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R. T. Kulkarni is a Metallurgical Engineer. Basically a Foundryman and in the field of marketing. Personal contacts in the complete foundry industry ferrous / non ferrous. Travelled / Visited International exhibitions. Good contacts with buyers of castings. He is the founder and former Hon. Secretary of Aluminium Casters' Association of India

I Believe in 3C's - Concern, Care & Commitment - R.T. Kulkarni

(ALUCAST). He is Vice Chairman of GDCTECH Forum & Forging Forum. He has a Permanent staff of more than 20 persons. His organization Arkey is committed for Training of Manpower. He is Advisor to Mtlxcs (Technical Team). He is on Editorial Board of *Metalworld*

Speaking to the Editorial Team of *Metalworld*, R T Kulkarni speaks about his experiences in the foundry industry

Excerpts

I came to know that GDCTECH Forum has been initiated by your group, and has made good image in Aluminium Diecasting Industry. May I know how your group could achieve this?

As you know for any growth three things are essential. Idea, leader and team we have all. We have creators of ideas and leader is Dr. Aniruddha Karve, who has put his initial period in diecasting industry

and we have a Advisory Board and Organising Committee consisting of stalwarts and visionaries in the Aluminium Diecasting.

May i know your organisation structure?

We have formed Core committee consisting of 7-8 people who would put efforts to formulate the policies in the line of direction of advisory board.

Advisory board Consisting of Senior persons representing various Industries like foundry, suppliers, buyer, equipment manufacturers, Academia.

Organising Committee consisting of over 20 working people, who are the back bone of the forum.

What are the areas that GDCTECH focuses on ?

Focussed areas are:



- Technical knowledge dissemination
- Manpower development
- Entrepreneurship Development

Can you tell in detail of plans / ways of Technical dissemination?

It is through conferences, training programmes, and journal.

How are your training programs different from others?

We believe in ‘Continuous Improvement’. We regularly upgrade and modify the training programs and take feedback from industry people. Also to improve the effectiveness of the programme further, we have taken new steps this year. We insist for feedback of assessment by the sponsoring organisation and we expect the organisations to try to implement ideas generated and win idea implementation award during training programme.

We also undertake the need assessment for any particular industry if they wish.

Any specific efforts that have been taken for the benefit of Aluminium Diecasting Industry?

Yes Three months foundry supervisor certificate course for fresh Dip/Bsc. Jointly with Pune’s one of the prestigious institutions V. I. T.

Really, this is interesting, will you please tell in detail more about this program?

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Vishwakarma Institute of Technology & Arkey Technical Training Research Institute joined hands to conduct Three Months Certificate Course on Aluminium Foundry Technology.

This will cover not only theory but also an opportunity to witness shopfloor practices on regular interval basis. Mr. Bharat Agarwal, Managing Trustee of Bansilal Ramnath Agarwal Charitable Trust, Pune, in his opening remarks said VIT is committed to such interactive educational courses which in Turn benefit large community who are aspiring for making career in Foundry Industry.

I had also heard that you lead Indian Industrial Delegation to other countries is it true?

Yes, it is true and almost every year we do one / Two delegations. You may be surprised to note for our NADCA delegation we had to close booking within one week of announcement. Excellent spontaneous response.

This year we have scheduled Delegation to NADCA in October

We would like to have a support of other associations and academic Institute and R & D organisations to build the co-operative & collective efforts for the benefit of industry.

Is there any special activity started by GDCTECH, which is having good response?

Yes, one activity ‘Coffee Talk’ which is held on every first Wednesday of the month, where in lectures, generally on management topics of general interest, is delivered.

Proud to say that month Coffee Talk was 44th one, till today except 2 occasions of our annual conference dates closing, were successfully held. It celebrated Silver Jubilee Coffee Talk in 2016.

Another event started last year is unique in nature. In this event we felicitate working Women Engineers on 8th March being International Womens’ Day.

Buyers Division is another which has picked up very well which always works for Buyers’ activities.

MSME industry has appreciated the Technical services through Solutions Centre.

Industrial delegation to international events on Aluminium die casting is another successful activities, we have lead to GIFA(Germany), China, Japan.

I know you have so much experience of working for many associations. What are your beliefs?

3 C’s, Concern to the members, Care of members and adhering to the Commitment. This cannot be achieved without personal contacts.