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# L&T Kobelco Manufacturing Facility Inaugurated

In a major milestone for rubber processing and tyre manufacturers in India, L&T Kobelco Machinery Private Limited (LTKMPL) inaugurated its new state-of-the-art facility at Kanchipuram, near Chennai, on January 19, 2012. This plant will manufacture internal mixers for rubber and twin screw roller head extruders. LTKMPL is a joint venture of L&T and Kobe Steel, Japan.



*Mr. J.P. Nayak and Mr. Kazuo Shigekawa jointly inaugurate the plant by pressing a button. Other dignitaries at the function (left to right): Mr. S. Srinivasan, CEO, Mr. Masahiko Nakanan, CTO, Mr. Tasuku Aoyama, VP, Kobe Steel, Mr. S. Raghavan, Senior VP, L&T, Mr. M.R. Das, VP Engineering, MRF Limited, Mr. Kazuhide Naraki, VP, Kobe Steel, Mr. S.R. Subramanian, VP, L&T, and Mr. S. Venkataraman, VP, L&T.*

The inaugural function was presided over by Mr. J.P. Nayak, Advisor to the Chairman, L&T, and Mr. Kazuo Shigekawa, Executive Vice President, Kobe Steel Limited.

Mr. J.P. Nayak lauded the event as the first major milestone in the strategic alliance between L&T and Kobe Steel in the domain of rubber processing machinery. The manufacturing facility is a fine example of the spirit of collaborative endeavor between the two JV partners.

In his address Mr. Shigekawa said “recently there have been several moves by the governments of India and Japan to increase the relationship between the countries. Several big projects have been announced. We are happy that this JV has taken strategic action on similar lines in advance of the statements by the two countries”.



Rubber mixing is the main process in the manufacture of tyres. Kobe Steel is the global leader in rubber mixer technology which leads to high productivity with good mixing parameters. L&T's presence in the rubber machinery industry spans over four decades, and its wide customer reach will enable the JV products to be marketed nationwide.