

THE INSTITUTE OF INDIAN FOUNDRYMEN Eastern Region

Annual Activity Report of IIF Eastern Region, 2025 -26

1. Council Meeting : Total 08 nos. of Council Meeting were organized during the tenure, all were conducted in Hybrid Mode which are as follows:
23rd Jun' 25; 22nd Jul' 25; 25th Sept' 25; 27th Oct' 25;
08th Dec' 25; 06th Jan' 26; 05th Mar' 26; 21st Apr' 26
2. 57th Region Day & 36th Chapter Day : On **May 10th 2025**, IIF Eastern Region and IIF Kolkata Chapter jointly celebrate 57th Region Day & 37th Chapter Day at IIF Center, Kolkata-700107. The programme include an address by the **Chief Guest**, Mr. Vijay S Beriwal, Past President IIF.; **Guest of Honour**, Mr. Pradeep Kr. Madhogaria, Hon. Secretary-IIF; **Keynote Speaker**, Swami Vedatitananda, Correspondent, Ramkrishna Mission Vidyamandir, Belur, Howrah-711202. Distribution of awards in recognition of excellence, felicitating members for their contribution to IIF and a Cultural Programme followed by cocktail dinner.
3. 58th Annual Regional Meeting [2024-25] : Held on **May 30th 2025** in Hybrid Mode.
4. Inauguration of Students' Chapter : This is the first time in Howrah Chapter that a Students' Chapter was inaugurated at MCKV Institute of Engineering, Howrah-711204, in collaboration with IIF Eastern Region on **04th June 2025** with a nominal strength of 30 nos. of mech. engg. students. On this auspicious day, the ceremony was graced by distinguished dignitaries, including Chief Guest Mr. Ravi Sehgal, Past President-IIF, Guest of Honour Mr. Vijay S Beriwal, Past President-IIF, Special Guests included Dr. Abhishikta Roychowdhury, Executive Director-IIF, Mr. Pradeep Kr. Madhogaria, Hon. Secretary-IIF, Mr. Shekhar Chatterjee, Chairman-Howrah Chapter. All the dignitaries were felicitated by Dr. Abhijit Lahiri, Principal of MCKVIE and Mr. Abhay Kejriwal, Trustee Member of MCKV Group of Institution.

Dr. Abhishikta Roychowdhury, ED-IIF offered a token of appreciation and discussed a brief overview of IIF among the students of MCKVIE.

5. Workshop with TERI (The Energy and Resources Institute) : On **6th June 2025**, IIF Eastern Region in collaboration with The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) and with knowledge partner Shakti Sustainable Energy Foundation (SSEF) conduct a workshop on “Expression of Interest on Energy Audit Studies in Foundries” in Howrah cluster & adjacent.

The technical session were featured by Mr. Prosanta Pal, Senior Fellow, TERI, New Delhi and Mr. Sambit Ghatak, Research Associate, TERI, New Delhi where they emphasised the value of energy audits in foundries and identifies opportunities for energy savings.
6. Seminar with Students’ Members : On **29th July 2025**, a seminar titled “Foundry Today and Tomorrow: Building bridges between Innovation and Industry” was organised jointly by IIF Eastern Region and Kolkata Chapter in association with Swami Vivekananda Institute of Science & Technology, Kol-700145. The programme was conducted at SVIST campus which was designed to bring together industry leaders, researchers, academicians and young professionals to exchange knowledge and insights on transformative trends shaping the foundry sector.
7. 76th National Foundry Day : Celebration 75th National Foundry Day was held on **20th August 2025** at Hotel Park Prime, Kolkata 700020. The event was jointly organized by Eastern Region along with Kolkata, Howrah and Durgapur Chapters. The programme included welcoming address by Mr. Goutam Dutta, Chairman-IIF ER; address by **Chief Guest**, Mr. Navneet Agarwal, President-IIF and address by **Guest of Honour**, Mr. Pradeep Kr. Madhogaria, Hon. Secretary-IIF.

Mr. Atanu Ranjan Pal, Chief Technology Officer, TATA Steel Ltd., graced as **Keynote Speaker**, delivered a presentation on “Pig Iron Value Chain - Way Forward Toward Greener Future”.

Also Esteemed Guests Dr. Abhishikta Roychowdhury, Executive Director-IIF and the Past Presidents of IIF who are the persons of eminence from industry addressed to the audience. Besides, programme also include distribution of awards in recognition of excellence, felicitating members who have completed their 25 years of IIF Membership. There was an entertainment & cultural programme followed by cocktail dinner.
8. Seminar cum Workshop : A one day Seminar cum Workshop titled “Foundry 4.0 Boot Camp: Experiencing Next Generation Casting Technologies” was jointly organised by IIF ER and Durgapur Chapter on **14th September 2025** at CSIR-CMERI Durgapur campus. The event was designed to bring together industry veterans, researchers and academicians to explore the future of casting technologies. The session took a major step in coupling traditional casting practices with emerging digital technologies, emphasizing CSIR-CMERI Durgapur role as a hub for industrial innovation.

9. Townhall Meeting : On the eve of **18th September 2025**, a townhall meeting was organised by IIF Kolkata Chapter and IIF Howrah Chapter in association with IIF Eastern Region at IIF Center, Kolkata-700107. The theme of the event was “Let’s Grow Together”. The event witnessed a gathering of distinguished dignitaries including Mr. Sushil Sharma, President-IIF and Mr. Prayut Bhamawat, Hon. Secretary-IIF along with several Chapter Officials and Senior Members of the fraternity. The programme was designed to celebrate the recent milestones achieved by the Institute, evaluate the progress of ongoing initiatives and outline the roadmap for future growth and collaboration. A special awards segment followed, where the President and Hon. Secretary felicitated by the Chapter dignitaries. The programme concluded with a networking dinner.
10. Non Ferrous Committee Meeting of IIF ER : 1st Non Ferrous Committee Meeting of IIF ER was conducted on **07th November 2025** at IIF Center, Kolkata-700107. Prof. (Dr) Goutam Sutradhar and Dr. Amit Nag are selected as the Chairman and Hon. Secretary of the Non Ferrous committee of IIF ER. It has been observed that more than 300 non-ferrous foundries and allied units situated in West Bengal, most of them are located in Howrah and Kolkata suburban, which are not in a organised way and having a lack of modernisation.
- If IIF can organise some vendor development programme then we can analyses what exactly non-ferrous foundries want and what exactly IIF can do. The basic objective is to integrate non-ferrous casting people as a whole then these committee can develop or formulate some methodology for small and medium non-ferrous industries who are striving, could get some support because IIF is the largest apex body of foundry industry and liaison of Govt. body.
11. Seminar on Students’ Programme : A full day Seminar on “Casting a New Mould: IIF and Aliah University Synergise to Redefine Foundry Education ” organized jointly by IIF Eastern Region and Kolkata Chapter in association with Aliah University on **23rd December 2025** at Aliah University Campus, Kolkata-700156.
- The event was focussed on Industry-Academia Interaction where the seasoned industry veterans and budding engineers get together to dissect the trajectory of foundry technology.
- The morning session culminated in a panel discussion titled “Career Opportunities in Foundry Sector”. The symposium concluded with a competitive showcase talent where 13 technical innovative ideas were presented by Mech. Engg. Students, covering topics from sustainable moulding practices to advanced defect analysis.

12. EASCON – Annual Flagship Event : On **10th January 2026**, IIF Eastern Region along with its Chapters jointly commemorates the mega event EASCON 2026 at Hotel Hindusthan International, Kolkata-700020. The theme of the event “**Destination East – Lets Grow Together**”. It was a PAN India level programme and members of Kolkata Chapter resorted their precious time for the grand success of the event. The session started with the welcome address by the Chairman of the Organising Committee, Mr. V S Beriwal. Felicitation of Chief Guest, Guest of Honour and NOBs by Region & Chapter Office Bearers.

The session headed by
Chief Guest, Mr. Biswanath Agarwal, Managing Partner-R B Agarwalla & Co. ; Guest of Honour, Mr. Sushil Sharma, President-IIF. ; Special Guest: Mr. Navneet Agarwal, Imm. Past President-IIF and Mr. S Muthukumar, Hon. Treasurer-IIF

During the session three technical presentations were arranged

- a) By Mr..Carlos Quintella, International Business Developer (Foreign Speaker) on “Cold Box 4.0 – Automatic Foundry Solution through Integrated Engineering”
- b) By Dr. Rajesh P Barnwal, Scientist F, CSIR-CMERI Durgapur on “Industry 4.0 Framework”
- c) By Mr. Rishi Kedia, Co-Founder, Pre6 Tech Pvt. Ltd. on “Quality Management Software”

Beside the aforesaid, some panel discussion were also arranged which are as follows:

- a) MSME Support for Foundry, mentored by Mr. V S Beriwal, Past President-IIF
Participants: NSDC / IISSEC / WBSEDCL / DIC (Howrah) / WBPCB
- b) Export Opportunities, mentored by Mr. R P Sehgal, Past President-IIF
Participant: Mr. Sandip Kejriwal, MD-Kejriwal Castings Ltd.
Mr. Navneet Agarwal, MD-RBA Exports Pvt. Ltd.
Mr. Anupam Shah, Jt. MD, Nipha Exports Pvt. Ltd.

The event concluded with a very interesting foundry quiz for the general audience, conducted by Dr. Sukomal Ghosh, Imm. Past Chairman, Kolkata Chapter.

It was a marvelous program for all foundry fraternity with wonderful gatherings, very lively events enlighten with recent topics covered there.

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**All the information are arranged as per date wise conduction*