

Light weighting can save crores in energy costs: CM

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It may have been a complex topic for most politicians, but for Chief Minister Manohar Parrikar it was an area close to his heart and was immediately comfortable interacting with technical minds on metallurgy, light weighting and its impact on energy and transportation.

Parrikar inaugurated the 55th National Metallurgist's Day and the 71st Annual Technical Meeting at BITS Pilani in Zuari Nagar on Saturday. The NMD-ATM is jointly hosted by the Indian Institute of Metals - Mumbai, Pune and Goa chapters.



CM Manohar Parrikar at the event in BITS Pilani, on Saturday.

A qualified metallurgical engineer from IIT Bombay, Parrikar spoke about his own experience in the field of met-

allurgy.

He referred to 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.

The annual 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".

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 in the inaugural function.

Dr S Christopher, Chairman, DRDO India, H M Nerurkar, Chairman, TRL-Krosaki and former managing director, Tata Steel and Arvind Bhardwaj, Chief Technology Officer, Mahindra & Mahindra made presentations as part of Industry Leaders' Panel Discussion on symposium theme chaired by D Bhattacharya, Vice Chairman, Hindalco Industries.

Several topics of interest

and value to industry to be covered at the symposium include advances in ferrous and non-ferrous metallurgy, materials engineering, mineral processing, Industry 4.0 and Data Analytics & Career in Materials Engineering.

The National Metallurgists' Day celebrations will be held on November 14, when successful leaders and professionals from the industry and academia will be recognized by the Ministry of Steel and also, Indian Institute of Metals for their outstanding contribution in presence of Union Minister of Steel Chaudhary Birender Singh, and Secretary (Ministry of Steel) Dr Aruna Sharma.