

Union Minister Shri Manohar Lal Inaugurates State-of-the-Art Central Power Research Institute Regional Testing Laboratory (RTL) at Nashik today

RTL Nashik to provide cutting-edge testing services for a wide range of electrical and power equipment

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In a landmark event today, the Central Power Research Institute (CPRI), an autonomous body under the Ministry of Power, Government of India, inaugurated its latest advanced Regional Testing Laboratory (RTL) at Nashik.

The inauguration ceremony was graced by **Shri Manohar Lal Khattar**, **Honorable Minister of Power & Housing and Urban Affairs**, who inaugurated the facility, and dedicated the laboratory to the Nation, in the esteemed presence of **Shri Devendra Fadnavis**, **Honorable Chief Minister of Maharashtra** and prominent political leader, **Shri. Chagan Bhujbal**, **Honorable Minister of Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Protection**, Maharashtra State, **Shri. Girish Mahajan**, **Honorable Minister, Water Resources & Crisis Management**, Maharashtra State, along with a galaxy of distinguished dignitaries including Members of Parliament & Members of Legislative Assembly, Maharashtra State, Officials from the Ministry of Power, CPRI leadership, industry representatives, and key stakeholders from the power and electrical sectors.

The newly established RTL Nashik is strategically positioned to serve industries in the western region of India, providing cutting-edge testing services for a wide range of electrical and power equipment such as Transformers, Energy Meters, Smart Meters, and Transformer Oil. This facility is expected to significantly reduce the turnaround time for testing and certification, thereby strengthening the quality assurance ecosystem and facilitating faster procurement cycles by utilities.

During the event, **Shri Manohar Lal Khattar**, Hon'ble Minister of Power & Housing and Urban Affairs, emphasized the importance of robust testing infrastructure in accelerating India's power sector growth and self-reliance. He also highlighted the role of CPRI in providing world-class testing and research services in line with global benchmarks. **Shri. Devendra Fadnavis**, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Maharashtra, in his address, emphasised on the importance of the Regional Testing Laboratory at Nashik in the requirement of quality assurance and growth of the electrical industry in Maharashtra. **Shri. Chagan Bhujbal**, Hon'ble Minister, Water Resources & Crisis Management, Maharashtra State, in his address expressed the impetus of this testing laboratory on the rural development and strengthening of the development policies of the Government of Maharashtra. **Shri. Girish Mahajan**, **Honorable Minister, Water Resources & Crisis Management**, Maharashtra State, in his address highlighted the importance of this laboratory in the power sector, ensuring quality products and opportunities to the rural sector.

Shri Asit Singh, **Director General, CPRI**, extended a warm welcome to the Hon'ble Minister of Power & Housing and Urban Affairs, Shri Manohar Lal Khattar, the Chief Minister of Maharashtra, Shri Devendra Fadnavis, and all the esteemed dignitaries, distinguished guests, and participants gathered for the momentous occasion.

The commissioning of RTL Nashik marks a significant milestone in our journey to enhance national testing capabilities and support the power sector's technological advancement. This laboratory will not only serve industry needs but also contribute to advancing research and development in power sector equipment testing.

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