



INDIA RUBBER MEET 2024

GUWAHATI, ASSAM, INDIA. 23&24 FEBRUARY 2024

Programme

VENUE: **Hotel Kiranshree Grand, Guwahati, Assam** | DATE: **23 & 24 February 2024**

22 February 2024 (Day 0)

04:00 pm - 08:00 pm	Registration
06.30 pm - 08:30 pm	Networking Reception

23 February 2024 (Day 1)

08:00 - 09:30 am	90 Min	Registration
09:30 - 10:40 am	70 Min	Inaugural Session
		Invocation
		Lighting of Lamp
		Logo Presentation
		Welcome Address : Mr M Vasanthagesan IRS , President, India Rubber Meet Forum & Executive Director, Rubber Board
		Theme Address : Dr Sawar Dhanania , Chairman, Rubber Board, India
		Inaugural Address by Chief Guest : Mr Anshuman Singhania : Chairman- Automotive Tyre Manufacturers' Association (ATMA) and Managing Director, JK Tyre & Industries
		Vote of Thanks : Mr Vinod Simon , Vice Chairman, Organizing Committee, India Rubber Meet 2024
		Cultural Glimpses from North East
		National Anthem
10:40 - 11:00 am	20 Min	Tea / Coffee / Networking

SESSION I

		Natural Rubber and Commodity Sector in 2024 and Near-Term Outlook
11:00 - 11:45 am	45 Min	An Overview of Global Outlook and Market Trends Mr Ajit Pai , Strategy Lead Partner, Ernst & Young, New Delhi
11:45 - 12:10 pm	25 Min	Challenges and Opportunities for Global NR Sector Mr Toh Heng Guan , Secretary General, Association of Natural Rubber Producing Countries (ANRPC), Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
12:10 - 12:35 pm	25 Min	Global Supply Chain: Natural Rubber versus Synthetic Rubber Prof Joseph Adelegan , Secretary General, International Rubber Study Group (IRSG), Singapore

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12:35 - 01:00 pm 25 Min *Sustainable Supply Chain in the Agro Commodities*

Mr Manoj Vembu, Director, TRST01, Singapore

01:00 - 01:15 pm 15 Min Q & A Session

01:15 - 02:15 pm 60 Min Lunch / Networking

SESSION II

Natural Rubber: Global Integration and Country-Specific Response to Sectoral Challenges

02:15 - 02:55 pm 40 Min *European Union Deforestation Regulation (EUDR): Impact on the Natural Rubber Industry Value Chain in India*

Dr Michael Bucki, Counsellor & Head, Sustainable Modernization Section, Delegation of the European Union to India, New Delhi

02:55 - 03:20 pm 25 Min *India: NR Expansion Beyond the Traditional Areas*

Mr Mohan Kurian, Chairman, Indian Natural Rubber Operations for Assisted Development (INROAD) Project, India

03:20 - 03:45 pm 25 Min *New Opportunities in the Non-tyre Sector*

Mr Divek Sadhwani, Head - Sales & Marketing, Royal Fasteners NE Pvt. Ltd., Guwahati, Assam

03:45 - 04:00 pm 15 Min Q & A Session

04:00 - 04:20 pm 20 Min Tea / Coffee / Networking

SESSION III

Circularity in Tyre Industry - Emerging Regulatory Framework and Industry Engagement

Recyclers Perspective

04:20 - 04:45 pm 25 Min *Reclaimed Rubber:*

Mr Virendra Rathod, President - Marketing & BD, Gujarat Reclaims and Rubber Products Pvt. Ltd., Mumbai

04:45 - 05:10 pm 25 Min *Rubber Devulcanization:*

Mr Jon Visaisouk, Chief Operations Officer, Tyromer, INC (Canada) / Mr Adarsh Jalan, Tyromer (India), Chennai

Tyre Industry Perspective

05:10 - 05:35 pm 25 Min *End of Life Tyres (ELT):*

Mr VK Misra, Chairman, Indian Tyre Technical Advisory Committee (ITTAC)

05:35 - 05:50 pm 15 Min Q & A Session

05:50 - 06:30 pm 40 Min Tea / Coffee / Networking

06:30 - 09:30 pm 180 Min Cultural Programme and Gala Dinner



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SESSION IV

Economic and Commodity Outlook

		Indian Economy: Outlook, Expectations and Challenges in FY 2024-25
09:30 - 10:00 am	30 Min	<i>Commodity Price Volatility: The Underlying Factors - Fundamentals or Speculations</i> Mrs Deepa Aggarwal , Chief Representative, SGX India Liaison Office, Mumbai
10:00 - 10:30 am	30 Min	<i>Emerging Trends in India's Mobility Sector: Takeaways for Elastomer Sector:</i> Mr Rajiv Budhraja , Director General, Automotive Tyre Manufacturers' Association (ATMA)
10:30 - 10:45 am	15 Min	Q & A Session
10:45 - 11:05 am	20 Min	Tea / Coffee / Networking

SESSION V

Panel Discussion on Indian Scenario - 'Challenges & Opportunities from Stakeholder's Perspective'

11:05 - 12:15 pm	70 Min	Moderator: Mrs Sheela Thomas IAS , (Retd.), Chairman & Managing Director, Kerala Rubber Limited, Kerala
	5 Min	Opening Remarks by the Moderator
		Mr Santosh Kumar , Vice President, Association of Latex Producers of India (ALPI)
		Mr George Vally , President, Indian Rubber Dealers Federation (IRDF)
		Mr Shiyas Ali , General Secretary, Indian Block Rubber Association (IBRA)
		Mr G Muraligopal , Coordinator - Rubber Resources Group, Automotive Tyre Manufacturers' Association (ATMA)
		Mr C Shreedharan , President, United Planters Association of Southern India (UPASI)
		Mr Toms Joseph , Consultant, Kerala Rubber Limited (KRL)
		Mr Rajat Gupta , Member Secretary, Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS)
		Q & A Session
	5 Min	Closing Remarks by the Moderator

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SESSION VI

Panel Discussion: Natural Synergy of Allied Industries and MSME in the Rubber Sector - Focus North East

12:15 - 01:15 pm	60 Min	Moderator: Mr M Vasanthagesan IRS , <i>President, India Rubber Meet Forum & Executive Director, Rubber Board</i>
	5 Min	Opening Remarks by the Moderator
		Mr S Venkatesan , <i>General Manager (Quality Control), Indian Oil Corporation</i>
		Mr Josy Joseph Kalathoor , <i>Unit Head, Palappillil Techno Rubbers, Agartala</i>
		Sr Rose Kayathinkara , <i>Secretary & Founder, Mendipathar Multipurpose Cooperative Society Ltd, Meghalaya</i>
		Mr VS Anand , <i>Managing Director, NOCIL India</i>
		Dr Joshy V Cherian , <i>Chairman, Omega Green Solutions, Guwahati</i>
		Q & A Session
01:15 - 01:30 pm	5 Min	Closing Remarks by the Moderator
	15 Min	<i>Concluding Remarks & Vote of Thanks:</i> Mr Vinod Simon , <i>Vice Chairman, Organizing Committee, India Rubber Meet 2024</i>
		Declaration of Venue and Date for IRM 2026 and Closing of IRM 2024: Mr M Vasanthagesan IRS , <i>President, India Rubber Meet Forum & Executive Director, Rubber Board</i>
		National Anthem
1:30 pm		Lunch / Networking