

**Welcome Address by Shri Hemant Saraogi, President**  
**Eastern India Corrugated Box Manufacturers Association**  
**At the Puja Diwali Get Together**  
**Held on 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 2007 at 6.00 p.m.**  
**at Punjab Club, Kolkata.**

Shubho Bijaya and very happy Deepawali.

I have the pleasure to welcome you all to this august evening.

The festive season in our state is in full swing ..... thanks to our dear political parties for providing us extended puja holidays.

Today we all have gathered for fellowship and for the release of the much needed Membership Directory 2007. I am thankful to Chetan Bhai who has taken up this tedious task to recompile and update this Membership Directory.

Friends, electricity had changed the face of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, and I am sure the internet, e-communication and information technology will change the life of everyone in the ongoing 21st century. We all have seen the magic of internet which is still in its infant stage. I can foresee much more miracles to happen.

Today our association has made a modest attempt in this direction by launching its Web Portal **[www.eicbma.com](http://www.eicbma.com)**. My special thanks to Shri Bharat Kedia and Shri R G Agarwal for making this dream come true. The details of the site will be given by Chairman of the Web Committee, Shri Bharat Kedia in his address later today.

Friends as you are aware this association was started by 6 member units in 1972 and by the grace of God and sincere efforts of our respected Past Presidents, today our association is having their own office premises, testing lab, R&D centre and now its own web portal with a dedicated team.

I am proud to announce that our association will be hosting all India Corrugated Box conference in 2009 and our dear Shri R.G Agarwal has been nominated as Vice President II of F.C.B.M. from our association. We all from Eastern India should accompany Shri R. G Sahib to Varanasi to cherish these special moments.

Before I conclude I must acknowledge the rapid enhancement in Kraft paper production in our region. I can visualize that within 3 yrs our state will become self sufficient and perhaps be able to export to other states also. No doubt we are attaining quantity but quality is still a matter of concern, I appeal to all paper manufacturers and dealers to put their efforts and emphasis on quality and encash the virgin market of 10,000 tons which is readily available.

With these words I once again welcome you all and hand over today's proceedings to Shri Bharat Kedia.

Thank You,