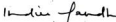


MESSAGE

The inauguration of the Hindustan Petroleum Corporation adds a new dimension to the role of the public sector in the refining and marketing of petroleum products. I hope that the new Corporation will settle down to its tasks quickly and emerge as a powerful instrument for the building of indigenous skills and resources in a strategic sector. The employees of the Corporation are among the most valuable assets we have taken over. They should now have the satisfaction that the fruits of their labour will accrue to the national economy as a whole in which they, as citizens, have a vital stake. This realisation should ensure higher levels of performance in terms of production, profitability and courteous service to the public.

I wish the Hindustan Petroleum Corporation success in all its endeavours.


(Indira Gandhi)

New Delhi,
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