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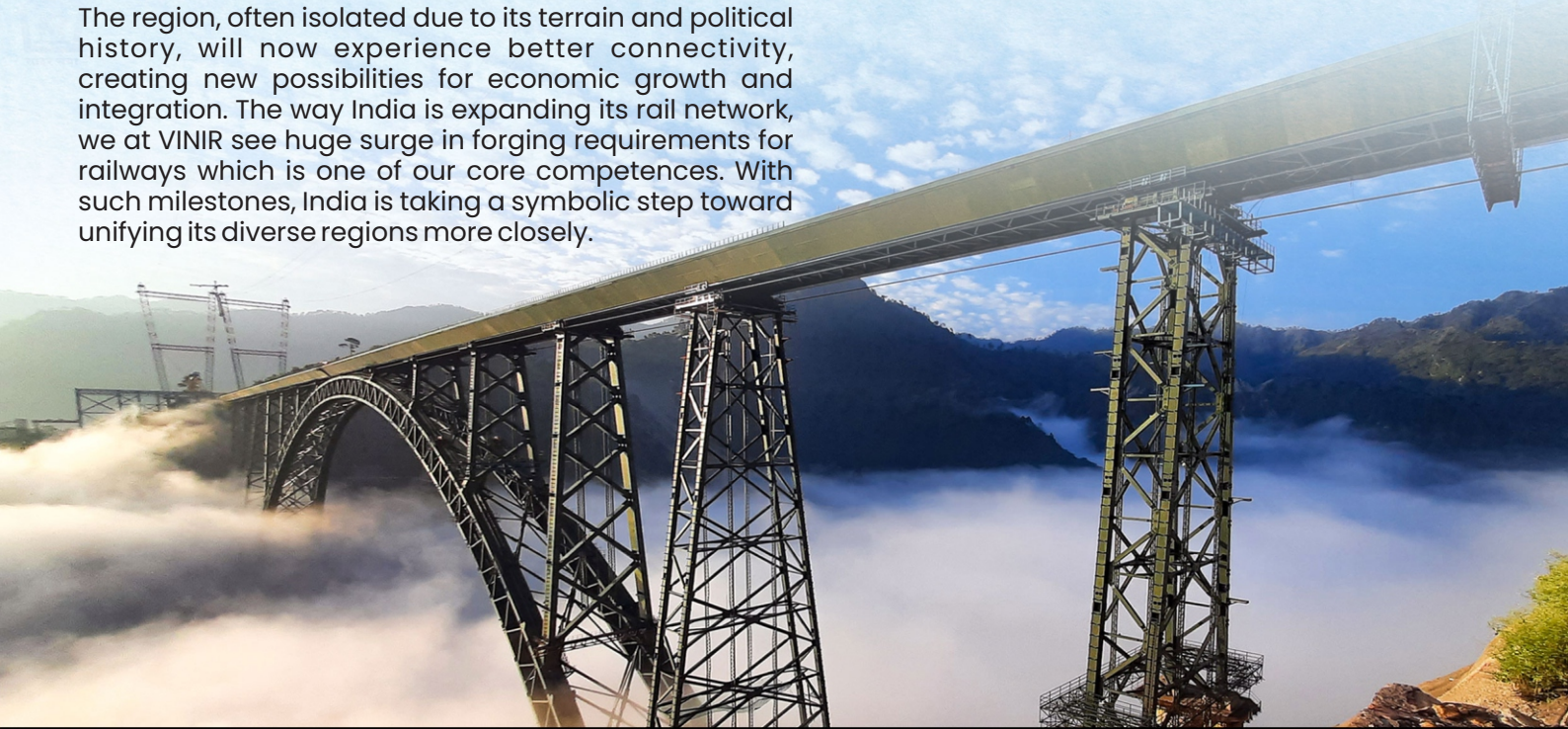
Current Affairs Of The Industry

India Connects Kashmir to the Nation by Rail

It was an historic move for India as Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently inaugurated a long-awaited railway project connecting the Kashmir Valley to the rest of India by train.

The high point about the project is that the 272-kilometer Udhampur–Srinagar–Baramulla rail line has 36 tunnels and 943 bridges. Furthermore, the rail line also includes the world's highest railway bridge over the Chenab River. This move is nothing short of a game changing event for people residing in J&K apart from the fact that it is an engineering marvel. The project promises to boost local trade, tourism, and provide better access to health and education, while also enhancing national security by allowing faster troop movement.

The region, often isolated due to its terrain and political history, will now experience better connectivity, creating new possibilities for economic growth and integration. The way India is expanding its rail network, we at VINIR see huge surge in forging requirements for railways which is one of our core competences. With such milestones, India is taking a symbolic step toward unifying its diverse regions more closely.



Indian Railways Keen to Expand, Paving Way for Forging Vertical!

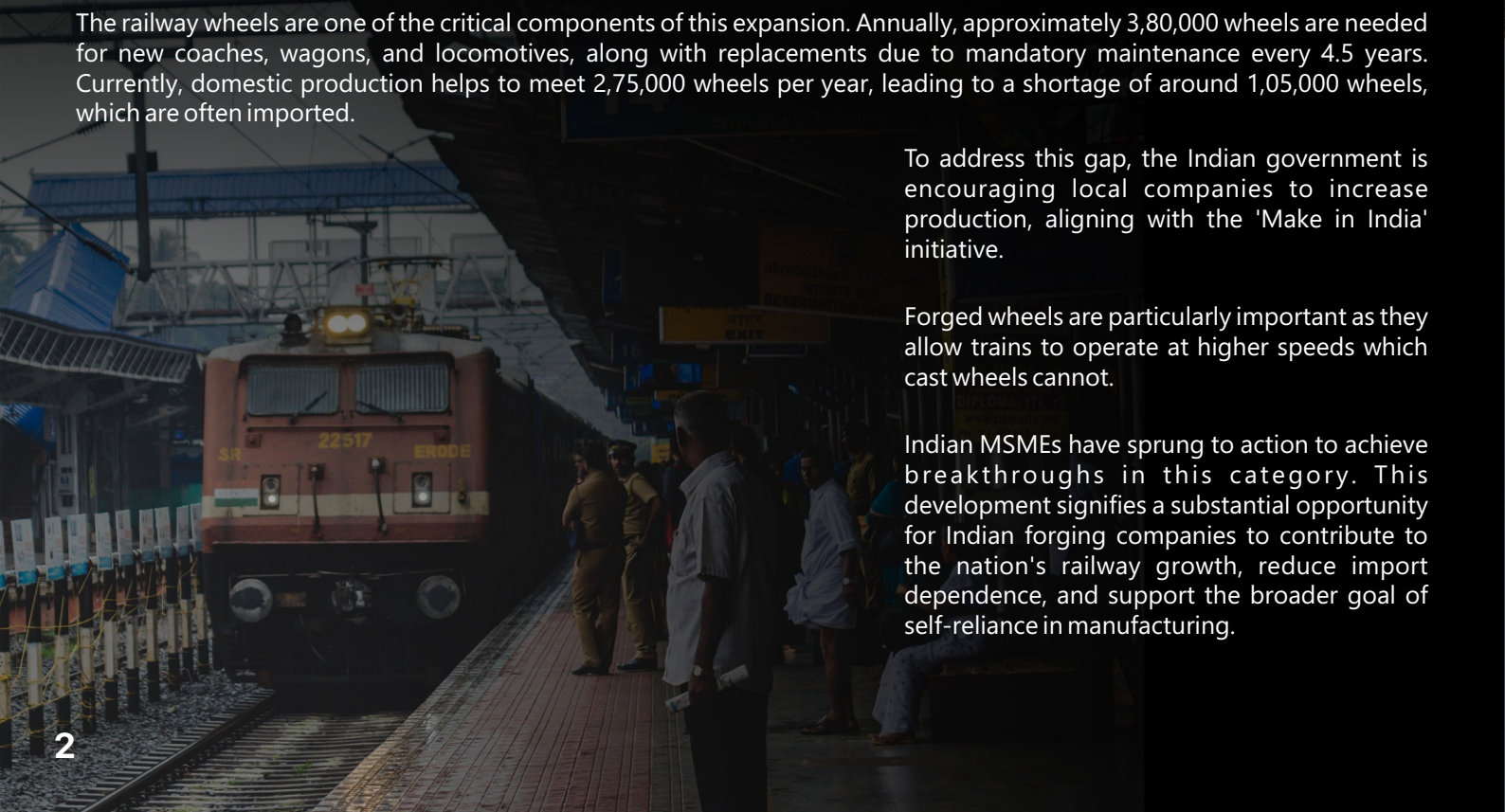
India's railway sector is thinking about major expansion and the recent allocation of budget is completely aligned to realise this dream. The budget allocation of ₹2.4 lakh crore in the 2023-24 fiscal year is four times the amount allocated in 2014. This funding can up the game to introduce new passenger trains, upgrade stations, enhance safety features, and expand freight corridors.

The railway wheels are one of the critical components of this expansion. Annually, approximately 3,80,000 wheels are needed for new coaches, wagons, and locomotives, along with replacements due to mandatory maintenance every 4.5 years. Currently, domestic production helps to meet 2,75,000 wheels per year, leading to a shortage of around 1,05,000 wheels, which are often imported.

To address this gap, the Indian government is encouraging local companies to increase production, aligning with the 'Make in India' initiative.

Forged wheels are particularly important as they allow trains to operate at higher speeds which cast wheels cannot.

Indian MSMEs have sprung to action to achieve breakthroughs in this category. This development signifies a substantial opportunity for Indian forging companies to contribute to the nation's railway growth, reduce import dependence, and support the broader goal of self-reliance in manufacturing.



A Peek Into Activities from May...

Customer Visits & Audits

May saw impactful client and auditor visits across our units, strengthening collaboration and quality focus.

- ESCO Couplings (May 2) – Machining precision showcased
- ENGEL & KF Valves (May 6) – Quality reviews & walkthroughs
- Best Way & BHEL (May 13) – Operational excellence & client focus
- CAB Worldwide & Trusted Aerospace – Rigorous quality audits
- Comprehensive Energy, ISO 50001 & NABL 17025 audits – Standards reaffirmed
- THRIVENI (May 22) – 8D CAPA discussions highlighting our proactive approach



Trainings to Strengthen Capabilities

May's training calendar reflected our strong commitment to continuous learning and safety, technical capabilities, and our culture of operational excellence.

- API Spec Q1 & 20B Awareness for compliance
- Technical training on Hardening, Machining & Inspection
- Lab-focused sessions on Method Validation & ISO 17025
- Safety training on handling, documentation & CNC operations
- Security Field Officer Training to enhance vigilance



Motivation in Motion

Motivational sessions were conducted throughout the month across all units—both in-person and via curated video sessions. These short, focused events kept our teams energised, helping foster purpose-driven work and collective morale. Teams engaged in a mix of interactive sessions and inspirational video screenings, designed to foster personal growth, positive thinking, and team alignment. These short yet impactful sessions created space for reflection, renewed energy, and a mindset shift—driving both individual and collective performance forward.



Meetings That Matter

Our Townhall and Quality Review Meetings across units facilitated transparent dialogue, realignment of goals, and celebration of small and big wins. Additionally, a Safety Committee Meeting underscored our ongoing commitment to a secure and responsible workplace.



Wellness & Awareness Initiatives

A series of Yoga sessions helped employees reset and refocus, while regular doctor consultations offered accessible medical advice to all. As part of our proactive health and safety culture, security and safety training were also held for both operational teams and field officers.

Recognition & 5S Achievements

We proudly celebrated excellence across functions:

- Best CIP: Mr. Elavarasan & the Heat Treatment and Quality teams
- Best Safety Role Models: Mr. Sujith Das, Mr. Dushmantha Malik, Mr. Samer (NDT), & Mr. Karunakaran
- 5S Gold: Cutting, Accounts, Quality Control & CNC Machine Shop
- 5S Silver: DV6 Spectro, Forging, HT & Lab

Such recognitions reflect the everyday excellence and discipline that power Vinir's forward momentum.



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