

SUPPORTING RURAL COMMUNITIES

Sigachi and Aga Khan Rural Support Programme India launch integrated development programme in Gujarat

Sigachi Industries Ltd., the Hyderabad-based manufacturer of pharma excipients and food ingredients, and the Aga Khan Rural Support Programme India (AKRSPI) – a non-government development organisation working for the betterment of rural communities – have come together to launch a multi-year integrated development programme in Bharuch and Narmada districts in Gujarat.

The programme primarily aims at improving nutrition, drinking water & hygiene conditions, sanitation, and access to renewable energy to over 1,000 tribal households spread across five villages of Bharuch and Narmada.

RECOGNITION

Honeywell honoured at ‘Zinnov Awards 2021’

Diversified conglomerate, Honeywell, said it has won two awards at the ‘12th Zinnov Awards 2021’, including ‘Great Place to Innovate’ and ‘Next Generation Women Leaders.’ The Zinnov awards recognise champions of change, visionaries and trailblazers from the Indian technology community.

The ‘Great Place to Innovate’ award is a coveted recognition among Indian multinationals and technology companies as it honours organisations that are focused on value creation in India and making concerted efforts across five



After signing the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), Mr. Amit Raj Sinha, MD & CEO, Sigachi, said, “Launching the ‘Integrated Development Programme’ with a reputed partner in AKRSPI brings me lot of joy and hope. In the unprecedented times

that we are living in, I am grateful that Sigachi is able to contribute to nation building & wellbeing of communities around our units through channels like this. I am confident that we shall achieve the programme objectives and set these five villages as role model villages.”

Mr. Apoorva Oza, CEO, AKRSPI, said, “The tribal regions of Gujarat are among the poorest in the state, despite being blessed with natural resources and a united community. We are thankful to Sigachi Industries for their support, which will enable us to work for these communities and improve the quality of their lives.”



key areas: organisation charter, culture, internal programmes and processes, external linkages, and innovation metrics. Honeywell won for relentlessly driving innovation and technologies developed in response to the pandemic. These solutions were engineered in

India, with teams working collaboratively through the lockdown. The ‘Next Generation Women Leaders’ category recognises women leaders who have excelled at mentoring upcoming talent and serve as an inspiration for the industry. Honeywell’s senior director for Human Resources, Dr. Urmi Chatterjee, won for her exemplary work in nurturing I&D and developing the next generation of women leaders. The 12th edition of ‘Zinnov Awards’ focused exclusively on global centres of excellence in India, especially those whose mettle was tested due to COVID-19.

Madras High Court issues notice to Vedanta

The Madras High Court on August 17 issued notice to Vedanta Ltd. for remediation of contaminated sites inside Sterlite copper smelting plant in Thoothukudi, Tamil Nadu. Following a

PIL filed by an activist, the Court gave the company five weeks to respond to the notice.

Sterlite’s copper plant has been shut

since 2018 over allegations of pollution. For three months up to July-end, the plant produced medical oxygen to meet the shortage of oxygen due to the increase in coronavirus cases in the State.