

# Proud to be a pride of Bhopal: LNJ Bhilwara Group

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In keeping with the cultural and spiritual spirit of the Lake city, the 2-day-long Golden Jubilee celebrations of LNJ Bhilwara Group, which has its presence in Madhya Pradesh since 1977 through its premier company HEG Ltd, was concluded on Saturday with a discourse by Swami Satyaranand Ji and a performance based on the life of Kabir by renowned artist Shri Shekhar Sen.

Located in Mandideep, HEG Ltd is one of the largest manufacturers and exporters of graphites electrodes in South Asia. On Friday, the Golden Jubilee celebrations of the Group began in City which was attended among others by

three former chief ministers of the state — Shri Sundar Lal Patwa, Shri Babu Lal Gaur and Shri Kailash Joshi. Leader of Opposition in the state Shri Ajay Singh and State's Finance Minister Shri Raghavji were also present. HEG Ltd is a group company of Rs 5000 cr business conglomerate LNJ Bhilwara Group, with strong presence in textiles and power. Group Chairman Shri Ravi Jhunjhunwala thanked people of the state, government, banks and institutions for helping the group grow into one of country's largest business conglomerates. "The successive governments of Madhya Pradesh have been extremely supportive of us and we express our gratitude to the leadership of the state," he said. Start-



ing with a small unit of textiles in Bhilwara town of Rajasthan five decades ago, the LNJ Bhilwara Group is today counted among leading Indian businesses having a turnover of approx Rs 5000 cr. HEG

Ltd, one of the leading companies of Group, which was set up in Mandideep-Bhopal in 1972 today stands tall as a Rs 1300 cr company.

Chairman emeritus and founder Shri LN Jhun-

jhunwala said he had fond memories of the early days when he set up the factory at sleepy Mandideep. He expressed happiness at the fact that the state was home to world's largest graphite electrodes factory

at Mandideep. "HEG is proud to be the pride of Bhopal and Madhya Pradesh," he added.

By next year the company shall start producing 80,000 MT graphite electrodes per annum, making it world's largest integrated manufacturing plant.

Shri Ravi Jhunjhunwala added, "The current capacity of Mandideep plant is 66000 MT per annum which required an investment of Rs. 1123 crore (26 million USD). The company recorded turnover of approx Rs 1300 crore during financial year 2010-11. With this installed capacity we are world's largest single site producers of Graphite Electrodes". After the current expansion plan the, the gross investment figure at Mandideep will be Rs 1368 crore.