

Launching of Responsible Care Programme in Tamilnadu



during the Two-Day "Appreciation Course for Senior Management on Responsible Care®" in Hotel Taj Coromandel, Chennai - April 11-12, 2016



Initial Remarks by Mr. Krishnamoorthy, Chairman, ICC-South Zone



Welcome Address by Mr. Ravi Kapoor, VP-ICC



Lamp Lighting by Sh. K. Skandan, IAS, Chairman, TNPCB - Presided by Sh. Ravi Kapoor, Sh. R. Parthasarathy, Sh. K. Karthikeyan and Sh. Krishnamoorthy, Sh. Dan Roczniak



Releasing RC Guidance Manual by Sh. Skandan & Sh. Ravi Kapoor, VP & Chairman Sustainability, RC-EHS, ICC



Releasing RC T-shirt - A symbol of Commitment



Address by the Chief Guest

The Indian Chemical Council (ICC) and the Tamilnadu Pollution Control Board (TNPCB) have joined hands for initiating interventions to support the Chemical Industry for achieving inclusive and sustainable development. One of the key initiatives identified under the joint programme includes promotion of "Responsible Care®", a global voluntary programme being implemented in 58 economies including in India, administered by ICC for Indian chemical industries.

The RC Programme seeks compliance to following Codes of Practices:

1. Process Safety Code
2. Employee Health & Safety Code
3. Pollution Prevention Code
4. Emergency Response and communication Code
5. Distribution Code
6. Product Stewardship Code

In addition, Security Code is also brought under the scope for sound management of chemicals in their entire life cycle.

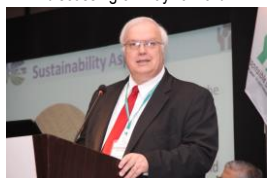
The Indian Chemical Council with the support of TNPCB, CRDF Global, American Chemistry Council and the International Council of Chemical Associations (ICCA) organized an "Appreciation Course for Senior Management on Responsible Care®" in Hotel Taj Coromandel, Chennai during April 11-12, 2016.

Mr. Krishnamoorthy, Chairman-ICC-South zone explained the interaction meetings held by ICC with chemical industries located in various regions in Tamilnadu, in early January this year, and subsequent presentation to Mr. Skandan, Chairman, TNPCB and his Team, as the genesis for identifying this joint programme for the benefit of chemical industries in Tamilnadu.

Mr. Ravi Kapoor, Vice President; and the Chairman of Sustainability, Responsible Care and EHS Expert



VP-ICC and Chairman, TNPCB discussing on way-forward



Key-Note Address by Mr. Dan Roczniak, Senior Director, ACC



Address by Mr. Aaron Karako, Project Manager, Research Partnerships, CRDF Global



Address by Mr. R. Parthasarathy, Former President-ICC



Presentation by MS, TNPCB



Presentation by Mrs. H.D. Varalaxmi, SEE, CPCB



Presentation by Mr. R. Shetiya, BASF India

Committee of ICC welcomed the dignitaries, special invitees, delegates and delivered his Welcome Address' on "Indian Chemical Council and its vision for Responsible Care in India". He explained evolution of ICC since its inception in 1938 and the activities that are currently being explored, while emphasizing the flagship programme of Responsible Care® and the vision to spread its foot print across the country, with special focus on Tamilnadu, Andhra Pradesh & Telangana regions. He also mentioned that Responsible Care® Logo is recognized by the Gujarat Pollution Control Board quiet early and offered 7 years of consent validity period (additional 2 years than others) besides fast-track system for offering clearances, and now ICC look forward to such gesture to encourage chemical industry. He also emphasized the need for having long-term programme, to sustain the motivation to achieve RC logo, which requires strong sustained commitment from the top management of the chemical industry.

Mr. K. Skandan, IAS, Chairman, TNPCB attended the Programme as a Chief Guest and inaugurated the RC Programme in Tamilnadu. The event was presided over by Mr. Ravikapoor, VP-ICC, Mr. N. Krishnamoorthy, Chairman, ICC-South Zone, Mr. R. Parthasarathy, former President-ICC, Dr. K. Karthikeyan, MS, TNPCB, Mr. Sateesh Babu, Director-ICC and other senior Officers of TNPCB graced the occasion.

The Hon'ble Chief Guest, Mr. Skandan, IAS, Chairman, TNPCB delivered a talk on "Sustainable Development and need for adoption of RC by the Chemical industries". In his inspiring speech, Mr. Skandan **announced the intention to form a nodal agency by entering into a MoU between TNPCB, ICC and Academic Institutions to promote sustainability initiatives emphasizing adoption of Responsible Care® programme.**

Mr. Dan Roczniak, Senior Director, American Chemistry Council delivered key-note address on "Inclusive and Sustainable Development - A Global Imperative for Sustained Business".

Mr. R. Parthasarathy mentioned that there are about 30% industries, which may not honor environmental regulations to the degree required, whereas the remaining are either highly committed with RC logo, or aspiring to be better among others. Therefore, there is a need to distinguish good from not-so-good; and specifically RC logo holding industries from others, by offering some incentives, as suggested by Mr. Ravi Kapoor, to the minimum comparable to Gujarat Pollution Control Board.



Presentation by Mr. N. Sateesh Babu, Director-ICC



Mr. V. Bukkavar, Mr. Vipin Doshi, Mr. Dan, Mr. R. Parthasarathy, Mr. T. Hote



Mr. RR Gokhale, Mr. Babu, Mr. Jos Verlinden, Mr. Aaron Karako, Mr. Dan, Mr. Marc Twisk, ECTA



Presentation by Mr. Jos Verlinden, CEFIC



Presentation by Mr. Marc Twisk, Managing Director, ECTA



Presentation by Mr. PMC Nair, ED, M/s. Thirumalai Chemicals Ltd.



Presentation by Mr. R. Sridhar, GM, M/s. Indian Additives Ltd.



Presentation by Mr. Sankara Subramanian, VP-M/s. Chemplast Sanmar Ltd.

The expatriate faculty included Mr. Dan Rocznik, Senior Director, American Chemistry Council; Mr. Jos Verlinden, CEFIC (European Chemical Industry Council); Mr. Marc Twisk, Managing Director, European Chemical Transport Association; and Mr. Aaron Karako, Project Manager, Research Partnerships, CRDF Global. Besides, the Indian Core Team of RC Directors and advisers are the principle faculty for this focused programme for senior management from the chemical industry to drive the Responsible Care Programme in the Tamilnadu region also besides Gujarat and Maharashtra.

Mr. K. Karthikeyan, Member Secretary, TNPCB, while delivering his presentation on environmental regulatory framework in India, emphasized the need for self regulation to reduce the legal interventions. **He also mentioned that TNPCB would consider enhancing the Consent validity period to 7 years similar to that of Gujarat and introducing a fast track mechanism for RC logo holding industries in respect of processing of applications and submissions.**

Mrs. H. D. Varalaxmi, SEE, representing the Central Pollution Control Board, welcomed the initiatives taken by ICC with the support of TNPCB and applauded that TNPCB is always on the forefront in environmental initiatives whether it is ZLD or this time the RC for chemical industries in South. She also delivered a presentation on wastewater and emissions management in Chemical Industry. Subsequently, a series of presentations were made by the senior experts of ICC from the Directorate of Environment, Sustainability and Regulatory Matters covering all the aspects of Responsible Care®. M/s. Thirumalai Chemicals Ltd., M/s. Indian Additives Ltd. and M/s. Chemplast Sanmar Ltd. presented their RC experience to the delegates.

Mr. Sateesh Babu proposed a vote of thanks to all the dignitaries who could join the Inaugural Session, special invitees from TNPCB & Industry and specifically Mr. Ravi Kapoor for taking complete ownership and guidance on each and every aspect of the Programme, Mr. Krishnamurthy for coordinating the entire programme and ICC officers, who supported in making the programme a remarkable success. Besides, he also thanked Mr. Rakesh Bhartia, President-ICC and Mr. Vijay Sankar, AVP-ICC, who made all, that was required for the successful conduct of the Programme, even though they could not join due to pre-occupation.



ICC stands true to the commitment of the Industry for a safe and healthy world.