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The most prestigious Awards instituted for the Chemical Industry by Indian Chemical Council (ICC) for the excellence of performance in various facets of chemical industry for the year 2018 were presented to the proud winners on 27 September 2019 at a glittering function held at Hotel Taj Mahal Palace, Mumbai. The signagture event of ICC was largely attended by invited guests comprising the captains of industry from all parts of the country; academia, research institutions, senior officials from government departments and other guests from the cross section of the industry and society.

Dr. Ramesh Ramachandran, President and CEO, EQUATE Petrochemical Company K.S.C.C. Kuwait, was the Chief Guest at the function. Mr. Samir Kumar Biswas, IAS, Joint Secretary to the Government of India at the Department of Chemicals Petrochemicals was the Guest of Honour and

gave away the Awards to the winners along with Dr. Ramesh Ramachandran.

Mr. Vijay Sankar, President-ICC (Deputy Chairman, The Sanmar Group) underlined ICC's resolve to make the 'Responsible Care' programme a "way of life" for all ICC members. "The number of 'Responsible Care' logo holders has reached around 55. But this is just the tip of the iceberg considering that there are over 450 companies in ICC's membership roll and over 40,000 chemical companies in operation, added that ICC has set itself a target of having at least 100 'Responsible Care' members in the next 12-15 months.

Mr. Vijay Sankar revealed that ICC will be organising its first Conference on Sustainability in association with International Council of Chemical Associations (ICCA) and

ICC AWARDS 2018



MR. VIJAY SANKAR, PRESIDENT AND MR. RAVI GOENKA VICE PRESIDENT - ICC WELCOMING DR. RAMESH RAMACHANDRAN AND MR. SAMIR KUMAR BISWAS RESPECTIVELY WITH BOUQUETS OF FLOWERS



MR. VIJAY SANKAR, PRESIDENT-ICC DELIVERING THE WELCOME ADDRESS.

other organisations in November 2019 in New Delhi.

CHEMICAL INDUSTRY – THE GROWTH STRATEGY

“The chemical industry would continue to grow as long as the global GDP grows, and players just need to get the cost of ethylene right to take advantage of this growth,” stated Dr. Ramesh Ramachandran, President & CEO, Equate Petrochemical Company, Kuwait, while addressing the august gathering.

Dr. Ramachandran noted that the industry’s fundamentals today depend on the cost position in ethylene. “Ethylene based crackers will win the race in the next 15-odd years because of the availability of cheap ethane in regions like the US, Canada and Middle East. Naphtha based crackers will not be competitive. Unless there is a scenario where one can contemplate oil at \$25-30 per barrel or the presence of non-market forces like tariffs and protectionism, it will be extraordinarily difficult for a naphtha-based cracker to have competitive advantages in the next decades,” he remarked.

Highlighting some of the notable bankruptcies in the industry, he said that the “fundamentals of finance seems to have taken a holiday”. He expressed concern over the obsession with EBITA (Earnings Before Interest Taxes and Amortization) with no respect to debt and noted that free cash flow has “almost become like an oversight”. He said ignoring free cash flow in the industry by the bankers, analysts or senior leaders “will be very risky”.

Referring to the problem of plastic pollution and initiatives around the world to ban plastics, he sought to underline the irony of situation by noting that no country





A VIEW OF THE AUGUST GATHERING



DR. RAMESH RAMACHANDRAN ADDRESSING THE AUDIENCE

in the world has had the courage or wherewithal to ban a substance like tobacco, which kills people. "People will prefer to ban the package of the product (tobacco) that they know will kill people, as opposed to banning the product itself" he stressed.

"From these kinds of non-scientific, emotional and visceral reactions to our industry, it is evident that noise is trumping science," Dr. Ramachandran pointed out. "But we have only ourselves to blame as we have allowed this knowledge to take control that instead of solving a waste problem, which should be addressed through appropriate infrastructure, we end up focusing on banning the very product that has the lowest carbon footprint," he added.

The Equate chief urged the industry to have the "courage and the pride to say that we work for an industry that has the lowest carbon footprint compared to the alternatives".

Earlier, he emphasised the need for achieving diversity in the industry and urged ICC to "do whatever it takes" to ensure women representation in its Executive Council, stating that it would be "almost fundamentally wrong in today's time for only men to be sitting around the table in the meetings of the council".

In his address, Mr. Samir Kumar Biswas, Joint Secretary - Chemicals, Department of Chemicals & Petrochemicals, Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers, noted that the industry has a vital role to play in helping achieve the government's target of India becoming a \$5 trillion economy in next 5 years. "The manufacturing sector - including chemicals - is expected to contribute about \$1 trillion to this mission and the chemical industry should grow from around \$164-bn in 2018 to around \$300-bn to achieve this goal," he stated.

However, he noted that the growth should not come at the cost of the environment. "Lot of investments would be



MR. SAMIR KUMAR BISWAS, IAS SPEAKING AT THE FUNCTION



MR. BIMAL GOCULDAS BRIEFING ABOUT THE VARIOUS ICC AWARDS

required for the industry to grow, along with a facilitating environment including government policy support. Once the investment takes place, the industry will need to adopt technologies and production methodologies that will minimise the impact on the environment. Sustainable development should be the ultimate goal”.

Mr. Biswas expected the ‘Responsible Care’ initiative of ICC to play a big role in the industry and society. He said the ‘Responsible Care’ initiative underlines the commitment of the industry to the environment and the society. “Today compliance to the required norms is compulsory, but ‘Responsible Care’ is a voluntary industry initiative. When such voluntary compliance becomes prevalent, the image of

the industry will also improve,” he said and urged the industry to make ‘Responsible Care’ more widespread and universal.

Speaking about the PCPIRs, Mr. Biswas said that the regions hadn’t been able to attract investments to the expected levels. The government has been exploring ways to make these investment regions more attractive and effective. In this regard, a global summit is being organised in Mumbai in November to discuss on ways to convert the PCPIRs into global manufacturing hubs for chemicals and petrochemicals.

About the recent policy initiatives to support the industry, Mr. Biswas highlighted the work initiated on compulsory standards for chemicals, enhancing ease of business through measures like recent reduction in corporate tax and addressing the issue of feedstock disadvantage.

Mr. Bimal Goculdas, Addl. Vice President and Chairman-Western Region of ICC briefed about the various ICC Awards in different fields and the selection process of these awards.

Mr. Goculdas said that for the first time, ICC has introduced 3 Awards under the Nicer Globe Platform, i.e. Award for the Best Nicer Globe User Company; Award for the Best Logistics Service Provider and for 3 Best Drivers. He urged the chemical industry fraternity to join and support the NicerGlobe platform which is ICC’s Responsible Care initiative for Transport Distribution Safety, Emergency Response and Transport Security.

ANOTHER VIEW OF THE DIGNITARIES



THE AWARDS AND WINNERS



AWARDS	WINNERS	
ICC Acharya P. C. Ray Award for Development of Indigenous Technology	GHARDA CHEMICALS LTD.	
ICC Award for Excellence in Process Design and Engineering	ROTOFILT ENGINEERS LTD.	
ICC Award for Excellence in Management of Environment	Category I : Companies having annual sales revenue above Rs. 750 crores	AWARD: NOCIL LIMITED CERTIFICATES OF MERIT: ONGC PETRO ADDITIONS LTD (OPAL) & TATA CHEMICALS LIMITED
	Category II : Companies having annual sales revenue below Rs. 750 Crores	AWARD: HEAVY WATER PLANT (HWP), MANUGURU CERTIFICATE OF MERIT: NATIONAL PEROXIDE LTD.
ICC Award for Excellence in Management of Health & Safety	Category I : Companies having annual sales revenue above Rs. 750 crores	AWARD: DORF KETAL CHEMICALS (INDIA) PVT. LTD. CERTIFICATE OF MERIT: SUDARSHAN CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES LTD.
	Category II : Companies having annual sales revenue below Rs. 750 Crores	AWARD: NATIONAL PEROXIDE LTD. CERTIFICATE OF MERIT: CHEMFAB ALKALIS LIMITED

ICC Award for Excellence in Energy Conservation and Management	Category I : Companies having annual sales revenue above Rs. 750 crores	AWARD: RASHTRIYA CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS LTD.
	Category II: Companies having annual sales revenue below Rs. 750 crores	CERTIFICATE OF MERIT: TATA CHEMICALS LTD.
ICC Award for Social Responsibility	Category I : Companies having annual sales revenue above Rs. 750 crores	AWARD: TRANSPEK-SILOX INDUSTRY PVT. LTD.
	Category II: Companies having annual sales revenue below Rs. 750 crores	CERTIFICATE OF MERIT: CHEMPLAST SANMAR LTD.
ICC Award for Excellence in Human Resource Management in Chemical Industry	Category I : Companies having annual sales revenue above Rs. 750 crores	AWARD: ASTEC LIFESCIENCES LTD.
	Category II : Companies having annual sales revenue below Rs. 750 crores	CERTIFICATE OF MERIT: HIL (INDIA) LIMITED
ICC ADITYA BIRLA AWARD FOR BEST RESPONSIBLE CARE COMMITTED COMPANY	Category I : Companies having annual sales revenue above Rs. 750 crores	AWARD: GODREJ INDUSTRIES LTD. (CHEMICALS DIVISION)
	Category II : Companies having annual sales revenue below Rs. 750 crores	CERTIFICATE OF MERIT: BAYER VAPI PVT. LTD.
ICC Certificate of Merit for Best Compliant Company for POLLUTION PREVENTION CODE Under Responsible Care	Award:	AWARD: GULBRANDSEN CHEMICALS PVT. LTD.
ICC Certificate of Merit for Best Compliant Company for EMPLOYEE HEALTH & SAFETY CODE Under Responsible Care		CERTIFICATE OF MERIT: TAGROS CHEMICALS INDIA PVT. LTD.
ICC Certificate of Merit for Best Compliant Company for EMERGENCY RESPONSE CODE Under Responsible Care		BASF INDIA LIMITED
ICC Award for BEST NICER GLOBE USER COMPANY		CHEMPLAST SANMAR LTD.
ICC Award for BEST LOGISTICS PROVIDER under 'Nicer Globe' initiative		GULBRANDSEN CHEMICALS PVT. LTD.
ICC Award for the BEST DRIVER under the Nicer Globe Project		NAVIN FLUORINE INTERNATIONAL LTD. & APCOTEX INDUSTRIES LTD
		BASF INDIA LIMITED
		CCI LOGISTICS LIMITED
		MR. SUNIL GURAV (Deepal Road Lines – for Excel Industries Ltd)
		MR. SANJAY CHOUDHARY (Himalaya Translogistics – working for BASF India Ltd)
		MR. RAMA CHOUHAN (Kailash Carriers – working for BASF India Ltd.)

ICC D.M. Trivedi Lifetime Achievement Award for Contribution to Indian Chemical Industry

Management of Industry

SHRI CHANDRASHEKHAR R. GUPTA

Former Managing Director, Nocil Ltd.

Education & Research

PROF. M. LAKSHMI KANTAM

Dr. B.P. Godrej Distinguished Professor of Green Chemistry & Sustainability Engineering, ICT- Mumbai, and former Director of CSIR-IICT, Hyderabad

ICC LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

SHRI CHANDRAKANT V. GOGRI

Chairman Emeritus, Aarti Industries Ltd



MR. CHANDRAKANT GOGRI, PROF. LAKSHI KANTAM AND MR. CHANDRASHEKHAR GUPTA AFTER RECEIVING THEIR AWARDS, DELIVERED ACCEPTANCE SPEECHES AND THANKED ICC FOR BESTOWING THIS GREAT HONOUR ON THEM.

A GROUP VIEW OF THE PROUD WINNERS OF ICC AWARDS





TO MARK THE CULMINATION OF THE GLITTERING FUNCTION, MR. H. S. KARANGLE, DIRECTOR GENERAL - ICC, PROFUSELY THANKED EACH AND EVERY ONE FOR MAKING THE SIGNATURE EVENT OF ICC A GRAND SUCCESS.

