

LANXESS India bags two awards for Sustainable practices, CSR initiatives

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LANXESS India Private Limited, the leading specialty chemicals company has been acknowledged for its diligent adherence towards sustainable practices and concerted efforts in the field of corporate social responsibility (CSR), and has been conferred with the Indo-German Chamber of Commerce (IGCC) Award for 'Outstanding Contribution towards best Sustainable Business Practices by a Large Enterprise' for the year 2018 and the Indian Chemical Council (ICC) Award 2017 Certificate of Merit for Social Responsibility.

Both the awards were presented to LANXESS at different events held in Mumbai towards the end of September after a detailed study by eminent juries constituted by the organizing committees of both the organizations.

Namitesh Roy Choudhary, Vice President, PTSE, LANXESS India, received the IGCC Award for Sustainable practices on behalf of LANXESS at the Taj Hotel, Mumbai on 20th September. The award came on the back of the organization's specific processes and systems to ensure that it follows social and environmental policies in the supply chain and conforms to all standards. Having invested a sizeable amount in India over the years in greenfield investments, acquisitions and in upgradation of assets, LANXESS has been a founder member of Together for Sustainability (TfS) initiative, which is a joint initiative of chemical companies that focuses on the promotion of sustainability practices in the chemical industry's supply chain around a single standard of auditing and assessment.

LANXESS' sites focus on optimal use of natural resources ensuring minimum impact on the environment. At its Jhagadia site, LANXESS has spent 20 percent of total building cost on sustainability projects like Effluent treatment plant, Sewage treatment plant, Multi-fuel boiler, Off-gas Incinerator and creating a Green zone. Similarly, the Nagda site has Co-generation plant, Waste water treatment, Sewage treatment plant, Waste water post treatment plant and Off-gas Incinerator. Further, to significantly reduce Carbon foot-print, 96% of Jhagadia's and 60% of Nagda's export consignments have been shifted from road to railways.

The ICC Award 2017 Certificate of Merit for Social Responsibility was presented to LANXESS India on the 27th September in Mumbai and was received by Mr. Neelanjana Banerjee, Vice Chairman and Managing Director, LANXESS India and Mr. Sunder Rajan, Head – CSR, LANXESS India. The organization initiated and completed twelve unique CSR projects across locations in the country in 2017. This included projects like Teach for India, empowering municipal school with digital classrooms, infrastructure development of municipal schools, sanitation & hygiene camps for working women from slums in Thane, upgrading healthcare facilities in Nagda Municipal Hospital by way of installing a sonography machine, maintenance of overhead water tank in Nagda supplying water to the local population and installing solar street lamps among others.

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On the receipt of the two awards Mr. Banerjee said, “LANXESS is a good example of creating a long-term vision to develop our business while keeping our commitment to sustainable practices and giving back to society a part of our success.”