

## A Report on World Hindi Day

Mangalore Refinery and Petrochemicals Ltd., a subsidiary of ONGC organized a function on 10.01.2012 on the eve of Word Hindi Day. The Senior Executive (OL) of the Company kicked off the World Hindi day Celebration by throwing light on the synopsis of the programme. Elucidating the significance of the celebrations, Dr. B.R. Pal said that Hindi Films and institutions engaged in the promulgation and promotion of Hindi have played a daunting role in providing an elevating platform for Hindi.

Shri K. Lakshminarayan, Group General Manager of Human Resources Department welcomed the august gathering. He said "Although since 2006 Word Hindi Day is being celebrated by Indian Embassies' I am indeed delighted to inform you that we are celebrating Word Hindi Day for the first time at the behest of the Hindi Advisory Committee constituted under the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas. And I am very sure that this practice will continue in future as well.



**Shri Vishnu Agrawal, Director-Finance is seen inaugurating the programme by lighting the lamp. On his left are Dr. Madhavi Bhandary and Shri K. Lakshminarayana, Group General Manager-HR.**

Shri Vishnu Agrawal, Director-Finance inaugurated Word Hindi Day celebration by lighting the lamp. In his brief and meaningful evocative address he said that today Hindi has spread its wings across the globe and it is one of the leading languages of the world. The Director-Finance, in his eloquent address said that Nagpur became the seat of the first ever Hindi Word Conference in 1975 as a stride towards propagation of Hindi.

Hindi is spoken throughout our country. Set apart, Hindi is widely used in our neighboring countries and G8 countries where ever people of Indian origin are residing. Today Hindi is regarded as a powerful and dynamic language and in fact has become an extremely popular language amongst the masses. Hindi Films have not left their impregnable mark at the national level but at the international arena as well. In fact UNO has so far recognized 6 languages. If we continue our efforts in this manner, it won't be long before UNO recognizes Hindi as its Seventh language.

In his address the Director-Finance said that Urdu was regarded as the Official Language during the Moghul Rule and in course of time during the British rule English was adopted as the Official Language. With the passage of time, subsequent to Indian independence, Hindi was accorded the status of Official Language in the constitution of India.



**Shri Vishnu Agrawal, Director-Finance, Shri K. Lakshminarayana, Group General Manager-HR, Chief Guest Dr. Madhavi Bhandary are seen releasing the compendium of Bilingual Standardized forms of Security Department. Shri M.S. Patwal is seen on the extreme left.**

Enticing all the employees, the Director-Finance said " if Employees carry out their official work in Hindi with a little bit of interest, I don't think it would be difficult to surpass the targets set by the Govt. of India. I mean, if employees work with a sense of devotion and perseverance in this area, the results would be definitely positive in nature.

The Head of the Department of Hindi Department of Poorna Pragya College, Dr. Madhavi Bhandari was invited to deliver the Key address. In course of her key address she said that from 1975 to 2007, a total number of 8 Word Hindi

conferences have been organized. Mahatma Gandhi International Hindi University in Wardha near Nagpur was established in 1997 as a result of the decisions taken in the Word Hindi conferences.

Further she said " although the Department Of Official Language has divided the states into three regions on the basis of language and has set aside separate targets for Hindi correspondence for all the regions, we should not forget that it was Hindi which was the sole language which was instrumental in uniting the independence movement and in fact Hindi was the only means of communication among all the Freedom Fighters.



**A view of the Departmental Heads of various departments and audience participating in the World Hindi Day celebration**

Dr. Madhavi Bhandari said "I feel that propagation of Hindi in the states situated in Region" C" can be easily done with the assistance of Regional Propagators". Finally she said "safeguarding the interests of our regional languages and mother tongue, we should jointly strive to give a pride of place for Hindi as a Global language".

In course of the programme, the Director-Finance released compendium of Bilingual Standardized forms of Security Department. To add flavor and zest to the programme, a Quiz competition was also organized. The participants were asked questions pertinent to Official Language and Hindi and participants giving the right answers were awarded by way of gifts.



A total number of 60 Officials/Employees including departmental heads of various departments took part in the celebration. Word Hindi Day celebration compering was done by Dr. B.R. Pal, Senior Executive (OL). Shri Lalit Singh Rajpurohit proposed vote of thanks.

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