

## Lineman Diwas – an initiative to honour the frontline workforce of the power sector.

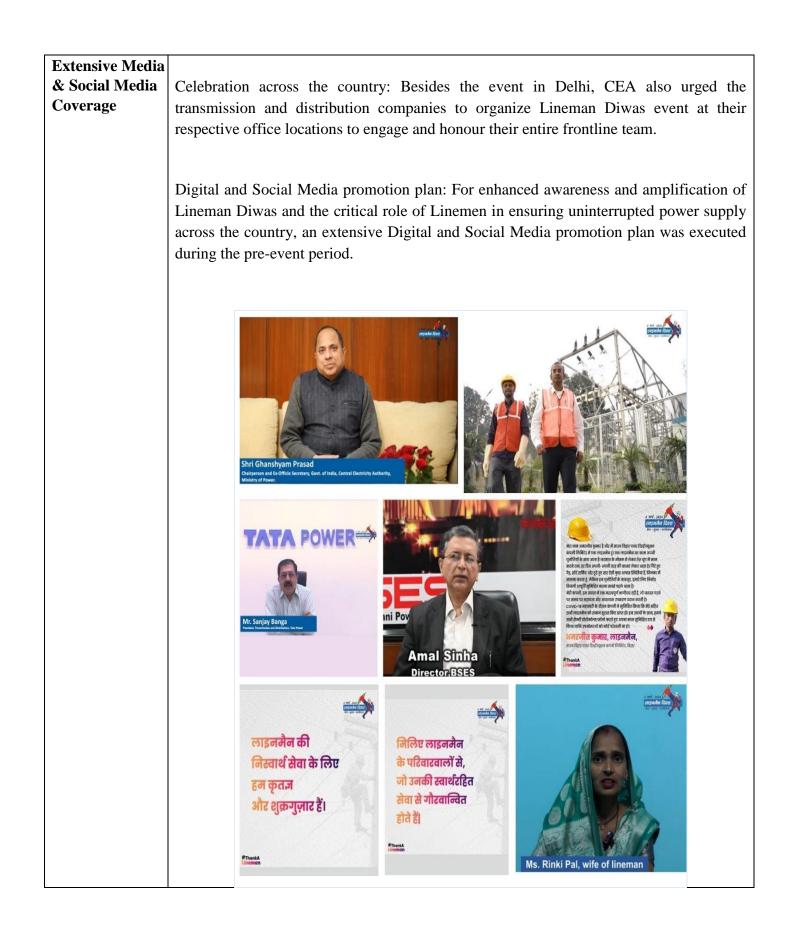
## <u>Lineman Diwas – an initiative to honour the frontline workforce of the power</u> <u>sector.</u>

Fourth Edition	The Central Electricity Authority (CEA), Ministry of Power in association with Tata
of Lineman	Power Delhi Distribution Ltd. (Tata Power-DDL) celebrated the Fourth Edition of
Diwas	Lineman Diwas on March 4th, 2024 in New Delhi.
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Mar 4, 2024 in New Delhi	The initiative aims to honor the frontline heroes of the Indian Power Sector – The Linemen, by establishing it as a nationwide tradition for all State and Private Transmission and Distribution companies to celebrate 'Lineman Diwas.' The endeavour serves as a significant morale booster for the frontline workers in the power sector, providing them with the well-deserved recognition and appreciation.
Appreciation by Ministry of Power and CEA	<b>Sh. Raj Kumar Singh, Minister of New and Renewable Energy, Govt. of India</b> conveyed his message of appreciation for the line workers through a special video message saying, " <i>The celebration of Lineman Day is a start of a culture of greater</i> appreciation and applauds for the unrelenting efforts of the frontline workers of the power sector. We take immense pride in recognizing their invaluable contribution who work even in the face of challenges like adverse weather and unforeseen crises." "Lineman Diwas serves as a highly effective platform facilitating the exchange of ideas and the sharing of Safety Best Practices among the participants. We are grateful to the linemen who go above and beyond to ensure uninterrupted power supply for the functioning of the country's technological, industrial, and social infrastructure." he added.
	<ul> <li>Delivering a keynote address at the event, Chairperson, Central Electricity Authority,</li> <li>Sh. Ghanshyam Prasad said, "Linepersons of power sector are the strongest pillar of our nation's power system. The observance of 'Lineman Diwas' emphasizes our profound appreciation for their dedication and relentless service. The purpose behind recognizing the hard work of these frontline workers, is to educate them on safety and inspire them to persist in their exemplary efforts."</li> <li>The event was attended by the senior members of the CEA and transcos and discoms which included- Sh. Ashok Kumar Rajput, Member (Power Systems); Sh. A. Balan, Member (Planning); Sh. Ajay Talegaonkar, Member (E&amp;C); Sh. Praveen Gupta, Member (Thermal),Smt Rishika Sharan, CEI, CEA, Shri Ganesh Srinivasan, CEO Tata Power Delhi Distribution Limited, Shri Vineet Sikka, CEO BSES Rajdhani Power Ltd.; Shri Amarjeet Singh, CEO, BSES Yamuna Power Ltd; and Deputy Director, NPTI.</li> </ul>

<b>Over 150 linemen and linewomen from over 40 State and Private Transmission and Distribution Companies</b> , from Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Gujarat, Haryana, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Jammu and Kashmir, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Punjab, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, and Delhi visited the National capital to participate in the celebration. They were felicitated with Medals, Certificates and Gifts for their selfless contribution.
Shattering the stereotype that jobs are gender specific, <b>9 ambitious women comprising</b> <b>linewomen, technicians, and engineers from some Transcos &amp; Discoms</b> from Bihar, Karnataka, Odisha, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Uttarakhand participated in the event and shared their stories of dedication and hardwork.
Names of the participating Transmission and Distribution Companies: Adani
Electricity Mumbai Ltd, Andhra Pradesh Eastern Power Distribution Company Limited
<ul> <li>(APEPDCL),</li> <li>Ajmer Vidyut Vitran Nigam Limited, Bangalore Electricity Supply Company Limited</li> <li>(BESCOM), Bihar State Power Transmission Company Ltd, BSES Yamuna Power Ltd.,</li> <li>BSES Rajdhani Power Ltd, Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation Ltd (CESC),</li> <li>Dakshin Haryana Bijli Vitran Nigam (DHBVN), Damodar Valley Corporation, Gujarat</li> <li>Energy Transmission Corporation Limited (GETCO), Indigrid Ltd, Jammu and Kashmir</li> <li>Power Transmission Corporation Ltd. (JKPTCL), Jaipur Vidyut Vitran Nigam Limited,</li> <li>Jodhpur Vidyut Vitran Nigam Limited (JDVVNL), MP Madhya Kshetra Vidyut Vitaran</li> <li>Co. Ltd.</li> <li>(MPMKVVCL), MP Poorv Kshetra Vidyut Vitaran Company Ltd. (MPPKVVCL),</li> <li>Madhya Gujarat Vij Company Limited (MGVCL), Maharashtra State Electricity</li> <li>Distribution Co. Ltd,</li> <li>New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC), North Bihar Power Distribution Company Ltd</li> <li>(NBPDCL), Nidar Utilities Panvel LLP, Noida Power Company Ltd, Odisha Power</li> <li>Transmission Corporation Limited (OPTCL), Pashchimanchal Vidyut Vitran Nigam Ltd</li> <li>(PVVNL), Power Transmission Corporation of Uttarakhand Limited, Dehradun</li> <li>(PTCUL), Paschim Gujarat Vij Company Limited (PGVCL), Power Grid Corporation of</li> <li>India Ltd, South Bihar Power Distribution Company Ltd (SBPDCL), Punjab State</li> <li>Transmission</li> <li>Corporation Ltd (PSTCL), TP Central Odisha Distribution Limited (TPCODL), TP</li> <li>Southern Odisha Distribution Limited (TPSODL), TP Western Odisha Distribution</li> <li>Limited (TPWODL), Tata Power Northern Odisha Distribution Limited (TPNODL), Tata</li> <li>Power Company Ltd, Tata Steel Ltd, Tata Steel Utilities and Infrastructure Services Ltd,</li> <li>Uttar Gujarat Vij Company Ltd. (UGVCL), Uttar Pradesh Power Corporation Ltd</li> </ul>

The Event	1. Following officers from CEA and TATA POWER DDL were part of Organizing committee:
	<ul> <li>a) Rishika Sharan, Chief Engineer, CEA- Head of the committee.</li> <li>b) Arpita Upadhyay, Deputy Director, CEA-Member</li> <li>c) Rahul Singh, Deputy Director, CEA-Member</li> <li>d) Alok Kumar, Deputy Director, CEA-Member</li> <li>e) Ravi Shankar, Deputy Director, CEA-Member</li> <li>f) Gaurav Srivastava, Assistant Director, CEA-Member</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>(a) H.C. Sharma, Chief –TS, BD &amp;collaboration, Tata Power DDL</li> <li>(b) Sonia Sarin, Head of Group –Corporate Communications, Tata Power DDL-Member</li> <li>(c) Manzah, Tata Power DDL-Member</li> <li>(d) Imran Ahmed, Tata Poer DDL-Member</li> <li>The theme for Lineman Diwas celebration was 'Seva, Suraksha, Swabhiman'</li> <li>signifying the Dedication, Service and Sacrifice of the frontline heroes of the power sector.</li> </ul>
	• At the event, linemen and linewomen also had the opportunity to interact with Sh. Ghanshyam Prasad, Chairperson, CEA and share their views, suggestions and concerns.
	• The representatives from the participating Transcos and Discoms <b>Exchanged</b> <b>Ideas and Shared Safety Best Practices</b> , fostering collective learning within the power industry.
	A special <b>display of the various safety equipment and tools</b> were arranged, allowing guests to learn and share more about the best practices implemented.

• Additionally, videos screened at the event highlighted the importance of workplace safety and incidents prevention by various Transcos and Discoms
including BSES, Power Grid Corporation of India, Tata Power Southern
Odisha Distribution Limited, Indigrid, Gujarat Energy Transmission
<ul> <li>Corporation (GETCO) and Tata Power-DDL. This collaborative effort empowered linemen to draw insights from their peers, broaden their perspectives, and reinforce effective safety protocols, thereby promoting a safer working environment for all.</li> <li>A Safety Skit prepared by Sh Manjunath, Lineman, BESCOM and a cultural Program prepared by Linemen were performed during the event</li> </ul>



**Media Coverage:** Lineman Diwas garnered a good Media Coverage both at the National & Regional level.

<b>Pre-event Press Release:</b> Central Electricity Authority to honour the nation's frontline power sector workers; fourth edition of Lineman Diwas to be celebrated on March 4, 2024.	<u>Link</u>
<b><u>Post-event Press Release</u></b> : Central Electricity Authority honours nation's frontline power sector workers, at fourth edition of	<u>Link</u>

Lineman Diwas.



Objective to elevate Lineman Diwas to National/Special Day	The larger objective of this initiative is to formally adopt Lineman Diwas as a National/Special Day on March 4th, which also marks the beginning of the National Safety Week (March 4th–10th) every year. Establishing it as a nationwide tradition for all state and private transmission and distribution companies to celebrate a dedicated day as 'Lineman Diwas' will be a morale booster for the frontline workers of the power sector making them feel recognized and appreciated. Additionally, it provides an effective platform where the exchange of ideas and sharing of safety best practices by various participants contribute to collective learning. Proposal for the formal adoption of Lineman Diwas as a National/Special Day has been shared with the Ministry of Power through CEA.
Value it brings	<ul> <li>Lineman Diwas is a very effective platform where exchange of ideas and sharing of Safety Best Practices by various participating organisations contribute to collective learning.</li> <li>It is a great morale booster for the frontline workers of the power sector who feel recognized and appreciated thus enhancing connect between the management and the ground staff.</li> <li>Linemen get to share their experiences, challenges and views with the officials at the event during a candid interaction.</li> </ul>
Focus on Safety	<ul> <li>For linemen, safety is extremely important. Working with high-voltage power lines and equipment poses significant risks, and adherence to strict safety protocols is nonnegotiable.</li> <li>Keeping safety at the forefront, robust safety policies, protocols and initiatives safeguard the well-being of these frontline workers.</li> <li>Development of comprehensive safety training programs designed to equip linemen with the knowledge and skills needed to navigate hazardous working environments safely.</li> <li>By building a culture of safety and providing requisite trainings, organizations empower linemen.</li> <li>Providing state-of-the-art safety equipment and technologies to enhance the protection in the field.</li> <li>Insulated tools and personal protective equipment, and advanced monitoring systems are some of the measures that play a crucial role in minimizing exposure to hazards and preventing accidents.</li> <li>Site Inspection prior to starting the work and ensuring all necessary safety management is done.</li> <li>Awareness is also being created among the workforce through Safety videos which are easier to understand. Old incidents and problems related to safety are explained through videos.</li> </ul>

Useful <b>suggestions</b> from candid interaction of Chairperson, CEA with all the participating Lineman/Linewoman	<ul> <li>a) A Linewoman form Odisha Power Transmission Corporation Limited (OPTCL) shared her views on the women representation in the power sector workforce. It would be a good move to focus on encouraging Diversity and Inclusion of eligible females also in the technical and frontline workforce.</li> <li>b) Increased communication on Safety through videos and collaterals on CEA's and Discoms' websites.</li> <li>c) Improving the communication skills.</li> <li>d) Supporting further education for career growth through ITI to Diploma and further to Degree courses etc.</li> <li>e) A training module to upskill linemen on new technologies-Solar Rooftop, Smart Metering Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure (EVCI), hot line working etc. In collaboration with a reputed institutions such as NPTI, may be explored.</li> <li>f) Sharing of best practices and unique experiences.</li> <li>g) Imparting necessary first aid training and training in case of the person getting electrocuted.</li> </ul>
Vote of Thanks	Vote of Thanks was delivered by Rishika Sharan, CEI, CEA. She thanked Chairperson, CEA and all the Dignitaries who attended the Program. The event was truly totally dedicated to Linemen for recognizing and appreciating the tireless efforts they do for us. The event also delivers an important message to enhance and bring more safety into the works of a linemen. She proposed that some line women also joined the event and from next year the event may be named as Lineperson Diwas to bring gender neutrality. Special appreciation to wonderful partners for coming together in this journey She added that the event was informative and enjoyable, and has enable us to connect with each other from top to down in power sector.

(Some images from the Lineman Diwas celebration have been appended on the following page)

Some glimpses of Lineman Diwas 2024.



Sh. Ghanshyam Prasad, Chairperson & Ex-Officio Secretary to the Govt. of India, CEA along with dignitaries from CEA, Tata Power-DDL and BSES (BRPL & BYPL) at Lineman Diwas, March 4, 2024 in New Delhi.



Sh. Ghanshyam Prasad, Chairperson, CEA lighting the inaugural lamp at the event



Mr. Ganesh Srinivasan, CEO, Tata Power-DDL welcoming Chief Guest Sh. Ghanshyam Prasad, Chairperson, CEA



Special Video Message from Sh. Raj Kumar Singh, Minister of New and Renewable Energy, Govt. of India



Sh. Ghanshyam Prasad, Chairperson, CEA interacting with the Line workers at the event



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Lineman sharing his experience



Linewoman sharing her views



Felicitation of Linepersons at the event



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Vote of Thanks by Ms Rishika Sharan, CEI, Central Electricity Authority



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2.	Ajmer Vidyut Vitran Nigam Limited	24.	New Delhi Municipal Council
3.	Andhra Pradesh Eastern Power Distribution Company Limited	25.	Nidar Utilities Panvel LLP
4.	Bangalore Electricity Supply Company Limited	26.	Noida Power Company Limited
5.	Bihar State Power Transmission Company Limited	27.	North Bihar Power Distribution Company Ltd.
6.	BSES Rajdhani Power Ltd.	28.	Odisha Power Transmission Corporation Limited
7.	BSES Yamuna Power Ltd.	29.	Pashchimanchal Vidyut Vitran Nigam Limited
8.	Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation Ltd, Mysuru	30.	Power Grid Corporation of India Limited
9.	Dakshin Gujarat Vij Company Ltd	31.	Power Transmission Corporation of Uttarakhand Limited, Dehradun
10.	Dakshin Haryana Bijli Vitran Nigam	32.	Punjab State Transmission Corporation Limited
11.	Damodar Valley Corporation	33.	South Bihar Power Distribution Company Ltd
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13.	Green Energy Transition Research Institute, Paschim Gujarat Vij Company Ltd.	35.	Tata Power Central Odisha Distribution Limited
14.	Gujarat Energy Transmission Corporation Limited	36.	Tata Power Delhi Distribution Limited
15.	IndiGrid Ltd	37.	Tata Power Northern Odisha Distribution Limited
16.	Jaipur Vidyut Vitran Nigam Limited	37.	Tata Power Southern Odisha Distribution Limited
17.	Jammu & Kashmir Power Transmission Corporation Ltd., Kashmir	39.	Tata Power Western Odisha Distribution Limited
18.	Jodhpur Vidyut Vitran Nigam Limited		
19.	Kerala State Electricity Board Limited	40.	Tata Steel Utilities and Infrastructure Services Limited
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Lineman Diwas celebration at locations across India

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