



# President's Message

**Dear Members,**

As we enter the festive season, I extend my warm greetings and good wishes to all our members and their families on the occasions of **Gandhi Jayanti, Durga Puja/ Navratri and Karwa Chauth**. Though each of these occasions has its own significance and traditions, they remind us of enduring values—selflessness, sacrifice, discipline, compassion and concern for the larger society. In our professional lives too, these values remain deeply relevant, reminding us that our responsibilities extend beyond our individual organisations to our employees, communities, industry and nation.

It is with this sense of shared responsibility that we must view the current economic and industrial environment. The Indian economy continues to maintain encouraging momentum, with real GDP recording 7.8% growth in Q1 of FY 2026–27. The foundry industry, despite volatility in raw-material prices, rising energy and logistics costs, skilled-manpower shortages and increasing compliance and technology expenditure, continues to demonstrate resilience. It is heartening that the order position remains encouraging in both the domestic and export markets, reflecting strong demand and competitiveness of Indian foundries. The opportunity before us is to convert this momentum into sustainable growth through higher productivity, energy efficiency, quality improvement, technology adoption, skill development and closer cooperation across the value chain.

For IIF to contribute meaningfully to this progress, the strength and reach of our own fraternity must continue to grow. A wider membership amplifies the voice of our Institute, broadens our knowledge network and strengthens our ability to serve the industry. IIF has therefore set an ambitious goal of reaching **5,000 members by Mar 31, 2027**. This cannot be achieved by the Membership Department or Head Office alone. In order to succeed, it must become a collective movement involving Regions, Chapters, Centres of Excellence and members. I therefore appeal to each one of you to support the simple commitment of **"Each One, Get One."** Every new member adds greater strength, diversity and participation to the IIF family.

Participation, however, is not only about expanding our membership; it is equally about coming together to learn, share and build stronger professional relationships. In this spirit, I warmly invite members to participate in **WESCON 2026**, being organised by IIF-Western Region in **Goa on Oct 9-10, 2026** under the theme **"GRIP the Future – Green • Resilient • Industrial Profitability."** The technical interactions, case studies, technology discussions and networking opportunities promise to make WESCON a valuable platform for members across Regions and Chapters.

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organisations to continually raise the bar. The prestigious **IIF Awards** encourage the pursuit of excellence in knowledge dissemination, sharing and management of know-how, vendor development, manpower upskilling, export performance, employee involvement and innovation, among others, for both individuals and organisations. This year, we have set a target of receiving about **200 nominations by Oct 31, 2026**. I urge our Regions, Chapters and members to identify deserving foundries, professionals, innovators and achievers so that their contributions receive the recognition they merit. Wider participation will make our Awards more representative of the depth, diversity and excellence of the Indian foundry fraternity.

This spirit of participation, recognition and industry engagement will find an even larger platform at a landmark historic milestone ahead—the **Platinum Jubilee 75th Indian Foundry Congress & IFEX 2027**, to be held from **Feb 8-9-10, 2027 at the India Expo Centre & Mart, Greater Noida, Delhi NCR**, under the theme **"Innovate for New Opportunities."** The Congress will bring together the foundry fraternity through technical and business sessions, B2B buyer-seller meetings, technology showcases, keynote addresses, panel discussions, industry interactions, works visits and extensive networking opportunities, while also providing a platform to engage with domestic and overseas casting buyers and explore new business relationships. Scintillating cultural programmes, exciting Pre & Post Conference Tours, attractive programmes for spouses, mouth-watering theme dinners and our traditional hospitality will add to the spirit of fellowship. I encourage every member to plan early, register in advance and participate with colleagues and family members in making this Platinum Jubilee Congress a memorable milestone for IIF.

The months ahead offer us many opportunities—not only to attend programmes, but also to contribute ideas, strengthen relationships, recognise excellence, expand our fraternity and create new possibilities for the industry. The real strength of IIF lies in the active involvement of its members and I look forward to the same enthusiasm and cooperation that have always brought our fraternity together.

Together, let us continue to strengthen our Institute and the Indian Foundry Industry with confidence, collaboration and purpose, guided by our shared vision of **Innovation • Sustainability • Global Excellence**.

Looking forward to your ideas and suggestions at [president@indianfoundry.org](mailto:president@indianfoundry.org).

With warm regards,

**Jai Hind!**

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**President, 2026-27**

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