



From the Desk of Director



Dear Reader:

Greetings! It is a pleasure to present the April – June 2018 newsletter of the IRMRA. As you will note from its contents, training continues to be an important part of the organisation. It is only through training workshops that the necessary skill-sets of those working in the rubber industry in various capacities can be strengthened. This is essential in view of the quick pace at which technology in the rubber and allied sectors has been evolving. Globally, manufacturers of rubber products are making a huge transition to such benchmarking levels as Industry 4.0 and the Internet of Things (IoT). It is not long before Indian producers of rubber and rubber goods migrate to such platforms.

The IRMRA has been doing pioneering work in this field and our recent workshops on physical and chemical testing of rubber products as well as laboratory management systems, among others, is evidence of this march towards the next generation of production and management. Meanwhile, keeping the spirit of celebration high, the IRMRA commemorated the 'National Technological Day' – an event that not only saw the enthusiastic participation of many esteemed guests but also staff members who contributed their talent to make it a success. The team at IRMRA must be appreciated for its never-ending support for all such events. To conclude, let us now look forward to the next quarter with the same optimism.

Best Regards

Dr. K. Rajkumar
Director, IRMRA

IRMRA'S SERVICES

IRMRA provides services like testing, research and development, product development, failure investigation, inspection, training and consultancy services, and third-party inspection services on rubber and allied products.

TRAINING PROGRAMMES

IRMRA conducted several training workshops on rubber technology and laboratory management systems. These included:

- 2-day training programme of physical and chemical testing of rubber products on February 22-23, 2018.
- 4-day training programme on laboratory management systems as per ISO:IEC 17025:2005 and internal audit.
- Programme on advances in moulding technology and troubleshooting on March 9, 2018.



UPCOMING TRAINING PROGRAMMES

Title	Duration
NABET-Accredited Training on 'Laboratory Management Systems' as per ISO:IEC 17025:2005 and Internal Audit.	03.07.2018 – 06.07.2018
Measurement Uncertainty-Chemical and Mechanical Measurement.	24.07.2018 –25.07.2018
Physical and Chemical Testing of Rubber Products.	09.08.2018- 10.08.2018
NABET-Accredited Training on 'Laboratory Management Systems' as per ISO:IEC 17025:2005 and Internal Audit.	21.08.2018 – 24.08.2018
Advance in Moulding Technology and Troubleshooting	11.09.2018
Specialty Elastomers : Processing and Application	12.09.2018
NABET-Accredited Training on 'Laboratory Management Systems' as per ISO:IEC 17025:2005 and Internal Audit.	18.09.2018 – 21.09.2018

IRMRA EVENTS

TECHNOLOGY DAY

The Indian Rubber Manufacturers Research Association (IRMRA) commemorated the 'National Technological Day' at its campus by organising a whole day event on May 11, 2018 as a part of the Diamond Jubilee celebration. On this very day in 1998, India achieved a major technological breakthrough by successfully carrying out nuclear tests at Pokhran and therefore became the 6th country in the world to have nuclear capability. Another landmark event on this date was the test flight of the indigenous aircraft 'Hansa-3' at Bangalore. A successful test firing of the 'Trishul' missile was also carried out on this day.

The occasion was graced with the presence of Dr. G S Nadiger, advisor and former director of SASMIRA, Mumbai. He was accompanied by the chief guest, Dr. Virendrakumar Gupta, Senior Vice President and Chief, Research and Development, Reliance Industries Ltd. John Heath, Director, Wurf bain BV, UK was present on this occasion as keynote speaker. Other eminent guests and dignitaries were also present to celebrate this prestigious event.



NASHIK WORKSHOP

IRMRA conducted a technical workshop on 'Basic Rubber Technology, Physical and Chemical Testing' on July 20, 2018 at Ambad Industrial Manufacturer's Association, Ambad, Nashik. The knowledge-sharing session was conducted by Ms. Suchismita Sahoo, Assistant Director, IRMRA and Dr. Debdipta Basu, Assistant Director, IRMRA.





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