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The Department of Dyestuff Technology was established in 1944 under the stewardship of Prof. K. Venkataraman, the then director of Institute of Chemical Technology (ICT, then known as UDCT), University of Mumbai. Under the successive leadership of highly experienced, talented and hard-working scientists and scholars the department has trained more than 1200 undergraduate students and over 550 postgraduate students. The thrust area of this department is the development of organic chemical technologies, including dyestuff and intermediates, specialty and fine chemicals, agrochemicals, perfumery and flavor chemicals and process intensification in the above fields.

The department is a unique center of learning that offers an advanced curriculum in tune with the latest industrial and academic developments. The B. Tech course in Dyestuff Technology emphasizes the process chemistry, technology and engineering of organic intermediates and colorants. In the last few academic years, the department placed all graduating students in the chemical industry in various

fields such as R & D, production, marketing, etc. A large number of students secured admissions along with financial aid in reputed universities across the globe. Thanks to generous financial support from Colourtex Pvt. Ltd, the department has initiated a major renovation of the undergraduate laboratory.

A strong research focus in the area of functional colorants has enabled the department to file over 20 patents in the last two years and publish over 150 papers in international journals in the past five years. Recruitment of three young faculty members in the last two years under the auspices of the UGC Faculty Recharge Programme has finally ended a severe faculty crunch the department dealt with for more than a decade. The department tries to maintain close ties with the Indian dyestuff and chemical industry by way of organizing conferences, seminar and guest lectures. These activities not only bridge the gap between industries and academia it provides undergraduate students an excellent opportunity to interact with the industry.

The Department of Dyestuff Technology organizes conferences, seminar and guest lectures' every year in order to bridge the gap between industries and the academia. The objective of arranging such co – curricular activities enhances the exposure of the dyes and dyestuff manufacturing community to undergraduate and graduate students.

Dyes Department jointly organizes the International conference- “Convention on Colorants (COC)” biannually with DMAI (Dyestuff Manufacturers Association of India). The aim of the convention is to enhance cooperation between industry and academia. In the past eight years four such conferences

were organized namely COC 2011, COC 2013, COC 2015, COC 2017, COC 2019.

In 2016, the department has started with a new concept of having an international symposium on ionic liquids to propagate a greener aspect of the chemistry to the world. On 21st and 22nd January 2016, the department had organized the International Symposium on Ionic Liquids (ISOIL 2016) in collaboration with Reliance Industries Ltd. The focus was given on industrial applications of ionic liquids.

Apart from these technical events the department has been organizing “Dyes Day” since 2013, where all dyes alumni get chance to meet and have informal and formal discussions with each other. A panel discussion is organized where dyes alumni from industry share their experiences and help undergraduates to understand the current market status of dyes and chemical industries. The event ends with a cultural program where the students, faculty and alumni showcase their talent.

Along with this Department also organizes Memorial lecture series as a tribute to legends of department that includes K.V. Venkatraman lecture series, Kabbur Memorial lecture, Dr. KKG Menon lectures amongst others.