

INDIA RUBBER MEET 2018  
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Press Release

## **Suresh Prabhu to inaugurate India Rubber Meet in Kochi**

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Mr. Suresh Prabhu Hon'ble, Union Minister of Commerce and Industry will inaugurate the 4<sup>th</sup> edition of India Rubber Meet (IRM 2018) at Hotel Grand Hyatt, Bolgatty, Kochi on 30 August 2018. The Meet is jointly organised by the Rubber Board and the stakeholder associations in rubber and allied sectors.

The theme of IRM 2018 which is scheduled on 30 and 31 August, is 'Towards a sustainable rubber value chain'. The discussions will focus on topics related to the rubber scenario, present trends, challenges and strategic planning for sustainability and advancement. There will be invited talks by internationally renowned speakers. Speakers include 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), Mr. C Vinayaraghavan (President, Harrisons Malayalam Ltd.), Mr. N Dharmaraj (Director & Chief Executive, Harrisons Malayalam Ltd.), Mr. Jom Jacob (Senior Economist, Association of Natural Rubber Producing Countries, Kuala Lumpur), 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

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Board, Malaysia), Mr. Ajay Shah (President, Polymer chain, Reliance Industries Ltd.),<sup>ST 2018</sup>  
Dr. Ranjit Matthan (Consultant & Director, Polymer Consultancy Services Pvt. Ltd.,  
Chennai), Mr. Sandana Das (Managing Director & CEO, R1 International, Singapore), Prof.  
Dr. Charoen Nakason (Prince of Songkla University, Thailand), Dr. A.K. Krishnakumar  
(Former Rubber Production Commissioner & Adviser IL&FS), Dr. James Jacob (Director,  
Rubber Research Institute of India), Mr. Jose Mathew Kochukudy (Rubber Grower),  
Mr. Shiyas Ali (Managing Director, Edathala Polymers Pvt. Ltd & Secretary, Block Rubber  
Processors Association of India) and Mr. Tomy Abraham (President, Indian Rubber Dealers  
Federation).

There will also be panel discussions involving experts and key stakeholders from different segments of the rubber industry. The committee includes representatives of small and large rubber growers, rubber processors and traders, tyre and non-tyre sectors, auto component manufacturers, rubber product exporters, synthetic rubber and reclaimed rubber manufacturers, rubber research and skill development institutions, media dealing with rubber etc. IRM 2018 is targeted to attract around 700 delegates from India and abroad.

Details are available in India Rubber Meet website [www.indiarubbermeet.in](http://www.indiarubbermeet.in). For further clarification email to indiarubbermeet@gmail.com.

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