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Dear Members,

Indian Chemical Council (ICC) continues to lead India's \$230-billion chemical and petrochemical sector, representing nearly 80% of the industry. The year 2025–26 has been marked by significant progress across policy advocacy, industry engagement, sustainability, Responsible Care®, chemical security, innovation, knowledge-sharing and capacity building. As the chemical industry navigates geopolitical uncertainties, changing global supply chains, technological disruption and the transition towards a low-carbon economy, ICC has remained committed to creating platforms that enable the industry to respond with resilience and foresight.

MEMBERSHIP EXPANSION:

ICC welcomed more than **30 new member companies** during the year, strengthening its engaged community and collective industry impact.

POLICY ADVOCACY:

ICC actively represented the industry before key ministries, including Commerce, MoEFCC, Chemicals & Petrochemicals, and Consumer Affairs, making **50+ representations to government departments** on issues spanning trade, infrastructure, tariffs, regulations, and BIS and environmental standards. During the year, ICC submitted industry inputs on trade and tariffs, inverted duty structures, environmental regulations, standards, the ChemIndia Portal and international trade negotiations; raised industry concerns arising from increased tariffs affecting India–USA chemical trade; and provided inputs for the India–Indonesia and India–EAEU trade discussions. ICC also contributed industry inputs to the BIS Annual Programme for Standardization 2026–27 and strengthened industry representation on BIS Technical Committees. These engagements reflect ICC's continued endeavour to ensure that policies and regulations support the competitiveness, investment, value addition and sustainable growth of the Indian chemical industry.

FLAGSHIP CONFERENCES:

- ✎ **"The 19th ICC Annual India Chemical Industry Outlook Conference & Exhibition"** at Mumbai in March 2026 with McKinsey & Company as Knowledge Partner, convened over 750 CXO/CEO level delegates to address resilience, innovation, and the future of the Indian Chemical Industry. A CEO roundtable chaired by Hon'ble Chief Minister of Maharashtra, Shri. Devendra Fadnavis brought together over 100 leading CEOs and senior executives from the Indian and global chemical and petrochemical industry. Prominent speakers included Mr. Marco Mensink, Director General, European Chemical Industry Council (CEFIC), Brussels, Belgium; Dr. Claus Rettig, President Asia Pacific and Interim CFO, Evonik Industries AG, Singapore; Mr. Sven Smit, Senior Partner, McKinsey & Company; Mr. Christian Guckel, Global Head of Verticals Chemicals & Energy, Siemens, Germany; and Mr. Haryono Lim, President – Mega Projects Asia, BASF, Guangdong, China.
- ✎ **The 7th ICC Sustainability Conclave**, supported by DCPC, promoted sustainable practices and integration across the sector. The conclave, themed **"Sustainability in a Dynamic World: Strategic & Operational Imperatives for the Indian Chemical Industry,"** served as a distinguished platform for industry leaders, policymakers, global experts, and thought leaders to deliberate on advancing sustainable practices within the chemical sector amidst a changing geopolitical and regulatory landscape. The event witnessed inspiring addresses by Smt. Nivedita Shukla Verma, Secretary, Department of Chemicals & Petrochemicals, Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers, GoI; Ms. Indra Mallo, Additional Secretary, NACWC,

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Cabinet Secretariat, GoI; Smt. Roli Singh, Chairperson, National Authority Chemical Weapons Convention (NACWC), Cabinet Secretariat, GoI; Mr. Dennis Beel, Global Chemicals Leader, PwC Belgium and other prominent speakers.

- ✦ The **60th ICC Awards Ceremony and Seminar Recognising Excellence in Various Facets of Chemical Industry** celebrated excellence in Safety, HR, RC, Industry-Academia Collaboration, Environment & Energy Conservation and other prominent fields in the Chemical Industry. The event featured addresses by **Shri Jitin Prasada**, Hon'ble Minister of State for Commerce & Industry and Electronics & IT, GoI; **Shri Deepankar Aron**, Joint Secretary – Chemicals, Department of Chemicals & Petrochemicals, Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers, GoI; **Mr. Vikas Kaushal**, Chairman & Managing Director, Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd.; and **Prof. Shirish Kedare**, Director, IIT Bombay.
- ✦ The **4th edition of "ICC Industry Institutions Partnership Summit"**, themed **"From Lab to Market: Accelerating Chemical Innovation through Collaboration"** was organized on January 23, 2026 at Chennai. The summit was in association with McKinsey & Company as the "Knowledge Partner", and Confederation of Indian Private Universities (CIPU) as the Academic Partners. The summit featured a keynote address by Dr. Shivkumar Kalyanaraman, CEO, Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF), GoI. The distinguished speaker line up also included **Padma Bhushan Dr. T. Ramasami**, FASc, FNASc, FNA, FNAE, FTWAS, Distinguished Professor of Eminence, Anna University, Former Secretary, Department of Science and Technology, GoI, Former Director, CSIR-CLRI and **Dr. Johannes Barth**, Head, Innovation Campus, BASF India.
- ✦ The **24th Acharya Prafulla Chandra Ray Memorial Lecture** was held in Kolkata on August 5, 2026. Alongside, ICC organized the 3rd Acharya Prafulla Chandra Ray Memorial Chemistry Olympiad 3.0 and a National Seminar on "Recent Advances in Chemical Sciences" with prominent speakers.
- ✦ **ICC hosted the ICCA Energy & Climate Change Leadership Group (E&CC LG) meeting** on 11–12 March 2026 at the Grand Hyatt, Mumbai. Comprising senior leaders from global chemical manufacturing and producing companies, the E&CC LG is dedicated to supporting the industry transition towards climate neutrality in alignment with the Paris Agreement. ICC Office Bearers, led by **Ms. Ramya Bharathram**, President, ICC along with **Mr. Samir Somaiya**, Vice President, ICC, **Mr. Kartik Bharat Ram**, Past President, ICC, **Mr. Bimal Goculdas**, Past President, ICC, shared valuable insights into India's evolving energy and climate policy landscape, highlighting recent reforms and the country's growing emphasis on sustainability and low-carbon growth.

ICC IN NATIONAL MEDIA

- » In an exclusive interview with ET Energy World from the Economic Times, the President, ICC spoke about how India must shift structurally from bulk polymers to higher-value derivatives by improving feedstock security, transparent pricing, and refinery-petrochemical integration.
- » On 31 January 2026, the President, ICC shared key industry perspectives in an interaction with Asian News International (ANI), focusing on India-EU Free Trade Agreement and what it really means for India's chemical sector.
- » In a national telecast on Doordarshan on 31 January 2026, the President, ICC shared key industry insights on how the FTAs and Trade Deals can reshape trade, competitiveness and long-term growth for the sector.
- » Our flagship events continue to be covered by ET-Now very extensively.

THRUST ON RESPONSIBLE CARE (RC) & NICER GLOBE (NG):

We are pleased to note that India's chemical industry has crossed an important milestone with **100 companies now holding the Responsible Care® Logo** under the stewardship of the ICC. ICC actively participated in global and regional RC events and held several training sessions and webinars to support members in RC KPI reporting, sustainability practices, and GRI integration via the ICC RC KPI Webtool. On July 3, 2026, the **4th NG "LogNext 2026"**, themed **"Beyond the Horizon: Designing the Chemical Supply Chain for a Decade of Uncertainty"**, was held with support from DCPC & KPMG.

WHITE PAPERS TO SUPPORT INDUSTRY GROWTH:

White papers released by ICC at flagship events have been reviewed by senior government officials, helping shape policy to support industry growth. This year, we released three key papers:

1. **"From challenges to possibilities: Leading India's chemicals industry through global headwinds"** prepared by McKinsey & Company during the ICC Outlook Conference.
2. PwC's Knowledge Paper on **"Sustainability in the Chemical Industry,"** prepared by PwC India in collaboration with ICC during the ICC Sustainability Conclave.

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3. **"Beyond the Horizon: Designing the Chemical Supply Chain for a Decade of Uncertainty"** by KPMG during the ICC NG LogNext event.

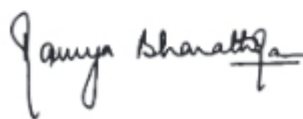
WORKSHOPS AND STRATEGIC ENGAGEMENTS:

ICC focused on enhancing education, safety, sustainability, and research through a range of programmes, including workshops, webinars on the latest industry trends, refresher courses, and technical seminars held across the country. More than 100 programmes across diverse areas of relevance have been organised thereby reinforcing its commitment to serving the sector through knowledge, capacity building, collaboration and advocacy.

- » The **13th India International Phosgene Safety Conference**, a global networking and learning event for phosgene stakeholders.
- » **Commitment to Chemical Security:** ICC, in collaboration with NACWC organized 22 Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC) Awareness Programs across India and held high-level meetings. ICC participated in the 30th Conference of States Parties of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, held in November 2025 at The Hague. All the CWC Help Desks ensured timely review and reporting of ADPA 2024 declarations, reinforcing ICC's commitment to the Chemical Weapons Convention.
- » ICC supported DCPC on **ChemIndia Portal** issues by organizing training workshops on **"ChemIndia Portal"** for its members. Additionally, ICC co-hosted workshops with the Central Bureau of Narcotics on the Voluntary Code of Conduct.
- » ICC jointly with ICT Mumbai, trained over 500 participants from across India by conducting **Safety and Environment Certification Courses and Training programs**. These programs significantly enhanced India's chemical industry safety culture by providing practical knowledge on crucial topics such as waste management, fire prevention, hazardous chemical handling, among other critical areas.
- » ICC, under its CSR initiative, organized two-day skill development courses on **"Environmental Sustainability for the MSMEs of the Chemical Sector"**.
- » President, ICC, attended the **Post Budget Webinar and Parallel Breakout Sessions** held on 3 March 2026, inaugurated by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi.
- » Among the other important activities, ICC partnered with the **"Asian Chemicals Forum (ACF)"** in the two-day conference held in Mumbai on 8–9 October 2025. Mr. Oliver Wootton, UNITAR; Ms. Agnes Lau, Product Safety Asia Pacific Director, BASF; Mr. Ante Batinic, Technical Manager, Social Sustainability, FSSC 24000; and Mr. Jitendra Sharma, GEF Task Manager, UNEP, were among the key speakers at the conference. ICC also supported the **8th Industrial Green Chemistry World** in Mumbai on 7–8 October 2025. ICC presented on **"Chemical safety in Industry - India's Experience"** in the side event at the **30th Conference of States Parties of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons**, held in November 2025 at The Hague.

As we meet for our Annual General Meeting, ICC thanks all members for their continued dedication. Your partnership shapes the Council's vision for a resilient, innovative, and sustainable future.

Warm Regards,



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REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

FLAGSHIP EVENTS OF ICC

60TH ANNUAL ICC AWARDS PRESENTATION FUNCTION

Every year, ICC Awards Presentation Function, a prestigious Ceremony which recognizes Excellence is held on the day of the Annual General Meeting of ICC. Similarly, on 19 September 2025, on the day of the Annual General Meeting, the 60th Annual Awards Presentation Function was held at Taj Lands End, Mumbai, marking six decades of honouring excellence and innovation in India's chemical and petrochemical sectors. The event, one of the most prestigious gatherings of industry leaders, policymakers, and researchers, highlighted India's strides in sustainability, technology, safety, and leadership. The function formally commenced with Ms. Shraddha Rane, Secretary General, ICC, setting the context.

Delivering the Welcome Address, **Mr. Kartik Bharat Ram**, President, ICC and Joint Managing Director, SRF Ltd., welcomed the **Chief Guest - Shri Jitin Prasada**, Hon'ble Minister of State for Commerce & Industry, Government of India; **Guest of Honour - Shri Deepankar Aron**, Joint Secretary- Chemicals, Government of India; **Keynote Speaker - Mr. Vikas Kaushal**, Chairman & Managing Director, Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd. and the gathering.



He highlighted the importance of the award function, noting that it reflects ICC's mission to celebrate innovation, sustainability, and responsible growth. Reflecting on ICC's achievements during his tenure, Mr. Kartik Bharat Ram said, "This year, we didn't just represent the industry, we helped shape its future. ICC made its voice heard through more than 50 representations to key ministries, and our recommendations have been included in NITI Aayog's report on global value chains." Highlighting ICC's international recognition, he proudly noted, "ICC made history by winning the **2024 OPCW The Hague Award**, becoming the first industry body globally to be honoured for its excellent work on chemical safety and security."



The **60th ICC Annual Awards Presentation Function** brought together some of the most distinguished voices shaping the future of India's chemical and petrochemical industry. The evening featured insightful addresses that collectively underscored the chemical sector's central role in India's industrial, economic, and sustainable growth.

In his remarks, **Chief Guest, Shri Jitin Prasada**, Hon'ble Minister of State for Commerce & Industry and Electronics & IT, Government of India, commended ICC's contributions to national growth and praised the industry's role in job creation and exports. He emphasized that the government remains committed to facilitating growth through "ease of doing business, faster environmental clearances, and fair-trade practices."



Shri Prasada highlighted India's stable political and economic climate, and emphasised the government's willingness to support to help India's chemical sector. He also congratulated the Lifetime Achievement Awardees, Mr. Shyam and Mr. Hari Bhartia, Mrs. Sandra Shroff, and Dr. S. Chandrasekhar - for their outstanding contributions, adding that "the ICC's Awards are held in high esteem in the industry."

Guest of Honour, Shri Deepankar Aron, Joint Secretary – Chemicals, Department of Chemicals & Petrochemicals, Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers, Government of India, in his address encouraged the sector to align with national priorities such as Atmanirbhar Bharat, Make in



India, and the Green Transition, highlighting that India's chemical sector has the potential to become a global hub for sustainable manufacturing.

He urged companies to "leverage Free Trade Agreements to boost exports and competitiveness" and emphasized that "improving the industry's public perception through media and awareness initiatives is vital for attracting talent and investment." He reiterated the government's continued support for industry initiatives under the Responsible Care framework and called for "greater synergy between policy, innovation, and sustainability."

Delivering the **Keynote Address, Mr. Vikas Kaushal**, Chairman & Managing Director, Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd., spoke about the deep interlinkages



between the chemical and petrochemical value chains and outlined a roadmap for transformation.

He presented five "provocations" for industry transformation - by reducing import dependence, competing globally, leveraging green feedstocks, owning sustainability, and building talent as the true feedstock of growth. Stressing the importance of collaboration, he said, "We cannot build a \$2-trillion chemical industry through business as usual. We must co-create, innovate, and partner across the ecosystem."

ICC LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNERS

One of the most anticipated moments of the evening was the presentation of the ICC Lifetime Achievement Awards, honouring four stalwarts whose vision, innovation, and leadership have profoundly shaped India's chemical landscape.

The awards were presented by **Shri Jitin Prasada**, Hon'ble Minister of State for Commerce & Industry, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India, along with other distinguished guests including **Shri Deepankar Aron**, IRS, Joint Secretary – Chemicals, Department of Chemicals & Petrochemicals, Ministry of Chemicals

& Fertilizers, Government of India; **Mr. Vikas Kaushal**, Chairman & Managing Director, Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd.

Mrs. Sandra Shroff, Vice Chairperson and Co-Founder, UPL Ltd., received the **ICC D. M. Trivedi Lifetime Achievement Award for Management of Industry** for her outstanding leadership and transformative contributions to India's agrochemical sector. In view of her medical condition, the award was accepted by her grandson on her behalf.



In her virtual acceptance speech, Mrs. Sandra Shroff reflected on decades of advocacy and collaboration with ICC, urging stronger cooperation between the government and industry. She called for greater policy support to boost exports and strengthen India's global



competitiveness, adding, "India can and must become a major global supplier of quality chemicals." Her words resonated as a passionate appeal for partnership and trust between policymakers and the chemical industry.

Prof. S. Chandrasekhar, Former Director, CSIR-Indian Institute of Chemical Technology (CSIR-IICT), Hyderabad and Former Secretary of Department of Science and Technology (DST), Government of India, was conferred the **ICC D. M. Trivedi Lifetime Achievement Award for Education & Research** for his exemplary contributions to chemical education, research, and indigenous technology development.



In his acceptance speech, he paid tribute to his mentor, Dr. A. V. Rama Rao, recalling, "He taught me that doing research and publishing papers is not enough; we must solve problems that help industry and society."

Prof. S. Chandrasekhar shared the story behind his team's contribution to the Covaxin project, developing an adjuvant during the COVID-19 lockdown. "When the Hon'ble Prime Minister took the Covaxin, we were proud that 15 micrograms of a chemical made by our PhD students went into that vaccine," he said.

He dedicated his award to his students and collaborators, emphasizing the power of industry-academia partnerships in advancing national innovation.

Mr. Shyam Bhartia, Founder and Chairman, Jubilant Bhartia Group jointly with **Mr. Hari Bhartia**, Founder and Co-Chairman, Jubilant Bhartia Group, were jointly honoured with the **ICC Lifetime Achievement Award** for their remarkable vision and entrepreneurial spirit in advancing India's chemical sector.



Under their leadership, the Jubilant Bhartia Group evolved into a global conglomerate spanning chemicals, pharmaceuticals, and life sciences.

Mr. Hari Bhartia praised ICC for being "the voice of the industry - promoting competitiveness, safety, sustainability, and responsible care". He further reflected, "From those early years, Jubilant's journey mirrors the

evolution of Indian industry - from self-reliance to global leadership. Today, we continue to be the world's largest producer of pyridine and derivatives". Today, the Jubilant Group stands as a diversified global enterprise spanning chemicals, pharmaceuticals, and life sciences, embodying the spirit of innovation and responsible growth.

These award winners truly represent what the ICC Awards stand for excellence, innovation, and responsibility; and their work will continue to inspire future leaders to make India's chemical industry safer, greener, and more competitive worldwide.

ICC WELCOMED RAMYA BHARATHRAM, FIRST WOMAN PRESIDENT OF ICC

A historic moment during the function was the formal passing of the presidential mantle from **Mr. Kartik Bharat Ram**, President, ICC & Joint Managing Director, SRF Limited, to **Ms. Ramya Bharathram**, Managing Director & CFO, Thirumalai Chemicals Ltd., who became the first woman President in ICC's 87-year history.



In her address, Ms. Ramya Bharathram pledged to build upon the strong foundation laid by her predecessors, strengthening ICC's initiatives in sustainability, Responsible Care, and policy advocacy. Outgoing President Mr. Kartik Bharat Ram lauded her leadership, stating that she inherits "a strong, respected Council ready for the future."

Her presidency marks a progressive chapter for ICC, symbolizing the growing presence of women leaders in the Indian chemical industry. Alongside her, **Mr. Samir Somaiya**, Chairman & Managing Director, Godavari Biorefineries Ltd. took charge as Vice President, and **Mr. Jayant Dholey**, Business Head-CFI Sector & Century Enka, Aditya Birla Group as Additional Vice President.

WINNERS OF ICC AWARDS FOR THE YEAR 2024

ICC Lifetime Achievement Award Mr. Shyam Bhartia, Founder and Chairman, Jubilant Bhartia Group jointly with Mr. Hari Bhartia, Founder and Co-Chairman, Jubilant Bhartia Group	
ICC D. M. Trivedi Lifetime Achievement Award for Contribution to Indian Chemical Industry: Management Of Industry	Mrs. Sandra Shroff, Ex Vice Chairman and Co-Founder, UPL Limited
ICC D. M. Trivedi Lifetime Achievement Award for Contribution to Indian Chemical Industry: Education & Research	Dr. S. Chandrasekhar, Former Director, CSIR-IICT, Hyderabad and Former Secretary - Department of Science and Technology (DST), Government of India
"ICC – K. V. MARIWALA" AWARD FOR EFFECTIVE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY – ACADEMIA PARTNERSHIP	- Rallis India Ltd. in collaboration with Institute of Chemical Technology Mumbai - Godavari Biorefineries Limited in collaboration with Institute of Chemical Technology Mumbai
"ICC-DEEPAK NITRITE" ACHARYA P. C. RAY AWARD FOR DEVELOPMENT OF INDIGENOUS TECHNOLOGY	Apcotex Industries Limited

"ICC – ALKYL AMINES" PROF. M. M. SHARMA AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN PROCESS DESIGN & ENGINEERING	Excel Industries Ltd.
"ICC – VINATI ORGANICS" AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN MANAGEMENT OF HEALTH & SAFETY CATEGORY I	- Coromandel International Limited, Dahej - LANXESS India Pvt. Ltd., Jhagadia
ICC AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN MANAGEMENT OF HEALTH & SAFETY CATEGORY II	Kumar Organic Products Limited, Jigani, Anekal, Bangalore
"ICC – EVONIK" AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN MANAGEMENT OF ENVIRONMENT CATEGORY I	Grasim Industries Limited (Chemical Division), Vilayat
"ICC – EXCEL INDUSTRIES" AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN MANAGEMENT OF ENVIRONMENT CATEGORY II	National Peroxide Limited, Mohone
I.C.C. AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN ENERGY CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT CATEGORY I	Epsilon Carbon Pvt. Ltd., Bellary
I.C.C. AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN ENERGY CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT CATEGORY II	DMCC Speciality Chemicals Limited, Roha
EXCELLENCE IN HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT IN THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY CATEGORY I	Epsilon Carbon Pvt. Ltd.
EXCELLENCE IN HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT IN THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY CATEGORY II	Tagros Chemicals India (P) Ltd.
ICC ADITYA BIRLA AWARD FOR BEST RESPONSIBLE CARE COMMITTED COMPANY	Deepak Nitrite Ltd.
"ICC-EPSILON CARBON" Certificate of Merit for Best Compliant Company for the Codes under Responsible Care	
Process Safety	Chemplast Sanmar Ltd.
Employee Health & Safety	Godrej Industries Ltd.
Pollution Prevention	Thirumalai Chemicals Ltd.
Emergency Response	DOW Chemical International Pvt. Ltd
Distribution	Deepak Phenolics Limited
Product Safety & Stewardship Code	Lanxess India Pvt. Ltd.
Security	
ICC AWARD FOR BEST NICER GLOBE USER COMPANY	Chemplast Sanmar Ltd.
ICC AWARD FOR BEST LOGISTICS SERVICE PROVIDER (LSP) UNDER NICER GLOBE	Goodrich Maritime Pvt. Ltd.

The evening concluded with a Vote of Thanks by Mr. D. Sothi Selvam, Director General, ICC. He expressed gratitude to the Chief Guest, **Shri Jitin Prasada**, Guest of Honour, **Shri Deepankar Aron**, dignitaries, award recipients, sponsors, and participants for their valuable presence and support. He also acknowledged the efforts of the Awards Committees and affirmed that the collective participation of all stakeholders reinforces the commitment to advancing a safe and sustainable chemical industry.

16TH ANNUAL ICC SEMINAR ON RECOGNIZING EXCELLENCE OF PERFORMANCE IN VARIOUS FACETS OF CHEMICAL INDUSTRY

Prelude to the awards function, ICC hosted its 16th Annual Seminar on "Recognizing Excellence of Performance in Various Facets of the Chemical Industry". The Annual Seminar brought together leaders from industry, government, and academia to share insights on innovation, sustainability, safety, and Responsible Care. It provided the award winners a platform to present their innovative and exemplary work, which prompted ICC to confer upon them the awards.



In his welcome address, **Mr. Kartik Bharat Ram**, President, ICC & Joint Managing Director, SRF Ltd., highlighted ICC's enduring role in shaping policy and driving innovation. "This seminar is not just a recognition platform - it is an opportunity to learn from each other, to share ideas, and to raise the standards of performance across our industry," he remarked, introducing the theme of the day.

Prof. Shirish Kedare, Director, IIT Bombay, Guest of Honour, called for stronger collaboration between academia and industry to translate research into scalable industrial applications. He spoke about IIT Bombay's innovation ecosystem; including research



parks, incubation centers, and translational research initiatives, that foster industry-oriented problem-solving. Emphasizing the need for innovation in sustainability and renewable energy, he said that "real progress will come when we work beyond our comfort zones, with academia and industry walking hand in hand."

The Chief Guest, **Shri Deepankar Aron**, IRS, Joint Secretary – Chemicals, Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals, Government of India, commended the seminar's focus on practical excellence. He encouraged the sector to increase its R&D investments, strengthen global competitiveness, and integrate sustainability in every facet of operations. "Policy and industry must move together if we are to achieve the vision of a \$1 trillion chemical industry by 2040," he emphasized, adding that innovation and Responsible Care would be key drivers of this transformation.

In his concluding remarks **Mr. D. Sothi Selvam**, Director General, ICC, appreciated the presence and insights of all speakers and delegates. He also acknowledged the award-winning companies for setting benchmarks that inspire the entire industry to move forward responsibly and sustainably.

Following the inaugural session, the seminar continued with engaging Technical Sessions, featuring award-winning companies sharing their exemplary work and innovative practices. The seminar's engaging deliberations and knowledge exchange between industry leaders, policymakers, and academia reinforced ICC's vision to foster innovation, responsibility, and excellence, charting a progressive path for the future of India's chemical industry and setting the stage for the grand celebration of achievement at the 60th ICC Annual Awards Presentation Function.

7TH EDITION OF THE ICC SUSTAINABILITY CONCLAVE 2025

The 7th Edition of the ICC Sustainability Conclave, supported by the **Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals, Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers, Government of India**, and organized by the Indian Chemical Council (ICC), was held on **October 30–31, 2025, at The Lalit, New Delhi**. Building on the legacy of its previous editions, the Conclave focused on the theme "**Sustainability in a Dynamic World: Strategic & Operational Imperatives for the Indian Chemical Industry**." The two-day event served as a distinguished platform for industry leaders, policymakers, global experts, and thought leaders to deliberate on advancing sustainable practices within the chemical sector amidst a changing geopolitical and regulatory landscape. PriceWaterHouse Cooper (PwC) was the Knowledge Partner for this Edition of the Conclave.

DAY 1

The Conclave opened with a welcome address by **Ms. Ramya Bharathram**, President, ICC & Managing Director and Chief Financial Officer, Thirumalai Chemicals Limited, who welcomed delegates and underscored the importance of collaborative innovation in building a responsible and resilient chemical industry. Setting the context, **Mr. Ravi Kapoor**, Chairman – Sustainability Committee, ICC, shared the ICC Perspective on Sustainability, highlighting that sustainability today is not merely compliance-driven but a central business imperative.

Bringing an international lens, **Mr. Dennis Beel**, Global Chemicals Leader, PwC Belgium, presented the Global Perspective on Sustainability, reflecting on how global frameworks and evolving market expectations are redefining business priorities.



The Chief Guest, **Smt. Nivedita Shukla Verma**, Secretary, Department of Chemicals & Petrochemicals, Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers, Government of India, lauded the Indian chemical industry's ongoing efforts toward sustainable manufacturing and reiterated the Government's commitment to facilitating innovation



and circularity. She emphasized the importance of close industry collaboration to accelerate the transition towards green technologies.

The inaugural session also witnessed the release of the Knowledge Paper on **"Sustainability in the Chemical Industry,"** prepared by **PwC India in collaboration with ICC.** The report presents a comprehensive overview of the current sustainability landscape in India's chemical sector,



outlining strategic pathways for integrating sustainable practices into business operations. It emphasizes the importance of innovation, circularity, decarbonization, and digital enablement as key enablers for long-term industry transformation and alignment with national and global sustainability goals.

Extending his appreciation, **Mr. Kartik Bharat Ram**, Immediate Past President, ICC & Joint Managing Director, SRF Limited, delivered the Vote of Thanks, acknowledging the enthusiasm, collaboration, and collective commitment of all participants in making the Conclave's inaugural session a success.

The day progressed with a thematic presentation by **Mr. Mukund Devnani**, Managing Director – Chemicals, PwC India, who presented strategic insights into embedding sustainability within chemical operations, followed by a presentation by **State Partner- Invest UP** wherein from **Mr. Anuruddha Kshatriya**, General Manager – Investment Promotion, Invest UP (Government of Uttar Pradesh), presented the State's proactive initiatives for sustainable chemical and petrochemical infrastructure development.



The day witnessed presentations and sessions on Navigating Geopolitical Volatility: The Likely Impact of Trade and Tariffs on the Sustainability Goals of the Chemical Industry; Sustainability Strategies for the Future; Chemicals for the Future: Circularity, Decarbonisation and Sustainability for Emerging Sectors; Sustainability by Design: Integrating AI, IoT and Data in Chemical Manufacturing; and Building a Sustainable Ecosystem: Push for Global Integration.

The first day concluded with an **exclusive CEO Roundtable**, a closed-door interaction between government officials and industry captains, where participants exchanged perspectives on enabling ecosystem for sustainability-driven growth. **Ms. Indra Mallo**, Additional Secretary, NACWC, Cabinet Secretariat, Government of India participated in the roundtable. It also emphasized the



need for harmonized regulatory frameworks and greater access to green finance to accelerate India's transition towards low-carbon manufacturing. The roundtable provided a constructive platform for candid dialogue and collective reflection on the way forward.

DAY 2

The second day commenced with an opening address by **Mr. Jayant V. Dhobley**, Additional, Vice President, ICC and Chief Executive Officer and Business Head, Aditya Birla Chemicals, who welcomed the delegates back and reflected on the insights from the previous day.

Smt. Roli Singh, Chairperson, National Authority Chemical Weapons Convention (NACWC), Cabinet Secretariat, Government of India, delivered the Chief Guest Address,



underscoring the significance of responsible care and sustainable governance in strengthening India's global leadership in chemicals. Following this, Responsible Care Logo Certificates were presented to recognize exemplary companies demonstrating outstanding commitment to sustainability, safety, and ethical operations.

The opening session concluded with a Vote of Thanks by **Mr. Rupark Sarswat**, Chairman, ICC Northern Region & Chief Executive Officer, India Glycols Limited, who expressed gratitude to the dignitaries, panelists, and participants for their continued engagement and support in advancing the sustainability agenda of the Indian chemical industry.

The second day witnessed discussions on Accelerating Sustainable Solutions: Current Developments and Emerging Technologies in Reducing Environmental Footprint; and New Trends and Best Practices: What's Next for the Chemical Sector.

Bringing the two-day conference to a close, **Mr. D. Sothi Selvam**, Director General, Indian Chemical Council, delivered the Vote of Thanks, expressing deep appreciation to the Government of India, knowledge partners, speakers, and participants for their valuable contributions. He reaffirmed ICC's unwavering commitment to supporting India's chemical industry in its transition toward a low-carbon, technology-driven, and globally competitive future.

FOURTH EDITION OF INDUSTRY INSTITUTIONS PARTNERSHIP SUMMIT (IIPS 2026)

ICC in association with McKinsey & Company as the Knowledge Partner, and Confederation of Indian Private Universities (CIPU) as the Academic Partners, organized the **Fourth Edition of the Industry Institutions Partnership Summit (IIPS)** on 23rd January 2026, at Chennai, under the theme **"From Lab to Market: Accelerating Chemical Innovation through Collaboration."**

The summit aimed to strengthen collaboration between industry, academia, and research institutions, with a focus on fostering innovation and translating research into commercial and societal value. It was a powerful platform that brought together industry leaders, research institutions, academia, innovators and policymakers, all united by one purpose - to ensure that scientific research doesn't remain only in journals, but translates into real world products, solutions and impact.

Ms. Ramya Bharathram, President, ICC & Managing Director & CFO, Thirumalai Chemicals Ltd., delivered the opening remarks and set the tone for the day. She highlighted that in the post-pandemic, geopolitically



fragmented world, chemicals are no longer just an industry, they are a national security asset.

Delivering an address on "Innovation in Chemicals", **Mr. Georg Winkler**, Senior Partner, McKinsey & Company, emphasised on the fact that the chemical industry is facing significant challenges with regionalisation and geopolitics



are fragmenting the value chains. He also talked about the technology led disruptions with AI, creating new opportunities, new markets, demand for new materials. He stated that we need to find solutions for the circularity of plastics, of chemicals, and at the other end of the value chain, we need to find and value new feedstocks. The chemical industry needs to innovate around chemical processes to allow localised manufacturing instead of in few global hubs. Mr. Winkler further emphasised on the importance of collaboration alongside innovation. Collaboration with startups, academia, feedstock providers and between people along the value chain.

Dr. Johannes Barth, Head, Innovation Campus, BASF India gave a Keynote Address on India's R&D Opportunity in the Global Chemical Innovation System.



He highlighted the continuous evolution of innovation in the chemical industry over the past years. He emphasised that India has immense potential for R&D and innovation. He underscored the shift of the chemical industry towards sustainability-driven innovation, the growing importance of India in global R&D, and the need for strong collaboration between industry, academia, and government.

Padma Bhushan Dr. T. Ramasami, FASc, FNASc, FNA, FNAE, FTWAS, Distinguished Professor of Eminence, Anna University, Former Secretary, Department of Science and Technology, Gol, Former Director, CSIR-CLRI, gave a Keynote Address on "Special roles of Chemical and Pharmaceutical Sector in India: An analysis". In his address, Dr. T. Ramasami emphasized



the changing global role of research and development (R&D), noting that innovation is no longer driven solely by knowledge creation or market needs, but increasingly by considerations of national power and technological sovereignty. He highlighted that countries such as the United States and China together account for over half of global R&D investment, reflecting their strategic use of science and technology to strengthen geopolitical influence. He further highlighted that India's long-standing objective of investing 2% of GDP in R&D can yield meaningful returns only if supported by a strong base of skilled human resources.

The final Key note address was given by **Dr. Shivkumar Kalyanaraman**, CEO, Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF), Government of India. Dr. Kalyanaraman outlined the vision, structure, and operational strategy of the Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF),



highlighting its role as a central pillar in India's research and innovation ecosystem. Established by an Act of Parliament in 2023 and chaired by the Honourable Prime Minister, ANRF functions as an apex statutory body aimed at catalysing India's emergence as a global research and innovation powerhouse in alignment with the vision of Viksit Bharat.

Dr. Kalyanaraman explained that ANRF operates as a comprehensive funding and facilitation agency, supporting research and innovation across academia, industry, startups, philanthropy, and diaspora networks. Its governance structure includes a high-level Governing Board chaired by the Prime Minister and an Executive Council led by the Principal Scientific Adviser, enabling fast and effective decision-making. A major initiative under ANRF is the Research Development and Innovation Fund (RDIF), a ₹1 lakh crore patient capital fund focused on supporting mid-to-high Technology Readiness Level (TRL) projects in the private sector. Through partnerships with fund managers, NBFCs, DFIs, and focused research organisations, ANRF aims to finance up to 50% of eligible R&D-intensive projects, generating a strong multiplier effect and recycling capital through future exits. On the grants side, ANRF follows a dual strategy. The horizontal approach supports fundamental, interdisciplinary, and early-stage applied research through individual and small-team grants. The vertical approach adopts a mission-mode model, similar to DARPA, to address strategic sectoral challenges through large-scale, collaborative programmes involving multiple ministries and private partners.

Mr. D. Sothi Selvam, Director General, ICC, delivered the Vote of Thanks for the Inaugural Session. He expressed gratitude to all dignitaries, speakers, partners, and participants present at the Fourth Industry-Institution Partnership Summit. He acknowledged all the dignitaries for their insightful addresses and for making the session inspiring and impactful.

The technical session throughout the day focused on, Translating Academic Knowledge for MSMEs and Start-Ups; Accelerating Innovation – Smart Chemistry; Bridging Industry-Academia Gaps; and startup pitches. A **fireside chat** featuring **Dr. (Mrs) Shailaja Donempudi**, Distinguished Scientist, Head, Business Development Group (BDG), Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR), Ministry of Science & Technology, Govt.; **Mr. Samir Somaiya**, Vice President, ICC & Chairman & Managing Director, Godavari Biorefineries Ltd.; and **Mr. Adhip Pal Chaudhuri**, Chairman – Eastern Region, ICC & CMD, Balmer Lawrie & Co. Ltd., provided valuable insights into successful collaboration models, technology commercialization pathways, and challenges in research translation. Mr. Karthikeyan KS, Chairperson – Southern Region, ICC, delivered the Concluding Remarks & Vote of



thanks. He highlighted the impactful sessions conducted throughout the day and the exchange of knowledge beneficial to the chemical industry.

The Summit provided a comprehensive platform for knowledge exchange, strategic dialogue, and partnership building and successfully reaffirmed ICC's commitment to fostering a strong, innovation-driven ecosystem that connects industry, academia, research institutions, and start-ups.

19TH ANNUAL INDIA CHEMICAL INDUSTRY OUTLOOK CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION

The **19th Annual India Chemical Industry Outlook Conference & Exhibition** – the biggest flagship event of Indian Chemical Council – was successfully hosted on 11–12 March 2026 in Mumbai, convening leading global and Indian industry leaders, policymakers, academics, and innovators to deliberate on the future of the chemicals sector. Held under the theme "Shaping a Competitive and Resilient Chemical Industry for India," the two-day conference provided a premier platform for dialogue on global geopolitics, competitiveness, sustainability, innovation, and emerging growth opportunities in the chemicals industry.

As every year, this year too, **McKinsey & Company** was the Knowledge Partner for the conference. This conference was supported by **Department of Chemicals & Petrochemicals**, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers, Government of India and **International Council of Chemicals Associations**. The conference received support from **Auro Industrial City** as the Infrastructure Partner, **Siemens Limited** as the Digitalization Partner, **Balmer Lawrie & Co. Limited** as the Industrial Packaging Partner and **Global Product Compliance (GPC)** as the Global Regulatory Partner. Apart from the above, more than 50 companies supported this mega event, being the partners mobilising their resources and manpower to make the event a Grand Success.

DAY 1

The session started with opening remarks of the conference were delivered by **Mr. Kamal P. Nanavaty**, Chairman, Conference & Exhibition Expert Committee, ICC & President – Strategy Development, Reliance



Industries Ltd, who set the context for discussions at a time of rapid transformation in global supply chains and trade dynamics. He welcomed all the esteemed speakers and delegates to the conference and emphasised on the importance of the gathering in a time where the chemical industry is undergoing massive shifts.

Ms. Ramya Bharathram, President, ICC and MD & CFO, Thirumalai Chemicals Ltd., in her Welcome Address, outlined a forward-looking perspective on the Indian chemicals industry within the broader context of the conference theme. She highlighted the sector's strong growth trajectory, underpinned by robust domestic demand, increasing integration into global value chains, and a sustained focus on capacity expansion and innovation. Emphasizing the industry's resilience amid ongoing geopolitical and economic uncertainties, she noted that Indian companies have demonstrated agility in navigating supply chain disruptions, energy volatility, and shifting trade dynamics.



She further underscored the significant opportunities emerging for India as global supply chains undergo realignment, positioning the country as a preferred destination for investments and a reliable manufacturing hub.

Delivering the first Keynote address, **Dr. Claus Rettig**, President Asia Pacific and Interim CFO, Evonik Industries AG, Singapore in his Keynote Address, spoke on how geopolitical shifts are prompting multinational chemical companies to rethink market access, investment strategies, and risk exposure. He noted that companies are moving beyond traditional globalization models toward more flexible and resilient operating structures, optimizing assets, innovation networks, and partnerships to adapt to an increasingly complex global landscape.



He emphasized that free trade agreements will play a decisive role in shaping the competitiveness of the chemical industry, as world-scale chemical plants often rely on access to multiple markets. In this context, the EU-India Free Trade Agreement was highlighted as a major opportunity that could significantly strengthen trade flows between the two regions by reducing tariffs on most chemical products and encouraging investment, manufacturing, and exports.

Mr. Rettig also underlined India's growing strategic importance for global chemical companies, citing its strong market potential, demographic advantage, and expanding innovation ecosystem.

Mr. Sven Smit, Senior Partner, McKinsey & Company In his Keynote Address, highlighted that the global economy is entering a new multi-decadal era of structural change, driven by shifts in globalization, geopolitics,



and economic policy. He noted that decades of hyper-efficient globalization are now giving way to a more complex model where resilience, national security, and strategic autonomy are becoming as important as cost efficiency.

He emphasized that businesses are navigating a period marked by energy transitions, supply-chain reconfiguration, and technological disruption, requiring leaders to rethink long-term strategies. Companies will need to invest in innovation, diversify supply chains, and build greater operational resilience to remain competitive in an increasingly fragmented global landscape.

Mr. Smit also pointed out that these shifts present significant opportunities for emerging economies such as India, which can play a larger role in global manufacturing, innovation, and supply chains as companies seek new growth markets and more diversified production bases.

Mr. Christian Guckel, Global Head of Verticals Chemicals & Energy, Siemens, Germany, while delivering his Keynote Address, highlighted how digitalisation, artificial intelligence (AI), and global collaboration will shape the future competitiveness of the chemical industry. He pointed out that emerging trade opportunities between India and major global economies could significantly expand market access, strengthen supply chains, and accelerate technology transfer, positioning India as a key player in global chemical manufacturing.



However, he emphasised that trade agreements alone will not guarantee success; companies must invest in innovation, advanced technologies, and data-driven optimisation to remain competitive. By embracing digital transformation, strengthening international partnerships, and aligning with global sustainability standards, the Indian chemical industry can enhance its global leadership and unlock long-term growth opportunities.

Mr. Haryono Lim, President – Mega Projects Asia, BASF, Guangdong, China, in his Keynote Address, offered perspectives on large-scale project development and Asia's evolving manufacturing ecosystem.



He emphasised the importance of collaboration with government and regional stakeholders in transforming the site from undeveloped land into a major chemical manufacturing hub.

Guest of Honour, **Mr. Marco Mensink**, Director General, European Chemical Industry Council (CEFIC), Brussels, Belgium, and the Guest of Honour on Day 1 of the Conference highlighted the growing impact of geopolitical disruptions on the global chemical industry, noting that crises are unfolding with unprecedented speed and intensity. Referring to developments in Iran and tightening transport routes through the Strait of Hormuz, he cautioned that potential disruptions to oil and gas supplies could significantly affect energy prices, feedstock availability, and global trade flows in the weeks ahead.



Focusing on Europe, Mr. Mensink observed that the region's chemical industry has endured several challenging years but is now witnessing a shift in policy direction. European policymakers are increasingly prioritizing industrial competitiveness through new initiatives aimed at boosting investment and strengthening manufacturing. He pointed to emerging policy frameworks and renewed momentum on international trade agreements—including closer engagement with India—as signals of a more industry-friendly approach.

Despite ongoing geopolitical uncertainty, Mr. Mensink expressed cautious optimism that these policy shifts could help improve the operating environment for Europe's chemical sector while reinforcing global partnerships and trade linkages.

WHITEPAPER LAUNCH

A key highlight of the Inaugural Session was the launch of the Whitepaper titled **"From challenges to possibilities:**



Leading India's chemicals industry through global headwinds" prepared by McKinsey & Company.

Mr. Samir Somaiya, Vice President, ICC & CMD, Godavari Biorefineries Ltd, delivered the Concluding Remarks and Vote of Thanks for the Inaugural Session, noting valuable points delivered by each speaker. Reflecting on the deliberations, he emphasized the growing significance of sustainability, innovation, and supply chain diversification as critical pillars for long-term growth. He also underscored India's unique opportunity to emerge as a global chemicals hub amid shifting trade dynamics and supply chain realignments, supported by strong domestic demand and policy impetus.



Mr. Somaiya expressed appreciation to the dignitaries, speakers, and participants for their valuable contributions and reiterated the role of the ICC in fostering dialogue, collaboration, and strategic direction for the industry.

CEO ROUNDTABLE

A key highlight of the conference was the exclusive CEO Roundtable held on 11 March 2026 in the evening at the same venue, which brought together more than 100 leading CEOs from the Indian and global chemical and petrochemical industry for an interaction with the **Hon'ble Chief Minister of Maharashtra, Shri. Devendra Fadnavis**. The session provided a high-level platform for constructive dialogue between industry leaders and the state government on strengthening Maharashtra's and India's position as a global chemicals hub.



The session commenced with opening remarks by **Ms. Ramya Bharathram**, President, ICC and MD & CFO, Thirumalai Chemicals Ltd., who set the context by underlining the growing strategic importance of the chemical sector to India's economic development. A knowledge presentation by McKinsey & Company highlighted the critical role of the chemicals industry in driving industrial growth, global competitiveness, and value chain integration. Eminent academician Padma Vibhushan **Prof. M. M. Sharma**, Emeritus Professor of Eminence, Institute of Chemical Technology (ICT), Mumbai, offered valuable perspectives on innovation, research, and the need for continued industry-academia collaboration.



Addressing the gathering, the Hon'ble Chief Minister emphasized Maharashtra's strong manufacturing base and the chemical sector's vital contribution to the state's industrial economy. He reiterated the government's commitment to enabling policy-driven growth, enhancing ease and cost of doing business, and expediting environmental clearances. He also highlighted the importance of skill development and called for stronger collaboration between industry and academic institutions such as ICT, IITs, and ITIs to build a future-ready workforce.

The Chief Minister underscored the critical role of MSMEs in the sector and expressed the government's willingness to partner with industry in developing new chemical hubs equipped with plug-and-play infrastructure. As a significant outcome of the roundtable, he invited the ICC to collaborate with the Government of Maharashtra in formulating a forward-looking chemical industry policy, focusing on infrastructure development, investment promotion, and sectoral growth.

Industry leaders noted that India's chemical sector is at a strategic inflection point, with significant opportunities to enhance its participation in global value chains. Key discussion themes included the need for policy stability, infrastructure development, feedstock security, research and innovation, and stronger industry-government collaboration. The interaction also addressed global geopolitical shifts, supply chain resilience, and pathways for advancing sustainable manufacturing.

Overall, the CEO Roundtable served as a pivotal platform for aligning industry and government perspectives, reinforcing a shared vision to position Maharashtra, and India, as globally competitive, resilient, and sustainable leaders in the chemical manufacturing sector.

DAY 2

Innovation, Start-ups and Talent: Focus on the Future

The second day of the conference focused on innovation, startups, generative AI and sustainability. A highlight of the day was an engaging and insightful fireside conversation on innovation in the chemical industry between **Padma Vibhushan Prof. M. M. Sharma**, Emeritus Professor of Eminence, Institute of Chemical Technology (ICT), Mumbai, and **Dr. A. N. Sreeram**, Chief Technology Officer at DOW, moderated by **Dr. (Hon.) Deepak C. Mehta**, CMD, Deepak Nitrite Limited (Deepak Group). A special fireside session explored women's leadership in the chemical sector. The discussion was moderated by **Ms. Aakriti Agarwal**, Partner, McKinsey & Company. The session featured **Ms. Ramya Bharathram**, President, ICC & Managing Director & CFO, Thirumalai Chemicals Ltd., in conversation with **Ms. Shyamala Gopinath**, Independent Director, BASF India Limited and former Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of India.



Further in the day, sessions focused on Generative AI is transforming the chemicals industry; featured a **Start-up Bootcamp**, where emerging innovators in the chemicals' ecosystem presented cutting-edge solutions ranging from AI-driven data platforms to biotechnology and advanced materials; strengthening safety foundations in the chemicals industry; attracting and developing talent for the chemical industry; and sustainability and the path to net-zero emissions in the chemical industry.

The conference concluded with remarks from **Mr. D. Sothi Selvam**, Director General, ICC who thanked participants, speakers, and partners for their contributions to the success of the event. Reflecting on the two days of deliberations and interactions, he pointed out that the conference had provided a comprehensive platform to examine the evolving global and domestic landscape of the chemical industry, with insightful discussions



on geopolitics, competitiveness, sustainability, and innovation. He expressed confidence that the insights and outcomes of the conference would translate into actionable strategies for the sector's sustained growth and global integration.

Over the course of two days, the conference brought together leaders of the Indian Chemical Industry, **senior executives, policymakers, researchers, and innovators from across the global chemicals ecosystem**, reinforcing its position as one of the most influential platforms for industry dialogue in India. It underscored ICC's continued commitment to fostering industry dialogue, advocacy, and knowledge-sharing for the betterment of the Chemical Industry.

ICC hosted the **ICCA Energy & Climate Change Leadership Group (E&CC LG) face-to-face meeting** on 11-12 March, 2026, at the Grand Hyatt, Mumbai. It took place alongside the Annual India Chemical Industry Outlook Conference and Exhibition. Comprising senior leaders from global chemical manufacturing and producing companies, the E&CC LG is dedicated to supporting the industry transition towards climate neutrality in alignment with the Paris Agreement. The Group's past notable work includes, Pathways for the

Global chemical industry to climate neutrality; ICCA life cycle assessment of circular systems: essential role of chemicals; Climate resilience: moving beyond climate change mitigation; Energy & GHG reductions in the chemical industry via catalytic processes; and Enabling future – chemistry innovations for the low carbon society.

Participants from 26 national associations attended and deliberations focused on advancing technological innovations to reduce greenhouse gas emissions across chemical industry operations and throughout the manufacturing value chain.

Discussions also emphasized strengthening industry collaboration and accelerating adoption of sustainable practices to support global climate goals. **ICC Office Bearers, led by Ms. Ramya Bharathram, President, ICC along with Mr. Samir Somaiya, Vice President, ICC, Mr. Kartik Bharat Ram, Past President, ICC, Mr. Bimal Goculdas, Past President ICC,** shared valuable insights



into India's evolving energy and climate policy landscape, highlighting recent reforms and the country's growing emphasis on sustainability and low-carbon growth.

13TH INDIA INTERNATIONAL PHOSGENE SAFETY CONFERENCE

ICC, through its Indian Phosgene Council (IPC), successfully hosted the **13th edition of the India International Phosgene Safety Conference** on 11 September 2025 at Hotel Vivanta, Vadodara, Gujarat. The conference served as a unique knowledge-sharing platform dedicated to one of the most sensitive and high-risk chemicals in industrial use – Phosgene. The event witnessed excellent participation from leading Indian and international experts, regulators, industry leaders, and technical specialists. Some participants joined to witness the conference from Germany, USA as well. The deliberations focused on safety, sustainability, regulatory compliance, and emergency preparedness, reflecting ICC's continued commitment to fostering a culture of responsible care and safety excellence.

Mr. D. Sothi Selvam, Director General, ICC delivered the opening remarks for the conference by highlighting the dual nature of phosgene – as a building block for

countless innovations, from life-saving pharmaceuticals to advanced materials, and at the same time a highly hazardous chemical requiring the highest standards of vigilance. He reminded the audience that phosgene is listed under Schedule 3 of the Chemical Weapons Convention, making its safe management and security particularly significant in today's global context. He urged participants to engage actively, share experiences openly, and carry forward not just new knowledge but a renewed spirit of vigilance.

Mr. Stefan Drees, Head – Global Phosgene Steering Group, Covestro, Germany shared his reflections on resilience, gratitude, and the people who form the backbone of safety culture. Drawing from personal experiences, he highlighted how trust and commitment help overcome challenges, whether in travel or in managing a hazardous chemical like phosgene. He emphasized that beyond technology, it is the dedication of individuals that ensures safe operations. Concluding, he urged the industry to keep safety, vigilance, and collaboration at the forefront.

Mr. Bavanji Vekariya, Chairman – IPC, Site Head – Covestro Ankleshwar site, presented information on the activities of the Indian Phosgene Council (IPC) and the future vision. He touched upon risk management, international benchmarks, and IPC's ongoing initiatives to strengthen workplace monitoring, third-party certification, and knowledge exchange with regulators and global experts.

Guest of Honour, **Mr. Girish Satarkar**, Executive Director & President, Deepak Nitrite Ltd., underlined the dual reality of phosgene: though hazardous, it remains an essential input for India's chemical sector, driving production of TDI, polyurethanes, chloroformates, agrochemicals, and polycarbonates. He drew attention to the inherent risks of phosgene, citing global statistics of incidents across three decades, and reminded that unwavering vigilance is the only way forward. He emphasized the industry's responsibility to align with **ESG principles**, pursue high-quality production while minimizing environmental impact, and invest more heavily in R&D to raise standards. He stressed the need for AI-driven technologies for leak detection and preventive maintenance, as well as accelerated innovation towards phosgene-free alternatives and circular solutions to reduce dependence on toxic intermediates.

Mr. D. K. Vasava, Joint Director, Office of Industrial Safety & Health, Government of India, delivered the Chief Guest's address on behalf of the Directorate. He highlighted Gujarat's pivotal role in the Indian phosgene landscape, with nearly 90% of India's production concentrated in the state, handled by only a few large players. Drawing from past experiences of incidents in 2016 and 2017, he underlined that toxicity is unforgiving and that vigilance



must extend beyond boardrooms and control rooms to the shop floor, where workers face real risks daily. He urged leaders to percolate safety culture to the ground level, emphasizing that corrective measures and hazard awareness must be continuously implemented and reinforced.

Ms. Aarat Sheth, Head-Events, ICC Gujarat Chapter, delivered the vote of thanks for the Inaugural session. She acknowledged the Gujarat Government, international experts and the industry representatives for enabling a rich exchange of knowledge and for strengthening the initiative. She noted that the collective commitment

shown at the conference will continue to drive IPC and ICC's efforts to raise phosgene safety standards year after year.

The 13th India International Phosgene Safety Conference successfully brought together global experts, industry leaders, regulators, and practitioners to deliberate on one of the most critical aspects of India's chemical sector—safe management of phosgene. With a mix of technical insights, regulatory perspectives, and industry reflections, the conference reinforced its role as a platform for sharing best practices, fostering collaboration, and catalyzing a culture of safety and sustainability.



4TH EDITION OF ICC'S NICER GLOBE LOGNEXT

The 4th Edition of ICC's conference on Chemical Logistics: **Nicer Globe LOGNEXT** was held on 3rd July 2026 at Mumbai with the theme "**Beyond the Horizon: Designing the Chemical Supply Chain for a Decade of Uncertainty,**" featuring an exceptional line-up of policymakers, global supply chain experts, industry leaders and technology innovators who shared valuable perspectives on building resilient and future-ready chemical supply chains.

The event had logo support of Department of Chemicals & Petrochemicals, Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers, Government of India and KPMG was the Knowledge Partner for the event.

The inaugural session set the tone for the day with **Mr. Samir Somaiya**, Vice President, ICC and CMD, Godavari Biorefineries, welcoming delegates and reaffirming the industry's commitment to collaboration and Responsible Care®. **Mr. Aman Sethi**, Partner, KPMG, provided the strategic context, while **Mr. Patrick Hore**, Global Vertical Head – Energy, Chemicals & Raw Materials, A.P. Møller-Maersk, spoke about the global perspective on the forces reshaping chemical supply chains. The conference was further enriched by the address of **Shri Rajat Kumar Saini**, IAS, CEO & Managing Director, National Industrial Corridor Development Corporation (NICDC), who highlighted the critical role of industrial corridors, port infrastructure and logistics reforms in strengthening India's competitiveness.



The first technical session examined how geopolitical fragmentation, friend-shoring and shifting trade corridors are redefining global chemical logistics. **Mr. Patrick Hore** and **Mr. Jayant Dhobley** Additional Vice-President ICC & Business Head-Chemicals, Aditya Birla Group, discussed how Indian companies must redesign supply chains to enhance resilience and seize emerging global opportunities.



The second session focused on building resilient chemical supply chains capable of withstanding geopolitical disruptions and market volatility. A thought-provoking case study by **Ms. Zera Zheng** of Maersk was complemented by insights from senior leaders of **Dow**, **Gulbrandsen Technologies**, **Chemplast-Sanmar**, **Goodrich Maritime** and **Reliance Industries**, who discussed multimodal logistics, supply chain resilience, freight optimisation and operational agility.

The policy session, moderated by **Mr. Himanshu Sikka** of KPMG, explored how Central and State Government incentive schemes, industrial policies and infrastructure



initiatives can accelerate investments in logistics, warehousing and sustainable chemical supply chains.

Artificial Intelligence and digital transformation featured prominently in the next session, where **Mr. Anand Prakash** of Netradyne presented a case study on fleet safety through real-time intelligence. Industry leaders from **Tata Chemicals, Reliance Industries, Coromandel International, SAP India** and **axleres.ai** discussed AI-enabled route optimisation, predictive risk management, carbon intelligence and governance frameworks for deploying AI in hazardous chemical logistics.

Innovation and entrepreneurship took centre stage in the following session, where technology start-ups including **Pictor Telematics, Lynkit Solutions, I-3PL** and **Effimal Innovations** showcased emerging digital solutions capable of transforming chemical logistics through data, automation and intelligent connectivity.

Senior supply chain leaders from **Navin Fluorine, DOW, LANXESS** and **Clariant** shared practical experiences in managing hazardous chemical logistics at scale while maintaining the highest safety standards.

Collectively, the conference reaffirmed that the future of India's chemical supply chains will be shaped by collaboration, digital innovation, artificial intelligence, resilient infrastructure, sustainability and an unwavering commitment to safety. Nicer Globe is uniquely positioned to serve as the collaborative digital platform that brings these dimensions together.



A key highlight of the conference was the presentation on the **Next-Generation Nicer Globe Platform**, by **Dr. Sanjay Mishra**, CEO & Managing Director, LCS Services India Pvt. Ltd., who demonstrated how intelligent SIM technology, FASTag integration, carbon footprint monitoring and real-time visibility are transforming hazardous chemical transportation into a safer, smarter and more sustainable operation. More importantly, the discussions made it evident that Nicer Globe has the potential to evolve as the digital backbone of India's chemical supply chain, integrating safety, resilience, emergency response and sustainability into one collaborative ecosystem.

24TH EDITION OF ACHARYA PRAFULLA CHANDRA RAY MEMORIAL LECTURE

The **24th Acharya Prafulla Chandra Ray Memorial Lecture** was held on Wednesday, 5 August 2026, at University College of Science and Technology, University of Calcutta.

Dedicated to the enduring legacy of Acharya Prafulla Chandra Ray, the Father of Modern Chemistry in India, the event highlighted the importance of scientific innovation, sustainable development, technological advancement, and stronger industry-academia partnerships in shaping the future of India's chemical sector.

The Lecture commenced with a welcome address by **Mr. Debarshi Duttagupta**, Immediate Past Chairman, ICC - ERO and Managing Director, East India Pharmaceutical Works Limited. He welcomed the distinguished guests, speakers, academicians, industry representatives, and students and set the context for the day's programme.

Ms. Shraddha Rane, Secretary General, ICC, delivered the Introductory Remarks and emphasised that the chemical industry is not merely an economic contributor but an important enabler of national development. She highlighted the role of ICC in promoting responsible growth, sustainability, safety, innovation and global competitiveness through collaboration among industry, government and academia.

Referring to the enduring legacy of Acharya P.C. Ray, she emphasized that innovation, ethical leadership, scientific temper and nation building remain the pillars of a resilient chemical industry. She stressed the importance of collaboration among industry, academia and research institutions to position India as a global innovation hub while ensuring sustainable and inclusive growth.

Dr. Sudip Kumar Das, Honorary Secretary, Indian Chemical Society and Professor (Retd.) of Chemical Engineering, University of Calcutta, delivered a brief special address highlighting the history and contributions of the Indian



Chemical Society (ICS) in promoting chemical sciences and scientific research in India. He recalled that the Society was founded in 1924 with Acharya P.C. Ray as one of its key pioneers, reflecting his deep commitment to advancing chemical education, research and scientific institutions in the country. He emphasised the enduring association of the ICS with Acharya Ray's vision and legacy.

In his Inaugural Address, **Prof. Ashutosh Ghosh**, Vice-Chancellor, University of Calcutta highlighted the enduring relevance of Acharya P.C. Ray's vision of scientific self-reliance and his belief in the close integration of science and entrepreneurship. He underlined the vital role of chemistry and emerging technologies such as artificial intelligence in addressing contemporary challenges including climate change, clean energy, sustainable manufacturing and healthcare. He stressed the importance of indigenous innovation, academia-industry collaboration and nurturing young scientific talent in advancing the vision of Atmanirbhar Bharat. Referring to the Acharya Prafulla Chandra Ray Memorial Chemistry Olympiad, Prof. Ghosh observed that inspiring young students to pursue chemistry is one of the finest tributes to Acharya Ray.

Mr. Srikumar Ghose Choudhury, Managing Director and Director (Finance), Bengal Chemicals & Pharmaceuticals Limited, delivering his special address, reflected on the remarkable journey of Bengal Chemicals & Pharmaceuticals Limited (BCPL) and the enduring legacy of its founder, Acharya P.C. Ray. Mr. Ghose Choudhury particularly recalled Acharya Ray's opposition to excessive dividend distribution and his advocacy of retaining profits for research and development. He observed that this reflected Acharya Ray's long-term vision of promoting industrial growth through research, innovation and reinvestment, rather than short-term financial gains.

Other distinguished speakers included Mr. Siddhartha Ghosal, CEO & Country President, DOW Chemical International Private Limited (DOW India); Prof. Suman Chakraborty, Director, IIT Kharagpur; Mr. Chandan Sengupta, Former Regional Chairman, ICC-ERO and former Senior Vice President-Head Marketing & Commodity Business, Haldia Petrochemicals Limited; Prof. Souvik Bhattacharyya, Principal Advisor, Heritage Group of Institutions; Dr. Soumen Chakraborty, Business President, Himadri Speciality Chemical Ltd.; Mr. Kaushik Maitra, Managing Director, Sulekha Works Limited; Dr. Dilip Kumar Maiti, Professor, Department of Chemistry,

University of Calcutta; Mr. Debarshi Duttagupta, Immediate Past Chairman, ICC-ERO and Managing Director, East India Pharmaceutical Works Limited; Mr. Debabrata De, General Manager and Head – Business Development & Polymer New Business, Haldia Petrochemicals Limited; and Prof. Dhruvajyoti Chattopadhyay, Pro-Chancellor, Sister Nivedita University.

As part of the 24th Acharya Prafulla Chandra Ray Memorial Lecture programme, two associated events were also organized:

1. National Seminar on Recent Advances in Chemical Sciences

Jointly organized with the Indian Chemical Society

Date: 2–3 August 2026

Venue: Meghnad Saha Bhavan Auditorium, University of Calcutta

2. Acharya Prafulla Chandra Ray Memorial Chemistry Olympiad 2.0

Jointly organized with Sister Nivedita University

Date: 3–4 August 2026

Prize Distribution: 5 August 2026

The Winner Students at the School Level and College Level were felicitated at the end of the Lecture as the gesture of encouragement

PRESENTATION OF STRATEGIC REPORT BY ICC TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS & PETROCHEMICALS ALONG WITH MCKINSEY & COMPANY

ICC, in collaboration with McKinsey & Company, had prepared a strategic report titled "Building India's Chemical Sovereignty in a Fragmented World". The report was presented to the Secretary of DCPC, Shri. Tejveer Singh, IAS, Secretary, Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers on 23rd April 2026. The presentation focused on specific



interventions to reducing import dependence in critical chemicals, addressing geopolitical and supply-chain vulnerabilities, and strengthening India's domestic chemical ecosystem to support key sectors such as Pharmaceuticals, Agriculture, Electronics, Energy, Mobility and Defence.

IMPORTANT EVENTS/ ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED BY ICC

➤ UNDER SAFETY EXPERT COMMITTEE:

→ TWO-DAY TRAINING COURSES ON "SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENT IN THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY"

ICC in collaboration with the Institute of Chemical Technology (ICT), Mumbai organized training courses on "Safety and Environment in the Chemical Industry". The programmes focused on building an understanding of potential workplace hazards, systematic risk assessment, emergency preparedness, and compliance with applicable safety and environmental regulations. Emphasis was also placed on fostering a proactive safety culture that encourages hazard identification, near-miss reporting, and responsible behaviour at all organizational levels.

- The **two-day training programme at Roha Industries Association, Roha, Maharashtra**, held on 4-5 December 2025 featured Key-Note Addresses by **Mr. P. P. Bardeskar**, President, Roha Industries Association and Chairman & Managing Director, Elppe Chemicals Pvt. Ltd.; **Shri Nilesh Patil**, Asst. Director, Directorate of Industrial Safety and Health (DISH), Raigad; **Shri R. Kadiwal**, Asst. Director, Directorate of Industrial Safety and Health (DISH), Raigad; and **Mr. Rajesh Kumar Srivastava**, Chairperson, Western Region, ICC and Managing Director & CEO, Cohizon Life Sciences Ltd. They stressed on the role of industry collaboration in achieving safer operations and critical role of statutory compliance and proactive risk management in preventing industrial accidents. Other speakers like **Mr. Shirish Satpute**, CEO & Executive Director, Anshul Speciality Molecules Ltd., added valuable insights to the session,



emphasizing on the importance of safety in the industry and urged industries to attend training programs like this more often.

- The **two-day training programme at Rajabazar Science College, University of Calcutta** held on 20-21 January 2026 featured Introductory Remarks by Mr. Chandan Sengupta, Former Regional Chairman, ICC-Eastern Region and Ex-Senior Advisor – Head, Marketing & Commodity Business, Haldia Petrochemicals Ltd.; a Welcome Address by Prof. D. C. Mukherjee, Former President,



Indian Chemical Society; a Keynote Address by Mr. R. M. Uthayaraja, Director (Manufacturing Businesses), Balmer Lawrie & Co. Ltd.; and a special address by Mr. Sudip Patra, Joint Director of Factories, Directorate of Factories, Government of West Bengal.

- The **two-day training programme at Vashi, Navi Mumbai** held on January 29 and 30, 2026 was graced by the presence of Shri. Avinash T. Madavi, Dy. Director, Directorate of Industrial Safety and Health (DISH) as the Guest of Honour. Mr. Pankaj Mehta, Chairman – Environment Subcommittee, ICC and President – Strategy, Aarti Industries Ltd., presented the industry's perspective on environment, emphasising the critical link between safety, sustainability, and business growth, along with the importance of ESG reporting, renewable energy adoption, and responsible waste management. Shri Avinash T. Madavi further stressed the importance of such



training programmes for MSMEs, highlighting their vulnerability to safety risks and encouraging active learning and preparedness.

- The **two-day training programme at Vadodara, Gujarat** on 10 and 11 February 2026 was graced by **Shri B. M. Bhanage**, Vice Chancellor, The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda, as the Special Guest. **Mrs. Margi Patel**, Regional Officer,



Vadodara, Gujarat Pollution Control Board, was the Guest of Honour, and **Mr. Prakash Raman**, Managing Director, Silox India Pvt. Ltd. was the Chief Guest for the programme.

- The **two-day training programme at Chandigarh** held on 24th–25th March 2026 was graced by **Shri Bhupinder Singh Bhoop**, President, Indian Pharmaceutical Association (IPA), Punjab State Branch, and Former Dean & Chairperson, Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Panjab University, who delivered the opening address and emphasized the importance of institutionalizing a strong safety culture and adherence to regulatory frameworks as key enablers of resilient industrial



growth. The event also witnessed the presence of representatives from the Punjab Pollution Control Board, including **Er. Harsimran Sodhi** and **Er. Arshdeep Kang**, further strengthening the regulatory perspective.

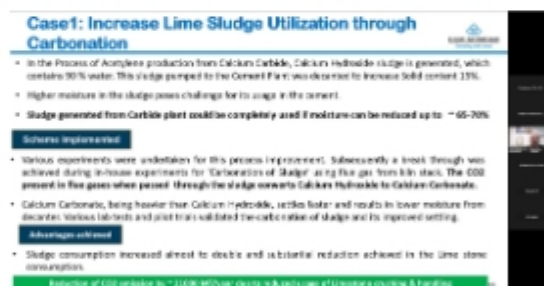
- The **One-day Course at the factory premises of ARCL Organics Ltd., Maheshtala, West Bengal** held on 10 March 2026, witnessed sessions



by **Mr. Chandan Sengupta**, Former Regional Chairman, Indian Chemical Council – Eastern Region, and **Ex-Senior Advisor – Head, Marketing & Commodity Business**, Haldia Petrochemicals Limited; **Mr. Susanta Kumar Alley**, Former Deputy General Manager, Steel Authority of India Limited; **Dr. Dhananjay Ghosh**, Former General Manager, Indian Oil Corporation Limited and **Mr. Koushik Ganguly**, Senior Consultant & Lead Auditor, Responders.

➤ UNDER TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY EXPERT COMMITTEE:

- ICC organized a webinar on **"Sustainability – Actual Hands-on Experience"** on 29 August 2025, delivered by **Mr. K. K. Sharma**, Whole Time Director-EHS, DCM Shriram Ltd., who highlighted pressing global concerns such as climate change,



gender inequality, deforestation, biodiversity loss, water stress, and the increasing frequency of natural disasters in India, stressing the urgent need for collective action.

- The webinar organised by ICC on **"CO₂ Capture from Flue Gas (Issues & Possible Solutions)"** on 26 September 2025. The session was delivered by **Prof. (Dr.) V. V. Mahajani**, Retired Professor of Chemical Engineering, Institute of Chemical Technology (ICT/UDCT), Matunga, Mumbai, who shared an in-depth technical perspective on CO₂ absorption processes, kinetics, and absorber design for decarbonization applications.

- ICC organised a Two-day Refresher Course on **"Reaction Engineering for Plant Personnel"** on 27 and 28 November 2025 at Hotel VITS



Shalimar, Ankleshwar Non-Scheduled Precursor Chemicals. This programme is part of ICC's long-established and highly regarded series of refresher courses in chemical engineering, designed to support continuous learning for plant professionals. The objective of the course was to reinforce the essential principles of Reaction Engineering and Reactor Operations. This year's programme offered a comprehensive overview of key areas in Reaction Engineering, including Homogeneous and Heterogeneous Reactions, Reactor Types, Dynamic and Static Reactors, AI-based simplification tools, and Coalescers. The course attracted eighty participants representing more than thirty organisations from Gujarat and across India.

- ICC organised a webinar on **"AI Applications in Chemical Industry"** on 28 November 2025. The webinar featured **Prof. Ravi Gudi**, Dean ACR and Professor at IIT Bombay, and the AI & ML Chair Professor, as the distinguished speaker. Renowned



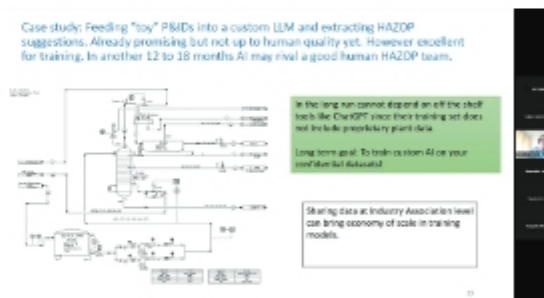
for his expertise in process systems engineering, artificial intelligence, and industrial optimisation, Prof. Gudi delivered a deeply insightful lecture, weaving together theoretical concepts, industrial case studies, and practical applications of AI across different segments of the chemical industry.

- ICC organised a webinar on **"Cybersecurity Focusing on Innovative Solutions & Their**



Cost-Effective Implementation for Industrial Protection" on 23 January, 2026, bringing together industry professionals, engineers, EHS personnel, academicians and students from across the chemical sector. The session was delivered by **Mr. Vivek Roy**, Head Sales Specialist - IT/OT Integration, Siemens, who provided a comprehensive overview of emerging cyber risks and practical strategies for safeguarding industrial systems.

- ICC organized a technical webinar on **"Utilizing AI to Enhance Process Safety"** on 27 February 2026, delivered by **Prof. Rahul Nabar**, Adjunct Professor, Department of Chemical Engineering, IIT Bombay, who brought a practitioner's perspective to the



subject, drawing upon recent developments and real-world applications of artificial intelligence in process safety. The webinar witnessed active participation from a wide spectrum of stakeholders, including industry professionals, process and R&D engineers, EHS personnel, academicians, and students.

- ICC organised a webinar on **"Digitalization Preparedness"** on 27 March 2026, under the aegis of the Technology & Energy Expert



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responsible chemical practices across the Indian chemical industry. The programme comprised of three sessions focused on sustainability and green chemistry.

The first technical session focused on "What is Sustainability in the Chemical Industry", and was conducted by **Ms. Hiranmayee Kanekar**, Consulting Manager – Sustainability (LCA, Decarb & ESG), Ramboll. The other two sessions on "12 Principles of Green Chemistry" and "Tools to Achieve Green Chemistry & Case Studies", were delivered by **Mr. Nitesh Mehta**, Co-founder & Director, Green Chemistry Tree Foundation. All the sessions included interactive question-and-answer segments, enabling participants to seek clarifications and share industry perspectives.

→ ICC conducted its first physical one-day course on "**Essentials of Chemical Process Transfer from Laboratory to Pilot Plant**" on 15 May 2026 at Ankleshwar, Gujarat. The programme covered key topics including introduction to scale-up and pilot plant operations for chemists, case studies on scaleup and technology transfer, effluent treatment and waste reduction strategies, safe design and operation of pilot plants, and chemical engineering unit operations for process development.

A dual format of live telecast of an off-line programme was experimented to spread the knowledge to a wider audience. The course was attended by over 100 participants from across



India physically at Ankleshwar and over 40 participants at Chennai in a classroom set up at one place. The programme witnessed enthusiastic participation from a technically strong audience, with engaging discussions, thoughtful questions, and highly interactive sessions.

→ ICC organised a two-day training programme on "Cost Optimization of Chemical Processes with an Overview of Techno-Commercial Aspects" on 17 and 18 April 2026, virtually. Key speakers included **Mr. Ashwinkumar Bhende**, Vice President – Process Engineering, Technology & Projects, NOCIL Ltd.; **Dr. Kamlesh Pai Fondekar**, Head – Research & Development, Godrej Agrovet Limited; **Mr. Prasanna Pandit**, President Operations & Technical, NOCIL Ltd; and **Prof. Rahul Nabar**, Adj. Professor, Department of Chemical Engineering, IIT Bombay. The programme was designed to provide industry professionals, researchers, engineers, and process chemists with practical insights into the techno-commercial aspects of chemical process development, process optimisation, sustainability, safety, and long-term competitiveness. It brought together eminent industry experts and academicians who shared their experiences on process development, cost optimisation strategies, process intensification, green chemistry, continuous processing, techno-commercial evaluation, and chemical engineering approaches for reducing manufacturing costs.

➤ UNDER PRODUCT STEWARDSHIP ADVOCACY EXPERT COMMITTEE:

→ Support of DCPC & ChemIndia Portal Team to Industry Members

ICC continued its engagement with the Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals (DCPC) and the ChemIndia Portal team to facilitate effective implementation of the ChemIndia Portal. Based on members' inputs and a comparative analysis of chemical inventory portals across seven countries, ICC highlighted concerns regarding data requirements unique to the Indian portal, regulatory clarity, and compliance challenges. A detailed representation was submitted to DCPC, followed by a meeting on 14 January 2026 with DCPC and the ChemIndia Portal team to discuss the issues. ICC also convened pre- and post-meeting committee discussions and shared the meeting outcomes with members. Based on the submission and meeting, DCPC and ChemIndia Team accepted few of the parameters and have implemented the changes in portal. The activity is still in continuation by DCPC and the ChemIndia Portal team.

➤ UNDER SUSTAINABILITY EXPERT COMMITTEE

→ Virtual Workshop on Process Safety Incident Classification

ICC has taken a significant step towards strengthening process safety across the chemical industry with the introduction of a Process Safety Incident (PSI) Classification framework aligned with API RP 754.

Developed under the Responsible Care® initiative, this framework categorizes incidents into Tier 1, Tier 2, Tier 3, and Tier 4, enabling organizations to systematically assess incident severity and improve consistency in reporting.

ICC has invested substantial effort in developing a comprehensive tool for Tier 1 and Tier 2, and training modules, supported by practical case studies, to help companies accurately identify and classify incidents. This initiative reflects ICC's



continued commitment to building a proactive, knowledge driven safety culture, supporting the industry in enhancing process safety performance and operational resilience.

➤ UNDER ENVIRONMENT SUB-COMMITTEE

→ Two-Day Skill Development Courses on "Environmental Sustainability for the MSMEs of the Chemical Sector" - CSR Initiative of ICC

ICC, under its CSR initiative, organized two-day skill development courses on "Environmental Sustainability for the MSMEs of the Chemical Sector". The course covered a comprehensive range of topics critical to MSMEs, including environmentally sustainable work practices, legal provisions, effluent treatment, hazardous waste management, ESG performance, pollution control technologies, Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR), and principles such as 5R and community engagement. The programmes

brought together participants from across the chemical MSME ecosystem, aiming to strengthen industry capabilities in sustainable operations and regulatory compliance. The programme reinforced ICC's continued commitment to capacity building and promoting environmentally responsible practices within the chemical MSME sector.

→ Two-day Skill Development Course on "Environmental Sustainability for the MSMEs of the Chemical Sector" on 18-19 March 2026 at Ankleshwar, Gujarat

The event was graced by Chief Guest **Dr. S. N. Agrawat**, Regional Officer, Ankleshwar, Gujarat Pollution Control Board, who highlighted the importance of responsible environmental practices and compliance. Perspectives from academia and industry were delivered during the Inaugural Session by guest of honour **Dr. Shrikant Wagh**, Provost, SRICT and Keynote speaker **Mr. Vikram Singhal**, Managing Director, Gulbrandsen Technologies (India) Pvt. Ltd. The opening remarks were delivered by **Mr. D. Sothi Selvam**, Director General, ICC and **Ms. Shraddha Rane**, Secretary General, ICC proposed the vote of thanks.



Expert speakers from leading organizations including **Mr. Prashant Surve**, Regional HSE Director, Arkema Chemicals India Pvt. Ltd.; **Mr. Shankar Karhale**, Corporate Environment & Sustainability Head, Aarti Industries Ltd.; **Mr. Mahesh Maradiya**, Managing Director, Aura Environmental Services; **Mr. Yogesh Lakhtariya**, Ex-GFL; **Dr. Pritesh Shah**, Group Chairman, PRIMA India; **Mr. Arpit Nanavati**, Vice President – EHS, DCM Shriram Ltd.; **Mr. Jigar Deliwala**, Ramans Enviro Services Pvt. Ltd.; **Mr. Krunal Goda**, Director, AnantTatva Pvt. Ltd.; **Mr. Pannalal Soni**, Head SHE & Sustainability, Century Enka Ltd (Bharuch Plant); and **Mr. Santosh Pandey**, HSEF, Deepak Phenolics Ltd. They shared practical insights and case-based learning to enable participants to align with evolving environmental standards

and global sustainability expectations. The programme concluded with a strong emphasis on integrating sustainability as a driver of growth and competitiveness in the chemical sector.

→ **Two-day Skill Development Course on "Environmental Sustainability for MSMEs in the Chemical Sector" on 23–24 March 2026 at Secunderabad**

The programme featured **Sri. Y. Mohan Babu**, Director of Factories, Telangana, attending as Guest of Honour. He spoke about the importance of workplace safety, regulatory compliance, and the role of industries in protecting the environment. He also encouraged industries to adopt responsible manufacturing practices and maintain strong environmental standards. Keynote addresses were delivered by **Ms. M. Roja Rani**, Executive Director, Bulk Drug Manufacturing Association of India and **Mr. Tapas Saha**, Senior Vice President, Aurobindo Pharma Limited, highlighting sustainable manufacturing and responsible industry practices. The opening remarks were delivered by **Mr. D. Sothi Selvam**, Director General, ICC and **Ms. Shraddha Rane**, Secretary General, ICC proposed the vote of thanks.



The technical sessions were led by domain experts including by **Mr. Nirav Bhalara**, Head – Safety and Sustainability, Deepak Phenolics Limited and **Mr. Santosh Pandey**, HSEF Department, Deepak Phenolics Limited; **Dr. Vikas S. Padalkar**, Head – Research & Development, NOCIL Limited; **Ms. Devisha Jadav**, Head – Environment, Deepak Phenolics Limited; **Mr. Ranjeet Kumar**, Head – Production, Deepak Phenolics Limited; **Mr. N. Ramadoss**, Environmental Business Consultant, Quality Business Systems; and **Dr. Pritesh M. Shah**, Group Chairman, PRIMA India.

→ **Two-Day Skill Development Course on "Environmental Sustainability for the MSMEs in the Chemical Sector" – Suschem Welfare Foundation Supported by Indian Chemical Council**

The Suschem Welfare Foundation with the

support of Indian Chemical Council successfully conducted a two-day Skill Development Course on "Environmental Sustainability for the MSMEs in the Chemical Sector" on 28–29 May 2026 at Mahad, Maharashtra. The programme brought together industry experts who provided comprehensive insights into sustainability



principles, environmental management systems, digital tools for environmental monitoring and compliance, waste management and effluent treatment, NGT regulations, legal provisions for environmental management, Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR), pollution control measures, and the 5R principles of circular economy. The course successfully enhanced the knowledge and capabilities of MSMEs in adopting sustainable environmental practices, strengthening regulatory compliance, resource efficiency, and responsible industrial growth.

➤ **WORKSHOP ON "CHEMICAL BURNS MANAGEMENT – STOPPING INCIDENTS FROM BECOMING ACCIDENTS"**

ICC in collaboration with HSE Solutions Pvt. Ltd., conducted seminars on Chemical Burns Management – "Stopping Incidents from Becoming Accidents". It brought together experts, safety officers, medical professionals, and industry leaders to discuss effective strategies for managing and preventing chemical burns in the workplace. The seminar focused on raising awareness about the risks of chemical burns and providing actionable insights into how organizations can prevent such incidents by highlighting the importance of having proper safety measures in place to minimize these risks.

→ **Workshop at Vadodara, Gujarat on 26th September 2025**

The seminar featured a session led by Dr. Manisha Kadam, an ophthalmologist and the principal of Kadam Eye Hospital. She shared insights into the medical implications of chemical burns, focusing on both the immediate response and long-term effects. Mr. Keyur Patel, AGM of EHS at Apothecon Pharmaceuticals Pvt. Ltd., shared his real-world experience with chemical first aid and how his



company has implemented effective safety measures. This session also included a round-table discussion on best practices, with a focus on real-life testimonials and risk management strategies.

→ **Workshop at Vashi, Navi Mumbai, on November 21, 2025**

Presentations were led by **Dr. Manjeet Singh**, a certified First-Aid, CPR and disaster management trainer with over 35 years of hands-on industrial experience, and **Ms. Ratna Mehta**, Country Manager, HSE Solutions, who has more than 15 years of expertise in chemical risk management and has worked extensively on improving industrial safety and supporting acid attack victims. Adding valuable industry perspective, **Mr. Dnyaneshwar Mahajan**, GM–Corporate EHS at Aarti Pharmalabs,



presented insights on handling chemical first aid. The programme also included experience sharing by industry professionals, interactive discussions, and a focus on improving emergency response standards across India.

→ **Workshop at The Bengal Club Limited, Kolkata on 30 January 2026**

The seminar featured **Dr. Amar Rathi**, Consultant to various chemical industries and **Ms. Ratna Mehta**, Country Manager, HSE Solutions Pvt.



Ltd. and aimed to enhance awareness regarding chemical burn incidents in industrial environments, their medical and operational consequences, and the importance of timely and appropriate first-aid response.

➤ **UNDER TRADE & BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT EXPERT COMMITTEE**

→ **Workshops on "Navigating Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) for the Indian Chemical & Petrochemical Industry"**

ICC remains committed to supporting the Indian Chemical sector through policy advocacy, market intelligence, capacity-building programmes, certification support, stakeholder engagement, and awareness initiatives on FTA utilization.

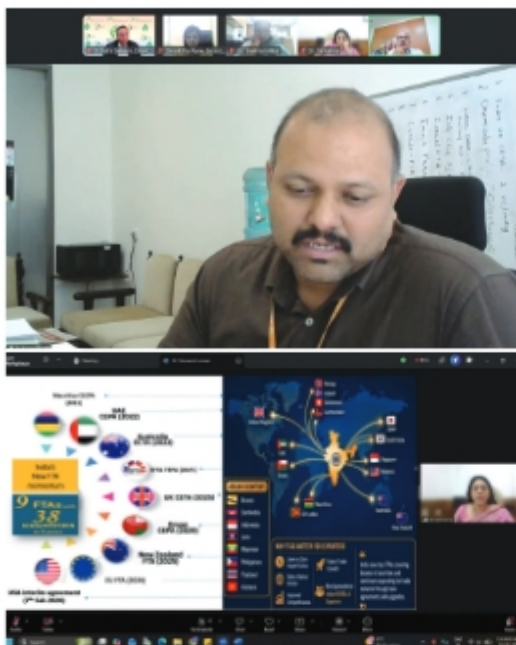
To help industry better understand and leverage these opportunities, ICC's Northern and Eastern Regional Offices recently organised two workshops on "Navigating Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) for the Indian Chemical & Petrochemical Industry" in New Delhi and Kolkata on 18 and 19 June 2026 respectively. The workshops were conducted with the objective of equipping industry stakeholders with a comprehensive understanding of Free Trade Agreements and their growing significance in shaping India's trade and industrial landscape.

- ICC-ERO organised a one-day Interactive Workshop on "International Trade Scenario, Free Trade Agreements (FTAs), Non-Tariff Barriers



(NTBs), and Investment Opportunities in the Chemical, Petrochemical and Allied Industries" on 19 June 2026 at The Astor, Kolkata.

- ICC-NRO organized a Virtual Workshop on "Navigating Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) for the Indian Chemical & Petrochemical Industry" on 18 June 2026. Speakers included Ms. Garima Mittal, IAS, Director, Department of Commerce, Government of India; Shri W.B. Santhosh, Director, Department of Chemicals & Petrochemicals, Government of India;



Dr. Tamanna Chaturvedi, Vice President, Invest India, GTPO; Shri Keshav Shrivastava, Senior Officer, Northern Region, ICC; Shri K.C. Agrawal, Former Joint Director, CRCL, Department of Revenue, Government of India; Dr. Arifa Khan and Ms. Brahmleen Kaur Dua, both Senior Research Fellows at the Centre for WTO Studies, Department of Commerce,



Government of India; Dr. R.P. Sharma, Professor and Head (MDP), Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT); and Shri Vivek Gadre, Chairperson, Trade and Business Development Expert Committee, ICC.

➤ **DIGITALIZATION OF CHEMICAL NEWS AND THE NEW ICC WEBSITE**

With digitalization taking a front seat in the industry, ICC has prioritized its digital presence and launched its website with a new look in January 2026.

From the month of August, ICC has started circulating the Digital version of its monthly journal CHEMICAL NEWS. With interactive flipbook pages, the digital version provides easier access and can be read on the go.

ICC'S PARTICIPATION IN EXTERNAL EVENTS

- ICC virtually attended the Energy & Climate Change Leadership Group Meeting (ICCA) held in Washington, DC from 9 to 11 September, 2025. The discussions focused on the Innovation Task Force and the GHG Estimation Project, which is considered the most fundamental step toward building scenarios for achieving carbon neutrality.
- Mrs. Ramya Bharatham, President, ICC; Mr. Kartik Bharat Ram, Immediate Past President ICC; Mr. Samir Somaia, Vice President, ICC; and Mr. D Sothi Selvam, Director General, ICC attended the ICCA Board Meeting / ART Meeting hosted by German Chemical Industry Association (VCI) and organized by CEFIC from 23 & 25 September 2025 at Berlin.
- As the Apex National body committed to the Responsible and Sustainable Growth of Chemical Industry in India, ICC partnered with the "Asian Chemicals Forum (ACF)" in the two-day conference held at Mumbai on 8th and 9th October, 2025. As the Asian extension of the prestigious Helsinki Chemicals Forum (HCF), ACF focuses on critical global regulatory developments and their impact on the Asian chemicals sector, ensuring that businesses in the region stay informed, competitive, and sustainable. Mr. Ravi Kapoor Chairperson - ICC's Sustainability Expert Committee, Mr. Rupark Sarswat, Chairman of ICC-Northern Region & CEO, India Glycols Ltd, Mr. Ganesan Shanmugam Chairperson - ICC - Treaties Expert Committee were some of the key speakers in the conference.



ICC secretariat made a strong presence and involvement in the event. CEOs of ICC member companies including Mr. Ram Kumar Shankar MD, SANMAR Group and Mr. Siddhartha Ghosal CEO, DOW India, took part in the round table to deliberate on the way forward on Chemical regulations in India.

- ICC Secretariat consisting Ms. Shraddha Rane, Secretary General, ICC attended the India Advanced Packaging and Electronics Manufacturing Ecosystem Building Workshop held on 17 October 2025 at IIT



Bombay. The workshop focused on building a robust ecosystem for electronics manufacturing in India, covering key areas such as semiconductor fabrication, packaging, board assembly, and systems integration. The discussions emphasized collaboration among industry, academia, and government to accelerate the development of India's electronics manufacturing sector.

- Mr. D. Sothi Selvam, Director General, ICC, virtually represented ICC at the 2025 ITCO Members Meeting and spoke on the Latest Trends and Developments in the Indian Chemical Industry, in the Plenary Conference Session of the ITCO Members Meeting held at Singapore on 18 - 19 November 2025. The other speakers in the plenary included Paul Gooch, President, International Tank Container Organisation, Gina Fyffe, CEO Integra Petrochem, Andie McKeown, CEO, Logchain and John Richardson from ICIS.
- ICC joined as the Industry Association Partner for the **20th National Convention titled "Financing a Sustainable Future: Aligning Capital with Climate, Equity, and Growth"**, organised by the United Nations Global Compact (UNGC) on 12 December 2025 at The Westin, Kolkata. The objective of the gathering was to underscore the urgent need to mobilise and redirect financial resources towards solutions that balance economic growth with environmental stewardship and social inclusion.

Mr. D. Sothi Selvam, Director General, ICC spoke on Responsible Care underscoring how the Indian



chemical sector is advancing sustainability through the Responsible Care framework—strengthening safety, environmental stewardship, and SDG-aligned growth. ICC also had an exhibition stall at the convention, which served as an important platform for direct interaction with delegates, investors, and policymakers.

- ICC participated as the Industry Association Partner at ChEMEAST 2026 – The Industry Conclave, jointly organized by the Calcutta Regional Centre of the Indian Institute of Chemical Engineers (CRC-IICChE) and the Jadavpur Chemical Engineering Alumni Association (JCEAA) on 17 January 2026 at Hotel Altair, Kolkata. Organized around the theme “Reimagining the Chemical & Allied Industries Frontier in Eastern and North-Eastern India,” the conclave brought together senior leaders from industry, academia, consulting organizations, and technology and logistics sectors to deliberate on emerging opportunities and strategic imperatives for regional industrial development.



ICC–Eastern Region’s participation at ChEMEAST 2026 reinforced its engagement efforts and commitment to the sustainable growth of the chemical industry in Eastern and North-Eastern India.

- ICC NRO officials attended ASSOCHAM’s India Specialty Chemicals Conclave 2026 – “Specialty Chemicals for Economic Growth & Job Creation”, held on 21 May 2026 at Hotel Shangri-La, Janpath, New Delhi. The conclave brought together policymakers, industry leaders, and trade facilitators to deliberate on strengthening India’s trade architecture, enhancing supply chain resilience, promoting innovation-led growth, and increasing investment in R&D to support the development of high-value specialty chemicals and sustainable technologies.
- The Indian Chemical Council was invited to speak at the global webinar marking the one-year anniversary of the Stockholm Declaration on Chemistry for the Future (May 22–23, 2026). ICC presented on its member companies’ sustainability initiatives, showcasing how the Indian chemical industry is translating the Declaration’s commitments into



meaningful action through Responsible Care and Nicer Globe program. The webinar brought together speakers and delegates from across the globe, reflecting the growing international momentum on sustainable innovation in the chemical sector.

- ICC participated in the Indian Phosgene Council (IPC) meeting was hosted by Deccan Fine Chemicals India Pvt. Ltd., Ankleshwar on 23 June 2026, bringing together representatives from member companies to deliberate on key developments in phosgene safety, exchange industry experiences, and discuss preparations for the forthcoming International Phosgene Safety Conference. On behalf of ICC, speakers included, Mr. Arun Nandi, Head EHS,



Covestro Ankleshwar; Mr. Ratnesh Singh of GNFC Ltd.; Mr. Ratnesh Singh of GNFC Ltd.; and Mr. Nihar Pathak of Atul Ltd. The interactive discussions that followed reflected the members’ collective commitment towards enhancing safety standards across the industry.

- ICC participated at a Conference on “Global Shocks, Local Stakes: MSMEs at the crossroads of trade and transition”. Mr. Keshav Shrivastava, Senior Officer, ICC-NRO, attended a Conference “Global Shocks, Local Stakes: MSMEs at the Crossroads of Trade and Transition” on 17th July at India Habitat Center, New Delhi organized by Federation of Indian Micro Small



and Medium Enterprises (FISME), and Economic Policy Centre (EPC), Mahindra University (MU), Hyderabad as a panelist during the Technical Session-I: US Tariff Conundrum.

The Conference focused on the need for greater policy support, capacity-building initiatives, and stronger linkages to help MSMEs navigate the changing global landscape, particularly the impact of rising geopolitical tensions, supply chain realignments, and protectionist trade measures on Indian MSMEs.

- ICC, was the Industry Association Partner for the India SDG Leadership Forum 2026, jointly hosted by the UN Global Compact Network India and Sanofi India on 14 August 2026 at Sanofi House, Powai, Mumbai. The forum brought together senior leaders from the pharmaceutical and chemical industries to deliberate on advancing sustainable development and strengthening industry action towards the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The event was graced by Ms. Agnes Silva from the French Embassy of India, Mr. Deepak Arora, MD Sanofi India and Ms. Neha Das UNGSC APAC. The forum focused on the role of the pharma and chemical sectors in advancing health, environmental stewardship and community wellbeing, while identifying practical and measurable actions to bridge the gap between sustainability ambition and implementation.

Mr. D. Sothi Selvam, Director General, ICC, and Dr. Pranav Tripathi, Head – Responsible Care, ICC, were invited to participate in the forum, representing ICC and contributing to the discussions on sustainability and responsible business practices. ICC highlighted the role of Responsible Care in moving the chemical industry beyond compliance and reporting towards measurable sustainability outcomes. The discussion also covered Scope 3 emissions and Product Carbon Footprint, including the practical challenges faced by chemical companies in providing reliable product level data to customers. The Forum strengthened ICC's engagement with the UN Global Compact and the wider SDG agenda, while providing a platform to represent the chemical industry's perspective on sustainability and responsible business.



- The **We-Chemie** program was launched between BASF India, Somaia Vidyavihar (CSR Implementation Partner) and Indian Chemical Council, with the objective of enabling women from underprivileged backgrounds pursuing studies in chemistry and related disciplines, to build successful careers in the chemical industry. Through a combination of industry-oriented training, skill development, mentorship, employability support, and industry engagement, the program seeks to create a sustainable pipeline of skilled women professionals for the sector. Since its inception in 2023, the initiative has positively impacted 250 women students and demonstrated the value of collective industry action in addressing the gender gap within the chemical industry.

BASF India remains committed to the long-term vision of the program and continue the collaboration with Somaia Vidyavihar and Indian Chemical Council. As part of Phase II of We-Chemie, BASF India and Somaia Vidyavihar intend to focus on strengthening the curriculum and learning modules, developing scalable digital and hybrid learning solutions, and expanding the reach of We-Chemie to additional geographies across India.

Henkel India has expressed interest in the We-Chemie initiative, as per previous discussions with Somaia Vidyavihar. It is envisaged that Henkel will take over the Mumbai cohort of the We-Chemie program, building upon the foundation established by BASF India and its existing partners, while BASF will focus on taking We-Chemie across India. BASF India believes that broad-based industry ownership is critical to scaling the impact of We-Chemie and achieving long-term sustainability of the initiative.

The specific roles, responsibilities of BASF India, Henkel, Somaia Vidyavihar and Indian Chemical Council, governance mechanisms, and operational arrangements shall be documented separately through mutually agreed definitive agreements and implementation plans.

RESPONSIBLE CARE AND NICER GLOBE RELATED ACTIVITIES

➤ 100 COMPANIES HOLDING THE RESPONSIBLE CARE® LOGO

India's chemical industry crossed an important milestone with 100 companies holding the Responsible Care® Logo under the stewardship of ICC. This achievement is not merely symbolic. It signals the emergence of a stronger culture of safety, sustainability, operational excellence, and global accountability within one of India's most strategically important sectors. The journey to 100 Responsible Care® Logo companies has been supported by several forward-looking initiatives, including Mission 100 Responsible Care, independent audits, annual



performance reporting, Responsible Care awards, and the promotion of the Responsible Care Global Charter. Together, these initiatives have helped create a framework where responsible manufacturing is increasingly seen not as a compliance burden, but as a business imperative.

➤ PARTICIPATION IN THE KALYAN AMBERNATH MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION (KAMA) SEMINAR ON THE WORK PERMIT SYSTEM

ICC participated in the Kalyan Ambarnath Manufacturers' Association (KAMA) Seminar on the Work Permit System, held on 15 July 2026 at



Dombivli, Maharashtra. The seminar brought together more than 150 industry professionals, reflecting the region's strong commitment to industrial safety and operational excellence. Representing ICC, Dr. Pranav Tripathi, Head – Responsible Care and Sustainability Initiatives, attended as the Guest of Honor and addressed the gathering on the importance of the Responsible Care® initiative. He encouraged KAMA to promote its adoption among member companies to strengthen safety, sustainability, and responsible business practices across the region.

- ICC conducted a virtual training programme on the new Responsible Care (RC) KPI Webtool for FY 2025–26, attended by over 200 participants from 100 RC member companies. The session covered the webtool's key features, including dashboard navigation, data entry, Excel upload, trend analysis, and the Corporate Head approval process, enabling member companies to submit KPI data efficiently and accurately. ICC emphasized that 15 September 2026 is the final deadline for submission of FY 2025–26 KPI data. Clarifications were provided on reporting API RP 754 Tier 1 and Tier 2 process safety incidents, while Tier 3 and Tier 4 incidents remain for internal monitoring. A historical data correction window will be available until 15 October.

PROPOSED INTEGRATION OF NICER GLOBE WITH ERSS-112

Based on the recommendation of National Authority Chemical Weapons Convention (NACWC), ICC had submitted the proposal to Chairperson, NACWC on integration of Nicer Globe as Specialized Chemical Emergency Response Partner under National Emergency Number 112.

In this regard, Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), Government of India is considering integration of Nicer Globe with ERSS-112. Series of meetings between ICC and NACWC, MHA, C-DAC, National Disaster Management Authority (India) (NDMA) & National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) have been held during August 2026.

CWC RELATED ACTIVITIES

- ICC took part in a side event during the **30th Conference of States Parties of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons**, held in November 2025 at The Hague. The invitation came through the National Authority for the Chemical Weapons Convention, Government of India, and reflected the growing recognition of ICC's work on chemical safety, security and responsible industry practices. ICC was represented by **Dr. Pranav Tripathi**, Head of Responsible Care and Sustainability Initiatives, who shared India's experience on strengthening chemical safety in industry. The session saw participation from



nearly a hundred delegates, including government officials, regulators, industry professionals and experts from multiple OPCW Member States. Senior officials from the OPCW Technical Secretariat were present, along with Indian dignitaries such as the Ambassador of India to the Netherlands and senior leadership from NACWC, giving the discussion both substance and visibility.

- An OPCW training programme on "Fulfilling Declarations and Inspection Obligations under Article VI of the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC)" was held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, from 22–24 April 2026, with Mr. Chintamani Deshmukh, In-charge, CWC Helpdesk, Mumbai, representing ICC. Organized under OPCW's international cooperation initiative, the programme brought together 23 participants from 11 countries representing National Authorities, the chemical industry, and industry associations. The training covered declaration requirements, inspection



procedures, and common reporting errors, and included expert-led technical sessions by OPCW officials.

- ICC with the support of the National Authority for Chemical Weapons Convention, NACWC, Cabinet Secretariat, Govt. of India, has organised 22 programmes on Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC) Awareness as per the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) so far. The events mainly focused on the declaring facilities, the potential declarants, traders, regulatory bodies, academia and other relevant stakeholders in the regions allocated for the CWC Help Desks located at Mumbai, Vadodara, Hyderabad and New Delhi. The programmes were conducted in the following locations:

CWC Help Desk, Vadodara – Gujarat Region		
S. No.	Programme date	Location
1	06.11.2025	Ankleshwar
2	07.11.2025	Dahej
3	11.12.2025	Vapi
4	18.12.2025	Vadodara
5	19.12.2025	Ahmedabad
CWC Help Desk, Mumbai – Maharashtra Region		
S. No.	Programme date	Location
6	28.11.2025	Tarapur
7	02.12.2025	Pune
8	03.12.2025	Lote
9	09.12.2025	Taloja
10	10.12.2025	Navi Mumbai
11	23.12.2025	Indore
CWC Help Desk, Hyderabad – Southern Region		
S. No.	Programme date	Location
12	04.12.2025	Hyderabad
13	05.12.2025	Bidar
14	18.12.2025	Vizag
15	19.12.2025	Coimbatore
16	09.01.2026	Chennai
17	16.01.2026	Bangalore
CWC Help Desk, Delhi – Northern Region		
S. No.	Programme date	Location
18	11.12.2025	Chandigarh
19	19.12.2025	Bhuwaneshwar
20	23.12.2025	Kolkata
21	08.01.2026	Delhi
22	21.01.2026	Itanagar

The main objective of conducting these programmes was to create an awareness and understanding of the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC), the importance of CWC Act-2000 and its relevance to the chemical industry and the declaration requirements. The other objectives were to highlight the importance of Error Free CWC Declarations while submitting the declarations through e-filing, to discuss the issues faced by the declarants while filling in and submission of declaration, and the steps regarding Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) which has been introduced in E-filing to authenticate the Annual Declaration process. The participants were also made aware of latest SCOMET Regulations/updates notified by DGFT, relevant provisions of CWC Act and declarations requirements. The programmes also aimed to remind the participants of common mistakes committed in providing declaration information, implications of errors in declarations, and to improve skills in e-filing of declarations.

➤ **MEETING BETWEEN ICC & NATIONAL AUTHORITY CHEMICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION (NACWC)**

A meeting was held between ICC & NACWC, Cabinet Secretariat at Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi on 14th



July 2026 to review the MoU between ICC & NACWC with regard to the activities to be performed by ICC and ICC CWC HelpDesks. Smt. Roli Singh I.A.S., Chairperson, NACWC presided over the meeting in the presence of Ms. Indra Mallo I.A.S., Additional Secretary, NACWC and officials from NACWC. The meeting was conducted in hybrid mode and on behalf of ICC, Mr. D. Sothi Selvam, Director General, Ms. Shraddha Rane, Secretary General and Mr. Dhruvil Soni, CWC HelpDesk Incharge – New Delhi attended the meeting in person, while Incharges of ICC CWC HelpDesks at Hyderabad, Mumbai & Vadodara participated virtually. The various clauses of the MoU were discussed in detail to strengthen chemical safety and security in India.

BIS ACTIVITIES

➤ **Revamping of ICC Nominations to BIS Technical Committees**

ICC initiated a drive to strengthen industry representation on BIS Technical Committees by inviting nominations from member companies for participation in relevant committees. Based on the responses received, ICC submitted nominations to the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) and has been regularly following up for their inclusion. Several nominees have already been inducted into the respective Technical Committees, while others are under consideration by BIS.

➤ **ICC Contributes to the Annual Programme for Standardization of DCPC & BIS Activity for the year 2026-2027**

ICC coordinated industry inputs for the Bureau of Indian Standards' (BIS) Annual Programme for Standardization (APS) 2026-27, covering proposals for new standards, review of existing standards,

and addition of new grades. Consolidated responses received from member companies were submitted to support the development of standards aligned with industry requirements and national priorities.

➤ **Representation on BIS Certification Requirement for Certified Reference Materials (CRMs)**

ICC, on behalf of a member company, submitted a representation to the concerned authorities seeking exemption of Certified Reference Materials (CRMs) from BIS certification requirements. The representation highlighted that CRMs are high-purity laboratory reference materials used for calibration and quality control under internationally recognized standards and are distinct from bulk chemicals covered under BIS Quality Control Orders (QCOs). ICC also requested issuance of clear guidance to customs authorities to prevent unnecessary import delays for CRMs.

POLICY ADVOCACY MATTERS

The Indian Chemical Council (ICC) has been actively engaging in advocacy and dialogue with various government departments and agencies to represent the interests of its member companies and address critical issues facing the chemical industry. The following is a comprehensive overview of these activities:

➤ **Representation on Impact of India-USA Trade Due to Increased Tariff**

- **Action:** On 30 August 2025, ICC submitted a representation on the impact of the increased tariffs imposed by the United States on certain chemical products imported from India.
- **Issue:** Indian chemical exporters are experiencing challenges due to the heightened tariffs, which may affect their competitiveness and market access in the U.S.
- **Request:** Guidance on possible measures to mitigate the adverse effects on the Indian chemical industry's exports.

➤ **Concerns on Article 5.1 of Rotterdam Convention**

- **Action:** Indian Chemical Council (ICC) on 2 September 2025 sent as representation highlighting additional points by sharing the Conference Room Paper (CRP) submitted at the CRC-5 meeting on 26 March 2009 and the

policy paper titled *Rotterdam Convention: Fresh Notification Listed for Review by CRC-21 (23rd–26th September 2025). Do They Meet Article 5.1 Criterion?*

- **Issue:** ICC emphasized that the word "shall" in Article 5.1 denotes a binding obligation, and that all provisions of the Convention are intentional and enforceable. Article 5.1 is critical for ensuring the integrity and effective implementation of the Convention.
 - **Request:** ICC respectfully requests that these points be conveyed to MoEF&CC and that India's CRC member may consider placing a reservation or referring the matter to the Compliance Committee, if deemed necessary.
- **Submission of members concerns to be considered during 2nd India-Indonesia Working Group on Trade and Investment**
- **Action:** On 22 September 2025, ICC submitted inputs to the Department highlighting challenges faced by Indian exporters in the Indonesian market.
 - **Issue:** Indian exporters, particularly in the Silicones in Primary Forms and Pesticides segments, are encountering difficulties related to tariffs and market access, impacting competitiveness.

- **Request:** ICC respectfully requests that these issues be considered during the forthcoming India–Indonesia Working Group discussions, including the possibility of tariff reclassification and duty reductions, to ensure a level playing field for Indian exporters.

➤ **Representation on India-EU Rules of Origin**

- **Action:** On 26 September 2025, ICC shared members' inputs on the proposed Processing Rules under the Product Specific Rules (PSR) for the India–EU FTA. The submission highlighted the benefits of process-based rules of origin, such as chemical reaction, purification, mixing & blending, and isomer separation, which provide transparency, predictability, and ease of compliance, particularly for SMEs.
- **Issues:** The submission noted that the agrochemical sector is currently not fully covered under qualifying mixing and blending operations. It also highlighted the risk of misuse through minimal processing or transshipment, which could undermine the integrity of the rules.
- **Request:** ICC requested the inclusion of the agrochemical sector under the list of qualifying mixing and blending operations. It also recommended implementing safeguards to prevent misuse through minimal processing or transshipment.

➤ **Representation on India-Peru Trade Agreement-Preparation of India's Goods market access offers**

- **Action:** On 10 October 2025, ICC submitted member inputs for the preparation of India's goods market access offers under the proposed India–Peru FTA, including product proposals based on industry feedback for Defensive and Offensive lists.
- **Issues:** For the Defensive List, PVC (HS 39041010, 39041020, 39041090, 39042100, 39042200) was proposed for exclusion from tariff concessions due to low existing duties (7.5%), high investment commitments (~US\$10 billion), and potential adverse impact on domestic producers.
- **Request:** For the Offensive List, ICC recommended Caustic Soda, Hydrofluoric Acid, Hydrogen Peroxide, Chloromethane, and Refrigerants for concessional access, citing adequate domestic capacity and export readiness. ICC also suggested including key intermediates like Ethylene Dichloride, Ethylene, Vinyl Chloride, Chlorine, and Methanol under the Early Implementation Framework (EIF) to support downstream industries.

➤ **Request to consider inclusion of Ethyl Acetate (HS Code: 29153100) under PTA with Indonesia**

- **Action:** On 16 October 2025, ICC on behalf of one of its member companies shared information on Ethyl Acetate (HS 29153100), highlighting its production process, widespread industrial use, domestic demand (400–450 kTPA), surplus capacity (830 kTPA), and current export markets.
- **Issues:** India does not currently export Ethyl Acetate to Indonesia, which imports mainly from China due to proximity, lower logistics costs, and competitive pricing. Under the India–ASEAN FTA, Indonesia imposes a 4% import duty on Indian exports, reducing competitiveness.
- **Request:** ICC requested the Department to consider including Ethyl Acetate in the ongoing PTA discussions with Indonesia to enable export opportunities (~INR 700 Cr) and support industry growth.

➤ **Representation on Inputs for India–EAEU Trade Negotiations (HS 6-digit Tariff Lines)**

- **Action:** On 13 November 2025, ICC submitted members' inputs to Department of Chemicals & Petrochemicals (DCPC) on include 2905.00 – Isopropyl Alcohol (IPA) and 2808.00 – Nitric Acid as key export interests to the in response to the request for identifying key export interests and sensitive products at the HS 6-digit level for the upcoming India–EAEU negotiations.
- **Request:** ICC requested that the Department to include 2905.00 – Isopropyl Alcohol (IPA) and 2808.00 – Nitric Acid as key export interests in upcoming India–EAEU negotiations.

➤ **Pre-Budget Proposal 2026–27**

- **Action:** On 28 October 2025, ICC delegation attended the TRU pre-budget meeting on 28 October 2025 and presented member inputs on Basic Customs Duty (BCD) on Iso Propyl Alcohol (IPA), Butyl Acetate (BUTAC), PVC, Ammonium Nitrate, Soda Ash, Sodium Bicarbonate, Phthalic Anhydride, Vinyl Chloride Monomer (VCM) along with policy matters.
- **Issues:** Rationalization of duties to address inverted duty structures, safeguard domestic manufacturing, and ensure competitiveness against low-cost imports and concerns on policy-related matters such as ambiguity in classification, compliance challenges, and the need for clearer guidelines to support ease of doing business and promote a stable and predictable regulatory environment.
- **Request:** ICC requested the Department to kindly

consider the inputs submitted by members on products and policy issues in the formulation of the Pre-Budget 2026–27 proposals.

➤ **Submission of Advance License Details and Request for Clarification – Public Notice 33**

- **Date:** 19 November 2025
- **Issue:** One of our esteemed members faced delays in closure of Advance License files pertaining to Public Notice 33, despite submission of all required documents, and sought clarification on the status of file closure and applicability/payment mode of IGST or other dues.
- **Action:** A detailed Advance License information along with supporting and legal documents to the Office of the Chief Commissioner of Customs, Mumbai Zone-I, and formally requested clarification on pending communications, IGST liability (if any), and permissibility of payment through available GST credit.

➤ **Inclusion of Non-Scheduled Precursor Chemicals (Mono Methyl Amine-MMA) under Schedule-A of Regulation of Controlled substances (RCS) Order of NDPS Act**

- **Date:** 17 December 2025
- **Context:** The Central Bureau of Narcotics proposed to notify Mono Methyl Amine (MMA) and 2-Bromo-4-Methylpropionophenone as Controlled Substances under the NDPS Act. ICC highlighted that MMA is a critical raw material for multiple key industries and expressed concerns that its inclusion under Schedule-A would disrupt production and supply chains.
- **Action:** ICC submitted a representation to Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals and Central Bureau of Narcotics, proposing alternative controls such as end-use certification and strengthened record-keeping instead of Schedule-A notification.

➤ **Request for revision of Basic Customs Duty on Isopropyl Alcohol (HS Code 2905 12 20) to safeguard domestic manufacturing.**

- **Date:** 14 January 2026
- **Context:** Representation was made highlighting severe structural cost disadvantages faced by domestic Isopropyl Alcohol (IPA) manufacturers due to higher feedstock and energy costs, leading to import undercutting and risk to the pharma supply chain
- **Action:** Request submitted to the Revenue Secretary seeking revision of Basic Customs Duty (BCD) on IPA.

➤ **Seeking suggestions/inputs for the Common EPR Portal**

- **Date:** 19 January 2026
- **Context:** The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), under the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEF&CC), is developing a Common Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Portal. EPR is a policy approach where producers are responsible for the collection, recycling, and environmentally sound disposal of products after their use. Currently, India has separate EPR systems for different waste streams (plastic, e-waste, batteries, tyres, used oil, etc.). CPCB aims to integrate all these into a single unified portal.
- **Action:** ICC submitted a representation to The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) combining concerns, issues faced on portal with supporting inputs and suggestions to improve the effectiveness of the EPR framework, encourage wider participation, and support timely and accurate compliance by obligated entities.

➤ **India USA BTA - Non tariff barriers faced by Indian Exporters**

- **Date:** 20 March 2026
- **Context:** ICC received member inputs highlighting frequent rejection of Indian Agri exports in the USA due to stringent and default MRLs (0.01 ppm), often not aligned with scientific standards or Codex norms. Despite lower pesticide usage in India, rejections remain high, while no reciprocal enforcement is seen on US imports into India.
- **Action:** ICC has submitted the issue to authorities, recommending policy intervention, alignment with global standards, and consideration of reciprocal measures to protect Indian exporters.

➤ **Industry Inputs on India–Israel Free Trade Agreement (FTA) Negotiations**

- **Date:** 21 March 2026
- **Context:** The Indian Chemical Council (ICC), in view of the upcoming India–Israel FTA negotiations, consulted its member companies to gather industry perspectives. Inputs have been received from Aarti Industries Limited, highlighting key chemical products where enhanced market access in Israel would benefit the Indian chemical industry. The identified products include Chlorobenzene, O-Dichlorobenzene, various derivatives under HS Code 29049990, Para Nitroaniline, Amino Sulphonic Aniline derivatives, and Phenyl Isocyanate. The recommendations are based on factors such as underutilized domestic capacity, exportable surplus, existing trade with Israel, and planned investments.

- **Action:** ICC has submitted these industry inputs to the concerned authorities for consideration in India's negotiating strategy. It has recommended tariff liberalization for the identified products to improve price competitiveness, enhance exports, utilize domestic capacity, and strengthen bilateral trade with Israel.
- **Delay in Issuance of Restricted Import License for FY 2026–27**
- **Date:** 20 April 2026
 - **Context:** ICC on behalf of its member company, has raised concerns regarding the significant delay in issuance of a Restricted Import License for FY 2026–27 by the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT).
 - **Action:** ICC has requested the kind intervention of DGFT to expedite the issuance of the pending Restricted Import License at the earliest. Additionally, ICC has sought to arrange a meeting with the Additional Secretary & Director General, DGFT, along with an ICC delegation and the concerned member company, to discuss the matter in detail and facilitate a timely resolution.
- **Review of Classification of Aroma Chemical Export Products and Eligibility under Para 4.07 of HBP**
- **Date:** 15 April 2026
 - **Context:** ICC on behalf of its member company has raised concerns regarding the recent decisions of the DGFT Norms Committee classifying certain aroma chemical export products as "Perfume or Perfumery Compounds." This reclassification has led to denial of eligibility under Para 4.07 of the Handbook of Procedures (HBP).
 - **Action:** ICC has requested the intervention of DGFT to review and reconsider the Norms Committee's interpretation and restore the earlier practice of granting Input-Output Norms under Para 4.07 based on correct chemical classification principles. ICC has also submitted supporting annexures, including past approvals, recent meeting minutes, judicial precedent, and relevant FTP provisions, to facilitate an informed and expeditious resolution of the issue.
- **India–Peru Trade Agreement: Inputs on Goods Market Access Offer**
- **Date:** 07 April 2026
 - **Context:** Department is undertaking consultations for preparation of India's Goods Market Access Offer under the proposed India–Peru Trade Agreement. In this regard, the Indian Chemical Council (ICC) has compiled and submitted inputs received from its member company on key

tariff lines of interest to the chemical industry. The submission identifies (i) tariff lines where immediate tariff elimination from Entry into Force (EIF) is sought to enhance cost competitiveness and ensure seamless availability, and (ii) tariff lines proposed under the exclusion category, where adequate domestic manufacturing capacity exists and export opportunities for India in the Peruvian market may be promoted.

- **Action:** ICC has requested the Department to consider the submitted tariff line-wise recommendations while finalizing India's Goods Market Access Offer for the India–Peru Trade Agreement, including acceptance of proposals for tariff elimination, exclusion list considerations, and inclusion of additional relevant tariff lines to support domestic industry and boost exports.

➤ **Feedstock Disruption at Manali Petrochemical Complex**

- **Date:** 6 April 2026
- **Context:** ICC, based on inputs from Manali Industries Association, highlighted that curtailment of feedstock supply by Chennai Petroleum Corporation Limited (CPCL) has led to production shutdowns, asset integrity risks, and disruption across the integrated Manali petrochemical cluster in Chennai.
- **Action:** ICC requested urgent Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas intervention, sought an early meeting with industry representatives, and recommended facilitating dialogue between CPCL and Manali industries to restore feedstock supply and ensure operational continuity.

➤ **Disruption in IPA Supply Chain Impacting Essential Medicines**

- **Date:** 28 March 2026
- **Context:** ICC highlighted that the recent MoPNG order mandating diversion of C3/C4 streams has led to a complete cut-off of propylene supply, resulting in shutdown of domestic Isopropyl Alcohol (IPA) production since mid-March 2026. IPA is a critical, non-substitutable input for pharmaceutical manufacturing, and imports cannot bridge the gap due to stringent pharmacopoeia requirements. This disruption poses an immediate risk to production of essential medicines and India's pharmaceutical supply chain.
- **Action:** ICC requested urgent Government intervention to restore propylene supply to IPA manufacturers and sought exemption (less than 0.5% of LPG consumption) to ensure continuity of IPA production and safeguard availability of essential medicines.

➤ **Regulatory Challenges in import and use of Scheduled Substances**

- **Date:** 29 April 2026 & 13 May 2026
- **Context:** ICC received a representation from a member company highlighting difficulties in the import, storage and supply of scheduled substances under the Insecticides Act, 1968, even when intended for non-insecticidal uses such as R&D, testing, reference standards and industrial applications. It was noted that current interpretation leads to unnecessary compliance and import permit requirements for non-insecticidal use cases, causing operational challenges for traders and manufacturers.
- **Action:** ICC represented industry concerns before the Department of Chemicals & Petrochemicals and Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare regarding the applicability of the Insecticides Act, 1968 to non-insecticidal uses, seeking clarification on import permit and compliance requirements for substances used exclusively for industrial, analytical and R&D purposes. ICC highlighted operational challenges faced by member companies and submitted supporting documents, requesting regulatory clarity and appropriate intervention.

➤ **Reconsideration of Advisory on Ammonia Management**

- **Date:** 8 May 2026
- **Context:** The Department of Fertilisers issued an Advisory dated 18 April 2026 prioritising ammonia supply exclusively for fertilizer production (P&K/NPK fertilizers). ICC submitted representation highlighting that ammonia is also a critical feedstock for essential downstream sectors such as Aliphatic Amines, Pyridine derivatives, pharmaceuticals, agrochemicals, nutrition products, and life sciences.
These sectors emphasize that their ammonia requirement is relatively small compared to national availability, but any restriction may disrupt production of essential medicines, increase import dependence, affect exports, and impact employment in specialty chemical clusters. ICC also highlighted the strategic importance of maintaining continuity in healthcare and export-oriented value chains.
- **Action:** In the submission it was requested that continued and adequate ammonia supply be ensured to critical non-fertiliser industries, noting their limited requirement and minimal impact on overall fertilizer availability. The Department was further requested to issue suitable clarification or relaxation of the advisory and to consider a

stakeholder consultation for a balanced allocation framework.

- **Update:** Based on the information received by ICC (to the best of our knowledge), the aforementioned advisory has been withdrawn in response to the presentation made by ICC, however, supporting document / office memorandum issued by government (if any) is yet to be received by ICC.

➤ **Product Specific Rules (PSRs) under Review of ASEAN–India Trade in Goods Agreement (AITIGA)**

- **Date:** 14 May 2026
- **Context:** The Department of Commerce sought detailed comments from industry associations on the ASEAN side's proposed Product Specific Rules (PSRs) under the ongoing review of the ASEAN–India Trade in Goods Agreement (AITIGA). The proposals covered various rule formats at the HS 6-digit level, including CTSH, RVC 40%, Chemical Reaction Rule, CTSH or RVC 40%, etc. Associations were requested to provide line-wise justification and highlight the implications on domestic manufacturing, value addition, sourcing patterns, and exports, along with suggested alternative PSRs, wherever necessary. Based on consultations with member companies and industry stakeholders, ICC examined the proposals and consolidated industry feedback for submission to the Department of Commerce.
- **Action:** ICC coordinated with member companies and relevant industry stakeholders to obtain their views on the proposed PSRs under AITIGA. Based on the inputs received, ICC submitted consolidated industry recommendations to the Department of Commerce highlighting that CTH, CTSH, or RVC of 40% are considered appropriate and sufficient criteria for determining Country of Origin. ICC also conveyed the industry's recommendation that the "Chemical Reaction" criterion should not be included as a condition for determining Country of Origin under the revised PSRs.

➤ **Indigenisation of 100 items**

- **Date:** 26 May 2026
- **Context:** ICC submitted industry inputs to DPIIT regarding the indigenisation of 100 priority items, based on feedback received from member companies. The submission mapped India's existing manufacturing capabilities, technical requirements, supply chain challenges, and additional items recommended for inclusion.
- **Action:** ICC highlighted key concerns affecting domestic chemical manufacturing, including import dependence, unfair competition due to dumping, investment challenges, and inverted

duty structures. ICC recommended policy support through strategic tariff measures and ecosystem-level interventions to strengthen domestic production and reduce reliance on imports.

➤ **Customs & Trade Facilitation Issues Raised by Lubrizol – Request for Clarification and Stakeholder Consultation**

- **Date:** 27 May 2026
- **Context:** ICC submitted customs and trade facilitation issues raised by member company Lubrizol Corporation during the NAC (Chemicals) meeting, covering duty exemption interpretation, repetitive import queries, refund and system-related challenges, disruption-led clearance delays, and Anti-Dumping Duty notification timelines.
- **Action:** ICC requested NAC (Chemicals) Secretariat to consider the issues and recommendations submitted. ICC also sought a meeting between Lubrizol representatives and Customs officials to discuss the duty exemption interpretation issue and explore a suitable resolution.

➤ **Request for Permission to Source Additional 20 MTPD Butene Feedstock**

- **Date:** 5 June 2026
- **Context:** ICC represented concern of member company Kothari Petrochemicals Limited regarding shortage of Butene feedstock required for the sustainable production of Polyisobutylene (PIB). Kothari is currently the only domestic manufacturer of PIB, a strategically important specialty petrochemical used in lubricant additives and other industrial applications. Although Chennai Petroleum Corporation Limited (CPCL) has resumed feedstock supplies, the available quantity is insufficient and shared among multiple consumers, resulting in an estimated shortfall of approximately 20 MTPD of Butene feedstock for Kothari Petrochemicals.
- **Action:** On behalf of Kothari Petrochemicals Limited, ICC requested the Department of Chemicals & Petrochemicals (DCPC) to permit and facilitate procurement of the additional requirement of approximately 20 MTPD of Butene feedstock from Indian Oil Corporation Limited (Panipat) or Reliance Industries Limited (Vadodara) to ensure continued domestic production of PIB and support import substitution objectives.

➤ **Ministry of Coal | Roadshow on Coal/ Lignite Gasification**

- **Date:** 18 June 2026
- **Context:** The Ministry of Coal launched the Coal/

Lignite Gasification Financial Incentive Scheme with an outlay of ₹37,500 crore to promote coal gasification projects, clean coal technologies, domestic manufacturing, and downstream products. A series of industry roadshows were organised across India to discuss the Scheme framework, opportunities, and investment potential.

- **Action:** ICC participated in the Mumbai roadshow held on 18.06.2026 and represented the chemical industry's perspective, contributing to discussions on downstream chemical opportunities, value-added products, and industry participation in developing the coal-to-chemicals ecosystem.

➤ **ILO Questionnaire on "Chemicals and the World of Work"**

- **Date:** 23 June 2026
- **Context:** The International Labour Organization (ILO) has initiated a standard-setting exercise on "Chemicals and the World of Work" through its White Report (ILC.115/Report IV(1)) to update and consolidate international labour standards on chemical hazards, including the Benzene Convention, 1971 (No. 136).
- **Action:** ICC reviewed the International Labour Organization (ILO) questionnaire and submitted industry inputs on occupational exposure limits, hazard communication, health surveillance, compliance mechanisms, supply chain responsibilities, and related chemical safety aspects.

➤ **Regarding Customs Duty Exemptions on Chemicals and Petrochemicals under West Asia Crisis Relief Measures**

- **Date:** 25 June 2026
- **Context:** The West Asia Crisis Relief Measures introduced temporary customs duty exemptions to address supply chain disruptions caused by geopolitical tensions. With the reopening of the Strait of Hormuz following the US–Iran MoU, shipping conditions are normalizing, and continuation of blanket NIL-duty concessions beyond June 30, 2026 may adversely impact domestic manufacturing.
- **Action:** ICC requested the below –
 - PVC (HS Codes 39041010, 39041020, 39041090, 39041000): To restore the normal 7.5% BCD from July 1, 2026, as continued NIL duty is causing market distortions and affecting domestic investments.
 - Acetic Acid (HS Code 29152100): To extend the duty concession for a short period due to low

domestic inventories and continued import dependence.

- iii) Specialized LDPE Grades (HS Code 3901): To review continuation of concessions, as domestic and import prices have largely stabilized, indicating market normalization.
- iv) Linear Alkyl Benzene (LAB) (HS Code 38170011): To extend the existing BCD exemption for three months to support the detergent industry amid ongoing supply and freight uncertainties.
- v) General Recommendation: To continuously monitor and periodically review duty exemptions to balance the interests of both upstream manufacturers and downstream user industries.

➤ Environment Issues of Chemical Industries

- **Date:** 9 July 2026
- **Context:** The Department of Chemicals & Petrochemicals (DCPC) invited industry associations to submit key environmental and regulatory issues for discussion with the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEF&CC). In response, Indian Chemical Council (ICC) submitted a representation highlighting priority issues affecting the chemical industry, with the objective of promoting effective environmental management while improving regulatory efficiency.
- **Action:** ICC presented six key recommendations covering rationalization of Retrofit Emission Control Devices (RECD) requirements for Diesel Generator (DG) sets, simplification of Environmental Clearance procedures for ZLD conversions, flexibility in green belt compliance, review of NO_x emission standards for nitration-based processes, development of a single-window mechanism for industrial accident reporting, and clarification on implementation of the Product Mix Notification dated 2 March 2021.

➤ Precise Information on Inverted Duty Structure

- **Date:** 22 July 2026
- **Context:** The Department of Chemicals & Petrochemicals (DCPC) invited industry associations to identify instances of Inverted Duty Structure (IDS) under the Goods and Services Tax (GST) and Basic Customs Duty (BCD) regimes that adversely impact the competitiveness of the domestic chemical industry. The information was sought to facilitate examination of duty rationalization proposals.
- **Action:** ICC submitted industry inputs covering eight chemical products/value chains, including Re-dispersible Emulsion Powder, CPVC,

Epichlorohydrin, DINP, DOP, DOTP, Crude Glycerin, and Palm Fatty Acid Distillate (PFAD). The recommendations highlighted issues relating to duty inversion, FTA-related tariff anomalies, and higher input duties affecting domestic manufacturing. ICC recommended measures such as rationalization of Basic Customs Duty, alignment of duties on finished products and key inputs, and Actual User-based duty concessions to improve the competitiveness of domestic manufacturers and promote value addition in India.

➤ NTBs faced by the Indian Exporters and vice versa in US/ UK/ EU/ NZ

- **Date:** 24 July 2026
- **Context:** Indian ICC highlighted concerns regarding the EU REACH Regulation as a significant Non-Tariff Barrier affecting Indian chemical exporters, particularly MSMEs. The requirements relating to registration, testing, documentation and appointment of an EU-based Only Representative (OR) can result in substantial compliance costs. Frequent regulatory changes, duplication of testing requirements and additional REACH-related conditions imposed by some EU buyers further add to the compliance burden and affect the competitiveness of Indian exporters.
- **Action:** ICC submitted the concerns to DCPC for consideration in the context of India-EU FTA negotiations and bilateral trade discussions. The key recommendations include mutual recognition of Indian standards and certifications, acceptance of test reports from NABL-accredited laboratories, simplified compliance pathways for MSMEs and low-risk chemicals, avoidance of duplicate testing/registration, sector-specific transitional arrangements and protection of confidential business information.

➤ Extension of Customs Duty Exemption Benefits to Equipment Used in Lithium-Ion Battery Recycling and Critical Minerals Recovery

- **Date:** 28 July 2026
- **Context:** ICC welcomed the Government's BCD exemption for specified machinery used in lithium-ion cell manufacturing under Notification No. 27/2026-Customs dated 8 July 2026. ICC highlighted that battery recycling, black mass processing and critical mineral recovery also require specialized imported equipment, and customs duties on such machinery increase project costs and may discourage investment.
- **Action:** ICC requested the Department to extend the existing customs duty exemption to machinery

used for lithium-ion battery recycling, black mass processing, critical mineral recovery and refining, including production of recovered battery-grade materials to support domestic critical mineral recovery, reduce import dependence, promote a circular economy and strengthen India's battery ecosystem.

➤ **Issues regarding Inverted Duty Structure**

- **Date:** 4 August 2026
- **Context:** ICC sought inputs from member companies on Inverted Duty Structure (IDS) under the GST and Basic Customs Duty (BCD) framework. Based on the responses received, several instances were identified where the duty structure on key raw materials/inputs is higher than, or provides insufficient protection compared with, the finished products, affecting the competitiveness of domestic manufacturers, encouraging imports and, in some cases, discouraging further investment and capacity expansion.
- **Action:** ICC consolidated the industry inputs and submitted the details to the concerned authorities for consideration and necessary action. Key recommendations include rationalisation/reduction of duties on critical raw materials, alignment of input and finished-product duties, review of FTA-related duty concessions, and appropriate increase in duties on finished products where necessary to support domestic

manufacturing. These measures are aimed at correcting duty inversion, improving domestic industry competitiveness, encouraging investment and reducing import dependence.

➤ **Inputs on CRC-22 under Rotterdam Convention & POPRC-22 under Stockholm Convention Meetings**

- **Date:** 17 August 2026
- **Context:** The Department of Chemicals & Petrochemicals (DCPC) sought industry inputs on notifications proposed for consideration at the 22nd Meeting of the Chemical Review Committee (CRC-22) under the Rotterdam Convention and 22nd Meeting of the Persistent Organic Pollutant Review Committee (POPRC-22) UNDER THE Stockholm Convention. ICC reviewed the notifications concerning Atrazine, Phenthoate, Profenofos and Quinalphos and noted concerns regarding the adequacy of supporting information, applicability of the criteria under Article 5.1 and Annex II, and compliance with the prescribed notification timelines.
- **Action:** ICC submitted its observations to DCPC, highlighting the concerns identified in the notifications and requesting that they be examined against the applicable criteria and procedural requirements of the Rotterdam Convention before consideration by the CRC-22. ICC has also requested that these issues be taken into account while finalising India's position for CRC-22.

ICC IN NATIONAL MEDIA

- In an exclusive interview with ET Energy World from the Economic Times, the President, ICC spoke about how India must shift structurally from bulk polymers to higher-value derivatives by improving feedstock security, transparent pricing, and refinery-petrochemical integration.
- On 31 January 2026, the President, ICC shared key industry perspectives in an interaction with Asian News International (ANI), focusing on India-EU Free

Trade Agreement and what it really means for India's chemical sector.

- In a national telecast on Doordarshan on 31 January 2026, the President, ICC shared key industry insights on how the FTAs and Trade Deals can reshape trade, competitiveness and long-term growth for the sector.
- ICC's flagship events continue to be covered by ET-Now very extensively.

ICC's INTERACTION WITH THE GOVERNMENT

➤ A delegation from ICC comprising of Mr. D. Sothi Selvam, Director General, ICC, Ms. Shraddha Rane, Secretary General, Dr. Pranav Tripathi, Head - Responsible Care and Sustainability Initiatives, Mr. Dhruvil Soni, Officer - Environment, Sustainability & Regulatory, & Dr. R. Narayanan, Incharge, CWC Help Desk – Hyderabad, had a meeting with Smt. Roli Singh I.A.S., Chairperson, National Authority Chemical Weapons Convention, Cabinet Secretariat, Government of India on 29th October 2025 at NACWC Office, New Delhi. The delegation made presentations on ICC & ICC's activities with respect to implementation of Chemical Weapons Convention in India.

➤ An ICC Delegation met with the ChemIndia Portal team of DCPC on 14 January, 2026, at Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi, to discuss industry concerns related to data submission on the ChemIndia portal. The meeting was led by Mr. Pramod Sabat of Galaxy Surfactants Ltd. and Mr. Rishabh Kaushik of Merck Group, and coordinated by ICC through Mr. Suyog Yerekar and Ms. Mansi Kapoor of ICC. The meeting was chaired by Shri Ganga Kumar (DDG), DCPC and Senior members from the Statistics and Monitoring Division participated along with the ChemIndia Portal IT Team.

Key outcomes of the meeting were:

- Cost Data: Sales and Purchase Rate per Unit will be optional; Cost of Production can be provided as an average value. DCPC clarified that cost data supports market assessment and policy formulation.
 - Product Composition: A "Proprietary Composition" option will be available to safeguard IP. Regulators will retain access, and misuse may be audited.
 - HS Code: HSN codes are editable on the portal; issues can be escalated to DCPC if faced.
 - Country-wise Data: Submission of country-wise quantity data remains mandatory, as authorities consider it critical for trade and import analysis.
 - Quantity Reporting: Quantity ranges will be accepted; capacities can be aligned with Consent-to Operate licenses.
 - Exemptions: DCPC will share documented exemption categories and criteria with ICC. DCPC acknowledged industry feedback and reiterated its intent to position ChemIndia as a comprehensive, single-source national chemical data platform.
- ICC attended the **Post Budget Webinar and Parallel Breakout Sessions** held on 3 March 2026, inaugurated

by the **Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi**. The session focused on strengthening India's manufacturing ecosystem and enhancing the global competitiveness of the chemical sector in line with the vision of **Viksit Bharat**. The discussions highlighted the importance of improving production capabilities, promoting innovation, and integrating sustainability in industrial growth. The need for strengthening chemical parks, developing critical value chains, and enhancing domestic manufacturing capacities was also emphasized.



The deliberations reflect emerging priorities in strengthening the manufacturing and chemical industry ecosystem. Ms. Ramya Bharathram, President ICC and Dr Deepak Mehta CMD Deepak Group participated in the break out session of the Chemical sector moderated by Mr. Divy Malik of McKinsey & Company.

- ICC officials attended a meeting convened by the **Department of Chemicals & Petrochemicals (DCPC)** on 29 May 2026 to review the status of R&D investments in the Indian chemical and petrochemical sector and discussed about the opportunities under the **Research, Development & Innovation (RDI) Scheme**. During the meeting, DCPC highlighted the need to increase industry-led R&D investments and encouraged stakeholders to actively leverage government-supported innovation schemes. Accordingly, industry stakeholders have been invited to submit proposals on R&D for inclusion under the RDI Scheme, along with indicative budgetary requirements, details of new molecules, innovative technologies, and R&D-intensive projects. Members were advised to share potential projects that could be

considered under the **ANRF Scheme (TRL 1–3)**.

ICC consolidated and forwarded 6 proposals received from member companies to DCPC for consideration.

- A meeting was convened by the National Authority Chemical Weapons Convention (NACWC) on 2 June 2026 in New Delhi to discuss preparations for an upcoming workshop to be held in Manila, Philippines. Mr. Dhruvil Soni, Officer – ICC NRO, attended the meeting along with representatives from DCPC, DGFT, and MoEF&CC. During the meeting, NACWC presented the draft presentation prepared for the workshop and invited comments from the participants. ICC was requested to provide inputs on supply chain chemical security, cyber threat control best practices, and a case study on the implementation of a chemical security management system by a Responsible Care certified company.
- On 23rd April 2026, the ICC delegation including, Ms. Ramya Bharathram, President, ICC & MD & CFO, Thirumalai Chemicals Ltd.; Mr. D. Sothi Selvam, Director General, ICC; Mr. Sunil Gulpadia Sr. Vice President (Corporate Affairs), SRF Ltd. and Mr. Dhruvil Soni, Senior Officer – ICC NRO, held a meeting with **Shri Tejveer Singh, IAS**, Secretary, Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals, Ministry of Chemicals



and Fertilizers, Government of India; and **Dr. G. Venkatesh, ICoAS**, Joint Secretary (Petrochemicals), Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers, Government of India. A presentation on ICC and Indian Chemical Sector was made to the Secretary.

- The BHAVYA Portal and Scheme was launched by Union Minister of Commerce & Industry, **Shri Piyush Goyal** in New Delhi. The event marked the operationalization of a flagship central initiative, approved by the Union Cabinet with an outlay of ₹33,660 crore, aimed at developing 100 world-class, investment-ready industrial parks over six years. The Hon'ble Minister emphasized that BHAVYA would adopt a competitive, challenge-based model wherein States are required to submit detailed project proposals highlighting sectoral potential, land availability, and investor interest. From the perspective of the chemical industry, this presents a structured opportunity to advocate for dedicated chemical and petrochemical industrial zones with common infrastructure such as effluent treatment plants, hazardous waste management systems, and captive utilities. ICC officials took note of the specific timeline: applications submitted between 1 June and 31 July 2026 will be considered for the first phase of 20 parks, with a further 30 parks selected from



applications received up to 30 September 2026. States are expected to identify land parcels and propose sectoral fitment. The Council was advised to proactively engage with State industrial development corporations to ensure that chemical-focused clusters are included in initial proposals.

- A stakeholder consultation on the diversion of Agricultural Grade Urea (AGU) for industrial applications and the availability of Technical Grade Urea (TGU) was held on 11 August 2026 at Kartavya Bhawan-1, New Delhi, under the co-chairpersonship of the **Shri Piyush Goyal**, Hon'ble Ministers of Commerce & Industry and **Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda**, Hon'ble Minister of Chemicals and Fertilizers.

The consultation discussed the price differential between AGU and TGU and the resulting risk of diversion. Industry representatives highlighted the need to ensure adequate availability of TGU for legitimate industrial users. Discussions focused on developing a transparent, industry-supported mechanism for registration, monitoring and traceability of TGU. Suggestions included sector-specific input-

output norms, use of GST data and digital traceability mechanisms. Shri Keshav Shrivastava, Senior Officer-NRO attended the consultation and represented the industry perspective on the issues and later submitted a presentation on the subject. On this matter DPIIT is now developing a practical framework on the matter.

➤ **Electronics Component Manufacturing Scheme (ECMS) from (MeitY)**

Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) efforts to develop a robust electronics component manufacturing ecosystem in India through the Electronics Component Manufacturing Scheme (ECMS), which was notified on April 8, 2025.

The Key Highlights of the ECMS:

- **Objective:** To integrate domestic manufacturing with Global Value Chains (GVCs) by supporting key components, sub-components, and their supply chains.
- **Financial Incentive:** The scheme offers a 25% financial incentive on capital expenditure (CAPEX) to eligible manufacturers.
- **Target Segments:** The scheme specifically covers passive components, electro-mechanicals, multi-layer PCBs (including HDI, MSAP, and flexible), Li-ion cells, and capital equipment.

- **Supply Chain Integration:** The government's objective is to localize and strengthen the supply chain for high-end multi-layer PCBs (including HDI and Flex) utilized in the IT, medical, automotive, and industrial IoT sectors.
- **Current Progress:** As of June 2026, the program has gained significant momentum; many applications for PCB manufacturing have been approved, representing a proposed investment of USD 1.6 Billion, alongside PCB supply chain proposals valued at USD 250 million.

Recent Action & Developments: A Virtual Conference (VC) was held on June 3, 2026, under the chairmanship of the Joint Secretary (Electronics). The primary focus of this meeting was the strategic engagement of chemical manufacturers within the PCB industry. MeitY has identified a critical need to engage with manufacturers specializing in Process Chemistry and Finished Chemistry materials to ensure a self-reliant ecosystem.

The scheme guidelines and list of approved units were shared with the members. Members who are interested in entering into this segment or those members who have already established their business in the segment and are planning to have expansion were requested to contact MeitY.

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