

## **International Corrosion Awareness Day (ICAD) Celebrations**

NACE International Gateway India Section (NIGIS), Mumbai has been celebrating “International Corrosion Awareness Day (ICAD)” every year since 2012 at multiple locations like Mumbai, Chennai, and Delhi. The main objective of ICAD is to highlight the damage caused by corrosion to the environment and its impact on the public, which is similar to NACE’s mission **“to equip society to protect people, assets, and the environment from the adverse effects of corrosion”**.

Due to the spread of Corona virus and then Covid-19 disease consequence lockdown is prevailing all over the world including in India, and considering this aspect, NIGIS announced this year ICAD Celebrations on May 01, 2020 from 17.00 to 18.30 hrs via CII Webex online platform for the first time in the history of NACE India section. The entire corrosion community of India including NACE members were specially invited free to join online for this event. Invitation was also extended to all stakeholders affected by Corrosion damage, including supporters, associates, and all industry professionals.

The event started at 5 pm on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2020 with Welcome Remarks by Vice Chair of NIGIS, Shri Dipen Jhaveri. Followed by this, Dr. U. Kamachi Mudali, Chair, NIGIS spoke about NACE and ICAD. In his address he briefed about NACE International, its mission and objectives, and myriad of activities being carried out worldwide. He has brought about the significance of ICAD and the objectives in celebrating the day. He has also highlighted the present scenario of lockdown in India and asked everyone to look into various possibilities of corrosion Engineering and Management.

Followed by this, individual Video messages of the Patrons and dignitaries giving immense support and best wishes to NIGIS on this occasion was shown. They include: Mr. Binoy Kumar, Secretary, Ministry of Steel, Government of India; Mr. T.V. Narendran, CEO & MD of Tata Steel Limited; Mr. B. Narayan, Group President, Reliance Industries Limited; Mr. Bob Chalker, CEO, NACE International, USA; and, Mr. Tushar Jhaveri, Past President, NACE International, USA.

It is a matter of pleasure and pertinent to state that Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) and NIGIS have entered into a collaboration and agreement to start online courses relevant to corrosion management in Indian industries. This venture of NIGIS is the outcome of the lockdown we are facing in the country and to carry out diversity in the business. Dr Kamachi Chairman, NIGIS and Mr. Pikender Pal Singh, Executive Director, CII & Head, CII-Centre of Excellence for Competitiveness for SMEs, inaugurated jointly and announced it from online floor. To begin with two online courses, “Pipeline Corrosion Management” during May 13-15, 2020 and “Fundamentals of Coatings and Linings” during May 23-25, are offered by CII & NIGIS.

The details of the courses including the scope was briefed to the participants.

The online event had a take away for the 173 participants who attended the programme. Dr. U. Kamachi Mudali, Chairman, NIGIS delivered a Special Lecture on “Impact of Lockdown on Corrosion Issues: Practical Approach” which was apt for the present situation in the country, and was lucidly presented by him. The lecture was very informative and relevant in the present state of lockdown for various corrosion

issues that would crop up due to sudden unscheduled shut down of plants/ industries and the challenges to restart them as soon as the lockdown is lifted.

The event went off very successfully with online presence of 173 members from all over India. The vote of thanks was presented by Mr. P.K. Taneja, Executive Director, NIGIS who expressed his sincere gratitude to Chairman, Trustee, all the Board members, the EC members for their unlimited support. Support of all participants, NIGIS & Student Chapter members was acknowledged, and the entire CII team who provided the online facilities and the NIGIS staff were appreciated for their team work in making the event a grand success.

The event ended with an assurance for the continued support, guidance and encouragement of all our supporters, industries, associates, Patrons, and from NIGIS Chairman, entire board and all stake holders in our quest to share knowledge and expertise leading to the defined goal of NACE International **“to equip society to protect people, assets, and the environment from the adverse effects of corrosion”**.

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