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### Countries that possess relevant technology and resources should help other countries in climate change adaptation and mitigation VijayRaghavan At the CII International Conference on Waste to Worth

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With the theme 'Moving Towards a Circular Economy Through Innovative 3R Approaches', CII organised its Annual International Association with the Office of the Principal Scientific Advisor; supported by the Ministry of Environment & Forest & Climate Change, India.

The two-days Conference witnessed the series of engaging discussions by industry and Government stalwarts on various topics: EPR, decentralized, Integrated waste management and best practices & innovative solutions by start-ups and Industries.

**Prof K VijayRaghavan, Principal Scientific Advisor (PSA), Government of India** during his inaugural address at the conference. He mentioned that handling of waste through local mechanisms is possible and the CII 3R awards give us examples of this. He came together towards achieving the goal of managing waste. He also suggested countries that possess relevant technology and resources for adaptation and mitigation, helping clean and protect the planet for the future.

**H.E. Professor Adam Burakowski, The Ambassador Extraordinary & Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Poland to India** highlighted the commitment that Poland takes very seriously. And the subject being close decided to be a partner of Waste to Worth conference. He shared his experience and to discuss solutions with Indian partners. He felt India as their ally and interlocutor when it comes to waste management of water management, smart city, green technologies, and cybersecurity as well. He personally believes that a dialogue between India and Poland is essential for global climate discussion.

Waste is a great challenge for science, policy makers and the industry as a whole. To find the solutions to manage this menace, Scientists, policy makers, and the industry need to work concurrently. Synergistic cooperation among all three is essential to manage waste. **Grand Jury, CII 3R Awards, Chancellor Homi Bhabha National Institute, Chairman, Rajiv Gandhi Science & Technology Centre**

He highlighted the need to create an ecosystem between policy, regulation and facilitation through business, technological and rather 'cradle to grave'. He also highlighted that CII 3R Awards set an example for others to follow and nudge the industry to manage waste. He mentioned about the importance of start-ups and ULBs who are the principal drivers of change for waste management.

**P. Palaniappan, Chairman, CII Task Force on Waste to Worth** highlighted CII's initiatives to promote the importance of waste management in India's first waste-to-wealth portal to bring technology providers, government stakeholders, urban local bodies, and users together.

**Prashant Singh, CEO, Blue Planet Environment** highlighted the need for people to come together to view waste management. He said that now be aimed at Upcycling and promoting the waste hierarchy and circular economy principles.

**Hrishit Shroff, Co-Chairman CII Task Force on Waste to Worth** during his closing remarks thanked all the dignitaries. He said that with joy, and this is how transformation from hopelessness to hope and increasing participations of youth and start-ups provides a path forward. Further, the Conference recognised efforts of 16 outstanding Indian companies and start-ups and 04 Municipal Corporations (Municipalities) for Merits of CII 3R Awards are:

1. The winner under the category of Excellence in Managing MSW is Geocycle, and recipients of Award of Merit are Antony Lara
2. The winner under the category of Excellence in Managing Plastics and Packaging Wastes by EPR Strategies is Godrej & Boyce
3. The winner under the category of Excellence in Managing Plastics and Packaging Wastes by EPR Strategies is Recykal L as a
4. The winner under the category of Excellence in Managing Plastics and Packaging Wastes by EPR Strategies is Ramky Reclan
5. The recipients of Award of Merit are NEPRA and The Shakti Plastics Industries under the category of Excellence in Managing MSW
6. The 1st winner under the category of Excellence in Managing E-waste by EPR Strategies is Exigo Recycling and 2nd winner is
7. The 1st winner under the category of Excellence in Innovative solutions by Start-ups are Ishitiva Robotics and Genrobotics. The category is supported by Blue Planet Environmental Solutions.
8. The winner under the category of Excellence in 3R by Industry (Managing Own Waste) with Manufacturing as sub-category is
9. The winner under the category of Excellence in Developing Product Generating Minimum / Zero Waste is Greenwaves Environ

10. The last category is Excellence in Managing MSW by Municipal Corporation/ ULBs and the 1ST winner is MC, Durg. The 2nd is Silvassa.

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