



## Press Release

### **Mr. Sanjay Awasthi elected President of STAI. The youngest to hold this position.**

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Mr. Sanjay Awasthi, already a popular member of this community has been recently elected as the President of The Sugar Technologists' Association of India (STAI) for a term of 3 years. He is a turnaround wizard, who has been associated with the sugar Industry for the last 28 years at various positions - from Production Head, to Plant Head and Chief Executive for one of the biggest sugar complexes in India with a crushing capacity of 13000 TCD.

In the year 2006, Mr. Awasthi was awarded with the most coveted 'Bharat Jyoti Award' for his exceptional contribution to the Indian Sugar Industry; in the year 2009-10, he was awarded with the 'Professional of the year' award jointly by STAI & SISSTA; this was followed by the 'Noel Deerr Gold Medal' award in the year 2011 & 2013 and the 'JPMA Gold Medal' in the year 2012 for his technical paper presentation.

From performing the role of a planner, designer and chief executor of more than 35 plants in India and abroad with capacities ranging from 2500 TCD to 24000 TCD, to visiting all sugar producing countries in the world, Mr. Awasthi has tremendous knowledge & hands-on experience which will help him steer STAI to a brighter future. According to Mr. Awasthi, "It is time the Indian sugar technologists Industry got their due recognition on the global platform. After all it is Indian sugar plant & machinery manufacturers who are setting up some of the biggest and most technically advanced sugar factories around the world."

Mr. Awasthi has published more than 90 papers in National and International journals and conventions and has participated, chaired and presented several papers in a number of conferences in India and overseas that include STAI, South Indian Sugar Cane & Sugar Technologists' Association (SISSTA); Deccan Sugar Technologists' Association (DSTA); International Society of Sugar Cane Technologists' (ISSCT), International Sugar Journal and Philippines Sugar Technologists' Association (Philsutech).

A Post Graduate in Sugar Technology from the National Sugar Institute, India, and Masters in Production Management, Mr. Sanjay Awasthi is currently holding the post of Business Head, Sugar Plants & Machinery Division at Isgpec Heavy Engineering Ltd., which is by far, the world's largest supplier of sugar plants & machinery. Isgpec is a heavy engineering company with a diversified product portfolio that includes EPC Power Plants, Boilers, Air Pollution Control Equipment, Process Equipment, Presses, Castings, Metal Cutting Machinery and Contact Manufacturing.

STAI: Recognized by the Government of India as a Scientific & Industrial Research Organization, The Sugar Technologists' Association of India (STAI) is an apex body of sugar industry professionals and institutions pursuing the cause of development of sugar & allied industries in India through participatory process since its inception in 1925.