



# President's Message



Dear Fellow Foundrymen & Foundrywomen,

## **Greetings from the President's Desk!**

As winter sets in, it's time for family gatherings and community celebrations. December brings with it the joy of Christmas and an air of thoughtful year-end reflection. Nationwide, lights are sparkling and the mood is festive — reminding us of the shared values of peace, generosity and hope that transcend cultures. Let us carry this spirit of unity into our workplaces and daily lives, both individually and collectively across industry sectors — Foundries, Raw Material, Equipment and Service providers; Regions & Chapters and Young Foundrymen — advancing together as one to build a stronger industry.

## **Strengthening the Industry: New growth avenues**

The Indian Foundry Industry continues to witness progressive transformation. With renewed Government focus on infrastructure, automotive and renewable energy sectors, demand for high-quality castings is expected to rise steadily. Technological upgradations and policy support are encouraging foundries to adopt automation, sustainability measures and lean manufacturing practices. The IIF remains committed to supporting members in accessing skill development, technological innovations and market insights needed to stay ahead in this evolving landscape.

## **Exports: Mixed signals but strategic moves**

While global trade remains challenging due to lingering protectionist policies and geopolitical tensions, there are encouraging signs. Indian castings are gaining traction in emerging markets across Africa, Southeast Asia and Latin America. The Government is working on new bilateral trade agreements and export incentive schemes to mitigate disruptions caused by high tariffs in traditional Western markets. I urge members engaged in exports to explore diversification, participate in trade expos and leverage Government schemes for global outreach.

## **Financial Climate: A cautious optimism**

December has brought a steady close to the financial quarter with notable developments. Interest rates remain stable; inflation is under control and industrial lending has become more accessible. The MSME sector, which forms the backbone of our industry, has seen enhanced access to credit through Government-backed loan schemes. Moreover, digitalisation of tax compliance and simplification of GST filings under GST 2.0 continue to make business operations more efficient for foundries.

## **Townhall Visits: Listening to member voices**

At the time of writing this message, the NOBs are having another round of successful Townhall Visits in WR Chapters of Ahmedabad, Indore, Rajkot and Vadodara, interacting with Region & Chapter members, leaders and other stakeholders of foundry and allied industries on a common platform.

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### 74th IFC & IFEX 2026: Mumbai beckons

The **74th Indian Foundry Congress, IFEX 2026 and Cast India Expo** to be conducted at **NESCO Exhibition Centre, Goregaon, Mumbai on 12th, 13th & 14th February, 2026**, under the theme Gateway of Global Foundry Industry promises to be an event of the next level. Organised by OC-74th IFC and Team Western Region & Chapters, this international event would bring together global foundry leaders, innovators, technology providers, business stakeholders and exhibitors from the world over showcasing cutting-edge technologies and solutions.

#### Key sessions of the event:

- **Casting Buyer-Seller Meet** to serve as a platform for casting buyers and manufacturers to network & interact.
- **AluConf** with special focus on Non-Ferrous & Light Metals
- **Sindoor Session** to understand the huge requirement of the Defence sector
- **Melt & Match**, a unique concept of matchmaking between Indian & Foreign Foundries
- **Indian Foundry Forum** - Listen to top level CEOs of foundries and foundry clinic
- **World Foundry Forum** - BRICS session — New Global Strategy

#### New registration options:

- **Flexi Registration** for one day
- **Premier Club Registration** for MD & CEOs of companies

#### Publications at 74th IFC & IFEX 2026:

- **Casting Inspection Handbook** by Dr G Henderickx
- **Bharat Foundry 360-Insight 2025-2047** - Study report on Indian Foundry Industry
- **74th IFC Souvenir**

With 15,000 sq m of exhibition space, around 1,500 delegates and over 20,000 visitors expected, the 74th Indian Foundry Congress, IFEX 2026 and Cast India Expo promises to be the largest and most prestigious foundry event of the year. A star-studded inaugural ceremony, glittering awards night, renowned Mumbai hospitality, exquisite cuisine and grand entertainment programmes will all contribute to making this a truly unforgettable experience for our members and the entire foundry fraternity.

#### Shaping the future

As we prepare to step into 2026, let us renew our focus on innovation, collaboration and sustainable growth. Whether it's through embracing digital tools, upskilling our workforce, increasing energy savings or exploring newer markets, every step forward contributes to our shared vision of a resilient, vibrant and future-ready Indian Foundry Industry.

Wishing you and your families a peaceful and prosperous New Year!

I welcome your thoughts, feedback and ideas at [president@indianfoundry.org](mailto:president@indianfoundry.org).

***Let's GROW Together.***

Thank you

Jai Hind!

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