

Grauer & Weil India at SCE 2018

In the recently held Surface & Coating Expo (SCE) 2018 in Chennai, Grauer & Weil India Ltd, one of the leading players in the field of Electroplating Chemicals and Engineering Plants in the Metal Finishing industry, turned out to be an active participant.

The event organized by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) was the third edition of India's largest exhibition focused on Surface Engineering, Preparation, Finishing, Coatings, Corrosion Protection and Technologies.

The company displayed a comprehensive range of its products mostly related to the automotive industry. Among the showcased products were zinc and zinc-nickel plated components that meet the stringent automotive specifications of OEMs like Hyundai, Ford, BMW, Maruti, Tata, Volkswagen, Nissan, Renault, Mahindra, TAFE and others. Other products were Trivalent passivated components in different shades like blue, yellow and black, Geomet-coated fasteners and other parts related to Bharat Benz, Hyundai and other industries like windmills, etc. Plating on plastic components of the car and motor cycle industry, Electroless nickel mostly related to oil drilling and pipelines, Hard chrome related to earth moving equipment were also part of the company's display.

The Surface Preparation, Treatment and Coating sector has gained significance owing to the value addition it renders to automobiles such as better finish and lower maintenance.



Indian Manufacturing Sector Strengthens; PMI Reaches 52.2

Indian factory production showed improvement as September's Purchasing Manager Index (PMI) rose to 52.2 percent from August's 51.7 percent. This is the 14th consecutive month of expansion. Index over 50 shows expansion while below 50 means contraction.

This index, also known as the Nikkei India Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index, compiled by IHS Markit, is based

on the survey conducted among purchasing executives in over 400 companies belonging to eight broad categories: Basic Metals, Chemicals & Plastics, Electrical & Optical, Food & Drink, Mechanical Engineering, Textiles & Clothing, Timber & Paper and Transport.



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The report noted improvement in growth during September along with firmer gains in new orders, output and employment. Sales from both domestic and foreign clients spiked, while manufacturers increased their buying and augmented stocks of purchases in anticipation of further growth.

On the price front, input costs grew at a stronger rate amid reports of higher prices for fuel and steel. Charges were subsequently increased at a slightly firmer pace. Manufacturers remain confident that output will increase over the coming year.

Excellence Stressed at TPM National Conference

Addressing the 18th TPM (Total Productive Maintenance) National Conference organized by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), Suresh Krishna,



Chairman, Sundram Fasteners Ltd, stressed on the importance of pursuing excellence. "Excellence is not an end but a continuous journey of discovering new way of doing things," he said.

"When mediocrity becomes accepted, good becomes rare and excellence become idiosyncrasy of very few individuals," added Krishna. He further acknowledged and praised the achievements of the Indian companies; having bagged 42 percent of the TPM awards by the Japan Institute of Plant Maintenance (JIPM), they are the highest award winners outside of Japan. 266 Indian companies have won out of the 367 TPM awards so far.

To drive home his point, Krishna spoke on the journey of Sundram Fasteners, "We started our company with eight employees and today we are eight thousand."