

# THE INSTITUTE OF INDIAN FOUNDRYMEN

# RAJKOT CHAPTER

## ANNUAL ACTIVITY REPORT 2025–26

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### Chairman's Message

The year 2025–26 has been a significant and progressive year for the IIF Rajkot Chapter. Through a series of technical seminars, webinars, industrial visits, networking forums, vendor development initiatives, and member engagement activities, the Chapter continued its commitment to strengthening the foundry fraternity and supporting the growth of the manufacturing ecosystem.

The Chapter successfully organized programs focused on technology upgradation, business excellence, skill development, government schemes, and industry interaction. These initiatives provided valuable learning opportunities and encouraged active participation from foundry professionals, entrepreneurs, suppliers, academicians, and young engineers.

We sincerely thank all members, sponsors, speakers, industry partners, and volunteers whose support contributed to the success of our activities throughout the year.

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### Chapter Activity Highlights

During FY 2025–26, the Rajkot Chapter organized **13 major programs** covering technical knowledge sharing, professional development, networking, sports, family engagement, and industrial collaboration.

#### 1. Technical Lecture

**Date:** 18 May 2025

**Attendance:** 48 Members

**Mode:** Online

A technical session was organized on the **MSME-ADEETIE Scheme**, creating awareness about government initiatives aimed at enhancing energy efficiency and sustainability within MSMEs. The session enabled participants to understand the eligibility criteria, benefits, and implementation opportunities for foundry units.

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## 2. Sports & Fellowship Activity

**Date:** 17 May 2025

**Attendance:** 19 Members

**Venue:** Teamax Ground

To strengthen bonding among members and promote a healthy work-life balance, the Chapter organized sports competitions including **Cricket, Chess, and Carrom**. The event received enthusiastic participation and fostered camaraderie among members.

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## 3. Annual Council Meeting (ACM)

**Date:** 24 May 2025

**Attendance:** 49 Members

**Venue:** Sahajanand Village

The Annual Council Meeting reviewed the Chapter's performance, achievements, and financial status while outlining strategic priorities and objectives for the coming year.

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## 4. Technical Webinar

**Date:** 28 June 2025

**Attendance:** 45 Members

**Mode:** Online

A webinar on **Root Cause Analysis** was jointly conducted with experts from the Mumbai and Nagpur Chapters. The session focused on systematic problem-solving methodologies and practical approaches to quality improvement in foundry operations.

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## 5. Town Hall Meeting

**Date:** 04 July 2025

**Venue:** Saraza Hotel

The Chapter organized an interactive Town Hall Meeting featuring prominent foundry industry leaders and officials. The discussion focused on current industry challenges, opportunities, government policies, and future growth prospects for the Rajkot Foundry Cluster.

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## 6. National Council Meeting Discussion

**Date:** 04 July 2025

**Venue:** Lagoona

A dedicated meeting was conducted to discuss National Council matters, chapter initiatives, and future programs aligned with the objectives of The Institute of Indian Foundrymen.

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## 7. Industrial Visit Program

**Date:** 04 July 2025

Members visited leading manufacturing organizations, including:

- 1) Jyoti CNC Automation Ltd.
- 2) Sigma Malleable Pvt. Ltd.
- 3) Sunstar Metal Industries

The visit provided valuable insights into advanced manufacturing practices, automation technologies, quality systems, and operational excellence.

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## 8. National Foundry Day (NFD) Celebration

**Date:** 2–3 August 2025

**Attendance:** 46 Members & Families

**Venue:** Aranya Villa

National Foundry Day was celebrated with active participation from members and their families. The event combined professional networking with recreational activities, strengthening the social fabric of the Chapter.

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## 9. Railway Casting Vendor Development Program

**Date:** 17 September 2025

**Attendance:** 58 Members

**Venue:** Railway Hall

This program focused on opportunities in the railway sector and provided guidance regarding vendor registration, technical requirements, quality expectations, and business development opportunities for foundry companies.

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## 10. Business Excellence Seminar

**Date:** 23 September 2025

**Attendance:** 62 Members

**Venue:** Rajkot Engineering Association (REA)

A highly informative seminar was delivered by **Mr. Hitesh Shukla, IIC**, covering business excellence frameworks, operational improvements, leadership development, and organizational growth strategies.

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## 11. Town Hall Meeting with National Office Bearers

**Date:** 21 December 2025

**Attendance:** 58 Members

**Venue:** Kathiyawadi Jalsa

An interactive session with National Office Bearers enabled members to exchange ideas, discuss industry concerns, and understand the future vision and initiatives of IIF at the national level.

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## 12. MSME-ADEETIE Workshop

**Date:** 09 January 2026

**Attendance:** 63 Members

**Venue:** Imperial Palace

A comprehensive workshop was conducted to provide practical guidance on implementation of the MSME-ADEETIE Scheme. The session received excellent participation and generated significant interest among foundry units.

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## 13. Participation in IFEX 2026

**Date:** 9-11 February 2026

**Venue:** Mumbai

Members of the Rajkot Chapter participated in **IFEX 2026**, India's premier foundry exhibition. The event provided opportunities for technology exploration, networking, supplier interaction, and business development.

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# Council Meeting Activities

To ensure effective governance and successful execution of programs, the Chapter conducted regular council meetings throughout the year.

Date	Attendance	Major Agenda
02 April 2025	18	Annual Planning & Review of Previous Year
13 April 2025	26	Technical Seminar Planning
18 April 2025	15	NC Meeting Arrangement & Project Prayas
20 May 2025	17	Final NC Meeting Preparation
25 June 2025	21	Project Prayas & Program Scheduling
16 July 2025	16	NFD Planning & Technical Activities
03 September 2025	24	Monthly Program Planning
07 November 2025	15	Town Hall Meeting Preparation
07 January 2026	15	MSME-ADEETIE Program Planning
28 February 2026	26	IFEX Review Meeting
07 March 2026	18	New Team Formation & Annual Planning

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## Year at a Glance

**Major Programs Conducted: 13 & Council Meetings Held: 11**

### Key Focus Areas

- ✓ Technical Knowledge Enhancement
  - ✓ Government Scheme Awareness
  - ✓ Vendor Development
  - ✓ Business Excellence
  - ✓ Industry Networking
  - ✓ Family Engagement
  - ✓ Leadership Interaction
  - ✓ Manufacturing Excellence
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## Conclusion

The IIF Rajkot Chapter continued its journey of excellence during FY 2025–26 through impactful technical programs, meaningful industry interactions, member engagement initiatives, and strategic development activities. The Chapter remains committed to supporting the growth of the foundry industry, fostering innovation, promoting professional development, and creating value for its members.

**"Together, we strengthen the Foundry Industry and build a sustainable future for manufacturing excellence."**

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