The Institute of Indian Foundrymen organised the National Seminar on India-Emerging Global Player Metal Castings and Diamond Jubilee Celebrations on 18th Sep 2010 at New Delhi to commemorate the 60 years of service to the Indian Foundry Industry.

The Event was attended by a large number of members who had come from all over the Country to participate.

The Dignitaries who were invited to address the inaugural session included Mr. Arun Maira, Member Planning Commission, Mr. B.S. Meena, Secretary, Ministry of Heavy Industry and Mr. Madhav Lal, Addl. Secretary & Development Commissioner Ministry of MSME, Govt. of India and other senior Govt. officials and senior members of organizations like, Indian Machine Tools Manufacturing Association (IMTMA), Cement Manufacturing Association etc.

Mr. Jagat Shah, President, IIF delivered the welcome address.

The member Planning Commission Mr. Arun Maira was the Chief Guest and he dwelt on the evolution of Indian foundry and manufacturing industry over the years and explained the new Govt. – Industry interaction initiative to understand the sector specific requirements to formulate suitable policies for overall growth of Industry. He also advised IIF to participate in this initiative. Mr. Arun Maira also released the Coffee table Book which was published by IIF to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee.

The key note speakers Mr. B.S. Meena explained the various initiatives for development of Heavy Industry including the Automotive Mission Plan and since, foundry industry is an important sub sector in the supply chain, Mr. Meena mentioned that they will try to integrate the requirements of foundry industry into their plans.

Mr. Madhav Lal, DC MSME emphasised that lot of new schemes have been initiated under the NMCP programme of National Manufacturing Competitiveness Council of Govt. of India. He stressed the need of Bodies like IIF to promote these schemes to the members in clusters to improve their competitiveness.

The inaugural session was followed by Plenary Session. Mr. S.G. Shirgurkar, Past President, IMTMA was one of the speakers and spoke on the growth of IMTMA over the years and value addition in services to the members which can be emulated by IIF.

Dr. S.P.Ghosh, Adviser, Cement Mfg. Associations delivered a talk on the example of how the Cement Companies in India have been able to improve the Energy Efficiency over the years and several units are comparable with the World’s best. The three most efficient units are in India. This is a thought provoking example for the foundry industry to improve its competitiveness.
This was followed by a panel discussion Chaired by Mr. Ravi Sehgal, Past President and moderated by Mr. K.S. Satyanarayana, Past President. The delegates participated very actively in the discussion and raised various challenges and possible solutions.

The Past President were honoured for their invaluable contributions to the growth of Institute and the Foundry Fraternity in general by presentation of Mementos and Coffee table Book. This was followed by celebrations.

The Event concluded with a grand success.