

# IESA Mid-West Journal

## Driving Semiconductor Momentum Across Ecosystem

Throughout the year, the Mid-West region has emerged as one of the most active and engaged contributors to India's growing electronics and semiconductor ecosystem. With sustained industry participation, strong academic collaboration, policy-focused dialogues, and visible leadership on national platforms, the region has played a critical role in advancing IESA's mission of strengthening the ESDM value chain.

A key driving force behind this momentum has been **Mr. Sudhir Naik, Board of Directors, IESA**, and a leading industry veteran, who has remained physically present, deeply involved, and consistently engaged across conferences, academic forums, policy discussions, and public platforms. His active participation throughout the year reflects IESA's commitment to on-ground ecosystem development, particularly across Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, and the broader Mid-West corridor.

## Strengthening Manufacturing Capabilities



The year began on a strong note for the Mid-West region with IESA member company Suchi Semicon Pvt. Ltd. announcing the expansion of its semiconductor OSAT (Outsourced Semiconductor Assembly and Testing) facility in Surat, Gujarat. The inauguration ceremony was attended by Shri C. R. Paatil, Hon'ble Union Minister of Jal Shakti, and Shri Harsh Sanghavi, Minister of State for Home, Industries, Transport, Youth & Sports, Government of Gujarat, along with senior government officials and industry leaders.

Dr. V. Veerappan and Mr. Ashok Chandak commended Suchi Semicon's efforts in advancing domestic semiconductor manufacturing, underscoring its alignment with the national Atmanirbhar Bharat vision and the India Semiconductor Mission

The facility expansion set the tone for the year, reinforcing the Mid-West region's readiness to support high-value manufacturing and contribute meaningfully to India's evolving semiconductor ecosystem.

## Academic Engagements and Skill Development



With skilled manpower identified as a critical enabler for the growth of India's semiconductor ecosystem, IESA continued to actively engage with academic institutions and student communities across the Mid-West region. On January 24, 2025, IESA, in collaboration with Marwadi University, Rajkot, organized a focused seminar themed "Skilled Manpower as a

Key Ingredient for the Growth of Semiconductor Industry in India." The session brought together students, faculty, and industry professionals to discuss curriculum alignment, hands-on training, industry exposure, employment pathways, and the role of government facilitation in bridging skill gaps within the ESDM sector.

Further strengthening academic outreach, Mr. Sudhir Naik delivered a keynote address titled "Accelerating Semicon: Unlocking India's Semiconductor Potential" at IIM Ahmedabad on May 16, 2025. His address highlighted India's evolving semiconductor roadmap, global opportunities, and the importance of indigenous capability building in achieving long-term competitiveness.



Engagement with young engineers continued at the Acropolis Group of Institutes, Indore, Madhya Pradesh, where Mr. Sudhir Naik, as Chief Guest, addressed over 500 first-year engineering students during the orientation program on August 26, 2025. He emphasized innovation, continuous learning, and emerging opportunities within the electronics and semiconductor sector, reinforcing IESA's commitment to nurturing future-ready talent.

## Policy, Ecosystem and Industry Dialogues



IESA actively contributed to key policy and ecosystem discussions across the Mid-West region, fostering dialogue between industry, academia, and government stakeholders. On January 3, 2025, IESA participated in the seminar “Making India a Semiconductor Nation”, organized by CED and Saptarshi Academy in Ahmedabad. The session featured eminent speakers, including Mr. N. M. Desai (SAC-ISRO), Mr. Sudhir Naik (IESA & Co-founder, elnfochips), and Mr. Pinakin Thaker (Saptarshi Academy), and focused on India’s semiconductor ambitions, ecosystem challenges, and the importance of coordinated industry-academia-government collaboration.

Policy outreach was further strengthened on June 26, 2025, when Mr. Sudhir Naik, along with Dr. Neeraj Shah, Secretary, IEI GSC, participated in a live discussion on DD News Gujarati and DD Girnar. The conversation centered on the Gujarat Electronics Component Manufacturing Policy 2025, domestic manufacturing incentives, and alignment with the central government’s India Semiconductor Mission, extending the dialogue to a wider industry and public audience.

Continuing ecosystem-level engagement, an IDSPS Awareness Session was hosted by Suchi Semicon on August 29, 2025, at Taj, Ahmedabad. The session featured Prof. Rao R. Tummala, Advisor, ISM India, who shared insights on the present and future of semiconductor packaging technologies. Mr. Sudhir Naik, representing IESA, joined leaders from IIT Gandhinagar, GTU, LD College of Engineering, Micron, Tata, Suchi Semicon, and ISRO, enabling meaningful exchanges across industry, academia, and research institutions, and reinforcing collaborative efforts to strengthen India’s semiconductor packaging ecosystem.

## Cross-Regional Representation and Recognition



IESA's Mid-West leadership presence was also visible beyond the region. On November 25–26, 2025, IESA participated in the Samruddha Odisha 2026 Conclave at Janata Maidan, Bhubaneswar, organized by the Utkal Chamber of Commerce & Industry Ltd. in association with the Government of Odisha. With the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Odisha as the Chief Guest, the conclave focused on investment opportunities, industrial competitiveness, and technology adoption. Mr. Sudhir Naik, as a speaker, contributed insights on innovation, entrepreneurship, and regional growth potential.

In recognition of his sustained contributions, Mr. Sudhir Naik was honoured at the GESIA Digital Management Conclave 2024, held on October 18, 2024, in Ahmedabad, on the theme "Futuristic Businesses Driving Sustainable Growth." He was felicitated by GESIA, Baroda, and recognised as a Change Maker, receiving the title "Bhishmapitamah of Semicon" for his enduring leadership and transformational impact on India's semiconductor ecosystem.

Further reinforcing industry collaboration, Mr. Sudhir Naik was invited as an Advisor at the Semicon Summit during the EFY Expo, hosted by the EFY Group on November 21, 2025, focusing on business opportunities and growth pathways within India's semiconductor landscape.

## Looking Ahead

The year has demonstrated the Mid-West region's growing influence in shaping India's electronics and semiconductor narrative. Through manufacturing expansion, academic partnerships, policy advocacy, public outreach, and consistent leadership engagement, the region continues to strengthen its position as a vital contributor to the national ESDM ecosystem.

IESA remains committed to building on this momentum, with the Mid-West region poised to play an even more impactful role in the years ahead.