

Govt. of India nominates Dr. R.Mukhopadhyay as New President of IRMRA

After successful completion of 3 years tenure of Dr. R.K.Matthan, as President of IRMRA, Govt. of India nominates Dr. R.Mukhopadhyay, Director (R&D) of JK Tyre and Industries Ltd., as President of IRMRA.



After completing his graduation from the University of Calcutta and MSc – Ph.D. from IIT Kharagpur, Dr. Mukhopadhyay started his career in the 70's as a Faculty in Applied Chemistry at I.I.T, Kharagpur. Subsequently joined Bayer India (Rubber Chemical Division). He is the Director & Chief Executive of Hari Shankar Singhania Elastomer & Tyre Research Institute (HASETRI) since its inception in 1991 and Director (R&D) of JK Tyre & Industries Ltd. With close to 5 decades of experience in Education, Training and Research he has been contributing expertise towards Rubber Science and Tyre Technology.

He is a Visiting Faculty at different IITs and national universities in India. He has to his credit more than 175 research and Technical Papers in National & International journals and seven Patents from his research work. Under his guidance, ten scientists did their Ph.D from different universities/IITs. He is the Chairman of Indian Rubber Institute (IRI) Governing Council and Fellow Member of Indian National Academy of Engineers (FNAE), The Institution of Engineers India (FIE), Indian Rubber Institute (FIRI), American Chemical Society-Rubber Division, Indian Society of Analytical Scientists, Indian Institute of Quality etc. He is member of Academic Advisory Board of Techno India NJR Institute of Technology, Udaipur. Member of Governing Council of Rubber Skill Development Council, under National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC), Govt. of India. He is also a Lead Assessor of different Quality Management Systems and different Business Excellence Models. He is a member of Advisory Board of Certification Services, British Standards Institute (BSI), India and BSI APAC Certification Body Impartiality Committee (CBIC), British Standards Institution (BSI) Asia Pacific Region.

He is instrumental in establishing “Dr. D.Banerjee Centre of Excellence” at JSS Technical Institutions Campus in Mysuru. This Centre acts as a nodal centre for rubber technology education, training, testing, research and skill development in Karnataka including BVoc course in Rubber Technology and various certificate programmes for different job roles of “Rubber Skill Development Council (RSDC) under Skill India Mission proposed by the Prime Minister.

Recently, he has been honoured with the coveted “Distinguished Alumnus Award 2020” during the 66th Convocation of Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kharagpur. The honor is in recognition of Dr. Mukhopadhyay's professional achievements, determination, and contribution as an alumnus of IIT. The award was presented by Prof. Virendra Kumar Tiwari, Director of IIT Kharagpur at a glittering ceremony during the institute's convocation day in Kharagpur, West Bengal. The event was addressed by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Shri. Narendra Modi as a Chief Guest and witnessed the presence of eminent academicians, scientists, industry experts, technocrats and social activists, etc.

Dr. Mukhopadhyay's vision is that in the next few years IRMRA to emerge as a significant contributor to accomplish our Hon'ble. Prime Minister's 'Atma Nirbhar Bharat policy' and 'Skill India Mission' in Rubber sector. Towards achieving this objective, IRMRA team to concentrate on new generation Material Research, Innovative Product Development, Testing, Education & Training specially for the defence, space, health & automobile sectors including working towards sustainability & circular economy. IRMRA to help and support MSME sector through innovative technology development in the field of elastomeric materials & products by cooperation, collaboration & co creation jointly with various associations and institutes.