#### **Press Release**

Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission & Secretary, Department of Atomic Energy (DAE), Shri K. N. Vyas laid the foundation stone for production of Nuclear Grade Sodium at Heavy Water Plant (HWP), Baroda on 5.1.2020. Presently, high purity sodium is required to be imported. High purity sodium finds its use for manufacture of insecticides, synthetic detergent, dyes, various vitamins and drugs, in addition to its application in fast breeder nuclear reactors. Dr. U. Kamachi Mudali, Chairman & Chief Executive, Heavy Water Board (HWB) and other senior officials of HWB were present during the occasion.

The foundation stone is being laid for industrial level production of high purity sodium based on the successful operation of the demonstration plant. After successful completion of Phase-1 and Phase-2 of the plant, it will have a capacity to produce 600 MT of sodium per year.

Activities at HWP, Baroda are also being expanded for manufacture of specially deuterated compounds which are presently being imported. Initial development of the special compounds has already been carried out, which will be manufactured at an industrial scale. A collaboration is also planned to be initiated with M.S. University, Baroda for development of deuterated drug compounds.

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# City to house India's 1st nuclear-grade sodium plant

#### To Produce 600 Tonne Sodium Every Year

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

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KN Vyas, chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission and DAE secretary, laid the foundation stone for the production of nuclear grade sodium at Heavy Water Plant



DAE secretary KN Vyas laying the foundation stone for the plant in Fertilizernagar

(HWP), Baroda on Sunday. Presently, high purity sodium is imported. High purity sodium is used for manufacturing insecticides, synthetic detergent, dyes, various vitamins and drugs. It also has its application in fast breeder nuclear reactors.

The foundation stone was laid for the industrial level production of high purity sodium based on the successful operation of the demonstration plant.

"After the successful completion of phase-I and phase-2 of the plant, it will have a capacity to produce 600 metric tonnes of sodium per year," a release issued by the HWP, Baroda said.

HWP. Baroda is also expanding its capacity to manufacture specially deuterated compounds which are presently imported.

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"With these programmes, the HWP, Baroda will become a centre for yet another innovative technology development and demonstration for 'Make in India' for speciality materials," the release stated. Dr U Kamachi Mudali, chairman and chief executive of the HWP, Baroda and other senior officials of the plant were present during the foundation stone laying ceremony.

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se I and phase 2 of the plant, it will have a capacity to produce 600 metric tonnes of sodium per year," a release issued by the HWP, Baroda said. Apart from setting up the new sodium plant, the HWP, Baroda is also expanding its capacity to manufacture specially deuterated compounds which are presently imported. "Initial development of the special compounds has already been carried out, which will be manufactured at an industrial scale," the release further mentioned.

The HWP, Baroda is planning to initiate collaboration with M S University for the development of deuterated drug compounds. "With these programmes, the HWP, Baroda will become a centre for yet another innovative technology development and demonstration for 'Make in India' for speciality materials," the release stated. Dr U Kamachi Mudali, chairman and chief executive of the HWP, Baroda and other senior officials of the plant were present during the foundation stone laying ceremony.



#### હેવી વોટર પ્લાન્ટ ખાતે નાભિકિય ગેડ સોડિયમ ઉત્પાદન પ્લાન્ટનો શિલાન્યાસ કરાયો

ભારત સરકારનાં પરમાણુ ઊર્જા વિભાગ સંચાલિત હેવી વોટર પ્લાન્ટ, વડોદરા ખાતે રિવિવારે નાભિકીય એડ સોડિયમ ઉત્પાદન પ્લાન્ટનો શિલાન્યાસ પરમાણુ ઊર્જા આયોગનાં અધ્યક્ષ અને સચિવ પરમાણુ ઊર્જા વિભાગ કે એન વ્યાસ દ્વારા કરવામાં આવ્યો હતો. આપણા દેશમાં હાલમાં ઉચ્ચ શુદ્ધતાવાળા સોડિયમની આયાત કરવી પડે છે. ઉચ્ચ શુદ્ધતાવાળા સોડિયમનો ઉપયોગ કાસ્ટ બિડર પરમાણુ રિએક્ટર્સ ઉપરાંત કીટ નાશકો, સિન્થેટિક ડિટરજન્ટ, ડાય, વિવિધ વિટામિન્સ અને ડ્રગ્સના ઉત્પાદન માટે કરવામાં આવે છે. ડૉ. યુ કામાચી મુદલી, અધ્યક્ષ અને મુખ્ય કાર્યકારી, હેવી વોટર બોર્ડનાં અન્ય વરિષ્ઠ અધિકારીઓ ઉપસ્થિત રહ્યા હતા. આ કાર્યક્રની સાથે, વડોદરા હેવી વોટર પ્લાન્ટ એક બીજી નવી પ્રોદ્યોગિકીનો વિકાસ અને વિશેષ સામગીઓ માટે મેક ઈન ઈન્ડિયાના નિદર્શનનું કેન્દ્ર બની રહેશે.

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## राजरूथान पत्रिका, अहमदाबाद, 9.01.2020



वडोदरा में भारी पानी संयत्र परिसर में परमाणु ऊर्जा आयोग के चेयरमैन व परमाणु ऊर्जा विभाग के सचिव के.एन. व्यास ने न्यूक्लियर ग्रेड सोडियम के उत्पादन के लिए शिलान्यास किया। इस मौके पर भारी पानी बोर्ड के चेयरमैन व मुख्य कार्यकारी डॉ. यू.के. मुदली भी मौजूद थे। वर्तमान समय में उच्च गुणवत्ता सोडियम आयात किया जाता है। इसलिए उच्च गुणवत्ता के सोडियम के औद्योगिक स्तर पर 600 मैटिक टन सोडियम का प्रतिवर्ष उत्पादन किया जा सकेगा।

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## બિઝનેસ ન્યૂઝ

### જેવી વોટર પ્લાન્ટ ખાતે સોડિયમ ઉત્પાદન પ્લાન્ટનો શિલાન્યાસ

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વડોદરાના હેવી વોટર પ્લાન્ટ ખાતે પરમાશુ ઊર્જા આયોગના અધ્યક્ષ અને પરમાશુ ઊર્જા સચિવ કે.એન. વ્યાસે નાભિકિય બ્રેડ સોડિયમ ઉત્પાદન પ્લાન્ટનો શિલાન્યાસ કર્યો. હાલમાં ઉચ્ચ શુધ્ધતાવાળા સોડિયમની આયાત કરવી પડે છે. પ્લાન્ટના પ્રથમ બે તબક્કાના સફળ સમાપન પછી એની ક્ષમતા વાર્ષિક ૬૦૦ મેટ્રિક ટન સોડિયમ ઉત્પાદનની થશે. ડ્યુરેટેડ દવાઓના સંયોજનના વિકાસ માટે એમ. એસ. યુનિવર્સિટી સાથે સહયોગ કરાશે.

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