## Editorial

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The modern industrial trend is to reduce the cost of components for the survival of the business. A considerable amount of research is being carried out into the various individual elements of an organisation with the goal of aiding the reduction of material wastage. This special issue therefore aims to address the application of various techniques of manufacturing in overcoming the challenges in industries. A reduction in materials and costs can be achieved through the introduction of new materials, a reduction in design complexity and thereby reduction in weight.

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This special issue aims at putting together the new achievement and developments in this field. There are ten papers in this special issue on 'Application of additive and subtractive manufacturing for industrial challenges'.

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