

## **Durgapur Chapter Annual Activity report for the year 2023-24.**

### **❖ Technical Presentation:**

Durgapur activity centre jointly with IIF ER organised "**Make -In-India &MSME Connect**" on 12th September 2023 at CSIR-CMERI Durgapur. In this event **Dr N.P Sinha** delivered lecture on "**Modernisation of traditional Foundry Practice**".

### **❖ Diamond Sponsor of EASCON 2024**

CSIR-CMERI was diamond sponsor of EASCON 2024. In this event **Dr. Rajesh Prasad Barnwal** delivered lecture on "**IOT implementation in Foundry**" and **Dr. Aditya Kumar Lohar** delivered lecture on "**Single Platform Foundry**".

### **❖ Upgradation of Durgapur Activity Centre to Durgapur Chapter**

A team from IIF Durgapur Activity centre on upgradation to IIF Durgapur chapter visited ER Kolkata on 15/05/2024 and consulted with all department for smooth functioning of chapter.

### **❖ Chapter Foundation Day**

Durgapur Chapter Foundation day was celebrated on 31/05/2024 at CSIR-CMERI, Durgapur

### **❖ Annual Chapter Meeting**

Annual Chapter Meeting day was held on 31/05/2024 at CSIR-CMERI, Durgapur

### **Cohosted Event.**

#### **A. EASCON (Eastern Regional Conference)**

Date: January 13, 2024

Venue: Hotel Park Prime, Kolkata.

Jointly organized by IIF-Eastern Region along with Kolkata, Howrah, Jamshedpur Chapter and Durgapur Activity Centre.

Theme: Recasting East –Transforming Foundries through Technologies.

In the Inaugural session, Mr. Gautam Dutta, Chairman, IIF-Eastern Region made the opening remarks.

Mr. Navneet Agarwal, Vice President, IIF while delivering welcome address highlighted the importance of the Foundry Industry as well as the industry's ongoing resurgence in the eastern part of India.

The Guest of Honour was Dr. Naresh Chandra Murmu, Director, CSIR – CMERI Durgapur who in his address focused on the MSME foundries of the country, their importance and the challenges faced by them. He also said that the foundry sector, which is mostly in MSME category is facing a number of challenges as low investment, shortage of skilled manpower, lack of adequate infrastructure, limited marketing scope, high prices of raw materials, high energy cost being some of them.