

## Rubber, Chemical & Petrochemical Skill Development Council



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## From Chairman's desk:



*Let me thank you all for your good wishes as I shoulder the new responsibility as Chairman, RCPSDC. My heartfelt gratitude to the Governing Council of RCPSDC for reposing faith in my capabilities and choosing me to steer the Council as the pandemic wave ebbs, the economy gathers speed and so does the need to fast catch up on the lost momentum to skill up millions.*

*Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu represent two major markets for Rubber & Plastic sectors and the month gone by witnessed heightened activity in terms of upskilling in these two states as presented in the enclosed pages.*

*Thanks again and I will keep you posted on all key developments.*

Mr Vinod Patkotwar, Chairman, RCPSDC



## Mr Vinod Patkotwar takes over as Chairman of RCPSDC



*In frame (L to R)- Mr P P Sharma, Head-HR, Apollo Tyres Ltd, Dr Ashrita Tripathi, Head Training & QA- RCPSDC, Dr K N Raghvan IRS, Executive Director-Rubber Board, Mr Vinod Patkotwar, Chairman- RCPSDC, Mr Anil Arora, Managing Director-J.H.M. Impex and Consultants, Mr Hiten Nanji Bheda, Chairman- AIPMA Environment Committee*

The Rubber, Chemical and Petrochemical Skill Development Council (RCPSDC) has announced the appointment of Mr Vinod Patkotwar as its new Chairman. He was elected at the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Council. Mr Vinod Patkotwar is a Managing Partner at Crown Rubber Products, Pune (Maharashtra). He will be responsible for overseeing the operations of RCPSDC and work closely with its governing Council on strategic issues related to the growth of the Rubber, Chemical and Petrochemical industry in India.

A veteran in the Rubber Industry, Mr Vinod Patkotwar has held leadership positions in various industry forums. He has served as Chairman of the All India Rubber Industries Association (AIRIA) Western Region. As a Managing Committee member of AIRIA, he has been spearheading several flagship events of the industry aimed at increasing its competitiveness and profile. He pioneered a national expo under the banner RDME (Rubber Dies and Mould Exhibition) with great success. He has also been serving as the editor of AIRIA's widely circulated journal "Rubber India".

"Rubber Industry has undergone a transformation of sorts during the last decade and the role of RCPSDC in setting up a robust pan India skilling infrastructure cannot be underestimated. Some of the skill training projects, especially Saamarth and Utthaan, launched by RCPSDC have been well acclaimed. We invite the industry across the three verticals, especially MSMEs to come forward and make the most of the opportunities unfolded by RCPSDC".

**Mr Vinod Patkotwar, Chairman, RCPSDC**

"Mr Vinod Patkotwar joins at a juncture when RCPSDC is widening its footprint across the three verticals and replicating the success and learnings achieved in skilling up the Rubber sector across petrochemical and chemical sectors too. With a seasoned person of the calibre of Mr Vinod Patkotwar as the leader, the skilling up process will be further accelerated".

**Dr Ashrita Tripathi, Head - Training and QA, RCPSDC**

As one of the foremost sector skill councils in the country, RCPSDC has been involved in the skill training of nearly three lakh people, especially in the domains of Rubber Manufacturing, Rubber plantations and Tyre services. Currently, RCPSDC is working actively to meet the newly received mandate of upskilling chemical and petrochemical sectors in the country.



## Rise in apprenticeship and job opportunities in Rubber & Plastic sector in Tamil Nadu

With the opening up of the economy and increase in infrastructure spend, the Rubber and Plastic sector is looking at significant growth in the ongoing fiscal year. Over 4,500 vacancies have been generated for apprenticeship and placement in the two sectors in the state of Tamil Nadu, said Ms Deepmala Moorjani, Senior Manager – Industry Connect, Chemical & Petrochemical Development Council in a statement after the just concluded Skill Meet at Chennai.



RCPSDC Team with NSDC, YSF & IRMRA Representatives

“Skill Meet has been developed by RCPSDC as a platform for bringing a large swathe of industries into the fold of the skilling ecosystem. A large section of industries, especially MSMEs, are still not conversant with the benefits that accrue from a skilled workforce. Skill Meet acts as a much-needed bridge to discuss the roadmap for a skilled manpower including Government schemes available and also to understand the skill based requirements of industries”.

**Mr Vinod Patkotwar, Chairman, RCPSDC**

There are nearly 6,000 rubber and plastic manufacturing industries in Tamil Nadu. Several large players in the state have shown keen interest in hiring skilled manpower. These include MRF, Ceat Tyre, Apollo Tyres, Sundaram Industries, Minda, JBM Auto and Emerald Tyres, said Ms Annamma Jacob, Regional Manager – South, RCPSDC.

At the Skill Meet, National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) made a detailed presentation on the National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS) for the benefit of attending industry professionals.

“Ever since the launch of NAPS, RCPSDC has been promoting it aggressively amongst both the job aspirants and the manufacturing industries. So far over 15000 apprentices have enrolled under various rubber and plastic job roles with the leading manufacturing industries by RCPSDC so far. During the current year, this number is projected to be doubled as about 1000 industries have registered with RCPSDC in the rubber and plastic sectors”.

**Ms Pangkhuri Borgohain head of operations, Optional Trades at NSDC**



Mr Rufus George, State Engagement Officer, NSDC and Mr G C Ramamurthy Joint Director from DGT were the special invitee in the session.

Mr Satish Pawar, Director YSF, elaborated on the TPA functionality to handhold the entire working of the NAPS online portal and other operational support that TPAs may provide for the ease of the industries.



Mr Vinod Patkotwar addressing audience of RCPSDC Skill Meet at Chennai on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2022

Dr Rupesh Rohan, Assistant Director & Centre Head at Indian Rubber Manufacturers Research Association (under DPIIT, Ministry of Commerce & Industry) delivered a special talk on “Compounding of Rubber: Paragon of Scientific Art”.



Mr Arpit Asthana, Apprenticeship division, NSDC

The Skill Meet at Chennai had top representatives from 50 industries in the rubber, chemical and petrochemical sectors. These included Foams India, Altek Chemicals India Pvt, Rialto Enterprises, Scorpion Polymers, Emerald Resilient Tyre Mfrs. Pvt Ltd.

RCPSDC also introduced its Placement Portal which is rendering unique services in the form of a platform to the companies in the Rubber, Chemical and Plastic sectors to communicate about their vacancies and helping prospective employees find relevant opportunities to make a career in the sectors concerned.



Dr Rupesh Rohan, Asst Director & Head- South Centre, IRMRA



## 'Apprenticeship cum Job Mela' on Rubber, Plastic & chemical sectors witnessed an overwhelming response

A session to introduce the job opportunities in the Rubber, Plastic and Chemical sectors in the form of 'Apprenticeship cum Job Mela' held at Government ITI Panvel, Mumbai attracted a large number of aspiring candidates and companies in three sectors.



*Mr Vinod Patkotwar, Chairman, RCPSDC addressing the audience of Apprenticeship cum Job Mela at ITI, Panvel, Mumbai*

The day-long event was organised by the Rubber, Chemical & Petrochemical Skill Development Council (RCPSDC) in collaboration with The Regional Directorate of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship Maharashtra, Directorate Vocational Education & Training, Maharashtra State and Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) on 20th June 2022.

Top Government officials from the state involved in skill development and vocational training besides HR heads of a large number of companies manufacturing rubber, plastic and chemical products participated in the event. Mr Vinod Patkotwar Chairman at RCPSDC welcomed the guests during the inauguration of the event.

A total of 418 candidates attended the 'Apprenticeship cum Job Mela' in which 22 companies participated. Nearly 60 candidates were shortlisted.

On the successful execution of the Job Fair, Mr Vinod Patkotwar Chairman at RCPSDC, quoted "Apprenticeship has emerged as one of the well-recognized models to get a skilled workforce for the industries. At the same time, an Apprenticeship training enables youth to have practical, on-the-job training that meets the requirements of the industry. Especially in Rubber & Plastic sectors, apprenticeship offers many opportunities to work in different areas from tyre moulding to extruding to injection moulding. Apprenticeship is a good way to bridge the skill gaps."

Elaborating on the benefits of apprenticeship, Ms Suchita Roy, Regional Manager – West, RCPSDC, said, "Apprenticeship will give an opportunity to students to get trained in the industry and get real time exposure to the working process. For the first time, RCPSDC has taken this initiative to conduct a sector specific job fair, so that students can appreciate the growth prospects better in that sector and plan their career accordingly."



*Ms Suchita Roy, Regional Manager - West, RCPSDC addressing the audience of Apprenticeship cum Job Mela at ITI, Panvel, Mumbai*





Dr Chavan, Dy. Dir- Regional Directorate of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Maharashtra congratulated RCPSDC for organizing a sector specific Apprentice Mela which is first of its kind and in sync with the Skill India Mission. He expressed full support in conducting such events in Maharashtra for the benefit of young aspiring youth of the country.

Mr Tarun Mhaske, Technical Advisor-GIZ spoke about different vocational training programs being conducted pan India for uplifting the lives of underprivileged candidates under Indo German Program for Vocational Education & Training.

Mr Vinay Patil, President, the Indian Specialty Chemical Manufacturer Association and Mr Sanjeeb Lahiri, Chief HRO- GRP Ltd represented the industries and apprised the students about the employment potential therein.

Mr Vinay Patil spoke about various job opportunities in the Chemical sector and how students can get themselves skilled by joining as an apprentice. He pointed to the huge demand for skilled manpower for various positions in the chemical industry and how students can shape good career growth in the chemical sector.

Mr Sanjeeb Lahiri shared an overview of the Rubber & Plastic industry, its future growth potential and how a company like GRP Ltd with its international presence is keen to hire skilled manpower from ITI and groom the candidates for future growth.

Thanking RCPSDC, all the dignitaries and HR heads, Mr Tikole, Vice-Principal -Panvel ITI said, students will benefit immensely from such sector-specific apprenticeship mela (s) and they need to have more such events. Raigad District being a chemical Zone has a huge demand for manpower which needs to be fulfilled, he said.

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