

A well-managed Refinery at Kochi says Petroleum Secretary



“A company like Bharat Petroleum is in a position to think ahead and identify solutions as the challenges seen are not new and they are bound to continue. The team should focus on understanding the paradigm shifts in demand of fuels and changing patterns of crude sourcing to come up with suitable plans to overcome them. Demand for fuel is here to stay for the next 20 years and more,” shared Secretary, Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas, Mr. Tarun Kapoor, IAS in his special address on his visit to Kochi Refinery.

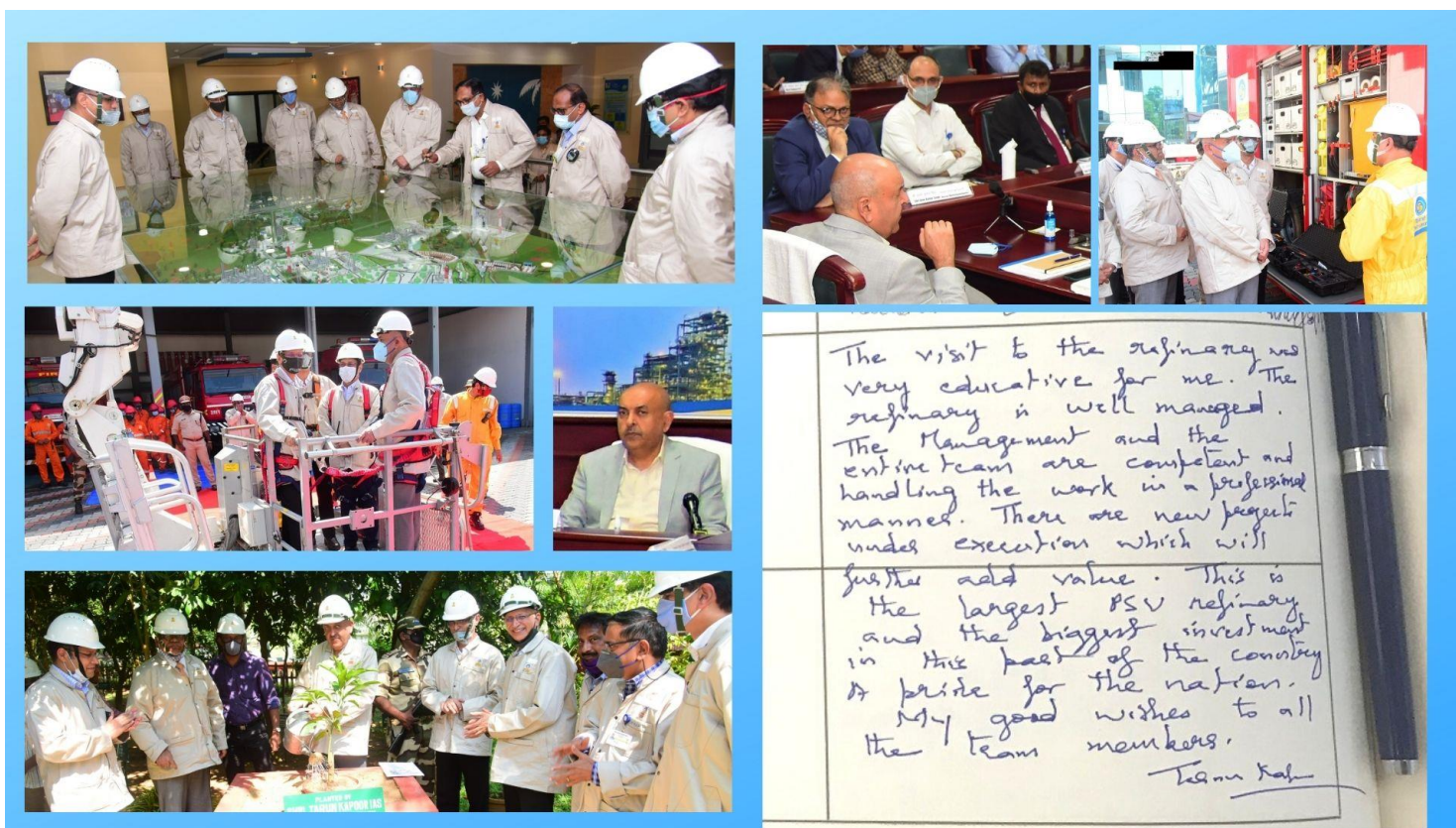
In the first leg of his three day visit to Kochi, he visited Kochi Refinery on 18 January 2021 where he was cordially welcomed by Mr. Arun Kumar Singh, Director (Marketing & Refineries), Bharat Petroleum. In the hour long discussion with the senior leadership of the Refinery led by Mr. PV Ravitej, Executive Director I/c (Refineries), BPCCL and Mr. Sanjay Khanna, Executive Director (Kochi Refinery), the Secretary evinced interest in the ongoing projects and Refinery operations. Mr. Chacko M Jose, Chief General Manager (Operations), gave a brief overview of the Refinery detailing on the genesis, growth and ongoing projects of the Refinery. Secretary (MoP&NG) later visited the Plant and Project sites.

At the Main Control Room (MCR) of KR, the refinery operations and state-of-the-art systems were detailed by Mr. R Sreekumar, Chief General Manager (Manufacturing). At the Main Fire Station, the Petroleum Secretary also experienced the Aerial Hydraulic Platform, one of its only kind in Kerala, used for firefighting at high altitudes. The Rs. 8 Crores skylift that can be raised up to 44 Meters was added recently to KR equipping the Refinery Fire Services to support the State & District administration during extreme exigencies. Secretary (MoP&NG) also planted a sapling at the Kochi Refinery Ecopark which is by now home to several rare species of herbs, plants and full grown trees.





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