



President's Message



Dear Fellow Foundrymen,

Greetings from the President's Desk!

As we step into April - a period marked by a rich confluence of festivals, I extend my warm greetings to all our members and their families. Occasions such as **Hanuman Jayanti, Good Friday, Easter, Baisakhi, Vishu, Tamil New Year, Ambedkar Jayanti, Bohag Bihu and Akshaya Tritiya** reflect the spiritual depth, cultural diversity and renewed optimism that define our nation. They inspire us with timeless values of courage, sacrifice, revitalisation and prosperity, encouraging us to move forward with unity and purpose.

Global Challenges & Emerging Realities

These celebrations come at a time when the global environment remains increasingly complex. Ongoing geopolitical conflicts are impacting economies worldwide, leading to **rising energy and input costs, supply chain disruptions and heightened volatility in commodity prices**. At the same time, **uncertainty in export markets** continues to challenge growth and planning, as traditional demand centres undergo fluctuations.

Energy Efficiency and Cost Optimisation

Ongoing geopolitical conflicts are fundamentally reshaping global supply chains, compelling businesses worldwide to actively reduce concentration risks and seek stable, dependable and diversified sourcing destinations. In this shifting landscape, India is not merely an alternative—it is emerging as a preferred and strategic manufacturing partner, backed by its stability, neutrality and growing global confidence in its capability.

Indian foundries must decisively position themselves to capitalise on this opportunity. This calls for a sustained and focused drive towards **energy efficiency and cost optimisation** to remain competitive in a demanding global environment. At the same time, **proactive market diversification beyond traditional regions** is essential to reduce exposure to volatility and unlock new growth avenues. **Strengthening domestic demand linkages** must also be a priority to build a robust and balanced growth framework. Furthermore, the **accelerated adoption of digital technologies** and **resilient supply chain practices** is critical to enhancing responsiveness, ensuring continuity and securing long-term competitiveness in an evolving global order.

Foundry Sand Valorisation

I am pleased to share that, after extensive deliberations and alignment among all stakeholders, The Institute of Indian Foundrymen (IIF) formally signed the **tripartite agreement with CSIR-Central Road Research**

Institute (CSIR-CRRI) and Suyog Elements India Pvt Ltd on Mar 25, 2026, in New Delhi. This milestone marks the culmination of sustained efforts to bring together research, industry and implementation capabilities for the techno-commercial valorisation of foundry sand. The project, commencing with the Coimbatore cluster, will focus on developing sustainable applications of processed foundry sand in road construction and maintenance through rigorous scientific study and field validation. This collaboration reinforces our commitment to advancing circular economy practices, enabling responsible waste utilisation and positioning the Indian Foundry Industry at the forefront of sustainable and innovative solutions.

Appreciating the Success of SOURECON 2026

I would also like to place on record my sincere appreciation for the **IIF-Southern Region and Chennai Chapter** for the successful organisation of the **36th Southern Region Conference – SOURECON 2026**, held on Mar 14, 2026, at the Coral Beach Resort in Chennai. The conference witnessed enthusiastic participation and served as an excellent platform for technical exchange, industry interaction and strategic dialogue. The thoughtfully curated technical sessions, engaging panel discussions and the impactful Buyer–Seller Meet reflected a strong commitment to advancing knowledge, fostering collaboration and strengthening industry linkages. The meticulous planning and dedicated efforts of the organising team ensured that the event was both meaningful and memorable. Such initiatives truly exemplify the spirit of our Institute and contribute significantly to the growth and cohesion of the foundry fraternity.

New Financial Year - Looking Ahead

As we stand at the threshold of a **new financial year**, it is an opportune moment to reflect and recalibrate. The past year has, by and large, been a positive one for the Indian Foundry Industry, demonstrating resilience and steady progress. However, the closing months also reminded us of the challenges arising from the evolving geopolitical situation. As we move forward, let us carry this momentum with renewed confidence and a positive outlook. With collective resolve and a shared commitment to overcoming challenges, I am confident that our industry will continue to grow stronger, more competitive and better prepared to seize emerging opportunities in the year ahead.

I welcome your thoughts and suggestions at president@indianfoundry.org.

Let's GROW Together.

Thank You.

Jai Hind!

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