## National Energy Security Day will be observed on 18th August

National Coordination Committee of **Electricity Employees and Engineers** (NCCOEEE) - the united platform of National Federation of Electricity Employees & Engineers, will be observing National Energy Security Day on 18th August, 2020 across the length and breadth of country in solidarity to Coal Workers Strike for withdrawal of Electricity (Amendment) Bill, 2020 and to oppose privatization of electricity distribution in Union Territories, UP Purbanchal (Varanasi) and Odisha (CESU). In line with the online meeting of National Coordination Committee of Electricity Employees and Engineers (NCCOEEE), presided over by All India Federation of Electricity Employees President Mr. Mohan Sharma and held on August 4, 2020. All Jammu & Kashmir Power

Engineers and Employees Coordination Committee (JKPEECC) will lend whole hearted support to this genuine call and observe protest day on August 18 for seeking withdrawal of Electricity (Amendment) Bill, 2020 and to oppose privatization of electricity distribution in union territories, UP Purbanchal (Varanasi) and Odisha (CESU) by carrying anti-privatization placards "NO PRIVATISATION AND NO VICTIMISATION" on that day in their respective work places. To rush through such changes in Power Sector at a time when the states/UT's and General Public face the novel corona virus (COVID-19) crisis is inexplicable. Privatization of Electricity is no way for power sector reforms, rather it will impact adversely upon poor domestic consumers, medium and small industries & and poor farmers. It seems the Central Government is out to destroy the power sector of Country despite the fact that during the COVID-19 crisis, only the Public Sector Companies stood by the Government, while the private sector is nowhere visible in this bad time in the Country. All the Power Engineers and Employees of J&K feel the proposed amendments are not backed up by the sufficient application of the mind. The Centre should therefore refrain from going ahead with this amendment. The Jammu & Kashmir Power Engineers and Employees Coordination Committee (JKPEECC) in ONE VOICE oppose the proposal of Central Government move regarding privatization of DISCOMS in Union Territories.