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1. MRPL hosts MOPNG's AzadiKa Amrit Mahotsav Seminar – 19.3.21

Mangalore Refinery began its celebration of 75 Years of Independence Day with a seminar called “Striving for a Sustainable Tomorrow with Green Fuels.” This seminar was part of the series of activities planned by MOPNG to commemorate 75 years of India's Independence, “AzadikaAmritMahotsav”.



The seminar was attended by members from industry and academia apart from a large number of enthusiastic students. Led by Shri Tarun Kapoor Secretary MOPNG many officials from MOPNG and leaders from the Oil and Gas fraternity joined the seminar through virtual platform. Speaking on occasion, Shri Tarun Kapoor, Secretary P&NG, in his introductory speech, explained the significance of the celebration of AzadikaAmritMahotsav. He stressed the need to ensure the energy security of the nation along with the need to ensure a sustainable future for mankind. Shri M. Venkatesh Managing Director MRPL gave the introductory remarks. He stated that under a clearly spelt roadmap and visionary guidance of MOPNG, the Indian refining sector is balancing productivity along with sustainability.

The Seminar was moderated by MRPL's Director Refinery Shri Sanjay Verma, who introduced the topic of sustainability and stressed the need to preserve mother earth for future generations. Shri Verma spoke on the key points highlighted by the expert speakers and summed up the findings of the panel discussion for the benefit of the students. Panelists during the session on Sustainable Tomorrow with Green Fuels Dr Arun M Isloor - Professor & HOD Chemistry Department of NITK

Dr Isloor discussed various sustainable energy options that are practically viable. He highlighted a few possibilities which he felt were most suitable for the geographical location of Coastal Karnataka. He felt that there is huge potential to promote Solar, tidal and Geothermal energy in this region. He discussed the pros and cons of promoting these diverse options. On geothermal energy, he explained that geothermal energy supplies 1% of world energy, he mentioned that 22 countries in the world currently use geothermal energy – which has huge potential as renewable energy.

