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IMPORTANT EVENTS

Executive Committee
Meeting on 21 Sep 17
Central Council
Meeting 4/17 on
22-23 Sep 17;
Annual General Body
Meeting on 23 Sep 17
At Bangaluru.

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Dear Fellow Members,

At the outset, I am very pleased to present this E-Bulletin, No.1 of our branch. Being the first issue, it will have many shortcomings. Your feedback will be appreciated to improve upon the quality of future issues. Your contributions will only make it going. Please do forward these to your branch by email, in word format.

EDITORIAL

It is a matter of pleasure to revive our branch Bulletin, in e-format, keeping pace with the technology and environmental concerns. We decided on this issue in the Branch AGM on 13 Sep 17, and here you see the decision implemented in such a short time. We need to keep this pace of working all around.

Festival Season has already begun, with Independence day, followed by Ganesh Festival, Durga Pooja Navratris, Dussehra, Diwali and Christmas. **Warm greetings to all our members and their families on all these festivals.** Enjoy the festivities.

You would like to see this bulletin well balanced with reporting of progress and happenings at branch and HQ level; sharing of technical information, your experiences and learning, greetings, pictures and some humour too. Let us do it. Send your contributions to the branch.

BRANCH REPORTING: New branch council took over in Jan 2017, holding their first meeting on 8th March 17. Priorities were set to Increase Membership base, CAPSIs and better communication amongst members. We visited R&DE Engineers, Dighi; NMRL, Ambernath; ARDE, Pashan; VRDE, Ahmednagar and HEMRL, Sutarwadi, met their Directors along with some senior scientists, presented IDST with our agenda to increase our membership base and more projects. We had very encouraging response from all the labs.

We have just concluded our AGM, attended by 64 members, and very well participated, concluding to move forward with positive approach on all fronts. More you will read through detailed minutes of the AGM. Our membership has grown to 160. Help us in contacting those who are retiring in this year, canvassing to them to become members and also get some projects from their labs. CAPSIs in hand are 12 at 102L value. We are expecting 3 more projects valued at 37.4L to be sanctioned soon. During the AGM, we felicitated our Sh. VB Ware and Sh. RR Gosavi for their outstanding contribution for the growth of IDST.

FROM CENTRAL COUNCIL: All the three members from our branch are taking active part and looking after the interest of our branch very well. Mr. Arora as Vice President is quite vocal in presenting various issues. Mr. Kulkarni, our Branch Chairman and Mr. Ghosh participate and share the responsibilities of the Council through sub committees. Central council, after taking over in Dec 16, have met three times, in January, April and July 17. Last meeting is just held on 22-23 September coupled with EGM & AGM of IDST in Bangaluru.

GREETINGS TO MEMBERS: Our following members shall celebrate their birthdays during October. We all wish them "GOOD HEALTH AND HAPPINESS IN A LONG PEACEFUL LIFE".

Mrs. V Ramaswami (1); SK Misra (4); K Abraham (7); SM Wele (8); SB Lokhande (8); AR Kulkarni (12); SH Vaidya (16); M Karmarkar (22); Air Comdr KV Rao (23); Col IB Goel (25) SR Rajan (26); HJ Gandhi (29); PR Badadare (29); Col. SR Dharwadkar (31). Omissions regretted.

With grief, we report the demise of our beloved Sh N Bandopadhyay Sc. G and Sh RB Srivastva, Sc. F.

Our heartfelt condolences to their family and praying for peace to the departed souls.

<u>TECHNICAL SHARING</u>: Some of our colleagues are actively engaged on projects from DRDO establishments. Some of these are: Mr. SS Pundale on "Automated inspection and assembly of

BMCS Module" and Mr. Mizaji Lal on "Document management system and Finger print based Biometric System"; Mr. AA Ghosh on "PSQR for Services to support Virtualisation of IT infrastructure" of HEMRL; Mr. HR Khadilkar on QR for Project Documentation" and Mr. VB Ware on "Development of Self-propelled Mine Burier and Mine Field Marking Equipment MK II" of R&DE Engrs; Mr. DK Dattagupta on "QA/QC Support for 155 mm X52 Caliber Gun system (ATAGS)" and Mr. SS Kulkarni on "Productionisation of Adrukshy Mk II"; Mr. TK Ghosh on "NIPUN, VIBHAV, VISHAL and ULKA of NFM projects" of ARDE.

Dr. JAGDISH CHANDER KAPOOR, President IDST for 2017-18, was born in Shahabad Markanda. Haryana. Having completed his schooling in his hometown and graduation from Ambala, he obtained his Masters and PhD from Mumbai University. He worked in BARC during 1971- 93 and in DRDO during 1993- 2010 till his retirement. He joined Amity University as Director and worked there for two years. In IDST, he was Chairman, Delhi Branch for three years before rising to President of Central Council of IDST.

He earned special recognition during his tenure at BARC. In DRDO he was associated with CFEES. His outstanding work earned him Award for technology spin off (2006), for Strategic Contribution (2008) and for Self Reliance (2009). He was member of the delegation of OPCW, Hague. He led Indian delegation to the conference of AFIC at Seoul. He was member of International forum of Directors of Fire Research labs. He has more than 125 papers / publications to his credit.

Mrs. Kapoor has been an Educationist; their two sons are settled in the US and Gurugram.

KNOW YOUR PRESIDENT



Dr. J C Kapoor

<u>PMO to review progress made under Make in India scheme in defence sector:</u> Almost three years after the present government called for promoting Make in India in the defence sector, the Prime Minister's Office has already initiated review of progress made in several schemes such as Infantry combat vehicles, Submarines and Fighter aircraft etc. The progress review is being made with all stakeholders, including officials from the defence ministry and department of defence production," a government source told "Mail Today".

Sources said the focus of the meet would be on "Ongoing and Long-pending projects" under the Make in India category, which have been stalled or slowed down due to different issues, and ways on which they can be pushed towards completion at a faster rate.

The meeting will give special focus on armoured vehicles for the Indian Army, which has been working on its futuristic infantry combat vehicle project for over a decade now. Efforts are being made to revive the project where big industrial players, including Tata's and L&T are in the fray, along with the state-run Ordnance Factory Board. The meeting is also likely to discuss the strategic partnership policy that was announced this year and also suggest new additions to it. The defence ministry has brought the manufacturing of submarines, helicopters, fighter aircraft and armoured vehicles and tanks under the project for promoting local military industry indigenously for complex weapon systems and platforms.

While former defence minister Arun Jaitley had decided in favour of indigenous Akash surface-to-air missiles over systems offered by foreign vendors, new minister Nirmala Sitharaman decided to try DRDO developed light machine guns when the case was stuck due to a single vendor situation after trials. The government is also moving fast on the Air Force's project to manufacture 114 single-engine Made in India jets under the strategic partnership policy where Indian companies would tie up with American or Swedish firms to build the planes in India.

IDST VISION: Vision of IDST is to harness and utilise talent, expertise and experience acquired by IDST members during working in DRDO, and to continue contributing to the Research & Technology Development programs

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