

## **A report on IMTEX 2015 and TOOLTECH 2015 (January 22 – 28, 2015)**

(Organised by IMTMA)

IMTEX 2015, South East Asia's largest exhibition, held over a period of seven days, had over 900 exhibitors displaying over 1000 'live' machines from over 24 countries at the Bangalore International Exhibition Centre (BIEC) in Bangalore. The machine tools expo spread over five halls in an area of 48,000 sq. m was visited by around 90,000 industry professionals from over 50 countries.

The exhibition was inaugurated on 22 January 2015 by Shri G. M. Siddeshwara, Minister of State for Heavy Industries & Public Enterprises, Shri R. V. Deshpande, Minister for Higher Education and Tourism in Karnataka, Shri Vishvajit Sahay, Joint Secretary, Department of Heavy Industry, Ministry of Heavy Industries & Public Enterprises, Ms. K. Ratnaprabha, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary, Commerce & Industries Department, Karnataka, Mr. Debasish Mallick, Deputy Managing Director, EXIM Bank of India, Mr. Tarun Das, Former Chief Mentor, CII, Mr. Ajay Shankar, Former Member Secretary, National Manufacturing Competitiveness Council (NMCC), Mr. Jamshyd N. Godrej, Chairman Exhibitions, IMTMA, Mr. L. Krishnan, President, IMTMA and Mr. P.G. Jadeja, Vice President, IMTMA were also present.

Speaking on the occasion, Union Minister Shri Siddeshwara said that Karnataka was in process for setting up its first machine tools park to bring manufacturing efficiency through cluster development. Karnataka's Higher Education Minister Shri Deshpande opined that investing in Karnataka would bring rich dividends to the industry since the state was a hub for manufacturing. Ms. Ratnaprabha expressed that machine tools sector plays an important role in manufacturing.

On an average 15,000 visitors chose to attend this important industry event every single day of the seven days exhibition. The visitors were mainly from manufacturing industries like aerospace, railways, defence, capital goods, automobiles, and auto components. It is hoped that IMTEX 2015 will serve as an enabler for "Make in India" and foster relations among Indian and foreign players in machine tools industry. All kind of advanced machine tools such as horizontal & vertical machining centres, CNC Vertical Turret Lathes, Special Purpose Machines, Tool & Cutter Grinders, CNC lathes, CNC grinders, CNC gear making machines, laser cutting machines, EDMs, CNC boring & drilling machines, turn-mill centres, coordinate measuring machines, general purpose machines like lathes, milling machines, Horizontal Band Saw Cutting Machines, Centreless Grinders were displayed live.