

MMMM 2006

MMMM2006 coincided with the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations of Indian Institute of Metals, commemorating 60 years of its establishment, which was conceived by eminent professionals and visionary metallurgists of India. 6th International Trade Fair and Conference on **Minerals, Metals, Metallurgy & Materials** were held at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi from 11 – 14 September 2006. The theme of the Conference "**Unleashing India's Potential in Metals and Minerals**" had been most appropriate in view of the on-going Global scenario. The event had also a concurrent exhibition held from 11 – 14 September 2006. Exhibitors from 33 countries viz. Austria, Bangladesh, Belgium, Belarus, China, Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Iran, Italy, Luxembourg, New Zealand, Nigeria, Pakistan, Poland, Russia, Singapore, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, The Netherlands, Ukraine, UK, USA participated.

In the Conference, eminent speakers from CARBON TECH, CPCB, COLARADO SCHOOL OF MINES, ESSAR STEEL, HINDALCO, INTERSTOP, ILZDG, MCX, METALYSIS, MITTAL STEEL (Global), NORTH EASTERN UNIVERSITY, POSCO, RDCIS SAIL, Other R&D ORGANIZATIONS, SEVERSTAL GROUP, SAIL, SMS MEER, SMS DEMAG, TATA STEEL, VEDANTA and many more presented their technical papers, generating lively discussions. Overseas speakers from CHINA, GERMANY, SOUTH KOREA, RUSSIA, SWITZERLAND, THE NETHERLANDS, UK, USA, etc. presented their papers containing topics of state-of-the-art technologies.

Mr. Bhairon Singh Shekhawat, Hon'ble Vice President of India, inaugurated the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations. Inaugural Address was delivered by Mr. A K D Jadhav, Secretary, Ministry of Mines, followed by Mr. R S Pandey, Secretary, Ministry of Steel.

Guest of Honour Dr. Akhilesh Das, Hon'ble Minister of State for Steel and Dr. T. Subbarami Reddy, Hon'ble Minister of State for Mines gave their Special Addresses on the occasion. Hon'ble Vice President of India Mr. Bhairon Singh Shekhawat gave Inaugural address. Mr. B. Muthuraman, Managing Director, Tata Steel & President, IIM and Mr. S K Roongta, Chairman SAIL, delivered keynote addresses.

Diamond Jubilee Lecturer was delivered by Prof. Brajendra Mishra, President, TMS, USA on "*Future of Metals and Materials Industry in the United States*".

Mr. Malay Mukherjee, COO (Global), Mittal Steel Co. UK was scheduled to present "*Mittal Steel Global Strategies and Success Stories*". As he was not able to participate, Dr. Sanak Mishra, CEO Mittal Steel India & Vice President and Chairman Ferrous Division of IIM presented this Diamond Jubilee Lecture.

Prof. P. Rama Rao, Distinguished Professor, International Advanced Research Centre, spoke on "*IIM's Future Roles in HRD, Research & Development in India - Some Random Thoughts*".

Mr. P. Parvathisem, Former Chairman, NALCO spoke on "*Base Metals - Global & Indian Perspective*".

Technical Sessions included technical papers on Iron & Steel, Non Ferrous Metals, Mining and Environment, Research & Development etc. Dr. Jairam Ramesh, Union Minister of State for Commerce & Industry, chaired valedictory Session.

Mittal Steel, SAIL, Tata Steel and Vedanta as Platinum Sponsors, Essar Steel, MMTC, NALCO and NMDC as Diamond Sponsors, MCX and Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Ltd as Gold Sponsors ably supported the event.

Prof. S. Ranganathan, Past President, Indian Institute of Metals presented a Popular Lecture "**Heritage of India**" on 11Sept. (evening) prior to Dinner. The lecture was an exciting experience and the audience was listening with apt attention for about an hour. For most of the delegates, it was an enthralling experience of life. This was followed by Felicitations from IIM Delhi Chapter.

Mr. R P Varshney, the current Chairman of the Delhi Chapter was felicitated for his long association of about 60 years with IIM in various capacities and for rendering selfless and yeoman services to the chapter.

Dr. S. Samarapungavan was felicitated for his contribution towards getting approval from DDA for the Chapter building, raising funds for construction of this building.

Late Mr. H C Sharma was posthumously felicitated for his devotion and selfless services to the Chapter. His wife, accompanied by his sons, received the memento.

Mr.V R Subramanian was been felicitated for his contributions in construction of the Chapter building and the contributions of pioneering nature made as chapter Chairman.