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### Innovation awards for Sigachi, Yegna Manojavam

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Innovation Awards for MSMEs, promoted by the Foundation for MSME Clusters in association with the Commissionerate of Industries, were bagged by Sigachi and Yegna Manojavam Drugs and Chemicals Ltd., for 2011.

The two winners were shortlisted after a systematic screening process. Innovation Awards for MSMEs is a platform to highlight innovations to industry, customers and consumers. The awards present opportunities of free publicity for innovative products, processes and services besides cash award of Rs.2 lakh and Rs.1 lakh respectively along with certificates of excellence. Sigachi, Hyderabad-based company producing chlorinated paraffin and hydrochloric acid and then added another product microcrystalline cellulose. It won the innovation award for a novel filtration technique for manufacturing of microcrystalline cellulose which reduced the batch cycle time to four hours from 12 hours. Yegana Manojavam, another city-based company and manufacturer of active pharmaceuticals and intermediate chemicals, won the runner up award for cutting down the cost of the antibacterial it was producing without disturbing the quality of the product.

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