



**International Conference on  
GALVANIZING – TECHNOLOGY, MARKETS & ENVIRONMENT  
11 & 12 May 2026, Hotel Babylon Inn, Raipur**

**TECHNICAL PROGRAMME  
(Tentative)**

**11 May 2026, Monday**

08.30 hrs - **Registration / Kit Collection**

10.00 hrs - **Inaugural Session**

**Welcoming & Opening Remarks:**

by L Pugazhenthly, Executive Director, ILZDA

**Special Addresses:**

1. Joao Jorge, Director of Market Research & Statistics  
International Lead & Zinc Study Group (ILZSG)
2. Ken D'Souza,  
International Zinc Association (IZA)
3. Dr Dilip Boralkar, ex Member Secretary, MPCB

**Address by Guest of Honour:**

Mr Kumaradevan Srinivasan, Chairman, IGA  
President (Mfg), Kalpataru Projects International Ltd

Presentation of **"ILZDA Distinguished Services Award"**

Response by the Awardee

**Vote of Thanks**

**National Anthem**

10.40 – 11.00 hrs **Coffee/Tea Break**

11.00 – 13.00 hrs **KEYNOTE SESSION : Global Outlook**

***Global Zinc Markets in 2026 – CHR's Perspectives***

by Huw Roberts, Director, CHR Metals Ltd (UK)

***The Chinese Zinc Market With a Special Focus on Galvanizing***

by Ms Claire Hassall, Director, CHR Metals Ltd (UK)



**Review of the Current Zinc Market Situation and Outlook for 2026**

by Joao Jorge, ILZSG (Portugal)

**Old Traditions versus New Innovations in Products & Applications of Hot Dip Galvanizing**

by Martin Van Leewan, Director Technology & Market Development  
International Zinc Association (Virtual)

**Galvanizing Industry in Europe & Intergalva 2027 Malaga**

by Murray Cook, EGGA (Virtual)

**Q & A**

13.00 – 14.00 hrs

**Lunch Break**

14.00 – 15.45 hrs

**TECHNICAL SESSION – 1: Continuous Galvanizing**

***Continuous Sheet Galvanizing of ZnAlMg Coated Steels: Product Characteristics & Applications***

by Kenneth M de Souza, Technical Consultant (Galvg & Prepaint), IZA

***Decarbonising the Steel Coating Industry – Roadmap to Net Zero***

by Praveen Kumar Mabian, AVP - Coated Operations,  
JSW Steel Coated Products Ltd

Confirmation Awaited

by Tata Steel

***Introducing Jet Vapor Deposition (JVD): A Breakthrough Technology in Galvanizing Industry***

by Dr Mithaleshwar Yadav, Vice President, Head of Sales  
John Cockerill India Limited

15.45 – 16.00 hrs

**Coffee/Tea Break**

16.00 – 18.30 hrs

**TECHNICAL SESSION – 2: Galvanizing Technology & Markets**

***Markets for General Galvanizing in India - An Overview***

by L Pugazhenthay, ILZDA

***India's Infrastructure Investments To Push Galvanizing Demand***

by Sachin Shetty, CEO, Quesrow Research & Strategy Co

***Manufacturing Excellence To Marketing Expertise - Missing Link***

by M. R. Rathina Paul, Sales Conversion Coach, Paul International

***Expensive Galvanizing Pot-Simple Tips for Extending Life & Productivity***

by Dr Shantanu Chakrabarty, ex Tata Steel Ltd

***Energy Efficient Melting & Heating Systems for Galvanizing Industry***

by Shashank Shekhar, Regional Manager – Sales & Services,  
Pioneer Furnaces Pvt Ltd

***Ensuring Quality & Productivity in General Galvanizing***

- ***My Experiences***, by Ketan Nirmal, Asst Vice President (Operations)  
Kalpataru Projects International Ltd



***Stress-Induced Pitting Corrosion in Steel Bridges***

by Anish Paudel, Director (Tech), Jalap Nepal (P) Ltd (Nepal)

19.00 hrs Gala Dinner

**12 May 2026, Tuesday**

10.00 – 11.00 hrs **TECHNICAL SESSION – 3: Environment & Recycling**

***Environmental Rules & Regulations for the Galvanizing Industry***

by Dr R N Jindal, Former Director, MoEF&CC

***Waste Management in Hot Dip Galvanizing***

by Dr Arnab Chattopadhyay, Technical Director, Edumet India

***Galvanizing to Fertilizers for Food & Nutrition Security***

by Dr Soumitra Das, Director South Asia, International Zinc Association

11.00 – 11.15 hrs **Coffee/Tea Break**

11.15 – 12.15 hrs **TECHNICAL SESSION – 4: Galvanizing Technology**

***Continuous Galvanized Rebar – An Update***

by Dr Rahul Sharma, Director-India, International Zinc Association

***Advancements in Hot Dip Galvanizing Plants***

by Varun Bhuta, Director, Step Techno Solutions LLP

***Role of Pre-Treatment Process for Effective Galvanizing***

by S V Singh, Vice President,  
Metals & Chemical Technology India P Ltd (Malaysia)

12.15 – 12.30 hrs **Concluding Remarks**

12.30 – 13.15 hrs **Lunch Break**

13.30 hrs **Plant Visit:**

To M/s Kalpataru Projects International Limited (KPIL)  
Coaches leave from Hotel Babylon Inn

14.00 – 16.30 hrs Arrive at KPIL  
Welcome by Management  
Plant Visit in Groups  
Reassemble in Conference Room  
High Tea

16.30 hrs Coaches leave for City/Hotel Babylon Inn



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