

Inspire, Integrate, Innovate!



The Machinist Hall of Fame 2018 Kevin Flynn of Fiat Chrysler Automobiles India giving his acceptance speech

The Machinist held the fourth edition of Global Manufacturing Summit (GMS) in Pune recently. In 2015, this platform was conceptualised by The Machinist with an objective of creating a forum to discuss trends, opportunities and challenges in the manufacturing industry. After the three successful editions in Bengaluru (2015), Delhi (2016) and Indore (2017), this year's

CEO Speak

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The 'Make in India' initiative, with its set target to transform India into a global manufacturing giant, has started bearing fruits. On one hand, international giants as well as domestic majors are driving the industry's growth. While on the other hand, the SMEs continue to provide the building blocks. Labour Bureau's Quarterly Report on Employment Scenario says, manufacturing sector added an estimated 89,000 jobs in the second quarter of 2017-18. As per IBEF data, cumulative FDI in Indian manufacturing reached US\$ 76.82 billion during April 2000-June 2018. So, Indian manufacturing continues to be on the right track. Thus, an event like GMS assumes great importance as it provides a robust platform to the industry to celebrate the success so far, to find solutions to the problems and create a roadmap for future achievements.

GMS was held in Pune – the manufacturing hub of Western India.

Apart from being a knowledge forum, this platform recognises industry stalwart's contribution towards the industry. This year, Kevin Flynn, Managing Director & President, Fiat Chrysler Automobiles India became the fourth industry leader to be inducted into The Machinist Hall of Fame.

High profile panel discussions

After The Machinist Hall of Fame ceremony, a high profile power-packed CEO Panel Discussion took place. It revolved around the theme of the event - Inspire, Integrate, Innovate! Industry stalwarts from various sectors like Diego Graffi, MD & CEO, Piaggio Vehicles Pvt. Ltd.; Dharmesh Arora, CEO, Schaeffler India; Aravind Melligeri, Chairman & CEO, Aequs; Avneet Singh Marwah, Director and CEO, Super Plastronics Pvt Ltd; Parag Satpute, MD, Bridgestone India Pvt. Ltd.; Wu Song, MD, LiuGong India and Srinivas KP, MD, Paama Agrico Pvt Ltd, brainstormed on how the management is driving the quest of profitability.

Another highlight of GMS 2018 was a panel discussion on "Technology Disruption – How to deal with it?" Here, industry experts such as S. S. Agarkar, Head of Manufacturing, Godrej Precision Engineering, Nishit Behera, Executive Director, RSB Group, T. K. Ramesh, CEO, Micromatic Machine Tools Pvt. Ltd. and Yatendra Kumar, Business Head, MotulTech India threw light on how technology disruption is affecting the industry. They also spoke about the ways to tackle with it.

As a step towards offering a new way of learning for attendees, the fourth edition of The Machinist Global Manufacturing Summit (GMS 2018) organised a visit to Mahindra & Mahindra's Chakan plant. Headed by Nachiket Kodkani, this plant integrates the best in technology, operational excellence, and green practices. The plant manufactures multiple products including commercial vehicles and passenger vehicles.

The Machinist Hall of Fame 2018

The Machinist Hall of Fame is conferred to an industry leader in order to honour and recognise his contribution towards the Indian manufacturing industry. This year, Kevin Flynn, Managing Director & President, Fiat Chrysler Automobiles India became the fourth industry leader to be inducted into The Machinist Hall of Fame. While accepting the recognition, Flynn said, "Thank you for this honour. I am humbled to be inducted into The Machinist Hall of Fame 2018. However, this recognition is not mine alone. My team and my people are equally part of it. Also, I want to highlight here that Make in India is a great initiative by the Government of India and we wanted to support it. On the other hand, we also wanted to redefine the brand Jeep. Jeep Compass is the finest example of amalgamation of these thoughts." He further added, "Make in India is just not about making it in India for the domestic consumption but it is way beyond that. It is about manufacturing products in India with global standards, which can be sold globally with pride and confidence. Here, I am proud to say that we export cars from Ranjangaon to UK, South Africa, Australia, New Zealand and many other parts of the world. We have proven that we can manufacture a world-class product here that can be sold even in the developed markets."



Sunil Joshi, Vice President Digital Machining - South & East Asia, Sandvik Coromant presented on Connected Coroplus solutions for Digital Machining. Coroplus Solutions is a new platform that Sandvik has launched.



Dheeraj Anand, Head - Business Development (West India), CleanMax Solar presented on Capex free Solar Solutions for Manufacturing Companies to reduce energy bills. During his presentation he highlighted case studies where the user has been able to save cost from solar panel installations.

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