

LOCAL NEWS ROUND UP

**STERLITE INDUSTRIES BAGS IMC
RBNQ CERTIFICATE OF MERIT 2007**

Sterlite Industries bags IMC Ramkrishna Bajaj National Quality Certificate of Merit 2007 in the Manufacturing Category from Indian Merchants Chamber, Mumbai.

The award was received by Mr. R Kishore Kumar, Chief Executive Officer and Mr. Ramesh Nair, Vice President Marketing along with other team members of Sterlite from Mr. Montek Singh Ahluwalia, Deputy Chairman - Planning Commission, Government of India, in a colorful function held on 21st March 2008 at Y B Chavan Auditorium in Mumbai. The IMC Ramkrishna Bajaj National Quality Award is presented annually by the Indian Merchants Chambers to recognize Indian organizations for Business Excellence. The Award eligibility categories include Manufacturing, Service, Small Business, Education, health care and Overseas Organization. Ideally, only one award is presented in each of the six categories. This year 10 organisation has got Performance Excellence Award, 10 organisations has bagged Certificate of Merit and 7 Organisations has bagged Commendation Certificates. The above award is a national recognition by Indian Merchants' Chambers Quality Cell, awarded to companies excelling in their Senior Leadership, Strategic planning, Customer and Market Focus, Measurement Analysis and Knowledge Management, Human Resource Focus, Process Management and Business Results.

**PARSIS IN REGION CELEBRATE
AVA IJAD**

Parsis in Valsad, Vapi and Udvada celebrated the onset of auspicious month of Ava, the water entity. Many Parsi families conducted prayers near water bodies and offered flowers, festive preparations and sweets in order to ensure to seek blessings from the heavenly water spirits and ensure human existence with clean supply of water and avoidance of any ill effects of water calamities.

UCB COMPLETES SILVER JUBILEE

UCB India, a Belgium based company; global leader in Bio-Pharmaceuticals celebrated 25 years of excellence of its Vapi plant. C. L. Meena, Chairman of Gujarat Pollution Control Board was to be the chief guest but due to State Assembly session he was unable to make it. He sent his message to UCB which was read by Dr. Sharma. Shri. V. R. Patel, Regional Officer, G.P.C.B., Vapi graced the occasion. Ms. Aparna Sharma delivered welcome speech, Director-HR followed by introduction of UCB India operations, about the commitment towards corporate social responsibility for the environment & health of the patients by its Managing Director, Mr. Charles-Antoine Janssen. UCB India plant was commissioned on 15th March 1983 with a turnover of Rs. 25 million & in its journey of 25 years, it has reached a turnover of Rs. 750 million. The company has taken challenges to go for ISO 14001 & ISO 18001 in this year. UCB India has also contributed medicines during the earth quake of Latur (Maharashtra) & Bhuj (Gujarat). Company has appointed, CO2logic a global company to analyze CO2 emission & off-setting the same for its Vapi plant. A brief on UCB global operations was given by Mr. Tim Kelly, VP- Drug substance & Biological products. Mr. Kamlesh Mehta, Plant Director conveyed Vote of thanks to all dignitaries, consultants, contractors, business partners, NGOs, Press & Media, employees & UCB global technical supply chain operation team for their contributions to UCB India Vapi plant. At last, tree plantation was carried out by Shri. V. R. Patel, Dr. Sharma, Shri. Babaria of GPCB, Vapi & all employees of UCB Vapi & Mumbai in the plant premises.

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