



# 73<sup>rd</sup> INDIAN FOUNDRY CONGRESS & IFEX 2025



Hosted by - IIF Eastern Region & Its Chapters

9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2025 | Biswa Bangla Mela Prangan, Kolkata

## IFC/IFEX NEWSLETTER

### DAY 1 - FEB 9, 2025



The 73rd version of the Indian Foundry Congress (IFC), the flagship event of the Indian Foundry Industry, has been inaugurated here in Kolkata, the City of Joy, today, February 9, 2025, at Biswa Bangla Mela Prangan, the venue of the mega event organised by The Institute of Indian Foundrymen (IIF). Eastern Region is the host region of the IFC. IFEX 2025, the largest foundry exhibition in India, held concurrently with the 73rd IFC.

The twin mega event will continue till Feb 11, 2025. Various experts from around the world contributed their insights, covering a broad spectrum of topics relevant to the metallurgy and foundry industry. Throughout the conference, attendees had the opportunity to participate in specialised tracks focused on innovation in foundry technology, critical sustainability practices, quality assurance in manufacturing, and the latest advancements in materials science.





## Inaugural Function

The Chief Guest, Padma Bhushan Babasaheb N Kalyani, MD of Bharat Forge, shared nostalgic memories of his visits to Kolkata in the 1970s. He spoke passionately about how "Sonar Bangla" is emerging as a hub of metallurgical activity, reviving West Bengal's former glory. Highlighting current challenges, he underscored four pivotal areas of focus: artificial intelligence, the transition from fossil fuels to renewable energy, advancements in bioengineering and genetic technologies, and effective supply chain management. Both he and his wife received

heartfelt recognition and awards for their contributions, with the coveted leadership award being presented to him. Mr. Om Prakash Jalan, Managing Director, Bengal Energy Limited, was the Guest of honour. Mr. Vijay S Beriwal, Chairman, Organising Committee, 73rd IFC, briefed on IIF in the development of the Industry. India is the 2nd largest producer of castings in the world. Eastern India is the largest supplier of sanitary castings in the country.

Mr. Navneet Agarwal, President, IIF, in his address said that the foundry industry in Eastern India is growing at a rapid rate. The foundry industry, the





basic manufacturing sector, is eager to support the government's campaign of Viksit Bharat. He informed that a huge investment is expected to be pumped into Bengal's foundry industry. He further said that MSME foundries need to be supported by the government in several ways. Mr Ravi Sehgal, Chairman, IFEX 2025 in his address mentioned that yesterday's celebration of IIF's 75th year was a grand function. Mr Baba Kalyani's presence in the function was very motivating. He said, foundry industry in the Eastern Region including Bengal has changed remarkably. The industry here is developing very fast. IFEX 2025 is showcasing the present scenario of the industry. Following this, Mr. Sudip Sarkar shared remarkable statistics about IFC 2025 and IFEX. He proudly announced an impressive turnout, with 6,399 visitors from the foundry

sector, along with 4,018 equipment and machine manufacturers, 5,013 materials suppliers, and 4,000 service providers, plus an additional 700 participants from other categories. Dr. Shashi Panja, the Hon'ble Chief Guest at the IFC 73 Congress and Minister of Women and Child Development, Social Welfare, and Industry and Commerce in West Bengal, expressed her appreciation towards the organizing committee for their outstanding arrangements. During her address, she encouraged attendees to provide recommendations for improving state operations. Additionally, she motivated industrialists to consider establishing industries in Bengal, highlighting the opportunities and potential within the region. Her presence underscored the government's commitment to fostering industrial growth and social welfare in the state. The session concluded with a vote of thanks by Pradeep Kumar Madhogaria, Co-Chairman of the IFC. This was followed by an exciting book launch for IFEX 2025, culminating in a celebratory balloon release led by Executive Director Dr. Abhishikta Roychowdhury.



# Har Ghar Jal and Amrut 2.0 Symposium



**Sandip Kejriwal**  
MD, Kejriwal Castings Ltd



**Dr Sabarna Roy**  
Head of R&D, Kejriwal Castings Ltd



**Maneesh Kumar**  
Global Marketing Head (DI Business),  
Jindal Saw Limited

# Symposium on Sustainability in Foundries



**Navneet Agarwal**  
President IIF



**Brajesh Kumar Singh**  
DGM, Foundry Division, Tata Motors



**V Srinivas Reddy**  
ED - Synergy Green Industries Ltd.



**Gagandeep K. Bhullar**  
Founder & CEO, SuperHumanRace



**Srinivasa Rao**  
Chief Operating Officer,  
Madras Engineering Ltd



**Harsh Choudhry**  
Co-founder & CEO Sentra World

# Symposium on Circular Economy & Vehicle Scrappage Policy



**Swati Singh Sambhyal**  
GRID - Arendal, Norway



**Srinivas Reddy**  
Senior Vice President, Brakes India



**KD Bhardwaj**  
NPC - Group Head & Director  
Environment & Climate Action



**Dhruv Goel**  
CEO, Steel mint



**Naman Shah**  
Founder & CEO, NowPurchase



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## PANEL DISCUSSION

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### NPC Achievements

- 7500 Consultancy Assignments including Organisation Restructuring, Manpower Rationalisation, Recruitment, Energy Audit, Economic Survey
- Trained 1.2 Millions Professionals
- Trained 12000 Boiler competent persons
- Trained 10,000+ Professionals
- Trained 1,000+ Environment Auditors Per Year 2020 Onward
- Formulated Environmental Regulations for 25 Industrial Sectors
- Consultancy on Lean and MFCA To 2000+ MSME Units
- Helped 500+ Industries In Energy Saving
- Certified 20,000+ Energy Auditors
- 150+ Circles Across 40 Industrial Sectors
- Water Audit Certification Agency 500 Industry Per Year
- Developed and Implemented ISO 14001 in Organizations / Industries

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## B2B Meetings



## TechMart



# IIF Awards



