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ICF Hosts First Physical Vendor Meet in Four Years

Chennai, August 27, 2024 — After a hiatus of four years, the Integral Coach Factory (ICF) held a significant physical vendor meet at the Dr. Ambedkar Auditorium, Kambar Arangam, ICF, Chennai-38. The event, which saw a substantial turnout of vendors, began promptly at 9:30 AM with the registration process as delegates assembled.

The proceedings commenced with a traditional prayer song and the lighting of the kuthuvilakku. Shri. Y. Padmanabha Reddy, Chief Materials Manager (CMM)/Furnishing, welcomed the attendees. This was followed by addresses from Principal Chief Materials Manager, Shri. Venugopal Rao.K, and Principal Chief Mechanical Engineer, Shri. Subhransu Sekhar Mishra. **Shri. Subba Rao.U, the General Manager of ICF, delivered the keynote address.**

The highlight of the event was the inauguration of the exhibition hall, showcasing essential components required for the manufacture of train coaches by ICF. Following a brief intermission, attendees were treated to a presentation from ICF's design department, succeeded by an overview of the Stores Department by Shri. Rakesh Khare, CMM/Project. Shri. Prasanna Venkatesan offered an informative presentation on the Government e-Marketplace (GeM), and Shri. M. Sreevatsan, Zonal General Manager (South) of NSIC, provided valuable insights into the organization's role.

Further enlightening the gathering, Shri. K. B. Jayan, AGM RITES, gave a detailed talk on RITES, the inspection agency. HSBC Bank then addressed the financial and banking aspects related to supplying to the Railways. The sessions culminated in an interactive discussion with all the Chief Materials Managers of ICF.

This vendor meet marked a successful return to in-person interactions, strengthening the collaboration between ICF and its valued vendors.

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