

Global steel output down 2% in 2025

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Global crude steel production fell 2 per cent to 1,849.4 million tonnes (mt) in 2025, compared with 1,886.8 mt in 2024.

China, the world's largest producer, reported a 4.4 per cent decline in output to 960.8 mt, while India bucked the trend with a 10.4 per cent rise to 164.9 mt.

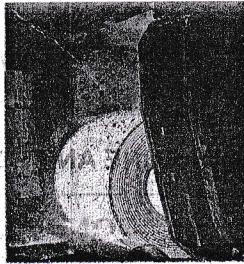
The US produced about 82 mt of steel, up 3.1 per cent year-on-year.

In December 2025, global steel output declined 3.7 per cent to 139.6 mt from 144.5 mt in the year-ago period.

CHINA DRAGS

China's steel production slid 10.3 per cent in December to 68.2 mt whereas India produced 14.8 mt, marking a 10.1 per cent increase.

US steel output rose 3.6 per cent to 6.9 mt, while Ja-



December output slid 3.7 per cent globally as China's steel production sank 10.3 per cent

pan's production fell 4.8 per cent to 6.6 mt. Russia's output declined 4.4 per cent to 5.8 mt, and South Korea recorded a 2.4 per cent drop at 5.2 mt.

Iran's steel production climbed sharply by 16.2 per cent to 3 mt, while Türkiye posted a strong 18.5 per cent

increase to 3.5 mt.

Germany's output edged lower by 0.2 per cent to 2.7 mt and Brazil produced 2.6 mt, down 1.9 per cent.

REGIONAL TRENDS

Region-wise, Africa's steel output dipped 0.3 per cent year-on-year to 1.9 mt in December.

Asia and Oceania saw a sharper 6.3 per cent fall to 99.7 mt, while the EU (27) recorded a 3.9 per cent increase to 9.9 mt.

Steel production in other parts of Europe rose 13.8 per cent to 3.8 mt, and West Asia posted a 13.9 per cent jump to 5.3 mt.

North America's output inched up 0.4 per cent to 9 mt, while production in Russia and other CIS countries, including Ukraine, slipped 2.7 per cent to 6.9 mt.

South America produced 3.2 mt of steel, up 1.2 per cent.