

SIMA Organizes Medical Camp



In 23 years of old history Sponge Iron Manufacturers Association, has organized Medical Camp for the first time on 17th November 2015 with active support of Tata Sponge Iron Limited (TSIL). A “Medical Health Check up Camp” organised in two clusters namely; Lahanda and Gobindpur villages of Birikala gram Panchayat in Joda block of Keonjhar district in the state of Odisha. More than 70% of these villagers belong to schedule tribe.

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Kashiva, ED, SIMA inaugurated the camp in presence of senior officials & associates of TSIL, local representatives and villagers. In the inaugural speeches, the dignitaries welcomed the villagers to avail the benefits and appealed to practice preventive healthcare measures to lead a healthy and disease-free life. They also, emphasized on to practice hygiene and cleanliness in their everyday life.

In these camps 703 patients received treatment by the two teams of competent doctors including one lady gynecologist. Out

HEALTH CAMP, LAHANDA		
Male	Female	Children
68	105	121
294		

HEALTH CAMP, GOBINDPUR		
Male	Female	Children
137	144	128
409		

of these 703 patients, 249 female, 205 male and 249 children were attended. Most of the people were suffering from seasonal diseases like cold, cough, fever, skin diseases, stomach problems, worming, anemic symptoms, etc. Details of the persons have been received village wise and the treatment is given:

In these camp, the paramedical staff and volunteers played vital role by explaining each patient how to take medicine and what all the preventive measures are required to live a healthy life.

Although it was the maiden attempt by SIMA to organize such medical camp, it proved to be very successful. This success would not have been achieved without the committed and active support of Tata Sponge team.

Steel Consumption Increases in North Africa : Ezz Steel

Steel demand in North African region is expected to grow as regional economic performance is expected to recover to 1.4 pct in 2015 as compared to a negative growth of -2.7 pct in 2014, said George Matta, Corporate Marketing Director of Ezz Steel in an Iron and Steel Conference held in Dubai.

He was presenting his views on the opportunities as well as challenges in the North African steel sector. He said with the requirement of infrastructure projects, population growth as well as reconstruction in war-torn countries will boost the demand in the region. However, slump in the global prices, political instability coupled with domestic issues are the major challenges the regional steel sector is facing.

He expects that with the growing steel demand, steel consumption will reach to 30 mln tons by 2020, which at present stands at nearly 21 mln tons. He said that there are

many expansion projects underway in Algeria, Egypt and elsewhere in the region, with which North African steel capacity is expected to increase to 32 mln tons by 2020. It now stands at 26 mln tons.

He expressed concern about the present situation in Egyptian steel market saying that imports have surged because of the low prices offered by overseas suppliers, despite recent safeguard duty. In 2015, total estimated billet imports to Egypt are at around 3.3 mln tons, as compared to 3.1 mln tons in 2014, of which 90 pct of were from CIS countries. Finished steel imports have also increased to 2.9 mln tons as compared to 2.2 mln tons last year, with majority coming from Turkey, China & CIS countries.



On domestic market, he said in 2014-15, energy crisis as well as slump in global prices affected the local production in Egypt. Crude steel output decreased by 14 pct to 5.6 mln ton this year. However, new capacities are added taking the total finished steel capacity to 15 mln ton per year. Ezz steel is the major steel producer in Egypt with more than 50 pct market share. Others are Solb Misr, Beshay, Egyptian Steel etc.