

BRANCH NEWS

LUCKNOW BRANCH

IIMM, Lucknow branch and santi kunj Ashiyana branch arrange jointly competition enter school program. Topic of program is 'Personality development ' on 12-03-2023 at IIMM , conference hall, Indira nagar Lucknow. Twenty prominent School of Lucknow participated in competition. First, second and third prize winners of students and teachers were given away by Mr. PK Bajpai, secretary of IIMM, Lucknow branch. After that lunch will be hosted by Shanti kunj Ashiyana branch, Lucknow.



PUNE BRANCH

IIMM-Pune branch organized a special get-together program for its members at Hotel Shree Panchratna, Pune on the eve of 21st January 2023.

Mr. Shripad Kadam (Chairman, Pune Branch) welcomed all the members to the first such program since the beginning of the pandemic. He updated all the members present in the event about a few achievements of Pune Branch and also inform them that the branch will be conducting a One Day Seminar on the theme of "Reinventing & Building Best SCM Practices for MSMEs & Corporates to improve Profits & Sustainable Growth" on the 25th of February 2023 and requested all the members for their participation in the same.



The event started with a session on Heal-Thy Relationships by Ms. Anuradha Bhatkar, which aimed to help us build stronger bonds with one another and cultivate a positive environment. During this session, we discussed the importance of communication, trust, and respect in our relationships. There was a lot of sharing of thoughts in this interactive session on how to build strong relationships with each other within our personal & professional lives. We learned how to effectively communicate our needs and express our feelings in respectful ways.

During this event the Mr. Shripad Kadam made an announcement about the Distinguished Members Awards bestowed on Mr. Shrikant Lale, (Past Chairman, and Pune Branch & Past Vice President (West), IIMM) by the National Awards Committee of IIMM. Since Mr. Lale could not go to Chennai where the Natcom 2022 was held, he was invited to this event and presented with the memento by Mr. Arjunsingh Rajput (Hon. Secretary, Pune Branch).

The second part of our get-together was an exciting karaoke event. Everyone had a great time singing their favorite songs and showing off their unique singing talents. We also took turns cheering each other and making it a truly special night.

Overall, our get-together attended by around 75 of our members with their spouses was a great success. We also enjoyed some delicious food after the event. It was a great way to bond and get to know each other better.

We look forward to many more such events in the future!

One Day Seminar on “Re-inventing & Building Best SCM Practices for MSMEs & Corporates to Improve Profits & Sustainable Growth”.

Yet another wonderful corporate event was successfully completed by the Pune IIMM branch. The auto cluster program is our flagship event which is a one-day seminar for the MSME on a relevant topic. This year the topic was “Re-inventing & Building Best SCM Practices for MSMEs & Corporates to Improve Profits & Sustainable Growth. The seminar featured a variety of events like plenary sessions, case studies, quizzes, and panel discussions. The day’s event was compared by our Hon. Treasurer Mr. Prakash Rao. The presence of a number of past chairman and industry leaders graced the occasion. There were more than 150 participants who were MSME leaders, senior executives, students and academicians. It was a day of networking, building partnerships and comradery.

Mr. Deepak Karandikar, Director, Praditi Press Parts Pvt.Ltd.& President, MCCA, Pune delivered the keynote address and exhorted the audience to continuously strive for greater things and not to get into a complacent mode. He quoted from a conversation he had with the external affairs minister Mr. S. Jaishankar who discussed how one can continuously improve. Networking and being in constant touch with people are important in this effort.



The first plenary speaker was Mr. Mohan Nair, Managing Director, Esquire Healthcare & Logistics Pvt. Ltd. He through his example of working with Kimberly Clark set the direction for the day's events. Mr. Mohan Nair talked at length about Emerging & Ongoing SCM Trends and how we should prepare ourselves to meet the changing scenario. Technology has enabled organizations to conduct business in online mode and the backbone of this new world of business is supply chain and logistic management. The supply chain hence needs to raise up to meet these new challenges and opportunities. He also made reference to the proposed National Logistics Policy and how MSMEs need to gear up to meet the requirements laid out in this policy.

Mr. Sanjay Kachare, Director, Supply Chain, India & South Asia, Kimberly-Clark was the second plenary speaker of the day who talked on SCM Strategies to Convert Global Challenges into Opportunities. He gave a broad picture of the logistic landscape and how Kimberly-Clark manages its supply chain process.

The third plenary speaker of the day was Mr. Santosh Wagh, Head SCM, Kalyani Maxion Wheels (P) Ltd. & Maxion Wheels Aluminum India (P). Ltd. He talked on the subject, 'Critical Management Skills in Disruption Era & Use of Automation'. Mr. Wagh gave some beautiful case studies on how industries develop these critical skills.

The seminar also featured two case studies on Developing Robust SCM for MSMEs – one on Logistic Sector by Mr. Prashant Tamhankar, Director, Vistar Logitek Pvt. Ltd. and another on the Manufacturing Sector by Mr. Anil Shete, CEO - Shree Om Techno Services & Director - Sprotech Engineering Pvt. Ltd. The studies outlined the importance of customizing the processes in order to make them more efficient and to reduce the cost of production. It also highlighted the need to integrate emerging technologies into SCM systems in order to create seamless customer experience.

The last event of the day was a panel discussion which was moderated by Mr. Mohan Nair. Mr. Arjunsingh Rajput the Hon. Secretary of IIMM Pune and Mr. Sanjay Suranglikar, Sr. GM, Central Purchase, Tata AutoComp Systems Ltd, responded to an array of questions posed by Mr. Mohan Nair. The spontaneity and the personalization of the answers of Mr. Rajput was very much appreciated by all.

Overall, the seminar was a great success and the attendees found the insights provided by the speakers, in-depth and informative. It encouraged the participants to think outside the box and brainstorm ideas on the best practices needed to be implemented in order to create robust SCM for MSMEs and Corporates.

RAEBARELI BRANCH

Indian Institute of Materials Management, Raebareli branch organized one-day seminar on "Role of GeM in Materials Management" on 19th Mar'23 at Batholi

Resort, Dedauli, Lucknow Road, Raebareli, Uttar Pradesh. The seminar was graced by the presence of Chief Guest Mr Jyoti Prakash Pandey, Spl. Director General/RDSO and Guest of Honour, Mr. Dinesh Kumar Gautam, Works Manager, Visaka Industries Limited. The Seminar is attended by 80 delegates from the adjoining industries and organizations like SGPGI, Lucknow, BHEL, Jagdishpur, Modern Coach Factory(MCF), Raebareli, HAL Korba, Norther Railway, Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Udaan Academy, Visaka Industries Limited etc.



Release of Souvenir on the occasion of One-day Seminar at Raebareli Branch on 19th Mar'23



Attentive Delegates during Technical Session - Seminar at Raebareli Branch on 19th Mar'23



Garlanding of Ma Saraswati by Chief Guest and dignitaries -Opening session, of Seminar at Raebareli branch on 19th Mar'23

Notable attendees of seminar were Mr ND Rao, Principal Chief Materials Manager/MCF Raebareli and Prof.(Dr.) Suresh K Sharma, former National President (IIMM), CA Ajeet Kumar, VP (North) IIMM, Mr. LR Meena, former NST & NC Alwar Branch, Mr Sanjay Awasthi, Chairman- Kanpur Branch with Mr. Kailash Nath and Mr. GK Agnihotri, National Councilor from Raebareli branch Dr. Harendra Kumar and Mr. Sapan Kumar Bandhopdadhay also graced the occasion.



Group Photo on the occasion of One –day Seminar at Raebareli Branch on 19th Mar'23.

Chairman Raebareli branch Sh CB Sharma welcomed all the guests and dignitaries. Chief guest Mr Pandey while addressing the gathering highlighted the role of materials manager in an organization. he also discussed the benefits of using the GeM platform, such as transparency, cost-effectiveness, and faster procurement.

In the opening Session, Prof. Sharma highlighted the achievement of Raebareli branch and informed the gathering about the activities of Centre for Research in Materials Management(CRIMM). He motivated the delegates to join IIMM as research fellows to further the objective of IIMM for growth of supply chain profession. Prof. Sharma while speaking during technical session, discussed how the GeM has brought the transparency and speed in procurement process. He further emphasized on upcoming technologies that will be game changer of our profession in future namely blockchain technology, machine learning, 3D printing and Artificial Intelligence(AI).

VP(North), CA Ajeet Kumar elaborated on the power of branding and discussed about the tools and techniques to brand products/individuals/organizations. He elaborated how the GeM as one window solution for procurement of all types of goods and services is evolving. He was confident that brand GeM will be synonym of government procurement in coming days.

The main speaker of the technical session, Sh Praveen Wadhvani enriched the knowledge of participants on GeM functionalities and replied the queries. The seminar highlighted the role of the GeM platform in supporting the government's 'Digital India' initiative and its contribution to promoting ease of doing business. The participants were also informed about the various initiatives undertaken by GeM to enhance its user experience, including the introduction of new features, vendor ratings, and online training modules.

Finally, Dr. Nripendra Kumar, Chairman- Core Committee of the seminar presented the overview of seminar. During his address, he added that GeM is playing a major role in empowering the MSMEs. He informed the gathering that as on 12th Mar'23, order value processed on GeM portal was 368390 Cr and out of that 52.50% order was placed on MSMEs by government entities.

He also proposed vote of thanks and remembered the contribution of all members of core committee of seminar including Mr AK Singh, organizing secretary, Mr. Avinash Shukla, Jt. Organizing Secretary, Mr. Prashant Dwivedi, Chief MOC, Mr. Ashish Jaiswal, Treasurer & Chief editor Souvenir, Mr. Junaid Ahmed, Chief Coordinator, and Mr. Abhay Mehrotra , Chief Advisor. He also thanked Raebareli branch executive committee for their support including Mr. SU Khan, Vice Chairman, Mr. Deep Chandra, Secretary, Mr. Dinesh Chandra, Treasurer. Mr. SC Shukla, Mr. BK Pandey, Mr. SK Trivedi, Mr. Yogesh Kumar Bhardwaj and Sh UC Tripathi (Immediate Past Chairman).

UDAIPUR BRANCH

Procurement Awards 2022 – 2023 : Indian Institute of Materials Management Udaipur Branch is proud to have organized the annual awards ceremony Procurement Awards 2022 – 2023 held on 19th February 2023 at BhairavGarh Palace Resort which was attended by glittering luminaries and professionals in the field of Materials and Supply Chain Management and CEOs, CFOs & CPOs from various parts of Rajasthan.





This exciting event celebrates the most impressive individuals in procurement function from different organizations. It is an opportunity to position as a leader in the new business reality and gain recognition in front of a global audience. The Awards were open to organizations in all segments (Micro & Small, Medium, and Large), established in Rajasthan.

Procurement Award (2022-23) is a brainchild of Udaipur Branch of IIMM. For the first time in India, such an award specific to procurement function was conceived to felicitate individuals only more than the organisation.

The Chief Guest for the event was Shri Rajendra Bhatt, Divisional Commissioner – Udaipur besides the Guests of Honour - Shri Sanjaya Singhal, President – Udaipur Chamber of Commerce & Industry and Founder of Secure Meters Ltd. and Shri Arun Misra, CEO - Hindustan Zinc Ltd. (Vedanta Group), Udaipur. The guests also included Shri HK Sharma, National President of IIMM, the Joint Chairman of CRIMM (Centre of Research in Materials Management) Shri Suresh Sharma along with Vice President North, Shri Ageet Kumar. Guests from other branches like Shri L R Meena, NC IIMM Alwar also graced the occasion with their presence.

The awards were conceived to let the procurement professionals showcase that their work is valued and offer them an opportunity of celebration, which in turn enhances their corporate status and serves as the motivation to do well within their respective organization.

Applications were invited from individuals of organizations of varying magnitude in size and scale to participate in the Awards eligibility. Since, we are based in Rajasthan, we had invited applications from individuals notwithstanding whether he or she is a Member of IIMM; but employed in an organization in Rajasthan or outside Rajasthan but fully involved in the Procurement functions for unit(s) located in Rajasthan. While multiple entries from single organization were allowed as these were individual awards, it was encompassed in a single application for all these categories. The awards were in three (3) categories for the three sectors ie Small, Medium & Large:

- Procurement Excellence Award
- Supplier Collaboration & Innovation Award
- Digital Impact Award

So in all 9 awards were to be given, three in each sector. A good response was received in the Large sector specially as compared to the Medium & Small sectors. Applications that qualified for the awards were shortlisted based on completeness and quality of information provided relevant to work domain. Two Screening committee members – Mr. P P Bhattacharya & Mr Anshul Mogra had executed one of the toughest task. To select just 5 out of almost 50 applications in a category would have been difficult. Needless to emphasise that due diligence was exercised in the shortlisting of applications without any prejudices.

The qualified applications were judged by a panel of three Jury Members, each being an expert in their field and coming from diverse areas. The Jury Panel consisted of Shri Sudhir Mutalik, MD Positive Metering Pvt. Ltd. Nasik, CA Ageet Kumar, GM BSES Yamuna Power Ltd. and Shri Vinod Kumat, MD Corporate Channels Pvt. Ltd . All the three jury members emphasised on individual's potential rather than the organization they belonged to. A winner and runner ups were chosen for each of the award.

Shri Rajendra Bhatt emphasised that the quality of governance has vastly improved in terms of transparency and accountability assured the industry and trade of the support from the government to establish a vibrant business ecosystem that could open up opportunities of employment and business to flourish.

Shri Sanjaya Singhal echoed the sentiment that lots of things have evolved in the supply chain domain in the last few decades, there are lots of opportunities waiting to unfold to stay abreast with the needs of time. He also complimented IIMM for instituting such an award and hailed the its role as an institution to hone the skills of the supply chain professionals. In fact, he also suggested that Indian Institute of Materials Management should consider itself renaming itself to Indian Institute of Supply Chain Management.

Shri Arun Misra, also emphasised the importance of supply chain management as pivotal function in the operational function of any industry in order to deliver the end-product or services to the consumer starting

from raw material to last mile delivery and how it could be achieved through improved collaboration with suppliers and enhanced Quality Control.

Besides the Award felicitation, the spotlight of the evening was the panel discussion on “Futuristic Trends of Supply Chain Management” and their implications in making India a vibrant economic powerhouse of the future. Mr. Anil Mishra, Chief General Manager, JK Tyred Kankroli; Mr. Jayanta Chakraborty, SCM Trainer & Consultant and NC IIMM Ahemedabad; and Mr. PK Jain, Director, Geetanjali Institute of Management, Udaipur also shared their immense knowledge to the large audience.

KOLKATA BRANCH

DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATION OF KOLKATA BRANCH

Emerging of Indian Institute of Materials Management, Kolkata Branch : Indian Institute of Materials Management, Kolkata Branch, came into existence as the Purchasing Officers Association of India in 1960 at a time when the function of the Materials Management was beginning to emerge as a distinct management profession/discipline. Since then it has unwaveringly served the cause of Materials Management in this country and in 1975 merged with two other Professional Association – National Association of Materials Management, Bombay and Materials Management Association of Hyderabad and formed the All India Body of “Indian Association of Materials Management” renamed thereafter as the “Indian Institute of Materials Management” in 1981.

ABOUT DIAMOND JUBILEE 1960 – 2020 : A successful journey of sixty years covering activities without break shows vitality and intrinsic strength of an Institution. It is all the more creditable when the organization transforms itself to suit the changing demands and needs thus confirming its dynamism. Absorption of new ideas, openness to in-depth knowledge and keeping mind abreast of the latest trend shows a thorough professionalism. Indian Institute of Materials Management, Kolkata Branch, which has its origin in the Purchasing Officers Association of India, has all these and more.



A sense of achievement, understandably, fills the minds of the members of IIMM Kolkata Branch, who look back with pride and satisfaction over the progress made during the last sixty years.

The glory belongs to the vanguard, the founders – a determined lot of visionary persons who saw to it that the profession is accepted by the top management of corporate sector no more as a service-oriented function but as a profit-oriented management discipline. The precursors motivated the budding professionals to transcend the boundaries of state, region and nation and join the mainstream of international happenings. Accordingly, the Purchasing Officers Association of India, had the courage of conviction to expand its horizon, at the cost of losing its independent identity, to form an All India Body with like-minded Associations for the betterment of the Materials Management Profession in India and thus emerged **INDIAN INSTITUTE OF MATERIALS MANAGEMENT** in 1983.

A Diamond Jubilee, no doubt, demands gaiety and celebration but it also instills a sense of responsibility and dedication by the profession for greater achievement in **pursuit of excellence in supply management**, as far as the management of scarce resource is concerned for sustainable development and to strive hard to obtain many more glory and accolades for our beloved Institute.

On this auspicious occasion of Diamond Jubilee Celebration of IIMM Kolkata Branch, being the senior-most establishment in IIMM family, pledge to leave no stone unturned to the noble cause of IIMM and our beloved Kolkata Branch and to the cause of Supply Chain Profession in the coming years.

Although Kolkata Branch completed sixty years of its existence in 2020, however, due to Covid -19 Pandemic, Branch could not celebrate Diamond Jubilee in 2020. As the pandemic turned to endemic subsequently, Kolkata Branch geared up to celebrate Diamond Jubilee in a befitting way in 2023. Accordingly, an Organizing Committee at the Branch level was constituted to stage the show. An Advisory Committee inducting National Office Bearers and Past Chairpersons of the Kolkata Branch was also constituted to have their advices and blessings.

The Diamond Jubilee Celebration scheduled on 24 – 25th February, 2023 held at Hotel Vivanta, Kolkata, On the 1st Day, i.e., on Friday, the 24th February, 2023, a Corporate Quiz was organized at 5.00 p.m. at Hotel Vivanta on the theme “Pro-Connect – Supply Chain” where altogether eleven corporate teams consisting of two budding supply chain professionals in each team participated. The quiz was so thrilling not only for participants but also for audiences also. There were several preliminary rounds to select five teams for the final round. The final round was as exciting as all the teams were fighting neck to neck. Finally, teams of Gainwell Commosales Private Limited and Linde India Ltd. emerged to be the Winner and Runner respectively. The Corporate Quiz was graced by Mr. H K Sharma, National President, Mr. J S Prakash Rao, Sr. Vice President, Mr. G K Singh, Past National President, Mr. Malay Chandan Majumdar, Immediate Past National President, Mr. Rana Das, Vice President (East), Prof. Saibal Mukhopadhyay, Director, Institute of Business Management, Jadavpur University, Past Chairpersons and Faculty Members and Executive Committee Members of Kolkata Branch.

Mr. Raj Kumar Mitra, faculty members and practicing SCM professional, played the role of Quiz Master. Mr. Amit K Majumdar and Shri Sudip Sengupta were assigned as scorers. The Winner and Runner Teams were handed over respective Trophy and Certificates. All the participants were also given Participation Certificates. National President and Sr. National Vice President in their brief deliberation praised the Kolkata Branch for presenting such an incredible evening programme. They also appreciated the Kolkata Branch for imparting quality education in the wide domain of SCM for many years which has been rightly adjudged by the National Head Quarters by awarding the Kolkata Branch the Best Metro Branch for Education for several consecutive years.

According to them, an accomplished journey of sixty years towards the cause of imparting professional management education and being a platform of Supply Chain Fraternity is undoubtedly praiseworthy and Kolkata Branch achieved it and showed the way to sustain and flourish against all obstacles to the noble cause. Mr. G K Singh, Past National President and Mr. Malay Chandan Mazumdar, the Immediate Past National President in their brief speeches, appreciated the Kolkata Branch for presenting such a dazzling show. Prof. Saibal Mukhopadhyay, Director, Institute of Business Management, Jadavpur University, highly

acclaimed Kolkata Branch for presenting such a memorable event and he expressed to explore all possibilities to launch professional course in collaboration with IIMM in future.

The Corporate Quiz was followed by sumptuous buffet dinner at the poolside of the Hotel. Mr. Koushik Roy, Branch Chairman and Mr. Partha Bhattacharya, Chairman, Diamond Jubilee Organizing Committee invited all to join dinner.

On the 2nd Day, a Knowledge Seminar on “Future of Supply Chain – Crisis Shapes the Profession” was organized at Hotel Vivanta. Eighty SCM Professionals from private and public sector organizations attended the whole day seminar. Participants were presented a Diamond Jubilee Kit and 1st Day Cover of the Diamond Jubilee Souvenir. Mr. Sanjay Gupta, Member, Diamond Jubilee Organizing Committee, anchored the Knowledge Seminar by his enchanting voice with charming words. In the Inaugural Session, Mr. Koushik Roy, Chairman, IIMM Kolkata Branch, in his welcome address, briefly touched the journey of IIMM Kolkata Branch and welcomed delegates, hon’ble guests and speakers. Mr. Partha Bhattacharya, Chairman, Diamond Jubilee Organizing Committee, outlined the theme of the Seminar. Mr. Malay Chandan Majumdar, Immediate Past National President, Mr. G K Singh, Past National President and Mr. J S Prakash Rao, Sr. Vice President in their deliberation, spoke on emerging of IIMM and its journey in pursuit of excellence in supply management. They placed on record sincere thanks and gratitude to Kolkata Branch for inviting them to witness such a dazzling celebration programme. Mr. H K Sharma, National President, IIMM, graced the occasion as the Special Guest of Honour. Mr. Sharma in his deliberation congratulated Kolkata Branch for its accomplished journey of sixty years and highly praised for celebrating the Diamond Jubilee setting a new milestone for other Branches.

Mr. Sanjoy Mukherjee, Executive Director, Distribution-Technical, CESC Limited graced the occasion as the Chief Guest and discourse on the task and challenges being encountered by the supply chain professionals in the changing scenario. His practical oriented presentation engrossed participants.

Mr. Kaushik Mukherjee, Hony. Secretary, Kolkata Branch, proposed Vote of Thanks and invited all to join for Tea.

The 1st Technical Session of the Knowledge Seminar was chaired by Mr. P P Sengupta, senior faculty member of the Branch. Mr. A K Mohanty, Executive Director (Materials & Contracts), Coal India Limited, spoke on “How is Coal India Designing its Future Supply Chain” and elucidated the following :-

- Technology enablement in coal mines for transformation across business value chain
- Leveraging “Digital Technology” as an accelerator for demonstrating performance enhancement from the coal mines

- Defining Coal Sector's technology transformation ambition and prepare workforce in Coal Sector for industry 4.0 Digital Technology
- Increasing productivity, safety & sustainability while reducing environmental impact by upgrading conventional technologies to new technologies.

The 1st Technical Session followed by Knowledge Break I on "How Coal India Partners are gearing up for adjusting in the upcoming digital onslaught".

The 2nd Technical Session was designed on "How GEM Portal Envisages to Design the Future Supply Chain ?" Mr. T Mishra, veteran SCM Professional and Senior Member of IIMM, chaired the Session. Mr. Brajesh Kumar, Resource Person for GEM Portal, discoursed the topic highlighting the key areas as follows :-

- Key levers of GEM Portal
- Benefits of Usage to Purchaser
- Benefits of Usage to Supplier
- Long Term Impact Analysis

The "Government e-Marketplace" Portal i.e., "GEM Portal" being the most deliberated event among SCM Professionals now-a-days, this session was considered to be a learning session. Speaker and Session Chairman in their discourses cleared doubts, queries and hesitation in using of the GEM Portal.

The 2nd Technical Session followed by Knowledge Break II on "How Users of GEM Portal are Reacting to the Upcoming Environment ?"

This Session was followed by Lunch. Mr. Sanjoy Gupta, on behalf of the Organizing Committee, invited Delegates, hon'ble Guests, and Speakers and Industry Representatives to join lunch.

The 3rd Technical Session was on "How to Remain Focused within a Crisis Environment ?". It was a discourse from Spiritual Perspective. Swami Atmapriyananda Maharaj, Pro-Chancellor, R K Mission Vivekananda Educational and Research Institute, very kindly graced the Knowledge Seminar and taught a lesson to the audience. There was a pin-drop silence in the auditorium as audience was spellbound. In his deliberation, Swamiji draw examples from ancient Sanskrit Literature including the Purana and the Geeta. His deliberation seemed to be a holy bath for the audience. Mr. Debasis Mallick, Chairman, Education Sub-Committee, Kolkata Branch, briefly introduced Swami Atmapriyananda Maharaj and felicitated him on behalf of the Institute.

There was a slot for Tea Break and Mr. Sanjoy Gupta invited all to Tea.

The 4th and Final Technical Session was designed with CPO Panel Discussion on the emerging issues as follows :-

- Resilience or Agility – Which is more important ?
- Cost Perceptions for Implementation
- Digitalization – Is it the Key Enabler ?
- Balancing Human Activities and Digitalization

The Panel Discussion was chaired by Mr. Debasis Mallick and the Panellists were **Mr. Anik Basu, Senior Director - Enterprise East, Moglix, Mr. Sujoy Chakravorty, General Manager (Commercial), GRSE, Mr. Aniruddha Banerjee, Senior Vice President Operations, Spencer's Retail Ltd.**

The Panelists discoursed the issues with practical exposure and their lucid presentation were highly acclaimed by the participants. The panelists were also kind enough to elucidated questions raised by the delegates. Finally, Mr. Debasis Mallick summed up the Session.

The Day-long Knowledge Seminar was anchored by Mr. Sanjoy Gupta with his charming voice. Finally, Mr. Gupta placed on record sincere thanks and gratitude to all attendees and invited them to join the evening programme at 6.30 p.m. at the same venue. The evening programme comprised of Felicitation of Dignitaries, Hon'ble Guests, Past Chairpersons of Kolkata Branch and their Spouses followed by Diamond Jubilee Dinner.

The evening programme was also anchored by Mr. Sanjoy Gupta and started at 6.30 p.m. Mr. Koushik Roy, Branch Chairman, in his introductory address, welcomed Mr. H K Sharma, National President, Mr. J S Prakash Rao, Sr. Vice President, Mr. G K Singh, Past National President, Mr. Malay Chandan Majumder, Immediate Past National President, Mr. R S Johar, Past Branch Chairman, Mr. Asok Dasgupta, Past National President and Past Branch Chairman, Mr. B G Sengupta, Past Chairman, Mr. D N Chakravarti, Past Chairman, Mr. S K Mukherjee, Past Chairman, Mr. Amal Chakravorty, Past Chairman, Mr. Sudhin Mitter, Past Chairman, Mr. Sukalyan Sarkar, Past Chairman, Mr. Animesh Chattopadhyay, Immediate Past Chairman, spouse of Late A K Srivastava, Past Chairman, and other dignitaries and guests and felicitated them with befitting plaque and a sapling.

Late D K Acharyya, Past Chairman of the Branch, was awarded posthumously and the commemorating plaque was handed over to his son, Mr. Deb Kumar Acharyya. Mr. Asok Dasgupta, Past President of IIMM and Past Chairman of Kolkata Branch, came forward and steered the felicitation programme and reminisced the history of emerging of 'Indian Institute of Materials Management'. On this auspicious occasion, Kolkata Branch took the opportunity to felicitate Mr. A K Mohanty, Executive Director (Materials & Contracts), Coal India Limited and Mr. Rakesh Ranjan, Executive Director, Damodar Valley Corporation for their professional achievements and acumen.

Finally, Mr. Sanjoy Gupta, was felicitated by the Branch Chairman with a sapling for his unique presentation style in steering the whole-day programme. Last but not the least, the Chairman, Kolkata Branch, called upon staff members on the dais, appreciated them for their exceptional performance in organizing the Diamond Jubilee Celebration Programme in a dazzling manner and handed over sapling to each of them. Mr. Ram Bahadur Subba, Ex-employee of Kolkata Branch was also

felicitated for his commendable services to Kolkata Branch for more than fifty years. Finally, Mr. Kaushik Mukherjee, Hony. Secretary, Kolkata Branch, invited all to Diamond Jubilee Dinner.

REPORT ON VALEDICTION CEREMONY OF ONE YEAR SHORT-TERM COURSE ON “MATERIALS MANAGEMENT, LOGISTICS MANAGEMENT, SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT AND E-COMMERCE” HELD ON FRIDAY, THE 17TH MARCH, 2023 AT IIMM HALL AT 6.30 P.M.

Valediction Ceremony of One Year Short-term Course on “Materials Management, Logistics Management, Supply Chain Management and E-Commerce” held on Friday, the 17th March, 2023 at 6.30 p.m. at IIMM Hall. Altogether 29 candidates enrolled for the Course, divided in two Semester. Practicing SCM Professionals imparted the enrolled students who are employed in various organizations in the wide domain of SCM. Course materials were provided to participants. Classes were held on Saturdays in the evening session to facilitate students to attend classes. Written Examination was taken on completion of 1st Semester to assess the progress of students. Final examination followed by viva voce was held and on the basis of the report-card, gradation of students has been made. Mr. Koushik Roy, Chairman, Mr. Kaushik Mukherjee, Hony. Secretary, Mr. Sanjay Gupta, EC Member and Mr. DebasisMallick, Course Co-ordinator graced the valediction ceremony. Mr. Koushik Roy, Chairman, Kolkata Branch, announced result of the final examination and handed over Mark sheet and Certificate to the successful students. Students were also invited to record their expectation from the Institute. Their suggestion/comments were noted accordingly. They were also advised to keep in touch with the Institute and to apply for IIMM Membership. Since Kolkata Branch maintains Data Bank of SCM Professionals for placement, they were also advised to submit their current CVs, if desire. There was an arrangement for refreshment for the participating students. Finally Mr. DebasisMallick, Course Co-ordinator, proposed vote of thanks and wished students every success in their career with this professional course. He also advised to enroll for PG Courses being imparted by IIMM.



VADODARA BRANCH

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN’S DAY CELEBRATION AT IIMM VADODARA ON 18th MARCH 2023 : International Women’s Day is celebrated in many countries around the world. It is a day when women are recognized for their achievements irrespective of Nationality, Ethnic, Linguistic, Cultural, Economical or Political. It is an occasion for looking back on past struggles, accomplishment and more importantly looking ahead to the untapped potentials and opportunities that awaits future generations of women.

IIMM Vadodara also celebrated the Women’s Day at

its Office Hall on 18th of March 2023 with Theme:

“Women’s Empowerment - Key to Global Transformation”.

Different programmes related to the women were organized by our Chairperson Dr. Bharti Trivedi and her Team. All the present members participated in the event were over joyful and enthusiastically participated in the Event. The programme was half day programme, kept at IIMM Office Hall (1st Floor). Around 45 Invited Women Life Members and some IIMM Life Member’s Spouse were present to mark this special day.

There was an inaugural speech by Chairperson - Dr. Bharti Trivedi welcoming all the delegates, followed by an inspirational speech for women’s day by Mr. Lalbhai Patel – Former National President IIMM. To Commemorate this special day, we had with us Mrs. Anupama Kothari from Anwesha Foundation which is a Not-for-Profit Organisation working towards sustainable social development through community action against Plastic Waste and activating action-based community across India to tackle waste problems and creating sustainable ecosystem, philosophy of Take – Make – Collect Upcycle. They are also into educating under privileged children in their own school where they provide vocational education to school drop out children.

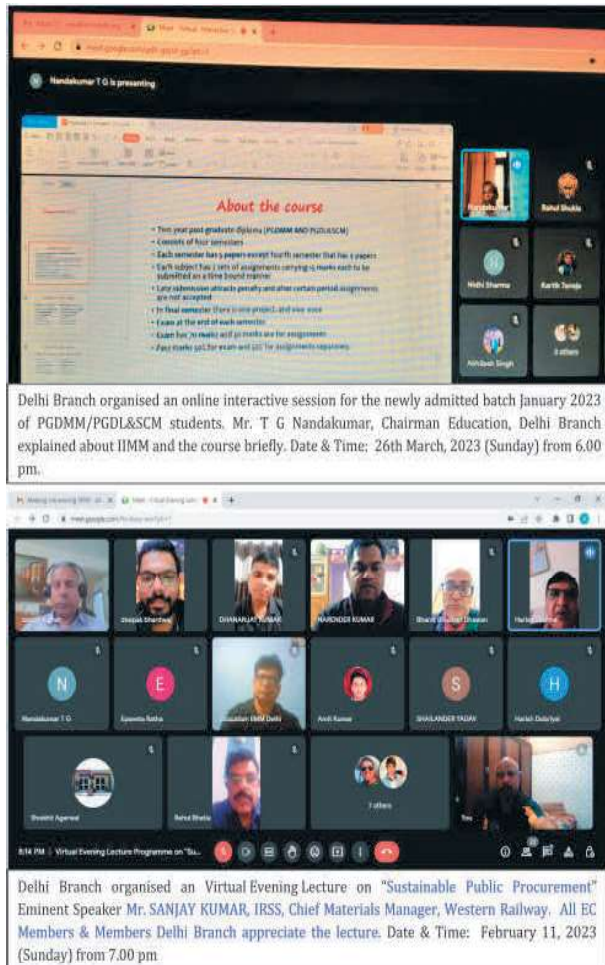


Dietician Priyanka Vyas also graced the occasion and discussed different diets, importance of nutrition in different stages of women, what is balanced diet, tips for healthy eating and tips for lifestyle modification. She also replied to the queries related to medical problems associated with women. All the participants overwhelming asked their queries and the session was very fruitful.

The celebration also included the entertainment quotient for women such as Antakshari, Music, Rangoli and other entertaining activities. It was a fun filled corporate celebration programme. The event was followed by Lunch.



DELHI BRANCH



Various aspects of Inventory Management starting from why Inventory is built, why control is required, various costs involved in inventory, inventory control tools, Milk run, VMI, EOQ, different levels, Kraljic Model and ABC analysis etc were discussed. Digitization of inventory, case study of one of the lead company and role play were also part of the training. Myself, Mr O. P. Longia and Mr Sahil were the faculties. Program was well appreciated by one and all.

CHANDIGARH BRANCH

Indian Institute of Materials Management Chandigarh branch organized one day training program on Inventory Management for Seals Strips Wheels India Ltd on 23.3.23 at Hotel Home tel Chandigarh. A group of 35 professionals starting from executive to General Manager attended the program.



ANKLESHWAR BRANCH

Indian Institute of Materials Management (IIMM) opened its 52nd branch at Ankleshwar on 16th March 2023 at a ceremony held at Hotel Paradise, Ankleshwar-Gujarat. The Chief Guest at the ceremony was Shri Baldevbhai Prajapati, President of LAGHU UDYOG BHARATI. The ceremony was also attended by Chairman, Quality Circle Forum of India and representatives of many eminent personalities in and around Ankleshwar.

Inaugural ceremony was presided over by Shri H.K. Sharma, National President and attended by Shri J.S. Prakash Rao, Sr. Vice President Shri K. R. Nair, Vice President – West, Shri. G.K. Singh, Former National President Shri Shripad Kadam, Pune Branch Chairman. While addressing the gathering at opening ceremony of Ankleshwar Branch, Vice President West Shri K.R. Nair hoped that branch would be the leading branch in Western Region and would help in improving the

Industries in general and Chemical Industries in particular. Inaugural ceremony was also attended by President.

Chairman Pune branch congratulated the incoming Chairman on the opening of the branch. Mr. G.K. Singh-Former President expressed his happiness at the opening of the branch at the Chemical Hub of Gujarat and hoped that the branch would increase its membership substantially in a very short span of time because of its proximity to major chemical industries in the region.

Sr. Vice President Shri J.S. Prakash Rao mentioned about the growth of Indian economy and revival of industrial activities in general and the changes in the absorption of technology in supply chain management activities post covid 19 and hoped that branch would contribute a great deal in improving supply chain practices at large in Ankleshwar.

Shri Baldevbhai Prajapati, President of LAGHU UDYOG BHARATI, while addressing the gathering emphasised on the role of small scale industries in the development of the economy of the country and appreciated the role of IIMM in the same. He appreciated the educational programmes and training activities of IIMM and expressed happiness about offering professional courses at very economical fees. He also thanked IIMM for opening the branch at Ankleshwar.



Shri Dinesh K. Patel, Managing Director of DAXESH PETROCHEMICAL PVT. LTD addressing the gathering thanked IIMM for playing a leading role in supply chain management in the country.

Shri Rahul Pradhan, Chairman QCFI –addressing the gathering emphasized on focusing the quality aspects on overall framework of supply chain management and promised to extend help to the industries in developing quality. Shri Rahul Pradhan, Vice President-Zydus, mentioned the role of supply chain management and requested audience to become members of IIMM to focus on the development of Supply Chain Management.

Shri H.K. Sharma, National President -IIMM expressed his happiness on opening of the 52nd branch of IIMM at Ankleshwar and requested all concerned to take advantage of the IIMM branch opened in their vicinity. He emphasised on the changing phase of supply chain management and requested professionals to keep abreast of the developments for helping companies to improve their bottom line. He specially thanked VP West, Chairman Pune Branch, Ajay Padhye, NC for their efforts for opening the branch at Ankleshwar.

The coordinator of Ankleshwar branch, Shri Arvind Patel, thanked the entire team of NHQ, Shri G.K. Singh, Former National President and dignitaries for making the dream come to a reality and promised that all efforts would be made to make it one of the best branches.

Vote of thanks was proposed by National Councillor Shri Ajay Padhye.