

## Special Vendor Development Programme for SC ST Vendors



A Special Vendor Development Programme for SC ST Vendors was organised by MRPL in Mangaluru on 07.03.2018 in association with MSME DI Mangaluru. More than 40 SC/ST entrepreneurs from all over Karnataka participated in the programme.

Shri. Gokuldas Nayak, Joint Director, DIC, D.K. District, Shri. Ajith Kamath Vice President, KSIA (Kanara Small Industries Association), Mangaluru, Shri. Socrates, Dy Director, MSME-DI, Mangaluru, Shri. G Nagaraj, Asst. Director – MSME, Mangaluru were the dignitaries who graced the occasion along with Shri. A Balaji, President MSSEWA and Senior officers from MRPL.

The Programme started in the morning with the MRPL theme song. Thereafter all the dignitaries joined hands to light the lamp. Shri. Praveen Pinto, Manager (Materials) delivered the welcome address. Shri V.J Venugopal, Chief Manager (Materials) presented an overview of the meet, opportunities available in PSUs like MRPL and the need for the Micro , Small and Medium Enterprises and especially from the special categories to participate in tenders and contribute and enhance GDP of the nation. He stressed that the MSME being a vibrant and dynamic sector is the largest job creator and helping in industrialisation of rural and backward areas.

Shri. Gokuldas Nayak, Joint Director, DIC, D.K. District lauded the efforts of MRPL. He specially mentioned that MRPL being a major PSU has contributed to the growth and prosperity of Mangalore region by generating a large secondary workforce of suppliers and contractors.

Shri. K Socrates, Dy Director, MSME-DI, spoke on the initiatives taken by MRPL and advised participants to make use of the benefits available to Micro & Small Enterprises in public procurement. Shri Udaykumar Bhat, Asst Director, MSME-DI, Mangaluru spoke

about the MSMED Act 2006 and explained in detail the benefits of Public Procurement Policy, 2012 and grievance redressal related to payment issues faced by MSE vendors in public procurement.

Shri. Ajith Kamath Vice President, KSIA (Kanara Small Industries Association), Mangaluru spoke on how the special category vendors could partner and become competitive entrepreneurs.

Shri. A Balaji, President MSSEWA mentioned that conducting such programs helps in creating awareness amongst the vendors of the specialised category which will result in enhancing participation.

Shri. Vishal Wilfred Abreo, Engineer (Mechanical)-MM, gave a presentation on how the vendors can utilise the MRPL Web Portal. This includes how to search MRPL tenders and how to participate and submit bids in E-tenders. He also explained how vendors can register online with GeM portal to display their products and services.

This was followed by a very interactive open session. Many of the vendors sought details / clarifications on facilities / advantages available to MSME – SC/ST vendors and were apprised of the same. Further the vendors were informed that they can contact / visit MRPL any time as per their convenience for any matter.

Shri. Malatesh MH, Chief. Manager (Materials) proposed the vote of thanks and Shri B Sandeep Naik, GM Materials compered the programme.





