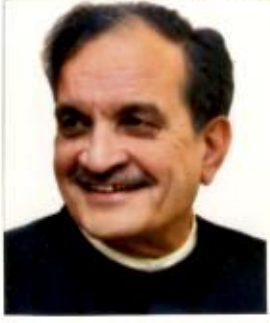


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Message

I am glad to know that Indian Steel Association (ISA) is organizing a Steel Conclave in October, 2018.

Indian steel industry is a brilliant example of the power of intent, intervention and initiative. When our Government took charge in 2014, this industry was in doldrums. The Government picked up the gauntlet with the resolve and intent to turnaround the industry by way of various policy and regulatory interventions, ranging from MIP to National Steel Policy 2017. The industry and all key stakeholders responded with equal enthusiasm and joined the initiatives.

The result is there for all to see. From 4th largest steel producer in the world in 2014, we are 3rd largest now, and on the verge of becoming 2nd largest steel producer in 2018. We have added over 30 million tonnes steel production capacity in this period. Steel production has increased by 26 % in last 4 years, and consumption has increased by 22 %. Over 86 % steel products in the country are covered under Quality Control Orders. GFR Guidelines 2017 and DMISP Policy are landmark developments aimed at a stronger and bigger Indian steel industry. SRTMI and Secondary Steel Awards are taking final shape as I write this message.

As we emerge stronger with each new bold measure and each novel Policy and innovation, I see the future of Indian Steel industry very bright and encouraging. By 2018-end, it will be more consolidated, quality-driven, R&D focused, export-oriented, tech-driven and innovation-centric.

I wish the Conclave all success.


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