

REPORT ON
Seminar on Public Procurement - A Paradigm Shift: Policy Initiatives, GeM, Govt. and PSU Procurement"
on 29th June 2024 at Hotel Le-Meridien, New Delhi.

Indian Institute of Materials Management, Delhi Branch Hosts Seminar on



"Public Procurement - A Paradigm Shift: Policy Initiatives, GeM, Govt. and PSU Procurement" on June 29th 2024 at Hotel Le Meridien, New Delhi, focusing on pivotal shifts in public procurement policies, with an emphasis on Government e-Marketplace (GeM) and procurement by Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs). The seminar, titled

"Public Pro - A Paradigm Shift: Policy Initiatives, GeM, Govt. and PSU Procurement," brought together esteemed experts, government officials, and public procurement professionals to discuss contemporary challenges and of innovative solutions in the realm of public procurement. The seminar was attended by about 200 delegates including many seminar officers of GM and above from Govt. and PSU's.



IIMM led by Mr. H.K. Sharma, Immediate Past President of IIMM, organized



the seminar on this relevant issue with the dedicated support of Mr. Sanjay Shukla, Chairman of IIMM Delhi, along with Mr. Sanjeev Kr Bhatia, Co-Chairman of the seminar and Senior Vice President from Indraprastha Gas Limited (IGL), Shri Himanshu Vashishtha from SPMCIL, New Delhi, Shri Ram Gopal, NC Member, Shri D K Singh, NC Member and other EC members including Shri Narendra

Kumar, Shri Umesh Mittal, Shri Rahul Bhatia, Shri Srideb Nanda and Shri Nikhil Gaur.

Shri Sanjay Shukla, Chairman Delhi Branch welcomed the participants and mentioned about activities of Delhi Branch, particularly the programmes on public procurement.



Shri Sanjeev Kumar Bhatia, Sr. Vice President, Indraprastha Gas Limited and Vice Chairman Delhi Branch talked about IIMM and its activities and international linkages and

educational programmes and was master of ceremony.

Shri H K Sharma, Immediate Past President and Seminar Chairman highlighted the role of Public Procurement, its National and International importance, current trends in public procurement and paradigm shift in public procurement.



The distinguished Chief Guest, **Lt. Gen. B S Sandhu, AVSM, VSM (Retd), Former Director General of Supplies & Transport, Army HQrs. Ministry of Defence,**



delivered the inaugural address, highlighting the strategic importance of efficient procurement practices in enhancing national security and economic vitality. The Guest of Honour, **Sh. S J Ahmad, Executive Director of Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL),** emphasized the role

of PSUs in driving economic growth through robust procurement strategies. Shri Ram Gopal, Former ED, SAIL proposed the vote of thanks for inaugural programme.

Eminent speakers included **Mr. Sanjay Agarwal, Advisor from the Procurement Policy Division, Ministry of Finance**, who



discussed the latest policy initiatives of government including Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) in project procurement and selection of consultants alongside incentives for domestic manufacturing and

SME participation. **Mr. Shailendra Singh, Chief Technical Examiner** from the Central Vigilance Commission, addressed vigilance issues crucial to modern public procurement practices, underscoring transparency and integrity.

Insights were provided by **Mr. K K Sharma, Former Director General of the Competition Commission of India**, and head of K K Sharma Law Offices, New Delhi who explored competition law



implications in public procurement, ensuring fair market practices and promoting healthy competition. Mr. Rajesh Kumar, Director of

Government e-Marketplace (GeM), elaborated on, latest changes in GeM, recent technological integrations and incident management policy aimed at enhancing efficiency and accountability in procurement processes.

Mr. Rohit Madan, Executive Director (Head - MIND) of Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. (ONGC), and **Mr. B C Sharma**, Chief General



Manager (Materials Management) from the same organization, shared perspectives on the procurement challenges and strategies from the perspective of a major PSU.

Mr. Prakhar Deep, Principal Associate at Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas, provided insights into dispute resolution mechanisms in contract procurement, focusing on issues such as liquidated damages and other contractual liabilities.



Vote of thanks & summing up of the proceedings of seminar was done by Mr.



Himanshu Vashishtha,
Manager, SPMCIL.

After the seminar, an interview about public procurement and IIMM has given to STv National Channel by Mr. H K Sharma, IPP and Mr. G K Singh, Past President and was telecast by the channel.

The programme highlights were also telecast by Channel Vartman Yug in Hindi and on YouTube.

There were highly positive feedbacks from participants about seminar.