



IPCA Kerala Region Annual General Meeting and Knowledge Sharing Seminar

The Indian Paint and Coating Association (IPCA) Kerala Region Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Knowledge Sharing Session (KSS) was held on 16th March 2023 at VIBE Munnar Resort in Munnar. The event was attended by a 100 plus number of attendees from the IPCA Kerala Region and other dignitaries from the industry.



Lamp Lighting and Inauguration of the Program by Mr Rohan Bhasin

The National President of IPCA, Mr. Rohan Bhasin, Mr. Suji Mathew, the chairman Kerala Region Indian Paint and Coating Association, were invited to the dais with a standing ovation. The lamp lighting ceremony was conducted, followed by the welcome speech by Mr Santosh Kumar, the new treasurer of IPCA Keral Region.



Report Presentation by Secretary Mr Sujil Krishnan

which shall also be distributed to the members soon.

He further said: "The 2020 Annual General Body Meeting of IPCA Kerala Region was conducted on 24th January 2020

at CASA RIO, Athirappilly of Thrissur District Kerala. IPCA President introduced the new office bearers for the coming year and inducted Mr. Suji Kumar Mathew, APC Paints as Chairman IPCA Kerala Region for that term. On April 13, 2020 an Online Social Gathering Meeting during Covid 19 lockdown phase I helped a lot in filling the vacuum created in the society during the pandemic. Mrs. Priya Nair conducted an online technical session called Enabling Success Together: Today and Tomorrow. Meeting was conducted online on June 20, 2020 and on 24 June 2020 presentations were done by Sanitized Preservation AG. Mr Sudeep Sebastian conducted a business training online on



Farewell Speech by Chairman Mr Suji

June 2020. Mr. Jacob Solly conducted an online presentation on topic "Polymer Emulsions for Paints and Construction Materials". We also conducted an online technical presentation by Mr. Pradip Tambe from Jesons Industries Limited on 17 December 2020. All the technical sessions were grand success with large true sense benefitted participation therefore by Knowledge Sharing in its the members." IPCA Connect was conducted at Calicut on 22 January 2021 and 19 February 2021 attracted many members to the organisation. Dr. Vishwas Joshi, Mr. Sushovan Das, and Mr. Susant Kumar Chanda from Specialty Organics Pvt. Ltd. delivered a presentation over a webinar on Biocides on February 5, 2021. We conducted RECONNECT 2022 Moments to Rejuvenate Life. The event took place on 08 June 2022 and was attended by a total of 95 participants. This was followed by the Farewell Address by Mr. Suji Kumar Mathew, the Outgoing Chairman of IPCA Kerala Region. He expressed his sincere gratitude for the constant support and dedication of members towards Association in the last five years. He remembered the IPCA Kerala Region journey was started with just 20



members on 3rd February 2018 at Holiday Inn Kochi and now has grown up to 60 plus members in the small state of Kerala.

During his speech, he mentioned about various programs initiated by IPCA Kerala Region, PMI Family Benefit Scheme, Technical Advisory Board, Default Dealer Register, Lab Tour, and several Technical and Non-Technical online seminars during the COVID-19 pandemic are few among them. He also mentioned several KSS and CONNECT offline seminars conducted at different places in Kerala and submitted several memorandums and requests to various Ministers in Government of Kerala, raising various issues faced by the paint fraternity. He expressed sincere thanks to all members for the collective effort and commitment to make IPCA Kerala Region a success. He also urged upon to celebrate our success and acknowledge the challenges we have faced together.

A memento was given to Mr. Suji Kumar Mathew by Mr. Rohan Bhasin President IPCA as a token of appreciation for tremendous work for the association and members with huge round of applause. Mr. Rohan Bhasin, the President of IPCA, inaugurated the event and delivered the inaugural address and wholeheartedly congratulated all members of IPCA Kerala Region for the wonderful activities done for the benefit of paint fraternity over the years.

Mr. Sanjeev Gupta, The Past President Of IPCA and Election Officer, introduced the new office bearers of IPCA Kerala Region

Chairman	: Mr. Subash Nair, Crystal Paints
Vice Chairman	: Mr. Binu George, Wall Tek Coats
Secretary	: Mr. Vinod Kumar, Vinolac Paints
Treasurer	: Mr. Santhosh Kumar Diamond Paints
Executive	
Secretaries	: Mr. Martin Paul, Commander Paints Mr. Ismail Kurukkal, Amber Paints



Address By IPCA President Mr Rohan Bhasin



Mr Subash Nair taking charge as New Chairman of IPCA Kerala Region



Presentation on PMI Family Benefit Scheme by Mr Binu George



Acceptance Speech by Mr Subash Nair Chairman IPCA Kerala Region

The acceptance speech was delivered by Mr Subash Nair, the new chairman, IPCA Kerala Region. He appreciated the tremendous efforts put in by his predecessor, Mr Suji Kumar Mathew. Under his leadership, the IPCA Kerala regions achieved numerous milestones and grew from strength to strength. On this auspicious occasion, he remembered with great gratitude and love his father Mr. R K Nair, who has been his motivation and strength in moulding him to this level. He expressed that he is immensely committed to build his legacy and taking this organization to even greater heights.



He announced that as we move forward, about several exciting initiatives and events for the year ahead. He announced to conduct three IPCA Connect events in Kottayam and Thiruvananthapuram, as well as Ernakulam. These events will provide an excellent platform for members to connect with each other, share knowledge and expertise, and discuss industry trends and challenges.

In addition, he announced the exhibition visit to the Thailand Coatings Show this year, which will give our members the opportunity to explore the latest developments and innovations in the coatings industry. He said, that they are organizing a laboratory tour package to Mumbai, which will provide members with insights into the latest technologies and processes used in the industry.

He also promised to carry over the continued activities conducted earlier years for the betterment of our industry, such as the PMI family benefits scheme, the Technical Advisory Committee, and the Default Dealers register. These initiatives have been instrumental in helping us serve our members better and will continue to be a key focus for us in the future. He thanked each and every one for their support and encouragement and said, together, we will continue to work towards making the IPCA Kerala region an even stronger and more vibrant community.

This was followed by the felicitation of Sanjeev Gupta, the Past President of IPCA. He congratulated the IPCA Kerala team for the marvellous performance of IPCA Kerala region over the years and expressed complete confidence in the future team captained by Mr. Subash Nair, Chairman IPCA Kerala region and team that they will continue the fantastic performance exhibited by his predecessors.



Presentation on PMI Family Benefit Scheme by Mr Binu George

Mr Binu George, the new vice chairman, IPCA Kerala Region, delivered a speech on the PMI Family Benefit Scheme. He explained in detail the current position of the scheme and its financial position. Mr. S. Mahadevan, the Hon General Secretary of IPCA, facilitated the event and urged IPCA Kerala region team to take the initiative to materialise more support in other states of South India in strengthening the organisation.



Mr S. Mahadevan addressing the Gathering

The newly joined members adorned by a Ponnadai were welcomed by Mr. Rohan Bhasin, the President of IPCA.

1. Mr. Sajith, Brookes Paints
2. Mr Unnikrishnan, Cochin Petromines
3. Mr. Melwin, Dot Engineers
4. Mr. Ahmedkutty, Enlace Polymers
5. Mr. Nizar, Eco Coatings
6. Mr. Jebin, Techniqua

A Technical Session began at 5.15 PM after a short tea break. The first speaker was Mr. Pattabhiraman from Pon Pure Chemicals India Pvt



Glimpses from Presentation by Mr Pattabhiraman Pon Pure Chemicals

Ltd who spoke on their company profile and the various products catered to the industry. The second speaker was Mr. Jacob Solly, General Manager Marketing from Visen Industries Ltd, who spoke on Emerging Trends and Applications from an Indian Perspective. With his vast experience in the industry, he explained the latest technological advancements and emerging


Group Photo

trends in the various sectors that are transforming the Indian economy. EIFS, Soil stabilization, Hack Aid, Intumescent coatings, Anti - Carbonation coatings, HVAC coatings are few of them. Undoubtedly, the presentation was well presented and provided a wonderful takeaway

for the participants. Mr. Nibu John delivered a motivational speech on Future- proofing and Navigating Uncertain times. This session focussed on equipping members with skills and knowledge need to fight the post covid scenario of the society. This powerful presentation was well accepted by the participants and put a ray of thought for change in their businesses over the year to follow.


**Mr Nibu John In Action –
The Business Trainer**

The vote of thanks was rendered by Mr Vinod Kumar, the new secretary, IPCA Keral Region. The event concluded with the National Anthem and followed by a group photo and entertainment/ cocktail dinner. DJ performances and musical performances and musical night celebrations continued till late evening and the participants dispersed the cocktail dinner. DJ performances and musical night next morning after breakfast. The participants continued their journey back to Kochi arranged by the organisers. Overall the event was a success and provided a platform for members to network and gain.


The Participants