

Press Release

The Government of India appointed Dr Ranjith K Matthan, Director of Polymer Consultancy Services (P) Ltd as new President of Indian Rubber Manufacturers Research Association (IRMRA) commencing January 2019 . He succeeds Shri Rajendra V Gandhi's whose tenure was successfully completed in December 2018 under leadership IRMRA achieved several milestones including initiating new branches in its landmark Diamond Jubilee Year 2018.

His contribution promoting IRMRA services in support of the MSME sector, especially the non tyre industry was very significant. Dr Rajkumar, Director, IRMRA said "Shri Gandhi was always helpful, humble, approachable' and available whenever we were in need'.

Ranjit K Matthan is well known International expert on the Rubber Technology and he has been associated with IRMRA in different capacities for more than 35 years as a member of the Governing Council and IRMRA;s Research Advisory Committee. Dr Matthan played key role in preparation of Proposal to establish the Centre of Excellence for Tyre Research, Testing and Certification during 11th five year plan which was sanctioned by DIPP, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Govt of India.

Dr Rajkumar said that his experience of working with Dr Matthan, during the last 3 years, found 'he was very supportive and approachable person and with his vast experience at international level. This will be immensely helpful for IRMRAs growth and sustainable development. The Director acknowledged his vital role played in starting of the Southern branch in Sricity.

Dr Matthan did his PhD in Rubber Science from National College of Rubber Technology London. He is a Fellow of the Royal Chartered Institute of Materials, Minerals and Mines, U.K. He is recipient of several awards including the KM Phillip Award (2005-6) and the prestigious Hancock Medal of the Institute of Materials, U.K. (2014). He is an Advisor to several International Rubber companies involved in the sustainable rubber value chain.

As the incoming President of IRMRA, he would like to extend and grow the legacy of his illustrious predecessors, including Padma Shri K M Philip, Shri Onkar Kanwar, Dr Raghupati Singhania, and Shri Rajendra Gandhi.