



CENTRAL COIR RESEARCH INSTITUTE GOLDEN JUBILEE 4 - 7 February 2010

The Golden Jubilee Celebrations of the Central Coir Research Institute were held at C.C.R.I. Complex, Kalavoor, Alleppey, from 4th to 5th February 2010. The formal inauguration of the celebrations was made by Shri. Dinsha J Patel, Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent Charge) for MSME, Govt. of India in a glittering function. In his inaugural address, the Hon'ble Minister said that the activities of the Central Coir Research Institute in the past 50 years have been praise worthy and it played an important role in the development of coir industry in the country. He added that coir industry is getting prime attention of the Union Government and lauded the trade and industry for maintaining the tempo of the development of Coir Industry in the country inspite of adverse effects of Global recession. On the occasion, Shri Dinsha J Patel also launched the Mobile Defibrering Machine developed by the CCRI as a solution to the problem faced by the coir industry

due to fibre shortage.

Shri. G. Sudhakaran, Hon'ble Minister for Co-Operation & Coir, Govt. of Kerala presided over the function. Shri G. Sudhakaran complimented the CCRI for developing many new machines and technologies including the Mobile Defibrering Machine which he considered most ideal for the perennial problem faced by the coir sector in the state, ie, low husk utilization. The Hon'ble Minister also briefed on the activities envisaged by the Government of Kerala for the development of coir industry which includes setting up of a coir machinery manufacturing unit at Alleppey and implementation of the recommendations of the Coir Commission for the development of the industry. He requested for the benevolent support of Union Government in implementing these activities.

Shri. V.S. Vijayaraghavan, Ex. M.P, Chairman, Coir Board welcomed the distinguished guests and the gathering to the

celebrations. The distinguished guests on the occasion included S/Shri K.C. Venugopal, M.P., Anathalavattom Anandan, MLA, A.A. Shukkur, MLA, Shri Dinesh Rai, IAS, Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of MSME, Shri Seshkumar Pulipaka, IA& AS, Joint Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of MSME . The Product and Technology Exposition organized in connection with the celebrations and the sales outlet of Hindustan Coir, the modern Powerloom Coir Factory of Coir Board, were inaugurated by Shri. Dinsha J Patel, Hon'ble Minister for MS & ME in the same function. The newly developed Mobile Fibre Extraction Machine by the CCRI was launched and named as "Swarna" by the Hon'ble Central Minister in the function. The Officers and technicians who contributed for the development of the MFEM were introduced by Dr. U.S. Sarma, Director, RDTE to the distinguished guests and were congratulated by one and all. On the occasion, a Compendium on

the Research Activities of Central Coir Research Institute on Coir and a Compilation on Coir Geotextiles were released by Shri Dinesh Rai, IAS, Secretary to the Government of India. In the meeting, Shri. G.N. Prabhu, former Director, CCRI and Late V. Radhakrishnan Nair, former Joint Director, CCRI (Posthumous) were honoured for their contribution to the coir industry. The Hon'ble Union Minister and State Minister distributed Best Workmen Awards to the coir workers selected from various sectors on the occasion.

The International Symposium organized in connection with the Golden Jubilee Celebrations were inaugurated by Shri Dinesh Rai, IAS, Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of MSME. In his inaugural address, Shri Dinesh Rai stated that the coir sector is receiving prime attention of the Government of India and the Board is provided with an all time high fund allocation during the XIth Plan Period. He exhorted the scientists and the technicians of CCRI to put their best efforts for the development of coir industry and seek the possibilities of entering new realms like acquiring carbon credits. In the Symposium, which extended for two days, 12 papers were presented by experts in various fields both from India and abroad. The topics discussed in the Symposium included New

Frontiers in Coir Research, Technical Textiles and Business Potential, Eco-Friendly Processing and Products of Coir, Product Diversification and Waste Utilisation etc. One of the frontier research programmes discussed in the Symposium was development of Polymer Nano Composites with Nanowhiskers out of coir fibre. It was revealed that nano composites of coir whiskers could find use in the field of dentistry, orthopaedics etc. There were also papers on coir geotextiles and its application potential in various fields. It was emphasized that coir fibre should be promoted along with other allied natural fibres so that the scope of natural fibre develops further and it can play a vital role in environment protection. The use of coir pith for manufacture of value added products, extraction of lignosulphonate and production of paper were a few other subjects dealt with in the Symposium. In the panel discussions, it was agreed and recommended by all the speakers that there is a need of co-operation between various research organizations engaged in the research activities of various hard fibres which include coir, jute, sisal, abaca etc. More than 200 delegates attended the symposium.

In the Exposition on Coir Products and Coir Processing Technologies organized in connection with the Golden Jubilee celebrations, twenty three

exhibitors from private and public sectors participated with their latest products. The coir workers, entrepreneurs and layman who visited the Exposition had the opportunity to have a first hand knowledge about the latest technologies and products available in the coir industry. One of the items exhibited on the occasion was the longest coir handloom door mat which measured 101.6 Metre length and 1.2 Metre width.

The Revi Karunakaran Memorial Lecture organized in connection with the Celebrations was held on 5th February, 2010. Dr. D Babu Paul, IAS (Retd.) delivered the lecture. Dr. Babu Paul said that Shri Revi Karunakaran was a visionary in the true sense and he foresaw the importance of mechanisation and product diversification in stabilizing the demand for coir products. In his speech, Dr. Babu Paul touched upon various historic developments in coir sector and analysed contemporary socio-economic issues of importance.

The valedictory function of the celebrations were presided over by Shri M.M. Jacob, Former Governor of Meghalaya. The distinguished guests present on the occasion included S/Shri P. Rajeev, M.P, Anathalavattom Anandan, MLA, P. Thilothaman, MLA and Shri A.A. Shukkur, MLA.



GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS OF CENTRAL COIR RESEARCH INSTITUTE



1. Shri. G. Sudhakaran, Hon'ble Minister for Co-operation and Coir, Govt. of Kerala making the presidential address.
2. Late V. Radhakrishnan Nair, former Joint Director of CCRI, being honoured for his outstanding contributions to Coir Industry posthumously Smt. Rema Radhakrishnan Nair, receiving the award.
3. Shri. G. N. Prabhu, former Director, CCRI, being honoured for his outstanding contributions to Coir Industry.
4. The Hon'ble Union Minister watching the product and Technology Exposition organised in connection with the celebrations.
5. Dr. D. Babu Paul delivering the Ravi Karunakaran memorial lecture.
6. International Symposium on Coir
7. Shri. M. M. Jacob, former Governor of Meghalaya, making the presidential address in the valedictory function of the event.