

# News Letter

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## Syngenta achieves a momentous milestone in safety and productivity

The Syngenta India manufacturing site at Corlim recently completed three million man-hours of manufacturing without a loss-time injury (3MMLTI).

The milestone achieved by Syngenta would be a rare feat in any manufacturing enterprise and Syngenta's achievement is even more remarkable because the plant operates continuously, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The company organized an internal celebration event to felicitate its workers for their sustained efforts, resulting in this milestone achievement. Mr Sanjit Rodrigues, Director of Industries, Trade & Commerce, Government of Goa, was the Chief Guest at the event. Mr Rodrigues applauded the company for the high standards maintained in safety and environmental care and encouraged the employees to continue their efforts to achieve more such milestones.

Mr Vishram Singbal, Vice President Manufacturing Operations, who heads the Goa plant said, "the result is testament to the high priority Syngenta and its workers place on safety and productivity. It is truly global best practice and we are extremely proud of what has been achieved, given that we have more than 450 employees and many complex operations at the plant".

Syngenta adopts globally consistent world Health, Safety & Environment (HSE) standards. The positive culture of safety these standards create has been instrumental in substantially reducing the number of work related injuries over the years. "Our global policies and their consistent implementation benefit both our people and our productivity", said Mr Prakash Apte, Managing Director of the company, on the occasion celebrating this milestone achievement. He said that the culture of safety and the commitment of all the employees at the plant have led to the outstanding result of more than three and a half years with no loss time injury at the site.

The site manufactures Active Ingredients and formulations for both global and local consumption and along with its strong commitment to safety it is also notable for its environmental amenity with hundreds of trees, a large lake and being home to a range of bird and aquatic life.

"We believe our performance in achieving this major milestone, along with our commitment to the environment and the community in which we operate, makes the plant truly unique", said a visibly proud Mr Singbal.

## About Syngenta

Syngenta is a world-leading agribusiness committed to sustainable agriculture through innovative research and technology. The company is a leader in crop protection, and ranks third in the high-value commercial seeds market. Sales in 2007 were approximately \$9.2 billion. Syngenta employs over 21,000 people in more than 90 countries. Syngenta is listed on the Swiss stock exchange (SYNN) and in New York (SYT). Further information is available at [www.syngenta.com](http://www.syngenta.com).