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**POWERGRID MAKES PUSH FOR GREENER FUTURE**

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Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (POWERGRID), a Maharatna Public Sector Undertaking under Ministry of Power, has laid down the foundation stone for first ever Electric Vehicle Charging Station (EVCS) in the state of Meghalaya at its office complex on 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 2021 at Lapalang, Shillong.

The EVCS are being developed under Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of (Hybrid) & Electric Vehicles (FAME) India Scheme Phase-II. Under this scheme, POWERGRID shall be developing 11 EVCS in Shillong city (5 Public EVCS and 6 at government establishments). Each station shall have four 15 kW DC-001 Chargers and one 100 kW CCS-2/CHAdeMO Charger (dual gun) making it 66 charging points in Shillong city. Out of the 11 locations, Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed for 4 locations which include POWERGRID Office Complex at Lapalang, MTC Ware House at Demthring, MTC Parking Lot at Police Bazar and Polo Parking Lot at Polo.

POWERGRID has developed itself as one of the market leaders in EVCS business and has its presence in major cities of India like Hyderabad, Ahmedabad, Delhi, Bengaluru, Gurugram and Kochi.

The foundation stone was laid by Shri A. K. Thakur, Member Secretary, North Eastern Regional Power Committee (NERPC) in the august presence of Shri R. K. Tyagi, Executive Director, North Eastern Regional Transmission System, POWERGRID, and Shri N. Roy, Chief General Manager (I/C), NERLDC, POSOCO.

POWERGRID has presently 172,154 ckm of transmission lines, 262 Sub-stations and more than 446,940 MVA of transformation capacity. With the adoption of latest technological tools and techniques, enhanced use of automation and digital solutions, POWERGRID has been able to maintain average transmission system availability >99%.

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