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Indian steel industry is currently facing many challenges. First and foremost is sluggish steel demand. It is expected that steel demand would increase in coming years once the infrastructure and housing projects take off. Main producers are already working almost on full capacity. It is expected that additional steel production would be supplemented by the MSME sector especially in the light of wild fluctuation in the prices of imported coking coal and graphite electrodes. Under these circumstances among the MSME sector, Induction Furnace based steel producers have bright prospects to utilize their full capacity and supplement the steel requirement in the country.

I congratulate the organizers of the conference for selecting a very appropriate topic – **Strengthening Green Steel Production : Building Pillars for New India**. Mitigation of green house gases and energy efficiency are the need of the hour. I am sure the deliberations of this conference would sensitize the steel producers and would lead reduction in the Co2 emission and energy consumption.

I wish all the success to this event.



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