

**INAUGURATION OF NEW OERC BUILDING COMPLEX BY
HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER OF ODISHA, SRI NAVEEN PATNAIK**



The new OERC building complex at Chandrasekharpur, Bhubaneswar was inaugurated by Hon'ble Chief Minister, Sri Naveen Patnaik on 27.04.2016. OERC is the pioneering regulator in the power sector of the country and the first in Asia. In keeping with commitment to energy efficiency and in adherence to renewable energy norms, the building is constructed to operate on green energy.

The work contract for the building was awarded to M/s. Hindustan Steel Works Construction Ltd.(HSCL), a central PSU. Spread over a plot of size 1 acre, the built up area of the building is 3310.39 Sq.m. approx. The building is built utilising the natural gradient of land and the special feature is a rain water harvesting structure meant to recharge the ground water. In order to reduce the carbon emission, a 25 KW roof top solar grid connected system is also installed to tap solar renewable resource. There is 24 hour power back up in the building. The building has a hearing hall and a conference hall to meet the needs of the Commission.

The land for the building was provided by G.A. Department, Govt. of Odisha at a lease premium cost of Rs.3 crores. The foundation stone of the building was laid by the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Sri Patnaik on 26.11.2012. The total cost of construction of building including land cost, registration fee, boundary wall, interior, installation of solar system etc. was approximately Rs.16 Crores. Govt of Odisha has given a grant of Rs.13 crores for the project and the balance amount was spent by OERC from its own fund.

