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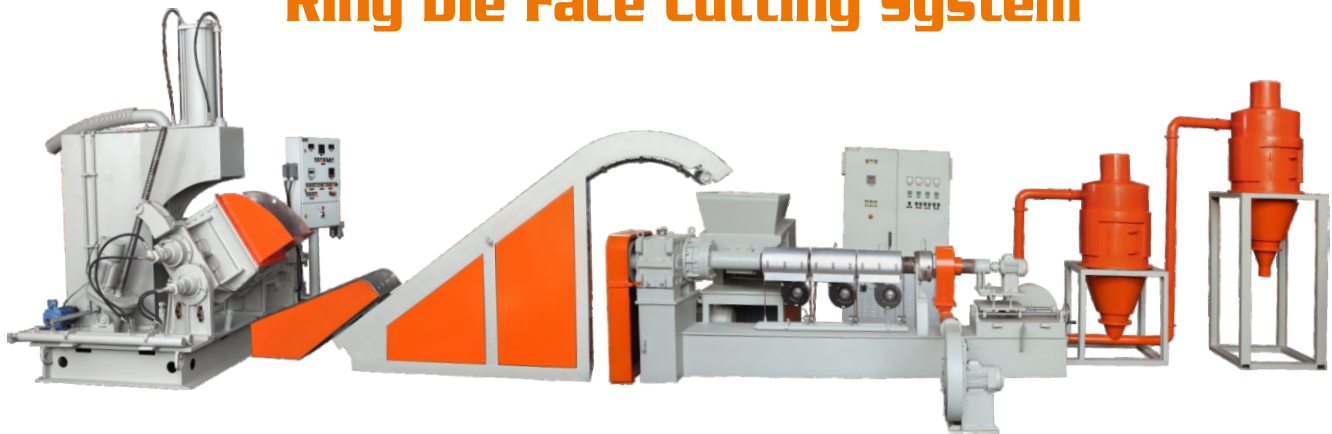
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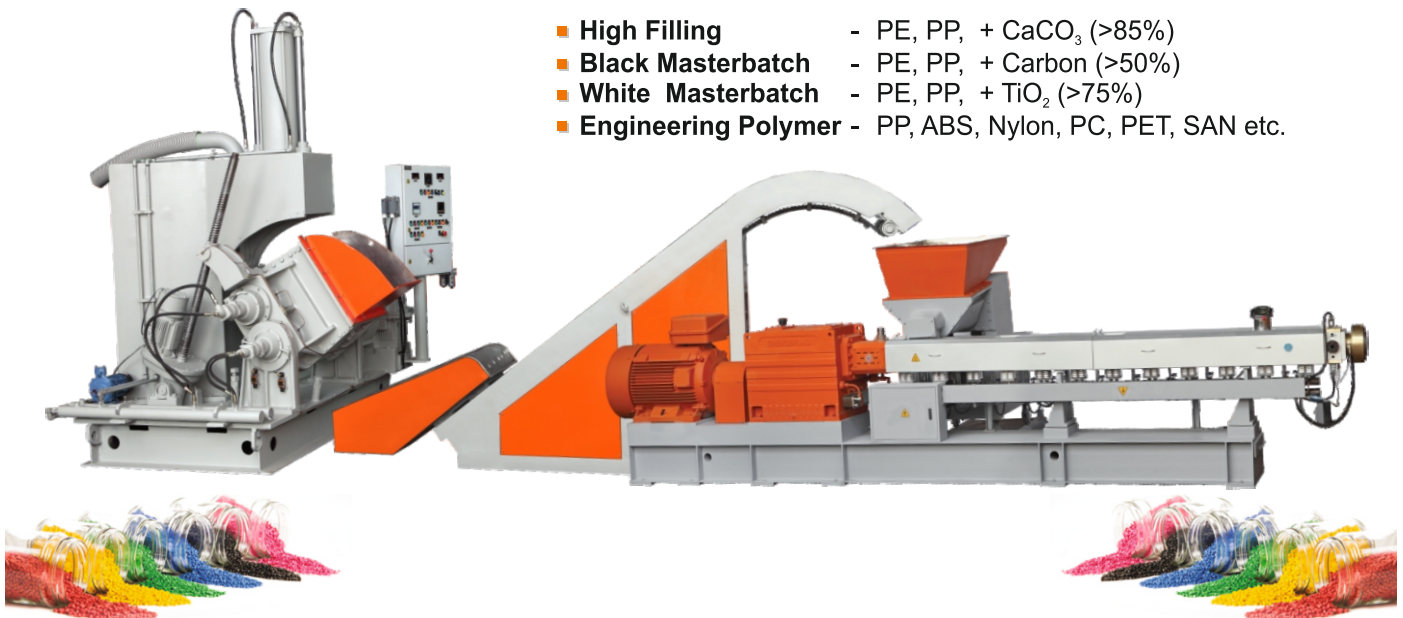
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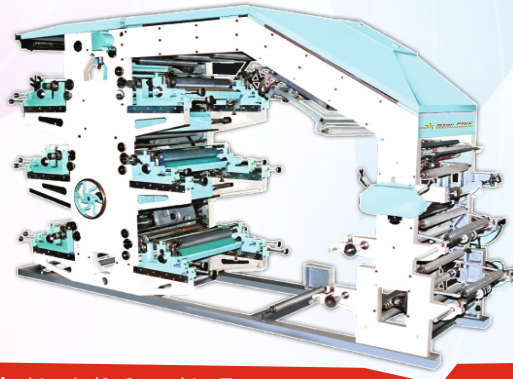
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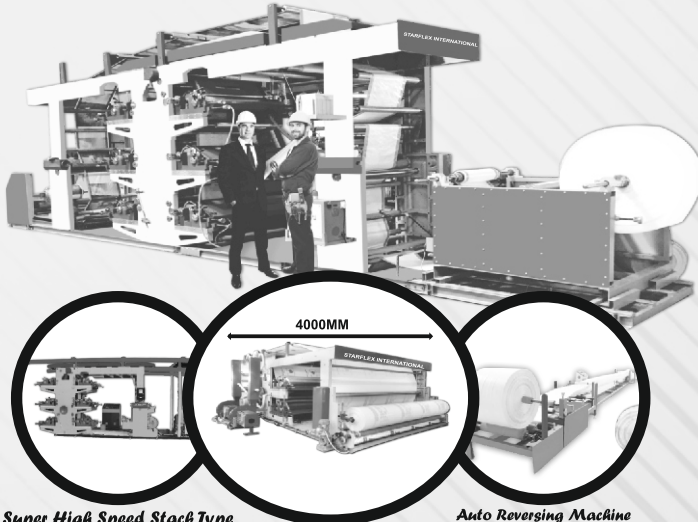
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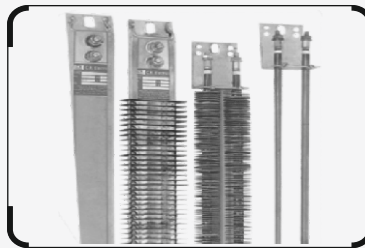
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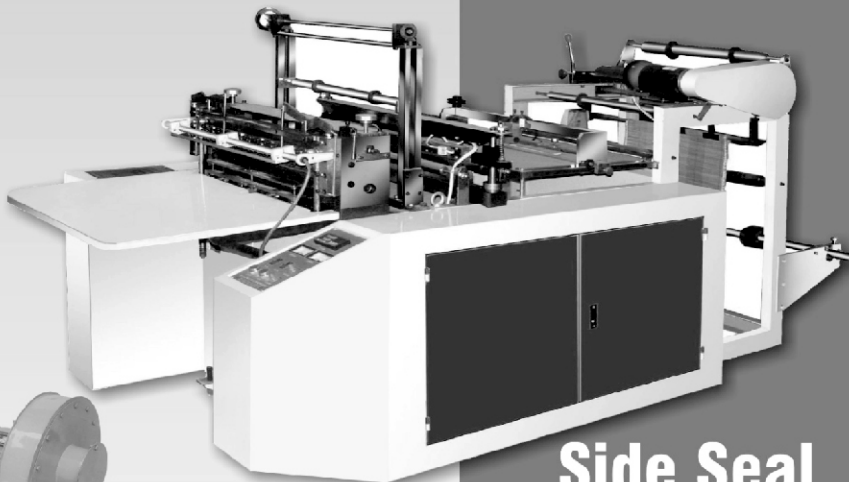
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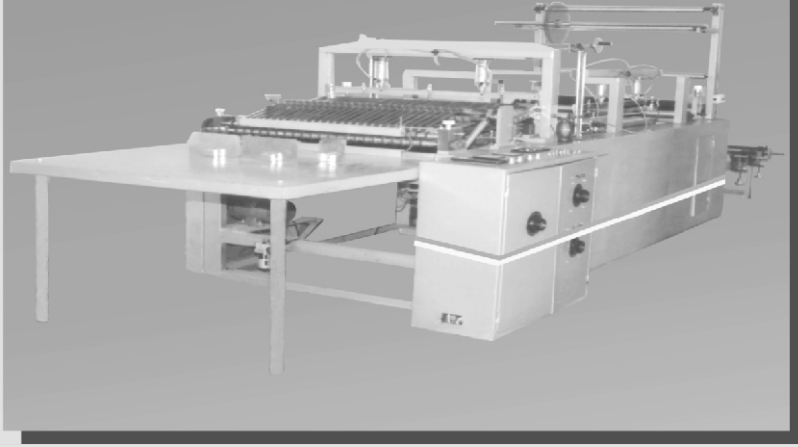
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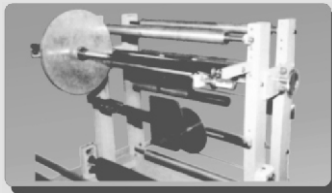
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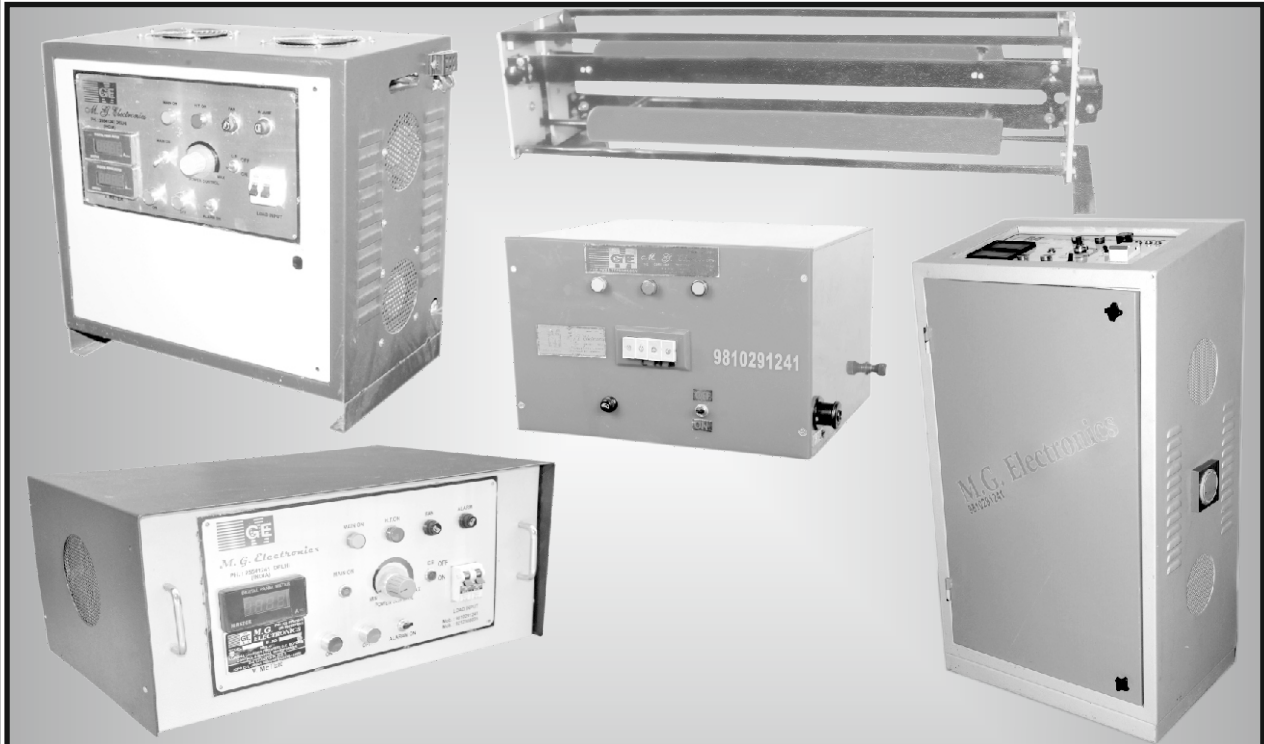
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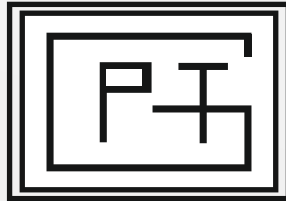
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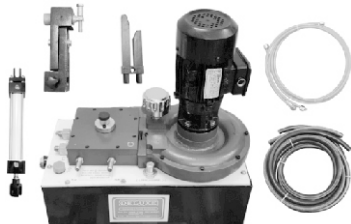
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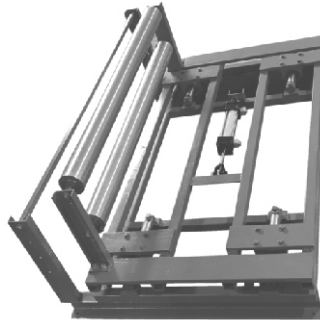
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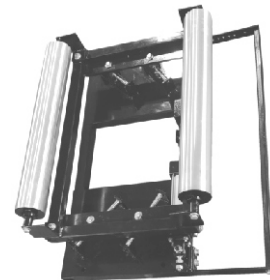
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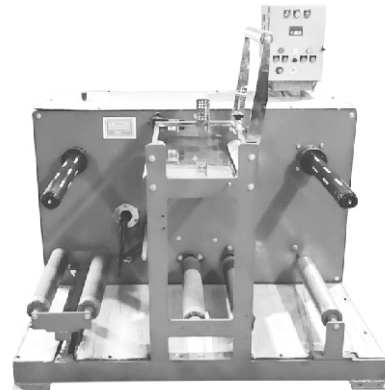
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ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES

1. AIPIA's 42nd Annual General Body Meeting & Industry Meet held on 20th September, 2024

The 42nd Annual General Body Meeting & Industry Meet of the **All India Plastic Industries Association (AIPIA)** took place on **20th September 2024**, at 6:30 p.m., at **Hotel Hyatt Centric, Janakpuri, New Delhi**. The meeting was presided over by **Shri Devinder Pal Singh, President**, and was initially adjourned due to a lack of quorum.

Opening Remarks:

Shri Devinder Pal Singh extended a warm welcome to all present members, sponsors, and guests. He expressed his heartfelt gratitude to the Association's members, sponsors, and supporting associations such as **Bawana, Narela, Kirti Nagar, and Sadar Bazar** for their unwavering contribution and support. In his address, the President touched upon several key issues impacting the trade and industry:

- **Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR):** current scenario on **EPR**, with ongoing efforts for full exemption.
- **Price Regulation:** Emphasized the need for stabilization of plastic raw material prices to tackle market fluctuations.
- **BIS Standards:** Called for easing **BIS standards** to assist the micro and small sectors.
- **MSME Financial Schemes:** Highlighted the need for better access to these schemes and voiced opposition to increased **electricity charges by DERC**.

The President also commended the **Executive Committee** and staff for their contributions toward the growth and transparency of the Association. Additionally, he announced plans for a **major exhibition** next year and encouraged members to remain actively engaged.

AGM Proceedings:

The **minutes of the 41st Annual General Body Meeting**, held on **20th September 2023** at Seven Seas Hotel, Rohini, New Delhi, were presented by **Shri Rohit Sarna, Joint Secretary**, and approved by the members.

The **Annual Report** was presented by **Shri Brijesh Bhutani, Hony. General Secretary**, covering the Association's key activities (reproduced in this issue).

Shri Amrinder Singh Arora, Treasurer, presented the audited accounts for the year 2023-24 and the **Budget Estimates for 2024-25**, both of which were unanimously approved. **M/s Suresh & Associates** were appointed as auditors for the year 2024-25.

Industry-Related Issues:

Shri Ravi Kumar Aggarwal, Patron, addressed critical matters concerning the industry, particularly focusing on:

- **Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR):** He highlighted the complexity and financial burden of EPR, reiterating the Association's request for the government to **fully exempt small and micro plastic processing units**.
- **Electricity Charges:** Raised concerns over rising electricity charges and surcharges, including **Pension Trust surcharge** and **Power Purchase Cost Adjustment charge**, which are impacting the financial viability and competitiveness of small units.
- **BOPP Film Pricing:** He discussed the hardships small and micro units face due to **unfair pricing policies** by BOPP film producers.

Exhibition and Events:

Shri Jatin Raheja, Organizing Secretary, provided an update on the Association's participation in **national and international exhibitions**.

Special recognition was given to two early birds, sponsored by **Premium Plastic**, and five lucky draw prizes, generously sponsored by **Shri S.N. Mittal**, were awarded to lucky members.

Shri Rakesh Sachdeva, Sr. Vice President, thanked all participants, concluding the first session with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

Second Session – Presentations:

The second session featured sponsor presentations. **Axis Bank**, the **Banking Partner**, introduced a specially designed **MSME program**, aimed at empowering micro, small, and medium enterprises with swift and convenient access to financial resources. Members raised queries, which were addressed during the session.

Ms. Payal Arora, Director of Trash to Treasure, delivered a presentation on **Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR)** under **Plastic Waste Management (PWM) Rules**, outlining:

- Micro & Small Producers are **not liable for EPR** but must register.
- **Producers must include Contract Manufacturers.**
- **Revision in obligated entities.**
- Introduction of **Category V** (Biodegradable Waste).

Other sponsors also delivered PowerPoint presentations.

Felicitation and Closing Remarks:

Shri Amrinder Singh Arora announced the **Sponsor Recognition Felicitation**, followed by a vote of thanks to sponsors delivered by **Shri Bhupesh Ralli, Joint Secretary**. The meeting was formally declared closed, with members proceeding for cocktails and dinner.

The event was a great success.

2. Letters sent to the **Minister of Chemical & Fertilizers & Minister of MSME regarding the hardship being faced by the small and micro plastic processing units due to the wrong pricing policies of BOPP film producers.**

MSMEs in general, and particularly in the plastic segment, are struggling under the weight of numerous regulations, including GST, pollution control, factory licenses, labor laws, BIS certification, power compliance, and other sector-specific rules. These regulatory burdens have become significant barriers to growth and sustainability.

Adding to these challenges is the erratic pricing policies of large BOPP producers, which has pushed many small and micro enterprises to the brink of collapse. Their recent roller-coaster ride regarding prices has put the downstream micro and small plastic processing industry in an unmanageable fix.

Just to point out, in the current financial year, around three months back, they increased prices of BOPP film by Rs. 25/- per kg and after approximately one month dropped prices by the same Rs. 25/-! And to top it all, they had the courage to increase prices once again by 20/- per kg last month. This so-called revision, upwards and downwards, has no link at all to their raw material polymer pricing by Reliance Petrochemicals and other raw material manufacturers, whatsoever. All this has resulted in major losses to the downstream processing industry, which they can hardly bear. This wrong practice of suddenly increasing and decreasing prices is being followed by major producers like: Jindal Poly Films, Chiripal, Nahar poly films, Poly Plex, Toppan (formerly max) etc.

As representatives of the small and micro plastic processing sector, we urge you to advocate for price stability. We believe that aligning BOPP film prices with those of their raw-material polymer producers like Reliance Petrochemicals etc. would provide reason and time to small and micro enterprises to plan and sustain their operations in this market.

We kindly request for some time out of your busy schedule, when a small delegation from our association will meet you and discuss this issue in more detail.

Important points discussed in the Executive Committee Meeting held on 10th September, 2024

1. **To approve the minutes of previous Executive Committee Meetings held on 10th August, 2024.**
Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on 10th August, 2024 were considered and approved.
2. **Approval of the Expenditure for the Month of August 2024**
 - a. **Outstanding Dues**
A long-pending outstanding sheet was presented. The President suggested categorizing them under the head "Bad debt" instead of writing them off. If any payments are received, they can be recovered under this category.
The rest of the expenses for August 2024 were approved.
3. **Discussion on Industry-Related Matters**
 - TDS for CHA**
Shri Manuj M Gupta raised a query regarding whether TDS will be deducted if a payment is made to a Customs House Agent (CHA). Shri Rohit Sarna clarified that in shipping bills, CFS charges are raised after deducting TDS.
4. **AGM-cum-Industry Meet 2024**
 - a. **Finalization of Agenda/Programme/Lucky Draw/Early Bird Prizes**
These items were discussed. Shri Amrinder Singh Arora offered to sponsor two early bird prizes.
 - b. **Constitution of the Reception Committee**
It was decided that all Executive Committee Members will be part of the Reception Committee.
 - c. **Felicitations for Sponsors**
To honour the sponsors, a bamboo plant was suggested as one of the gift options.
 - d. **Appointment of Photographer**
Shri Parshotam Kumar, Patron, suggested appointing Sunny Photographer, who also covered the previous AGMs, and agreed to make the arrangements.
 - e. **Invitation Card**
Members suggested sending e-invites via email or circulation, similar to the process followed last year.
5. **Consideration and Approval of Income & Expenditure Accounts and Balance Sheet for the Year 2023-24**
The Income & Expenditure Accounts and Balance Sheet for the year 2023-24, including Budget Estimates for the year 2024-25, were considered and approved after incorporating some changes.
6. **Participation in International Exhibitions**
A proposal to apply for international events to be held from 1st January 2025 to 30th June 2025 under the IC Scheme of the Ministry of MSME was discussed. It was decided to apply for participation in **CHINAPLAS 2025** under the IC Scheme.

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Minutes of 41st Annual General Body Meeting held on 20th September, 2023

41st Annual General Body Meeting-cum-Election & Industry Meet of the All India Plastic Industries Association was held on **20th September, 2023** at 6:30 p.m. in the Hotel Seven Seas, Rohin, New Delhi. Shri Devinder Pal Singh, President presided over the meeting. It was initially adjourned for lack of quorum.

At the outset Shri Devinder Pal Singh welcomed all present members, sponsors and guests. The President while delivering his speech thanked all the AIPIA team members for their continuous contribution and support to the Association. He also addressed important issues pertaining to the trade and industry.

Minutes for the 40th Annual General Body Meeting held in the Hyatt Centric New Delhi on 10th October, 2022 were approved by the members.

Shri Brijesh Bhutani, Hony. General Secretary in his Annual Report mentioned various activities of the association. Some important issues highlighted in the report are as under:

- Advocacy for simplifying Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) regulations, especially for micro and small plastic processors. Letters were sent to the Prime Minister's Office, raising concerns about contradictions in EPR rules and calling for exemptions for specific years (2021-22 & 2022-23). And also requested to keep the micro and small units out of the purview of EPR regulations.
- The association urged the Finance Ministry to streamline access to finance for MSMEs, especially during urgent situations, and to improve advertising for financial schemes. They also requested 24/7 banking facilities to enhance business growth and financial inclusion.
- The association opposed anti-dumping duties on raw materials like Pearl pigments, used in manufacturing. They also raised concerns about the impact of BIS standards on the micro and small plastic processing sectors, as these regulations hinder raw material flow and are difficult for smaller businesses to comply with.
- Raised concerns about GAIL's decision to supply raw materials only to EPR-registered manufacturers, as well as the frequent changes in polymer prices. The association requested price control mechanisms and suggested limiting price revisions to once per month. They also opposed new licensing requirements for repacking units under the Quality Control Order (QCO) for polyethylene, urging a delay in its implementation.
- Raised issues with penalties related to multilayered packaging under PWM Rules and concerns over the electricity tariff structure in Delhi. They highlighted the need for transparency on charges like pension trust surcharge and PPCA in electricity bills.

In absence of Shri Ajay Kumar Gupta- Treasurer, Shri Vipin Gupta-Vice President presented audited accounts of the Association for 2022-23 and Budget Estimates for 2023-24, which were unanimously approved. Appointment of M/s Suresh & Associates as Auditors for the year 2023-24 (upto next AGM) was considered and approved.

Shri Amrinder Singh Arora, Joint Secretary moved the following resolutions, which were unanimously approved:

RESOLUTION-1

RESOLVED THAT THE MEMBERSHIP FEE SHOULD BE REVISED WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT. THE ADMISSION FEE INCREASED FROM Rs. 100/- TO Rs. 500. THE CRITERIA SHOULD BE AS UNDER:

- 1. FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP, THE FEE WILL BE Rs. 25500/-+18%GST**
- 2. FOR 5 YEARS, THE MEMBERSHIP FEE WILL BE Rs.11,500/-+18%GST**
- 3. FOR ONE YEAR, THE MEMBERSHIP FEE WILL BE Rs. 3500/-+18%GST**

RESOLUTION-2

Financial strength of the Association is a must for its smooth functioning, so that it can continue to serve the industry and its members efficiently. Therefore, RESOLVED THAT

“OFFICE BEARERS SHALL CONTRIBUTE MINIMUM Rs. 51,000/- (Rupees Fifty-one Thousand only) and EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS SHALL CONTRIBUTE RS. 25000/- (Rupees Twenty-Five Thousand only) BY WAY OF INTRODUCING LIFE MEMBERS OR BOOKING ADVERTISEMENTS (NEW) FOR MONTHLY MAGAZINE/ANNUAL DIRECTORY OR SPONSORSHIP FOR AIPIA’s EVENTS/AGMs OR BY DONATIONS. THIS IS BEING DONE WITH A VIEW TO MOBILIZE FUNDS FOR THE ASSOCIATION”.

These figures are for a term of two years.

Ours is a voluntary Association. Giving time to the Association and its various activities is of supreme importance. Therefore, ‘Financial contribution’ will mean giving time, increasing membership, giving advertisements, direct monetary contribution etc. All of the above would be given due weightage when assessing the ‘Financial Contribution’.

Shri S.N. Mittal proposed a resolution for consideration of the members. The resolution suggests that each member should contribute either Rs. 2100/- or Rs. 1100/- in the form of:

- a) Enrolment of a new member.
- b) Advertisement in the monthly magazine or Directory, otherwise;
- c) cash donation

This fund will be utilized only for the development of the industry or participation in exhibitions/seminar or research in plastic etc.

His suggestion was appreciated by the members.

Shri Ravi Kumar Aggarwal, our Patron, addressed several critical industry-related matters during the meeting. He emphasized the pressing concern of Extended Producers Responsibility (EPR), which still shows ambiguities, and authorities themselves lack clarity regarding its regulations. Indeed, the issuance of directives by the authority regarding this rule has created challenges, especially for small and micro entrepreneurs. Coping with these directives can be particularly burdensome due to the lack of clarity and practicality in its implementation.

He further expressed his opinion that slabs of discounts on higher lifting should not be beyond 100 tons. Moreover, DERC’s move to impose higher tariff on whole power consumption was arbitrary, it should be on the additional load only, and clarification issued by DERC in this regard was not satisfactory.

Shri Manuj M. Gupta raised a pertinent question regarding the mandatory application of EPR to packaging materials for imported products. He referred to a recent customs order stipulating EPR compliance for all producers and suppliers of imported packaging materials. Concerns arose about the practical steps required for compliance. Shri Ravi Kumar Aggarwal shared his perspective, noting that virtually all imported items are packaged with some quantity of plastic, and the government has not yet defined a specific cut off quantity for plastic content in imported packaging. This ambiguity appears unusual because practically all imports involve some plastic packaging, effectively implying that all importers would be subject to EPR registration. This interpretation might not align with the statute’s original intention, which should ideally target specific importers based on a minimum threshold of plastic content. Clarifications from the regulatory authorities are crucial in this regard.

Shri Prakash Chand Jain, President Bawana Chamber of Commerce & Industry congratulated All India Plastic Industries Association on completion of its 41 years in the service of industry.

Shri J.P. Jaypee from Neeru Marketing Pvt Ltd. also praised the AIPIA’s work.

Shri Jatin Raheja, Organizing Secretary briefed members about association’s participation in national and international exhibitions.

Two lucky draw prizes, generously sponsored by the Hotel Seven Seas-our Venue Partner, were awarded to two fortunate members during the event.

Sr. Vice President, Shri Rakesh Sachdeva thanked all participants for attending the meeting. The first session of the meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

Shri S.N. Mittal, Election Officer declared the following members elected for two years term – 2023-25, unanimously:

OFFICE BEARERS 2023-25

Sr. No.	Name of the Members	Name of the Company	Designation
1	Shri Devinder Pal Singh	JK Paras Polycoats Limited	President
2	Shri Rakesh Sachdeva	Sachdeva Polycolor Pvt. Ltd.	Senior Vice President
3	Shri Arun Rastogi	Mono Industries	Vice President
4	Shri Praveen Kathuria	Raman Reti Enterprises	Vice President
5	Shri Brijesh Bhutani	Shreejee Color Solutions	Hony.General Secretary
6	Shri Rohit Sarna	Aar Esss Logistics Pvt Ltd	Hony. Joint Secretary
7	Shri Bhupesh Ralli	Jewel Plastics	Hony. Joint Secretary
8	Shri Amrinder Singh Arora	Premier Plastic & Chemical Agencies	Hony. Treasurer
9	Shri Jatin Raheja	CR Enterprises	Organizing Secretary

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS- 2023-25

S.No.	Name of the Members	Name of the Company
1	Vipin Gupta	Raj Polymers Pvt. Ltd.
2	Sudesh Gupta	Landmark Extrusion & Engineering
3	Vikas Kr. Vishnoi	Innovative Solution
4	Tajinder Singh Chawla	Chawla Traders & Fabricators
5	Sushil Gupta	M.M.H International
6	Sahibdeep Singh	JKP Master Batch Pvt Ltd
7	Sachin Arora	Freedom Chemtech LLp
8	Rajan Lamba	Alshine
9	Rachit Gupta	RKG Polymers
10	Pankaj Berlia	Berlia Electricals Polymer Pvt Ltd
11	Manuj M. Gupta	Anoopam India Pvt Ltd
12	Manish Mittal	M.M Products
13	Mayank Aggarwal	KVM Chemfo Pvt. Ltd
14	Girish Narang	Gemini Seterate
15	Anil Kumar Jain	Bonlon Traders
16	Abhishek Kalia	S.K Engineering Works

S.No.	Name of the Members	Name of the Company
1	Pawan Jangir	Naresh Engineering Corporation
2	Tejas Jain	Shree Vallabh Chemicals
3	Sanjeev Mittal	Ganesh Enterprises
4	S.K. Surana	Surana Marketing

After the Election results, audio video presentations by Sponsors began and members took keen interest in watching them. The session of presentations lasted for more than one and half hours.

Joint Secretary, Shri S.K. Surana & Shri Bhupesh Ralli-Executive Committee Member thanked all members for attending the meeting and requested them to proceed for dinner. Over all the AGM proved to be a Grand Success.

(Brijesh Bhutani) General Secretary

ALL INDIA PLASTIC INDUSTRIES ASSOCIATION

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42nd Annual General Body Meeting – 20 September, 2024

SECRETARY'S REPORT on the Activities of the Executive Committee (2023-25) For the Period 2023-24 (till date)

Dear Members

On behalf of the office bearers and all executive committee members, I am pleased to welcome you to the 42nd AGM of our association. It is my honor to present the Secretary's Report, covering the period from October 2023 to date.

The Executive Committee convened on 12 occasions, holding regular monthly meetings where we addressed key issues to improve the plastic industry and serve our members. Throughout the year, the association engaged with government officials and ministries, communicating the industry's challenges. We have made significant progress, though we continue to await responses from several ministries, such as the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, and the Ministry of Commerce & Industry.

The association took up many issues concerning plastic industry and MSMEs with the Central Government Departments / Ministries. Some of the important issues are as under:

1. Ministry of Environment & Climate Change (MoEFCC&E):

● Extended Producers Responsibility (EPR):

After continuous representation, small plastic processors have been excluded from the payment obligations under EPR, although they are still required to upload details on the official website. We continue to urge the government to entirely exempt the small and micro plastic processing sector from EPR requirements, as the process is unduly complex and financially burdensome. This exemption would allow these units to focus on product quality and job creation.

2. Ministry of Finance:

Letters were sent to the Finance Minister urging for better promotion and access to finance schemes for the MSME sector. Simplifying loan processes and offering 24x7 banking for MSMEs could ease financial stress, especially for salary and utility payments.

3. Ministry of Commerce & Industry

● Imposition of Anti-dumping duty on raw material

We have requested that no anti-dumping duty be imposed on raw materials like Pearl pigments, which are crucial for the plastic industry, particularly in manufacturing masterbatches.

● Imposition of BIS standard on raw material

The imposition of BIS standards on raw materials disproportionately affects micro and small sectors. We have requested relief or modification of these regulations to ensure a smoother flow of raw materials.

4. Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers:

We emphasized the need for a price regulator for plastic raw materials, as the frequent price changes (sometimes within three days) significantly disrupt small-scale operations. A price stabilization mechanism could greatly benefit the industry.

For Bureau of Indian Standards: Burdensome Licensing Requirements for Repacking Units

We have raised concerns with the relevant authorities regarding the recent amendment requiring BIS certification for repacking units. This change has placed an undue burden on businesses, particularly MSMEs. The certification process is not only stringent but also costly and time-consuming, exacerbating the financial strain on small enterprises already operating on thin margins. This new requirement poses a significant challenge for importers, as the cost of compliance is ultimately transferred to them, further amplifying financial pressures in the plastic processing sector.

The SME plastic processing sector seeks clarification from BIS on whether this certification requirement applies equally to virgin raw materials, reprocessed materials, or regrind materials. If so, we strongly recommend the introduction of distinct HSN codes to differentiate between virgin materials and reprocessed/regrind materials. This distinction is critical to ensure that regulations are applied fairly and do not disproportionately impact the reprocessing sector, which is vital for promoting recycling and sustainability within the industry.

By streamlining these regulations and providing clear guidelines, the sector will be better equipped to comply without incurring excessive costs, allowing MSMEs to focus on growth and improving product quality.

5. Ministry of MSME:

We have advocated for simplified EPR regulations, requesting that the government focus on supporting small units rather than penalizing them for non-compliance.

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We raised concerns about the increased MCD factory license renewal charges and the Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission (DERC) charges, including power tariff surcharges, and requested a rollback or explanation for these changes.

Members of the association participate in Exhibitions/seminars/meetings concerning the industry convened by State/Central Government Departments and Industry associations. I mention below some of these:

Date	Exhibitions/Seminars/Events/Meeting Attended by APIA Members
10th October, 2023	A meeting was held with DPCC officials in the Association's office regarding the compliances with pollution norms under PWM Rules.
17-21 October, 2023	Fakuma Plastic Exhibitions , one of the largest shows in Germany, took place from 17-21 October, 2023, at Messe Friedrichshafen in Germany. This event featured the participation of several prominent German Companies showcasing their latest technologies. Shri Amrinder Singh Arora, Treasurer and Shri Tajinder Singh Executive Committee Member, represented APIA at the event, bearing their own expenses.
7-11 December, 2023	Plastivision -2023 was held from 7-11 December, 2023 in Mumbai. The show was well attended by Indian and foreign exhibitors/visitors. Our association also participated by putting up its own stall. Also, our association members displayed their company's profiles at our stall.
1-5 February, 2024	PLAST FOCUS 2024 was held from 1-5 February, 2024 in ICCYashobhoomi, Dwarka New Delhi. It was well attended by Indian and foreign exhibitors/visitors. Many APIA members participated in it. Our Association also participated in the Exhibition by putting up its own stall and our members displayed their company's profiles at our stall.

24th February, 2024	A meeting was conducted by CPCB in virtual mode under the Chairmanship of Ms Divya Sinha on 24 th February, 2024 with the Industrial Associations regarding onboarding the users on EPR Portal with enhanced security features. Shri Ravi Kumar Aggarwal, Patron and Shri Bhupesh Ralli, Joint Secretary attended the meeting.
14-17 March, 2024	Interpac India 2024 organized by IPAMA was held from 14-17 March, 2024 in Greater Noida. For the betterment of packaging industry, our Associations supported this show as the Industry Partner. Shri Devinder Pal Singh, President and Shri Brijesh Bhutani, General Secretary were honored by team IPAMA during the inaugural ceremony of the show.
23-26 April, 2024	China Plas 2024 was held in Shanghai from 23-26 April 2024 in NECC Exhibition Ground. It is one of best Exhibition for Plastic & Rubber Industry in China. AIPIA's visitors delegation comprising of 40 members participated in this show.
6-10 May, 2024	NPE is one of the world's largest trade fairs for plastics and plastic technology. All India Plastic Industries Association organized Indian Buyers delegation to NPE 2024. Our members attended, showcasing our association's involvement in global platforms.
7-9 June, 2024	Plex Connect 2024 organized by Plexconcil was held in Mumbai from 7-9 June, 2024. Many AIPIA members participated in this show.
16th July, 2024	MSME-Development & Facilitation Office, Okhla, New Delhi (Government of India, Ministry of MSME), functioning under the aegis of the Development Commissioner (MSME), organized an 'MSME Outreach Programme with Credit Opportunities' on 16.07.2024 at 10:30 AM at MSME-DFO, Okhla, New Delhi, for various associations and banks. The purpose of this seminar was to disseminate information about various important schemes of the Ministry of MSME. Shri Devinder Pal Singh, President; Shri Ravi Kumar Aggarwal, Patron; Shri Brijesh Bhutani, General Secretary; Shri Rohit Sarna, Joint Secretary; Shri Sudesh Gupta; and Shri Vikas Vishnoi, Executive Committee Members, attended the seminar on behalf of AIPIA.
30th July, 2024	A stakeholder consultation meeting was scheduled through virtual mode, for the development of Guidelines on Electronic Trading and Settlement Platform for Plastic Packaging as per PWM Rules, 2016 (as amended) on July 03, 2024 by CPCB. Shri Ravi Kumar Aggarwal, Patron and Shri Bhupesh Ralli, Joint Secretary attended the meeting.
1-3 August, 2024	Total Plastic Expo-2024 (ToPlast) held in Codissia Complex, Coimbatore from 1-3- August, 2024. AIPIA also supported this show. This event drew significant participation, highlighting our industry's growth.

AIPIA's Activities:

1. AIPIA delegation to InterPlas-Birmingham UK (26-28 September, 2023)

A business delegation comprising of 20 members + 1 office bearer Shri Devinder Pal Singh, President-AIPIA participated in **Interplas-2023** held at Birmingham UK held from 26th to 28th September, 2023. This was under the International Cooperation (IC) scheme of the Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSME), Government of India.

The IC scheme of the Ministry of MSME has worked wonder for the plastic industry especially the micro and small units. Their support is going a long way in encouraging this sector.

2. AIPIA delegation to PLAST EURASIA-ISTANBUL under IC Scheme of MSME for the year 2024-25

AIPIA got approval from the Ministry of MSME to take its delegation to PLAST EURASIA-ISTANBUL which is going to be held from 4-7 December, 2024.

3. FINANCIAL POSITION OF ASSOCIATION

From the financial year 2023-24 until now, we are pleased to inform you that our financial status has improved by approximately **6,30,197/-** in the form of FDR and saving account. The fund was raised through the enrollment of new members, participation in exhibitions, sponsorships, and advertisement.

4. ASSOCIATION'S PUBLICATIONS

Our Directory and Monthly Journal – '**PLASTIC WORLD**' is quite famous and appreciated by all members. I request all to kindly give their advertisements generously in the Directory and also in the monthly journal in order to overcome and enhance the income of the Association.

In the end I thank my Colleagues, Office Bearers & Executive Committee Members, our office staff and also all Members, who extended their support and provided valuable guidance at all times.

Thanking you,

(Brijesh Bhutani)
Hony. General Secretary



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AUDITOR'S REPORT

We have examined the Balance Sheet of M/s. ALL INDIA PLASTIC INDUSTRIES ASSOCIATION, having Registered office at 203 Hansa Tower, 25 Central Market Ashok Vihar, Delhi-110052, PAN: AAAAA0915D as at 31/03/2024 and the Income & Expenditure for the year ended on that date which are in agreement with the books of account maintained by the said trust or institution.

The assessee is responsible for the preparation of the aforesaid financial statements that give a true and fair view of the balance sheet and Income & Expenditure in accordance with the applicable Accounting Standards issued by the ICAI. This responsibility includes the design, implementation and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and presentation of the financial statements that give a true and fair view and are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We have conducted this audit in accordance with the Standards on Auditing issued by the ICAI. Those Standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances but not for the purposes of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of the accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We have obtained all the information and explanations which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purposes of the audit. In our opinion, proper books of account have been kept by the head office and the branches of the above-named institution visited by us so far as appears from our examination of the books, and proper Returns adequate for the purposes of audit have been received from branches not visited by us subject to the comments given below.



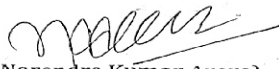
In our opinion and to the best of our information, and according to information given to us the said accounts give a true and fair view: -

- i. In the case of the Balance Sheet of the state of affairs of the above-named institution as at 31/03/2024.
- ii. In the case of the Income & Expenditure, of the excess of income over expenditure of its accounting year ending on 31/03/2024.



Place: Delhi
Date: 12.09.2024
UDIN: 24088256BKGXJK4496

For Suresh & Associates
Chartered Accountants


(Narendra Kumar Arora)
Partner
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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH 2024

		(Amount in Rs.)					
PREVIOUS YEAR	LIABILITIES	SCH NO.	CURRENT YEAR	PREVIOUS YEAR	A S S E T S	SCH NO.	CURRENT YEAR
	CAPITAL FUND ACCOUNT						
(5,60,036)	Opening Balance		(5,27,709)		1,71,025	FIXED ASSETS	3,04,976
32,327	Less: Excess of Income over Expenditure		6,30,197		36,28,140	INVESTMENTS	41,11,668
<u>(5,27,709)</u>			<u>1,02,488</u>				
54,78,150	LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUND		59,35,050		6,93,453	LOANS AND ADVANCES	8,98,179
	CURRENT LIABILITIES AND PROVISIONS						
	a) Current Liabilities					CASH AND BANK BALANCES	
660	Creditors	1	36,207			a) Balance with Bank	5,75,050
1,84,619	b) Provisions	2	3,80,684			Bank of India	77,959
						State Bank of India	4,35,302
						Yes Bank	51,295
						b) Cash in hand	
<u>51,35,721</u>			<u>64,54,429</u>				<u>64,54,429</u>

AUDITOR'S REPORT
AS PER OUR SEPARATE REPORT OF EVEN DATE ATTACHED
for SURESH & ASSOCIATES
FRN : 003316N

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

(Signature)

[CA NARENDRA K. ARORA]
PARTNER

M. NO. 088256

DATE : 17 SEP 2024

PLACE : DELHI

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FOR ALL INDIA PLASTIC INDUSTRIES ASSOCIATION

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

(Amount in Rs.)					
PREVIOUS YEAR	EXPENDITURE	CURRENT YEAR	PREVIOUS YEAR	INCOME	CURRENT YEAR
-	Advertisement & Publicity	5,242	2,900	Annual Subscription FY 2021-22	-
7,35,906	Annual General Meeting Expenses	6,91,312	1,45,600	Annual Subscription FY 2022-23	3,000
10,000	Audit Fees	10,000	-	Annual Subscription FY 2023-24	1,23,500
1,208	Bank Charges	4,185	-	Annual Subscription FY 2023-28	15,400
2,370	Books and Periodicals	2,250	2,500	Admission Fees	3,500
9,235	Circular & Photostate Expenses	10,712	15,98,675	Advertisement Charges	15,66,621
-	Computer Repair Expenses	12,313	2,51,691	Interest Income from bank	3,22,117
29,041	Conveyance	23,485	14,758	Magazine Subscription	1,270
19,153	Depreciation	48,489	3,28,159	Exhibition Income	4,02,900
51,182	Electricity Expenses	46,710	2,746	Interest on Income Tax Refund	-
23,277	Entertainment Expenses	26,929	7,46,200	Sponsorship Income	8,90,000
1,14,987	Exhibition Expenses	5,42,938	80,000	Select USA Summit	-
-	Fees and Subscription	24,072	-	Exhibition Subsidy	9,00,000
23,760	Fertival Expenses	62,299			
5,000	Ground Rent	5,000			
2,263	Insurance Expenses	1,365			
-	Interest On TDS	2,490			
18,074	Legal & Professional Expenses	50,428			
8,72,344	Magazine & Directory Charges	7,21,660			
8,850	Membership Fee	5,900			
2,358	Misc. Expenses	1,350			
37,837	Motorcycle Repairs & Maintenance	16,831			
33,497	Office Expenses	23,761			
1,84,402	Postage and Courier Charges	1,72,054			
54,562	Printing & Stationery	38,107			
7,665	Property Tax	12,234			
7,92,034	Salary and Wages	9,69,830			
33,923	Staff Welfare Expenses	40,205			
19,574	Telephone Expenses	17,351			
48,400	Summit Expenses	-			
-	Roundoff	2,634			
-	Previous Year Tax	5,975			
32,327	Excess of Income over Expenditure	6,30,197			
31,73,229		42,28,308	31,73,229		42,28,308

AUDITOR'S REPORT

AS PER OUR SEPARATE REPORT OF EVEN DATE ATTACHED
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ALL INDIA PLASTIC INDUSTRIES ASSOCIATION
Budget Estimate For 2024-25

	F. Y. 2023-24	EXPENDITURE	F. Y. 2024-25	F. Y. 2023-24	INCOME	F. Y. 2024-25
5,242	Advertisement & Publicity	5,500.00	3,000	Annual Subscription FY 2022-23	-	
691,312	Annual General Meeting Expenses	760,000.00	123,500	Annual Subscription FY 2023-24	12,000.00	
10,000	Audit Fees	25,000.00	-	Annual Subscription FY 2024-25	170,000.00	
4,185	Bank Charges	4,000.00	15,400	Annual Subscription FY 2023-28	-	
2,250	Books and Periodicals	2,500.00	3,500	Annual Subscription FY 2024-29	165,000.00	
10,712	Circular & Photostate Expenses	10,750.00	3,500	Admission Fees	40,000.00	
12,313	Computer Repair Expenses	12,500.00	1,566,621	Advertisement Charges	1,750,000.00	
23,485	Conveyance	24,000.00	322,117	Interest Income from bank	350,000.00	
48,489	Depreciation	37,000.00	1,270	Magazine Subscription	2,000.00	
46,710	Electricity Expenses	49,000.00	402,900	Exhibition Income	-	
26,929	Entertainment Expenses	29,000.00	-	Interest on Income Tax Refund	24,000.00	
542,938	Exhibition Expenses	470,000.00	890,000	Sponsorship Income	700,000.00	
24,072	Fees and Subscription	26,000.00	900,000	Exhibition Subsidy	500,000.00	
62,299	Festival Expenses	65,000.00				
5,000	Ground Rent	5,000.00				
1,365	Insurance Expenses	1,400.00				
2,490	Interest On TDS	2,500.00				
50,428	Legal & Professional Expenses	-				
721,660	Magazine & Directory Charges	750,000.00				
5,900	Membership Fee	6,500.00				
1,350	Misc. Expenses	1,800.00				
16,831	Motorcycle Repairs & Maintenance	27,000.00				
23,761	Office Expenses	26,000.00				
172,054	Postage and Courier Charges	175,000.00				
38,107	Printing & Stationery	41,000.00				
12,234	Property Tax	13,500.00				
969,830	Salary and Wages	1,067,000.00				
40,205	Staff Welfare Expenses	44,300.00				
17,351	Telephone Expenses	18,500.00				
2,634	Roundoff	-				
5,975	Previous Year Tax	6,600.00				
630,197	Excess of Income over Expenditure	6,650.00				
4,228,308.44		3,713,000.00	4,228,308.44		3,713,000.00	

News Concerning Plastics

Plastic mess: On India's waste problem

More efforts must be made to curb production and promote alternatives

India, like other large economies, faces a significant plastic waste problem. According to a 2020-21 report by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), four million tonnes of plastic waste are generated annually. Unfortunately, only a quarter of this waste is recycled or treated, with the rest ending up in landfills or being disposed of unsustainably. Since 2016, the Plastic Waste Management Rules have mandated that users of plastics are responsible for collecting and recycling their waste. These requirements, or the Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) rules, were initially voluntary but are now enforced through an online EPR trading platform. The EPR system involves packagers, importers, and large industrial users of plastic packaging, as well as professional recyclers, registering with the CPCB. Recyclers, who have networks to collect plastic waste, recycle the waste and receive validated certificates for each tonne recycled. These certificates can be uploaded to a dedicated CPCB portal and purchased by plastic packaging companies that fall short of their annual recycling targets. In 2022-23, the CPCB estimated that certificates for nearly 3.7 million tonnes of recycled plastic were generated. However, it was discovered that not all of these certificates were legitimate — there were approximately 6,00,000 fraudulent certificates. Additionally, hackers reportedly stole several thousand certificates last year and sold them to companies. A criminal investigation is ongoing, and it remains unclear how much of the claimed 3.7 million tonnes was genuinely recycled.

In response, the CPCB has taken two significant actions. First, it commissioned an audit of nearly 800 firms, representing almost a fourth of the 2,300 registered recyclers who had traded certificates. Second, it undertook a comprehensive overhaul of the security features on the EPR trading platform, although this has delayed the process of filing returns for 2023-24 by several months. The CPCB has described these problems as “teething issues” associated with implementing a large-scale electronic system. While the audit is necessary, it should be a one-time initiative to avoid undermining trust in the system with annual, lengthy investigations. Although the CPCB has the authority to impose heavy fines, the process is lengthy and fraught with legal challenges. A market-driven approach to solving plastic waste has a significant but limited effect. Greater efforts must be made to curb plastic production and promote sustainable alternatives. Addressing the root causes of plastic waste and enhancing the effectiveness of recycling systems are crucial in mitigating India's plastic waste problem.

(Source: editorial-the hindu)

Burdened by plastics: What's the road ahead for sustainable packaging?

After Prime Minister Narendra Modi on June 5, 2018, pledged to phase out single-use plastics, 19 categories of **single-use plastics** were banned on July 1, 2022. However, India used several more types of single-use plastic items.

The **Plastic Waste Makers Index 2019** ranks India as the thirteenth-largest investor in single-use plastic polymer production across the world. A section of experts and stakeholders say that the ban is not being uniformly enforced and these materials are being used for primary packaging across sectors.

Vaibhav Anant, Founder & CEO of Bengaluru-based **sustainable packaging** solutions provider Bambrew, says that the primary reason single-use plastics are still being utilised for packaging across industries is a deep-rooted and widespread belief that there are no commercially viable alternatives. “All of this is a misconception,” adds Anant.

Stakeholders say that the solution here needs to be twofold — there has to be a shift in the industry’s perception that **green alternatives** are a financial burden, and it should be ensured that these alternatives are scalable, practical and accessible for widespread adoption. “To truly drive an on-ground activation that reflects a positive transition towards alternatives, it is imperative for packaging as an industry to collectively strive towards innovations that are sustainable in the long term and to push forward products that prove that sustainability and functionality can indeed go hand in hand,” notes Anant.

Single-use plastics are an essential requirement in some industries — such as for syringes and IV tubes in healthcare — as the material cannot be reused. “However, it is possible to use non-plastic material for the majority of the part in the personal care industry (except wash-care), and use plastic only where nothing can replace it; for example, pumps and caps,” says Renita Rajan, Founder of Chennai-based skincare startup CHOSEN.

Road ahead for sustainable packaging

The long-term vision for sustainable packaging isn’t just about eliminating single-use plastics, it’s about fundamentally rethinking how to package, consume and dispose of the products, says Anant. “While banning single-use plastics is a crucial first step, we must be cautious not to replace one problem with another. Many so-called ‘eco-friendly’ or ‘plant based’ alternatives, that claim to be compostable plastics, are often only halfway solutions. Given that they require industrial composting (as opposed to home composting), not only do they fail to decompose as efficiently as promised, but the infrastructure required to properly process them is almost non-existent,” he says. As a result, the system unfortunately faces a crisis of greenwashing — where products are marketed as “green” or “sustainable,” but they aren’t addressing the root problem, say stakeholders.

Rajan says that there is a need to make way for newer materials for the future.”The glass glass-based/ aluminum-based packaging seems to be the best way. There is also the indirect way of making products more sustainable, which is by making the formulations highly effective.”

One of the key trends we’re seeing is a growing demand for **eco-friendly packaging** driven by increased environmental awareness among consumers. Brands are feeling the pressure to adopt greener alternatives, and that’s pushing innovation in materials.

“Materials like bamboo, plant-based fibres, and other alternatives are making their way into the market, and it’s incredible to see how quickly this space is evolving. However, one of the biggest challenges is affordability. Though we have made significant strides in reducing costs, there continues to remain a perception that sustainable packaging is out of reach for smaller businesses,” says Anant.

Another challenge is the lack of standardisation in the industry. While many brands are eager to jump on the sustainable bandwagon, there is often confusion over what truly constitutes sustainable packaging. “This lack of clarity can slow down adoption as companies struggle to navigate certifications, material claims and performance benchmarks. Adding to this, we must also work upon how end-customers and masses understand sustainability. While the awareness is growing, there’s still confusion around what makes packaging truly eco-friendly. Simply replacing plastic isn’t enough; it’s about making sure the product they are picking in reality leaves minimal to no impact,” adds Anant.

(The Economic Times: 24th September, 2024)

India should come up with bio-plastics policy with govt support: Report

To establish India as a premier hub for production of bio-plastics, the report calls for comprehensive National Bio-Plastics Policy in India

India should come out with a national bio-plastics policy with fiscal incentives like capital subsidy as well as government support for research & development, according to a report.

The report titled Incentivising Bioplastics, a Biopolymer’ by EY and ASSOCHAM outlines a strategic vision for transforming India’s bio-plastics industry through targeted government interventions and regulatory changes along with educational campaigns and leveraging India’s agricultural strengths to enhance sustainability and environmental performance.

To establish India as a premier hub for production of bio-plastics, the report calls for comprehensive National Bio-Plastics Policy in India.

It suggested fiscal incentives like capital subsidies of up to 50 per cent on eligible capital investments over five years to encourage the development of bioplastics manufacturing and infrastructure.

The report also called for regulatory framework mandating use of bio-plastics, implementing QCOs (quality control orders), imposing import restrictions, and rationalising GST rates required for the growth of industry.

Government support for research and development, job creation and infrastructure within these clusters is essential for advancing technological innovation and ensuring economic viability, it added.

(Source: The Business Standard; 17th Sep., 2024)

Govt to provide one-time financial aid for setting up coastal waste recycling units

The government will provide one-time financial support to set up recycling plants for abandoned fishing gear and plastic waste in coastal areas. The initiative aims to establish 25 recycling units near Blue Flag-certified beaches, with funding from the Central Pollution Control Board’s EPR funds, Environmental Compensation, and the Environmental Protection Fund.

The government will provide one-time financial support for setting up recycling plants for abandoned fishing gear and plastic waste in coastal areas, Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav said on Saturday.

He announced guidelines for “One-Time Financial Support for Establishing Recycling Plants” while taking part in a beach clean-up drive at Juhu in Mumbai.

According to a note prepared by the ministry, the focus is on establishing fishing gear/net and marine **plastic waste recycling** facilities in the 12 Blue Flag-certified beaches — which meet global environmental, educational, safety standards — in the country.

One-time financial support will be given to set up 25 **recycling units** — 13 for nylon fishing gear and 12 for plastic waste — near **Blue Flag beaches**, the ministry said. New recycling units for plastic waste and fishing gear/nets are eligible if they have a valid permit, are located outside the Coastal Regulation Zone, and meet local regulations, it said.

Preference will be given to new plastic recycling units proposed to be optimally located closer to beaches, harbours, **fishing hotspots**, high tourist footfall areas, and other strategically important locations where no restrictions have been imposed by any government institution or body for setting up the unit. Priority will be given to registered fishermen’s societies interested in establishing fishing gear or net recycling units.

The funding will come from the **Central Pollution Control Board**’s Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) funds, Environmental Compensation, and the **Environmental Protection Fund**, the ministry said.

The assistance will cover plant and machinery costs, but not land, civil works, or ongoing expenses. For plastic waste recycling units, the grant will be Rs 19 lakh per ton of production capacity or 40 per cent of the plant cost, with the upper limit of Rs 38 lakh.

For nylon **fishing gear recycling** units, the grant will be Rs 24 lakhs per ton of capacity or 40 per cent of the plant cost, with a maximum of Rs 48 lakh. The cost will be shared in a 40:60 ratio between the Central Pollution Control Board and the project proponent.

The ministry said that applicants must submit their request along with financial statements and land possession letter/lease agreement to their state pollution control board. The proposal will be reviewed by a state-level committee and, if approved, forwarded to a central committee for final evaluation. Upon approval, the funds will be released in four installments.

The guidelines also proposed an oversight mechanism to ensure the proper use of funds.

(Source: The Economic Times; 21st September, 2024)

350 tonnes of plastic waste sent for use as fuel in cement factory

Tiruchi City Corporation has sent around 350 metric tonnes of single use plastics for being used as refuse-derived fuel (RDF) to Dalmia Cements over the past 45 days, since it renewed the agreement with the cement manufacturer a few months ago.

The plastic wastes were collected from the Resource Recovery Centres (RRC) in the city. The collected plastics are sent to the Dalmia Cements where it will be used in the kilns of the cement manufacturing plant. This prevents the plastic waste from being dumped at the Corporation's garbage dump at Ariyamangalam, the sources said.

Every day, a garbage truck of the Corporation transports six to eight metric tonnes of the plastic waste from the RRCs situated in Ambedkar Nagar, Manalvarithurai, Pillaiyar Nagar, Pasumai Poonga, and Konakkarai covering all five zones in the city corporation limits.

The plastic waste that is sent to the cement factory comprises "non-recyclable plastic" and "multi-layered plastic" which are typically used as packaging for potato chip snack packets and carry bags among others which are collected daily from households in the Corporation limit.

As opposed to "recyclable plastics" which usually comprises old PET bottles and discarded plastic buckets, "non-recyclable plastics" cannot be recycled. Hence, these plastics are shredded into thin strips at the collection centres, packed in the lorries and sent to cement factories to be converted into fuel.

The Corporation has been adopting the practice for the some years now and of late the collection of non recyclable plastic waste has gone up by around 10% a day on an average, sources said.

Currently, around six to eight tonnes of "non-recyclable plastics" and around 15 tonnes of "recyclable plastics" are collected at the RRCs. The capacities of the RRCs are planned to be increased, the sources added.

"This is a part of the continual action that the Corporation is undertaking to dispose nonrecyclable plastics," said T. Manivanan, City Health Officer.

(Source: The Hindu Bureau; 27th Sep, 2024)

Waste dumping sites turn into gardens in Eloor

The Eloor municipality has initiated a project to transform waste dumping sites into flower gardens as part of efforts to make the local body waste-free by next year.

Flower gardens have come up in spots near Companypady, Hindustan Insecticides Ltd, Travancore Cochin Chemicals Ltd, Pathalam and near the FACT market. The project has been initiated with the support of the Suchitwa Mission, which had sanctioned around seven lakh for clearing up the waste dump sites and to set up flower gardens.

A D Sujil, chairperson of the municipality, said that the attempt is to create an awareness among the public to keep their areas clean and waste-free. Stringent action will be taken against those dumping waste in violation of the rules along the roads and open spaces, he said.

The civic body has set up wall graffiti highlighting the threat of illegal waste dumping and requesting the cooperation of the public across various wards to ensure compliance of norms related to waste management. CCTV facility has been set up select locations to check dumping of waste in public places.

The services provided by the Haritha Karma Sena volunteers, who have been actively participating in the doorstep collection of non biodegradable waste, have been publicised as part of the efforts to curb unscientific disposal of waste. The authorities have also urged the public to avail the eco-friendly utensils provided on rent by the green volunteers instead of plastic materials while holding various public programmes and celebrations.

(Source: The Hindu Bureau; 27th Sep, 2024)

प्लास्टिक कचरा उत्पादन में भारत दुनिया में नंबर एक, सालभर में 1.02 करोड़ टन, चौथे नंबर पर चीन

ब्रिटेन के लीड्स विश्वविद्यालय के शोधकर्ताओं के अनुसार दुनिया में भारत प्लास्टिक कचरे का सबसे ज्यादा उत्पादन करता है। यहां हर साल 1.02 करोड़ टन प्लास्टिक कचरा पैदा होता है।

भारत दुनिया में प्लास्टिक कचरे का सबसे अधिक उत्पादन करता है। यहां एक साल में 1.02 करोड़ टन प्लास्टिक कचरा पैदा होता है जो दूसरे सबसे बड़े प्लास्टिक कचरा उत्पादक के मुकाबले दो गुना से भी अधिक है। ब्रिटेन के लीड्स विश्वविद्यालय के शोधकर्ताओं के अनुसार, दुनिया हर साल 5.7 करोड़ टन प्लास्टिक प्रदूषण पैदा करती है और इसे सबसे गहरे महासागरों से लेकर सबसे ऊंचे पर्वत शिखर और लोगों के शरीर के अंदर तक फैलाती है। इस अध्ययन के अनुसार इस 5.7 करोड़ टन प्लास्टिक कचरे का दो-तिहाई से अधिक हिस्सा वैश्विक दक्षिण से आता है।

इस अध्ययन के लेखक कोस्टास वेलिस के अनुसार, दुनिया में हर साल इतना प्लास्टिक कचरा पैदा होता है जो न्यूयॉर्क शहर के सेंट्रल पार्क में एम्पायर स्टेट बिल्डिंग जितनी ऊंचाई तक पहुंच सके। ऊंचा प्लास्टिक कचरे से भरने के लिए हर साल पर्याप्त प्रदूषण होता है। शोधकर्ताओं ने अध्ययन के लिए दुनिया भर के 50 हजार से अधिक शहरों और कस्बों में स्थानीय स्तर पर उत्पादित कचरे की जांच की। अध्ययन के परिणाम बुधवार को नेचर पत्रिका में प्रकाशित हुए।

इस अध्ययन के दौरान ऐसे प्लास्टिक की जांच की गई जो खुले वातावरण में जाता है, न कि लैंडफिल में जाने वाले या ठीक से जला दिए जाने वाले प्लास्टिक की। दुनिया की 15 प्रतिशत आबादी से सरकार प्लास्टिक कचरा इकट्ठा करने और निपटाने में विफल रहती है। अध्ययन के लेखकों ने कहा यह दक्षिण पूर्व एशिया और उप-सहारा अफ्रीका में सबसे अधिक प्लास्टिक कचरा उत्पादन के पीछे की मुख्य वजह है। इस 15 फीसदी आबादी में भारत के 25.5 करोड़ लोग शामिल हैं।

शहरों में लागोस सबसे बड़ा खलनायक

कोस्टास वेलिस के अनुसार लागोस दुनिया में किसी भी शहर के मुकाबले ज्यादा प्लास्टिक प्रदूषण उत्सर्जित करते हैं। इसके अलावा नई दिल्ली, लुआंडा, अंगोला, कराची, और मिस्र का काहिरा भी शीर्ष प्लास्टिक प्रदूषणकर्ताओं में शामिल है।

भारत के बाद नाइजीरिया और इंडोनेशिया, चीन चौथे स्थान पर

भारत के बाद सबसे अधिक प्लास्टिक प्रदूषण नाइजीरिया और इंडोनेशिया फैलाते हैं। वेलिस ने कहा कि प्रदूषण के लिए अक्सर मुख्य खलनायक के रूप में जाना जाने वाला चीन इस मामले में चौथे स्थान पर है, लेकिन वह कचरे को कम करने में जबरदस्त प्रगति कर रहा है। अन्य शीर्ष प्लास्टिक प्रदूषक पाकिस्तान, बांग्लादेश, रूस और ब्राजील हैं। अध्ययन के आंकड़ों के अनुसार, ये आठ देश दुनिया के आधे से अधिक प्लास्टिक प्रदूषण के लिए जिम्मेदार हैं।

अमेरिका 90, ब्रिटेन 135 स्थान पर

अध्ययन के अनुसार, संयुक्त राज्य अमेरिका 52,500 टन से अधिक प्लास्टिक प्रदूषण के साथ सूची में 90 वें जबकि ब्रिटेन लगभग 5,100 टन के साथ 135वें स्थान पर है। वर्ष 2022 में दुनिया के अधिकांश देशों ने महासागरों सहित प्लास्टिक प्रदूषण पर पहली कानूनी रूप से बाध्यकारी संधि करने पर सहमति व्यक्त की। अंतिम संधि वार्ता नवंबर में दक्षिण कोरिया में होगी।

(Source: hindinews18.com; 5-9-2024)

International News

Circle Alliance targets funding to reduce plastic pollution

Launched by Unilever, USAID and EY, the alliance initially is focused on India, Indonesia, Vietnam and the Philippines.

In June, on the two-year anniversary of the Save Our Seas Initiative, Unilever, USAID and EY launched the Circle Alliance, a new public-private collaboration designed to support entrepreneurs and small businesses across the plastics value chain to scale solutions that reduce plastic use, tackle plastic waste and build circular economies.

The Circle Alliance will be the flagship public-private collaboration under USAID's Save Our Seas Initiative, a global initiative to combat ocean plastic pollution in support of the landmark Save Our Seas 2.0 Act of 2020.

Using an initial, planned investment of \$21 million, the initiative seeks to protect the environment and improve livelihoods by supporting entrepreneurs and small businesses, with a focus on women, who make up the majority of waste collectors in the global south. It will begin by focusing on India, Indonesia, Vietnam and the Philippines, with intentions to expand by bringing in new organizations and additional funds.

USAID Administrator Samantha Power, Unilever Chief Sustainability Officer Rebecca Marmot and EY Global Vice Chair-Sustainability Amy Brachio announced the initiative with Sens. Sheldon Whitehouse and Dan Sullivan, the co-sponsors of the Save Our Seas 2.0 Act.

Circle is supported by USAID's EDGE Fund, a seed fund designed to leverage the private sector's expertise in confronting some of the most significant challenges of our time, and by the GEEA Fund, which is committed to the advancement of economic security for women and girls by increasing their access to resources, services and leadership opportunities and by addressing the barriers that limit their ability to participate fully in the economy. The program is part of the U.S. government-led Women in the Sustainable Economy (WISE) Initiative, which aims to bolster women's economic empowerment globally by expanding access to employment, training, leadership roles and financial resources in the industries critical to the planet's future.

USAID plans to invest an additional \$10.9 million in the Clean Cities, Blue Ocean program, USAID's flagship program under the Save Our Seas Initiative, to bolster the efforts of the Circle Alliance. This funding includes \$750,000 from the government of Norway and was previously announced for USAID's Save Our Seas Initiative at the Our Ocean Conference and on Earth Day.

USAID says its programs have prevented approximately 1.2 million metric tons of plastic from leaking into the environment (the equivalent of 127 billion plastic bottles), improved solid waste services for 11.3 million people and catalyzed \$138.7 million of private sector and public funding commitments for solid waste management and recycling.

In a report on Unilever's website dated Aug. 23, Unilever's Marmot, says, "Circle's collaborative model of enterprise acceleration—delivered through a mix of grant funding and bespoke business support—will help scale both new and existing solutions for packaging circularity, whether that's driving collection and recycling or reuse-refill models.

"Crucially, it will support many small to medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and entrepreneurs that offer impactful, market-based solutions but are currently too small to work at the scale we need."

Unilever's investment in Circle includes a cash contribution from the company's Climate & Nature Fund, an impact-led investment platform through which the company is investing \$1.1 billion by 2030.

“We aim to transform the way our products are made and reach end of life by investing in projects that drive systemic change and collaborating with partners and co-financiers to scale solutions,” the company says.

Unilever also is contributing to Circulate Capital’s Ocean Fund to support better investment and infrastructure in South and Southeast Asia, as well as Latin America, where the company says ocean plastic pollution is “particularly acute.”

The global consulting firm Resonance, Burlington, Vermont, is acting as the Circle Alliance implementing partner.

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In a blog post on the Resonance website, Lauri Pickard, chief of party for the Circle Alliance, writes that the program addresses a complex, compelling challenge that can’t be solved by one party acting alone but that requires partnerships across the public and private sectors. She also refers to the deep expertise and the strong commitment the founding partners bring to address the problem of plastic pollution.

In addition to producing social and environmental benefits, Pickard says the Circle Alliance’s results can be sustained.

“One of the greatest benefits of working with the private sector on development is that when an intervention works, it can be sustained as a new way of doing business,” Pickard says. “In this case, the enterprises that receive funding through the Circle Alliance will continue to contribute to the development of circular technologies and economies, women’s economic empowerment and employment, improved livelihoods and reduction of plastics pollution. Some businesses may also be incorporated into Unilever’s supply chain, providing postconsumer recycled material back to Unilever to reduce the use of virgin plastic. Other businesses will operate refill and reuse models, in which consumers refill the same plastic vessel multiple times, keeping that plastic out of the waste stream.”

A similar partnership, the Alliance to End Plastic Waste (AEPW), was formed in 2019 by companies from the plastics and consumer goods value chain to promote solutions to eliminate plastic waste in the environment, especially in the ocean.

AEPW, which counts BASF Corp., Berry Global Inc., LyondellBasell, Procter & Gamble, SABIC, Tomra and Total Energies among its members, has committed more than \$1 billion to help end plastic waste in the environment by developing and scaling solutions to minimize and manage plastic waste and promote solutions for used plastics by helping to enable a circular economy.

(Source: Recycling Today; 29th August, 2024)

Indorama announces PET recycling investments in India

Plastics producer and recycler Indorama will collaborate with Varun Beverages Ltd. of India on PET bottle recycling installations.

Bangkok-based Indorama Ventures Public Co. Ltd., through Indian subsidiaries, has formed a joint venture with Varun Beverages Ltd. of India—PepsiCo’s second-largest bottling company globally outside the United States—to establish several greenfield PET recycling facilities in India.

“This strategic alliance marks a substantial move toward meeting the increasing demand for recycled content throughout India, representing the companies’ collective dedication to sustainability,” Indorama says.

Indorama’s India-based subsidiaries IVL Dhunseri Petrochem Industries Ltd. and Dhunseri Ventures Ltd. directly are involved in the JV arrangement.

The JV has started constructing two PET recycling facilities, planned for completion next year, with the potential for more, according to Indorama.

One facility is in Kathua in the Indian territory of Jammu and Kashmir in northern India, while the other is in Khurdha in the state of Odisha in eastern India. The JV plans to reach 100,000 metric tons of recycled PET (rPET) annual capacity “across all the facilities when combined,” Indorama says.

“We at IVL Dhunseri are delighted to collaborate with Varun Beverages in the establishment of these mechanical recycling facilities in India,” Yash Lohia, chairman of the Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) Council of Indorama Ventures, says.

“As the world’s largest recycler of PET, this partnership underscores our steadfast commitment to sustainability and our support for the region’s escalating demand for rPET content. Anticipated to substantially diminish plastic waste, these new PET recycling facilities will convert postconsumer PET bottles into valuable resources.”

Varun Jaipuria, executive vice-chair of Varun Beverages Ltd., says, “These endeavors are aligned with our pledge to the environment and reflect our ambition to nurture a greener future. Our collaboration with Indorama Ventures represents a strategic foray for Varun Beverages into the recycling market. We believe this joint venture will yield environmental dividends and generate substantial value for our stakeholders. As India’s recycling landscape undergoes a paradigm shift, we take pride in spearheading this transformation alongside Indorama Ventures.”

The JV partners say the investments align with the escalating demand for rPET content in India, driven by both regulatory mandates and a collective effort toward a circular economy for PET. They add that the move aims to effectively cater to the needs of India’s beverage brand owners, many of whom have established ambitious sustainability goals in line with regulatory directions.

The partnership involving three sizable companies also “bodes well for bolstering the region’s recycling infrastructure,” Indorama says.

Indorama describes itself as the world’s largest producer of recycled PET resins used in food and beverage packaging, having built a global footprint since 2011. In 2023, Indorama crossed the 100 billion PET bottles recycled threshold and is progressing toward its target of recycling 750,000 tons or 50 billion bottles annually by 2025.

Varun Beverages produces and distributes a range of carbonated and noncarbonated beverages in India sold under trademarks owned by PepsiCo, including Pepsi, Pepsi Black, Mountain Dew, Sting, Seven-Up, Mirinda, Seven-Up Nimbooz Masala Soda, Evervess, Slice, Tropicana Juices, Gatorade and Aquafina.

(Source: Recycling Today; 2nd September, 2024)

Ikhlyas Waste to Energy sees plastic-to-fuels possibilities

A company founded by Ukrainian engineer-inventor Remzi Seydametov says it has developed a method of “destructive distillation” of polyethylene (PE) and polypropylene (PP) scrap and equipment for that method’s implementation.

The devised units offered by Ikhlyas Waste to Energy LLC (Ikhlyas W2E) convert PE and PP plastic scrap into what the firm calls “synthetic, environmentally friendly, high-energy, low-carbon products with an unlimited shelf life.”

End products, according to Ikhlyas W2E, include “pure additives for gasoline and diesel fuel, as well as penetrating wedging lubricant, conservation lubricant, a synthetic gas mixture and carbon pigment.” Seidametov says Ikhlyas W2E has representatives in New York, Miami, Turkey and Bulgaria.

The inventor says his method can recycle any mixed PE and PP nonliquid material, in part using the firm’s “proven innovative thermo-vacuum loading technology,” which involves loading large quantities of soft plastic (including bags and film) with low bulk density into a heated reactor.

According to Seydametov, he received a United States patent for the process this January and Ikhlyas W2E is ready to offer its technology to the North American market in configurations with the capacity to handle 5, 10 or 30 tons of plastic scrap per day.

Ikhlyas W2E and its founder claim the system has been designed to handle a wide range of materials, describing the potential feedstock as “mixed plastic waste from many household and industrial products, including single-use plastic waste, labeled PE, PP, high-density polyethylene (HDPE) [and] low-density polyethylene (LDPE),” including “all types of bags and film, stretch film, tubes from toothpaste, creams, ointments, etc.”

The company says its technology can accept for conversion mixed materials packaging that has proven problematic for both mechanical recyclers and other chemical processors, including mayonnaise and sauce packets, candy wrappers, snack food packaging, vacuum packaging, shrink wrap, PET bottle labels, aseptic packaging and plastic medical waste (such as medical masks, gowns, shoe covers and syringes).

“Unlike other technologies, our innovative method and industrial model is a completely new and efficient approach,” the company says.

PE and PP are “free of sulfur, heavy metals and other harmful substances,” the company claims. The company says most of its end products require minimal additional processing, although in the case of mixed material packaging recycling, it may require “shredding and sieving to extract the aluminum foil from the carbon pigment.”

The firm also says it has developed a strategy to pursue projects for federal and private funding that could potentially be linked to the Inflation Reduction Act in the United States and to other laws and initiatives involving waste reduction, renewable and clean energy, energy storage, reduction of harmful emissions and greenhouse gases, and alternative low-carbon fuels, including aviation fuel.

Ikhlyas W2E states it “wants to start implementing [a] project in New York State, set up a demonstration site on which to build a plant for deep recycling of non-liquid plastic waste with a capacity of 10 tons per day.”

“Funding our project will be the first step in completing the circular economy, achieving sustainability goals and strengthening the energy strength and environmental security of the United States,” says Seydametov.

On its website, Ikhlyas W2E says mechanical recycling is best suited for discarded materials that can be effectively and affordably cleaned and sorted. It categorizes some 73 percent of plastic discards as “difficult to recycle polymers,” saying its process is designed to address some of that material.

(Source: Recycling Today; 12-09-2024)

California sues Exxon over global plastic pollution

NEW YORK: **California** and several environmental groups sued **Exxon Mobil** on Monday and accused the oil giant of engaging in a decades-long campaign that helped fuel global plastic waste pollution.

Speaking at an event during **Climate Week** in New York City, California Attorney General **Rob Bonta** said the state sued Exxon after concluding a nearly two-year investigation that he said showed Exxon was deliberately misleading the public about the limitations of recycling. The investigation mirrors California’s previous probes into the oil industry’s alleged efforts to mislead the public about climate change, which the state is also suing over.

The latest case was filed in a state court in San Francisco.

A coalition of environmental groups including the Sierra Club filed a related lawsuit in that court against Exxon on Monday raising similar allegations. Bonta, a Democrat, said his office specifically had sought information on Exxon’s promotion of its “advanced recycling” technology, which uses a process called pyrolysis to turn hard-to-recycle plastic into fuel.

(Source: Reuters: Sep 23, 2024)

NEWS IN BRIEF

Processing industry making big investment to scale up its operations and R&D, says Vikram Handa, Managing Director, Epsilon Carbon

Handa believes there is enough headroom for all the players to grow, both SMEs and large companies to contribute immensely to the growth

India has innovated a lot in graphite chemicals in the last five years. "Processing industry is putting a lot of investment in scaling up its operations and R&D but it has not been broadly given its due despite the fact that there is a \$30 billion opportunity in the next decade," said Vikram Handa, Managing Director, Epsilon Carbon Pvt. Ltd. while speaking at the recently concluded 4th Edition of NextGen Chemical and Petrochemical Summit 2024 organized by the Indian Chemical News in Mumbai.

Handa emphasized the need to recognize the potential of processing industries at the inaugural session, 'Making India a Global Manufacturing Hub: Opportunities & Challenges'.

"Lithium ion is one big opportunity that can be achieved through backward integration. Battery material is a huge opportunity and we can replace the imports if we build a roadmap. The good thing is that there is enough headroom for all the players to grow, both SMEs and large companies, where each stakeholder can contribute immensely to the growth."

"We are innovating a lot with investments into R&D. We have really good universities and institutes that can support us in innovation. But that kind of focus has not come and it has also got to do with lack of awareness," opined Handa.

Speaking on the latest trends, Handa said: "In the last 4-5 years, India is moving more and more towards manufacturing and the focus is on steel, cement, defense and chemicals. These industries have consolidated over the years and in every space as we have 4-5 players that form 80-90% of capacity. For the chemical industry in India to transform into a manufacturing hub, it has to tap the opportunities.

"When I look at the industry, I see lot of large companies over the years, both government owned and private owned besides mid-size and smaller companies. While it is a

challenge for new players to come in and really become big in metals and power but in chemicals there is a lot of headroom to grow. The small companies can become medium size while medium can become large and there is opportunity for large to come very large. I think that's where the opportunity lies for India to become a global manufacturing hub. The point is how you go up the ladder in size, innovation, and capacity."

Sharing his company's journey and experiences, Handa mentioned: "We started coal tar distillation company focused on catering to aluminium smelters and other carbon black manufacturing in India. We took the opportunity forward in 2019 to integrate into carbon black and thus moved ahead into that space. Today, we are 1, 15,000 tonnes and we should be 2, 50,000 tonnes by October this year hopefully, making us the third biggest in India. In a small span of five years, we despite not being from this industry, have made good strides. But in a space that only has 6-7 players, there is a lot of headroom for a company like us and other players. Also, in this industry to get bigger and bigger, many factories have grown, focusing more on the export market. We continue to grow even if not much happens around us but the opportunity of India becoming an export hub as well."

Talking further about his company's operations, Handa added: "We have been focused on battery material. Back in 2019, we took a bet that we think this is going to be an interesting space. You need an access to technology. In the last five years, we have invested a good amount of money in synthetic graphite business. So, we have forward integrator business. We are one of the companies in India that makes battery materials. We make the Anode and have done an acquisition this year to get into cathode manufacturing as well. Hence, we are in this mid-stream processing industry which is a pure play chemical industry."

On the opportunities available for the industry, Handa said: "We as a company have also seen that there is an opportunity to replace imports into India before it is a China+1 opportunity to export and we have seen that play out in the last 3-4 years. I think still a lot of chemicals get imported into India and technology still comes from Europe, US and Japan. We can innovate, manufacture in India and supply downstream customers in India. We can become an export hub for these chemicals as well. What we have seen is that one needs to be at a certain tipping scale. You can't do downstream and specialty chemicals unless you are on a certain scale. And this is how we

have to build our roadmap. We need to get to a certain capacity and that will help us go downstream. Hopefully, we will have a roadmap in the next five years.”

“When we started looking for locations to build plants, we have actually seen availability of a lot of the building blocks thanks to the spending by the government and the infrastructure, ports and natural gas. I think India is moving forward,” concluded Handa as he expressed optimism for the future.

(Source: By ICN Bureau | September 02, 2024)

Future bright for manufacturing as Make in India celebrates 10 yrs: Goyal

A series of measures to improve ease of doing business, zero tolerance for corruption and the focused effort on emerging sectors like electronics have helped promote ‘Make In India’ and boost both domestic and foreign investments in the country, Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal said on Tuesday.

“We have achieved great success and a brilliant future is ahead for manufacturing in the country as the ‘Make in India’ programme is celebrating its 10 years,” he said.

The ‘Make in India’ initiative was launched on September 25, 2014, to facilitate investment, foster innovation, build world-class infrastructure, and make India a hub for manufacturing, design, and innovation. It is one of the unique ‘Vocal for Local’ initiatives that promoted the country’s manufacturing domain to the world.

“We are seeing very big investment plans on the anvil which will create millions of jobs and expand our manufacturing contribution to the economy,” Goyal told PTI.

Recalling the journey of the initiative, the minister said that the Modi-government started with “very” tough times as the mood of investments both domestically and internationally was “very” low in 2014 and businesses were not sure about the future.

Internationally, the image of the country was down and the country was categorised as a “fragile five” economy, he said adding it took this government some time to earn the trust of investors.

“But that happened very quickly under Prime Minister Narendra Modi because he took very bold decisions whether it is one nation one tax - GST, whether it is IBC

(Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code), or putting in place a transparent process for auction of mines,” he said.

The government also gave investors stable and predictable policies, with a commitment not to do retrospective amendments. the minister said.

Due to measures like digitisation and simplifying procedures, India’s rank in the ease of doing business climbed 14 rungs to 63 among 190 countries.

“Zero tolerance for corruption, and the focused effort on emerging sectors for promoting Make in India ignited the investments both domestically and internationally,” Goyal said.

“And 10 years later, we are both redeemed by the results and excited about the future. In many areas, we have seen significant progress like in mobiles, we are now world’s second largest manufacturers with production going on from only two factories to 200 in this field,” he added.

Besides, sectors like steel, and cement where demand was generated because of a significant ramp-up in infrastructure funding, India witnessed massive investments and growth under the Make in India programme.

The government’s initiatives in other segments such as textiles, ceramics, toys, plastics, chemicals, and pharma, have resulted in an increase in domestic capacities which have met the needs of India as well as helped boost the country’s exports which reached an all-time high of USD 778 billion in 2023-24.

“We had an initial year, where the mood of the investing community was low. But our efforts bore fruit in terms of improving the macroeconomic fundamentals of the economy, improving the investment climate, facilitating investors and manufacturers because of which now we are seeing significant uptake,” Goyal said.

Despite the Covid-19 pandemic, and geo-political challenges due to two ongoing wars (Russia-Ukraine and Israel-Hamas) and the Red Sea crisis, India was able to maintain its manufacturing share in the country’s GDP.

The minister expressed confidence that with the increasing momentum seen under the Make in India programme, “we believe that the share of manufacturing will also start increasing in the coming years”.

The steps taken to boost manufacturing and attract investments include easing foreign direct norms in a number of sectors such as space, coal mining, e-commerce, pharma, civil aviation, contract manufacturing, and digital media.

Over the last 10 financial years, FDI inflow has increased by 119 per cent reaching USD 667 billion, compared to USD 304 billion in the previous 10 years (2005-14), with over 90 per cent of total FDI received through the automatic route.

In 2020, the government rolled out the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Schemes for a number of sectors to provide financial incentives to enhance domestic manufacturing. The scheme has attracted substantial investments in key sectors such as electronics, and pharmaceuticals.

The other measures include national logistics policy, national single window system, Jan Vishwas (Amendment

of Provisions) and law to decriminalize 183 provisions in 42 legislations.

On the infrastructure front, the government focused on developing industrial corridors and smart cities, integrating state-of-the-art technology and high-speed communication to create world-class infrastructure.

Innovation and research were supported through streamlined registration systems and improved intellectual property rights (IPR) infrastructure. Efforts were made to identify industry skill requirements and develop the workforce accordingly.

(Source: *The Business Standard*; September 24, 2024)

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केंद्रीय वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्री श्री पीयूष गोयल ने भारत स्टार्टअप नॉलेज एक्सेस रजिस्ट्री (भास्कर) पोर्टल लॉन्च किया

केंद्रीय वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्री श्री पीयूष गोयल ने 16th September 2024 नई दिल्ली में 'स्टार्टअप इंडिया' कार्यक्रम के अंतर्गत भारत स्टार्टअप नॉलेज एक्सेस रजिस्ट्री (भास्कर) पहल के शुभारंभ के अवसर पर अपने मुख्य संबोधन में कहा कि इस डिजिटल प्लेटफॉर्म के लिए भास्कर नाम चुना गया है, जिसका का अर्थ 'उगता हुआ सूरज' है। श्री गोयल ने कहा कि सूरज के साथ ज्ञान, प्रकाश, विकास आता है और भास्कर सहयोग, सहकारिता में मदद करेगा और एक-दूसरे के बीच प्रतिस्पर्धा को भी सक्षम बनाएगा। इस पहल की प्रशंसा करते हुए केंद्रीय मंत्री ने कहा कि एक अवधारणा के रूप में भास्कर उन सभी लोगों को एकीकृत करने का प्रयास करेगा जो सपने देखने वाले, काम करने वाले हैं और अपनी खोज या काम से बड़ा बदलाव ला सकते हैं। भास्कर की चर्चा करते हुए उन्होंने कहा कि यह मंच उद्यमियों को महत्वाकांक्षी क्रांतियों को शुरुआत देने के लिए उम्मीदें और आकांक्षाएं जगाने एवं सफलता दिलाने में मदद करेगा।

स्टार्टअप इकोसिस्टम को बढ़ावा देने के बारे में, श्री गोयल ने कहा कि केंद्र इकोसिस्टम को सामाजिक, लोकतांत्रिक और दुनिया की नजरों में लाने के लिए प्रयास करेगा। श्री गोयल ने कहा कि प्रौद्योगिकी और परस्पर संबंधों से भारतीयों को हमारे उत्पादों और सेवाओं को दुनिया भर में बेचने के उद्देश्य से एक साधन के रूप में 'ब्रांड इंडिया' को विकसित में मदद मिलेगी और हमें बाकी दुनिया के सामने भारत की छवि बदलने के मामले में भी फायदा होगा।

केंद्रीय मंत्री ने प्रतिभागियों को एक धारा 8 कंपनी स्थापित करने का सुझाव भी दिया, ताकि राष्ट्रीय स्टार्टअप सलाहकार परिषद (एनएसएसी) को नई स्टार्टअप कंपनी के दायरे में लाया जा सके। केंद्रीय मंत्री ने यह भी बताया कि यूनिकॉर्न को मान्यता देने और प्रोत्साहित करने के लिए नई कंपनी के शेयर सौंपने से उद्यमियों को प्रोत्साहन मिलेगा और वे सशक्त होंगे। अपने संबोधन के दौरान, श्री गोयल ने जोर देकर कहा कि सरकार चाहती है, स्टार्टअप उद्योग स्वतंत्र हो और दुनिया में सफल होने के लिए ईमानदारी, गुणवत्ता और दृढ़ विश्वास बनाए रखते हुए वैश्विक स्तर पर पहुंच कायम करे।

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्रालय के उद्योग संवर्धन और आंतरिक व्यापार विभाग (डीपीआईआईटी) ने अपने प्रमुख कार्यक्रम 'स्टार्टअप

इंडिया' के माध्यम से डिजिटल प्लेटफॉर्म के शुभारम्भ से संबंधित समारोह की मेजबानी की, जिसका उद्देश्य स्टार्टअप, निवेशक, संरक्षक, सेवा प्रदाता और सरकारी निकायों से युक्त भारत के स्टार्टअप इकोसिस्टम को मजबूती देना है।

उल्लेखनीय बात यह है कि, भास्कर को भारत के तेजी से बढ़ते स्टार्टअप इकोसिस्टम को एकीकृत और सशक्त बनाने के लिए डिजाइन किया गया है, जो निर्बाध सहयोग, ज्ञान साझाकरण और नवाचार के लिए वन-स्टॉप समाधान प्रदान करता है। अगस्त 2024 तक 1.4 लाख से अधिक डीपीआईआईटी से मान्यता प्राप्त स्टार्टअप के साथ, भारत ने खुद को वैश्विक स्तर पर सबसे बड़े और सबसे जीवंत स्टार्टअप इकोसिस्टम में से एक के रूप में स्थापित किया है। हालांकि, इस जोरदार वृद्धि ने संसाधनों और हितधारकों के विखंडन को भी जन्म दिया है। भास्कर का उद्देश्य पहुंच कायम करने और पता लगाना आसान बनाने के लिए इनक्यूबेटर्स, नीति निर्माताओं और स्टार्टअप इकोसिस्टम के अन्य प्रमुख हितधारकों को एक ही जगह पर चुनौती देना है।

भास्कर की मुख्य बातें:

उद्योग गठबंधन: विभिन्न क्षेत्रों, उद्योगों, प्रौद्योगिकियों और क्षेत्रों के हितधारकों को एक साथ लाकर, यह प्लेटफॉर्म सभी के लिए परस्पर सहयोग के अवसर पैदा करता है

गतिशील नेटवर्किंग: व्यक्तिगत डैशबोर्ड और एक दूसरे के साथ संपर्क की सुविधाओं के माध्यम से समान विचारधारा वाले लोगों के साथ आसानी से जुड़ना और सहयोग करना, जिससे सुनिश्चित होता है कि आप हमेशा अपने अगले अवसर से बस एक क्लिक की दूरी पर हैं।

दृश्यता बढ़ाना: स्टार्टअप इकोसिस्टम में खोजे जाने के लिए प्रोफाइल कार्ड का उपयोग करके खुद को दृश्यमान बनाना।

व्यक्तिगत पहचान संख्या: अपनी भास्कर आईडी प्राप्त करें जो व्यक्तिगत डैशबोर्ड के लिए आपकी प्रोफाइल से जुड़ी होगी। आपकी डिजिटल पहचान आपको विभिन्न सेवाओं तक पहुंचने और अन्य सदस्यों द्वारा खोजे जाने में सक्षम बनाएगी।

भास्कर एक केंद्रीय वन-स्टॉप डिजिटल प्लेटफॉर्म के रूप में काम करेगा जो लगातार विकसित हो रहे स्टार्टअप इकोसिस्टम हितधारकों को एक ही छत के नीचे रखेगा, जिससे यह आने वाले समय में दुनिया में स्टार्टअप इकोसिस्टम की सबसे बड़ी डिजिटल रजिस्ट्री बन जाएगी।

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