

IIM Keonjhar Chapter revived

Bilaipada (Joda), 28th December, 2021 : The Indian Institute of Metals is a national body of professionals which engages in various professional activities. These include organising national and international technical conferences and programmes, research activities, publications, conducting qualifying examinations etc. For this purpose, they encourage formation of local chapters in across the country to organise regular meetings, seminars, workshops, etc. for bringing professionals closer through local networking and sharing of common challenges & opportunities.

Among the 56 such chapters in the country, the Keonjhar Chapter, which had begun in 1996, had become dormant after 10 years of activities. To revive this chapter, a program was organised at Tata Steel Long Products premises, Bilaipada, which was participated by 34 organisational representatives and individual professional from within the District. The program was inaugurated by Mr.Ashish Anupam, Managing Director and Mr.Manikanta Naik, Sr. General Manager (Operations & Maintenance),, Tata Steel Long Products Limited, Mr.Kushal Saha, Secretary General, Indian Institute of Metals. Speaking on this occasion, the Chief Guest, Mr.Ashish Anupam emphasised on the importance of technological advancement in the country and focused on collaborative participation in overcoming the common challenges of the industries. Mr.Manikanta stressed on the need for the industries in the district to come together towards addressing common causes and felt that an institute like IIM offered the perfect platform in realising such goals. Mr.Kushal Saha shared about the illustrious background of IIM, its multifarious activities and various benefits of becoming a member of IIM. Dr.Suresh Chandra Khattoi, MD, Minmet Technologies, spoke about the advent of metals & minerals and how metal based industries in Keonjhar had grown over the years, thus improving the economy of the district. He was joined by Mr.Brij Badhadra, Executive Vice President, JSPL who assured to extend all possible help for the revival of this Chapter.

The program concluded with a formal announcement of the revival of IIM, Keonjhar Chapter by Mr.Kushal Saha and formation of an adhoc committee comprising Mr.Manikanta Naik, Mr.Brij Badhadra and Dr.Suresh Chandra Khattoi. This committee will take forward the regular activities of the Chapter and will also formulate a formal governing body.

