

## Hon'ble Minister of Steel Shri Dharmendra Pradhan apprised over AM/NS India's expansion plans during his visit to Hazira facility

- *AM/NS India aims to double the production capacity from the current 9 million tonnes in a phased manner*
- *AM/NS India outlines expansion plans in Odisha to achieve the goal of Mission Purvodaya*

**Ahmedabad/Surat, 5 January 2021** – ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel (AM/NS) India, a joint venture between ArcelorMittal and Nippon Steel – two of the world's leading steel companies – welcomed Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, Hon'ble Minister for Petroleum & Natural Gas and Steel, at its Hazira manufacturing facility on 4 January, 2021.

In his maiden visit to ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel's plant, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan visited various units of the manufacturing facility. The leadership made a detailed presentation before Shri Dharmendra Pradhan on the company's future plans and its ambitions to significantly enhance contribution to the Atmanirbhar Bharat's vision.

On this occasion; **Shri Dharmendra Pradhan – the Hon'ble Minister for Petroleum & Natural Gas and Steel** – said, *"I visited the steel-making facilities at AM/NS India, Hazira. ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel is an integrated steel manufacturer, creating smarter and sustainable steels for a wide spectrum of steel-consuming industries in India. The company has plans to expand its capacity at Hazira and is actively engaging to come up with a steel plant in Odisha."*

*"The clarion call for an Atmanirbhar Bharat has paved the way for bold decisions and investments. I am happy that AM/NS India has evinced interest for expanding its investment in Odisha, especially in the areas of value added & special steels. Our government led by Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi ji is committed to make Odisha the nerve centre of Purvodaya in steel. Eastern India, especially Odisha will play a pivotal role in driving national economic growth making India a \$5 trillion economy & achieving the vision of a self-reliant India," added Shri Pradhan.*

Expressing deep gratitude to the Hon'ble Minister, **Mr. Dilip Oommen – CEO of AM/NS India** – said, *"The New Year has begun on a promising note for us and we were pleased to welcome Hon'ble Minister for Petroleum & Natural Gas and Steel, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan to our Hazira facility. It is encouraging to receive the government's support to deliver on our promise of providing better steel to New India. AM/NS India is confident of sustainably meeting the growing steel demand through various products and significantly contribute to the Hon'ble Prime Minister's vision of an Atmanirbhar Bharat."*

AM/NS India recently celebrated its First Anniversary since the acquisition of Essar Steel. Moving forward, AM/NS India's long-term production intention is to expand upstream and downstream capacity in a phased manner, and make a notable contribution to the country's Steel needs by providing a spectrum of diversified and superior products.

**About AM/NS India**

AM/NS India is a joint venture between ArcelorMittal and Nippon Steel, two of the world's leading steel manufacturing organisations. AM/NS India is a leading integrated flat carbon steel producer in India, with an achievable crude steel capacity of around 9 million tonnes per annum. We produce a full diversified range of flat steel products, including value-added steel, and have pellet capacity of 14 million tonnes with another 6 million tonnes coming on stream in 6 months.

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