

## Vendors Meet as a part of Vigilance Awareness Week

**Vendor Meet-2024** was conducted by MRPL on October 29, 2024, at T. M. Pai Convention Hall, Mangalore. This offline event, organized after a four-year gap, was conducted as part of the ongoing Vigilance Awareness Week, observed from October 28 to November 3, 2024. Approximately 350 vendors from across the country attended, making the event a significant success.



The Vendor Meet was presided over by Shri Mundkur Shyamprasad Kamath, Managing Director of MRPL, who also holds the additional charge of Director (Finance). Other distinguished attendees included Shri Nandakumar Velayudhan Pillai, Director (Refinery), Shri Ganesh S. Bhat, IFS, Chief Vigilance Officer; Shri BHV Prasad, Executive Director (Projects), Shri Sudharshan B, Executive Director (Refinery), Shri Yogish Nayak, Chief Finance Officer (MRPL) and Dr. Prashant Shankar Poduval, GGM- Materials.







The program began at 10:30 a.m. with the MRPL theme song, followed by an invocation. The dignitaries symbolically inaugurated the event by lighting a lamp.





Shri Satish Satyanarayana, General Manager (Materials), welcomed the gathering and spoke on the importance of the Vendor Meet.



Dr. Prashant Shankar Poduval provided an overview of MRPL's procurement philosophy and highlighted the various initiatives undertaken to ensure uninterrupted plant operations through timely procurement of essential goods and services. He expressed appreciation for the stakeholders' steadfast support and encouraged continued collaboration from all vendors.





Shri Ganesh S. Bhat, CVO, emphasized the importance of ethical behaviour for sustainable organizational growth and nation-building. He also reminded attendees of the integrity pledge.



Shri Nandakumar Velayudhan Pillai, Director (Refinery), reiterated the significance of integrity and the vital role vendors play in MRPL's progress through timely delivery of products and services.



Shri Mundkur Shyamprasad Kamath, Managing Director, then provided insights into MRPL's current status and future plans. He also mentioned that MRPL is playing a crucial role in meeting the fuel requirement of nation.



Shri Jayank Verma, Assistant Manager (Materials), presented on various procurement initiatives at MRPL, including opportunities for vendors, achievements of the Materials Department, challenges faced, and implemented solutions.





Shri Aditya Singh Chauhan, Director of Buyer Management from Government e-Marketplace (GeM), delivered a presentation on the GeM registration process, bidding methodologies, and platform features, encouraging vendors to register on the GeM portal.



Shri Devaraj K, Joint Director of the MSME Development and Facilitation Office (Mangalore), shared information on MSME activities and various schemes available for MSME vendors, including the Lean Manufacturing Scheme and the ZED (Zero Defect, Zero Effect) manufacturing concept.





Smt. Kokila, Head of the National SC/ST Hub (NSIC, Bengaluru), presented the SC/ST Hub's activities and detailed various financial support schemes, urging attendees to explore MSME Sambandh and Samadhan portals for additional resources.



Mr Ajay Mathew from M1 Xchange (Mynd Solutions Pvt. Ltd) gave a detailed presentation on TReDS (Trade Receivables & Discounting System) to facilitate financing of Trade Receivables of MSMEs from multiple financiers through online bidding process.





Based on the recommendation of various departments, five vendors were honoured with “Award of Excellence” for rendering exceptional services thereby supporting MRPL by timely delivery of items and quality services during critical shutdowns in MRPL.



During an open forum to express feedback on their work experience with MRPL, some of the Vendors provided positive feedback during the session.





During the online registration for attending the event, Vendors were given option to submit queries. Shri Ganesh Bhandary, General Manager -Materials diligently addressed the queries raised by the vendors.



Dr. Manjunath H. V., General Manager (Materials), extended a formal vote of thanks, and the program concluded with the National Anthem. The program was compered by Smt. Noopur Kaushik Bhalla, Senior Manager-Materials.

