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MESSAGE

India has attained the position of third largest steel producing nation in the world with over 90 million tonnes of production in 2015/16. Steel plays a vital role in the country's development, contributing about 2% of nations' GDP and directly employing about a million people and many more indirectly. With its recent National Steel Policy (NSP) – 2017, the country aims to triple its steel production to 300 million tonnes by 2030. Of which, 100 million tonnes is projected to come from the secondary (small-scale) steel industry.

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in partnership with Ministry of Steel (MoS), GoI is working with secondary steel sector since 2004. The project has transformed 321 steel units energy efficient and mitigated about 350,000 tonnes of greenhouse gases annually. UNDP is closely working with All India Induction Furnaces Association (AIIFA) in piloting energy efficient practices in electric induction furnace.

I am pleased to know that AIIFA is organizing a one day national conference on 'Strengthening Green Steel Production: Building Pillars for New India' on 24th November 2017. The theme is in line with global focus and aligned with sustainable development goal objectives.

The theme of the conference is on the current challenges and prospects of Indian secondary steel sector, which contributes nearly half of country's steel production. The conference also focuses on sustainable topics like need for energy efficiency, opportunities of renewable energy in steel industry, effective recycling of steel and government schemes for sustainable activities. Secondary steel sector plays a vital role in the country in meeting the domestic steel demand.

AIIFA is one of the premier and active industrial association, representing the voice of all induction furnace units in the country. AIIFA bridges the induction furnace units with various organizations viz. Ministry, Technical Consultancies, Vendors and R&D Institutes.

I am confident that the deliberations will provide a roadmap for the opportunities and prospects for green steel production from the secondary steel sector.

I extend my greetings to AIIFA and wish the conference a grand success.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Yuri Afanasiev', is positioned above the printed name.

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