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From the Editor's Desk...

As the auto industry performed relatively better this year, it was encouraging news for the Indian Forging Industry as we primarily serve the Indian Automotive Industry which accounts for 70-80% of forging production. Increased raw material and steel prices were a major area of concern this year. Furthermore, sales were hampered both last and this year after a global chip shortage, which has now been eased indicating the automotive industry growth this year. The electric vehicle (EV) market in India is rapidly expanding and the supply of Internal Combustion Engine (ICE) engines is projected to be limited in the future.

Electric vehicle sector will continue to be a major cause of concern for the forging and auto component industries since demand for vehicle moving parts will decline significantly, resulting in tremendous unutilized forging capacity. However, the forging industry must consider alternative options such as aluminium forging and expand into non-automotive industries such as aerospace, defence and railways where the current government is also emphasising through Atmanirbhar Bharat and Make in India initiatives. EV volumes are increasing, but it will take some time to penetrate in the primary market, which is why I believe the forging industry will do well in the next three to four years.

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