

Dear Green Chemistry Enthusiasts,

It's very heartening for me to see how IGCW has evolved into a robust platform over the years; and personally it has been great delight to be associated with this commitment and perseverance since its launch in 2009.

I join the organizers in welcoming you to the 4th Industrial Green Chemistry World Convention & Ecosystem (IGCW-2015), an initiative that brings together the chemistry-intensive industrial sectors on a common platform, to pro-actively engage in, explore and exchange thoughts and actions that are for-People, Planet and Prosperity for all.

I truly admire your spirit to explore the emerging paradigms of 'Green Chemistry & Green Engineering' together with us on 4th and 5th December 2015 in Mumbai.

The Indian chemical industry, currently valued at \$ 108 billion, has a promising growth at a robust rate. With the global manufacturing landscape shifting to Asia, India, which currently accounts for only 3% share of the global chemical market, has the potential to emerge as one of the major destinations for chemical companies worldwide.

By 2050, India is expected to become the second-largest individual market after China, excluding the rest of the nations group, cornering 20% of the global chemical sales. These futuristic predictions must be considered as early warning signals to put our act together now, and ensure that the expected growth is economically and environmentally sustainable.

But for this to happen, industry will have to be technologically equipped for integrating efficient, economical and environmentally responsible manufacturing practices. While it may sound like a tight rope-walk, with timely initiatives and convergence like the IGCW, I believe it will be possible for us collectively to provide industry with directional leadership, technical know-how and collaborative opportunities.

The IGCW team has done an incredible job of getting world-wide experts and Industry leaders on a common dais of IGCW-2015, to share their years of experience and expertise on integrating 'Green Chemistry' inspired practices and case-studies with the Indian chemical companies.

The structure of IGCW Convention is uniquely adapted to bring to your doorstep specific solutions and technology providers through the IGCW-EXPO, India's first and focused, 'Green Chemistry & Engineering' solution-seeker platform.

The 180° Seminar series are designed for the Industry participants to take-home tangible solutions and technical insights for immediate implementation in their existing manufacturing units.

The IGCW Awards, India's flagship "Industrial Green Chemistry" Awards is the growing knowledge-base of diverse 'Green Chemistry' and relevant initiatives by Industry and Academia; and an opportunity to get your initiatives recognized and acknowledged by the global 'Green Chemistry' community.

Your presence in this platform will be an excellent indicator of your commitment and zest to go beyond mere regulatory norms and 'control' approach, and instead create for your organization an industrial ecosystem that is self-regulatory driven and 'preventive' through partnership and collaborative approach.

With this, I wish you all a very successful participation in the 4th IGCW-2015 and for your future endeavors in the 'Industrial Green Chemistry' direction.

I along with my global Industry and Academia colleagues look forward to interacting with you over the two days this December in Mumbai.

Sincerely,



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