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International Seminar on Forming Technology 2026 Concludes with Strong Focus on Next-Gen Forming Technologies

Bengaluru, 24 January 2026: International Seminar on Forming Technology 2026, organised by Indian Machine Tool Manufacturers' Association (IMTMA), held from 22 to 23 January 2026 at Bangalore International Exhibition Centre (BIEC), Bengaluru, concluded successfully, attracting 210 delegates. The seminar brought together manufacturing industry leaders, technology providers, academia and policymakers to deliberate upon the future of sheet metal forming and smart manufacturing.

The seminar was inaugurated by Mr. F.R. Singhvi, Joint Managing Director, Sansera Engineering Limited, Dr. Karthik Krishnamurthy, Director-Operations and COO, Mahindra Aerostructures Pvt. Ltd. and Ingrid Rasquinha, Joint Managing Director, Electro Pneumatics & Hydraulics (India) Pvt. Ltd. Mr. Vikram Salunke, Vice President - IMTMA, and Mr. Guru Prasath K.R., Executive Director, IMTMA, shared the dais.

Delivering his keynote address, "Innovation, Collaboration, and Skill - The Trifecta for India's Manufacturing Future", Mr. Singhvi emphasised that transformation doesn't happen by accident but through innovation, collaboration and skill. He added that India's GDP is growing faster than that of any other country, and there is a tremendous opportunity to excel in manufacturing.

Dr. Krishnamurthy, in his keynote address, "Building momentum and driving competitiveness in the global aerospace industry", highlighted the evolving global aerospace landscape and India's growing capabilities in advanced manufacturing. He added that India would have more than 500 million air travellers by 2030 and become the world's leading aviation market.

Earlier, in her welcome address Ms. Rasquinha spoke about the growing need for closer collaboration between industry and technology providers to keep pace with rapid advancements in manufacturing. She stressed the need to bridge the gap between academia and industry to advance India's manufacturing endeavours.

Over two days, the seminar featured in-depth technical sessions on various facets of forming technologies. The presentations covered cutting-edge topics such as digital twins, advanced forming processes, high-performance presses, additive manufacturing, automation and robotics, smart laser welding, and more. The seminar reaffirmed the International Seminar on



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Forming Technology's role as a vital platform for advancing forming technologies and accelerating India's transition towards smart, competitive, and sustainable manufacturing.

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.