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BHEL commissions record 13 MW of Solar Power Plants in 2011-12

Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (**BHEL**) has set a new record in its Solar Photovoltaic (PV) business in a single year, by commissioning 13 MW of Solar Power Plants in various parts of the country during the current financial year, marking a significant contribution to the Nation's Green Initiatives. Solar Power Projects commissioned by the company during the year include a 3 MW Grid Connected Solar Power Plant at Raichur in Karnataka, a 5 MW Plant in Rajasthan, 2 plants of 2 MW each in Maharashtra and over 1 MW in the Lakshadweep Islands. Significantly, all these projects have been commissioned by **BHEL** on Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) basis. **BHEL** has successfully commissioned a 3 MW Grid-Connected Solar Power Plant at Yapaldinni Village near Raichur for the Karnataka Power Corporation Limited (KPCL). In the current financial year, the company has also commissioned, a 5 MW Grid-Connected Solar Power Plant for Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) at Rawra Village near Phalodi, Rajasthan. This project was commissioned under the NTPS Vidyut Vyapar Nigam (NVVN) programme of the JawaharLal Nehru National Solar Mission (JNNSM). In addition, two more PV power plants of 2 MW each were commissioned at Katol near Nagpur for M/s Sepset Constructions Ltd. and M/s Citra Real Estate Ltd. These projects have been commissioned under the Rooftop PV and Small Solar Power Generation Programme (RPSSGP) of IREDA under JNNSM. Far away from the mainland, in the coral Islands of Lakshadweep, **BHEL** is executing a 1.9 MW order from Lakshadweep Administration for augmentation and modernisation of existing Solar Power Plants at various Islands, of which 1.1 MW has been commissioned. Out of these island projects, India's biggest Diesel Grid-Interactive PV plant of 760 kW has been already operationalised in the Island of Kavaratti by **BHEL**. A 320 kW PV Power Plant at Andrott island has also been commissioned in January 2012. Additionally, **BHEL** is executing Solar Power Plant projects totaling to 7.5 MW for various customers and they are in the final stages of commissioning. Making major inroads in to the Solar Photovoltaic business, **BHEL** has now cumulatively commissioned 13 MW of Grid-Connected Solar Power Plants during the current financial year.

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