



IPCA Kerala Region Annual General Meeting

29th May 2025

The Indian Paint & Coating Association Kerala Region's Annual General Meeting (AGM) was successfully held on 29 May 2025 at the scenic Casa Rio Resort in Athirappilly. The event brought together key stakeholders, members and professionals from the paint and coating industry, providing a platform for strategic discussions, recognition of achievements and knowledge sharing. The meeting commenced with a formal welcome from Mr. Sujil Krishnan, who served as the Master of Ceremony. He invited the dignitaries to the dais, marking the beginning of the event with the traditional lighting of the Bhadra Deepam, symbolizing wisdom and prosperity.

Mr. Santhosh Kumar Treasurer (Diamond Paints, Kannur) delivered the welcome address, setting a warm and enthusiastic tone for the event.

Mr. Vinod Kumar Ayanikatt, Secretary (Vinolac Paints) presented the annual report, outlining the significant progress and milestones achieved by the IPCA Kerala Region over the past year. The report highlighted organizational growth, member engagement and initiatives undertaken to uplift the regional industry.



Santhosh Kumar

Mr. Subhash Nair (Crystal Paints), the outgoing Chairman, delivered his farewell address summarizing his vision when he was bestowed with this honor and the journey therein. He expressed gratitude for the support received during his tenure and reflected on his cherished memories and expedition with the association. His speech was heartfelt and appreciated by all attendees.

The AGM was officially inaugurated by Mr. Rohit Duggal, Hon. President of IPCA. In his address, he emphasized the association's role in promoting innovation, collaboration, and sustainable practices in the paint industry. Mr. Duggal also took the opportunity to introduce the newly elected office bearers, acknowledging their potential and commitment to advancing the goals of IPCA.



Rohit Duggal

Mr. Ahmed Ismail Kurickal (Procoat Paint Industries), the newly elected Chairman, delivered a passionate acceptance speech. He outlined his vision for the association, focusing on inclusivity, technological advancement, and expanding market opportunities for members.

Mr. S. Mahadevan, Vice President of IPCA, extended felicitations to the new leadership team, expressing confidence in their capabilities to steer the organization forward.

After a short tea break, the AGM transitioned into a series of technical and business training sessions, offering valuable insights to the members:

Mr. Sunil Kumar Menon (Pone Pure Chemicals India Pvt. Ltd.) delivered a technical session on enhancing paint formulations using the innovative Pure Plus and Pura Cat product ranges.

Mr. Stephen Devassy (Prince Polymers) conducted an informative session, contributing technical expertise to the proceedings.

Mr. P.K. Abdul Kareem (Bibiz Solutions, Aluva) led a practical business training session focused on starting an export business, guiding attendees on regulatory, strategic, and operational aspects.

Mr. Martin Paul (Commander Paints) Convener, delivered a vote of thanks, expressing sincere gratitude to all speakers, dignitaries, sponsors, and participants for their contributions.

The Annual General Meeting witnessed the selection of a new committee to lead the organization into the coming term. Mr. Ahmed Ismail (Procoat Paint Industries) was unanimously designated as the new Chairman, bringing with him a wealth of industry experience and leadership. Supporting him in the role of Vice Chairman is Mr. Vinod Kumar Ayanikatt (Vinolac Paints), known for his strategic insight and active engagement in industry affairs. Mr. Santhosh Kumar (Diamond Paints), Kannur, was appointed as Secretary, continuing his dedicated service to the association. The role of Treasurer has been entrusted to Mr. Martin Paul (Commander Paints) whose financial acumen is expected to contribute greatly to the committee's success. The newly elected team is poised to steer the organization with renewed energy and vision.

The meeting concluded with the national anthem, the official adjournment, and a variety entertainment program, offering a joyful and relaxed close to the formal proceedings.

The 2025 AGM of IPCA Kerala Region was a resounding success, combining ceremonial tradition, strategic discussion, technical enrichment, and networking opportunities. It reflected the association's commitment to professional excellence, industry development, and community engagement.

