**OIL celebrates 60 glorious years!**

**Shri Sarbananda Sonowal, Hon’ble CM Assam graced commemorative function at Naharkatiya Well No 1 and Project Rupantar Credit Disbursement function at Duliajan**

Oil India Limited at its field head quarter Duliajan organized commemorative function to celebrate its 60 glorious year at Naharkatiya Well No. 1 and Project Rupantar Credit Disbursement function at Bihutoli, Duliajan on 19th March, 2018.

The functions were graced by Chief Guest, Shri Sarbananda Sonowal, Hon’ble Chief Minister, Assam, Shri Utpal Bora, CMD, OIL, Shri Rameshwar Teli, MP, Shri Terosh Gowalla, local MLA, Shri Naren Sonowal, MLA, Naharkatia, Shri Rituparna Baruah, MLA, Lahowal, Shri Sanjay Kishan, MLA, Tinsukia, Smt. Laya Madduri, DC, Dibrugarh, Smt R S Borah, Director (Finance), OIL, Shri P K Sharma, Director (Operations), OIL, A M M Zakir, EX- Director, SIPRD, Shri Bikul Chandra Deka, Vice-Chairman, APL, Shri Punankan Barua, Chairman, Assam Hydrocarbon & Energy Company Limited and officials from district administration, SIPRD and OIL.

The dignitaries initially graced the function at heritage NHK Well No 1 where Shri Sarbananda Sonowal, Hon’ble Chief Minister, Assam laid the foundation of the 60 years’ commemorative gate followed by visit to the exhibition area at the venue and plantation of saplings. Award of excellence ‘HOPE’ Awards were also given away by CMD, OIL to the OIL employees under seven categories. “60 years ago, Oil India Limited (OIL) started its journey from Naharkatia oil well No. 1 in Dibrugarh district of Assam. Over the years, OIL has made significant contribution to the growth of the state. It has generated employment opportunities in the towns and villages of the state through which it has brought economic empowerment and made the people self-reliant. OIL has also forayed into skill development and it must boost up initiatives in skillling the youth with greater focus”, Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal said this while addressing at South Bank NHK Well NO 1.

The dignitaries then visited OIL’s Project Rupantar Credit Disbursement function at Bihutoli, Duliajan. Shri Sarbananda Sonowal, Hon’ble Chief Minister, Assam inaugurated OIL’s CSR exhibition. The exhibition displayed the wide gamut of OIL’s CSR projects, showcased the social sector interventions and its success stories.

After the inauguration, Hon’ble Chief Minister, Assam along with other dignitaries ceremoniously handed over the assistances under project Rupantar to the beneficiaries. As a part of the ongoing CSR Project of OIL ‘Rupantar’ for creating avenues for sustainable self-employment for development of agro based industries and other allied activities, Oil India Limited extended financial support to 400 Joint Liability Groups (JLGs) with a total investment of 4,49,17,000.00 (Rupees Four crore forty-nine lakh seventeen thousand only) at the disbursement function. Implemented by project partner, State Institute of Panchayat and Rural Development (SIPRD), Assam, around 1850 families are extended support in FY 2017-18. A silver salver was handed over to A M M Zakir, ex-Director SIPRD by Shri Utpal Bora CMD, OIL for his support in making Project Rupantar successful.

Shri Sarbananda Sonowal, Hon’ble Chief Minister, Assam in his address congratulated the beneficiaries/JLGs for receiving the assistances from Oil India Limited. Appreciating the team spirit of the OIL family, Chief Minister Sonowal said that OIL’s benefits have not been limited to its employees
alone but it has immensely contributed to the growth of Assam. He further said that the Rs. 10,000 crore MoU signed by Oil with Govt. of Assam at the Advantage Assam: Global Investors Summit would give an added impetus to the state’s resurgent economy. Shri Utpal Bora CMD, OIL stated that OIL spends more than mandated 2% of average net profit of last three preceding years every year in CSR that reflects Company’s relentless effort and unconditional commitment.

Shri Rameshwar Teli, local MP and Shri Terosh Gowalla, local MLA in their addresses commended OIL’s social sector interventions and its contribution to the state. Smt. Laya Madduri, DC, Dibrugarh spoke about women empowerment that is amplified with OIL’s CSR interventions.

The function at Bihutoli, Duliajan ended with flagging off of the Agro Product Carrier vans by Shri Sonowal, Hon’ble, CM. Around 3000 beneficiaries attended this mega public event.

Project Implementing Agency, SIPRD, Assam had completed all ground work and 400 JLGs have been formed and trained to undertake various economic activities with the financial aid from OIL and loan from Banks. The JLGs have been formed within OIL’s operational areas of Dibrugarh, Tinsukia and Charaideo. The activities include farm mechanization, agro product carrier, poultry, handloom and piggery.

Since 2008, 2850 SHGs/JLGs have been formed and supported under Project Rupantar. Till date OIL has invested Rs 30.69 crore, while nationalised Banks have disbursed Rs 7.84 crore as loans under Project Rupantar. It may also be noted that 981 villages have been covered under Project Rupantar within the districts of Dibrugarh, Tinsukia and Saraideu.

Glimpses of the functions below:
Glimpses from the Commemorative function at NHK Well No. 1
60 Glorious Years of OIL
Commemorative Gala

NHIC Well NO. 1
Foundation laid by
Shri Sarbananda Sonowal
Hon’ble Chief Minister, Assam
19 March, 2019

Celebration
60 Glorious
Years
March 19, 2019
Celebrating 60 Glorious Years

60 Years of Oil India Limited

19 March 2018
Glimpses from the OIL Project Rupantar disbursement function at Bihutoli, Duliajan