

'Asian Metallurgy Summit' concludes No Meltdown, only slowdown in India



Asian Metallurgy 2009 Fair Catalogue is being unveiled by experts



Participants engaged on presentations



Volga Stal Proekt bags 1st prize for Best Concept & Design Stand

Leading metals industry magazines Steelworld and Metalworld jointly organised its 6th biennial exhibition- 'Asian Metallurgy 2009'- at Bombay Exhibition Centre, Goregaon, Mumbai between 11-13 June, 2009.

'Asian Metallurgy' is the biggest biennial exhibition of technology, equipments, raw materials and products related to ferrous and non-ferrous metals and minerals industry of Asia.

The event was inaugurated in the presence of Vijay Prakash Saha, Chairman, Energy Saving Commission, World Foundrymen Organisation, Dr. H. M. Mehta, Founder Chairman, ASM International (India Chapter), Vinod Agarwal, Chairman, IIF (Western Region), J. K. Tandon, Director - Projects, JSW Steel, Hemant Parekh, Vice - President, Bombay Metal Exchange Ltd and D. A. Chandekar, CEO, Chandekar Business Media Pvt Ltd. Vijay Prakash Saha chaired the inaugural session.

After discussing various aspects of global meltdown, panellists and delegates of the conference concluded that Asia and particularly India has not been hit hardly by global economic crisis as compared to other developed countries. However, the economic activity slowed down a bit in the region.

V.P. Saha, after unfolding the fair catalogue of the exhibition said in his speech, "India has not been affected much by global meltdown due to strong financial structure, but the country has to increase steel consumption to compete with developed countries." He also raised concern about climate change and its impact on energy resources and emphasised the importance of energy efficiency.

J.K. Tandon said, "Decoupled economy is still doing extremely well. We need to bring in young legs in metallurgy world."

Alongside with the exhibition, a one-day conference- 'Asian Metallurgy Summit'- was also organised. The conference took off with the panel discussion- Global Meltdown and Asia. Raju Hirve said, "India must need more transparency in rules and regulations to fasten projects approvals."

D.A. Chandekar said, "Technically there is no meltdown in India. It's just a slowdown. Even in this recessionary period, government is confident of achieving a GDP growth of 7 percent, but I think 5-6 percent would be a reasonable target."

Prem Arora, convenor of the conference, said, "India is itself a huge market for steel and metal products, so I am sure Indian steel industry will have a bright future."

The first business session of the conference began with the presentation of Dr. Amit Ganguly, Chief and Business Excellence, Mukand Ltd, Mumbai. He presented his paper on 'Indian Steel Graduates through Quality Management to Clinch Competitiveness.' In his presentation, he brought attention towards the importance of quality management for the industry. R. D. Mehta, Sales Manager, Inductotherm (India) Pvt Ltd, talked on 'Induction Heat Treatment Practice in Wire Industries'. His paper was concentrated on processes relevant to the heating of wire and some of the latest advances in induction heating in the wire and its related industries. And the last paper of the business session was presented by Arun Kumar, Managing Director, Technocrats Plasma Systems Pvt Ltd. He spoke on 'Trends in Automated Plasma Cutting in Steel Industry'. In his presentation, he introduced new technologies in cutting and welding for steel industry.

The session was chaired by V. R. Altekar.

The second business session commissioned with the presentation of Sandip Parikh, Material Technology Development Centre, Mumbai. His presentation was titled 'Role of Failure Analysis in Life Extension and Product Enhancement'. K. B. Bharati, Mukand Ltd, Mumbai presented his paper on 'Efficiency Improvement & Cost Control through Quality Management Techniques.' He said, "Considering the sub prime crisis in the west and its repercussions on the Indian Industry, the present industrial scenario at our end looks gloomy. However this situation should be looked as an opportunity for optimizing all resources." In his presentation, he emphasised on applications of various quality management techniques, which will help in optimization of all resources & creating own benchmarks to further excel in business.

The next paper was read by Jana Prasad, Vice President, Austin Engineering Co. Ltd on 'Bearing in Steel Industry.' The presentation briefed about the company's activities and product range. And the last paper was presented by Vasant Kalambi, CEO, Pinnacle Technologies. His presentation, titled 'Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) software for Manufacturing Industries', and introduced the company's unique product ERP, an integrated information management system which can maintain the information related to materials, sales, purchase, stores, production, quality, accounts, HRD and maintenance.

The conference was concluded with valedictory address and distribution of mementoes. A cultural programme and cocktail dinner, organised on the same day, provided a platform for the delegates and exhibitors to develop a personal rapport.

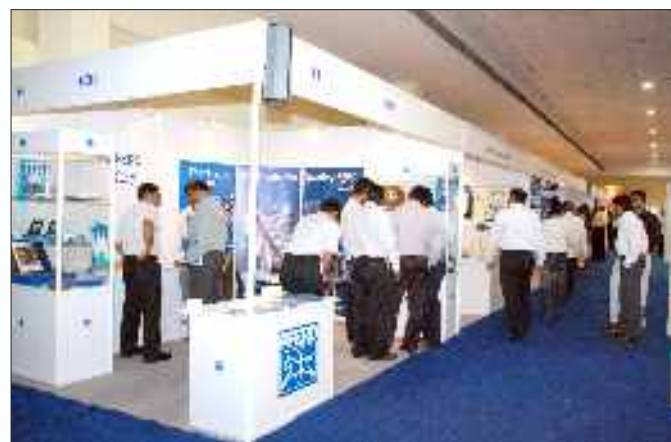
Along with ferrous and non-ferrous companies, equipment manufactures, technology providers, trading houses also participated in the exhibition. Not only Indian companies, but foreign companies from China, Russia and USA had participated in the exhibition. Even in this recessionary period, the three-day exhibition received an encouraging response from visitors.



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