

Jain group bags export awards

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In a specially organised function at Vigyan Bhavan, president of India Dr Shankar Dayal Sharma, presented national export awards to top exporters in the country.

Mr Ashok Jain and Mr Girdhar Oswal, directors of Jain group, Jalgaon, received awards for the outstanding export performance for the year 1992-93 and 1993-94.

This is third year in succession that Jains have bagged this distinction. Last year Plastic Export Promotion Council (PEPC) awarded seven 'Top Exporters Award' to Jain Irrigation.

The group founded by Mr Bharvarial Jain, has annual turnover of about Rs 300 crore and exports contribute Rs 100 crore, the turnover is mainly shared between two of the Jain group listed companies Jain Irrigation Systems Ltd. (JISL) and Jain Plastics and Chemicals Ltd. (JPCL).

JPCL exports enzymes and innovative casing and screen pipes and JISL, micro irrigation system (MIS), moulded plastic components and 'Excel' brand polymer sheets;

The group is largest processor of PVC in India and the largest producer of PVC and polycarbonate sheets in Asia.

It is also the second largest producer of Papain in the world. Jain Irrigation is the pioneer of MIS and concept of plasticulture-plastics in agro industry. Its high-tech agro R&D farmhouse is only one of its kind in the world.

JPCL has diversified in the field of onions and vegetable dehydration, processing and canning of fruits with an estimated investment of Rs 55 crore.

Papain which is exported since 1978 was accorded ISO 9001 accreditation by RWTUV Germany in the pre-audit stage itself.

JISL is currently implementing green-field projects like plant tissue culture, green houses, seedling nursery, and liquid fertilisers. The company has also started manufacturing solar water heating systems.

Mr Jain in a press release has said that "the group is globalising its operation. Exports are currently 33 per cent of the turnover which itself is increasing by 50 per cent every year."

He further said "strategic global alliances and overseas investment proposals have been formalised in tune with liberalised policies of government.

Jain Irrigation is currently working on a joint venture proposal in Canada for manufacture and exports."