

IMTEX Forming & Tooltech 2018



IMTEX Forming & Tooltech 2018 organized by Indian Machine Tool Manufacturers' Association (IMTMA) held at Bangalore International Exhibition Centre, Bengaluru from 25th to 30th January 2018, which was largest in the series, concluded on a positive note. The exhibition size grew by 18 per cent and showcased future technologies which could be vital for enhancing productivity for Indian manufacturing industry.

The vital statistics looked like this:

- Total 504 exhibitors.
- 292 Indian exhibitors and 212 foreign exhibitors.
- Over 500 live machines.
- Business orders worth Rs.539 cr generated.
- Business enquiries worth Rs.4819 cr obtained.
- Footfall of 36,000 visitors.
- Participation from 23 countries including India.
- 3 country group pavilions: Germany, China and Taiwan.

Exhibitors displayed wide range of high-end presses, laser cutting machines, and technologies

related to bending and tube drawing. Advanced technologies such as Industry 4.0 and Internet of Things were also displayed by many exhibitors. Automation, robotics, sensors, CAD/CAM and tools that were more related to support the metal forming user industries were also displayed.

International associations from Germany, Italy, Japan, Taiwan, UK and USA also participated in the exhibition. Parallel events also recorded good visitor turnouts.

Around 350 participants from 130 companies participated in the International Seminar on Forming Technology held on 24th January 2018 at BIEC, Bengaluru.

Researchers from 44 institutions presented their R&D projects as part of the i2 Academia Pavilion. The best research projects were awarded. Marathwada Institute of Technology won the first prize. PDPM IIIT DM won the second prize and Indian Institute of Technology Bombay won the third prize. Companies entered into tie-ups with some of these institutions to use their research for commercial purposes.





Twenty-one delegates from 7 countries took part in the International Buyer-Seller Meet held from 27th to 28th January 2018.

More than 2000 students from over 50 institutions took part in 'i Connect' to enrich themselves with opportunities in store for them in the manufacturing sector.

Delegations from public and private sectors representing user industries such as auto components, aerospace, defence, railways, electrical and electronics, plastic machinery, white and brown goods, medical engineering, and others took part in the show.

Speaking about the significance of IMTEX Forming 2018 on the small and medium enterprises (SMEs), IMTMA President P. Ramadas said, "Indian manufacturing landscape has a significant number of SMEs. The exhibition was important for fulfilling their aspirations and goals. The show generated overwhelming response from SMEs engaged in manufacturing of vices, presses, manufacture of parts such as wheels and castors, measuring,

welding and material handling solutions, and so on."

Reflecting on the potential of the show, IMTMA Director General & CEO, V. Anbu added, "IMTEX Forming 2018 was the largest in the series in terms of exhibition area as well as exhibitors. The show will further strengthen the bonds between machine tool manufacturers and customers and we hope the leads generated during the show will result in good business outcome."

