

National Vendor Development Programme cum Industrial Exhibition



National Vendor Development Programme (NVDP) cum Industrial Exhibition was held in Town Hall at Mangalore on 7th and 8th November 2017. Shri Nalin Kumar Kateel, Hon'ble MP, Mangalore and Shri JR Lobo, MLA Mangalore South inaugurated the programme. MSME - DI (Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises - Development Institute), Mangalore in association with District Industries Centre – Mangaluru and District Small Industries Association, Mangaluru organised this programme.

Ms Kavitha Sanil, Mayor, Mangalore City Corporation, Gokuldas Nayak, Dy Commissioner, Mangalore City Corporation, Shri S N Rangaprasad, Director, MSME, Shri C K Gopal, General Manager, Corporation Bank, Shri BH Khader, President, Karnataka Cashew Development Corporation, Shri K Socrates, Deputy Director – MSME were among the dignitaries present during the occasion. Many Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises of Mangalore including the PSUs participated in the programme.

Shri Nalin Kumar Kateel, Hon'ble MP and Shri JR Lobo, Hon'ble MLA also inaugurated MRPL stall.

On the first day of the program held on 7th November, seminars were conducted where PSUs explained the tendering procedure and banks gave information about various banking avenues available to MSMEs. Shri Venugopal VJ, Chief Manager Materials presented on Opportunities to Enhance Participation of MSEs in Public Procurement. He demonstrated how MSEs can identify procurement of items and services, procedure to enlist in MRPL's vendor database and access to tenders in MRPL portal. He highlighted the transparent procedure adopted by

MRPL such as E-tendering. He also gave an insight about the GeM (Government e Marketplace) portal introduced by Government of India and Startup fund allotted by MRPL to encourage the startups as a part of Startup India Initiative.

Shri K Pownraj, GM – Materials was the Chief Guest during the Valedictory ceremony. He spoke on the need for the growth of micro and small industries in India. He said that the MSE sector provides job opportunities for 8 to 9 crore people and contributes significantly to the GDP growth and hence there is a need to ensure sustained growth of MSE sector. Government of India is providing a lot of support to the MSE sector by introducing various schemes to help them. In line with Government guidelines, MRPL has introduced waiver of tender fee and EMD in its tenders for MSE vendors. He also appealed to MSE vendors to participate in MRPL tenders and to approach in case of any help/clarification about supplying of product/service to MRPL.

Many entrepreneurs, industrialists, vendors, customers and students attended the exhibition. MRPL stall bagged the **best stall award** in the PSU category in the Exhibition. MRPL has won this prize for the third consecutive year.



