

## Union Chemicals & Fertilisers Minister presents ICC Annual Awards for year 2020

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Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare and Chemicals & Fertilisers Mansukh Mandaviya presented the ICC (Indian Chemical Council) Annual Awards for the year 2020 in a virtual ceremony. He also launched the latest Edition of the Members Directory. The edition of the directory contains detailed information of all the members of the council.

He appreciated the role of chemical industry in the fight against COVID pandemic. "It immensely helps the pharma sector and forms the bedrock of current vaccination drive," he added. Emphasising the need for more R&D in this sector, he said that chemical industry is a knowledge intensive sector; hence industry and academic institutions should collaborate for further research. He said that there is huge potential of investment in India and chemical industry needs to follow a cluster approach.

Samir Biswas, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilisers, Dr Martin Brudermüller President, ICCA & Chairman of the Board of Executive Directors of BASF SE, Ravi Goenka, President, ICC, and other senior officers of the ministry were also present.

Dr Santrupt Misra, Ajay Shiram and Dr Aniruddha B Pandit received the Lifetime Achievement Award. ICC Acharya PC Ray Award for development of indigenous technology went to Galaxy Surfactants. Jubilant Pharmova received the ICC Award For Excellence In Process Design & Engineering. ICC Award For Excellence In Management Of Health & Safety: Category I was awarded to Lanxess India, Jhagadia. ICC Certificate Of Merit For Excellence In Management Of Health & Safety: Category I was received by Rashtriya Chemicals & Fertilizers, Thal unit and Reliance Industries, Jamnagar. ICC Certificate Of Merit For Excellence In Management Of Health & Safety: Category II went to Clariant Chemicals India, Cuddalore and ICC Award For Excellence In Management Of Health & Safety: Category II was bagged by Indian Oil-Tanking, Chhattisgarh.