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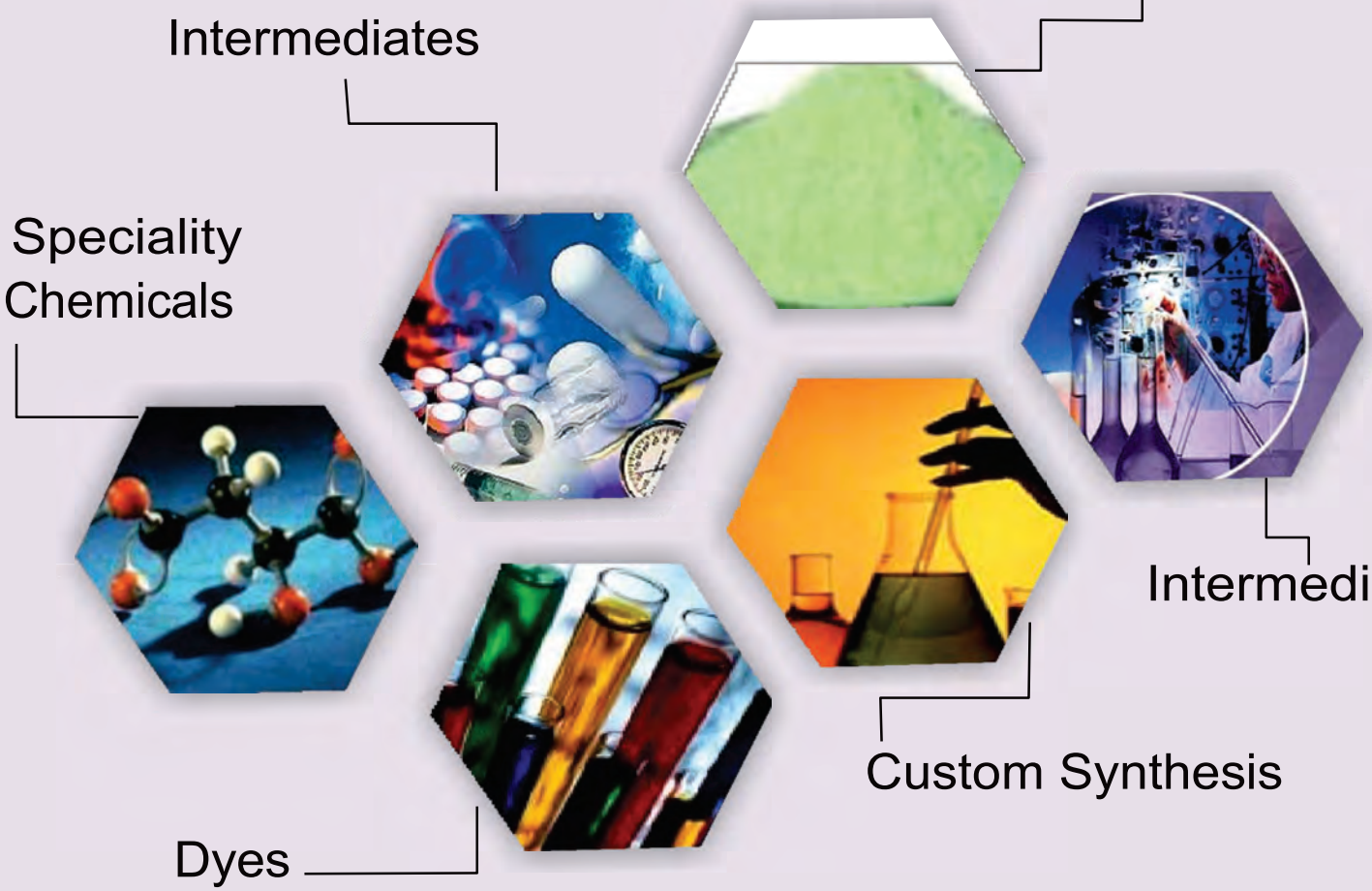
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Editorial

Dear Readers,

The year 2025 is an eventful year for our association (DPMAI) coinciding with the yearlong events to celebrate its 75 years in service to the Colorants industry and a record number of successful representations to concerned ministries concerning the problems faced by the industry, with suggestions for their resolution.

As announced by the Prime Minister during Independence Day celebration speech and also subsequent confirmation, the government will implement several measures such as next generation GST reforms to simplify their compliance which will result in significant benefits to common man, MSMEs and new entrepreneurs. GST rates will move to two slab structure of 5% and 18% with only a few select luxury goods at 40%. With 5% GST on many products used by common man; the household consumption is expected to witness a big jump as the cost of living will come down substantially. This will give a boost to overall domestic consumption (including textiles) and there by stimulating demand for colorants.

Indian manufacturing activity rose to 16 month high and GST collection increased by 11% in July. The trend continued in August as well with 17.5% rise in manufacturing activity. India's GDP surged to 7.8% in April – June quarter exceeding the earlier estimates. However, a big matter of concern is the US imposition of 50% tariff on India's exports (including textiles) effective 27th August. This as well as continued political turmoil in many countries will adversely impact the colourants industry at least in the short term. Our government is hopeful that US will reconsider and remove these high tariffs. The Indian industries, as exhorted by the Prime minister, are also expected to rise to the occasion and counter the challenges posed by the high tariffs by responding appropriately.

A positive aspect also is that India continues to be in the centre of limelight with many countries and overseas large corporates coming forward with substantial investment proposals. India has also concluded trade agreements with many countries that will sustain growth rate of exports including textiles. During Tokyo summit on 29th August India received commitments to invest $68 billion over the next decade in industries such as defence, artificial intelligence (AI), SMEs and star ups.

We look forward to seeing you all in large numbers at the forthcoming AGM of DPMAI.

Ram Ajekar
Honorary Editor

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At the outset, I extend my hearty greetings to all of you and your family members in the festival season ahead.

The global economy continues to be tumultuous and in turmoil in the recent past in the wake of tariff war. The imports to USA from our country would attract a phenomenal rise of 25% coupled with an unprecedented penalty of an additional 25% on account of oil imports from Russia. Exports from our country like textiles & apparels, leather, engineering goods, chemicals, gem & jewelry etc. would be affected very seriously, in comparison with other Asian peers like Bangladesh, Thailand, Pakistan etc.

The continuing Ukraine war since the last 3 years or so and the recent war between Israel and Palestine had further added fuel to this gloomy situation. No doubt, our colorant industry would also face the repercussion. As trade talks between India and USA are on, it is hoped that the situation would improve for better in the nearest future. The colorant industry has immense trust in the leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modiji and the entire Government that they would take appropriate steps to help the industry in overcoming this challenge.

Mr.Piyush Goyal, Hon'ble Minister of Commerce & Industry had personally invited us to discuss the impact of the tariff imposed by USA and the way forward for the chemical industry.

In the above context, when the entire global economic situation is uncertain and unpredictable, it is all the more imperative for the industry to explore other untapped global markets in the developing countries and elsewhere for retaining our hold.

It is a matter of pride that our Association has now entered the 75th Years Celebration, the inaugural function of which was very successfully conducted on 11th April 2025. Shri Nitin Gadkari, Hon'ble Minister of Road Transport and Highways, Govt of India, was the Chief Guest during the Inaugural session. Shri Kanubhai Desai, Hon'ble Finance Minister, Govt. of Gujarat was the Guest of Honour. Padma Bhushan Shri Rajjubhai Shroff, Chairman & Managing Director, UPL Ltd and Shri Sunil Lalbhai, Chairman & Managing Director, Atul Ltd were the special invitees. A large contingent of our members and others graced the occasion.

As part of the celebration, a visit to NCL, Pune for our members was also organized. A two days conference 'Conference on Textiles : Business and Environment Sustainability - Challenges for the Colorant Industry' is also being organized on 11-12 September 2025 at Tirupur, details of which are already forwarded to all our members. I appeal to you all to participate in large numbers in this conference considering its relevance and importance in the present context.

The ChromaTexChem Exhibition 2025 is being organised by our Association on 19-20 November 2025 at Bombay Exhibition Centre, Mumbai.

The objective of exhibition is to address the needs of the Colorants industry as a business platform bringing together related stake holders, buyers and sellers from India and abroad with focused emphasis on textiles. We hereby request our members to take advantage of same by acquiring the stall.

From the industry front, I must mention that we had made a few representations to the concerned authorities on various burning issues in the recent past. To cite a few, issues like submission of our inputs on various FTAs, India-USA Bilateral Trade Agreement- Non Tariff Barriers (NTB), exemption of imports against Advance authorization from registration under QCO etc were taken up. I am indeed very glad to state that at our instance, extension of exemption under QCO on H.Acid and Vinyl Sulphone was notified recently by the order under Notification dated 30th July 2025 in the Gazette of India by extending the validity of the order to be made effective from 13th May 2026.

At our insistence the QCO on Aniline, Acetic Acid and Methanol has been withdrawn. We are also pleased to inform that due to our efforts, Gazette Notification dated 28th August 2025 has been issued by the Ministry of Commerce & Industry extending the time limit for export obligation under advance licence from the current 6 months to 18 months. We are very much thankful to the Department of Chemicals & Petrochemicals as well as the Department of Commerce for the same.

From the large number of applications received for DPMAI Awards for 2024-2025, I am pleased to note that despite global depleted market sentiments and dearth of demands, many of our units have done exceedingly well. I congratulate all the winners from the Industry and academia toppers.

I also extend my sincere gratitude to the senior officials of our parent Ministry of DCPC and other Govt. agencies, who always seek our inputs before formulating the policy matters, indicating our excellent goodwill and reputation over the years.

Before I conclude, I once again extend my greetings to all of you and am sure the present difficult phase would be overcome in the nearest future for better days ahead.

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75 Years Celebration of DPMAI held on 11th April 2025 at Hotel Taj Lands End, Mumbai

The 75 Years Celebration of The Dyes & Pigments Manufacturers Association of India (DPMAI) (formerly The Dyestuffs Manufacturers Association of India (DMAI)) was conducted on 11th April 2025 at Hotel Taj Lands End, Bandra, Mumbai. More than 250 delegates from the Industry, Invitees, Press & Media, attended the function. Shri Nitin Gadkari, Hon'ble Minister of Road Transport and Highways, Govt of India, was the Chief Guest during the Inaugural session. Shri Kanubhai Desai, Hon'ble Finance Minister, Govt. of Gujarat was the Guest of Honour. Padma Bhushan Shri Rajjubhai Shroff, Chairman & Managing Director, UPL Ltd and Shri Sunil Lalbhai, Chairman & Managing Director, Atul Ltd were the special invitees.

INAUGURAL SESSION

The congratulatory message received from Ms. Nivedita Shukla Verma, Secretary, DCPC extending her best wishes for the celebrations was read out at the beginning of the session. Video clips of Mr Shi Xianping, President, China Dyestuff Industry Association, Dr. James Chen, President, Taiwan Dyestuffs Industry Association and Mr.Rajiv Sharma, CEO Archorma India Pvt.Ltd extending their best wishes were also shown on the screen

Dignitaries on the dais were honoured with flower bouquets and mementos before commencement of the proceedings.





Mr.Janak Mehta, Chairman, 75 years Celebration Committee & President, DPMAI, in his address, welcomed the distinguished audience for the Celebration. He stated that DPMAI started the long journey of DMAI in 1950, which has traversed through the period to reach this glorious milestone. It has grown from a handful of manufacturers into a body of international repute, representing the colorant industry from all across the country and sectors i.e. from SME to MNCs. During this long period, the industry had faced a number of hardships and challenges like inadequate technology, scarcity of raw materials, extremely high taxes, non-tariff barriers, environmental concerns, issues related to compliances etc., which were largely overcome with the active role of the Association and supported by the concerned authorities. Members were advised of govt. policies, local and international market scenarios and technological upgradations from time to time, which helped them to overcome these short comings, Mr.Mehta added. He also thanked DCPC for their positive role played in resolving the industry problems amicably with a win-win situation

On the industry front, Mr.Janak Mehta declared that presently, Indian Colorant Industry commands nearly 17% of the global market. We have also envisaged to capture this global share by increasing to 30% by 2047 leading into the 2nd largest manufacturers of colorants. Innovation in finding newer molecules, advancements in machinery, atom economy, circular chemistry, various compliances as well as safeguarding the environment form the nucleus for growth. He was happy that Shri Nitin Gadkari, the Chief Guest for the day was instrumental in development of infrastructure of roadways in the country to a very great extent, which has provided smooth transportation facilities in the country.

Mr.Mehta also referred to the biennial International Convention on Colorants Series, which started way back in 2005 jointly with ICT, Mumbai and supported by DCPC, which was considered to be a forum of the industry and academia in upgradation of the working and dissemination of knowledge in process intensification, environmental compliance, safer production methods etc., with presentation by many reputed and renowned speakers from both India and abroad. COC has now become an event of international standard.

Mr. Mehta further stated that the Indian colorant industry is now a force to reckon with in the global arena. Appreciating the global presence of the colorant industry mostly confined to the South Asian countries, Mr.Mehta referred to the formation of Asia Dyestuff Industry Federation in 2018, wherein he was elected as the 1st Chairman for a tenure of the next five years. He also mentioned about ChromaTexChem Expo, a unique exhibition of colorants and chemicals for textiles and related applications, being organized in collaboration with Colour Publications since 2019.

Mr Mehta appealed to the Chief Guest to extend his good offices in promoting the growth of the industry and tackling the various issues confronting the colorants, including environmental matter with the concerned ministries. This will undoubtedly accelerate the growth of the industry unabated. He also thanked Mr.Kanubhai Desai for all the support and assistance extended to our industry in Gujarat, where it has grown heaps and bounds.

In conclusion, Mr.Mehta was sanguine that the industry would be able to achieve the set goals with the active support of the Govt. to its pressing needs for finding solution. He also extended his good wishes for the industry on its forward march for scaling new heights in the coming days.

To commemorate the 75 Years Celebration of our Association, a newly revised Members Directory was thereafter released at the hands of the dignitaries on the dais. Past residents of the Association were also felicitated with flower offerings and mementos.



A short informative and illustrative film show depicting the glorious voyage of DPMAI ever since its inception was screened thereafter to the audience, which was very much appreciated by them.



In his address that follows, Shri Sunil Lalbhai thanked DPMAI for inviting him for the function.

He complimented the Gujarat Govt. which stands tall in renewal energy by turning to solar energy. While referring to antecedents of the colorant industry, he stated that the industry had to depend upon import in the earlier stages. He was happy that now the industry had undergone much transformation and established itself as one of the leading ones in the chemical sector catering to exports to more than 90 countries. Out of the global production, Shri Lalbhai by quoting a few data, stated that India's share in the chemical industry is about 3% of US$ 6.5 trillion. He complimented the positive and healthy mindset of the entrepreneurs to compete in the international markets. He also thanked the Govt. initiatives in supporting the industry with large investment in infrastructure and forward looking initiatives in tax regime with GST implementation.



Out of the world chemical production, whereas, China's contribution is US$25 Billion, India's share works about 3% i.e. about US$ 148 Million. In the colorant industry, however, India has a leading share of 17% of the global turnover as against 30% of China's share. In this context, Shri Lalbhai mentioned about the immense opportunity for its growth. According to him, cheaper raw material and availability of intermediates in China constitutes an edge over India's production cost. In this scenario, he stressed the need for strengthening of R&D for technical upgradation. The Govt. can also extend some financial support like providing technology upgradation fund. He concluded by complimenting DPMAI for serving the industry throughout the last 75 years and playing its leading role by establishing a link between the Govt. and industry and ended highlighting three Is

viz. invention, innovation and improvement in the day to day operation, which will amplify the growth of the industry to great extent in future.



Shri Rajjubhai Shroff, in his brief address, complimented DPMAI, which has grown from strength to strength encompassing large business houses to SMEs. He also stated that DPMAI, being the sole representative of the colorant industry in the country, has succeeded in tackling many tricky and difficult issues, in particular, in rationalisation of the effluent norms to reasonable level from the studies and NEERI & Central Salt Research Institute about discharge of effluents. Shri Shroff also thanked the Govt. authorities, who had supported the industry from the clutches of license and permit raj and providing infrastructure facilities through representation and constant follow up. He was sanguine that the industry will be able to grab 30% of the world market sooner than 2047. Since India has high talent and expertise among the populace with great skills, he was confident that we would be able to produce goods of superior quality at competitive cost. He concluded that the colorant industry has a bright future to excel.



Guest of Honour Shri Kanubhai Desai, in his address, complimented DPMAI for the 75 Years Celebration. Due to enhanced infrastructure facilities by both the Central and State Govts, the logistic cost has come down drastically. The recent initiatives in improvement in the water ways transport, the cost could be further reduced in future, he added. Shri Desai also stated that the Gujarat Govt. has invested much in green and renewal energy through 31 schemes. CETPs located at various centres in Gujarat has also improved the environment from pollution. He also complemented the CSR initiatives of many industrial units, which have also generated many employment avenues in the state. In conclusion, Shri Desai thanked DPMAI and expressed his best wishes for the Colorant industry for its continued onward journey over the coming days.



A video clip was thereafter shown to introduce the Chief Guest Shri Nitin Gadkari depicting his various activities and accomplishments to the audience, which was lustily cheered in appreciation.

In his scintillating and powerful address, Shri Gadkari thanked DPMAI for having invited him to the function as the Chief Guest at the instance of Shri Rajjubhai, although he is not connected with the Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers. He complemented DPMAI for having reached the milestone of 75 years of its glorious presence and wished all success ahead. He further stated that India is one of the fastest growing economies of the world with US$5 trillion by 2047 and poised for the 3rd largest economy. He also emphasised the role of the industry sector in increasing the exports and reducing imports towards nation building.

Shri Gadkari, citing the recent global turmoil indirectly on tariff wars, stated that it should open up an opportunity for the Indian industry, as it has proved to be a blessing in disguise. He spelt out that large investments should create newer opportunity for job, thereby eradicating poverty. Out of the country's population, nearly 65% are agriculture based contributing nearly 14% of GDP, whereas manufacturing sector shares about 22 to 24% and service sector contributes nearly 54%. While emphasising the paramount need for research and development, which results in invention and enterprising knowledge sharing, he stated that technology infuses more innovations resulting into creation of wealth out of waste. Shri Gadkari cited the example of recycling of water in his own

constituency of Nagpur, which has not only added saving on account of water cost, but also value addition.



Shri Gadkari complimented the high talent available in our country – be it in the field of engineering, software or medicine, where India's youth is one of the best in the world. It also produces quality products of world standard. Shri Gadkari further mentioned that his Ministry is now focused to reduce the existing logistic cost, which is 8% in China and 12% in US and UK from 14-16% to 7-8%. Reduction in logistic cost will help the industry in saving the overall production cost considerably. He expressed his optimism that the colorant industry, which is presently at the 2nd spot would become number one in the global market no sooner than later realising our beloved Prime Minister's Atma Nirbhar Abhiyan.

By using alternate sources like industrial waste as against bitumen in road transport and highways construction, Shri Gadkari declared that it has not only added to better infrastructure facilities in the country, but also reduced the travel time considerably by quoting a few examples. Fuel of green hydrogen, which was used as a substitute saved a lot of cost for fuel consumption from coal, crude and petrol.

Adoption of hydrogen as a fuel is to be seriously considered while planning for future expansion, Shri Gadkari averred. He mentioned about the 7 projects, including the one with TATA in this regard. This has also found to be very cost effective and pollution free. He stressed about the importance of ecology, ethics and environment in any industrial venture. Diversification also forms an integral part in creation of more jobs and to protect the ecology and environment. He also cited recycling of Ganga waters during his tenure in an earlier Ministry, particularly in Kanpur due to the excessive pollution of waters by leather processing units. He further impressed upon the paramount need for recycling of water through innovative and technological upgradation from research leading from waste to wealth.

While complimenting the colorant industry for its remarkable and envious presence all through the last 7 decades contributing to the national goals like creation of employment, increase of exports etc, Shri Gadkari declared that the colorant industry would undoubtedly become the top leader in the world during the next 4-5 years much before 2047. He concluded his address by extending his good wishes for the industry and the Association.

The Session ended with a vote of thanks proposed by Dr.Shavak Bhumgara, Hon.Secretary, DPMAI and followed by cocktails & Dinner and Entertainment program dished out by Smt. Kavita Deshpande & her team.

The Inaugural Session was preceded by Panel Discussion in four sessions, the theme of which was, 'Indian Colorant Industry Destination – 2047'. The panellists during the Session on topics like 'Strengthening the Intermediates Industry, SWOT Analysis, Indian Colorants Ownership – Branding and Sustainability for global leadership' debated at length, which were efficiently and effectively moderated by experienced and expert leaders from the industry and academia. The Question Answer session that followed each Panel Discussion was very lively and relevant to the industry needs.

Panel Discussion – Theme - 'Indian Colorant Industry Destination – 2047'



Strengthening the Intermediates Industry
Moderator – Mr. Janak Mehta, President, DPMAI, Chairman - 75 year Celebration Committee
Panelists–
Mr. Pankaj Mehta, Aarti Industries Ltd
Mr. Shripad Kher, Amogh Chemicals Pvt. Ltd
Mr. Piyush Maheshwari, Vedant Dyestuffs Intermediates Pvt. Ltd



SWOT Analysis
Moderator – Mr. Rajesh Naik, BASF India Ltd
Panelists –
Mr. Natubhai Patel, Meghmani Dyes & Intermediates LLP
Mr. Ajay Kadakia, Vivil Exports Pvt Ltd



Indian Colorants Ownership - Branding
Moderator – Mr. Anjani Prasad, Archroma India Pvt. Ltd
Panelists–
Mr. Pranav Shah, Micas Organics Ltd.
Mr. Manish Kiri, Kiri Industries Ltd
Mr. Krishnaswamy Srivatsan, Subhasri Pigments Pvt. Ltd.
Mr. Jayant Khera, DyStar India Private Limited,



Sustainability for Global Leadership
Moderator – Prof.(Dr.) V.R. Kanetkar, Ex-Emeritus Fellow (ICT), Mumbai
Panelists–
Mr. Haresh Bhuta, Alps Chemicals Pvt. Ltd
Dr. Dhananjay Deulgoankar, BASF India Ltd
Dr. Pankaj Desai, Colourtex Industries Private Limited
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Annual General Meeting & Awards Presentation Function of the Association
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On Friday, the 19th September 2025

PROGRAM

First Session – Only for DPMAI Members

6.00 P.M.	-	Registration	
6.30 P.M.	-	Welcome Address by President	- Mr. Janak Mehta
6.40 P.M.	-	Confirmation of Proceedings of 74th AGM	- Mr. Janak Mehta
6.50 P.M.	-	Presentation of Annual Report on DPMAI Activities - 2024-2025	- Dr. Shavak Bhumgara
7.00 P.M.	-	Highlights of Financial Report for the year 2024-2025 & Appointment of Auditors for the year 2025-2026	- Mr. Dilip Lakhani
7.10 P.M.	-	Open House	

Second Session – For Members, Guests & Invitees

7.30 P.M.	-	Presidential Address	- Mr. Janak Mehta
7.40 P.M.	-	Awards Presentation By Guest of Honour	- Dr. Shavak Bhumgara
8.10 P.M.	-	Introduction of Guest of Honour	- Mr. Rajen Shah
8.15 P.M.	-	Address by Guest of Honour	- Dr. Ashish Lele, Director, CSIR-National Chemical Laboratory, Pune
8.35 P.M.	-	Vote of thanks	- Mr. Piyush Maheshwari
8.40 P.M. Onwards	-	Cocktails and Dinner	

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Guest of Honour



Dr. Ashish Lele
Director, CSIR- National Chemical Laboratory, Pune

Dr. Ashish Lele completed his B. Chem. Eng. From the Department of Chemical Technology (UDCT), University of Bombay in 1988. He obtained his PhD, in Chemical Engineering, University of Delaware, USA in 1993 and also worked as Research Associate at the University of Cambridge, UK from 2000-2001.

Dr.Lele joined CSIR-National Chemical Laboratory in 1993 and rose to the position of Chief Scientist and Head-Polymer Science & Engineering Division. He also worked as a Senior VP and Head-Advanced Materials and Alternative Energy Group, Reliance Industries Ltd. Presently, he is the Director in CSIR-National Chemical Laboratory, Pune.

Dr.Lele has varied and rich experience in various scientific domains like formation of metastable morphologies during Rapid Expansion of Supercritical Solutions of polymers, rheology of complex fluids, polymer dynamics and polymer processing, advanced materials and alternative energy especially in green hydrogen leading major technology development programs along the verticals through strategic partnerships etc. His current job profile consists of alternative energy systems with particular focus on hydrogen ecosystem, new manufacturing paradigms for chemicals & materials, climate change and circular economy and structure-processing-property-performance relations in polymers and advanced materials.

Dr.Lele has won many awards and accolades such as the G. I. Kane Gold Medal, University of Bombay in 1988, Shanti Swaroop Bhatnagar Award in Engineering Sciences in 2006, Infosys prize in Engineering and Computer Science in 2012, ICT Distinguished Alumnus award in 2013, Eminent Engineer Award of the Eng. Council of India in 2023 and IESA Engineering Excellence Award in 2023.

Dr.Lele is founder / advisor of two start-up companies as well as Director in the Board of 2 companies. He has graduated 17 Ph.D students and published 82 research papers and holds 7 patents.



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3) Excellent Performance in Exports of Dyestuffs

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Second Award for SME Unit - **COLOURS INDIA INC.**
Certificate of Merit for SME unit - **SARAF DYECHEM INDUSTRIES**

4) Excellent Performance in Exports of Dye Intermediates

Certificate of Merit for Large Scale Unit - **ZENITH DYEINTERMEDIATES LTD**

5) Excellent Performance in Exports of Pigments

Award for Large Scale Unit - **SUDARSHAN CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES LTD**

6) Excellent Performance in Exports of Optical Whitening Agents

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First Award for Large Scale Unit - **ARCHROMA INTERNATIONAL (I) PVT.LTD**
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First Award for Large Scale Unit - **ARCHROMA INDIA PVT. LTD_**
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11) Excellent performance in Energy Conservation

Award for Large Scale Unit - **ARCHROMA INTERNATIONAL (I) PVT. LTD_**
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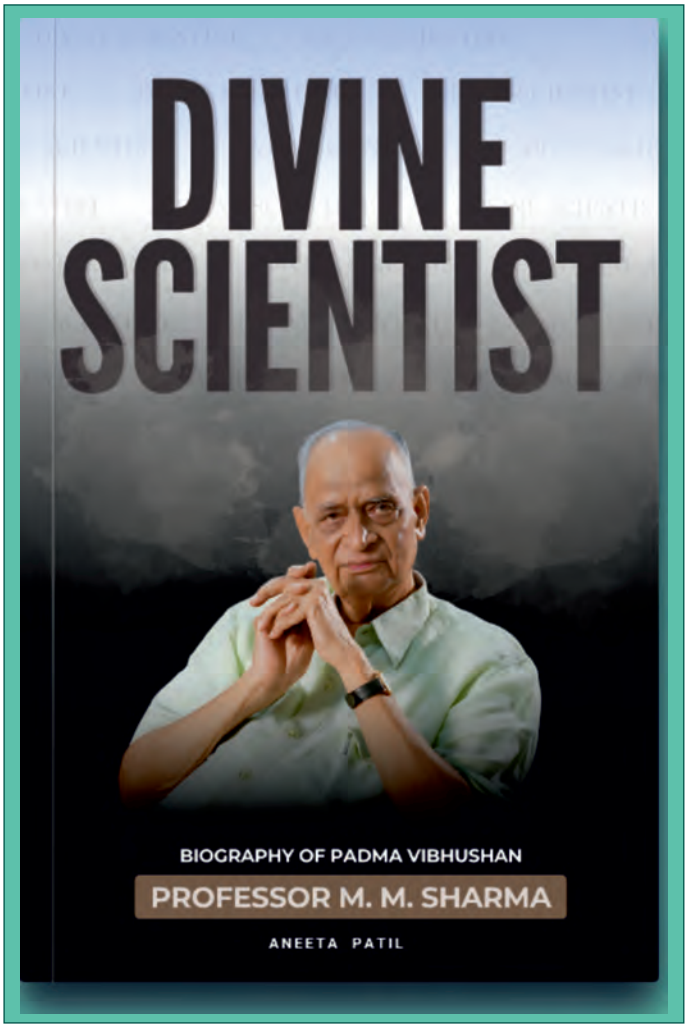
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Biography of Padma Vibhushan Professor Man Mohan Sharma
Author: Aneeta Patil

BOOK REVIEW by: Professor Ganapati D. Yadav, Bhatnagar Fellow & National Science Chair, Emeritus Professor of Eminence and Former Vice Chancellor, Institute of Chemical Technology, Mumbai

I had the privilege of reading this compelling Biography. Aneeta Patil requested me to go through it and provide missing links or corrections if any. As someone who has had the good fortune of knowing Prof. Sharma for over five decades, initially as his student, later as a colleague at UDCT (now ICT Mumbai), and as a close family friend, I found this work to be profoundly moving and inspiring. He has been my mentor, the Maha Guru and philosopher who has influenced my life. I was also fortunate to get to know many of his family members during my Ph.D. days. Every word written in the book raises the curiosity to know more and more about this saintly persona.



The biography is thoughtfully structured into 29 chapters, yet rather than summarizing each, I prefer to highlight its most striking elements. Once you begin reading, it becomes impossible to put down. Whether you are a student, colleague, admirer, or someone unfamiliar with Prof. Sharma, you will inevitably find yourself wishing you had met him or had the honour of being his student or acquaintance; his presence has always been mesmerizing.

The book teaches profound lessons in humility, curiosity, integrity, and quiet confidence. It celebrates a life dedicated wholly to science, education, industry, government policy and national service, free from the lure of power, position, or privilege. He wanted his students to surpass his achievements and never took anybody else's credit although he may be the generator of the idea. What scientists call now as a 'nano' was studied by him in 1969 in his theoretical work with P.A. Ramachandran and was mentioned by the great Chemical Engineering Professor T.K. Sherwood of MIT in 1975! Ramachandran's entire thesis was theoretical.

Author Aneeta Patil deserves great credit for capturing the essence of this extraordinary yet deeply humble man in such lucid prose. Over a year of research, she interviewed numerous individuals including his famous students whose lives were touched by Prof. Sharma, friends, classmates, students, colleagues, and industrialists alike. Three of his most renowned and accomplished students, namely, Dr. R.A. Mashelkar, Prof. J.B. Joshi, and Prof. G.D. Yadav (the author of this review), all elected Fellows of the Indian National Science

Academy (INSA), International Members of the US National Academy of Engineering, Fellows of The World Academy of Sciences (TWAS), and recipients of Padma awards, shared personal and insightful stories about their beloved Guru. Aneeta's work unveils the inner world of a man revered across academia, whose influence continues to span generations.

I was honoured to speak at the book's release on June 6, 2025, before a large and enthusiastic audience. On that occasion, I remarked that Prof. Sharma is like a Jain Muni, detached from worldly ambition, glitter and materialist pleasure. He turned down top positions including Secretary, DST; Chairman, UGC; DG, CSIR; and Director, IIT Kanpur. Instead, he chose to remain a professor at his alma mater, the UDCT, becoming the youngest professor in the University of Mumbai's history and later its longest serving one. I was deeply moved when he specifically acknowledged me in his speech, praising my invaluable efforts to remove the shanties along the footpaths surrounding the ICT campus, even at the great risk of my own life and that of my family. Such is his magnanimity.

You will always wonder, is such a person amongst us as a beacon of knowledge and humility?

His list of accolades is staggering. But what truly defines him is his generosity of spirit. He is a mentor of mentors, a sculptor of minds, a sage counsellor to many in different walks of life and the nation at large. These facets are beautifully brought out in the book.

The foreword, written by Bharat Ratna Prof. C. N. R. Rao, FRS, is a heartfelt tribute to Prof. Sharma's intellect, integrity, and enduring friendship. Despite not always being fully recognized by his own university, where even his election to the Royal Society in London was met with cold indifference, Prof. Sharma never uttered a word of protest. He accepted such moments with equanimity and grace. He was once denied the prestigious Bhatnagar Fellowship by the university, yet he bore it with humility rather than resentment.

His academic lineage, over 1500 Ph.D. scholars, directly and through his students, has created a towering banyan tree of knowledge and innovation. Long before “translational research” became a buzzword, he practised it. His Ph.D. research led to a patent sold to Shell for £1,000 in 1963, a princely sum then. Among those inspired and mentored by him is industrialist Mukesh Ambani, who, at the book release function, announced a historic donation of ₹151 crore with no conditions attached. It was an unparalleled moment in the annals of Guru-Shishya (teacher-student) tradition and made headlines the following day. What a legacy he has created!

Prof. Sharma has forged lifelong friendships across age groups and professions, academicians, scientists, bureaucrats, and industrialists, driven by a shared commitment to national development. The book recounts several such episodes that reveal his vast influence. He has a phenomenal memory and recollects many forgotten instances when he meets old timers.

A devout and disciplined individual, he observes a fast every Tuesday in honour of Lord Ram and visits a Hanuman temple every Saturday as far as possible, no matter where he is. His spiritual discipline is matched by his intellectual brilliance. He is an avid reader of Ram Charit Manas. Often called a “walking-talking encyclopaedia,” his memory and command over data, policy, history, and even old Hindi film songs are legendary. A true Brahmarshi of the modern era.

He has served on elite panels selecting IIT directors, secretaries to the government, CSIR lav directors, Director Generals, and more. The list is long. His mastery of English, although having been educated in Hindi, deep grasp of global chemical markets, and precise articulation have shaped policy at the highest levels. As a member of the Scientific Advisory Committee to the Prime Minister, along with some of the most revered scientists, his ideas helped shape institutions like IITs, IISERs, and AcSIR.

His rapport with the former and the late Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh (when he was the Chairman UGC), his longstanding chairmanship of the Petroleum Ministry's scientific committee, and his role in the Empowered Committee of the MHRD are part of institutional memory. That committee, after a decade of selfless service, voluntarily disbanded, an act of rare ethical leadership. Some of the most visionary decisions for university and college research raised the level of research in India.

As Chairman of the IIT Council, he championed doctoral research and institutional excellence. The number of PG and Ph.D. students in major IITs swelled to more than 50%. He was the Chairman of the BOG of IIT Madras, where his visionary ideas helped them to propel in leaps and bounds. His vision for institutional autonomy, especially for his karmabhoomi UDCT, and other universities, left a lasting mark on technical education in India. His influence spans CSIR's industrial linkages, chemical and pharma sectors, and even the functioning of the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers.

At every step, his late wife Sudha remained his quiet strength. Her affectionate nickname for him, Gyaan Pipaasu, a thirster of knowledge, perfectly captured his insatiable intellectual curiosity. Their children and grandchildren spoke movingly at the book release, underlining how deeply family and values are embedded in his life.

The book is rich with anecdotes and reflections that underscore his generosity, brilliance, and humility. He fondly recalls his mentors, Dr. G. P. Kane, Prof. P. V. Danckwerts of Cambridge, and Prof. G. M. Nabar, acknowledging their lasting impact on his life.

The biography quickly became a bestseller. On his 88th birthday (June 4), followed by the felicitation in Mumbai on June 6, countless admirers attended in person or online. His autograph on the sold copies was a hallmark, and those who met him and received his blessing were the happiest. His relatives, too, were moved to rediscover their connection to such a towering figure, at once a Dnyan Yogi and Karma Yogi.

This book is a collector's item and deserves a place in every personal and institutional library. Sundaram Digital Publication House has done an outstanding job, with plans to release Hindi and Gujarati translations soon. Given Prof. Sharma's multilingual abilities and close ties with families from Maharashtra and Gujarat, these editions are sure to resonate deeply.

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Glimpses of the activities of DPMAI during 2024-2025

Submitted suggestions / representations on various issues concerning our industry to DCPC and other Ministries/Agencies on different dates :

- Inputs submitted to the Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change on 16th November 2024 regarding proposed norms for Treatment and Reuse of Wastewater by the Industry"; Chapter IV evaluation for successful implementation and adoption.

- Representation made to the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change on 26th November 2024 regarding General Standards for Discharge of Environmental Pollutants published by the Ministry.
- Representation made to the Joint Secretary, DCPC on 11th January 2025 BIS Standards mandatory in respect of Chemicals viz. H-Acid, Vinyl Sulphone and K Acid

- Representation made to Secretary, DCPC on 21-1-2025 regarding extension of Export Obligation period in case of imports Under QCOs exemption against Advance Authorisations

- Representation made to DCPC on 11th February 2025 for Extension of Export Obligation period in case of imports Under QCOs exemption against Advance Authorisations from 90 days to 180 days.

- Representation made to DCPC on 18th March 2025 regarding India-US Bilateral Trade agreement-Inputs on PSRs

- Inputs submitted to DCPC on 8-8-2025 regarding India-ASEAN, India-Chile PSR negotiations and IN–AUS CECA Meeting on PSR Mandates.

- Submitted range of subjects to strengthen the chemical industry to Shri .Piyush Goyal. Hon'ble Minister of Commerce & Industry, GOI on 18th August 2025

- We are pleased to inform you that extension of exemption under QCO on H.Acid and Vinyl Sulphone and notifying the order under Notification dated 30th July 2025 in the Gazette of India extending the validity of the order to be made effective from 13th May 2026 was accorded due to our persistent efforts and regular follow up.

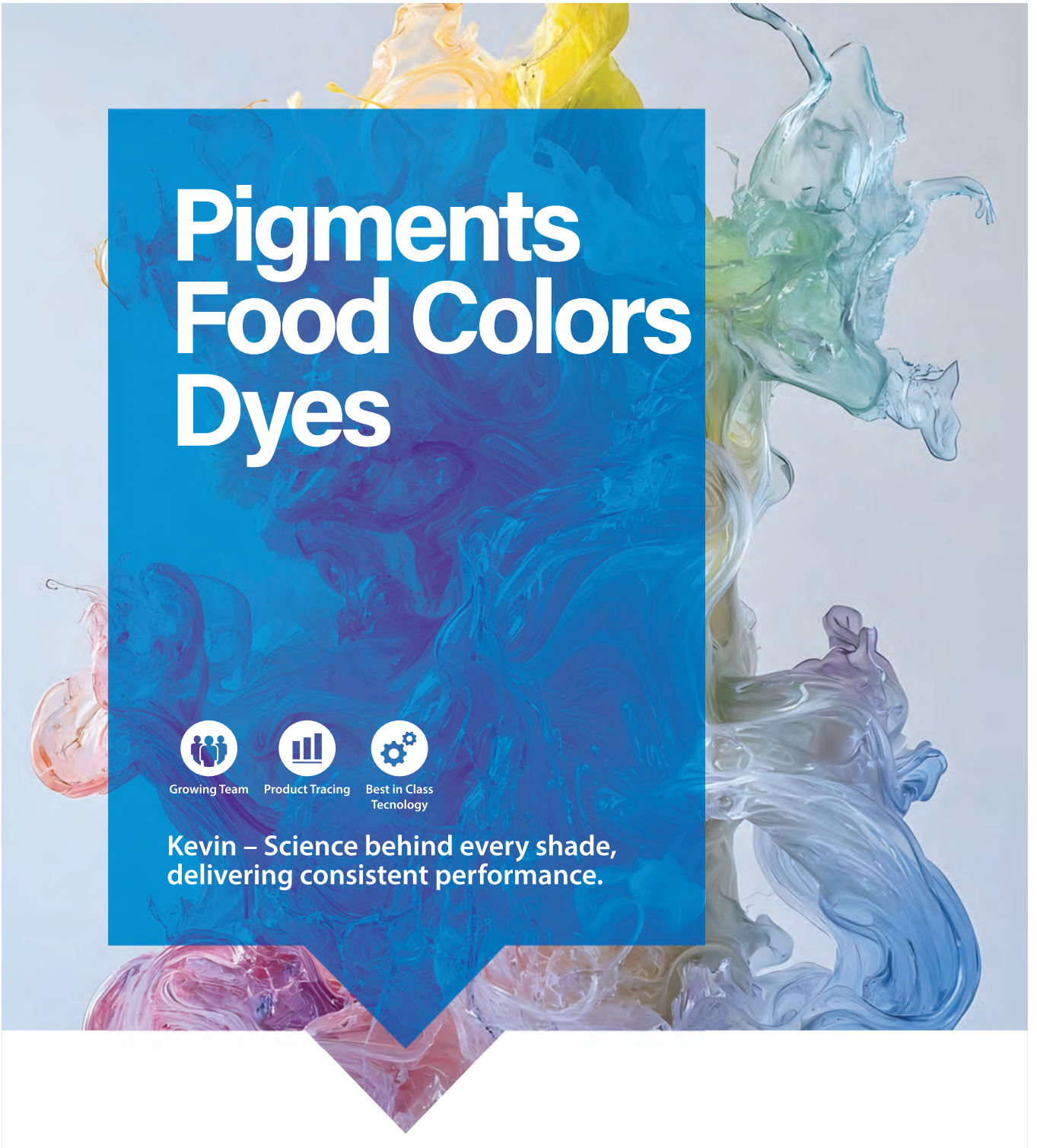
- We are very happy to inform you that due our relentless efforts, a Notification No,28/2025-26 dated 28th August 2025 has been issued by the Ministry of Commerce & Industry in the Gazette of India notifying the order of extending the time limit for export obligation under advance licence from the current 6 months to the 18 months.

Participated in Roundtable Conference on Dyes and Pigments on 18th October 2024, ChromaTexChem Expo on 21-22 October 2024.

Conducted 74th Annual General Meeting and Awards Presentation function on 27th September 2024 in Mumbai, International Convention on Colorants -2025 on 6-7 March 2025 at The Club, Mumbai, 75 Years Celebration of the Association on 11th April 2025 at Taj Landa, Mumbai, Half Yearly Meeting of our members at Morocco on 1-9 May 2025, visit to NCL for our members on 2nd July 2025 at Pune

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- Submitted inputs to DCPC on 7th April 2025 regarding inputs for additional 84 Tariff lines received from DOC on India-USA BTA
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- Representation submitted to DCPC on 24th April 2025 regarding BIS Standards mandatory in respect of Chemicals viz. H-Acid, Vinyl Sulphone and K Acid

- Submitted issues regarding Enforcement of BIS/QCO, it's adverse impact on Raw Material MPD and DEMAP (4-Dimethylaminopyridine) to DCPC on 7th June 2025
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- Representation sent to DCPC on 3rd July 2025 regarding not to include H Acid, K Acid and Vinyl Sulphone under QCO

- Inputs submitted on Environmental Issues to DCPC on 7th July 2025

- Submitted comments to DCPC on 7th July 2025 regarding India-EU Product Specific Rules under DCPC, on 15th July 2025 regarding India-Korea CEPA upgrade negotiations

- Submitted inputs regarding enforcement of QCO (Quality Control Order) on Sodium Nitrite to DCPC on 28th July 2025

- Submitted Request for Inputs on Rules of Origin for India-New Zealand FTA Negotiations to DCPC on 29th July 2025
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- DPMAI submitted inputs to DCPC on 8-8-2025 regarding India-ASEAN, India-Chile PSR negotiations and IN–AUS CECA Meeting on PSR Mandates.

- DPMAI submitted range of subjects to strengthen the chemical industry to Shri .Piyush Goyal. Hon'ble Minister of Commerce & Industry, GOI on 18th August 2025

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As part of the 75th Year Celebration our Association, a Conference on Textiles : Business and Environment Sustainability - Challenges for the Colorant Industry is being organized with the support of the Dept. of Chemicals & Petrochemicals, Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers, GOI in Tirupur on 11-12 September 2025. We hereby appeal to you all to participate in large numbers in this conference considering its relevance and importance in the present context.

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