

**Indian Institute of Chemical Engineers
Kolkata – 700 032**

Annual Report for 2023-2024

1.0 Introduction

The report covers major activities of the Institute during the period 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024.

2.0 76th Annual Session and CHEMCON 2023

IChE-CHEMCON 2023, the 76th annual Chemical Engineering Congress, was organised by the Headquarters of Indian Institute of Chemical Engineers (IChE) in Kolkata during 27 – 30 December 2023 in association with Heritage Institute of Technology, Kolkata (HITK); Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Petroleum Technology (RGIPT), Jais (Amethi); Jadavpur University, Kolkata and University of Calcutta, Kolkata. Held at the impressive campus of HITK, CHEMCON 2023 was all the more important because it marked the conclusion of the Platinum Jubilee celebration of IChE that started in the year 2022. The central theme for CHEMCON 2023 was ‘**Energy Transition: Challenges and Opportunities**’. As many as 24 eminent speakers from industry and academia delivered lectures while 900 research papers were presented over the four-day congress.

The inaugural session on 27 December 2023 was graced by the Governor of West Bengal, **Dr. C.V. Ananda Bose** as the Chief Guest. Besides the Governor, other dignitaries present on the podium included **Prof. Anil Kumar Saroha**, President (2023), IChE; **Prof. A.S.K. Sinha**, Chairman, National Organising Committee (NOC), CHEMCON 2023; **Mr. Vikram Swarup**, Chairman, Local Organising Committee (LOC), CHEMCON 2023; **Padma Shri Mr. P.R. Agarwala**, Chairman, HIT; and, Guest of Honour, **Mr. H.K. Chaudhary**, Chairman, Heritage Group of Institutions and Chairman Emeritus, Vikram Solar Ltd. Following lighting of the lamp, floral tributes were paid to the founding father of IChE and its first President, Dr. H.L. Roy. The Commemorative Volume on CHEMCON 2023 was released by the Governor and a new edition of a book, *Life and Times of Hiralal Roy*, was released by **Prof. Asit Kumar Mitra**, former President of IChE along with the granddaughter of Dr. H.L. Roy. Other members of Dr. H.L. Roy’s family were present on the dais.

IChE President, Prof. Saroha, while welcoming all the guests and dignitaries, stressed IChE’s long commitment in creating an empowered workforce, who would be contributing to the sustainable growth and progress of the nation. He also narrated about IChE’s activities for contributing to a sustainable society. The Governor, Dr. Bose, while drawing

attention of the audience to the impending danger of the climate disaster, emphasised the importance of the Indian way of development through self-reliance. The Governor also lauded IChE and hoped it would continue with its pursuits for perfection as envisaged by Dr. H.L. Roy and other stalwarts. All the dignitaries were felicitated with mementos and shawls.

The inaugural function was followed by the Award Ceremony of IChE. Around 50 awards, including life time achievement awards, national awards, CHEMCON Distinguished Speaker Awards, student awards, etc. were given away to eminent academics, world renowned scholars, reputed chemical engineers, prominent entrepreneurs, etc. The most prestigious National Awards of IChE, namely, Dr. B P Godrej Life Time Achievement Award was conferred upon **Prof. B B Paira**, Advisor, MAKAUT, West Bengal. Lala Shriram National Award for Leadership in Chemical Industry was conferred upon **Mr. Ashok R Boob**, MD, CST Ltd. Additionally, to mark the finalé of the Platinum Jubilee celebration of the Institute, **IChE Platinum Jubilee Awards** were conferred upon **Padma Vibhushan Prof. M.M. Sharma**, (Emeritus Professor of Eminence, ICT Mumbai); **Padma Shri Prof. G.D. Yadav**, (Emeritus Professor of Eminence & Former VC, ICT, Mumbai); **Mr. Subhasendu Chatterjee**, (Vice Chairman, Haldia Petrochemicals Limited); **Mr. Samir S. Somaiya**, (Chairman & Managing Director, Godavari Biorefineries Limited) and **Dr. C. V. Ananda Bose**, (Governor of West Bengal.).

Name of all the awards and a list of awardees are presented in **Section 10.0**.

Contrary to the traditional practice, this year, presentation of the three signature Memorial Lectures, namely, Dr. H. L. Roy Memorial Lecture Sponsored by Jacobs Worley, Aker Powergas’s Prof. N.R. Kamath and Mrs. Ruzena Kamath Memorial Lecture and Inventaa C.K. Murthy Memorial Lecture were spread out over the four-day congress.

Aker Powergas’s **Prof. N.R. Kamath Memorial Lecture** was delivered by **Ms. Sukla Mistry**, Director (Refineries), Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. on 27 December 2023. ‘Energy Transition, A Paradigm Shift – Oil Refiner’s Perspective’ was the title of her lecture.

Inventaa C.K. Murthy Memorial Lecture was delivered on 28 December 2023 by **Mr. Prabh Das**, Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer, HMEL. Centering his lecture on the CHEMCON 2023 theme, Mr. Das focussed on the issues like

energy security, equitable access to energy, environment and climate, etc.

Dr. H. L. Roy Memorial Lecture was delivered at the concluding session of CHEMCON 2023 on 30 December 2023 by **Padma Shri Prof. G.D. Yadav**, Emeritus Professor of Eminence and Former Vice Chancellor, ICT, Mumbai. Prof. Yadav chose the title of his lecture to be 'God Still is a Chemical Engineer'.

CHEMCON 2023 featured three panel discussions on 27 December and 28 December 2023. The first one in the afternoon session of the inaugural day, the second and the third one were held on the next day, 28 December. Chemical Process Industries towards Net-zero with COP28 Mandate of Sustainable Action' and 'Roles of IChE in Promoting Industry-Academia Interaction'. Top echelons of industry and technocrats participated in these brainstorming sessions.

Another important feature of CHEMCON 2023 was the Indo-Canadian Joint Symposium on 28 December 2023. The focus of the symposium was 'Green Fuels, Chemicals and Materials from Alternative Resources.' A panel of 15 distinguished academics and technologists, associated with different Indian and Canadian universities, technological institutes and startups took part in this session. The prevalent tone of all the presentations was the indispensability of the global search for alternative energy sources, particularly bio-energy and hydrogen fuel; reduction of waste generation; various approaches to achieve the goals of net zero emission of Green house gases, and, the efficacy of the next generation technologies for navigating the roadmap of the future.

The **Dhirubhai Ambani Commemoration Day** was observed on 28 December 2023 as customary. The Dhirubhai Ambani Oration was delivered by the legendary scientist, academic and chemical engineer, **Padma Vibhushan Prof. M.M. Sharma**. He went in detail to narrate the present scenario of chemical engineering domain and explained the gaps that need to be addressed. Prof. Sharma also focussed on the climate change and observed that revolutionary innovations are being made as far as the removal of CO₂ is concerned.

Over the four days of CHEMCON 2023, 15 Parallel Technical Sessions were conducted featuring lectures and interactions as well as 17 CHEMCON Distinguished Speaker lectures were delivered. Technical Sessions were held under the titles of 'Energy and Environment', 'Transformation for Energy Transition', 'Advanced Nano-materials and Nano-technology', 'Water and Wastewater Treatment', 'Advanced Chemical Engineering', 'Advanced Polymer and Composite' and 'Biochemical and Bioscience Engineering'. Each session commenced with a lecture by one of the IChE national award winners (2023).

On 29 December 2023, the ICC (Indian Chamber of Commerce) Industry Summit was organised in which Speakers comprised the heads of top industry houses, research organisations and professional bodies.

Two Memoranda of Understanding were signed during CHEMCON 2023. The first one was signed between IChE and European Federation of Chemical Engineering (EFCE) was signed on 27 December 2023. EFCE was represented by Prof. Favio Maneti and IChE by Prof. A.K. Saroha during the signing.

The second MoU was signed between IChE and American Institute of Chemical Engineers (AIChE) on 28 December 2023. Dr. Veera M. Boddu represented AIChE.

The Valedictory Session of CHEMCON 2023 was held in the afternoon of 30 December 2023, which was presided over by Dr. Avijit Ghosh, Organising Secretary, CHEMCON 2023 and Honorary Secretary, IChE. Chief Guest for the session was Shri Vikram Swarup, Chairman, LOC, CHEMCON 2023 while the Guest of Honour was Padma Shri Prof. G.D. Yadav. Others present on the dais were Prof. Anil K. Saroha, President 2023, IChE; Vice Presidents, IChE, Prof. C. Karthikeyan and Prof. K.S. Rajanandam; Prof. A.S.K. Sinha, Chairman, NOC; Shri Biswanath Chattopadhyay, Vice Chairman, NOC; Shri Pradip Agarwal, CEO, Heritage Group of Institutions; and, Shri Sunil Thakar; IChE President Elect, 2024. Prof. Anil K. Saroha praised the organising team for doing a wonderful job and working like a well-oiled machine. He hoped that Jalandhar, which will host CHEMCON 2024 next year, will match the bar, which has been set by this Kolkata CHEMCON. Dr. Avijit Ghosh thanked each and every one associated at different stages of organising CHEMCON and expressed gratitude to sponsors for funds.

A unique addition in this year's CHEMCON was publication of IChE-CHEMCON 2023 Tabloid in multicolour during all the four days of the event, which was greatly appreciated and commended by the attendees.

An exhibition was also organised on the occasion in which several start-ups participated, besides a number of student groups and research scholars, showcasing their projects. Following were the sponsors for CHEMCON 2023: Reliance Industries, Haldia Petrochemicals-MCPL, Godrej Industries Ltd., Somaiya Vidyavihar University, WBPDC, Balmer Lawrie & Co. Indian Chamber of Commerce, Chennai Petroleum Corporation, Nandesari Industries Association, Bhumistha Infra Services, Indian Chemical News, Exide Industries Ltd. (Exhibitor), Vikram Solar (Exhibitor) and Terrae Green (Exhibitor).

3.0 76th Annual General Meeting

The 76th (seventy-sixth Annual General Meeting (AGM)) of the Institute was held on December 27, 2023 at Heritage Institute of Technology, Kolkata. Prof. A.K. Saroha, President of the Institute for 2023, chaired the meeting. The AGM was attended by 90 Corporate Members.

(A list of the members, who were present in the AGM, is presented in the back inside cover page).

i. **Adoption of 75th AGM Minutes:**

The minutes of the 75th (Seventy-fifth) Annual General Meeting, held on December 28, 2022 at HBTU, Kanpur were confirmed unanimously, as proposed by Mr. Dhawal Saxena and seconded by Prof. C. Karthikeyan, except for one particular issue concerning the Calcutta Regional Centre.

ii. **Adoption of Annual Report and Audited Statement of Accounts for 2022-2023**

The Honorary Secretary provided a comprehensive overview of the activity reports from the Headquarters, Regional Centres, and Student Chapters for the year 2023 to the members. Additionally, he outlined the highlights from Council Meetings and Sub-committee Meetings held throughout the year.

Furthermore, the Honorary Secretary presented details from the Audited Accounts, covering issues, such as, Total Income, Total Expenditures, Net Surplus, and Net Profit Ratio for both Consolidated and IChE Headquarters accounts.

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) unanimously approved the Annual Report and the Audited Statement of Accounts (2022-23) of IChE, as proposed by Prof. Sudip Kumar Das and seconded by Dr. S. Bajpai.

iii. **Announcement of newly elected Council Members for the period 2024-26**

President, IChE, announced the names of the newly elected Council Members and welcomed them to the Council for 2024-26.

iv. **Appointment of Auditors for 2023-24**

The meeting discussed reappointment of MARP & ASSOCIATES, Chartered Accountants, 20B, Abdul Hamid Street, 5th Floor, Room No. 15, Kolkata – 700 069 as the Auditors for the financial year 2023-2024 for the IChE Headquarters Accounts and the IChE Consolidated Accounts as well as all taxation related matters with the following remuneration:

Rs. 40,000/- + GST + Reimbursement of local Conveyance Charges related to IChE HQ.

A resolution was taken in the 76th AGM reappointing the current auditor, MARP & Associates, with the existing terms and conditions for another one year due to their excellent performance. The resolution was proposed by Mr. G. Kishore Kumar and seconded by Prof. Vinay K. Srivastava.

v. **IChE-Training Institute**

The formation of the IChE-Training Institute (IChE-TI) and its functionaries (Board of Governance and Board of Directors) was unanimously approved by the members. The house authorized council to change/modify the modus-operandi and the tenure of the office bearers of the IChE-TI time to time. The Council was entrusted with the responsibility of framing separate by-laws in this regard.

The details regarding the constitution and functions of IChE-TI have been provided in the Annual Report (2022-23), section 6.3.

v. **Fees for Life Fellowship**

Following deliberations, the AGM unanimously adopted the recommendation of the Council to revise fees and subscription for Life Fellows as below:

Life Fellows	
For all age groups	Fee (Rs.) 10,000/- + GST@18%

The members conveyed their gratitude to the President and the outgoing Council Members for the services rendered by them during the year towards the growth of the Institute.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

4.0 R&D Activities by IChE HQ

The Institute is recognized upto 31.3.26 by the Department of Science and Technology, Government of India, as a Scientific and Industrial Research Organization (Vide Ref. F.No.11/571988–TU–V, Dated: 27.03.2023). During the recent years, IChE has been undertaking research projects in collaboration with renowned universities and engineering / technical institutes.

5.0 R&D Related Activities by Regional Centres

An outline of activities connected to research and development in Chemical Engineering and allied fields that have been carried out by IChE's Regional Centres (RCs) as well as by the Student Chapters under the RCs are presented follows. For the RCs, the 1-year period covers July 2023 – June 2024.

R&D Related Activities

Name of the Regional Centres	
Ankleshwar	<p>Student Chapter Activities</p> <p>Government Engineering College, Bharuch conducted the following R&D related programme:</p> <p>Expert talk on 'Design of Distillation Column' by Mr D B Shah, Chief Manager, Technical Services Department, GNFC, Bharuch on 07.11.2023.</p> <p>Sarvajanik College of Engineering and Technology, Surat conducted the following R&D related programme:</p> <p>Workshop on 'Industrial Hazards and Fire Safety' on 16.08.2023.</p>
Ahmedabad	<p>Shirish Parikh Memorial Lecture</p> <p>Expert Lecture delivered on "Process Intensification of Chemical Processing Applications using Cavitation Reactors", delivered by Prof Parag R Gogate, ICT Mumbai on 16.02.2024.</p>
Amaravati	<p>Workshop</p> <p>Workshop held on utilizing LaTeX for academic and professional documents. It was organized by the Dept. of Chemical Engineering, NIT Andhra Pradesh in association with the Institution's Innovation Council and IChE Amaravati RC on 12.10.2023.</p> <p>Prof. M V Rao Endowment Lecture</p> <p>Lecture delivered on "Chemical Engineering: Opportunities and Challenges in 21st Century" by Prof K Krishnaiah, former Professor of IIT Madras and Dean, Academic Affairs, IIT Tirupati, on 16.04.2024.</p> <p>Student Chapter Activities</p> <p>Technical Lecture</p> <p>On 'Chemical Engineer Role in Refinery' by Mr Teerdhankara Satya Avinash Raja, Production Engineer, IOCL, Gujarat Refinery, Vadodara, held on 14.06.2023.</p> <p>On 'Process Simulation using DWSIM' by Dr C V Nageswararao, Associate Professor, Dept of Chemical Engineering, Gayatri Vidya Parishad College of Engineering, Visakhapatnam, on 01.09.2023.</p> <p>On 'Simulations software usage for Chemical Engineers' by Dr. Ch Anil, Associate Professor, Dept of Chemical Engineering, Anil Neerukonda Institute of Technology and Sciences, Visakhapatnam.</p> <p>On 'Scope of Chemical Engineering in Industry' by Dr T Sunil Kumar, Associate Professor, Dept of Chemical Engineering, IIT Tirupati, on 27.09.2023.</p> <p>On 'Nuclear Contamination & Prevention' by Prof R Mohan B, NIT Karnataka, on 04.11.2023.</p> <p>TECKZITE'24</p> <p>IChE Rajiv Gandhi University of Knowledge Technologies - Nuzvid Student Chapter organized an annual National Level Technolo-Management Fest, TECKZITE'24 on the theme of 'Metaverse' on 12, 13 & 14.04.2024. The participants got the opportunity to showcase their unique creative ideas.</p> <p>ChECK-2024</p> <p>IChE R. V. R. & J. C. College of Engineering Student Chapter in association with Amaravati Regional Centre organized a National Level Chemical Engineering Student Meet, Chemical</p>

	<p>Engineering Contest for Knockout 2024 (ChECK-2024) on the theme of Innovative Technologies in Chemical Engineering' on 16.02.2024.</p>
Amethi	<p>Webinar</p> <p>Webinar was organized on 'Insights of Work Experience and Environment in Oil and Gas Industry' on 18.11.2023.</p> <p>Webinar organized on 'From Oil and Gas to Tech Industry, pathway and challenges of different Industries' on 21.01.2024.</p> <p>Conducted a collaborative event, ATOMICA, with IChE-IIPE during 01.03.2024 to 08.03.2024.</p> <p>Student Chapter Activities</p> <p>Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Petroleum Technology Student Chapter (RGIPT) organized Chem-E-Quest, a collaborative effort with the IChE-BITS (Birla Institute of Technology and Science) Student Chapter on 28.09.2023.</p> <p>RGIPT Student Chapter organized a webinar on 'Energy Resource Development and Economics' on 23.10.2023.</p>
Bangalore	<p>Project Grant for UG Students</p> <p>Project Grants were given to encourage innovative students' projects. Fifteen Project Proposals were received from different colleges under Bangalore Regional Centre. These projects were scrutinized by the EC Members of BRC. As per their recommendations, eight project @ Rs.5,000/-were approved. The following Institutes were the recipients of the project grant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● MS Ramaiah Institute of Technology, Bangalore ● Siddaganga Institute of Technology, Tumkur ● B M S College of Engineering, Bangalore ● Dayananda Sagar College of Engineering, Bangalore ● MVJ College of Engineering, Bangalore ● S D M College of Engineering & Technology, Dharwad
Bhubaneswar	<p>Seminar</p> <p>A seminar organized in association with CSIR-IMMT on 'Challenging Applications of Chemical Engineering' (CACHÉ 2024) on 23.03.2024.</p> <p>Technical Talk</p> <p>On the topic 'Material Challenges in Energy Transition: Wealth from Waste' by Dr R N Patra, Former CMD, Indian Rare Earths Limited on 27.09.2023.</p> <p>On the topic 'Luminescence from Silicon Nanostructures' by Prof N R Bandhyopadhyay, Indian Institute of Engineering Science and Technology (IEST), Shibpur, Howrah on 05.04.2024.</p>
Calcutta	<p>Technical Lectures</p> <p>On the topic 'Application of CFT in Steel Making Process' by Dr A K Roy, Ex-SAIL on 16.09.2023.</p> <p>On the topic 'Expanding Universe of Chemical Engineering' by Dr P Ray, former Professor, Calcutta University on 16.09.2023.</p> <p>On the topic 'Application of EOR Tech in Sustainable Growth in Oil & Gas Energy Sector' by Dr A Mondal, Ex-ONGC on 02.11.2023.</p>

	<p>On the topic 'Chemical Engineering in Past 40 years, Now and Coming 40 years, a Review' by Dr A K Das, Head Refinery, RIL on 24.02.2024.</p> <p>On the topic 'Small Cell Lung Cancer. The cause, nature, identification and way to overcome' by Dr Subhadeep Das, Purdue University, USA on 16.03.2024.</p> <p>Student Chapter Activities</p> <p>IICChE Student Chapter at the Department of Chemical Engineering, Heritage Institute of Technology, Kolkata, organized a seminar, 'Chemspark-2023' on 03.05.2023.</p> <p>IICChE Student Chapter at Calcutta Institute of Technology, Howrah, organized a lecture on Sustainable development on the topic 'How serious is the scenario of micro and nano plastics to our society - do we have to really care?' It was delivered by Dr G K Darva from Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER), Kolkata, on 05.04.2024.</p>
Chandigarh	<p>Technical Lecture</p> <p>The lecture was delivered by Prof. G D Yadav, globally renowned academic and former VC, ICT, Mumbai on 19.10.2023.</p>
Chennai	<p>Student Chapter Activities</p> <p>Sri Sivasubramaniya Nadar College of Engineering, Kalavakkam conducted the following R&D related programmes:</p> <p>Lecture on 'Waste Management in Oman' by Dr Salim Al Jadidi, University of Technology and Applied Sciences, Muscat, Oman on 15.02.2024.</p> <p>On 'Repurposing of Glycerol Waste into Value-added Products' by Dr Jane Gew Lai Ti, Sunway University, Malaysia on 15.02.2024.</p> <p>On 'Smart Monitoring and Process Optimization' by Mr Ramesh Rajasekaran, Founder and Director of Manufacturing Practices, Monitpro Solutions Pvt. Ltd., Trichy on 19.02.2024.</p> <p>On 'Machine Learning Applications in Process Industries, Hands on Training with Case Studies' by Dr Muralidhara Anandamurthy, Head, JMP Academics India, Bangalore, on 13.03.2024.</p> <p>On 'Heat Transfer with MAT Lab' by Prof Shubhankar Chakraborty, IIITDM, on 18.03.2024.</p> <p>On 'Sustainability in Engineering' by Mr S Krishnan, former Director, CPCL, Chennai, on 25.03.2024.</p> <p>On 'Introduction to Loss Prevention Engineering in Oil and Gas Sector' by Ms B Shymala, McDermott International Ltd., on 28.03.2024.</p> <p>A National Conference on 'Sustainable Trends in Energy and Environmental Resources' was organized on 25-26.03.2024.</p>
Guwahati	<p>Lecture</p> <p>On 'Mechanistic Insights into Nanoscale Separation and Catalytic Phenomena using Multi-Scale Simulations of Nanomaterials' by Dr. Ananth Govind Rajan, Infosys Young Investigator, Indian Institute of Science, (IISc) Bangalore, on 19.03.2024.</p> <p>On 'Clean Transportation Fuels Production from Algal Biomass' by Prof Ajay Dalai, Department of Chemical and Biological Engineering, The University of Saskatchewan Canada, on 07.02.2024.</p> <p>On 'Overview of Electric Vehicles and Role of Chemical Engineers' by Prof. Anil Verma from IIT Delhi, on 13.10.2023.</p>

<p>Kozhikode</p>	<p>Lecture</p> <p>On 'Indigenous Spinning of Hollow Fiber Membrane and Their Applications' by Prof. Sirshendu De, Department of Chemical Engineering, IIT Kharagpur on 15.03.2024.</p> <p>Student Chapter Activity</p> <p>A Seminar on 'Automation in Chemical Plant', held on 27.02.2024 by Government Engineering College (GEC) Student Chapter.</p>
<p>Northern</p>	<p>Technical Lectures</p> <p>Under 'Learning with Leaders', a series of online Technical Lectures were delivered on various topics.</p> <p>On 'Blue Hydrogen – Production, Costs, Benefits and Drawbacks' by Mr Subodh Sarin, Director, Process Economics Programme, S&P Global on 13.05.2023.</p> <p>On 'Solvent-based Recycle of Waste Plastics' by Mr Rajiv Narang, Executive Director, Process Economics Program, S&P Global on 13.05.2023.</p> <p>On Plastic Circularity with Focus on Advance Recycling' by Mr Rahul Bhutani, Director, Industry Process and Cost Analytics, S&P Global on 13.05.2023.</p> <p>On 'Revamping of Process Plant for Capacity Augmentation' by Dr Siddhartha Mukherjee, Technology Advisor, Air Liquid Global E&C Solutions India, on 15.05.2023.</p> <p>On 'Electrochemical Reactors Integrated into Biorefinery: Furfural Conversion to Various Platform Chemicals' by Prof S Basu, Professor (HAG), DChE, IIT Delhi, on 24.02.2024.</p> <p>On 'Manthan – Multistakeholder Collaboration Platform for Research and Innovation Aligned with Sustainable Development Goals & Emerging Technologies', delivered by Mr Rahul Kulshreshtha, Strategic Alliance Division, Office of Principal Scientific Adviser, GOI on 24.02.2024.</p> <p>On 'A Journey towards a Greener Tomorrow' by Prof Anil Verma, Professor, DChE, IIT Delhi on 28.04.2024.</p> <p>The 30th Lovraj Kumar Memorial Lecture was organized by Lovraj Kumar Memorial Trust in association with IChE-Northern Regional Centre on 12.12.2023. The lecture was delivered by Dr V K Saraswat, Hon'ble Member, NITI Aayog, GOI on the topic of 'Accelerating the Net Zero Transition with Project Management'.</p> <p>Award / Scholarships</p> <p>IChE-NRC instituted a new annual award for 'Best M.Tech / M.E. Thesis' for one student. The objective of the award is to motivate students and faculty for doing exemplary research work in M.Tech / M.E. for betterment and advancement of Society in general and Chemical Engineering in particular. The weightage would be given to industry-based research projects. This year, the award money of Rs.50,000/- and a certificate was given to Mr. Manthan Jharwal, Dept. of Chemical Engineering, IIT Delhi on 24.02.2024.</p> <p>Fifteen (15) B.Tech/B.E. and one M.Tech /M.E. students received scholarship on 24.02.2024.</p>
<p>Pune</p>	<p>Workshop</p> <p>Workshop, titled 'Process Safety Management, Added advantage with demo of AI tool for PSM', held on 07.06.2024.</p> <p>Student Chapter Activities</p> <p>Dr D Y Patil Institute of Engineering, Management & Research, Akurdi, Pune</p> <p>Lecture on 'Role of Chemical Engineering in Process Industry' on 27.07.2023</p>

	<p>Lecture on 'Opportunities for Chemical Engineers for GATE' on 01.08.2023.</p> <p>Lecture on 'Entrepreneurship Opportunities for Chemical Engineers' on 15.10.2022.</p> <p>Workshop on 'UNISIM for Chemical Engineering' on 21.08.2023.</p> <p>Workshop on 'Flow Chemistry and Continuous Reaction' on 05.10.2023.</p> <p>MIT Academy of Engineering, Pune</p> <p>Workshop on 'Industrial Process Simulation' held on 17-31.07.2023.</p> <p>Lecture on 'Anti-solvent crystallization and population balance modeling for crystallization' by Ms Vaishnavi Honavar on 25.08.2023.</p> <p>Lecture on 'Application of Pinch Technology in Chemical Engineering' by Dr Parikshit Shahane on 15.09.2023.</p> <p>Vishwakarma Institute of Technology, Pune</p> <p>Lecture on 'Introduction to Pumps' presented on 20.08.2023.</p> <p>Workshop on 'AutoCAD' organized on 11.01.2024 - 12.01.2024.</p> <p>Workshop on 'Chem-O-Philia' organized on 12.03.2024.</p> <p>AISSMS College of Engineering, Pune</p> <p>Lecture on 'IPR-Story of Seven Sisters' delivered on 29.08.2023.</p> <p>Workshop on 'Empowering Engineers: Navigating Life after College with Confidence' held on 07.10.2023.</p> <p>Lecture on 'Technology can Gender Us!', held on 16.10.2023.</p> <p>National level Technical Event – 'Techfest-2024' held on 30.03.2024.</p>
<p>Trivandrum</p>	<p>Lectures:</p> <p>On 'Cold Plasma: Introduction and Applications' by Dr Suresh Kumar, A, Scientist, ISRO-VSSC, Trivandrum, on 02.12.2023.</p> <p>On 'Career Opportunities for Biotech and Biochemical Graduates in Academics, Research and Industry' by Dr K B Radhakrishnan, Professor, SCET, Trivandrum.</p> <p>On 'Creating an Order in Disorder: A lecture on Crystallization of Glass' by Dr Venkateswaran C, Scientist, ISRO-VSSC, Trivandrum, on 04.03.2024.</p> <p>Student Chapter Activities:</p> <p>Sree Chitra Thirunal College of Engineering, Trivandrum</p> <p>Bio-Connect Conference for valuable insights and learnings, networking opportunities, exposure to cutting-edge technologies organized on 26.05.2023.</p> <p>Workshop on 'Molecular Docking' organized on 01.06.2023.</p> <p>Technical talk on 'Phytopharmaceuticals: Bringing Traditional Wisdom and Modern Science in Herbal Drug Research' by Dr Kumaran, Principal Scientist, NIIST-CSIR, Trivandrum, presented on 18.10.2023.</p> <p>Mohandas College of Engineering and Technology, Nedumangad</p> <p>Technical talk presented on 'Cold Plasma – Introduction and Applications' by Dr Suresh Kumar A, Scientist, VSSC, Trivandrum on 02.12.2023.</p> <p>National conference on Bioinformatics and Biomimetics & Sustainability in Civil Engineering – Techsnod'24 organized on 24.01.2024 - 25.01.2024.</p>

	<p>TKM College of Engineering, Kollam</p> <p>Workshop, titled, 'ChemExcel' conducted on 16.10.2023 - 17.10.2023.</p>
Vapi	<p>Seminar</p> <p>On 'Process Improvements in Multiphase Reactions & Reactors' and 'Advances in Waste Water Treatment' organized jointly with UDCT Alumni Association, Vapi on 23.03.2024.</p>
Waltair	<p>Lectures</p> <p>On Beneficiation of different Ores - Role of a Chemical Engineer, delivered by Dr Ch V G K Murthy, Sr. VP & Business Head, Adani Enterprises, on 10.08.2024.</p> <p>On 'Steel Making at Vizag steel plant' delivered by K V Siva Prasad, Retired DGM, RINL, Visakhapatnam, on 15.09.2023.</p> <p>On 'Process Optimization' by Prof G Pandurangayya, Emeritus Professor, National University of Singapore, from 04.10.2023 to 08.10.2023.</p> <p>On 'Energy Transition and Chemical Engineering' by Mr Lakshmi Narayana K, Shell Group of Companies, USA, on 13.10.2023.</p> <p>Student Chapter Activities Indian Institute of Petroleum and Energy, Visakhapatnam</p> <p>Techno cultural fest called 'ENEGRON' organized on 13.10.2023 and 'ATOMICA' on 01.03.2024.</p> <p>Gayatri Vidya Parishad College of Engineering, Visakhapatnam</p> <p>Technical Lecture on the topic, 'Flow Assurance' by Dr Nagu Darabonia, Associate Professor, University of Tulsa on 28.02.2024.</p> <p>Anil Neerukonda Institute of Technology and Sciences, Visakhapatnam</p> <p>Workshop on 'Artificial Intelligence for Chemical Engineers' on 29.12.2023 and 30.12.2023.</p>
<p>Madan Mohan Malaviya University of Technology, Gorakhpur Student Chapter</p> <p><i>(Unclassified: Does not come under any Regional Centre)</i></p>	<p>Expert talks:</p> <p>On 'Introduction on Electroplating Industry & How to Develop Basic Skills for Troubleshooting' by Mr Puru Pandit from MKS Atotech on 29.10.2023.</p> <p>On 'Turning Waste into Wealth: The Microbial Fuel Cell Revolution' by Dr Shiv Singh on 10.10.2023.</p> <p>On 'Hydrogen Energy Value Chain' by Dr Sanjay Danao on 07.11.2023.</p> <p>On 'Chemical Engineering in Process Industries' by Mr Ashish Kumar, Asia Pacific HSSE Advisor, Shell, on 02.12.2023.</p> <p>On 'Introduction to Chemical Engineering' by Mr Rahul Srivastava, Principal at Infosys Consulting, on 20.02.2024.</p> <p>Workshops:</p> <p>On 'Chemisch Graphy' on 05.01.2024 - 15.01.2024</p> <p>On 'Insight into Analytical Instruments for Research' on 29.01.24 to 02.02.2024.</p> <p>On 'Fundamentals of Simulation Tool in Design and Analysis of Chemical Engineering' from 03.03.2024 - 06.03.2024.</p> <p>On 'Tailoring Polymeric Membranes for Separation Applications', conducted by Dr Akshay Modi of IISER Bhopal on 16.03.2024.</p>

6.0 Council Meeting Highlights

Major decisions taken at the meetings, held between 1 April 2023 and 31 March 2024, are presented below:

6.1 3rd meeting for 2023, held on 15 April 2023 at ICT, Mumbai

Administrative

SIRO Recognition

The Council noted that through an Email, dated 03.04.2023 from the Department of Scientific & Industrial Research (DSIR), Government of India, IChE has been officially intimated about renewal of its recognition as a Scientific and Industrial Organization (SIRO). The recognition will be valid up to 31.03.2026.

IChE-Training Institute

The newly setup IChE Training Institute held its first programme – a National Workshop on ‘Biomedical Engineering’, jointly with MAKAUT in Kolkata during March 13 -17, 2023.

Student Chapter Affairs

New Student Chapters

The Council approved formation of Student Chapters at the following engineering institutes:

- i. The Department of Biotechnology, Oxford College of Engineering, Bommanahalli, Bangalore under the guidance of the Bangalore Regional Centre, IChE.
- ii. The Department of Chemical Engineering, Hindusthan College of Engineering and Technology, Coimbatore under the guidance of the Coimbatore Regional Centre, IChE.
- iii. The Department of Chemical Engineering, HBTU, Kanpur under the guidance of Kanpur Regional Centre.

6.2 4th meeting for 2023, held at MSRIT, Bangalore on 24 June 2023.

Membership

Honorary Fellowship

The Council decided that henceforth all the outgoing Presidents would be elected as a Fellow of the Institute without requirement for any payment as a mark of honour to them for serving the Institute as President.

Awards

Prof. Venkateswara Rao Malapati & Smt. Anjani Devi Endowment Lecture

As proposed by Prof. M. V. Rao, the subject matter of the Endowment Lecture, namely, Professor Venkateswara Rao Malapati & Smt. Anjani Devi Endowment Lecture 2023 was finalized as ‘Green Energy and Environment for Sustainable Development.’ The prospective speaker would have to be one from academia or industry of chemical & allied engineering field. The Council decided that the speaker would be awarded with an honorarium of Rs. 15,000/- plus a plaque/medal and certificate (out of the available interest of Rs.18,000/-).

Professor G. D. Yadav and Dr. (Mrs.) Vasanti G. Yadav Award

With regard to Professor G. D. Yadav and Dr.(Mrs.) Vasanti G. Yadav Award for the Most Versatile Chemical Engineering/ Technology Students in India, the principal endowment value has been raised to Rs 5.0 Lakh following an additional infusion of Rs. 2,80,000/- by Prof. G. D. Yadav. Accordingly, the Council decided that henceforth the awardee would be awarded an amount of Rs. 6,000/- plus a plaque/medal and certificate (each awardee) out of the total interest of Rs. 18,000/-. So far, two prizes (Best Male & Female) were given with an award money of Rs. 5,000/- to each candidate along with a Certificate.

Organisational Membership

The Council approved Life Organizational Membership of Amrita School of Engineering, Coimbatore Campus, Tamil Nadu.

IChE-Training Institute

The Council approved in principle signing of MoUs with academic institutions and R&D Organization for imparting internship training.

Student Chapter Affairs

New Student Chapters

The Council approved the formation of Student Chapter at the Department of Chemical Engineering of R. N. G. Patel Institute of Technology, Bardili under the guidance of Ankleshwar Regional Centre.

6.3 5th meeting for 2023, held at Kongu Engineering College, Tamil Nadu on 22 September 2023

Administrative

Update of Online Voting Process

In order to maintain transparency in the online voting process for the Council election, the following steps were decided to be made effective:

- Complete update of Voter List will be undertaken before the nomination process starts, i.e., latest by 30 April

every year. Special drive for the voter list updating will be taken from 1 March to 30 April every year by the HQ office.

- Each year, no voter list updating will be undertaken after 30 April till the election is over. However, information received during this period for the purpose of updating will be noted in the database, which will be available in the Voters' list from the next year onwards.
- The HQ office employees will have no access to the Admin Panel. The election process will be managed by the service provider under the supervision of the Returning Officer (RO) only. The RO will have the power to engage additional external manpower if required on a case-to-case basis.
- Any reply to the voters will be given by the service provider only as "Team Election" by using a dedicated Email ID, approved by the RO.
- The HQ office employees will not be involved in the election campaign and / or nomination process. The Council will take appropriate punitive measure in case of any violation of this instruction.

Indorama Dhunseri CDS Award

With regard to the IVL Dhunseri Petrochem Industries Ltd., the Council accepted the proposal of Mr. Biswanath Chattopadhyay, Chief Executive Officer, IVL Dhunseri for a provision of an honorarium of Rs. 20,000/- along with a Silver Medal to the recipient of Indorama Dhunseri Chemcon Distinguished Speaker Award. The award has an endowment contribution of Rs. 5.0 lakh.

New Regional Centre

The Council approved the formation of the Calicut Regional Centre at Department of Chemical Engineering, NIT, Calicut.

Membership

Fellowship

As per the recommendation of the Fellowship Committee, the Council decided to award Fellowship to Dr. Tamal Banerjee (LM- 26483).

Fellowship Fees

The Council decided that henceforth the fees of Fellowship for eligible members/non-members will be a consolidated amount of Rs. 10,000/- plus applicable GST.

Organizational Membership

The Council approved the Life Organizational Membership of the following organizations:

FEED CHEM (India) Pvt. Ltd., Rajkot, Gujarat

Vellore Institute of Technology, Vellore, Tamil Nadu.

MIT Academy of Engineering, Alandi, Pune

6.4 6th meeting for 2023 held at Heritage Institute of Technology, Kolkata on 26 December 2023.

Membership

Fellowship

As per the recommendation of the Honorary Fellowship Committee, the Council decided to award Fellowship to the following members and non-members:

Dr. Bharat Apparao Bhanvase (LM-38183), Dr. Vaibhav Vasant Goud (LM-29405), Dr. V Ramanarayanan (non-member), Dr. Sarma V Pisupati (non-member), Dr. Ranjan Sen (LM-05527), Dr. Nitai Basak (LM-277333), Dr Hiralal Pramanik (LM-21879), Dr. Kailas L Wasewar (LM- 31336), Dr. Ashish N Sawarkar (LM-39785), Dr. Amar Mohanty (LM-73558), Dr. Manjusri Misra (LM-73559), Dr Gaurav Manik (non-member), Dr. Soma Das (non-member) and Dr. Gopal Ghosh Roy (non-member).

6.5 1st meeting for 2024, held at Heritage Institute of Technology, Kolkata on 28 December 2024.

Election of President

Mr. Sunil Indulal Thakar was elected President of the Institute for the year 2024.

Election of two Vice-Presidents

Mr. S. S. Pokale and Smt. Sheela were elected as Vice-Presidents of the Institute for the year 2024.

Election of Other Office Bearers

For the year 2024, the members elected Prof. Sunil Baran Kuila as the Honorary Secretary of the Institute, Prof. R. Saravanan as the Honorary Jt. Secretary; Prof. N. Balasubramanian as the Honorary Treasurer; Mr. Dhawal Saxena as the Honorary Registrar and Dr. Utkarsh Maheswari as the Honorary Controller of Examinations.

Co-option of Members

The Council unanimously designated Mr. Biswanath Chattopadhyay and Prof. Shishir Sinha as Co-opted Council Members for the year 2024.

New Committees

The Council unanimously authorized the President and the Honorary Secretary to select the Convener, Chairman, and members of the 16 standing committees and three other committees before the 2nd council meeting for 2024.

6.6 .2nd Meeting for 2024, held at Muzaffarpur Institute of Technology, Muzaffarpur on 24 February 2024

Co-option of Member/s to the Council

Proposed by Mr. Dhawal Saxena and seconded by Mr. S.S. Pokale, the Council unanimously approved co-option of Prof. G. D. Yadav to the Council for 2024.

Formation of Committees

As authorised by the Council, the President and Honorary Secretary selected the following as the Convener, Chairman and Members of the respective 16 Standing Committees and three other committees.

Standing Committees 2024

Name of the Committees	Members
Admission Committee	Prof. R. Saravanan (Chairman) Mr. Dhawal Saxena (Convener) Prof. V.S. Sapkal Prof. Madhu Agarwal Mr. Sashikant Pokale
Publication Committee	Mr. Shyam Bang (Chairperson) Prof. Anil Verma (Convener) Prof. S. K. Gupta Prof. Prabirkumar Saha Prof. Utkarsh Maheshwari Prof. Sudip Pattanayak Prof. Dhananjay Singh Prof. Manoj Kumar Ramtekei (Invitee)
Examination Committee	Prof. Ajay Bansal (Chairman) Dr. Utkarsh Maheshwari (Convener) Prof. Parag R. Gogate Prof. Madhu Agarwal Prof. M. Rajasimman
Finance Committee	Prof. M. S. Rao (Chairman) Prof. N. Balasubramanian (Convener) Mr. D. M. Butala Prof. M.K.Jha Prof. S.B.Kuila Mr. Snehal Tralsawala Prof. M.V.Rao Mr. S.I. Thakar (Invitee)

Internal Audit Committee	Prof. A.K. Saroha (Chairman) Prof. N. Balasubramanian (Convener) Prof. Asit Kr. Saha Prof. P. De Prof. M. V. Rao Mr. Debashis Ghosh Prof. Ananta das (Invitee)
Legal Committee	Mr. D. M. Butala (Chairman) Prof. S.B.Kuila (Convener) Mr. Debashis Ghosh Prof. Vinay K Srivastava Prof. Chiranjib Bhattacharya Prof. M S Rao Mr. Kalyan Basu Mr. Dhawal Saxena (Invitee) Prof. N. Balasubramanian (Invitee) Dr. Avijit Ghosh (Invitee)
Regional Centre Affairs Committee	Prof. K. S. Rajanandam (Chairman) Mr. Shashikant Pokale (Convener) Mr. Dhawal Saxena Prof. Gourav Ratan Mr. C. P. Srivastava (NRC) Dr. Koteswara Rao J (Bangalore RC) Prof. M. V. Rao (Amravati RC)
Awards/Judges Committee	Mr. S.I. Thakar (Chairman) Prof. S.B.Kuila (Convener) Prof. G. D. Yadav Prof. B.B. Paira Prof. P. De Prof. Anil K. Saroha Mr. D. M. Butala Prof. M S Rao (Invitee) Prof. Parag Gogate (Invitee)
Building Committee	Prof. N. Balasubramanian (Chairman) Prof. S. B. Kuila (Convener)

	<p>Mr. Debashis Ghosh Prof. Chiranjib Bhattacharjee Prof. Asit Kumar Saha Mr. Sisir Chakraborty Prof. M S Rao</p>
Education, Training and Research & Development Committee	<p>Prof. C. Karthikeyan (Chairman) Prof. S.B.Kuila (Convener) Mr. Dhawal Saxena Prof. R. Parthiban Mr. Joy Shah Dr. Biswajit Mandal (HIT-Haldia) Prof. Parag Gogate</p>
International Relations Committee	<p>Mr. S.I. Thakar (Chairman) Prof. M. K. Jha (Convener) Prof. Ajay Dalai Prof. K. K. Pant President, RC Vice president and Honorary Secretary are ex-officio members</p>
Library, Documentation and Website Committee	<p>Prof. Bishnupada Mandal (Chairman) Prof. M. S. Rao (Convener) Mr. Kalyan Basu Dr. Sanjib Barman Dr. Utkarsh Maheswari Mr. Tapatanay Pal</p>
Student Chapter Affairs Committee	<p>Prof. C. Karthikeyan (Chairperson) Smt. Sheela (Convener) Prof. G. M. J. Raju Prof. K Badrinarayana Prof. Gaurav Rattan Dr. N. Meyyappan (SVCE) (invitee) Dr. K. Sivagami (VIT) (invitee) Dr. D. Balaji (SSNCE) (invitee)</p>
Honorary Fellowship Committee	<p>Mr. S.I. Thakar (Chairman) Prof. S.B.Kuila (Convener) Prof. G. D. Yadav</p>

	<p>Mr. D.M.Butala</p> <p>Prof. P. De</p> <p>Prof. Vinay K Srivastava</p> <p>Prof. M. K. Jha</p>
Chemcon Distinguished Speaker	<p>Mr. S.I. Thakar (Chairman)</p> <p>Prof. S.B.Kuila (Convenor)</p> <p>Prof. G. D. Yadav</p> <p>Mr. Biswanath Chattopadhyay</p> <p>Prof. Ajay Bansal</p> <p>Prof. Suddhasatwa Basu</p>
Process Safety, Environment & Energy Group	<p>Mr. D. M. Butala (Chairman)</p> <p>Dr. T. L. Prasad Gupta (Convenor)</p> <p>Mr. Vijay bhujle</p> <p>Mr. Jay M Shah</p> <p>Mr. R.M.P. Madhusudan</p>

Other Committees

Headquarters Office Administrative Committee	<p>Prof. B. B. Paira (Chairman)</p> <p>Prof. S.B. Kuila (Convener)</p> <p>Prof. K. S. Rajanandam</p> <p>Mr. D.M. Butala</p> <p>Prof. Bishnupada Mondal</p> <p>Dr. Avijit Ghosh</p> <p>Mr. Debashis Ghosh</p>
Chemcon & Schemcon Protocol Committee	<p>S.I. Thakar (Chairman)</p> <p>Prof. M.S.Rao (Convener)</p> <p>Prof. A K Saroha</p> <p>Prof. M.K. Jha</p> <p>Prof. S. V. Satyanarayana</p> <p>Prof. Ajay Bansal</p> <p>Prof. M.S.Bala</p>
Industry Institute Interaction Committee	<p>Mr. Biswanath Chattopadhyay (Chairperson)</p> <p>Mr. Debashis Ghosh (Convener)</p> <p>Smt. Sheela</p> <p>Mr. Shashikant Pokale</p> <p>Mr. Dhawal Saxena</p> <p>Prof. V. V. Basavarao</p> <p>Mr. S. I. Thakar (Invited)</p>

Administrative

IChE-Industry Relation

The Council decided to take proactive steps to implement several strategies, put forward by members and President. The following initiatives were considered:

- Organizing regular forums, conferences, and seminars by the Regional Centre and Student Chapter to bring together IChE members and industry professionals. These events would serve as platforms for networking, sharing insights, and discussing the latest developments in the field.
- Encouraging joint publications and research papers, co-authored by IChE members and industry experts, not only for expanding the academic knowledge base but also for strengthening academia-industry bond.
- Move by the Regional Centres for establishing associations with two (02) industries for SCHEMCON and five (05) industries for CHEMCON from their respective zones.

In this context, the Council sanctioned a budget of Rs. 3.5 Crore for acquisition of land for the IChE Headquarters in two metropolitan cities, namely, Kolkata and Mumbai, for carrying out its R&D & TI activities. Of this amount, Rs. 1 crore was earmarked for Kolkata while Rs. 2.5 Crore was allocated for the Mumbai location.

IChE-Training Institute

The BOD of IChE-Training Institute, in its January 2024 meeting, had outlined certain specific areas on which the Training Institute would focus its activities, such as, organisation of annual IChE-Industry Conclave, Dedicated R&D lab at the HQ office, MoU between IChE Training Institute and Industry/Academia, Conduct of regular FDPs (Faculty Development Programmes) across the country, Conduct of OIP program and Providing Certificates of Recognition / Appreciation to MSMEs.

In this Council Meeting, Prof. M.K.Jha, Director-General, IChE-Training Institute, elaborated on these points. While appreciating the proposition, the Council requested Prof. Jha to prioritize the following areas:

- Land acquisition for establishing the dedicated R&D lab
- Commencement of the IChE-Industry Conclave
- Creation of a dedicated website and separate email IDs
- Commencement of the FDP program on a test basis

Membership

Honorary Fellow / Fellow

As per the standing practice, the Council elected Prof. A. K. Saroha, President (2023) as a Fellow of the Institute.

Regional Centre / Student Chapter Affairs

New Regional Centre

The Council approved formation of a new Regional Centre at Vellore, which will be based at Vellore Institute of Technology, VIT University, Vellore.

New Student Chapter

The Council approved the formation of a new Student Chapter at the Department of Chemical Engineering, Chandigarh University, Chandigarh.

7.0 Institute's Representatives to Various Bodies

- 1) **Asia Pacific Confederation of Chemical Engineering:** President, IChE
- 2) **Engineering Council of India :** Mr. S.I. Thakar and Prof. M.S. Rao
- 3) **World Council of Chemical Engineering :** President, IChE

8.0 Membership Position

Members, both Corporate and Organisational, are the mainstay of IChE. Without their constant support, the Institute cannot grow or pursue its objectives. IChE welcomed Honorary Fellows, Life Fellows, Life Members, Student Members, etc., as well as industry houses and academic institutions, joining the IChE fold as Organisational Members during the intervening period.

Membership position as on 31 March 2024 is given below along with the corresponding figures on March 31, 2023.

Categories	March 31,'24	March 31,'23
Organisational Member (Life)	111	107
Organisational Member (Annual)	62	62
Honorary Fellow	112	113
Fellow (Life)	204	136
Fellow	22	22
Member (Life)	6034	5913
Member	740	745
Life Associate Member	3363	3338
Associate Member	914	917
Student Member	27073	24267

The number of Corporate Members, attached to each of the Regional Centres (as on March 31, 2024) are as follows:

SI. No	Regional Centre	No. of Members
1	Ahmedabad	217
2.	Amaravati	105
3.	Amethi	25
4.	Ankleshwar	535
5.	Annamalai	85
6.	Bangalore	213
7.	Baroda	411
8.	Bhopal	38
9.	Bhubaneswar	172
10.	Calcutta	724
11.	Chandigarh	114
12.	Chennai	533
13.	Coimbatore	150
14.	Damanjodi	58
15.	Dehradun	46
16.	Dhanbad	43
17.	Doaba	51
18.	Durgapur	30
19.	Goa	15
20.	Guwahati	139
21.	Haldia	165
22.	Hyderabad	524
23.	Jaipur	89
24.	Kalpakkam	95
25.	Kanpur	116
26.	Kharagpur	99
27.	Kochi	318
28.	Kozhikode	34
29.	Lote	51
30.	Lucknow	53
31.	Mangalore	81

32.	Mumbai	939
33.	Nadiad	32
34.	Nagpur	105
35.	Northern	500
36.	Paradeep	44
37.	Patna	66
38.	Pilani	31
39.	Pondicherry	33
40.	Pune	264
41.	Roorkee	28
42.	Rourkela	51
43.	Sriharikota	31
44.	Srinagar	21
45.	Trivandrum	161
46.	Vapi	63
47.	Vellore	20
48.	Waltair	245

The following organizations were admitted as Organizational Members of the Institute upto March 31, 2024:

Life Organisational Members – Industry	
1	Agile Process Chemicals LLP Navi Mumbai
2	Alkyl Amines Ltd.
3	Artemis Biotech Ltd., Mumbai
4	Asian Paints Ltd., Mumbai
5	Avon Organics Ltd., Hyderabad
6	Bentley Systems India Pvt. Ltd., Mumbai
7	Bhumistha Infra Services Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra
8	Birla Cellulosic, Bharuch
9	Blast Carboblocks Pvt. Ltd., Navi Mumbai
10	Deepak Fertilisers & Petrochemicals Corporation Ltd., Pune
11	Development Organization for Sustainable Transformation, Chandigarh
12	Dr Reddy's Laboratories Ltd., Hyderabad
13	Excel Industries Ltd., Mumbai

14	Feedchem (India) Pvt. Ltd., Rajkot
15	Firechem, Faridabad
16	Golden Chemicals (I) Ltd., Mumbai
17	Gujarat Alkalies & Chemicals Ltd., Baroda
18	Gujarat Heavy Chemicals Ltd., Veraval
19	Haldia Petrochemicals Ltd., Haldia
20	Haldor Topsoe International A/S, New Delhi
21	Heavy Water Board, Mumbai
22	Hercules Speciality Chemicals (India) Pvt. Ltd., Bangalore
23	Herdillia Chemicals Ltd., Mumbai
24	Hetero Drugs Ltd., Hyderabad
25	Hikal Ltd., Taloja, Maharashtra
26	Hindustan Dorr-Oliver Ltd., Mumbai
27	Hindustan Latex Ltd., Thiruvananthapuram
28	Indian Oil Corporation Ltd., Refinery Division, New Delhi
29	Jacobs H&G Pvt. Ltd., Mumbai
30	Kavaerner Powergas India Ltd., Mumbai
31	Kavin Engineering & Services Pvt. Ltd., Coimbatore
32	Labindia Instruments Pvt. Ltd., Thane
33	Llyod's Register of Shipping, New Delhi
34	Mecon Ltd., Ranchi
35	MMTC-PAMP India Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi
36	National Organic Chemicals Industries Ltd., Mumbai
37	Novo Iresc India Private Ltd., New Delhi
38	Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd., Dehradun
39	Oster Chemical & Pharmaceutical Works Pvt. Ltd., Kolkata
40	Pidilite Industries Ltd., Mumbai
41	RPG Life Sciences Ltd., Mumbai
42	Sartorius India Pvt. Ltd., Bangalore
43	Terra-Green Technologies Pvt. Ltd., Kolkata
44	Themis Medicare Ltd., Mumbai
45	Toyo Engineering India Ltd., Mumbai
46	TUV Sudeutschland Ltd., Mumbai
47	United Phosphorus Ltd.,
48	Vical Inc., USA

Life Organisational Members – Research & Educational Institutes	
1	Advanced Centre for Energetic Materials (ACEM) DRDO, Nasik
2	Amrita School of Engineering Coimbatore
3	Annamalai University, Annamalai Nagar
4	Assam Engineering College, Guwahati
5	AVT Academy for Professional Education, Tiruvallur, Tamil Nadu
6	B V Raju Institute of Technology Narsapur, Medak
7	Bineswar Brahma Engineering College, Assam
8	BIT Sindri Institute Dist. Dhanbad, Jharkhand
9	Calcutta Institute of Technology, Howrah
10	Central Leather Research Institute, Chennai
11	Central Salt & Marine Chemicals Research Institute, Bhavnagar
12	Chaitanya Bharathi Institute of Technology, Hyderabad
13	Dibrugarh University Institute of Engineering and Technology, Dibrugarh
14	Dr. B. R. Ambedkar National Institute of Technology, Jalandhar
15	Gharda Institute of Technology, Ratnagiri
16	HBTI, Kanpur
17	Haldia Institute of Technology, Haldia
18	Heritage Institute of Technology, Kolkata
19	High Energy Material Research Laboratory, Pune
20	IIIT Nuzvid, Rajiv Gandhi University of Knowledge Technologies, Nuzvid
21	Indira Gandhi Centre for Atomic Research, Kalpakkam, Tamil Nadu
22	Indian Institute of Chemical Technology, Hyderabad
23	Indian Institute of Petroleum & Energy, Visakhapatnam
24	Indian Institute of Science Education and Research, Bhopal
25	Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati
26	Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur
27	Indore Institute of Science and Technology, Indore

28	Institute of Chemical Technology, Mumbai
29	JNTUA College of Engineering, Anantapur
30	KLE DR. M. S. Sheshgiri College of Engineering & Technology, Belgaum
31	Mahatma Gandhi Mission's College of Engineering & Technology, Navi Mumbai
32	MIT Academy of Engineering, Pune
33	Kongu Engineering College, Perundurai
34	Mercury Educational Services, Kolkata
35	Maulana Azad NIT, Bhopal
36	Mohamed Sathak Engineering College, Kilakarai
37	Motilal Nehru National Institute of Technology, Allahabad, (Prayagraj)
38	Nandha Engineering College, Erode
39	National Chemical Laboratory, Pune
40	National Institute of Technology, Tiruchirapalli
41	National Institute of Technology, Durgapur
42	National Productivity Council, Chennai
43	Nuclear Fuel Complex, Hyderabad
44	Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Petroleum Technology, Jais, Amethi
45	SSBT's College of Engineering & Technology, Jalgaon, Maharashtra
46	Sant Longowal Institute of Engineering & Technology, Longowal, Punjab
47	Sarvajanik College of Engineering & Technology, Surat
48	Sathyabhama Engineering College, Chennai
49	Saveetha Engineering College, Chennai
50	Shivaji University, Vidyanagar, Maharashtra
51	Guru Gobind Singhji Institute of Engineering & Technology, Nanded, Maharashtra
52	RVR & JC College of Engineering, Guntur
53	Regional Research Laboratory, Jorhat
54	St. Joseph's College of Engineering, Chennai
55	SSN College of Engineering, Tamil Nadu
56	Sri Venkateswara College of Engineering, Sriperumbudur, Tamil Nadu

57	Swami Ramananda Tirtha Institute, Nalgonda
58	Vellore Institute of Technology, Vellore
59	Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre, Thiruvananthapuram
60	University College of Technology Osmania University, Hyderabad
61	University Institute of Chemical Technology, North Maharashtra University, Jalgaon
62	Sir Visvesaraya Institute of Technology, Nasik
63	Shivajirao S. Jondhale College of Engineering, Thane

Annual Organisational Members – Industry

1	Andhra Sugar Ltd., Tanuku
2	Aventis Pharma Ltd., Bharuch
3	Beta Concepts, Hyderabad
4	Bharat Aluminium Co. Ktd., Korba
5	Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd., Mumbai
6	Bharuch Enviro Infrastructure Ltd., Ankleshwar
7	Birla VXL Ltd., Porbandar (Saurashtra Chemicals Ltd.)
8	Chemfab Alkalies Ltd., Pondicherry
9	Cheminova India Ltd., Bharuch
10	Chemplast Saanmar Ltd., Chennai
11	Coromondal Fertilizers Ltd., Secunderabad
12	DCW Ltd., Dharanghra, Gujarat
13	Deepak Nitrite Ltd., Nandesari Gujarat
14	Diamines & Chemicals Ltd., Baroda
15	Engineers India Ltd., New Delhi
16	Epsilon Carbon Pvt. Ltd., Mumbai
17	Fertilizers and Chemicals Ltd., Secunderabad
18	Garg Lab Glass Industries, Vapi, Gujarat
19	Gas Authority of India Ltd., New Delhi
20	Gujarat Ambuja Cements Ltd., Kodinar
21	Gujarat Insecticides Ltd., Ankleshwar
22	Gujarat Narmada Valley Fertilizers Co. Ltd., Narmadanagar
23	Gujarat Sidhee Cement Ltd., Veraval
24	Gujarat State Fertilizer & Chemicals Ltd., Vadodara

25	Heavy Water Plant, Tuticorin
26	HEL India Ltd., Thane
27	Heubach Colour Pvt. Ltd., Ankleshwar
28	Hindustan Antibiotics Ltd., Pune
29	Hindustan Insecticides Ltd., New Delhi
30	Hindustan Organic Chemicals Ltd., Rasayani, Maharashtra
31	Hindustan Paper Corporation Ltd., Calcutta
32	Indian Petrochemical Corporation Ltd., Baroda
33	Indian Rayon Ltd., Veraval, Gujarat
34	Kevin Enterprises Pvt. Ltd., Mumbai
35	Mafatlal Industries, (Navine Flourine Industries – Chemical Division) Mumbai
36	Narmada Chematur Petrochemicals Ltd., Varuch
37	NuChem Ltd., Faridabad
38	Saurashtra Cement Ltd., Gujarat
39	Sayantana Consultants Pvt. Ltd., Calcutta
40	Search Chem Industries Ltd., Jhagadia
41	Shriram Alkali & Chemicals, Bharuch
42	Shriram Fertilizers & Chemicals, Kota
43	SMPS Consultants LLP, Ahmedabad
44	Southern Petrochemical Industries Corp. Ltd., Chennai
45	Sun Pharmaceutical, Panoli
46	Surya Organics and Chemicals, Ankleshwar
47	Standard Industries Ltd., Mumbai
48	Standard Certification Council Pvt. Ltd., Mumbai
49	TCP Ltd., Chennai
50	Tata Chemicals Ltd., Mithapur
51	Textile Rubber & Chemical Co Pvt Ltd., Bhadohi
52	Trident Alco-Chem Ltd., Ludhiana
53	Vihita Chem Pvt. Ltd., Ankleshwar
54	Zuari Agro Chemicals Ltd., Zuarinagar, Goa
55	Zandu Chemicals Ltd., Ankleshwar

Annual Organisational Members – Research & Educational Institutes	
1	Amal Jyothi College of Engineering, Kerala
2	Dalmia Institute of Scientific & Industrial Research, Rajganpur, Orissa
3	S M Engineering Institute, Kymore
4	St. Peter's Engineering College, Chennai
5	MVJ College of Engineering, Bangalore
6	Sriram Engineering College, Tamil Nadu
7	Arulmigu Meenakshi Amman College of Engineering, Tamilnadu

9.0 Associate Membership Examination

The number of candidates who appeared at the Institute's Associate Membership Examination during the last 10 years is provided below:

Year	No. of Candidates
2014	1872
2015	1427
2016	1206
2017	1083
2018	843
2019	564
2020	214 (only for March Semester)
2021	158 (only for September Semester)
2022	300
2023	195

The number of candidates who appeared at the final part (Part III) of the Institute's Associate Membership Examination since 2014 is as follows. However, due to the pandemic, no examinations were conducted in 2021.

Year	Semester	No. Appeared	No. Passed	% of successful candidates
2014	March	48	46	95.83
	September	44	39	88.63
2015	March	54	50	92.59
	September	30	25	83.33

2016	March	62	58	93.55
	September	36	31	86.11
2017	March	31	28	90.03
	September	22	19	86.04
2018	March	47	43	91.48
	September	47	44	93.62
2019	March	26	25	96.15
	September	26	26	100.0
2020	March	24	23	95.83
	September	17	17	100
2021	March	-	-	-
	September	-	-	-
2022	March	54	50	92.59
	September	15	15	100
2023	March	9	8	88.88
	September	15	14	03.33

The following candidates, who appeared in September 2023 and March 2024 Associate Membership Examination, came out successfully.

September 2023 Associate Membership Examination

The following 14 candidates came out successfully out of 15 candidates who appeared in the September 2023 examination:

Sl. No	Name	Roll No
1	Rajesh Kumar Tiwari	09/S9/364
2	Puneet Tanwar	10/M10/249
3	Shaik Mustaf	11/M11/116
4	Dhiren Bhagwandas Polishwala	11/S11/337
5	Vipul Saxena	12/S12/340
6	Ajeet Kushwaha	13/M13/47
7	Kiran Pal Singh	13/M13/97
8	Pushendra Singh	13/M13/212
9	Sarita	17/S17/126
10	Gohil Darshansinh Pahadsinh	18/M18/8
11	Kayasth Hitesh Kishorbhai	20/M20/5
12	Gohil Chiragkumar Ishwarbhai	20/M20/11
13	Vinayak Tripathi	21/M21/9
14	Prajapati Bhargav Narpatbhai	22/M22/35

March 2024 Associate Membership Examination

The following 7 candidates came out successfully in the March 2024 examination :

Sl. No	Name	Roll No
1	Joshi Jaykumar Akshaykumar	18/M18/24
2	Kunuru Jaya Venkatesh	22/M22/8
3	Kolli Surya Chandra	22/M22/10
4	Waltair Murali Krishna	22/M22/22
5	Pawar Nikhil Bharat	22/M22/41
6	Subbiah S	22/M22/43
7	Vikash Kumar	03/S3/288

10.0 IChE Awards 2023

Following is the list of IChE Awards and the awardees. The awards were presented in recognition of eminence and excellence in various spheres of chemical engineering profession and education on the occasion of CHEMCON 2023.

IChE Awards List - 2023

Sl. No.	Name of the Awards / Lecture	Awardees of the Year
1.	Dr.B.P.Godrej Life Time Achivement Award	Prof. B B Paira Advisor, MAKAUT
2.	IChE-CHEMCON Platinum Jubilee Award 2023	Dr. C. V. Ananda Bose Hon'ble Governor of West Bengal Prof. M M Sharma Emeritus Professor of Eminence Prof. G D Yadav Past President, IChE & Former VC, ICT, Mumbai Mr. Samir Somaiya Chairman & Managing Director Godavari Biorefineries Limited

		Mr. Subhasendu Chatterjee Vice Chairman Haldia Petrochemicals Limited
3.	Shri Dhirubhai Ambani Orator & Chair Award	Padmashri Professor G D Yadav Former VC, ICT Mumbai
4.	Lala Shriram National Award for Leadership in Chemical Industry	Mr. Ashok R Boob MD, CST Ltd.
5.	Herdillia Award For Excellence in Basic Research in Chemical Engineering	Prof. Prakash D Vaidya ICT, Mumbai
6.	NOCIL Award for Excellence in Design and Development of Process Plant and Equipment	Ms. Sutanwi Lahiri BARC, Trombay
7.	ICI India Ltd Award for Excellence in Process or Product Development	Dr. Palash Kumar Mollick BARC, Trombay
8.	Amar Dye-Chem Award For Excellence in Research and Development for Chemical Engineering below the age of 35 years	Dr. Ananth Govind Rajan IISc. Bangalore
9.	Dr K Anji Reddy Innovator of the Year in Chemical Engineering & Technology in India by Publishing in the Reputed International Journal in Chemical Engineering & Bio-Technology/Patents of Merit	Dr. Madhu Agarwal MANIT, Jaipur
10.	Lupin Industrues Best Chemical Engineering Teacher Award for the Faculties in Private Colleges below the age of 50 years	Dr. Manisha Vitthal Bagal BVCE
11.	Jubilant Award for Outstanding Work in the area of Green Technology	Dr. S Sridhar CSIR-IICT, Hyderabad
12.	Prof Ashutosh Sharma Award for Best Research Paper Published in a National/ International Journal by a Undergraduate Chemical Engineering Student (Male)	Mr Vikram Vinayak Shanbhag ICT, Mumbai
13.	Prof Shyamal Kanti Sanyal Memorial Award for the best PhD Thesis in the Area of Membranes Research with Significant Commercial Potential	Dr. Himanshu Pradeep Kohli RNGPIT, Gujarat
14.	Padmashri Professor G D Yadav and Dr (Mrs) Vasanti G Yadav Awards for the Most Versatile Chemical Engineering/Technology Students in India (2 prizes – Best Male & Female)	Mr. Jitendra Choudhary (Dr Chakma) IISER, Bhopal
15.	RPG Life Sciences Padma Vibhushan Prof M M Sharma Medal and Chemcon Distinguished Speaker Award	Prof. Ganapathy Ayappa IISc Bangalore

16.	Asian Paints Padma Bibhushan Dr R A Mashelkar Medal and Chemcon Distinguished Speaker Award	Prof. Ajayan Vinu Director, School of Engineering The University of Newcastle,Australia
17.	Deepak Group's Padma Bhushan Prof L K Doraiswamy Chemcon Distinguished Speaker Award	Prof. Sanjay M. Mahajani IIT Bombay
18.	Hetero Drugs Prof G S Laddha Chemcon Distinguished Speaker Award	Dr. Sandip Lahiri President, IIC, NIT Durgapur
19.	Chemical Weekly's Padmashri Dr G P Kane Chemcon Distinguished Speaker Award	Shri. Arvind Kumar MD, CPCL
20.	CSIR-IICT-Avon's Padmashri Dr G S Sidhu Chemcon Distinguished Speaker Award	Mr. S Bharathan Director (Refineries) HPCL
21.	Sartorius India's Chemcon Distinguished Speaker Award	Mr. Alok Sharma ED, CHD
22.	UPL Smt Sandra R Shroff Chemcon Distinguished Speaker Award	Mr. Atul Mulay President and Strategic Business Unit Head, Praj Industries
23.	Hikal's Chemcon Distinguished Speaker Award	Mr. Pankaj Kumar Director (Production), ONGC
24.	CSIR-CSMCRI Chemcon Distinguished Speaker Award	Mr. Bhaskar Jyoti Phukan Managing Director Numaligarh Refinery Limited
25.	CSIR-CLRI Padmabhushan Dr Y Nayudamma Chemcon Distinguished Speaker Award	Mr. Arup Jhampri CEO, ONGC Petro additions Limited
26.	DOST Professor S K Sharma Medal and Chemcon Distinguished Speaker Award	Dr. Biswajit Roy DG, GERMI
27.	CSIR-NEERI CHEMCON Distinguished Speaker Award	Prof. Aniruddha B. Pandit Vice Chancellor, ICT Mumbai
28.	Alkyl Amins Padma Bhushan Prof B D Tilak Chemcon Distinguished Speaker Award	Mr. Parthasarathi Chatterjee EVP & Head of Offshore, L&T Energy and Hydro Carbon
29.	Indorama Dhunseri Chemcon Distinguished Speaker Award	Mr. Biswanath Chattopadhyay CEO, Dhunseri Petrochem Ltd., Kolkata
30.	Prof A Suryanarayana and Mrs Vanajakshi Award for the Best Author / (s) of Chemical Engg Book and/or Book Chapter	Prof. Chandan Das , IIT Guwahati & Dr. Sujoy Bose , IICHe HQ
31.	Heritage Institute of Technology Award for Innovative Research and Sustainable Process Development	Prof. Shishir Sinha Director General, CIPET, Govt. of India and Professor, IIT Roorkee

32.	Professor Venkateswara Rao & Smt. Anjani Devi Malapati Endowment Lecture Award on “Green Energy & Environment for Sustainable Development”	Prof. G. D. Yadav Past President, IICChE and Former VC, ICT Mumbai
33.	Shah-Schulman Award ‘for the best Ph.D. thesis in the area of Colloid and Interface Science’ for 2022	1. Dr. Palash Dhara , IIT Kharagpur Guide: Prof. Rabibrata Mukherjee, IIT Kgp Jointly with 2. Dr. Ranajit Mondal , IIT Bombay Guide: Prof. Madivala G. Basavaraj, IIT Madras
34.	Dr A V Rama Rao Fndn Best Ph D Thesis and Research Award	Dr. Debiparna De CSIR-IICT, Hyderabad and Guide: Dr. B. Satyavathi Chief Scientist, CSIR-IICT, Hyderabad
35.	The Chemical Weekly Prize for Best Research Paper published in a High Impact Factor International Journal by an Undergraduate Chemical Engineering Student (First and Second Prizes)	1 st Prize Mr. Animesh Chaturvedi ICT, Mumbai 2 nd Prize Mr. Jitendra Choudhary (Dr Chakma) IISER, Bhopal
36.	Chemical Weekly Award for the Best Paper Published in the Institute’s Journal (ICE-2022)	1) Dr Kuldeep Singh , HPU Shimla 2) Dr Suvarcha Chauhan , HPU Shimla
37.	IICChE NRC Award Best Paper in “Indian Chemical Engineer” 2022	1) Dr Abha Sahu 2) Dr Nilesh Vijay Rane 3) Dr Badal G Lodaya 4) Prof Aniruddha B Pandit , ICT, Mum
38.	The Kuloor Memorial Award to the best technical paper published in the journal of the Institute in the issues of the preceding year	1) Dr Achyut Pakhare , ICT Mumbai 2) Dr Channamallikarjun Mathpati , ICT 3) Dr Vishwanath H Dalvi , ICT Mumbai 4) Dr Jyeshtharaj Joshi , ICT, Mumbai 5) Dr Raosaheb Patil , TSIPL, Nashik 6) Dr Ekambara Kalekudithi , TSIPL
39.	IICChE NRC Award 2 nd Best Paper in “Indian Chemical Engineer” 2022	1) Dr Sourav Poddar , NIT Tiruchirapally 2) Dr J N Ullas Krishnan , NIT Trichy 3) Dr J Sarat Chandra Babu , NIT Trichy
40.	Sisir Kumar Mitra Memorial Award to the second best technical paper published in the journal of the Institute in the issues of the preceding year	1) Dr Deeksha Matthew , NIT Mangalore 2) Dr Vidya Shetty K , NIT Mangalore Jointly with 3) Dr Virendra K Rathod , ICT Mumbai 4) Dr Keerthiga G , ICT Mumbai 5) Dr Neha N Gharat , ICT Mumbai
41.	IICChE NRC Award 3 rd Best Paper in “Indian Chemical Engineer” 2022	1) Dr Friedrich Y Lee , UTA, USA 2) Dr Michael Baldea , UTA, USA 3) Dr Thomas F Edgar , KNU, Korea 4) Dr Jietae Lee , KNU, Korea
42.	Mrs.Chinnamaul Mem. Prize for Best Tech Paper presented in preceding year CHEMCON	1) Dr D.Venkata Padma , MVGRCE(A) 2) Dr S V.A.R.Sastry , HBTU Kanpur 3) Dr S.Kishore Kumar , AUCE Visag

43.	Kishore K Das Memorial Prize for Best Home Paper in Associate Membership Examination	AMIChE September 2022 Mr Adarsh Kumar Soni AMIChE March 2023 Mr P Narasinga Rao
44.	N R Nandi Memorial Prize for securing highest marks in Associate Membership Examination	Mr Dharmendra Kumar Panday
45.	The Late Lakshmi Nandakumar Award for a Lady Student for the Best Presentation in the SCHEMCON of the Year	Ms. Spandana Mentha MSRIT Bangalore
46.	Gouri Dutta Award for the Best Paper Presentation in SCHEMCON of the Year	Mr Deep Laha NIT Durgapur
47.	Ambuja's Young Researcher's Awards for doing Post-Graduate Studies in India after GATE Examination (Ten Prizes)	1. Mr Dharmesh J Machhi , SVNIT 2. Mr Aman Kumar Kesari , IICT, Hyd 3. Mr Bharat Rengarajan , ICT, Mum 4. Ms Anushka Aggarwal , ICT, Mum 5. Mr Yashkumar Thakorbbhai Patel , ICT, Mumbai 6. Mr Abhishek Kumar , IIT Guwahati 7. Mr Adarsh Kumar A Sahu , IITG 8. Ms Shankhari Swaminathan , IITG
48.	Ambuja's Best Student Chapter Award (2 Prizes)	<u>1st Prize</u> IChE Student Chapter Sri Venkateswara College of Engineering, Sriperumbudur, Chennai <u>2nd Prize</u> IChE Student Chapter Vellore Institute of Technology, Vellore
49.	Pidilite's Best Student Chapter Award	IChE Student Chapter SSN College of Engineering, Chennai
50.	Prof.P.Sen Gupta Award for Best Employee of the Year	Mr Sumon Das IChE HQ
51.	M P Chary Memorial Award	Dr. Baby Salini J R IIT Madras
52.	Best Regional Centre Trophy	Category "A" Best Northern Regional Centre, IChE Category "B" Best Bangalore Regional Centre, IChE Category "B" Second Best Amaravati Regional Centre, IChE

11.0 Students' CHEMCON 2023

The 19th Annual Session of Students' Chemical Engineering Congress (SCHEMCON 2023) was organized by the Student Chapter at the Department of Chemical Engineering, Kongu Engineering College, Perundurai (Tamil Nadu) under the aegis of the Coimbatore Regional Centre of IChE on 22 and 23 September 2023.

The program started with a grand inaugural programme in the presence of the Chief Guest, Mr. Arvind Kumar, Managing Director, Chennai Petroleum Corporation Limited, Chennai; Guest of Honour Prof. S.K. Sinha, Director, Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Petroleum Technology, Jais, Rae Bareilly; the Chief Patron of the programme, Padma Shri Prof. G.D. Yadav, former Vice Chairman, ICT Mumbai, Patron of the conference, Thiru.A.K. Ilango, Correspondent, Kongu Engineering College; Dr. V. Balusamy, Principal Kongu Engineering College; Prof. Anil K. Saroha, IChE President; Dr. Avijit Ghosh, Honorary Secretary, IChE and Dr. T. Kannadasan, Chairman, Coimbatore RC; Prof. M. Chidambaram, and Prof. V. Sangeetha, Head, Department of Chemical Engineering. SCHEMCON 2023 was coordinated by Prof. K. Kannan, Chairman, Dr. S. Mothil, the Secretary of the Organizing Committee and Dr. Vivek Joe Bharath, Joint-Organizing Secretary. The function was hosted at Kongu Convention Centre which is the Asia's second largest auditorium.

The Inaugural function was followed by Industrial Panel Discussion on the Topic 'Engineering & Entrepreneurship for a Sustainable Future,' moderated by Mr. Praveen Saxena, Senior Member of IChE and Graphite Equipment Advisor & Mentor. Mr. Ramesh Srinivasan (Wipro Technologies), Mr. Srinivas Vadlamani (Schlumberger SLB), Mr. Venkatesh (WTT International Pvt. Ltd), Dr. Shraavan Srisailam (BASF-Catalyst Division), and Mr. P. Naveen (Sim Infosystem) took part in the deliberation, in which the students and the professors also participated.

The two-day event included a Keynote Lecture by Prof. M. Ramasamy, Principal, KPR Institute of Engineering & Technology; Mr. Ramu Boya, CEO, Neostik Tapes Pvt. Ltd. Bangalore; Dr. Udaya Baskar Reddy, Associate Professor, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Coimbatore and Dr. Sunil Baran Kuila, Professor & Head, Haldia Institute of Technology, Haldia. Invited Lectures were also delivered by eminent scientists, academics from CSIR, DAE, IITs, Central Universities as well as industry professionals.

Around 300 abstracts were received and around 220 papers (Oral and Poster) were presented during SCHEMCON 2023. This conference featured 14 parallel sessions as well as announcement of MP Chary Memorial Award. Dr. Baby Salini

J R, Post-Doctoral Fellow, IIT Madras was the recipient. Students also put up a cultural show in the first evening of the programme.

Mr. Shailesh Kumar, CEO, VA Tech Wabag, India Cluster was the Chief Guest for the Valedictory function and distributed the prizes for the winners of technical and other events. Best presentation for each session was also announced and cash prize was given away.

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MP Chary Award winner was announced during the valedictory function during the conference. Best presentation for each session were also announced and cash prize was given to the winners.

12.0 Library

The library at the Headquarters of the Institute in Kolkata has a stock of approximately 995 books. It receives around 60 issues of weekly journals, seven (7) issues of quarterly journals, nine (9) issues of bimonthly journal and 55 issues of monthly journals.

13.0 Regional Centre Affairs

Ahmedabad Regional Centre

Committee:

Chairman: Dr. Sachin Parikh, **Honorary Regional Secretary:** Dr. Satish Shah, **Honorary Regional Treasurer:** Prof. Pratik Patel, **Member:** Dr. Paresh Rana, Prof. C G Bhagchandani, Mr. Ashish Soparkar, Mr. Mayank Parikh, Mr. Dinesh B Daga, Mr. Dinesh A Varma, Dr. A P Vyas, Dr. Milind Joshipura, **Ex-officio:** Dr. N M Patel, **Co-opted:** Dr. R N Desai, Dr. Ronak Patel and Mr. R G Shah

Amaravati Regional Centre

Committee:

Chairman: Mr. J Murali Mohan, **Vice-Chairman:** Dr. C Veera Venkata Satyanarayan, **Honorary Regional Secretary:** Dr. M Venkateswara Rao, **Honorary Regional Joint Secretary:** Mr. R Banerjee Babu, **Honorary Regional Treasurer:** Dr. K Ramesh Chandra, **Members:** Dr. C V Subrahmanyam, Mr. M Raghavaiah, Mr. G Ramesh, Mr. N Renu Babu, Mr. N Jani Bhasha, Dr. Vinoth Kumar Raja, Mr. M Rama Krishna, Dr. P Vijetha Chowdhary, **(Immediate Past Chairman, Ex-officio):**

Dr. V Govardhana Rao, **Co-opted Members:** Mr. Venu Babu G, Mr. P Venkateswarlu, Mr. K Siva Prasada Rao, Dr. Banavath Anil Kumar Naik, **Invitees:** Dr. N Sambasiva Rao, Dr. A Suryanarayana, Dr. T Subbaiah and Dr. K B K Rao

Amethi Regional Centre

Committee:

Chairman: Dr. Milan Kumar, **Vice Chairman:** Dr. Gunjan K Agrahari, **Honorary Regional Secretary:** Dr. Shweta, **Honorary Regional Joint Secretary:** Dr. Karan Malik, **Honorary Regional Treasurer:** Dr. Vivek Kumar

Ankleshwar Regional Centre (same committee up to 2025)

Committee:

Chairman: Mr. B D Dalwadi, **Immediate Past Chairman:** Mr. S I Thakar, **Vice Chairman (Ankleshwar):** Mr. D K Rana, **Vice Chairman (Jhagadia):** Mr. Pravindan Gadhvi, **Vice Chairman (Bharuch):** Mr. A I Shaikh, **Vice Chairman (Dahej):** Mr. Sanjeev Verma, **Honorary Regional Secretary:** Mr. Sandip Parekh, **Honorary Regional Joint Secretary (Dahej):** Mr Dipak Sali, **Honorary Regional Joint Secretary (Ankleshwar):** Mr. Dinesh Patel, **Honorary Regional Joint Secretary (Bharuch):** Mr. B D Shah, **Honorary Regional Joint Secretary (Panoli):** Mr. Rilesh Mehta, **Honorary Joint Secretary (Jhagadia):** Dr. Sunil Vaje, **Honorary Regional Treasurer:** Mr. Snehal Transawala, **Members:** Mr. Dhruvi A Mehta, Dr. Jigar Gurjar, Mr. P G Dave, Mr. Ujas Shah, Mr. Jayesh B Modi, Mr. R.R Khandpur, Mr. Atit Kapadia, Mr. Shashi Shekhar, Mr. Ganesh R Sharma, Mr. Manoj Kamaliya, Mr. B J Patel, Mr Dipak Sali, Mr Mitesh Marvaniaya, **Co-opted Members:** Dr. Parimal A Parikh, Mr. K H Pandit, Mr Rajesh Bhavsar and Mr. Jignesh Mehta

Bangalore Regional Centre

Committee:

Chairman: Dr G M Madhu, **Vice-Chairman:** Dr Ravishankar, **Honorary Regional Secretary:** Dr. Koteswara Rao Jammula, **Honorary Joint Regional Secretary:** Dr Mahadevaraju G K, **Honorary Regional Treasurer:** Mr. G. Kishore Kumar, **Member:** Prof G S Shareef, Dr A B Halgeri, Mr S Swaminathan, Dr Archana, Dr V Venkatesham, Dr N Harindranath, Dr Chandraprabha, Mr P T Raghuram, Mr Sagar J S and Dr P L Muralidhara, **Co-opted:** Prof Y J Rao, Prof M R Rajani and Dr Pradeep H N

Bhubaneswar Regional Centre

Committee:

Chairman: Mr. Chaturkukha Pattanik, **Vice-Chairman:** Dr. Swagat S Rath, **Honorary Regional Secretary:** Mr. Santosh

Deb Barma, **Honorary Joint Regional Secretary:** Mr. Sathish R, **Honorary Treasurer:** Ms. Binapani Behera; **Members:** Dr. P C Rath, Dr. Deepak Nayak, Dr. Swagatika Dash, Dr. Kashinath Barik and Dr. Satya Sankar Raj

Calcutta Regional Centre

Committee:

Chairman: Mr Kalyan Kumar Basu, **Vice-Chairman:** Prof Sudip Kumar Das, **Honorary Regional Secretary:** Mr Parijat Mukhopadhyay (01.07.2023 to 30.09.2023) and Mr Sisir Kumar Chakraborty (01.10.2023 onwards), **Honorary Joint Secretary:** Prof N K Brahma, **Honorary Regional Treasurer:** Mr Debashis Ghosh, **Members:** Mr Samirbaran Das, Dr Sanjib Barma, Mr Tapotanay Pal, Mr Anup Kumar Chaudhuri, Prof N K Brahma, Prof Ashit Mazumder

Chandigarh Regional Centre

Committee:

Chairman: Prof S K Sharma, **Vice-Chairman:** Mr Vivek Gupta, **Honorary Regional Secretary:** Prof V K Rattan, **Honorary Joint Secretary:** Dr Amit Sobti, **Honorary Regional Treasurer:** Mr Deepak Mehan, **Members:** Mr Sandeep Sharma, Prof Anupama Kaushik Sharma, Prof Ritu Gupta, Mr Krishan Gopal Sharma, Prof Amrit Pal Toor, Dr S S Bhinder, Dr Gaurav Rattan, Dr Sonia Sharma, **Co-opted Members:** Prof Anupama Thakur, Prof Seema Kapoor, Prof Meenakshi Goyal and Prof Sushil Kansal

Chennai Regional Centre (2023-2025)

Committee:

Chairman: Dr N Balasubramanina, **Honorary Regional Secretary:** Mr K Sadanand, **Honorary Joint Regional Secretary:** Mr Vijay Samuel, **Honorary Regional Treasurer:** Dr. N P Kavitha, **Members:** Mr Rathinagiriswaran Rajaraman, Dr E Muralidharan, Mr D Manivannan, Mr Anantharaman, Dr. Dharmendra Kumar Mahendradas, Dr S Renganathan, Dr C Jayakumar, Mr M N Bhaskaran, Mrs Vidhya Shankar, Dr R Parthiban and Dr. Bharathraja,

Coimbatore Regional Centre (2024-2026)

Committee:

Chairman: Dr A Sivalingam, **Vice-Chairman:** Mr S Kanagara, **Honorary Regional Secretary:** Mr P Babu, **Honorary Joint Secretary:** Dr Uday Bhaskar Reddy, **Honorary Regional Treasurer:** Dr B Umamaheswari, **Members:** Dr M Thirumaraimurugan, Dr D Prabhakaran, Dr V M Sivakumar, Dr K Kannan, Dr P Sivakumar, Dr A Vivek Joe Bharath, Ms V P Mohanajeyavalli, Dr S Mothil, Dr G Gnanavel, Dr T Sivakumar, Ms Nisha Subash and Dr E Nakeeran

Guwahati Regional Centre

Committee:

Chairman: Prof Kaustubha Mohanry, **Vice-Chairman:** Prof S K Majumder, **Honorary Regional Secretary:** Prof Raghvendra Gupta, **Honorary Joint Regional Secretary:** Prof. R Anandalakshmi, Prof. Ashim Kumar Basumatary, **Honorary Regional Treasurer:** Prof Prakash Kotecha, **Members:** Prof Lalit Mohan Pandey, Prof Prabir Kumar Saha, Prof Mihir Kumar Purkait, Prof Bishnupada Mandal, Prof Ashok K Dasmahapatra, Prof Pankaj Tiwari, Prof Amit Kumar and Prof Ujwala Hujuri

Kalpakkam Regional Centre

Committee:

Chairman: Dr T V Krishna Mohan, **Vice-Chairmen:** Mr K Rajan, **Honorary Regional Secretary:** Mr M G Hemanath, **Honorary Regional Treasurer:** Mr Sourabh Agarwal, **Member:** Mr D Sivakumar, Mr S K Nayak, Mr Abhay Kumar and Mr Harendra Kumar

Kozhikode Regional Centre

Committee:

Chairman: Prof Sivasubramanian, **Vice-Chairmen:** Dr Manju M S, **Honorary Regional Secretary:** Dr Subhasis Mandal, **Honorary Joint Regional Secretary:** Mr Aneesh Raj, **Honorary Regional Treasurer:** Dr Praveen Kumar G, **Members:** Dr K Haribabu, Dr Vineesh Ravi, Dr Teja Reddy Vakamalla, Dr Chandra Shekar Bastha, Dr Ranjith P M, Dr Ushakumari E R, Dr Anjana R, Dr Beula C, and Mr Akhilesh Prabhakar

Lote-Parasuram Regional Centre

Committee:

Chairman: Mr Pravin Gaval, **Honorary Regional Secretary:** Mr R M Badatya, **Honorary Regional Treasurer:** Mr V B Baliga

Mangalore Regional Centre

Committee:

Chairman: Prof SVSR Krishna Bandaru, **Vice-Chairmen:** Dr Keyur Raval and Mr I M Sadanand, **Honorary Regional Secretary:** Dr S Shanmuga Priya, **Honorary Joint Regional Secretary:** Dr Hari Prasad Dasari, **Honorary Regional Treasurer:** Dr Nethaji S

Nagpur Regional Centre

Committee:

Chairman: Dr A N Vaidya, **Vice-Chairman:** Dr B C Bag, **Honorary Regional Secretary:** Dr Bharat A Bhanvase,

Honorary Joint Regional Secretary: Dr Sameer Wagh, **Honorary Regional Treasurer:** Dr Vijayakumar R P, **Members:** Dr Kailas Wasewar, Dr Samir Deshmukh, Dr A P Rathod, Dr A S Chaurasia, Dr Shyam Kodape, Dr D Z Shende and Dr Piyush P Wanjari

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Committee:

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Committee:

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Besides R&D related activities, Regional Centres and the Student Chapters under the aegis of the Regional Centres conduct various other programmes for skill enhancement, awareness building, networking, publicity, etc. An account of such activities is presented below.

Name of the Regional Centres	Non R&D Related Activities
<p>Ahmedabad</p>	<p>Family Get-together Family get together was held on 11.02.2024, that was participated by 24 members, including their spouses.</p>
<p>Amaravati</p>	<p>Inauguration of Regional Centre Office An office of ARC was opened within JKC College Campus, courtesy Shri Jagarlamudi Murali Mohan, Secretary, Nagarjuna Education Society and Secretary & Correspondent, JKC College, who came forward to provide an office room. The refurbishing of the office space was done with the help of donations received from the alumnus of Andhra University Chemical Engineering Department and alumnus of RVR&JC College of Engineering. The inauguration was held on 06.08.2023 by Dr Rayapati Srinivas, President, Nagarjuna Education Society in presence of Shri J Murali Mohan, Chairman, ARC.</p>
<p>Ankleshwar</p>	<p>Student Chapter Activities Government Engineering College, Bharuch Organised an Industry Visit at BEIL, Gujarat, on 01.02.2024 Celebrated National Science Day on 28.02.2024. Performed social awareness skit on Solid Waste Management on 05.03.2024. Held Expert Talk on 'Role of Chemical Engineer in Fertilizer Industry' by Ms Dhruvi Mehta, Senior Chemical Engineer, Technical Services Department of GNFC, Bharuch on 04.04.2024. Sarvajanik College of Engineering and Technology, Surat Organised an Industry Visit for the 5th semester Chemical Engineering students to Apex Healthcare Limited, Ankleshwar on 04.08.2023. Workshop held on Soft Skills Development on 01 and 02.09.2023.</p>

	<p>CHEMCLAVE 2023 organised under Annual Techfest - Kshitij 2023 comprising Technical and Non-Technical Events during 29.09.2023 - 30.09.2023. The aim of the event was to provide a common platform to interact and exchange ideas, experience to the budding engineers and to share their knowledge on various researches going on in the field of chemical engineering.</p>
Amethi	<p>Student Chapter Activity</p> <p>Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Petroleum Technology, Jais, Amethi (RGIPT) Student Chapter organized a webinar on 'Abroad Studies' on 10.10.2023.</p>
Calcutta	<p>Engineers Day Celebration held on 15.09.2023 & 16.09.2023.</p> <p>Dr H L Roy's 135th Birth Anniversary Celebration observed on 02.11.2023.</p> <p>Annual Picnic organised on 20.01.2024.</p> <p>Prof (Dr) Dilip K Dutta Memorial Lecture delivered on 24.02.2024.</p>
Chandigarh	<p>Chem-E-Cross</p> <p>This event was held on 22.02.2024 to showcase the skills of Students of Chemical Engineering Department, Punjab University in crossword puzzle competition.</p>
Chennai	<p>Student Chapter Activities</p> <p>Sri Sivasubramaniya Nadar College of Engineering, Kalavakkam</p> <p>Lecture on 'Role of Chemical Engineers in Chemical Industry and the Challenges' by Mr C Anbazagan, Retd. DGM, Orchid Pharmaceuticals Ltd. and Consultants for Pharma and Chemical Industries, on 12.03.2024.</p> <p>Lecture on 'Enhancing Professional Communication through Storytelling' by Mr Ayyappan Ramachandran, Founder and MD, Tellable, on 15.03.2024.</p>
Kozhikode	<p>The Inauguration of IChE Kozhikode Regional Centre was held on 16.02.2024.</p>
Trivandrum	<p>Student Chapter Activities:</p> <p>Sree Chitra Thirunal College of Engineering, Trivandrum</p> <p>Higher Education promotional activities on 'Intellectual Property Rights - A perspective for Academics and Research' by Shri Praveen Raj R S, Principal Scientist, CSIR-NIIST, Trivandrum, on 11.07.2023.</p> <p>Motivational Sessions on 'Bio-entrepreneurship' by Dr Dileep Kumar R, Director of Indriyam Biologics Pvt. Ltd. Trivandrum on 08.02.2024.</p> <p>TKM College of Engineering, Kollam</p> <p>Online essay writing competition on the topic of 'Impact of Modern Warfare on the immediate and Extended Environment' held on 13 -18.11.2023.</p> <p>Workshop on "Sustainability practices and the role of engineers" (webinar) conducted on 11.04.2024.</p>
Vellore	<p>Vellore Regional Centre was inaugurated 03.05.2024 at ISR Lab.</p>
Waltair	<p>Lecture</p> <p>On 'Preparation for Career' by Mrs K V Uma Devi, Director, Career Counseling, GITAM, Visakhapatnam, on 28.07.2023.</p> <p>Student Chapter Activities</p> <p>Gayatri Vidya Parishad College of Engineering, Visakhapatnam</p>

	<p>'Introduction to Refinery Careers and Refinery Economics' by Mr Nithin Kollipara, Sr. Refinery LP Engineer, Jubali Industrial City, Saudi Arabia, on 14.02.2024.</p> <p>Anil Neerukonda Institute of Technology and Sciences, Visakhapatnam</p> <p>Tech-fest, 'CHEMFLARE-2024' on 01 & 02.03.2024.</p>
<p>Madan Mohan Malaviya University of Technology, Gorakhpur Student Chapter</p> <p><i>(Unclassified: Does not come under any Regional Centre)</i></p>	<p>Expert talk:</p> <p>On 'Career Opportunities in the Petrochemical Sector' by Mr Shankar Dutt Paliwal, Senior Process Engineer at Abu Dhabi Polymer Co. Ltd., on 23.02.2024.</p> <p>On 'Technology and Entrepreneurships in Chemical Engineering' by Dr Sarjerao Doltade on 19.03.2024.</p> <p>Industry Visits arranged to Harinagar Sugar Mills Ltd. on 09.03.2024; Hindustan Urvarak and Rasayan Ltd. on 12.03.2024 and Avadh Sugar and Energy Ltd. on 13.03.2024 & 14.03.2024.</p>

14.0 Milestones of the Year (Beyond March 2024)

As per the convention, the Annual Report of the IChE Headquarters has covered activities of the Institute for the financial year April 2023 – March 2024. However, we deem it would be appropriate to keep our valued Members posted about important activities of the Institute that were conducted after March 2024.

Office of IChE Training Institute

The office of the IChE Training Institute was inaugurated on 16 August 2024 at the Headquarters office in Kolkata. This will help make the functioning of the Training Institute more streamlined, efficient and focussed. As already explained, the Training Institute will oversee Internship and Training programmes, R&D work, Faculty projects, organize Industry Conclaves, execute Industry Consultancy, etc.

MoU with Muzaafarpur Institute of Technology, Muzaafarpur

A Memorandum of Understanding was signed between Muzaafarpur Institute of Technology, Muzaafarpur and IChE on 16 August 2024 at the newly inaugurated office of the IChE-Training Institute for collaboration in training and internship. On behalf of Muzaafarpur Institute of Technology, Prof. M.K. Jha, Principal of the institution and on behalf of IChE, Mr. S.I. Thakar, President, IChE signed the agreement.

On-site Industrial Training

From the current year, IChE has introduced on-site industrial training for the students of Chemical Engineering and allied branches from across India. This year, around 35 students undertook training. The program will be undertaken on a larger scale from the next year, i.e., 2025-26. For the next year, the process of enrolment will begin in January 2025.

SCHEMCON

The 20th Annual Session of Chemical Engineering Students Congress, SCHEMCON-2024, was organized by the IChE Students Chapter at the Department of Chemical Engineering, Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Petroleum Technology (RGIP), Jais, Amethi under the guidance of the Amethi Regional Centre, IChE 20 and 21 September 2024.

CHEMCON

IChE is all geared up for IChE-CHEMCON 2024, the 77th Annual Session of the Institute, to be organised by the Doaba Regional Centre of IChE at Jalandhar, Punjab during 27 – 30 December 2024 at the premises of B.R. Ambedkar National Institute of Technology, Jalandhar. The central theme for the event has been decided to be 'Role of Chemical Engineering towards Sustainable Development and Atmanirbhar Bharat'.

List of IChE Meetings

Council meetings:

Meeting	Dates
Emergency Special Meeting	08.04.2023
3 rd Council Meeting (2023)	15.04.2023
Special Meeting of the Council	24.04.2023
4 th Council Meeting (2023)	24.06.2023
Online Emergency Council Meeting	02.09.2023
5 th Council Meeting (2023)	22.09.2023
6 th Council Meeting (2023)	26.12.2023
1 st Council Meeting (2024)	28.12.2024
2 nd Council Meeting (2024)	24.02.2024

Committee meetings:

Meeting	Dates
Research & Development Committee Meeting	16.8.2023
2nd Meeting of the Office Administrative Committee	02.09.2023
1st Meeting of Publication Committee	03.02.2024
2nd Meeting of Publication Committee	13.02.2024
1st meeting of Process Safety Environment and Energy Committee	31.03.2024
1st meeting of Legal Committee	07.04.2024
2nd meeting of Process Safety Environment and Energy Committee	19.5.2024

1st Building Committee meeting	17.6.2024
1st Finance Committee meeting	25.6.2024
1st Headquarters Office Administrative Committee	28.6.2024

15.0 Acknowledgement

The Council expresses its sincere thanks to the Honorary Office Bearers for spending much of their valuable time in rendering service to the Institute. The Council also appreciates the sincere work and utmost cooperation received from the members of the Headquarters staff of the Institute. Finally, the Council is indebted to all the donors, sponsors and well wishers for wholeheartedly supporting activities of the Institute.

Prof. Sunil Baran Kuila
Honorary Secretary