



## **Press Release**

### **Tata Chemicals Limited honors chemistry teachers at India's first ever 'Best Chemistry Teachers Award'**

**Mumbai, 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2012:** Tata Chemicals in collaboration with the Association of Chemistry Teachers (ACT) today felicitated the seven winners of the Best Chemistry Teacher Award (BCTA) at a ceremony here in Mumbai. Through this initiative, Tata Chemicals recognized exemplary individuals involved in the teaching of chemistry and its allied components.

The United Nations' *Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization* (UNESCO) announced the year 2011 as the '***The International Year of Chemistry (IYC 2011)***', intended to celebrate the achievements of chemistry and its contributions to the well-being of mankind. In line with its mission of serving society through science, Tata Chemicals Limited (TCL) took a leading role in launching several initiatives to commemorate the IYC 2011 in India.

Apart from sponsoring a National Chemistry Quiz across 21 states in India for students from classes 7-12, a series which attracted more than 27,000 entries, TCL dedicated to the cause [www.humantouchofchemistry.com](http://www.humantouchofchemistry.com), a website that aims at connecting general public with Chemistry.

To inspire and motivate teachers to achieve outstanding performance in the field of Chemistry education and recognize exceptional individuals from the Chemistry teaching fraternity, TCL also launched a nation-wide 'Best Chemistry Teacher Award'.

Besides taking into account the experience and expertise of the teachers, these awards also focus on innovative methods in teaching Chemistry. It takes into cognizance contributions made by individuals towards scientific literacy. The methods of nominations, selection criterion and transparency contribute to making this Award significant for the recipient. The jury consisted of eminent award winning scientists, leading professors, researchers from top institutes like TIFR, NCL, HBCSE, Tata Chemicals, ICT/UDCT, IISC, ACT etc.



**Mr. R. Mukundan, MD, Tata Chemicals,** said *“Chemistry is fundamental to the sustainable development of human society. It is therefore vital that we start to proactively develop large scale awareness around the potential for Chemistry’s applications, especially amongst the younger generation to encourage vocational uptake. I believe teachers can play a significant role in shaping a generation of Chemistry lovers that can use their dedication and passion to drive innovations, and provide solutions to many of the current challenges around resource scarcity and chemical industry perception that we face today. This platform is our tribute to the exceptional teachers who have contributed towards the promotion of Chemistry and Science in the country”*

**The Winners of Best Chemistry Teacher Award, 2011:**

**Dr. PALASH MONI SAIKIA** (Tezpur, Assam) - **Best Chemistry Teacher for promotion of Chemistry as a subject**

**MR. RAVINDRA BHASKAR** (Akola, Maharashtra) - **Best Chemistry Teacher (For Class XI/XII and equivalent)**

**PROF. RAGHUNATH TOCHE** (Nashik, Maharashtra) - **Best Chemistry Teacher (For Bachelor’s Degree and equivalent)**

**DR. SANTOSH HARAM** (Pune, Maharashtra) - **Best Chemistry Teacher (For Master’s Degree and above)**

**Dr. LAKSHMY RAVISHANKAR** (Mumbai, Maharashtra) - **Best Chemistry Teacher for innovation in teaching**

**Ms. TASNEEM KAUSAR** – (Bilaspur, Chattisgarh) **Most Popular Chemistry Teacher - purely based on social media response**

**Ms. ZARIN TUREL-** (Mumbai, Maharashtra) - **Tata Chemicals Honour for Distinguished service to Chemistry Education and Research**

For more details on the awards, please visit [www.humantouchofchemistry.com](http://www.humantouchofchemistry.com)



### **About Tata Chemicals Limited**

A part of the US \$ 83.5 B Tata Group, Tata Chemicals Limited (TCL) is a global company with interests in businesses that focus on LIFE — Living, Industrial and Farm Essentials. The story of the company is about harnessing the fruits of science for goals that go beyond business.

Through its Living Essentials portfolio the company has positively impacted the lives of millions of Indians. Tata Chemicals is the pioneer and market leader in India's branded Iodised salt segment. With the introduction of an innovative, low-cost, nanotechnology based water purifier; it is providing affordable, safe drinking water to the masses.

The company's Industry Essentials product range provides key ingredients to some of the world's largest manufacturers of glass, detergents and other industrial products. Tata Chemicals currently is the world's second largest producer of soda ash with manufacturing facilities in Asia, Europe, Africa and North America. Starting April 1<sup>st</sup> 2011, these key international subsidiaries have been rebranded as Tata Chemicals Europe Limited, Tata Chemicals Magadi Limited, Tata Chemicals South Africa Pty Limited, Tata Chemicals North America Inc., and Tata Chemicals (Soda Ash) partners.

With its Farming Essentials portfolio the company has carved a niche in India as a crop nutrients provider. It is a leading manufacturer of urea and phosphatic fertilisers and, through its subsidiary Rallis, has a strong position in the crop protection business.

The Tata Chemicals Innovation Centre is home to world class R&D capabilities in the emerging areas of nanotechnology and biotechnology. The company's Centre for Agri-Solutions and Technology provides advice on farming solutions and crop nutrition practices.

The company has also entered into a joint venture with Temasek Life Sciences Laboratory Ltd. Singapore (JOiL) to develop jathropa seedlings to enable bio fuels capability.

In line with its **mission, 'serving society through science'**, the company is applying its expertise in sciences, to develop high-tech and sustainable products.

**Vision: We shall be among the premier chemical companies in the world by -**

Leveraging science to deliver new and innovative offerings

Enhancing value to our customers

Delivering superior returns to our shareholders

Leading in corporate sustainability

Nurturing innovation, learning through diversity and teamwork among employees

**Values – Integrity, Safety, Excellence, Care, Innovation**

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