AURANGABAD BRANCH

Indian Institute of Materials Management (IIMM) and Marathwada Auto Cluster (MAC) on occasion of Materials Management Day on 23rd April, organized a seminar on “Role of Supply Chain in making India beyond USD 5 trillion Economy by 2025”.

The Chief Guest of the Program was Mr.Sriram Narayanan – Managing Director of Endress + Hauser and speaker was Mr. Sanjay Sanghai - Executive Vice President, Group Purchase of Endurance Technologies Limited. Mr.Sanghai said that SCM professional should focus on Cost optimization, Innovation supply chain strategies, Sustainable supply chain practices, Supplier motivation, Exports in Indians economic growth, World class manufacturing in supply chain to make India will become a $5 trillion economy by 2025.

Mr.Narayanan said Reliable supply chains are one of the key drivers of economic growth. From the economic standpoint, for developing countries like India, supply chains create opportunities, augment productivity, improve technology and skills, increase employment, and diversify exports. Long-terms business relations ensure more income and uninterrupted revenue.

BANGALORE BRANCH

12th May 2023 Women Leadership Round Table: Contemporary Topics in India's Supply Chain

As part of Golden Jubilee celebration IIMM Bangalore Branch organized a Women leadership Round table meet on 12th May 2023 at World trade Centre.

World-wide, representation of women in SCM discipline has seen as rise from 35 to 41% and in leadership roles from 9 to 17%. Initially perceived as physically intensive work, Supply Chain Management has remained male-dominated discipline. The growth in services industries and increased eCommerce have made possible foray of women in SCM discipline. IIMM Bangalore has been first to foresee the need for a focused effort to provide
advocacy, thought leadership, networking, career role modelling and mentoring opportunities for women in SCM. Under the leadership of KC Harsha and Dr Renu Rajani, this is our inaugural step to initiate efforts targeted for women SCM professionals.

- Evolution in SCM discipline with digital technologies applied to achieve Supply Chain transparency and visibility, Supply Chain Resiliency and Partnerships. SC Risk handling, Circular/Green Supply Chains, sustainability.

\[\text{Image: Group of Women Leadership Panel Members and IIMM Dignitaries}\

\[\text{Image: A view of Women Leaders on 12th May 2023}\

\[\text{Image: Memento to Dr. Renu by Ms.Sangeetha Vinaik, Procurement Leader - IIMM}\

\[\text{Image: Dr Renu Rajani Sr. IT Industry Leader - Books Author addressing the gathering}\

With this context, IIMM Bangalore brought together 40 women professionals in Supply Chain and adjacent services disciplines. The women participants were hand-picked from roles including forecasting, planning, sourcing, contracting, vendor management, inventory management, manufacturing, distribution, logistics and returns in addition to digital and technologies enabling supply chains, start-ups academia and research.

The round table members discussed contemporary topics including

- New Logistics policy and the efforts needed to bring down logistics costs from 14% to 10% of GDP to make Indian logistics competitive.
- Evolution in SCM discipline with digital technologies applied to achieve Supply Chain transparency and visibility, Supply Chain Resiliency and Partnerships. SC Risk handling, Circular/Green Supply Chains, sustainability.
- Careers Opportunities for women in SCM discipline and skills required
- Recommendations on achieving a better gender balance in SCM discipline.

Dr Renu Rajani, PhD, Senior IT industry leader/book author, has conceptualized and moderated the round-table meet in close working with KC Harsha and IIMM. The event included welcome, inaugural address and two round-table sessions (i) National and International Logistics in India (ii) Opportunities and Challenges for women SCM professionals

- KC Harsha welcomed the participants and introduced IIMM’s activities and intent of setting up the women leadership taskforce.
- Mrs TS Ushasri, Exec VP and GM, Manhattan Associates delivered inaugural address and
- Dr Renu set the context and moderated the two round-table with women panel members present in person.
- 60 participants attended the round-table discussion virtually.
- IIMM Bangalore leadership offered their warm support to the event with their gracious presence.

It was a heart-warming experience to initiate and execute this new thought process to introduce women specific agenda and events. The initiative was well received among the women leaders present and it has paved the way for IIMM Bangalore to have specific charter and future events targeted towards women in Services Industries, Supply Chain and Logistics. The group plans to continue meeting to accelerate the agenda of Diversity and Inclusion in SCM discipline.

CHENNAI BRANCH

Materials Management Day celebrations: As is customary, the IIMM Chennai commemorated Materials Management Day with zeal and emotion. To begin, we will have an SCM Quiz for SCM professionals on Saturday, April 29, 2023, at Hariharan Hall, IIMM Chennai.

Between 10 a.m. and 12.30 p.m. on Saturday 29th April, Vestas, ZF Rane, Wheels India, and Simsons have each nominated us, as a two-person in a team. Mr. T K Padmanabhan mastered the quiz, and the Quiz program was inaugurated by Our Chairman Dr. B Ramesh, who stated in his welcome speech that the SCM Quiz program is for knowledge sharing purposes, and the team should take it as a knowledge and move forward. Some of our senior members participated in the Quiz program, particularly Mr. PY Venkateswaran, former Chairman of the IIMM Chennai, encouraged the participants. The quiz program has 9 rounds, including Choose the best answers, rapid fire round, Odds man out, and the Buzzer round, which is the quiz program’s focal point. A team from Vestas, represented by Mr. K Gopikrishnan and Mr. Mohammed Mubarak Azhar, won the Winner’s trophy, and a team from ZF Rane Automotive, represented by Mr. D Sathikumar and Mr. R Vikaram, came in second and receive the Runners award.

In the evening, we held our MM Day party at the Hotel Regenta Deccan, with over 70 members in attendance. Mr. S Seetharaman, Chairman, Super Auto Forge Pvt Ltd., as Guest of Honour and Patron of IIMM Chennai, and Mr. P Sellamuthu, Director, Jaitech Power House Pvt Ltd., as Guest Speaker, have been invited.

Dr. B. Ramesh delivered the welcome address, while Mr. J Ravishakar, Immediate Past Chairman and National Council Member, highlighted the significance of the Material Management Day celebrations.

Mr. S Seetharaman, Chairman, Super Auto Forge Pvt Ltd, is a successful entrepreneur who has been in the automobile and auto ancillary industries, particularly in forging, for over four decades. His company’s principal production (Rs.1000 crores) is exported to
automotive OEMs in the United States and Europe. During his speech, he emphasized the recent swift advancement in Materials functions. In addition, he had highlighted and illustrated his own industrial case study, which was the major takeaway for participants. Mr. P Sellamuthu, Director, Jaittech Power House Pvt. Ltd., the day’s guest speaker, discussed work-life balance through simple workouts and self-motivation to a professional way of life.

Mr. TAB Barathi, Director Education, IIMM Chennai, presided over the award distribution ceremony in the second part for the function. He emphasized IIMM Chennai’s Diploma in Supply Chain Course, which has been accredited for Global Standard by IFPSM, Finland.

The best students award is named after Sri. M Sundaram, a distinguished member of our organization, and was established jointly by Super Auto Forge Pvt Ltd and IIMM Chennai. Mr. N Manikanda Prabhu was named Best Student, Mr. S Tamilselvan was named Second Rank for Academic Year Batch 2021-2022, and Ms. Jennifer Dania was named Calendar Year Batch 2022 First Rank and Mr. Srethi was named Second Rank.

Mr Seetharaman presented medals and monetary awards to the students in the presence of Mrs. Lakshmi Sundaram, wife of Late Sri. M Sundaram. In addition to our chairman Dr. B Ramesh and Mr. P Sellamuthu awarded the quiz winners and runners awards. Dr. B Sampath, Hony. Treasurer, IIMM Chennai, presented a vote of thanks, and the meeting concluded with a delicious dinner.

MUMBAI BRANCH

The next edition of CPO Dialogue was conducted at Pune on 10 Feb 2023, at Hotel Sheraton Grand. 40 CPOs from leading organizations participated in the discussions moderated by Mr. B.V. Iyer, CPO, Deccan Chemicals, Former National President and Convener for CPO Forum of IIMM.

This was the 6th CPO Dialogue hosted in partnership with SAP in Pune after similar events Mumbai, Delhi, Bangalore, Chennai. Master of Ceremony was Mr. Surendra Deodhar, VP Materials, Reliance Life Sciences, National Secretary and Treasurer of IIMM.

The event at Pune started with welcome address by Chairman, IIMM Pune, Mr. Shripad Kadam and concluded by Vote of Thanks by Chairman, IIMM Mumbai, Mr. Animesh Shah. Mr. Pankaj JadHAV, Director and Head of SAP Intelligent Spend and Business Network, set the tone with keynote address. He highlighted the key issues of risk, cost, delivering on evolving value procurement, accelerating procurement digital transformation, sustainable, mitigating talent disruption, increase in predictive analytics.
Risk Management, Visibility beyond tier 1, Agility, SRM and Talent Management. Mr. Bala Iyer, CPO Deccan Chemicals, Former National President – IIMM, Convener for CPO Forum of IIMM, directed and facilitated the interaction to bring out the experiences, opinions of the seniors participating in the meet. Mr. Bala Iyer added his own experience at each stage. Also oriented the gathering to newer thoughts such as VUCA to BAN!, or friendly shoring.

experience, automation, mobility; the risk and rapidly diminishing visibility beyond tier 1; measures for supplier capability building; green initiatives and so on. Many prominent leaders such as Mr. Pramod Shravge, Head Corporate Sourcing, Thermax; Mr. Sudhir Ghaiot, General Manager, Delval Flow Controls; Mr. Sandip Shastri, CPO, Serum Institute of India. Mr. Vishwas Shah, President Commodity Buying, Finolesx; Mr. P.V.Sanjay, Director, Sulzer Global Procurement Chemtec; Mr. G S Rao, Serum Institute of India Pvt Ltd.; Mr. Maruti Khaire – AMOE Head – Electric Vehicles and Sp. Projects, SKF and other leaders from Mr. Mukund Karadkhekar, Dy. General Manager, Bosch, immensely contributed to the pool of knowledge. It was an intellectual treat to witness leaders weaving a web of rich knowledge building on thoughts from each other. Yet another milestone for IIMM.

NAGPUR BRANCH

It is a matter of pride that four of our senior members of the IIMM Nagpur Branch were promoted as General Managers of the Material Management Wing of Western Coalfields Limited. This is the first time in the history of Western Coalfields Limited that four chief Managers in the Material Management wing were promoted in one year. The four members of IIMM Nagpur Branch are Mr. Raghav Babu – VP Central and NC Member, Mr. Dharamraj Kumar – NC member, Mr. Navin Nischal – NC Member, and Dr. Venkata Ramana – Past Chairman, Nagpur Branch.

Assorted learnings from the discussions include use of buying channel initiative instead of category management; drivers for automation such as user

Then members of IIMM Nagpur Branch are very proud of their achievement, and the Executive Committee members have felicitated and honoured them. We are
all very proud of their achievement and wish them all Good wishes and good luck for all their future endeavours.

As we all know, machine lubrication plays a crucial role in ensuring the smooth operation and longevity of industrial machinery. With the global market for lubricants growing rapidly, it is essential to stay updated with the latest developments in this field. This seminar aimed to provide a comprehensive overview covering various topics related to lubrication. The technical sessions were conducted by very senior officials of HPCL and covered several topics, ranging from introduction to Machine lubrication, improvements in packaging and transportation, storage and handling automation in Diesel delivery. The technical sessions was followed by an interactive session of Questions and Answers, which was enthusiastically participated by all.

The technical session was attended by over 50 participants, including members of IIMM Nagpur Branch, and several senior officials from Western Coalfields Limited, Manganese Ore India Limited, BEML, etc. The chief guest for the technical session was Mr. S K Batra, General Manager MM (HOD), Western Coalfields limited and the guests of honor were Mr. A Verma, General Manager (Excavation), Western Coalfields Limited, Mr. Ajay Kolte, DGM, Manganese Ore India Limited. Mr. Sukumar Adhikari, Secretary IIMM Nagpur Branch, conducted the proceedings of the seminar. The technical seminar was attended by Mr. Dharamraj Kumar and Mr. Navin Nischal, NC members of IIMM Nagpur Branch. The technical sessions was followed by a sumptuous lunch and a time of fellowship.

**PUNE BRANCH**

**MM Week 2023 – Report: Inaugural Program:** As part of the inaugural program of the Materials Management Week celebration, IIMM-Pune branch had organized an evening lecture on the topic “Re-Engineering The Work Life Balance” on 23rd April, 2023 at our office in Wakdewadi, Pune. Dr. Sonal Purohit, a renowned lifestyle coach and the Managing Director of Satv Lifestyle Management delivered a lecture on how to maintain a healthy and balanced lifestyle.

During her lecture, she highlighted the importance of a wholesome diet in achieving a balanced lifestyle. Dr. Sonal emphasized the importance of good nutrition as an essential element to achieving a good work-life balance. She pointed out that a healthy diet not only helps to keep stress levels in check and improve mood, but it also helps to increase productivity and alertness and maintain an overall feeling of wellbeing.

Dr. Sonal stressed that a healthy diet is also essential in maintaining it. Eating right, means, being mindful of the food one consumes and ensuring that one gets the proper nutrients. She also mentioned that healthy food options include a balance of fruits and vegetables, plenty of water, and omega-3 fatty acids. In turn, a well-rounded diet will improve mood, concentration, and energy levels all of which are essential in leading a happier and more productive life.
In addition to good nutrition and exercise, she also highlighted the importance of getting adequate sleep. She said that ensuring a good night sleep helps to reduce stress, enhances well-being, and increases productivity. Besides nutrition and exercise, a good night sleep is a crucial component of achieving a balance between work and life. Overall, Dr. Sonal's lecture was both informative and motivating as it highlighted the need and value of a balanced lifestyle. The program was well attended by members of the branch.

**Industrial Visits:** As a part of this year's Material Management Week celebration, IIMM Pune teams visited BAIF Development Research Foundation, Pune on 26th April 2023 and KSB Limited, Shirwal, Pune on 27th April 2023. BAIF has been impacting rural lives through its Livelihood and Climate-Resilient programs for the past 56 years. Their team of experts welcomed IIMM team and took us around their very important and useful field projects like Dairy husbandry, Land Degradation Neutrality (LDN), Agro-Horti-Forestry system, Integrated Renewable Energy and Sustainable Agricultural (IRESA), Agro Biodiversity Conservation etc.

KSB Limited, Shirwal is a new state-of-the-art manufacturing facility for manufacturing various Speciality pumps. Their team also welcomed IIMM team and took a short tour to show their newly set up manufacturing facilities and explained about the latest technological trends they have adapted at this plant.

During the concluding meeting of both the visits Honorary Secretary presented IIMM Corporate video and a power point presentation about the various activities being undertaken by IIMM and requested them to be a member of our institute so as to enhance cooperation and exchange of thoughts. We also had discussion with their procurement teams so as to understand their Supply Chain practices. At the end of each visit IIMM Pune presented a memento to both the organizations as a gratitude towards their cooperation during the fruitful visits.
Concluding Day Program: As a concluding part of our MM Week celebration, we, along with Ensigns Software & Communications Pvt. Ltd. had arranged a program to “Recognize the contribution of women from MSMEs in developing SCM” on 29th April 2023 at MCCIA Trade Towers, Senapati Bapat Road, Pune

IIMM Chairman Mr. Shripad Kadam and Mr. Mohan Nair briefed about IIMM activities and the objective of this program. 7 women’s working in different MSMEs presented their success stories which were well appreciated by the audience. These ladies were felicitated with a memento during the concluding program. Over 70 participants attended this program including EC members along with spouses, representatives from MSMEs, few MSME owners and past chairmen of our branch. This program was a great success and unique of its kind.

The program was concluded with Vote of Thanks by the Honorary Secretary.

JAMSHEDPUR BRANCH

IIMM ‘Best CEO 2022’ honour for Tata Steel MD TV Narendran“Jamshedpur, May 22: The Indian Institute of Materials Management (IIMM) felicitated, CEO and MD of Tata Steel, TV Narendran with ‘Best CEO of 2022 in private sector’ during award ceremony held in Jamshedpur on Monday, May 22. “The esteemed recognition was presented by National President of IIMM HK Sharma,”“HK Sharma highlighted the contribution of TV Narendran to the business landscape and his exceptional leadership qualities that have led Tata Steel to unprecedented success.”“Narendran humbly accepted the honour on behalf of Tata Steel and attributed his success to the efforts of entire Tata Steel employees.”“Earlier, the event commenced with welcome address by Rana Das, Vice President East. Guests present on the occasion were GK Singh, past National President, AK Srivastava, National Council member, Dr TAS Vijayaraghavan, National Council member, Sidhartha Dash, Chairman of IIMM Jamshedpur Chapter, Cdr. Sanjeev Raman, Vice Chairman, Vazifdar, Secretary and Neelesh Kumar, Treasurer.”“The Indian Institute of Materials Management is a premier educational institution that focuses on nurturing business leaders and providing cutting-edge management education in the field of Supply Chain, logistics and Materials Management. With a rich legacy and a commitment to excellence, IIMM strives to create a conducive learning environment for aspiring professionals and empower them to make a positive impact on society.”
NEW DELHI BRANCH

Report on the seminar on changing face of Procurement – Impact of GeM, Policy Initiatives & Emerging Best Practices

IIMM Delhi branch organized a one-day seminar on Changing Face of Public Procurement – Impact of GeM, Policy Initiatives and Emerging Best Practices on 27th May 2023 at Hotel ‘The Park’, Connaught Place. The programme was inaugurated by Lt. General Manoj Kumar Singh Yadav, AVSM, SM, Director General of Supplies and Transport (DGST), Integrated HQ (Army), Ministry of Defence. During his inaugural address, he elaborated how procurement has changed over the last two decades and how digitalization of procurement is bringing about substantial changes in procurement operations. He also mentioned how GeM has evolved over last 7 years and is helping procurement professionals but many problems in case of GeM are a cause of concern.

In the first technical session Shri Ratan Singh, Sr. Advocate and International Arbitrator, explained changes in Arbitration Law, Key features of Law of damages particularly compensatory damages and LD. He clarified that as per the latest changes in law, officers of the same deptt. can’t not act as arbitrators.

Shri Kanwalpreet, Director Public Procurement Division, Deptt. Of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance in the second technical session presented various changes in Procurement policy and their impact on procurement. He particularly made a mention of new circular issued on 19th May 2023 regarding MSME and MII provisions and efforts to synthesize two issues.

Dr. Suresh Kr Sharma, Former National President mentioned about CRIMM and research activities of CRIMM.

Shri H K Sharma, National president, IIMM and Former Additional DG [Supply] Commerce Ministry in his speech set the base for the seminar by highlighting the changing face of procurement and salient impacts created by GeM, latest policy initiatives by Govt. and use of technologies like AI, Data Analytics and block chain and sustainability.

Shri Sanjay Shukla, Chairman IIMM Delhi branch welcomed the guests and delegates the gathering. Shri Srideb Nanda, Seminar Coordinator hosted the program very nicely and mentioned useful insights related to the theme of seminar.
The speaker of the third technical session was Shri Bhaskar Narang, former Principle, ED of Railway board. He discussed in detail the key feature of changes in MSME Classification, reservations of products & services for SMEs, preference for Make in India, treatment of traders for purchase preferences etc.

The fourth technical session was on Transparency and Vigilance issues in digital procurement scenario. Shri Shailendra Singh, Chief Technical Examiner from CVC mentioned about challenges for vigilance authorities and mentioned about how tendering process could be affected by illegal and undesirable activities at the backend by service providers. Many questions regarding mark up on GeM in manpower supply contracts and the concern for minimum wages for labour made the session very lively.

The fifth and final technical session was Emerging best practices in procurement. Shri H K Sharma explained how best practices are leading to unlocking of excellence in procurement.

Shri Sanjeev Kumar Bhatia, Hony. Treasurer, IIMM Delhi branch and Vice President Indraprastha Gas Ltd summed up the activities of the day and proposed a vote of thanks. The seminar was well attended by 150 delegates and feedback from participants showed very high appreciation for the seminar and need for more interactions on these topics by way of more seminars.

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MISSION

- To promote professional excellence in Materials Management towards National Prosperity through sustainable development.

OBJECTIVE

- To secure a wider recognition of and promote the importance of efficient materials management in commercial and industrial undertakings.
- To safe guard and elevate the professional status of individuals engaged in materials management faculty.
- To constantly impart advanced professional knowledge and thus improve the skill of the person engaged in the materials management function.
- Propagate and promote among the members strict adherence to IIMM code and ethics.

CODE OF ETHICS

- To consider first the total interest of one’s organisation in all transactions without impairing the dignity and responsibility of one’s office:
- To buy without prejudice, seeking to obtain the maximum ultimate value for each rupee of expenditure.
- To subscribe and work for honesty and truth in buying and selling; to denounce all forms and manifestations of commercial bribery and to eschew anti-social practices.
- To accord a prompt and courteous reception so far as conditions will permit, to all who call up on legitimate business mission.
- To respect one’s obligations and those of one’s organisation consistent with good business practices.