

**AIRIA, Southern Region organized One Day Seminar  
on “Emerging Trends in Rubber Industry” held on  
6<sup>th</sup> Jan 2012 at Savera Hotel, Chennai in association  
with IRMRA,Thane and I R I, Chennai Branch**

The above Seminar was inaugurated by Shri R.K.Raman, Past President and Honorary Member, AIRIA by lighting the Kuthuvilakku followed by Dr.R.K.Matthan, Dr.P.Thavamani, Mr.K.Vaidyalingam and Shri Mehul Patel. Shri K.Vaidyalingam, Chairman (SR) welcomed the gathering and Shri R.K.Raman delivered the Key Note address. Shri Ketan D Shah, Past Chairman, AIRIA (SR) conducted the proceedings. There were about 60 members / non members and we had invited 11 post graduate students from the Rubber and Plastics Technology Division, M I T, Chromepet. There was a good gathering and the participants actively interacted with the speakers.

In the first session Mr.S.R.Ramaswamy, M/s Ideal Rubber Industries, Chennai made a presentation on “Special Purpose Elastomers for Molded Components”. He made a very descriptive presentation and many participants interacted with him.

The second session was handled by Shri Mehul Patel by making his presentation on “NBR / PVC – Rubber Moulded Components” representing M/s Imperial Waterproofing Pvt. Ltd. He made a vivid presentation and it was well taken by the participants

The third session was handled by Dr.P.Thavamani, Director, Indian Rubber Manufacturers Research Association (IRMRA) by making a presentation of “Rubber Compounding Ingredients with special reference to REACH, ROHS, & PAH”. He explained very elaborately the subject and the participants had a good interaction with him

After a brief break for Lunch, Shri Prasanth Warriar, General Manager (Marketing), M/s Bainite Machines Pvt. Ltd. made a presentation on “Technology upgradation in Indian Rubber Industry” and explained about the various machineries produced by his company with latest technology and advantages of using them.

The fifth session was handled by Shri K.R.Krishnan, Sr.Asst.Director, IRMRA and he made a presentation on “Use of Analytical Instruments for Reverse Engineering Automotive & Industrial Rubber Products”

The last session was handled by Shri Mehul Patel and Shri Kalyan Das of M/s Gujarat Reclaim Rubber Products Ltd. They made a presentation on “POLYCOAT–A New Rubber Ingredient”.

The Seminar concluded with a Panel Discussion – “Ask the Doctor” and all the speakers were on dais. Many of the participants raised various issues and all their doubts were cleared by the speakers. The participants and the speakers were extremely happy with the arrangements made for this seminar and everybody appreciated.



