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L&T Delivers India's First Launch Hardware for Gaganyaan Mission Despite Covid-19 Restrictions

Chairman ISRO terms it as a Diwali gift for the nation

Mumbai, Nov 17, 2020: Larsen & Toubro, India's leading engineering, procurement and construction projects, manufacturing, defence and services conglomerate, delivered the first hardware, a booster segment, for Gaganyaan Launch Vehicle to ISRO ahead of schedule in a virtual flag-off ceremony presided over by Dr. K Sivan, Chairman, Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO).

Notwithstanding the limitations imposed by COVID-19, the Middle segment of the world's third-largest solid propellant rocket booster - 'S-200,' has been delivered ahead of schedule with Zero-Defects. The segment was produced at L&T's Powai Aerospace Manufacturing Facility meeting the enhanced quality and timeline requirements for India's maiden manned mission.

L&T is playing a vital role in powering ISRO's Human Space Flight Program (HSFP). A trusted partner of ISRO for almost five decades, L&T has been involved in the production of a range of hardware for every mission of ISRO, including the acclaimed Chandrayaan and Mangalyaan missions.

The critical booster segment, with a diameter of 3.2 meters, 8.5 meters in length and weighing 5.5 tons, was jointly flagged off in a virtual event by Dr. K Sivan, Secretary Department of Space & Chairman ISRO and Mr. Jayant Patil Whole-time Director and Member of L&T board. This ceremony was graced by Dr S. Somnath, Director VSSC, Dr V R Lalithambika, Director DHSP and Dr S Unnikrishnan Nair, Director HSFC, members of scientific community across ISRO laboratories and officials from Larsen & Toubro.

Terming this maiden delivery as a magnificent Diwali gift to the nation, **Dr K Sivan, Chairman, ISRO**, complimented the ISRO and L&T teams and said, "both the teams have relentlessly worked on realizing the flight hardware ahead of schedule while maintaining the highest quality standards required for a Human Space Flight Mission."

Mr JD Patil, Whole-Time Director and Senior Executive Vice President (Defence & Smart Technologies), L&T said, "We felt honoured to be trusted by ISRO in this

extremely critical space program, where best engineering minds and skilled hands of L&T are meeting the technological challenges with ISRO, its five-decade-old partner. We are confident that together with ISRO scientists, L&T engineers and technicians will fulfill aspirations of the Nation.”

The Human Space Mission: GSLV Mk III launcher which is ISRO’s heavy-lift launcher is identified for Gaganyaan mission given its requisite payload carrying capacity for launching an Orbiter module in a desired elliptical orbit. The S-200 forms the solid propellant booster for this launch vehicle.

Background:

Larsen & Toubro is an Indian multinational engaged in engineering, procurement and construction projects, manufacturing, defence and services with over USD 21 billion in revenue. It operates in over 30 countries worldwide. A strong, customer-focused approach and the constant quest for topclass quality have enabled L&T to attain and sustain leadership in its major lines of business for eight decades

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