

Press Release

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SECL conferred with Geomintech-Golden Rainbow Award 2022-23

Director Technical (Operations) Shri S K Pal bags Best Director Award



Mini Ratna PSU SECL has been conferred with the prestigious Golden Rainbow Award 2022-23 during the 23rd Annual GeoMineTech Symposium organized by GeoMineTech Institute at Bhubaneswar Orissa. Shri. S K Pal, Director Technical (Operations) of the company has been awarded the Best Director Corporate Management and Innovative Leadership Excellence Award 22-23 at the said function. The awards were presented by Chief Guest Honorable Shri Pradeep Kumar Amat, Cabinet Minister, Forest and Environment, Panchayati Raj and Drinking Water, Information and Public Relations, Government of Odisha.

SECL has been given this award for better performance on parameters like production, environment promotion, HR excellence, Swachh Bharat Abhiyan and efficient performance in disaster management, maintenance of machines, CSR work and safety etc.

It may be noted that SECL has performed brilliantly in the last financial year. The company produced 167



million tonnes of coal, which is the highest production in any single year since inception. SECL has registered a growth of 24.5 million tonnes on an annual basis, which is the highest growth in any single year. With this, new records have also been created by the company in OBR and Dispatch.

Along with this, about 45 crore rupees have been spent for various social works under CSR in the last financial year, while under sustainable development, proper use of water released from mines was encouraged. In the year 2022-23, about 258.07 lakh kilo liters of mine water was made available by SECL for irrigation and about 28.02 lakh kilo liters of mine water for domestic use. This year the company has also planted a record more than 8 lakh saplings in an area of more than 365 hectares.

SECL Director Technical (Operations) Shri S K Pal was also awarded the Best Director award at the function. It is worth mentioning that Mr. Pal has played an important role in increasing the production from various mines of SECL and reopening closed mines. As a result of this, for the first time in the year 2022-23, SECL issued LOA (Letter of Acceptance) to operate 3 mines on MDO (Mine Developer an Operator) mode. Environmental clearance has been obtained for increasing the production capacity in 6 projects of the company, which has resulted in expansion of production capacity by more than 9 million tonnes per annum. The company started the Rampur-Batura project, while the closed projects like Amadand, Amgaon, Rajnagar OC were restarted.

Other SECL personnel awarded at the said ceremony included Yellow Sapphire Overall Production Glitter Award to Shri R P Sah, Area General Manager, Dipka Area, Green Emerald Environment Excellence Award to Shri B.K. Jena, General Manager (Environment) and Blue Agate Machinery Equipment Maintenance Award to Shri R K Patel, General Manager (Mining).

The company has also received various accolades for its achievements in the past year which include Environment and Sustainability Award at the 9th Governance Now PSU Awards, CSR Excellence Award by World CSR Institute, Water Digest World Water Awards for Best Water Management etc.

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