

KOLKATA CHAPTER ACTIVITY REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2025-26

1) Council Meeting

Total 10 nos. Council Meeting held during 2025-26. Out of which 3 nos. are in Hybrid Mode and 01 no. in Virtual Mode, which are as follows:

1 st Council Meeting -	Monday, 23 rd June 2025	Physically at IIF Center
2 nd Council Meeting -	Wednesday, 29 th July 2025	Physically at IIF Center
3 rd Council Meeting -	Wednesday, 26 th August 2025	Physically at IIF Center
4 th Council Meeting -	Tuesday, 29 th September 2025	Virtually through Zoom Meet Link
5 th Council Meeting -	Thursday, 15 th October 2025	Through Hybrid Mode
6 th Council Meeting -	Friday, 21 st November 2025	Through Hybrid Mode
7 th Council Meeting -	Tuesday, 23 rd December 2025	Physically at Aliah University, Kol-700156.
8 th Council Meeting -	Thursday, 29 th January 2026	Through Hybrid Mode
9 th Council Meeting -	Thursday, 5 th March 2026	Physically at IIF Center
10 th Council Meeting -	Wednesday, 8 th April 2026	Physically at IIF Center

2) Technical Presentation

- Tuesday, 26th August 2025 on “**Anti Scale System for Induction Furnace Pipeline**” by Mr. Lav Saraf, CEO, Prompt Castings Pvt. Ltd., Howrah.
- Wednesday, 8th April 2026 on “**AI in Foundry Industry – from reactive physical operations to proactive digital ecosystems**” by Dr. Somnath Das, Associate Professor, SVIST, Kolkata-700144.

3) Work (Foundry) Visit

- 15th July 2025 at Kiswok Insudtries Pvt. Ltd., Jalan Complex Unit, Howrah-711411.
- 27th August 2025, Titagarh Rail System Ltd., Titagarh Unit, Kolkata-700119.
- 14th October 2025, Braithwaite & Co. Ltd., Angus Unit, Hooghly-712221.
- 03rd December 2025, Electrosteel Castings Ltd., Khardah Unit, Kolkata-700115.
- 07th April 2026, Kejriwal Castings Ltd., Howrah Unit, Howrah-711114.

4) Students' Programme

- a) A full day Seminar on “Foundry Today and Tomorrow: Building bridges between Innovation and Industry” organized jointly by Swami Vivekananda Institute of Science & Technology and Kolkata Chapter on **29th July 2025** at SVIST Campus, Kolkata-700144. The seminar is designed to bring together industry leaders, researchers, academicians and young professionals to exchange knowledge and insights on transformative trends shaping the foundry sector.
- b) A full day Seminar on “Foundry-Awareness Programme for the Mechanical Engineering Student Members” organized jointly by Aliah University and Kolkata Chapter in association with IIF Eastern Region on **23rd December 2025** at Aliah University Campus, Kolkata-700156. The seminar is enhanced to develop a foundry-awareness programme for the mechanical engineering student members to have a fair knowledge of various industrial applications and their usages to develop the knowledge of employability.

5) 76th National Foundry Day Celebration

76th National Foundry Day celebration held on Wednesday, 20th August 2025 at Hotel Park Prime, Kolkata-700020. The event was jointly organized by Kolkata Chapter along with Eastern Region, Howrah Chapter and Durgapur Chapter. 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.. Besides these also address from the Past President of IIF who are the persons of eminence from foundry, distribution of awards in recognition of excellence, felicitating members who have completed their 25 years of IIF Membership.

There was a Technical Presentation on “Pig Iron Value Chain – Way Forward Towards Greener Future” presented by Dr. Atanu Ranjan Pal, Chief Technical Officer, TATA Steel

There was an entertainment & cultural programme where performer from “Zee Sa Re Ga Ma Pa” and “Akash Aath” performed enthusiastically, followed by cocktail dinner.

6) EASCON – 10th Jan' 2026

On **January 10th 2026**, IIF Eastern Region along with its Chapters and Activity Centre 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. Felicitations 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
Mr. S Muthukumar, Hon. Treasurer-IIF

During the session two 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, moderated 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.

7) 57th Region Day & 37th Chapter Day celebration 2025

On **10th May 2025**, IIF Eastern Region and Kolkata Chapter jointly organized their 57th Region Day and 37th Chapter Day celebration at IIF Center, Kolkata-700107. The programme include an address by the Chief Guest, Guest of Honour and Keynote Speaker who are the persons of eminence from specialized fields – distribution of awards in recognition of excellence, felicitating members for their contribution to IIF and a Cultural Programme followed by cocktail dinner. Mr. Vijay S Beriwal, Past President-IIF graced as Chief Guest. Mr. Pradeep Kr. Madhogaria, Hon. Secretary-IIF graced as Guest of Honour and Swami Vedalitananda, Correspondent, Ramkrishna Mission Vidyamandir, Belur was the Keynote Speaker. In this occasion the delegates of IIF ER along with Kolkata Chapters were enthusiastically participated with their family members and enjoyed the program altogether.

Dr. Somnath Das

Hon. Secretary
IIF Kolkata Chapter