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STEEL & MINES GETS A NEW MINISTER

A highly educated person and an Advocate by profession, Sri Pradip Kumar Amat, MLA, Boudh has been sworn in as the new Minister of State, Steel & Mines (Independent charge).

He was first elected to the Orissa Legislative Assembly from Boudh constituency as an Independent Candidate in the year 2000. He was re-elected from the same constituency as Biju Janata Dal candidate in 2004.

He has been an active member of different committees of the Assembly like Forest Protection Committee, Jagannath Temple Administration, Public Accounts Committee, Cyclone & Flood Committee, Western Orissa Development Council etc.

A prolific writer in Kosali (Sambalpur) language, he has shown keen interest in Folk Dance, Loka Geeta, Danda Nritya etc. His special interest in helping weaker sections of the society, provide legal aid to the poor. He is also involved in social activities by participating in many social organisations and educational institutions. His varied experiences as member of various committees and visit to Thailand & Singapore shall provide exposure to the employees of the Corporation in the sector.

OMC *parivaar* welcomes the minister and expects him to steer the Corporation to scale newer heights in terms of production, sales, social responsibilities & peripheral development of the state.



NEW CHAIRMAN TAKES OVER



Dr Ashok Mahadeo Rao Dalwai, IAS, Commissioner-cum-Secretary, Steel & Mines Department has been posted as the Chairman, OMC. He succeeds Sri U.P. Singh, IAS. A post graduate in Agricultural Economics from University of Agricultural Sciences, Dharwad, Karnataka joined the prestigious Indian Administrative Service in the year 1984 and was allotted to Orissa cadre. He was also awarded Ph.D. in Economics by Karnataka University, Dharwad, Karnataka in the year 2005.

Dr Dalwai has served in different capacities as Sub-Collector, Gunupur, P.A., ITDA, Kaptipada, Mayurbhanja, P.A. ITDA, Raygada, P.D., Orissa Tribal Development Project, Kasipur, Collector, Kalahandi, Addl. Secy. Agriculture, Addl. Secy. Water Resources, RDC, Northern Region, Sambalpur and Commissioner-cum-Secretary, Industries Dept. and Chairman IDCO in Govt. of Orissa.

Dr. Dalwai has also served as Dy. Commissioner (Collector), Raichur, Karnataka, Commissioner, Bangalore City Corporation, Secretary, Dept. of Commerce and Industries Govt. of Karnataka.

During his tenure as Commissioner-cum-Secretary Industries, he has given a boost to the Industrial Scenario of the State with 46 MOUs for Steel Plants, SEZs, Ports etc. At present, Orissa has become the Industrial hub of the country.

OMC *Parivaar* welcomes Dr. Dalwai and expects him to use his entrepreneurial and managerial skills to move the Corporation to greater heights.

U.P. SINGH TRANSFERRED

Sri U.P. Singh, IAS, Commissioner-cum-Secretary, Steel & Mines Department & Chairman OMC has been transferred to Agriculture Department, Government of Orissa as Commissioner-cum-Secretary. During his short stay, OMC crossed the magic figure of Rs.1000 crores turnover in sales and was awarded the ISO: 140001 Certification in Environment Management System (EMS) in respect of its Daitari Iron Ore Project, operating mines of Chrome Zone and COBP at Kaliapani. OMC *Parivaar* bids him a happy farewell and wish him all success in his new assignment.



OMC BAGS SPECIAL COMMENDATION IN IME- AT KOLKATA



OMC participated in International Mining Exhibition-2008 at Kolkata, where 26 countries including Australia, Germany, UK, USA, China, Iran, Russia, Pakistan, Thailand and Nigeria participated. More than 10,000 visitors interacted with the participants during 17th-20th January, 2008. Mr. U.P. Singh, IAS, Chairman, OMC inaugurated OMC pavilion. Sri S.K. Sarangi, IAS, Managing Director alongwith Sri D.Mallick, OAS, Special Officer; Sri P. C. Mohapatra, DGM (Mining), Sri N.C. Sahoo, Regional Manager, J.K. Road, Sri M. Behera, Regional Manager, Bangur and Sri B.K. Ransingh, PRO attended the Exhibition concurrent with 2nd Asian Mining Congress. It is a perfect platform for

Among 150 stalls, the showcase of OMC has bagged special commendation prize in "Mining & Exploration" category in the valedictory session of 2nd Asian Mining Congress. Mr. T.Subarami Reddy, Hon'ble Minister of State for Mines, Govt. of India



felicitated the award to Special Officer, DGM (Mining) & PRO in a colourful function at Hotel Grand Oberoi, Kolkata and appreciated the commendable achievements of OMC as a state level PSU.



Entrepreneurs, CEOs, Consultants, Govt. Officials, Decision makers and Trade delegations. Mr. S.N. Padhi, Director OMC Board, presented a paper named "Safety Statute for Expanding Mining Industry of India" in Asian Mining Congress and Sri U.P. Singh, Chairman took a lead role by delivering the congress in "Secretary and CEO's Forum" on the theme of "Mining in Orissa: Prospects and Expansion".

SPORTS

5th Intra OMC Open Air Badminton Tournament was organised at Kaliapani from 28.11.2007 to 27.02.2008. Sri S.K. Sarangi, IAS., Managing Director was the Chief Guest and Sri B.N. Mohanty, D.F.O., Cuttack was the Guest of Honour. 28 Nos. of Team participated in the Tournament from Kaliapani Group of Mines, Daitari and Regional Office & J.K. Road.

N.C Dhir & P. Tigga of Kaliapani Mines and P.K. Mishra & Md. Rafique of Daitari Mines were the winners in the Sr. group & Jr. group respectively.



MESSAGE OF CHAIRMAN

India is one of the mineral resource rich nations in the world and Orissa constitutes its mineral bowl. With rapid global industrialization in general and that of emerging economies including India in particular, the demand for various mineral resources is seeing a consistent rise. Within India, the State of Orissa has emerged as an important destination for mineral and metal based industries. Any mineral producing and trading organization like OMC will obviously be expected to align its business in such a globally complete environment.



OMC has registered a record turnover of Rs.1960 cr. in the year 2007-08. This growth has been a function of both enhanced production of ores, including iron and chrome ores and consistent price rise. The current comfortable cash reserve position of OMC should help it to plan for sustainable and high growth rates in the long term. This calls for shift to outer orbit of production curve supported by adoption of appropriate technology, deployment of state of the- art equipment and vehicles, upgraded infrastructure and sound management practices. The concomitant issues relating to environment and ecology and resettlement and rehabilitation deserve priority engagement too. OMC has to set a model example worthy of emulation by all others. The organization has to also plan for diversification through value addition route so as to insulate itself from market vicissitude.

It is possible to do so provided every member of OMC commits himself / herself to the organization and effects in himself / herself desired upgradation in skill level, managerial ability and is willing to carry out the responsibilities with sincerity and integrity.

Let us all work together as members of Team OMC'

All the best to every member and regards to their family members.

Thank You,

Ashok M Dalwai

CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY



As a part of Corporate Social Responsibility OMC has always been a responsive Corporation. To empower the women in the state and bring them to the forefront of Nation building, OMC contributed Rs. one crore to BJB College, Bhubaneswar for construction of a new Girls' hostel to accomodate young and talented girl students joining the premier college to pursue higher studies.

WORKSHOP ON RISK ASSESSMENT

The Workshop on "Risk Assessment" was conducted by STQC on 18th and 19th of Feb' 08 in the conference hall of OMC. Mr. Subhendu Das, Director, STQC and Mr.Manikanta Das, Addl. Director, STQC conducted the one and half day program which was participated by 36 representatives from different sections of Head Office.

During the workshop, risk assessment methodology and techniques were explained. The participants were provided hands on sessions to identify and classify assets of each department. The workshop also deliberated on identification of threats and vulnerabilities for the determination of security concern. The workshop is a mile stone activity for implementation of ISMS practices and ISO 27001 Certification.

2ND OMC MINI MARATHON – 2008



With its huge success in 2006, 2nd OMC Mini Marathon-2008 got a new fillip by becoming an annual event of the Corporation.

2nd OMC Mini Marathon 2008 was flagged off from Kalinga Stadium at 8 A.M. by Sri Biswabhusan



Harichandan, Hon'ble Minister R.D., Law & Industries; in the presence of Sri Prafulla Chandra Ghadaï, Hon'ble Minister Finance, Sri Pradip Kumar Amat, Hon'ble Minister, Steel & Mines and Sri Debasis Nayak, Hon'ble Minister, I & PR, Sports & Youth Services.

The 15 km. marathon received an unprecedented response with more than 4500 participation in the event. The participants ran through important cross sections of the city. Sri Dandu Soren of SAI Sports Hostel, Cuttack and Ms. Saraswati Chand of Orissa police bagged the first prize with a cash award of Rs. 25,000 each in men's and women's sections respectively.

Sri Prashant Kumar Patra of Ganjam and Ms. Bharati Ray of Bhubaneswar bagged the first prize of Rs.



5000/- each in the Veteran men's and women's section respectively.

In the newly introduced OMC employees Section Sri Balaram Mohanty, Sri Ramesh Chandra Barik and Sri Raja Mohanta bagged the first, second and third



prize respectively. Smt. Kalyani Sahoo, Smt. Tilottama Basa and Smt. Sujata Murmu received first, second, third prize respectively. Smt Susama Nanda bagged a special prize in Senior Citizen category for completion of the Marathon at the age of 70.

Besides this, nine other participants in the first two categories were also awarded with cash prizes. The total prize money was Rs.1,72,000/-

Prizes & Certificates were distributed at the concluding function by the Chief Guest Sri Prafulla Chandra Ghadaï after the Marathon was over. Among others Sri Pradip Kumar Amat, Hon'ble Minister Steel & Mines, Dr. Ashok Dalwai, Commissioner-cum-Secretary Steel & Mines Deptt, Sri U.P. Singh Chairman



Sri S. K. Sarangi Managing Director, OMC were present in the occasion.

The presence of International Footballer Ms Shradhanjali Samantaray, National athlete Ms. Rachita Panda and Child Prodigy Marathoner Budhia



Singh and a host of Cine Artists from Ollywood added glamour to the exciting event and created much enthusiasm among the participants and spectators.

The Mini Marathon 2008 gave an impetus to the theme "RUN for a GREEN ORISSA" by sensitizing the public about conservation of nature and pollution free environment. It also enhanced the corporate image of OMC as a worthy Corporation championing the social cause of the state as well as caring for the nature for a sustainable development.



FROM THE CHIEF EDITOR'S DESK...

It gives me immense pride & satisfaction that OMC has been able to carve out a niche for itself in the mineral sector not only in the State, but also in the country. I thank the dedicated workforce of the Corporation, who gave their best to keep the OMC flag high in 2007-08 and ensured the continuance of OMC as the Numero Uno among the State PSUs.

We have entered the new financial year and it is a great pleasure to announce to all our stakeholders that OMC has touched a record turnover of more than Rs. 1950 Crore for the year 2007-08. We have also achieved the highest ever production in the iron ore as well as highest ever Sales realization. However, this should not give any scope for complacency and the success in 2007-08 must strengthen our resolve to improve efficiency and



output so as to become one of the premier Mining Companies in the country. For this, we have to upgrade our skills and knowledge; adopt the best practices; become conscious of the quality and time management and also set new and higher goals before us. I also take this opportunity of complimenting our Raising Agencies as well as our valued Customers who have contributed to the tremendous growth. We have kept a target of going beyond Rs. 2500 crore in 2008-09 and this would require increased effort, hard work, dedication and most importantly planning and foresight to tackle possible crises. The company has lined up a number of new projects and I am sure all of us will rise to meet the challenges. I am sure, all Regional Managers and supportive workforce would create new benchmarks for their respective operations and take forward OMC to still greater heights.

"If the intention is good then the world will conspire to make it happen."

(S.K.Sarangi)

OMC's Q4 PERFORMANCE



5TH OMC CUP CRICKET

The 5th OMC Cup Cricket Tournament was held at Kalinga Stadium from 16th to 31st January-2008 with a participation of 10nos of State PSUs.

In an exciting final match between OPTCL and OPCB on the concluding day, the winner OPTCL scored 215 against 101 by OPCB, and bagged the OMC Cup for the year 2008.



Soumitra Sethi of OPTCL was adjudged as the "Man of the Match", whereas Ahmad Azhar of the same team was declared as the "Man of the series" with a cash prize of Rs.2000/- alongwith a cup.

Sri U.P. Singh, Chairman OMC handed over the Cup and a cash prize of Rs.10,000/- to the winner



OPTCL team. The runners up team was given a cash prize of Rs.5000/-

Sri S.K. Sarangi, Managing Director of OMC gave away prizes to the two umpires of Orissa Cricket Association for conducting the tournament smoothly.

Among others present were, Sri A.K. Pani, GM (P & A), Sri M. Ahmad (GM Finance), Director GRIDCO



and CGM, OPTCL.

Lastly Sri D.Mallik, Special Officer OMC gave vote of thanks.

As a part of Corporate Social Responsibility, OMC has been conducting Cricket Tournament among the State PSUs since 2004 . This has become a sporting event of the State.

OMC OBSERVES 59TH REPUBLIC DAY

The 59th Republic Day was observed in the OMC House premises on 26th Jan' 2008. Chairman, OMC, Sri U.P.Singh, unfurled the Tri-Colour and took the salute.The Chief Security Officer, Maj, K.K. Naik, conducted the parade.



All OMC employees based at Head Office assembled on the occasion and saluted the National Flag. The celebration concluded with chanting of National Anthem and distribution of sweets.

Earlier on the day, Sri S.K.Sarangi, M.D. unfurled the National Flag in the OMC Colony at Unit-VIII, Bhubaneswar and distributed sweets to the children.

OMC also participated in the state Republic Day parade by presenting its activities on CSR in a tableau and it was also widely appreciated by the public and dignitaries present on the occasion.



CELEBRATION OF MINES ENVIRONMENT & MINERAL CONSERVATION WEEK

The 9th ME & MC Week was celebrated in Daitari Iron Ore Project under the aegis of the Indian Bureau of Mines, Bhubaneswar Region during the period from 8th to 14th January, 2008. On this occasion, competitions in Essay, Debate G.K., Quiz, Slogan, posters amongst employees, school children & ladies were organized and prizes awarded to the winners in the respective categories. Besides this exhibition stalls were prepared & Drama "Sanja Ase Nain Nain" was staged for creating an awareness towards Environment & Mineral Conservation. Daitari



Iron ore project bagged second prize in Publicity and propaganda as well as in Exhibition of stall and third prize in Installation & use of mechanical beneficiation facilities.

Kaliapani Chromite Mines participated in MEMC week from 7.1.08 to 12.01.08. It bagged first prize in all categories of Afforestation, Waste Dump Management, Publicity & propaganda & Overall performance.

Barbil region also observed MEMC week at TISCO Mines camp, Kaliapani. Dubna Mines bagged the second prize for Air Quality Management, where as BPJ Mines got first prize for Beneficiation of ore and second prize for Publicity and propaganda. Khandabandh Mines received first prize for Air Quality Management & Publicity and propaganda, where as SB Mines received second prize for Noise, Vibration Survey and other scientific studies. OMC *Parivaar* congratulates all the winners and expects them to maintain the same tempo in future.

MINES SAFETY WEEK OBSERVED

Daitari Iron Ore Project observed Mines Safety Week, 2008 under the aegis of Directorate General of Mines Safety, Bhubaneswar Region during the period from 4th to 11th February, 2008. For awareness of Safety in mines, several competitions like Essay, Debate, Quiz, Slogan, Posters were organized amongst the children, employees & ladies. Safety stalls were exhibited. A drama based on Safety 'Swapna' was staged and an unsafe Demon was killed in School Play ground which attracted large gathering of employees, children & local people.

Mines safety week was celebrated at Kaliapani chromite mines from 4.2.08 to 12.2.08., It was awarded the first prize in Publicity & propaganda, Vocational Training Centre and Overall performance.

Mines safety week was also observed under Chaibasa Region. Barbil Region received the following prizes.

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| Barpada-Kasia Mines | - | 2nd Prize in Publicity & Propaganda. |
| BPJ Mines | - | 1st Prize in Publicity & Propaganda & Frist Aid Trade Test. |
| Khandabandha Mines | - | 1st Prize in Overall Performance. |
| Sekradihi Iron Ore Mines | - | 1st Prize in House Keeping. |



NEW YEAR GET TOGETHER

New year celebration inside the premises of OMC office created a sense of belongingness in each and everyone of us. It is not 'I' but 'WE' matter in the organisation. There was a feeling of mirth & joy amongst all to have achieved the sales turnover of Rs.1000/- crores at the end of the calendar year.



This togetherness should carry the spirit of the 'Mission' & 'Vision' of OMC to scale newer heights.

FAREWELL



Kanungo, Sr.Mgr (LW).

Sri Brajabandhu Das, Telephone Supervisor retired from OMC on super annuation. He is felicitated and was paid his gratuity on the same day by the MD, OMC in presence of Sri P.S.



Secretary and Chairman GFT.

Sri K. R. Ray Manager (Geo) is felicitated by the MD OMC on his retirement. He was handed over his gratuity in presence of Sri J. B. Das Company

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Banu, then 35 years old, was diagnosed with cancer in 2001. During her treatment, she became frustrated navigating the medical billing process as she received overcharges and errors in her bills.



She couldn't make sense of the medical codes and statements, which did not accurately reflect what she needed to pay.

A former Director of Research of Computing Systems at Bell Labs, she realized that she is not the only confused and frustrated with the medical billing process. That led to the idea for a business that will help ordinary medical consumers make sense of their bills by automating the billing process and clearing the billing errors.

Computer Expert Banu, who has multiple patents under her belt, then started just service, web based Smart Medical Consumer.

The free online service offers its users automatic error detection, alerting them as to how many potential errors it has detected and where they can be found. It's free to consumers but she's planning to generate revenues by selling ads on the site and selling her proprietary software to companies.

Banu is really a successful entrepreneur, a rare breed of woman. At her panic moment, she evolved the idea of her business.

So we learnt a lesson from here:

"If you can imagine it, you can create it.

If you can dream it, you can become it."

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OMC PARIVAAR BIDS A HAPPY FAREWELL TO THE FOLLOWING NON - EXECUTIVES ON THEIR RETIREMENT

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- G.R. Hembram, Attendant Gr.1.
- B.R. Maharana, Drill Operator.
- Kandey Munda, TCO.
- B.R. Mahakud, Cook.
- Dukhia Soren, Sr.
- Debaraj Maharana, Attendant Gr.1.
- B. K. Nayak, Asst. Mines Foreman.
- P.C. Mohanta, Sr. Blaster
- S. Mohapatra, Sr.Asst.,
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