# **ANNUAL REPORT** 2023-24



**ALL INDIA RUBBER INDUSTRIES ASSOCIATION** 

Serving the interests of the Rubber Industry, now in its 78<sup>th</sup> Year











**National Rubber Conference, Delhi** 

REGIONAL EVENTS



National Rubber Conference, Kolkata





National Rubber Conference, Chennai

WR-Pune Chapter celebrates 12<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day



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## NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting of the All India Rubber Industries Association for the year 2023-24 will be held on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September, 2024 at 5pm at The Westin Mumbai Powai Lake 2&3B, Near Chinmayanand Ashram, Powai, Mumbai – 400087, India, to transact the following business.

ORDINARY BUSINESS

- (1) To confirm the proceedings of the Seventy One Annual General Meeting held on Saturday 23<sup>th</sup> December, 2023 (already circulated)
- (2) To receive and adopt the 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual Report and the Audited Balance Sheet and Income & Expenditure Accounts of the Association for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024.
- (3) To declare the results of the election to the Managing Committee and Regional Committees for the year 2024-25 in place of retiring members.

By Order of the Managing Committee

(Rajendra Bhamare) Secretary General

Place: Mumbai

Date: 5<sup>th</sup> September, 2024

**Note:** Any member of the Association who is entitled to attend and vote at the meeting of the Association, shall be entitled to appoint another person (whether a member or not) as his proxy to attend and vote instead of himself, but a proxy so appointed shall not have any right to speak at the meeting. The details of the proxy shall be in the form, as given overleaf, or as near thereto as circumstances will admit:

The Register of Members will remain closed from 5<sup>th</sup> September, 2024 to 25<sup>th</sup> September, 2024 both days inclusive.



#### PROXY FORM

(Management and Administration) Rules, 2014]         Name of the Member Company:         Name of the Company Representative:         Registered Address:         Email Id:         Mobile No:         I being the member of All India Rubber Industries Association, hereby appoint:         of	Companies Act, 2013 and Rule 19(3) of the Companies			
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Association to be held on 25 <sup>th</sup> September 2024 at 5pm at The Westin Mumbai Powai Lake, 24 Near Chinmayanand Ashram, Powai, Mumbai – 400087, India and at any adjournment the in respect of such resolutions as are indicated below: Signed this day of 2024 Signature of Member	alf at the <b>72<sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting of the members of the</b> <b>tember 2024 at 5pm</b> at The Westin Mumbai Powai Lake, 2&3B, wai, Mumbai – 400087, India and at any adjournment thereof e indicated below: 024			

Signature of first proxy holder Signature of second proxy holder Signature of third proxy holder



(Founded on 14th April 1945)

## 72<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL REPORT

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## **STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

## for

## **THE YEAR ENDED**

### 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2024

(From 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024) (78<sup>th</sup> Year of the Association)

### - Head Office -

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Office-Bearers and Managing Committee Members for the Year 2023-24

President
Mr. Shashi Kumar Singh

Sr. Vice President Mr. Zafar Ahmed Vice-President Mr. Indra Parekh

#### Members of the Managing Committee

#### **Ordinary Class**

Mr. Vishnu Bhimrajka Mr. Vinod S. Bansal Mr. Dharmesh Dhanani Mr. Milind Joshi Mr. Vikram Makar Mr. Vinod Patkotwar Mr. Soumil Shah Mr. Mahesh Velu Mr. Anay Gupta Mr. Surinder Paul Gupta Mr. Vipan Mehta Mr. Sanjeev Sikka Mr. Nipun Jain Mr Rakesh Kumar Dugar Mr. Kamlesh Jain Mr. Ramesh Kejriwal Mr. Partha Sarkar Mr. K K Chowdhury Mr. Manmeet Chadha

Mr. N. Rajagopal	Honorary Members	
Mr. K. Srikanth		
Mr. K Ganesh	Mr. Jaydev Chatterjee	
Mr. Chandramouli Suresh	Mr. K. D. Shah	
Mr. R Karthik		
Mr. Joseph Bennet Soris	Mr. K. J. Janakar	
Associate Class	Mr. R. V. Gandhi	
Mr. Siddharth Bhimrajka		
Mr. Sunil More	Dr. R. K. Matthan	
Mr. Bharat Relan	Mr. D.T. Keswani	
Late Mr. Rajendra Shah (upto 20.8.2024)	Late Mr. S.A. Shah	
Mr. Rasesh Shah (From 02.09.2024)		
Co-Opted Members	(upto 08/08/2024)	
Mr. Prasant Wani		
Mr. Rajesh Sampat	Past- Presidents	
Mr. Harvinder Singh Chitkara	Mr. Niraj I. Thakkar	
Mr. Arjun Bahri Dhawan		
Chairman	Mr. Mohinder Gupta	
Mr. Ravindra Barde	Dr. Sower Dhanania	
Mr. Ankit Jain	Dr. Sawar Dhanania	
Mr. Mukesh Kakkar	Mr. V. T. Chandhrasekharan	

#### **Secretary General**

Mr. Rajendra Bhamare

Auditors M/s. N. P. Patwa & Co Chartered Accountants



Annual Report for the year 2023-24



The Managing Committee of the Association is glad to present to its members, a resume of the activities of the Association during the year 2023-24 and by and large covering up to June/July, 2024.

### Major Event / Activities

The Association has been fully occupied with organizing various events & activities during the entire year, right from Annual General Meeting 2023 are as given below:

### 71<sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting

The 71<sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting of the All India Rubber Industries Association was held on Saturday 23<sup>th</sup> December, 2023.

### 71<sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting 2022-23

The All India Rubber Industries Association (AIRIA), not-for-profit making body that serves the rubber industry and trade with the objectives of safeguarding and promoting interests of the industry, had recently organised its 71<sup>st</sup> Annual

General Meeting on December 23, 2023 at Hotel Sahara Star in Mumbai.

The AGM kickstarted with Deepesh Sule, the emcee, welcomed all members of the Association for the 71<sup>st</sup> AGM who briefed out functions of the Association. All the dignitaries were invited on the dais one-by-one by Mr. Sule - Mr. Ramesh Kejriwal, President; Mr. Shashi Singh, Sr. Vice President; Mr. Sanjeev Sikka, Vice President; Mr. Vikram Makar, Former President and; Mr. Vishnu Bhimrajka, Chairman and Chief Convener of India Rubber Expo 2024. The lamp-lighting Ceremony was followed by the National Anthem.

Mr. Singh in welcome address, officially welcomed the Chief Guest Mr. Kejriwal and other dignitaries on dais. In his opening remarks with regard to the current scenario of the rubber industry and Indian economy, he highlighted that the exports of non-tyre sector grew every year by 10 to 12%, except Covid phase without the support from government schemes as available for other sectors such as to adopt modern





technology to manufacture quality products & to invest in testing facilities. While disclosing details on the association front, he stated, "The association has purchased a new office for its Head Office in Andheri East, Mumbai and a new Regional Office in Kolkata for Eastern Region. I appeal all members to provide inputs as and when asked for the submission of industry issues with union government from time-to-time. I urge all members of the association to participate in the Asia's largest gathering, India Rubber Expo, which is in its 11<sup>th</sup> Edition scheduled to be held from March 20-22, 2023, after a gap of five years."

Mr. Kejriwal, in his address expressed, "My heartiest welcome to everyone present at the 71<sup>st</sup> AGM of AIRIA. Our association has completed about 78 glorious years of service to the rubber industry and trade. I am most privileged to appear before you in the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of my service as President of this esteemed Organization."

Speaking at about the gathering, Mr Kejriwal said, "The AGM is a statutory requirement to

follow protocols and uphold our traditions. It also offers a fantastic opportunity to engage with members, demonstrate organizational accountability, and evaluate the opportunities & challenges the rubber industry has. Meanwhile, for the year 2022–2023, the Annual Report and the Audited Balance Sheet has been forwarded across all AIRIA members."

Highlighting his journey as a President of AIRIA, he opined, "At the outset, you are aware that the Association functions on a system of shared responsibilities and duties. I can reiterate that my task was made relatively easier by my senior colleagues, Past Presidents, and the Executive Committee Members. The joint commitment of these willing members made it possible to overcome all hurdles with relative ease. The interactions in the ECM after meetings with Trade Bodies, Government Bodies, etc. helped to solve numerous detrimental/intricate issues easily. The efforts of AIRIA's Committees and their prompt support coupled with the efficiency of





the Secretariat are commendable in keeping you all updated with latest Circulars and Notices and on the day-to-day developments."

The AGM also brought to foreground about the current global economic situation. As of mid-2023, the prospects for a robust global economic recovery remain dim amid stubborn inflation, rising interest rates and heightened uncertainties. Instead, the world economy faces the risk of a prolonged period of low growth as the lingering effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. According to various reports, the world economy is now projected to grow by 2.3 percent in 2023 (+0.4 percentage points from the January forecast) and 2.5 percent in 2024 (-0.2 percentage points), a slight uptick in the global growth forecast for 2023. Updating on the key markets globally, the discussion panned out that in the United States, resilient household spending has prompted an upward revision of growth forecast to 1.1 percent in 2023. The European Union's economydriven by lower gas prices and robust consumer spending—is now projected to grow by 0.9 percent. China's growth this year is now forecast at 5.3 percent as a result of COVID-19-related restrictions being lifted.

On the Indian economic situation, it held citing World Bank observations that a movement from the global perspective to our country can be seen. While India is one of the fastest growing economies of the world, it is poised to continue this path with aspirations to reach high middleincome status by 2047 on the occasion of the centenary of Indian independence. It is also committed to ensure that its continued growth path is equipped to deal with the challenges of climate change, and in-line with its goal of achieving net-zero emissions by 2070.

In FY 2022-23, India's real GDP expanded by an estimated 6.9 percent. Growth was underpinned by robust domestic demand, strong investment activity bolstered by the government's push for investment in infrastructure, and buoyant private consumption, particularly among higher-income earners. The composition of domestic demand also changed, with government consumption being lower due to fiscal consolidation. Since Q3 of FY 2022-23, however, there have been signs of moderation, although the overall growth momentum remains robust. The persisting headwinds - rising borrowing costs, tightening financial conditions and ongoing inflationary pressures - are expected to weigh on India's growth in FY 2023-24. Real GDP growth is likely to moderate to 6.3 percent in FY 2023-24 from the estimated 6.9 percent in FY 2022-23.

#### **Rubber Sector**

So far as the Rubber Sector is concerned, in India, there is a well-established rubber production sector and fast-growing rubber products manufacturing and consuming sector. Being one





of the significant natural resource in the world, it witnessed a study and growth over the years because of the wide applications of rubber in tyre and non-tyre segments. The Indian rubber industry is dominated by small and medium enterprises out of 5000 rubber manufacturing units in the country which finds application across consumption everywhere including defence, infra, space, auto, agriculture, footwear, and so many others. Currently, India is the secondlargest consumer of natural rubber and the fourth-largest consumer of gross elastomer in the world. India is exports have reached to the tune of Rs 37,500 crores. Indian rubber industry is facing many challenges and difficulties due to competition with cheaper imported goods, low-level technology used, rising cost of raw materials, struggle to produce products as per BIS standards, less adoption on innovation front, aged tools of the industry, etc. Engagement of various tools can play positive role in helping the rubber industry overcome the difficulties and challenges of becoming a vibrant partner in making the Atmanirbhar Bharat.

The Rubber Industry value chain begins from natural rubber (NR) plantations and ends with a huge range of dry rubber and latex-based products. Historically, NR was a regulated commodity with strong tariff protection and domestic market regulations. The key factors that have contributed to the growth of the Indian rubber industry are the positive intervention of institutional agencies aiming at self-sufficiency and import substitution. Most rubber products including tyres require blends of NR and synthetic rubber (SR).

The National Rubber Policy (NRP), 2019 envisages a well-developed value-chain of environmentally sustainable and globally competitive rubber industry, comprising natural and other forms of rubber and products thereof and ancillary sectors, capable of supplying materials and products of international standards to domestic and world markets, with focus on the welfare of the entire stakeholder community and national economic progress.

The concept of free trade is the opposite of trade protectionism or economic isolationism. Countries often agree to FTAs if their economic structures are complementary, and not competitive. India is a party to free trade agreements (FTAs) and other trade agreements with many countries and trade blocks and is negotiating with many others. Since the increase in the import duty of





compounded rubber announced in the budget 2023 has brought it on par with tariffs for imported natural rubber, domestic farmers will benefit from a higher price for their produce.

The insights derived from interactions with the auto industry in India, review of non-tariff barriers to trade, review of cost competitiveness and ease of doing business across countries, provide a way forward for increasing global market access and a strategy to negotiate trade agreements.

#### **Industrial Outlook**

According to the RBI's Industrial Outlook Survey of the Manufacturing Sector, Infrastructure companies remained positive on overall business situation as well as their turnover, though their assessment was a shade lower when compared to the previous round of the survey. However, manufacturing companies reported higher optimism on demand conditions during the second quarter of 2023-24. Manufacturers expressed higher optimism for the third quarter, as reflected in their improved expectations on production, order books, capacity utilization and overall business situation.

## Activities other than regular activities of AIRIA in recent months:

- Seminars on export, BIS, etc. including technical seminars that were highly interesting, informative, educative, and helpful to the members
- Organizing NRC 2023 in various regions
- Organizing Export & Domestic Awards 2022
- Purchase of new office for the Eastern Region and the Head Office too

Apart from the above, after a gap of five years, the 11<sup>th</sup> Edition of India Rubber Expo 2024 (IRE 2024) is going to take place from 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2024 and AIRIA is committed to providing an appropriate platform to maximize these opportunities and their advantage.

Mr. Sikka, VP also gave brief overview of the industry and thanked the dignitaries on the dais, thereafter, Mr. Makar Former President highlighted key factor of the industry and economy and prospects for the Rubber Industry. Finally, he invited Mr. Vishnu Bhimrajka, Chairman & Chief Convener of IRE 2024 after his brief introduction.

Mr. Bhimrajka gave detailed presentation on IRE 2024 with progress made so far such as stall bookings, sponsorships, conference, buyer-seller meet, gala dinner, facilities planning to give during IRE, food zone, hotel bookings etc. He also appealed all members to rush for the booking of stall if not booked as only a few spots for stalls, paper presentations in conference, branding on pillars etc are left. The members appreciated detail presentation given by him.

#### **Business Session**

After the inaugural session, all Members of the Executive Committee were invited on the dais for the business session. President Mr. Kejriwal, Sr. Vice President Mr. Singh, Vice President Mr. Sikka, Chairman Western Region - Mr. Ravindra Barde, Chairman Southern Region Mr. Chandramouli Suresh, Chairman Northern Region Mr. Indra Parekh, and Chairman Eastern Region Mr. Rakesh Dugar and AIRIA Secretary General Rajendra Bhamare.

Mr. Kejriwal thanked Vice Presidents, entire committee and members for their support and contribution during the year. After an ascertaining the necessary quorum, he handed to the Secretary General for conducting business session as per notice of the AGM.

Mr. Bhamare started with the reading of the official notice of the 71st Annual General Meeting which was circulated in advance to the members of the Association. Going region-by-region, he explained income and expenditure, explanation on accounts and implication of income tax on the Association's income due to recent Supreme Court judgement.

He also said that Income tax is applicable on the total income of the Association from the FY 2021-22 if income from commercial activities exceeds 20% of the gross income of the Association. He further said that looking at the current activities of the Association there will be tax liability every year. He further said that the regions will have



to pay the tax on their income generated if taxable.

The President read out the names of elected members on the Managing and Regional Committee for the year 2023-24 and last point was appointment of auditor NP Patwa and Company for the Association.

#### **Open House Discussion**

This discussion raised some crucial points for the betterment of the Association. Mr. Milind Joshi of KD Joshi Industries highlighted education video be made for the new comers or employees to understand basic concept of rubber industry. Mr. Vipan Mehta brought to the notice about implementation of BIS norms for footwear industry and payment restriction to MSME in 45 days whereas medium size firms are getting their payment from Govt. and semi government companies in two to three months. Devang Mehta requested testing facility be started at GPM, Bandra, Mumbai while Mr. Vikram Makar highlighted effective use of technology in the rubber industry. Mr. Shashi Singh replied to the query of Mr. Vipan Mehta that the Association has already written to the DPIIT for the suitable

relief in connection with payment in 45 days to MSME. Mr. Barde said that equipment is at GPM laboratory in running conditions and basic test can be performed, he further said that the syllabus of the diploma in Rubber technology at GPM is reviewed and changed as per needs of the industry requirements. Mr. Dugar said that ER has also organised a workshop for ER members in association with footwear federation. The president further appraised the members about the initiatives taken during the year and he further said that lot more need to be done. Mr Sachin Trivedi proposed thanks to the outgoing managing committee.

#### **Vote of Thanks**

Finally, Mr. Ravindra Barde, Chairman WR delivered the Vote of Thanks. He also highlighted activities undertaken by WR during the year and progress at GPM for the diploma in Rubber Technology. He was very particular and specific, to heartily acknowledge the members and committee. His special thanks to office bearers including the secretariat of at HO and region/ chapters and members gracing the AGM physically.





## **AIRIA EXPORT & DOMESTIC AWARDS 2023** Lauds Successful Achievers in Rubber Industry



The AIRIA Export & Domestic Awards 2023 celebrated the achievements of the rubber industry, emphasizing its vital role in daily life and global trade. Industry leaders gathered for speeches, discussions, and networking, with a focus on boosting exports and maintaining highquality standards. The awards recognized 56 outstanding achievers, showcasing the industry's resilience in challenging times.

The All-India Rubber Industries Association (AIRIA) recently held an award ceremony – AIRIA Export & Domestic Awards in Mumbai that lauded achievers in domestic and overseas markets from the rubber industry in September 15, 2023.

The show kick started with the National Anthem followed by the traditional lamp-lighting. The award ceremony got together industry achievers on a common platform which also led to some key thought-provoking speeches, discussions, and networking.

In his welcome address, Senior Vice President of AIRIA, Mr. Shashikumar Singh, underscored

the industry's pivotal role and said, "The rubber industry may not be always in the spotlight but it has laid the foundation for many other industries and plays an integral role in our daily lives. Let us aim for our rubber industry to make world more comfortable, safer, and sustainable. I congratulate all the companies for the passion that they have shown for upholding innovations in their business."

AIRIA President, Mr. Kejriwal speaking at the Award ceremony, expressed, "Today's function is the AIRIA's tradition to recognize the untiring efforts made by our members on the export front and celebrate together the outstanding achievements and enterprising skills of the exporter-members of AIRIA despite stiff international competition. I congratulate the Award winners of our fraternity for this remarkable feat and hope this trend will continue in the coming years."

MSMEs exports across industries have seen a significant boost in last 5 years. Mr. Kejriwal







believed, "There are many MSME products that have the potential to compete in the global market. The quality of products is an essential factor in boosting exports. We must think of world-class standards while considering the quality aspect of a product."

Export plays a vital role in the economic growth of any country and rubber industry has a magnificent history of overseas trade and commerce. The export turnover of Rubber and Articles thereof under Chapter 40 for the year 2022-23 was US\$ 4,684.74 million as against US\$ 4,635.83 million during 2021-22 with a growth of 1.06 per cent. During April-June 2023-24, the



export of Rubber and Articles thereof under Chapter 40 is US\$ 1,073.04 million.

Mr. Vikram Makar, Past President of ARIA and Director of Oriental Rubber Industries, expressed, "It is a small gesture from AIRIA to recognize the hardwork put in



by various teams and companies across the industry segments. The aftereffect of the awards is much more significant than that of the organizations as you go back and display it before your teams it brings a sense of pride."

AIRIA had instituted

the Export Awards under various categories since the year 1985 and subsequently domestic awards were instituted in the year 2016 to recognize excellent performance of members. Total awardees this year are 56, 40 are from the export category and 16 belong to the domestic category. Upgrading the industry pulse on rubber exports, Vinod Bansal, Convener of AIRIA Export and Domestic Awards, informed, "Rubber industry being a labor-intensive industry, India has a huge advantage for exports and it is very heartening to note that the rubber exports are growing 12 to 15 per cent every year. However, this year's growth has diminished to just four per cent."

Presenting the analysis of the evaluation of the entries received, Mr. Bansal, disclosed, "Looking at data submitted by the participating companies, it is very positive to note that the exports have gone up averaging 15 to 20 per



cent. Meanwhile, some exporters have achieved growth of more than 50 per cent."

He also discussed that it is a matter of concern that rubber industry's share in the total exports from India is just 1.5 per cent and in value terms is around 39,500 crores, out of which 23,700 crore belongs to tyre segment and 15,800 crores to the non tyre segment for year 2022-23.

Lauding efforts and the resilience demonstrated by the rubber industry during the tough times and becoming successful domestically and in overseas markets, Piloo Aga, Guest of Honour stated, "This is a commendable growth since all industries faced difficulties in the previous year. Challenges such as Covid-19, container shortages, ever increasing RM prices, shortage of technical professionals and manpower in the rubber industry. So many obstacles, even though we did manage to bounce back and secure double-digit growth in the top line & exceeded India's GDP of 8 per cent which is highest in the world. Congratulation to all of you."

Ms Aga also shared some key statistics on the export performance of the rubber industry during the last two years.





Citing some players in the industry and how they helped and contributed to the Chandrayaan-3 mission Ms Aga disclosed, "You must have known by now that ISRO Chief S Somnath has recognized the efforts of the rubber components supplied by Vajra Industries for the rubber moulded parts to effectively and successfully seal Chandrayaan-3 mission."

Rubber components are vital for all modes of transport, be it road, shipping, or aviation and now space too. Space and aeronautics have opened a new domain for all of us to explore and show our prowess.

Making her address more interesting and intriguing, Ms. Aga also took everyone on a journey of ISRO's working culture and shared learnings that every rubber business can implement in their capacity. "Another interesting contributor to the mission was Vikamshi Fabrics who supplied the rubberized fabrics for insulation purposes for the mission while the DAK Systems had supplied all testing equipment for labs also supplied software programs for the mission. These are some really proud endeavors in the rubber industry that is a testament of growth and upholding quality," Ms Aga concluded.

Ekalavya Chandrakant Dhembare, HOD of Rubber Technology Department, Government Polytechnic, (Bandra) Mumbai also appealed industry members to help students to gain industry knowledge.

The award ceremony concluded with Mr Ravindra Barde's Vote of Thanks which was followed by the photo sessions of the award winners and AIRIA staff.





## AIRIA EXPORT AWARDS FOR 2022-23

BEST ALLROUND PERFORMANCE			
Balkrishna Industries Ltd., Mumbai			
HIGH	HEST EXPORT AWARDS		
Tyre Sector	M/s. MRF Ltd., Chennai		
Non Tyre Sector	Pix Transmissions Ltd, Nagpur		
TC	OP EXPORT AWARDS		
Auto Tyre Sector	Asian Tire Factory Ltd, Jalandhar		
Tread & Latex Products	Rubfila International Ltd., Kerala		
Hoses	Gates India Pvt. Ltd, Lalru, Punjab		
Rubber Sheets / Floorings	Zenith Industrial Rubber Products Pvt.Ltd, Mumbai		
Pharma/ Hospital Products	Kanam Latex Industries Pvt Ltd., Kottayam		
Conveyor & Transmission Belts	Oriental Rubber Industries Pvt. Ltd., Pune		
MISC Product	Garware Fulflex India Pvt. Ltd., Satara		
Automotive Parts	Anand NVH Products Pvt. Ltd., Gurgaon		
Molding & Auxiliaries	Shore Auto Rubber Exports Pvt Ltd, Pune		
RAW MATERIAL SECTION			
Reclaim Rubber	Fishfa Rubbers Ltd., Rajkot		
SPECIAL EXPORT AWARDS			
Auto Tyre Sector	ARL Tyres Ltd., Telangana		
SME Agreegate	Prabhat Elastomers Pvt Ltd.,Mumbai		
Automotive Parts	Auto Steel & Rubber Industries P Ltd, Pune		
MISC Product	Harkesh Rubber LLP, Mumbai		
Cots & Aprons	Precision Rubber Industries Pvt. Ltd, Mumbai		
Moulding & Auxillaries	Jayashree Polymers Pvt Ltd., Pune		
V & Fan Belts	Vinko Auto Ind. Ltd., New Delhi		
Rubber Machinery	Kloeckner Desma Machinery Pvt.Ltd. Ahmedabad		
Hoses	LHSS MRP Silicone Hoses Pvt Ltd., Tamil Nadu		

SPECIAL EXPORT AWARDS : RAW MATERIAL SECTION		
Rubber Chemicals	Yasho Industries Ltd. Mumbai	
Reclaimed Rubber	GRP Ltd, Mumbai	



EXPORT GROWTH AWARD				
General Rubber Products	Shreegee Impex Pvt Ltd, Meerut U.P			
EXPORT MERIT AWARDS				
Crown Rubber Products, Satara	Bharaj Machineries Pvt.Ltd., Palghar			
Navyug (India) Ltd, Jalandhar	Santosh Rubber Machinery Pvt. Ltd., Mumbai			
Vako Seals Pvt Ltd, Mumbai	Eswar Rubber Products Pvt. Ltd., Salem			
Kohinoor India Pvt Ltd.,Jalandhar	Balaji Rubber Industries Pvt.Ltd. Salem			
Superking Mfg.(Tyre) Pvt Ltd, Delhi	Imperial Waterproofing Industries Pvt. Ltd., Mumbai			
Arul Rubbers Pvt Ltd, Hosur	J G Chemicals Ltd, Kolkata			
DIS MRP Seals Pvt Ltd, Ranipet	KA Prevulcanised Latex Pvt Ltd, Kottayam			
Bainite Machines Pvt Ltd, Mumbai				

## **AIRIA DOMESTIC EXCELLENCE AWARD FOR 2022-23**

**BEST ALLROUND PERFORMANCE AWARD** 

M/s. Roop Polymers Ltd, Gurgaon

HIGHEST AWARD				
Non Tyre Sector	Punia Zinox Pvt Ltd, Gujarat			
SME Sector	Alaska Rubbers Pvt Ltd, Noida			
TOP AWARDS				
101	ANARDS			
Rubber profiles and other extruded items	Goldseal Saargummi India P Ltd, Mumbai			
Natural Rubber & Latex	Kurian Abraham (P) Ltd, Tamil Nadu			
Hose Pipes	Vansh Industries, Himachal Pradesh			
Automotive Rubber Components	SI Air Springs Pvt Ltd, Madurai			
Conveyor belts and ,Transmission Belts	Pentagon Rubber Ltd, Punjab			
Rubber Moulded Products	MRP Autorub Pvt Ltd,Tamil Nadu			
SPECIAL AWARD				
Rubber profiles and other extruded items	Gold Seal Engg Products P Ltd, Mumbai			
Rubber Chemicals	Punia Udvog, Harvang			

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Rubber Chemicals	Punia Udyog, Haryana
Rubber Lining	Arul Polymers Pvt Ltd, Hosur
Rubber Moulded Products	Ashutosh Rubber Pvt Ltd, Rajkot
Testing Equipment	Future Foundation, Haryana
Rubber Machineries	Santec Exim Pvt.Ltd, Haryana
Rubber Machineries	Plus-One Machinefabrik Pvt Ltd, Karnataka

# PRESIDENT'S REPORT AT 72<sup>ND</sup> AGM

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Distinguished Members, Industry Leaders, and Honored Guests,

It is a great privilege to address you all at **AIRIA's 72nd Annual General Meeting**. As we gather here today, I reflect on the year **2023-24**, which has been one of remarkable progress, strengthened unity, and collaborative effort towards the growth of India's rubber industry.

#### **Expansion and Infrastructure Development**

In this year, we have taken significant steps toward modernizing our association's infrastructure. We purchased a new office space at the South City Business Park in Kolkata, enhancing the efficiency and capacity of our Eastern Region operations. Additionally, we acquired a 5268 sq. ft. premise in Andheri, Mumbai, for our Head Office, solidifying it as AIRIA's registered office. This strategic move not only adds to our assets but helps save interest costs, ensuring financial prudence.

#### Liaison with the Government

Engaging with government bodies remains a critical part of our efforts. Over the year, AIRIA has actively interacted with the DPIIT and various ministries on critical issues such as pre-budget submissions, import surges, and free trade agreements. Our persistent efforts have ensured that the concerns of the rubber fraternity ranging from GST uniformity to the inverted duty structure are continually brought to the forefront of policy discussions.

We have successfully represented the industry in matters such as the India-EU Free Trade



Agreement, the India-Canada Comprehensive Economic Partnership, and the India-Peru FTA. These engagements aim to safeguard the interests of rubber manufacturers and ensure fair trade practices that benefit our industry.

#### Media Engagement and Advocacy

Our consistent efforts to highlight key issues in the media such as CNBC Awaaz, ET Now Swadesh, The Hindu, Economic Times, Business Line, and others have yielded positive outcomes. The need for a uniform GST rate of 18%, the removal of the inverted duty structure, and the reduction of import duties on natural rubber were at the heart of our advocacy.

In addition, we have continued to emphasize the importance of encouraging domestic production of raw materials and the necessity of removing port restrictions on natural rubber imports. These measures are essential to the future competitiveness of India's rubber industry.

#### International Representation and ISO TC 45 – Japan

This year, we had the privilege of sponsoring representatives for ISO TC 45 in Japan, ensuring that India continues to have a strong voice in international standards development. Our delegation worked to further the interests of Indian manufacturers and build stronger global connections.

#### **Education and Skill Development**

AlRIA remains committed to developing the next generation of industry leaders. We have taken an active role in updating the laboratory at GPM Bandra for the Rubber Diploma Course, ensuring that the educational infrastructure keeps pace with industry demands. In collaboration with the RCPSDC, we have advanced our efforts in manpower skilling and reskilling, benefiting both the workforce and the industry. For the same, AIRIA is promoting Samwad, an initiative dedicated to promote skilling initiatives of RCPSDC and to understand skill gaps in the industry. I request all of you to take leverage of the skilling initiatives from RCPSDC by sending filled forms regularly circulated by AIRIA.

#### India Rubber Expo (IRE) 2024 and Industry Events

I am proud to announce our successful coordination of IRE 2024, which saw an overwhelming response and generated a surplus of Rs. 10 crores. The expo, workshops, conferences, and trade shows have solidified India's position as a key player in the global rubber market. Our roadshows across Kolkata, Delhi, Mumbai, and Pune for IRE 2024 have been equally successful, promoting AIRIA and bringing together industry stakeholders from across the country.

## Continued Engagement with Members and Partners

One of our key focuses has been connecting with members across all regions, from Mumbai to Kolkata, Chennai to Delhi. Through events, seminars, and workshops, we have provided platforms for discussing both technical and nontechnical topics. The NRC, sports events, and virtual workshops have helped foster a sense of community and collaboration.

#### Brand Visibility and International Outreach

We are also working to increase AIRIA's brand visibility. By participating in domestic and international trade shows, AIRIA continues to represent India's robust rubber sector on the global stage.

In conclusion, this year has been a testament to the collective strength of our members and the dedication of the association to furthering the interests of the Indian rubber industry. As we move forward, our continued focus will be on maintaining this momentum, ensuring that the rubber industry remains competitive, sustainable, and aligned with global standards.

I want to express my gratitude to our members, partners, and government bodies for their unwavering support and collaboration. Together, we will continue to chart a bright future for AIRIA and the rubber industry at large.

Thank you. **Mr. Shashikumar Singh** President





#### 'Impose higher import duty on finished products'

V Sajeev Kumar

All India Rubber Industries Association has renewed its demand for higher import duty on rubber-finished products to promote the interests of local producers and farmers.

The fall in natural rubber prices is mainly due to oversupply globally, with coun-tries such as Thailand, Vietnam, Indonesia, Malaysia and India significantly in-creasing rubber cultivation to meet demand from the automotive industry, according to Shashi Singh, President, AIRIA.

Among factors influencing rubber prices, he listed demand and supply conditions, export and import dynamics, currency fluctuations, synthetic rubber usage and the exploration of alternative materials.

India currently ranks sixth globally in natural



rubber production, a counting for 5.8 per cent. ac-

#### CHINESE DEMAND Singh blamed the price drop — which has benefited tyre and non-tyre sectors —

on weak Chinese demand and the European energy crisis Challenges faced by rub-

ber cultivators include price fluctuations, climate changes, tree-related issues and labour shortages.

The government recently moved to increase aid to rubber plantations by 23 per cent, at ₹708.69 crore, over two years in a bid to incentivise cultivation.

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#### Shashi Singh appointed new president of AIRIA

Kochi: Shashi Singh has been elected as the president of the All India Rubber Industries Association (AIRIA), the apex body for rubber industries in India. Zafar Ahmed, Managing Director of New India Rubber Works Pvt Ltd, has been elected as the senior vice-president, while Indra Parekh has been elected as the vice-president of the Association. OUR BUREAU







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#### **AIRIA in Press / Media**

#### **Rubber price** jumps amid shortage

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TIMES NEWS NETWORK Chennai: India is facing an acute shortage of natural rub-ber with domestic production talling short of demand by aro-und 5.5 lakh tonne. According to Shashi Singh. president of the All India Rub-ber Industries Association (AI-RIA), natural rubber produc-tion in India has increased from 8.4 lakh tonne in 2022-23 to 8.6 lakh tonne in 2022-24. "But there has also been a sharp rise in natural rubber consumption which has gone from 13.5 lakh tonne in 2022-23 to 14.2 lakh ton-ne and so the deficit is still 5.5 lakh tonne." he said. India. he added, has always been dependent on imports be-cause domestic production of natural rubber has not keept pa-ce with demand. "Natural rub-ber imports face a 25% customs butty or Rs 30 per kg whichever is the availability of na-tural rubber." Right now China is stocking up and Bangladesh, which had become a good sour-ce of natural rubber. The price is and price ase in the price of natural rubber. The price is suprince ase in the price of natural rubber. The price is supriment to the 1822 per kg as on April 1, 2024. So in 4 months, it has nearly doubled," he said.

### Q & A By Gauray Nandi **EMPOWERING THE** RUBBER INDUSTRY

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serveren the industry and government? The association has advocated for several policy changes with the government and industry stakeholders. Key requests include the removal of the inverted duty structure, a uniform Goods and Services. Tax regime and the encouragement of domestic production of rar materials currently not manufactured in India.

Additionally, the association has urged the government to eliminate duties on Free Trade Agreements, arguing that Indian manufacturers are well equipped to compy globally. Furthermore, we have called for modifications to a section of the Income Tax Act and infrastructure development to streamline the transportation of rubber produced in regions like Kerala and Tripura to other parts of the country.

We have also enhanced the need for a robust supply chain to facilitate efficient movement of goods. While other policy changes are desired, these represent the most pressing concerns. The association also highlights the importance of increasing export incentive, establishing research and development facilities and revising labour policies.

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What advancements in farming techniques and technology are needed for increased productivity? India's nubber production currently stands at 1300 to ger becaten, hiphighting the need for advancements in the sector. A key area for improvement lisi in skilled mapower. Untrained tappers, the individual who harvest flave from the trees, can hinder yield potential. To address this challenge, the manual tappers of the tapper of the tapper of the corporation IRCPSCL a joint intuitive by AIRA, the Automotive Tyre Manufacturers is Association and the novemment is and the

provising crucial training programmes for tappers. These programmes go beyond basi skills and aim to instil a mindset focused on maximising output from existing cultivated areas.

This focus on both technical expertise and yield optimisation signifies a multi-pronged approach to bridge the yield gap in India's rubber production.



What initiatives are you taking to promote sustainable farming methods? The India nubber industry is embracing a new approach to sustainability with the development of furniture made from rubbervood. Traditionally, nubber trees are planted with a seven-year lead time before latex production begins, followed by a productive lifespan of around 30 years. However, after this period, the trees case to produce lates, raising the question of their continued value. If no economic benefit is derived from these mature trees, farmers are less likely to replant, hindering new plantation growth.

utilisation. The RCPSDC is actively involved in this initiative as they offer training in the proper processing methods to ensure that the rubberwood is converted into a durable and aesthetically pleasing material for furniture creation.

What specific strategies is the industry employing to mitigate the effects of price fluctuations and market volatility? India's nubber sector faces a confluence of challenges. Unpredictable monsoon patter disrupt tapping processes, contributing to price fluctuations. Additionally, rising demand from China, a major consumer, exerts further upward pressure on prices.

Recognising these issues, the government is implementing measures to stabilise prices and boost domestic nordwrition. Initiatives

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## uniform GST rate of 18%

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The All India Rubber Industries Association has sought uniform GST for rubber items and thermoplastic products for automotive parts.

In its budget demands submitted to the government, the Association said if the parts are made of thermaplastics, the rate is 18%, whereas if they are made of rubber, the rate is 28%. The GST should be brought down to a uniform 18%, the Association demanded.



#### **AIRIA in Press / Media**



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#### INDIA RUBBER EXPO 2024:



#### Sowing Seeds of Collaboration & Sustainability

With the rubber industry responding enthusiastically to its triumphant comeback after a five-year wait, the 11th edition of Rubber Expo 2024 (IRE 2024) was buzzing with exciting workshops, passionate conversations, and bustling with networking opportunities.

The Speaker of the Maharashtra Legislative Assembly, Chief Guest Honourable Shri Rahul ji Narvekar, conveyed his happiness to support the growth of the rubber industry in Maharashtra. For instance, if the industry decides to set up a Rubber Park with help of MIDC that manages the development of various industrial parks.

Further mentioning, rubber to be a very essential ingredient having application ranging from spacecraft to footwear, he also emphasized the importance of rubber industry as one of the major contributor of India's economy. Konkan region of Maharashtra does have huge water catchment that can be a suitable area for natural rubber cultivation. He welcomed to support the growth of rubber industry in India in the no. 1 state, Maharashtra.

On dais, presence of esteemed dignitaries Shri Unmesh ji Nayak, COO, Reliance Industries Limited and Shri Ajay ji Shah, President, New Business Petchem- Reliance Industries Limited, also commented about the significant prospects of rubber industry and the industry will grow rapidly for a couple of decades easily.

The India Rubber Expo 2024 is an absolutely important platform that allows all stakeholders to stay connected in the rubber fraternity, including end-to-end players in the value chain getting opportunity to meet, exchange, showcase, learn and engage into various kinds of business activities.

Also, stating that Reliance Industries Limited sees the rubber industry as a bright spot and thus having already invested USD 1.4 billion for the same with six plants producing varieties of synthetic rubber totaling to a capacity over 390 kilo tonne.

The excitement to the event went on a very high notch when the Chief Guest Shri Piyush ji Goyal, Minister of Commerce & Industry, Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution and Textiles graced with his presence on the last day of the IRE 2024. It was on the personal request of Mr Vishnu BhiMrajka, Chairman & Chief Convener, India Rubber Expo 2024 and his family that Shri Goyal ji took time from his busy schedule and addressed the august gathering.

He emphasized that the rubber industry has immense potential and opportunities. India should make quality products to secure no. 1 spot globally. He further emphasized that IRE 2024 has become no. 1 rubber show in India – Asia and









can soon become no. 1 show in the world. He expressed, "We should work in this direction by keeping this goal as our priority".

The IRE 2024 – 11th edition has turned out to be the biggest show in all aspects:

- 48 Sponsors
- Great Ambiance & Comfort
- Excellent Content
- Record Footfalls



## The IRE 2024 also conducted additional activities successfully:

- International Rubber Conference 2024: Prominent Speakers on Excellent Topics spread over three days.
- **IRE Workshop:** Eminent Techno-Commercial Experts from various reputed entities from India conducted sessions across three days.



 Domestic Reverse Buyers and Sellers Meet (DRBSM): Reputed players from Railways, Defence, etc. were present for meetings with interested / potential sellers over the three days.

Also, two evenings of cocktails and dinner held in a magnificent setup and capacity of 1000+ people enjoying the same, with Bollywood Celebrity performances on both the days for audience to stay engaged and unwind after the busy day of business.

Beautiful Mementos were presented to the 48 Sponsors and the speakers of the International Rubber Conference and IRE Workshop.

A Classy Coffee Table Book follows in a few weeks which will have detailed highlights in entirety of this hugely successful event of the rubber fraternity - yours very own INDIA RUBBER EXPO 2024.

#### Roadshows organised to promote India Rubber Expo

AIRIA hosts Roadshow for India Rubber Expo 2024 in Kolkata



The All India Rubber Industries Association (AIRIA) recently organized a Roadshow on the premise of its upcoming event, 11<sup>th</sup> edition of India Rubber Expo 2024, in Kolkata at The The LaLiT Great Eastern Kolkata.

A total of around 150 people participated in the Roadshow and the AIRIA-IRE team was lauded by the participants for organizing such a mesmerizing Roadshow for the promotion of the Indian Rubber Expo (IRE) 2024 which is slated



to be held in Mumbai at the Bombay Exhibition Centre (NESCO), from March 20-22, 2024.

The show kickstarted with the National Anthem and was inaugurated by traditional Lamp Lighting by the Chief Guest, Zha Liyou, Consul General of the Peoples Republic of China, Ramesh Kejriwal, President, AIRIA, Shashi Singh, Sr. Vice President, AIRIA, Indra Parekh, Chairman-Northern Region, AIRIA, Mr. Zafar Ahmed, Member - Managing Committee.

Dignitaries on the dais were invited one by one who gave information and importance of the IRE.

President -Mr Kejriwal, Sr. Vice-President, Mr. Shashi Singh, Mr. Zha Liyou, Consul General of the People's Republic of China ,Indra Parekh, Chairman - Northern Region, AIRIA ,Zafar Ahmed, Member-Managing Committee, AIRIA Vikram Makkar, Past President and Member - Managing Committee, AIRIA joined the Roadshow virtually and Raj Shah, Head of Projects & Events, AIRIA gave a brief presentation on Indian Rubber Expo 2024 sharing details of the event.

#### IRE 2024 Jalandhar Roadshow: Building Momentum







In a bid to promote its flagship event, India Rubber Expo 2024 (IRE 2024), All India Rubber Industries Association (AIRIA) recently organized a Roadshow and Seminar at Skylark Hotel & Restaurant in Jalandhar, Punjab on Oct 26, 2023 to enlighten rubber industries in the region about the upcoming opportunities galore, IRE 2024 scheduled to be held in Mumbai from March 20 to 22, 2024. This was another successful Roadshow for IRE 2024 that gathered more than 250 delegates from rubber industry.

India Rubber Expo is a platform that aims to promote the Indian rubber industry and to showcase innovative solutions for rubber products, technology, exchange solutions and applications before the world. Padamshree awardee Vijay Kumar Chopra, Chief Editor -Punjab Kesari graced the IRE 2024 Roadshow as the Chief Guest. India Rubber Expo's nominated ambassador of Punjab, HS Chitkara moderated the stage and welcomed all the guests. All the distinguished dignitaries were welcomed on the stage which was followed by the traditional lamp lighting ceremony alongwith Saraswati Vandana.

Ramesh Kejriwal, President, AIRIA, Vishnu BhiMrajka, Chief Convener, India Rubber Expo 2024, Shashi Kumar Singh, Senior Vice President of AIRIA,Former President of AIRIA Vikram Makar, Chairman of AIRIA-Western Region Ravindra Barde, Chairman of AIRIA-Northern Region Indra Parekh, Dharmesh Dhanani, Editor of Rubber India, and Member of AIRIA Sunil Julka were present during the Roadshow. During the Roadshow, folk dances of Punjab were also presented by local artists and the Roadshow was concluded with the distribution of mementos to the sponsors and special guests present at the venue.

## Synergistic Brilliance: IRE 2024 Roadshow and RCMA Foundation Day Unite In Mumbai



The All India Rubber Industries Association's flagship event, India Rubber Expo 2024 (IRE 2024), marked another successful milestone with its fourth Road Show, hosted at the Hotel Orchid Vile Parle in Mumbai in collaboration with the Rubber & Chemical Merchants Association (RCMA). The Road Show was organized on the occasion of RCMA's Foundation Day. The event witnessed a significant turnout, with over 100 esteemed delegates from the rubber manufacturing and trading fraternity.

The evening commenced with the ceremonial Lighting of the Lamp, a symbolic gesture performed by Shashi Kumar Singh, President of AIRIA, Vishnu BhiMrajka, Chairman & Chief Convenor of IRE 2024, Sunil More, Chairman





of RCMA, Rahul Miglani, Secretary of RCMA, Sandeep Gandhi, Treasurer of RCMA, and other distinguished dignitaries. The guests were then honored with bouquets, adding a touch of warmth and appreciation to the occasion.



IRE 2024 and IRMrA Hosts Roadshow & Awareness Program



The All India Rubber Industries Association's flagship exhibition, India Rubber Expo 2024 (IRE 2024), recently joined hands with Indian Rubber Manufacturers Association (IRMrA)'s Stakeholders Awareness Programme on Quality Control Orders. The event was organised jointly by both IRE 2024 in association with IRMrA.

This was the Fifth Road Show for IRE 2024 organised at Hotel Ginger, Vile Parle in Mumbai on January 19, 2024. The event was graced by

more than 80 delegates mainly from rubber product manufacturing units in Maharashtra.

Sanjiv Singh, Joint Secretary of Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) was the Chief Guest along with Guest of Honour Naresh Wadhwa, Director of DPIIT and Dr Rajkumar, Director of IRMrA, graced the occasion with other delegates of rubber fraternity.

Dr Rajkumar welcomed all the members present and the evening started with lamp-lighting. The second session was on India Rubber Expo 2024.

#### **IRE 2024 Delhi Roadshow: Sets the Foundation**



In a bid to build more traction for the upcoming India Rubber Expo 2024, the eighth RoadShow was recently organised in New Delhi on February 2nd 2024. The RoadShow was conducted in Hotel Bel-La Monde, Rangpuri, New Delhi.

The event drew an attendance of about 150 delegates mainly from rubber product manufacturing segment from Delhi NCR and from the surrounding states of Punjab, Haryana & Maharashtra.

The Master of Ceremony Harvinder Chitkara who welcomed all the delegates present at the RoadShow. The evening started with traditional Lighting of Lamp by the AIRIA members on the dias viz Vice President of AIRIA Indra Parekh, Deepak Chaddha, Amardeep Singh, Binny Satija.

The guests present were felicitated during the RoadShow. It included President of AIRIA Shashi Kumar Singh and Chairman & Chief Convenor of IRE 2024 Vishnu BhiMrajka & Past President & MC Member Vikram Makar who connected remotely by video conferencing.



AIRIA Vice President Indra Parekh gave a brief inaugural speech and thanked all the members and sponsors for supporting the IRE Roadshow in Delhi to organize the RoadShow.

The RoadShow was concluded with distribution of mementos to the sponsors of at the RoadShow and IRE 2024 sponsors present were honoured by handing over Bouquets. Soumil Shah, Member of the Western Region Committee gave vote of Thanks.

#### WR-Pune Chapter celebrates 12<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day alongwith IRE Road Show



The All India Rubber Industries Association (AIRIA) Western Region's Pune Chapter recently completed its 12 years of serving to the rubber industry. On the onset of this milestone, AIRIA celebrated the 12<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day of Pune Chapter alongwith the Road Show for the upcoming flagship event, India Rubber Expo 2024 (IRE 2024) at Sayaji Hotel in Pune recently. The event witnessed the presence of Rajesh Mhaske. Chairman of WR-Pune Chapter; Vishnu BhiMrajka, Chairman & Chief Convener, IRE 2024; Ravindra Barde, Chairman, Western Region; Vikram Makar of Oriental Rubber Industries; Vinod Bansal of Jayashree Polymers; DT Keshwani of Auto Steel and Rubber Industries; Prasant Wani of Puja Fluid Seals Pvt Ltd; Vinod Patkotwar of Crown Rubber Products: Nitin Joshi of Avik Polychem; Milind Joshi and Ninad Joshi of KD Joshi Rubber Industries. All the dignitaries were welcomed on the stage which was followed by traditional lamp-lighting ceremony alongwith Saraswati Vandana.

About 200 delegates from the Western Region – AIRIA attended the Foundation Day and IRE 2024 Road Show, making it a grand success. Mr Patkotwar congratulated everyone on the 12<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day and welcomed all the Past Chairmans of Pune Chapter for cake cutting ceremony.

Mr BhiMrajka spoke on the presentation on 11<sup>th</sup> Edition of the India Rubber Expo (IRE) 2024, which is scheduled to take place from March 20-22, 2024. During the event, everyone were invited to reserve their seats as delegates for International Rubber Conference, Domestic Reverse Buyer-Seller Meet and the IRE Workshops.

The Road Show was concluded with distribution of mementos to the Pune Road Show sponsors. Rajesh Mhaske, in his address urged all members to work together towards making IRE 2024 a grand success.





#### IRE 2024 Road Show in Dahisar, Mumbai: Gaining Traction

In bid to generate traction for the most awaited event of rubber industry, India Rubber Expo 2024 (IRE 2024), AIRIA organised its sixth RoadShow at Dahisar in Mumbai on January 24, 2024 at Hotel Royal Hometel Suites. The RoadShow received a footfall of 171 delegates mainly from rubber product manufacturing from Mira - Bhayander, and Palghar District. The IRE 2024 RoadShow received presence of AIRIA President Shashi Kumar Singh, and Dharmesh Dhanani, Editor of Rubber India.

The Road Show kickstarted with lamp-lighting by the members of the Association such as Mr Singh; Ravindra Barde, Chairman-WR; Mr Dhanani; Sachin Trivedi, Committee Member-WR; Pratik Parekh, Vice Chairman-WR; & Mithilesh Jadhav, Vice Chairman-WR. All the members were felicitated with bouquets.

Mr Singh opened the event with his inaugural address welcoming the audience. He was followed by Mr Barde and Mr Trivedi. Mr Barde spoke and congratulated Mr Singh on being elected as the President of AIRIA and highlighted it as the major achievement of AIRIA Western Region. He enlightened the members that AIRIA is working towards training and development of skilled staff for the rubber fraternity.

All the achievements for the betterment of rubber industry were highlighted at the event. He

requested all the non-members from the Rubber industry to come forward and join the association. Mr Trivedi spoke and interacted briefly with the audience and suggested that they should take the advantage of the India Rubber Expo 2024 either as an exhibitor, visitor and can take the advantage of various advertising opportunities

In absence of Chairman & Chief Convenor Vishnu BhiMrajka the presentation was given by Mr Singh and Mr Dhanani along with Raj Shah from the AIRIA Staff. The 11th Edition of the India Rubber Expo (IRE) 2024 is going to take place from 20th to 22nd March, 2024.

Mr Dhanani highlighted, "IRE-2024 is the best platform to introduce rubber products to the clients. Moreover, we can enhance our knowledge base by being part of IRE 2024."

Mr Singh emphasized, "The expo is not only for traders but it's also for rubber products and machine manufactures. We have to create a brand value of rubber part producers. IRE 2024 is the biggest expo in Asia that has sold out more than 85% of its space with lots of thought being given on the comfort of the exhibitor, visitors and participants." Mr Singh also highlighted that the IRE 2024 shall be having International Rubber Conference, IRE Workshop, and Reverse Buyer-Seller Meet.

The RoadShow was concluded with distribution of mementos to the RoadShow and IRE 2024 sponsors. Soumil Shah, Committee Member of WR, in his Vote of Thanks.





## Representation with Government Authorities During The Year: Interaction With MOC / DPIIT / MSME / DGFT/ DGTR And Other Departments In Govt.

#### Report on Activities with the Government officials

Date	Subject	AIRIA Reply
08.05.2024	Pre-Budget Submission	Ms Reema Jain, Joint Director, TFP, Division, DPIIT, New Delhi
19.04.2024	To provide names & contacts of top 25 manufacturing companies -reg	LR Section DPIIT New Delhi
07.03.2024	Import Surge Note (November'23-January'24)- regd	LR Section DPIIT New Delhi
15.02.2024	Virtual meeting on Rubber Gloves Manufactures Association (IRGMA) – regd M N Rubber and Kanam Latex attended the meeting	DPIIT New Delhi
06.02.2024	Surge in import from Thailand and importance of the commodities in supply chain	LR Section DPIIT New Delhi
23.01.2024	Pre budget request for non-tyre items-reg.2024-25	Ms Apeksha Agrawal Jain Deputy Director Office of Economic Advisor, DPIIT,
17.01.2024	India-EU FTA: Mandate for 2nd market access offer in Goods- regd	LR Section DPIIT New Delhi
16.01.2024	Wish list preparation for review of the ASEAN- India Trade in Goods agreement (AITIGA)-regd.	LR Section DPIIT New Delhi
09.01.2024	India-Korea CEPA negotiations-reg.	LR Section DPIIT New Delhi
29.12.2023	Providing material for Annual report of DPIIT 2023-24	LR Section DPIIT New Delhi
13.12.2023	Inverted Duty Structure- reg	LR Section DPIIT New Delhi
12.12.2023	Import Surge Note (August-October 2023)- regd.	LR Section DPIIT New Delhi
12.12.2023	India-Peru FTA: Rules of Origin: PSRs regd	LR Section DPIIT New Delhi
08.12.2023	Rajya Sabha provisionally admitted question Dy. No. U2920 for 15.12.2023 regarding "Contradictions in the prices of Natural Rubber and Tyres" - reg	LR Section DPIIT New Delhi
01.11.2023	Inputs sought on India-EU FTA: Rules of origin: PSRs	LR Section DPIIT New Delhi
26.10.2023	Inputs sought for preparation of India's Offer List for Peru under Trade in Goods Chapter in India- Peru Trade Agreement- regarding	LR Section DPIIT New Delhi
28.09.2023	Tariff line wise inputs sought on Trade Liberalization Mandate- regarding	LR Section DPIIT New Delhi



Fwd: HSN Code Wise Inputs sought on Proposed Product Specific Rules, Import Diversification & Import Surge- regarding	
India's negative list under India-Sri Lanka FTA	LR Section DPIIT New Delhi
Different components used in manufacturing products such as Tyres/any other product	LR Section DPIIT New Delhi
India- EU FTA- regd.	LR Section DPIIT New Delhi
India - EU FTA - regd.	Sushant Kr. Bajaj Economic Officer TFP Division,Office of the Economic Adviser
India- EFTA TEPA Negotiations- regd	ASO, LR Section, DPIIT
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#### Update ISO/TC 45 And BIS PCD 13/29 Meetings

The BIS PCD 13 and PCD 29 meetings are being held online quarterly. ISO/TC45 meeting was held in Bangkok in Oct 2023 and attended by Mr K Srikanth and Mr Chinmay Ray as part of Indian Delegation. National Standards under review and preparation include r-Carbon, Crumb Rubber. Cooker Gasket standard has been released, Indian standard for Hazardous materials/chemicals in raw materials similar to REACH is under preparation. Mr K Srikanth and Mr.Chinmoy Ray - the AIRIA representatives attended all the meetings and participated. The ISO/TC 45 India Delegation for Oct 2024 at Nara, Japan was finalised including the 2 AIRIA representatives. BIS is looking forward to propagate standardization amongst the industry and increase participation. The internal experts on AIRIA groups have contributed well by adding inputs on revision/draft standards whenever called for.

#### **AIRIA - Education Trust**





Diploma Program in Rubber Technology was started in the year 1999 by AIRIA in collaboration with Directorate Technical Education (DTE) & Government Polytechnic, Mumbai. This Diploma program is the only one of its kind in Maharashtra.



It is vibrating symbol of "Institute – Industry Cooperation program "promoting purposeful technical education in the field of Rubber. The program is a good blend of theory and practical including six months actual in plant training in the industry.

#### Admission

The duration of the course is of 3 years, in which the 6<sup>th</sup> semester is In-plant training. The admission to this course last year was 11 students against the intake capacity of 30 students intake capacity of the course is 30 students. Although the quality of students needs improvement for want of good lecturers from the industry, all 100% students are employed by the industry. There is always a scope of improvement in the quality of students passing out. AIRIA is doing its best to put more lecturers in place and provide better training.

## The no. of students admitted in each year right from the inception of this course is given below:

Year	No. of students	Year	No. of students	Year	No. of students
1999	05	2007	25	2015	30
2000	12	2008	19	2016	25
2001	09	2009	11	2017	34
2002	11	2010	14	2018	24
2003	16	2011	22	2019	17
2004	12	2012	21	2020	20
				2021	14
2005	26	2013	25	2022	17
2006	25	2014	25+2	2023	15
				2024	12

#### Lecturers / Faculties

The program is administered by Dr. Nitiket Mahala, Principal GPM and Mr Ravindra Barde and Mr Dharmesh Dhanani manages the overall operations on behalf of AIRIA.

## The following faculties have contributed in bringing this Diploma to the level:

Dr. A. M. Prabhu	Apcotex Solution India Pvt. Ltd.
Dr. Abhijeet Patil	Government Polytechnic Mumbai

Mr. Shashank Shetty	Visiting Lecturer
Mrs. Pawar	Government Polytechnic, Mumbai
Mr. Sunil Srivastav	Arizona Techzeal Vasai
Mr. P. M. Shetye (late)	Course Coordinator / Visiting Lecturer
Mrs. Rashmi Jaiswal	Visiting Lecturer
Mrs. Kiran Janwalkar	Visiting Lecturer
Mr. A. V. Lonkar	Government Polytechnic, Mumbai
Mr. Amol Naikwadi	ICT, Matunga
Mr Sahil Solia	Full time staff –AIRIA
Mr Sahil Ranolia	Full time staff –AIRIA
With many others	

#### Activities conducted during the last ODD Term 2023 – 24 are listed below:

- Third year Students completed their Diploma in Rubber Technology this year 2024 are already employed by various Rubber industries while a few of them have gone for Higher Education.
- Students are provided training in United Rubber industries, IRMrI, Mega Rubber Industries, Zenith Rubber Industries, Rubber Board, Ami Polymers, and Mask Polymers etc.
- Also a long Industrial visit was arranged to Rubber Board Kottayam, Kerala.
- Frequent PBOS and BOS (Board of Studies) meetings were attended by Mr. Ravindra Barde & Mr Dharmesh Dhanani on behalf of AIRIA to discuss matters related to course content and administration issues.

#### **Employment**

Till date this diploma program has produced 550 technicians who are serving the rubber industry in different capacities and fields of production, marketing, and quality control etc.

The Trust also sponsoring of various technical seminar, talks and giving scholarship every year to meritorious students of the KaMraj College of Engineering and MIT, Chennai. Sponsoring students for short term courses at IIT Kharagpur.



#### Practical Insight: GPM Students Visit Nirt

Bridging the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical application, GPM's Diploma course on Rubber Technology takes a significant leap with a visit to NIRT.

Practical expertise gained during professional courses in technical fields becomes truly valuable when students embark on internships or enter the job market. This hands-on experience enhances their skill set, allowing them to grasp complex practical concepts and easily integrate into industry environments. In alignment with this philosophy, Government Polytechnic, Mumbai (GPM), that runs a Diploma course on Rubber Technology under the auspices of AIRIA Education Trust and GPM, recently organized a visit for its students to the National Institute for Rubber Training (NIRT) at Rubber Board, Kottayam. The visit comprised a short-term training program focused on rubber products manufacturing and testing.





#### **Publication / Circular**

#### Rubber India and Ri weekly

"Rubber India", the official oraan of the Association regularly was published as per scheduled date on 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> of every month with steady increase subscriber's in lists and in advertisement revenue. The Journal,



Rubber India Weekly

comprising technical as well as non-technical articles continued to cover important features namely 'News and Notes', 'Association News', 'Member's news in brief', 'Financial News', Statistics, industry report etc. Important topics on growth and development of the Rubber Industry were highlighted through the Editorials of the journal. Some special statistical data were also given in Rubber India from time to time. The members of the Editorial Board of Rubber India with Mr. Dharmesh Dhanani as Editor comprise:

- 1. Mr. Dharmesh Dhanani
- 2. Mr. Shashi Kumar Singh
- 3. Mr. Zafar Ahmed
- 4. Mr. Indra Parekh
- 5. Mr. Ravindra Barde
- 6. Mr. Rakesh Dugar
- 7. Mr. Ankit Jain
- 8. Mr. Mukesh Kakkar
- 9. Mr. Rajesh Mhaske
- 10. Mr. Hemant Tibrewala
- 11. Mr. D. J. Bharucha
- 12. Mr. Milind Joshi
- 13. Mr. Partha Sarkar
- 14. Mr. R Karthik
- 15. Mr. Rajendra Bhamare-SG



#### Important Circulars

Information on Central Excise, Import Duties, Notifications, Union Budget and Trade/public notices and industry news was disseminated to the members during the year from time to time, either through mail / circulars or through Rubber India and Ri-weekly. Ri-weekly sent on every Wednesday.

#### **RCPSDC Annual Report Snapshot FY 23-24**

#### **Capacity Building Initiatives for FY 23-24**

RCPSDC's activities during the financial year 2023-24, focused on capacity building through the signing of Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs). RCPSDC's primary objective for FY 2023-24 was to enhance its capabilities through strategic partnerships.

A total of **20 MoUs** were signed by the end of March 2024. The MoUs were categorized into three main areas:

**Centre of Excellence (CoE):** 3 MoUs were signed with Ganpat University, Gujarat, APSSDC, Andhra Pradesh, and Indian Plastic Federation, West Bengal.

**State Skill Development Mission (SSDM):** 14 MoUs were signed with various organizations, including SC/ST Dept. West Bengal, CED, BSDM, PSDM, HPKVN STT, APSSDC STT, APSSDC SoW, TNSDC SOW, TRIPURA Mission, MSME Tool Room Vizag, HPKVN SOW, MSSDS SP, MSSDS PMKUVA, and Mahatma Jyotiba Dept.

Academia/Institutes/Associations: 3 MoUs were signed with SKS Welfare & Rubber Research Education, Lucknow UP, Commissariate of Education Andhra Pradesh, and Common Facility Centre, Manjeri.

In total over **11000+ candidates** were certified by RCPSDC under several government schemes, while **500+ Trainers** and **25 Assessors** were inducted in FY 23-24

#### **Potential Implications:**

- **Expanded Reach:** RCPSDC has successfully expanded its network and reach across different states in India.
- Skill Development Emphasis: The collaboration with SSDMs will intensify the focus on skill development and training programs.
- Industry Partnerships: Partnerships with industry bodies like the Indian Plastics Federation shall lead to increased business opportunities and knowledge sharing.
- Resource Sharing: Collaborating with academic institutions and research organizations will facilitate access to expertise and resources.

#### Training Partner, Lols, Trainers & Assessors and NAPS details FY 23-24

In FY 23 24 Total Subscribed Partner count is 78

In FY 23 24 Total Trainer: **433** , Total Master Trainer: **15** & Total Assessor: **145** 

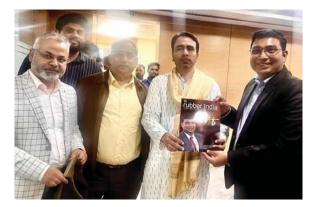
RCPSDC is focusing on connecting with the Industry for their workforce requirement: In FY 23 24 total Lol's Count **160**+ resulting into total of **55K**+ expressed demand & In FY 24 25 we plan to upgrade quality of Lol's resulting into **75 K**+ candidates for high end job roles

FY 23-24 Achieved (Demand aggregated from LOI's)							
Quarter	Number of Industries			LOI Industries			
Q1	27			24,444			
Q2	38			18,309			
Q3	66		7,006				
Q4	30		5,303				
Total	161		55,062				
AND	2023-24	Q1	Q2		Q3	Q4	
ally.	Employers Registered (273)	91	66		62	54	
Per the job skilling	Candidates Enrolled (13,019)	1,927	4,526		3,573	2,993	

#### **Achieved Target Details**

		FY 23-24
Revenue		12 Cr
Course	-	129
— Trainers		433
Assessors		145
MoUs/Agreement		20
Lois		161
Partners		78

#### AIRIA President Shashi Kumar Singh Meets Minister Jayant Choudhary to Discuss On Skilling



Shashi Kumar Singh, President, AIRIA and Chairman, RCPSDC, along with Saif Mohammad, CEO, RCPSDC met honourable Jayant Choudhary, Minister of State (I/C) for the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) & Minister of State for the Ministry of Education, at Kaushal Bhawan in New Delhi recently. Mr. Singh was attending a pivotal event in New Delhi at which focused on the revamped Model Skill Loan Scheme.

Both Mr. Singh and the Minister were insightful and encouraging and highlighted the government's unwavering commitment to advancing skill development across India. The minister shared his vision of the government and industry to make skill development a cornerstone of India's growth story. Mr. Singh reiterated the importance of collaboration between industry, government, and educational institutions to foster a culture of continuous learning and upskilling. He expressed his gratitude to the MSDE for its proactive approach in supporting skilling initiatives and underscored the need for ongoing dialogue to address.

Revamped Model Skill Loan Scheme The event marked the introduction of the government's revised Model Skill Loan Scheme, which has been significantly enhanced to improve accessibility to skill development courses. This revamped Scheme, which was first launched in 2015 but saw limited success, now offers a substantially increased maximum loan, rising from Rs 1.5 lakh to Rs 7.5 lakh. The initial version of the scheme struggled with low uptake, primarily due to insufficient loan limits that did not cover the high fees associated with many skill development courses.

Minister Choudhary emphasized the importance of the Model Skill Loan in bridging the gap between education and employability. He expressed confidence that the scheme would play a crucial role in equipping India's youth with the necessary skills to thrive in the evolving job market.

#### Membership Position as on 2<sup>nd</sup> Sep., 2024

Particular	West	South	North	East	Total
Ordinary Class	322	241	169	123	855
Associate Class	142	50	83	55	330
Technical Class	15	8	9	2	34
Patron & Foreign Class	1	2	0	0	3
Association Class	2	1	0	0	3
Total	482	302	261	180	1225

### **Managing Committee / EC Meetings**

#### **Managing Committee Meetings**

During the period December 2023 to August 2024, the Managing Committee held a total of 4 meetings and deliberated on various issue, major one being highlighted in this report. Attendance of elected/co-opted members for all the 4 meetings is as under:



# Purchase of Bigger New Office Premises for the Head Office at Andheri



As approved by the Managing Committee, the new and bigger office premises of around 5268 sqft. purchased helps to accommodate all association's activities. The new office is located near Andheri Station, convenient to all members and has close proximity to the domestic and international airports. The new updated address is as follows: 301 A, A-Wing, Kaledonia, Sahar Road, Vijay Nagar, Opp D-Mart, Andheri (East), Mumbai 400069, Maharashtra, India. A committee consisting of Shashi Kunar Singh, Vikram Makar, Vishnu Bhimrajka, Late Rajendra Shah, Sunil More, Ravindra Barde, Ramesh Kejriwal and Rajendra Bhamare have taken efforts to complete the deal while M/s Purnanand & Co., a law firm was appointed to look after legal formalities. The official handover of the premises was taken in

the presence of Shashi Kunar Singh, Bharat Relan and other members by conducting a small puja which was performed by Bharat Relan. Today, the association's Head Office is operating from its new office premises as the registered office.









# Managing Committee 2023-24

Sr.	Name	23.12.2023	21.02.2024	27.05.2024	02.09.2024	Total
No.		Mumbai	Mumbai	Mumbai	Zoom	
1	Mr. Shashi Kumar Singh	1	1	1	1	4
2	Mr. Zafar Ahmed	1	-	-	1	2
3	Mr. Indra Parekh	1	-	1	1	3
4	Mr. Vishnu BhiMrajka	1	1	1	1	4
5	Mr. Vinod Bansal	1	-	-	-	1
6	Mr. Dharmesh Dhanani	1	1	1	1	4
7	Mr.Milind Joshi	1	-	1	1	3
8	Mr. Vikram Makar	1	1	1	1	4
9	Mr. Vinod Patkotwar	-	-	-	1	1
10	Mr. Soumil Shah	1	1	1	1	4
11	Mr. Mahesh Velu	1	-	-	1	2
12	Mr. Anay Gupta	1	1	1	1	4
13	Mr. Surinder Paul Gupta	1	-	1	1	3
14	Mr. Vipan Mehta	1	-	-	1	2
15	Mr. Sanjeev Sikka	1	-	1	1	3
16	Mr. Nipun Jain	1	-	-	1	2
17	Mr. Rakesh Kumar Dugar	1	1	1	1	4
18	Mr. Kamlesh Jain	1	-	1	1	3
19	Mr. Ramesh Kejriwal	1	-	-	1	2
20	Mr. Partha Sarkar	-	-	-	1	1
21	Mr. K K Chowdhury	-	-	-	-	-
22	Mr. Manmeet Chadha	1	-	-	-	1
23	Mr. N. Rajagopal	1	-	-	1	2
24	Mr. K. Srikanth	-	-	-	1	1
25	Mr. K Ganesh	1	1	-	1	3
26	Mr. Chandramouli Suresh	1	-	-	1	2
27	Mr. R Karthik	-	-	-	-	-
28	Mr. Joseph Bennet Soris	-	-	-	-	-
29	Mr. Siddharth BhiMrajka	1	-	-	1	2
30	Mr. Sunil More	1	-	1	1	3
31	Mr. Bharat Relan	1	1	1	1	4
32	(Late) Mr. Rajendra Shah	1	-	-	-	1
33	Mr. Ravindra Barde	-	-	1	1	2
34	Mr. Ankit Jain	-	-	-	1	1
35	Mr. Mukesh Kakkar	-	-	1	1	2
36	Mr. Prasant Wani	-	-	1	1	2
37	Mr. Rajesh Sampat	-	-	-	1	1
38	Mr. Harvinder Singh Chitkara	-	-	-	1	1
39	Mr. Arjun Bahri Dhawan	-	-	-	1	1



40	Mr. Jaydev Chatterjee	-	-	-	-	-
41	Mr. K.D. Shah	-	-	-	-	-
42	(Late) Mr. S.A. Shah	-	-	-	-	-
43	Mr. K.J. Janakar	-	-	-	-	-
44	Mr. R.V. Gandhi	-	-	-	-	-
45	Dr. R.K. Matthan	-	-	-	1	1
46	Mr. D.T. Keswani	-	-	-	-	-
47	Mr. Niraj Thakkar	-	-	-	-	-
48	Mr. Mohinder Gupta	-	-	1	-	1
49	Mr. Kamal Chowdhury	-	-	-	-	-
50	Dr. Sawar Dhanania	-	-	-	-	-

#### **Members of the Executive Committee**

Mr. Shashi Kumar Singh	President
Mr. Zafar Ahmed	Sr.Vice-President
Mr. Inder Parekh	Vice President
Mr. Ravindra Barde	Chairman-WRC
Mr. Rakesh Dugar	Chairman-ERC
Mr. Mukesh Kakkar	Chairman-NRC
Mr. Ankit Jain	Chairman-SRC

## AIRIA's Representation on Various Bodies

#### **Indian Rubber Materials Research Institute**

Mr. Vishnu BhiMrajka and Ramesh Kejriwal are Mr. representing on the governing council of the IRMRI, Mumbai



#### **Governing Council of RCPSDC**

Mr. Vinod Patkotwar, Mr. Shashi Kumar Singh and Mr. Hemant Baheti are on Governing Council of RCPSDC from the Association.



#### **BIS:**

Mr. K Srikant and Mr. Chinmoy Ray is representing on BIS from the Association.



#### AIRIA is Affiliated with Various National and International Association

Automotive Component Association of India (ACMA), Federation of

Manufacturers

Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI), The Associate Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM), CII, MCCAI Pune, PHD Chamber of Commerce & Industry and IMC.

## **Activity Report of the Regions** and Chapters For 2023-24

## **Eastern Region: Activity Report**

#### **Eastern Regional Committee**

The Eastern Regional Committee (ERC) for 2023-24 consisted of 71 members, out of which there were 12 elected members, two Former President, one Hony. Member, 14 co-opted members, 1 co-opted member from the eastern region in the Managing Committee (MC), and 46 special invitees. The elected members including the office bearers of ERC for 2023-24 are listed below:





#### Elected members of the Managing Committee

SI. No.	Name of the Members	Position
1.	Mr. Rakesh Dugar	Chairman, AIRIA (ER)
2.	Mr. Ramesh Kejriwal	President, AIRIA
3.	Mr. Kamlesh Jain	Member, MC, AIRIA
4.	Mr. Zafar Ahmed	Member, MC, AIRIA
5.	Mr. Partha P. Sarkar	Member, MC, AIRIA
6.	Mr. Kamal K. Chowdhury	Member, MC, AIRIA

# Elected members of the Eastern Regional Committee

SI. No.	Name of the Members	Position
1.	Mr. Arnob Guha	Vice-Chairman, AIRIA (ER)
2.	Mr. Vishal Bagaria	Vice-Chairman, AIRIA (ER)
3.	Mr. Soumitra Ganguli	Vice-Chairman, AIRIA (ER)
4.	Mr. Wasimur Rahman Mallick	Member, ERC, AIRIA
5.	Mr. Arjun Bahri Dhawan	Member, ERC, AIRIA
6.	Mr. Shanti Ranjan Paul	Member, ERC, AIRIA

#### Membership

During 2023-24, 9 new members (3 Ordinary Class and 6 Associate Class) were enrolled from the Eastern Region in the AIRIA membership roll. Out of the identified firms approaching new membership, some regretfully expressed their unwillingness on the pretext of declining business trends including the close-up of the factory and some are in the pipeline. Total membership collection for the year was Rs. 14,25,000/-. The total outstanding membership subscription for the year 2023-24 still amounts to Rs.1,05,000/- from 16 members (9 from Ordinary, 5 from Associate Class and 2 from Technical Class).

### Seminars, MSME Summit, Rubber Sports League, NRC, 2023 etc.

In pursuance of our catalytic role – a key operational principle of the Association as a business facilitator, AIRIA (ER) organized certain programmes during the year for the benefit of the members.

# Seminar on GST titled "New Year, New Compliances"



AIRIA (ER) organized a Seminar on GST titled "New Year, New Compliances" on Friday, the 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2023 at Hotel Hindusthan International, Kolkata. The eminent Speaker of the Seminar was CA Abhishek Agarwal, a practising Chartered Accountant who holds the accolades of LLB, Diploma in IS Audit & is a Certified Forensic Auditor, and Certified Concurrent Auditor, & is Specialized exclusively in the area of GST. He was a Special Invitee to the National GST & Indirect Tax Committee of ICAI for three consecutive years i.e. 2019-20, 2020-21 & 2021-22.

In his speech, CA Abhishek Agarwal started with an elaboration on the cost of non-compliance before delivering into the Interception of vehicles. He referred to some cases filed in different courts on the grounds of the above consequences with their judgments. He enlightened about Rule



99 of Section 61 (Security of Returns). He also enlightened about the Powers & Limitations. He described the threshold limit for the Intra-State Movement of Goods and the procedure for the inspection of goods at the moment. He also elaborated on the exercises of Audit. At the end of his presentation, he also referred to some more court cases along with their judgment.

At the conclusion, there was a 15-minute question-answer session and the participants were happy to get their answers/suggestions from CA Abhishek Agarwal against their query.

### **MSME Summit**



MSME Summit was organized jointly by MSME & Startups Forum Bharat, All India Rubber Industries Association (ER) and MSME Development Forum on 10th June, 2023 at the Park Hotel, Kolkata. The Summit turned out to be a grand success with an overwhelming response of more than 80 participants.

The Summit was honoured by Mr. C.V. Ananda Bose, Hon'ble Governor of West Bengal as Chief Guest and the Guest of Honour Prof. Dr. Sawar Dhanania, Chairman, Rubber Board, MOC&I, Govt. of India.

Mr. Mitesh Khandelwal, Vice-President National, MSME & Startups Forum – Bharat welcomed all to the MSME Summit.

Mr. Kamlesh Jain, President, MSME & Startups Forum Bharat – West Bengal expressed his gratitude to the Hon'ble Governor of West Bengal for his esteemed presence and Prof. Dr. Sawar Dhanania, Chairman, Rubber Board. Mr. Rakesh Kumar Dugar, Chairman of AIRIA (ER) briefed the functions and responsibilities of All India Rubber Industries Association. A small presentation on AIRIA was shown in the house.

Ms. Mamta Binani, President, MSME Development Forum, Kolkata highlighted that the Forum is doing work for the development of MSME sectors thereby developing the nation.

The Hon'ble Governor expressed his views in the speech that there was a time when Kerala was prosperous for rubber growers because the rubber price was high. He emphasized the need for technological advancement in rubber cultivation as well as manufacturing. In his speech, Prof. Dr. Sawar Dhanania, Chairman of Rubber Board mentioned that this Summit focused on three areas i.e. Environment and Social Governance(ESG), the Rubber Industry and MSME Startups.

Mr. Dilip Kumar Gayen, an Expert on ESG, shared his knowledge with the participants of the summit. Mr. Vishnu Gupta, Vice-President, MSME & Startups Forum Bharat – West Bengal expressed his sincere gratitude and thanks to the Co-organizers, Sponsors, Speakers and participants for their whole-hearted support and cooperation to make the Summit a grand success.

## Workshop on BIS Norms





A Workshop on BIS Norms for the Footwear Sector & Parts of Footwear was organized by AIRIA – Eastern Region at 6-00 pm on 19th July, 2023 at Coronation Hall of Hotel Astor, Kolkata under Education Trust of AIRIA. The seminar was participated by 50 participants and the seminar was well appreciated. The region had organized the workshop considering the Quality Control Order for Footwear issued by the DPIIT, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Govt. of India.

The Workshop was chaired by Prof. Dr. Sawar Dhanania – Chairman of the Rubber Board as the Chief Guest and the eminent speakers were Dr. K. Rajkumar, Chairman of BIS: PCD 29: Methods of Sampling and Test for Rubber & Rubber Products Selection Committee & Director of IRMrA, Mr. A.K. Purohit, Senior Director & Head, Kolkata Branch-2, BIS Kolkata, Mr. Subhadip Basu, Senior Director & Head, BIS Laboratories - BIS Kolkata along with BIS team. All the eminent speakers on the Dais were felicitated by Flower Bouquets.

The President of AIRIA, Mr. Ramesh Kejriwal delivered his inaugural address and informed the house that the participants would be enriched with their knowledge on the merit of quality of the products.

### **Rubber Sports League 2023**



In the pursuit of daily preoccupations and amidst the hustle and bustle of our daily lives, All India Rubber Industries Association (Eastern Region) organized the one-day Indoor knockout cricket tournament on 16<sup>th</sup> July, 2023 at 10:00 am at Space Circle Club, VIP Road, Raghunathpur, P.O. Airport, Kolkata. More than 80 members participated in RSL – 2023.

Mr. Rakesh Kumar Dugar, Chairman, AIRIA(ER) welcomed all at RSL – 2023 and mentioned that the RSL is now becoming a tradition that started ever since a few years back. Further, he acknowledged the cooperation and patronage of Kit Partner, Food Partner & Trophy Partner and also the supporters.

Mr. Aditya Poddar, Convener, RSL 2023 imparted all the players and participants about the rules of the game. He conveyed his vote of thanks to all and especially to the sponsors that are Holdwell Components Pvt. Ltd. as Kit Partner, Century Industrial Products Pvt. Ltd. as Food Partner, SRM Exoflex Pvt. Ltd. as Trophy Partner and supporters, Hind Elastomers Pvt. Ltd., J.G. Chemicals Ltd., Vinay Trading Company, Dev Enterprises and Usha Commercial Corporation for making possible and without their support the event would not have been successful.

In the tournament 8 (eight) teams participated and they were Vulcan Dynamos, Silicon Blasters, Insulator Patriots, Elastomer Royals, Rubber Lions, Latex Tigers, Polymer Titans and Carbon Superkings.

In the prize distribution ceremony, all the players were presented with a memento. The best players of each game were felicitated with trophies of Player of the Match. The following trophies were also awarded to the different sections of the tournament:

Player of the Series :	Mr. Pritam Modak of M/s Finorchem Limited
Best Fielder:	Mr. Vivek Baheti of M/s Century Industrial Products
Best Bowler :	Mr. Md. Nadim of M/s Sabs Polymers Pvt. Ltd
Best Batsman :	Mr. Anup Karfa of M/s Finorchem Limited.

For the first ever, the tournament was maintained through the digitized real-time score system by the Cricheros App for all the matches.



### IRE 2024 Roadshow at Kolkata



All India Rubber Industries Association – organized the Roadshow of the 11<sup>th</sup> Edition of IRE 2024 at Kolkata at 6-00 PM on 1st September, 2023 at The Lalit Hotel, Kolkata.

A total of around 150 people participated in the Roadshow and were applauded by the participants for organizing this type of Roadshow for the promotion of Indian Rubber Expo 2024 which is scheduled in Mumbai at the Bombay Exhibition Centre (Nesco), from 20<sup>th</sup> March to 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024.

The Roadshow was honoured by the Chief Guest, Mr. Zha Liyou, and Consul General of the People's Republic of China in Kolkata. The show enlightened with the presence of members of the rubber fraternity based in the Eastern Region and admirably concluded the huge endeavour.

Under the leadership of the President, Mr. Ramesh Kejriwal, the proceedings of the sessions were started. All the participants were warmly welcomed at the Roadshow of IRE 2024. The show started with the National Anthem and was inaugurated by traditional Lamp Lighting by the Chief Guest, Mr. Zha Liyou, Consul General of the Peoples Republic of China, Mr. Ramesh Kejriwal, President, AIRIA, Mr. Shashi Singh, Sr. Vice President, AIRIA, Mr. Indra Pareekh, Chairman-Northern Region, AIRIA, Mr. Zafar Ahmed, and Managing Committee Member.

To end the Inaugural Session, Mr. Rakesh Kumar Dugar, Eastern Region Chairman, AIRIA delivered the Vote of Thanks.

# Purchase of New Office Premises and its Inauguration

A new office premises for AIRIA Eastern Region was purchased measuring a carpet area of 1401 sq.ft. Corresponding built-up area of 1498 sq.ft. and terrace/balcony measuring a carpet area of 129 sq.ft. Corresponding built-up area of 152



sq.ft. open to the sky on 3<sup>rd</sup> floor in Phase 1 along with the right to park two cars in a covered parking area measuring 135 sq.ft. each at Unit 305, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor of 'South City Business Park, 770, Anandapur, E.M. Byepass, Kolkata – 700 107.

In a gala event marking the completion of 77 years of service rendered to the Rubber Industry in the Eastern Region, AIRIA (ER) opened the doors to its new office at South City Business Park on 2nd September 2023, under the able leadership of Mr. Ramesh Kejriwal, President, AIRIA and Mr. Rakesh Kumar Dugar, Chairman, AIRIA (ER). The event was graced by around 100 members, past and present, and their business associates alike.

Prof. Dr. Sawar Dhanania (Chairman, Rubber Board & Past President of AIRIA) and Mr. Zafar Ahmed (Member, Managing Committee) cut the ceremonial ribbon to mark the opening of the new office. President, Mr. Ramesh Kejriwal, along with Mr. Shashi Singh, Sr. Vice President, AIRIA cut the ceremonial ribbon to inaugurate the Conference Room to a thunderous round of applause from those present.

Mr. Dugar, Chairman (ER), thereafter, expressed his gratitude to all members present in the session for their support, especially thanking the President of AIRIA for his invaluable inputs in materializing this venture. Finally, the function ended with a vote of thanks to the members present.

## National Rubber Conference 2023









With the resounding success of previous editions of the National Rubber Conference (NRC), AIRIA (ER) returned to the 10th edition of NRC on 3rd & 4th November 2023 at Hotel Hyatt Regency. The Theme of this year is "Innovation, Digitization & Business Intelligence". It was an enlightening discussion on the theme and an extensive opportunity to network with an august cohort of more than 250 members of the rubber fraternity of the country over the duration of a two-day event.

The Conference was graced by the Chief Guest, Prof. Dr. Sawar Dhanania, Chairman, Rubber Board with the Guests of Honour Mr. Kevin Goh, Deputy Consul General, Australian Consulate General Kolkata and Mr. Sanjeev Nandwani, Chairperson & Vice President, East India Chapter, Indo-Australian Chamber of Commerce.

Under the leadership of the Convener, Mr. Kamlesh Jain, the Co-Conveners - Mr. Vishal Bagaria, Mr. Zafar Ahmed, Mr. Mahesh Kejriwal and Mr. Aditya Poddar, Co-Convener of Event Management & Hospitality with the entire team, the Conference turned out to be a grand success. The conference had an overwhelming response and more than 250 people participated in the conference which had eight concurrent sessions followed by the Footwear Fashion Show with the support of FDDI.

The Conference enlightened with the presence of an impressive lineup of Academicians and scholars from different Institutes like IIT Kharagpur, University of Calcutta, IIM Calcutta, and Tripura University along with Eminent Speakers from Research Organizations, Industry with an array of well-presented papers on the subject, all came together to admirably conclude the huge endeavour.

After the 'National Anthem', the event was inaugurated with the traditional Lamp Lighting by the Chief Guest and Guests of Honour accompanied by Mr. Ramesh Kejriwal, President, AIRIA, Mr. Shashi Singh, Sr. Vice President, AIRIA, Mr. Kamlesh Jain, Convener-NRC 2023 Kolkata and Mr. Rakesh Kumar Dugar, Chairman, AIRIA(ER).

Mr. Rakesh Kumar Dugar, Chairman, AIRIA (ER) warmly welcomed all the dignitaries on and off the Dais along with other delegates in attendance. He expressed his gratitude to all the sponsors who contributed to the event in order to make it a success.

In his inaugural address, Mr. Ramesh Kejriwal, President, AIRIA referred to the quotes of Swami Vivekananda and mentioned that these quotes would motivate us to achieve our target. Regarding the conference theme, he mentioned that technological breakthroughs have led to numerous accomplishments in every field from the past to the present.

Prof. Dr. Sawar Dhanania, Chairman, Rubber Board, the Chief Guest of the Conference was felicitated with a flower bouquet by Mr. Partha Pratim Sarkar, Member-Managing Committee, AIRIA and Mr. Hemant Baheti, Member, AIRIA felicitated Mr. Dhanania with a token of Silver Memento.



Mr. Kevin Goh, Deputy Consul General, Australian Consulate General Kolkata and Mr. Sanjeev Nandwani, Chairperson & Vice President, East India Chapter, Indo-Australian Chamber of Commerce were the Guests of Honour and felicitated with a Flower Bouquet and a token of Silver Memento.

Thereafter the Souvenir of NRC 2023 was published by the Chief Guest and other dignitaries on the Dais. To express gratitude by felicitating the Octogenarian from the East, the name of Mr. Sagar Mal Mal of M/s. Mahesh Traders, Kolkata was felicitated for his long and valuable service rendered to the Rubber Fraternity.

The Conference was covered by 23 different paper presentations over two days of the event. Also, there was a session for Poster Presentation by the Ph.D. Scholars of IIT, Kharagpur, University of Calcutta and Tripura University.

At the end, the Footwear Fashion Show for the second time was organized on the 2nd day of NRC 2023 Kolkata i.e. on 4th November, 2023. Mr. Rehmat B. Dhanania was invited as Chief Guest at the Footwear Fashion Show.

The conference ended with a cultural activity staged with different dance programmes of India's different provinces/cultures. The Conference concluded with a wish to treasure warm hand-holding from the Rubber Fraternity for a more spectacular event in the coming days and other future endeavors.

### Workshop on BIS Specification for IS 10702:2023 & IS 15844:2023 Part1 & Part2

Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), the National Standards Body has been holding regular meetings on new Indian Standards, amendments to existing Indian Standards, Wide circulation Drafts of standards yet to be published, and dissemination of information in Quality Control Orders under the name of "MANAK MANTHAN".

In line with the above, a workshop of "MANAK MANTHAN" programme was organized by All India Rubber Industries Association (Eastern Region) & AIRIA Education Trust in collaboration with Kolkata Branch Office-I, Bureau of Indian Standards, Kolkata on IS 10702: 2023- Hawai Chappal, IS 15844 (PART 1): 2023- Sports Footwear Part 1 General Purpose, IS 15844 (PART 2): 2023- Sports Footwear Part 2 Performance Sports Footwear at Barsana Boutique Hotel, 84/3, Topsia Road, Topsia, Kolkata, West Bengal 700046 on 25th January 2024, 1400 hrs onwards. The workshop was organized for the benefit and encourage the constituent members to obtain the BIS certificate for the products.

The eminent Speakers of the workshop were Mr. Dushyant Prajapati Sc-D, Head, Kolkata Branch Office-I, BIS, Ms. Ishita Dalal Sc-D, Joint Director, Kolkata Branch Office-I, BIS and Ms. Saptadipa Dey, Graduate Engineer, Kolkata Branch Office-I, BIS. The Speakers were felicitated with a flower bouquet.

The programme was attended by more than 60 stakeholders from the footwear manufacturers, predominantly Hawai Chappals, Sports Shoes, Rubber sheets, Rubber Powder, and PVC soles and the event commenced with the rendering of Manak Geet.

The workshop started with the Welcome Address delivered by Mr. Rakesh Kumar Dugar, Chairman – AIRIA (ER) where he welcomed the Speakers and distinguished participants in the programme. He mentioned that last year also AIRIA(ER) organized an awareness seminar on Quality Control Orders for the footwear sector on 19th July, 2023. The programme was finally concluded with a vote of thanks by Mr. Uttam Ghosh, Regional Secretary, Eastern Region.





# NORTHERN REGION: Activity Report 2023-24

# **Regional Committee**

Chairman	Mr. Mukesh Kakkar	MrV Engineers Pvt. Ltd.
	Mr. Nipun Jain	Kohinoor India Pvt. Ltd.
Vice Chairmen	Mr. Saurabh Malhotra	Autoflex Private Limited
	Dr. (Mrs.) Shobha Dhawan	Deusch Motocomp Pvt. Ltd.
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	Mr. Surinder Paul Gupta	Alaska Rubber Pvt. Ltd.
	Mr. Vipan Mehta	M. B. Rubber Pvt. Ltd.
Elected Members	Mr. Sanjeev Sikka	Majestic Rubber Industries
Managing Committee	Mr. Anay Gupta	Vinko Auto Industries Ltd.
	Mr. Nipun Jain	Kohinoor India Pvt. Ltd.
	Mr. Indra Parekh	SRI Gotec India Pvt. Ltd.
Co-opted Member	Mr. H S Chitkara	Diamond Chemicals
Managing Committee		Diamona chemicais
	Mr. Mukesh Kakkar	MrV Engineers Pvt. Ltd.
	Mr. Navneet Gupta	Rocks International
Elected Members Regional	Mr. Saurabh Malhotra	Autoflex Private Limited
Committee	Mr. S K Jain	Supreme International
	Mr. Subhash Jain	Pentagon Rubber Pvt. Ltd.
	Dr. (Mrs.) Shobha Dhawan	Deusch Motocomp Pvt. Ltd.
	Mr. J S Rangar	Stork Rubber Products Pvt. Ltd.
	Mr. Rajinder Thakur	ARB Conveyors
	Mr. Ravi Gupta	Alaska Multi Polymers Pvt. Ltd.
	Mr. Vineet Gupta	Alaska Rubber Pvt. Ltd.
Co-opted Members	Mr. Saurabh Bairathi	Bairathi Shoe Co. Pvt. Ltd.
(Ordinary Class)	Mr. Kaushal Anand	Dharamshila Belting Pvt. Ltd.
	Mr. Varun Agarwal	Bharat Enterprises
	Mr. Aneel Kakker	Trident Valves Pvt. Ltd.
	Mr. Harpreet Singh	Shalimar Rubber & Plastic Industries
	Mr. Davinder Jain	Pulkit Polymers
	Mr. Ashuani Saria	Exircle al Bolychem LLD
0	Mr. Ashwani Sarin	Fairdeal Polychem LLP
Co-opted Members	Mr. Anil Arora	JHM Impex & Consultants
(Associate Class)	Mr. H K Pahwa	P. E. International
	Mr. Naveen Garg	Sehastra Business Solutions Pvt Ltd



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Regional Committee Meetings held during the period

### **Northern Region Activities**

#### Rubber Sports League organized on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at Shri Guru Gobind Singh College of Commerce Cricket Ground, New Delhi

All India Rubber Industries Association- Northern Region organized the Rubber Sports League on the 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2024 at the lush green outfield of Sri Guru Gobind Singh College of Commerce Cricket ground, New Delhi. The Members of the Association with their family and guests participated in the Sports Meet.

The highlights of event included inauguration of the Sports Day by Chief Guest Dr. R. K. Bharti, Joint Director / HOO, MSME and Guest of Honour Shri Pradeep Agrawal, CEO, Argus Polymers Pvt. Ltd. On this occasion, Chief Convener of Sports Meet Shri Vipan Mehta and Convener Shri Sanjeev Sikka along with Chairman-NR Shri Mukesh Kakkar were also present.

The four participating teams in the league were ISRPL, M B Rubber Pvt. Ltd, Alaska and AIRIA.

It was a pleasant morning with a welcoming weather. Team M B Rubber and Alaska started the first match followed by match between the other two opponents AIRIA and ISRPL. The teams which reached the finals were M B Rubber and ISRPL. While M B Rubber was declared the Winner of the match, ISRPL took the Runners Up trophy. Shri Sanskar Lefti (Golu) of M B Rubber was awarded with the Best Batsman trophy and Best Bowler trophy went to Shri Shivam Singhal of M B Rubber. Trophy to the winning team and Runner up team was presented by the Chief Guest Shri Avtar Singh Shahi, Deputy Inspector General, Border Security Force and Guest of Honour Shri Pradeep Agrawal, CEO, Argus Polymers Pvt. Ltd. jointly.

Distribution of cups to the Winner & Runner up team members were made by the respected Chief Guest & Guest of Honour. The members who sponsored the sports meet were also honoured with mementos.

Other present respected members and their family members were honoured with shawls and flower pots.

Shri Mukesh Kakkar, Chairman, AIRIA-NR expressed his gratitude to all the present members and participants of the match for the success of this event. He also thanked the Chief Guests and Guest of Honor for their valuable time.

The family members had their share of fun by participating in indoor games on the sidelines of the Cricket matches. The Event ended with Cake cutting by the Chief Guest & Guest of Honour and a brief thanks speech from Shri Ashwani Sarin appreciating the sportsmanship displayed by each and everyone.







#### Technical Seminar on "Compounding Technology" organized on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2024 at Hotel Home In, Murthal, Sonipat, Haryana

A Technical Seminar on "COMPOUNDING TECHNOLOGY" was organized by All India Rubber Industries Association, Northern Region (AIRIA-NR) at Hotel Home In, Murthal, Sonipat, Haryana on 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2024.

All guests were welcomed by Shri Saurabh Malhotra, Vice-Chairman, NR and Shri Anil Arora, Convener. They informed all the participants about AIRIA activities and requested nonmembers to become members of AIRIA to avail benefits of different activities carried out by AIRIA. They further conveyed that our AIRIA-Northern Region will tried to organise one event every month and requested them to attend the same in numbers.

There was overwhelming response to the Technical Seminar and more than 90 participants attended the same. The presentation was made by the eminent speaker Dr. Samar Bandyopadhyay, having rich experience of more than 30 years in the field of Polymer Technology.

Dr. Samar Bandyopadhyay covered in detail the Compounding of Natural Rubber, IR, SBR, BR, Butyl Rubber, NBR, EPDM, Neoprene Rubber & FKM..

The Seminar was Sponsored by Golden Rolls Pvt. Ltd. & Rajshila Synthetics Pvt. Ltd. and Co-Sponsored by Cemcon Casting Pvt. Ltd, Thakkar Das & Company, Latex Reclaimers, Arihant Reclamation Pvt. Ltd., Shri Krishan Rubber Chemicals and Micro Vision Enterprises. Shri Varun Agarwal, our Committee Member was the anchor for this seminar. The Speaker Dr. Samar Bandyopadhyay and all the sponsors and co-sponsors of this event were honored with mementos. The Event ended with a vote of thanks by Shri Navneet Gupta, Regional Committee Member (NR).



#### Technical Seminar on "Compounding Technology" organized on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at Hotel Fortune Avenue, Jalandhar, Punjab

A Technical Seminar on "**COMPOUNDING TECHNOLOGY**" was organized by All India Rubber Industries Association, Northern Region (AIRIA-NR) at Hotel Fortune Avenue, Jalandhar, Punjab on 28<sup>th</sup> May, 2024.

The seminar commenced with a warm welcome from Shri Anshul Sarin, who introduced the dignitaries: Shri Ashwani Sarin, Convener; Shri Vipan Mehta, Former Vice-President AIRIA & Managing Committee Member; Dr. Samar Bandyopadhyay, Speaker; and Shri Nipun Jain, Vice-Chairman AIRIA-NR. They were accompanied by the Chief Guest, Shri Avtar Singh Junior, MLA Jalandhar, to the dais. All guests on stage were presented with flower bouquets.

Shri Nipun Jain, Vice-Chairman of AIRIA-NR, delivered the welcome speech, followed by addresses from Shri Vipan Mehta and Shri Ashwani Sarin.

Shri Anshu Chabra, an Associate Member of AIRIA-NR, delivered the vote of thanks.

The seminar saw an overwhelming response with over 90 participants. The keynote presentation



was delivered by Dr. Samar Bandyopadhyay, who has over 30 years of experience in Polymer Technology. Dr. Bandyopadhyay's detailed presentation covered the compounding of various rubbers including Natural Rubber, IR, SBR, BR, Butyl Rubber, NBR, EPDM, Neoprene Rubber, FKM, Silicon Rubber, and EVA. He also explained the roles of different ingredients in formulations.

The Seminar was Sponsored by Kohinoor India Pvt. Ltd. and Co-Sponsored by Diamond Rubber Industries, Perfect Belts Pvt. Ltd., Satyam Rubber Industries, Neelkanth Beltings, Neelkanth Rubber Mills, Navyug India Ltd., Arb Conveyors Ltd. Vinko Auto Industries Ltd., Ravinder Kumar Vijay Kumar & Brightway Rubber Industry.

Dr. Samar Bandyopadhyay and all sponsors and co-sponsors were honored with mementos. Shri Ashwani Sarin was honored with the memento of Convener for this seminar.Special invitees and the backend team responsible for organizing the seminar were also recognized with mementos/ shawls for their contributions.



L to R: Dr. Samar Bandyopadhyay, Speaker; Shri Ashwani Sarin, Convener; Chief Guest Shri Avtar Singh Junior, MLA Jalandhar; Shri Vipan Mehta, Member Managing Committee; Shri Nipun Jain, Vice-Chairman, AIRIA-NR



National Rubber Conference 2024 (NRC'24) at Le-Meridien, Janpath, Delhi

The 11th edition of the Annual National Rubber Conference 2024 (NRC'24) was organized by the All India Rubber Industries Association Northern Region. Held on 26th and 27th July 2024, the conference centered around the theme "Resilient Rubber: Navigating Challenges, Embracing Opportunities." This dynamic event brought together experts and enthusiasts from the rubber industry, fostering discussions.

#### Key Highlights of NRC'24:

- **Strong Industry Support**: The conference received wholehearted support from sponsors across the country.
- **Eminent Speakers**: Renowned industry and institutional speakers engaged in excellent deliberations on relevant topics.
- **High Delegate Participation**: Delegates actively participated throughout the two-day event.

The conference commenced with the traditional lighting of the ceremonial lamp and Saraswati Vandana. During the inaugural session the distinguished guests included:

- Chief Guest: Shri Darshak Shah, Managing Director, Madhu Silica Pvt. Ltd.
- Guests of Honour: Shri V K Misra (Technical Director, J K Tyre & Industries) and Shri Tejbir Singh Anand (Managing Director, ALP Overseas).

Shri Mukesh Kakkar, Chairman of AIRIA Northern Region, emphasized the significance of rubber conferences for industry growth. Shri Ashwani Sarin, Chief Convener of NRC-2024, highlighted the conference theme. Shri Shashi Kumar Singh, President of AIRIA, praised the Northern Region's efforts in organizing this mega event.

Shri Saurabh Malhotra, Convener, NRC-2024 given vote of thanks for the inaugural session.

Dr. R. Mukhopadhyay (Director R & D, JK Tyre and Industries Ltd.), Mr. Bhavesh Pande (Sector Head, Reliance Industries Ltd.), Dr. Pooja Goel (Head, QAMA, Maruti Suzuki India Ltd.), and Dr. Indrajit Ghosh (Global Chairman, MSME CCII) organized



a panel discussion on sustainable mobility. During this insightful session, they explored the critical role of automobile component manufacturers in addressing challenges and seizing opportunities in the realm of sustainable transportation.

During the felicitation session on the first day, Chief Guest Ms. Chandani Singh (I.A.S., Additional Commissioner, State Tax - GST) addressed delegates on the current state of the rubber industry and government policies. Other honoured guests included Ms. Pinki Gupta (Member Judicial, Delhi State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission), Shri K Jayapal (Managing Director, ISRPL), Shri Vipin Kumar Malhan Ji (President, Noida Entrepreneurs Association), and Shri Jagjeet Singh.

A networking gala dinner allowed guests to interact in a relaxed atmosphere while enjoying delicious food. More than **250 delegates** and **59 sponsors** participated, expressing satisfaction with the arrangements. On this occasion, all the former Chairmen of AIRIA Northern Region were also honoured. Shri Anshul Sarin effectively oversaw the program during this period.

On this auspicious occasion, Shri Ashwini Sarin received a special memento in recognition of his remarkable 50-year contribution to the Rubber Industry. Along with Dr. Samar Bandyopadhyay received a memento in recognition of his significant contribution to organizing and designing the Technical Papers for NRC 24.

The conference concluded with a valedictory address by Shri Varun Agarwal, Member of the Organizing Committee, NRC'24, AIRIA-Northern Region.

The diligent efforts and teamwork of the NRC'24 Delhi Organizing Committee were also acknowledged, contributing to the event's grand success, and were felicitated by Shri Mukesh Kakkar, Chairman-NR and Shri Ashwani Sarin, Chief Convener, NRC'24 for their whole hearted efforts and team work.



# **SOUTHERN REGION: Activities Report For 2023 – 24**

### **Regional Committee**



1	Mr. Ankit Jain	
		Chairman, AIRIA (SR) Elected Member, Regional Committee, AIRIA
2	Mr. Karthik R	Vice-Chairman, AIRIA (SR) & Elected Member, Managing Committee, AIRIA
3	Mr. Manmeet Chadha	Vice-Chairman, AIRIA (SR) & Elected member, Managing Committee, AIRIA
4	Mr. L Aravind	Vice- Chairman, AIRIA (SR), Elected Member Regional Committee
5	Mr. Srikanth Krishnamoorthy	Elected Member, Managing Committee, AIRIA
6	Mr. Rajagopal N	Elected Member, Managing Committee, AIRIA
7	Mr. Ganesh K	Elected Member, Managing Committee, AIRIA
8	Mr. Chandramouli Suresh	Elected Member, Managing Committee, AIRIA
9	Mr. Joseph Bennet Soris	Elected Member, - Nominatted as Managing Committee, AIRIA
10	Mr. K P Muthukhumaren	Elected Member, Regional Committee, AIRIA
11	Mr. Vishal Gupta	Elected Member, Regional Committee, AIRIA
12	Mr. B R Bhasker	Elected Member, Regional Committee, AIRIA
13	Mr. PR Nag	Elected Member, Regional Committee, AIRIA
14	Mr. Raja Annamalai	Nominatted as Regional Committee, AIRIA
15	Mr. Divyesh Jain	Co-opted Member, SRC ( Associate Class), AIRIA
16	Mr. Bhagirath Saisankar	Co-opted Member, SRC (Associate Class), AIRIA
17	Mr. Moinullah Khan	Co-opted Member, SRC ( Associate Class), AIRIA
18	Mr. Karan Joshi	Co-opted Member, SRC (Associate Class), AIRIA
19	Mr. Anise N.A	Co-opted Member,SRC, ( Ordinary Class) AIRIA
20	Mr. Harikrishan Khullar	Co-opted Member,SRC, ( Ordinary Class) AIRIA
21	Mr. Shankar Narayanan	Co-opted Member,SRC, ( Ordinary Class) AIRIA
22	Mr. Anand Babu	Co-opted Member,SRC, ( Ordinary Class) AIRIA
23	Mr. Tejas	Co-opted Member,SRC, ( Ordinary Class) AIRIA
24	Dr R K Matthan	Honarary Member
25	Mr. K Janakar	Honarary Member
26	Mr. Karthikeyan M	Special Guest
27	Mr. VTC Chandrashekaran	Special Guest
28	Mr. Ramachandran	Special Guest

#### Regional Committee Meeting 2023-24

Meeting	Dated	Meeting		
Ist	29.12.2023	Regional Committee Meeting		
2nd	12.01.2024	Regional Committee Meeting		
3rd	01.03.2024	Regional Committee Meeting		
4th	10.05.2024	Regional Committee Meeting		
5th	05.08.2024	Regional Committee Meeting		
6th	10.09.2024	Regional Committee Meeting		



## 7th Annual Sports Meet 2024

#### 28th January, 2024

Venue Double Dribble Sports Entertainment PrivateLimited

Convenor of Event: Shri Tejas, Essar Rubbers – Regional Committee Member

Members Present : 30 Members

Brief on the event The members were divided in to four teamsnamed as follows

- 1. Butyl Superstars
- 2. Natural Knightriders
- 3. Silicone Kings
- 4. FKM Lions

The tournament was played between 4 teams. The teams were picked up on the basis of their cricket knowledge (Regular/Irregular).

The members started assembling around 8.00 AMand had good practice and fellowship till 9 AMbefore the tournament started.

We had an introduction talk given by the Shri Tejas, Convenorof Sports Day, 2024 and welcome address by Shri Ankit Jain, Chairman of AIRIA Southern Region

The game was played with ICC rules and regulations. All teams played against each other and each game was limited to 4 overs a side.

Digital scores were broadcasted live on STUMPS app.

There were exciting fours, sixes and catches by the members and which was cheered upon by the non playing members and the other team members outside the arena of the ground. In the interval between the games refreshments were served to members. On the whole there was an bonding among the members After much fun and competitive games among the members, the top 2 teams which emerged were:

- 1. Natural Knight Riders
- 2. Silicone Kings

In an exciting final Silicone Kings lead by Shri Manmeet Chadda emerged victorious over NaturalKnight Riders lead by Shri Tejas

Lunch

The event was followed with Prize Distribution andLunch at Presidency Club

#### Awards

The awards for the best performances were given out. A token of Gift and participation certificates were given to all members present







#### National Rubber Conference 2023, Chennai August 24 - 25, 2023

All India Rubber Industries Association, AIRIA, held its 9<sup>th</sup> edition of the National Rubber Conference in Chennai on August 24th and 25th at Feathers, A Radha Hotel, Mount Poonamallee Road.





The event is the premier place where AIRIA members, customers, manufacturers, research professionals, trade bodies and suppliers come together for exchange of ideas with industry decision makers, technical meetings, observations, emerging scientific technologies, as well as learning, networking, embracing the future, seeing current customers and making new ones. More than 250 distinguished delegates spread across the stakeholder community participated in the 2 day Event. Technical meetings, educational symposium, experience outreach and special events were the components of the National Rubber Conference 2023.

Our esteemed Guests of Honor, Shri Ravindran A Lakshmananan , GM , SIDBI Chennai Regional Office - Trade, Shri Chandramouli Suresh, Chairman, Southern Region AIRIA, Wriston Elastomers P Ltd, Shri Ramesh Kejriwal, President - All India Rubber Industries Association, and Shri Karthik R, Convenor NRC 2023, Shree Polymer Rubber Products P Ltd, lit the lamp to mark the opening of NRC 2023.

In welcoming the gathering, Mr. Chandramouli Suresh said that the Rubber Industry showed tremendous resilience by bouncing back to normal levels within a short span of time. His address covered the pace of transition post Covid and what opportunities/hurdles exist for new products.

India's business and Investment climate has been progressing and the rubber industry has been one of the important sectors of the Indian economy said Mr. Ramesh Kejriwal, in addressing the gathering. He said production of Natural Rubber was 8 lakh metric tonne last year and this year we expect it to be 5-7% more this year. He envisaged progressing integration of the Indian economy with the global economy for the Rubber Industry to gain strength and importance.

Mr Karthik R – Convenor said rubber being an essential component in most sectors, it has immense growth potential with opportunities for localization of components, improved infrastructure, and how Polymers play a role in the development of new energy efficient technologies.

India is transforming into a self-reliant economy said Mr Ravindran A Lakshman GM, SIDBI Chennai Regional Office. He added that the MSME sector contributes in significant way to the growth and a significant crucial link that needs strengthening is timely and adequate credit. Digital lending and various technology facets is the enabler to address challenges of lack of documentation, inability to provide adequate collateral, information asymmetry and onerous application processes. The direct lending policy, financing program, ease of doing business, tech adoption to MSME credit narrative, and digital enablers targeting to make the MSMEs



champions of growth took centre stage in his address.

Shri Ravindran A.L., General Manager, Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI), isa Commerce Graduate from K.J. Somaiya College, Mumbai, with Post Graduate Degree in Law and Post Graduate Diploma in Management & Financial Management.

Presently he heads SIDBI's Regional Office at Chennai, responsible for the overall operations of the Bank in Tamil Nadu and Puducherry.

Mr. Rajesh Venkatachalapathy Designation: Director Organization: MrR Embedded Systems Pvt Ltd . Education: BTech, Embedded Systems and IT expertise. 18 years' experience in this field. His presentation was on the topic DATA SCIENCE IoT& DATA ANALYTICS, Where to start on the

loT& DATA ANALYTICS, Where to start on the path to Productivity Explosion & Process Technology creation

Familyrun businesses in India need a new direction said Dr Parimal Merchant, Director SP Jain School of Global Management. He highlights the need for Indian run family businesses to re- look their models and adapt to changing times across the business evolution - doing, managing, and growth, and shares reasons why the future holds a number of golden opportunities for the Indianfamily businesses. Knowledge and significance of recognizing and addressing different types of errors that occur within family run businesses.

Vijay TV Super Singer fame Selvi Hari Priya and Shri Venkatesh enhanced the entertainment quotient to wind down the first day of the conference.

Shri. Vinod Patkotwar began proceedings on the second day stating that to accelerate India's transition to a \$7 Trillion economy, increasing competitiveness of employment intensive sectorsthrough upskilling is a must.

Finally, our distinguished Rubber Technologist, Mr Terry Chapin, came on to give us a Deep Dive into the fundamentals of Rubber moulding. In this technical session, Mr. Chapin covered the overview the molding process, the press,



processing of Rubber, deflashing methods, mold construction, cavity layouts, mold steels and finishing, mold parting, tear rims and overflows, pulse filling, preforms, venting, mold mounting, mold insulation, vacuum molding, and troubleshooting. His session was very insightful.

The conference concluded with a vote of thanks by Shri Karthik R, Shree Polymers Products Ltd.He etched words of gratitude to all speakers and a deep sense of appreciation to all invitees, delegates, advisors, the Organizing Committee, and to those that meticulously planned and executed the event with an eye for details and willingness to take on the completion of tasks beyond one's comfort zones to make the NRC 2023 Chennai Conference a resounding success.

### **ELASTOPLAZ 2024**







F.Kurose Chief Technical Officer

R. Ravikumar Mr. Ajesh K. P Manager Business Development Head of Business Development

I om hoppy to note that the Society of Plastics and Rubber Technologists (SPART) – the Technical Forum, the Faculty, Alumni and Students





of the Department of Rubber and Plastics Technology. MIT Campus, Anna University, has brought out their annual technical symposium ELASTOPLAZ'24on March 16, 2024

KOBELCO - Mr. F. Kurose, Chief Technical Officer; Mr. R. Ravikumar, Manager, Business Development; Mr. Ajesh, K.P., Head of Business Development

I am overjoyed to associate with the students of MIT campus, Anna University and Department of Rubber and Plastics Technology and the Society of Rubber and Plastics Technologists, SPART, for the ELASTOPLAZ'24 inauguration and to interact with the young minds of the colleges.

The SPART 2024 inaugural event took place on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2023, thanks to the unwavering support and enthusiasm of our Spartan family. From inspiring speeches to the remarkable presence of Mr. Selvakumar Thangarasu, General Manager – Technical, CEAT Tires Ltd, it was a day of celebration, connection, and new beginnings.

#### **Mock Interview Session**

The Department of Rubber and Plastics Technology recently conducted a highly beneficial mock interview session through SPART Association, led by the dedicated Alumni coordinators of 1013-1024. A heartfelt thanks goes out to Dr. Ravichandran Kandaswamy for organizing this invaluable event and putting our students' welfare first. A special shoutout to Mr. Sandeep Moses for taking time out to

conduct the mock interview sessions. The initiatives strengthen the bridge between academia and the industry and help students thrive in the real world.

Spart Activities: Gate Classes / Gate Mock Tests / Technical Lectures

#### Sponsorship By AIRIA Educational Trust

On Behalf of AIRIA this year it was represented by AIRIA Southern Region Regional Secretary at the event. Every Year AIRIA contribute from their AIRIA Educational Trust



Mr. Ravikumar highlighted AIRIA's role to foster cooperation with a view to advance growth and development of the rubber industry with latest innovations focused on advancements in three key areas- sustainability, efficiency, and mobility which in turn lowers costs and reduces environmental footprint. He added that the natural rubber market remains positive and stressed the need for students to stay creative and hungry for knowledge and explore topics of interest to the rubber industry such as membrane separation processes and bioprocessing techniques to achieve zero discharge scenarios etc.

# Webinar on Right Insurance policies for your company dated: 03.02.2024

#### Mr. T. L. Arunachalam

The webinar was done through zoom and had an attendance of 40 plus. This was moderated by Shri Karthik R Vice Chariman of the AIRIA Southern Region Chennai.



The Content of the webinar is as follows:

#### Protecting your assets and

ensuring long-term success requires strategic risk management, and one of the most important components of that is selecting the right insurance coverage. As a leading provider of insurance solutions for a wide range of industries, Bharat Re's Director & Head, Cyber and Emerging Risks Practice, Mr. T. L. Arunachalam in collaboration with the All India Rubber Industries Association Southern Region conducted a webinar on Right Insurance Policies For Your Company on Tuesday, 13th February 2024.

The webinar began with a focus on the bridging the gap between perils and protection and the role of the devil in the details. He advised a thorough assessment of risks such as property damage, liability claims, loss of inventory, business interruption, and understanding the risks helps determine which types of insurance coverage are essential for the business. Mr. Arunachalam then listed out a host of issues in all policies – liability issues, legal exposure, crime insurance, and cyber insurance and what to expect from insurance companies as a response to your claims. Next topic included advisory on warranties in the policy, types of warranties, goods held in trust followed by an elaborated discussion on the correct way to insure your subject matters.

Mr. Arunachalam stressed the importance of having expertise advisory in terms of policy design and claims management and in providing holistic solutions in the liability space in order to succeed when it matters the most. Navigating the intricacies of insurance can be overwhelming and an experienced broker can help one to understand fine print, compare options, and ensure you have the right coverage in place.



The Speaker Shri. T. L. Arunachalam



#### ALL INDIA RUBBER INDUSTRIES ASSOCIATION



The Moderator for webinar : Shri karthik R Vice chairman of AIRIA Southern Region Cjhennai

#### Webinar on Use of RPA for better understanding of curing and processing properties of rubber compounds and blends. Dated : 14.03.2024

#### Mr. Thomas Rauschmann of Bareiss GmbH



The webinar was done through zoom and had an attendance of 90 plus. This was moderated byShri Ankit Jain, Chariman of the AIRIA Southern Region

The Content of the webinar is as follows:

The rubber industry is global, with manufacturing

happening around the world for all major companies. In India, a large customer base use ODR, and therefore AIRIA Southern Region in collaboration with Mr. Thomas Rauschmann of Bareiss GmbH held a webinar in Chennai on March 14, 2024, focused on the use of Rubber Process Analyzer for better understanding of processing of curing and processing properties of Rubber compounds and blends, enabling rubber producers and product manufacturers to standardize for uninterrupted productivity and consistent quality.

The Specialist, Mr. Thomas has over two decades of experience in the field and currently is a consultant at Bareiss Prufgeratebau GmbH supporting development of advanced test methods forpolymers and compounds.

Webinar topics covered current compound testing standards in the rubber industry, lack of detailedmaterial information from QC Instruments like Mooney and MDR, use of RPA for enhanced sample characterization using different test modes, Bareiss RPA Ultra and it's USP - a fully rotational lower die, and use cases of RPA Ultra's steady shear mode including processability analysis, wall slip measurements etc.





Shri Ankit Jain Chairman of AIRIA Southern Region was the moderator of this webinar.

## WESTERN REGION: ACITIVITY REPORT FOR 2023-24

### Western Regional Committee

NO.	NAME	DESIGNATION
1	Mr. Ravindra Barde	Chairman - WR & WRC Member
2	Mr. Mithilesh Umesh Jadhav	Vice Chairman - WR & WRC Member
3	Ms. Avantika Makar	Vice Chairman - WR & WRC Member
4	Mr. Pratik Parekh	Vice Chairman - WR & WRC Member
5	Mr. Prasant Wani	WRC Member & Co-Opt MC Member
6	Mr. Sachin Trivedi	WRC Member
7	Mr. Maunit Bhayani	WRC Member
8	Mr. Jatinder BhoMra	WRC Member
9	Mr. Amit Dalal	Co-Opt WRC Mem (Associate)



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Singh MC Member
20 Mr. Milind Joshi MC Member
21 Mr. Mahesh T Velu MC Member
22 Mr. Soumil Shah MC Member
23 Mr. Dharmesh R Dhanani MC Member
24 Mr. Siddharth MC Member BhiMrajka (Associate Class)
25 Mr. Sunil More MC Member (Associate Class)
26 Mr. Bharat Relan MC Member (Associate Class)
27 Late Mr. Rajendra MC Member Shah (Associate Class)
28 Mr Rajesh Sampat CO-OPT WR MC MEMBER
29 Mr. Rajesh Mhaske Chairman - Pune Chapter
30 Mr. Ninad Joshi Vice Chairman - Pune Chapter
31 Mr. Hemant Chairman - Tibrewala Gujarat Chapter
32 Mr. Hitesh Mahnot Vice Chairman- Gujarat Chapter
33 Mr. Niraj Thakkar Past President
34 Mr. K D Shah Hon. MC Member
34Mr. K D ShahHon. MC Member35Late Mr. S. A. ShahHon. MC Member

# **Pune Chapter Committee**

No	Name	Designation
1	Mr. Rajesh Mhaske	Pune Chapter Chairman
2	Mr. Ninad Joshi	Chapter Vice Chairman
3	Mr. Sadashiv Kale	Past Pune Chapter Chairman
4	Mr. Prashant Wani	Committee Member
5	Mr. Vikram Makar	Past President & MC Member
6	Mr. Vinod P Patkotwar	Committee Member
7	Mr. Vinod S Bansal	Committee Member
8	Mr. Milind K. Joshi	Committee Member
9	Mr. Nitin Joshi	Committee Member
10	Mr. Sangram Patil	Committee Member
11	Ms. Avantika Makar	Committee Member
12	Mr. Sunil Bansal	Committee Member
13	Mr. George Jose	Committee Member
14	Mr. D. T. Keswani	Hon. MC Member

# **Gujarat Chapter Committee**

No	Name	Designation			
	Mr. Hemant	Chairman-			
1	Tibrewala	Gujarat Chapter			
	Mr. Hitesh	Vice Chairman-			
2	Mahnot	Gujarat Chapter			

# Regional Committee Meeting held during the year

Sr No	Date	Venue			
1	1 <sup>st</sup> RC Meeting: 2 <sup>nd</sup> January,2024	AIRIA Head Office and Hybrid Mode			
2	2 <sup>nd</sup> RC Meeting: 18 <sup>th</sup> April, 2024	AIRIA Head Office and Hybrid Mode			
3	3 <sup>rd</sup> RC Meeting: 25.06.24	AIRIA Head Office and Hybrid Mode			





#### Western Region

# AIRIA, WR - Cricket Premier League 2023 rains sixes in the scorching heat

The Western Region's Cricket Premiere League 2023 organised by **AIRIA-WR** on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2023. Urban Sports Turf - Ritambara at Juhu, Mumbai saw an overwhelming response. It was nicely decked up for the big day with cricket, music, tasty food and entertainment. After the last event that was held in 2016, it was amazing to see over 100 delegates attending this cricket tournament.

#### **Highlights of the Tournament**

8 Teams, 66 Players, 15 Matches, 30 innings, 1885 runs, 110 wickets, 946 balls, 128 extras, 80 fours, 174 Sixes, 8 half centuries, 9 - 50+ Partnerships, 321 Dot Balls, 47 Catches, 8 Stumpings. And our cheer leaders surely added to the fun. A day that was meant for priceless memories with good cricket and entertainment.

Special care was taken for the scorching hot climate, players were served Ice Gola to keep them cool at all times, energy drinks were on the house. Players also enjoyed a healthy and nutritious lunch with Hi-Tea in the evening that added the much-needed rest with some nutritious snacks. In total 8 teams participated in this league-based Cricket tournament.

#### Cricket Premier League 2023

Owners			
Nitin Joshi			
Bharat Kapgate			
Sunil Bansal			
Vikram Makar			
Shashi Kumar Singh			
Abhilash Kuruveyil			
Sangram Paatil			
Babulal Saini			









## **Report From Pune Chapter**

Technical Seminar on "HR 3.0: Empowering Entrepreneurs for HR Transformation" On 1st Nov' 2023



All India Rubber Industries Association (AIRIA), WR - Pune Chapter, organized One day Seminar on "HR 3.0: Empowering Entrepreneurs for HR Transformation", on Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> November 2023.

The seminar was presented by Faculty **Mr. Sachet Mehta, the Founder and CEO of Actualise**, is a multifaceted professional. Not only is he an early-stage investor in startups, but he's also an accomplished consultant with a profound impact on more than 350 organizations. His consulting prowess extends across diverse domains, encompassing organizational development, change management, succession planning, startup guidance, and various strategies to navigate the human aspects of business.

Under his guidance, Actualise has garnered recognition, including the "Best HR Service Provider of the Year in SME" awarded by the World HRD Congress in February 2017, and the "Best Human Asset Management Practice" Award from the Chrysalis Entrepreneurship Forum in the same year.

The Seminar Started with the Welcome Speech of Mr. Rajesh Mhaske, Chairman, Pune Chapter, WR, AIRIA. He welcomed our Guest Speaker Mr. Sachet Mehta for contributing their precious time.

Further Mr. Sachet Mehta started the seminar give the wonderful knowledge about HR System and how to work this process in the industries. This Seminar was attended by more than 60 plus delegates. The Participants were very pleased and gratified with the productive information shared by the speakers.

#### Technical Seminar on "Know Your Rheograph by Oscillating Disc Rheometer" On 29<sup>th</sup> Nov'2023

All India Rubber Industries Association (AIRIA), WR - Pune Chapter, is organising Series of Technical Seminar initiated by Pune Chapter Chairman Mr Rajesh Mhaske and Vice Chairman Mr Ninad Joshi, which is free of cost for our members. These seminar will be conducted online and offline both.

In these series the 1<sup>st</sup> topic covered was on "Know Your Rheograph by Oscillating Disc Rheometer" on Wednesday, 29th November 2023.

The seminar was presented by Faculty Mr. Prafulla Patil. He has 32 years of experience in the rubber industries as an entrepreneur, manufacturer and consultant in the field of Rubber technology as well as Quality Management system.

The Seminar started with welcoming the Participants and with a short introduction of the speaker, by Pune Chapter Vice-Chairman Mr Ninad Joshi. After welcome and introduction, Prafulla Patil Sir continued the Seminar.

# The Seminar began with a brief detail about the below mentioned topics:

- Basic Ingredients in a Rubber Compound.
- Introduction to Oscillation Disc Rheometer (ODR).
- Basic design of Oscillating Rheometer.
- Working Principle of Oscillating Disc Rheometer.



- Difference between Oscillation Disc Rheometer (ODR) and Moving Die Rheometer (MDR)
- Rheograph results
- How to use rheography.
- Standard Rheograph.
- Effect of different temperatures on Rheogrph.



This Seminar was attended by more than 60 plus delegates online and offline from over India. all The Participants were very pleased and gratified with the productive information shared by Mr. Prafulla Patil through

this Seminar which is the need of the hour by the Rubber Industries.

All the Participants stayed till the end and gave a patient hearing to the entire session. It followed by a brief, question and answer session and active participation. All the attendees were enthralled at deep insights shared at the platform and appreciated the speaker.

Mr. Abbas Bootwala also shared his experience and give practical tips about using the Rheometer. The session ended with Vote of Thanks given by Vice Chairman Mr. Ninad Joshi.

#### Organized Series of Technical Seminar 2<sup>nd</sup> Topic on "Know Your Mooney Viscometer" On 15<sup>th</sup> Dec'2023

All India Rubber Industries Association (AIRIA), WR - Pune Chapter, had recently organised Series of Technical Seminar initiated by Pune Chapter Chairman Mr Rajesh Mhaske and Vice Chairman Mr Ninad Joshi. This seminar was free of cost for AIRIA members and was conducted by both online and offline medium.

In these series the 2<sup>nd</sup> topic titled "Know Your Mooney Viscometer" on Friday, 15th December 2023.

It was presented by Faculty Mr. Prafulla Patil, who has 32 years of experience in the rubber

industries as an entrepreneur, manufacturer and consultant in the field of Rubber technology as well as Quality Management system.

The Seminar kick started with welcoming the Participants and with a short introduction of the speaker. After welcome and introduction, Prafulla Patil Sir continued the Seminar.

This seminar started with the giving knowledge about Mooney Viscometer, which was developed by the late Melvin Mooney (1893-1968) and then it became standard for rubber industry.

# The Seminar began with a brief detail about the below mentioned topics:

- Basic Process of Mooney Viscosity.
- ASTM Standard D1646 Test Method of Rubber.
- 1. Viscosity.
- 2. Stress Relaxation.
- 3. Pre-vulcanization Characteristics (Mooney Viscometer).
- 4. Sample preparation And calibration of the Mooney Viscometer.
- 5. Interpretation of Mooney Viscosity results



6. Example of Viscosity, Stress Relaxtion and Pre-vulcanization Characteristics.

This Seminar was attended by more than 60 plus delegates online and offline from all over India. The Participants were very pleased

and gratified with the productive information shared by Mr. Prafulla Patil.

All the Participants stayed till the end and gave a patient hearing to the entire session. It followed by a brief, question and answer session and active participation. All the attendees were enthralled at deep insights shared at the platform and appreciated the speaker.



Chairman Mr. Rajesh Mhaske shared his experience and give information about Rubber Certificate Course which is running through by online and offline both medium, if someone want to collect deep knowledge about Rubber, they could join the ACCRT Batch 23-24. At the end Vote of Thanks given by Chairman Mr. Rajesh Mhske Sir.

#### Technical Seminar 3<sup>rd</sup> Topic on "Basic Physical testing of Rubber – Tensile Properties"On 29<sup>th</sup> Dec'2023

All India Rubber Industries Association (AIRIA), WR - Pune Chapter, had organised Series of Technical Seminar initiated by Pune Chapter Chairman Mr Rajesh Mhaske and Vice Chairman Mr Ninad Joshi. This seminar was free of cost for AIRIA members and was conducted by both online and offline medium.

In these series the 3<sup>rd</sup> topic titled "Basic Physical testing of Rubber – Tensile Properties" on Friday, 29th December 2023.

It was presented by Mr. Ninad M. Joshi, who is the Vice Chairman of Pune Chapter and working as a General Manager in K D Joshi Rubber Industries Pvt. Ltd.

The Seminar kick started with welcoming the Participants and with a short introduction of the speaker. After welcome, Ninad Joshi Sir continued the Seminar.

The Seminar began with a brief detail about the below mentioned topics:

- Standards for Tensile Testing of Vulcanized Rubber.
- Punch Dimensions as per ASTM D412.
- Punch Dimensions as per IS 3400 / ISO 37
- Specimen Preparation
- Tensile Testing Procedure
- Tensile Testing Calculations



- Tensile Set
- Tensile Set After Break
- Tensile Testing on Rings
- Specimen Sizes for Rings
- Testing and Calculations
- Tear Strength of Vulcanized Rubber ASTM D624
- Tear Testing Procedure
- Rubber Property Adhesion to Rigid Substrate (Metal Bonding Test, ASTM D429 Method C)
- Factors Affecting Tensile Strength
- Uses and Applications of Tensile Testing
- Other Properties measured on Tensile Testing Machine

This Seminar was attended by more than 80 plus delegates online and offline from all over India. The Participants were very pleased and gratified with the productive information shared by Mr. Ninad M. Joshi.

Mr. Prafulla Patil also shares some facts on this topic. All the Participants stayed till the end and gave a patient hearing to the entire session. It followed by a brief, question and answer session and active participation. All the attendees were enthralled at deep insights shared at the platform and appreciated the speaker.

#### Technical Seminar 4<sup>th</sup> Topic on "Know your Ozone Chamber for Rubber Testing"On 15<sup>th</sup> January' 2024

All India Rubber Industries Association (AIRIA), WR - Pune Chapter, had organised Series of Technical Seminar initiated by Pune Chapter Chairman Mr Rajesh Mhaske and Vice Chairman Mr Ninad Joshi. This seminar was free of cost for AIRIA members and was conducted by both online and offline medium.

In these series the 4<sup>th</sup> topic titled "Know Your Ozone Chamber for Rubber Testing" on Monday, 15th January 2024.

It was presented by Faculty Mr. Prafulla Patil, who has 32 years of experience in the rubber industries as an entrepreneur, manufacturer and



consultant in the field of Rubber technology as well as Quality Management system.



The Seminar kick started with welcoming the Participants and with a short introduction of the speaker. After welcome and introduction, Prafulla Patil Sir continued the Seminar.

This seminar was started with the giving knowledge about What is Ozone? Why it is so important to

us? All polymers & products baded on them are subject to degradation on exposure to the degradative environments.

The Seminar began with a brief detail about the below mentioned topics:

- Effect of Degradation of Elatosmers.
- Effect of Oxygen.
- Effect of Ozone.
- Standards to be followed for Ozone resistance testing.
- Comparison of ASTM standards
- Ozone chamber requirements.
- Sample requirements for ozone testing ass per different standards ASTM D 1149, D 1171.

This Seminar was attended by more than 60 plus delegates online and offline from all over India. The Participants were very pleased and gratified with the productive information shared by Mr. Prafulla Patil.

#### Technical Seminar 5<sup>th</sup> Topic on "Electrical Properties - Insulation of Rubber"On 30<sup>th</sup> January' 2024

All India Rubber Industries Association (AIRIA), WR - Pune Chapter, has organised Series of Technical Seminar initiated by Pune Chapter Chairman Mr Rajesh Mhaske and Vice Chairman Mr Ninad Joshi. These seminars are free of cost for AIRIA members and are conducted in both online and offline medium. In this series, the 5<sup>th</sup> seminar was conducted on the topic titled "Electrical Properties - Insulation of Rubber" on Tuesday, 30th January 2024. It was presented by Dr. Aparna M. Joshi, from K D Joshi Rubber Industries Pvt. Ltd.

The Seminar started by welcoming the Participants and with a short introduction of the speaker by Prafulla Patil. After the welcome, Dr. Aparna Joshi continued the Seminar.

The Seminar began with a brief detail about the below mentioned topics:

- Importance of Electrical Testing.
- Applications of electrically insulating components.
- Electrical Properties of Vulcanized rubber.
- ASTM D 991-89 (2010) – Rubber Property -



Volume Resistivity of Electrically Conductive and Antistatic Products.

- Effect of various factors on resistivity of filled rubber.
- EPDM with carbon black ( ~ 50phr).
- Measurement of the Capacitance Quality of insulation.
- Dielectric Constant and Dissipation Factor -IEC 60250.
- Two Sinusoidal Waveforms "in-phase", "Out of Phase".
- Effect of mixing method on dielectric constant with filler loading carbon Black.
- Effect of Materials.
- Schematic of Dielectric breakdown test set up.
- Compounding formulation for Wire.
- This seminar was attended by 60 plus delegates in online and offline mode from all over India. The Participants were very



pleased and gratified with the information and knowledge shared by Dr. Aparna M. Joshi.

Mr. Rajesh Mhaske, Chairman – Pune Chapter gave the vote of thanks to speaker for sharing this useful information.

#### Technical Seminar 6<sup>th</sup> Topic on"Explore Testing of Electrical Properties – Conductivity"On 14<sup>th</sup> February'2024

All India Rubber Industries Association (AIRIA), WR - Pune Chapter, has organised Series of Technical Seminar initiated by Pune Chapter Chairman Mr Rajesh Mhaske and Vice Chairman Mr Ninad Joshi. These seminars are free of cost for AIRIA members and are conducted in both online and offline medium.

In this series, the 6<sup>th</sup> seminar was conducted on the topic titled "Explore Testing of Electrical Properties – Conductivity" on Wednesday, 14th February 2024. It was presented by Dr. Aparna M. Joshi, from K D Joshi Rubber Industries Pvt. Ltd.

The Seminar started by welcoming the Participants and with a short introduction of the speaker by Prafulla Patil. After the welcome, Dr. Aparna Joshi continued the Seminar.

The Seminar began with a brief detail about the below mentioned topics:



• Techniques to measure electrical conductivity-

i) Conductivity Meters

ii) Four-Point Probe Method

iii) I m p e d a n c e

#### Spectroscopy

- Classification of Materials.
- Resistance.
- Various types of Carbon Black.
- Carbon features affecting conductivity.
- Mechanism of conduction in Carbon black.
- Carbon interaction with polymer.
- Effect of Mixing on conductivity.

- Online Electrical conductivity curve for Characterization of the mixing process.
- Effect of Temperature: (PTC).
- Effect of Temperature: (NTC).
- Effect of Filler loading and Applied Pressure.
- Other electrically conductive materials.
- CNT Challenges.
- Expanded Graphite.

This seminar was attended by 50 plus delegates in online and offline mode from all over India. The Participants were very pleased and gratified with the information and knowledge shared by Dr. Aparna M. Joshi.

#### Technical Seminar 7<sup>th</sup> Topic on"Know your Rotary Disc Abrasion Resistance"On 28<sup>th</sup> February'2024

All India Rubber Industries Association (AIRIA), WR - Pune Chapter, had organised Series of Technical Seminar initiated by Pune Chapter Chairman Mr Rajesh Mhaske and Vice Chairman Mr Ninad Joshi. This seminar was free of cost for AIRIA members and was conducted by both online and offline medium.

In these series the 4<sup>th</sup> topic titled "Know your Rotary Disc Abrasion Resistance" on Wednesday, 28th February 2024.

It was presented by Faculty Mr. Prafulla Patil, who has 32 years of experience in the rubber industries as an entrepreneur, manufacturer and



consultant in the field of Rubber technology as well as Quality Management system.

The Seminar kick started with welcoming the Participants and

with a short introduction of the speaker. After welcome and introduction, Prafulla Patil Sir continued the Seminar.

The Seminar began with a brief detail about the below mentioned topics:

• What is the resistance of abrasion?

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- Comparison chart of Polymers for Abrasion resistance.
- Testing of Abrasion resistance by Rotary Drum Abrader(as per ASTM D 5963).
- Apparatus and Materials.
- Abrasion Tester.
- Abrasive Sheet.
- Test Piece Cutting Tool.
- Standard Rubber.
- Test Procedure.
- Calculation of Abrasion Resistance Index.

After this Seminar mark sheet distribution given to old batch of "rubber certificate course" (ACCRT 22-23).

The event continued with the welcome speech by Mr. Rajesh Mhaske, Chairman – Pune Chapter (WR). He encouraged to our all old students and shares his life journey & experience.

Further, continue the Mark sheet distribution to our pass out students.

After that, all students share their experience and give Special Thanks to Mr. Prafulla Patil Sir, Dr. Jayant Gadgil Sir, Mr. Abbas Bootwala Sir, .Mrs. Rupal Kale Madam & Mrs. Nutan Madam above all team are Share our Technical knowledge to all my friends in last one year.

#### Capexil Organises "Cluster Outreach Program" At Pune In Association With Wr- Pune Chapter For Automotive Rubber Products Manufacturers & MSME Units On 1<sup>st</sup> March'2024

CAPEXIL organizes "CLUSTER OUTREACH PROGRAM" at pune in association with ALL INDIA RUBBER INDUSTRIES, WR- PUNE CHAPTER for automotive rubber products manufacturers & MSME units, on Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024.

The Seminar Started with the Welcome Speech of Mr. V. R. Chitalia, Sr. Director, CAPEXIL. He welcomed all Speakers and Participants for contributing the precious time.Further Mr. Rajesh Mhaske, Chairman, Pune Chapter, WR, AIRIA welcomed all members and speakers and give the details on IRE – 24 Workshop and Conference, request to all participant for attend this Conference in IRE – 24.

#### In this Seminar we are cover the below topics:

- 1) Shri Varun Singh ji , JDGFT, Pune "Niryat Bandhu Scheme & Foreign Trade Policy"
- Shri Amit Choudhary, Deputy Commissioner of Custom, New Delhi - "Authorized Economic Operator (AEO – Tier II) Process"
- Shri Sirsendu Mukherjee, BranchManager, ECGC Ltd. Pune - "Export Credit Risk & Cover"
- 4) Shri Himesh Shah, Partner of Finrex Treasury Services, Mumbai - "Navigating the Global Markets: Insights in to Rupee Outlook & Trade Finance."
- 5) Shri V. R. Chitalia, Sr. Director, CAPEXIL Mumbai -"How to start Export & Trade Facilitation by CAPEXIL"

All the Participants stayed till the end and gave a patient hearing to the entire session. It followed by a brief, question and answer session and active participation. All the attendees were enthralled at deep insights shared at the platform and appreciated the speaker.

This Seminar was attended by more than 100 plus delegates. The Participants were very pleased and gratified with the productive information shared by the speakers.

#### Technical Seminar 8<sup>th</sup> Topic on "Know your Compression Set Testing"On 17<sup>th</sup> April, 2024

All India Rubber Industries Association (AIRIA), WR - Pune Chapter, had organised Series of Technical Seminar initiated by Pune Chapter Chairman Mr Rajesh Mhaske and Vice Chairman Mr Ninad Joshi. This seminar was free of cost for AIRIA members and was conducted by both online and offline medium.

In these series the 8<sup>th</sup> topic titled "Know your Compression Set Testing" on Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

It was presented by Faculty Mr. Prafulla Patil, who has 32 years of experience in the rubber industries as an entrepreneur, manufacturer and consultant in the field of Rubber technology as well as Quality Management system.

The Seminar kick started with welcoming the Participants and with a short introduction of



the speaker. After welcome and introduction, Prafulla Patil Sir continued the Seminar.

The Seminar began with a brief detail about the below mentioned topics:

- Compression Set Testing.
- Types of Compression set methods.
- Test specimens & Conditioning.
- Compression set under constant deflection in Air as per ASTM D 395 Method B.
- Test Method A—Compression Set Under Constant Force in Air
- Theory Part of Compression set.
- Types of Vulcanisation systems

This Seminar was attended by more than 50 plus delegates online and offline from all over India. The Participants were very pleased and gratified with the productive information shared by Mr. Prafulla Patil.

### Acknowledgements

The Managing Committee of the Association places on record its appreciation and conveys its thanks to:

- \* The President, Mr. Shashi Kumar Singh, the two Vice-Presidents Mr. Zafar Ahmed and Mr. Indra Parekh, Honorary Members, Chairmen and Members of various Regional Committees. Conveners and Members of various Sub-Committees, as also the members of the Association for their cooperation and support during the year.
- \* Other Associations, organizations, institutions, viz. ATMA, IRI, CII, ACMA, Indian Merchants' Chamber, IRMrI, ICRTMA, BIS, RCPSDC, IRSG and other Companies and Individuals who extended their support to the AIRIA during the year.
- \* Mr. Milind Joshi for supporting the Association in conducting the election for Managing / Regional Committees as Scrutinizer.
- \* Arnab Banerjee, Managing Director & CEO of CEAT Ltd elected as ATMA Chairman and Vice-Chairman and Mr. Rajiv Budhraja, Director General of ATMA, for all the co-operation and help extended.
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Ministry, Finance Ministry, DGFT, DIPP, DCSSI, Chemical and Petrochemical Ministry, NSIC, ECGC, SIDBI etc., as also the Members of Parliament, for extending their co-operation.

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- \* The publishers of foreign/domestic rubber journals for continuing exchange arrangements as also for permitting to reproduce reading material of interest to the rubber community from their publications in Rubber India; as also the authors, who had contributed to the journal.
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- \* Various publishers and foreign consulate offices in India as well as abroad for forwarding copies of their magazines and publications for the library of the Association.
- Principal and faculty members of the Rubber Technology Course, conducted at Govt. Polytechnic, Bandra, Mumbai, at the instance of the Association.
- India Printing Works, Wadala, for the help of timely printing our monthly magazine, Rubber India.
- \* M/s. N P Patwa & Co for timely auditing of the accounts of the Association and Company Secretary Mr. Dinesh Deora advising the association from time to time for MCA compliance.
- \* The employees of the AIRIA at Head Office and Regional & Chapter Offices for putting in hard work with honesty and devotion.



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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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THE MEMBERS of The All India Rubber Industries Association CIN U91100MH1951GAT008683

#### **Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements**

#### Opinion

We have audited the Financial Statements of **All India Rubber Industries Association** ("the Company"), which comprise the Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2024, and the statement of Income and Expenditure Account, and statement of Cash Flows for the year then ended, and notes to the Financial Statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us, the aforesaid financial statements give the information required by the Companies Act, 2013 in the manner so required and give a true and fair view, read along with notes, in conformity with the accounting principles generally accepted in India, of the state of affairs of the Company as at March 31, 2024, and its financial performance, and its Cash Flows for the year ended on that date.

#### **Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with the Standards on Auditing (SAs) specified under section 143(10) of the Companies Act, 2013. Our responsibilities under those Standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the Company in accordance with the Code of Ethics issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements under the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 and the Rules thereunder, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the Code of Ethics. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### **Emphasis of Matter**

The company has prepared its financial statements on a going concern basis. Information other than the Financial Statements and Auditors' Report thereon The Company's Management and Board of Directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Company's Annual Report, but does not include the Financial Statements and our Auditors' Report thereon. Our opinion on the Financial Statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the Financial Statements, or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on



the work we have performed on the other information obtained prior to the date of this Auditor's Report, we conclude that there is no material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

# Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

The Company's Board of Directors is responsible for the matters stated in section 134(5) of the Companies Act, 2013 ("the Act") with respect to the preparation of these Financial Statements that give a true and fair view of the financial position, financial performance, and cash flows of the Company in accordance with the accounting principles generally accepted in India, including the accounting Standards specified under section 133 of the Act. This responsibility also includes maintenance of adequate accounting records in accordance with the provisions of the Act for safeguarding of the assets of the Company and for preventing and detecting frauds and other irregularities; selection and application of appropriate accounting policies; making judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and design, implementation and maintenance of adequate internal financial controls, that were operating effectively for ensuring the accuracy and completeness of the accounting records, relevant to the preparation and presentation of the financial statements that give a true and fair view and are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the Financial Statements, the Board of Directors is responsible for assessing the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Board of Directors either intends to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

The Board of Directors are also responsible for overseeing the company's financial reporting process.

#### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the Financial Statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an Auditor's Report that includes our opinion.

Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with SAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these Financial Statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with SAs, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also :

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the Financial Statements, whether due
  to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain
  audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not
  detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error,
  as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override
  of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.



- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our Auditor's Report to the related disclosures in the Financial Statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our Auditor's Report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the Financial Statements, including the disclosures, and whether the Financial Statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We also provide those charged with governance with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

#### Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

- 1. As required by the Companies (Auditor's Report) Order, 2020 ("the Order"), issued by the Central Government of India in terms of sub-section (11) of Section 143 of the Companies Act, 2013, the information is not applicable to Section 8 companies in view of exception carved out in Section 2(42) of Act.
- 2. As required by Section 143(3) of the Act, we report that:
  - 1. We have sought and obtained all the information and explanations which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purposes of our audit.
  - 2. In our opinion, proper books of account as required by law have been kept by the Company so far as it appears from our examination of those books.
  - 3. The Balance Sheet, the Statement of Profit and Loss, and the Cash Flow Statement dealt with by this Report are in agreement with the books of account.
  - 4. In our opinion, the aforesaid Financial Statements comply with the Accounting Standards specified under Section 133 of the Act, read with Rule 7 of the Companies (Accounts) Rules, 2014.
  - 5. On the basis of the written representations received from the Directors as on 31st March, 2024 taken on record by the Board of Directors, none of the Directors is disqualified as on 31st March, 2024 from being appointed as a Director in terms of Section 164(2) of the Act.
  - 6. With respect to the adequacy of the internal financial controls with reference to Financial Statements of the Company and the operating effectiveness of such controls, the audit opinion is not given as the same is not applicable to section 8 companies in terms exemption vide MCA notification dated 13th June 2017 (G.S.R. 583(E)).
  - 7. With respect to the other matters to be included in the Auditor's Report in accordance with Rule 11 of the Companies (Audit and Auditors) Rules, 2014, in our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us:
    - (a) The Company has disclosed details regarding pending litigations in Note 24 B (1) of Financial Statements, which would impact its financial position.



- (b) The Company does not have any long-term contracts including derivative contracts for which there were any material foreseeable losses.
- (c) There were no amounts which were required to be transferred to the Investor Education and Protection Fund by the Company.
- (d) The company is licence to carry on the charitable activities for the of the nature of general public utility and as such prohibited from investing or advancing its fund otherwise then the prescribed modes of investment and also requires to carry out its activities with in Territorial limits of Republic of India. During the course of audit we have not come across any transaction whereby

(i) company's funds been advanced or loaned or invested (either from borrowed funds or share premium or any other sources or kind of funds) by the company to or in any other person(s) or entity(ies), including foreign entities ("Intermediaries"), with the understanding, whether recorded in writing or otherwise, that the Intermediary shall, whether, directly or indirectly lend or invest in other persons or entities identified in any manner whatsoever by or on behalf of the company ("Ultimate Beneficiaries") or provide any guarantee, security or the like on behalf of the Ultimate Beneficiaries;

(ii) funds have been received by the company from any person(s) or entity(ies), including foreign entities ("Funding Parties"), with the understanding, whether recorded in writing or otherwise, that the company shall, whether, directly or indirectly, lend or invest in other persons or entities identified in any manner whatsoever by or on behalf of the Funding Party ("Ultimate Beneficiaries") or provide any guarantee, security or the like on behalf of the Ultimate Beneficiaries; and

- (e) The company being Section 8 company prohibited form declaration or payment of any dividend and the reporting under this clause is not applicable.
- (8) With respect to the matter to be included in the Auditors' Report under Section 197(16) of the Act, in our opinion and according to the information and explanations given to us, the limit prescribed by Section 197 for maximum permissible managerial remuneration is not applicable to a Private Limited Company.

for N P Patwa and Company Chartered Accountants FRN 107845W UDIN : 24042384BKAKVS6367

Jitendra Shah Partner Membership No. 042384 Date : 02<sup>nd</sup> September, 2024 Place: Mumbai



# **ALL INDIA RUBBER INDUSTRIES ASSOCIATION**

CIN: U91100MH1951GAT008683 ₹(In '000) Balance Sheet as at Note 31-Mar-24 31-Mar-24 31-Mar-23 31-Mar-23 (₹) (₹) (₹) (₹) **EQUITY AND LIABILITIES** (1) **Owned Funds** a Corpus Fund 10,795.85 10,481.85 3 b Earmarked Funds 4 154,878.80 154,878.80 5 337,023.45 113,125.64 c Reserves & Surplus 171,348.80 278,486.30 (2) Non Current Liabilities a Long - Term Provisions 6 1,550.31 1,646.42 (3) Current Liabilities a Other Current Liabilities 7 189,380.90 9,067.96 b Trade Payables 5,592.53 385.13 533,547.20 289,585.80 TOTAL **II ASSETS** (1) Non - Current Assets a Property, Plant & Equipment 180,469.27 (i) Tangible Assets 8 11,690.82 2,500.25 b Non-Current Investments 9 2,500.25 c Deferred Tax Assets (Net) d Long Term Loans and Advances 1,049.20 27,107.14 10 184,018.72 12,916.07 (2) Current Assets a Cash & Bank Balances 12 18,847.22 25,633.26 286,966.01 b Current Investment 11 189,685.38 c Sundry Receivables 14 4,612.91 740.87 d Short Term Loans and Advances 13 39,102.34 349,528.48 46,419.15 262,478.66 TOTAL 533,547.20 289,585.80 Statement of Accounting Policies and 1-2 accompanying notes form parts of accounts. As per our report of even date. For N.P Patwa & Co FOR AND ON BEHALF OF MANAGING COMMITTEE Firm Registration No: 107845W ALL INDIA RUBBER INDUSTRIES ASSOCIATION UDIN: 24042384BKAKVS6367 Chartered Accountants Jitendra Shah Shashikumar S. Singh Zafar Ahmed Partner President Sr. Vice President Membership No. 042384 DIN: 0001800250 DIN: 0000878798 Place : Mumbai Place : Mumbai

Date: 02-09-2024

Date: 02-09-2024



# **ALL INDIA RUBBER INDUSTRIES ASSOCIATION**

	CIN: U91100MH1951GAT008683 ₹ ( In '000 )									
Statemer	nt of Income & Expenditure for		31-Mar-24	31-Mar-24	31-Mar-23	31-Mar-23				
the year ended										
-			(₹)	(₹)	(₹)	(₹)				
Income										
a	Revenue from Activities	15		289,652.96		42,711.33				
b	Other Income	16		21,233.37		12,647.46				
С	Utilisation of Accumulated Fund			-		-				
	for Promotion of Interest of Rubber									
	Industry Through R & D, Education, Skill Devt Initiatives Etc.	,								
	TOTAL			310,886.33		55,358.80				
Expenses					-					
a	Employees Benefit Expenses	18		11,485.36		11,269.79				
b	Depreciation & Amortization			,		,				
	Expense	8		5,971.49		891.88				
С	Finance Cost	20		4,458.18		28.36				
d	Other Expenses									
	(i) Expenses on Object &									
	Activities	17		180,205.02		28,679.23				
	(ii) Establishment Expenses	19		8,150.35		4,607.62				
	(iii) Provision for Doubtfull									
	Advance				_	-557.60				
•	TOTAL			210,270.39		44,919.27				
	Surplus Before Exceptional			100 / 15 04		10 420 52				
	Extraordinary Items			100,615.94		10,439.53				
Prior Period Items of Income/Expense Surplus Before Tax		>		- 100,615.94		- 10,439.53				
	Taxes			100,013.74		10,407.50				
i)	Current Tax		42,392.79		1,301.76					
íi)	Previous Tax		-	42,392.79	278.97					
,				50 000 15		0.050.70				
	(Deficit)/Surplus After Tax Less Accumulation for Earmarked			58,223.15		8,858.79				
Funds Balance Surplus				58,223.15		8,858.79				
	-			00,220.10		0,000.77				
	nt of Accounting Policies and	1-2								
-	anying notes form parts of									
account										
•	ur report of even date.									
	atwa & Co	FOR AND ON BEHALF OF MANAGING COMMITTEE								
Firm Registration No: 107845W ALL INDIA RUBBER INDUSTRIES ASSOCIATION UDIN : 24042384BKAKV\$6367										
	ed Accountants									
Jitendra Shah		Shas	hikumar S. Si	nah Zafar A	hmed					
Partner			dent	5	e President					
Membership No. 042384			DIN : 0001800250 DIN : 0000878798							
Place : Mumbai			Place : Mumbai							
Date : 02.09.2024		Date	: 02.09.2024							
2010.02										



С	ash Flow Statement for the year ended	31-03-24	31-03-24	31-03-23	31-03-23
		(₹)	(₹)	(₹)	(₹)
A)	CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES				
	Net Profit before tax & Extraordinary		100 (15 0 (		10,400,50
			100,615.94		10,439.53
	ADJUSTMENTS FOR:				
	Depreciation	5,971.49		891.88	
	Transfer form Reserve	-		-11,820.05	
	Interest Income	-16,342.04		-	
	Prior Period Items	-	-10,370.55	-	-10,928.17
	Operating Profit before Working Capital Changes		90,245.39		-488.64
	Changes In Working Capital				
	Decrease / (Increase) in Trade Payables	5,207.40		-170.12	
	Decrease / (Increase) in Trade Receivable	-3,872.04		-111.64	
	Decrease / (Increase) in Short Term Loans & Advances	7,316.81		-23,698.19	
	Decrease / (Increase) in Other Non- Current Assets	11,866.87		-257.26	
	Increase / (Decrease) in Long Term Provision	-96.10		-01.82	
	Increase / (Decrease) in Other Current Liabilities	180,312.95	200,735.88	-12,629.06	-36,868.09
	CASH GENERATED FROM OPERATIONS		290,981.27		-37,356.73
	Direct Taxes paid		42,392.79		278.97
	NET CASH FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		248,588.48		-37,635.70
B)	CASH FLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES				
	Purchase of Fixed Assets including Capital Work in Progress		-37,267.02		-559.08
	Fixed Deposits With Bank (NET)		-97,280.63		40,590.94
	Interest on Fixed Deposits		16,342.04		11,820.05
	Sale Of Asset (Vehicle)		-		-
	NET CASH USED IN INVESTING ACTIVITY		-118,205.61		51,851.90





Cash Flow Statement for the year ended	31-03-24	31-03-24	31-03-23	31-03-23
	(₹)	(₹)	(₹)	(₹)
C) CASH FLOW FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES				
Membership Entrance Fee		314.00		132.00
NET CASH FROM FINANCING ACTIVITY		314.00		132.00
NET CHANGES IN CASH & CASH EQUIVALENTS(A+B+C)		130,696.88		14,348.20
OPENING BALANCE OF CASH & CASH EQUIVALENTS		25,633.26		11,285.06
CLOSING BALANCE OF CASH & CASH EQUIVALENTS		156,330.14		25,633.26

### Notes

1 The Cash Flow Statement has been prepared under the "Indirect Method" as set out in Accounting Standard 3 (AS-3) on "Cash Flow Statements", and presents cash flows by operating, investing and financing activities.

- 2 Figures for the previous year have been regrouped / restated wherever necessary to conform to this year's classification.
- **3** Figures in brackets are outflows / deductions.

As per our report of even date.

### For N.P Patwa & Co

Firm Registration No: 107845W UDIN : 24042384BKAKVS6367 Chartered Accountants Jitendra Shah Partner Membership No. 042384 Place : Mumbai Date : 02-09-2024

### FOR AND ON BEHALF OF MANAGING COMMITTEE ALL INDIA RUBBER INDUSTRIES ASSOCIATION

Shashikumar S. Singh
President
DIN: 0001800250
Place : Mumbai
Date : 02-09-2024

Zafar Ahmed Sr. Vice President DIN : 0000898798



NOTE '1' OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND NOTES TO ACCOUNTS FORMING PART OF THE BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MARCH, 2024 AND INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED ON THAT DATE:

### SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

### a) GENERAL:

The Association is incorporated as Section 24 company under the provisions of Companies Act, 1913 (continue to operate under Section 8 of Companies Act, 2013). The company is established in the year 1945 to pursue charitable objectives of Promoting and Safeguarding the interest of Rubber Industry and that if Trade Association.

The Financial Statements are prepared based on the historical cost convention, by applying applicable Accounting Standards and as a going concern. The preparation of Financial Statements is in conformity with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles as applicable in India (Indian GAAP). The company follows mercantile system of accounting and recognizes Income and Expenses on accrual basis unless stated otherwise in the notes and except the items with significant uncertainties.

### B) USE OF ESTIMATES AND JUDGMENTS:

The preparation of Financial Statement in conformity with Accounting Standard requires the Management to make estimates, judgments and assumptions. These estimates, judgments and assumptions affects the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of Assets and Liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of Financial Statement and reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the period. Accounting estimates could change from period to period. Actual result could differ from those estimates. As soon as the Management is aware of the changes, appropriate changes in estimates are made. The effects of such changes are reflected in the period in which such changes are made and, if material, their effects are disclosed in the notes to Financial Statement.

### c) **REVENUE RECOGNITION:**

- i) Membership subscriptions, which remain unpaid as at the close of the year, are not accounted for except the amount as received out of such unpaid subscription close to the adoption of the Financial Statements by the Managing Committee.
- ii) Entrance Fees are credited to Capital Fund being part of the Corpus Fund.
- iii) The company accounts for the Service Export Incentives receivable as and when applied for with appropriate authority and only when there is reasonable certainty of the receipt of such incentive in cash or kind. The incentives in kind are valued at the realisable value in the ordinary course of business.

Any claims, interest, insurance claim or any other income is recognised only when it is reasonably certain that amount is due and certainty exists regarding receipt of such sum.

### d) PROPERTY PLANT AND EQUIPMENT:

Property Plant and Equipment are carried at cost net of input credit, less accumulated depreciation and impairment loss, if any. All costs, including financial costs till the date of put to use of assets and also includes changes on account of foreign exchange contracts and adjustments if any arising from exchange rate variations attributable to the Property, Plant and Equipment.



### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### e) INTANGIBLE ASSETS:

Intangible assets are stated at cost of acquisition and amortized over the estimated useful life of such assets.

### f) DEPRECIATION / AMORTISATION:

- I. In respect of tangible fixed assets, depreciation is provided on written down value method at the rates and in the manner specified in Schedule II to the Companies Act, 2013.
- II. Intangible assets are depreciated over a period of benefit on straight line bases.

### g) IMPAIRMENT OF ASSETS:

Impairment loss of permanent nature in relation to the assets is recognized wherever the carrying amount of an asset is in excess of its recoverable amount and the same is recognized as an expense in statement of Income and Expenditure and carrying amount of the asset is reduced to its recoverable amount.

### h) INVESTMENTS:

Long-Term investments are carried at cost. However, provision for diminution is made to recognise a decline, other than temporary, in the value of investments, such reduction being determined and made for each investment individually. Short Term investments are carried at cost.

### i) BORROWING COST:

Borrowing cost which is directly attributable to acquisition of Qualifying Property, Plant and Equipment are capitalised. All other borrowing costs are charged to Income and Expenditure Account.

### j) FOREIGN CURRENCY TRANSACTIONS:

- Foreign currency transactions during the year are booked at the applicable RBI rates on the date of transactions or rate realised on or before the date of transaction.
- Monetary Assets & Liabilities related to foreign currency transactions, remaining un- settled at the end of the year are translated at RBI rate prevailing on reporting date. Resultant gains / losses on such transaction, other than those related to Fixed Assets are recognized in the Income & Expenditure Account.

### k) EMPLOYEE BENEFITS:

Eligible employees receive the benefit from Employee Provident Fund, which is defined benefit plan. Both the eligible employees and Company Contributes to Provident Fund and the contribution are regularly deposited with Employees Provident Fund Authorities. The Employers' Contribution to Employees Provident Fund is charged to the Income and Expenditure Account.

The company estimated and provided for the liability towards the Employee's Gratuity and leave encashment as per the policy framed for the encashment and enjoyment of the leave. The company is in process of appropriately funding these liabilities.

### I) TAXES ON INCOME:

The company is charitable organisation and income is eligible for exemption under the provisions of section 11 and 12 of Income Tax Act, 1961. The tax provision as applicable is made in the books of accounts.



NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The company is not required to make any provision for deferred tax asset or liability in view of special provisions applicable to the taxation of income of such charitable organisation and there are no reversible timing differences warranting provision of such deferred tax assets or liability as per Accounting Standard 22 "Accounting for Taxes on Income".

### m) PROVISIONS, CONTINGENT LIABILITIES AND CONTINGENT ASSETS:

A provision is made based on a reliable estimate when it is probable that an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits will be required to settle an obligation. Contingent Liabilities, if material, are disclosed by way of notes to accounts. Contingent assets are not recognized or disclosed in the Financial Statements.

### 2. NOTES TO ACCOUNTS

- a) Company is a charitable organization established and operating for advancement of objects of general public utility. Company is registered under Section 12AA of Income Tax Act, 1961. The provisions of tax payable as applicable under The Income Tax Act, 1961 is made on the bases of applicable provisions of Income Tax Act, 1961 and considering the past history of assessments in the case of company.
- b) The movement of publications is controlled under the overall supervision of the Secretary General. However, there is no system of maintaining inventory for the said materials and the same are charged to Income and Expenditure Account. Inventory of Gift articles and promotional material are not carried forward and are expensed to Income and Expenditure Account.
- c) Estimated amounts of contracts remaining to be executed on capital account and not provided for Rs. NIL (Previous period Rs.Nil).
- d) The contingent liabilities in respect of:

Nature of Liability 31.03.2024 31.03.2023

Income Taxes(\*) Rs. 82,75,972 Rs. 82,75,972

(\*) These liabilities are disputed with appropriate authorities under Income Tax laws and outcome is awaited.

e) The information as required to be disclosed under the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Development Act, 2006 has been determined to the extent such parties have been identified on the basis of information available with the Company.

The amount of principal and interest outstanding during the year is given below:

	As at 31st	As at 31st
	March, 2024	March, 2023
(a) Amounts outstanding but not due	55,92,533	37,184
(b) Amounts due but unpaid	Nil	Nil
(c) Amounts paid after appointed date during the year – Principal	g Nil	Nil
(d) Amount of interest accrued and unpaid	Nil	Nil



### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

- f) The information required by the Schedule III of Company's Act, 2013 is given to the extent applicable.
- i) EARNINGS IN FOREIGN CURRENCY:

Sale of Directories, Seminar Contribution, Exhibition Revenue and magazine Income and Advertisement Income

### Rs.1,37,78,014/-[Inclusive of Refundable Security Deposit of Rs.3,41,292/-] (Previous Year Rs. 2,37,862/- )

### ii) EXPENDITURE IN FOREIGN CURRENCY:

Subscription paid NIL (Previous Year Rs 2,41,835/-)

### g) <u>Ratios</u>

Company is a charitable organization established and operating for advancement of objects of general public utility and recognised as such under Companies Act,2013 and Income Tax Act,1961 and hence the ratios required to be given as per Schedule III are not given as the same are not relevant.

- h) The company has not entered into any transactions with defunct or struck-off company.
- i) There are no pending litigations by or against the company.

Trade Receivable	Less than 6 months	6 months- 1 Year	1-2 Years	2-3 Years	3 Years and Above	Total
Undisputed Trade Receivable – Considered Good	38,83,523	1,11,032	31,772	1,22,165	-	41,48,492
Undisputed Trade Receivable – Considered Doubtful	-	-	-	-	-	-
Disputed Trade Receivable – Considered Good	-	-	-	-	-	-
Disputed Trade Receivable – Considered Doubtful	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	38,83,523	1,11,032	31,772	1,22,165	Nil	41,48,492

j) <u>Trade Receivable</u>

### k) <u>Trade Payable</u>

Trade Payable	Less Than 1 Year	1-2 Years	2-3 Years	3 Years and Above	Total
MSME	23,08,155	1,500	-	-	23,09655
Other	32,82,879	-	-	-	32,82879



Total	55,91,034	1,500	-	-	55,92,534
Disputed					
Other –	-	-	-	-	-
MSME Disputed	-	-	-	-	-

I) The previous years' figures are regrouped or rearranged wherever necessary.

### For N. P. PATWA & COMPANY CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS FRN: 107845W UDIN: 24042384BKAKVS6367

### Jitendra Shah

(Partner) Membership No. 042384 Place : Mumbai Date : 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 2024

### For & On Behalf of Managing Committee All India Rubber Industries Association CIN U91100MH1951GAT008683

Shashikumar S. Singh President DIN : 0001800250 Zafar Ahmed Sr.Vice President DIN -0000878798



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₹(In '000)

Notes to the Financial Statements for the	31-Mar-24	31-Mar-24	31-Mar-23	31-Mar-23
year ended	(₹)	(₹)	(₹)	(₹)
3 Corpus Fund	(.)		(1)	(-)
Balance as per last Balance Sheet		10,481.85		10,349.85
Add : Entrance Fees received during		,		
the year		314.00		132.00
Total at the end of the reporting period		10,795.85		10,481.85
4 Earmarked Funds				
<ol> <li>Promotion of Interest of Rubber Industry Through R &amp;D, Education, Skill Devt Initiatives Etc.</li> </ol>				
Opening Balance	117,513.16		117,513.16	
Add During the Year Accumulation	-		-	
Less Utilised for the purpose for which				
accumulated taken in Income and	117 510 17			
Expenditure Account	-117,513.16		-	117 510 17
Closing Balance 2) Promotion of Interest of Rubber Industry		-		117,513.16
Through R &D, Education, Skill Devt Initiatives Etc. Utilised				
Opening Balance	37,365.64		37,365.64	
Add Utilised	117,513.16		-	
Closing Balance Utilised		154,878.80		37,365.64
Total at the end of the reporting period		154,878.80		154,878.80
5 <u>Reserves &amp; Surplus</u>				
i Surplus of Income & Expenditure A/C				
Balance as per last Balance Sheet	113,125.64		104,266.85	
Add / (Less) Prior period items	-		-	
Add/(Less) Prior Year adjustment	-		-	
(Less) Surplus / (Deficit) for the year	58,223.15	171,348.80	8,858.79	113,125.64
Total at the end of the reporting period		171,348.80		113,125.64
6 Long - Term Provisions				
i Provision for Leave Encashment Benefit		187.61		283.72
ii Other Payable (SARPOL)		1,362.70		1,362.70
Total at the end of the reporting period		1,550.31		1,646.42



Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended	31-Mar-24	31-Mar-24	31-Mar-23	31-Mar-23
	(₹)	(₹)	(₹)	(₹)
7 Other Current Liabilities				
i Statutory Dues		14,105.01		655.61
ii Employees Payable		1,741.66		1,096.39
iii Outstanding Expenses		22,805.14		504.02
iv Advance received for Membership		82.19		241.59
v Advance received		515.57		3,656.64
vi Security deposit received for activities		14,688.88		308.49
vii Sundry Debtors Cr Balance		3,142.23		2,605.20
viii Bank O/D against Fixed Deposit		132,300.24		-
Total at the end of the reporting period		189,380.90		9,067.96



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# Notes to the Financial Statements for the financial year ended 31st March 2024 (Contd)

### 8. FIXED ASSETS

(Figure in ₹)

		Gross Block	llock		De	preciation	Depreciation / Amortization	u	Net B	Net Block
DESCRIPTION	As at 01.04.23	Additions during the year	Sale of Assets	As at 31.03.2024	As at 01.04.2023	For the year	Depreciation /Sale/ Written off	As at 31.03.2024	As at 01.04.2023	As at 31.03.2024
TANGIBLE ASSETS :										
Land & Buildings	24,708.09	24,708.09 1,71,811.99	1,449.92	1,449.92 1,95,070.16	13,656.87 4,822.05	4,822.05	929.89	929.89 17,549.04 11,616.96	11,616.96	1,77,521.12
Computers and Data Processing Unit	3,158.94	305.58	45.16	3,419.36	2,814.31	348.46	45.16	3,117.62	87.11	301.75
Furniture & Fittings	5,253.52	2,124.41	82.10	7,295.83	5,047.75	562.55	81.38	5,528.91	277.65	1,766.91
Office Equipments	4,146.47	1,029.11	270.83	4,904.76	4,057.26	238.43	270.42	4,025.27	41.90	879.49
TOTAL TANGIBLE ASSETS	37,267.02	37,267.02 1,75,271.08	1,848.00	2,10,690.10	25,576.19	5,971.49	1,326.84	30,220.83	12,023.62	1,80,469.27
<u>INTANGIBLE</u> ASSETS :	I									
TOTAL INTANGIBLE ASSETS	I									
Total	37,267.02	1,75,271.08	1,848.00	2,10,690.10	25,576.19	5,971.49	1,326.84	30,220.83	12,023.62	•
Previous Year 2022-23	36,707.94	559.08	•	36,707.94	24,684.32	891.88	·	25,576.19	•	12,023.62



	es to the Financial Statements for the	31-Mar-24	31-Mar-24	31-Mar-23	31-Mar-23
yea	r ended	(₹)	(₹)	(₹)	(₹)
9	Non-Current Investments				
	Unquoted Shares in other Entities				
	i 2,50,000 (P. Y. 2,50,000) Shares of Rs.10/- each fully paid in Rubber,Chemical & Petro Chemical Skill Development Council (RCPSDC)		2,500.00		2,500.00
	ii 5 (P. Y. 5) Shares of Rs.50/- each fully paid in Pramukh Plaza Premises Co- Operative Society Ltd		00.25		00.25
	Total at the end of the reporting period		2,500.25		2,500.25
10	Long-Term Loans and Advances (Unsecured considered good)				
	i Security Deposits		1,049.20		1,045.24
	<ul> <li>Advance payment of Taxes and Net of Provisions for Tax</li> </ul>		-		11,870.83
	Total at the end of the reporting period		1,049.20		12,916.07
11	Current Investments (unquoted)				
	i Term Deposits with Banks		286,966.01		189,685.38
	Total at the end of the reporting period		286,966.01		189,685.38
12	Cash & Bank Balances				
	i Balance with Banks in Current A/cs		18740.50		25,595.35
	ii Cash on Hand		106.73		37.91
	Total at the end of the reporting period		18,847.22		25,633.26
13	Short Term Loans and Advances (Unsecured, Considered good)				
	i Advance to Staff		20.61		06.01
	ii Prepaid Expenses		103.50		287.82
	iii Advance for Expenses for Events		-		163.71
	iv Advance to Suppliers		30,470.97		33,812.69
	v GST Balances		8,507.25		12,148.92
	Total at the end of the reporting period		39,102.34		46,419.15



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Notes to the Financial Statements for the		the Financial Statements for the 31-N	ar-24	31-Mar-24	31-Mar-23	31-Mar-23
yea	r end		<b>±</b> )	(3)	(3)	(3)
			₹)	(₹)	(₹)	(₹)
14		<u>ner Receivable</u> secured, Considered good)				
	i	Outstanding for More than 6 Months		264.97		273.72
	ii	Other Receivables		4,347.94		467.15
		I at the end of the reporting period		4,612.91		740.87
				.,		
15	<u>Rev</u>	<u>venue from Activities</u>		050.01/.00		
	I 	Exhibition Receipts		252,916.29		-
	ii	Conference ,Seminar & Trade Delegation		5,660.19		5,093.13
	iii	Sponsorship for NRC & Seminars		13,975.00		23,218.91
	iv	Membership Subscription		9,583.05		8,510.50
	V	Advertisement, Subscription to				
		Magazine, News Letters etc.		7,518.44		5,888.79
	Toto	al at the end of the reporting period		289,652.96		42,711.33
16	Oth	ner Income				
	i	Interest on Investments		16,342.04		11,820.05
	ii	Miscellaneous Income		112.34		827.42
	iii	Profit on sale of Asset		4,779.00		-
	Toto	al at the end of the reporting period		21,233.37		12,647.46
17	EXP	a) Exhibition Organising Expenses				
	I	( IRE 2024) 159,	205.36		-	
		b) RDME Expenses	-	159,205.36	70.54	70.54
	ii	Magazine and Directory Publication &		-		
		Distribution Expenses		3,070.59		3,113.37
	iii	Seminar and Conference Expenses		14,464.31		20,653.09
	iv	Contribution towards Sponsorship & Publicity		-		649.83
	V	Promotional Expenses		713.06		730.80
	vi	Website Maintenance Expenses		111.34		382.96
	vii	Interact with DGFT for Export Promotion				
		& Availability of Raw Material		-		314.48
	viii	Annual General Meeting Expenses		1,344.50		784.23



Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended		31-Mar-24	31-Mar-24	31-Mar-23	31-Mar-23	
-			(₹)	(₹)	(₹)	(₹)
	ix	Managing & Other Committee Meetings		873.87		1,175.94
	х	RBSM Expenses (Written Off)		422.00		804.00
	Total	at the end of the reporting period		180,205.02		28,679.23
18	Employees Benefit Expenses					
	i	Salary & Allowances		10,097.30		10,336.82
	ii	Contribution to PF & Other Funds		1,022.44		662.85
	iii	Staff Welfare Expenses		302.62		214.01
	iv	Staff Recruitment Expenses		63.00		56.11
	Total	at the end of the reporting period		11,485.36		11,269.79
19	<u>Esta</u>	blishment Expenses				
	i	<u>Repairs &amp; Maintenance:</u>				
		Buildings	1,772.61		713.71	
		Other	564.31	2,336.91	457.24	1,170.95
	ii	Travelling & Conveyance		230.59		391.88
	iii	Legal & Professional Charges		1,880.23		1,024.22
	iv	Postage & Courier		224.37		330.53
	V	Foreign Exchange Fluctuation (Net)		-		00.06
	vi	Printing & Stationery		135.09		233.64
	vii	Telephone, Fax & Internet		341.44		309.51
	viii	Subscription & Affiliation Fee		256.85		174.96
	ix	Electricity Charges		504.59		338.46
	х	Miscellaneous Expenses		959.67		69.73
	xi	GST Expenses		680.90		134.17
	xii	Rent & Hire charges		251.23		228.40
	xiii	Sundry Balances Written Off		11.05		-
	xiv	Rates and Taxes		07.42		23.60
	XV	Bad Debt		-		-
	xvi	Income Tax Expenses		-		-
	xvii	Payment to Auditors :				
		For Audit & Assurance Services	212.50		85.00	



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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended	31-Mar-24	31-Mar-24	31-Mar-23	31-Mar-23
	(₹)	(₹)	(₹)	(₹)
For Taxation Services	75.00		50.00	
For Certification	10.00		05.00	
Regional Branches	32.50	330.00	37.50	177.50
Total at the end of the reporting period		8,150.35		4,607.62
20 Finance Cost				
i Bank charges		42.88		28.36
ii Interest on Overdraft A/c		4,415.30		-
Total at the end of the reporting period	Total at the end of the reporting period			28.36

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