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FOREWORD BY CHAIRMAN

The period under report saw several momentous events. WDRA launched many new initiatives in its field of work. Some of the highlights are given below:

- i. *The application fee for applicants for registration of warehouses storing only agricultural goods was waived for a period of one year from 14.10.2022. This is expected to increase registration of warehouses with WDRA.*
- ii. *WDRA launched its Call Centre on 07.12.2022 for providing all kinds of support to Warehouseman and associated stakeholders.*
- iii. *MoUs were signed with Agricultural Universities to work together for creating awareness among farmers/traders/millers etc about WDRA and its various development programme.*
- iv. *WDRA signed MoUs with two major banks viz, State Bank of India and Punjab National Bank to promote pledge financing against the eNWR.*
- v. *An Action Plan for WDRA's activities in various areas like pledge finance, warehouse registration, media outreach, human resource management, etc. was drawn up and shared with DFPD.*

It may be seen that WDRA's endeavour during this period was to network more with other organisations in the warehousing and allied sectors, to improve warehouse registration and increase pledge finance extended by banks against eNWR. Results have been good. During the year 2022-23, 1522 warehouses were registered and pledge finance of Rs. 2442 Cr. was given. These are all time high figures for WDRA.

There were other changes also. Several new staff members joined WDRA during this period. These are all experienced personnel who can contribute to our activities significantly. WDRA lost the services of Shri Harpreet Singh Member, due to his retirement, but we were joined shortly afterwards by Shri Arun Kumar Shrivastava as Member WDRA.

(T K Manoj Kumar),
Chairman, WDRA

A. Signing of MOUs between WDRA and Agriculture Universities:

It is important for WDRA to network with organisations which are engaged in improving agriculture and farmers' income throughout the country. Towards this end, WDRA signed MoUs with some important Agriculture Universities. The first MoU was signed with Agriculture University Jodhpur, Rajasthan on 19.12.2022.

On 23.03.2023 WDRA signed an MoU with the Tamil Nadu Agriculture University in the presence of Chairman and Members of WDRA and the Vice Chancellor of the Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Prof. Geethalakshmi.

An MoU was also signed with the Meerut Agriculture University and Agricultural University Banda on the same day.

An MoU signing ceremony was organised on 31.03.2023 with two Agriculture Universities Kanpur & Jobner.

As per the MoUs, the Agricultural Universities and WDRA will work together towards creating awareness programmes for farmers/traders/millers and capacity building programmes for warehousemen/warehouse managers and assayers.



Shri T K Manoj Kumar, Chairman, WDRA and Prof. (Dr.) B.R. Chowdhary, Vice Chancellor, Agriculture University, Jodhpur signed an MoU on 19.12.2022 at Jodhpur.



Shri Mukesh Kumar Jain, Member, WDRA hands over the MOU to Dr. Anil Sirohi, Director Extension, Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel University of Agriculture and Technology, Meerut at the MOU signing program 23.03.2023 in WDRA Office, New Delhi.



Shri T K Manoj Kumar, Chairman, WDRA, Shri Mukesh Kumar Jain, Member, WDRA, Shri Arun Kumar Shrivastava, Member, WDRA, Prof. Geethalakshmi, Vice Chancellor of the Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Dr. V.Balasubrami, Controller of Examination and Dr. N. Senthil, Dean of the University at the MOU signing program 23.03.2023 in WDRA Office, New Delhi.



Shri Arun Kumar Shrivastava, Member, WDRA hands over the MOU to Dr. G.S.Panwar, Prof. & Dean, Agriculture University, Banda, Uttar Pradesh at the MOU signing program on 23.03.2023 in WDRA Office, New Delhi



Shri T K Manoj Kumar, Chairman, WDRA, Shri Mukesh Kumar Jain, Member, WDRA and Dr. Sudesh Kumar, Director, Extension, **Shri Karan Narendra Agriculture University, Jobner (Jaipur)** at the MOU signing program on 31.03.2023 in WDRA Office, New Delhi



Shri Mukesh Kumar Jain, Member, WDRA hands over the MOU to Shri Dinesh Chandra, Senior Assistant, **Chandra Shekhar Azad University of Agriculture and Technology, Kanpur** at the MOU signing program on 31.03.2023 in WDRA Office, New Delhi

Signing of MOUs between WDRA and Banks:

- i) WDRA and State Bank of India exchanged an MoU to promote pledge finance against e-NWRs in the country on 13.01.2023. Shri T.K. Manoj Kumar, Chairman, WDRA and Shri Dinesh Kumar Khara, Chairman, SBI, Shri Mukesh Kumar Jain, Member, WDRA and other officers were present.
- ii) WDRA and Punjab National Bank (PNB) exchanged an MoU to promote pledge finance against e-NWRs in the country on 13.03.2023. This MoU will facilitate farmers and traders in providing attractive interest rate loans with no additional collateral.



Shri T K Manoj Kumar, Chairman, WDRA with Shri Mukesh Kumar Jain, Member, WDRA, Shri Dinesh Kumar Khara, Chairman, SBI, Dr. B.K. Gairola, Advisor (IT), WDRA and officials of WDRA and SBI at the MOU signing program on 13.01.2023



Shri T K Manoj Kumar, Chairman, WDRA with Shri Mukesh Kumar Jain, Member, WDRA, Shri Atul Kumar Goel, MD & CEO of PNB, Shri Sunil Kumar Chugh, CGM, PNB and officials of WDRA & PNB at the MOU signing program on 13.03.2023

It is important to note that SBI has launched a new loan product for lending against eNWR. This loan has zero processing fees, no additional collateral and reduced rate of interests. This will contribute significantly towards increasing farmers' income.



B. Outreach Programmes:

Many outreach programmes were conducted all over India to disseminate the image of WDR far and wide. Glimpses of a few are given below:



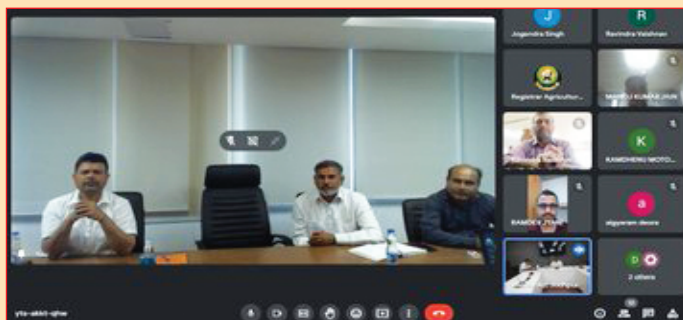
- (i) The first **PACS** in **Andhra Pradesh** to issue e-NWRs was Vellalacheru Primary Agriculture Cooperative Society. This was acknowledged by Chairman, WDR during the outreach programme held on 10.03.2023 at the Acharya NG Ranga Agricultural University, Guntur on 10.03.2023 to spread awareness about WDR regulatory eco-system and e-NWR pledge finance. The Guest of Honour was Shri Chiranjiv Choudhary, Principal Secretary, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh. WDR was also joined by Shri P. Srinivas, former Chairman, WDR.



- (ii) A **Training cum Awareness Camp** for **PACCS** warehouses was organised by WDR on 04.03.2023 at Agra (**Uttar Pradesh**) for Agra and Aligarh circle in coordination with the State Cooperative Department. The training camp was organised under the chairmanship of Shri Harday Ram, Addl. Comm. and Addl. Registrar Coop. Agra Division. It was attended by 148 PACCS of Agra and Aligarh circle and also by Farmers, PACCS Secretaries, Officers of State Coop. Dept and Officers of DCCB, Agra.



- (iii) WDR in collaboration with NIPHM Hyderabad conducted a One-day Farmer Awareness Programme for Farmers, Traders and Millers at Jammikunta, Karimnagar district, **Telangana** on 22.07.2022. 50 Farmers participated in the programme.



- (iv) WDR in collaboration with Agriculture University, Jodhpur conducted a 5 days **online capacity building programme** for the Incharges/ Managers/ Supervisors/ Representatives of SWCs and private warehouses registered with WDR in **Rajasthan** during the period 27.02.2023 to 03.03.2023 which was inaugurated by Shri Arun Kumar Shrivastava, Member, WDR through online mode.



- (v) WDR in collaboration with RCM Bangalore conducted a One-day Farmer Awareness Programme for Farmers, Traders and Millers at Karnataka Central Cooperative Bank Ltd. Hubballi Branch, Hubballi, Dharwad District, **Karnataka** on 01.02.23. 55 Farmers participated in the programme.



- (vi) WDR in collaboration with CW-Miraj (G) conducted a One-day Farmer Awareness Programme for Farmers, Traders, and Millers at Wana Sanskrutik Hall, Market Yard Vasant Colony, Sangli **Maharashtra** on 05.12.2022. 50 Farmers participated in the programme.



- (vii) Shri Mukesh Kumar Jain, Member, WDR A attended a State Level Function of the Co-operation Department of **Tamil Nadu** on 19.11.2022 and handed over cheques to borrowers who availed loans against e-NWRs through PACCS.



- (viii) WDR A in collaboration with the Institute of Cooperative Management (ICM Bhopal) conducted a One-day Farmer Awareness Programme for Farmers, Traders and Millers at Nalkheda Agarmalwa District, **Madhya Pradesh** on 20.10.2022. 50 Farmers participated in the programme.



- (ix) WDR A in collaboration with ICM Thiruvananthapuram conducted a One-day Farmer Awareness Programme for Farmers, Traders and Millers at Pappinivattom Service Cooperative Bank Auditorium, Thrissur District, **Kerala** on 07.10.2022. 50 Farmers took part in the programme.



- (x) WDR A in collaboration with the Madhusudan Institute of Co-operative Management (MICM) Bhubaneswar conducted a One-day Farmer Awareness Programme for Farmers, Traders and Millers at RMC Kamakshyanagr, Dist. Dhenkna, **Odisha** on 29.07.2022. 50 Farmers took part in the programme.



- (xi) WDR A in collaboration with NIPHM, Hyderabad conducted **Warehouseman Training Programme (WTP)** during the period of 22.08.2022 to 26.08.2022 for the In-charges/Managers/Supervisors/Representatives of APSWC, TSWC and private warehouses registered with WDR A.



- (xii) WDR A in collaboration with D.N.S RICM Patna conducted a One-day Farmer Awareness Programme for Farmers, Traders and Millers at **Bihar State Warehouse Corporation**, Hazipur on 24.08.2022. 55 Farmers took part in the programme.



- (xiii) ICMR, Madurai conducted a five-days **Assayers Training Programme** from 11.07.2022 – 15.07.2022. 43 participants from different APMCs of Tamil Nadu participated in the training programme.

C. Major Conferences:

(i) A seminar on 'e-NWR - An Effective Tool for Promoting Pledge Financing'

was held at the India Habitat Center, New Delhi on 31.10.2022 to mark the culmination of WDRA's Foundation Day celebration. Shri Sudhanshu Pandey, then Secretary (DFPD) graced the occasion as Chief Guest and inspired all the stakeholders to put in collective efforts for improving the warehousing sector.



The lighting of the lamp by Shri Sudhanshu Pandey, Secretary (DFPD) who graced the occasion as Chief Guest, along with Shri T K Manoj Kumar, Chairman, WDRA, Shri Mukesh Kumar Jain, Member, WDRA and Shri Dheeraj Sahu, joint Secretary, WDRA

The seminar was well-attended by representatives from DFPD, various Ministries and Government bodies including PSUs working in agriculture/warehousing/logistics/financing, repositories, commodity exchanges, commodity boards, banks, industry organisations, training and inspection agencies of WDRA, warehousemen and media personnel. WDRA also awarded State Warehousing Corporations, Public and Private Banks, Marketing Boards and Warehousemen in recognition of their role in promoting pledge finance throughout the country.



Shri Harpreet Singh and Shri Mukesh Kumar Jain, Members, WDRA participated in the panel discussion during the seminar along with MDs of CWC, TNWC, CCRL, NERL, NCML, CGM SBI and Product Head ICICI.



The seminar was attended by officers from the Union Govt, Regulatory Bodies, Central Govt Organizations, Public & Private Sector Banks and representatives from Warehousing Corporations, Repositories, Commodity Exchanges, Commodity Boards, Industry Chambers, Warehousemen, Training Partners and IA

(ii) A Conference on Digital Financing against e-NWRs was organised in NABARD Head Office, Mumbai on 13.01.2023

At a Conference on Digital Financing against e-NWRs in NABARD Head Office Mumbai on 13.01.2023, Shri T.K Manoj Kumar, Chairman, WDRA, Sh. K V. Shaji, Chairman NABARD and Shri Mukesh Kumar Jain, Member, WDRA addressed heads of priority sector lending and MSME of various Banks



Shri T.K Manoj Kumar, Chairman, WDRA with Sh. K V. Shaji, Chairman NABARD at the Digital Financing against e-NWRs Conference in NABARD Mumbai on 13.01.2023

D. Celebrations in WDRA:

(i) WDRA's Foundation Day Program

WDRA celebrated its 12th Foundation Day with a series of events planned during the Foundation Fortnight from 17.10.2022 – 31.10.2022. The celebrations began with the lighting of the lamp and the Chairman addressing the WDRA family by outlining the journey of WDRA since its inception in 2010. WDRA has come a long way since its inception and is taking strides to be future-ready in all manner.

During the fortnight, employees took a brief time off their busy schedule to participate in various events like Quiz Competition, Rangoli Competition and Cultural Event. These activities gave all in WDRA an opportunity to come together, have fun and feel better connected with each other and with the organization. The events made the WDRA work environment all the more vibrant and energetic.

The fortnight ended with a seminar on “e-NWR – An Effective Tool for Promoting Pledge Financing” organized on 31.10.2022 with Shri Sudhanshu Pandey, Secretary, DFPD, as the Chief Guest. The seminar was well attended by representatives from DFPD, various Ministries and Government bodies including PSUs working in agriculture/warehousing/logistics/financing, repositories, commodity exchanges, commodity boards, banks, industry organisation, training and inspection agencies of WDRA, warehousemen and media personnel. WDRA also awarded State Warehousing Corporations, Public and Private Banks, Marketing Boards and Warehousemen in recognition of their role in promoting pledge finance throughout the country.

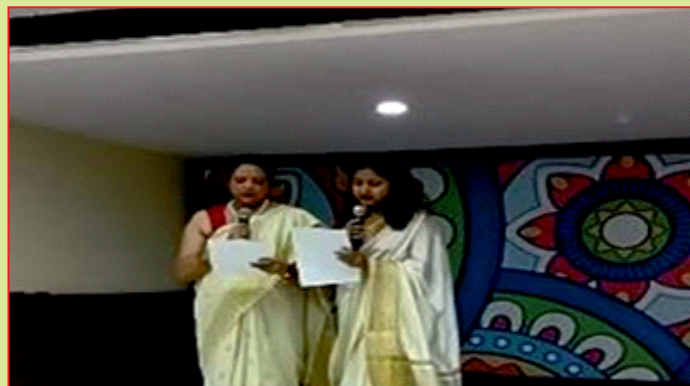
Ms. Venita Solomon, Assistant Director (Human Resource)



Shri T.K Manoj Kumar, Chairman, WDRA, Shri Harpreet Singh, (former) Member WDRA and Shri Mukesh Kumar Jain, Member WDRA at the lighting of the lamp at the commencement of celebrations for WDRA's Foundation Day.



Shri Harpreet Singh, (former) Member, WDRA, Shri Mukesh Kumar Jain, Member, WDRA, Shri Dheeraj Sahu, Joint Secretary, WDRA, Dr. B.K. Gairola, Advisor (IT) and Shri H.K. Dabas, Under Secretary (Technical) with officials/staff of WDRA celebrated WDRA's Foundation Day on 26.10.2022 in the WDRA office.



During the celebration of WDRA 'Foundation' fortnight, employees actively participated in a series of programmes including Quiz Competition, Rangoli Competition and Cultural Programmes

(ii) International Women's Day

WDRA celebrated International Women's Day on 07.03.2023. Ms. Sangeeta Ramrakhyani, Director (Personnel), Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC) graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. She addressed the gathering and sensitised officials on equity and inclusion at workplace and in society.



Shri T.K Manoj Kumar, Chairman, WDRA, Shri Mukesh Kumar Jain, Member, WDRA, Shri Arun Kumar Shrivastava, Member, WDRA and Ms. Sangeeta Ramrakhyani, Director (Personnel), Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC) on the occasion of International Women's Day celebrations in WDRA



Ms. Sangeeta Ramrakhyani, Director (Personnel), Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC) with women officials/staff of WDRA on the occasion of International Women's Day celebrations in WDRA

(iii) Swachhata Pakhwada

दिनांक 03.10.2022 को स्वच्छता पखवाड़ा के शुभारंभ के उपलक्ष्य में श्री टी.के. मनोज कुमार, अध्यक्ष महोदय, भांडागारण विकास और विनियामक प्राधिकरण द्वारा सभी अधिकारियों और कर्मचारियों को स्वच्छता की शपथ दिलाई गयी और भांडागारण विकास और विनियामक प्राधिकरण में अध्यक्ष महोदय, सदस्यों एवं संयुक्त सचिव द्वारा पौधारोपण का कार्य सम्पन्न किया। दिनांक 17.10.2022 को स्वच्छता पखवाड़े के दौरान डबल्यूडीआरए के पदाधिकारियों एवं कर्मचारियों द्वारा एनसीयूआई परिसर में कूड़ेदान लगाने का कार्य सम्पन्न किया गया। दिनांक 21.10.2022 को स्वच्छता पखवाड़े के दौरान डबल्यूडीआरए के अध्यक्ष, सदस्यों एवं संयुक्त सचिव द्वारा एनसीयूआई परिसर में वृक्षारोपण का कार्यक्रम किया गया।

The Swachhata Pakhwada organised by WDRA from 16.02.2023 culminated on 28.02.2023. During the Swachhata Pakhwada, various programmes were organised in and outside WDRA for making the drive successful. Chairman, WDRA administered an oath on Swachhata to WDRA's officers/staff. A cleanliness drive was organized in WDRA. The officers/staff of WDRA undertook cleanliness activities in the office premises of WDRA as well as DDA Park, Khel Gaon, New Delhi. 23.02.23 को स्वच्छता पखवाड़े के दौरान श्रीमद दयानन्द वेदार्थ महाविद्यालय, गौतम नगर, नई दिल्ली में डबल्यूडीआरए के अधिकारियों और कर्मचारियों द्वारा छात्रों को स्वच्छता के प्रति जागरूक कराया गया और साथ ही छात्रों को तन के साथ साथ मन को भी स्वच्छ रखने के लिए प्रेरित किया गया।

WDRA officials visited Palika Day-time Sec. School, East Kidwai Nagar and distributed Sanitary Napkins to the girl students and sensitised them about the usage of sanitary napkins for keeping good menstrual health. A Video was screened before the officials of WDRA on 27.02.2023 which highlighted ways to adopt a zero-waste lifestyle. The Safai Karamcharis of WDRA were felicitated for their contribution in the cleanliness of WDRA's office premises. On the closing ceremony of Swachhata Pakhwada, prizes were distributed to the winners of the Essay Competition. We are proud to report that WDRA is one of the cleanest Government Offices in Delhi. No doubt our efforts towards digitization of files has also helped us to adhere this status.





(iv) Constitution Day

The officials of WDRA celebrated the 73rd Constitution Day by reading the Preamble along with Chairman, WDRA and Officers of Department of Food and Public Distribution in hybrid mode on 26.11.2022.

E. अन्य घटनाएँ/Other Events

(i) Vigilance Awareness Week

During observance of the Vigilance Awareness Week from 31.10.2022 to 06.11.2022, a Walkathon with the theme 'Corruption Free India for a Developed Nation' was organized by WDRA in the surrounding area of the office on 02.11.2022. WDRA Officers/staff conducted a slogan writing competition on the topic of 'Corruption Free India for a Developed Nation' in Shrimad Dayanand Vedarsh Mahavidyalaya Nyas, New Delhi and distributed prizes to the winner students on 03.11.2022. Integrity Pledge was administered by the Chairman, WDRA with Members, JS, Director and other WDRA officers & staff on 31.10.2022 at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi. WDRA also organised an Essay Competition for its staff.

(ii) हिन्दी पखवाड़ा और हिन्दी दिवस

14.09.2022 को हिन्दी दिवस के दौरान श्री टी.के. मनोजकुमार, अध्यक्ष महोदय, भांडागारण विकास और विनियामक प्राधिकरण द्वारा हिन्दी पखवाड़े का शुभारंभ किया गया। 14.09.2022 को हिन्दी दिवस के उपलक्ष्य में श्री टी.के. मनोज कुमार, अध्यक्ष महोदय द्वारा भांडागारण विकास और विनियामक प्राधिकरण के सभी अधिकारियों और कर्मचारियों को राजभाषा की प्रतिज्ञा दिलवाई गयी जिसमें हिन्दी का प्रयोग, प्रचार और प्रसार बढ़वाने पर जोर दिया गया। 21.09.2022 को हिन्दी पखवाड़े के उपलक्ष्य में नोटिंग-ड्राफ्टिंग प्रतियोगिता का आयोजन किया गया जिसमें डबल्यूडीआरए के अधिकारियों और कर्मचारियों ने उत्साहपूर्वक प्रतियोगिता में भाग लिया। 29.09.22 को हिन्दी पखवाड़े के समापन के उपलक्ष्य में प्राधिकरण के वरिष्ठ अधिकारियों द्वारा शीर्ष प्रतिभागियों को पुरस्कार वितरण किया गया। वरिष्ठ अधिकारियों द्वारा राजभाषा को प्राधिकरण में अधिक-से-अधिक प्रयोग में लाने पर जोर दिया।



(F) International Awareness and Publicity:

- (i) A Delegation from Ivory Coast, Senegal (West Africa) and IFC visited WDRA on 06.03.2023 to understand the Warehouse Receipt System implemented by WDRA. The delegation consisted of 16 participants. WDRA Officers gave a detailed presentation before the delegation explaining functions of WDRA, electronic Negotiable Warehouse Receipt (e-NWR) eco-system and loaning against e-NWR.

**(ii) Participation in the India International Trade Fair**

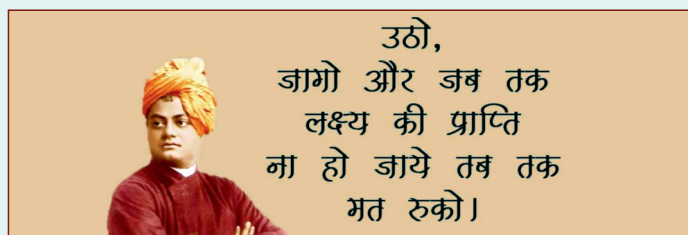
An exhibition was organised by WDRA in the India International Trade Fair, 2022 from 14.11.2022 – 27.11.2022 to showcase its activities. Shri T K Manoj Kumar, Chairman, WDRA inaugurated the WDRA's Pavilion in the IITF, 2022.



Shri T.K Manoj Kumar, Chairman, WDRA, Shri Harpreet Singh, (former) Member, WDRA, Shri Mukesh Kumar Jain, Member, WDRA, Shri Dheeraj Sahu, Joint Secretary, WDRA, Dr. B.K. Gairola, Advisor (IT), WDRA, Shri H.K. Dabas, Under Secretary (Technical) and Ms. Navneet Sandhu, Deputy Director (Admin & Finance, Contracts) at WDRA's pavilion in IITF 2022.



Directors of Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) from Shri Ganganagar, Rajasthan visited WDRA's Pavilion in India International Trade Fair (IITF), 2022 on 17.11.2022.



(iii) Awareness through Media

A 60 second video spot on WDRA was telecast on DD National, DD News and DD Kisan channels twice daily from 22.02.2023 to 08.03.2023 and from 11.03.2023 to 20.03.2023.

(G) Article on the Role of a Regulator

Regulatory bodies are independent governmental bodies established by an Act of Parliament in order to set standards in a specific field of activity, or operations and then to enforce those standards. The main functions of a regulatory body are typically identified as issuing regulations and guidelines, Review and assessment, Licensing, Inspection, Corrective actions, Enforcement. A regulator essentially works to help the promoters to do fair business and inclusive development of the sector in which it operates. To achieve this ultimate goal of inclusive and sustainable development, a regulator uses different tools like monitoring, controlling governance, inspections, setting up of benchmarks and entry and exit standards, etc. In short, Regulation functions like a skeleton on which business can grow up to full potential and achieve economies of scale.

A prudent regulator works for improving trust of stakeholders in the sector. Trust is the factor, which contributes to the sustainable growth of the sector. Financial sector is one of the key sectors which depends on the trust of the stakeholders. Banking sector regulator i.e., Reserve Bank of India (RBI), always works towards this. The recent incidences of collapse of few Co-operative banks, crisis in Yes Bank Ltd shook the confidence of the depositors. RBI immediately stepped into it and took control of the situation and settled the issues. Otherwise collapse of a bank like Yes Bank Ltd (5th largest pvt sector bank) could have created a spiral effect and led to unintended consequences.

Many people feel that regulations and guidelines imposed by the regulator create hurdles in the growth of the business. A comparison with the pruning of plants in parks helps in understanding the importance of regulations in the system. Like pruning helps in growing in desired shapes to lure the attention of the visitors, similarly, regulations help in growing the business in the right direction with a focus on inclusive development. For example, in earlier days trading was limited to only a few sections of the society. SEBI's regulations helped in growth of the sector besides bringing the trading to every commoner of the country. Recently, IRDAI also released a statement with a vision to expand insurance coverage to every citizen of the country by 2047. RBI's Priority Sector Lending helped in flowing credit to the desired sectors otherwise neglected by the banking system.

I would like to talk about few sectors which have witnessed phenomenal growth in last few decades i.e., Securities market and Insurance sector, thanks to the efforts of SEBI and IRDAI.

Firstly, securities market was existing even before independence (BSE was established in 1875) but this sector has shown remarkable growth after constitution of SEBI in 1992, the regulator for securities market in India. Just to substantiate this, I am referring to the sensex well short of 5000 mark most of 1990s, but it rose to cross 20000 in 2008 and thereafter 25000.

SEBI promoted retail investor in equity market to deepen and widen the market. Today every one of us know where we stand.

Similarly, growth in insurance sector is also promising after setting up of IRDAI in 1999.

To sum up, a regulator works with a positive notion to balance the needs and aspirations of the various stakeholders. A prudent regulator needs to be dynamic and act accordingly as per need of the hour without diluting the basics of the regulation. Regulation is similar to construction of a high-speed corridor. Initially, it takes time and money but once it is done, all users find it easy to travel. Similarly, businesses can reap benefits of regulation.

Shri Sai Pradeep G,

Assistant Director (Stakeholders Awareness and Outreach)

(H) MILESTONES:

- (i) WDR A bid adieu to Shri Harpreet Singh, former Member, WDR A whose tenure ended on 23.11.2022 AN and welcomed Shri Arun Kumar Shrivastava as Member, WDR A on 14.12.2022.



Shri T K Manoj Kumar, Chairman, WDR A, Shri Harpreet Singh, (former) Member, WDR A, Shri Mukesh Kumar Jain, Member, WDR A and, Dr. B.K. Gairola, Advisor (IT), WDR A



Shri Harpreet Singh, (former) Member, WDR A with Shri Mukesh Kumar Jain, Member, WDR A and Shri Dheeraj Sahu, Joint Secretary, WDR A



Shri T K Manoj Kumar, Chairman, WDR A with Shri Arun Kumar Shrivastava who took over the charge of Member, Warehousing Development and Regulatory Authority (WDR A) on 14.12.2022.

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A brief profile of Shri Arun Kumar Shrivastava, Member, WDR A:

Shri Arun Kumar Shrivastava, Member WDR A was earlier Managing Director, Central Warehousing Corporation (a Miniratna Schedule-A CPSE/PSU, under the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution), a post from which he retired w.e.f. 31.10.2022.

Shri Arun Kumar Shrivastava was a member of the Indian Railway Services of Engineers (UPSC Exam Batch: 1986). He has held important portfolios in leadership positions, like, Chief Engineer, Northern Railways, Executive Director, Railway Board, Ministry of Railways, Chief Technical Officer, Pipavava Railway Corporation and Executive Director, Container Corporation of India. While working as Managing Director, CWC, he had close interaction with WDR A and the Ministry. He has diverse professional experience of managing organizations, like, Indian Railways, Public Sector Undertakings and coordination with Central and State Governments and broad affairs of finance, human resource development, marketing & corporate & strategic planning, etc. He has managed large size multi-disciplinary supply chain logistics and infrastructure projects from concept to commissioning. He has developed integrated scientific warehousing complex for agriculture produce and other notified commodities, ecommerce, multi-modal logistics parks, inland container depot, private freight terminal, revenue line & new line construction and has also done research & development & standardisation, innovations, etc.

Shri Arun Kumar Shrivastava, has a B. Tech (Civil Engineering) Degree from IIT, BHU, Varanasi and an M.Tech. Degree from IIT, Delhi. He has attended several management development programme / workshops in India and abroad.

(i) New Appointments:

- Shri Manish Kumar Jain joined as Under Secretary (Administration & Finance) on 16.01.2023 AN
- Shri Sandeep Kumar joined as Personal Assistant or Steno on 23.01.2023 AN
- Ms. Esha Barua joined as Assistant (SRR/SAO/O/SA) on 24.01.2023
- Ms. Parul Sagar joined as Assistant (SRR/SAO/O/SA) on 27.01.2023 AN
- Ms Akanksha Agarwal and Ms Nancy Sharma joined as Assistant (SRR/SAO/O/SA) and Shri Naveen Barolia joined as Deputy Director (Marketing & Credit) on 01.02.2023
- Ms. Komal Rani joined as Personal Assistant or Steno on 31.03.2023.

(ii) Adieu:

- Shri Ashish Sharma, Personal Assistant or Steno was relieved on 09.12.2022.
- Shri Animesh Kumar, Deputy Director (Stakeholders Affairs) was relieved on 19.01.2023.
- Shri Bhoopendra Singh, Deputy Director (Information Technology) was relieved on 31.01.2023 FN
- Ms Namrata Das, Personal Assistant or Steno was relieved on 31.03.2023 FN.
- Shri G.P. Singh, Advisor (F&A)'s tenure ended on 04.03.2023.

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