

National workshop on High value Aluminium Alloy for Defence, Aero, Railways & Auto sector

Country's first-ever national workshop on High value Aluminium Alloy for Defence, Aero, Railways & Auto sector was inaugurated on 23rd February 2018 at the Jawaharlal Nehru Aluminium Research Development and Design Centre (JNARDDC), Nagpur, by Dr. Tapan Kumar Chand, CMD of NALCO & Chairman of Aluminium Association of India.

In his address as the chief guest at the inaugural session of the seminar on Development of Aluminium Alloys and Downstream products for Defence, Aerospace and other Strategic Applications, Dr Chand stressed on the fact that the viability of Indian Aluminium Industry critically hinges on its reach at the high end aluminium value chain. He further stated that in next ten years the requirement of high strength aluminium alloy will increase by fivefold. Besides,



introduction of T-20 high speed train by railways, metro trains, Electric vehicles, Smart cities, rural electrifications will spur up the aluminium demand in the country, he added.

Dr Chand also highlighted about the upcoming Aluminium Park near NALCO's Smelter Plant, at Angul, which will be the cradle ground for different kinds of downstream industries apart from manufacturing value added products. Worth mentioning that the Aluminium Park is being jointly set up by NALCO & Infrastructure Development Corporation (IDCO), Govt of Odisha. It may be noted

that out of 3000 applications of aluminium worldwide, the use of aluminium applications in India is confined to a meagre 10%.

The two-day seminar is being organised at the Jawaharlal Nehru Aluminium Research Development and Design Centre (JNARDDC), Nagpur, an autonomous body under ministry of mines, Govt. of India. Among others, Dr. Anupam Agnihotri, Director, JNARDDC, also spoke on the occasion and stressed on the importance of R&D activities on various applications of Aluminium alloys in different sectors.

The inaugural session was attended by delegates from IIT Mumbai, DMRL, IIT Bhubaneswar, ARAI, NCAIR, VDIH, HAL, DMSRDE, NALCO, AAI, BALCO, VEDANTA, HINDALCO IDCO, IPICOL, Jindal Aluminium Limited Minex and other associated institutions and industries.

Industry Chambers must become a two-way channel between Industry and Government: Rashesh Shah



FICCI President Rashesh Shah said on 9th May 2018 that Industry Chambers' role must change now from just a one-way channel for facilitating the industry's needs through government to also ensuring that the government and people's expectations and needs are also translated into reality.

Addressing the Consultative Committee of City Chambers of

Commerce (CCCC) in Chennai, Shah said, "India is changing rapidly and the role of chambers is also changing from just being an advocacy group for the industry. We also have to now translate the needs of the government, the needs of the country, to the industry".

He also said that India is at a fascinating stage of economic growth and it needs lot of investments to create jobs and boost growth and for that we need to channelise savings.

Shah added, this also requires promoting entrepreneurship and diversity in the boardrooms and FICCI is running various programmes to ensure more and more women join boards of different companies.

He said that FICCI is promoting MSMEs and Startups in a big way and

City and Regional industry chambers and platforms like CCCCC have a critical role in taking this to much higher levels.

The CCCCC members acknowledged the role of FICCI in addressing their needs and concerns. Rafeeqe Ahmad, Chairman CCCCC & President SICCI; Dr. V L Indira Dutt, President, Andhra Chamber; Chozha Naachiar Rajasekar, President, Tamil Chamber; N Mahaveerchand Dugar, President, Hindustan Chamber and Sayed Muneer Ahmed, President, National Chamber felicitated FICCI President Rashesh Shah.

The CCCCC session was part of FICCI's National Executive Committee meeting held in Chennai.

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