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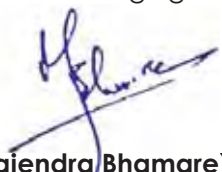
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NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that 70th Annual General Meeting of the All India Rubber Industries Association for the year 2021-22 will be held on Tuesday 27th September 2022 at Hilton Chennai, Hilton Ballroom II & III, 124/1 J.N. Salai, Guindy, Chennai-600032, Tamilnadu to transact the following business:

- (1) To confirm the proceedings of the Sixty Ninth Annual General Meeting held on 29th December, 2021 (already circulated)
- (2) To receive and adopt the 70th Annual Report and the Audited Balance Sheet and Income & Expenditure Accounts of the Association for the year ended 31st March 2022.
- (3) To declare the results of the election to the Managing Committee and Regional Committees for the year 2022-23 in place of retiring members.
- (4) To appoint Auditors to hold office from conclusion of this meeting until the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting of the Company and fix their remuneration. M/s N P Patwa & Co., Chartered Accountants, the retiring Auditors are eligible for re-appointment..

By Order of the Managing Committee



(Rajendra Bhamare)
Secretary General

Place: Mumbai

Date: 7th September, 2022

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 7th September, 2022 to 27th September, 2022 both days inclusive.

PROXY FORM

[Pursuant to Section 105(6) of the Companies Act, 2013 and Rule 19(3) of the Companies (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 _____ having email id _____ or failing him

_____ of _____ having email id _____ or failing him

_____ of _____ having email id _____

and whose signature(s) are appended below as my / our proxy to attend and vote (on a poll) for me / us and on my / our behalf at the **70th Annual General Meeting of the members of the Association to be held on 27th September 2022 at** Hilton Chennai, Hilton Ballroom II & III, 124/1 J.N. Salai, Guindy, Chennai-600032 and at any adjournment thereof in respect of such resolutions as are indicated below:

Signed this _____ day of _____ 2022

Signature of Member

Revenue
Stamp

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



ALL INDIA RUBBER INDUSTRIES ASSOCIATION

(Founded on 14th April 1945)

70th ANNUAL REPORT WITH STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31ST MARCH 2022

(From 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022)

(76th Year of the Association)

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Dr. Sawar Dhanania

Sr. Vice President

Mr. Shashi Kumar Singh

Vice-President

Mr. Vipin Mehta

Members of the Managing Committee

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Mr. Vishnu Bhimrajka	Mr. Partha Sarkar	Mr. N. Rajagopal	Mr. Ramesh Kejriwal
Mr. V. T. Chandrasekharan	Mr. Vinod S. Bansal	Mr. Sanjeev Sikka	Mr. R. Ramachandran
Mr. Surinder Paul Gupta	Mr. Rakesh Kumar Dugar	Mr. Mahesh T. Velu	Mr. Vinod T. Simon
Mr. Sandeep Jain	Mr. Anay Gupta	Mr. Hemant Kumar Baheti	Mr. K. Srikanth
Mr. Vikram Makar	Mr. Milind Joshi	Mr. Umesh Dhruv	Mr. K. Vaidyalingam
Mr. J. S. Rangar	Mr. Vinod P. Patkotwar	Mr. Kamlesh Jain	Mr. Soumil Shah
Mr. Prasant Wani	Mr. Chandramouli Suresh		

Patron Member

Seat vacant

Associate Class

Mr. Siddharth Bhimrajka	Mr. Sunil More	Mr. Bharat Relan	Mr. Rajendra Shah
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Association Class

Seat Vacant

Co-Opted Members

Mr. Rajesh K Sampat	Mr. Sunil Bansal	Mr. Aditya Vikram Poddar	Mr. Harvinder Singh Chitkara
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Honorary Members

Mr. Jaydev Chatterjee	Mr. K. D. Shah	Mr. S.A. Shah	Mr. K. J. Janakar
Mr. R. V. Gandhi	Dr. R. K. Matthan	Mr. D.T. Keswani	

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Mr. Niraj I. Thakkar	Mr. Mohinder Gupta	Mr. Kamal Chowdhury
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Secretary General

Mr. Rajendra Bhamare

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Chartered Accountants

Regional Auditors

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M/s. R.K. Jhunjhunwala & Co.
Chartered Accountants

Southern Region

M/s. Pratapkaran Paul & Co.
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Northern Region

M/s. Ravinder K. Goel & Associates
Chartered Accountants

ALL INDIA RUBBER INDUSTRIES ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2021-22



The Managing Committee of the Association is glad to present to its members, a resume of the activities of the Association during the year 2021-22 and by and large covering up to June/July, 2022

Major Event / Activities

The Association has been fully occupied with organizing various events & activities during the entire year, right from Annual General Meeting 2021 even though covid restrictions etc. are as given below:

69th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 69th Annual General Meeting of the All India Rubber Industries Association was held on **29th December 2021** online.

69th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2021-22

The gallant journey of All India Rubber Industries Association, AIRIA from its year of inception in the year 1945, has been really commendable. Due pandemic of covid 19 and restriction imposed by

the government, the Annual General meeting of the Association was conducted on line second time.

At beginning an anchor Mr. Jay Karmani welcome all members of the association for the AGM of the Association and gave brief introduction of event of the day and started with national anthem.

He welcomed all the Members, introduce AIRIA, invited the dignitaries: President Mr. Vikram Makar, Sr Vice President- Dr. Sawar Dhanania, Vice President Mr. Vipin Mehta, Mr. Rajneesh Tomar - Guest of Honour, Mr. Bhavesh Pande - Guest of Honour & Mr. Anup Deshmukh - Chief Guest for inaugural Session. Mr Vipin Mehta, Mr Anup Deshmukh jointed the AGM virtually and Mr Bhavesh Pande sent his message for the AGM as he could not joined the AGM due to his other commitments.

He invited the dignitaries who were physically present for the lighting of lamp. Thereafter Mr. Vipin Mehta was welcomed for welcome

address. Mr Mehta gave his opening remark with current scenario of the rubber industry and economy welcome chief guest and guest of honour and other dignitaries.

Thereafter the anchor gave brief introduction of the president Mr Vikram Makar and invited him for his address to the august gathering. The president offered sincere condolences to members and colleagues present who have lost their family members, friends and colleagues and requested members to observe two minutes silence for sad demise of Mr. Vijay Bhimrajika, Mr. Mazhar Vohra, Mr. Jain, Mr. Kotastane and Mr Manu M Patel.

He said that in spite of having a challenging year because of the COVID-19 pandemic and other uncontrollable external economic and business challenges, the past year has been a mix of success stories and wholesome experiential learning for all of us as we have had to pivot our methods, processes and thinking in a short span rapidly.

Due to macro circumstances of lockdowns, travel restrictions, social distancing and other government mandates Association's flagship events such as the India Rubber Expo (IRE), International Reverse Buyer-Seller Meet (RBSM), the Domestic Buyer-Seller Meet, National Rubber Conference (NRC), etc. could not be organised. These events are primary revenue sources for the AIRIA and are essential for the Association's sustenance. Hence, since the inception of his term as President, he and his team quickly plugged the drain and conserved resources by making quick and tough decisions such as closing the Delhi office, restructuring the manpower thereby saving huge cost to the Association and Cancellation of IRE 2022 etc.

He further said that in order to achieve a faster economic recovery in the post-COVID-19 period, we must reaffirm our commitment to domestic production, fiscal discipline, macro stability, and the competitive edge of our industry sectors as well as take a proactive approach to global market access.

The Association served as the industry and trade's unifying voice talks in the national interest.

As a result, AIRIA continued to represent the perspectives and priorities of its members and the business community at large.

Finally, he expressed his sincere gratitude to the members, fellow colleagues in all the Committees and Sub-Committees of AIRIA, distinctive bodies, the Corporate Houses, the partners, and supporters of our programs.

Inauguration of AIRIA membership directory 2022: The directory was inaugurated by the dignitaries present physically and virtually. The directory was published after a gap of five years which contain member's contact details, logo, brand, general information and industry statistics which will be helpful to the members at large.

Mr. Rajendra Bhamare, Secretary General has given a brief about the association and its role and responsibilities. He also briefed about activities undertaken during last year through PPT presentation.

Mr Jay then gave a brief of Dr. Sawar Dhanania - Sr. Vice. President – AIRIA; Chairman Rubber – Board since 2018, Proprietor - D.S. Engineers & Consultants and invited him to share his view before the members. He touched upon various aspects such as rubber board, its working and government schemes for industries and the industry should take advantage of the same. He also invited the members to visit the Rubber Board once to gain basic knowledge and understand services offered by rubber board and its technical centre in terms of development of rubber products. He further suggested to visit Tripura, a new hub for natural rubber is coming up and the Tripura government is offering various kinds of subsidies and grants to set up rubber industries.

The Anchor introduced and welcomed guest of honour Mr. Rajneesh Kumar Tomar - Executive Director QA (Mechanical) RDSO, an officer of Indian railway service of mechanical engineers 1997 batch. Dr. Dhanania presented a bouquet to him. Mr Tomar shared his views and working of Indian railway and how the rubber industry can participate in railway's procurement and product development programme. He further

offered his help and guidance as and when required.

Mr. Bhavesh Pande - Managing Director, Indian Synthetic Rubber Pvt Ltd and another guest of honour who could not join the AGM has sent his recorded video which was played during the AGM.

Mr. Anup Deshmukh - Regional Director, India & South East Asia, Lord Corporation was invited as chief guest for the AGM after his brief introduction. Mr Deshmukh thanks to the chair for inviting as chief guest of the AGM and he briefed the members about COVID and Supply Chain challenge, Electrification, Opportunities for India through PPT presentation. He further highlighted that "In the long-term, supply chain challenges are likely to trigger a change in the trading landscape, as global trading networks shift and we see continued regionalization of supply chains."

AIRIA Export and Domestic Awards for 2020-21

Anchor to introduced the National Convener - Domestic Awards & Events Mr. Vinod Bansal; Co-convener - Mr. Vinod Patkotwar & Ms. Pilloo Aga and Invited Mr Vinod Bansal brief of Awards.

Mr Vinod Bansal welcomed dignitaries for the AGM and gave brief background of the awards presented by the Association.

The AIRIA had instituted the export awards under various categories in the year 1985 and subsequently domestic awards were instituted in the year 2016 to recognize excellent performance of members.

Both the above awards are given under various products categories in manufacturing looking at wide spectrum of industries of Indian Rubber

Manufacturing has spread and five categories such as Best All Round Performance, Highest, Top, Special and Merit Award. This year

total no of awardees is 58, 46 under Export Awards and 12 for Domestic Awards. As the rubber industry is labour intensive, India has a big advantage in export sector and it is very heartening to say that our Rubber Exports are growing 12 to 15% every year. Still, it is a matter of concern that Rubber industry's share in the total export of India is just 1.4% and in value terms it is around Rs 24000 crores, out of which Rs.14000 cr. by Tyre sector and Rs. 10000 cr. is non tyre sector. Also, it has been observed over the years of these awards that no many new players are coming forward and the same names are being repeated. To encourage the first-time exporters, we had relaxed our criterions and appealed them to apply but response has not been satisfactory. He requested all the members to spread the word so that new exporters are encouraged.

He along with his team members Mr Vinod Patkotwarji and Mrs Pilloo Aga ji congratulated all the export and domestic award winners for excellent performance in those trying time of Covid and wish them all the best. At the end I am thankful to President, Sr. Vice-President, Vice President for all the support and guidance and also thanked to SG Rajendra Bhamare and entire staff at AIRIA HO for all the help in compilation of data and final selection of the awardees. So, friends, let us give a big round of applause for all the winners for a well-deserved award. Following awards were announced and their video were played. Best and highest award under domestic awards were announced by Mr. Vinod Patkotwar, Co-Convener and under Export Awards by Mr. Vinod Bansal, Convener.



AIRIA EXPORT AWARDS FOR 2020-21

1	Best Allround Performance	Garware Fulflex India Pvt.Ltd.pune
HIGHEST EXPORT AWARDS		
2	Tyre Sector	Balkrishna Industries Ltd., Mumbai
3	Non Tyre Sector	Pix Transmissions Ltd, Mumbai
4	SME Sector	Flooratex Rubber & Plastics Pvt. Ltd. Kerala
TOP EXPORT AWARDS		
5	Auto Tyre Sector	MRF Ltd., Chennai
6	Conveyor & Transmission Belts	Oriental Rubber Industries Pvt. Ltd., Pune
7	Hoses	Gates India Pvt. Ltd, Lalru, Punjab
8	Gloves/Threads & Latex Products	Kanam Latex Industries Pvt Ltd., Kottayam
9	Rubber Sheetings	Zenith Industrial Rubber Products Pvt. Ltd, Mumbai
10	Moulding & Auxillaries	Jayashree Polymers Pvt Ltd., Pune
11	Automotive parts/hoses	Shore Auto Rubber Exports Pvt. Ltd. Pune
12	Misc Products	Sri Ramkarthic Polymers Pvt Ltd, Coimbatore
13	SME Aggregate	United Rubber Industries (I) Pvt Ltd., Mumbai
RAW MATERIAL SECTION		
14	Rubber Chemicals	Yasho Industries Ltd
SPECIAL EXPORT AWARDS		
15	Auto Tyre Sector	Emerald Resilient Tyre Mfrs..Pvt Ltd., Chennai
16	Rubber Sheetings	Glenrock Rubber Products Pvt.Ltd. Kottayam
17	Cots & Aprons	Precision Rubber Industries Pvt.Ltd, Mumbai
18	V And Fan Belts	Vinko Auto Ind. Ltd., New delhi
19	Bicycle Tyre And Tubes	Kohinoor India Pvt Ltd., Jalandhar
20	Moulding & Auxillaries	Prabhat Elastomers Pvt Ltd., Mumbai
21	Hoses	Shreegee Impex Pvt Ltd
22	Automotive Parts	Auto Steel & Rubber Ind. P Ltd
23	Misc. Product	Vajra Rubber Products (P) Ltd, Thrissur
24	SME Aggragate	Anant Rubber LLP., Telangana
25	Rubber Machinery	Bainite Machines Pvt Ltd,Mumbai
SPECIAL EXPORT AWARDS: RAW MATERIAL SECTION		
26	Rubber Chemicals	Techno Waxchem Pvt Ltd., Kolkata
27	Reclaimed Rubber	Eswar Rubber Products Pvt. Ltd., Salem
EXPORT GROWTH AWARD		
28	Large Scale	Agarwal Rubber Ltd, Hyderabad
29	Latex Rubber Tread	Rubfila International Ltd., Palakkad.
30	General Rubber Products	Arul Rubber Pvt Ltd, Hosur

EXPORT MERIT AWARDS		
31		Navyug (India) Ltd, Jalandhar
32		Superking Mfg.(Tyre) Pvt Ltd, Delhi
33		Vako Seal Pvt Ltd., Mumbai
34		Crown Rubber Products, Pune
35		Plus-One Machinefabrik Pvt Ltd
36		Kloekner Desma Machinery Pvt.Ltd. Ahmadabad
37		Santosh Rubber Machinery Pvt. Ltd., Mumbai
38		Bharaj Machinerics Pvt.Ltd. Mumbai
39		Phillips Carbon Black Ltd, Kolkata
40		Oriental Carbon & Chemicals Ltd, Noida
41		GRP Ltd, Mumbai
42		Fishfa Rubber Ltd., Rajkot
43		Imperial Waterproofing Industries Pvt. Ltd., Mumbai
44		Balaji Rubber Industries Pvt. Ltd. Salem
45		Acmechem Ltd, Kolkata
46		Punia Zinox Pvt Ltd, Gujarat
AIRIA DOMESTIC EXCELLENCE AWARD FOR 2020-21		
1	Best Allround Performance	Kurian Abraham (P) Ltd., Tamilnadu
HIGHEST DOMESTIC SALES AWARDS		
2	Automotive Parts	Roop Polymers Ltd, Gurgaon
3	Rubber Chemicals	Punia Udyog, Haryana
TOP AWARD		
4	Rubber Profiles And Other Extruded Items	Goldseal Saargummi India Pvt. Ltd., Mumbai
5	Latex Products	KA Prevulcanised Pvt Ltd.,Kottayam
SPECIAL AWARD		
6	Automotive Parts	Gold Seal Engg Prdoducts P Ltd., Mumbai
7	Conveyor & Transmission Belts	Pentagon Rubber Pvt Ltd., Punjab
8	Rubber Moulded Products	Ashutosh Rubber Pvt Ltd., Rajkot
9	Rubber Profiles And Other Extruded Items	Arul Polymers Pvt Ltd., Hosur
10	V And Fan Belts	Veegrip Belts Pvt Ltd., Madurai
MERIT AWARD		
11	Rubber Machinery	Future Foundation, Haryana
12	Rubber Machinery	Santec Exim Pvt.Ltd.,Haryana

The inaugural session was ended with distribution of AIRIA Exports and Domestic Awards for the year 2020-21 and immediately after Mr. Rajendra Bhamare SG was invited to start business session online to transact following business

BUSINESS SESSION

Immediately after Annual General Meeting of members around 5.00 pm, the President, Mr. Vikram Makar called the meeting to order.

After a ascertaining the necessary quorum, he commenced the business session by asking the Secretary General to read out the notice / agenda for the 69th Annual General Meeting.

He also thanked the members and entire committee for their support and contribution during the year. He handed to the Secretary General for conducting business session as per notice of the AGM.



PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS AT 70TH AGM



Dear Members and all others concerned,

Namaste, Kushalam Sarbam (कुशलम् सर्वम्)

Welcome to the 70th Annual General Meeting of AIRIA and my sincere greetings! Just a year ago, I was elevated to the post of President of AIRIA. It has been a benefit and a stimulating experience for me to serve in this capacity and contribute to fostering the viability of the Indian rubber industry and trade. Now on the occasion of the AGM it is a privilege for me to present my message as a part of the AIRIA's Annual Report for 2021–2022.

Part I

1 The Economy – Assessment and Prospects:

Despite continuing effects of COVID 19 in many parts of the world, the knock-on consequences of war in Ukraine, geopolitical unrest, inflation, and other hindrances, the global economy is expected to grow and is likely to reach \$104 trillion at the end of the year, according to the latest IMF projections.

1.1: Indian Scenario:

India's economy is poised for a rebound after enduring a second wave of COVID-19 infections. Swift and significant responses to the pandemic, including fiscal support and economic reforms, are supporting the recovery. The recovery is now predicted to be one of the fastest of all major economies.

Box 1: Real GDP Growth of India

Component	Growth (Percent)				
	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
I. Total Consumption Expenditure	7.1	7.0	4.9	-4.5	7.2
• Private	6.2	7.1	5.2	-6.0	7.6
• Government	11.9	6.7	3.4	3.6	4.8
II. Gross Capital Formation	14.5	6.2	-5.2	-13.6	21.5
• Gross Fixed Capital Formation	7.8	11.2	1.6	-10.4	14.6
• Change in Stocks	68.3	27.3	-58.8	-110.7	-1723.9
• Valuables	40.2	-9.7	-14.2	26.4	63
III. Net Exports					
• Exports	4.6	11.9	-3.4	-9.2	21.1
• Imports	17.4	8.8	-0.6	-13.8	29.9
IV. GDP	6.8	6.5	3.7	-6.6	8.9

Source: National Statistical Office (NSO)

India's nominal GDP at current prices is estimated to attain a level of INR 236.65 trillion (US\$3.05 trillion) for FY 2022. India was the 18th largest

export economy in the world with 1.8% share of world export in year 2021 (1.58% share in 2020).

2. Our Rubber sector:

• Index of Industrial Production (IIP):

Rubber industry is often clubbed with the plastic industry for compilation and dissemination of crucial data on a consolidated basis. IIP data, India Nikkei Markit Manufacturing PMI data, and KLEMS data are some examples.

Production of rubber and plastic products in 2021-22 saw growth compared to 2019-20 and 2020-21 levels as per IIP data released by MOSPI.

Domestic production and consumption of Natural Rubber (NR) and Synthetic Rubber (SR) – the basic raw materials of the rubber industry – are as under:

Box 2: Index of Industrial Production (IIP) for 'Manufacture of Rubber & Plastic Products' (Base 2011-12)



Source: Prepared from MOSPI data

Box 3: India's Production and Consumption of NR

Year	Production (tonne)	Consumption (tonne)	Y-o-Y Production Growth (%)	Y-o-Y Consumption Growth (%)	Shortfall	
					(tonnes)	%
2017-18	694,000	1,112,210	0.43%	6.53%	4,18,210	60.261%
2018-19	651,000	1,211,940	-6.20%	8.97%	5,60,940	86.166%
2019-20	712,000	1,134,120	9.37%	-6.42%	4,22,120	59.287%
2020-21	715,000	1,096,410	0.42%	-3.33%	3,81,410	53.344%
2021-22	775,000	1,238,000	8.39%	12.91%	4,63,000	59.742%



Source: Rubber Board

We consume more NR than we produce domestically. In order to bridge the widening gap between consumption and production, import is necessitated from the standpoint of meeting the usage needs as well as for quality and value intensity and for other augmented contemplations too of the downstream sector of our rubber industry. But import is constrained with high tariff and non-tariff barriers.

So far NR production in India is focused on basic commodity grades whereas the units of the value-added rubber goods manufacturing sector largely prefer block rubber due to its lower price, more consistency in properties, easy handling and longer shelf life. Block rubber production in

India is currently in very small quantities (ranging from 15% to 17%), and it is also processed from aged scrap. Block rubber accounts for over 80% of output in Southeast Asian and other natural rubber-producing countries, and it is processed from new cup lumps to ensure superior grades.

In India, visually graded sheet rubber makes up the majority of processed rubber, but block rubber is the most common type of rubber elsewhere. Indian growers concentrate on production of sheet rubber as it ensures a higher farm gate price. Aside from Block Rubber, our domestic production of RMA 1X, RMA 3 grades of sheet rubber is very much lacking.

Improvement of Thermal and Mechanical Properties of NR: Environmental issues have become increasingly relevant in recent years. As a result, the usage and development of renewable materials such as natural polymers has become a new social trend. NR from the Hevea Brasiliensis tree is a sustainable resource and environmentally benign material. NR demand has risen dramatically during the last decade. The search for practical uses for NR leads to research into how to improve NR qualities. Scientists are increasingly interested in graft copolymerization, as seen by the growing number of monomers examined. Acrylonitrile (AN), methyl methacrylate (MMA), maleic anhydride (MA), and styrene are some of the most often utilised vinyl monomers.

The Rubber Research Institute of India (RRII) has grown to become one of the world's largest research institutes, making a substantial contribution to the Indian NR plantation sector and rubber goods manufacturing industry. Therefore, RRII's focus may be heightened a bit more for graft copolymerization to improve the thermal and mechanical properties of NR. In fact, for the sake of national economic development, we need to turn our rubber tree expertise into a multipurpose crop. This will enhance rural social

conditions and lead to the greening of bare land in order to protect the environment. It is also important to popularise and commercialise treated natural rubbers, such as the following, on a larger scale, just as it is for non-treated grades of natural rubber:

- TSR CV (Constant Viscosity)
- TSR 10CV, 20CV (Constant Viscosity)
- Deproteinised Natural Rubber (DPNR)
- MG Rubber (Methacrylate grafted rubber)
- SP/PA Rubber (Superior processing/Process Aid)
- Epoxidised Natural Rubber (ENR)

Synthetic Rubber (SR): While there are various types of SR used in the rubber industry, our domestic production is limited to certain grades of SR such as SBR, Butyl Rubber, PBR, NBR, HSR and Synthetic Latex (Nitrile, VP Latex, XSB & Acrylic latex) only. Consumption of SR has been increasing in India during the recent past mainly due to increase in the relative share of auto tyres and switchover to SR in some sectors such as foam, footwear, etc. Share of SR in total rubber consumption in India is around 35% while the world average is 65%. As such, the Government encourages establishment and growth of SR plants in India.

Box 4: India's Production and Consumption of SR

Synthetic Rubber (SR)	Production (tones)		Consumption (tones)		Production Growth %	Consumption Growth %	Consumption outstripped production by	
	2020-21	2021-22	2020-21	2021-22			Qty. (tones)	%
Styrene Butadiene (SBR)	236479	279295	328420	376080	18.11%	14.51%	96785	34.65%
Poly Butadiene(BR)	128564	133000	182000	222925	3.45%	22.49%	89925	67.61%
Others	63277	72870	107580	124140	15.16%	15.39%	51270	70.36%
Total	428320	485165	618000	723145	13.27%	17.01%	237980	49.05%

Source: Rubber Board

Input costs:

Rubber goods manufacturers are required to use a wide variety of raw materials. Too many items are on the shopping list. While this is true, the rising costs and unpredictability of raw materials have become a major concern for the manufacturing industry.

MSMEs are typically vulnerable to supply disruptions or spikes in the prices of critical

raw materials. NR, SR, carbon black, and rubber chemicals all saw significant price increases in 2021–2022, ranging from 20–60% over those of the pre-pandemic years of 2018–19. Therefore, the manufacturers need to look for appropriate substitutes and take initiatives such as waste recovery and recycled products.

Box 5: Price of NR (Rs. per 100 kg)

	Domestic				International		
	RSS 5	RSS4	Latex (60% drc)	ISNR 20	RSS3	Latex (60% drc)	SMR 20
Pre-pandemic period (2018-19) yearly Average Price	12232	12595	8866	11872	11707	7847	10015
2021-22 Average price	16836	17101	12678	15819	15023	10388	12754
Index (Ref. period 2018-19; Base = 100)	137.64	135.78	143.00	133.25	128.32	132.38	127.35
Spike in prices in 2021-22 over the pre-pandemic period of 2018-19	37.64%	35.78%	43.00%	33.25%	28.32%	32.38%	27.35%

Note:

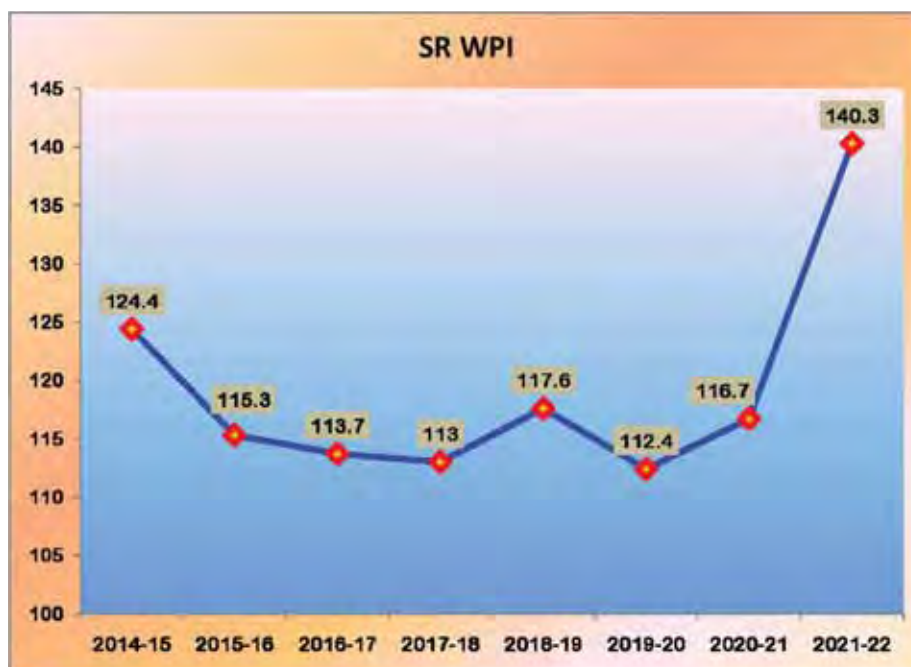
Domestic price refers to Kottayam market, international RSS 3 refers to Bangkok market and international price of latex and SMR 20 to Kuala Lumpur market.

- As evident from the data above, our domestic prices in all cases were higher than the international prices. For instance, in 2021 the domestic prices of ~
 - RSS 5 and RSS 4 were higher than the international price of RSS 3 by approx. 12% and 14% respectively,
 - Latex (60% drc) was higher approx. by 22%, and
 - ISNR 20 was higher than SMR 20 by approx. 24%.

Source: Compiled from Rubber Board data

SR Price rise: Despite the fact that our rubber industry uses different types of synthetic rubber, the Wholesale Price Index (WPI) published by our Government is for "Manufacture of plastic and synthetic rubber in primary form" as a group item, with 2011-12 = 100 as the base year. In the right-hand side table, you'll find the relevant data.

Financial Year	Index	Price Increase
2021-22	140.3	The Govt. data reveal that at the end of fiscal year 2022, the Wholesale Price Index of plastic and synthetic rubber across India was over 140. This meant an increase in the price of over 40 percent from the base year of 2011-12.
2020-21	116.7	
2019-20	112.4	
2018-19	117.6	
2017-18	113.0	
2016-17	113.7	
2015-16	115.3	
2014-15	124.4	



Box 6: Carbon Black and Rubber Chemicals

April, 2021	May, 2021	June, 2021	July, 2021	Aug. 2021	Sep. 2021	Oct. 2021	Nov. 2021	Dec. 2021	Jan. 2022	Feb. 2022	March 2022
117.2	120.8	127.5	126.2	128.8	134.6	134.6	134.8	140.2	145.2	151.3	156.6
Month-wise Price increase as per the Wholesale Price Index (WPI)											
17.2%	20.8%	27.5%	26.2%	28.8%	34.6%	34.6%	34.8%	40.2%	45.2%	51.3%	56.6%

Source: O/o the Economic Adviser, DPIIT, Ministry of Commerce

Price Index based on India's Import of Carbon Black (HS 28030010)

Price Index - Reference period 2020-21 (base 100) on the unit values in Rs. (lakhs) / quantity unit (MT)

Product	Import Value (Lac Rs.)		Import Quantity (M.Ton)		Approx. Unit Value (Rs./Kg)		Index on unit value 2021-22	
	2020-21	2021-22	2020-21	2021-22	2020-21	2021-22		
Carbon Black	119,268.38	144,214.30	175,563.52	140,803.03	67.93	102.42	150.77	50.77%

Source: Compiled from Ministry of Commerce trade statistics.

Month-wise WPI of Rubber Chemicals (Base Year 2011-12)

April, 2021	May, 2021	June, 2021	July, 2021	Aug. 2021	Sep. 2021	Oct. 2021	Nov. 2021	Dec. 2021	Jan. 2022	Feb. 2022	March 2022
124.2	124.2	125.1	126.3	126.6	126.3	130.6	131.6	133.2	139.1	134.3	137.6
Month-wise Price increase as per the WPI Index											
24.2%	24.2%	25.1%	26.3%	26.6%	26.3%	30.6%	31.6%	33.2%	39.1%	34.3%	37.6%

Source: O/o the Economic Adviser, DPIIT, Ministry of Commerce

- Logistics:**

India lags behind other countries in terms of supply chain logistics. To remain competitive, our entire logistics costs must drop by at least 25%. The supply chain network must be redesigned to optimise and digitize. Disruptions in the shipping sector have been a major barrier to international trade. The Freightos Baltic Global Container Index, which reflects ocean container transport spot across 12 global trade lanes, reached its historical high in October 2021. Throughout 2021-22 there was an average global delay of 7.1 days for vessel arrival, compared to 4.3 days before the pandemic.

- Export:**

Export rebounded sharply. In fact, India's exports of "Rubber & Articles thereof" (HS 40) grew by 42.47% from US\$ 3.25 billion in 2020-21 to US\$ 4.64 billion in 2021-22 despite significant headwinds. India ranked 16th globally in terms of exports of "Rubber & Articles thereof" (HS 40), accounting for 1.97 percent of global exports in 2021 with a market share of US\$ 4.45 billion and an increase of 49.6% from the previous year. The exports might have increased further if more companies engaged in export trading.

- Going global:**

The non-tyre sector of the Indian rubber business is dominated by MSMEs, yet they are often underrepresented in international trade. A large number of them are not export-focused. For MSMEs, growth frequently entails local expansion rather than exporting overseas.

In contemporary situation, the globalisation of MSME activities —"Local Goes Global: India Makes for the World" — is an important issue that keeps gaining attention.

Many nations, particularly emerging market economies (EMEs) like our own, place a strong emphasis on MSMEs in order to increase their sizable participation in a globally integrated economy. The incentives include governmental backing and other

forms of financial assistance. MSMEs that export often experience more success.

Box7: India's overall export of Rubber & Articles thereof (HS 40)

Year/Month	Export Value (US\$ Million)	Y-o-Y and M-o-M Growth %
2018-19	3206.74	8.27%
2019-20	3,161.52	-1.41%
2020-21	3,253.99	2.92%
2021-22	4,635.84	42.47%
2022-M04	407.95	24.26%
2022-M05	406.34	17.65%
2022-M06	435.83	11.95%
2022-M07	452.16	14.90%

India's Export of "Rubber & Rubber-Canvas/ Textile Footwear" (HS 64)

Year/Month	Export Value (US\$ Million)	Y-o-Y and M-o-M Growth %
2018-19	390.04	31.38%
2019-20	282.91	-27.47%
2020-21	193.72	-31.53%
2021-22	213.27	10.09%
2022-M04	23.63	49.96%
2022-M05	23.42	145.59%
2022-M06	26.74	115.26%
2022-M07	26.82	65.78%

India's Export of Rubberised Cotton Fabrics other than knitted or crocheted fabrics (HS 59069920)

Year/Month	Export Value (US\$ Million)	Y-o-Y and M-o-M Growth %
2018-19	0.18	26.71%
2019-20	0.09	-48.77%
2020-21	0.10	15.91%
2021-22	0.12	17.75%
2022-M04	0.02	-31.67%
2022-M05	0.00	-
2022-M06	0.01	113.64%
2022-M07	0.00	-

Source: Ministry of Commerce

I do believe that their shift from not exporting to exporting has helped their company develop more quickly than other businesses. The fact that exporters have shown to be more capital- and skill-intensive, to have higher levels of productivity, and to pay higher wages than non-exporting enterprises, is significant.

MSMEs are typically characterized as "resource-constrained" in comparison to larger companies, which limits their capacity to export. For instance, difficulties including a lack of people, an inability to satisfy quality standards, a financial squeeze, and a lack of understanding of overseas markets may be major obstacles for MSME exporters. Exporting is sometimes seen as a costly and risky endeavour; The Government and other entities come forward to provide all feasible assistance to MSMEs through various channels to help them reduce some of the risk associated with selling abroad.

More members of the sector participating globally are something that our Association supports. MSMEs have new prospects due to changes in the global trading environment. MSMEs that have not yet entered the export market should begin, at least initially, through third-party exports via recognised Export Houses, Trading Houses, and interested merchant exporters.

- **Trade Agreements:**

Trade opportunities with Asia and Africa may be improved by India's Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) with UAE. The Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement (ECTA) between India and Australia will also grant India preferential access to Australian markets. Trade agreements are currently being drafted with a number of additional countries/blocks, including the UK, Canada, and the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), and they are anticipated to spark India's export market diversification strategy. To support the Government of India's efforts like "One District One Product," States are concentrating on developing necessary

infrastructure, e-market strategies, and export-oriented regulations.

AIRIA recommendation: Because MSMEs are so important to India's economy and commerce, we believe that India's FTAs should include provisions to address the special concerns, demands, and barriers that MSMEs may face while doing business in foreign markets. Accordingly, we urged the Government to take steps to ensure that the terms in our trade agreements with overseas countries benefit the MSMEs for internalization, with trade facilitation mainstreamed in MSME development goals.

- **Future Export prospects:**

The estimated \$238 billion global market for rubber goods today is predicted to grow to more than \$400 billion by 2030. Given the wide range of manufacturing skills and other competitive advantages the Indian rubber industry has amassed over the past three decades, this is a major opportunity that must be taken advantage of in order to increase our share of the worldwide market. In the light of this, AIRIA is optimistic that the downstream sector of the Indian rubber industry would soon achieve a sizable export turnover for value-added rubber items. Our members are advised to advance in all directions.

- **Inverted Duty Structure:**

The value-added rubber goods industry in India is beset with high energy costs, rising raw material prices, supply chain logistical issues, and oddities related to duty inversion. Unrestricted entry of less expensive finished goods into our country is encouraged by lower import tariffs on finished goods and higher import duties on raw materials. Domestic industries with high value-added are adversely affected. The National Rubber Policy of the Government emphasises the necessity to end tariff inversion in order to increase the competitiveness of our manufacturing industry abroad. The sooner the anomalies related to duty inversion

are eliminated, the better for the domestic industry.

- **Government Policy Initiatives:**

The government has a variety of policies in place to assist MSMEs, exports of goods, and involvement in global value chains. These steps are anticipated to strengthen our economy's resilience to negative global spillovers.

Box 8: GoI Policy Initiatives 2021-22

Some of the Policy initiatives are furnished below:

- Extension of emergency credit line guarantee scheme ECLGS up to March 2023 and its guarantee cover expanded by ₹50,000 crore. The total cover would be ₹5 lakh crore.
- Extension of Credit guarantee scheme for subordinate debt (CGSSD) up to March 2023.
- Additional credit of Rs. 2 lakh crore for MSMEs through revamped credit guarantee trust for micro and small enterprises (CGTMSE).
- Special refinance facility for a total amount of Rs. 16,000 crore was provided to SIDBI to meet short and medium-term credit needs of MSMEs to kick-start the investment cycle with additional focus on smaller MSMEs and businesses, including those in credit deficient and aspirational districts.
- GoI simplified registration process for micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs). Now only permanent account number (PAN) and Aadhaar are required for MSME registration
- Under Resolution Framework 2.0 for resolution of COVID-19 related stress, the aggregate exposure thresholds for individuals, small businesses and MSMEs was Rs. 25 crore. On a review, the above exposure threshold was increased to Rs. 50 crore.
- Government to roll out raising and accelerating MSME performance (RAMP) programme with an outlay of Rs. 6,000 crore.
- Interlinking the portals of Udyam, e-Shram, national career service (NCS) and Aatma Nirbhar Skilled Employee Employer Mapping (ASEEM).
- Extension of the validity of the Foreign Trade Policy (FTP) 2015-20 for the year 2021-22 i.e. up to 31st March 2022 to provide policy stability during the pandemic period.
- The Remission of Duties and Taxes on Exported Products (RoDTEP) scheme was introduced by the government. This programme seeks the remission of various Central, State, and Local duties, taxes, and levies that are incurred during the production and distribution of exported goods but are not currently covered by any other duty-remission programmes.
- Exemption from Integrated Goods & Service Tax and Compensation Cess under Advance Authorizations (AA)/ EPCG, EOU scheme extended up to 31st March 2022.
- Common Digital Platform for Certificate of Origin to facilitate trade and increase FTA utilization by exporters.
- Ease of doing business - DGFT's initiation of the process of redesigning its current ICT environment to shift to a largely paperless, seamless interface with all of its stakeholders in order to meet the growing demands of the trading community.
- National Public Procurement Portal - Government e-Marketplace (GeM): Special Purpose Vehicle created under Section 8 of the Companies Act, 2013 (GeM-SPV) for providing procurement of goods & services required by Central & State Government organizations.
- Sanction of funds for pending arrears under Duty Credit Based Schemes of the Foreign Trade Policy.
- Rebate of State and central Taxes and Levies (RoSCTL) Scheme.

Part II: Organizational Stewardship:

3.0: Overview of the Organization:

Shining appreciation to our forebears, AIRIA has evolved as an integrated body of all facets of the rubber industry and plays a propulsive role as a true catalyst to facilitate the winning leap forward of the Indian rubber industry and trade.

3.1: Membership:

We have our members from different parts of the country. I would be negligent if I don't take a moment to express my gratitude and best wishes to the members and other AIRIA associates for their unwavering support and patronage. The Association can become more vibrant with you, to put it simply. Still, there are many companies that haven't joined us yet. Please lend your assistance so that we can maintain a respectable yearly membership growth rate. Together, let's raise the business community's voice.

4. AIRIA activities:

Coronavirus pandemic could not totally stop the Association dead in its tracks. Rather, in pursuance of our catalytic role – a key operational principle of the Association as business facilitator, AIRIA organized various programmes during the year for the benefit of the members, thanks to the kindred members of our Managing Committee and Regional Committees for their active part and stand-in support. Interaction with the government and other organizations, business trips, advocacy work, technical and business seminars, webinars, other programmes, compilation of statistics with current relevance, etc. were some of the activities of AIRIA during the year. Reports of the events were either published in "Rubber India," the AIRIA house journal or circularized amongst the members.

4.1: Interaction with the Government and other bodies:

AIRIA maintained its customary and reliable relationships and engagement with various

government departments and diversified bodies throughout the year under review. The goal was to increase the breaking points of our backup support for the rubber industry's sustainable business growth.

Over the course of the year, we engaged in a number of activities, including follow-up activities, interactive meetings with senior government officials from various departments, and the submission of our opinions, comments, and suggestions on a variety of topics pertaining to the growth and competitiveness of the rubber sector. In order to prevent prolonged delay and ensure prompt resolution, AIRIA also brought up the outstanding issues with the Ministry through routine follow-up. Some of our representations to the Govt. related to:

- Rubber Act 1947,
- GST rate hike on footwear,
- India-UAE Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA),
- India's FTA with the United Kingdom,
- India-Australia Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement,
- Proposed FTA between India and Israel,
- India-Canada Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA),
- AIRIA's recommendations for consideration on draft regulation on EPR for Waste tyres,
- Mandatory quality control for all types of rubber hand gloves & knitted dotted impregnated hand gloves,
- AIRIA inputs to the DPIIT for Lok Sabha Questions for rubber products,
- Challenges due to Russian-Ukraine War,
- Trade and industry matter in respect of Sri Lanka, and
- Others.

Besides, we had crucial meetings which included meetings with senior Govt. Officials to ensure that the rubber industry has a smooth and continuous

supply of essential raw materials at reasonable prices and to discuss how to facilitate the export of value-added rubber products by the MSME members of our industry. We also participated in MSME Expo under the auspices of MSME Ministry, Govt. of India.

4.2: AIRIA business visits:

Visit to ITI, Ambernath: Dr. Sawar Dhanania, President of AIRIA, Mr. Rajendra Bhamare, Secretary-General, and Mr. Uttam Bhirdekar, CEO of Elastomer Lining Works Pvt. Ltd., visited the Industrial Training Institute (ITI) at Ambernath during the year. Our team members were happy with the interaction with Mr. Ajit Shinde, the Institute President, and the different faculty members as well as the courtesy shown to us. Our team members were even happier with the coaching style used under the State Council for Technical Education and Vocational Training (SCVT) scheme and the course content, which covered a variety of subjects with significant bearing on the rubber industry and included interactive case study exercises.

AIRIA (ERO) Secretariat's Visit to Tripura – Participation in "Invest Summit 2021, Destination Tripura", interaction with different units of rubber industry and traders in Tripura and factory visit of Maa Rubber Pvt. Ltd. Pvt. Ltd.

4.3: Technical & Business Seminars, webinars and other programmes:

Like every year, AIRIA launched a number of initiatives for the benefit of its members and the development of the Indian rubber sector. The seminars, webinars, and other programmes that AIRIA and its regional setups organized during the year are all listed in our Annual Report, so with your kind permission I refrain from recapitulating the same here. All of the programmes are noteworthy in terms of their topics, but I'd like to focus on a couple of programmes, eg ~

a) National Rubber Conference (NRC), a two-day annual programme of AIRIA in all the four regions. The programme gained popularity to the point that, in addition to fostering commercial relationships, the Conclave also boosted participants' morale,

honed their judgment, and paved the way for success in the business world. This year we already had NRC in Delhi, Mumbai and Chennai under the theme "Indian Rubber Industry 2.0: Shifting Gears".

Technological breakthroughs have led to numerous accomplishments in every field from the past to the present. The Indian rubber sector is also impacted by these paradigm shifts and transformation processes. Work patterns, procedures, product and service offerings, organisational culture, decision-making, technological infrastructure, human resource management, and collaboration have all changed radically as a result of digital transformation. Hence the conference topic, "Indian Rubber Industry 2.0: Shifting Gears" obviously to Industry 4.0, is critical. When compared to previous industrial revolutions, Industry 4.0 goes beyond smart connectivity and is consequently more dense and deep.

b) Seminar on Supply chain disruptions and surging prices of raw materials: This Seminar undoubtedly gave the information our members needed to successfully navigate the challenges posed by the supply chain issue and the rise in raw material prices. To assess the effectiveness of your strategy, you must go back and review it. I hope the following ideas for this will be worthy of your consideration:

- How much was/is the COVID-19 pandemic, material shortages, geopolitical upheaval, and other issues affecting your raw material supply?
- What is the effect—are delivery times being delayed or is there another effect? For instance, lower raw material availability, a higher risk of delivery failures, inadequate raw material supply planning, a higher risk of production downtime, a higher chance of supplier insolvency, or other effects, if any.
- What steps do you think should be taken to improve raw material management? And what yardstick do you employ? For instance, Charging clients more for raw

materials; Analysis of the supply chain and inventory management maximising raw material sources; Long-term price agreements with suppliers; Efforts to decrease material consumption; Projects to develop substitute materials; Business intelligence tool development; Recycling/reusing raw materials; Combining needs for raw materials with those of other businesses; Putting in place standardised reporting; Developing financial hedging; and/or Engaging in vertical integration (such as cooperating with raw material producers).

4.4: Trade Info, Market Intelligence, etc.

The members look for targeted business information matching their interest areas. Aside from economic indicators, taxation issues, trade notifications, and other relevant topics, AIRIA frequently provided them with a variety of trade information, market intelligence, and trade data.

Box No. 8: AIRIA suggestions re. DGCI&S trade statistics

Since our Customs authorities no longer publish the Customs Daily Lists of Exports & Imports, which provided real-time export and import data, we primarily rely on DGCIS for our international trade statistics. The "Revealed Comparative Advantage (RCA)" product-specific data and the facility to index trade value and quantity with respect to any base period should both be included in the DGCIS statistics. Additionally, the related website should have a very user-friendly interface. A country's relative advantage or disadvantage in a certain class of goods or services is determined using RCA, a trade-flow-based statistic. The Ricardian theory of comparative advantage serves as its foundation. A comparative advantage is revealed if RCA exceeds one. If the RCA is lower than unity, the nation is said to be at a comparative disadvantage in the industry or commodity.

4.5: Tender News:

AIRIA continues to disseminate information on international and Indian tenders for various rubber products regularly. The members have greatly

benefited for the tender news disseminated by AIRIA.

4.6: Publications:

"Rubber India," the AIRIA house journal, has been available from us each month. The publication has a strong reputation and is a "asked for after" source of information with current relevance for the rubber sector. Close by, an AIRIA e-blast called "Rubber India Weekly" is being streamed for the members. During the year we also brought out a new edition of Members' Directory.

4.7: Media News and Notifications:

Media: Considering the situation, media frequently asks for our specific opinions and remarks and uses our Association as support for various news items about the rubber industry.

Alerts: AIRIA regularly keeps its members informed of government notifications, including those pertaining to taxation, customs issues, anti-dumping charges, exchange rates, and other topics.

5. Skill development:

The pandemic provides a unique opportunity to boost digitalisation and there is a need to reskill and upskill our workers to enable them to adopt and adapt new technologies for raising productivity. Our members should, if they haven't already, enrol in programmes run by the Rubber, Chemical & Petrochemical Skill Development Council (RCPSDC) in order to reap the rewards.

Incidentally it may be mentioned that during 2021-22 our northern regional office organized an interactive session on "Active participation of IRI and IRMRA in skill development of Indian Rubber Industry". For high-class skill development ecosystem in India, there is a more prominent requirement for extended industry-academia interactions and initiatives. General education ought to be all the more successfully blended with vocational education in schools and colleges to cultivate a STEM-ready workforce.

6. Going green:

Industry is a significant source of greenhouse gas emissions, both directly and indirectly. Our

rubber industry including rubber plantations, for example, use energy (power, biomass, and petroleum derivatives), water, other materials (fertilizer, plant protective chemicals, and other inputs for raw rubber processing and value-added products manufacturing) and releases solid, liquid, and gaseous emissions into the environment. Hence the rubber factories and plantations must concentrate on minimising ozone-depleting substances and delivering carbon neutral or carbon negative products for business as well as meeting discharge reduction targets at a significant level. However, technological and financial constraints, particularly in MSMEs, limit the acceptance of projects that might reduce emissions. As a result, it's critical to figure out how different mechanisms interact to lower or remove each type of barrier.

7. Appreciation:

AIRIA is deeply grateful to the Central and State Ministries, Govt. departments and officials, agencies of the Government for their engagement, invaluable support, collaboration and cooperation with respect to the activities of the Association for advancement of the Indian rubber industry and trade.

8. In-house human resources:

I thank our existing officials & the staff members, and wish them to be furthermore industrious, creative and proficient. In an Association like AIRIA the man of the future should not be a non-conformist but the man who works through others for others.

9. Acknowledgement:

Finally I take this opportunity to express my profound feeling of appreciation and gratitude to our members, my fellow colleagues in all the Committees and Sub-Committees of AIRIA, distinctive bodies, the Corporate Houses, the partners and supporters of our programmes, distinguished speakers and panelists of our seminars, conferences and workshops, media, the service providers and all others for your assistance, unfazed support and cooperation, patronage and goodwill, and crave for the same in the days to come to help prime up the business of our rubber sector as a true catalyst.

Thank you very much,

(Sawar Dhanania)

President



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Sheeshbhar Singh, senior vice-president of the Rubber Industries Association

Q: Does the Indian rubber industry face problems related to availability of skilled manpower?

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India has huge scope to increase export of rubber products, says association president



With more than 30,000 rubber products being made in the country and the demand for them increasing, the State governments and the Centre should increase the area under natural rubber, said Sawa Dhanani, president of the All India Rubber Industries Association.

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Senior vice-president of the 75-year-old All India Rubber Industries Association that comprises over 1,400 companies, saying that the industry needs government assistance to tide over the crisis. Speaking at the association has approached the Union minister of Finance and consumer for fully Singh spoke about its problems faced by the industry and the expectations from the government.

Q'What is the annual consumption of rubber, both synthetic and natural, in India? What would he size of the rubber industry in the country and what percentage of the rubber used is imported?

Rubber products have a wide range of utilizations, from automobiles to medical devices. Industry captive consumption of natural rubber is 11 lakh tonnes per year, of which 1 lakh tonnes is imported. Similarly, of the 7 lakh tonnes of synthetic rubber consumed in the country annually, 1 lakh tonnes is imported.

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Natural rubber is a major raw material for the automobile industry (and is used to make everything from tyres to engine parts). Natural rubber is imported from countries like Malaysia, Indonesia, Vietnam etc. Given the import dependence of the industry for raw materials, we are susceptible to the dollar price exchange rate, logistics and other problems. But apart from such issues, we also face problems of credit, liquidity and competitive rates. For natural rubber, the government has an import duty of 25 per cent to protect the farmers but this has added to our problems.

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Yes, the industry has a problem of skilled manpower, especially related to mixing.

Rubber vulcan has to be mixed before it is further treated and at present we are facing problems in the absence of skilled manpower in mixing. Also, lab technicians are in short supply.

Q What are your expectations from the government?

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Like other industries, we want the government to focus on us, in terms of subsidies and export relaxations. We require some help in the form of soft loans and easy availability of credit. Production linked incentives that were made available to other industries were not made available to us. We hope the government takes note of our troubles and helps us.

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Mr. Dharmasudha said rubber products fell into two major categories – tyre and non-tyre. The non-tyre sector had several micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) and the challenges faced by these units needed to be addressed to reduce imports.

India consumed annually nearly 11 lakh tonnes of natural rubber and 1 lakh to 1.5 lakh tonnes of synthetic rubber. It imported about 1 lakh tonnes of natural rubber and special rubber varieties. If the import of special rubber should decrease, area under natural rubber should increase, especially in non-traditional geographical areas. The governments should take suitable measures for it, he said.

Earlier, rubber trees aged more than 30 years or trees that had fallen, were thrown away. Now, processing units had come up in Kerala and Tripura to make rubber wood products. These products give more income to the growers and supported the rubber product manufacturing industry.

India had huge scope to increase export of rubber products and the recent CER signed by India and the UAE would benefit the rubber industries, he added.

The association would prepare an action plan in the next 6-8 months to strengthen the rubber industry and plan for the next 25 years, he said.

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Q: What are the major problems the rubber industry is facing now? How helpful have government policies been in this regard?

Prof Chellu, our main problem is locked up credit limits and inflation in raw material prices. Thus, synthetic rubber, which was priced at \$1,800-2,300 per tonne is now available for \$3,000-4,000 per tonne. Also, carbon black priced at \$5-6/kg is now priced at \$15/kg. What has hurt the industry more is that bigger companies which procure the finished products are yet to clear payments. Thus, the dual trouble we are facing is that of lack of cash liquidity and increased raw material prices. With the dollar touching \$80, we find it difficult to operate given the increased cost of imports. The government has put in tariff barriers to help the farmers but it ends up hurting the industry. Unfortunately, our industry has got a raw deal in terms of government aid or subsidies.

[https://indianexpress.com/article/economy/rubber-industry-seeks-government-help-tide-over-crisis-6105946/](#)

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Rubber industry association AIRIA elects Sawar Dhanania as president

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All India Rubber Industries Association (AIRIA) on Wednesday said it has elected Sawar [Dhanania](#) as its president.

Besides, it elected [Shashi Kumar Singh](#) as senior vice president and [Vijan](#) Mehta as vice president in its annual general meeting (AGM) held in December, the industry body said in a statement.

The tenure of all the three elected office bearers is till the next AGM scheduled for September 2022.

"AIRIA, which stood at the helm for 75 years from its establishment, is committed to stand by the rubber goods manufacturers and the developments for the rubber sector in the country.

"The rubber industry has already faced some major hurdles in the way and also overcame them successfully, but it is felt this is the just time to increase our exports in manifold through focussing on the new products and specific countries with handsome opportunities for exports," [Dhanania](#) said.

The industry body will also explore how efficiently the use and plantation of rubber trees will generate more revenue for the growers, inflow of foreign exchange for the country and produce furniture through renewable timber replacing the forest timber, he added.

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AIRIA EXPORT AWARDS FOR 2021-22	
BEST ALLROUND PERFORMANCE	M/s. Balkrishna Industries Ltd. Mumbai
HIGHEST EXPORT AWARDS	
Tyre Sector	M/s. MRF Ltd., Chennai
Non Tyre Sector	M/s. Garware Fulflex India Pvt. Ltd., Pune
SME Sector	M/s. Glenrock Rubber Products Pvt. Ltd., Kottayam
TOP EXPORT AWARDS	
V & Fan Belts	M/s. Pix Transmissions Ltd., Mumbai
Thread Read & Latex Products	M/s. Rubfila International Ltd., Palakkad
Hoses	M/s. Gates India Pvt. Ltd., Lalru, Punjab
SME Agreegate	M/s. United Rubber Industries (I) Pvt. Ltd., Mumbai
Pharma/ Hospital Products	M/s. Kanam Latex Industries P Ltd., Kottayam
Conveyor & Transmission Belts	M/s. Oriental Rubber Industries Pvt. Ltd., Pune
Rubber Sheets/Floorings	M/s. Zenith Industrial Rubber Products Pvt. Ltd., Mumbai
Moulding & Auxiliaries	M/s. Jayashree Polymers Pvt. Ltd., Pune
Misc. Products	M/s. Shore Auto Rubber Exports Pvt.Ltd., Pune
Cots & Aprons	M/s. Precision Rubber Industries Pvt. Ltd., Mumbai
Automotive Parts	M/s. ALP Overseas Pvt. Ltd., Rajasthan
RAW MATERIAL SECTION	
Reclaimed Rubber	M/s. Eswar Rubber Products Pvt. Ltd., Salem, Tamil Nadu
SPECIAL EXPORT AWARDS	
Auto Tyre Sector	M/s. Asian Tyre Factory Ltd., Jalandhar, Punjab
Rubber Machinery	M/s. Kloeckner Desma Machinery Pvt. Ltd., Ahmedabad
SME Agreegate	M/s. Prabhat Elastomers Pvt. Ltd., Mumbai
Automotive Parts	M/s. Auto Steel & Rubber Industries Pvt. Ltd., Pune
Misc. Products	M/s. Ananta Rubber LLP., Hyderabad
Hoses	M/s. Shreegee Impex Pvt. Ltd., Meerut, UP
Bicycle Tyres & Tubes	M/s. Kohinoor India Pvt. Ltd., Jalandhar, Punjab
Moulding & Auxiliaries	M/s. Sri Ramkarthic Polymers Pvt. Ltd., Coimbatore
Rubber Sheets/Floorings	M/s. Flooratex Rubber & Plastics Pvt. Ltd., Alappuzha Kerala
V & Fan Belts	M/s. Vinko Auto Industries Ltd., New Delhi
SPECIAL EXPORT AWARDS: RAW MATERIAL SECTION	
Rubber Chemicals	M/s. Yasho Industries Ltd., Mumbai
Reclaimed Rubber	M/s. Fishfa Rubbers Ltd., Rajkot
EXPORT GROWTH AWARD	
Large Scale Industry	M/s. Emerald Resilient Tyre Mfrs Pvt. Ltd. Chennai
General Rubber Products	M/s. Vajra Rubber Products (P) Ltd. Thrissur

EXPORT MERIT AWARDS

	M/s. Agarwal Rubber Ltd., Hyderabad
	M/s. GRP Ltd., Mumbai
	M/s. Imperial Waterproofing Industries Pvt. Ltd., Mumbai
	M/s. PCBL Limited., Kolkata
	M/s. Balaji Rubber Industries Pvt. Ltd., Salem, Tamil Nadu
	M/s. Arul Rubber Pvt. Ltd., Hosur, Tamil Nadu
	M/s. Bharaj Machineries P. Ltd., Vasai, Palghar
	M/s. Superking Manufacturers (Tyre) Pvt. Ltd., Delhi
	M/s. Crown Rubber Products., Satara
	M/s. Punia Zinox Pvt. Ltd., Gurgaon, Haryana
	M/s. Santosh Rubber Machinery Pvt. Ltd., Mumbai
	M/s. KA Prevulcanised Pvt Ltd., Kottayam
	M/s. Bainite Machines Pvt. Ltd. Mumbai
	M/s. Navyug (India) Ltd., Jalandhar, Punjab
	M/s. Harkesh Rubber LLP., Mumbai
	M/s. Vako Seals Pvt. Ltd., Mumbai

AIRIA DOMESTIC EXCELLANCE AWARD FOR 2020-21

HIGHEST DOMESTIC SALES AWARDS

Automotive Parts	M/s. Roop Polymers Ltd., Gurgaon, Haryana
Rubber Chemicals & Pigments	M/s. Punia Udyog ., Gurgaon, Haryana

TOP DOMESTIC SALES AWARDS

Rubber Profile & Extruded Products	M/s. Gold Seal Saargummi India Pvt. Ltd., Mumbai
Automotive Rubber Components	M/s. Gold Seal Engineering Products Pvt. Ltd., Mumbai
Conveyor And Transmission Belt	M/s. Pentagon Rubber Pvt. Ltd., Punjab
Latex Products	M/s. Kurian Abraham (P) Ltd., Kottayam
Hose Pipe	M/s. Vansh Industries., Himachal Pradesh

SPECIAL DOMESTIC SALES AWARDS

Rubber Profiles And Other Extruded Items	M/s. Arul Polymers Pvt. Ltd., Hosur, Tamil Nadu
Automotive Rubber Components	M/s. Gibraltar Airsprings (P) Limited., Howrah
Rubber Moulded Products (Industrial & Consumer)	M/s. Ashutosh Rubber Pvt. Ltd., Rajkot

DOMESTIC MERIT AWARDS

	M/s. Future Foundation., Haryana
	M/s. Santec Exim Pvt. Ltd., Haryana
	M/s. Veegrip Belts Pvt. Ltd., Madurai

INDIA RUBBER EXPO (IRE – 2022)



The world has been severely affected with the outbreak of COVID-19 and it has made its way to India, affected almost every part. Due to the outbreak of COVID-19, India Rubber Expo organized by All India Rubber Industries Association which was scheduled to happen during January 2021 at Pragati Maidan was postponed to 20th – 22nd January 2022. The committee further discussed the same decided to refund money paid by the exhibitors for the booking of the stall at IRE and accordingly

the amounts were refunded to the domestic exhibitors and balance is under process.

INTERNATIONAL RBSM: THE 3RD RUBBERPRO 2020 AN INTERNATIONAL REVERSE BUYER-SELLER MEET ORAGNIZED BY AIRIA

As we all are aware about the outbreak of COVID – 19 and its growing consequences 3rd Rubber pro which was scheduled on 23rd and 24th March, 2020 at New Delhi, India was cancelled and the Association is in process to closing accounts of the same.

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	Ministry Issue	AIRIA Replies
21.01.2022	Repeal of Rubber Act 1947	Mr Devesh Gupta Dy,Secy. To the Govt. of India
10.02.2022	Request for Roll Back of hiked rate of GST for Footwear	Dr. Chandra Sekhar Mohapatra
22.02.2022	UAE is considering lowering the duty on following 83 tariff lines at 8-digit level concerning the Rubber Items during the next five years. HS code	Mr Arun Kumar DPIIT
22.02.2022	Foreign Trade agreement with UK	Divya Pratap singh, Asst. Section Officer FT divn, Dept of Commerce
25.02.2022	Suggestion/recommendations for consideration on draft regulation on EPR for Waste tyres	The Secy. Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate change
04.03.2022	India tariff offer under India Australia CECA	Mr Arun Kumar LR Section US DPIIT
28.03.2022	Removal of Anti-Dumping Duty on NR & to impose mandatory quality control order for all types of Rubber Hand Gloves & Knitted Dotted/impregnated Hand Gloves	Shri Anil Agarwal, Addl. Secretary, DPIIT
04.04.2022	Lok Sabha question 18281 Rubber Product.	Shri S. S.Gupta, DPIIT
04.04.2022	Lok Sabha question 5825 Rubber Product.	Mr V S Sirsath, Joint Director, MSME – DI,Nagpur

20.04.2022	Challenges due to Russia-Ukraine war.	Shri Manish Chandha - Jt Secretary, Dept. of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce & Industry
14th to 16th May 2022	Participation at MSME Expo at MSME DS Mumbai, Ministry of MSME, Govt of India.	Mr Sahilkumar and Saylee-Regional secretary WR attended the expo.
20.05.2022	Chief Guest for Meeting on 4th June,2022 for exchange of ideas/ suggestions and discussion for smooth availability of raw materials like various synthetic and special purpose rubber, carbon black and rubber	Shri Ramesh Holelyachi Joint, DGFT, Mumbai
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03.06.2022	India-Canada Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) - request for comments from stakeholders on the Canada's wish list.	Shri Arun Kumar Under Secretary DPIIT
16.06.2022	Assignment of Job for preparation of a Comprehensive Policy Document to Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA)-regarding	Shri Vikas Gupta Jt. Director & HoO MSME-DI, Ahmedabad
21.06.2022	Trade and Industry Matter in respect of Sri Lanka	Shri S.S. Gupta Sr. Development Office-DPIIT

Visit of AIRIA President Dr. Sawar Dhanania to the Industrial Training Institute (ITI), Ambernath, Dist Thane.



Dr. Sawar Dhanania, President and Mr. Rajendra Bhamare Secretary General, of AIRIA as well as Mr. Uttam Bhirdkar, CEO, Elastomer Lining Works Pvt. Ltd. paid a visit to the Industrial Training

Institute (ITI) at Ambernath on 16 February, 2022. They were welcomed by Mr. Ajit Shinde, the ITI Principal and his team members M/s. Hemant Bargal, Group Instructor, Sanjay Marsetvar and Pagare, Training Officers, Dhanashree Patil and Saylee Sonavne, Maths Instructors of the Institute.

Mr. Shinde and Mr. Bargal gave a PPT presentation about the ITI. They informed AIRIA's visiting staff about the Institute's "Rubber Technician Course" operations. During the conversation, Mr. Shinde mentioned that the ITI Ambernath had been named the second best ITI in Maharashtra for the 2018-19 academic year. For more than 30 years, they have offered the "Rubber Technician Course," as well as other courses. The programme is currently two years long and is offered through the SCVT scheme, with 100% placement. He urged that AIRIA, the apex body of rubber

industry, arrange for the contribution of rubber equipments and machinery in accordance with NCVT guidelines, so that the Course can move forward in a more comprehensive manner. The AIRIA President, who was very impressed by the PPT presentation and Rubber Technician course, suggested that similar courses be begun in other ITIs where rubber industry units are plentiful, in order to alleviate the rubber sector's skilling constraints and provide employment opportunities.

The AIRIA team was shown around the Rubber Technician course classrooms and had the opportunity to interact with the students. Dr. Dhanania was given a keepsake in the form of a lovely painting by the Institute's students. He also explored alternative options for establishing a rubber sustainability centre and requested Mr. Shinde to arrange for an interactive meeting with the Mumbai Regional Office's Joint Director, Vocational Education and Training, Bandra. Mr. Shinde assured that he would do the needful. Finally Mr. Uttam Bhirdikar hosted a lunch to round up the visit.

Interaction with the Joint Director, Vocational Education & Training, Mumbai



AIRIA President Dr. Sawar Dhanania, together with AIRIA Senior Vice-President Mr. Shashi Singh and Secretary-General Mr. RG Bhamare, met Dr. N.K. Bhosle, Joint Director of Vocational Education & Training (VET) at his office in Mumbai on February 17, 2022. They were warmly greeted by Dr. Bhosale and Mr. Ajit Shinde, Assistant Director and Principal, ITI Ambernath, with a bouquet of flowers.

It was an exploratory trip to learn more about the present state of voc-ed programmes in

terms of technological improvement and development. At that, Dr. Dhanania and Mr. Singh congratulated Dr. Bhosale and Mr. Shinde, as well as their team members, on the success of the ITI Ambernath's ongoing rubber technician course. They also stated that most economies throughout the world, including India's, are becoming increasingly professionalized. Regardless of whether ulteriversity higher education is prioritized, VET college courses are critical because they provide hands-on skills and experience that are necessary in many industries. Unfortunately, according to the National Institute of Open Schooling, only 2% of India's population aged 15 to 29 has received formal vocational training, and only 8% has received non-formal vocational training, compared to 52 percent in the United States, 75% in Germany, and 96 percent in South Korea. These data emphasize the importance of developing India's vocational education system.

In contrast to the low-complexity items of minerals and agriculture, AIRIA stressed that industrial rubber products are complex products that are critical for pioneering advances and technical achievements. As a result, VET is preferred by the rubber sector. Against this backdrop, Dr. Dhanania and Mr. Singh requested that Dr. Bhosale take the initiative to expand the VET course to additional places with a high concentration of rubber units because it will help resolve the industrial sector's skilling constraints and create job opportunities. Dr. Bhosale was quite enthusiastic and informed his officials right away to find out the details.

During the conversation, the AIRIA President and Sr. Vice-President presented copies of Rubber India magazine and highlighted the AIRIA's concept of establishing a rubber sustainability centre where all activities such as exhibitions, training, testing, certification, and skill development would be housed under one roof. With this goal in mind, they asked Dr. Bhosale for suitable land for the project in the Mumbai area. In this regard, AIRIA was advised to submit the proposal in detail for consideration by the government of Maharashtra. The meeting came to a successful conclusion at the end.

Following that, the AIRIA President, Sr. Vice-President, and SG paid a visit to the Government Polytechnic in Bandra, where the Association has been collaborating on a diploma course in Rubber Technology. They visited the practical lab, which was put up by the Association when the course began in 2001 by signing a Memorandum of Understanding with the Director of Technical Education.

The interactive sessions held by AIRIA at the ITC Grand Maratha in Mumbai on June 3 and 4, 2022 to discuss and exchange ideas about promoting the export of rubber goods and to ensure smooth availability of critical raw materials.



A thought-sharing and discussion session was held on 3rd June 2022 under the auspices of AIRIA to encourage and promote export of rubber goods. On the dais were the Chief Guest Mr. Ramesh Holeyachi, Joint Director, DGFT, and Dr. Sawar Dhanania, President, Mr. Shashi Singh, Senior Vice President, Mr. Vikram Makar, Former President, of AIRIA.

The august crowd and the dignitaries on the dais were welcomed by Mr. Shashi Singh, Sr. Vice-President of AIRIA. He stated in his welcoming speech that the government is working toward the FTA and CEPA and that we may benefit from this to increase our exports of rubber goods. He also emphasized that although India only accounts for less than 2% of global rubber exports at the moment, there is considerable potential to increase that percentage to a significant level.

The President of AIRIA, Dr. Sawar Dhanania provided an overview of the current industry scenario and rubber industry prospects. He claimed that the MSMEs could profit from international trade since it would help them reach new markets and customers. Exports facilitating

extensive geographic reach, small enterprises generally stand protected from economic downturns, political unrest, and natural disasters. He recommended that exporting be a part of any company's growth strategy. It boosts earnings while creating job opportunities. He emphasized that during the previous five years, India's export of goods to the nations and regions covered by our FTAs climbed by roughly 20 percent.

Former AIRIA President Mr. Vikram Makar also discussed the specifics of rubber industry exports, including difficulties and the support needed from the government for export growth. A free and open dialogue with our chief guest, the Joint DGFT, is welcome, he added. The Joint DGFT would advise our members on how to approach the DGFT in order to resolve any difficulties or doubts.

The meeting's chief guest, Mr. Ramesh Holeyachi, Joint Director, DGFT, spoke and conveyed the DGFT/Govt. vision. He said that, in addition to certain previous chapter 3 benefits, the government has released Rs. 55,000 crores under the MEIS scheme during the past 18 months. He recommended exporters to make a claim rightaway if there were any pending claims.

He continued by saying that the government had also announced the PLI (Production Linked Incentive) scheme for 13 sectors, and that over the course of the following five years, a total of roughly Rs. 2 lakh crores will be disbursed by the government to implement the PLI scheme. While doing so, the government will also exert all of its resources to encourage export through a number of trade agreements, and already 13 trade agreements have been finalized. Additionally, he provided information showing that the recent India-UAE CEPA (Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement) enabled tariff benefits in favour of 97% of Indian export goods. He added that they were undergoing the process of e-governance and policy liberalization. According to him, India is experiencing rising logistic costs, and the Government of India has introduced a "National Logistic Policy" to address this.

In the open session the JDGFT Mr. Ramesh Holeyachi was informed by one of the AIRIA members, Mr. Umesh Dhruv, CMD, Prabhat Elastomers, that he was not receiving his EODC (Export Obligation Discharge Certificate) in a timely manner and that this prevented the Customs from clearing his goods. Additionally, he finds it challenging to pay repeated visits to the DGFT office in order to follow up and receive NOCs (No Objection Certificates), wait for GST refunds, etc.

The CEO of Crown Rubber Works, Mr. Vinod Patkotwar, has proposed that exporters be permitted to submit documents electronically or by self-certification in order to speed up the procedure.

The Jt. DGFT made it clear that they would soon remove the requirement for physical documentation submission. Online exchange of data between DGFT and Customs will eventually be possible.

Concerns about the RoDTEP (Remissions of Duties and Taxes on Exported Products) programme were voiced by Mr. Dhruv. Because, in his opinion, RoDTEP offers fewer advantages than MEIS programme. According to him, there are some products which are not covered by the norms. In contrast, the Jt. DGFT offered two choices: the first was self-certification, and the second was applying for norms fixation.

Ms. Pilloo Aga, Director, Gold Seal Eng. Pvt. Ltd., suggested that AIRIA should arrange for training programmes in the head office by inviting consultant to guide on RoDTEP scheme.

According to Dr. Sawar Dhanani, the Association would advocate for the PLI plan for the rubber sector as well, and would petition the government to lower the scheme's investment threshold. He wonders if the numerous international sanctions on Russia present a chance for Indian exporters to increase their exports. He further said that the Association would work to establish all testing facilities and benefit from "SATHI (Sophisticated Analytical & Technical Help Institutes) PROJECTS."

The issues raised by Mr. Dhruv also included –

- Local testing facilities fall short of global standards.

- There are tax implications for composite materials. He claims that if the composite material ratio is between 25 and 30 percent, the item is categorized as composite material.
- There are hardly any published data on the current trends in raw material prices.
- Exporters deal with high logistical costs and a lack of container availability.

In order to promote export with ease and a smooth supply of the products, Mr. Dhruv also emphasized the need for some cooperative warehouses in our country. He also recommended that data related to free trade agreements be uploaded to the AIRIA website.

Healthy conversation took place at this highly engaging conference. All members in attendance were asked by the AIRIA President to send their recommendations so that the issues could be taken up with the Union government at the proper level.

Press representatives attended the conference, which was covered by local and national papers in print and online. The Association's current president, senior vice president, and past president all gave media briefings.

The following day, on June 4, 2022, a second meeting was conducted for the purpose of discussing supply chain management and expressing opinions. Dr. Sawar Dhanania, President of AIRIA and Chairman of the Rubber Board, Mr. Vikram Makar, former President, Mr. Shashi Singh, senior vice president, of AIRIA, and Mr. Prasant Wani, Chairman of AIRIA WR were all there on the dais.



The Western Region AIRIA Chairman, Mr. Prashant Wani, extended a warm welcome to the attendees from the suppliers, importers, and

producers of raw materials, and gave his opinions on the current problems surrounding raw material availability in light of the rising costs. He believed that, aside from the pandemic, the key reasons for supply chain disruption, a lack of availability, and an exorbitant rise in the prices of essential raw materials are the rising price of crude oil on the global market, high transportation costs, and continuous geopolitical challenges. He asserts that our current rubber component exports are insufficient given the global demand. He stressed that we must take advantage of the strong post-pandemic economic rebound to dramatically boost our exports globally.

In his address at the meeting, Dr. Sawar Dhanania stated that the primary worry is the disruption of the raw material supply chain, which has an effect on the producers of value-added rubber items, particularly the MSMEs. There is a dearth of necessary inputs. He claims that because the supply of the required grades of carbon black has not yet stabilized, there is still a deficit of at least 30%. According to his observation, the bulk of carbon black manufacturing facilities in India rely on imported feedstock; the shipping delays and high freight costs have worsened the supply and price problems of carbon black and rubber chemicals.

Dr. Dhanania emphasized that the AIRIA members, particularly those from the MSME sector, continually face an unfair disadvantage due to high material input costs vs. marginal import tariffs on finished goods. They are threatened not only by imports from China but also from the nearby ASEAN nations. This inverted duty structure has prevented the MSME sector

from expanding and has reduced their capacity to be large and competitive on a global scale. In order to meet the demands of our defence, infrastructure, and other sectors locally, it is crucial to create a thriving and flourishing MSME rubber products business.

Mr. Vikram Makar firmly believes that raw materials are both the building blocks and the starting point for value-added final products, and that it is essential to ensure enough availability of high-quality raw materials at affordable costs locally. Substantial domestic demand notwithstanding, many raw materials are not produced in India. He cited an example of EPDM. In this regard, he emphasizes the necessity of locating the gaps and implores the government to take the required actions in order for India to become "Atmanirvar."

Mr. Himanshu Kamani of Bhavik Enterprise highlighted the challenges they face in storing raw materials. He also underlined their concern about the insurance companies' refusal to offer insurance coverage for chemicals.

Mr. Vikram Makar added to his proposal for substantial tie-up arrangements with the accredited laboratories so that SMEs can obtain certified raw materials. Additionally, he said that chemical wholesalers ought to build collaborated warehouses to store raw materials.

Many members have grave concerns about collecting unpaid debts from clients. Mr. Prashant Wani suggested that everyone registers under the MSME Act and receive an Udyog Aadhar certificate so that the government may assist them in realizing their unpaid obligations in accordance with the law.

Mr. Debabrata Chattopadhyay of Apcotex Ltd. underlined the point that SBR, a crucial raw material for the rubber industry, is a copolymer made from the feedstocks styrene and butadiene. Similarly, nitrile rubber, often known as NBR, is a copolymer of acrylonitrile and butadiene (BD). In his opinion styrene and acrylonitrile should be produced locally in India in order



to satisfy domestic demand and prevent the feedstocks' reliance on imports. Because there are few manufacturers of the substance in India, butadiene shortage is expected to worsen over the next five years.

Certain other issues were brought up by the attendees at the meeting. Some of them related to:

- o Extraordinary increases rise in inland transportation costs,
- o High energy costs,
- o Regional variation in energy prices,
- o Differences in policies and taxation across the country,
- o Longer time taken for testing of imported natural rubber.

NATIONAL RUBBER CONFERENCE (NRC)

The National Rubber Conference is major two days event of the association which was organized by the all regions every year since 2012 having common theme finalized by the managing committee every year. The NRC is two days event having verity of paper presentation ie technical, techno commercial, workshops, Question Answer and panel discussion and speakers from across the globe are invited for the same to update knowledge of the members and participants. The NRC is attended by domestic and overseas participants.

Western Region's National Rubber Conference 2022 on 13th & 14th July, 2022 at Mumbai



The All-India Rubber Industries Association – Western Region organized its 9th Edition of the National Rubber Conference 2022, on 13th & 14th July, 2022 at Hotel ITC Grand Maratha, Sahar, Mumbai.

AIRIA has been playing a vital role in the dynamic growth of Indian Rubber Goods manufacturing industry over decades by equipping the micro, small and medium enterprises to meet the challenges from time to time. NRC is one such platform for the industry stakeholders where they can explore and pave a road map for the rubber sector.

The annual mega event was organised with the emphasis on the theme: "Indian Rubber Industry 2.0 Shifting Gears", after two years of distressing pandemic. The theme for NRC: "India Rubber Industry 2.0 Shifting Gears" was aptly comprehensive as the Indian Rubber Industry



has striven hard to overcome this situation and now gearing up with all measures to enhance its businesses and growing its organisation.

The Chief Guest for the conference was Hon'ble – Shri. Rahul Narwekar ji, Speaker of Maharashtra Legislative Assembly and the Guest of Honour was Shri. Unmesh Nayak ji, Sector Head – Elastomers, Reliance Industries Ltd. The success of the conference was evident with the huge number of delegates attending the event spread over 2 days. The opening ceremony was attended by VIPs, Sponsors, Top Management Committee Members, Organizers, Business Owners, Delegates, Speakers, Members and the venue was filled to capacity.

The NRC 2022, Mumbai Organizing Committee under the supreme leadership of Shri. Siddharth Bhimrajka, Chief Convener and his strong team made sure that the speakers in this edition were going to share their in-depth knowledge and expertise keeping in mind the current topics and trends of the conference and interest of stakeholders of Indian rubber industry. The conference was attended by more than 300 delegates. Due closure of physical registration and overwhelming response for registration as a delegate, the NRC 2022, Mumbai team decided to go on hybrid mode and the first time ever the event was relayed online with 550+ participants who attended the conference online.

The Day 1 event started with the traditional Lamp Lighting by all the dignitaries viz: AIRIA President – Dr. Sawar Dhanania, AIRIA Sr. Vice President – Mr. Shashi Singh, Chief Guest – Mr. Rahul Narwekar, Guest of Honour – Mr. Unmesh Nayak, AIRIA Immediate Past President – Mr. Vikram Makar, Hon'ble AIRIA Member – Mr. Vinod Bhimrajka, Convener – National & Regional Events – Mr. Vinod Bansal, Chairman Western Region – Mr. Prasant Wani.

The President - AIRIA Dr. Sawar Dhanania then accompanied the Chief Guest Shri Rahul Narwekar and Chairman Western Region Mr. Prasant Wani then accompanied the Guest of Honour Shri Unmesh Nayak to the dais. Later the other dignitaries joined them on the dais.

Mr. Siddharth Bhimrajka welcomed the delegates and the dignitaries and addressed the guests. Dr. Sawar Dhanania then addressed the gathering. Followed by him, Mr. Shashi Singh, Mr. Vikram Makar, Mr. Prasant Wani delivered their speeches.

Further, the Chief Guest – Mr. Rahul Narwekar was felicitated with token of memento, shawl and a bouquet by the Dr. Sawar Dhanania and Mr. Vinod Bhimrajka. The Chief Guest then addressed the house.

The Guest of Honour – Mr. Unmesh Nayak was then felicitated with a token of memento and a bouquet by Mr. Prasant Wani. The Guest of Honour then addressed the house.

The souvenir book printed for the NRC 2022 was released by all the dignitaries, followed by the photo session.

To end the opening session, Mr. Vinod Bansal - National Convenor, AIRIA delivered the vote of thanks to all the dignitaries, Chief Guest, and Guests of Honour, distinguished members and delegates who were present.

A short tea break was announced to refresh everyone and enabled all delegates to mingle with the guests and dignitaries.

Day 1 of the Conference covered 10 topics. The eminent speakers and their topics for the day were as follows:

- Mr. Gajendra Inani - General Manager - Technical Service, Reliance Industries Ltd: Substitute rubbers for traditional applications
- Mr. Arpit Agarwal - Director - Investment Team, Blume Ventures: Leveraging the electric vehicle opportunity: the why and how for rubber industry
- Mr. Ananth Narayan - Associate Professor – Finance, SPJIMR: Macro Economic Indicators, Inflation & Rupee
- Mr. Subir Chaudhuri - Technology Manager, Lord India Pvt Ltd: Sustainable solutions for rubber to metal bonding
- Mr. Sudheer Narasipur - Regional Marketing Manager, Imerys Minerals India Pvt Ltd:

Introduction to ImerFlex T10 - Functional Filler for Rubber

- Mr. Bhagaban Panda - DGM - Technical Services, Apcotex Industries Ltd: Apcoflex carboxylated nitrile rubber – special purpose rubber for critical industrial applications
- Mr. Subhojit Chatterjee - Sales & Market Development Manager, Dow Chemical International Pvt. Ltd: Dow mobility science and sustainability
- Dr. Lekshmi Nair - Head of Economics and Statistics, IRSG: Green economy business model for rubber industry
- Dr. Santanu Chattopadhyay - Professor and Head, Rubber Technology Centre, IIT Kharagpur: Silicone and fluoroelastomer based high performance blend by strategic compatibilization replacing fluoroelastomers.
- Ms. Ann Sun - Senior Analyst - ICIS Asia Petchem Analytics, ICIS: A new balance amidst disruptions and inflation - Asian butadiene & synthetic rubbers outlook

The first day ended with a live entertainment by the best band in town who engaged the crowd with their exhilarating performances and followed by cocktail and networking dinner for the delegates.

The second day of the event was started with a recap of the previous day glimpses played via a video which enthralled the delegates to keep themselves awaited and engaged for the impending day presentations.

Day 2 of the Conference covered six topics. The eminent speakers and their topics for the second day were as follows:

- Mr. Rahul Wathodkar - DGM – Sales & Marketing, Kloeckner Desma Machinery Pvt Ltd: Rubber saving technology and latest development in rubber moulding machines
- Mr. Pradeep Kumar – DGM, Ashok Leyland: Polymers - Trends and challenges in Commercial Vehicle Industry.
- Dr. Lekshmi Nair - Head of Economics and Statistics, IRSG: Rubber industry in 21st Century: opportunities and challenges

- Mr. Anjan Pyne - Business Head- SBR/PBR, Reliance Industries Ltd: Synthetic elastomer supply chain – changing dynamics
- Mr. Vivek Kele – Director, Team Global: Supply chain - the new boardroom topic
- Dr Ashrita Tripathi - Head- Training and QA, RCPSDC - Flagship schemes of GOI, benefits of the schemes & NAPS to industry stakeholder

In the two-day mega event, the delegates witnessed a high-power interactive session, technical and non-technical sessions by distinguished speakers, networking with business partners with a lavish spread of scrumptious breakfast, lunch, dinner and Hi Tea.

The event which was possible only with the generous support of the sponsors from well-known Rubber Industries in India and abroad for their wholehearted support for the NRC. The event partners under various categories namely Platinum, Diamond, Gold, Silver and Bronze were invited on stage individually and were felicitated with mementos. Everyone was greeted with a huge round of applause and recognized for their contributions. Many leading rubber industries also published advertisement support which was evident from the very impressive souvenir book which was given to every delegate.

NRC 2022 added value and gave opportunity to fellow members and industry at large to get-together and exchange and learn on trends, needs and innovations.

We hope that exchange of ideas, valuable insights and expertise technologies shared by the eminent speakers was an ideal platform for all industry stakeholders to network and seek many more new opportunities and to overcome challenges ahead.

Lastly to thank each and every one who made sure that the NRC was a hugely successful event, the NRC co-convenor Mr. Pratik Relan gave the vote of thanks to the gathering.

He expressed heartfelt gratitude to all the Event partners, NRC Committees, videographer & photographer, Hotel ITC Grand Maratha staff, Emcee for the event who was so very professional

and the entire staff of the Association for their unstinted support and participation to make this event a grand success.

AIRIA – WR expressed its sincerest thanks to all the Partners, Supporters, the AIRIA Managing Committee and Western Regional Committee members, the Delegates, Organizers, Speakers and all others for their support, patronage and cooperation to make this year's National Rubber Conference a grand success. The sun may set for the day but our Rubber Fraternity will always shine bright.

National Rubber Conference, NRC- 2022 By Northern Region at Delhi



All India Rubber Industries Association Northern Region organised the 9th edition of Annual National Rubber Conference 2022 (NRC- 2022) after a gap of 3 years due to the pandemic.

This event has been organized to play a part of a major national effort and to build confidence among our rubber industry post the hit-back what the industry has gone through during COVID-19 times. NRC- 2022 focused on the theme "Indian Rubber Industry 2.0: Shifting Gears". The conference provided an opportunity to MSME and delegates to understand new shifting in

technology, business and skill development. The two days event was held at Hotel Le Meridien, Gurugram on 11th and 12th May 2022. NRC- 2022 provided a platform to our MSME sector across the country to interact with eminent speakers and other stake holders to discuss their queries.

NRC -2022 was special for various reasons - the highest ever participation in the history of NRC, whole- hearted sponsor support from the industry across the country and deliberations by eminent speakers from industry and institutions on pertinent topics.

The presence of all industry players and stakeholders in the rubber industry, vast representation from manufacturers, followed by the technicians, suppliers, buyers, importers, traders, academicians, students, research institutions, government officials made the conference a huge success.

The inauguration of the conference was held with the traditional lighting of the ceremonial lamp. Mr. Arun Kumar Sinha IAS (MD, Footwear Design and Development Institute) was the Chief guest. Mr. Mohinder Gupta (past President, All India Rubber Industries Association) graced the occasion as the guest of honour. The Chief Guest and Guest of Honour praised the tremendous efforts of AIRIA for organising conferences for the benefits of the industry. They applauded the Northern Region for taking the lead to re- start the conference post- COVID.

Sri. Anay Gupta, Chairman, Northern Region welcomed the guests and delegates to the event. He reiterated the significance of the rubber conferences and their benefits to the industry. Mr. Anil Arora, Chief Convener, NRC- 2022, shared the theme of the National



Rubber Conference and details of technical sessions, topics, networking dinner and first ever Lucky Draw Competition. Dr. Sawar Dhanania, President AIRIA and Chairman Rubber Board appreciated Northern Region for organising the first event post- COVID and talked about AIRIA's role for the growth of the rubber industry, MSME predominantly.

NRC-2022 souvenir was released by the dignitaries on the dais during the inaugural session. The spectrum of topics included sustainability and rubber industry, how petrochemical industry is shifting gears with rubber industry, role of AI in rubber production manufacturing, manpower skilling initiatives used by RCPSDC, enrolment and registration pertaining to rubber industry and allied industries, recent developments in the Indian standards and regulations for rubber industry, developments in machinery and many more.

Sponsors were felicitated by Dr. Sawar Dhanania -President AIRIA and Mr. Vipin Mehta -Vice President -AIRIA on the first day of the conference which was followed by a networking gala dinner.

About Three Hundred delegates attended the National Rubber Conference. Majority of the Delegates expressed that inputs from the topics were relevant and would be useful in their organisations working. They were very happy with all the arrangements and share that they would recommend National Rubber Conference to others for participation in future.

The conference concluded with the valedictory address by Mr. Anil Arora- Chief Convener NRC 2022 and Mr Naveen Garg, Convener NRC-2022. Names of Five Lucky Draw winners were announced and they were felicitated on the stage with Rs. 10,000/- each Croma Gift vouchers. The members of the Organizing Committee were felicitated by Dr. Dhanania, President AIRIA and Mr. Vipin Mehta, Vice President AIRIA for their whole hearted efforts and team work in making the event a grand success.

SAD DEMISE: Shri Manubhai Patel



We feel deeply saddened to inform you about the sad demise of Shri Manubhai M. Patel, Honorary Member of All India Rubber Industries Association expired on 27th August 2021.

Shri Manubhai Patel had been associated with AIRIA for a long time and was involved in all AIRIA activities. He was Editor of Rubber India, Convener of Education & Technical Subcommittee of AIRIA and also a Past Chairman of Indian Rubber Institute. He was Recipient of the K.M. Philip Award and Hancock Medal. In reorganization of

May his soul rest in peace and we pray to god to give strength to his services to the rubber industry in general, the Association conferred the Honorary Membership on him. By his sad demise the Association has lost a mentor and a true well-wisher.

SAD DEMISE: Shri. Shailendra Aggarwal



We feel disheartened to inform you about the sad demise of Shri. Shailendra Aggarwal, CEO, Bharat Enterprises, Managing and Regional Committee Member - Northern Region, AIRIA who left for

his heavenly abode on 14th May 2021 due to COVID. Shri Shailendra Aggarwal, had been associated with AIRIA for a long time and was proactive involved in all AIRIA activities including India Rubber Expo and NRC.

With his untimely demise the association had lost a visionary leader and a well-wisher.

We pray to the Almighty for giving eternal peace to the departed soul and strength to his family to bear this loss.

Rubber Board Chairmanship - AIRIA congratulates Prof. (Dr.) Sawar Dhanania



The inspiring news Fizz that does the Bizz is that Prof. (Dr.) Sawar Dhanania has been appointed as the Chairman of the Rubber Board under the Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India for the second time. He is a dignified member and current Sr. Vice-President of All India Rubber Industries Association (AIRIA). Work ethic, consistence and professionalism are always rewarded. And Dr. Dhanania has again proved it. Happy to be his side as he continues to make strides forward. Heartiest compliment from AIRIA! We are confident that under his discerning and dynamic administration Rubber Board will further rise from strength to strength. We wish him all the best in ensuring the long-term growth of the Indian rubber industry.

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 is being held annually and also online. The 2022 plan to host ISO/TC45 in India was dropped due to COVID and India is given a chance to host in 2025. Standards under review and preparation include Crumb Rubber, Cooker Gasket, Indian standard for Hazardous materials/chemicals in raw materials similar to REACH. Both the AIRIA representatives attended all the meetings and participated. BIS is looking forward to propagate standardisation 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.

India Rubber Meet 2022

The Association is representing on the committee of India Rubber Meet organised by the Rubber Board, Kottayam. The association also sponsored the IRM which was held at Kochi, Kerala, India on 22nd & 23rd July, 2022.

AIRIA Participated Inauguration Virtual Trade Fair for Rubber and Rubber Products by Rubber Board On 30.09.2021.

Executive Director, Rubber Board launched the "Virtual Trade Fair for rubber and rubber products" on 30th September, 2021 in the virtual meeting held in presence of Jt. Secretary Plantations and representatives from Industry Associations like Automobile Tyre Manufacturers Association, All India Rubber Industries Association, United Planters' Association of Southern India, Indian Block Rubber Manufacturers Association, Association of Latex Producers of India, Indian Rubber Dealer Federation etc. The secretary General, Rajendra Bhamare had attended the inauguration virtually and delivered a speech on the occasion.

AIRIA - EDUCATION TRUST

Annual Review of Diploma Program In Rubber Technology At Government Polytechnic, Mumbai For The Year 2021-22



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 a vibrant symbol of "Institute - Industry Co-operation 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 6th semester is In-plant training. The response

to this course is overwhelming. The admission to this course last year was 21 students against the intake capacity of 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+2
2000	12	2008	19	2016	22
2001	09	2009	11	2017	32
2002	11	2010	14	2018	15
2003	16	2011	22	2019	22
2004	12	2012	21	2020	20
				2021	21
2005	26	2013	25		
2006	25	2014	25+2		

Lecturers / Faculties

The program is administered by Mrs Swati Deshpande, 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
Mr. Amol Naikwadi	ICT, Matunga

With many others

Activities conducted during the last ODD Term 2021 - 22 are listed below:

- Third year Students completed their Diploma in Rubber Technology this year 2021 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, IRMRA, 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 on behalf of AIRIA to discuss matters related to course content and administration issues.

Online training module has been established due to covid19 and online lectures and practical are being conducted on regular basis.

Employment

Till date this diploma program has produced 400 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.

PUBLICATION / CIRCULAR

Rubber India and Ri weekly

"Rubber India", the official organ of the Association was regularly published as per scheduled date on 6th or 7th of every month with steady increase in subscriber's lists and in advertisement revenue. The Journal, 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. Vinod Patkotwar as Editor comprise:

- (1) Mr. Vinod Patkotwar
- (2) Dr. Sawar Dhanania
- (3) Mr. Vipin Mehta
- (4) Mr. Prasant Wani
- (5) Mr. Chandramouli Suresh
- (6) Mr. Kamlesh Jain
- (7) Mr. Anay Gupta
- (8) Mr. Prashant Wani
- (9) Mr. Rajnikant Changela
- (10) Mr. Sadashiv Kale
- (11) Mr. D. J. Bharucha
- (12) Mr. Dharmesh Dhanani

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

Rubber, Chemical and petrochemical Skill Development Council (RCPSDC) is a SSC established under the section-25 company and originally set up by All India Rubber Industries Association (AIRIA) and subsequent joining of Automotive Tyre Manufacturers' Association (ATMA) in collaboration with the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC). Rubber, Chemical and petrochemical Skill Development Council (RCPSDC) operates under the aegis of Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE).

RSDC Head office is in New Delhi and Regional offices: Chennai, Tamil Nadu, Kottayam, Kerala, Agartala, Tripura, Mumbai, Maharashtra. Presently Vinod Patkotwar is chairman RCPSDC and Hemant Baheti and Shashi Kumar Singh are GC members of the Association.

MEMBERSHIP POSITION AS ON 29.8.2022

CLASS	WEST	SOUTH	NORTH	EAST	TOTAL
ORDINARY	318	168	148	134	768
ASSOCIATE	122	47	72	52	293
FOREIGN	-	-	-	-	-
ASSOCIATION	2	2	-	-	4
PATRON	1	2	-	-	3
TECHNICAL	16	10	11	4	41
TOTAL	459	229	231	190	1109

MANAGING COMMITTEE / EC MEETINGS

MANAGING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

During the period December 2021 to September 2022, the Managing Committee held a total of 6 meetings all are physically and hybrid meetings and deliberated on various issue, major one being highlighted in this report. Attendance of elected/co-opted members for all the 6 meetings is as under :

Managing Committee 2021-22

Sr. No.	Name	29.12.2021 Mumbai Hybrid	15.03.2022 Mumbai Hybrid	20.06.2022 Kolkata Hybrid	04.08.2022 Chennai Hybrid	29.08.2022 New Delhi Hybrid	08.09.2022 Mumbai Hybrid	Total
1	Dr. Sawar Dhanania	1	1	1	1	1	1	6
2	Mr. Shashi Singh	1	1	1	1	1	1	6
3	Mr. Vipin Mehta	1	1	1	1	1	1	6
4	Mr Prasant Wani	1	1	1	1	1	1	6
5	Mr. Vinod Patkotwar	1	1	1	1	1	1	6
6	Mr. Soumil Shah	1	1	1	1	1	1	6
7	Mr. Bharat Relan	1	1	1	1	1	1	6
8	Mr. Rajendra Shah	1	1	1	1	1	1	6
9	Mr Vikram Makar	1	—	1	1	1	1	5
10	Mr. Vishu Bhimrajka	1	—	1	1	1	1	5
11	Mr. Anay Gupta	1	1	1	1	1	—	5
12	Mr. Surinder Paul Gupta	1	—	1	1	1	1	5
13	Mr.Milind Joshi	1	1	1	—	1	1	5
14	Mr. Hemant Baheti	1	—	1	1	1	1	5
15	Mr. Ramesh Kejriwal	1	—	1	1	1	1	5
16	Mr. Vinod Simon	1	—	1	1	1	1	5
17	Mr. Sunil More	1	1	—	1	1	1	5
18	Mr Chandramouli Suresh	—	1	1	1	1	1	5
19	Mr. Vinod Bansal	1	—	1	1	1	—	4
20	Mr. Sanjeev Sikka	1	—	—	1	1	1	4
21	Mr. Kamlesh Jain	1	—	1	1	—	1	4
22	Mr Rakesh Kumar Dugar	1	—	1	1	—	1	4
23	Mr. R. Ramachandran	1	—	1	1	—	1	4
24	Mr. K. Srikanth	1	—	1	1	—	1	4
25	Mr. Siddharth Bhimrajka	1	1	—	—	1	1	4
26	Mr. Aditya Vikram Poddar	—	—	1	1	1	1	4
27	Mr. Harvinder Singh Chitkara	—	—	1	1	1	1	4
28	Mr. Partha Sarkar	1	—	1	—	—	1	3
29	Mr. Mahesh Velu	1	1	—	—	1	—	3

Sr. No.	Name	29.12.2021 Mumbai Hybrid	15.03.2022 Mumbai Hybrid	20.06.2022 Kolkata Hybrid	04.08.2022 Chennai Hybrid	29.08.2022 New Delhi Hybrid	08.09.2022 Mumbai Hybrid	Total
30	Mr Sandeep Jain	1	–	–	1	–	1	3
31	Mr. N. Rajagopal	1	–	1	1	–	–	3
32	Mr. Umesh Dhruv	1	–	1	–	–	–	2
33	Mr. V.T. Chandrasekharan	–	–	–	1	–	–	1
34	Mr. K. Vaidyalingam	–	–	–	1	–	–	1
35	Mr Sunil Bansal	–	–	–	1	–	–	1
36	Mr R. Karthik	1	–	–	–	–	–	1
37	Mr J.S. Rangar	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
38	Mr Rajesh Sampat	–	–	–	–	–	–	–

The Executive Committee mostly met prior to meetings of the Managing Committee during the year.

Members of the Executive Committee

Dr. Sawar Dhanania	President
Mr Shashi Singh	Sr.Vice-President
Mr Vipin Mehta	Vice President
Mr. Kamlesh Jain	Chairman-ERC
Mr Anay Gupta	Chairman-NRC
Mr Chandramouli Suresh	Chairman-SRC
Mr Prasant Wani	Chairman-WRC

During the period February 2022 to August 2022, the Executive Committee held a total of 6 meetings all through physically and hybrid meetings and deliberated on various issue, major one being highlighted in this report. Attendance of elected/co-opted members for all the 6 meetings is as under :

Executive Committee 2021-22

Sr.No.	Name	23.02.2022 Mumbai Hybrid	15.03.2022 Mumbai Hybrid	11.05.2022 Gurugram	20.06.2022 Kolkata Hybrid	04.08.2022 Chennai Hybrid	20.08.2022 HO Office	Total
1	Dr. Sawar Dhanania	1	1	1	1	1	1	6
2	Mr. Vipin Mehta	1	1	1	1	1	1	6
3	Mr. Anay Gupta	1	1	1	1	1	1	6
4	Mr Chandramouli Suresh	1	1	1	1	1	1	6
5	Mr. Kamlesh Jain	1	–	1	1	1	1	5
6	Mr Prasant Wani	–	1	–	1	1	1	4
7	Mr. Shashi Singh	1	1	–	1	–	1	4

Convener Various Committees for the Year 2021-22

Sr No	Sub-Committee	Convener	Committee Member
1	Information Technology (Including Website & Social Media)	Mr. Siddharth Bhimrajka	Mr. Soumil Shah, Ms Avantika Makar, Raj Shah & supported by an external agency.
2	Publications, PR & Media	Mr. Vinod Patkotwar - Publications Mr R.G. Bhamare PR & Media – Mr. Vikram Makar	Mr. D J Barucha, Mr. Milind Joshi Publication Mr Parth Sarkar Mr. R. Karthik, Mr. H.S. Chitkara, Mr Vipin Mehta, Mr Dharmesh Dhanani & Mr Bipin Sinha, PR and Media
3	Foreign Exhibitions/ Trade Delegations/ RBSM – National & International	Mr. Vinod Bansal	Mr. Hemant Baheti, Mr. Vipin Mehta, Mr Rakesh Duggar, Mr K. Vaidyalingam Mr Bipin Sinha
4	Availability of Raw Materials 1) Raw Materials: IDS/ NR, Synthetic Rubber, Carbon Black, Rubber Chemicals), 2) Foreign Trade Policy & Promotion (Incl. FTA) 3) Interaction with Central Government Ministries (MOC – MSME's/ DIPP/other Central Government matters 4) Import & Export Policies etc.	Prof Dr Sawar Dhanania Mr. Kamlesh Jain Mr Vishu Bhimrajka	Mr Sunil Bansal, Mr Surinder Pal Gupta, Mr Dharmesh Dhanani, Mr R. Ramchandran Mr T.K. Mazumdar
5	Accounts, Taxation & Revenue Committee	Mr. Vinod Bansal & Mr. Hemant Baheti	Mr R.G. Bhamare & Mr Rajendra Shah
6	Education Committee, Technology Cell, Knowledge Dissemination Committee for Rubber/ Rubber Products Standardization	Prof Dr Sawar Dhanania, Mr Vikram Makar	Mr. Yazdi Patel, Mr. Prasant Wani, Mr. Anil Arora & Ms Saylee Korgaonkar, Mahesh Velu, Mr Sanjeev Sikka, & Mr R. Karthi
7	Membership Drive Committee	Mr. Rajendra Shah Mr Kamlesh Jain	Mr. Rajesh Sampat, Mr. Anay Gupta, Mr. Dharmesh Dhanani, Mr. Sunil More, Mr H.S. Chitkara, Mr Aditya Poddar & Mr. N. Rajagopal, Mr Bharat Relan, Mr R. Ramchandran, Mr Ramesh Kejriwal & Ms Nutan Shaw

Sr No	Sub-Committee	Convener	Committee Member
8	National & Regional Events and Export Promotion Awards	Mr Vinod Bansal Mrs Pilloo Aga	Mr. Vinod Patkotwar, Mr. Vipin Mehta, Mr. Rakesh Duggar, Mr. Umesh Dhruv Mr Raj Shah
9	Centre of Excellence: Transfer of Technology Upgradation of Technology Skill Development	Mr. Vikram Makar and Dr Sawar Dhanania	Mr. Vinod Bhimrajka, Mr. Shashi Singh, Mr. Sanjeev Sikka, Mr R. Karthik & Mr Ramesh Kejriwal, Mr Souradip & Ms Saylee
10	Compliance Committee	Secretary General	All office bearers of Regional and Chapter Chairmen, & Regional Secretaries
11	Statistics/ Data Bank	Dr Sawar Dhanania Dr. Kajol	Mr T.K. Mazumdar, Ms Geeta & Mr Souradip
12	Anti dumping	Mr Shashi Singh Mr Vipin Mehta	Mr Vikram Makar (anti dumping) Mr Hemant Baheti & Mr Ramchandran, Mr T.K. Mazumdar
13	Education & Research Committee	Dr Sawar Dhanania	
14	Export Promotion		
15	Import – Reduction (Substitution)		
16	Education+ Research	Dr Saswar Dhanania Mr Vikram Makar Mr Vishnu Bhimrajka	Mr Anil Arora, Mr Ravindra Barde, Mr Dharmesh Dhanani & Mr Kamlesh Jain, Dr Kajol
17	Ask the Expert	Mr Yazdi Patel, Mr Ravindra Barde	Dr Kajol

AIRIA'S REPRESENTATION ON VARIOUS BODIES

Indian Rubber Manufacturers' Research Association

Mr. Vikram Makar and Mr. Shashi Singh are representing on the governing council of the IRMRA

Governing Council of RCPSDC

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

BIS:

Mr. K Srikanth is representing on BIS from the Association.

AIRIA is Affiliated with Various National and International Association

Automotive Component Manufacturers Association of India (ACMA), Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI), The Associate Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM), CII, MCCA Pune, PHD Chamber of Commerce & Industry, IMC.

ACTIVITY REPORT OF THE REGIONS AND CHAPTER

EASTERN REGION

Activity Report for FY 2021-22.

The Eastern Regional Committee (ERC) for 2021-22 consisted of 75 members, out of which there were 12 elected members, a Former President of AIRIA, one Hony. Member, 14 co-opted members, one 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 2021-22 are listed below:

Elected members of the Managing Committee

Sl. No	Name of the Members	Position
1.	Mr. Kamlesh Jain	Chairman, AIRIA (ER)
2.	Prof. Dr. Sawar Dhanania	President, AIRIA
3.	Mr. Hemant K. Baheti	Member, MC, AIRIA
4.	Mr. Rakesh K. Dugar	Member, MC, AIRIA
5.	Mr. Ramesh Kejriwal	Member, MC, AIRIA
6.	Mr. Partha P. Sarkar	Member, MC, AIRIA

Elected members of the Eastern Regional Committee

Sl. No	Name of the Members	Position
1.	Mr. Wasimur Rahman Mallick	Vice-Chairman, AIRIA (ER)
2.	Mr. Arnob Guha	Vice-Chairman, AIRIA (ER)
3.	Mr. Vishal Bagaria	Vice-Chairman, AIRIA (ER)
4.	Mr. Soumitra Ganguli	Member, ERC, AIRIA
5.	Mr. Shahid Ali Khan	Member, ERC, AIRIA
6.	Mr. Umesh Chand Toshniwal	Member, ERC, AIRIA

Membership:

Some companies were identified and approached for membership. Few regretfully expressed unwillingness on the pretext of declining business trend and the crisis of pandemic. Their attitude also bore that for membership there might not be worthwhile ROI, whilst their individual businesses mostly maintained a very low profile. But, through perseverance, we maintained a continued membership collection, in 2021-22. Total membership collection for the year had been Rs. 13,76,000/-. 15 companies from Eastern Region could be enrolled as members of the Association.

The total outstanding membership subscription for the year 2021-22 still amounts to Rs. 70,000/- from 10 members (5 from Ordinary and 5 from Associate Class).

Seminars and Workshops:

In pursuance of our catalytic role – a key operational principle of the Association as business facilitator, AIRIA (ER) organized certain programs during the year for the benefit of the members. However, with the enforcement of lockdown and restricted guide lines, the Eastern Regional office of AIRIA held in its opinion that

it would be the right for us to organize learning sessions and webinars for the benefit of the industry, trade, and its flag bearers. Subsequently we adapted the online mode in accord with the New-Normal. The major events were –

The interactive session was organized by All India Rubber Industries Association (Eastern Region). The meeting took place through the online platform of Zoom. It witnessed the presence of 30 enthusiastic participants and it continued for more than one hour.

To summarize Mr. Mansoor Hassan, Director, Events, AIRIA, initiated the programme welcoming all the guests and participants, who have already joined the session for a live discussion by 4:00 pm. He introduced Mr. Kamlesh Jain, Director, Holdwell Components (P) Ltd., Member, Managing Committee, AIRIA and Chairman, AIRIA ERO as the protagonist of the day and the moderator of the programme. Mr. Hasan, also briefly narrated the objective of the meet. Mr. Jain felt honoured and acceded to take the charge of the interactive session.

To discuss the supply constraint, price surge, industry suffering and others, the different raw materials for the rubber trade were classified, namely, Natural Rubber, Synthetic Rubber, Silicone and Specialty Chemicals, Carbon Black, Rubber Chemicals, Rubber Processing Oils, Zinc Oxide, PVC (EVA, DOP and PVC Granules) etc.

The concerns leading to the crisis in supply and spiralling effect of price rise, in short,

1. prevalence and importance of the tyre industry over the non-tyre rubber industry.
2. disruptive manufacturing due to the current crisis
3. lack of import / export exchange due to safety concerns and different regulations in place.
4. increase in freight and logistics
5. unavailability of required containers and increase in their charges
6. increase in crude prices (esp. for petroleum-oriented products)

7. lack of domestic production.

The stance, our industry should adopt:

1. *The On-going trend reflects that pandemic may likely to continue.*
2. *The wisdom of the old says, that it is better to be prepared for the worse than to take the good days for granted.*
3. *Though, it is spelt that from the 2nd quarter of FY2021, the signs may reflect improvement towards normalization. But again, we are unaware of what is in store for future.*
4. *Our buyers are permanent and they may understand the situation. But the entire trading is competitive and balanced on minimal margin. The flexibility to absorb the price surge and sell at a premium to the client is always less.*

To find exposure in the foreign market at the moment is a difficult task.

5. *Understanding the situation as above, will help us to enlighten on the current scenario and manage the unpredictable through value addition and proper planning. THEREFORE, IT IS THE TIME TO REJUVENATE THE FINANCE, OPERATION AND PRODUCTION AND COVER UP THE COST OF INFLATION IN THE MARKET.*

Few tips to enhance performance and add flexibility to the system (keeping in mind that the MSME industry in the region is not adept with changes):

1. *To have a mindset that we can overcome the difficult times and far better would be to erase the thoughts of degeneration.*
2. *Focus on cash, earnings before interest and taxes. Reduce the liabilities of unnecessary interests and taxes. If possible, may invest time and rejig the existing financial plans and structure in place, with understanding of the role of the Government.*
3. *Communications among the stakeholders and with the clientele should find more attention.*

4. *Focus and retention of skilled labour and key industry professionals always remains the ace. New incentive plans may sensitize and create new urge to put more efforts than before.*
5. *Sustainability through product innovation, recyclability and circular economy holds the key.*
6. *Different strategies, as per the need may include:*

- 'Increased investment', with the aim of attaining market leadership;
 - 'Holding the investment level', to continue with tactics used previously;
 - 'Shrinking selectively', to reposition the business, by retrieving the value of some prior investments while reinvesting elsewhere if necessary;
 - 'Milking the investment', to harvest the value of earlier investments, without regard for long-run positioning; and
 - 'Immediate divestment' to recoup asset value.
 - 'Judicious hedging' of risks or pricings involved
7. Optimizing factory operations through saving on Energy, Waste etc.
 8. Pay Attention to Business Exits - Some companies believe that the cost of closing a business and specifically bankruptcy could be addressed through exits. The cost of bankruptcy reportedly encourages entrepreneurs to voluntarily wind-up companies rather than run the risk of bankruptcy proceedings. To the extent this is the case, some businesses may cease trading unnecessarily.

The meeting found the active participation of Mr. Abhinandan Jain, Genesis Ventures, Mr. Somdev Bhowmik, Dev Enterprises & Member, Managing Comm, AIRIA, Mr. Vimal Khatri, Usha Commercial Corporation, Mr. Aditya Poddar, Vinay Trading Company, Mr. Deep Banerjee, Philips Carbon Black, Mr. Harsh Kajaria, East Corp Polymer (P) Ltd. and others.

In the end the meeting ended with a vote of thanks from Mr. Aditya Poddar. He thanked Mr. Mansoor Hassan, Secretariat of AIRA ERO, and all participants in the session. It was hoped that the deliberations shared would lend significant assistance for the industry to prepare for the future.

2. VACCINATION DRIVE ACTIVITY ORGANISED BY AIRIA ER



In these ominous times and severe crisis, the human race has been critically affected. The deadly virus is sparing no lives and has brought countless lives under its axe in different cities of the world. Lives are precious and so the near and dear ones of all of us.

Therefore, at the critical juncture, the holiness shined on us lending us the opportunity to serve the cause of the community through the activity, COVID VACCINATION DRIVE held on Tuesday, 8th June 2021. The venue was Sudesh Bhawan, Sarat Bose Road, Kolkata. The vaccine administered was the first and second dose of COVISHIELD Vaccine for all above 18 years of age. The drive was co-organized by AMRI Hospitals along with others. The vaccination programme began from 11:00am in the morning and continued till 3:30pm in the afternoon. It was attended by several interested individuals. The participation from AIRIA stood for more than 50 personages from the circles of the industry and trade. It was conducted as per the guidelines laid by the Government.

Towards the success of the programme, our heartfelt thanks to Mr. Ramesh Kejriwal, Former Chairman, AIRIA ER and Mr. Kamlesh Jain, Chairman, AIRIA ER. We would look forward for safety and good health of all.

3. **"WEBINAR: HOW TO HANDLE DEPARTMENT AUDIT UNDER GST", on WEDNESDAY, 21ST JULY, 2021 FROM 3:30 PM**

As decided by the Committee of the Eastern Region, the webinar session was organized by AIRIA-ER "Webinar: How to Handle Department Audit under GST", on Wednesday, 21st July, 2021 from 3:30 pm. The programme found registrations from many interested candidates across the industry and close to 50 participants joined the live session. The dignified guest speaker for the session was CA Sri Abhishek Shankar Agarwal, who holds wonderful accolades as FCA, DISA, Certified as Forensic Auditor & Concurrent Auditor etc. He is a Member of Indirect Tax Committee, ICAI & Member, Indirect Tax Sub-Committee, DTPA. He was a "Special Invitee" member to the National "GST & Indirect Tax Committee", Delhi, of ICAI for last two years (2019-2020 & 2020-2021). In the year 2016, he founded 'Abhishek Shankar Agarwal and Associates' with an aim to deliver expertise service in the area of Indirect Taxation. He had also authored some books for publications of Indirect Tax Committee of ICAI. The moderator of the programme was, Sri Souradip Chakraborty, Regional Secretary, AIRIA ERO. The guest speaker was warmly welcomed by him along with the participants. After his welcome address the session was taken over by the speaker to share his deliberations for all those who have gathered online.

In his discourse, he touched upon the salient points as mentioned below:

- What is Department Audit under GST?
- What power can be exercised by the Ld. GST officers during Audit?
- What are the criteria/risk parameters of selecting a taxpayer for auditing?
- What is the probability that a tax payer will get audited for a particular period?
- What technical preparedness needs to be done by a taxpayer before audit?
- What is the importance of pre-audit check-up?
- Who can issue notice for the audit? How to know whether the said officer is the right

authority to issue the notice? By what date we shall expect this Notice of Audit from Dept?

- Where will these audits take place? By what time the said audit proceedings need to be concluded?
- What are the documents that will be subjected to audit?
- & Others ...

All the participants, stayed till the end and gave a patient hearing to the entire learning session. It followed a brief, question and answer session and active participation. All the attendees were enthralled at the deep insights shared at the platform, appreciated the guest speaker of the day and also congratulated the efforts of the Eastern Region office to put together such a meaningful webinar. In the end, the Regional Secretary, shared his vote of thanks to the speaker and all, with prayers for their safety, good health and best wishes galore.

The Eastern Regional Office planned the webinar session on "Silicone rubber and its application in our industry" on Thursday, 25th November, 2021. The post lunch session started from 3:30pm on the day and continued till 5:00 pm in the evening, through the online platform ZOOM. It was attended by more than 45 participants. The forum was appreciated by all the participants as an enlightening one.

At the outset, Mr. Kamlesh Jain, Chairman, AIRIA ER lend his voice to share Welcome Address to the Guests and participants. It was followed by introduction and few words of appreciations to the Guest of Honour, Dr. Sascha Buechel, Joint Managing Director, Wacker Metroark Chemicals (P) Ltd. and the Guest speaker of the day, Mr. Raghavendra P Singh, Business Development Manager, Wacker Metroark Chemicals (P) Ltd.

The Guest of Honour, Dr. Buechel cherished our enthusiastic effort and presented the participants an important session on how the Silicone rubber products is being produced from the raw material, their types, uses and applications. It was a brief address for 20 minutes and thereafter, Mr. Raghavendra P

Singh presented his discourse on the topic. He discussed the advantages of Silicone Elastomers, compared them with mechanical properties of Organic Rubber. The talk was also delivered on applications of liquid and solid silicone rubber in different industries across different sectors like healthcare and medical devices, hoses, tubes, seals, valves, bellows etc., uses of it in generation of energy, transmission and distribution of power, application in automotive sector, textile (esp. screen printing and calendaring) and coating materials etc.

All the participants gave a patient hearing to the entire learning session which was followed by a brief, question and answer session. The attendees admired the worthy insights shared at the platform, appreciated the deliberations from the guests of the day and also congratulated the efforts of the Eastern Region office to put together such a meaningful webinar. In the end, the Chairman, shared his vote of thanks to the speaker and all, with prayers for their safety, good health.

5. "WEBINAR: USES OF RUBBER IN POWER SECTOR (NTPC), ITS FUTURE APPLICATIONS AND PROCUREMENT", TUESDAY, 30TH NOVEMBER, 2021, FROM 3:30 PM

The webinar, USES OF RUBBER IN POWER SECTOR (NTPC), ITS FUTURE APPLICATIONS AND PROCUREMENT was organized through online platform of Zoom application on Tuesday, 30th November, 2021, from 3:30 pm. It continued till 4:30 pm in the afternoon. There were more than 40 participants in the online seminar, comprising industry constituents yearning to learn on prospects, future and uses of rubber in power sector.

Mr. Kamlesh Jain, Chairman, AIRIA ER shared his welcome address to the participants and the guest speakers of the day. There was a brief introduction of the guest speakers, namely, Shri A. K. Saxena, Asst. General Manager, Corporate Centre (CC), Operation Services (OS), Balance of Plant (BoP), NTPC Ltd. and Shri Vayavya Mishra, Sr. Manager, Corporate Centre (CC), Operation Services (OS), Balance of Plant (BoP), NTPC Ltd.

Shri Vayavya Mishra took the charge as the first speaker of the online symposium. His dialogue started with the introduction and overview of the Indian power sector and National Thermal Power Corporation Limited, NTPC Ltd. It was really delightful to learn how NTPC plays a very important and critical role for generation of power for the country, Thermal Power Generation Scheme and its 3D Model. He mentioned that prior uses of rubber find its applications in conveyors and pulley lagging. He explained a detailed specifications for these products. In the same spirit, he continued to share uses of rubber as pads, impact idlers, skirt systems, bellows, electrical insulation, coupling bushes, hoses, o-rings, cable covers, seals and gaskets etc. At the end, Shri A. K. Saxena delivered talk on procurement options with NTPC Ltd. and overview of vendor enlistment process and its portal. Shri Saxena invited active engagement of the participants from the rubber industry with NTPC Ltd., through the process shared. The attendees were gladdened to a great extent with the deliberations at the online assembly. The session was followed by a brief hearing of questions and answers, which was well moderated.

In the end, the Chairman, shared his vote of thanks to the guest speakers and participants. In return, the assemblage appreciated the entire show arranged which enhanced their learning on the subject.

6. VISIT TO TRIPURA FROM 8TH DECEMBER 2021 TO 10TH DECEMBER, 2021

Under the direction of the Chairman, AIRIA ERO, the Secretariat was requested to make a visit to Agartala, Tripura. Accordingly, Mr. Souradip Chakraborty, Regional Secretary, AIRIA ERO made his visit to the hilly capital of the State on 8th of December 2021. The following two days there was an important Invest Summit 2021, Destination Tripura organized by the State Government jointly with Indian Chamber of Commerce. The summit was held for the first time in the state to unearth and capitalize on the untapped socio-economic potential of the state.

The first day and the second day of the visit primarily witnessed interaction with different units of rubber industry and traders in the state. During the brief stay, interaction and exchanges followed with units like, Maa Rubber Pvt. Ltd., Tirupati Rubber Traders, Palapillil Techno Rubber, Ramakrishna Rubber Industry etc. These industrial units either remained a member of our organization in the past or are non-members. Interestingly, these firms were encouraged to become a member of our Association and also, they have shown their keen interests to follow the suit. A factory visit of Maa Rubber Pvt. Ltd. was also accomplished who is into manufacturing of tyre treads and others. The Secretariat also liaised between Indian Chamber of Commerce and the delegates from the rubber industry especially from the region for their accommodation and comfort during their stay for the conclave.

Invest Summit 2021, Destination Tripura was held on 9th-10th December, 2021 at Pragna Bhawan, Agartala, Tripura. On the first day the programme was attended by Hon'ble Chief Minister of the State, Sri Biplab Deb; Hon'ble Commerce and Industry Minister of the State, Sri Manoj Kanti Deb; Chairman of TIDC, Sri Tinku Roy, Prof. Dr. Sawar Dhanania, Chairman, Rubber Board (under M/o Commerce and Industry, Govt. of India) & Sr. Vice President, AIRIA; Dr. Parshant Kumar Goyal, Secretary, Department of Commerce and Industry, Govt. of Tripura and various other State dignitaries along with business luminaries from the State and different parts of the country.

All the delegates at the forum were warmly welcomed by the dignitaries on the dais. It was followed by mention of the superfluous resources and hidden prospects of the state of Tripura in the form of available natural resources, connectivity and infrastructure, untapped sectors, skilled work force and international trade opportunities. Their deliberation addressed major advantages of the State, promoted the State as technology friendly, focused on employment generation, eager to facilitate development of large, medium and small-scale sector industries, government promoted institutions and financial

organizations. The sessions pledged that the Govt. of Tripura would do all its best to promote popular schemes for the trade and business to flourish and further employ its foremost strategy for convenient development of connectivity, logistics and infrastructure.

The second day, witnessed a separate session and forum on rubber sector for its prospects in the state. The forum was attended by more than 100 constituents of the industry from the state and across its borders. It even found participation from neighbouring countries. It was narrated that Rubber is an important cash crop of the state and natural rubber from Tripura ranks second in domestic production, after Kerala. However, the planters in Tripura may be termed as the first-generation planters wherein they have championed most of the scientific research and development in these years, paving the way for the next generation planters. There is no dearth of power and water resources in the State, therefore the State can gladly welcome the investors for the plantation sector, ISNR plants, raw material suppliers, end product manufacturers etc. Also, there are enhanced possibilities of trade and business with presence of Bangladesh corridors, access to SE Asian market, upcoming special economic zones, opening at Tripura Rubber Park, enhanced and conjoined support of Central and State Govt. Alongside it was also noted that there are plethora of opportunities underlying for the sectors like agriculture, horticulture, hand loom, food processing, tea, bamboo, tourism, healthcare, education etc. However, the summit witnessed signing of MoUs with pledge of investment by more than 50 institutions in different sectors like education, healthcare, rubber, tea, handloom etc. Our member firm, Holdwell Components Pvt. Ltd. was represented by Mr. Anindya Bhaduri, General Manager, who also signed a MoU with the State Govt. The total investment summed to more than Rs. 2600 crore. The symposium ended with a valedictory note and wishing that in the future years the summit will emerge even more valuable and contributing for the growth of the state.

7. "WEBINAR: RUBBER INDUSTRY AND INSURANCE", ON THURSDAY, 13TH JANUARY 2022 FROM 3:30 PM

All India Rubber Industries Association, Eastern Region designed "WEBINAR: RUBBER INDUSTRY AND INSURANCE", on Thursday, 13th January 2022, from 3:30 pm. It was contemplated that the programme will not enrich the participants and the industry with a firm grip on how to manage the risks but also serve as an encouragement for those who are not covered or remained under-covered. Sadly enough, the MSME segment of the industry can be mostly identified with the said problem and thus their business remains far from being secured and stand very vulnerable to different threats or risks.

The programme started at 3:30pm and continued till 4:45 pm. There were more than 30 participants in the online seminar. Mr. Kamlesh Jain, Chairman, AIRIA ER shared his welcome address to the participants and the guest speakers of the day. A brief introduction of the guest speakers was performed, namely, Mr. Rahul Agarwal, Founder & CEO of Ideal Insurance Brokers Pvt. Ltd. and Mr. Lakshmi Narayan Sahu, Branch Manager, ECGC Ltd, Kolkata Exporters Branch.

Mr. Rahul Agarwal through his deliberation helped us to increase our understanding on Factory Insurance, Workmen Compensation, Office Insurance, Directors & Officers Liability, Professional Indemnity, Projects Insurance, Specialty Insurance, Property Commercial Insurance, Credit Insurance, Loss of Profit & Liability Insurance, Transit & Project Insurance, Group Health Policies for workers and employees etc. and others as deemed necessary. Mr. Lakshmi Narayan Sahu mostly elaborated on the underlying threats in exports of products and its credits along with the objective for Export Credit Guarantee Corporation, ECGC. Comprehensive and Stand-Alone policy schemes, procedural requirements were also discussed at the platform. In the end the session was followed by a brief question and answer session.

The Chairman, shared his vote of thanks to the guest speakers and participants. The programme came to an end with an enlightening and positive spirit.

8. "WEBINAR: ABSORPTION OF TALENT GAP IN THE INDUSTRY", ON THURSDAY, 3RD MARCH, 2022, 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

All India Rubber Industries Association, Eastern Region organized "WEBINAR: ABSORPTION OF TALENT GAP IN THE INDUSTRY", on Thursday, 3rd March, 2022. The programme started at 3:00 pm and continued till 4:00 pm. There were close to 30 participants in the online seminar. Mr. Kamlesh Jain, Chairman, AIRIA ER shared his welcome address to the participants and the guest speaker of the day. Smt. Deepmala Moorjani, Manager-Placement and Industry Connect, Rubber, Chemical & Petrochemical Skill Development Council, RCPSDC was introduced as the speaker.

Smt. Deepmala Moorjani narrated the importance to fill the skill gap in the industry under the mission of Skill India. She deliberated on New Skilling Training programs and Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL), Training Delivery Methodology etc. We learnt that the sector skill council are offering services like short term training, upskilling and certification, model training center, campus engagement and demand aggregation. In the forum National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS) was also discussed, which is a new scheme of Government of India. The focus of NAPS is to promote apprenticeship training in the country by incentivizing the employer who wish to engage apprentices to fulfil the vision and mission of Skill India, whereas its objective is to promote apprenticeship training and to increase engagement of apprentices in the industry. The sector skill council's ecosystem for achieving its objectives were also discussed along with the briefs on how to realize the vision of Skill India.

The vote of thanks was shared by the Chairman as the programme came to an end after a brief question and answer session. It was hoped that the labour-intensive sector, rubber industry would be immensely benefitted through the session.

All India Rubber Industries Association, Eastern Region Participated In

Bengal Global Trade Expo 2022, Science City, Kolkata

In association with Confederation of West Bengal Trade Association, CWBTA, the Bengal Global Trade Expo, 2022 was held in concurrence with Bengal Global Business Summit, 2022. The exhibition was held at Science City, Kolkata. It was inaugurated on 20th April 2022 and concluded on 24th April, 2022. There were separate pavilions at the expo and one such pavilion was of West Bengal Industrial Development Corporation Limited, WBIDC. In the WBIDC pavilion, All India Rubber Industries Association, Eastern Region exhibited through a stall of 9 square meter and promoted the annual activities of the Association. The stall displayed periodicals, journals, membership directory etc. Brochures of some member firms and their products were also showcased for companies like Technowax Chem Pvt. Ltd., Royal Composites Pvt. Ltd., Khadims, Sus Polymers Pvt. Ltd. etc. There were dignified guests and considerable visitors at the stall.

NORTHERN REGION.

Regional Committee

Chairman	Mr. Anay Gupta
Vice Chairmen	Mr. Navneet Gupta Mr. Sandeep Jain Mr. Indra Parekh
Elected Members Managing Committee	Mr. J S Rangar Mr. Vipin Mehta Mr. Surinder Paul Gupta Mr. Sanjeev Sikka
Co-opted Member Managing Committee	Mr. H S Chitkara
Elected Members Regional Committee	Mr. Rajinder Thakur Mr. Anuj Prakash Farsaiya Mr. Mukesh Kakkar Mr. Ravi Gupta

Co-opted Members (Ordinary Class)	Mr. Piyush Dhawan Mr. Saurabh Bairathi Mr. Vivek Gupta Mr. R K Jain Mr. Rakesh Jain Mr. J C Malhotra
Co-opted Members (Associate Class)	Mr. H K Pahwa Mr. Deepak Chadha Mr. Vinod Haritwal Mr. Ashwani Sarin

Regional Committee Meetings held during the period

Sl. No.	Date	Place
1	08.01.2022	Online
2	11.02.2022	India Habitat Centre, New Delhi
3	13.04.2022	India Habitat Centre, New Delhi
4	06.07.2022	India Habitat Centre, New Delhi

Northern Region Activities

The 9th Edition of National Rubber Conference 2022 organized on 11-12th May 2022 at Le Meridien, Gurugram

All India Rubber Industries Association Northern Region organised the 9th edition of Annual National Rubber Conference 2022 (NRC- 2022) after a gap of 3 years due to the pandemic.

This event has been organized to play a part of a major national effort and to build confidence among our rubber industry post the hit-back what the industry has gone through during COVID-19 times. NRC- 2022 focused on the theme "Indian Rubber Industry 2.0: Shifting Gears". The conference provided an opportunity to MSME and delegates to understand new shifting in technology, business and skill development. The two days event was held at Hotel Le Meridien, Gurugram on 11th and 12th May 2022. NRC- 2022 provided a platform to our MSME sector across

the country to interact with eminent speakers and other stake holders to discuss their queries.

NRC -2022 was special for various reasons - the highest ever participation in the history of NRC, whole- hearted sponsor support from the industry across the country and deliberations by eminent speakers from industry and institutions on pertinent topics.



The inauguration of the conference was held with the traditional lighting of the ceremonial lamp. Mr. Arun Kumar Sinha IAS (MD, Footwear Design and Development Institute) was the Chief guest. Mr. Mohinder Gupta (past President, All India Rubber Industries Association) graced the occasion as the guest of honour.

Shri Anay Gupta, Chairman, Northern Region welcomed the guests and delegates to the event. He reiterated the significance of the rubber conferences and their benefits to the industry. Mr. Anil Arora, Chief Convener, NRC- 2022, shared the theme of the National Rubber Conference and details of technical sessions, topics, networking dinner and first ever Lucky Draw Competition. Dr. Sawar Dhanania,



President AIRIA and Chairman Rubber Board appreciated Northern Region for organising the first event post- COVID and talked about AIRIA's role for the growth of the rubber industry, MSME predominantly.

NRC-2022 souvenir was released by the dignitaries on the dais during the inaugural session.

About Three Hundred delegates attended the National Rubber Conference. They were very happy with all the arrangements and share that they would recommend National Rubber Conference to others for participation in future.

The conference concluded with the valedictory address by Mr. Anil Arora- Chief Convener NRC 2022 and Mr Naveen Garg, Convener NRC-2022. Names of Five Lucky Draw winners were announced and they were felicitated on the



stage with Rs. 10,000/- each Croma Gift vouchers. The members of the Organizing Committee were felicitated by Dr. Dhanania, President AIRIA and Mr. Vipin Mehta, Vice President AIRIA for their whole hearted efforts and team work in making the event a GRAND SUCCESS.

Seminars(Webinar) Conducted

Webinar / Seminars on the following subjects were conducted during the year:

1. A webinar conducted on Intellectual Property Rights (IPR): Challenges & Opportunities for Indian Industry by Mr. Amiya Kumar Kalidaha, Senior Scientific Officer, DSTBT, GoWB, Salt Lake, Kolkata on 5th Feb 2022

2. A webinar conducted on Daily manufacturing problems and trouble shooting in rubber industry - by Dr. R Mukhopadhyay – In association with Indian rubber Institute (Chairman Indian Rubber Institute, Director R & D JK Tyre & Industries Ltd.) on 3rd Oct 2021
3. An interactive session organized on “Active participation of IRI and IRMRA in skill development of Indian Rubber Industry” by Dr. R. Mukhopadhyay, Chairman IRI & President IRMRA:

Dr. R Mukhopadhyay, Chairman IRI & President India had an interactive session on “Active participation of IRI and IRMRA in Skill Development of Indian Rubber Industry” on 11th July 2022 at RCPSDC office, Saket, New Delhi.

Mr. Anay Gupta, Chairman AIRIA (NR), Mr. Anil Arora, GC member of RCPSDC, along with 10 members of AIRIA participated in the session.

Mr. Vinod Patkotwar, Chairman RCPSDC along with other GC Members also participated virtually.

It was a fruitful discussion about industry participation in skilling activities. The main objective of this session was to discuss how IRI and IRMRA along with RCPSDC can work with AIRIA members to get skilled manpower ready as per need of the Indian rubber industry. Couple of AIRIA members have also shown their willingness to train work force in their factories as per requirement of RCPSDC.

Glimpses of the event :



SOUTHERN REGION

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Regional Committee

1. Shri Chandramouli Suresh – Chairman
2. Shri Srikanth K – Vice Chairman
3. Shri Rajagopal N – Vice Chairman
4. Shri P. R. Nag – Vice chairman
5. Shri K Ganesh – Regional Committee
6. Shri R. Karthik – Regional Committee
7. Shri J D Prabhakar - Regional Committee
8. Shri V.T. Chandhrasekharan – Managing Committee
9. Shri.Vinod T Simon – Managing Committee
10. Shri.R. Ramachandran – Managing Committee
11. Shri. Vaidyalingam K – Managing Committee
12. Shri S B Soris – Ordinary Co-opted Member
13. Shri Anand Babu- Ordinary Co-opted Member
14. Shri L Aravind – Ordinary Co-opted Member
15. Shri Manmeet Singh - Ordinary Co-opted Member
16. Shri Yogen R Joshi – Associate Co-opted Member
17. Shri Ramakant Gilada – Associate Co-opted Member
18. Shri Bhagirath Saisankar – Associate Co-opted Member
19. Shri Divyesh Jain – Associate Co-opted Member
20. Dr. R K Matthan – Honorary Member
21. Ankit Jain – Special Invitee

22. Raja Annamalai M – Special Invitee

23. Karthikeyan M – Special Invitee

1. REGIONAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

There were four Regional Committee Meetings held during the captioned period - the dates and places of the Meeting are given below.

SNO	Name of The Meeting	Date	Place
1.	1st Regional Committee	10th January 2022	Chennai
2.	2nd Regional Committee	26th February 2022	Chennai
3.	3rd Regional Committee	14th April 2022	Chennai
4.	4th Regional Committee	8th July 2022	Chennai

2. Seminar & Conferences :

The Society of Plastics and Rubber Technologists (SPART), on the behalf of Department of Rubber and Plastics Technology kick-started ELASTOPLAZ'22" with a bang! The annual symposium is the Rubber and Plastics Technology Department's signature event in March, spread over 2 days, that creates opportunities for the polymer community from across the country to come together and discuss various advancements, disseminate information about the changing scenario in the industry, research, issues and future trends.

With the pandemic stealing away 2 precious years of students' life in college, it was made sure that everything that was missed during those days was compensated for Students from all 4 years and the respected faculty members of RPT department were the graceful audience for the event.

The event was inaugurated by Mr. P. K. Unnikrishnan (Head –Global R&D Centre – Asia, Apollo Tyres Limited, who also had colleagues Mr. Bharat Patel and Mr. Kushal Mandal join in. He urged the students to test and learn via consumer science, invent and deliver on unanticipated future needs, make time to be curious, think about the big picture, and ignite motivation for your work and love what you do.

Dr. J. Prakash, Dean of MIT, addressed the gathering and emphasized students to be innovators and foster entrepreneurial skill to be a demand-based solution provider in the field

of Rubber and Plastics Technology with focus on safety and better health in both the Tyre and Non-Tyre domain. He provided an example of flame-retardant engineering materials for the mobility market's high technical requirements that require innovative solutions for electro mobility. Dr. Prakash added that the Department of Rubber and Plastics Technology prepares its students by imparting high technical knowledge, product design aspects, practical skill, leadership qualities, ethical value, environment, and fosters creative entrepreneurial skills and motivated students to become job providers.

Professor & Head, Department of Rubber & Plastics Technology Dr. N. Natchimuthu

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 misprocessing techniques to achieve zero discharge scenario etc.

Once the inauguration was over, the technical and non-technical events started right away, getting everyone buzzing with excitement. On-spot registrations by students from several different colleges (CIPET, Crescent, etc) poured in, with the vibe of the day set positive, right from the very beginning.

Technical events:

These included

- A workshop on Polymers for Additive Manufacturing by Dr. N.Natchimuthu, with over 60 students in attendance.
- Paper presentation event by shortlisted participants
- Poster Presentation, where participants presented their ideas and innovations in an abstract and graphical format.

- Technical quiz, where participants were quizzed on their domain knowledge over multiple rounds.
- Technical connections and debate which took the excitement to the next level by making learning fun. Winners and Runners of each event took home cash prizes ranging from Rs.2000- Rs.5000.

Non-Technical Events:

These managed to keep our eager participants entertained and engaged, and here is a round-up on the events:

- IPL Auction was one of the significant events that was mostly looked forward to, and included naming a team and choosing its team members. Team with the best players was chosen the winner.

Connections in which participants piece together different clues to identify the phrase/ word they stand for.

Dumb Charades

Treasure hunt

Gaming events

Merge 2022

As the fun Saturday came to an end, it was time for the Annual Alumni meet of the Department of Rubber and Plastics Technology, also known as "Merge '22". Graced by the presence of Alumni members over the years, a cultural event was held in which the juniors performed different acts, taking the alumni a walk down the memory lane. Post dinner, the current students and the alumni got together for a memorable night with topics of discussion being unrestricted, followed by a photo shoot session, bringing the hype of the two days down to an emotional end.

Sports Meet:

AIRIA – SRs 5th Annual Sports Meet (Cricket Tournament) organized by AIRIA-SR under the aegis of Rubber Sports League on 27.02.2022, Sunday, was well attended by more than 30 participants consisting of CEO's/Proprietors/ MD's/Directors/Partners and Business Heads and their family from Our Member Community.

The tournament was played between 4 teams. The teams were picked up on the basis of their cricket knowledge (Regular/Irregular) , which also had an team manager.

The banners for the teams were done to ensure that the team concerned was with it.

The members had assembled around 8.30 am with an energy drink.

We had an introduction talks given by the convener of Sports Day Mr Ankit Jain talked about the format of the game.

The game was played with ICC rules and regulations, All teams will play against each other had and each game was limited to 4 over's a side, the playing side were 6 members.

We had umpires and digital scorers also.

There were exciting fours and sixes by the members and which was cheered upon by the non playing members and the other team members outside the arena of the ground. Also we had witnessed a run out were the decision of the third umpire through the photo shoot of the game had declared run out.

WESTERN REGION

ACITIVITY REPORT FOR 2021-22

WESTERN REGIONAL COMMITTEE

Sr No	Name	Designation
1	Mr. Prasant Wani	Chairman
2	Mr. Vikram Makar	Immediate Past President & MC Member
3	Mr. Mahesh T Velu	Vice Chairman & MC Member
4	Mr. Soumil Shah	Vice Chairman & MC Member
5	Mr. Sachin Trivedi	Vice Chairman
6	Mr. Dharmesh Dhanani	WRC Member
7	Mr. Ravindra Barde	WRC Member

8	Mr. Mithilesh Umesh Jadhav	WRC Member
9	Mr. Maunit Bhayani	WRC Member
10	Mr. Yazdi Patel	WRC Member
11	Mr. Shubir Shetty	WRC Member
12	Ms. Avantika Makar	WRC Member
13	Mr. Umesh Dhruv	MC Member
14	Mr. Shashi Singh	MC Member
15	Mr. Vishnu Bhimrajka	MC Member
16	Mr. Vinod P Patkotwar	MC Member
17	Mr. Milind Joshi	MC Member
18	Mr. Vinod S Bansal	MC Member
19	Mr. Siddharth Bhimrajka	MC Member (Associate Class)
20	Mr. Sunil More	MC Member (Associate Class)
21	Mr. Bharat Relan	MC Member (Associate Class)
22	Mr. Rajendra Shah	MC Member (Associate Class)
23	Mr. Rajesh Sampat	Co-Opt W R MC Member
24	Mr. Sunil Bansal	Co-Opt W R MC Member
25	Mr. Niraj Thakkar	Past President
26	Mr. K D Shah	Hon. MC Member
27	Mr. S. A. Shah	Hon. MC Member
28	Mr. R. V. Gandhi	Hon. MC Member
29	Mr. D. T. Keswani	Hon. MC Member
30	Mr. Sadashiv Kale	Chairman-Pune Chapter
31	Mr. Rohit Bansal	Vice Chairman – Pune Chapter
32	Mr. Rajnikant Changela	Chairman-Gujarat Chapter

33	Mr. Hemant Tibrewala	Vice Chairman-Gujarat Chapter
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PUNE CHAPTER COMMITTEE

Sr No	Name	Designation
1	Mr. Sadashiv Kale	Chairman – Pune Chapter
2	Mr. Rohit Bansal	Vice Chairman – Pune Chapter
3	Mr. Ninad Joshi	Treasurer
4	Mr. Vikram Makar	President, AIRIA
5	Mr. Vinod S Bansal	MC Member
6	Mr. Vinod Patkotwar	MC Member
7	Mr. Milind K. Joshi	MC Member
8	Mr. Nikhil Gupta	Member
9	Mr. Yazdi Patel	WRC Member
10	Mr. D. T. Keswani	Hon. MC Member
11	Mr. Prafulla Patil	Special Invitee

GUJARAT CHAPTER COMMITTEE

1	Mr. Rajnikant Changela	Chairman-Gujarat Chapter
2	Mr. Hemant Tibrewala	Vice Chairman-Gujarat Chapter

Regional Committee Meeting held during the year

Sr No	Date	Venue
1	7th January, 2022	Online
2	10th March, 2022	Online
3	3rd June, 2022	ITC Grand Maratha, Mumbai

WEBINAR ON “BUSINESS AVENUES WITH INDIAN RAILWAYS – ROLE OF RDSO” BY SHRI. ANIRUDH KUMAR BHARTI HELD ON FRIDAY, 28TH JANUARY, 2022.

All India Rubber Industries Association – Western Region, organized a Webinar on “Business Avenues with Indian Railways – Role of RDSO” on Friday, 28th January, 2022.

The Webinar was presented by keynote Speaker - Shri. Anirudh Kumar Bharti, Executive Director Quality Assurance (Mechanical), RDSO, Eastern Region under Ministry of Railways. Mr. Bharti has served the Indian Railways for over 20 years in various capacities in the field of Roll it maintenance and production, Director (Urban Transport) in Ministry of Urban Development.



Mr. Mahesh Velu – Vice Chairman, Western Region, AIRIA welcomed the delegates for the webinar and introduced the Guest Speaker of the day.

The key topics covered in the webinar were:

- What's the role of RDSO in Railways
- How does RDSO helps Railways in procuring world class components, safety items and services.
- RDSO's role in "Make in India "policy of Got of India
- Helping MSME sector players in supplying to Indian Railways.

The webinar was attended by more than 55 delegates and were very contented n gratified with the productive information shared by Shri. A. K. Bharti through this webinar which the

industry stakeholders would use for planning and development of their businesses with Indian Railways in future.

The Head Public Relations and Media Relations – Mr. Bipin Sinha, expressed heartfelt thanks to Shri. A. K. Bharti for conducting and sharing the details of business opportunities with Indian Railways, the queries related to the applications and execution, with the members through this webinar.

WEBINAR ON “NSIC SCHEMES FOR MSME SECTOR BY SHRI. MANOJ KUMAR SINGH HELD ON FRIDAY, 18TH FEBRUARY, 2022

All India Rubber Industries Association – Western Region, organized a Webinar on “NSIC Schemes For MSME Sector” on Friday, 18th February, 2022.

The Webinar was presented by keynote Speaker - Shri. Manoj Kumar Singh, Zonal General Manager, West Zone, M/S. NSIC Limited. Mr. Manoj Singh has been associated with M/s. NSIC Limited for over a decade and served M/s. ITL Industries Limited for over 16 years as Sr. Dy. General Manager (Mktg)



Mr. Mahesh Velu – Vice Chairman, Western Region, AIRIA welcomed the delegates for the webinar and introduced the Guest Speaker of the day.

The webinar was attended by more than 25 delegates and were very contented n gratified

with the productive information shared by Shri. Manoj Kumar Singh through this webinar which the industry's MSME Sector would use & get benefitted in their businesses with NSIC schemes in future.

The Head Public Relations and Media Relations – Mr. Bipin Sinha, expressed heartfelt thanks to Shri. Manoj Kumar Singh for conducting and sharing the details of schemes for MSME sectors, the queries related to the applications and execution, with the members through this webinar.

TECHNICAL SEMINAR ORGANISED IN VASAI ON 13TH APRIL, 2022 @ HOTEL GOLDEN CHARIOT, VASAI

AIRIA – Western Region successfully organised a Technical Seminar in Vasai on April 13th, 2022. The event was held at Hotel Golden Chariot, Vasai.

The Technical Seminar was the first Seminar organised after 2 years of pandemic keeping in mind the interest of industry members from Vasai region which included manufacturers, traders mostly from MSME sector.

The Emcee for the event – Ms. Diksha Jadhav from M/s. Json Polymers welcomed all the dignitaries, committee members, delegates and the proceedings began with the traditional Lamp Lighting ceremony with Saraswati Vandana being played in the background. The dignitaries were then invited on the dais which included: the Guest of Honour Mr. Vikrant Hemant Bhalerao - Sub Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board (Govt. of Maharashtra); Mr. Prasant Wani – Chairman, WR - AIRIA;



Mr. Shashi Singh – Sr. Vice President, AIRIA; Mr. Sachin Trivedi – Vice Chairman, WR, AIRIA; Mr. Soumil Shah – Vice Chairman, WR, AIRIA; Mr. Mahesh Velu – Vice Chairman, WR, AIRIA Mr. Dharmesh Dhanani, Regional Committee Member – WR, AIRIA.

All the dignitaries were handed over bouquets by prominent members of the Association.

Mr. Prasant Wani, Chairman WR – AIRIA delivered the welcome address and thanked all the delegates for their presence.

The members from Vasai region appreciated the same with an overwhelming response to the seminar with delegate registrations. There was a total of 120 registrations from different class viz, Manufacturers, Traders, Exporters of Rubber, Rubber Goods, Chemicals, Machineries etc.

To cater to the needs of the delegates, AIRIA – Western region selected the following topics for the seminar:

- In Mold Bonding using CHEMLOK by Mr. Chetan Kshirsagar, Technical Service Executive, Lord India Pvt Ltd
- Specialty Rubber Chemicals & It's Master-Batch by Dr. Suryanarayan, M/S. Yasho Industries Ltd
- Latest Trends In Prime And Low-Cost Synthetic Rubbers by Mr. Nipin Tapare, M/s. Nishigandha Polymers Pvt Ltd.
- MCX ISF Awareness Program on Rubber Hedging by Mr. Sunandh Subramamiam, M/s. Multi Commodity Exchange of India Ltd.

- Good Manufacturing Practices & Management Lessons by Mr. Vinod Patkotwar, M/s. Crown Rubber Products
- Growth Opportunities for MSMEs with TATA Nexarc by Mr. Chandanbir Singh Batra, M/s. TATA Nexarc

Eminent speakers from the respective industry segment with years of vast experience and expertise in the field presented the illustrious topics. The seminar was sponsored by some of the leading players in various sectors, namely Lord India Pvt Ltd, Yasho Industries Pvt Ltd, R R Enterprises, Nishigandha Polymers Pvt Ltd, K K Enterprises, Pukhraj Additives LLP, Shreeji Multitrade, Stech Engineers, Elastochemie Impex Pvt Ltd, Multi Commodity Exchange of India Ltd; TATA Nexarc

The seminar commenced with the following presentations:

- **In Mold Bonding using CHEMLOK by Mr. Chetan Kshirsagar, Technical Service Executive, Lord India Pvt Ltd**

The first topic was taken by Mr. Chetan Kshirsagar which was of the current important and relevant for the industry as it aided the industry members be it traders, manufacturers, exporters to gain knowledge and awareness about Chemlok and its uses, significance for various mold bonding in their organisations.

- **Specialty Rubber Chemicals & It's Master-Batch by Dr. Suryanarayan, M/S. Yasho Industries Ltd**

Dr. Suryanarayan, the senior most Rubber Technologist shared his in-depth technical

knowledge on the aforesaid topic and informed the delegates about various factors of rubber chemicals which can be utilised while running their organisations.

- **Latest Trends In Prime And Low-Cost Synthetic Rubbers by Mr. Nipin Tapare, M/s. Nishigandha Polymers Pvt Ltd.**

Mr. Nitin Tapare shared his invaluable inputs on the subject line with the various details like uses, cost, distributors, types of the products in Prime and Low-cost Synthetic Rubber. He informed the delegates about the major reasons affecting the products in terms of cost, types of off grade rubber and economical solutions for the same to the rubber industry.

- **MCX ISF Awareness Program on Rubber Hedging by Mr. Sunandh Subramamiam, M/s. Multi Commodity Exchange of India Ltd.**

Mr. Sunandh Subramamiam shared his invaluable inputs on definition of commodity exchange, the need of commodity future exchanges, the price risk involved and its management (hedging). Strategy for Exporters, Manufacturers, Traders during the rising and falling of prices. He explained in detailed specifications of Rubber Contract, cost sheet of rubber, participation on exchange by a company and do's & don'ts in commodity derivative market.

- **Good Manufacturing Practices & Management Lessons by Mr. Vinod Patkotwar, M/s. Crown Rubber Products**

Mr. Vinod Patkotwar, CEO – M/s. Crown Rubber Products, Managing Committee



Member & Editor – Rubber India, AIRIA explained the delegates about the practices every organisation should follow in terms of safety (machinery/products/staff), processes to be followed at various, discipline, lean management, working as a team in any organisation.

- **Growth Opportunities for MSMEs with TATA Nexarc by Mr. Chandanbir Singh Batra, M/s. TATA Nexarc.**

Mr. Chandanbir Singh Batra from Tata Nexarc shared his presentation on the above topic. The rubber industry members who are expanding their businesses and want to accelerate growth in their organisation were benefitted by the information shared. The factors like digital B2B platform, expert advices, online learning courses, hassle free use of software were very much useful. The presentation provided the delegates with utmost important & significant data which is the need of the hour for the industry stakeholders

Mr. Siddharth Bhimrajka then shared his views on various issues and concerns faced by the industry during the pandemic and the various factors which were responsible for the same as the industry lacked in aspects of cash flow, technology, logistics, manufacturing, marketing etc and shared his opinion that the industry should look into this and upgrade their companies in above terms so as to face such pandemic challenges if aroused in future. The audience was very impressed with the in-depth knowledge shared and gave a huge round of applause. He further informed the guest about the upcoming mega event National Rubber Conference to be held in the month of July, 2022 by Western Region. He urged the members to participate in large numbers for the same.

And so, as the event came to an end, Mr. Mahesh Velu, Vice Chairman – WR, AIRIA delivered a vote of thanks to the Dignitaries, sponsors, speakers, host of seminar and also all the delegates present in the seminar. This was followed by scrumptious cocktails and dinner.

The members and delegates appreciated the excellent job done by the Organising Committee under the leadership of Mr. Prasant Wani, Chairman WR-AIRIA and other committee members. Lastly, the stage design, backdrop, decoration, arrangements for registration, food and all that goes into making a seminar successful were all done extremely well.

The Committee thanked all the Event partners, photographer, Hotel Golden Chariot, MC for the event Ms. Diksha Jadhav, who was so very professional along with WR & HO Staff, for their great support and participation to make this event a grand success. All the members had a great time and good experience at the seminar.

AIRIA – WESTERN REGION'S ANNUAL MEGA EVENT: NATIONAL RUBBER CONFERENCE 2022, MUMBAI HELD ON 13TH & 14TH JULY, 2022 @ HOTEL ITC GRAND MARATHA, SAHAR, MUMBAI

The All India Rubber Industries Association – Western Region organized its 9th Edition of the National Rubber Conference 2022, on 13th & 14th July, 2022 at Hotel ITC Grand Maratha, Sahar, Mumbai.

AIRIA has been playing a vital role in the dynamic growth of Indian Rubber Goods manufacturing industry over decades by equipping the micro, small and medium enterprises to meet the challenges from time to time. NRC is one such platform for the industry stakeholders where they can explore and pave a road map for the rubber sector.

The annual mega event was organised with the emphasis on the theme: "Indian Rubber Industry 2.0 Shifting Gears", after two years of





distressing pandemic. The theme for NRC: “India Rubber Industry 2.0 Shifting Gears” was aptly comprehensive as the Indian Rubber Industry has striven hard to overcome this situation and now gearing up with all measures to enhance its businesses and growing its organisation.

The Chief Guest for the conference was Hon'ble – Shri. Rahul Narwekar ji, Speaker of Maharashtra Legislative Assembly and the Guest of Honour was Shri. Unmesh Nayak ji, Sector Head – Elastomers, Reliance Industries Ltd. The success of the conference was evident with the huge number of delegates attending the event spread over 2 days. The opening ceremony was attended by VIPs, Sponsors, Top Management Committee Members, Organizers, Business Owners, Delegates, Speakers, Members and the venue was filled to capacity.

The NRC 2022, Mumbai Organizing Committee under the supreme leadership of Shri. Siddharth Bhimrajka, Chief Convener and his strong team made sure that the speakers in this edition were going to share their in-depth knowledge and expertise keeping in mind the current topics and trends of the conference and interest of stakeholders of Indian rubber industry. The conference was attended by more than 300 delegates. Due closure of physical registration and overwhelming response for registration as a delegate, the NRC 2022, Mumbai team decided to go on hybrid mode and the first time ever the event was relayed online with 550+ participants who attended the conference online.

The Day 1 event started with the traditional Lamp Lighting by all the dignitaries viz: AIRIA President - Dr. Sawar Dhanania, AIRIA Sr. Vice President – Mr. Shashi Singh, Chief Guest - Mr. Rahul Narwekar, Guest of Honour – Mr. Unmesh Nayak, AIRIA Immediate Past President – Mr. Vikram Makar, Hon'ble AIRIA Member – Mr. Vinod Bhimrajka, Convener – National & Regional Events – Mr. Vinod Bansal, Chairman Western Region – Mr. Prasant Wani.

The President - AIRIA Dr. Sawar Dhanania then accompanied the Chief Guest Shri Rahul Narwekar and Chairman Western Region Mr. Prasant Wani then accompanied the Guest of Honour Shri Unmesh Nayak to the dais. Later the other dignitaries joined them on the dais.

Mr. Siddharth Bhimrajka welcomed the delegates and the dignitaries and addressed the guests. Dr. Sawar Dhanania then addressed the gathering. Followed by him, Mr. Shashi Singh, Mr. Vikram Makar, Mr. Prasant Wani delivered their speeches.

Further, the Chief Guest – Mr. Rahul Narwekar was felicitated with token of memento, shawl and a bouquet by the Dr. Sawar Dhanania and Mr. Vinod Bhimrajka. The Chief Guest then addressed the house.

The Guest of Honour – Mr. Unmesh Nayak was then felicitated with a token of memento and a bouquet by Mr. Prasant Wani. The Guest of Honour then addressed the house.

The souvenir book printed for the NRC 2022 was released by all the dignitaries, followed by the photo session.

To end the opening session, Mr. Vinod Bansal - National Convenor, AIRIA delivered the vote of thanks to all the dignitaries, Chief Guest, and Guests of Honour, distinguished members and delegates who were present.

A short tea break was announced to refresh everyone and enabled all delegates to mingle with the guests and dignitaries.

Day 1 of the Conference covered 10 topics. The eminent speakers and their topics for the day were as follows:

- **Mr. Gajendra Inani - General Manager - Technical Service, Reliance Industries Ltd: Substitute rubbers for traditional applications**
- **Mr. Arpit Agarwal - Director - Investment Team, Blume Ventures: Leveraging the electric vehicle opportunity: the why and how for rubber industry**
- **Mr. Ananth Narayan - Associate Professor – Finance, SPJIMR: Macro Economic Indicators, Inflation & Rupee**
- **Mr. Subir Chaudhuri - Technology Manager, Lord India Pvt Ltd: Sustainable solutions for rubber to metal bonding**
- **Mr. Sudheer Narasipur - Regional Marketing Manager, Imerys Minerals India Pvt Ltd: Introduction to ImerFlex T10 - Functional Filler for Rubber**
- **Mr. Bhagaban Panda - DGM - Technical Services, Apcotex Industries Ltd: Apcoflex carboxylated nitrile rubber – special purpose rubber for critical industrial applications**

- **Mr. Subhojit Chatterjee - Sales & Market Development Manager, Dow Chemical International Pvt. Ltd: Dow mobility science and sustainability**
- **Dr. Lekshmi Nair - Head of Economics and Statistics, IRSG: Green economy business model for rubber industry**
- **Dr. Santanu Chattopadhyay - Professor and Head, Rubber Technology Centre, IIT Kharagpur: Silicone and fluoroelastomer based high performance blend by strategic compatibilization replacing fluoroelastomers.**
- **Ms. Ann Sun - Senior Analyst - ICIS Asia Petchem Analytics, ICIS: A new balance amidst disruptions and inflation - Asian butadiene & synthetic rubbers outlook**

The first day ended with a live entertainment by the best band in town who engaged the crowd with their exhilarating performances and followed by cocktail and networking dinner for the delegates.

The second day of the event was started with a recap of the previous day glimpses played via a video which enthralled the delegates to keep themselves awaited and engaged for the impending day presentations.

Day 2 of the Conference covered six topics. The eminent speakers and their topics for the second day were as follows:

- **Mr. Rahul Wathodkar - DGM – Sales & Marketing, Kloeckner Desma Machinery Pvt Ltd: Rubber saving technology and latest development in rubber moulding machines**
- **Mr. Pradeep Kumar – DGM, Ashok Leyland: Polymers - Trends and challenges in Commercial Vehicle Industry.**



- **Dr. Lekshmi Nair - Head of Economics and Statistics, IRSG: Rubber industry in 21st Century: opportunities and challenges**
- **Mr. Anjan Pyne - Business Head- SBR/PBR, Reliance Industries Ltd: Synthetic elastomer supply chain – changing dynamics**
- **Mr. Vivek Kele – Director, Team Global: Supply chain - the new boardroom topic**
- **Dr Ashrita Tripathi - Head- Training and QA, RCPSDC - Flagship schemes of GOI, benefits of the schemes & NAPS to industry stakeholder**

In the two-day mega event, the delegates witnessed a high-power interactive session, technical and non-technical sessions by distinguished speakers, networking with business partners with a lavish spread of scrumptious breakfast, lunch, dinner and Hi Tea.

The event which was possible only with the generous support of the sponsors from well-known Rubber Industries in India and abroad for their wholehearted support for the NRC. The event partners under various categories namely Platinum, Diamond, Gold, Silver and Bronze were invited on stage individually and were felicitated with mementos. Everyone was greeted with a huge round of applause and recognized for their contributions. Many leading rubber industries also published advertisement support which was evident from the very impressive souvenir book which was given to every delegate.

NRC 2022 added value and gave opportunity to fellow members and industry at large to get-together and exchange and learn on trends, needs and innovations.

We hope that exchange of ideas, valuable insights and expertise technologies shared by the eminent speakers was an ideal platform for all industry stakeholders to network and seek many more new opportunities and to overcome challenges ahead.

Lastly to thank each and every one who made sure that the NRC was a hugely successful event,

the NRC co-convenor Mr. Pratik Relan gave the vote of thanks to the gathering.

He expressed heartfelt gratitude to all the Event partners, NRC Committees, videographer & photographer, Hotel ITC Grand Maratha staff, Emcee for the event who was so very professional and the entire staff of the Association for their unstinted support and participation to make this event a grand success.

AIRIA – WR expressed its sincerest thanks to all the Partners, Supporters, the AIRIA Managing Committee and Western Regional Committee members, the Delegates, Organizers, Speakers and all others for their support, patronage and cooperation to make this year's National Rubber Conference a grand success. The sun may set for the day but our Rubber Fraternity will always shine bright.

REPORT FROM PUNE CHAPTER



“WELCOMING CEREMONY OF DR. SAWAR DHANANIA, PRESIDENT, AIRIA & CERTIFICATE DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM FOR ACCRT PREVIOUS BATCHES”

All India Rubber Industries Association (AIRIA), WR, Pune Chapter, had organized the “**Welcome Ceremony of Dr. Sawar Dhanania, President, AIRIA & Certificate Distribution Program for ACCRT Previous Batches**”, at AIRIA, Pune Chapter office, Bhosari on Sunday, 13th February 2022.

Firstly, AIRIA, President Dr. Sawar Dhanania, Sr. Vice President - Mr. Shashi Kumar Singh, WR Committee Member -Mr. Rajendra Shah & Mr.

Mahendra Jain visited Auto Cluster, Chinchwad, Pune.



At Auto Cluster they discussed about Research & Development in Rubber Industries.

Further, they visited AIRIA, Western Region- Pune Chapter office. The session was initiated by our Pune Chapter Chairman - **Mr Sadashiv Kale**, with a warm welcome to all our Guest & Host.

AIRIA Pune Chapter (WR) Chairman Mr. Sadashiv Kale felicitated the AIRIA, President, Dr. Sawar Dhanania.



Further, felicitation of Mr. Rajendra Shah & Mr. Mahendra Jain took place.

After felicitation, program continued by address speech of Mr. Sadashiv Kale, Chairman – Pune Chapter (WR) and then Certificate Distribution program was initiated.



Abhishek Sanjay Kadlag, Viscon Rubber Pvt. Ltd. 2020 – 2021

All students gave their short introduction and how they get benefited through this course. They thanked and expressed their gratitude towards Mr. Prafulla Patil Sir for conducting this course for our Rubber Industries.



Further, AIRIA, President, Dr. Sawar Dhanania shared his thoughts & experiences with our all members & students.

MSME EXPO 2022

The Director, MSME-Development Institute (Mumbai & Nagpur), Ministry of MSME, Government of India, Mumbai, had organized Konkani Mahotsav & MSME Expo 2022, an initiative of Hon'ble Shri Narayan Rane, Union Minister of MSME, Government of India under Aatma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyan for the development of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises in Mumbai region.

The three-day event was scheduled from **14th to 16th May, 2022** at MSME-DI Mumbai, Kurla Andheri Road, Sakinaka, Mumbai 400072. The event witnessed the Exhibition of Products & Services of MSMEs, especially from the Konkani Region.

The MSME had provided the All India Rubber Industries Association, a complimentary stall in the Exhibition to meet the MSME units and visitors to create awareness of the Association work. The Association had deputed Mr Sahil Kumar - Rubber Technologist and Ms. Saylee Korgaonkar - Western Region Secretary of the Association to participate in the exhibition.

The AIRIA booth was visited by various MSME & Government Officials, Banking Partners, Association Members. Ms. Saylee explained the visitors the role of AIRIA in promoting MSME

Rubber industry, representing issues related to the sector with government, benefits provided by the Association after being a member. The newly launched edition of AIRIA Member's Directory was kept for display at the venue. Few visitors' officials were unaware pleased with the work done by the Association and showed interest in becoming a member of AIRIA. The Members directory which gave detailed and clear data of members was also sold over there.



Mr. Philip Chacko, M/s. Pioneer Rubber & Chemical Co. visited the AIRIA Booth @ MSME EXPO 2022 on Day 1

Day 1 :-

The MSME official Shri. Rahul Mishra, welcomed the exhibitors and Chief Guest Shri. Nitesh Rane, M.L.A - Kankavli Vidhansabha constituency for the mega event. The inauguration of the mega event done by Shri. Prashad Rajesh Ranjan – Commissioner of Income Tax in Mumbai & Shri. P.M. Parlewar, Director- MSME-DI, Mumbai & Nagpur. The dignitaries were presented with a bouquet and a memento.

After the Inauguration first session was given by

- **APEDA (Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export),**
- **FSNL (Ferro Scrap Nigam Limited)**

On second day of MSME Expo 2022, Many banks had given presentation on different loan schemes available for MSMEs.

Representative of Bank of India had explained some government schemes and Loan schemes.

- 'PSB loans in 59 minutes' portal for PSU banks loan schemes.
- 'JanSamarth ' portal for Government Sponsored Schemes
 - BOI STAR VYAPAR
 - STAR SME AUTO EXPRESS

Many other banks like Bank of Baroda, HDFC Bank also participated in seminar and represented their loan schemes.

They also suggested to use government portal "PMEGP" & "CMEGP".

Mrs. Priti Rai , Representative of COSIA (Chamber Of Small Industry Association) has also represented a presentation on COSIA.

She said a COSIA is National level chamber of MSMEs working for the benefit and betterment of Indian MSMEs since 1992 and having affiliation of more than 150 Associations in MSME Sector from various States.

She appreciated MSMEs and share some data regarding MSMEs as Below :-

- MSMEs producing more than 6000 products.
- MSMEs contributing 45 % in manufacturing.
- There are 36 million MSMEs units in India.
- MSMEs contributing around 8% in GDP.
- It providing more than 8 crore employment.

On Third Day many CPSEs (Mazgon Dock Shipbuilder, GAIL, HPCL, BPCL, Nuclear Power Corporation of India) were present and explained that how they are engaged with MSMEs.



Major Common Points which identify among all CPSE's presentations are as below :

- They reserved 25% of procurement for MSMEs
- In which, 4% reserved for SC/ST/Women entrepreneur
- They upload annual procurement plan.
- They are also engaged with Government e-Marketplace (GeM) to procure items.
- CPSEs working on Public Procurement Policy (PPP) for MSMEs order 2012

- Suggested to use TReDS(Trade Receivables Discounting System) for MSME receivable payments from Corporates. The objective of the TReDS platform is to address the critical needs of MSMEs.

Mr. J. Kumaran (Deputy General Manager, Mazgon Dock Shipbuilder) has presented a presentation.

- He explained a online Vendor registration process as below

Mazagondock.in ➔ Vendor ➔ Online Vendor registration ➔ New Vendor / Renew Vendor / Existing Vendor.

Mr. Ashish Dhir (Deputy General Manager, GAIL) He informed that GAIL is also working on engaging MSE Sub-Contractors by Main Contractor.

GAIL also working on NSIC Consortia & Tender Marketing Scheme.

GAIL promoting new businesses which have sufficient working capital.

Mr. Basheer, M/s. Star Rubber Works visited the AIRIA Booth @ MSME EXPO 2022 on Day 1

Representatives of BPCL and HPCL had also given their presentations and discussed the same points as above.

Nuclear Power Corporation Of India Limited (NPCIL) also participated and shared current and future aspects.

He shared that current power demand of India is 200 Gwatt. If we consider the 8 % GDP growth then at the end of decade country's power demand will stand at 300 Gwatt.

He also said that Nuclear power is ecofriendly with compare to Thermal power. To get the clean energy, we have to replace on Nuclear power plant from Thermal power plant

NPCIL share below links.

www.npcil.etenders.in

www.npcil.nic.in

Representative of Government e-Marketplace (GeM),

Mr. Nikhil Patil explain the importance of GeM and also Registration process.



Government e Marketplace is an online platform for public procurement in India. Its objective to create an open and transparent procurement platform for government buyers.

Registration Process On Government e-Marketplace (GeM)

- 1) Visit website www.gem.gov.in
- 2) Sign Up ➔ Sellers ➔ Review Terms & Conditions
- 3) Mark the Check box in front of "I have read and agree to the Terms & Conditions of Government e-Marketplace (GeM)."
- 4) Enter Organisation Details (Business Type & Business Name)
- 5) Make Personal Verification Either by Aadhar or by Personal PAN (Not company PAN)
- 6) After Registration get done, Do Log In and fill up the company/organization details.

PRE-REQUISITE FOR REGISTRATION

- For Primary User Registration:
 - Aadhar Number / Virtual ID/ Personal PAN of the User.
 - Mobile number linked with Aadhar/ Mobile number in case of PAN
 - Active Email Id
 - Documents as per Constitution/Business type such as CIN,PAN,DIPP,UAM,ITR details to Complete profile.
 - Address details (Registered Address)
 - Bank account details
- Secondary User Registration :
 - Aadhar/ Personal PAN number

- Mobile number should be linked with Aadhar / Mobile number is a case of PAN based registration done by a Primary user
- Active Email ID

The MSME department thanked the Association for participating in the EXPO and were pleased that the AIRIA got good response from footfall of visitors and other Govt Officials.



A Certificate of Participation was handed over to AIRIA representative by MSME-DI.

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

- * The President, Dr.Sawar Dhanania, the two Vice-Presidents Mr.Shashi Kumar Singh and Mr. Vipin Mehta, 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 co-operation and support during the year.
- * Other Associations, organizations, institutions, viz. ATMA, IRI, CII, ASFI, ACMA, Indian Merchants' Chamber, IRMRA, AIPMA, ICRTMA, BIS, RCPSDC and other Companies and Individuals who extended their support to the AIRIA during the year.
- * Mr. Milind Joshi, Mr. Sourmitra Ganguli, Mr. R Ramchandran and Mr.Surinder Paul Gupta for helping the Association in conducting the election for Managing / Regional Committees as Scrutinizer / Observers.
- * Chairman Mr. Satish Sharma-Apollo Tyres Ltd., Delhi and Mr. Rajiv Budhraj, Director General of ATMA, for all the co-operation and help extended.
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- * The Press and News Agencies for giving due coverage to highlight the problems of the industry.
- * All advertisers in Rubber India for extending their co-operation by releasing their advertisements in the official organ of the Association supporting the cause of dissemination of information. All authors of articles published in 'Rubber India'.
- * 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.
- * IRSG, Singapore, Rubber Division, ACS USA, China United Rubber Group, Philippine Rubber Industries Association Inc. ANRPC and Thai Rubber Association for all help extended.
- * 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 and the Regional Auditors, for timely auditing of the accounts of the Association.
- * 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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UDIN 22042384ASIAYJ1296
Independent Auditor's Report**TO****THE MEMBERS****ALL INDIA RUBBER INDUSTRIES ASSOCIATION****CIN : U91100MH1951GAT008683****Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements****Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of **The All India Rubber Industries Association** ("the Company"), which comprise the balance sheet as at 31st March 2022, 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, 2022, and its deficit, 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, 2022 taken on record by the Board of Directors, none of the directors is disqualified as on 31st March, 2022 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 no pending litigations 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 & CO.

Chartered Accountants

Firm's Registration No.107845W

UDIN : 2042384ASIAYJ1296

Jitendra C Shah

Partner

Membership No. 42384

Place: Mumbai

Date : 08.09.2022

ALL INDIA RUBBER INDUSTRIES ASSOCIATION

CIN: U91100MH1951GAT008683

Balance Sheet as at	Note	31st March 2022 (₹)	31st March 2022 (₹)	31st March 2021 (₹)	31st March 2021 (₹)
I EQUITY AND LIABILITIES					
(1) Owned Funds					
a Corpus Fund	3	1,03,49,853		1,01,47,853	
b Earmarked Funds	4	15,48,78,801		16,05,25,000	
c Reserves & Surplus	5	10,42,66,850	26,94,95,503	10,47,27,915	27,54,00,768
(2) Non Current Liabilities					
a Long - term Provisions	6		16,48,238		17,51,384
(3) Current Liabilities					
a Other Current Liabilities	7		2,16,97,013		3,63,85,054
b Trade Payables			5,55,253		32,41,782
TOTAL			29,33,96,007		31,67,78,988
II ASSETS					
(1) Non - Current Assets					
(a) Property, Plant & Equipment					
(i) Tangible Assets	8	1,20,23,620		1,29,50,484	
(b) Non Current Investments	9	25,00,250		25,00,250	
(c) Long Term Loans and Advances	10	1,39,60,567	2,84,84,437	1,45,46,779	2,99,97,513
(2) Current Assets					
a Cash & Bank Balances	12	1,12,85,059		1,67,93,647	
b Current Investment	11	23,02,76,318		24,08,19,748	
c Sundry Receivables	14	6,29,233		9,25,955	
d Short Term Loans and Advances	13	2,27,20,961	26,49,11,570	2,82,42,125	28,67,81,475
TOTAL			29,33,96,007		31,67,78,988

Statement of Accounting Policies and accompanying notes form parts of accounts.

As per our report of even date.

For N.P Patwa & Co

Chartered Accountants

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President

DIN : 00084941

Place : Mumbai

Date : 08.09.2022

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Sr.Vice President

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ALL INDIA RUBBER INDUSTRIES ASSOCIATION

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Statement of Income & Expenditure for the year ended	Note	31st March 2022 (₹)	31st March 2022 (₹)	31st March 2021 (₹)	31st March 2021 (₹)
Income					
a Revenue from Activities	15		1,24,56,619		1,06,48,172
b Other Income	16		1,20,82,060		1,48,57,814
c Utilisation of accumulated fund for Promotion of Interest of Rubber Industry Through R & D, Education, Skill Devt Initiatives Etc.			56,46,199		16,75,000
TOTAL			3,01,84,879		2,71,80,986
Expenses					
a Employees Benefit Expenses	18		1,38,64,410		1,61,11,305
b Other Expenses					
1 Expenses on Object & Activities	17		79,99,049		32,14,157
2 Establishment Expenses	19		64,43,479		1,30,66,768
3 Committee Meetings & Annual General Meeting Expenses	20		7,69,799		3,14,544
4 Provision for Doubtfull Advance			5,57,597		-
c Depreciation & Amortization Expense	8		10,11,609		10,27,295
TOTAL			3,06,45,943		3,37,34,068
Deficit Before Exceptional Extraordinary Items			(4,61,065)		(65,53,082)
Prior Period Items of Income/ Expenses			-		(4,000)
Surplus Before Tax			(4,61,065)		(65,57,082)
Taxes					
i) Current Tax		-	-	-	-
ii) Previous Tax		-	-	-	-
(Deficit)/Surplus After Tax			-		(65,57,082)
Less Accumulation for earmarked Funds			(4,61,065)		(65,57,082)
Balance (Deficit)/Surplus					

Statement of Accounting Policies and accompanying notes form parts of accounts.

As per our report of even date.

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Cash Flow Statement for the year ended	31st March 2022 (₹)	31st March 2022 (₹)	31st March 2021 (₹)	31st March 2021 (₹)
A) CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES				
Net Profit before tax & Extraordinary Items		(4,61,065)		(65,57,082)
ADJUSTMENTS FOR:				
Depreciation	10,11,609		10,27,295	
Transfer form reserve	(56,46,199)		(16,75,000)	
Interest Income	(1,20,71,518)		(1,47,05,732)	
Prior Period Items	-	(1,67,06,108)	-	(1,53,53,437)
Operating Profit before Working Capital Changes		(1,71,67,173)		(2,19,10,519)
Changes In Working Capital				
Decrease / (Increase) in Trade Payables	(26,86,529)		(20,90,403)	
Decrease / (Increase) in Trade Receivable	2,96,722		60,75,465	
Decrease / (Increase) in Short Term Loans & Advances	55,21,164		16,31,427	
Decrease / (Increase) in Other Non-Current Assets	5,86,212		1,10,08,452	
Increase / (Decrease) in Long Term Provision	(1,03,146)		1,53,712	
Increase / (Decrease) in Other Current Liabilities	(1,46,88,041)	(1,10,73,618)	14,27,843	1,82,06,496
CASH GENERATED FROM OPERATIONS		(2,82,40,790)		(37,04,023)
Direct Taxes paid				
NET CASH FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		(2,82,40,790)		(37,04,023)
B) CASH FLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES				
Purchase of Fixed Assets including Capital Work in Progress		(84,745)		(1,38,306)
Fixed Deposits With Bank (NET)		1,05,43,430		(1,45,86,397)
Interest on Fixed Deposits		1,20,71,518		1,47,05,732
Sale Of Asset (Vehicle)				
NET CASH USED IN INVESTING ACTIVITY		2,25,30,203		(18,971)

Cash Flow Statement for the year ended	31st March 2022 (₹)	31st March 2022 (₹)	31st March 2021 (₹)	31st March 2021 (₹)
C) CASH FLOW FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES				
Membership Entrance Fee		2,02,000		58,000
NET CASH FROM FINANCING ACTIVITY		2,02,000		58,000
NET CHANGES IN CASH & CASH EQUIVALENTS(A+B+C)		(55,08,587)		(36,64,994)
OPENING BALANCE OF CASH & CASH EQUIVALENTS		1,67,93,647		2,04,58,641
CLOSING BALANCE OF CASH & CASH EQUIVALENTS		1,12,85,059		1,67,93,649

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

Chartered Accountants

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NOTE '1' OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND NOTES TO ACCOUNTS FORMING PART OF THE BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH, 2022 AND INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED ON THAT DATE.

1 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

a) GENERAL:

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 JUDGEMENTS:

The preparation of financial statement in conformity with accounting standard requires the Management to make estimates, judgements and assumptions. These estimates, judgements 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.
Entrance Fees are credited to Capital Fund being part of the Corpus Fund.
- II. 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.
- III. 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.

e) INTANGIBLE ASSETS:

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

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f) DEPRECIATION / AMORTISATION:

- I. In respect of other items of 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 profit and loss 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 Profit and Loss 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 unsettled at the end of the year are translated at RBI rate prevailing on reporting date. Resultant gains / losses on such translations, 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. The company is in process of appropriately funding these liabilities.

l) 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.

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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

- 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.
- 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.
- Estimated amounts of contracts remaining to be executed on capital account and not provided for Rs. NIL (Previous period Rs.NIL).
- 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:

Particulars	Amount in Rupees (₹)	
	31st March, 2022	As at 31st March, 2021
(a) Amounts outstanding but not due	28,580	-
(b) Amounts due but unpaid	Nil	Nil
(c) Amounts paid after appointed date during the year – Principal	Nil	Nil
(d) Amount of interest accrued and unpaid	Nil	Nil
(e) Amount of estimated interest due and payable for the period from April 1, 2021 to actual date of payment or 23rd July, 2022	Nil	Nil

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- e) The information required by the Schedule III of Company's Act, 2013 is given to the extent applicable.

i) PAYMENT TO AUDITORS:

S.No	Particulars	For the Period ended 31/03/2022	For the Period ended 31/03/2021
1	Audit Fees	85,000	80,000
	Taxation		
2	Services	50,000	47,500

ii) EARNINGS IN FOREIGN CURRENCY:

Sale of Directories, Seminar contribution, Exhibition revenue and magazine Income and advertisement income

Rs. Nil (Previous Year Rs.8,262/-)

iii) EXPENDITURE IN FOREIGN CURRENCY:

Exhibition Expenses **Rs Nil/- (Previous Year Rs 1,80,551/-)**

f) Ratios

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.

g) Trade Receivable

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	1,76,732	2,94,241	50,933	22,254	48,343	5,92,503
Undisputed Trade Receivable – Considered Doubtful	-	-	-	-	-	-
Disputed Trade Receivable – Considered Good	-	-	-	-	-	-
Disputed Trade Receivable – Considered Doubtful	-	-	-	-	-	-
	1,76,732	2,94,241	50,933	22,254	48,343	5,92,503

l) Trade Payable

Trade Payable	Less Than 1 Year	1-2 Years	2-3 Years	3 Years and Above	Total
MSME	8,600	2,480	-	17,500	28,580
Other	1,85,238	15,048	-	3,26,387	5,26,673
MSME Disputed	-	-	-	-	-
Other – Disputed	-	-	-	-	-
Total	1,93,838	17,528	-	3,43,887	5,55,253

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

As per our report of even date.

For N.P Patwa & Co

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FOR AND ON BEHALF OF BOARD

THE ALL INDIA RUBBER INDUSTRIES ASSOCIATION

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Jitendra C. Shah

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Membership No. 042384

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Date : 08.09.2022

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President

DIN : 00084941

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended	31st March 2022 (₹)	31st March 2022 (₹)	31st March 2021 (₹)	31st March 2021 (₹)
3 Corpus Fund				
Balance as per last balance sheet		1,01,47,853		1,00,89,853
Add : Entrance Fees received during the year		2,02,000.00		58,000
Total at the end of the reporting period		1,03,49,853		1,01,47,853
4 Earmarked Funds				
1) Promotion of Interest of Rubber Industry Through R & D, Education, Skill Devt Initiatives Etc.				
Op Balance	12,31,59,360		12,48,34,360	-
Less Utilised for the purpose for which accumulated taken in Income and Exp Account	(56,46,199)		(16,75,000)	
Closing Balance		11,75,13,161		12,31,59,360
2) COVID 19 Relief Fund				
Received During the Year			23,82,601	
Less : Utilised			(23,93,949)	
Less : Transferred to I & E A/c -Donation			11,348	
Closing Balance		-		-
3) Promotion of Interest of Rubber Industry Through R & D, Education, Skill Devt Initiatives Etc. Utilised				
Op Balance	3,73,65,640		3,73,65,640	
Less: Trfd from Earmarked Fund	-		-	
Closing Balance Utilised	-	3,73,65,640	3,73,65,640	3,73,65,640
Total at the end of the reporting period		15,48,78,801		16,05,25,000
5 Reserves & Surplus				
i Surplus of Income & Expenditure A/C				
Balance as per last Balance Sheet	10,47,27,914		11,12,84,997	
Add / (Less) Prior period items	-		-	
Add/(Less) Prior Year adjustment	-		-	
Add / (Less) Surplus / (Deficit) for the year	(4,61,065)	10,42,66,850	(65,57,082)	10,47,27,915
Total at the end of the reporting period		10,42,66,850		10,47,27,915

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended	31st March 2022 (₹)	31st March 2022 (₹)	31st March 2021 (₹)	31st March 2021 (₹)
6 Long - term Provisions				
i Provision for Leave Encashment Benefit		2,85,540		3,88,686
ii Others (SARPOL)		13,62,698		13,62,698
Total at the end of the reporting period		16,48,238		17,51,384
7 Other Current Liabilities				
i Statutory Dues		1,30,226		10,65,930
ii Employees Cost		11,68,878		11,27,326
iii Gratuity (See note 1 (k))		-		-
iv Outstanding Expenses		3,40,622		3,62,969
v Advance received (Proposed Members)		62,840		1,51,700
vi Advance received		1,79,13,437		3,03,17,741
vii Security deposit received for activities		3,08,494		14,07,528
viii Sundry Debtors Cr Balance		17,72,517		19,51,860
Total at the end of the reporting period		2,16,97,013		3,63, 85,054

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8. FIXED ASSETS

(Figure in ₹)

PARTICULARS	Gross Block			Depreciation / Amortisation			Net Block	
	As at 01.04.21	Additions	Deductions/ Adjustments	As at 31.03.2022	For the year	Up to 31.03.2022	As at 01.04.21	As at 31.03.2022
TANGIBLE ASSETS :								
Land & Buildings	2,47,08,086	-	-	2,47,08,086	6,26,796	1,30,91,126	1,22,43,756	1,16,16,960
Computers and Data Processing unit	26,01,624	84,745	-	26,86,369	1,33,775	25,99,257	1,36,142	87,112
Furniture & Fittings	52,53,520	-	-	52,53,520	1,49,075	49,75,869	4,26,726	2,77,651
Office Equipments	40,59,961	-	-	40,59,961	1,01,963	40,18,064	1,43,860	41,897
TOTAL TANGIBLE ASSETS	3,66,23,191	84,745	-	3,67,07,936	10,11,609	2,46,84,316	1,29,50,484	1,20,23,620
INTANGIBLE ASSETS :								
TOTAL INTANGIBLE ASSETS								
Total	3,66,23,191	84,745	-	3,67,07,936	10,11,609	2,46,84,316	1,29,50,484	1,20,23,620
Previous Year 2020-21	3,64,84,885	1,38,306	-	3,66,23,191	10,27,295	2,36,72,707	1,38,39,473	1,29,50,484

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended	31st March 2022 (₹)	31st March 2022 (₹)	31st March 2021 (₹)	31st March 2021 (₹)
9 Non-Current Investments				
<u>Unquoted Shares in other Entities</u>				
i 2,50,000 (P. Y. 2,50,000) Shares of Rs.10/- each fully paid in Rubber, Chemical & Petrochemical Skill Development Council (RCPSDC)		25,00,000		25,00,000
ii 5 (P. Y. 5) Shares of Rs.50/- each fully paid in Pramukh Plaza Premises Co-Operative Society Ltd		250		250
Total at the end of the reporting period		25,00,250		25,00,250
10 Long- Term Loans and Advances (Unsecured considered good)				
i Security Deposits		10,45,242		18,29,495
ii Advance payment of Taxes and net of Provisions for Tax		1,29,15,325		1,27,17,284
Total at the end of the reporting period		1,39,60,567		1,45,46,779
11 Current Investments (unquoted)				
i Term Deposits with Banks		23,02,76,318		24,08,19,748
Total at the end of the reporting period		23,02,76,318		24,08,19,748
12 Cash & Bank Balances				
i Balance with Banks in current a/cs		1,12,77,759		1,67,36,692
ii Cash on Hand		7,299		56,955
Total at the end of the reporting period		1,12,85,059		1,67,93,647
13 Short Term Loans and Advances (Unsecured, Considered good)				
i Advance to Staff		90,690		1,377
ii Prepaid Expenses		1,13,576		77,220
iii Advance for Expenses for Events		17,74,831		83,77,441
iv Advance to suppliers		1,12,15,271		1,19,56,281
v GST Input Credit		95,26,592		78,29,806
Total at the end of the reporting period		2,27,20,961		2,82,42,125

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14 Other Receivable (Unsecured, Considered good)				
i Outstanding for More than 6 Months		4,15,771		2,33,226
ii Other Receivables		2,13,463		6,92,729
Total at the end of the reporting period		6,29,233		9,25,955
15 Revenue from Activities				
i Conference, Seminar & Trade Delegation		2,40,279		2,95,317
ii Membership Subscription		83,53,500		82,84,000
iii Advertisement, Subscription to Magazine, News letters etc.		38,62,840		20,68,855
Total at the end of the reporting period		1,24,56,619		1,06,48,172
16 Other Income				
i Interest on Investments		1,20,71,518		1,47,05,732
ii Miscellaneous Income		10,542		1,52,082
Total at the end of the reporting period		1,20,82,060		1,48,57,814
17 Expenses on Objects and Activities				
i Exhibition Organising Expenses (IRE 2021)	50,60,000	50,60,000	-	-
ii Magazine and Directory publication & distribution Expenses		21,86,815		11,77,083
iii Seminar and Conference Expenses		3,01,714		2,50,650
iv Contribution towards Sponsorship & Publicity		-		-
v Professional charges for legal Cases		-		-
vi Website Maintenance Expenses		2,84,485		1,00,077
vii COVID 19 Relief Expenses		-		11,348
viii Market Study on Non Tyre Sector		-		16,75,000
ix RBSM 2020 Expenses		1,66,035		-
Total at the end of the reporting period		79,99,049		32,14,157

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18 Employees Benefit Expenses				
i Salary & Wages		1,23,88,198		1,47,02,629
ii Contribution to PF & Other Funds		12,96,444		8,09,865
iii Staff Welfare Expenses		1,79,769		2,07,301
iv Staff Recruitment Expenses		-		3,91,510
Total at the end of the reporting period		1,38,64,410		1,61,11,305
19 Establishment Expenses				
i Repairs & Maintenance				
Buildings	10,43,105		11,93,055	
Other	3,95,568	14,38,674	3,58,797	15,51,851
ii Travelling & Conveyance		1,75,371		1,35,956
iii Legal & Professional Charges		13,67,413		24,04,920
iv Postage & Courier		1,59,055		1,08,386
v Foreign Exchange Fluctuation (Net)		-		979
vi Printing & Stationery		1,37,213		83,209
vii Telephone, Fax & Internet		2,82,366		3,23,348
viii Subscription & Affiliation Fee		74,400		2,73,290
ix Electricity Charges		2,26,524		2,29,632
x Miscellaneous Expenses		45,694		83,861
xi Service Tax And GST Expenses		1,02,815		24,68,688
xii Rent & Hire charges		21,04,557		30,20,760
xiii Sundry Balances Written Off		1,33,637		21,61,526
xiv Rates and Taxes		16,703		58,649
xv Bank charges		12,557		19,013
xvi Payment to Auditors :				
For Audit & Income Tax Consultancy Fee	1,45,000		1,27,500	
For Certification	-		3,000	
Regional Branches	21,500		12,200	
		1,66,500		1,42,700
Total at the end of the reporting period		64,43,479		1,30,66,768

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20 Committee Meetings & Annual General Meeting Expenses				
i Annual General Meeting Expenses		5,89,988		2,86,048
ii Managing & Other Committee Meetings		1,79,811		28,496
Total at the end of the reporting period		7,69,799		3,14,544

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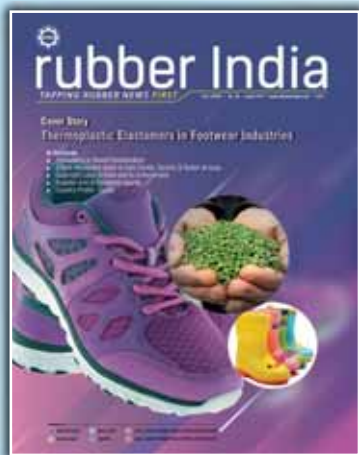
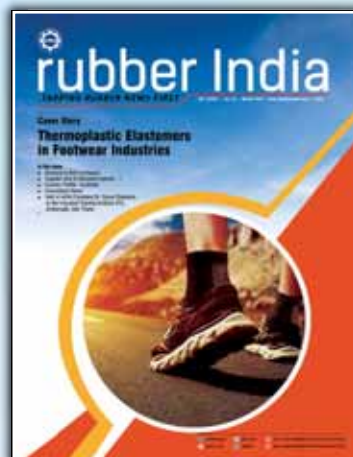
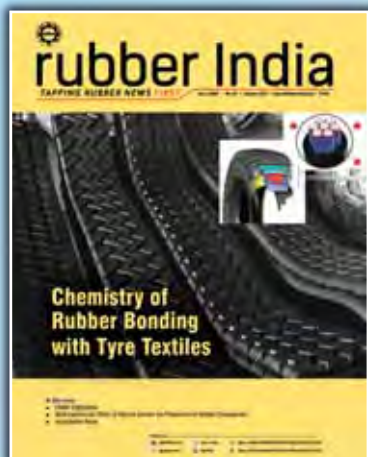
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