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From the Editors' Desk

It gives us great pleasure in bringing out the latest edition of MRSI newsletter to you. As you are all probably aware Prof. P S Anil Kumar, General Secretary, MRSI has taken charge as the President of IUMRS Executive Council effective from 1st January 2025, This is the first time an Indian scientist is appointed to the President's post of IUMRS, marking a historic first for India. Once again, our hearty congratulations to Prof. Anil Kumar.

The 35th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Material Research Society of India (MRSI), International Union of Materials Research Societies – International Conference in Asia (IUMRS-ICA) 2024 and the 6th Indian Materials Conclave (IndMac) were organized by UGC-DAE Consortium for Scientific Research, Indore in association with Devi Ahilya Vishwavidyalaya (DAVV), Indore. Raja Ramanna Centre for Advanced Technology (RRCAT), Indore and Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Indore. The conference received a resounding appreciation from all the participants. MRSI is grateful to the conveners of this conference for their efforts.

The next AGM and the Indian Materials Conclave will be held in Bhubaneswar which again will be joint effort from various institutes in the city of Bhubaneswar.

Prof. R Chidambaram, a visionary leader and a pillar of India's nuclear program and the past president of MRSI passed away on 4th January 2025. MRSI pays rich tributes to this remarkable visionary whose legacy will continue to inspire generations.

B L V Prasad
Editor

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Awards & Distinctions Conferred on Members

We are happy to report that the following members of Materials Research Society of India have received awards and distinctions shown against their names. MRSI congratulates them.

Prof. A K Tyagi	'Vigyan Shri'
Dr. R Parameshwari	INSA visiting scientist for the year 2024

P.S: Members are requested to communicate to the Editorial office by email (office@mrsi.org.in) about the Awards, Honours and Distinctions they have received from various agencies.

STUDENTS' PROJECTS

MRSI would be supporting projects of students doing B.Tech, M.Tech, ME, M.Phil, Ph.D in the area of Materials Science and Technology. The projects should be undertaken under the supervision of a MRSI member. The students can submit their proposals on a plain paper to the MRSI office through email <office@mrsi.org.in> before **October 31st 2025**. After the projects are approved, the students would be supported financially (registration waiver, II class AC train travel and local hospitality) for participating in the AGM of MRSI to present the results of the projects approved.

36th AGM of MRSI and 7th Indian Materials Conclave

The 36th Annual General Meeting of MRSI and the 7th Indian Materials Conclave will be held at Bhubaneswar during December 2025. This meeting is intended to provide a valuable forum for interaction between scientists & technologists working in the area of materials science. More details will follow

ANNOUNCEMENT

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35th AGM of MRSI –A Report

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The conference was held at the UCC Auditorium of DAVV during December 3-6, 2024. The selected themes for IUMRS-ICA 2024 were (A) Biomaterials including Soft Matters (B) Ceramics and Glasses (C) Computational Materials Science (D) Energy Materials (E) Magnetic & Superconducting Materials (F) Metals and Alloys (G) Optical and Laser Materials (H) Polymers and Organic Materials (I) Quantum Materials (J) Semiconductors & Electronic Materials (K) Synthesis and Characterization (L) Thin Films, Surfaces and Interfaces. The IUMRS-ICA 2024 attracted significant response with a total of 861 abstracts submission. Out of which 571 abstracts were presented with 41 invited talks, 95 oral presentations, 406 poster presentations, 5 MRSI Award Lectures and 15 MRSI Medal Lectures. In total 726 participants attended the IUMRS-ICA 2024. The keynote/evening lectures, MRSI Award and Medal lectures were arranged in the auditorium and invited talks and oral presentations were presented in four thematic parallel sessions. Some moments captured during the conference are shown below.



The unravelling of IUMRS-ICA 2024 abstract book during the inauguration function.



A group photograph of IUMRS-ICA 2024 participants.



A glimpse from the poster presentation by research scholars.



Felicitation function of MRSI Award and Medal winners.



A glimpse from the cultural program.



Felicitation of best poster and GC Jain best thesis awardees during the concluding session of IUMRS-ICA 2024.

More than 400 posters were presented by young research scholars in three sessions and a total of 18 best poster awards were presented. In the GC Jain best thesis presentation four thesis presentations were made and one was awarded.

The inauguration of IUMRS-ICA 2024 took place with the welcome addresses of Prof. Amlan J. Pal, Director, UGC-DAE CSR, Indore; Prof. Rakesh Singhai, Vice-Chancellor, DAVV, Indore; Shri Unmesh D. Malshe Director, RRCAT, Indore; Prof. Suhas S. Joshi, Director, IIT Indore, Prof. S.B. Krupanidhi, President, MRSI. The Presidential Address was given by Prof. Mamidala Jagadesh Kumar, Chairman, UGC and the Guest of Honour address was delivered by Prof. Indranil Manna, President, INAE. Dr. Ajit Kumar Mohanty, Chairman, AEC and Secretary, DAE was the chief guest. Dr. Vasant G. Sathe, Convener, IUMRS-ICA 2024 presented the vote of thanks.

Prof. Sanjay Mathur, Director IIC, Univ. of Köln, Germany and Prof. Rajeev Ahuja, Director, IIT Ropar delivered the keynote lectures and Prof. Dinakar Kanjilal, IUAC, New Delhi delivered an evening lecture. Prof. B. V. R. Chowdari (MRS Singapore) IUMRS Head Office Director briefed about the activities of IUMRS and events to be organized by IUMRS in coming years.

A special Pre-Conference Tutorial on ‘Synchrotron Radiation for Materials Characterization’ followed by a guided visit to Indus-1 and Indus-2 synchrotrons at RRCAT, Indore was organized on December 2, 2024. More than 160 participants attended this pre-conference tutorial. Shri T.A. Puntambekar, Additional Director, RRCAT, Indore and Dr. V.G. Sathe, Centre Director, Indore Centre, UGC-DAE CSR, Indore inaugurated the tutorial and Dr. M. H. Modi, Dr. Archana Sagdeo, Dr. Biplab Ghosh, Dr. Ashish Agrawal, Dr. Mukul Gupta, Dr. M.K. Chattopadhyay, Dr. Sanjoy Kr. Mahatha and Dr. R.J. Choudhary introduced Indus synchrotron radiation and beamlines.

A cultural program, conference dinner and evening talks were arranged in the event providing opportunities for fostering formal and informal interaction among the participants. The equal participation of women researchers in the conference was very encouraging.

The conference concluded on 6th December 2024 with a resounding appreciation from the participants. It was announced that the next AGM and Indian Materials Conclave will be held in Bhubaneswar with several joint effort from various institutes in the city.

Dr. Mukul Gupta
Convener-MRSI 35th AGM

G C JAIN MEMORIAL PRIZE FOR THE BEST Ph.D THESIS IN MATERIALS SCIENCE

The Council of MRSI decided to award an annual prize one in each calendar year for the best Ph.D. thesis in the area of Materials Science. The funds for this prize have been raised by the friends and students of Dr. G C Jain. The Guidelines and the Application form are furnished hereunder:

Guidelines

1. The prize will be given each year for the best Ph.D thesis in the broad multi disciplinary field of Materials Science, in disciplines such as Condensed Matter Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Metallurgy, Ceramics and Chemical Engineering.

2. Criteria for Selection

-Completion of Ph.D thesis from any recognized Indian University/Research Institute/National Laboratory during the calendar years 2024 and 2025 for the current prize.

-Three recommendation letters should be enclosed including one from the thesis supervisor along with a one-page write-up highlighting the prime results of the thesis.

-Quality of the work will be judged in the first stage by the Publications, Reports and Patents resulting from the thesis work.

-The shortlisted theses will be selected after peer reviewing by the committee. Such shortlisted theses work must be presented by the students concerned in oral format at the AGM of MRSI. The final selection will be done at the AGM by a suitably constituted committee.

3. The award will have a cash prize of Rs. 6000/- and a certificate from MRSI.

4. The soft copy of the application in the prescribed format reproduced alongside should be sent by email (office@mrsi.org.in) to the Secretary, MRSI so as to reach him on or before **October 31st, 2025**.

Application Form

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G C Jain Memorial Prize for the Best Ph.D Thesis in Materials Science

1. **Name of the Applicant** :
2. **Address** :
Office
Telephone :
Email :
3. **Academic Record**
(in brief) (Degree/year of passing/University) :
4. **Title of the Ph.D Thesis:**
 - a) The discipline or subject in which the Ph.D degree was awarded :
 - b) Name of the University/Laboratory/Institute :
where the Ph.D work was carried out
 - c) Name of the Research Supervisor :
 - d) Date of submission of the thesis :
 - e) Date of Award of Ph.D :
 - f) One page write-up of the thesis highlighting the prime results
(to be enclosed) enclosed/not enclosed
5. **Recommendation Letters**
(from the thesis supervisor and 2 other experts)
(to be enclosed) enclosed/not enclosed
6. **List of Publications based on the thesis work**
in Journals, Reports, Conferences,
Patents (to be enclosed)
Give Title of the Paper, Authors,
Journal, Vol / Page/ Year for Journal
Publications
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7. **Any additional information**

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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July 7-10, 2025 IUMRS-ICA, Guangzhou or Xiamen/C-MRS,
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December 9-12, 2025 , IUMRS-ICAM, Ghana/African MRS,
December 2025 : 36 th AGM of MRSI and 7 th IndMac, Bhubaneswar
December 22-25, 2026 , IUMRS- -ICEM, Chiangmai/MRS-Th,

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