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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Members

At the outset, my warm greetings to the esteemed members of the Indian Institute of Metals (IIM), Baroda Chapter.

It is both an honour and a privilege to take over as Chairman of this prestigious institution. IIM has a proud legacy and a promising future. As one of India's foremost professional bodies in metallurgy and materials engineering, IIM brings together scientists, engineers, technologists, academicians, industry leaders, and policy influencers under one umbrella. At this juncture, I would like to express my deep appreciation for the unwavering commitment and visionary leadership of my predecessors. Their relentless efforts and strategic foresight have elevated the Baroda Chapter and contributed significantly to IIM's standing among global metallurgy and materials institutions.

Our vision aligns seamlessly with the national aspiration of *Viksit Bharat*—a self-reliant, developed, and globally competitive India. As a leading professional body, IIM must continue to be a catalyst in this journey.



Rare Earth Elements (REEs) are the backbone of modern technologies—powering electric vehicles, renewable energy systems, advanced electronics, defense, and space applications. China currently controls over **60% of global REE production** and **85% of refining capacity**, giving it outsized influence over global supply chains. In April 2025, China banned the export of seven critical REEs, creating serious disruptions and exposing the world's dependence. For India, the lesson is stark: **strategic autonomy in REEs is no longer optional**. Despite being among the top five countries in REE reserves, India's 2023 production was only **2,900 tonnes**—a mere fraction of its **6.9 million tonnes in reserves**. Exports were almost negligible. To address this gap, the Government launched the **National Critical Mineral Mission (NCMM)** in 2024 with an allocation of **₹34,300 crore** over seven years. The mission focuses on: (i) Establishing **integrated REE processing parks**, (ii) Setting up **Centres of Excellence** in premier academic institutions, (iii) Expanding **PRISM** to support startups and MSMEs in the critical minerals ecosystem

With coordinated national efforts, India can transition from a resource-rich nation to a value-adding global player in critical minerals.

As Chairman, I am committed to advancing the IIM Baroda Chapter's contribution toward national goals while strengthening our relevance in both industry and academia. Our strategic focus areas this year include:

Enhancing Membership

We aim to attract professionals from metallurgy, materials, and manufacturing—both domestic and international. Expanding IIM's reach into the broader manufacturing sector will further enrich our knowledge base.

Boosting International Engagement

We will deepen ties with global professional societies and research bodies, encouraging international collaborations and participation of foreign experts in our programs.

Empowering Students & Startups

Student Chapters will be strengthened with greater mentorship and involvement from Council members. We will also promote skills development through certification programs and enhance support for startups—aligning with India's innovation and entrepreneurship goals.

Increasing Chapter Outreach

We will work to align local initiatives with national priorities, fostering stronger engagement with industry, academia, research institutions, and allied professional bodies.

Let us move forward with renewed enthusiasm, unity, and a shared vision to elevate the Baroda Chapter and contribute meaningfully to the progress of metallurgy and materials science—for the benefit of our nation and beyond.

I look forward to your continued support and active participation in this exciting journey.

Warm regards,

Dr. Sunil Kahar

Chairman, IIM Baroda Chapter

TECHNICAL ARTICLES/UPDATES

GOVERNMENT INITIATIVES AND POLICIES IN STEEL SECTOR

Posted On: 26 JUL 2024 2:57PM by PIB Delhi

The Government has launched the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme for specialty steel to promote the manufacturing of 'Specialty Steel' within the country and reduce import by attracting capital investments. The anticipated additional investment under PLI Scheme for specialty steel is Rs. 29,500 crores and an additional capacity creation of around 25 million tonnes (MT) for specialty steel.

Steel is a de-regulated sector. The Government acts as a facilitator, by creating conducive policy environment for development of the steel sector. The measures taken by the Government to improve production and consumption of steel in the country are as under: -

Implementation of Domestically Manufactured Iron & Steel Products (DMI&SP) Policy for promoting Made in India steel for Government procurement.

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Make in India initiative and the PM Gati-shakti National Master Plan with further engagement with potential users, including from Railways, Defence, Petroleum and Natural Gas, Housing, Civil Aviation, Road Transport and Highways, Agriculture and Rural Development sectors to enhance the steel usage, overall demand for steel and investment in the steel sector in the country.

CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

One day workshop on Corrosion Control & Monitoring (CCM-2025) & Launching of AMPP Gujarat Chapter

As part of the International Corrosion Awareness Day celebrations, Association for Materials Protection & Performance (AMPP) Gujarat Chapter & The Indian Institute of Metals (IIM) Baroda Chapter jointly organized the inaugural function of the AMPP Gujarat Chapter along with a one-day workshop on *Corrosion Control & Monitoring (CCM-2025)* on 24th April 2025 at the Grand Mercure Surya Palace Hotel, Vadodara.

In this event over **150 participants** from **6 leading Engineering Institutes and Universities**, **11 multinational corporations and large-capital organizations**, **4 metal and metallurgical industries**, **11 chemical, Refineries, coating manufacturing companies**, **5 inspection, consultancy, and NDT-focused organizations** has attended the event.

The program commenced with a tribute and a two-minute silence in honour of the 28 Indian citizens who lost their lives in a terrorist attack in Pahalgam, Kashmir.

Distinguished Guests and Speakers:

Mr. Saugata Sahu, GM Inspection - Gujarat Refinery, Indian Oil Corporation Ltd., addressed the gathering as Guest of Honour. **Shri Chaitanya Desai, Hon'ble MLA, Akota Assembly, Vadodara**, also addressed the gathering as Chief Guest.



Inauguration CCM 2025 by the dignitaries



Address by Guest of Honor Shri Chaitanya Desai,
Hon'ble MLA, Akota Assembly, Vadodara



Address by Guest of Honor Mr. Saugata Sahu, GM
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Welcome Address & about event by Dr Sunil Kahar, Chair AMPP Gujarat Chapter



Address by Mr Zuber Khan, Vice Chair, AMPP Gujarat Chapter



Video Message by: Mr. Alan Thomas, Chief Executive Officer, Association for Materials Protection and Performance (AMPP)



Video Message by : Dr. Amir Eliezer, Immediate past Chair AMPP, Director Research Center, education entrepreneur, International speaker , Innovation expert



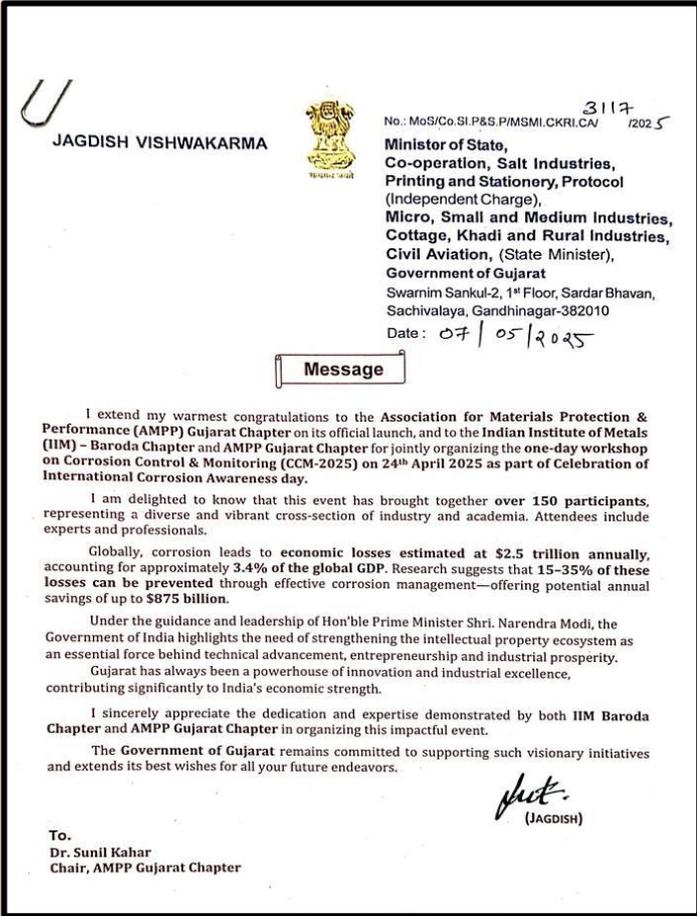
Adress by Mr. Paresh Haribhakti, Member Delegate, AMPP Gujarat Chapter



Vote of Thanks by Mr. Hiren Panchal, Secretary, IIM Baroda Chapter & AMPP Gujarat Chapter

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Shri Jagdish Ishwarbhai Vishwakarma, Hon'ble Minister of State for Micro, Small and Medium Industries, Cottage, Khadi and Rural Industries, and Civil Aviation (State Minister), Government of Gujarat, was unable to attend the inaugural function due to the unfortunate terrorist attack at Pahalgam, Kashmir, on 22nd April 2025.

However, he has extended his congratulatory message to the AMPP Gujarat Chapter on the official launch of the Chapter. He has also conveyed his best wishes to both the Indian Institute of Metals (IIM) – Baroda Chapter and AMPP Gujarat Chapter for jointly organizing the one-day workshop on Corrosion Control & Monitoring (CCM-2025) on 24th April 2025, as part of the celebration of International Corrosion Awareness Day.



Over 150 participants attended the event

CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

International Seminar on Archaeo-Metallurgy

International Seminar on Archaeo-Metallurgy, organized under the Science and Heritage Research Initiative (SHRI) Programme of the Department of Science & Technology (DST), Government of India by Department of Archaeology, Faculty of Arts; the Department of Metallurgical and Materials Engineering, Faculty of Technology and Engineering, The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda; and The Indian Institute of Metals (IIM), Baroda Chapter on 12th March 2025 at Faculty of arts.. In this event **Prof. Dr. Dhanesh Patel**, honourable vice-chancellor in-charge and dean of Faculty of Technology and Engineering, The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda has given presidential address as Chief Guest while Co-patron, **Prof. Dr. Kalpana Gavli**, dean in-charge, faculty of arts, The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda has given inaugural address. **Dr. Sunil D. Kahar**, Assistant Professor & Convener of the seminar has given welcome address. **Prof. Dr. Sushmita Sen** Pramanik, Principal Investigator, SHRI program, DST, Government of India; Head, Department of Archaeology and Ancient History, has given concept note on international archaeo-metallurgical seminar - "unveiling the metallurgical heritage of ancient Indian civilizations". More than 100 scholars, person from industries, researchers, are going to attend the event from various universities & Colleges. Dr. Urmi Ghosh Biswas, Co-ordinate has given vote of thanks.



Welcome chief guest prof. Dr Dhanesh Patel with bouquet of flower by prof. dr Susmita sen



Welcome Dean, FOA, Prof. Dr Kalpana Gavli with bouquet of flower by Dr. Sunil D Kahar & Welcome convener, Dr. Sunil D Kahar with bouquet of flower by Research Students.

CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

Seminar on Women Empowerment opportunities & challenges in Metallurgical Industries

Seminar on Women Empowerment: opportunities & challenges in Metallurgical Industries Organised by IIM Baroda chapter & Met. & Mats. Engg Dept., The M S University of Baroda on 17 th March 2025 at Seminar Hall, Baroda chapter & Met. & Mats. Engg. Dept., Faculty of Tech.& Engg.Kalabhavan the M S University of Baroda. Dr Sunil Kahar, Chairman IIM Baroda chapter has addressed the gathering about theme of seminar. Dr B J Chauhan, Head, Mats. Engg. Dept MSU has given welcome address's Ms.Vinal Makwana, Director, V Metal solutions & Mrs Vaishnavi H Sangamnerkar, Senior Quality specialist MOLM, ABB India Limited has given invited talk Mr Hiren Panchal, Secretary, IIM Baroda chapter Mr summit kainthola treasurer IIM Baroda chapter, Dr V J Rao, Associate professor of Met & Mats Engg Dept, Dr H N Panchal, Mr D R Lodhari Mr Krunal Patel, Mr Kaizar Hussain & more than 50 students of Metallurgical materials Engg department has attended the event. Mrs Reena Nagar was master of ceremony while Mrs Jignasha Parmar has proposed votes of thanks.



Invited Guest Staff & Students in Metallurgical & materials Engineering Seminar Hall



Token of appreciation to Ms. Vinal Makwana by Dr Sunil Kahar & Mrs Vaishnavi H Sangamnerkar by Dr B J Chauhan.

CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

Expert lecture on “NANO MATERIALS AND COMPOSITES”

Expert lecture on “NANO MATERIALS AND COMPOSITES” Jointly Organised by Metallurgy & Mechanical Engineering Department, Government Engineering College, Gandhinagar; Indian Institute of Metals, Baroda Chapter; & Students Society of Metallurgy Engineering Gandhinagar (SSMEG) on 11-03-2025, 11.30 am onwards (Online). Talk was delivered for BE (Metallurgy & Mechanical Engineering) Students by Dr. Mandar Joshi, Lecturer (Metallurgy), Dr. S & S S Ghandhy College of Engineering & Technology Surat.

Nanomaterials and nanocomposites are important due to their unique properties stemming from their small size and large surface area, leading to enhanced strength, durability, and functionality in various applications like electronics, medicine, and energy. 67 students and 10 faculties of both the department were benefited by Expert talk.




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49th Annual General Body Meeting of IIM Baroda Chapter 2024-25

The 49th Annual General Body Meeting of IIM Baroda Chapter was held on Sunday, 20th October 2024, at 10.30 a.m. Royal Orchid Central, Hotel, Mujmahuda Road Akota, Vadodara, a Total of 27 persons were in the meeting.

Dr. Sunil Kahar Chairman, IIM Baroda Chapter had presided over the meeting.



Lighting lamp by Dignitaries Dr Sunil D kahar , Dr K.B.Pai , Mr Urvesh vala & Mr.Hiren Panchal. Welcome Newly appointed chairman with a bouquet of flower by Ketal Tamboli



Hiren Panchal, Hon. Secretary presented the annual report for 2024-25 and vote of thanks and Mr. Sumit Kanthola, Hon. Treasurer have presented the Finance report for 2024-25.



Dr. Sunil Khar provide future activity and plan for IIM Baroda chapter for year 2024-25. EC committee for 2024-25 and AGM attended by Members

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES/EVENT

- 50th Annual General Body Meeting of IIM Baroda Chapter for 2024-25.
- Opening of IIM Baroda student chapter at Faculty of Technology, The M. S. University Vadodara.
- Asset Integrity Management.
- Metallurgy for Non metallurgist.
- Corrosion control and Management – 2026.
- KK Memorial Award 2025-26.
- Metal quiz for students.
- Evening Lectures.

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GUJARAT MITRA NEWS PAPER

Headline:

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as part of Celebration of the International Corrosion Awareness Day

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આંતરરાષ્ટ્રીય કાટજાગૃતિ દિવસની ઉજવણીના ભાગરૂપે AMPP ગુજરાત ચેપ્ટરનું ઉદ્ઘાટન



વડોદરા : ઈન્ડિયન ઈન્સ્ટિટ્યૂટ ઓફ મેટલ્સ (IIM) બરોડા ચેપ્ટર અને એસોસિએશન ફોર મટિરિયલ્સ પ્રોટેક્શન એન્ડ પર્ફોર્મન્સ (AMPP) ગુજરાત ચેપ્ટર દ્વારા AMPP ગુજરાત ચેપ્ટરનું ઉદ્ઘાટન અને એક દિવસીય વર્કશોપ કોરોઝન કંટ્રોલ એન્ડ મોનિટરિંગ (CCM-2025) નું આયોજન આંતરરાષ્ટ્રીય કાટ જાગૃતિ દિવસની ઉજવણીના ભાગરૂપે 24 એપ્રિલે ગ્રાન્ડ મર્ક્યુર સુર્યા પેલેસ હોટલમાં આયોજન કરવામાં આવ્યું હતું. કાર્યક્રમની શરૂઆતમાં કાશ્મીરના પહેલગામમાં થયેલા આતંકવાદી હુમલામાં જીવ ગુમાવનારા 28 ભારતીય નાગરિકોને શ્રદ્ધાંજલિ અને બે મિનિટનું મૌન પાડવામાં આવ્યું હતું. આ કાર્યક્રમમાં દેશભરના 6 પ્રતિષ્ઠિત એન્જિનિયરિંગ સંસ્થાઓ અને યુનિવર્સિટીઓ, 11 બહુ-રાષ્ટ્રીય કંપનીઓ અને મોટા ઉદ્યોગ ગૃહો, 4 ધાતુ અને ધાતુકીય ઉદ્યોગો, 11 રાસાયણિક, રિફાઈનરી અને કોટિંગ ઉત્પાદક કંપનીઓ તેમજ 5 નિરીક્ષણ, સલાહકાર અને NDT કેન્દ્રિત સંસ્થાઓના કુલ 200થી વધુ પ્રતિનિધિઓએ ભાગ લીધો હતો.

Media Coverage



વડોદરા 29-04-2025

શહેરમાં આંતરરાષ્ટ્રીય કાટ જાગૃતિ દિવસની ઉજવણી કરવામાં આવી IMPP ગુજરાત ચેપ્ટરનું ઉદ્ઘાટન, કાટથી દર વર્ષે 2.50 ટ્રિલિયન ડોલરનું નુકસાન

સિટી રિપોર્ટર : વડોદરા



1600 કિલોમીટરનો દરિયા કિનારો મહત્વનો ભાગ ભજવે છે

રાજ્યનો 1600 કિ.મી લાંબો દરિયા કિનારો પણ મહત્વનો ભાગ ભજવે છે. કંડલા, મુન્દ્રા, હજીરા પોર્ટબંદર અને દહેજ જેવા દરિયાકાંઠાના શહેરો પુલ પાઈપલાઈન જીટી અને સંગ્રહ સુવિધાના ઊંચા મીઠાશ પ્રેરિત કાટ લાગે છે. દહેજ ઝવડિયાના ઔદ્યોગિક પટ્ટાઓ પણ શ્રારી યુક્ત વાયુ ઉત્પન્ન કરે છે જેથી કાટ લાગે છે.

વિશેષ તરીકે ધારાસભ્ય ચૈતન્ય દેસાઈ હાજર રહ્યા હતા. કાર્યક્રમમાં ટીસીઆર એડવાન્સ એન્જિનિયરિંગ પ્રાઈવેટ લિમિટેડના મેનેજિંગ ડિરેક્ટર પરેશ હરિભક્તિએ કાર્ડ નિયંત્રણમાં વિવિધ ઉદ્યોગોની ભૂમિકા પર પ્રકાશ પાડ્યો હતો. તેમણે જણાવ્યું હતું કે, કાટને કારણે દર વર્ષે અંદાજે 2.5 ટ્રિલિયન ડોલરનું આર્થિક નુકસાન થાય છે. જે વાર્ષિક જીડીપીના લગભગ 3.4ટકા છે. કાટ વ્યવસ્થાપન દ્વારા આ નુકસાન 15 થી 35% સુધીનું અટકાવી શકાય છે.

આંતરરાષ્ટ્રીય કાટ જાગૃતિ દિવસની ઉજવણીના ભાગરૂપે 24 એપ્રિલના રોજ આઈએમપી ગુજરાત ચેપ્ટરનું ઉદ્ઘાટન અને એક દિવસી વર્કશોપનું આયોજન કરવામાં આવ્યું હતું. ઈન્સ્ટિટ્યુટ ઓફ મેટલ્સ બરોડા ચેપ્ટર અને એસોસિએશન ફોર મટીરીયલ્સ પ્રોટેક્શન એન્ડ પરફોર્મન્સ ગુજરાત ચેપ્ટર દ્વારા આઈએમ પી પી ગુજરાત ચેપ્ટરનું ઉદ્ઘાટન કરવામાં આવ્યું હતું. યુનિવર્સિટીઓ તેમજ 11 બહુરાષ્ટ્ર કંપનીઓ અને મોટા ઉદ્યોગ ગુહો આ સાથે, 4 ધાતુ અને ધાતુ કે ઉદ્યોગો સાથે સંકળાયેલા તેમજ કેન્દ્ર સંસ્થાઓના કુલ 200થી વધુ પ્રતિનિધિઓએ ભાગ લીધો હતો. ઉદ્ઘાટનમાં અતિથિ

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as part of Celebration of the International Corrosion Awareness Day

corrosion causes economic losses estimated at \$2.5 trillion annually

The Indian Institute of Metals (IIM) Baroda Chapter and the Association for Materials Protection & Performance (AMPP) Gujarat Chapter jointly organized the inaugural function of the AMPP Gujarat Chapter along with a one-day workshop on Corrosion Control & Monitoring (CCM-2025). The event was held as part of the International Corrosion Awareness Day celebrations on 24th April 2025. In this event over 200 participants from 6 leading Engineering Institutes and Universities, 11 multinational corporations and large-capital organizations, 4 metal and metallurgical industries has attended the event. Globally, corrosion causes economic losses estimated at \$2.5 trillion annually, roughly 3.4% of global GDP. Studies show that 15–35% of these losses can be prevented through effective corrosion management — translating into annual savings of up to \$875 billion. In Gujarat, our unique industrial ecosystem and coastal geography intensify corrosion risks: Gujarat has India’s longest coastline (~1,600 km). Coastal cities like Kandla, Mundra, Hazira, Porbandar, and Dahej face high salt-induced corrosion of bridges, pipelines, jetties, and storage facilities. Shri Chaitanya Desai, Hon’ble MLA, Akota Assembly, Vadodara, addressed the gathering as Guest of Honour. Mr. Paresh Haribhakti, Member Delegate, AMPP Gujarat Chapter & Managing Director, TCR Advanced Engineering Pvt. Ltd., highlighted the role of various industries in the corrosion control ecosystem.

