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"New Exhibition Hall at BIEC: A new state-of-the-art exhibition hall (Hall 5) measuring 17,500 sq m, which is the latest addition to BIEC infrastructure will be inaugurated during the first day of the show. IMTMA expects more show organizers to book space at this new hall."

entire spectrum of manufacturing industry such as aerospace, defense, railways, power sector, shipping, construction equipment, capital goods, and many more.

The horizons have been expanding with every show and as IMTMA (Indian Machine Tool Manufacturers' Association) celebrates IMTEX's 50 years journey, two new technology shows have been added in addition to the regular parallel events. The expo on additive manufacturing will help manufacturing fraternity familiarize themselves with the technological advantages of additive manufacturing. The pavil-

IMTEX milestones – 1969 to 1989

IMTEX 69: Twenty-Six Indian companies all IMTMA members along with Central Mechanical Engineering Research Institute and Indian Institute of Technology participated in the first edition of the exhibition held at Godrej & Boyce plant in Vikhroli, Mumbai.

IMTEX 72: Organized over 7,000 sq m of gross space the exhibition coincided with IMTMA's silver jubilee. Focus was on advancements made by Indian manufacturers in the field of design and diversification. Over 350 metal-cutting and metal-forming machine tools, small tools, foundry equipment and accessories. Imported machine tools were also displayed.

IMTEX 75: Organized in a gross space of 15,000 sq m, 225 members of the Association participated in the exhibition which featured over 500 machines. Over 100 newly developed machine tool products by Indian manufacturers were on display.



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ion on Industry 4.0 will shed light on technologies that are being adopted in smart manufacturing.

Speaking on why IMTMA introduced the two new shows Jamshyd N. Godrej, Chairman-Exhibitions, IMTMA told The Machinist that manufacturing industry is today driven by technology and terms like Industry 4.0, additive manufacturing, artificial intelligence, robotics, among others, have all become buzzwords. Manufacturers are wanting to adopt these technologies in their product lines. IMTMA deemed it appropriate to launch these technologies in the show since IMTEX is known for showcasing technologies 'Live' which will enable visitors take on the spot decisions.

IMTMA President P. Ramadas concurring with Godrej's views stated that manufacturing growth always depends on advancements in technologies and solutions. IMTEX is playing the dual role of bringing technologies to the manufacturers and acting as an enabler for developing trade as well. Companies by adopting these advancements in technology and making their workforce competitive to use these technologies can establish themselves in the global marketplace.

IMTEX 79: Organized over a gross area of 25,000 sq m.

IMTEX 82: IMTEX was held in two large halls covering 31,000 sq m gross space. For the first time, 125 overseas companies from USA, UK, Switzerland, Japan and West Germany participated with well-known brands. Several functions and technical workshops were held alongside IMTEX 82.

IMTEX 86: Became the country's largest specialized show with 650 companies, including 240 firms from 18 overseas countries putting up their displays over a net space of 25,000 sq m. One major attraction was the 120 CNC machine tools.

IMTEX 89: All India Machine Tool Exhibition was officially rechristened as Indian Machine Tool Exhibition (IMTEX) in a gross area of 50,000 sq m displaying over 1,500 machines. IMTEX series completed 20 years existence and was for the ultimate time held continuously in the Godrej Industrial Complex in Mumbai.