

Centre plans insurance cover for n-plants

Special Correspondent

HYDERABAD: Plans are afoot to provide insurance cover to nuclear power plants and an insurance pool in this regard is being established with General Insurance Corporation in the lead, Atomic Energy Commission Chairman R.K. Sinha said.

The proposed insurance for property loss would cover all nuclear plants, including existing ones, Dr. Sinha told reporters on the sidelines of a function flagging off the first consignment of equipment for the world's largest high-altitude gamma ray telescope in Hanle, Ladakh, built by the Electronics Corporation of India Limited (ECIL) here. Asked about reservations on liability from nuclear suppliers, he said "we are

on way to finding a solution to that." He said the Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited (NPCIL), Ministry of Finance and the insurance companies were dealing with the issue and a group of experts was looking into the risk mechanism.



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MACE telescope to become operational in 2016

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HYDERABAD: The first consignment of the world's largest high-altitude gamma ray telescope to be installed at Hanle, Ladakh, by next summer, was flagged off by R.K. Sinha, Secretary DAE and Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission here on Saturday.

The 21m diameter MACE (Major Atmospheric Cherenkov Experiment) Telescope will be the second largest in the world and the largest to be operating from high altitudes for the detection of gamma ray emissions. The assembling and testing of the gar-

gantuan telescope, weighing 180 tonnes, was completed at ECIL, which was entrusted with the responsibility of manufacturing, installing and commissioning by Bhabha Atomic Research Centre. After completing calibration trials by the end of next year, the MACE telescope will become operational by early 2016.

The telescope, which can be remotely operated from anywhere in the world, has an imaging camera that contains 1,088 photomultiplier based pixels. After dismantling the entire structure over the next few weeks, the

telescope will be transported in 45-50 trucks to Ladakh, while some of the sensitive equipment would be moved by air.

Addressing the gathering of scientists from ECIL, BARC and other institutions before flagging off the consignment, Dr. Sinha said the MACE telescope was the best machine available in the world at high altitudes to provide answers to questions on the origin of universe.

P. Sudhakar, Chairman and Managing Director, ECIL said the proof of concept of the complex equipment was now over.

BREAKING NEW GROUND

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Atomic Energy Commission chairman and secretary in the department of atomic energy RK Sinha flagging off the largest MACE telescope, to be installed in Ladakh, at ECIL in Hyderabad on Saturday | SEKHAR MALYALA

Second Largest MACE Telescope Flagged Off

21 m long device was jointly manufactured by BARC & ECIL

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Hyderabad: In a historic moment in the field of Astrophysics, the Major Atmospheric Cherenkov Experiment (MACE), the second largest gamma ray telescope was flagged off by the chairman of Atomic Energy Commission and secretary of the department of atomic energy RK Sinha at ECIL.

While the largest telescope is in Namibia, MACE was indigenously manufactured jointly by the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC)

and the Electronics Corporation of India (ECIL).

"This is indeed a matter of pride for us as there are only few such instruments in the world and one of them is in India," Sinha said while congratulating the scientists of the two organisations and added that India will find its place in the elite scientific community of the world once the device is operational.

The 21m telescope weighs 180 tonnes and is expected to solve problems in the fields of Astrophysics, Fun-

damental Physics and provide a detailed emphasis on particle acceleration, gamma generation and spectral cut off of Pulsars. The total cost involved in its making was around 45 crore which is half the cost of the one in Namibia, whose diameter is 28m.

Few parts of the magnificent device were being sent to Hanle in Ladakh by road on Saturday. The task of re-assembling the equipment will be completed by August and the device will be fully operational in 2016.

MACE telescope to unravel mysteries



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Chairman of Atomic Energy Commission and Secretary of Department of Atomic Energy RK Sinha said on Saturday that MACE telescope would help to understand some of the most mysterious phenomenon in the universe.

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Sinha flagged off a consignment of the Major Atmospheric Cherenkov Experiment (MACE) Telescope bound for Hanle in Leh.

Speaking on the occasion, Sinha congratulated the scientists from Bhabha Atomic Research Centre and the engineers from ECIL on indigenously designing and manufacturing the giant telescope, which has a diameter of 21

meters and weight 180 tonnes. "It is the best tool for high end astrophysical research and being an indigenous effort, it will make India proud," he declared.

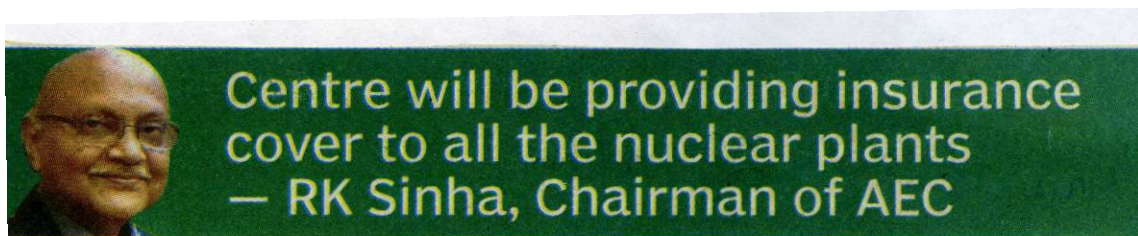
He also informed that the structure had utilised skills from disciplines such as mechanical, electrical, civil, electronics, software and hardware. "It will help to provide answers to questions on the mysteries of the universe. Once the MACE system is operational, India will find its place in the elite scientific community working in the field of Gamma Ray Study," the secretary quipped.

The telescope would be setup at Hanle in the Ladakh region, and would be fully operational by early 2016. The total mechanical structure of the telescope would be shifted to Hanle by August 2014 and assembly work would begin by September 2014.

A high resolution Imaging camera would be integrated to the telescope in October 2015, with the telescope seeing first light in the form of gamma-ray emissions from the Crab Nebula, which is a standard calibration source in the Northern Hemisphere, in December 2015.

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Centre will be providing insurance cover to all the nuclear plants — RK Sinha, Chairman of AEC

Insurance cover for N-Plants on the anvil

■ Department of Atomic Energy has been pursuing the issue with Ministry of Finance, NPCIL and insurance companies

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Hyderabad: The Central government is in the process of providing insurance cover to the new as well as existing nuclear plants, according to R K Sinha, Secretary Department of Atomic Energy and Chairman of Atomic Energy Commission.

He was in the city to take part in a programme held to flag off the journey of Major Atmospheric Cherenkov Experiment (MACE) Gamma-ray Telescope to Ladakh from Electronics Corporation of India Limited (ECIL), Hyderabad.

Sinha told reporters that the government was in talks with

the General Insurance Company and New India Assurance, besides the Union Ministry of Finance and Nuclear Power Corporation of India.

"In order to address the liability issue that has held up deals with various countries, the Centre earlier said it decided to form a Nuclear Insurance Pool that would have a number of stakeholders to meet the requirement of huge financial cover in case of a mishap. Under the Liability Law, compensation of up to Rs 1,500 crore will have to be paid in case of a mishap involving a nuclear plant.

At present, India has 20 nuclear plants and their number is expected to grow as the in-

dustrial expands. The Department of Atomic Energy has been pursuing the issue of bringing the nuclear plants under insurance cover, with the Ministry of Finance, NPCIL and insurance companies," he explained.

On the proposed Jaitapur Nuclear Power plant, Sinha said the department was determined to ensure that the cost of power from the plant in Maharashtra should not be more than Rs 6.50 per unit.

"We are holding discussions with French suppliers Areva on the pricing issue, with the latter indicating the price should be about Rs 9 a unit. We have conveyed them (Areva) our stand," he said.

Kovvada plant on track despite stir

Hyderabad: The Kovvada nuclear power project will go ahead with the help of the Telugu Desam government despite agitations by locals and Left parties, according to the Atomic Energy Commission chairman R.K. Sinha. He said the state government will negotiate with locals and ensure the project is completed. The AEC chairman also revealed that an insurance model was being worked out by the General Insurance Corporation of India (GIC) to cover risks by suppliers due to the liability clause. The DAE secretary also said that Public sector undertakings will soon be allowed to invest in nuclear power plants in the country with an amendment to the AE Act being proposed. Mr Sinha said an amendment Bill will be placed in the next session of Parliament allowing PSUs to invest. Mr Sinha was speaking at the ECIL after flagging off the first consignment of the MACE gamma ray telescope built there for its operational site in Hanle near Ladakh.

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Expert panel looking at model for nuclear insurance pool

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The Government has appointed a group of experts to work out a model for providing insurance cover to existing and new nuclear power plants, as part of its measures to address concerns regarding liability law issues.

The Government is working towards forming a nuclear insurance pool to cover the nuclear facilities, involving General Insurance Company and New India Assurance.

"We are on the way to find a solution (to liability law concerns). We will be putting in place a mechanism to cover the risk (for nuclear units) through insurance," RK Sinha, Secretary, Department of Atomic Energy and Chairman of Atomic Energy Commission, told media persons after flagging off the world's second largest gamma ray telescope to Ladakh where it will be installed.

The ₹45-crore telescope, built by Electronics Corporation of India Ltd and designed by BARC, will be operational by early 2016 in Ladakh, which will be used to study sources of cosmic rays in the universe.

He said the group of experts will be coming out with a model

for the risk coverage from mathematical and financial perspectives.

Jaitapur plant

On the Jaitapur nuclear power plant, Sinha said the department is clear that the cost of power from the plant in Maharashtra should not be more than ₹6.50 per unit.

The project is stuck on the pricing issue with the French suppliers Areva, with the latter indicating the price to be about ₹9 a unit. The Government has initiated a move to tweak the existing Atomic Energy Act to pave the way for joint ventures between NPCIL and other public sector firms such as NTPC, Coal India and GAIL in nuclear power.

India to develop nuclear insurance pool

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Hyderabad: India is working on setting up a nuclear insurance pool, wherein all nuclear plants in the country, existing as well as those in the pipeline, would get insurance cover. "The mechanics are being worked out with private and government insurance companies and the finance ministry. We are on way to finding solutions to some issues that have cropped up," Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) chairman and secretary R K Sinha told the media here on Saturday. Sinha was at the Electronics Corporation of India (ECIL) where he flagged off the MACE telescope to Hanle at Ladakh in Jammu and Kashmir.

Sinha said the Indian nuclear liability law was a concern and the US had also

raised questions about it. He admitted that some 'tweaking' of the Atomic Energy Act, 1962, was necessary for receiving funds for nuclear plants and even if two PSUs come together to pool in 51% funds, it should be made possible. The PSUs could then get shares in the revenue.

Sinha said the Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited (NPCIL) has a good market standing and was able to borrow 80% while pumping the remaining 20% from its own sources. He said, for the remaining 20% too, it was not depending on the government since 2006. The AEC chief said land for seven more nuclear plants in the country has been identified.

Asked about the resistance to the proposed nuclear power plant at Kovvada in

Srikakulam district, Sinha said he was not aware of the resistance from locals. "Of course, there will be issues of compensation and the government will have to work it out. The land is yet to be handed over for the nuclear power plant," he said.

About the Major Atmospheric Cherenkov Experiment (MACE) gamma-ray telescope developed at ECIL with technology from Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC), he said it was a matter of great pride for India that the telescope was a completely indigenous effort. "This is the best machine in the world to find answers to questions about origin of the universe," he said, adding that the international astrophysical communities will be participating in the programme with India being the leader.

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HYDERABAD: The government is working with a group of experts and officials of Nuclear Power Corporation of India, Finance Ministry and insurance companies to work out the modalities of providing insurance cover to existing and new nuclear power plants, a senior official said here today.

R K Sinha, Secretary, Department of Atomic Energy and Chairman of Atomic Energy Commission told this to reporters after flagging off the world's second largest gamma ray telescope to Ladakh, where it will be installed.

According to him, government is working towards forming a nuclear insurance pool to cover the nuclear facilities, involving state-owned General Insurance Company and New India Insurance.

"We are on the way to find a solution (to liability law concerns). We will be putting in place a mechanism to cover the risk through insurance (for nuclear plants)," Sinha, told media persons, he said.

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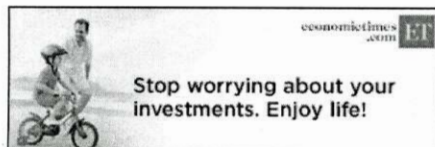
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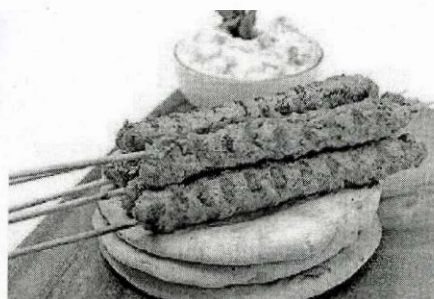
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Sinha flagged off the telescope designed by state-owned Electronics Corporation of India Ltd (ECIL) in Hyderabad to Hanle region in Ladakh, where it will finally be installed to study the universe.

"The Rs 45-crore mammoth structure will be operational in Ladakh by early 2016 after the telescope is reassembled there and some scientific trials and calibrations are carried out," P Sudhakar, Chairman and Managing Director of ECIL, said.

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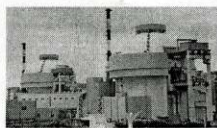
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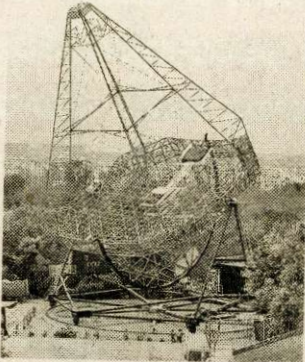


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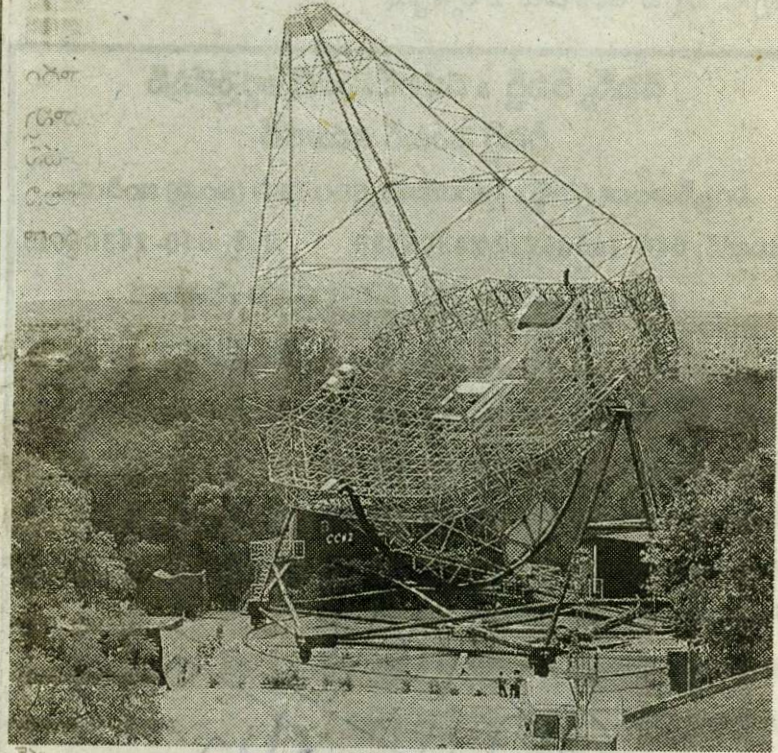
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మానవ మనుగడకు దిక్సూచి 'మేస్'



స్వదేశ 'టెలిస్కోప్' ప్రారంభం

హైదరాబాద్ (కుషాయిగూడ), జూన్ 28 ప్రభాతవార్త: భారత అధునిక సాంకేతిక పరిజ్ఞానంతో వాతావరణ స్థితిగతులతో పాటు మానవ మనుగడకు ఉపయోగపడే విధంగా రూపొందించిన ఈ నూతన టెలిస్కోప్ మూలంగా భారత ఖ్యాతి ప్రపంచ దేశాలకు విస్తరింప బడుతుంది. బొంబాయి అణు శక్తి విభాగం చైర్మన్ డాక్టర్ సిన్హా పేర్కొన్నారు. కాప్రా సర్కిల్ పరిధిలోని ఇసిఐఎల్ కంపెనీలో పరిపూర్ణమైన సంపూర్ణ భారతీయ సాంకేతిక పరిజ్ఞానంతో 5 సంవత్సరాలుగా తయారు చేసిన వాతావరణాన్ని కనుగొనే టెలిస్కోప్ను శనివారం ఆయన జెండాఊపి ప్రారంభించారు.

ఈ సందర్భంగా ఏర్పాటు చేసిన సమావేశంలో ఆయన మాట్లాడుతూ ఇలాంటి పరికరాలు ఇతర దేశాల వారు తయారు చేసినప్పటికీ స్వదేశ పరిజ్ఞానంతో మాత్రమే తయారు చేసిన ఘనత మన దేశ శాస్త్రవేత్తలకు దక్కిందన్నారు. అనేక రకాలుగా కష్టాలకు ఓర్చి 5 సంవత్సరాలుగా ఇసిఐఎల్ శాస్త్రవేత్తలు 120 టన్నుల బరువుగల లేస్ను 45 వేల కోట్ల రూపాయలతో రూపొందించిన ఘనత ఇసిఐఎల్ కంపెనీకి దక్కిందన్నారు.

ఈ తయారీ ప్రపంచంలో 2వ స్థానాన్ని సాధించిందని ఆయన పేర్కొన్నారు. తయారు చేసిన శాస్త్రవేత్తల బృందాన్ని ఆయనతో పాటు ప్రతి ఒక్కరు అభినందించారు. ఈ కార్యక్రమంలో ఇసిఐఎల్ సీఎండ్ షి.సుధాకర్, ఎన్ఎఫ్సీఎండ్ సాయిబాబాలు పాల్గొన్నారు.

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అంధ్రజ్యోతి, హైదరాబాద్ సిటీ : ప్రపంచ వ్యాప్తంగా భారతదేశ కీర్తి ప్రతిష్టతను ఇనుమడింపజేసే మేజర్ అట్యూస్పైర్క్ చెరింకోవ్ ఎక్స్ప

ర్మెంట్ (మాస్) టెలిస్కోప్ను సమర్థవంతంగా రూపొందించిన ఈసీఐఎల్ సంస్థ నుంచి లడఖ్ కు తరలిస్తున్న ఈ సమయం ఓ చారిత్రాత్మక సం

మాస్ టెలిస్కోప్ను జెండా ఊపి లడఖ్ కు పంపిస్తున్న అణు ఇంధన శాఖ కమిషన్ చైర్మన్ ఆర్.కె. సిన్హా

దర్పంగా అణుఇంధనశాఖ కమిషన్ చైర్మన్ ఆర్.కె. సిన్హా అభివర్ణించారు. బార్క్ సహకారంతో ఈసీఐఎల్లో రూపొందించిన మాస్ టెలిస్కోప్ను జమ్మూకశ్మీర్లో లడఖ్ ప్రాంతంలోని హిన్డెకు శనివారం తరలించారు. ఈ కార్యక్రమానికి ఆయన ముఖ్యఅతిథిగా హాజరై జెండా ఊపి ప్రారంభించారు. ఈ సందర్భంగా ఏర్పాటు చేసిన సమావేశంలో ఆర్.కె. సిన్హా మాట్లాడుతూ జాతి గర్వింపదగ్గ టెలిస్కోప్ తయారు చేయడం దేవుడు తనకిచ్చిన గొప్ప అవకాశం అన్నారు. విశ్వ రహస్యాలను భూమికి చేరవేయడంలో పూర్తి స్వదేశీ పరిజ్ఞానంతో రూపొందించిన ఈ టెలిస్కోప్ ఎంతగానో ఉపకరిస్తుందన్నారు. ఇది 2016 కల్లా పూర్తిస్థాయిలో సేవలందిస్తుందన్నారు. కార్యక్రమంలో ఈసీఐఎల్ సీఎండ్ షి.సుధాకర్, ఎన్ఎఫ్సీ సీఫ్ ఎగ్జిక్యూటివ్ ఆఫీసర్ డాక్టర్ సాయిబాబా, బార్క్ ఆర్ అండ్ డి హెడ్ వై.ఎస్.మయ్యా, బార్క్ శాస్త్రవేత్తలు ఎ.కె. సిన్హా, ఆర్.కె. కౌల్ పాల్గొన్నారు.

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