

Jibak Dasgupta, New Director General & CEO, IMTMA

The apex body for the machine tool industry in India, Indian Machine Tool Manufacturers' Association (IMTMA), has appointed Jibak Dasgupta as the Association's Director General & CEO.



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With extensive experience in the field, Dasgupta is adept at building a knowledge ecosystem, formulating industrial policies, promoting R&D and technology, and developing industrial capacity in manufacturing, innovation, and entrepreneurship.

He has headed CII Naoroji Godrej Centre of Manufacturing Excellence (CME), Mumbai; CII's Technology Innovation and Entrepreneurship Department, Delhi; and CII Maharashtra State Office, Mumbai.

From 2011 to 2017, Dasgupta was associated with Global Innovation Index (GII), co-authoring various chapters in GII reports, which were published by WIPO, INSEAD, and Cornell University. He has also worked closely with the Planning Commission (NITI Aayog) for its Innovation Cluster Development program under the aegis of National Innovation Council.

He has been an active member of various public and private policy advocacy groups like National Council of Science Museums (NCSM); the Ministry of Culture for creating innovation hubs across India; Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) under the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research (DSIR); the National Science Technology Entrepreneurship Development Board (NSTEDB) to review Technology Business Incubators (TBIs); All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) for Innovation & Entrepreneurship Capacity Building; Department of Science and Technology (DST) Committee on R&D and Innovation Indicators in National S&T System and Policy Implications; DST National Panel for the formulation of the Technology-led Innovation Policy (2017-2018); Governing Council of Indian National Academy of Engineers (INAE) (2016-2018); Maharashtra State Innovation Society (MSInS); and Hub Governing Body (HGB) of Technology Innovation Hub at IIT Bombay.

An instrumentation engineer, Dasgupta holds a Master's degree in Management and Economics of Innovation from Chalmers University of Technology, Gothenburg, Sweden.

Regarding his appointment, Ravi Raghavan, President, IMTMA, said, "Given India's efforts to move towards a US\$5 trillion economy, the machine tool industry will play a key role in contributing to the growth of the manufacturing industry. IMTMA is working closely with manufacturing industries throughout the world to meet rising challenges, especially in policy, technology, and capital. Jibak's deep understanding of the industry will be crucial in driving IMTMA to achieve its goals."

Concurring with Raghavan's views, Dasgupta said, "I am elated to have joined a vision-oriented association and keenly look forward to providing a strategic direction to IMTMA and supporting the Indian machine tool industry to capitalize on market opportunities." ////