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**Banaras Locomotive Works
record highest turnout of electric
locomotives in November**

Chairman and CEO Railway Board, Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav, flagged off the 39th locomotive manufactured in the month of November 2020 in Banaras Locomotive Works, Varanasi, on 1st December 2020. The flag off was done through video link, in the gracious presence of Shri Rajesh Tiwari, Member (Traction and Rolling Stock). General Manager BLW and her team of officers and staff flagged off the locomotive named 'Deepshakti' from Locomotive Test Shop in BLW. 40th electric locomotive for the month "Akashdeep", was also rolled out alongwith Deepshakti. Chairman Railway Board appreciated that with the turnout of the 40th 6,000 HP electric locomotive for the month of November 2020, Banaras Locomotive Works, Varanasi, has surpassed its own record of manufacturing 31 electric locomotives in a month, (achieved in July 2020). This event is a historic record, achieved on the

auspicious day of Dev Deepawali. This is a result of meticulous planning on shop floors for better space management and seamless material availability strengthened during the month of November 2020. Member (Traction and Rolling Stock) expressed pride in the achievements of this Production Unit in catching up on cumulative production achieved till November 2019. He observed that BLW has manufactured 169 electric locomotives up till November 20, against 168 to end November 2019. This is despite the COVID 19 lock down in April 2020 and May 20, when production was nil in April and 8 locomotives were turned out in May 2020. BLW is thus stepping up supply of electric locomotives, in pace with expansion in the electrification of Indian Railways' network.