

INDIA RUBBER MEET 2018

VENUE: GRAND HYATT
KOCHI BOLGATTY,
KERALA, INDIA

DATE: 30 AND 31

OCTOBER 2018

Theme: Towards a sustainable rubber value chain



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India Rubber Meet requires no introduction. This unique event of rubber stakeholders has become a common platform for interaction, collective thinking, technical updation, knowledge sharing and networking for the advancement of the rubber industry and sustenance and success of the entire rubber value chain.

Being organised through the joint participation of all segments of rubber sector stakeholders viz. growers, processors, synthetic and reclaimed rubber manufacturers, tyre and non tyre product manufacturers, industry/ trade associations, government and other promotional bodies, research and skill development institutions and the media, the event has been successful in building togetherness among the various segments of varied interests and in evolving strategies for facing challenges and capitalising emerging opportunities.

With the experience gained from the three successful editions, the fourth India Rubber Meet is scheduled on 30 and 31 August 2018 at Grand Hyatt Kochi Bolgatty. The theme of IRM 2018 is '**Towards a sustainable rubber value chain**'. Sustainability has become a key word when the sector is facing uncertainties which have emanated from the macro economic and sector specific developments. Eminent speakers and experts across the world will participate in deliberations and panel discussions. Delegates representing various interests of the rubber sector from India and abroad will get opportunity to interact with the experts and share their concerns, ideas and opportunities.

Mr. Suresh Prabhu, Hon'ble Minister of Commerce and Industry, Govt. of India, has kindly consented to inaugurate the Meet.



The invited talks in IRM 2018 cover a wide range of topics

- ▶ Mega Trends in Auto And Tyre Sectors
- ▶ Electric Mobility – Impact on Rubber Value Chain
- ▶ Outlook of synthetic rubbers in India
- ▶ Outlook for commodities produced by developing countries
- ▶ Sustainable Rubber Industry – Producer and User Perspectives
- ▶ Modern methods to enhance production of raw material
- ▶ Global NR Scenario

There will be two panel discussions:

International Panel Discussion - Theme: **Global Challenges and Emerging Alternatives**

The panel will have representatives of:

- ▶ Association of Natural Rubber Producing Countries
- ▶ International Rubber Study Group
- ▶ International Rubber Research & Development Board
- ▶ Rubber Producing Countries in Asia, Africa and South America

Indian Panel discussion - Theme: **Challenges & Opportunities from Stakeholders' Perspective**

The panel will have representatives of:

- ▶ Natural Rubber Growers/Processors/Traders
- ▶ Tyre Manufacturing Industry
- ▶ Synthetic/Reclaimed Rubber Industry
- ▶ Non-tyre Rubber Goods Manufacturing Industry
- ▶ Rubber Product Consumers

Registration fee*

	INDIAN DELEGATES		OVERSEAS DELEGATES
	Small growers [#]	Others	
Delegate fee	Rs. 4,130 (including GST of Rs. 630 @ 18 per cent)	Rs. 8,850 (including GST of Rs. 1,350 @ 18 per cent)	US\$ 236 (including GST of US\$ 36 @ 18 per cent)

* Registration fee does not include travel and accommodation;
To be applied through and certified by the Rubber Board Regional Office concerned.)

COMMENTS ON IRM

Dr. Stephen V. Evans

“ India Rubber Meet series is designed to be the leading discussion forum in India where a platform is given to the producers, consumers and traders of rubber to meet and deliberate on the major challenges confronting the industry ”

Ms. Fazilet Cinaralp,

“ Commended quality of discussion and audience ”

Datuk Dr. Salmiah Ahmad

“ I congratulate the Indian Rubber Board for being able to bring all the players of the industry in one meeting - Indian Rubber Meet - as many issues could be addressed in a single meet ”

Ms. Sheela Thomas IAS

“ IRM is a unique forum that brings together all links of Indian rubber industry value chain. The Meet shall be seen as a useful time out for rubber industry stakeholders for information exchange and networking. ”

Mr. David Shaw

“ World class event in terms of content, professionalism, organization and venue ”

Speakers and panelists include

Mr. D. Anandan, Chairman & Executive Director, Rubber Board

Mr. Gunther Lottmann, CEO, Grupo Fortaleza, Guatemala

Mr. Rakesh Batra, Partner and National Leader, Automotive Sector, Ernst & Young

Mr. Mathew George, General Manager, Indian Oil Corporation Ltd., Mumbai

Mr. Kishor Katkar, Head, Technical Services & Business Development, Indian Synthetic Rubbers Pvt. Ltd.

Mr. Aly Toure, Representative of Ivory Coast, International Organisations of Commodities, U.K

Mr. John Heath, Director, Wurffain BR, United Kingdom

Dr. James Jacob, Director, Rubber Research Institute of India

Mr. C. Vinayaraghavan, President, Harrisons Malayalam Ltd.

Mr. Jom Jacob, Senior Economist, Association of Natural Rubber Producing Countries, Kuala Lumpur

Mr. N Dharmaraj, Director & Chief Executive, Harrisons Malayalam Ltd.

Dr. Lakshmi Nair, Head, Economics & Statistics, International Rubber Study Group, Singapore

Dr. K.J. Joseph, Professor, Centre for Development Studies, Thiruvananthapuram

Mr. Rajendra Gandhi, President, IRMRA

Datuk Dr. Abdul Aziz, Secretary General, International Rubber Research & Development Board, Malaysia



ORGANISERS | The Rubber Board (Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Govt. of India) | All India Rubber Industries Association (AIRIA) | Association of Latex Producers of India (ALPI) | Automotive Component Manufacturers Association of India (ACMA) | Automotive Tyre Manufacturers Association (ATMA) | Block Rubber Processors Association of India (IBRPA) | CAPEXIL (Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Govt. of India) | ExxonMobil | GRP Ltd. | Harrisons Malayalam Ltd. | Indian Cycle and Rikshaw Tyre Manufacturers Association (ICRTMA) | Indian / International Rubber Journal | Indian Rubber Dealers Federation (IRDF) | Indian Rubber Growers Association (IRGA) | Indian Rubber Institute (IRI) | Indian Rubber Manufacturers Research Association (IRMRA) | Indian Synthetic Rubber Private Limited (ISRPL) | Kerala State Co-operative Rubber Marketing Federation (Rubber Mark) | Latex Rubber Thread Manufacturers Association (LARTMA) | National Federation of Rubber Producers Societies (NFRPS) | Reliance Industries Ltd. | Rubber Asia | Rubber Skill Development Council (RSDC) | The Cochin Rubber Merchants Association (CRMA) | United Planters Association of Southern India (UPASI) |



India is the seventh largest country by area, the second most populous country with over 1.2 billion people, and the most populous democracy in the world.

Home to the ancient Indus Valley Civilisation and a region of historic trade routes and vast empires, the Indian sub-continent was identified with its commercial and cultural wealth for much of its long history.

India is a multilingual, and multiethnic society. It is also home to a diversity of wildlife in a variety of protected habitats.



Kerala, the 'God's own country', has nearly 600km of Arabian Sea shoreline. It's known for its palm-lined beaches and backwaters, a network of canals.

Inland are the Western Ghats, mountains whose slopes support rubber, tea, coffee and spice plantations as well as wildlife. National parks like Eravikulam and Periyar, plus Wayanad and other sanctuaries, are home to elephants, langur monkeys and tigers.

Kochi is a city in southwest India's coastal line, in Kerala State. It has been a port since 1341, when a flood carved out its harbor and opened it to Arab, Chinese and European merchants. Sites reflecting those influences include Fort Kochi, a settlement with tiled colonial bungalows and diverse houses of worship. Cantilevered Chinese fishing nets, typical of Kochi, have been in use for centuries.



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