

## IGC 2023: Highlights Part 3

# Session-2: Bullion Refining in India



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**Mr Pramod Mohan**

### **Mr Pramod Mohan, FinMet Pte. Ltd**

India boasts the largest recycled gold market in Southeast Asia, with over 11% of total consumption originating from old gold. Recycled gold supply has increased in the last three years, driven by rising gold prices.

This surge in recycled gold supply in India over the past three years reflects the country's unique relationship with gold as both a cherished cultural symbol and a significant financial asset. As gold prices have risen, more individuals and households have been motivated to unlock the value of their old gold holdings, contributing to the growth

in recycled gold. This trend not only demonstrates the adaptability of the Indian gold market but also serves as a sustainable way to meet the ever-increasing demand for gold, reducing the need for extensive mining and its associated environmental impact.

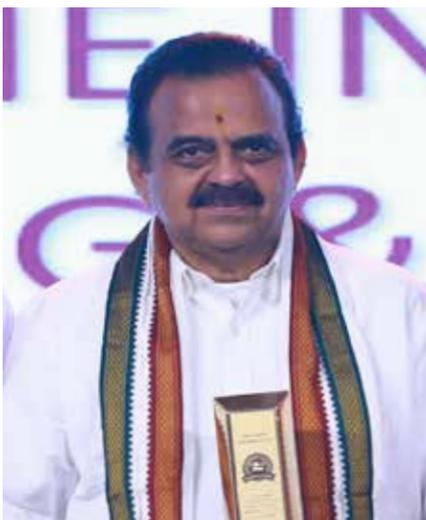
It showcases a conscious effort by Indians to harness the value of their existing gold resources while promoting a circular and eco-friendly approach to gold consumption in the region.

What is the state of the refining industry in India? Let's hear from experts.



**Mr Ajay Agarwal, SPMCIL**

The Security Printing and Minting Corporation of India serves a customer base exclusively in India, with the highest customer volume for coins and currency in the country. SPMCIL has minting operations in Hyderabad and Nasik. SPMCIL produces over 300 different products, including prestigious awards like the Padma Bhushan. Our refining capacity currently stands at 50 metric tonnes, catering mainly to the India Government Mint (IGM).



**Mr Harshad Ajmera, J J Gold House**

The first Dore shipment to India dates back to 2012, and since then, we've witnessed substantial growth in Dore

imports. India has 44 BIS accredited refiners handling Dore imports, but the complexities in the import structure have hindered efficient importation.



**Mr Gautam Choksi, Hindustan Platinum,**

In addition to gold, silver and platinum have received government incentives similar to those for gold. A 0.65% reduction in catalysts given to importers is one such measure. However, the differential duty structure must be carefully considered, accounting for demand factors rather than pre-established rates.



**Mr James Jose, CGR Metalloys**

As of now, significant gold imports through the CEPA channel to India

have not materialized. Most imports have been by manufacturers. The channel's potential for increased imports may become apparent once issues related to the CEPA channel are resolved, ensuring streamlined and expedited clearance. , CGR Metalloy, Hindustan Platinum



**Mr Sadi Ahmad, Sam Precious Metals**

UAE has been a jewellery hub since the 1950s, & recent years have witnessed significant growth in bullion trading. Factors contributing to this growth include strategic location, excellent connectivity, and favourable government business policies. Technological advancements and a diverse culture further support business activities.

The thriving gold industry in the UAE is also attributed to the visionary efforts of the government in creating a conducive business environment. The forward-thinking policies and regulations have not only attracted global businesses but have also fostered innovation and technology adoption within the industry. This, coupled with the rich diversity of cultures and expertise present in the UAE, has propelled the sector's growth.