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Taloja, Maharashtra – An Important historic First for India: Convocation for the first Australian Institutes of Water Sciences, Environmental Skills Training Graduates, Tuesday 16th April 2019.

Protection of the environment is easily the greatest conversation happening in India this century. In the words of India's Prime Minister Hon. Shri. Narendra Modi:

"We have to move towards Zero-defect and Zero-effect. Zero-defect in production with no adverse effect on the environment."

The visionaries at the Taloja Industry Association have risen to this challenge. Realising that the cooperative run wastewater treatment facility was not operating to specifications because of an acute lack of skills training, Taloja CETP Chairman, Hon Shri Satish Shetty, availed himself of the environmental skills training in wastewater treatment offered by the Australian Institute of Water Sciences.

Since completion of training in January 2019, the Taloja CETP has move steadily towards a Zero-defect, Zero-effect paradigm.

"We are delighted that not only are we actively protecting the environment here in Taloja, but we are also saving money and increasing the life of this facility", said Mr. Shetty.

When asked about the future, Mr. Shetty said he was hopeful other industries would appreciate the enormous, immediate value of targeted environmental skills training.

Mr. Shetty said that he is delighted that the CEO and Chairman of the Australian Institute of Water Sciences, Professor Phillip Bell will be on hand to facilitate the graduates.

The Vice Chancellor of SP Pune University Hon. Professor Shri Nitin Karmalkar, Dean- Faculty of Technology Dr. Aditya Abhyankar and HOD of Environmental Science Dr. Suresh Gosavi together with officials from the MIDC (Maharashtra Industrial Development Corp. and the MPCB (Maharashtra Pollution Control Board) will also be sharing in this momentous occasion.

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