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## **Nagarnar Steel Plant Crosses 50% Rated Capacity In Hot Metal Production In Its First Year**

**Nagarnar | 14 August 2024:** Nagarnar steel plant has crossed the half-way mark of rated capacity by producing an impressive 1.62 million tonnes of hot metal in its first year of operations. Nagarnar Steel Plant's Blast Furnace, the largest in Chhattisgarh and the second largest in the country has a useful volume of 4506 meter cube, capable of producing 9500 tonnes of hot metal daily.

It may be recalled that last year the Blast Furnace was lighted up by Shri Amitav Mukherjee, Director Finance & Acting CMD, NMDC and the first batch of hot metal was produced on Independence Day.

Speaking at the event to celebrate the milestone, Shri Praveen Kumar called for consistency in performance and focussing on cost control to become profitable at the earliest. Appreciating the efforts of the team, he said, "In spite of the technical issues faced by a newly commissioned integrated steel plant, our team has proved its worth by overcoming the difficulties and facing every challenge to cross the half way mark of rated capacity in the very first year of its existence. This is an indication of the strides that Nagarnar Steel Plant would take in the days to come."

Established at a cost of over Rs. 24000 crores, India's youngest green-field Integrated Steel Plant has emerged as a catalyst transforming the idyllic Bastar landscape into a buzzing industrial hub.

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