

## **3i EXPO & Conference gets an arousing response from manufacturing industry; IPF presents awards to 19 SMEs from across India**

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- Senior Representatives of leading companies like Emerson, Godrej & Boyce, Aditya Birla Group, Tata Technologies, Reliance Industries, Mitsubishi Electric, Schneider Electric, Yokogawa, Wipro PARI, Thyssenkrupp, Sanofi, Hitachi Vantara, etc visit 3iEXPO
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### **23 May 2022, Mumbai**

3i EXPO & Conference - hosted by Industrial Products Finder (IPF) from May 20-21, 2022 in Mumbai - received an arousing response from the Indian manufacturing sectors with senior representatives from some of the leading companies like Emerson, Godrej & Boyce, Aditya Birla Group, Reliance Industries, Mitsubishi Electric, etc visiting the event. During the event, Industrial Products Finder presented the 6<sup>th</sup> IPF Industrial Excellence Awards to 19 SMEs across various industrial sectors.

The 3iEXPO (which stands for IPF for Industry 4.0 & Innovations Expo) was inaugurated by Mr Sanjay Bhatia, Upa-Lokayukta, Government of Maharashtra, in the presence of Ms Anna Lekvall, Consul General, Consulate General of Sweden; Mr Mike Pal, Trade and Commercial Attache, Consulate General of Hungary; and Mr Pratap Padode, Editor-In-Chief, Industrial Products Finder (IPF), and Managing Director, ASAPP Info Global Group (the publisher of IPF publication).

Highlighting the significance of 3iEXPO, Mr Pratap Padode, "MSME units are capable to become a critical part of the manufacturing supply chain and be globally competitive because of their diverse offering ranging from intermediate to final products. The Ministry of Heavy Industry & Public Enterprises, Government of India (GoI), has launched Smart Advanced Manufacturing and Rapid Transformation Hub (SAMARTH) Udyog Bharat 4.0 to facilitate and create an eco-system for propagation of Industry 4.0 in the Indian manufacturing sector. Now, the stage is all set for the adoption of smart manufacturing and Industry 4.0 technologies with the government actively supporting the cause. Industrial Products Finder has completed 50 years in 2022 and is proud to present its first edition of 3iEXPO in the quest to help MSMEs scale the next industrial revolution."

Speaking at the inauguration, Chief Guest Mr. Sanjay Bhatia stressed on the need for digitalisation for the industry as well as government agencies. "Introduction of digital technologies in government departments like port, town planning, railways, etc has brought in immense amount of efficiency in terms of planning and execution of projects. Adoption of modern technologies are must to raise the productivity."

While Maharashtra Industrial Development Corporation (MIDC) was the Presenting Partner of 3i EXPO and Conference, Union Ministry of MSMEs and National Small Industries Corporation (NSIC) were the Supporting Partners of the EXPO. IFM and Robro Systems were the Associate Partners of 3iEXPO.

Various industry associations and organisations extended their wholehearted support for the event. While Automation Industry Association (AIA) was the Knowledge Partner of 3iEXPO, CareEdge and T Hub were Analytics Partner and Start Up Partner, respectively. Other associations like PPMAI (Process Plant & Machinery Association of India), ITAMMA (Indian Textile Accessories and Machinery Manufacture Association), MAIT and Association of Multi-Modal Transport Operators of India (AMTOI) also participated in the event.

### **Showcasing technology prowess**

With 40 exhibitors displaying more than 100 innovative products for automation and modernisation of the Indian manufacturing sector, 3iEXPO witnessed **1,167** visitors over the two days.

Exhibiting companies showcased their innovative products and solutions that can help Indian manufacturing sector to gain competitiveness. Exhibitors were happy as they could showcase their latest products and technologies to visitors which included top management and senior representatives of some of the leading companies like Emerson India, Godrej & Boyce, Aditya Birla Group, Tata Technologies, Reliance Industries, Mitsubishi Electric, Schneider Electric, Yokogawa India, Wipro PARI, Thyssenkrupp, Sanofi, Hitachi Vantara, etc.

Visitors gained knowledge on the most trending technologies and engineering processes for meeting the need of automation and Industry 4.0. Exhibitors included companies from sectors such as automation & robotics, additive manufacturing (3D printing), Artificial Intelligence (AI)/Machine Learning (ML), Augmented Reality (AR)/ Virtual Reality (VR), connectivity modules, data analytics, electronics components, industrial IoT solutions, sensors, motors & drives, rapid prototyping & tooling, and vision systems, among others.

Some of the exhibitors were IFM Electronic; Robro System Pvt Ltd; Bohmen Industries; Steam Solutions; Varay Image Runners; Avcon Controls; Subtronics India; Surface Modification Technologies; etc.

Session on "Manufacturing Innovation Hub" - in partnership with T-HUB - presented a platform to the young entrepreneurs and start-ups who showcased their innovative solutions for the industry.

### **Discussion the future of manufacturing**

During the 2-day 3i Conference, about 35 Industry Leaders deliberated on the future course of the manufacturing sector and how modern technologies can play a big role in achieving the goals of making "Make in India" scheme. Topics such as India's journey towards Manufacturing 4.0, implementation challenges for advanced technologies and probable solutions to overcome challenges, policy supports required for making India the next manufacturing hub of the world, etc were discussed during the multiple panel discussions.

Some of the speakers who presented their views during the 3i Conference included Mr **Anil Bhatia**, VP and MD, India Automation Solutions, **Emerson**; Mr **Zurvan Marolia**, Senior VP, **Godrej & Boyce**; Mr **N C Chakrabarti**, VP & Head - Smart Manufacturing, **Reliance Industries**; Mr **Sunil Mehta**, GM – e-F@ctory Strategic Planning, **Mitsubishi Electric**; Mr **Vivek Bhatia**, MD, **thyssenkrupp Industries India**; Mr **Priten Bhadrakumar Bangdiwala**, Sr. VP & Head – Industry 4.0, **Aditya Birla Group**; Mr **Sajiv Nath**, Managing Director, **Yokogawa**; Mr **Deepak Panda**, Senior GM, **Schneider Electric**; Mr **Sandeep Shukla**, Regional COE Head – Digital Manufacturing, **Tata Technologies**; Mr **Sanjeev Dharwadkar**, Sr. Director - Manufacturing, **Sanofi India**, Mr **Nandakumar K**, CMD, **Chemtrols Industries**; Mr **Rajeev Solanki**, DGM - Manufacturing Technology & Process Development, **Schneider Electric**, Mr **Khushal Kalra**, Head – Smart Factory, **Wipro PARI**; Mr **Harshit Sureka**, Founder & CEO, **ROBRO Systems**, etc.

Stating that it was important to start the investment in digital transformation, Mr Anil Bhatia, VP and MD, India Automation Solutions, Emerson, said, "You do not need huge investment for adopting digital solutions. The company can opt for solutions based on their needs and objectives. But it is imperative to embrace digital as it can take your business to the next level."

Mr Zurvan Marolia, Senior VP, Godrej & Boyce, emphasised on the need for the industry (especially the MSMEs) to take baby steps while adopting automation to deliver better results. "Automation is a double-edged sword. If done properly, it will give you rich dividends. If not, it can give you a cut. Each enterprise automation is need is unique. So, choose automation appropriately to achieve the desired objective."

### **IPF Awards: Rewarding the performers**

On the second day of 3i EXPO and Conference, the 6th IPF Industrial Excellence Awards were presented in categories like Fastest Growing Manufacturing Companies; Product Excellence; and Entrepreneur of the Year (Male & Female).

For "Fastest Growing Companies" Awards - given to listed companies based on their growth performance of sales and profits - are presented in 3 categories of **Small** (for companies having revenues of upto Rs 100 crore or below), **Medium** (Rs 100 crore to Rs 250 crore), and **Large** (Rs 250 crore to Rs 500 crore). The winners of "Products Excellence Awards" were selected after evaluating the products on parameters like novelty, green or sustainability, USPs, etc.

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### Next: A grandeur show in 2023

The first edition of 3i EXPO & Conference was launched with an aim to provide a collaborative platform to accelerate adaption of modern manufacturing technologies for companies to gain competitive edge globally. With the maiden edition receiving good response from the participants, the scale and scope of the next edition of 3i EXPO & Conference will be grandeur. See you next year.

## List of winners of the 6<sup>th</sup> IPF Industrial Excellence Awards

**IPF Female Entrepreneur of Year:** Dr Dnyanada Bandodkar, Director, Hindustan Monomers Pvt Ltd

**IPF Male Entrepreneur of Year:** Shreekant Patil, Founder, Paramount Enterprises

### Winners of IPF Product Excellence Awards 2022

Categories	Winner
Building & Construction Material	<b>JSW Steel Coated Products Ltd</b> for its High Tensile GP for torque tube used in mounting of Solar panels
Machine Tools	<b>Maharashtra Engineers</b> for its 7 Axis 2 Spindle CNC Horizontal Machining Center (HMC)
MRO & Consumables	<b>Hindustan Monomers Pvt Ltd</b> for its patented product - 2,4' - dihydroxydiphenyl sulfone (24BPS)
MRO & Consumables	<b>Minimac Systems Pvt Ltd</b> for its special Coalescer purifiers used for lubricating oil and transformer oils
MRO & Consumables	<b>PGE Industries Pvt Ltd</b> for its unique Fluid Sealing Solution that can handle both dangerous acids and gases effectively
Testing & Measuring Instruments	<b>Subtronics (India) Pvt Ltd</b> for its breath alcohol analyser Alco-Booth Pro (for Truck Management Software use)

### Winners of IPF Fastest Growing Companies Awards 2022

Categories	Winner
Agri & Food Processing (Small)	Alfavision Overseas India Ltd
Auto Ancillary (Small)	IST Ltd
Auto Ancillary (Medium)	Hindustan Composites Ltd
Engineering (Large)	Pix Transmissions Ltd
Engineering (Small)	Thejo Engineering Ltd
Fertiliser and Chemical (Large)	Aries Agro Ltd
Pharma (Large)	Kwality Pharmaceuticals Ltd
Pharma (Medium)	Syncom Formulations India Ltd
Plastic, Paper and Packaging (Large)	Mold-Tek Packaging Ltd
Plastic, Paper and Packaging (Medium)	Hindustan Adhesives Ltd

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