

Special Steels Convention Ends on High Note

The Future of Special Steels Sector in India, and the important role it plays in the automobile and defence sector was discussed at the recently concluded 'Special Steels Convention' conducted by Steelworld Magazine.

The one day convention brought a glittering gathering of Special Steel experts who deliberated on subjects ranging from the present, future role of special steel in different sectors in the economy. The event was held on December 9, at the Sheraton Grand, Pune.

The opening remark was made by D. A. Chandekar, Editor of Steelworld who welcomed the panel and delegates. He emphasized the important role Special Steel is playing in the country, and its future



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down as new alloys and materials make their foray, but its usage will go up in the defence industry. Sathaye in his comment said that the future of Special Steels depends on its response, whereas presently, 80 percent of consumption goes into the automobile sector.

The event was divided into two business sessions where, a number of speakers made their presentation. After every session, there was a lively interactive discussions where delegates clarified their points.

Other topics which were discussed in the event were Survival Strategies for Steel Industry, Dynamically Changing Steel Requirements for Forging Industry and Special Steels for Automotive and Defence Application.

expected demand. The panel discussion was led by C G Patankar, Entrepreneur; Jayant Sathaye; Consultant; BR Galgali, Former-Head Quality-CVBU, Tata Motors and Shekhar Dhongde, Consultant, SS Enterprises.

Dhongde sharing his insight on Special Steels said that in the next 10 to 15 years there would be a sea change in the industry. He emphasized the role of Special Steels in the automobile and defence industry.

He mentioned that every sector that uses Special Steel, there are challenges especially in the oil and gas industry.

Galgali said that the time has come to change the definition of Special Steels. In the automobile sector usage of forging steel is rapidly changing. He cautioned that over dependence on automobile sector will go



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