

BRANCH NEWS

ALWAR BRANCH

Indian Institute of Materials Management Alwar branch celebrated its Materials Management day on 24/4/2024 at Hotel Moti Dungri Palace Alwar. About 30 Members and the representative from various Industries attended the program. Team from Eicher Engine's and Metso India made the presentation on the Theme. Artificial intelligence. - New Era in Supply chain Management. "Mr. Lalit Raj Meena National President was the chief guest and Mr. Govind Garg president Matsya Udhog Sangh and Mr. Ashok Gupta Chairman Institution of Engineers were the Guest of honour." Mr. Pradeep Sharma Chairman of the Branch welcomed the dignitaries and Vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Jagmohan Soni



BANGALORE BRANCH

23rd March 2024 – Free online Webinar/ Lecture Program : IIMM Bangalore Branch organized a Free online Webinar on **"SUPPLIER RELATIONSHIP MANAGEMENT"** on 23rd March 2024. Speaker **Mr. Vishnu Sabhahit**, Certified Procurement Professional with a career spanning over 30 years in automotive and service industry. About 50 participants including Members from Various Sectors/ Organisations attended the Program.

4th April 2024 – Induction session for CSCM 28th Batch (Online) : IIMM Bangalore Branch organized an Induction session for Short Term Certificate in Supply Chain Management Course (**CSCM**) (**Online**) on **04th April 2024** (Thursday). Mr. G. Balasubramanian, Senior Faculty conducted session for the CSCM 28th Batch students.

15th to 19th April 2024- In-house Training Program : Indian Institute of Materials Management, (IIMM) Bangalore Branch has conducted Five days In-house Training program on **"SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT"** at Hindalco, Mumbai. 21 SCM Executives attended the Training Program. The Interactive Training Session has received very good feedback.

13th April 2024 – MM DAY Award Competition: Quiz Competition : As a part of Materials Management Day celebrations 2024, IIMM Bangalore Branch had organised a Quiz competition on 13th April 2024 at IIMM Office Premises. About 32 Participants (16 Teams) from various organisations and Institutions Participated in the Competition.

Quiz Topic: Supply Chain Management, Imports & Exports and General Management

Competition Winners: Conducted for Management Institutions: Students :

1st Prize won by Bhanu Sutha & Pavan Bharadwaj, from (PES University)

2nd Prize won by Dayamaya. K & Mithul Kiruthik, from (RV College of Engineering)

SCM Professionals :

1st Prize: Mr. Vignesh. M & Mr. Kannan. S (Titan Company Ltd),

2nd Prize : Mr. Mohan Raj. M & Mr. Aditya Mathur (Titan company Ltd)

Organisers & Juries: Mr. Sham Sundar. A.V, Mr. Achyutha Rao. M.R, Mr. Subash. C.S, Mr. Karunakar Shettar, Mr. Viswanathan and Mr. Akash Kumar Gupta.

15th April 2024 SCM & Logistics Essay Competition

IIMM Bangalore Branch had organised SCM & Logistics Essay competition on 15th April 2024 about 16 Participants from Various Institutions & Organisations Participated in the Competition.

Topic: 1. "Artificial Intelligence- New Era in Supply chain Management"

Essay Competition Winners :

1st Prize: Mr. John A Gonsalvez (KIOCL Ltd),

2nd Prize: Dr. Sengottuvelu. C (Acharya Bangalore B School)

Juries: Mr. Shama Sundar. A.V, Mr. Achyutha Rao. M.R and Mr. Viswanathan

The Prizes for all the above competitions have been given to the winners on the occasion of MM Day Celebration on 20th April 2024 (Saturday) at Hotel Paraag, Bangalore.

19th April 2024 Customs Air Cargo, Bangalore International Airport Visit : IIMM Bangalore Branch had organised Customs Air Cargo visit on 19th April 2024 about 22 Participants (CSCM Students, Various Organizations including Faculties and EC Team has visited to understand Practically Customs Import and Export Activities.

20th April 2024 – MM DAY CELEBRATION- 2024 : Materials Management Day was celebrated in the evening on 20th April 2024 (Saturday) at Hotel Paraag, Bangalore. Theme was "Artificial Intelligence- New Era in Supply chain Management". Chief Guest was Mr. Sumit Kumar, Director, Supply Chain Analytics, Deloitte, Bangalore, and Keynote Speaker was Dr. Vamshi Krishna Reddy, Additional Commissioner of Customs, Bangalore International Airport, Mr. Upendra Vadaga, Associate Director- Consulting, Deloitte, Bangalore and Mr. Sanjay Kakkar, Deputy Commissioner, Customs Commissionerate, Bangalore International Airport, Mr. Subash. C.S, EC Member was MC presented about MM Day and briefed about IIMM activities. Mr. Shama Sundar. A.V, Branch Chairman welcomed the gathering.

Dr. Vamshi Krishna Reddy, Mr. Upendra Vadaga and Mr. Sanjay Kakkar Keynote Speakers addressed the gathering and gave a presentation on the theme "Artificial Intelligence- New Era in Supply Chain Management". They shared inspirational thoughts/ knowledge and gave very informative presentations on the theme.

Quiz Competition -Institution the 1st Prize was awarded

to Mr. Bhanu Sutha & Pavan Bharadwaj. A.R, team from PES University, Bangalore and 2nd Prize was awarded to Mr. Dayamaya. K & Mithul Kiruthik. M, team from RV College of Engineering, Bangalore.

Quiz Competition -SCM/ MM Professionals: 1st Prize awarded to Mr. Vignesh. M & Mr. Kannan. S, and 2nd Prize awarded to Mr. Mohan Raj. M & Mr. Aditya Mathur, teams from Titan Company.

Essay Competition Award: 1st Prize Awarded to Mr. John A Gonsalvez from KIOCL Ltd, and 2nd Prize Awarded to Dr. Sengottuvelu from Acharya Bangalore B School.

IIMM Bangalore Branch felicitated to rank holders from CSCM 24th and 26th Batches and presented prizes and rank certificates.

Chief Guest Mr. Sumit Kumar addressed gathering on Artificial Intelligence and gave an excellent presentation and shared his practical experience on the relevant topics that were more useful to the SCM/MM Professionals participants of MM Day celebrations.

Mr. Kapanipathi. B.G, Hon. Secretary administered Oath of IIMM, Mr. M.R. Achyuth Rao, Branch Vice Chairman proposed formal vote of thanks. About 100 Participants including members, students, and MM/SCM professionals presented in MM Day celebrations.



A Group Photo MM Day Celebration



A group Photo of Customs Air Cargo Visit on 19th April 2024



A Group Photo with Organization participants for Quiz Competition



A group photo with Students participated for Quiz Competition



A view of Training Participants at Hindalco, Mumbai



Address by Chief Guest, Mr. Sumit Kumar, Director-Supply Chain Analytics, Deloitte



Address by Guest of Honour Mr. Sanjay Kakkar, Deputy Commissioner, Customs Commissionerate, BIAL



Honouring to Dr. Vamshi Krishna Reddy



Honouring to Mr. Sanjay Kakkar



Honouring to Mr. Sumit Kumar



Honouring to Mr. Upendra Vadaga,



Inaugural Keynote address by Dr. Vamshi Krishna Reddy, Additional Commissioner, Customs, BIAL



Keynote address by Mr. Upendra Vadaga, Associate Director- Consulting, Deloitte



Welcome Address by Mr. Shama Sundar. A.V, Branch Chairman

KOLKATA BRANCH

IIMM Calcutta Branch organized a 2-day Industry connect workshop on “Effective Materials Management” for one of the esteemed TATA group companies - TMILL on 1st & 2nd March 2024 at Kalinga Naga which was attended by 40 participants.

Mr Anand Dubey senior leader of TMILL welcomed the IIMM Experts & shared the opening remarks which was followed the Lighting of Lamp to inaugurate the workshop.



Experts included Sanjay Gupta, Hony Secretary, Indian Institute of Material Management – Calcutta Branch and Former Head of Supply Chain – PepsiCo, Project Management Consultant & Business Strategist, Faculty at Indian Institute of Materials Management: Mr. Sudipto Basu, Former Regional Head of Materials Hindalco, Bluestar, Sterling & Wilson and Chairman-MDP & Consultancy Services and Faculty at Indian Institute of Materials Management

The workshop emphasized that Effective Materials Management is the backbone of an industry which contributes not only for smooth & seamless operations but also adds value to its bottom line. This immersive two-day workshop was tailored specifically for professionals working in materials management field or to its related functions. Through a combination of specialized content, hands-on exercises, case studies, and role-play, participants will enhance their concept and strategies within the context of procurement, Vendor management, Inventory Management and supply chain optimization

Some of the core topics were 1. Responsibilities of the Materials Manager 2. Cohesion and collaboration between materials management department with other departments 3. Mitigation of risks as faced by the Materials Manager 4. Procurement vs purchasing 5. Purchasing impact on profitability 6. Building a reputation for fair and ethical functioning & SRM (Supplier Relationship Management) 7. Chai peh Charcha - Exchange of thoughts & discussion on days learning

The USP of the 2 day connect was “Enriching & Enhancing knowledge base through exchange of thoughts, ideas & sharing of best practices”. The Experts created a Stimulating & thought-provoking session which led it getting converted to a very interactive session wherein participants shared their real time experience & deliberated on best possible resolutions at different scenarios & situations. There was an Interactive knowledge sharing session through Q&A which they mentioned as a “Out of Box” thinking to keep participants engaged, motivated & energised. The other much talked about was the **Jugal Bandi** (Synchronization) in delivery across the sessions which caught everyone’s attention across the sessions. The workshop concluded with their ask to conduct more such engaging session where they are able to relate.

Mr. Lalit Raj Meena, the National President along with Mr. P M Bidappa, Vice President, Dr. S K Sharma, co-chairman of Board of Studies, Mr. Lal Bhai Patel and Mr. Malay Chandan Majumdar, past presidents visited Kolkata to attend a meeting of the Board of Governors of CRIMM on 13th March at Techno India University. Mr. Koushik Roy, Chairman, IIMM, Kolkata branch invited the dignitaries of NHQ for a meeting with the Executive Council of Kolkata branch on 12th March.



The meeting followed by dinner was organized at Hotel Senator. The chairman welcomed the guests by handing over bouquets and mementos as a gesture of goodwill. The National President, in his address, while highlighting the performance of Kolkata branch paid rich tributes to the senior faculty, EC members and staff of the branch. He mentioned that NHQ is constantly thriving to impart quality education in the field of materials management by changing the course curriculum and upgrading the study material. He appealed to the members to carry out a special membership drive in the month of April to avail special discount being offered by NHQ.



Branch chairman, Mr. Koushik Roy informed the dignitaries about the various activities of Kolkata branch, such as arranging MDP, seminars, consultancy apart core function of academics. He informed that 29 students have been inducted this year in PGDMM/PGDSCM&L programme. The other dignitaries from NHQ also addressed the EC members and hoped that the branch would continue to do the good work under the able leadership of present chairman. The meeting was concluded with vote thanks delivered by Mr. Kaushik Mukherjee, Vice-chairman of Kolkata branch.



Celebration of MM Day by IIMM, Kolkata : Materials Management Day was celebrated with lot of fanfare at the institute hall on 23rd April. The institute also organized a valediction programme for the diploma students, on this occasion. Mr. Prasun Ganguly, Chairman, Membership Committee organized the programme with the help of the staff of IIMM. Mr. Koushik Roy, Branch Chairman welcomed all the members and students present and underlined the importance of MM Day. The meeting was chaired by senior faculty of the institute, Mr. D N Chakraborty. He highlighted the history of IIMM, Kolkata and formation

of IIMM at national level. The keynote speaker on the occasion was Prof P P Sengupta who envisioned the linkage of artificial intelligence and supply chain management in about ten years. Mr. Jayanta Biswas made an informative power point presentation to the audience to pitch in the aspects of ease and quickness in decision making process and warehouse management with the help of AI, now recognized as a powerful tool by the supply chain professionals.



The MM Day celebration was followed by awarding certificates to the meritorious students of Diploma in Purchase, Stores and Supply Chain Management. Mr.

Debasis Mallick, Chairman, Education Committee, congratulated the students on becoming alumnae of this prestigious institute and appealed to them to pursue PGDMM, the flagship programme of IIMM.

PUNE BRANCH

FAREWELL TO MR. VITTHAL AYYER – EXECUTIVE OFFICE SECRETARY, PUNE BRANCH.

At a function held on 23rd March 2024 at the branch office, Mr. Terrence Fernandes, NC, Pune, initiated the event by warmly welcoming all branch members, Past Chairmen, Executive committee members & guests in attendance, to bid farewell to Mr. Vitthal Ayyer, who retires from his service to the branch on 31st March 2024.

He began by shedding light on the remarkable journey of Mr. Vitthal Ayyer, which commenced in August 1980 under the Chairmanship of Mr. D P Lawale. It is worth noting that during that period, the IIMM branch operated without a physical office, and Mr. Ayyer diligently managed tasks from the Chairman's residence and his own house. Despite the challenges, he displayed exceptional dedication & compassion to his role.



Vittal Exe. off. Secretary & Terrence Fernandes, National Councilor IIMM)



(Suhas Gawas, Chairman Felicitating Mr. A M Vittal)

Throughout the speech, Mr. Fernandes emphasized Mr. Ayyer's meticulous work ethics and commitment to excellence. A gentleman of integrity, courteous & helping nature that appealed to one & all, he served the branch for an impressive 43 years,

he worked under approximately 35 Chairmen, all of whom never questioned his integrity or work quality. Mr. Fernandes commended Mr. Ayer's perfectionism, equating his memory to that of a supercomputer.

Mr. Ayer always worked with zeal & discipline ensuring the branch was the first branch amongst other branches pan India, to complete & get the annual financial accounts audited by the Auditing agency appointed by the National headquarters, Mr. Ayer was instrumental in maintaining this record for many years gone by.

Mr. Fernandes also expressed gratitude to Mr. Ayer's younger brother for his unwavering support to the branch during various programs and seminars.

In conclusion, on behalf of all present Chairmen, Executive committee members, Past Chairmen, and all the members of the Pune Branch, Mr. Fernandes thanked Mr. Ayer for his invaluable contributions to the Pune Branch and wished him a happy, healthy, and spiritually fulfilling life in the years to come.

Interactive Knowledge Dissemination Session 23rd March 2024 : IIMM Pune branch organized a knowledge sharing session on 23rd March 2024. The speaker was Mr. Sachin Malpani Founder of Bakelite Food Processing Pvt. Ltd, Pune.

Sachin Malpani, shared with our members, his entrepreneurial journey from humble beginnings. Despite his family's success in business, Sachin's path was marked by many challenges at a very early stage when he entered into baking business. He started his bakery business from a family run Temple.

Struggling through eight unsuccessful jobs, predominantly in sales, Sachin recognized his weakness in recovering payments, which often led to business failures. Despite these setbacks, he completed his B.Com degree from Pune's SP College, admitting to being an average student balancing work and studies.

After his various job experiences, Sachin decided to focus on establishing himself in a stable profession, influenced by his relatives' success. With a childhood passion for cooking, he ventured into the bakery business, starting with cookies and cream rolls, Sachin received support from friends to sustain the business during slow sales periods. It took him four years to scale up production from 1 kg to 20 kg, gradually expanding his product line.

Today, Sachin's brand, Bakelite, is a household name in Pune, catering primarily to tea vendors and office-goers. While cream rolls remain their flagship product, they have diversified their offerings, selling nationally and internationally. He shared the many challenges he faced in Supply Chain as he had to manage deliveries early morning to tea stalls who were his initial customers. Today he has a fleet of 40 vehicles and his products reach across Pune city.



(Left to Right – Prasad Rao, Vice Chairman, Arjunsingh Rajput, Hon Secretary, Sachin Malpani, MD, Bakelite Food Processing Pvt Ltd)



During the COVID-19 pandemic, Sachin's business continued with 200 workers, operating early due to being in the food industry. He adapted by selling directly to housing societies and diversifying into salted snacks. Achieving a sales target of 50 crores in 2024, Sachin aims to double this in the next two years, expanding his distribution network to include platforms like Amazon, Zomato, and Blinkit. This was the first vegetarian bakery product to be introduced in Pune to cater to a limited customer group in Pune City. Even though the cost of this product was a bit higher than other products in the market he could still become the number one manufacturer of cream rolls in Pune.

This is indeed a story that needs to be heard. This is a story of an ordinary boy creating a brand that is known not only within Pune city but even in other cities. We wish Sachin all the very best.

TRIVANDRUM BRANCH

MM DAY CELEBRATIONS 2024 : The Materials Management Day Celebrations 2024 was conducted by IIMM Trivandrum Chapter on 16.04.2024 at Hotel Prasanth, Trivandrum at 6.30 PM. The Chief Guest for the function was Sri.T.A.Roby, VP-South, IIMM and Special Invitee was Sri.P.V.Paulson, Chairman, IIMM, Kochi Branch.

The function started with a silent prayer. Branch Chairman, Dr.Koshy M George welcomed the Chief Guest, Special Invitee and all members gathered for the function. Chairman introduced the Chief Guest and

Special Invitee to the members with a brief history of their working knowledge and experience in Materials Management area and honoured them with “Ponnada” (adorning of shawl).

Chairman requested Shri.Roby for the MM Day presentation on the topic of Artificial Intelligence – “AI - Supply Chain Business and Life”.

Sri.Roby delivered a very interesting and informative presentation on the topic with slide shows, short videos and interacting with the members, clarifying their doubts and concerns about this modern technology. The speech highlighted the importance of adopting AI in the Materials and Supply Chain business for better control, effective management, huge reduction in production overheads, substantial increase in production output and thereby resulting in a good profit to the industry.

The presentation concluded at 8.30 PM followed by dinner to the participants. Vote of thanks was given by Hon.Secretary, Sri.MG Narayanan Nair.



Honouring Sri.P.V.Paulson by Branch Officials.



Dr.Koshy M George presenting Membership kit to new Life Member Dr.Viswanathan Pillai.



Dr.Koshy M George, Branch Chairman delivering the Presidential cum Welcome Address.



Sri.T.A.Roby, VP (South), giving presentation on the MM Day Topic.



Honouring Sri.T.A.Roby by Branch Officials.