

## Axalta India wins two Quality Circle Golden Awards at QCFI 27th Annual Convention

MUMBAI, India--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Axalta Coating Systems (NYSE: AXTA), a leading global supplier of liquid and powder coatings, won the Quality Circle Forum of India (QCFI) Golden award in Six Sigma and 5S categories at the QCFI 27th Annual Convention held September 18 in Vadodara. QCFI, a national body of professionals committed to assisting individuals and organizations implement quality concepts, recognized and awarded Axalta India at the event.

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From left to right the Axalta Savli Plant team included: Tanveer Shaikh, Vijay Parashar, Mr. Piyush Bansal (Plant head - Apollo Tyres) and Ajinkya Joshi (Photo: Axalta)

The convention invited more than 190 organizations from across India to present case studies on quality concepts such as Quality Circle, Lean, Six Sigma 5S and Kaizen integrated with Total Productive Maintenance or TPM. Two project teams from Axalta India presented best practices which included reduction in manufacturing cycle time using Six Sigma methodology and 5S approach.

"It is a great

achievement to win the highest honors in Six Sigma and 5S categories at the QCFI 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention," said Vinay Rajadhyaksha, Managing Director Axalta Coating Systems India Pvt. Ltd. "At Axalta, we believe in putting our customers first and with quality as one of our core operating principals, we make sure that we offer our customers the highest quality and service."

Products manufactured at Axalta's operations center in Savli, Gujarat state are formulated for refinish, automotive plastic component and industrial customers located in India and the greater Asia-Pacific region. The Axalta team at Savli has embraced Lean Six Sigma and 5S concepts which have combined to enable the plant to ensure consistent product quality, manufacturing processes and service delivery. Additionally, the plant's robust internal audit system assists in maintaining and improving Axalta's quality standards.

The emphasis on quality improvement has helped Axalta in India not only provide high quality materials to its customers, meeting their specifications upon on-schedule delivery, but also raise its supplier performance scores. Over the past three years Axalta has received a number of outstanding performance awards, excellence awards, and certificates of appreciation from key OEM customers.

## **About Axalta Coating Systems – Celebrating 150 Years in the Coatings Industry**

Axalta is a leading global company focused solely on coatings and providing customers with innovative, colorful, beautiful and sustainable solutions. From light OEM vehicles, commercial vehicles and refinish applications to electric motors, buildings and pipelines, our coatings are designed to prevent corrosion, increase productivity and enable the materials we coat to last longer. With 150 years of experience in the coatings industry, the approximately 12,800 people of Axalta continue to find ways to serve our 100,000+ customers in more than 130 countries better every day with the finest coatings, application systems and technology. For more information visit <u>axaltacoatingsystems.com</u> and follow us @axalta on Twitter and on <u>LinkedIn</u>.

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