



The new building of SMIT in Pune

## Spark Minda gets NABL accreditation

**S**PARK Minda, Ashok Minda Group on November 13 announced the prestigious NABL accreditation as per ISO 17025 to its Pune-based state of the art R&D facility having the EMI/EMC lab under Spark Minda Technical Centre (SMIT).

SMIT is a division of Minda Corpo-

ration Limited, a flagship company of Spark Minda, Ashok Minda Group.

Mr Suresh D, Group CTO said, “We are proud to announce that our R&D centre is equipped with the world-class EMI- EMC laboratory which is NABL-accredited now. This facility will further strengthen our position to

offer the new technology in the field of electronic, electrical and mechatronic products which meets the stringent automotive norms. Having this facility in house will enable us to offer well tested and proven solutions in an agile way and faster time to market to meet the OEM demands”.

SMIT Centre is nurturing innovations to create breakthrough solutions tailored to address the market requirements. It is actively pursuing opportunities in the area of new generation technologies like Connected, Autonomous, Electrified Mobility Solutions, Body Control and Multi-function Controllers, Smart Security and Vehicle Access Solutions etc.

SMIT is also exploring incubation of future technologies like Deep Learning, Artificial Intelligence, Internet of Things, Smart Vehicles technologies, Prognosis and Diagnosis etc.

**T**HE Government of Japan, in its 2018 Autumn Imperial Decorations, conferred upon Mr Onkar S Kanwar, Chairman, Apollo Tyres Ltd, the Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star.

Mr Kanwar received this recognition for his contributions towards strengthening the economic relations between Japan and India, and for promoting Japanese companies’ entry into the Indian market.

Mr Kanwar has been chairman of Apollo Tyres Ltd since 2002. Besides that, he has been the Chairman of India-Japan Business Cooperation Committee. Mr Kanwar was the President of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) for 2004-2005.

Commenting on receiving the honour, Mr Kanwar said, “I would like to thank the Government of Japan for bestowing

## Japan Govt honours Onkar Singh Kanwar



me with this Order. I am truly honoured to receive it. I would also like to thank the Indian Government, especially, the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry for giving me this opportunity to work towards boosting trade ties between India and Japan.”

Mr Kanwar has been Chairman of FICCI’s India-Japan Business Cooperation Committee since 2005. He actively participated in the discussions that led to the conclusion of the Japan-India Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA). Through the convening of regular joint meetings on business cooperation with the Japan Chamber of Commerce and Industry

(JCCI), Mr Kanwar has tremendously contributed to strengthening economic relations between Japan and India, and towards Japanese private investments into the country.

As Chairman of Apollo Tyres Ltd, Mr Kanwar has supported the entry of Japanese automotive industries into the Indian market, and their market expansion by supplying compatible quality tyres to Japanese manufacturers.

Under his leadership, Apollo Tyres has also introduced Total Quality Management (TQM) and other Japanese philosophies within the organisation.