

NBCC DIVERSIFIES INTO HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION

NBCC (India), the Navratna CPSE under the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, has added yet another aspect to its expanding business by diversifying into the road construction space. A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between Yogesh Sharma, executive director (Engg), NBCC, and Anup Malik, MD, Ecotourism Development Corporation of Uttarakhand, in the presence of Harak Singh Rawat, Hon'ble Minister for Forest, Government of Uttarakhand, to construct an eco-tourism circuit along Kotdwar-Ramnagar Kandi Road in the State of Uttarakhand.

The 50-km four lane highway road project will be partly straight road and partly elevated road, to allow for free movement of wild animals underneath. The project will be developed



▲ The MoU was signed between NBCC and the Ecotourism Development Corporation of Uttarakhand.

under Green Infrastructure/Green Road Model and is estimated to cost Rs 2,000 crore. The Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun, will be the partner institute of NBCC for ecological planning of the project, which will be conducted through satellite data.

In this regard, Dr Anoop Kumar Mittal, CMD, said, "NBCC is always scouting for growth opportunities in existing and new sectors. With the present Government's thrust towards roads and highways construction, we foresee immense opportunities in this space."

IRB INFRA BAGS HYBRID ANNUITY PROJECT IN GUJARAT

IRB Infrastructure Developers has bagged its third successive project from NHAI under Hybrid Annuity Model (HAM) in the state of Gujarat. The company emerged as a preferred bidder for construction of eight lanes on the Vadodara – Mumbai Expressway in Gujarat, on the stretch having a length of 23.740 kms at the cost of Rs 2,043 crore.

Commenting on the development, Virendra Mhaiskar, CMD, IRB Infrastructure Developers, said, "We are happy to see the company being awarded with its third successive project under Hybrid Annuity in a week's time."

TATA BLUESCOPE STEEL BAGS CIDC VISHWAKARMA AWARD FOR SAFETY, HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT, FOR THE SECOND TIME IN A ROW

Reiterating its commitment to world-class safety practices and on-site project execution, Tata BlueScope Steel's Building Products division – LYSAGHT, has received the 10th CIDC Vishwakarma Award 2018 for Safety, Health and Environment, for the second time in a row. The award was conferred for a Tata Steel Processing and Distribution Ltd project, one of India's largest steel service centres, where LYSAGHT supplied colour-coated metal sheets for their roofing and walling requirements, apart from design detailing, engineering and construction support. Zero harm to people and environment is at the core of all Safety Management Systems at Tata BlueScope Steel.

"This success was achievable due to team work and collaboration. A team of well qualified and experienced engineers, safety officers, and safety stewards were deployed at the project site to ensure safety and quality standards were maintained all throughout. Regular safety audits, consistent guidance, onsite training programmes, and best industry practices led to a 100% safe environment. The job was executed in a fully-operational plant, which demanded additional safety precautions, to prevent any harm to person or equipment due to falling debris during dismantling of existing roof sheets," said Ajay Rattan, GM - sales, construction & engineering (LYSAGHT Business), on receiving the award.