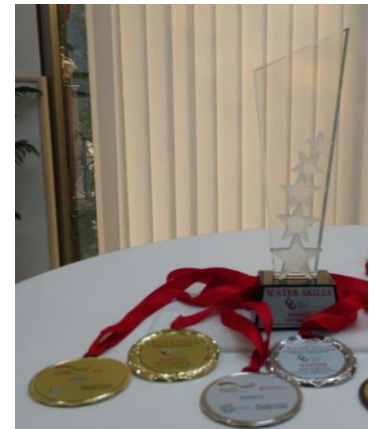




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WATER SKILLS - Competition for Operators of Industrial Wastewater Treatment Plants Mumbai, September 30, 2016



'WATER SKILLS' a one-of-its-kind competition for the technicians and helpers of the Industrial Wastewater Treatment plants was held today at IFAT India 2016, Bombay Exhibition Hall, Mumbai. The competition was formally announced open Ms. Anshika Gupta, Technical Advisor, GIZ SEIP. Human skills are as important as technologies to solve environmental problems in India. This competition is designed for the skilled technicians of the ETPs/CETPs. It marks a beginning of competitive learning amongst personnel in this sector and also exhibit industry's steps towards "Skill India" and "Make in India" programmes of the Government of India.

The competition was judged by Mr. Michael Doerr, Senior waste water expert and trainer, DWA and Mr. Sripati, Technical Advisor, SEIP project, GIZ India in their roles as trainers and assessors. M/s Geeta Enterprises supplied the equipment for the teams to perform the tasks.

Two teams one from Vapi and one from Surat, Gujarat participated in the competition. As the competition task, the teams were asked to exchange the impeller of the submerged motor pump and answer questions relating to scheduled and unscheduled maintenance. The task is divided into work preparation and work execution.

The wonderful audience participated actively and encouraged the teams during the performances. At the end of the competition, our esteemed Chief Guest, Mr. Tanmay Bishnoi, Head, Standards and Research, Skill Council for Green Jobs congratulated the teams for their remarkable performance and said that such skill competitions would be organised on a regular basis for trained technicians and helpers of the existing ETPs/CETPs. He also reiterated the fact that skilling would enhance the performance of the workers of wastewater treatment plants and would effectively reduce mishaps. Mr. Roland Knitschky, Department Training & International Cooperation, DWA and Mr. Michael Doerr, Senior waste water expert and trainer, DWA, shared that skill competition is a successful way of putting skills in practice and an apt organization must take this forward.

As the afternoon drew to a close, the team from Grauer and Weil (I) Ltd was unanimously declared the winning team. Mr. Doerr and Mr. Sripati presented medals to the teams members. The winning team were awarded a trophy. All three members



of the team were presented with gold medals. The runners-up were awarded silver medals each. All participants received a certificate of participation as well. T-shirts and goodie bags sponsored by German Association for Water, Wastewater and Waste (DWA) were also given away to all participants.

