

# **POWER LINE**

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### **Interview with Raghav Trivedi**

#### **President, Thermal,**

It's notable that over the past year or so, a host of policy initiatives including Make in India and Skill India have been launched. These will not only help address the short and mid-term challenges in the power sector but also create an environment to attract investors to the sector," observes Raghav Trivedi, president, thermal, Hindustan Powerprojects Private Limited (HPPPL). During a career spanning around 30 years, Trivedi has gained rich experience in the power engineering, procurement and construction (EPC) space and has been closely associated with the construction of thermal power plants. He began his journey in the sector in 1980 with Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL), where he worked for around 16 years in various capacities. Later, he worked with Reliance Infrastructure Limited (RInfra) as senior vice-president and was responsible of the company's power EPC business. He was also instrumental in the construction of the company's gas-based plant in Goa. Under his leadership, the project won various accolades, including the Gold Category Award in Safety from Greentech Foundation for two consecutive years. Besides RInfra, Trivedi also had a short stint with Larsen & Toubro Limited in its EPC division. Commenting on future growth and the power sector, Trivedi notes that the country's aspiration of achieving over 8 per cent GDP growth is dependent on the power sector to a large extent. According to him, the power sector and other infrastructure sectors are the growth engines of the economy. However, there is an urgent need for acknowledging, identifying and correcting the loopholes in the power distribution segment, he feels. Looking back, Trivedi recalls working on BHEL's project in Malta as one of his memorable assignments. It was the first Indian project to be commissioned there and the company, therefore, faced a lot of scepticism about its ability to deliver the project. "After seeing the performance of our turbines, we were asked to stay back and train their staff," he reminisces. Trivedi believes in taking his team along in decision-making and regards people as valuable assets. He feels that co workers can give the best feedback and visits project sites to stay connected and get the on the-ground picture. In his spare time, Trivedi likes to read. He particularly enjoys Hindi books and is currently reading *Maila Anchal* by Phanishwar Nath Renu. One day, he hopes to write a book on the lives of people at project sites.