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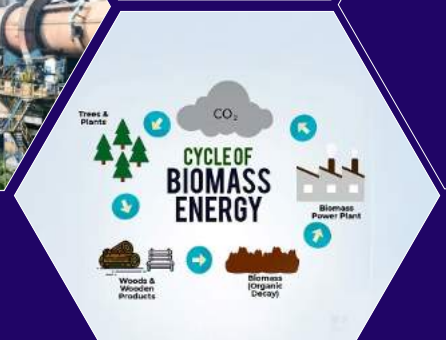
Navigating the Sustainable Growth of Indian Steel Industry



16th
January, 2026



Hotel Le-Meridien
New Delhi, India



About the conference

The 7th India International DRI & Steel Summit 2026

is India's premier annual platform dedicated to Direct Reduced Iron (DRI) and its critical role in advancing the sustainable growth of the Indian steel industry. The conference will convene leading industry professionals, global experts, policymakers, technology innovators, and supply chain stakeholders from across the steel and raw materials ecosystem.

Over time, the Summit has become a vital forum for knowledge exchange and policy dialogue, catalyzing innovation in decarbonization and efficiency within DRI and DRI-based steel production. The 2026 edition will focus on key themes including the macroeconomic outlook and its implications for steel, steel production and demand growth with capacity targets to 2030, and transitions toward low-emission steelmaking methods. Additional sessions will explore the critical role of enhanced R&D for decarbonization and alternative fuels, emerging leadership in the steel industry, and the challenges and opportunities facing the secondary steel sector.

With strong participation from government representatives, steel and DRI producers, raw material suppliers, financiers, academics, and researchers, the Summit offers an exceptional platform for strategic networking, business development, and insightful discussions. Attendees will benefit from comprehensive sessions and expert panels addressing global best practices, regulatory trends, investment prospects, and pathways to low-carbon steel, reinforcing the Summit's reputation as an essential event for stakeholders shaping the future of India's steel industry.

About the Industry

The Indian steel industry stands as a vital pillar of the nation's economic and infrastructure development, with secondary steel and the Direct Reduced Iron (DRI) sector at its center. Steel has consistently played a pivotal role in accelerating India's GDP growth, driven by robust demand across infrastructure, automotive, and construction sectors. The industry's outlook remains strong, bolstered by ongoing capacity expansion, modernization efforts, and the rising adoption of advanced technologies.

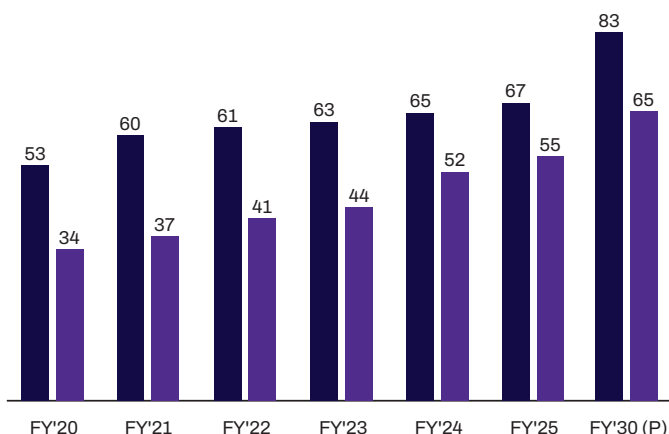
India's DRI sector, which underpins the secondary steel segment, has emerged as a global leader accounting for nearly 39% of the world's sponge iron output. With annual DRI production projected to reach 65–70 million tonnes by FY2030 and a CAGR of 6%, the country is poised to capitalize on new opportunities in both domestic and international markets. DRI's strategic importance is further underscored by its essential role as a metallic input for electric arc furnaces (EAFs) and induction furnaces (IFs), enhancing charge mix flexibility, reducing reliance on scrap, and supporting the industry's decarbonization ambitions.

As the secondary sector, which represents almost 60% of India's steel output, evolves with greater focus on technology and innovation, it continues to foster local employment, entrepreneurship, and distributed growth across semi-urban and rural India. Meanwhile, the global steel and scrap markets are experiencing rapid changes due to shifting policies, environmental regulations, and supply chain dynamics creating new avenues for Indian mills to secure diverse raw material sources and strengthen their export capabilities.

Despite strong prospects, the industry also faces headwinds such as raw material price volatility, higher energy costs, logistics challenges, and decarbonization pressures, compounded by global trade dynamics and environmental regulations. Addressing these challenges will require cohesive policy reforms, increased R&D, technological upgrades, and multi-stakeholder collaboration.

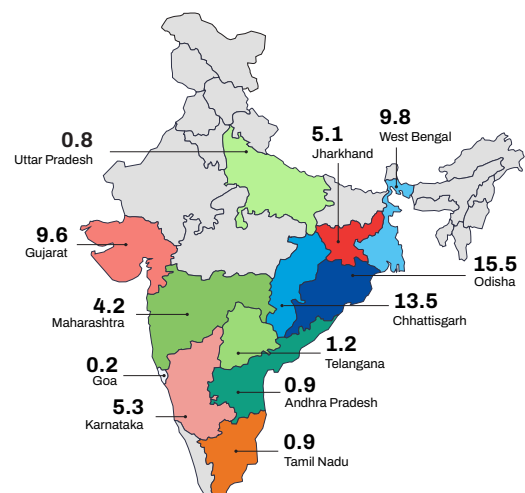
India DRI capacity & production- statewise

■ DRI Capacity ■ DRI Production



Units in mnt

FY'25: DRI capacity spread across states

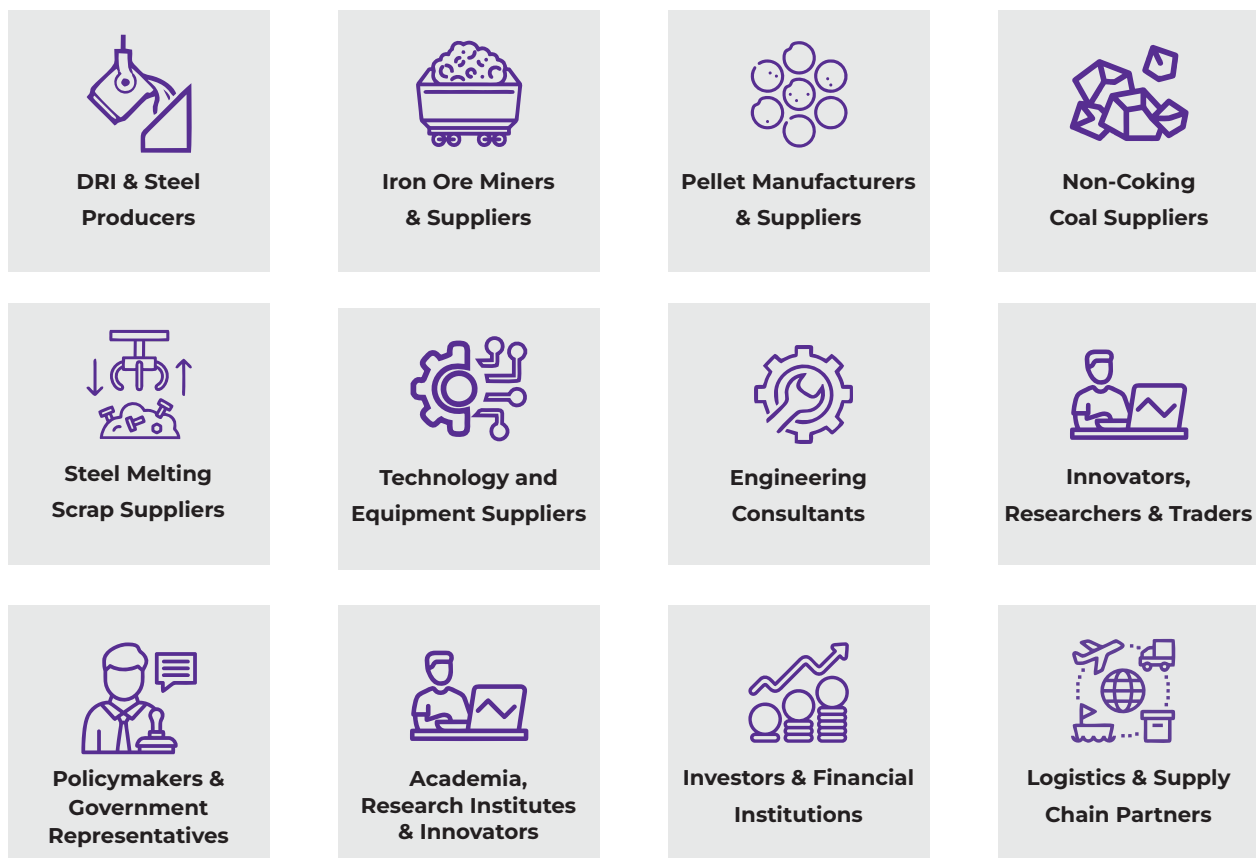


Key Focus Areas

The **7th India International DRI & Steel Summit 2026** will bring together industry leaders, policymakers, researchers, and innovators to deliberate on critical issues facing the Indian steel industry. Key discussions will revolve around:

- ✓ Sustainable and green steel production
- ✓ DRI capacity expansion and technological innovation
- ✓ Policy frameworks and regulatory alignment
- ✓ Trade competitiveness and global supply chain integration
- ✓ MSME participation and development of secondary steel

Who Should Attend



Join us for this premier gathering to explore the future of the Indian steel industry and navigate the path towards sustainable growth.

What to Expect



250+
Delegates



15+
Exhibitors



6
Knowledge
sessions



10+
Networking
Hours

About the Organiser

SIMA

India took its first significant step towards economic liberalization in 1991. At that time, the country's economy was undergoing a radical transformation. In response to this changing landscape, the Sponge Iron Manufacturers Association (SIMA) was established and began its operations on 11th February 1992. SIMA's primary objective is to serve as a platform for the exchange of knowledge, experiences and growth-related insights within the industry.

One of SIMA's key roles is to provide a forum for reviewing the industry's smooth functioning in relation to Government policies, global developments and market feasibilities. As an apex body, SIMA also acts as an interface with the Government, advocating for and safeguarding the ever-growing needs of the industry in a rapidly evolving business environment.

Furthermore, SIMA is committed to maintaining an up-to-date database from both national and global perspectives. This ensures that its members are well informed about growth possibilities and prospects, enabling them to make informed decisions.

In summary, SIMA plays a crucial role in facilitating the growth and development of the sponge iron manufacturing industry in India. By fostering knowledge exchange, advocating for industry needs, and providing valuable insights, SIMA contributes to the industry's success in an increasingly competitive global market.

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Tentative Program Itinerary

16 Jan'26 | Le Méridien, New Delhi, India

16 Jan'26 | 8:00 IST Onwards | Registration

16th Jan'26 | 9:30 - 10:30 IST

Inaugural session

16th Jan'26 | 10:30 - 11:40 IST

Issue impacting sustainable growth of Indian steel industry

- **Strong Growth:** India's steel demand is expected to rise 8.5–9% in FY 2025–26, fueled by infrastructure, housing, and industrial expansion.
- **Future Vision:** The National Steel Policy 2017 targets 300 MT capacity, driven by modernization, policy support, and sustainable investments.

12:00 – 12:30 IST | **Networking Tea/ Coffee Break** ☕ 🍵

16th Jan'26 | 12:30 – 13:30 IST

Raw materials and mining landscape

- Shift toward low-emission steelmaking is driving higher demand for Direct Reduced Iron (DRI)
- Expanding DRI capacity, improving raw material availability, and adopting advanced reduction technologies are essential to achieve low-carbon and cost-efficient steel production in the coming decade.

13:30 – 14:30 IST **Networking Lunch** 🍽️ 🍷

16th Jan'26 | 14:30-15:30 IST

R&D for Economic Growth – Imperative or Option

- India's steel sector needs to strengthen R&D beyond incremental improvements, focusing on decarbonization, alternative fuels, and advanced technologies to meet global sustainability goals and enhance competitiveness.
- Stronger collaboration between industry, academia, and government is essential to build an innovation ecosystem that drives impactful research, long-term resilience, and sustainable growth.

16th Jan'26 |15:30- 16:20 IST

New- Gen Entrepreneurs: Driving Technological Breakthroughs in Steel Industry

- Next-generation business leaders will share their vision for a prosperous steel industry and growth strategies.
- The discussion will address challenges faced and the balance between innovation and traditional practices.
- Leaders will dwell on their goals of reshaping the local industrial landscape through a blend of change and continuity.
- A new leadership is emerging from the shadow of patrimony. Some of the examples are Jindal Steel, JSW Steel, GPIL, Kalika Steels, Lloyds Steels etc.

16th Jan'26 |16:20-17:00 IST

Challenges in steel making in the secondary steel sector

- The secondary steel sector contributes nearly 47% of India's total production, driving regional industrialization, employment, and economic growth.
- Key challenges include cost competitiveness, limited access to finance for technology upgrades, quality inconsistencies, and volatile raw material prices.
- Growth opportunities lie in policy reforms, modernization, and green steel initiatives, supported by stronger collaboration across government, industry, and research institutions.

17:00-17:30 IST | Networking Tea/ Coffee Break  

18:30 Onwards IST | Cocktail & Networking Dinner  

Esteemed Speakers



V K Saraswat
Member NITI Aayog



Sandeep Poundrik*
Secretary,
Ministry of Steel



Abhay Bakre
Chairman
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Exhibition Space	2 Stall	1 Stall	No	No	No
Advertisement in the Event Book	Premium	Premium	One Full Page	One Full Page	No
Complimentary Delegate Passes	6	5	4	3	2
Logo in Conference Promotion Video.	As per Hierarchy 1st	As per Hierarchy 2nd	As per Hierarchy 3rd	As per Hierarchy 4th	As per Hierarchy 5th
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Delegate Fee

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Standard Fee
₹8,000 Valid till **12th Jan 2026**

On Spot Fee
₹10,000 Valid till **16th Jan 2026**

18% GST will be applicable

Non-SIMA Members

Early Bird
₹10,000 Valid till **25th Nov 2025**

Standard
₹12,000 Valid till **13th Jan 2026**

On Spot Fee
₹15,000 Valid till **16th Jan 2026**

18% GST will be applicable

Overseas Members / Delegate

Standard Fee
US\$ 500 Valid till **14th Jan 2026**

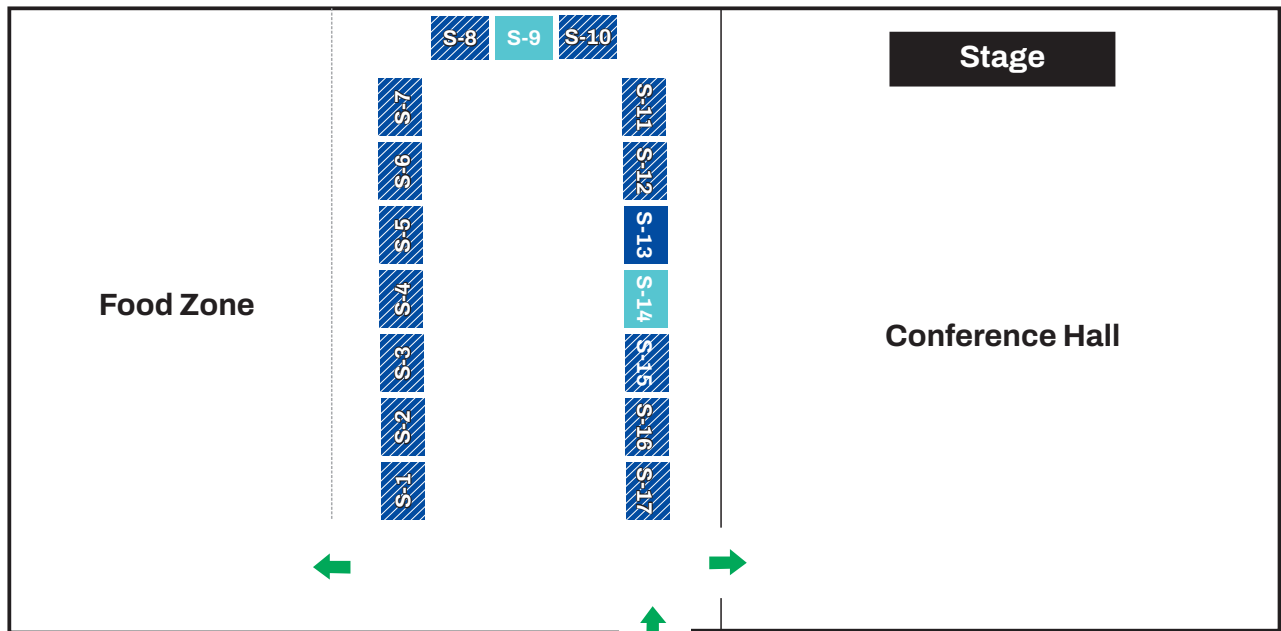
On Spot Fee
US\$ 750 Valid till **16th Jan 2026**

18% GST will be applicable

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- ✓ For 2 Delegate passes from same company 10% discount will be applicable on each pass.
- ✓ For 3 or more delegate passes from same company 15% discount will be applicable on each pass.
- ✓ Allotment of stall would be on first come first serve basis.

(Applicable only for Non Members and Indian delegates)



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Delegate Passes	2	Carpet 8x6 ft	Yes
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Spotlights	2	Round Coffee Table	1
3 Pin Electrical Socket	1	1 Branding Table	Yes
Glass Bowl	1		

Exhibitor Fee (Taxes Extra) ₹125,000

Glimpse of Previous Year Event



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