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PLANT HEADS FROM ACROSS THE COUNTRY SPELL OUT THEIR SUCCESS MANTRAS





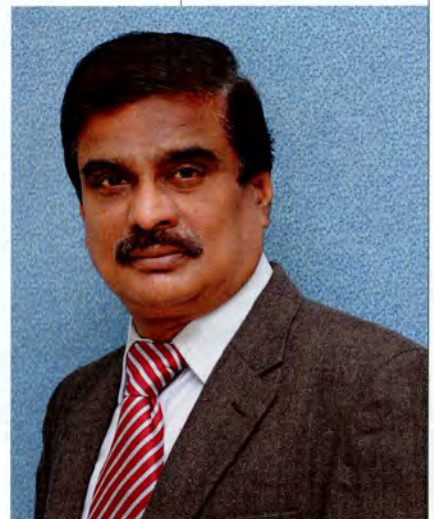
L&T VALVES

G RAVINDRAN, GM AND PLANT HEAD, LEADS THE KANCHEEPURAM PLANT OF L&T VALVES

L&T VALVES HAS THREE MODERN PLANTS, located at Chennai (Manapakkam), Kancheepuram and Coimbatore. Talking about the Kancheepuram plant, Ravindran said, "The Kancheepuram plant was set up in 1993 primarily to address the international market. Today, its four production facilities and office buildings occupy around 26,000 sq-m in a campus spread over 76,000 sq-m. The plant is equipped with state-of-the-art machines such as five-axis machining centres, five-axis welding machines, CNC machines, etc." Their product portfolio includes gate, globe and check valves, etc. The plant manufactures in excess of 25,000 valves per month. "All L&T Valves plants meet the requirements of international quality as well as safety, health and environmental standards," he informed.

When asked about the initiatives he has undertaken, Ravindran spoke of the 5S proposal. "We launched the award winning 5S initiative in 2014 in the Kancheepuram plant. It has helped in the optimisation of plant space utilisation and increased the throughput by 40%. We have also implemented an initiative called Kizuki, which captures on line quality observations, and enhances the culture in the organisation. These initiatives have led to marked improve-

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Talking about the future plans of the company, Ravindran mentioned that they plan to grow by 30% in 2015-16. "Also, capacity and capability enhancement programmes are already underway across the three L&T Valves plants." ■

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