**Swachhta Pakhwada cleanliness campaign project a model for the world; Union Minister, Suresh Gopi**

**Pattom/ Thiruvananthapuram**: Union Minister Suresh Gopi said that the 'Swachhta Pakhwada' cleanliness campaign project, which urges the people of the country to maintain personal and environmental cleanliness, is a model for the whole world. He was inaugurating the awareness seminar organized by Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) and Pattom St. Mary's HSS as part of the 'Swachhta Pakhwada' campaign organized nationwide by the Central Government. While cleaning the surroundings, we not only protect nature but also prepare an environment where fellow creatures can thrive. Every individual must engage in cleanliness activities. 'Swachhta Pakhwada' is a project launched to instill a sense of cleanliness among the citizens of the country. Suresh Gopi said that BPCL has taken up the program as an example for everyone. Then, the Union Minister administered the Swachhta Pledge to the children and planted a sapling in the school.

Swachhta Pakhwada is a two-week-long cleanliness campaign launched by the Central Government to promote waste disposal and cleanliness in the country. As part of the campaign, cleanliness programs and awareness will be conducted across the country. The function was presided over by BPCL HR Chief General Manager George Thomas. The function was attended by School Principal Fr. Nelson P, Vice Principal Reji Lucas, BPCL Administration General Manager Johnson K, LPG Section Kerala Head Tharyan Peter.

**About Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd. (BPCL):**

Fortune Global 500 Company, Bharat Petroleum is the second largest Indian Oil Marketing Company and one of the integrated energy companies in India, engaged in refining of crude oil and marketing of petroleum products, with presence in the upstream and downstream sectors of the oil and gas industry. The company attained the coveted Maharatna status, joining the club of companies having greater operational & financial autonomy.

Bharat Petroleum’s Refineries at Mumbai, Kochi and Bina have a combined refining capacity of around 35.3 MMTPA. Its marketing infrastructure includes a network of installations, depots, fuel stations, aviation service stations and LPG distributors. Its distribution network comprises over 23,500+ Fuel Stations, over 6,200+ LPG distributorships, 500+ Lubes distributorships, 80 POL storage locations, 54 LPG Bottling Plants, 79 Aviation Service Stations, 5 Lube blending plants and 5 cross-country pipelines.

Bharat Petroleum is integrating its strategy, investments, environmental and social ambitions to move towards a sustainable planet. The company has Electric vehicle charging stations at 6500+ Fuel Stations.

With a focus on sustainable solutions, the company is developing an ecosystem and a road-map to become a Net Zero Energy Company by 2040, in Scope 1 and Scope 2 emissions. Bharat Petroleum has been partnering communities by supporting several initiatives connected primarily in the areas of education, water conservation, skill development, health, community development, capacity building and employee volunteering. With ‘Energising Lives’ as its core purpose, Bharat Petroleum’s vision is to be an admired global energy company leveraging talent, innovation & technology.

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