



## Dynamic Conference by GDCTECH FORUM

**G**GDCTECH Conference & Exhibition was held in Pune on 27th & 28th October 2015 at Hotel Sun-n-Sand, Pune.

This annual event 4th in series broke all its previous records setting high expectations by the participants for future events.

Event included over 19 Technical Presentations, 10 Exhibition Stalls, 16 Castings Display Tables, exhibiting 87 castings.

GDCTECH 2015 began with an Inaugural Ceremony in which Conference Chairman Mr. Jabbar Ali Inamdar introduced the event and welcomed dignitaries and delegates. In his opening remarks he emphasised the importance of Gravity Die Castings and its high market potential.

Mr. R. V. Apshankar, Co-convenor of the GDCTECH introduced Chief Guest Mr. Arun Firodia, Chairman, Kinetic Engg. Ltd., stating his love towards Aluminium Casting Industry and his contribution to the growth of Aluminium Castings in Two Wheeler Sector.

In his thought provoking inaugural address Mr. Arun Firodia, talking about China, gave a broad picture of Chinese economy. He mentioned that Manufacturing sector contribution to Chinese GDP is 50% whereas, it's only 15% in case of India. He said that we believe that there are many subsidies for Chinese manufacturing sector to remain very competitive. We, however should look at innovative ways of productivity improvements, fast deliveries and innovative ideas to reduce costs.

He cited few very inspiring examples.

China is using the rivers for transportation. Transport cost including fuel cost is substantially low when water transport is used.

Another very innovative idea is setting up workshops on ship, so that the voyage time is used for machining, finishing and assembling. This can considerably reduce the cycle time. If India is really to be manufacturing hub as is envisaged by 'Make in India' campaign, then we need to work on innovation and productivity.

He also further said, Some Aluminium parts like wheel rim castings could be mass produced by using Centrifugal Casting Method.

His inspiring speech was highly appreciated by a large and very attentive audience.

Mr. Anil S. Kulkarni, Convenor of GDCTECH, introduced Mr. Gangadhar Nadgouda, Head - Purchase & Supply Chain, CV, Tata Motors Ltd Pune, the Keynote Speaker. He also introduced Mr. Subhodh Panchal, from KASTWEL FOUNDRIES, Guest of Honour.

Mr. Gangadhar Nadgouda, in his Keynote speech stressed upon, the situation of OEMS, unable to pass on price increase to customers. The growth of Auto Industry is mainly depending on Infrastructure development, skill building, quality and culture of Innovation. He stressed the need of innovation in all fields on Fast Track.

Mr. Subhodh Panchal, who has been Past President of Institute of Indian Foundrymen, in his address while inaugurating the

exhibition, emphasised efforts put in by IIF & GDCTECH Forum to promote Indian Casting Industry at International Exhibitions like GIFA/NEWCAST, held regularly at Dusseldorf.

Technical session were of course feast of knowledge by 19 experts.

Special features of this event was Innovative Idea of Mr. R. T. Kulkarni to have Advisory Board meeting, consisting of CEO's, Vice Presidents, and Govt. authorities. Total 22 members actively participated and discussed on Aluminium Cluster Formation with help of MSME (Agra), Methodology of conducting training programmes, especially for inhouse Training Programmes, 3 months certificate course jointly with VIT for industry sponsored Fresh Candidates, Promotion of Export of Aluminium Casting with help of EEPC and participation in IESS 2016, Organising International Mega Event on aluminium during 2017.

Two days event concluded with thought provoking Valedictory address by Mr. Ram Bhogale, CMD, AITG GROUP, who in his address emphasised on the points; Explore New areas of application of Aluminium Castings, One should move with time, Expectations of User to be taken as challenge, One should not move away from the existing instead one has to head to do new, Integrate with Ideas and value adding activities to be competitive, Very attractive features of this event were Project competition and Casting Display, 10 shop floor projects were presented by Shop Floor Engineers.