

Daimler India Commercial Vehicles receives Golden Peacock Environment Management Award 2017

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Chennai – Daimler India Commercial Vehicles (DICV), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Daimler AG, has been selected as this year’s winner of the prestigious Golden Peacock Environmental Management Award. The award was handed over to DICV MD and CEO Mr. Erich Nesselhauf by Justice Kurian Joseph, Judge of the Supreme Court of India, at the 19th World Congress on Environment Management held in Hyderabad.

Acknowledging the award, Mr. Nesselhauf said: “We are honoured to receive this prestigious award, which we take as further encouragement of our sustainability efforts. As much as we drive the change with fuel-efficient clean BS-IV trucks and buses, we are committed to produce them in an environment-friendly manner that protects valuable resources.”

The Golden Peacock Awards, instituted by the Institute of Directors, India in 1991, are regarded as a benchmark of Corporate Excellence worldwide. With wide acceptance among businesses & industry, its 'Awards Certification' has achieved recognition and patronage among peers, globally. The Golden Peacock Awards Secretariat receives over 1,000 entries per year for various National and Global awards, from India and over 25 countries worldwide.

Daimler India Commercial Vehicles' environmental management system is certified according to the global standards of ISO 14001:2004. The company's environmental and sustainability efforts cover various aspects of its operations. The manufacturing plant in Oragadam near Chennai is spread over 400 acres. More than 70% of electrical power demand is already met from renewable sources, with 16% generated from photovoltaic installations on site. DICV aims to reach 100% renewable energy coverage in 2018.

Water management is another focus, ensuring that the precious resource is used as sparingly as possible, and that no water leaves the plant ("zero discharge"). These efforts include advanced wastewater treatment, rainwater harvesting with a huge storage pond holding more than 60,000 kilolitres of water, and drip irrigation systems. Dedicated state-of-the-art facilities are also used to handle, store and dispose of hazardous materials and harmful effluents within the plant complex. More than 16,000 trees have been planted since the start of operations in 2012, as part of ongoing efforts in order to ultimately make the entire site one of India's greenest industrial complexes.

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DICV at a Glance

Daimler India Commercial Vehicles (DICV) is a 100% subsidiary of Daimler AG, Stuttgart, Germany. DICV is a full-fledged commercial vehicle player in the Indian market. It currently produces and sells above 9 to 49 tons trucks for the Indian volume market, under the brand BharatBenz. BharatBenz stands for Indian engineering with German DNA. Under its bus division, the company produces and sells BharatBenz buses and Mercedes-Benz buses from its manufacturing plant at Oragadam. Bharat-Benz products have been engineered to serve all major customer segments with a focus on total-cost-of ownership, safety, reliability and comfort. Trucks including knocked-down vehicle kits as well as buses and bus chassis produced for the FUSO brand and the Mercedes-Benz brand are exported to more than 30 markets in the Middle East, Africa, Asia, and Latin America.

The state-of-the-art production plant at Oragadam near Chennai spreads over 400 acres (160 hectares) and was opened in 2012. The site is also home to DICV's headquarters and R&D operations, and features a highly modern test track. DICV has made an overall investment of more than INR 5,000 crores. In August 2016, less than four years after the start of production, the milestone of 50,000 produced vehicles was crossed – an unprecedented ramp-up in the Indian commercial vehicle industry.