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Rich Homage and Respects Paid to Subir Raha

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Attending the 13th Day memorial service to pay homage to Late Subir Raha , tributes were paid by luminaries of Govt. and Oil sector , senior journalists, ONGCians and family members of Late Mr. Subir Raha.

The Prayer Meeting to pay respect to the departed Soul was held at Scope Convention Centre, New Delhi today at 1500 Hours.



Anchoring the proceeding with solemnity Director (HR) Dr. A.K. Balyan spoke at length about the achievements and contributions of former C&MD Late Subir Raha to the nation and to ONGC. Dr. Balyan said that his passion for every thing was such that he would not rest till the goal had been achieved. It was this passion in him that brought about remarkable change in all aspects of the functioning of ONGC. His inspiring leadership and sustained involvement restored an international stature for our company for which he will be held at highest esteem by every ONGCian. His unique capabilities of strategic vision, business acumen, intricate knowledge of the complete value chain, his dynamism and his leadership has made his contribution to Public Sector, unique.



CMD Mr. R.S. Sharma paid heartfelt tributes to the departed leader of ONGC family with narration of several of events which Mr. Sharma termed each as learning points of his life. The high points of ONGC buying into MRPL bringing vertical integration to the company and turning it around in a year, ONGC's IPO the largest and highly successful from any PSU, his contributions towards turning OVL from single project company to a multinational, Mr. Sharma spoke about numerous contributions of former C&MD of ONGC Subir Raha. Interactive communication channels like Ongcreports.net were his creations which provide means to know all events happening anywhere in ONGC. ONGC's share price was Rs 139 when Mr. Raha joined and was Rs. 1485 when he left in May 2006 that is more than 10 times. This is kind of change Mr. Raha brought about said Mr. Sharma. Mr. Raha started the process of involving our former leaders to the decision making system by organizing Conclave and seeking their opinion. Mr. Sharma also spoke about the lapels bearing our logo, ONGCian so proudly wear, that it was part of Subir Raha's vision.

CMD while addressing on this solemn occasion declared that the ONGC Museum at Dehradun which was creation of Mr. Subir Raha's vision will be named after him. The planned Green Building at Dehradun will also be dedicated to his name. Mr. Sharma also announced institution of Performance Award for senior level Key Executives in name of Mr. Subir Raha. "In Global Compact Governing Council Meeting we have taken decision to start Subir Raha Memorial Lecture" said Mr. Sharma. Mr. Raha was the founding Chairman of Global Compact Network.



Mr. Sarthak Behuria CMD Indian Oil Corporation while speaking on this occasion said that there are numerous unique initiatives Mr. Raha brought to the company for which he would always remain in hearts of very Indian Oil person and his spirit would always guide us.

Col. S.P. Wahi former Chairman of ONGC while paying his tributes said that Subir Raha could realize many dreams to reality which he (Col. Wahi) thought about but was never able to. That way Subir Raha's achievements and contributions to ONGC are unique. Col Wahi said that Late Subir Raha's leadership was like that of military leadership and he took every task as battle to win. He was an outstanding visionary who brought glory to the organization.

Mr. B.K. Bakhshi former Chairman of Indian Oil said that Subir Raha was brilliant officer from very beginning of his career. **Mr. Bakhshi, while recollecting the induction interview of Mr. Raha, said that doing away with procedures after seeing his excellent performance in the interview they had to give him appointment letter immediately lest he would be taken away by some other company.**

Media fraternity was present in large numbers. Subir Raha had been darling of the media and was prominent newsmaker. Senior journalists Mr. G.K. Pandey and Mr. Narendra Taneja paid rich tributes to the departed corporate leader. Mr. Pandey spoke eloquently about brave Subir Raha and talked about several anecdotes relating to his interaction with him. Mr. Taneja said that Raha was true Indian to core and wanted India self-sufficient in hydrocarbon sector. Mr. Taneja said that Subir Raha compared ONGC to the fourth wing of India's defense mechanism. That was the passion with which Subir Raha worked.

Several senior Govt. officials, former colleagues and senior journalists also spoke on this solemn occasion and paid homage to Late Subir Raha.



Shuva Raha, his daughter, thanked everyone on behalf of her mother and family, for standing with them at this moment of grief.

Dr. V.K. Singh, renowned religious personality gave discourse on life and death and spoke about life of Subir Raha saying that we should not be mourning such Souls as he would always remain with us.



CMD presented a compilation of messages received in memory of Late Subir Raha in form of Book to Mrs. Raha.

An apt film capturing hundreds of live moments of Subir Raha leading ONGC to positive transformation, was shown at the beginning of programme.

Vocal recital of Hymns and Rabindra Sangeet was also performed by eminent vocalists.



Floral tributes were paid by all to the Departed Soul and two minutes silence was observed.

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