

## COAL INDIA TROPHY FOR NLC

Neyveli Lignite Corporation has bagged the prestigious “Coal India Trophy” for the year 2003-04 for the successful implementation of its Mine-IA Project. The trophy is given by the Mining, Geological and Metallurgical Institute of India (MGMI) for the implementation of Coal and Lignite Projects. The rolling trophy and shield for NLC was received by Shri K.S.Anandan, Director (Mines), from the Chairman, MGMI on 18-9-2004 in a function held at Kolkata.



MGMI, one of the most eminent and distinguished professional institute promotes the study of all branches of mining methods and mineral occurrences in India. MGMI has instituted various awards and medals to the different mineral industries for their outstanding works.

For the year 2003-04 the Coal India trophy for the implementation of coal and lignite projects is awarded to NLC for the implementation of its Mine-IA project without time and cost over runs. The Mine-IA one of the mega projects of NLC has a production capacity of 3 million tones per annum and spread over an area of 11.6 sq.km. This project was sanctioned by Govt. of India during 1998 at a cost of

Rs.1033 crores. This mine meets the fuel needs of the 250 MW Independent Power Project (IPP) M/S. STCMS and the additional requirements of NLC's Thermal Power Stations. The excavation of overburden commenced on 30<sup>th</sup> July 2001 and the lignite production commenced from 30<sup>th</sup> March 2003. This mega project of NLC is the first mining project in Indian Coal Mining Industry, that has been completed within the time frame and less than the stipulated costs.

In recognition to the implementation of the Mine-IA project NLC has been awarded the Coal India Trophy for the year 2003-04.