

## LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

# Rajeev Pandia, Dr. Sivaram and Dr. Gharda bag individual honours

Mr. Rajeev M. Pandia, Group Advisor and Director, Global Markets, SI Group (USA) and Dr. S. Sivaram, Director, National Chemical Laboratory (Pune) were honoured with the 'ICC D.M. Trivedi Lifetime Achievement Award for Contribution to Indian Chemical Industry' in the areas of 'Management of Industry' and 'Education & Research' respectively.

Dr. K.H. Gharda, Chairman & Managing Director, Gharda Chemicals Ltd. was conferred the first 'ICC Lifetime Achievement Award for the Entrepreneur for the year.'

In his distinguished career of over 35 years, Mr. Pandia has worked as Managing Director of SI Group India Ltd. from 1992 to 2003 and later as Vice Chairman and Country Head from 2003 to 2008.

During his tenure, SI Group India Ltd. witnessed turnaround and sustained profitable growth and the company won several national awards. Mr. Pandia was President of ICC from 1999-2001 and Vice-President from 1997-1999.

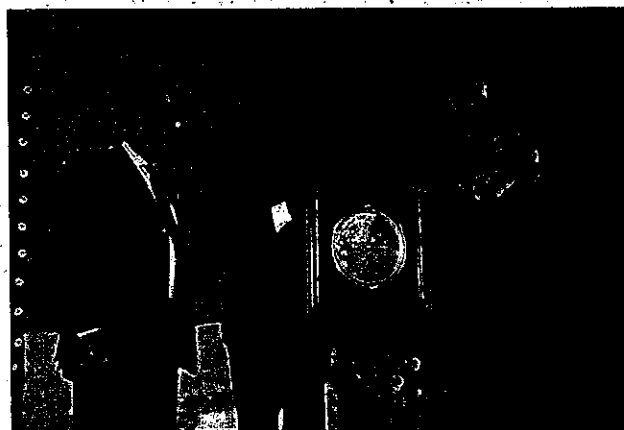
Dr. S. Sivaram is a polymer chemist, mentor and science manager of distinc-



Mr. Rajeev Pandia receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award



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tion with over forty years of experience in basic research, process/product R&D and S&T management, both in industry and academia.

He is widely recognized for his contributions to polymer science, technology development, institution building and management of innovation in publicly funded organizations. He was awarded the *Padma Shri* by the President of India in 2006.

Dr. Gharda almost single-handedly pioneered the dyestuff industry in India in 1960s & 70s and thereafter the agrochemicals industry in the 1980s & 90s. In the late 1990s and early 2000s, Gharda Chemicals started India's very first manufacturing plant for specialty plastics and their monomers, and marketed these worldwide.

All these technologies were developed within the R&D laboratories of Gharda Chemicals and were established as production plants within the country. "No other entrepreneur has thus brought to fruition three major industries - dyestuffs, agrochemicals and specialty plastics - in India so far," the ICC said in a citation presented to Dr. Gharda.