देश्य एवं कारर्यान्वयन और अनुवाद करने की विविध आयामों" के विषय पर व्यावहारिक प्रदर्शन सहित पीपीटी के माध्यम से विस्तृत जानकारी दी।

कार्यशाला की शुरुआत नुमालीगढ़ रिफाइनरी लिमिटेड, नुमालीगढ़ से पधारे हिंदी प्रभारी सुश्री बिनीता ब्रह्म जी की स्वागत भाषण से हुई। अपनी उद्घाटन भाषण में अध्यक्ष महोदय श्री दास जी ने कार्यालयों में हिंदी कार्यान्वयन को सकारात्मक रूप से बढ़ावा देने की आवश्यकता पर प्रकाश डाला



कार्यशाला में प्रतिभागिओं का एकांश

ताकि राजभाषा विभाग द्वारा दिए गए वार्षिक लक्ष्यों को पूरा कर सकें। कार्यशाला में कुल 15 प्रतिभागियों ने प्रतिभागिता की। कार्यशाला का समापन मुख्य प्रबंधक श्री असित कुमार सिंह जी के धन्यवाद ज्ञापन से हुई।

## 63वीं नगर राजभाषा कार्यान्वयन समिति (उपक्रम) की बैठक में अंशग्रहण

दिखन ऑयल कॉपोरेशन लिमिटेड, गुवाहाटी रिफाइनरी की अध्यक्षता में 63वीं नगर राजभाषा कार्यान्वयन समिति (उपक्रम) की बैठक दिनांक 19.07.2024 को सम्पन्न हुई। बैठक के दौरान श्री पी.के. बसुमतारी अध्यक्ष, नराकास(उपक्रम) गुवाहाटी रिफाइनरी और भारत सरकार, राजभाषा विभाग, गृह मंत्रालय के प्रतिनिधि श्री निपन कुमार बरदले, सहायक निदेशक( हिंदी शिक्षण योजना) की उपस्थिति में सभी नराकास सदस्य कार्यालयों की तिमाही रिपोर्ट के आधार पर प्रस्तुत पीपीटी के जिरए राजभाषा कार्यान्वयन की समीक्षा की गई। इस अवसर पर नराकास(उपक्रम) की वार्षिक हिंदी पत्रिका "प्रागज्योतिका" का भी श्री निपन कुमार बरदले, सहायक निदेशक (हिंदी शिक्षण योजना) एवं

अध्यक्ष, नराकास(उपक्रम) श्री प्रदीप कुमार बसुमतारी जी के करकमलों से विमोचन किया गया। इस पत्निका में अपना मौलिक रचना प्रस्तुत कर नुमालीगढ़ रिफाइनरी के कुल चार कर्मचारियोंने पुरस्कार अर्जित कर एनआरएल का गौरव बढ़ाया। उनमें से सुश्री मालबिका कर, वरिष्ठ प्रबंधक (विधि) और सुश्री अंगिता रॉय,अधिकारी(ओपीएस) दोनों को क्रमश: निबंध लेखन और पुस्तक समीक्षा में ततीय पुरस्कार और प्रमाण-पत्न से नवाजा गया और श्री स्वर्णोतपल काश्यप, वरिष्ठ अधिकारी(ओपीएस) को कहानी लेखन और श्री दीपज्योति बोरा, वरिष्ठ अधिकारी(आईआर/पीआर) को कविता लेखन में प्रतिभागिता पुरस्कार प्रदान किया गया।

## नुमालीगढ़ रिफाइनरी में हिंदी पखवाड़ा का आयोजन

चित वर्ष की तरह नुमालीगढ़ रिफाइनरी में इस वर्ष भी दिनांक 14 सितम्बर, 2024 से 30 सितंबर, 2024 तक हिंदी पखवाड़ा बड़े ही हर्षोल्लास के साथ मनाया गया।



माननीय गृह एवं सहकारिता मंत्री द्वारा दीप प्रज्ज्वलन

पिछले वर्ष की तरह इस वर्ष भी राजभाषा विभाग, गृह मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार के निदेशानुसार उनके आह्वान पर दिनांक 14 और 15 सितम्बर, 2024 को राजभाषा विभाग नई दिल्ली द्वारा भारत मंडपम, नई दिल्ली में



माननीय गृह एवं सहकारिता मंत्री श्री अमित साह जी का उद्बोधन

आयोजित "हिंदी दिवस" के उपलक्ष्य में आयोजित दो दिवसीय अखिल भारतीय सम्मेलन समारोह में देश के अन्य संगठनों के साथ एनआरएल ने भी प्रतिनिधित्व किया। उक्त समारोह का उद्घाटन माननीय केंद्रीय गृह

एवं सहकारिता मंत्री श्री अमित साह जी ने भारत सरकार के कई मंत्री और सांसदों की उपस्थिति में सम्पन्न किया।

## हिंदी ई-पतिका का विमोचन

ति वर्ष की तरह हिंदी दिवस के उपलक्ष्य में दिनांक 30.09.2024 को हिंदी पखवाड़ा समापन समारोह के दौरान एनआरएल, हिंदी अनुभाग की ओर से एक हिंदी दिवस विशेषांक "एनआरएल ई-पित्रका" का छठे अंक निदेशक(तकनीकी) श्री गिरीश कुमार बोरा जी के करकमलों से डिजिटली विमोचन किया गया।



ई-पत्रिका का विमोचन

## हिंदी प्रबोध, प्रवीण और प्राज्ञ परीक्षा में उत्तीर्ण होनेवाले कर्मचारिओं को प्रमाण-पत्न प्रदान

द्भी अवसर पर पिछले वर्ष केंद्रीय हिंदी प्रशिक्षण संस्थान, राजभाषा विभाग, गृह मंत्रालय, नई दिल्ली द्वारा केंद्रीय सरकार के अधीन संगठनों के कर्मचारियों के लिए संचालित हिंदी प्रबोध, प्रवीण, और प्राज्ञ परीक्षा में उत्तीर्ण होनेवाले एनआरएल के कुल पांच कर्मचारियों को निदेशक (तकनीकी) श्री गिरीश कुमार बोरा जी के करकमलों से पुरस्कार और प्रमाणपत्न प्रदान किया गया।

हिंदी पखवाड़े के दौरान नुमालीगढ़ रिफाइनरी के कर्मचारियों, जीवन साथियों, केंद्रीय सुरक्षा बल और स्कूली बच्चों के लिए विभिन्न प्रतियोगिताएं आयोजित की गई जैसे – कर्मचारियों के लिए ई-नोटिंग व ड्राफ्टिंग, ई-अनुवाद, ई-मेल प्रतियोगिताएं, सभी वर्गों के लिए कविता, लेख, कहानी, याता वृत्तांत और पुस्तक समीक्षा लेखन प्रतियोगिताएं और डीपीएस और प्रयास विद्यामंदिर के स्कूली बच्चों के लिए कविता पाठ, कहानी वाचन, पात अभिनय, नारा लेखन, समृह गान और आशु भाषण प्रतियोगिताएं

आयोजित की गई। दिनांक 30 सितंबर, 2024 को आयोजित समापन समारोह श्री गौरव दास, मुख्य प्रबंधक(मानव संसाधन), के स्वागत भाषण हुई जहां सभी उपस्थितगण द्वारा राजभाषा शपथ लिया गया और शपथ ग्रहण पाठ कराया श्री आदेश यादव जी ने। निदेशक(तकनीकी) श्री गिरीश कुमार बोरा जी ने अपने अध्यक्षीय संबोधन में प्रतियोगिताओं में अधिक संख्यक प्रतिभागिता के लिए सभी की सराहना की और आगे भी हिंदी की कामकाज में अपनी योगदान देते रहने के लिए आग्रह किया। कार्यक्रम के अंतिम चरण में हिंदी पखवाड़े के दौरान आयोजित प्रतियोगिताओं की सभी विजेता प्रतिभागियों को उपस्थित सभी उच्च अधिकारीगण के करकमलों से पुरस्कार प्रदान किया गया। अंत में अरुण विकास दास, विरष्ठ अधिकारी(मानव संसाधन) के धन्यवाद ज्ञापन से हिंदी पखवाड़ा समापन एवं पुरस्कार वितरण समारोह का सफल समापन हआ।



प्रवीण परीक्षा पास करने पर प्रमाणपत्न ग्रहण करते हुए श्री मानस हैंडिक





हिंदी दिवस शपथ पाठ



पुरस्कार वितरण का एकांश

## **Assamese Section**



নুমলীগড় শোধনাগাৰৰ শিলিগুৰি মাৰ্কেটিং টাৰ্মিনেলত কৰ্মৰত বিষয়া-কৰ্মচাৰীৰ হাইস্কুল শিক্ষান্ত পৰীক্ষা সুখ্যাতিৰে উত্তীৰ্ণ ছাত্ৰ ছাত্ৰীক নুমলীগড় শোধনাগাৰ শাখা সাহিত্য সভাৰ ডিমাছা ৰিচা আৰু মানপত্ৰৰে বিশেষ অভিনন্দন, দিনাংক ১০-০৭-২০২৪



নুমলীগড় শোধনাগাৰ শাখা সাহিত্য সভাৰ উদ্যোগত আধুনিক গীত আৰু শাস্ত্ৰীয় সংগীতৰ কৰ্মশালা।প্ৰশিক্ষক : ৰাগিণী ভট্টাচাৰ্য্য চক্ৰৱৰ্ত্তী, দিনাংক ১২-০৭-২০২৪



নুমলীগড় শোধনাগাৰ শাখা সাহিত্য সভাৰ সভাপতি শ্রীযুত হেমন্ত কুমাৰ নাথ মহোদয়ৰ চাকৰি জীৱনৰ অৱসৰৰ প্রাক মূহুৰ্তত নুমলীগড় শোধনাগাৰ শাখা সাহিত্য সভাৰ উদ্যোগত বিশেষ অন্তৰংগ গধূলি আৰু সম্বৰ্ধনা অনুষ্ঠান, দিনাংক ২০-০৭-২০২৪



নুমলীগড় শোধনাগাৰ শাখা সাহিত্য সভাৰ সদস্য শ্ৰীযুত মনোৰঞ্জন দাসদেৱলৈ চাকৰি জীৱনৰ অৱসৰৰ মৃহুৰ্তত সভাৰ বিশেষ সম্বৰ্ধনা, দিনাংক ২০-০৭-২০২৪



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নুমলীগড় শোধনাগাৰ শাখা সাহিত্য সভাৰ প্ৰাক্তন উপ-সভাপতি, মূখ্য আবাসিক কাৰ্য্যবাহী শ্ৰীযুত গোপাল শৰ্মা মহোদয়ক চাকৰি জীৱনৰ অৱসৰৰ মূহুৰ্তত সভাৰ বিশেষ সম্বৰ্ধনা, দিনাংক ২০-০৭-২০২৪



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## নুমলীগড় শোধনাগাৰ শাখা মাহিত্য মভাৰ উপদেস্টা শ্ৰীযুত গিৰীশ কুমাৰ বড়া মহোদয়লৈ অভিনন্দন

মলীগড় শোধনাগাৰলৈ সুখবৰ যে বড়া মহোদয়ৰ দৰে এজন কঠোৰ পৰিশ্ৰমী, কৰ্মদক্ষ আৰু সামাজিক ব্যক্তিক পেট্ৰ'লিয়াম আৰু প্ৰাকৃতিক গেছ মন্ত্ৰালয়ে শোধনাগাৰটোৰ কাৰিকৰী সঞ্চালক পদত অধিষ্ঠিত কৰিছে। এইক্ষেত্ৰত যোৱা ইং ২৪ আগন্ত, ২০২৪ তাৰিখে নুমলীগড় শোধনাগাৰ শাখা সাহিত্য সভাই গভীৰ সম্ভোষ প্ৰকাশ কৰে আৰু উদ্ম অভিনন্দন জনায়।



## 'এশজন কবিৰ ১০০টা কবিতা' উন্মোচন



মলীগড় শোধনাগাৰ শাখা সাহিত্য সভাৰ দ্বাৰা প্ৰকাশিত 'এশজন কবিৰ ১০০টা কবিতা' যোৱা ইং ১ ছেপ্তেম্বৰ, ২০২৪ তাৰিখে গোলাঘাট জিলা সাহিত্য সভাৰ চৈয়দ আব্দুল মালিক ভৱনত অনুষ্ঠিত এক গাম্ভীৰ্যপূৰ্ণ অনুষ্ঠানত উন্মোচন কৰে নুমলীগড় শোধনাগাৰ শাখা সাহিত্য সভাৰ সভাপতি শ্ৰীয়ত হেমন্ত কুমাৰ নাথ

মহোদয়ে। গোলাঘাট জিলা সাহিত্য সভাৰ সম্পাদক বস্তি বৰাই আতধৰা অনুষ্ঠানত সভাপতিত্ব কৰে তফজ্জুল হক বৰবৰা



মহোদয়ে। সভাত নুমলীগড় শোধনাগাৰ শাখা সাহিত্য সভাৰ উপসভাপতি দিলীপ শইকীয়া, সম্পাদক অজিত কুমাৰ দাস, পত্ৰিকা সম্পাদক প্ৰণৱজ্যোতি শইকীয়া, সদস্য অপূৰ্ব মজুমদাৰ উপস্থিত থাকে। এই অনুষ্ঠানতে সভাৰ প্ৰাক্তন সভাপতি পোনাৰাম বৰুৱাদেৱৰ নামত পৰিয়ালবৰ্গই আগবঢ়োৱা তোৰণ মুকলি কৰে সাহিত্যিক ডাঃ

অজিত বৰুৱাই। অৱসৰপ্ৰাপ্ত অধ্যাপক দীনেশ গগৈ আৰু হেমন্ত কুমাৰ নাথ মহোদয়ে সাৰুৱা বক্তব্য প্ৰদান কৰে। সভাত বিশিষ্ট অতিথি ৰূপে উপস্থিত আছিল দেৱৰাজ ৰয় মহাবিদ্যালয় (স্বায়ত্ব) ৰ ডীন দেৱজিৎ ফুকন, বিশিষ্ট সাহিত্যিক, অসমীয়া বোলছবিৰ প্রযোজক নুৰুল চুলতান, অসম সাহিত্য সভাৰ, জিলা প্রতিনিধি, সূর্য্য গগৈ, সাংবাদিক অপূর্ব বল্লভ গোস্বামী, গোলাঘাট জিলা সাহিত্য সভাৰ প্রাক্তন সভাপতি মহেশ্বৰ শইকীয়া আদি উপস্থিত আছিল।

## গণশিল্পী সূৰ্য্য দামৰ জীৱন বীক্ষা আৰু সৃষ্টি শীৰ্ষক 'কথাৰ মিন্ধু মথি' গ্ৰন্থ উন্মোচন আৰু বিশেষ মম্বৰ্ধনা মভা

\overline মলীগড় শোধনাগাৰ লিমিটেড আৰু নুমলীগড় শোধনাগাৰ ্ৰ সাহিত্য সভাৰ উদ্যোগত গণশিল্পী সূৰ্য্য দাসদেৱক অসম সাহিত্য সভাৰ সভাকক্ষ, ভাগৱতী প্ৰসাদ বৰুৱা ভৱনৰ জয়ন্ত কমাৰ লখিমী বৰুৱা সদন, গুৱাহাটীত অনষ্ঠিত সভাত অসম সাহিত্য সভাৰ সভাপতি ড০ সূৰ্য্যকান্ত হাজৰিকাদেৱৰ উপস্থিতিত শিল্পীজনক ফুলৰ থোপা, গামোচা, চেলেং, ফুলাম জাপি, সফুৰা আৰু সম্বৰ্ধনা পত্ৰৰে সম্বৰ্ধনা জনোৱা হয় । সভাৰ উপ-সভাপতি সংগম পঞ্চাননে আতধৰা সম্বৰ্ধনা সভাত নুমলীগড় শোধনাগাৰ লিমিটেডৰ পৰা মুখ্য মহাপ্ৰৱন্ধক ড০ কাজল শইকীয়াদেৱে ৰাইজক উদ্দেশ্যি আদৰণি ভাষণ ৰাখে । নুমলীগড় শোধনাগাৰ শাখা সাহিত্য সভাৰ দ্বাৰা প্ৰকাশিত, শ্ৰীযুত অজিত কুমাৰ দাসৰ দ্বাৰা সম্পাদিত 'কথাৰ সিন্ধু মথি' গ্ৰন্থখন উন্মোচন কৰে অসম সাহিত্য সভাৰ সভাপতি ড০ সূৰ্য্যকান্ত হাজৰিকাদেৱে। উন্মোচনৰ আৰম্ভণিতে গ্ৰন্থৰ আঁৰৰ কথা আৰু শাখা সাহিত্য সভাৰ কৰ্মপন্থাৰ বিষয়ে বিস্তৃতভাৱে বৰ্ণনা কৰে নুমলীগড শোধনাগাৰ শাখা সাহিত্য সভাৰ সভাপতি শ্ৰীযুত হেমন্ত কুমাৰ নাথদেৱে। সভাত উপস্থিত থাকি সাৰুৱা মন্তব্য ৰাখে বডোলেণ্ড বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়. কোকৰাঝাৰৰ অধ্যাপক শ্ৰীয়ত অৰবিন্দ দেৱনাথ ডাঙৰীয়াই । সভাত উপস্থিত থাকি সভাৰ সৌষ্ঠৱ বৃদ্ধি কৰে গণশিল্পী সূৰ্য্য দাসৰ সহধৰ্মিনী মঞ্জু দাস আৰু পৰিয়ালবৰ্গ; লোকশ্ৰী সোণবৰ বৰুৱা, সভাপতি, শৰণীয়া কছাৰী সাহিত্য সভা; শ্ৰীযুত দেৱ প্ৰসাদ মিশ্ৰ, সচিব, গৃহ আৰু ৰাজনৈতিক বিভাগ, অসম চৰকাৰ; শ্ৰীযুতা মঞ্জুলা হাজৰিকা, সাংস্কৃতিক কৰ্মী তথা বিশিষ্টা লেখিকা; শ্ৰীযুত ৰেৱত হাজৰিকা, সম্পাদক, নগাঁও জিলা সাহিত্য সভা; সমাজ সংগঠক প্ৰকাশ শৰ্মা; সম্পাদক আৰু বিষয়ববীয়া পাঞ্জাবাৰী শাখা সাহিত্য সভা: ওদালগুৰিৰ নিজ ভোলাগুৰি শৰণীয়া কছাৰী কৃষ্টি দল:





নুমলীগড় শোধনাগাৰ শাখা সাহিত্য সভাৰ প্ৰাক্তন সভাপতি সকল শ্ৰীযুত বেদানন্দ দাস, শ্ৰীযুত অশোক কুমাৰ সেনাপতি, শ্ৰীযুত গদাধৰ ডেকা, শ্ৰীযুত পংকজ কুমাৰ বৰুৱাৰ লগতে নুমলীগড় শোধনাগাৰ শাখা সাহিত্য সভাৰ পৰা গজেন্দ্ৰ নাথ দাস, প্ৰণৱজ্যোতি শইকীয়া, দিলীপ শইকীয়া, মনোজ দাস, থানেশ্বৰ দাস, ৰিপুণ শইকীয়া, ভূপেন শৰ্মা আৰু অনিল ডেকা ডাঙৰীয়াই ।

### **জপ**না

পাৰ্থ প্ৰতিম গোস্বামী অধিকাৰী, পাইপলাইন প্ৰকল্প

'দাদা, ৰতনপুৰ তিনিআলি পালোহি। দাদা..!'

তি বেবেৰিবাং কথা কিছুমানৰ দোমোজাৰ পৰা হঠাতে কণ্ডাক্তৰজনৰ কৰ্কষ যেন লগা অথচ তেওঁৰ নিজৰ দৃষ্টিকোণেৰে চাব গ'লে হয়তো গতানুগতিক মাত এটাই মোক বাস্তৱ জগতলৈ ঘূৰাই আনিলে। দেৱালবোৰত ফাঁট মেলা আৰু ৰংবোৰ উৱলি যোৱা এটি পকী জিৰণি চাৰাৰ সন্মুখত মোক নমাই থৈ বাছখন গ'লগৈ। ইয়ালৈ অহাৰ পূৰ্বে নিজে কৰা অনুসন্ধান মৰ্মে ৰাস্তাটোৰ সিপাৰৰ দেখনিয়াৰ ঘৰটোৰ কাষেৰে যোৱা জৰাজীৰ্ণ আলিবাটটোৰে চাৰি কিলোমিটাৰ মান খোজকাঢ়ি গ'লেই মই মোৰ গন্তব্যস্থল স্কুলখন পাব লাগে। নতুনকৈ নিযুক্তি পোৱা আনন্দখিনিক কোনোবাখিনিত এই মূহুৰ্তত ঢাকি ধৰিছে সাম্ভাব্য অৱসাদৰ ক'লীয়া ডাৱৰে। প্ৰখৰ

ৰ'দত দুয়োফালে কেণ্ড-কিছু নেদেখা জৰাজীৰ্ণ পথটোৰে বাট কুৰি বাই মই সহকাৰী শিক্ষক পদবীত স্কুলখনত জইন কৰোঁ। এনেদৰেই আৰম্ভ হয় মোৰ জীৱনৰ নতুন এটা অধ্যায়।

কেইটা কৰি ক্লাছ তিনিআলিটোলৈ প্ৰখৰ ৰাদত আহি যেতিয়া খোজকাঢ়ি আবেলি চাৰি বজাৰ বাছখনৰ কাৰণে জিৰণিচাৰা এটিত অকলশ্ৰে এঘণ্টামান সময় অপেক্ষা কৰিব লগা হয়, মইহেন ডেকা ল'ৰা এটাৰ জীৱনটোৰ তিক্ততা অহাটোৱেই স্বাভাৱিক হ'ব লাগিছিল। কিন্তু মোৰ হোৱা নাই। এই নৰক যন্ত্ৰণা সদৃশ পৰিৱেশ এটাত সৰগৰ কোনো অপ্সৰাৰ নিচিনা মন জুৰাবলৈ সমুখৰ দেখনিয়াৰ ঘৰটোৰ পৰা ওলাই আহে— 'এৰা, নামটো হে এতিয়া…!!' কি নাম হ'ব পাৰে বাৰু তাইৰ। প্ৰহেলিকা বুলি মনতে কল্পনা কৰি ল'লে কেনে হয়? বাৰাণ্ডাখনলৈ ওলাই আহি তাই সমুখৰ পিৰালিকেইটাত বহি লয়। হয়তো অবিন্যস্ত দীঘল চুলিটাৰী ফণিয়াবৰ যো-জা চলায়। মাজেমাজে তাই ৰাস্তাৰ ইটো পাৰে ৰৈ থকা মোলৈ কেৰাহিকৈ এবাৰ দুবাৰ চায়। তাইৰ এই প্ৰজ্বল সুতীক্ষ্ণ চাৱনি এটাই যদি মোৰ অৱসাদৰ বৰফ গলাব পাৰে, বিষাদৰ গন্ধমাদন এখন কান্ধত লৈ স্কুলখনলৈ দিনটোত কমেও দুবাৰ নহয় তিনিবাৰ অহা-যোৱা কৰিবলৈ মই সাজু হ'ব কিয় নোৱাৰিম? এই ক্ষন্তেক সময়ৰ চাৰি চকুৰ মিলনক যদি

এখন চিনেমা হিচাপে কল্পনা কৰা যায়, তাৰ মূখ্য নায়ক হ'ব মাজত সগৰ্বে থিয় হৈ থকা ময়ূৰৰ ডিজাইন খোচিত পুৰণি কাঠৰ জপনাখন। জপনাখন অবিহনে আমাৰ এই চিনেমাখন কল্পনাতীত বুলিব পাৰি।

'তইয়ো এই গেলা গৰমখনত বাছ ধৰি অহা-যোৱা কৰিব ভাল পাৰিছ দে আৰু। মটৰচাইকেল এখন কিনি দিলেই চোন লেঠা ছিগে। দেওবাৰে টাউনলৈ এপাক ওলাবি নহ'লে। পছন হোৱাৰ লগত হে কথা আৰু। নে কি ক'?'

একেলগে মেছ কৰি থকা নগৰ



উন্নয়ন নিগম অফিচৰ কেৰাণী চন্দন বৰুৱাই মাজতে এবাৰ গধূলিৰ আড্ডাত কথাষাৰ মোৰ কাণ চোৱাইছিল। এইয়া কেনেকে সম্ভৱ হ'ব পাৰে! মইতো মটৰচাইকেল এখনৰ প্ৰয়োজনীয়তা এই মুহুৰ্তত অনুভৱ কৰা নাই। মটৰচাইকেলখনে কায়িক ক্লান্তি আংশিকভাৱে দূৰ কৰিব পাৰিলেও, পাৰিব জানো মনৰ হতাশা দূৰ কৰিব? কেতিয়াও নোৱাৰে। দৈনিক বাস্ততাই কোঙা কৰা মন এটাক কেতিয়াবা মৰমৰ শেতেলিত এখন্তেক জিৰণিৰ প্ৰয়োজন। আৰু তেতিয়াই দুয়োফালে গছ নথকা ব্যস্ততাৰ শূন্য আলিবাট এটাৰ দাঁতিত কোনো প্ৰহেলিকাই মনত জিৰণি চ'ৰা সাজে। ক্ৰমশঃ দিনটোৰ আটাইকেইটা মূল্যৱান ঘণ্টাৰ ভিতৰত মোৰ এই বাছখনলৈ ৰখি থকা বিশেষ ঘণ্টাটি আটাইতকৈ প্রিয় হৈ পৰে। গতিকে মোৰ এই নিমাখিত মনটোৱে আৰামী মটৰচাইকেল এখনৰ স্বাৰ্থত প্ৰহেলিকাৰ চাৱনিয়ে জীপাল কৰি তোলা অমিয়া সময়খিনি হেৰুৱাব বিচৰা নাই। কোনোৱে বাছ ৰখি থকাটো মোৰ বাবে এটা অজহাত বুলিলেও মোৰ ক'বলগীয়া একো নাথাকে। এই কথাবোৰকে চন্দনহঁতক বুজাবলৈ মই হয়তো অপাৰগ অথবা ইতস্ততঃবোধ হয়।

লাহে লাহে সময়বোৰ মধুৰতম হৈ গৈ থাকে। এতিয়া মই দিনটোত জৰাজীৰ্ণ পথটোৰে দুবাৰৰ পৰা চাৰি-পাঁচৰলৈ কান্ধত পৰ্বত এখন ডাঙি স্কুললৈ বাটকুৰি বাব পৰা হলোঁ। প্ৰতিদিনে মুখত ফুটো নুফুটোকৈ মিচিকিয়া হাঁহি এটি লৈ প্ৰহেলিকা জপনাখনৰ সিটো পাৰে মোলৈ ৰৈ থাকে। ইটো পাৰে ৰৈ থাকে যেন যুদ্ধক্ষেত্ৰত ক্ষত-বিক্ষত হৈও হাৰ নমনা মোৰ অৱশিষ্ট হাদয় এখন। তাই মোলৈ কেৰাহীকৈ প্ৰক্ষেপ কৰা সুতীক্ষ্ণ চাৱনিবোৰ এতিয়া ক্ৰমান্বয়ে আকুলতাৰে ভৰা মায়াৱী চাৱনি এটিলৈ ৰূপান্তৰিত হৈছে। মই জিৰণি চাৰাটোলৈ বাছ ধৰিব অহা সময়খিনি যেন এতিয়া তাইৰ নখ দৰ্পনতে থাকে। কেতিয়াবা মূৰ ফণিয়োৱাৰ চলেৰে, আন কেতিয়াবা ৰাদত মেলি থোৱা আচাৰৰ বটলকেইটা চোৱাৰ চলেৰে প্ৰহেলিকাৰ মোৰ স'তে দেখা হয়। নিঠৰ হৈ জপনাৰ ইটো পাৰে মই একেথিৰে বুজিব চেষ্টা কৰোঁ তাইৰ দুচকুত লুকাই থকা অজস্ৰ প্ৰশ্নমালা। হয়তো তাইও থিক একেভাৱেই চকুৰে জুখি চাব খোজে মোৰ কৌতুহলেৰে ভৰা দূচকুৰ গভীৰতা।

'হাতৰ কামত তোমালোক সকলোৱে একোখনকৈ বাঁহৰ বিচনী তৈয়াৰ কৰি আনিবা দেই। সকলোতকৈ ভাল হোৱা বিচনীখনৰ গৰাকীক মোৰ ফালৰ পৰা পুৰস্কাৰ এটাকে দিম। বুজিলা নে?'

বুলি গ্ৰীষ্মকালীন বন্ধৰ আগৰ শেষৰটো ক্লাছ লৈ মই বিমৰিষ হৈ স্কুলৰ পৰা ওলাইছোঁ। জিৰণি চ'ৰাটোলৈ অহাৰ আগতে ইতিমধ্যে ঘৰৰ পিৰালিত বহি প্ৰহেলিকাই মোৰ কাৰণে অপেক্ষা কৰিছে। অইন দিনাখনতকৈ আজি মোৰ মুখৰ অভিব্যঞ্জনা চাই তাই হয়তো অনুভৱ কৰিব পাৰিছে- গৰমৰ বন্ধৰ এই এমাহ চাৰিচকুৰ মিলন সম্ভৱপৰ হৈ নুঠাৰ দুখত মই অলপ হ'লেও ম্রিয়মাণ। তাই সম্ভৱতঃ বুজি উঠিছে স্কুলখন বন্ধ থাকিলে একো অজুহাত নোহোৱাকৈ চেঙেলীয়া ডেকা দুই এজনৰ দৰে দিনটো চিগাৰেট হুপি জিৰণি চ'ৰাটোত তহল দি থাকিব পৰা ধৰণৰ ব্যক্তিত্ব মোৰ নাই। মিচিকিয়া হাঁহি এটিৰে পোন প্রথমবাৰৰ বাবে তাই মোৰ ফালে চাই সহাৰি জনাইছে। ইফালে সিফালে চাই এখোজ দুখোজ কৈ তাই জপনাখনৰ ফালে আগুৱাই আহে। মইও হাঁহি এটিৰে প্রতি সঁহাৰি জনাব নাপাওঁতেই ক'ৰবাৰ পৰা বাছখন আহি আমাৰ মাজত ৰৈ গ'ল। নামটো আজিও সোধা নহ'ল! এইবাৰ বন্ধ খোলাৰ পিছত মনত সাহস বান্ধি তাইক নামটো অস্ততঃ স্বধিব লাগিব।

এই এমাহ সময়খিনি মোৰ বাবে যেন এটা শতিকাজোৰা অন্তৰ্দন্দ্বৰ বোজা কঢ়িওৱা মালগাড়ী এখনত পৰিণত হৈছে। বন্ধ খোলাৰ এদিন আগতেই আহি মই মেছত ইতিমধ্যে হাজিৰ হৈছোঁ।

'আমি আকৌ তই কালি স্কুল পোৱাকৈ আহিবি বুলিহে.. হওক দে অ' বোপাই। বাছৰ কণ্ডাক্তৰজনে অন্ততঃ তোক দেখি বৰ ভাল পাব। বেচেৰাই তই এমাহ বাছত নুঠা কাৰণে চাগে চিস্তাতে পৰিছিল!'

বৰ ৰস লগাকৈ উৎপলে কথাষাৰ কৈ মোল ফালে চাই উচ্চস্বৰে হাঁহি দিছে। মই বেয়া পোৱা নাই। ইহঁতেতো নুবুজে মোৰ বাবে যে ময়ূৰৰ ডিজাইন খোচিত কাঠৰ জপনা এখনৰ সিপাৰে ৰৈ থাকে কোনো--'প্ৰহেলিকা'!

গ্রীষ্মকালীন বন্ধ খোলাৰ প্রথম দিনা ৰাতিপুৱা ভাড়াটো কণ্ডাক্তৰজনৰ হাতত গুজি দি মই বাছৰ পৰা নামিছোঁ। বাছখন ধূলি উৰিয়াই যোৱাৰ পিছত সমুখলৈ চাই মই হঠাৎ থৰ হৈ পৰিছোঁ! বেগ লৈ থকা হাতৰ ঘর্মাক্ত মুঠিটো ক্রমাৎ শিথিল হৈ পৰিছে। স্তব্ধ হৈ সমুখলৈ একেথিৰে চাই আছোঁ। মোৰ এই কাহিনীৰ মূখ্য নায়ক কাঠৰ জপনাখনৰ ঠাইতে সগর্বে থিয় হৈ আছে নৱনির্মিত এখন সুউচ্চ লোহাৰ গেটৰ সৈতে পকী দেৱাল। অৱসাদৰ বৰফ গলি মূহুৰ্ততে সিক্ত চকুলোৰে নিগৰি অহা চকুলো কেইটোপাল মচি মই চন্দনলৈ ফোন লগালোঁ।

'তই আজি অফিচৰ পৰা সোনকালে আজৰি হ'লে জনাবিচোন। টাউনলৈ এপাক যাম ভাবিছোঁ। সহজে ককালৰ বিষ নুঠা ভাল আৰামী মটৰচাইকেল এখন লৈ দিলে কেনে হয় বাৰু?'

