

# Recognising the potential

**Green Chemistry Awareness Seminar was well received by the Industry participants**

The one-day seminar focused on need of green chemistry and engineering and the environmental challenges faced by the industry. Consequently, it also projected solution providers' approach with the information on products, services and technologies that could be considered for implementation to address some of the immediate environmental challenges.



**(LtoR) Ajay Mehta, Secretary, Lote-Parshuram Industries Association (LPIA) and Dr. Kiran Paranjpe, GM, (Lote Works), Excel Industries during inauguration of the one-day seminar**

Green ChemisTree Foundation (IGCW), in association with Excel Industries; Lote Parshuram Industries Association (LPIA) and Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, recently organised a one-day seminar to bring together the member companies of the region to create collective awareness on the importance of implementing green chemistry and engineering based technologies. The seminar also aimed at connecting the participants to the solution providers of few emerging technologies – which have the potential to address some of the pressing environmental challenges existing in their manufacturing units.

The location was carefully chosen by IGCW – as the Lote MIDC consists of 119 industry units, most of them deal with chemical, pharma intermediates, dyes & pigments, agro chemicals and fine and specialty chemical sectors. These sectors are chemistry intensive and water intensive directly impacting the water, air and soil quality of the region.

Apart from representatives from large scale units, like AB Mauri, Deepak Novachem,

Dow Agro Sciences India, Excel Industries, Gharda Chemicals, Kores India, Rallis India, SI Group, Supriya Chemicals, Swastik Industries, USV etc., there were representatives from the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Chiplun; Praj Industries; and LPIA Secretary.

The speakers – Dr. Darshan Deshpande and Omkar Gokhale from Excel Industries; Dr. Nandi from Nocil; Dr. Sanjiv Bachal from Equinox; Hemant Dange from USV; Manish Kharwade from Praj; Nitesh Mehta and Rajesh Moholkar from Newreka and Prof. Pandit from UICT spoke on topics of their expertise. The seminar included two sessions – the first one included industrial case-studies while the second session focused on 'solution providers,' which exclusively included presentations by environmental solution provider companies.

In the concluding session of the seminar, the participants appreciated the overall initiative. They particularly liked presentations by Prof. A. B. Pandit from UICT, Manish Kharwade of Praj Industries. The local case-study presentations too were much commended. ●



**Manish Kharwade from PRAJ Industries threw light on 'zero liquid effluent discharge technologies.'**



**Dr. C. Nandi, VP-R&D, Nocil India, spoke about 'identification of implementation of green chemistry.'**