

Chief Minister inaugurates National Metallurgists' Day

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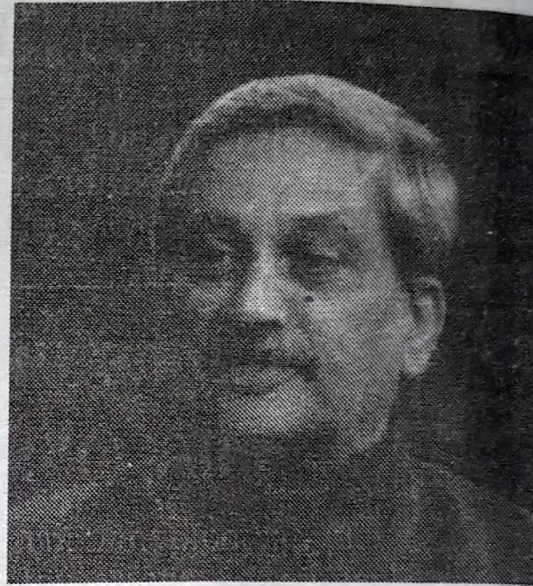
Vasco: Chief Minister Manohar Parriakr inaugurated the 55th National Metallurgists' Day and 71st annual technical meeting at BITS Pilani, K Birla Goa Campus on Saturday.

The NMD-ATM is jointly hosted by the Indian Institute of Metals-Mumbai, Pune and Goa chapters. This annual mega-event aims to bring metallurgists and material engineers from the industry and academia to come together to share their experiences and learnings about metallurgy and material engineering, from all over India and abroad. The theme of the international symposium this year is "Light Weighting for Defence, Aerospace and Transportation".

Speaking on the occasion, Parrikar referred to the technical details of light weighting and its importance, especially the role of carbon and nanotechnology in light weighting. He concluded by stating that light weighting can save crores of rupees of our country in terms of energy and transportation.

Prof A A Gokhale, chairman of the International Symposium; Prof Souvik Bhattacharya, Vice-Chancellor, BITS Pilani and Dr Biswajit Basu, president, Indian Institute of Metals also spoke on the occasion.

Dr S Christopher, chairman, DRDO India, H M Nerurkar, chairman, TRL-Krosaki and former managing director, Tata Steel and Arvind Bhardwaj, chief technolo-



gy officer, Mahindra & Mahindra made presentations as part of industry leaders' panel discussion on symposium theme chaired by D Bhattacharya, vice chairman, Hindalco Industries.

On November 12 and 13, several topics of interest and value to industry will be covered-for example, Advances in Ferrous and Non-Ferrous Metallurgy, Materials Engineering, Mineral Processing, Industry 4.0 and Data Analytics and Career in Materials Engineering.

Arun Kumar, secretary, Ministry of Mining will inaugurate the iron ore symposium on November 12. The National Metallurgists' Day celebrations will be held on November 14, when successful leaders and professionals from industry and academia will be recognised by the Ministry of Steel and also, Indian Institute of Metals for their outstanding contribution in presence of Chaudhary Birender Singh, Union Minister of Steel and Dr Aruna Sharma, Secretary, Ministry of Steel.