

## A refresher course on “Drying In Process Industries”

The Department of Chemical Engineering under banner of IChE, ARC has organized a refresher course on Drying In Process Industries at Shroff S. R. Rotary Institute of Chemical Technology on Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> November 2017. This is the sixth refresher course organized by the Department since 2012. Previously, there have been courses on other unit operations like distillation, heat transfer, mixing, extraction and solid liquid separation. This course covered the basic concept of drying with advanced dryers.

The inaugural function was graced by Dr.P.N. Parameswaran, Trustee, chief guest Mr. A. K. Sahni, Chairman, IChE ARC, Dr. Kalyana Sundaram, Principal SRICT and Dr. Alok Gautam Head of Chemical Engineering and coordinator of the course. Mr. Sahni appreciated in his speech the efforts taken by SRICT to interact with industries by these courses. Dr. Sundaram delivered a welcome speech and Dr. Alok Gautam briefed about the course. The course was well organized by Dr. Shina Gautam, Dr. Sanjiv Dharwadkar, Mr. Hemant Balsora, Mr. Krunal Suthar, Mrs Nirali Tharwala, Mr. Chintan Modi, Mr. Sagar Kapadia, Mr. Niraj Nair, Mr. Jigesh Mehta, Ms. Dhara Rojivadiya, Ms Anita Singh, Mr. Shivam Pandya



First session was on Fundamentals of Drying and delivered by Dr. Anand Metre, Associate Professor, GCET, V. V. Nagar. Second session was on A Case Study on ANP Granules Drying by Mr. P. D. Ashara, Sr. Chemical Engineer, GNFC Bharuch. In first two sessions basic and case study were discussed. In next two sessions, course was moved towards design and troubleshooting.



The third session was delivered by Dr. Sunil S Waje, Manager-Project, UPL-5 Jhagadia who discussed about Classification and Selection of Dryers which is important for energy conservation. Fourth session was delivered by Mr. Nikhil Kulkarni, Director, Analpa Industries who discussed Basic Engineering on Agitated Dryers.



All the sessions were interactive. The participants were from different industries and institutes like UPL, GNFC, Lupin, Coromandel, BEIL Dahej, Sajjan India, Abbott, Isagro Asia, Heubach, Zydus, HLE Engineers Pvt. Ltd, ETL-Ankleshwar, CGPIT-Bardoli, Uka Tarsadia, GCET etc. Attendees

at a seminar shared a common interest in the subject matter. Course helped gaining knowledge in a particular subject area. Feedback of the participants was quite positive.