
BRANCH NEWS

MUMBAI BRANCH

DISHA - ANNUAL SIGNATURE EVENT 27TH & 28TH NOVEMBER 2024 AT HOTEL WESTIN, MUMBAI

Seventeenth edition of Disha - annual signature event of IIMM, Mumbai was held on 27th & 28th November 2024 at Hotel Westin, Mumbai, with theme being 'Supply chain Transformation -Vikas-Sheel to Viksit Bharat' and the subthemes as **'TECHNOLOGY', 'ESG Practices', 'Beyond Resilience', Talent management 'and 'Public sector reforms.'**

The event started with the beats of Dhols. A large troupe of Dholis, comprising mainly of women, perfected their beats to produce rhythmic crescendo in fully packed Westin Hall, to commemorate the beginning of the 50th anniversary year of IIMM and to signal perfect high energy start to Disha24.

The Inaugural session started with National anthem 'Jana Gana Mana" followed by lighting of lamp at the hands of Key note speaker Mr Vijay Kasi, Partner Kearney, IIMM National President Lalit Raj Meena, Past IIMM National President Bala Iyer, IIMM 1st Vice President P.M. Biddapa, Past IIMM Sr VP J S Prakash Rao IIMM, Disha 24 Convener Satish Palekar, Mumbai Chairman Swapnil Dubey and Past IIMM Mumbai chairmen M H Varma, N D Sadri, Ganesh Apte, Surendra Deodhar, Ashok Mhatre.

Satish Palekar, Disha convener & past Mumbai Branch Chairman made the opening speech and set the context by focussing on Disha 24 theme and emphasised on challenges, priorities for supply chain towards 'Viksit Bharat', like adopting micro mandate, being future ready.

In his address, **IIMM Mumbai Branch Chairman, Mr Swapnil Dubey** spoke about IIMM and presented Mumbai branch activities and its plans. He urged participants to become IIMM member and join in its activities, stressing on its human & humane values.

Quoting **Swami Vivekananda, Mr Bala Iyer** in his short address outlined journey towards Viksit Bharat, through major milestones @2030, 2047 and 2060.

National President, Mr L R Meena then describing IIMM as a big family, shared about its family values, its various educational courses, international connect and about various events planned this year across India, to mark IIMM golden Jubilee. Citing logistics cost as an example, Mr Meena highlighted the responsibility shouldered by supply chain community & IIMM towards Viksit Bharat. He also took the opportunity to honour Mr Satish Palekar, Mr N.D. Sadri and Swapnil Dubey

with President's medal.

Fellow IIMM member, **Mr. Karthik Santhanam** was felicitated by National President & Bala Iyer for moving up the ladder to CEO position in corporate world which was followed with his short address to the gathering.

As **keynote speaker, Mr Vijay Kasi, Partner, Kearney India** shared powerful presentation 'REWIRE supply chains to win in the new world' highlighting challenges & viable solutions, in aligning with fast changing customer needs in the world under poly crisis. Using Global COO's insights and few compelling examples like 'speeds' in Pit stops of formula 4 racing, fashion garment leader Shein from China and quick commerce industry, he propounded the concept of 'supply chain rewire'. Refocus on business objective to redesigning of operating model to reimagining of technology. This concluded the Inaugural session with a Vote of Thanks by IIMM Mumbai Hon. Treasurer Arun Mehta.

At the start of technical sessions, **Sushant Roy** conducted pulse survey on participants expectations on Disha24. **Technical Sessions on Day 1 - 27/11/24**

Sitaram Kandi, Chief Human Resource Officer, Tata Motors while sharing his experiences captivated the entire audience throughout his talk on 'Motivating Energetic Teams – Handling Gen Z at workplace'. Some of his key insights while highlighting Gen X to Gen Z relations, were importance of family dinner table, 'job is part of life and not life', and emergence of reverse mentoring. He also shared on challenges faced while inducting women workers on tata motors assembly line and how they have overcome it to a stage where some of premium Tata car assembly lines are fully managed by women.

Ashwani Narang, Vice President & Business Head - Intelligent Spend and Business Network of SAP India & South Asia presented on 'Technology to support SCM'. As per him, focus on recent technology & AI, cost savings lead by ESG Talent management are some of the thrust areas, and with suppliers are expected to do most part of administrative work.

Next **Satish Palekar** succinctly expounded on entire spectrum of energy transition scenario, within India as well as globally, describing many push & pull levers for transition. Using nicely designed slides, Mr Palekar explained all aspects of energy transition like power capacities of various sustainable power generation types, inadequacies of energy storage systems, future on capacities as well as recent technologies to bridge the gap.

Post lunch **Mr HR Dash, General Manager - Major projects,**

BPCL spoke on 'Contract Management: Issues and Challenges' at Pre-Award Contract stage and Post Contract Award Stage. Effective conceptualisation, effective planning, proper documentation, adherence to Quality, HSE standards, allowing no cost overruns were some of the success factors highlighted through his well-structured presentation.

Biju Mathews, Chief Supply Chain Officer - Chemicals, Fashion Yarn & Insulators Business of Aditya Birla group then shared on SCM Challenges in the Chemical business. Using well-structured PPTs, Mr Mathews highlighted SCM challenges in transport industry like complexity in transportation and how it amplifies global disruptions in supply chain and, potential solutions like continuous risk analysis near shoring or off shoring, global multi modal transport.

Panel discussion on 'Procurement in a Globalized World' was led by **Mr Bala Iyer** with panellists - **Mr. Sathia Raj CPO, Sr. President, Ultratech Cement Ltd, Ms. Seema Mohanty Global Supplier Manager Bayer India, Mr. Sandeep Karkare, Head Direct Materials Procurement & Licence, Engineering Contracts RIL and Mr. Rupchand Lohana, Head Offshore Analytics group, Central Digital SCM, L&T Energy Hydrocarbon and Offshore.** Some of the issues discussed were technical procurement vs under license procurement, IPR rights, procurement of project material, standardisation and supplier collaboration and digital solutions like collaborative platforms.

High tea with snacks followed technical sessions. This was specifically arranged to facilitate networking opportunity to participants and speakers.



Technical Sessions on Day 2 - 28/11/24

Day 2 began with 'Awakening' corporate kirtan, by **Mr Sameer Limaye, Motivational speaker**, staunch follower of Ramdas Swami. Drawing upon shlokas from Das Bodh and his previous corporate experience, Mr Limaye enthralled the audience into full belief of 3 key words, Shavan, Manan, Satatya for self-growth. One of the shlokas, rhymes with IIMM ethos,' **Swayam sikh-kar sikhave, vahi Shresth pad pave. Lok jo ulzakar rah jave, Unhe Vivek bal se Sulzaye.**

Followed by **Mr. R. Veeraraghavan, Head Strategic Sourcing, FES,M&M Ltd** spoke on 'Strategic Sourcing: Beyond Resilience' to share on how resilience is being built at Mahindra's supply chain .Through simple but well-structured presentation, Mr Veeraraghavan shared some of major initiatives towards supplier risk assessment , risk management and its mitigation, on all parameters of operations like Fire, safety, Finance etc over and above global disruptions, through structured

reporting mechanism like BRSR, EPR, QCO (quality control order), ESG, DSA etc.

Next was **Mr. R L Bharadwaj, Head of Procurement Research Centre**, Arun Jaitley National Institute of Financial Management on Public Procurement Reforms. He gave very crisp and self-explanatory presentations on reforms in procurement systems, especially Gem portal.

Ms. Abanti Sankaranarayanan, Chief Public Affairs Officer and Member of the Group Executive Board of M & M Ltd presented on **Building sustainability & ESG with vendor**, highlighting various initiatives under implementation / monitoring at Mahindra's for addressing all issues like greenhouse gases, water scarcity, pollution, land mis use, waste disposal, reduction in resource / material use in addition to use of more & more sustainable energy towards plant positive.

Bridging the Talent Gap was next session by **Dr Sanjay Deshmukh, former vice chancellor, adjunct professor at Mumbai University**. The Presentation based on his research was highly informative and could be useful for skill gap analysis. Dr Deshmukh has graciously agreed to share his research report with IIMM and the delegates attending Disha 2024.

Next up, **Mr Jaykumar, Executive, Indian Foundation for Quality Management**, gave a thought-provoking presentation on 'Getting India Inc. Quality standards to Global Benchmark'. He showed that India's export share has remained fairly stable at lowly 1-1.6%. For 'make in India' to take off India incorp has to not only elevate quality standards, but also to market it, like what Japan, Germany etc did with their JUSE, ASQ, or EFQM. IFQM has been founded by industry leaders like Tata Sons, TVS Motor Company, Sun Pharma, Biocon etc. to fill up that role.

Mr. Harsh Mallya, Senior Vice President P&C, RIL enlightened on **Procurement of Services and associated Challenges**. Some of growth challenges to service industry, as per him are infrastructure, cyber security, Technology, and shortfall of skilled manpower.

Concluding session on **Global logistics** was by **Mr Pavithran M Kallada, Director of BDP logistics**, when he expounded on various challenges to shipping logistics industry, like constant unpredictability due to shipping capacity fluctuations and possible solutions like 'Friends shoring' or creating collaborations across board.

During the event, Disha 2024 Souvenir was unveiled which has 8 articles from immensely knowledgeable authors and practitioners. Also, IIMM Mumbai Chairman launched the Research survey on 'Future Competencies in Supply Chain' which will enable professionals and companies to know the future trends in skill development and also, create learning opportunities for practitioners.

Such megaevent calls for astute anchoring. **Surendra Deodhar** did it brilliantly in his inimitable and eloquent style engaging the audience as well as introducing the

speakers.

Finally, there were two lucky draws with prizes galore. First Lucky draw was for the delegates who visited exhibition booths, with lucky delegates from each Booth winning cash prizes. Second lucky draw was open to all registered participants with five lucky participants getting cash awards. Quiz competitions based on the event sessions was conducted by **Mr Sushant Roy** on day two to keep participants engaged and event lively. Winner and next two Runners up were given cash awards.

The event concluded after formal vote of thanks by Hon. Treasurer, **Mr. Arun Mehta**.

This event, which was extremely well received by about 260 participants, was made possible by tireless efforts of Mumbai team for weeks before & during the event, shaped under guidance, leadership & motivation provided by Disha 24 Convenor Satish Palekar, Past National President Bala Iyer, and Branch Chairman Swapnil Dubey.

IIMM NHQ MUMBAI

The Indian Institute of Materials Management (IIMM) recently organized a successful two-day residential program for Bharat Heavy Electrical Ltd. (BHEL) on December 11th and 12th, 2024, at the IIMM National Headquarters (NHQ) in Belapur, Navi Mumbai.



The program was led by Mr. S. K Sharma and Dr. Jayanta Chakraborty. "The program consisted of a diverse group of management staff from BHEL, who actively participated in the event. The training program focused on 'Optimising Cost Estimation in Thermal Power Plant

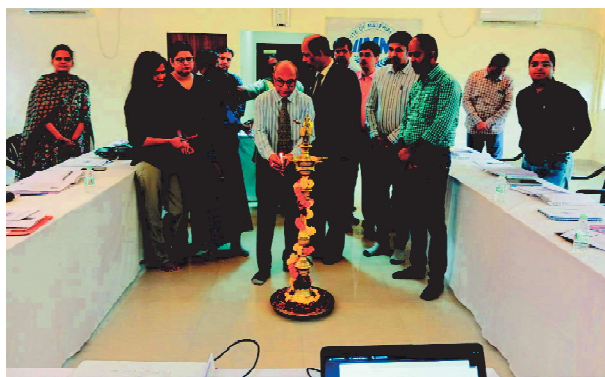
Projects", aiming to provide valuable insights and strategies for effective cost estimation in thermal power plant projects. "The program incorporated a range of interactive activities, including case studies and role-plays, to make the learning experience engaging and effective. A test was conducted at the end of the program, which all participants passed successfully. "Overall, the program was highly effective in achieving its objectives, with participants gaining valuable knowledge and skills that can be applied in their professional roles.



CHANDIGARH BRANCH

IIMM Chandigarh branch organised a one day seminar and Awards ceremony on the occasion of 39th Annual day celebration of Branch on 29 th November 2024 at Hotel Radisson Zirakpur near Chandigarh. Theme of the seminar was Digital Supply Chain Transformation. Mr Rajesh Gupta welcome the guests and delegates. Mr S K Sharma Former National President emphasised the importance of Supply Chain Management which is the backbone of Indian Economy. Mr G.k. Agnihotri Vice president North shared progress of Northern branches. Mr O.P. Longia Former National President introduced IIMM

to participants. Almost 70 Delegates participated from Industry from Haryana, Punjab and Chandigarh. Theme of the program is Digital Supply Chain Transformation. Papers were presented by Luminous, Godrej, SML Isuzu, K India, Neuman group of industries, Bharat Electronics limited, Nahar paper and board Ltd and motivation lecture by Ex IAS Vivek Atrey. The program was presided over by Sardar Kultar Singh Sandwan Hon Speaker legislative assembly of Punjab. He appreciated the activities of IIMM Chandigarh branch. On this occasion, Mr Rakesh Bhalla CFO SML Isuzu Chandigarh was conferred with Distinguish Supply Chain Management and outstanding CFO award. Ms Aashria Jain of Nahar paper and board Ltd Ludhiana was honoured with Outstanding CEO of the year MSME category and Neuman group of industries Faridabad and K India were given Awards in Innovative and Creative category.



CHH.SAMBHAJINAGAR (AURANGABAD) NEWS

IIMM Aurangabad has conducted Program on Indian Electrical And Electronic Manufacturer Association (IEEMA) has organized grand Preview of ELECRAMA 2025 at Chh. Sambhajinagar on 29th November 2024. The event had taken place at Hotel Hyatt Place.

The Key Guests were Mr. G. Sreekanth. IAS, Commissioner, Municipal Corporation & CEO, Smart City Corporation Ltd, Chh. Sambhajinagar, and Mr. Rahul Gupta, IAS, Joint Managing Director, Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Co. Ltd., Chh. Sambhajinagar. Mr.Sanjay Sanghai, National Council Member of IIMM as well as President- Group Sourcing, Endurance Technologies Ltd was the guest of Honor. Mr.Sanjay Sanghai in his speech said that it is good that IEEMA has selected Chh.Sambhajinagar for Preview of ELECRAMA. This shows that the city has huge potential. He further said that ELECRAMA is a platform to connect the world with Indian industry in respect of technology, new trends and innovation for future energy transition. It will showcase quality electrical and allied industries products for international buyers with compliance to international standards and environmental aspects. IIMM teams from various branches across India will be visiting the ELECRAMA.

Mr.Sushant Patare, Chairman of Indian Institute of Materials Management (IIMM), Chh.Sambhajinagar said that IIMM is supporting ELECRAMA 2025 and has urged all the life members, Industrial associations and Executives working in SCM to visit ELECRAMA. He further said that ELECRAMA is the flagship showcase of the Indian Electrical Industry ecosystem and the largest standalone show in the electrical and allied equipment industry and also the largest T&D show in the world. It is a gateway to the world of electricity. ELECRAMA will be held at India Expo Mart, Greater Noida, Delhi NCR from 22nd to 26th February 2024.

Indian Institute of Materials Management (IIMM), Chh.Sambhajinagar has organized an One day Training program on SAP MM at IIMM Excellence Training Centre as on 22nd Dec 2024.

Mr.Vaibhav Chaudhari, Senior Associate Consultant SAP MM & PP at INFOSYS was the Key Trainer. The Topics covered during Training were : Introduction to SAP, Various aspects of MM which includes Material Master, Vendor Creation, Purchase requisition, PO creation, PO Amendment, Storage locations, Good Receipt (MIGO), Transfer Posting, Goods Issue, Transfer Posting, Sub-Contracting management, Stock transfer order and T-Codes used in MM Module.

The Co Trainers were Mr.Datta Khodse, Asst Manager- Purchase at Marathwada Auto Compo Pvt Ltd and Mr.Bappa Golhar, Manager- Logistics at Marathwada Auto Compo Pvt Ltd.

The participants were provided with Training Material and SCM-Pro E-Magazine on Theme : The Science of Supply- Advancements in Modern Materials

Management, A Study by Mr.Sushant Patare, Chairman of IIMM CSN Branch.

Mr.K.Srihari (Past Chairman), Mr.Paras Mutha (Secretary) and Dr.Narendra Joshi (NC-Member) felicitated the Trainer and the Co-Trainers. Mr.Shrikant Muley, Mr.Ramesh Jaulkar, Mr.Lalit Lohade, Mr.Ameya Kolte took efforts to make the Training successful. Mr.Sushant Patare, Chairman distributed certificate to the Participants. The full day class room training was attended by 35 participants.



Group Photo with Faculty Participants of SAP MM Training on 22nd Dec. 2024



Mr.K. Srihari Past Chairman offer Memento to Faculty Mr. Vaibhav Chaudhary



Mr.Paras Mutha -Secretary of Branch offer Memento to Co-faculty Mr.Datta Khodse

BANGALORE BRANCH

26.10.2024 – Monthly Lecture Program / Free Webinar: The IMM Bangalore Branch had organized a monthly lecture program/free webinar on “**Supply Chain Analytics: Effective Supply Chain Management through Data-Driven Decision**” on 26th October 2024 (Saturday) at 7.00 pm on MS. Teams Meet. Speaker was **Mr. Kamalendu Sith, General Manager—Process Excellence and Digital Transformation, Gokaldas Exports Ltd.** Well attended by members and received good feedback from the participants.

08.11.2024 – Monthly Lecture Program / Free Webinar : IIMM Bangalore Branch has organized a monthly lecture program/free webinar on “Sustainable Materials Management” by Mr. Girija Shankar Mahapatra, Microprism Technologies LLP (Managing Partner), on 8th November 2024 (Friday) from 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM on MS Teams. Well attended by the participants and received very good feedback.

22.11.2024 – One-day workshop : IIMM Bangalore Branch had organized a one-day workshop on “**Negotiation Skills**” on 22nd November 2024 at Paraag Hotel, Raj Bhavan Road, Bangalore. Mr. A.V. Shama Sundar, Branch Chairman, welcomed speakers and delegates. Mr. S.M. Nagaraj, Senior Consultant, addressed the participants about IIMM Activities. Sessions Speakers: Mr. Rajendran P.K. and Mr. G. Balasubramanian. About 31 participants, including members from various sectors and organizations, attended the workshop. The interactive workshop has received very good feedback.

23.11.2024 – CXO Meet : IIMM Bangalore Branch had organized a CXO Meet on 23rd November 2024 (Saturday) on MS Team Meet at 4.00 pm.

Participated by leaders from various industry verticals and SCM/MM professionals. Mr. A.V. Shama Sundar, Branch Chairman, welcomed the gathering. Mr. Balasubramanian, course coordinator, presented about IIMM & SCALE journey. The moderator was Mr. Sunil Bhardwaj, Partner, Impact Easer Consulting. Panellist: Ms. Asha Sampath, brand expert and independent director in various corporates, Dr. Shalini Mathur, lead merchandising at Silver Spark Apparel Ltd. (A Raymond Lifestyle Initiative) and a sustainability expert, Mr. Sampath Raghavan, Head of Exim & Logistics, Silver Spark Apparel Ltd. (A Raymond Lifestyle Initiative) and a sustainability expert, Mr. Debo Jyothi Dey, Vice President, Dept. of Research, Multi Commodity Exchange of India Ltd.

Mr. Channamallikarjun B. Patil, Director of AI Policies and Strategy, Neurons AI. Discussed and highlighted on “Sustainable, Resilient, Innovative, and Inclusive Supply Chain and Logistics”, Mr. M.R. Achyuth Rao, Vice

Chairman, proposed a vote of thanks.

06.12.2024 - SCALE - 2024: A great success of appreciation was achieved by the IIMM Bangalore Branch for conducting a one-day mega event, SCALE 2024 (24th Edition), on 6th December 2024 at The Capitol Hotel, Bangalore. The event got praises and accolades for its organizing, hospitality, choice of theme, and host of speakers who unequivocally endorsed the possibility of the theme “**Sustainable, Resilient, Innovation and Inclusive Supply Chain and Logistics.**” The event is a benchmark for expressing IIMM expertise in the field of Supply Chain Management but also proves a huge platform for sharing knowledge on the best and latest in the professional field across the globe. The delegates derived maximum input through various high-powered “**Sustainable, Resilient, Innovation, and Inclusive Supply Chain and Logistics**” technical and power panel sessions, which are extremely useful for their day-to-day professional field, implementing professional development.

Mr. Lalit Raj Meena, National President, addressed the gathering about the activities of IIMM.

Dr. Vamshi Krishna, IRS, Additional Commissioner of Customs, was the chief guest for the inaugural function of the SCALE 2024 program. **Mr. Sampath Raghavan, Head-Exim and Logistics, Ramond Lifestyle Ltd.,** delivered the keynote address on this occasion. **Mr. A.V. Shama Sundar, Branch Chairman,** welcomed the gathering. **Mr. Paul George, National Council Member,** spoke about the SCALE and Theme.

On this inaugural session, the short-term certification course on “SCM Analytics” was launched by **Mr. Rajendra Desai, Director, SJIM,** and the course brochure was released by **Dr. Vamshi Krishna, IRS, and Mr. Lalith Raj Meena, NP, IIMM,** accompanied by Mr. P.M. Biddappa, Sr. VP., Mr. Roby T.A., VP South, Mr. Bala Ayer, Past National President, Mr. A.V. Shama Sundar, Branch Chairman, Mr. M.R. Achyuth Rao, Branch Vice Chairman, Mr. Sampath Raghavan, Key Note Speaker, Mr. G. Balasubramanian, Course Co-Ordinator, Mr. Kamalendu, Faculty, Paul George, NC. Member, and Mr. T.R. Parasuraman, Theme Key Speaker. A video on SCM Analytics presented/played by Mr. Rajendra Desai.

Technical Sessions Speakers were **Mr. T.R. Parasuraman, Chairman, KSDC, and Senior Executive Advisor, Toyota Industries Engg,** who spoke on the challenge and way forward in supply chain management. **Mr. Channamallikarjun B. Patil, Director of AI Policies and Strategy, Neurons, on Innovation and Technology Enablement in SCM; Mr. Rajendra Desai, Director of Training and Consulting, SJIM; and Dr. E. Ravi Shankar, Chief Growth Officer, AGX (I) Logistics Pvt. Ltd.,** spoke on **SCM Analytics.** **Dr. M.A. Narasimha Murthy, Senior Director, Quality Management and Global Head of**

Software Quality Management, Infineon Technologies, on SCM Focus: Legal Eye or Eagle Eye.

Post-lunch sessions at SCALE 2024: Session handled by **Mr. Ramanathan Subramanian** on benefit realization management. **Mr. P.J. Raghavendra Hande, Managing Director, Janani Water Technologies Pvt. Ltd.**, gave the presentation on the pre-treatment plant (tube settler, clarifier, and pure water plant—application equipment). On this occasion, the SCALE 2024 souvenir has been released by **Mr. P.M. Biddappa, Sr. Vice President; Mr. Roby T.A., V.P. South; Mr. A.V. Shama Sundar, Branch Chairman;** and **Mr. Harsha K.C., Advisor SCALE 2024,** accompanied by organizers Mr. Akash Gupta, EC Member; Dr. G.S. Raju, EC Member; Mr. C.S. Subash, EC Member; Mr. Paul George, N.C. Member; Mr. Karunakara, EC Member; Mr. D. Lakshmaiah, EC Member; and Mr. S.M. Nagaraj, Senior Consultant, IIMM.

Program followed by Power panel session on theme **“Sustainable, Resilient, Innovation and Inclusive Supply Chain and Logistics.”** Opening remarks and addressed by Mr. Bala Iyer, moderator of the Power Panel Session. Panelists were Dr. Adithya Gupta, COO, IIM-Bangalore, and Mr. Sampath Raghavan, Head, Exim and Logistics, Raymond Lifestyle Limited. Mr. Panish Javagal, Former Associate Vice President—Enterprise IT, HGS—Hinduja Global Solutions, and Mrs. Asha Sampath, Founder—Brand Horizon and Independent Director on Multiple Boards.

Participants had an opportunity to interact directly with panel speakers and the moderator. Events were well appreciated by the participants. The entire program was very well organized by the EC and SCALE 2024 team, with the leadership of **Mr. A.V. Shama Sundar, Branch Chairman.**

Mr. Paul George, N.C. Member, IIMM, was Master of Ceremony and well-coordinated by Mr. G. Balasubramanian, Course Co-Ordinator, and Ms. C.S. Subash, Executive Committee Member. **Mr. M.R. Achyuth Rao, Vice Chairman,** proposed a vote of thanks.

The event concluded and received excellent feedback from the participants.

18th and 19th December 2024: In-house Training Program:

IIMM Bangalore Branch had organized an in-house training program on **“Negotiation Skills”** for the executives of Pricol Limited, on 18th and 19th December 2024 at their venue. **Mr. Rajendran** and **G. Balasubramanian,** senior faculty, handled the sessions. Around 35 participants attended the program. We received excellent feedback from the participants.

20.12.2024: Monthly Lecture Program: The IMM Bangalore Branch had organized a monthly lecture program/free webinar on **“Warehousing—Practical**

Issues Faced in the KPI’s for Branded Commodities” by **Dr. E. Ravi Shankar, Chief Growth Officer, AGX (I) Logistics Pvt. Ltd.,** on 20th December 2024 at 6:30 pm on MS. Teams Meet. Well attended by members and received good feedback from the participants.

