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‘Hydrocarbons will continue to remain the dominant source of energy in India for the next few decades,’ said **Mr PD Samudra, CEO and MD**, giving his keynote address at the **Inaugural Session of the Refining and Petrochemicals World Conference at the ChemTech World Expo 2019** organised by the ChemTech Foundation in Mumbai. The high point of the Expo, the Refining & Petrochemicals Conference, was organised around the theme : Hydrocarbon Industry in Emerging Environmental-friendly World.

Going further and presenting his paper on the Growth of Polymers in India and need for Environmental Protection, Samudra said ‘Plastics and Polymers are an essential part of our life & are here to stay in this century, but there is urgent need to protect the environment from its waste.’



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The day-long Conference started out with an august industry presence on the dais, including Mr. B Ashok, Chief Executive Officer, Ratnagiri Refinery & Petrochemicals Ltd. (RRPCL), Mr. Vinod S Shenoy, Director – Refineries, Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited, Mr. R K Ghosh, Technical Chairman, ChemTECH Refining & Petrochemicals Central Advisory Board and Mr Samudra. A number of industry luminaries were in attendance.



Mr. Samudra chaired a Session on **Future Strategies of Refiners & Petrochemicals Manufacturers**, where Mr. Amar Kumar, Head Operations, Nayara Energy Ltd. , Mr. M S Patke, Executive Director, HSSE and Advance Liquid Biofuels, BPCL and Mr. Anand Makwana, Chief General Manager-Petrochemicals, GAIL (India) Limited presented their capabilities their role in Future of Indian Energy Sector, Waste to Wealth and Petrochemicals Scenario in India.



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After **Mr Santosh Tandel, General Manager Process** read a paper on ‘**Value added Refinery / Petrochemical Products viz. MTBE/ IPA/ MIBK/ DME**’ in the session for **Licensors & Technology Providers : Creating Enabling Environment**, **Mr KS Rao, Executive Director – Industrial Specialities & Services** participated in a panel discussion on the theme, with co-panelists **Dr. Debesh Patra, GM-Planning, BPCL**, **Mr. S Sriram, General Manager – Refineries Projects, HPCL**, and **Dr. A S Firoz, Chief Economist, Ministry of Steel**



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Clockwise from top left : Mr PD Samudra lights the lamp at the inaugural session of the Refinery & Petrochemicals event; Mr Samudra giving the keynote address; Mr Santosh Tandel making his presentation, and Mr KS Rao is felicitated after the panel discussion.

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