

# A Mega Exhibition

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IMTEX 2007, the largest exhibition of machine tools and manufacturing solutions in South & South East Asia, which concluded in Bangalore on January 24, generated confirmed business worth over \$130 million and enquiries for more than \$1.2 billion. The 7-day event, which showcased the technological capabilities and new developments in the machine tool industry from 25 countries, drew over 130,000 business visitors from across India and other parts of the world.

Organised by Indian Machine Tool Manufacturers' Association (IMTMA), IMTEX 2007 and its concurrent fair, Tooltech 2007, marked many beginnings, which included scheduling the event for the first time in South India and at the Association's own exhibition facility (Bangalore International Exhibition Centre). IMTEX henceforth would permanently stay put at Bangalore - the hub of the machine tool industry.

The exhibition also witnessed an amalgam of delegations: high-level international delegations from Syria, Czech Republic, Korea and Switzerland and domestic CEO-level delegations from the



TOP VIEW: A sprawling hall at Tooltech-07



**LIGHTING THE LAMP:** Union Commerce Minister Kamal Nath at the inauguration of the Exhibition

Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers, Automotive Component Manufacturers' Association, Defence, Indian Railways and Textile Machinery Manufacturers' Association.

Held every three years, IMTEX is amongst the five largest international shows, globally. In its 38th year, IMTEX has grown over the years into a major global event for the entire industry. Tooltech 2007 had a comprehensive display of metalworking machine tools, cutting tools, tooling systems, machine tool accessories, metrology and CAD/CAM.

A B2C event featuring recent global trends in machine tools and manufacturing solutions, this was the perfect platform to reactivate the industry enthusiasm and reinforce the feel good factor being witnessed within the sector. The exhibition showcased emergence of new technologies such as dry machining, high speed machining, versatile and multi-functional machines, compact ma-



**HIGH PRECISION:** A compact machine at IMTEX-07

chines and machines with smaller footprints, as well as a complete array of manufacturing solutions – in tune with the emerging needs of the Indian manufacturing industry.

C. P. Rangachar, President, IMTMA, said, "IMTEX 2007 has been a path-breaker in showcasing the design and innovative skills of the Indian machine tool industry alongside those from elsewhere. The exhibition has clearly displayed technologies and human capabilities in enabling excellence in Indian manufacturing."

Founded 60 years ago, IMTMA is the apex body of machine tool industry in the country with a membership of around 400 companies. The Association has over the years transformed itself to look beyond, to focus on issues of productivity, quality, technology, new product development, design, customer satisfaction, etc. for enhancing competitiveness of the industry in both domestic and overseas markets. 🌟