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It's my privilege as Conference Chair to welcome you to the 6th International India Oil and Gas Pipeline Conference (IOGPC) organized by ASME in India in association with ASME Pipeline Systems Division.

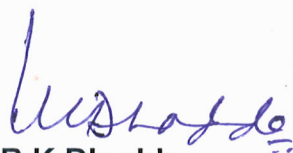
This 2-day biennial event brings together the pipeline community from across the world. It's an excellent opportunity where the industry leaders, engineers and policymakers will meet to share the state-of-the-art technologies and developments in the industry, issues and priorities. A highly distinguished panel of speakers and the stakeholders of pipeline industry will be presenting their real time experiences.

By participating in this conference, you are making an invaluable contribution towards enhancement of quality, safety and integrity of assets, environment and welfare of the community living around pipelines.

The panel discussion on "Challenges in Pipeline Industry" is most appropriate. In the Indian context, building and maintaining pipeline assets is becoming more challenging, be it regarding acquisition of Right of Way in private land, rapid urbanization, regulatory and statutory regime. While the pipeline density in India is still much lower than the peer countries, the issues mentioned above make the growth, economic viability and safe operation of the pipelines more challenging than ever before. It is hoped that the panel will threadbare discuss this subject and come out with its recommendations that can be taken up with relevant stakeholders.

I thank and congratulate the organizing committee for putting in their best efforts in making this a successful event.

Again, welcome to 6th IOGPC. I wish you productive two days filled with learning and collaboration in various aspects of pipelines design and construction, quality, materials, integrity management, operations and maintenance; and HSE.



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