

### IPSC ATTENDS MEETING WITH ODISHA SKILL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

IPSC, represented by Dr. R. K. Somany and Maj. Gen. (Retd) T. K. Chadha, met for an intensive discussion with Mr. Subroto Bagchi, Chairman – Odisha Skill Development Authority, Mr. Balwant Singh, Director – Technical Education & Training, Odisha, Mr. Rajesh Patil, Director – Advanced Training Institutions and Vasundhara Dash, State Engagement Officer – Partnership & State Alliance. The meeting, which was held on September 16 at Mr. Bagchi's office in Bhubaneswar, proved to be a fruitful one.

The meeting highlighted important discussion issues, which were deliberated upon. The points discussed were:

- How to make Plumbing aspirational as a profession and how ITIs (Industrial Training Institutes) should house a museum of plumbing products for the plumbers to understand the scope of plumbing on a larger scale.
- Dr. Somany expressed his desire to be involved in plumbing activities at Kendrapara, to which Mr. Bagchi suggested that Dr. Somany take over a functioning ITI in Kendrapara.

The next set of discussion was on overseas placements, to which IPSC said that it had a proposal to send some 5,500 plumbers overseas. There was further discussion on a request by IPSC to convert the Plumbers' Meets into RPLs, which will manage to make the learning into value-added sessions. The Corporate Commitment model was also an important point of discussion. A surprise and interesting outcome of the meeting was that the Odisha Skill Development Authority very generously offered to IPSC an entire floor of 20,000 sq ft on its upcoming highrise World Skill Centre to set up plumbing training facility in cooperation with the industry.

The meeting was significant in the way it opened up future avenues for the plumbing industry and how IPSC and OSDA can take their visions forward.



## PLUMBING SCHOOL IN BENGALURU BY ASHIRVAD PIPES



IPSC was invited to visit a Plumbing School set up by Ashirvad Pipes in Bengaluru. The school has been named Ashirvad Plumbing School. The building is a state of the art building and equipped with all modern plumbing tools and facilities. The school is affiliated with IPSC and would be an iconic centre for plumbing in the days to come.

The three storey building is furnished with various types of bathrooms, kitchen structure and open plumbing connection with high end labs and dedicated corners for learners. Ms. Gunjan Aneja from IPSC visited the school on 13<sup>th</sup> September to have a meeting with Mr. Deepak Poddar, Director, Ashirvad Pipes; Mr. Jeba Kumar, Vice President, Ashirvad Pipes; Mr. Subhash Deshpande, Plumbing Consultant; Mr. Abhay Math, Training Consultant; Mr. Pralhad Gotur, Manager, Projects-Ashirvad Pipes as well as the HR Team. Various points were deliberated upon among which it was also discussed as to when to start the Plumbing school, possibly by the end of October 2017.

## TOT in New Delhi



Training of Trainers in process at Global Institute of Skill Development in New Delhi which was attended by IPSC Chairman Dr. R. K. Somany and Vice-Chairman Mr. Vinay Gupta.



## IPSC ACTIVITIES

RPL in progress at the HR Technical Trade Centre at Zakir Nagar in New Delhi. The event was sponsored by Jindal Stainless and was closely monitored by IPSC officials, including Neelam Barthwal, Manager-RPL, to ensure active participation of Plumbers.



The B-ABLE centre being inaugurated by Neelam Barthwal, Manager – RPL, IPSC for RPL training under the PMKVY scheme in Gurugram, Haryana.

## WORLD SKILLS COMPETITION

The World Skills Competition is a flagship event, held every two years and is the biggest vocational and skills excellence event in the world. The Competitors represent the best of their peers and are selected from skill competitions in World Skills Member countries.

They are all under the age of 23 years (except for four skills that have the age limit of 25). This year, there are 28 competitors participating in 26 Skills with 54 Supporting Partners from Team India. India will be taking part in a variety of disciplines including Web Design, Beauty Therapy, Welding, Cooking, Restaurant Services and Fashion Technology, among others. **We wish Team India the very best for the 44<sup>th</sup> World Skills event being held in October in Abu Dhabi this year!**



## IPSC GOVERNING BODY MEETING

The Indian Plumbing Skills Council (IPSC) General Body meeting was held at Crowne Plaza on September 9 to discuss issues pertaining to the Skill Council and its activities in the last 3 months. Major points of discussion centred around the World Skills Competition being held in Abu Dhabi in October, a restructuring of the sub-committees as well as IPSC's core activities like Training of Trainers (ToTs), Training of Assessors (ToAs), MoUs with Industries, Job Aggregation, Industry Engagement and State Statistics. The GB members participated wholeheartedly, with valuable inputs from the Chairman Dr. R. K. Somany. The amicable and productive exchange of ideas also set targets for implementation of plans as well as the next date for the GB meeting.



# PUJA PANDAL WITH PIPES

**Skipper Pipes collaborates with Bosepukur Puja in Kolkata to come up with an innovative concept**

Bosepukur Sitala Mandir Durga Puja is one of the most visited Puja Pandals every year, during the famous and legendary festivities of the Durga Puja in Kolkata. This Puja is 67 years old.

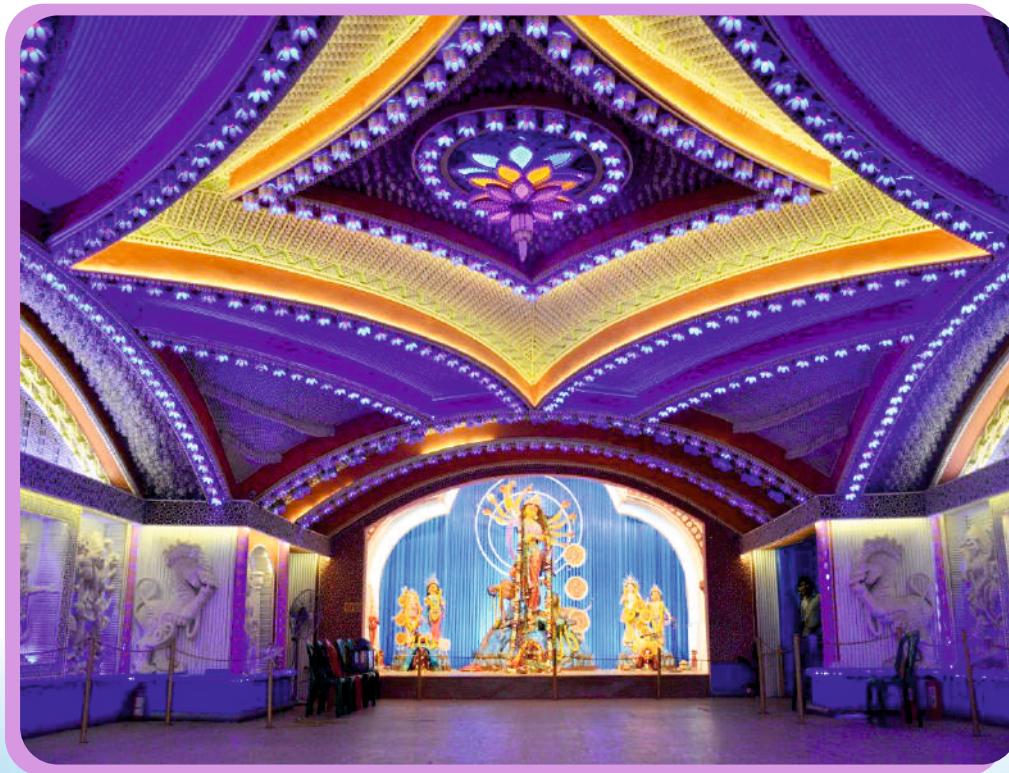
Bosepukur Sitala Mandir Puja is well-known for innovation in pandal making and in the past have made their Puja Pandals using Playing Cards, Murals, Utensils, Biscuits and even Earthen Cups used for drinking tea !

This year Skipper Pipes met with the Puja Committee, with their idea, to design and create a pandal using polymer pipes. The concept was well received and Skipper Pipes was the chosen partner.

The Pandal was made using CPVC, UPVC, SWR, HDPE, borewell and agricultural pipes to build the entire pandal. The pipes were also cut into smaller pieces and used to craft installations. The residual dust due to the cutting of the pipes was not wasted either. It was further used to make sculptures of Durga in Her different forms. The polymer presence in the pandal was made using truckloads of pipes of different sizes ranging from half inch to 6 inches. The pipes were cut into various shapes and sizes to create objects of art. An estimated 1.5 lac pieces were put together and illuminated artistically using LED lighting.

The stall took over two months to execute and the success of this idea was apparent in the massive audience response. It is estimated that over 50 lakh persons visited the stall over a seven-day period. The whole concept was well covered by the media. The Pandal received many accolades, the BanglaShree being one of many. The Puja Pandal was inaugurated by the Chief Minister of West Bengal, Shrimati Mamata Banerjee.

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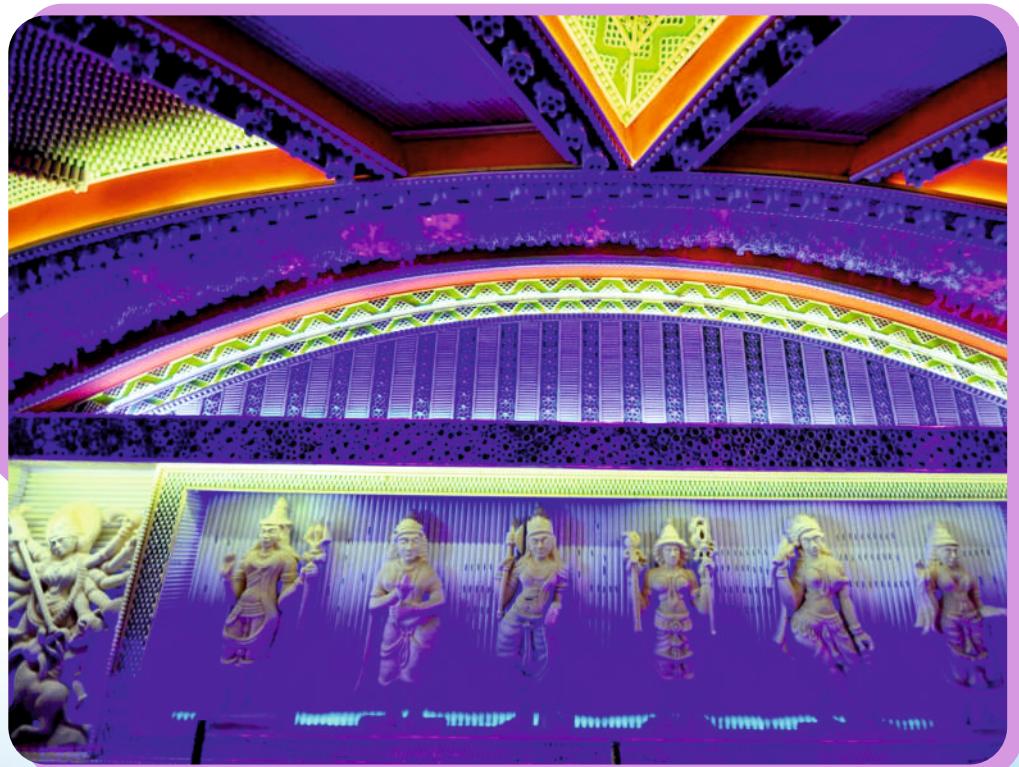
## 'This is the first time that such a thing was done on such a grand scale'

Mr. Siddharth Bansal, Director and CEO, Polymer Division of Skipper Limited, shares his views on the spectacular use of pipes for the Bosepukur Pandal in the recently concluded Durga Puja in Kolkata.

- 'This year Skipper Pipes met with the Puja Committee, with their idea, to design and create a Pandal using polymer pipes. The concept was well received and Skipper Pipes was the chosen partner': Why did Skipper Pipes feel that using Polymer Pipes could be an interesting option for the Puja Pandas?
- In general, pipe is a very low involvement category and does not make an interesting subject for public. For Skipper Pipes, the core idea was to create interest in the people and build an awareness of the brand within a short period.
- Did Skipper contribute to the design? If so, in what way?
- The design idea was jointly approved.
- Is this a first kind of venture for you? Did you receive an encouraging response?
- Yes, this is the first time that such a thing was done on such a grand scale and it drew encouraging attention and very heavy footfall.
- 'True to its commitment to environment protection , the used material will be totally recycled': How do you propose to do this?
- All the cut pipes will be brought back to our plants and grinded and pulverized and sold as scrap to industries that need them.



Mr. Siddharth Bansal  
flanked by the  
Central Marketing Team



## IPSC ACTIVITIES



Rothenberger, a reputed German Company, producing a wide range of advanced piping tools and setting standards as the manufacturer of premium quality tools and machinery, has come to an understanding with IPSC to contribute to the Skill India Mission. At a meeting with the Managing Director Mr. Thomas Berheide and Director-Sales Mr. Brijesh Sharma of Rothenberger, IPSC was represented by Vice-Chairman Mr. Vinay Gupta and Vice-President Mr. Varun Tandon.



IPSC, represented by its Advisory Committee Member Mr. Vibhav Tomar and Vice President Mr. Varun Tandon, has signed an MoU with Rustomjee Academy for Global Careers, a well known brand in the Infrastructure sector, relating particularly to real estate. RAGE, renowned for its quality and workmanship, has come on board to promote training in plumbing.



RPL of Plumbers being sponsored by Sekisui Chemicals in Kolkata, West Bengal. Mr. Saurab Aggarwal, Senior Manager - Sekisui Chemicals, addresses Plumbers on the occasion while Ms. Kotoe Manno and Mr. Takashi Kusano of Sekisui Chemicals participate in the proceedings.

## RPL IN CHENNAI

Indian Plumbing Skills Council (IPSC) collaborated with GM Shiptech Training Private Limited to organise an RPL for Plumbers in Chennai. The programme was sponsored by Lehry Instrumentation & Valves and was divided into different sessions with Lectures on Introduction to Plumbing & Soft Skills, Tools & Materials, Water Supply & Sanitary Installation as well as on Health, Safety & Environment. There was a further presentation on New Generation Valves by Lehry Instrumentation & Valves followed by a 4-hour Assessment Schedule of Plumbers. The Certificates Distribution for Plumbers was clubbed with the Curtain Raising ceremony of Indian Plumbing Association's Conference later in the month at Hotel Crowne Plaza, Chennai. The certification programme later in the evening was held with the full participation of Indian Plumbing Association (IPA) members, including the IPA President Mr. Gurmit Singh Arora, Mr. Chandra Shekhar Gupta, Hon. Gen. Secretary of IPA and Mr. Abbas Shabbir Lehry, Chairman-Chennai Chapter, IPA. Certificates were also distributed at the premises of GM Shiptech Training Private Limited at Medavakkam, Chennai.



## IPSC PARTICIPATES IN IPC CHENNAI

Indian Plumbing Skills Council's (IPSC) visit and participation in the 23rd Indian Plumbing Conference in Chennai on September 22-23 were important for the Skill Council. IPSC also held a stall to showcase to the Plumbing World its role and activities.

The focus of the Conference this session was on the 'Intricacies in Plumbing Design for High Rise Buildings'. The conference was very well attended by the Industry and was divided into informative sessions on 'Appropriate Selection of Materials for High Rise Buildings', 'Hot Water systems in High Rise Buildings', 'Drainage and Venting for High Rise Buildings' and 'Health and Safety for High Rise Buildings'. The conference also had interesting sessions like Motivational Talk by Corporate Guru Swami Sukhabodhananda, Founder & Chairman of Prasanna Trust and even the IPPL Grand Quiz Finale which had exciting prizes for the winners. Overall, a very enthralling meet.

IPSC was represented by Mr. Varun Tandon, Vice-President, and Ms. Moyna Sen, Manager – Media & Communications. IPSC also had a stall at the Exhibition Hall, which played a significant role in Advocacy, showcasing IPSC's job of Training and Certification of Plumbing workforce.

The IPSC stall was manned by GM Shiptech, IPSC's Training Partner in Chennai, along with the IPSC Team. Branding material was prepared to help explain the role of IPSC. They were:

- The 2 published Newsletters: August & September, showcasing the activities and roles of IPSC.
- Pamphlet showcasing the work of IPSC and initiatives where industry can partner with IPSC.
- Copies of the IPSC Certificate.
- Copies of the Aggregation Form to understand the demand of Plumbers that need to be trained from individuals/ manufacturers/ contractors attending the stall. The Form was created with a focus on aggregating the demand from the region in numbers.

The Conference was a great success and IPSC played a constructive role in interacting with IPA members and participants to put its views, ideas and aims across which were received warmly. There were positive discussions with several companies/ agencies such as Geberit, Grundfos, Sekisui, Finolex, Jayaswal Neco, Hindware, Jain Irrigation, TVS Emerald Developers, IPA Chapters etc. regarding their association with IPSC pertaining to skill development.

The important takeaways for IPSC were:

- Good platform for IPSC for increasing the Industry connect
- Initiate dialogues with some companies
- The Industry came forward to find out more about IPSC and how they can collaborate
- IPSC could also showcase its Training Partner, GM Shiptech in Chennai, as an extended arm of IPSC and to also exhibit the level of infrastructural capabilities of GM Shiptech which would encourage more companies to come forward for Training collaboration.



## RPL TRAINING ZAKIR NAGAR



RPL, Training, Presentation & Assessment at HR Technical Trade Centre at Zakir Nagar West, New Delhi. This event was sponsored by Jindal Stainless.

### RPL in Plumbing at Alipingal, Odisha, with Upasana Trust as Training Partner



### Plumbers Meet for PMKVY Mobilization at Baguihati, Kolkata, organized by Oriplast Ltd.



### RPL at Bishnupur, Midnapur



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