

5TH MRAI INTERNATIONAL INDIAN METALS RECYCLING CONFERENCE BEGINS IN GOA

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Union Minister for Steel Shri Choudhary Birendra Singh has said that metal recycling Industry is a booming industry that needs continued support and encouragement like any other Industry.

Shri. Chodhary was addressing the delegates numbering 1100 from different parts of the country and abroad at the two day 5th International Indian metals recycling conference being organized by Recycling Association of India (MRAI) which commenced in Goa today.

The function was also attended by Union Minister of State for mines Shri Narendra Sigh Tomar, Union Minister of State for parliament Affairs Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal and Dr. V.K. Saraswat, Member Niti Ayog.

Speaking further the Union Minister said the Union Government wants India to be a world leader in energy efficiency and sustainability. We all know that recycling benefits our environment as it reduces greenhouse gas emissions, saves energy and protects our natural resources, he said.

Ministry of Steel has taken a lot of initiatives in the area of recycling, including auto-shredding plants, scrap-based steel plants and incentivizing secondary steel units which are main users of scrap for steel making.

Recycling metals drastically reduces the amount of energy used to produce steel instead of using virgin ore. On an average, 74% of energy is saved using steel scrap material versus ore. This also saves 40% water and leads to 58% reduction in carbon dioxide emissions. Different options will be evaluated in coordination with other concerned ministries to develop a quality – wise scrap segregation, collection, processing and recycling policy. Establishment of steel scrap processing units within the country will be facilitated. The first mechanized Shredding plant in India under the JV, will bring a whole new method of processing of scrap from the End of Life Vehicles (ELV), he said

The Union Minister said Voluntary Vehicle Modernization Programme' proposes to incentivize more than 28 million commercial vehicle owners by

reducing acquisition cost of new vehicles by providing tax benefits and other incentives. Efforts will be made in coordination with Ministry of Power to ensure availability of electricity to the sector. We have launched first-of-its kind Award Scheme for Secondary Steel Producers, entries for which are already on with details available on Ministry of Steel website. We are taking up the research related issues of this sector and making them an integral part of national research mechanism under Steel Research and technology Mission of India. Shri Choudhary welcomed ideas and suggestions from the participants on what more we can do to contribute to 'Make in India' drive. Our Government is fully committed to sustainable development in all spheres, he added.

Union Minister for mines Shri Narendra Singh Tomar in his address highlighted the significance of metal recycling to save energy and protect our environment. He assured to extend support to MRAI under Ministry of mines to redress the issues connected with metal recycling and promote it for generating employment venues.

Union Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal highlighted the initiatives of the Union Government in the area of development and good governance. He hoped that the participants of the conference will have fruitful discussions to promote metal recycling industry.

Shri. Sanjay Mehta president MRAI also expressed his views on the occasion.

Dr. V.K. Sarawat, Member Niti Ayog and Shri. Surrender Borad, Chairman Genlim Corporation also expressed their views on the occasion.