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IMTEX FORMING 2026 Inaugurated: Exhibition to Drive Growth for India's Machine Tool and Metal Forming Ecosystem



Asia's largest exhibition on metal forming and manufacturing technologies, featuring 714 exhibitors from 24 countries across 4 exhibition halls spanning 48,000 square metres, was inaugurated by Dr. S. Rajkumar, President - Engine Component Division, Rane (Madras) Limited and Mr. Tarun Mehta, Co-founder & CEO, Ather Energy, at Bangalore International Exhibition Centre (BIEC), Bengaluru on 21 January 2026. Mr. Jamshyd N. Godrej, Chairman, Exhibitions - IMTMA, Ms. Mohini Kelkar, President - IMTMA, and Mr. Vikram Salunke, Vice President - IMTMA, shared the dais.

Bengaluru, 21 January 2026: Indian Machine Tool Manufacturers' Association (IMTMA) is organising the ninth edition of IMTEX FORMING from 21 to 25 January 2026. Tooltech, focusing on machine tool accessories, metrology solutions, CAD / CAM tools, tooling systems, and latest trends in tooling industry; Digital Manufacturing, showcasing real-time solutions in additive manufacturing and Industry 4.0, and Weldexpo, in association with Indian Institute of Welding, showcasing latest welding technologies, are held concurrently. Many parallel events such as International Seminar on Forming Technology, i2 Academia Pavilion, Jagruti-IMTMA Youth Programme, and Manufacturing Technology Quiz Contest will be held during the show.

Moldex India and Fastenex India, organised by Messe Stuttgart, focusing on moulding, fasteners, and fixing technologies respectively, are co-located alongside IMTEX FORMING 2026.



21 - 25 January 2026, Bengaluru



International Exhibition of Dies & Moulds, Forming Tools, Machine Accessories, Metrology and CAD / CAM

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Speaking at the inauguration, Dr. S. Rajkumar, in his address, said that the exhibition was a platform for the machine tool industry to validate its technologies. He added that ICE (internal combustion engine) vehicles will continue to run for at least two decades, as the GST rate reduction has boosted demand, encouraging the auto industry to increase its capacities.

Mr Tarun Mehta, in his address, said that key technologies depend on advanced manufacturing processes and new material capabilities. He stressed the importance of innovation in machine building and added that with sustained R&D, India can excel in manufacturing.

Earlier, delivering the welcome address, Mr Jamshyd Godrej said that the Government of India has accorded good recognition to the machine tool industry through various schemes that will help India's economic growth. He added that IMTEX and the exhibitions held at BIEC significantly encourage trade and commerce.



Emphasising the growth of machine tools and metal forming, Ms. Mohini Kelkar said that in FY 2024-25, consumption in the metal forming segment stood at ₹9,139 crore, with production at ₹2,696 crore. She added that although metal forming currently accounts for 29% of the Indian machine tool market, the segment is expected to grow measurably in the coming years.

IMTEX FORMING 2026 has expanded by around 20% compared to its previous edition. The five-day exhibition showcases the latest technologies and trends in metal forming, including presses, bending, welding and joining, high-speed laser machines, robotics and automation in sheet metal working, additive manufacturing, and more. Developments in forming machinery, near-net manufacturing, digital manufacturing, shopfloor automation, and artificial intelligence are also being showcased.

Overall, the five-day exhibition is a unique platform to further accelerate the adoption of digital transformation and high-productivity solutions in manufacturing. For more information on the exhibition, log on to www.imtex.in



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About IMTMA

Established in 1946, Indian Machine Tool Manufacturers' Association (IMTMA) is the apex industry association for machine tool industry in India. IMTMA has a membership of more than 500 companies from public and private sectors, manufacturing a wide range of metal cutting and metal forming machines, accessories, cutting tools, and other related equipment. IMTMA plays an active role in the growth of the machine tool industry through policy advocacy, exhibitions, knowledge platforms, publications, research reports, training, and skill development. IMTMA has also developed a green exhibition facility called Bangalore International Exhibition Centre for organising exhibitions, conferences, and corporate events.

About IMTEX FORMING

IMTEX FORMING, first organised in 2010, is Asia's largest exhibition on metal forming and manufacturing technologies. The exhibition showcases equipment, machinery and technologies that contribute to manufacturing growth.

IMTEX FORMING 2026, Tooltech 2026, Digital Manufacturing 2026 & Weldexpo 2026: A snapshot:

- Show dates: 21 - 25 January 2026
- Number of exhibitors: 714
- Foreign exhibitors: 182, around 25% of the total exhibitors
- Germany, Italy, Japan, and Taiwan have dedicated country pavilions
- Exhibition space: 48,000 square metres
- Number of countries: 24
- 200 trade delegations across industry segments
- Expect a visitor footfall of around 50,000