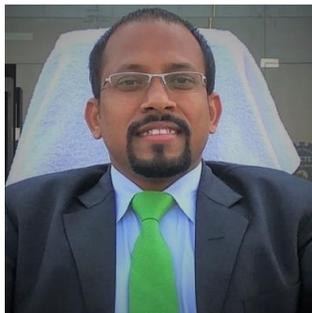


# NRDC National Societal Innovation Award 2017



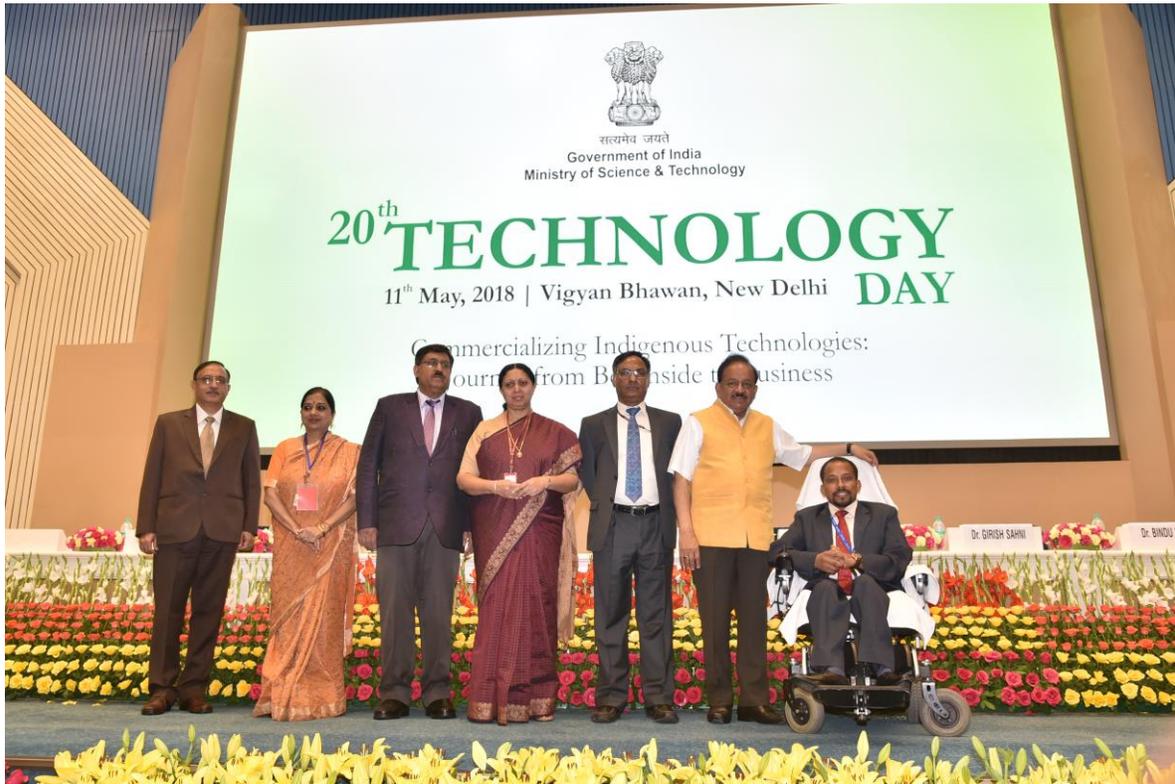
The **NRDC National Societal Innovation Award 2017** has been awarded to **Dr Manoj K Patel**, Scientist, CSIR-Central Scientific Instruments Organisation, Chandigarh for his important contributions on the development of innovative “**Advanced Electrostatic Spraying Technology**” for an efficient use of agrochemicals by the farmers to protect the crops and orchards from many dreadful diseases and insects; based on charging of liquid sprays to increase the efficiency and to reduce the pesticides consumption and human health hazardous.

This award was presented by **Dr Harsh Vardhan**, Union minister, Ministry of Science & Technology, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change and Ministry of Earth Sciences, during the 20<sup>th</sup> National Technology Awards Day function on **National Technology Day**, May 11, 2018 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi in the presence of Prof. Ashutosh Sharma, Secretary, Department of Science and Technology, Government of India, Dr. Girish Sahni, Director General, CSIR and Secretary, DSIR, Lt. General Girish Kumar, VSM, Surveyor General Of India, Dr. Renu Swaroop, Secretary, Department of Biotechnology and Dr. Bindu Dey, Secretary, TDB, Department of Science and Technology, Government of India.



A peer valued advisory and Prize selection committee comprises eminent scientists, technologists and specialists in diverse areas of science and technology had chosen **Dr Manoj K Patel** for the **NRDC National Societal Innovation Award** for his technological contribution in Agricultural Instrumentation for the year 2017. This award is designed to promote innovative scientific endeavor in the country by encouraging and

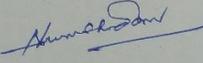
rewarding innovations that have positive impact on our lives and have at their core a great idea coupled with a unique insight. The awards are given to recognize individuals or groups who have innovated for the benefit of the society.



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Dr. Manoj Kumar Patel of CSIR-Central Scientific Instruments Organisation, Sector 30 C, Chandigarh and Associate have been jointly awarded **National Societal Innovation Award of the Year 2017** for their invention entitled, "Advanced Electrostatic Spraying Technology for Efficient Spraying of Agricultural Agrochemicals"



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