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Editorial

Dear Readers,

The release of this edition of our Newsletter was delayed with a view to coincide it with the inaugural function of the yearlong celebration of our association's 75 glorious years.

According to the latest RBI report, Indian economy has witnessed an upswing during the December quarter reversing the previous trend, supported by increased overall demand and consumption. The GDP has achieved 6.3% growth fueled by strong agricultural output, improved rural demand and higher capital expenditure. Exports also registered stronger growth and the trend is expected to continue. According to expert opinion Indian economy is expected to witness a quantum jump with continuous high growth led by manufacturing during the next 5-10 years. The overall demand for goods and services will register rapid rise. The textile industry is one of the high growth segments which is turn will push up demand for Colorants as well. The direct tax collection rose 20% to 21 lakh crores during the current financial year as on 12th January.

This year's annual budget contains a number of welcome measures to spur further growth. Emphasis is accorded to inclusive growth and rural economy. Reduction of income tax burden on the lower strata of tax payers will boost demand for consumer goods. As expected, RBI has reduced the interest rate by 0.25% to 6.5% from 6.75%.

Globally, India is at the center of limelight. Large overseas corporates have been showing keen interest to invest in India in various segments of industry, services and financial sectors and the trend has already started. This will give further boost to the GDP growth. The combination of all the positive factors gives a strong indication of realizing our country's objective of becoming a developed nation (Viksit Bharat) by the year 2047.

Ram Ajekar
Honorary Editor

This being the 1st issue of the year, I extend my New Year Greetings to all of you and your family members.

Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman, Hon'ble Finance Minister, in her maiden Budget Presentation after assuming charge during the 3rd term of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, presented a forward looking Union Budget for 2025-2026. The key highlight of the Budget was substantial Income Tax Exemption to Rs.12.00 lacs with an addition of Rs.75,000/- as standard deduction, leaving handsome surplus in the hands of the genuine tax payer for his consumption needs. She has also allocated large deployment of funds for important and essential sectors like agriculture, industry, infrastructure, other social segments etc. Many leading financial experts and industrialists have hailed the budget.



The silver lining in the global economic scene is that of the recent cessation of the conflict between Israel and Palestine. There are reports that the long lasting Ukraine war is also likely to end shortly, for which talks are in full swing. Once the war is stopped and peace restored, the international trade will undergo upswings.

As far as the colorant industry is concerned, better recovery has dawned during the last few months from the sluggish markets experienced for a considerable time now. I am sure, better days are ahead for us.

From the industry side, I must mention that we had in the recent past made a few representations to the concerned authorities on various burning issues. To quote a few, issues like Extension of Export Obligation period from 6 to 18 months, exemption of imports against Advance authorisation from registration under QCO, Relaxation in BIS standards regarding certain key chemicals for the colorant industry, fixation of pragmatic discharge norms for the effluents etc are worth mentioning. Due to our concerted efforts and regular follow up and interaction with the concerned authorities, it is a matter of pride and satisfaction that a notification was since issued by the concerned authorities to keep the matter regarding deep sea discharge norms for implementation on hold for a period of 6 months.

I am happy to state that preparations for the 75 Years Celebration of our Association during 2024-2025 are moving fast. As reported earlier, a revised Members Directory 2025 will be published and circulated to commemorate the celebration. I thank all the members and others, who have agreed to insert their advertisements in the Directory.

The 10th edition of the International Convention on Colorants-2025 was successfully organized on 6-7 March 2025 at The Club, Mumbai. Mr. Deepankar Aron, Joint Secretary, Department of Chemicals & Petrochemicals, Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers, Govt. of India, was the Chief Guest during the Inaugural Session on 6th March 2025. Dr Amol A Kulkarni, Chief Scientist & Head, Chemical Engineering and Process Development Division, CSIR-National Chemical Laboratory, Pune was the Keynote Speaker. I am happy to note that a large contingent of members and students attended the Convention. Presentations by the speakers from both India and abroad were also of the highest order and useful to the industry.

Before concluding, I once again extend my warm best wishes to all of you.

JANAK MEHTA
PRESIDENT

International Convention on Colorants-2025 (COC-25) held on 6-7 March 2025 at The Club, Andheri (W), Mumbai

The 10th Edition of International Convention on Colorants -2025 was conducted by The Dyes & Pigments Manufacturers Association of India (DPM AI) (Formerly DMAI) jointly with the Institute of Chemical Technology (ICT), Mumbai and supported by the Dept. of Chemicals & Petrochemicals, Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers, Govt of India on 6-7 March 2025 at The Club, Andheri (W), Mumbai. More than 200 delegates from the industry and academia attended the Convention. Mr. Deepankar Aron, Joint Secretary, Department of Chemicals & Petrochemicals, Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers, Govt. of India, was the Chief Guest during the Inaugural Session on 6th March 2025. Dr Amol A Kulkarni, Chief Scientist & Head, Chemical Engineering and Process Development Division, CSIR-National Chemical Laboratory, Pune was the Keynote Speaker.

Before commencement of the proceedings, the traditional lighting of the lamp was carried out at the hands of the distinguished Guests and others to invoke His Divine Blessings.

INAUGURAL SESSION



Dr. Shavak Bhumgara
Anchoring Proceedings

During the Inaugural Session held on 6th March 2025, Dr. Shavak Bhumgara, Convention Secretary, COC25 anchored the proceedings. He welcomed all the dignitaries, delegates and others for the event for the next two days and hoped that the deliberations would be very much beneficial to the participants.

Mr. Janak Mehta, Chairman, COC-25, in his address, welcomed the distinguished audience. He thanked Mr. Deepankar Aron, Joint Secretary, DCPC for having graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. He also expressed his gratitude to Dr Amol A Kulkarni of CSIR-NCL for having agreed to deliver his Keynote address, despite his busy schedule. He was happy to note that a large contingent of delegates was present during the inaugural session.

Mr. Mehta mentioned that the 10th edition of Convention on Colorants-2025 is now organised ever since the 1st COC05, which was conducted two decades back. It has undergone a journey of subsequent nine glorious editions, barring 2021, when it could not be conducted due to the pandemic and consequent lock down measures. Over the period, COC has established a sound pedestal for knowledge sharing in the field of colorant innovation. It has grown from strength to strength, which is the manifestation of the academia and industry partnership in dissemination of knowledge shared by both foreign and domestic scholars. The industry could absorb many innovations from the earlier



Mr. Janak Mehta
welcomes the audience

COCs for its growth. He was happy that COC series has been playing its crucial role in changing the mindset of the industry and unfolding new directions for its growth and sustainability in its workplace.

Mr. Mehta stated that the industry was doing very well, barring the last few years due to various factors including the pandemic and Ukraine war & the recent conflicts in the Middle East. He was

confident that the industry is now in a better place to capture about 30% of the global business by Vision 2047. He lauded the Department of Chemicals & Petrochemicals for extending their full support and co-operation in resolving the industry problems as a facilitator and not as a regulator. He added that our industry being the next forex positive one is the focused sector in the chemical industry of the Govt. Mr Mehta quoted a recent Notification in respect of QCO, which was issued on the last day of the previous Govt. due to our Association's strong representation to DCPC and their positive response thereto. Due to our consorted efforts and regular follow up and interaction with the concerned authorities, it is a matter of pride and satisfaction that a notification was since issued by the concerned authorities to keep the matter regarding deep sea discharge norms for implementation on hold for a period of 6 months.



Mr.Mehta further cited a few representations put forward to DCPC for consideration like extension of export obligation period from 6 months to 18 months, exemption of imports against Advance Authorisation from registration under QCO, Relaxation in BIS standards regarding certain key chemicals for the colorant industry, fixation of pragmatic discharge norms for the effluents etc. The recent initiatives by the Industry & Commerce Ministry under the able leadership of Mr.Piyush Goyal for FTAs with various countries including USA would not only help in retaining the existing markets, but also open up new markets for the industry, he hoped.

Mr.Mehta declared that DPMAI would be entering the Platinum Jubilee during 2024-2025, for which various programs are being chalked out. He appealed to the audience to participate in the various events in large numbers and make it a grand success.

While concluding his address, Mr.Mehta was confident that the two days Convention would help the participants to take home a lot of positives for their day to day operations.



Prof.Ganapathi Shankarling addresses

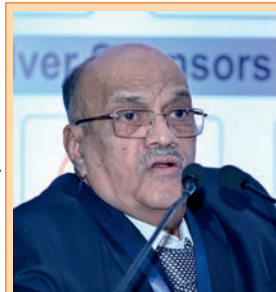
Prof. G.S. Shankarling, Co-Chairman, COC25, in his brief address, complemented DPMAI and ICT for having sown the seeds of COC series over the last two decades or so, which has now become a real platform for dissemination of knowledge and technology in the operational field for the Colorant industry. He was happy to welcome all the participants for the 10th Edition of COC25.

Prof. Shankarling stated that while the chemical industry accounts for about 3-4% share of the global market, the colorant industry has captured about 17%, which indicates it as a torch bearer among the entire chemical industry. As we have to attain the number one status of capturing the global market by Vision 2047, we have to endeavour ourselves for its continuous growth he averred. Over the last two decades, the industry was working on functional colorants catering to mostly the Textile Industry. In the manufacturing sector, he highlighted that the industry has to concentrate on high value markets with each invention rather than volume based business. We are much behind on the engineering aspect in this direction, he felt. Exothermic reaction will help the industry in this regard.

Prof.Shankarling also highlighted about the Green Chemistry, for which the industry has to set

as an example for safeguarding the environment. He was happy to say that eminent scholars were present for this Convention, who would be exchanging their research work for application by the industry, wherever possible. He also appealed to the audience to put forward their queries to the speakers to clear their doubts without any hesitation. He ended his address saying that we all will have to become Convention champions and not as Convention tourist.

In his address, Prof (Dr.), Vinod Kanetkar, Mentor, COC spelt out the hairline difference between a Conference and Convention. In Convention of this magnitude, the experts in the field share research work from their rich experience as well as inventions. He was confident that the speakers from both India and abroad would share their research work among the participants during the presentations for the next two days.



Prof Vinod Kanetkar addresses

Prof.Kanetkar was also happy that DPMI is entering into the Platinum Jubilee and was sanguine that it will reach the centenary year very successfully within the next 25 years or so.

Prof.Kanetkar further stated that the research work could be categorised in two ways viz. need based and curiosity based. The research scholars concentrate on curiosity based work inventing new molecules such as Perkins invention in 1856 followed by two more such inventions in 1956 and 1992. Absorption of these research work in the operational field has contributed much to the industry's growth over the years. Prof.Kanetkar also highlighted research, engineering, sustainability and environment as the four essentials for the industry to adopt and deliver. He was happy that these aspects have been taken adequate care by the organisers to include in the current edition, which would help the participants to take home much after the event.



Mr.Haresh Bhuta

Mr.Haresh Bhuta, Managing Committee member DPMI thereafter introduced the Keynote Speaker to the audience.

At the outset, Dr.Amol Kulkarni thanked DPMI for inviting him for the Convention to deliver the Keynote Address. He mentioned that his talk would be concentrated on 'Reinventing Dyestuff Manufacture through Flow Chemistry', which he felt could be very much beneficial to the participants. He stated that manufacturing processes across all sectors in the Indian chemical are, by and large, very outdated. Conventional routes are followed and large amounts of solvents are used. Complete conversion is compromised at the cost of selectivity. Downstream purification processes are invariably involved.

As a result, a large amount of waste is produced. Operations are based on toxic chemicals with huge inventory. Resources are unfortunately spent on polluting the environment. All this reduces margins and as such, the Indian chemical industry is not competitive in the global market, barring the dyestuff industry. There is great potential to double the market share, for which innovation is essential, Dr.Kulkarni added.

According to Dr.Kulkarni, processes should undergo imminent transformation. Usage of excess raw material should be avoided and generation of waste other than coming from unavoidable parallel reactions should be reduced considerably. Side and sequential reactions should be avoided. Efforts should be taken to eliminate or reduce the need for downstream processing. This is typically done to reduce impurities.



Dr.Amol Kulkarni

Citing the human digestive system, Dr.Kulkarni remarked that the concept of flow chemistry for making complex molecules is comparatively new. In flow chemistry, the chemical reaction is run in

a continuously flowing stream rather than in batches. The exact amount of material flows in a given time for a fixed operating condition and hence the finished product is also a consistent quality product. If fluids are reactive, the reaction takes place notwithstanding which equipment is used.

Dr.Kulkarni further explained that the main advantage of continuous manufacturing is elimination of batch to batch variation. Once the process is set, the product is exactly of the same quality. Secondly, there is significant decarbonization. As we are committed to be a net zero country by 2070, the supply chain has to be completely decarbonized by 2030 and hence exports to US, Europe and Japan will have to come from a net zero supply chain, which could be achieved by high conversion due to selectivity of the product, lower downstream processing and lesser utility cost. He stressed the urgent need for finding an alternative and pragmatic way of manufacturing dyes, which he defined as flow chemistry, which is adopted by the pharma industry. He, however, lamented that dyestuff industry has not ventured into this area due to apparently prohibitive cost and lack of skilled labour



Dr. Kulkarni asserted that the colorant industry should work on continuous purification, distillation, extraction and crystallization module. Suitable training programs like an eco system created by NCL play a vital role in this regard. He further added that the dyestuff industry will have to move from batch to continuous manufacture no sooner than later and to use greener catalysts and solvents e.g., ionic liquids, zeolites, bio-based solvents, which will reduce environmental harm to a great extent. He also recommended adoption of enzyme based and electrochemical alternatives, like in China, which do not require hydrogen or other oxidising and reducing agents. Dr.Kulkarni also advocated for enhanced waste recovery and recycling and to avoid usage of excess of acids, bases and ice. The pH of the reaction mixture plays a big role in the dyestuff industry.

Dr.Kulkarni further stated that a dedicated about program on innovation in dyes and polymers in their Centre for Research and Technology Development at NCL is in vogue. It is specially designed for the dyestuff sector. Any unit can approach them for testing facilities, which are manned by excellent organic, functional, material and polymer chemists, who are ably supported by equally excellent chemical engineers. He elaborated the entire working of the centre for the benefit of the audience.

On azo dye chemistry, Dr.Kulkarni detailed the working at NCL, including development of a small unit in the lab that can produce a number of reactive dyes in a continuous manner, which were also recently published in some leading science magazines. NCL also developed different types of Rhodamine dyes in a very short time, which the industry can adopt and implement. They have also a pilot plant for producing dyes. Multiple dyes prepared on the lab scale are taken to the pilot scale. Usage of AI based tool is also explored to monitor the quality and improving the process rather than dealing with an off-spec product after the process.

While concluding his informative and exhaustive address, Dr.Kulkarni stated that NCL have also started a very ambitious program on taking the OLED molecules and quantum dots since last year. The dyes industry will have to adopt non-conventional dyes too, which can uplift the profit margin significantly, he averred. He also appealed to DPMAI members for a personal visit to NCL for detailed inspection of their working and procedures, which will be very much useful to the industry.

**Mr. Piyush Maheshwari**

Mr. Piyush Maheshwari, Jt Hon. Secretary, DPMI thereafter introduced the Chief Guest, Mr. Deepankar Aron, Joint Secretary, DCPC

At the outset, Mr. Deepankar Aron thanked the organisers for inviting him to the Convention as the Chief Guest, although his knowledge in Chemistry is quite negligible. After hearing the scintillating and fascinating address by Dr. Kulkarni, particularly on thermokinetic Dyes, his intellectual curiosity to know much about life and civilization has substantially increased, Mr. Aron added. Color forms the integral part of the dyes industries, which is very vital for the human mind to absorb and enjoy.

Mr. Aron was very happy that a large number research students from ICT and other institutions are taking part in the Convention. He appealed to them to pursue their career in the chemical sector and continue with their research rather than opting for other lucrative jobs with higher attrition level. This will lead for invention of new molecules and help the country on its forward march as far as economy is concerned. While impressing upon the environment protection and sustainability, Mr. Aron stated that ours being the Vasudev Kutumbam, the entire life on the planet irrespective of tribe or religion will have to be protected.

While dwelling upon the color synthesis from the nature, which has a bountiful of life in various forms and shapes, Mr. Aron eulogized the Ajanta and Ellora caves, where colors have been used since centuries ago, which even today is as lively as ever. He also mentioned about the heritage sites in other Asian and European countries, where color has been extensively used by our ancestors in abundant measures, which is a testimony to its longevity and preservation.

Despite many challenges, opportunities cannot be overlooked for the industry to grow, for which we have to plan ahead. Water consumption and manufacture of synthetic dyes without much discharges in the processing cycles will have to be explored, Mr. Aron stated. He cited automatic economy without maligning the nature and with less wastes like carbonization, which accelerates climatic changes. We have to move ahead with a vision to reinvent the process intensification without causing distress to environment. Mr. Aron quoted a few examples of the mediaeval arts in India like Konark Sun Temple and a few African countries, where many a pieces of art was drawn some centuries back, which even today are visible without any aberration or destruction in colors and edifices.

**Mr. Deepankar Aron
addressing the audience**

Mr. Aron further stated that free trade agreements are being worked out with EU and other African countries as well as USA. Once they are put through, the industry will be able to increase their market share internationally both retaining the existing market and exploring new evolving markets. This should auger well for the industry to achieve Vision 2070 of the Hon'ble Prime Minister of becoming the 3rd largest economy in the world. He also mentioned that the Govt. of India has recently come out with a new MITRA Scheme for development and research in collaboration with 18 esteemed Technical Institutes and industries with large outlay of funds of over Rs.5 crores for research work. This novel initiative and Centre of Excellence will cater to the needs of the industries towards their pursuit of excellence, he asserted.

Mr. Aron cautioned that the industry should refrain from manufacturing hazardous and other ill-fated chemicals harming the environment and mankind. Though the possibility of chemical disasters like Bhopal Gas tragedy cannot be completely ruled out, fear complex of such unforeseen accidents should not be a hindrance in the research work for better yielding inventories, for which mind set of the entrepreneurs should undergo a sea change. Mr. Aron also declared about introduction of a new training program wherein the industry can depute their trainees for safer and

utility production processes and adoption. Such training program in collaboration with IITs have already been set up at Bangalore, Chennai, Ahmedabad etc. Placement after successful training is also assured in this focused and integrated programs.

While concluding his thought provoking and illustrative address, Mr.Aron stated that his Dept. would extend all support and co-operation to the industry in resolving vital issues as hitherto. He was sanguine that the important pointers like safety, quality, brand name and value addition will have to be strictly adhered to by the industry towards its onward march of progress and unabated growth. He wished all success to the colorant industry, which has been identified as a money spinner in the chemical industry with a new slogan 'INDO – VACATION-Indian Innovation' showing importance of innovation quality, consistency and Brand India Building. He also complimented the professionalism and articulation of the leadership of DPMI in putting across industry problems for redressal.

Dr.Shavak Bhumgara, Convention Secretary thereafter proposed a vote of thanks.

TECHNICAL SESSIONS

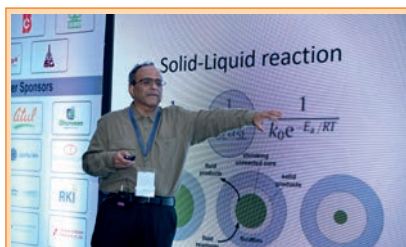
In the Technical Sessions that followed for the next 2 days, many reputed and distinguished speakers from both India and abroad made extensive and informative presentations on the latest technical innovations and upgradations in the Colorants field all over the globe. Presentations on innovations on focus areas like Process Intensification, Functional Colorants, Process Development, Environment and Regulatory Affairs, Sustainable Colorants & Coloration and Process Engineering were well received and appreciated. The topics on which various presentations were made were of high relevance and importance to the Colorant industry and found very useful to the audience. The Chairmen of Sessions and speakers were also felicitated with mementos after each session. (Presentations are included separately in pen drive).

Technical Sessions in Progress

Session I: Process Intensification



Chairman : Prof.Prakash Bhate



Speaker : Prof.Sanjay Mahajani



Speaker Dr.Bijaya K. Mishra

Session II: Functional Colorants- I



Chairman: Prof G S Shankarling



Speaker : Prof. Eli Zysman-Colman



Speaker : Filip Bures

Session III : Process Development



Chairman : Mr.Dilip Udas



Speaker : Dr.B. Ganesan



Speaker : Prof.Vishwanath Dalvi

Session IV: Environment & Regulatory Affairs



Chairman : Mr.Rajen Shah



Speaker : Dr.Kamlesh Kushalkar



Speaker : Dr.Rajesh Bhat

Session V: Sustainable Colorants and Coloration



Chairman : Dr.Shavak Bhungara

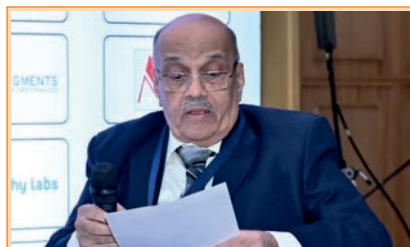


Speaker : Prof.Roshan Paul



Speaker : Dr.Jose Paul

Session VI : Functional Colorants – II



Chairman : Prof.(Dr.) V.R. Kanetkar



Speaker : Prof.Gen-ichi Konishi



Speaker : Prof.Daniel Escudero

Session VII : Process Engineering



Chairman : Mr.Vijay Sane



Speaker : Mr.Shrikant Saraf



Speaker : Mr.Iqbal Singh

POSTER SESSION

A novel feature in this edition of COC 25 as in the past 5 editions was the Poster Exhibition. There were 35 Posters displayed by Students i.e. 25 from Department of Specialty Chemicals Technology, ICT, Mumbai, 4 from other departments of ICT, and one each from IIT, Bombay and UPL University of Sustainable Technology, Ankleshwar (formerly known as Shroff S.R. Rotary Institute of Chemical Technology). It is heartening to note that a larger number of students took part in the Poster Session. Top 3 students of poster presentation selected by the Selection Committee headed by Prof.Kanetkar were awarded cash prizes, which was instituted in 2013 in the memory of Late Dr. Bernt Lamatsch. The details of the presentations are included elsewhere in this edition.



**Ms. Pratima Yadav
(1st Prize Winner)**



**Mr.Navin Satardekar
(2nd Prize Winner)**



**Mr.Kaustub Kadam
(3rd Prize Winner)**

While moderating the Valedictory Session, Mr.Vinit Shah, Co-Convener, Publicity and Publication Committee gave a brief account of the proceedings of the two days convention and felicitated the Sponsors and Organising Committee members with mementos. He also proposed a vote of thanks.



**Mr. Vinit Shah
moderates
Concluding Session**



Mementos were presented to the Sub-Committee members by Chairman Mr Janak Mehta, Co-Chairman, Prof.G.S Shankarling and Mentor Prof (Dr.) V.R.kanetkar_

A partial view of the Poster Presentations



Attentive Audience



74th Annual General Meeting & Awards Presentation Function

The 74th Annual General Meeting and Awards Presentation function of the Dyes & Pigments Manufacturers Association of India (DPMAI) was held on Friday, the 27th September 2024 at Hotel Sea Princess, Juhu, Mumbai. Mr. Anjani Prasad, Managing Director and Vice President Textile Effects, South Asia, Archroma India Pvt. Ltd. was the Guest of Honour. More than 120 members from the Association, including their spouses, invitees, guests & other dignitaries and press attended the meeting.



Award Winners

Roundtable Conference on Dyes and Pigments

Coinciding with India Chem 2024 Expo, FICCI had arranged a Roundtable Conference on Dyes and Pigments on 18th October 2024 at NSE Complex, Goregaon, Mumbai. This conference was organized considering India's US\$7 Billion Dyes and Pigments industry, which is embracing sustainability through Eco-friendly production and natural dyes attracting significant foreign investments and creating jobs.

Mr. Deepak Mishra, Joint Secretary, Petrochemicals Division, Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers, GOI presided. Mr. Janak Mehta, President DPMAI moderated the proceedings. Mr. Anjani Prasad, MD and Regional Vice President – South Asia, Archroma India Pvt. Ltd. was the Keynote speaker.

In his address, Mr. Prasad stated about the innovation in the industry mentioning as to how it would shape its future. He also mentioned about safety and process integrity as negotiable standards, optimizing the supply chain for greater efficiency, power of digitalisation to revolutionise our unit processes, rise of additive manufacturing and its potential, ESG integration and the role of sustainability in long term success etc. in his Keynote address.

A few captains of the industry viz. Mr. Natubhai Patel, Meghmani Organics Ltd, Dr. Shavak Bhumgara, Eskay Dyestuffs Organic Chemical Pvt. Ltd, Mr. Manish Kiri, Kiri Dyes & Chemicals Pvt. Ltd., Mr. Basel, Mr. Ulhas Nimkar, Nimkar Tek Technical Services Pvt. Ltd. Mr. Rajen Shah, Techno Color Corporation and Mr. Kanak Pansari, Yogesh Dyestuff Products Pvt. Ltd. participated in the deliberations. Many issues concerning the industry like deep sea discharge norms, FTA, Anti Dumping Duty, exploration of new markets, innovation of new ideas and standards, unit processes, adequate cash flow based finance, laboratory testing and accreditation of products etc. were some of the topics discussed during the conference.

While replying, Mr. Deepak Mishra assured of his Department's support and co-operation for resolving the various issues concerning the industry. He, however, cautioned about usage of hazardous materials in the production cycle to safeguard the mankind and environment.

Mr. Jitendra Patel, K. Patel Chemopharma Pvt. Ltd proposed a vote of thanks.



ChromaTexChem 2024 Exhibition

The 4th edition of ChromaTexChem Expo was Co-Organised by DPMI and GDMA, and powered by COLOURAGE on 21-22 October 2024 at NSE Complex, Goregaon East Mumbai. More than 35 leading players of colorants industry had stalls in the expo. A delegation from Taiwan Dyestuffs Industry Association led by Mr. James C.H. Chen, Chairman, Everlight Chemical Industrial Corporation visited the expo.

Mr. Janak Mehta President DPMI was one of the dignitaries during the inaugural session and lighted the traditional lamp to invoke His Blessing. He also chaired the inaugural function, wherein Mr. Chen and Mr. Anjani Prasad, Managing Director and Vice President Textile Effects, South Asia, Archroma India Pvt. Ltd were also participated.



**Mr. Janak Mehta
Addresses**

In his brief address Mr. Mehta stated that it was in 2019 in Barcelona when the idea of holding an expo exclusively for the colorant industry stemmed up. He was happy to state that India's share in the global market for the colorants industries is likely to be substantial by 2047. Further, Convention on Colorants series had benefited a large number of colorant manufacturers in technological upgradation and improvising their products.



Mr Chen thanked DPM AI for the support and co-operation for the Taiwanese delegation to visit the Expo. He gave a brief introduction to Taiwanese Colorant industry with certain statistical data like imports from India and their exports of about 4% of the global market.

Mr.Anjani Prasad in his brief address mentioned about the opportunities among any challenges for growth of the industry. Innovation and technological upgradation

There were many footfalls to our Association's tastefully decorated stall, including Taiwanese delegation,

Convention on Colorants 2025 (COC25)

The 10th Edition of International Convention on Colorants -2025 was conducted by The Dyes & Pigments Manufacturers Association of India (DPM AI) (Formerly DMAI) jointly with the Institute of Chemical Technology (ICT), Mumbai and supported by the Dept. of Chemicals & Petrochemicals, Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers, Govt of India on 6-7 March 2025 at The Club, Andheri (W), Mumbai. More than 200 delegates from the industry and academia attended the Convention. Mr. Deepankar Aron, Joint Secretary, Department of Chemicals & Petrochemicals, Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers, Govt. of India, was the Chief Guest during the Inaugural Session on 6th March 2025. Dr Amol A Kulkarni, Chief Scientist & Head, Chemical Engineering and Process Development Division, CSIR-National Chemical Laboratory, Pune was the Keynote Speaker.

(Detailed report about the meeting included elsewhere in this issue)

New MEMBERS - Life Member		
SME Unit		
Membership No.	Name of the Company	Contact Person
LS/R-17 LS/A-51	Real Chem Arbuda Plastochem Pvt.Ltd	Mr.Saurabh Gabani Mr.Ketan Patel
Large Scale Unit		
Membership No.	Name of the Company	Contact Person
LN/D-04	Deepak Nitrite Ltd	Mr.Girish Satarkar
APPEAL A strong membership base the strength of any associations, helps in commanding due respect and attention, enabling the association to take up industry problem effectively with the concerned authorities it helps the Industry to face the problem unitedly, and to work for its betterment. We therefore appeal to you to introduce new members to the Association.		

- DPMI submitted inputs regarding India-EU FTA-Rules of Origin - Product Specific Rules (PSRs) to DCPC on 15th October 2025
- Submitted issues of the Colorant Industry to Niti Aayog on 17th October 2024 as per the discussion held during the meeting on 29th August 2024 organised by them regarding India's participation in Global Value Chains (GVCs).
- Submitted Budget Suggestions for the year 2025-26 in respect of Dyes Industry to the Joint Secretary, DCPC on 25th October 2024
- Inputs submitted to the Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change Ministry 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.
- DPMI made representation regarding Environmental issues related to the Chemical Sector to the Joint Secretary, DCPC on 2nd December 2024 and also to Mr.Piyush Goyal, Hon'ble Minister of Commerce & Industry and to Shri Bhupender Yadav, Hon'ble Minister of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, GOI on 19th December 2024
- Made representation to the Secretary, DCPC on 31-12-2024 regarding Central Bureau of Narcotics (under Ministry of Finance) Notification ISSL (PN-F.No.XVI/13/02/PC/Imp./2021-Public Notice dated 2024-09-02 requesting for re-consideration for implementation and adoption.
- 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
- Made representation to DCPC on 17th January 2025 regarding India-EU FTA Rules of Origin –PSRs for Chemicals and Petrochemicals (Chapter 28-40)
- Representation made to Secretary, DCPC on 21-1-2025 regarding Representation for Extension of Export Obligation period in case of imports Under QCOs exemption against Advance Authorisations
- Inputs submitted to DCPC on 22nd January 2025 regarding India-EU FTA Rules of Origin –PSRs for Chemicals and Petrochemicals (Chapter 28-40)
- Comments sent to DCPC on 11th February 2025 regarding BIS Standards mandatory in respect of Chemicals viz. H-Acid, Vinyl Sulphone and K Acid
- Representation made to DCPC on 11th February 2025 for Extension of Export Obligation period in case of imports Under QCOs exemption against Advance Authorisations
- Inputs submitted to DCPC on 3rd March 2025 regarding Duty Tariffs to USA
- Comments sent to DCPC on 12th March 2025 to DCPC regarding India-USA Bilateral Trade Agreement
- DPMI made representation to DCPC on 18th March 2025 regarding India-US Bilateral Trade agreement-Inputs on PSRs
- Comments sent to DCPC on 19th March 2025 regarding India-USA Bilateral Trade Agreement-Non Tariff Barriers (NTB)

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75 Years Celebration of our Association

Our Association is entering into the 75th year of its glorious presence during 2024-2025. This event is one of the most memorable and cherished ones in the entire annals of any of the organizations worth mentioning. Many yearlong program is being chalked out to commemorate this important milestone of our Association.

The Inaugural function of the Platinum Jubilee celebration is slated to be held on 11th April 2025 at Hotel Taj Lands End, Mumbai. Shri Nitin Gadkari, Hon'ble Minister of Road Transport & Highways, Government of India has kindly consented to be the Chief Guest. Shri Kanubhai Desai, Hon'ble Finance Minister of Gujarat State will grace the occasion as the Guest of Honour.

We urge upon all our members to participate in this long awaited and memorable event in large numbers

DPM AI 75 Years Celebration

on Friday, the 11th April 2025

At Hotel Taj Lands End, Bandra, Mumbai

Program

9.00 – 10.00 Hrs - Registration

Panel Discussion - Indian Colorants Industry – Destination 2047

10.00 – 11.30 Hrs - ***Strengthening the Intermediates Industry***
 Moderator – Mr. Janak Mehta, President, DPM AI,
 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

11.30 – 13.00 Hrs - ***SWOT Analysis***
 Moderator – Mr. Rajesh Naik, BASF India Ltd
 Panelists – Mr. Natubhai Patel, Meghmani Dyes & Intermediates LLP
 Mr. Ajay Kadakia, Vivil Exports Pvt Ltd
 Mr. Siddharth Singhania, Ravi Dyeware Co. Pvt. Ltd

13.00 – 14.00 Hrs - Lunch

14.00 – 15.30 Hrs - ***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,

15.30 – 17.00 Hrs - ***Sustainability for Global Leadership***
 Moderator – Prof. (Dr.) V.R. Kanetkar, Ex-Emeritus Fellow (ICT), ICT, Mumbai
 Panelists – Mr. Haresh Bhuta, Alps Chemicals Pvt. Ltd
 Dr. Dhananjay Deulgoankar, BASF India Ltd
 Dr. Pankaj Desai, Colourtex Industries Private Limited
 Mr. Kammal Kapoor, Kamaldeep Colour Industries Pvt. Ltd

17.00 to 18.00 Hrs - Tea / Coffee Break

18.00 to 18.15 Hrs. - Inaugural Address by Mr. Janak Mehta, President, DPM AI

18.15 to 18.20 Hrs. - Floral offerings

18.20 to 18.30 Hrs. - Release of DPM AI Members Directory 2025 and Film

18.30 to 18.35 Hr. - Felicitation of Past Presidents

18.35 to 18.45 Hrs. - Address by Shri Sunil Lalbhai, Chairman & Managing Director, Atul Ltd

18.45 to 18.50 Hrs. - Address by Shri Rajjubhai Shroff, Chairman & Managing Director, UPL Limited

18.50 to 19.15 Hrs. - Address by Shri Kanubhai Desai, Hon'ble Finance Minister of
 Gujarat State, Govt. of Gujarat

19.15 to 19.45 Hrs. - Address by Shri Nitin Gadkari, Hon'ble Minister of Road Transport &
 Highways, Govt. of India

19.45 to 19.50 Hrs. - Vote of Thanks

20.00 Hrs onwards - Entertainment and Cocktails & Dinner



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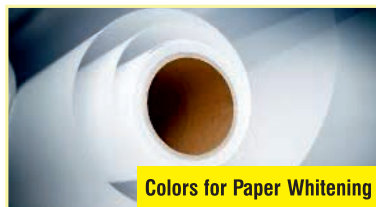
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