



**International Conference on  
GALVANIZING – TECHNOLOGY, MARKETS & ENVIRONMENT  
11 & 12 May 2026  
Venue: Hotel Babylon Inn (Nero Hall), Raipur**

**TECHNICAL PROGRAMME**

**11 May 2026, Monday**

08.30 hrs - **Registration / Kit Collection**

09.30 hrs - **Inaugural Session**

**Welcome & 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, Consultant  
International Zinc Association (IZA)
3. Dr Anupam Agnihotri, Director  
JNARDDC
4. Dr Dilip Boralkar, ex Member Secretary, MPCB

**Address by Guests of Honour:**

Mr Kumaradevan Srinivasan, Chairman, IGA  
President (Mfg), Kalpataru Projects International Ltd  
Mr V R Sharma  
Vice Chairman, Jindal Advisory Services

Presentation of **"ILZDA Awards"**

Response by the Awardees

**Vote of Thanks**

**National Anthem**

10.15 – 10.30 hrs **Coffee/Tea**

Host:





10.30 – 12.45 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 Leeuwen, Director Technology & Market Development  
International Zinc Association (Virtual)

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

by Murray Cook, EGGA (Virtual)

**Q & A**

12.45 – 13.45 hrs

**Lunch**

**Host:**



13.45 – 15.30 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

***Advances in GI & GA Coated Steel Sheets***

by Manindra Manna, Tata Steel Ltd

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

by Dr Mithaleshwar Yadav, Vice President, Head of Sales

John Cockerill India Limited

15.30 – 15.45 hrs

**Coffee/Tea**

15.45 – 18.30 hrs

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

***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 Architect, Paul International

***How are you, Mr Zinc Pot?***

by Dr Shantanu Chakrabarty, ex Tata Steel Ltd

***Cost Effectiveness in Hot Dip Galvanizing – Some Tips***

by Anil Mittal, CEO, R R Ispat (A Unit of Godawari Power & Ispat Ltd)



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

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

***Challenges Associated With The Design of a Hybrid Galvanizing Furnace***

– by Chris Mason, Director, Western Technologies Inc

***Recent Developments in European Galvanizing Process***

by Marco Antunes, Dipl Ing Herwig Gmbh

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

- ***My Experiences***, by Ketan Nirmal, Vice President (Manufacturing)

Kalpataru Projects International Ltd

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

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

18.30 hrs

**CULTURAL EVENING**

Host:



20.00 hrs

**Gala Dinner**

Host:



**12 May 2026, Tuesday**

09.30 – 10.30 hrs

**TECHNICAL SESSION – 3: Environment & Recycling**

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

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

10.30 – 10.45 hrs

**Coffee/Tea**

10.45 – 12.15 hrs

**TECHNICAL SESSION – 4: Galvanizing Technology & Markets**

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

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

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

by Dhanraj Moundekar, Technical 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)

***Markets for General Galvanizing in India – Emerging Scenario***

by L Pugazhenthay, ILZDA

12.15 – 12.45 hrs

**Panel Discussion Session**

12.45 – 13.15 hrs

**Lunch**



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 KPIL 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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