

Environment Excellence Award 2005

On December 28, 2005, Shri Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee, Hon'ble Chief Minister of West Bengal, conferred the Environment Excellence Award 2005 at a ceremony held at the Oberoi Grand, Kolkata. Shri Manabendra Mukherjee, Hon'ble Minister-in-charge, Departments of Information Technology & Environment, Government of West Bengal was also present on the occasion. This year's Awards were bestowed upon three industries, one local body and three non-governmental organisations (NGOs). In addition, certificates of appreciation were given to one industry, three local bodies and three NGOs.

The advent of the Environment Excellence Award dates back to November 2000 when a partnership was forged between the West Bengal Pollution Control Board (WBPCB), the Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC) and the National Cleaner Production Centre (NCPC), New Delhi to constitute the West Bengal Cleaner Production Centre (WBCPC) in Kolkata. The Environment Excellence Award for the year 2005 was announced for four categories, namely large and medium-scale industry, small-scale industry, local bodies and NGOs. On August 25, 2005, the Award was declared for the above categories through newspaper insertions inviting applications from the concerned sectors. The details regarding application procedure and the application forms were posted at the WBPCB website (www.wbpcb.gov.in) and ICC website (www.indianchamber.org/environment). The last date of submission of completed applications was September 15, 2005.

Four separate Jury Committees, comprising eminent persons in the field of environment, shortlisted the applications based on well-developed qualifying criteria. In the industry sector, applications were received from the large and medium-scale industries, but none from the small-scale sector. After the primary screening, the environment performance of applicants of all the four sectors were assessed through extensive site visits and interaction with the stakeholders. The industries/organisations who had received the Award in the previous years, were not considered this year.

ENVIRONMENT EXCELLENCE AWARD 2005: THE WINNERS

Industry sector

FIRST: M/s. UAL Bengal
SECOND: M/s. Exide Industries Ltd.
THIRD: M/s. Indian Oil Corporation Ltd.
CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION:
M/s Coca Cola Beverages Pvt. Ltd.

Local bodies Sector

Kalyani Municipality
CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION:
Kanchrapara Municipality, 24 Pgns (N)
Bhadreswar Municipality, Hooghly

NGO Sector

FIRST: Agradut Polly Unnayan Samity, Howrah

SECOND: Birati Mahajati Vidyamandir (H.S.),
24 Pgns (N)

THIRD: Angina Birds and Environment Protection
Samity, Dakshin Dinajpur

CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION

Bijnan Chetana Forum, 24 Pgns (N)

Bivisonpur Three Star Club, Purba
Medinipur

Akabpur Sammelani, Bardhaman