

Theme: Powering India’s Machinery Ecosystem: Innovation, Manufacturing & Global Growth

The TAAE Conference 2026, alongside the Tools & Equipment Expo, is India’s leading platform for tools, welding, and machinery industries. Bringing together global manufacturers, technology providers, MSMEs, and OEMs, the conference will spotlight innovations in hand tools, power tools, welding technologies, industrial machinery, and used equipment market. Explore opportunities in advanced manufacturing, automation, Industry 4.0, and global sourcing, while connecting with key decision makers driving India’s rise as a global manufacturing and export hub.

DAY 1 – POLICY, SECTOR LANDSCAPE & INDUSTRY FOUNDATIONS

10:00 – 11:00	Inaugural Session: Tools & Equipment Sector as the Backbone of Industrial Growth This opening session will highlight how the tools and equipment industry supports manufacturing, infrastructure development, and economic growth. Industry leaders and policymakers will discuss the sector's importance in India's growth journey and set the context for the conference discussions ahead. Key Discussion Points: - Understand why the tools and equipment sector is important for India's industrial growth - Aligning industry priorities with national manufacturing and economic goals
11:00 – 11:30	High Tea Break
11:30 – 12:30	Panel Discussion: Current Status & Growth Potential of the Tools & Equipment Sector This session will provide an overview of the current state of the tools and equipment industry in India. Experts will discuss market trends, growth opportunities, and the factors driving future demand and investments. Key Discussion Points: - Review of where the industry stands today and its current strengths - Explore major growth opportunities and investment areas - Understand future market demand and emerging trends Speakers Neeraj Kumar, Head – Sales & Marketing, Magadh Hand Tools
12:30 – 13:00	Technical Session: Manufacturing Clusters & MSME-Driven Ecosystems Manufacturing clusters and MSMEs play a crucial role in driving industrial growth and employment. This session will explore successful cluster models and discuss ways to strengthen regional manufacturing ecosystems. Key Discussion Points: - Learn from successful manufacturing clusters across India - Understand how MSMEs contribute to jobs, innovation, and growth - Discuss ways to strengthen local industrial ecosystems
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch Break
14:00 – 15:00	Panel Discussion: Policy, Regulation & Ease of Doing Business Government policies and regulatory frameworks significantly influence industrial growth. This session will examine key schemes, identify business challenges, and discuss reforms that can make it easier for companies to grow and invest. Key Discussion Points: - Understand government initiatives like PM Vishwakarma Yojana, Production Linked Incentive (PLI), PM GatiShakti, and Startup India supporting manufacturing and industry - Identify major regulatory and compliance challenges faced by businesses - Discuss policy reforms that can accelerate sector growth Speakers - P.G. Subramanian, Executive Secretary, Indian Cutting Tool Manufacturers Association - Er. D.P. Singh, President, Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of U.P. - Tatikonda Ranga Babu, State President, AP State Carpenters Association
15:00 – 16:00	Industry Session: Strengthening Supply Chains: Role of OEMs & Institutional Support A strong supply chain is essential for a competitive manufacturing sector. Industry experts will discuss collaboration between large manufacturers and MSMEs, supply chain localization, and available government support. Key Discussion Points: - Explore how OEMs and MSMEs can work together more effectively - Discuss ways to build stronger and more local supply chains - Learn about government incentives and support programs
16:00 – 17:00	Roundtable Discussion: Industry Perspectives & Ground-Level Challenges This interactive session will provide a platform for industry stakeholders to share real-world experiences and challenges. The discussion will focus on identifying practical solutions and recommendations for policymakers. Key Discussion Points: - Discuss day-to-day challenges faced by businesses - Share feedback that can help improve policies and support systems - Encourage knowledge sharing among industry professionals
17:00 – 17:30	Closing Dialogue



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DAY 2 – TECHNOLOGY, SKILLS, MARKETS & ROADMAP

10:00 – 11:00	Keynote + Panel: Technology as a Growth Multiplier: Precision, Automation & Advanced Manufacturing Advanced technologies are transforming manufacturing across the world. This session will showcase how automation, precision engineering, and modern manufacturing solutions can improve productivity and global competitiveness Key Discussion Points: - Understand how new technologies improve efficiency and productivity - Learn how technology helps companies compete globally - Explore practical ways to adopt advanced manufacturing solutions Speakers Vinnie Mehta, Director General, Automotive Component Manufacturers Association of India
11:00 – 11:30	High Tea Break
11:30 – 12:30	Panel Discussion: Digital Manufacturing & Industry 4.0 Adoption Digital technologies are changing the way factories operate. This session will focus on Industry 4.0, smart manufacturing, and strategies that help businesses successfully embrace digital transformation. Key Discussion Points: - Learn about smart factories and digital manufacturing technologies - Understand how companies can begin their digital transformation journey - Discuss common implementation challenges and possible solutions Speakers Yadu Kumar Yadav, Deputy Director at NPC-DPIIT, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, GoI
12:30 – 13:00	Technical Session: Skills, Tool Rooms & Workforce Readiness A skilled workforce is critical for the future of manufacturing. This session will address industry skill gaps, training programs, and stronger collaboration between industry and educational institutions. Key Discussion Points: - Identify key skills required for the future workforce - Explore training, certification, and apprenticeship opportunities like Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY), Skill India Digital Hub (SIDH), and National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS) - Strengthening partnerships between industry and educational institutions Speakers - Dr. Nagahanumaiah, Director, Central Manufacturing Technology Institute, Bengaluru - Prof. (Dr.), Ashok Kumar Nagawat, Vice Chancellor, Delhi Skill and Entrepreneurship University
13:00 – 14:00	Networking Lunch
14:00 – 15:00	Roundtable: Financing Technology Upgradation & Fostering Innovation Technology upgrades and innovation require financial support, especially for MSMEs. This session will discuss funding options, innovation strategies, and ways to encourage homegrown technology development. Key Discussion Points: - Explore funding and financing options for MSMEs - Discuss strategies for upgrading technology and operations - Encourage innovation and development of indigenous solutions
15:00 – 16:00	Panel Discussion: Export Potential & Global Market Competitiveness As India strengthens its manufacturing capabilities, global markets offer significant growth opportunities. This session will focus on export readiness, international quality standards, and building competitive global brands. Key Discussion Points: - Understand global market opportunities for Indian manufacturers - Learn about international quality and certification requirements - Discuss strategies for building strong global brands Speakers - Kapil Kothari, Head – Brand & Marketing, Kobelco Construction Equipment India Pvt. Ltd. - Naina Bhardwaj, Associate Director – International Business Advisory, Dezan Shira & Associates (Presentation)
16:00 – 16:30	Technical Session: Emerging Demand from Strategic Sectors Sectors such as electric vehicles, defence, aerospace, and infrastructure are creating new opportunities for manufacturers. This session will examine future demand trends and potential business opportunities within these high-growth sectors. Key Discussion Points: - Understand growing demand from EV, defence, aerospace, and infrastructure sectors - Explore how industry growth aligns with national priorities - Identify new partnerships and business opportunities
16:30 – 17:00	Valedictory Session