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Shri Narendrakumar A. Baldota, CMD, lighting the lamp at the Inauguration Ceremony. Also seen (from right) are Smt. Ujwalatai Sushil Kumar Shinde, Smt. Vasantidevi Baldota, Smt. Nilima Maydeo, Smt. Chitra Baldota and Dr. Amit Maydeo, Director of the Institute of Advanced Endoscopy.

CANCER DIVIDES AND RULES. WE WILL UNITE AND WIN.

Inauguration of Abheraj Baldota Cancer Detection Centre

In its continuing mission to be a reservoir of hope to the community, the Abheraj Baldota Foundation (ABF), established the super specialty Abheraj Baldota Cancer Detection Centre at the Institute of Advanced Endoscopy, Mumbai. The centre was inaugurated on 2nd June, 2006 by Hon'ble Shri Sushil Kumar Shinde, Cabinet Minister for Power, Govt. of India. He lauded the initiative to launch the centre and said that this cancer detection centre will be a great boon to the people of this country.

Mr. Narendrakumar A. Baldota, Chairman and Managing Director of MSPL Limited said "We are pleased to be associated with the Institute of Advanced Endoscopy in setting up the cancer detection centre. Endoscopy has been one of the main techniques to diagnose cancers affecting the food pipe, stomach, colon, pancreas and liver. We have introduced one of the latest endoscopes available globally and the first of its kind in the country to ensure that cancer is detected early and a large number of people get timely cure against this dreaded disease."

The inauguration ceremony took place at the Grand Hyatt in Mumbai, with eminent doctors from across the nation in attendance.

80% of digestive cancers are incurable as the cancer is diagnosed only at an advanced stage.

The new endoscopy technology installed at the Abheraj Baldota Cancer Detection Centre will help a large number of patients by enabling early detection and cure.



RMMPL to commence Diamond Exploration

Krishna Diamond Project

On 27th December, 2005 the Department of Mines & Geology, Government of Andhra Pradesh, issued a Reconnaissance Permit (R.P.) to RMMPL for exploration of diamonds, semiprecious stones and allied minerals. The permit is for a period of three years and covers an area of 4548 Sq. km across three districts of Andhra Pradesh i.e. Krishna, Guntur and Nalgonda.



Map showing the R.P. area covering three districts of Andhra Pradesh

Glittering Past

This area has a glittering past of being a treasure trove of diamonds & large sized gems. It has been recorded that in the second half of the 17th century, approximately 60,000 people were engaged in mining diamonds in the Kollur mine on the banks of the Krishna River. The mines around Kollur and Paritala are believed to have produced world famous diamonds such as the Kohinoor (793 carats), the Great Mogul (900 carats) and the Regent (410 carats) among others.

Since these diamonds were all found in the gravel bed of Krishna river valley, the R.P. area forms an attractive target area for diamond exploration.



Puja being performed at the Krishna Diamond Project Office by Mr. B. N. Shukla, G.M. (Gold) & Mr. Shriram Naidu

Bhoomi Puja of Good Earth Chemicals



Good Earth Chemicals is setting up a 45 tonne pilot plant for the production of Sulpha Sponge at Hosahalli. Bhoomi Puja for the same was performed on 30th April, 2006 by Mr. K. Prabhu, Vice-President.

Ask the experienced rather than the learned

Sponsoring the Spirit of Exploration

Baldota Group offers fellowships in mineral exploration

Man has ventured into the far corners of space and explored this final frontier, yet knows much less about the earth he lives on. But the quintessential adventurer in man constantly finds new ways to expand his quest of the unknown. Be it through the mode of expeditions or through in-depth research.

The Baldota Group has always recognized and promoted this spirit wherever and whenever possible. The Baldota Fellowships being offered this year at the newly set up University Centre for Earth and Space Sciences at the University of Hyderabad, are one more small step in this ongoing endeavour. Four fellowships will be offered and each of them will be worth Rs. 3 Lacs and cover tuition fees, hostel and fieldwork expenses.

The centre is the first of its kind in the country and is offering an M.Tech and Advanced PG Diploma in Mineral Exploration from this year with the assistance of National Geophysical Research Institute (NGRI) and MSPL Ltd.

The four-semester M.Tech programme is open to candidates with Masters Degree in any branch of science with mathematics as one of the subjects at the B.Sc. level. It includes 10 weeks of intensive geological, geochemical and geophysical fieldwork. The advanced PG diploma is a two-semester course with 8-credit project work.

Prof. K. V. Subba Rao, Director of the centre and expert on earth sciences said that, "These programmes are inter-disciplinary in nature and the idea is to synergise earth studies (including oceanic and atmospheric realms), space and information sciences".



THE HINDU
Programmes in mineral exploration
 R. RAVIKANTH REDDY
 Humans are yet to comprehend the planet as fully as they live on despite reaching the moon and Mars. Nature throws up new challenges to man despite his conquest using his technology and science. Studying the earth is not just an interesting challenge in itself.
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UGC Recognised

The UGC has recognised the centre and granted faculty and research funds through their Innovative Research Programme. Overseas institutions such as University of London, University of California (San Diego Supercomputer Centre) and Florida State University will assist the programme.

As a part of the course, the students will use well-developed state-of-the-art facilities of the university, NGRI and MSPL Limited.

The beginning is the half of every action



Good Earth participates in Oil & Gas West Asia Exhibition, 2006 in Muscat

Once in two years, Omanexpo LLC hosts the Oil & Gas West Asia (OGWA) Exhibition & Seminar, which provides a platform to related industries in the sector to meet, interact and explore business opportunities. This year the exhibition was hosted from April 10th to 12th at the Oman International Exhibition Centre, Muscat, Sultanate of Oman.

Good Earth Chemicals participated in OGWA, 2006 Exhibition and Conference to promote and gauge the demand for its patented product Sulpha Sponge in these markets. Sulpha Sponge and Sulpha Sponge Extractum are excellent H₂S scavengers, and ideally suited for H₂S management during drilling operations and for refineries.

The response was very encouraging; the stall witnessed a lot of visitors and the Good Earth team, under the able leadership of Shri K. Prabhu, educated the visitors regarding the benefits of using Sulpha Sponge as a H₂S scavenger in upstream and midstream processes. The team has collated a host of enquiries, some of which are at an advanced stage of discussion.



Venue for the Oil & Gas West Asia (OGWA) Exhibition & Seminar



Mr. K. Prabhu, Vice President, Good Earth Chemicals and Dr. T. N. V. Raghavan, Technical Advisor with visitors at the Good Earth Chemicals stall.



Profile

Good Earth Chemicals Private Limited - a Baldota Group Company is a quality provider of environmental solutions which help protect life, assets and the earth. It currently caters to the Oil & Gas, Steel, and Water Treatment industries. The company is dedicated to developing innovative products that help improve various complex processes like drilling in oil exploration, industrial effluent management, removal of harmful gases, etc. Its current product range finds application in various industries as detailed below:

- 1 OIL & GAS:**
Sulpha Sponge Extractum for effective management of H₂S in oil exploration and refineries. Sulpha Sponge, a product variant, which provides dual benefit during drilling operations - H₂S scavenger and drilling mud additive.
- 2 STEEL:**
Sulpha Sponge as a de-sulphurizer, de-carburizer and de-phosphurizer.
- 3 EFFLUENT TREATMENT:**
Sulpha Sponge acts as catalyst for oxidation of organics available in the effluent, improves BOD & COD and helps remove dissolved sulphides.
- 4 POTABLE WATER:**
Sulpha Sponge is a scavenger of fluorides, arsenic and other heavy metals.

World Environment Day celebrations

MSPL LIMITED CELEBRATED WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY ON 5TH JUNE, 2006

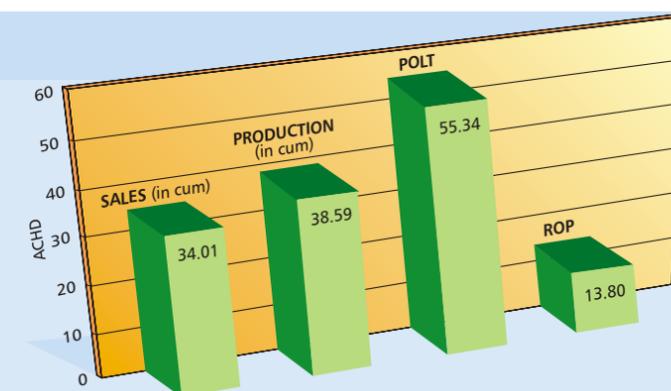
Shri Narendrakumar A. Baldota, Chairman & Managing Director, MSPL Limited, Shri Lakshmi Narayan, Range Forest Officer, Bellary, Shri B. D. Narasimha Murthy, Dy. Director of Mines & Geology and Shri S. Madhusudhan, Environment Officer, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Bellary were the guests of honour. Shri P. N. Krishna Murthy, D.G.M. (Mines) presided over the function.



Group Gas Division

The Group Gas Business has shown consistent growth in the 1st QTR of 2006-2007 as compared to the previous year i.e. 2005-2006.

The gas division recorded a growth of 34.01% in sales (In cum), 38.59% growth in production and 55.34% growth in plant online time.



World Environment Day celebrations

Over 600 school children from Deepayan, National English Medium School, Hospet, Higher Primary School, Danapur and Hanumanahalli took part in a tree plantation drive by planting over 3000 saplings at the Vyasankere Iron Ore Mine, MSPL Unit II Ingiligi Plant and at the PVS Mine.



Students planting saplings at the PVS mines (Left) and VIOM (Right) on World Environment Day.

To increase awareness about environmental preservation and pollution prevention, the celebrations also included a drawing competition on the theme of "Don't desert the drylands" & essay competition on the theme of "Deserts and Desertification". The winners were given prizes and all participants were gifted caps with an environment conservation logo along with participation certificates.

Environmental stewardship has been ingrained in the fabric of the Baldota Group by our founder chairman the Late Shri Abheraj H. Baldota. Since the afforestation program began in 1977, we have planted 1.67 million trees in our lease area, changing the entire landscape into a lush green paradise and created extensive awareness on conservation of Forest and Environment in young minds. This was the seventh consecutive year that we celebrated World Environment Day.



Mr. Gopalkrishna, Sr. Manager (Plants), MSPL Limited EOU-II handing over participation certificates to school children at Ingiligi. Also seen in the picture are Mr. Mahesh, Environment Officer, Mr. P. N. Krishnamurthy, DGM (Mines) and Mr. Meda Venkataiah, Executive Director (Mines), MSPL Limited.

Work spares us from three evils: boredom, vice, and need

Introducing young minds to the marvel of Nature



In an attempt to help form Nature Clubs and assist conservation activities in and around Hospet, Mr. Narendrakumar A. Baldota, Chairman & Managing Director, MSPL Limited, handed over a DD of Rs. 5,55,000 to Mr. K. S. Abdul Samad, President, Society for Wildlife & Nature (SWaN), Hospet.

SWaN aims to set up 20 Nature Clubs through which it will educate young minds by introducing them to the beauty of bird watching, aid conservation and document the resident and migratory birds, throughout the stretch of the Tungabhadra river.

Empowering Education

Education is a powerful tool to empower an individual, reform society and build a nation we all would be proud of. At the Baldota Group we continually invest time and resources to promote education at all levels through a variety of activities.

Encouraging Excellence

Shri Shrenik Baldota, Executive Director, MSPL presented gold medals to the toppers of various engineering streams at the Proudadevaraya Institute of Technology (PDIT), Hospet.



Gold Medal for academic excellence being awarded to Ms. S. Aparna, VIII Semester, Information Science & Engg., by Mr. Shrenik Baldota



Gold Medal for academic excellence being awarded to Mr. Sachin R. M., VIII Semester, Mechanical Engg., by Mr. Shrenik Baldota.

If everyone is moving forward together, then success takes care of itself

Empowering Education

Construction of Hostel Block

RMPL has donated Rs. 1 crore to the 'Rashthrohana Vidyakendra', Dharwad for construction of a hostel block at the institute. Sponsored by the Rashthrohana Parishat, this is an English medium residential school for boys. It is affiliated to the CBSE board and its main thrust is on imparting the values of traditions and patriotism.



Sri Sri Ravishankar and Mr. Narendrakumar A. Baldota, CMD MSPL Limited, lighting the lamp to inaugurate the new building of Rashthrohana Vidyakendra at Dharwad. Also present were Karnataka Governor T. N. Chaturvedi, Justice Rama Jois and S. S. Patil Kadaganchi.



The newly constructed Rashthrohana Vidyakendra at Dharwad.

Inauguration of the building complex was held on 13th June 2006, with the gracious presence of eminent personalities like Sri Sri Ravishankar of Art of Living Foundation, Honourable Governor of Karnataka, Shri T. N. Chaturvedi, Justice M. Rama Jois, and Shri Narendrakumar A. Baldota, CMD MSPL Limited.



Sri Sri Ravishankar felicitating Mr. Narendrakumar A. Baldota, CMD MSPL Limited at the inauguration function.

Construction of High School Building

In its continuing endeavour to ensure that necessary educational resources reach the grass root level, the Abheraj Baldota Foundation contributed Rs. 5 lacs towards construction of the High School Building of The Tungabhadra High School, Huligi-Munirabad.

The harder I work the more I live

MSPL sponsors the 23rd Sub-junior National Aquatic Championship

Gift of Sight

The Abheraj Baldota Foundation dedicated two days in each of the last three months for conducting Eye Camps at the Netralakshmi Vaidyalaya.

Over 200 patients were screened for eye diseases at the camps, of which 85 patients underwent cataract operations.

Towards a noble cause

- MSPL contributed Rs. 4 lacs to Sriman Madhwa Gururaghavendra Trust towards granite flooring of the temple and for the Garbhagudi well.
- MSPL has contributed Rs. 1,11,000 to Salawas Gohsala Seva Samiti located at Jodhpur, Rajasthan. This fund would be used for providing fodder & grains to cattle and birds, and for renovation of the Gohsala.
- In order to develop the villages adopted by MSPL, the company has contributed Rs. 10 lacs to the Kishkinda Trust, Anegundi, Koppal District, Karnataka.



Mr. Shrenik Baldota, ED, addressing the participants of the 23rd Sub-junior National Aquatic Championship.



Venue for the 23rd National Aquatic Championship co-sponsored by MSPL Limited.

MSPL co-sponsored the 23rd Sub-junior National Aquatic Championship, 2006 which was conducted by the Karnataka Swimming Association from 18th-21st June at the swimming complex of Jain International Residential School (JIRS), located about 40 kms from Bangalore.

The championship included swimming and diving events and over 600 swimmers from 24 states took part in the championship. Mr. Shrenik Baldota, Executive Director of MSPL graced the occasion with his presence at the championship and actively encouraged the young swimmers.

Knowledge is power, enthusiasm is the switch

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

MSPL
VYASANAKERE IRON ORE MINES

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RAMANJANEYA DHAIPULLE

Mr. Ramanjaneya Dhaipulle has demonstrated excellence in multiple facets of his job as a purchase assistant. He introduced electronic registers with LAN facility for outward and inward references which has significantly speeded up the process and has also led to a substantial reduction in paper cost as it abolished the requirement of hard copies. He took the initiative to submit the application to the DGFT office, Bangalore and completed the licensing work in quick time. He also undertook and successfully obtained licenses for EPCG, PENTAX survey instruments and TATRA trucks.

MAY 2006



CHANDRASEKAR

Mr. Chandrasekar, Junior Officer (IT, Mines) merits recognition for his outstanding work in updating, allocation of serial number of trip sheets, invoice numbers for different parties and stations for EOU and NON-EOU movements at all weighbridges. He also got the required computers for the EOU movement and updated the software for the same. He meticulously prepares the transport bills unit-wise and submits the same to Head Office for payment in time. He has currently undertaken the computerization of weighbridges across our Group Mines, which will result in faster movement of trucks. He also ensures that employees get their salary on time by meticulously maintaining their attendance and submitting it to the Payroll Department on time. He is sincere and punctual.

JUNE 2006



MALLIKARJUNA G. S.

Mr. Mallikarjuna G. S., Mine Foreman, merits recognition for his multi faceted approach in discharging his duties. He has the ability to appropriately allocate available manpower to the respective machines and extract more working hours from the TATRA vehicles as compared to the excavators. He also maintains good safety standards, communicates well and offers valuable suggestions to reduce cost and achieve production targets. Besides, he is able to bring out the full potential from his subordinates.

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G. BHARAMPPA

Mr. G. Bharamppa, Hemm Helper (Machinery Maintenance), merits recognition for exceptional problem identification ability and adept maintenance skills, which have improved machinery performance.

MAY 2006



A. BABUJAN

Mr. A. Babujan, Technician/Welder (Tipper Maintenance), merits recognition for his outstanding skills in reutilizing scrap material and his excellent welding skills.

JUNE 2006



PARUSHARAMUDU

Mr. Parusharamudu, Driver (Tipper Maintenance), merits recognition for his excellent driving skills, which have reduced vehicle break down time, enhanced safety and increased productivity.

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

PVS
PATHIKONDA IRON ORE MINE

APRIL 2006



PRASHANTH KUMAR

Mr. Prashanth Kumar D., Sr. Mines Foreman (Mines Dept.), merits recognition for his commendable planning skills in a time bound manner, safely and economically. As a senior, he garners good support from his subordinates, and is amply capable of independently handling any shift.

MAY 2006



RIYAZ BASHA

Mr. Riyaz Basha, Asst. Technician (Maintenance Dept.), merits recognition for his efficient vehicle maintenance. He has demonstrated his multi-faceted skills in gearbox overhauling, differential overhauling, hydraulic pump overhauling, etc. for both TATA Tippers as well as HYVA vehicles.

JUNE 2006



RAMANJANI

Mr. Ramanjani, Spotter (Reef Department), merits recognition for maintaining all safety parameters during dumping operations. He is a good performer in seasonal conditions and gives utmost importance to maintain the dump in a good condition. Besides, he is a good communicator too.

IYLI

IYLI GURUNATH IRON ORE MINES

APRIL 2006



BABU

Mr. Babu, Helper, merits recognition for his hard work and sincerity in both the mechanical and electrical sections. Moreover, his contribution towards complete electrical wiring of the Weighbridge was commendable.

MAY 2006



MOHAMED ISHAQ

Mr. Mohamed Ishaq, Wheel Loader Operator, merits recognition for skillful, safe and efficient operation of the wheel loader. He is a multi-skilled and a highly efficient operator of both the loader and the excavator.

JUNE 2006



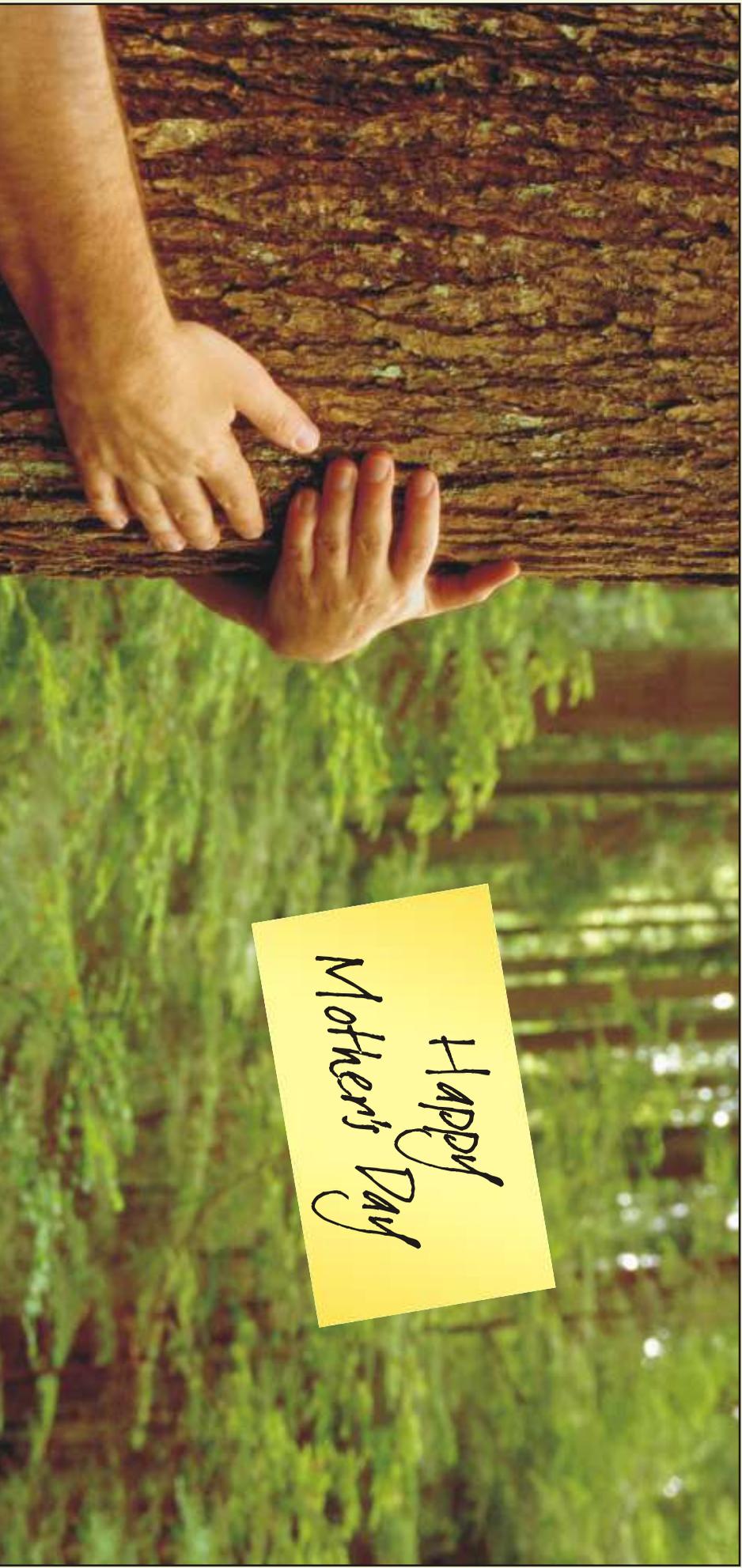
S. SATISH

Mr. S. Satish, Computer Operator, merits recognition for timely completion and submission of permit returns, which facilitated the timely procurement of Forest permits and helped accomplish record movement of nearly 1 lakh tonnes to CPP. His contribution towards maintaining up-to-date records and MIS is also commendable.

Recognizing the Spirit of Excellence

Every quarter the 'Employee of the month' showcases the spirit of the Baldota Group workforce to go that extra mile. Personnel across cadres and departments are recognized for their innovations, commitment, approach towards their tasks,

teamwork, ability to do something special and commendable achievements. At the Baldota Group we strongly believe that excellence at the organisation level is nothing but the result of every employee delivering beyond expectations.



Intensive Afforestation Programme

Caring for Mother Nature is second nature to us. It has been instilled in the group DNA by our founder chairman the Late Shri Abheraj Baldota. He strongly believed that every corporate has a responsibility towards the environment. Under his environmental stewardship, a major portion of mining land has been converted to lush green forests through plantation of over 17 lakh trees.

This commitment towards sustainable development and environment care also led to the group's diversification in Wind Power. Today, the Baldota Group is the single largest producer of Wind Power in the country.*

As the world celebrates this momentous day, we reiterate our commitment to preserve the symbiosis between ecology and economy in all our endeavours.



Large Scale Wind Power Generation

Happy
Mother's Day



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* Directory Indian Windpower 2005, CECL, as at March 31, 2005