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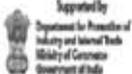




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MESSAGE

The Hon'ble Vice President of India is happy to know that the PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry is organizing its 114th Annual Session on September 30, 2019 at Hotel Le Meridien, New Delhi.

The Hon'ble Vice President extends his greetings and congratulations to the organizers and the participants and wishes the event all success.

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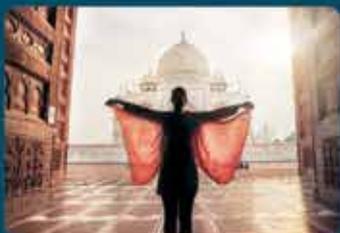
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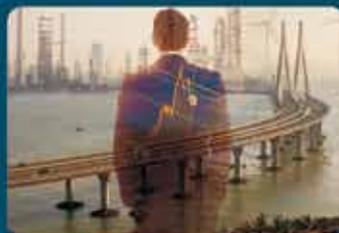
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President's Message

Friends,

It is with great pride and joy in my heart that I welcome you all to this new journey that we are embarking on together. It is my honor to serve as the President of this prestigious organization which has been at the forefront of nation building for the past 115 years. As we all know, the PHD Chamber has been providing crucial support to both Industry and the Government in their endeavours towards socio-economic progress of the country. As President of the Chamber, I assure you that it shall be my highest priority to further streamline this partnership and infuse it with renewed energy.

We as a nation are going through great technological advancements aimed towards equalizing the divide in society and providing a platform for business to thrive and boom, thus making India one of the world's most attractive economies. Recent economic reforms have propelled India's growth to USD 2.7 trillion which has been supported by a highly structured financial system and steadily growing consumer base. With regular capital and commodity market investments, the country has the potential to achieve the desired annual growth of 12-13 percent of its nominal GDP.

Experts expect India to become an upper-middle income country, the 3rd largest global economy by 2030 as a result of structural reforms, globalization, favorable demographics and digitization.

The recent jump India experienced in the World Bank's Ease of Doing Business ranking –from 100 in 2107 to 63rd position will bolster our position on the global destination map, is noteworthy. In this context, I am happy to quote Prime Minister, Mr. Narendra Modi's recent statement, "Every year we are improving in each parameter. Improvement in these rankings means that our Government is making decisions after a thorough understanding of the needs at the grass



Dr. D. K. Aggarwal

roots level for the industry.” India’s ranking also improved in the World Economic Forum’s Travel and Tourism Competitiveness Index from 65 in 2013 to 34 in 2019, an outcome of improved infrastructure, better roads, better air connectivity, better cleanliness and thus more foreign tourists visiting our country.

The global situation has been challenging in recent times putting several countries at crossroads. Having said this, I opine that India’s recent slowdown is temporary as the string of government decisions such as corporate tax cut, easing of FDI norms, quick GST refunds, contingency fund for the housing sector and releasing money into the banking systems will likely give impetus to investment and spur domestic demand. Prime Minister’s promise of a stable, predictable and transparent policy regime to catalyze foreign investments is in sync with the famous quote, “I have been impressed with the urgency of doing. Knowing is not enough; we must apply. Being willing is not enough; we must do.” Having said this, I must commend that Indian businesses are working with a sense of renewed vitality and drive in order to take forward the vision of making India a USD 5 trillion economy by FY 2024-25.

PHD Chamber’s majority members are the MSMEs, the growth engine of our economy. In such economic times, these counterparts of our economy need to be given a boost as they are facing the challenge of lack of easy credit access and liquidity crunch. Having said this, I applaud the recent measures to improve the working of MSMEs including subvention of interest to 5 percent for exporters, releasing government dues and creating platforms for rapidly resolving disputes. The announcement of settling outstanding payments is an appreciable move. These measures need to trickle down to the district and village level. We also welcome the government’s steadfast decision

of controlling trade deficit by standing ground in face of differences with the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement. This is a crucial step to support the MSME sector which currently does not have a level playing field in terms of logistics costs, access to cheap fund and physical infrastructure.

In the same spirit, I must emphasize the potential that Digital technology has to transform India’s economy. With a disruptive approach towards innovation, SMEs and traditional manufacturers are focused on developing and utilizing new technologies. With a billion smart phone users and more than half a billion internet subscribers, India is keeping pace with Industry 4.0 and working to adapt technology for its populace. I believe that for becoming a global manufacturing hub, there is a need to leverage new technologies like 5G, AI, quantum computing, robotics, etc. to fast-track growth.

This is the time for affirmative action by the government on all fronts of growth: consumption, investment and growth. More financial reforms, sound regulations for NBFCs, allowing private sector banks to operate in a big way and deepening of capital markets would definitely complement the process. Governance of public sector banks and efficiency of credit allocation to the MSME sector should be given a priority. There is also a need to set up a dedicated fund for MSMEs of Rs. 25,000 crores with no collateral being asked on the lines of fund for stalled housing projects. The Chamber also suggests reduction in tax on MSME firms working as proprietorships or partnership firms. It will be my endeavor to incorporate more and more MSMEs as members of the Chamber.

It is well known that as India gets integrated into the global markets, the role of the States is becoming increasingly important in sustaining development. We plan to engage with the State governments to intensify our focus on improving State-level competitiveness and set up offices at

Pan India level; to begin with Mumbai, as it is the economic capital of our country.

The Chamber will continue to promote ethical and global business practices and concentrate its policy advocacy role through its research facilities and help our members understand the government’s policies. “Exploration is the engine that drives innovation. Innovation drives economic growth.” Having quoted this, I would like to point out that ‘Make in India’ vision is great, but we must ‘Make It Happen in India’ is even greater. ‘Make It Happen’ in India will transpire with greater emphasis on education and skill development, socio-economic development, health care facilities and automation. Reforms in land acquisition and labour laws for creating employment in the economy are urgently required. Our demographic dividend must be provided top-class training to skill up our youth in various trades. The Indian youth needs to work judiciously to build a New India, which is free of poverty, illiteracy, corruption, hunger and discrimination. We have to ensure that each and every citizen gets to feel, tangibly, the fruits of economic progress.

I would like to congratulate this year’s Nobel laureates in Economics, one who is of proud Indian origin, Abhijit V. Banerjee and with him, Esther Duflo and Michael Kremer for their experimental approach to alleviating global poverty. This concurs with the government’s efforts for increasing the growth potential and with our Chamber’s current motto, “Towards a New, Inclusive & Prosperous India.”

With this, I close by reiterating my enthusiasm to collaborate with and facilitate partnership between Enterprises and the Government to my utmost to achieve new milestones during the year and look forward to your support and guidance so that together we can take the Chamber to achieve greater Progress, Harmony and Integrated Development.



Dr. D. K. Aggarwal
President, PHDCCI



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Dr D. K. Aggarwal
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Dr. D. K. Aggarwal is the Chairman & Managing Director of SMC Investments and Advisors Ltd., CMD of SMC Capitals Ltd., Chairman of SMC Comtrade Ltd., Chairman of SMC Real Estate Advisors Pvt. Ltd. and Director of SMC Comex International DMCC (Dubai). With over two decades of experience in the securities market & financial services, Dr Aggarwal is well known for his financial acumen and has been conferred with numerous prestigious leadership awards including Honorary doctorate degree from YESBUD University, Zambia for his outstanding contribution towards financial services, SME Leader Award by Institute of Chartered Accountants of India, 'Dare to Dream Awards'-Financial Services 2018 for Extraordinary Entrepreneurial Spirit by Zee Business, Distinguished Entrepreneurship Award 2015 by PHD Chamber, International Gold Star Millennium Award by Citizens Integration Peace Society, Outstanding National Citizens Award by National Citizen Guild, Rashtriya Udhog Rattan Award by All India Achievers Conference, IPE-BFSI Leader Award by Asian Confederation of Businesses for setting an example of a Role Model and Exemplary Leader and Brand Slam Leadership Award by CMO Asia. He is also a member of many professional bodies such as Commodities Participants Association of India, BSE, MSEI, NCDEX, MCX, etc.

Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal
Senior Vice President, PHD Chamber

Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal is the Chairman & CEO of Paramount Cables Group. Mr. Aggarwal has been an integral part of the growth story of Paramount Cables from a Rs. 1 crore small scale industrial unit to one of the largest cable manufacturers in India. As Vice-President of TEMA- Telecom Equipment Manufacturers Association, Mr Aggarwal spearheaded many campaigns for the Indian telecom manufacturing industry which resulted in Central Government making legislative changes necessary for the survival of the telecom industry. Mr. Aggarwal has also been the recipient of numerous prestigious awards over the past 34 years which include the National Small Industry Award 1984 bestowed by the President of India, Entrepreneur of the Year Award 1994 by All India Manufacturers Organization, Niryat Shree Award 2008-09 by FIEO, numerous Star Exporter Awards by EEPC over the years and Major Donor Award 2017 by Rotary Foundation of Rotary International and many more.



Mr. Pradeep Multani
Vice President, PHD Chamber



Mr. Pradeep Multani, Chairman, Multani Pharmaceuticals Limited has more than 40 years of experience in the field of Ayurvedic & Unani Medicines. With a degree in law, he holds different positions in different Industry bodies and associations such as Co-chairman, AYUSH Committee, FICCI, Hon. General Secretary of Association of Manufacturers of Ayurvedic Medicines and President of Delhi Factory Owners Federation and also in multiple committees at the Ministry of AYUSH, GOI. He is an active member of associations such as Indian Pharmaceuticals Association, Okhla Industries Association Phase 1 & 2, Bhagwanpur Industries Association, Haridwar, U.K, Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Association and New Delhi Traders Association. A strong believer of performing Corporate Social Responsibilities voluntarily and supporting multiple NGOs like Action for Autism, he has also contributed to the Prime Minister's National Relief Fund & Armed Forces Flag Day Fund, Kendriya Sainik Board and the Ministry of Defense.

Mr. Rajeev Talwar
Immediate Former President, PHD Chamber

Mr. Rajeev Talwar is the CEO and Whole Time Director of DLF Limited, India's largest Real Estate Company. Mr. Talwar has rich and diversified experience spread over 40 years, both as a bureaucrat as well as in leadership roles in the private sector. Mr. Talwar has been the Chairman of various Real Estate Committees of several Industry Chambers and Associations and has been actively pursuing issues and challenges faced by the sector. He is the Chairman of the National Real Estate Development Council and is also the Chairman of the World Tourism and Travel Council, India Initiative. During his tenure as an IAS officer from 1978 to 2006, he held many secretarial positions in the Central & State Governments as well as in the Union Territories. Mr. Talwar believes that active participation of both public sector and private sector is inevitable for the overall growth process in the country.



114TH ANNUAL SESSION

Towards an Inclusive & Prosperous New India



Chief Guest, Mr. Nitin Gadkari, Hon'ble Union Minister for Road Transport & Highways and Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises being felicitated by the Leadership of PHD Chamber

The 114th Annual Session & PHD Annual Awards for Excellence of the PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry was organized on September 30, 2019 at Hotel Le Meridien, New Delhi. The theme of the Annual Session was 'Towards an Inclusive & Prosperous New India.'

Mr. Nitin Gadkari, Hon'ble Union Minister for Road Transport & Highways and Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises graced the occasion as the Chief Guest for the inaugural session. Mr. Nitin Gadkari in his special address urged industry to take advantage of the various policies of the Central government and invest in agro processing and infrastructure sectors to achieve India's aim of becoming a US\$ 5 trillion economy. Mr. Gadkari said that the MSME sector is the heart of the Indian economy and contributes 29 per cent to India's GDP. He urged MSMEs to register themselves with the National Stock Exchange, which would help them gain easy access to capital.

He outlined several steps his Ministry has taken to improve agriculture and infrastructure and encourage the MSME sector. He urged entrepreneurs to come forward and actively contribute to the government's "Waste to Wealth" mission as a significant step towards economic growth and development. Mr Gadkari also



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spoke about the various steps he has taken to improve Delhi's air and water. "We are spending Rs 50,000 crores on building roads in Delhi alone. We plan to make Delhi pollution-free in two years. The Mumbai-Delhi highway which we are developing is a great opportunity for entrepreneurs to invest in the land alongside the highway," said Minister Gadkari.

Mr. Rajeev Talwar, President PHD Chamber, in his welcome remarks observed that the success of India will depend on the manufacturing sector. He said, "We need significantly large investments, transparent governance and massive innovations

to build a rising and shining India." He appreciated the steps taken by the Central government to encourage entrepreneurs including lowering of corporate tax and streamlining of GST, among others. He expressed hope that the industry will take advantage of the opportunities and work with the government towards making India a global economic power.

Dr. D.K. Aggarwal, Senior Vice President, PHD Chamber, delivered the vote-of-thanks to Mr Gadkari for outlining a progressive path for India and for presenting the PHD Annual Awards for Excellence 2019.



Mr. Rajeev Talwar, President PHD Chamber being felicitated by Chief Guest, Mr. Nitin Gadkari, Hon'ble Union Minister for Road Transport & Highways and Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises along with Dr. D.K. Aggarwal, Senior Vice President and Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, Vice President, PHD Chamber



PHD Annual Awards for Excellence 2019



Awardees with Chief Guest, Mr. Nitin Gadkari, Hon'ble Union Minister for Road Transport & Highways and Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises and the Leadership of PHD Chamber

The PHD Chamber organized the 23rd edition of PHD Annual Awards for Excellence during its 114th Annual Session on September 30, 2019 at Hotel Le Meridien, New Delhi.

Mr. Rajeev Talwar, President, PHDCCI, welcomed the Chief Guest, Mr. Nitin Gadkari, Hon'ble Union Minister for Road Transport & Highways and Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises and felicitated him with a shawl and a memento.

Mr. Nitin Gadkari bestowed Awards to the winners, accompanied by the Hon'ble Jury – Mr. Balbir Punj, renowned columnist and Member Rajya Sabha and Dr Aruna Abhey Oswal, Founder, Abhey Oswal Trust. Dr Mahesh Gupta, Chairman of the Business Practices and Awards for Excellence Committee and the Presidium-Mr. Rajeev Talwar, President, Dr D K Aggarwal, Senior Vice President, and Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, Vice President, PHDCCI were also present on the dais.

This year the awards were given in 6 categories including Good Corporate Citizen Award for Social Welfare, Distinguished Entrepreneurship-General and MSME Segment, Outstanding Business Woman Award, Award for Excellence for Start Ups and the Life Time Achievement Award. The awards were decided by the Jury after a three level screening and due diligence conducted by the Secretariat and validated by an independent agency.

The Good Corporate Citizen Award



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for Social Welfare given to Havells India Limited was received by Mr. Anil Rai Gupta, Chairman & Managing Director, Havells India Limited. Mr. Rajesh K Bansal, Chairman & Managing Director, Dorset Industries Pvt. Ltd received the Distinguished Entrepreneurship Award given to Dorset Industries Pvt. Ltd.

The Distinguished Entrepreneurship Award for MSME was bestowed to Mr. Pradeep Multani, Chairman, Multani Pharmaceuticals Ltd. The Outstanding Business Woman Award was conferred to Ms. Poonam Jain, Founder, ISAPL and Ms. Nidhi Maheshwari, COO, CIRC. The Award for Excellence for Start-ups was given to

Testpan India Pvt. Ltd which was received by Mr. Rajesh Setia, Director, Testpan India Private Limited. Dr R K Somani, Chairman & Managing Director, HSIL Ltd. received the Life Time Achievement Award.

The session concluded with felicitation of the Hon'ble Jury. A memento was also presented to BGJC and Grant Thornton LLP for their support in development of process of architecture for Awards and Validation.

Dr D K Aggarwal, Senior Vice President, PHDCCI delivered the vote-of-thanks to the Chief Guest. He also thanked the Jury and congratulated the awardees.



Mr. Anil Rai Gupta, Chariman & Managing Director, Havells India Limited receiving 'The Good Corporate Citizen Award for Social Welfare' from Chief Guest, Mr. Nitin Gadkari, Hon'ble Union Minister for Road Transport & Highways and Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises



Mr. Rajesh K Bansal, Chairman & Managing Director, Dorset Industries Pvt. Ltd being conferred the Distinguished Entrepreneurship Award from Chief Guest, Mr. Nitin Gadkari, Hon'ble Union Minister for Road Transport & Highways and Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises



Mr. Pradeep Multani, Chairman, Multani Pharmaceuticals Ltd. receiving the Distinguished Entrepreneurship Award for MSME from Chief Guest, Mr. Nitin Gadkari, Hon'ble Union Minister for Road Transport & Highways and Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises



Ms. Nidhi Maheshwari, COO, CUTS Institute for Regulation and Competition (CIRC) receiving the Outstanding Business Woman Award from Chief Guest, Mr. Nitin Gadkari, Hon'ble Union Minister for Road Transport & Highways and Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises



Ms. Poonam Jain, Founder, International Star Assistance Private Limited (ISAPL) receiving the Outstanding Business Woman Award from Chief Guest, Mr. Nitin Gadkari, Hon'ble Union Minister for Road Transport & Highways and Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises



Mr. Rajesh Setia, Director, Testpan India Private Ltd. receiving the award for Excellence for Start-ups on behalf of Testpan India Pvt. Ltd. from Chief Guest, Mr. Nitin Gadkari, Hon'ble Union Minister for Road Transport & Highways and Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises



Dr R K Somany, Chairman & Managing Director, HSIL Limited being conferred the Life Time Achievement award by Chief Guest, Mr. Nitin Gadkari, Hon'ble Union Minister for Road Transport & Highways and Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises

Session-II 'India@US\$ 5 Trillion Economy'



Dr D.K. Aggarwal, Senior Vice President, PHD Chamber; Dr Mahesh Gupta, CMD Kent; Dr Raghupati Singhania, Chairman & Managing Director of J K Tyre & Industries Ltd.; Mr. Rajeev Talwar, President, PHDCCI; Mr. Sandip Somany, Vice Chairman & Managing Director of HSIL Limited and President of FICCI; Mr. Ashok Kajaria, Chairman & Managing Director of Kajaria Ceramics Ltd.; Mr. Binay Kumar, Chairman of Banaras House Group and Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, Vice President, PHDCCI

The Session II of the 114TH AGM was on the theme 'India@US\$ 5 trillion economy' wherein Former Presidents of PHD Chamber shared their perspectives on achieving the target of US\$ 5 trillion economy by 2025.

The session was moderated by Mr. Rajeev Talwar, President, PHDCCI touching all aspects and sectors of the economy through the inspiring addresses of Former Presidents, Dr Raghupati Singhania, Chairman & Managing Director of J K Tyre & Industries Ltd.; Mr. Ashok Kajaria, Chairman & Managing Director of Kajaria Ceramics Ltd.; Mr. Sandip Somany, Vice Chairman & Managing Director of HSIL Limited and President of FICCI; Dr Mahesh Gupta, Chairman & Managing Director of Kent R O Systems Ltd. and Mr. Binay Kumar, Chairman of Banaras House Group.

Dr Singhania said that mobile data is the future of India. He stated that rapid changes and reforms are required in the way business and industry is managed in the country. He also opined that there is a need to generate demand in the market.

Mr. Ashok Kajaria lauded demonetisation and GST as very good and positive initiatives of the central government. He highlighted that money from banks is tight and the initiative to lower taxes is a great development. Mr. Kajaria said that India becoming a US\$ 5 trillion economy in 5 years is an achievable target.



Group Photo of Former Presidents & Leadership of PHD Chamber

Mr. Sandip Somany while addressing the Annual Session said that he is a true believer in the India story. Mr. Somany pointed out that interest rates are still high in comparison with the international market. He also highlighted that labour is cheap in India but highly unproductive and non-competitive. According to him, wages in the country need to be linked to productivity and the cost of industrial land should go down. He said that India made some steady progress in its ease of doing business rankings in recent times but cost of doing business must also go down in the country. He pointed out that India needs

to look at external markets to become a global power like its Asian counterparts. He also highlighted on the importance to protect our IP and businesses need to protect their innovation.

Dr Mahesh Gupta, CMD Kent, opined that the secret of India becoming a 5 trillion economy lies in its focus on innovation and branding.

Mr. Binay Kumar said that Hon'ble Prime Minister, Mr. Modi's US visit showed that the world is a common market / living place. He also highlighted on the importance on cost of living, money and time.

Session-III 'Fit India: Harnessing the Demographic Dividend of India'



Mr. Kiren Rijju, Hon'ble Union Minister of State (IC) for Youth Affairs & Sports being felicitated by Dr D.K Aggarwal, Sr. Vice President, Mr. Rajeev Talwar, President and Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, Vice President, PHDCCI.

The 'Fit India: Harnessing the Demographic Dividend of India' session was presided by Mr. Kiren Rijju, Hon'ble Union Minister of State (IC) for Youth Affairs & Sports.

Mr. Kiren Rijju, in his special address sensitized the Indian industry to adopt 'Fit India Movement' as part of their corporate strategy. He reiterated that if India is fit, the benefits of our demographic dividend can be reaped. He asserted that all corporate leaders should play a role model for their employees to instill the value of fitness in their daily regime.

The Hon'ble Minister said that India has a large youth population that needs to be converted into a resource, which can be achieved through fitness. Commending the contribution of the industry to Fit India Movement, Mr. Rijju said, "In three weeks since the launch of the Fit India Movement, there has been an amazing response from everywhere. Corporate organizations are picking up and owning the movement. As Prime Minister, Narendra Modi emphasized, this has to be a people's movement."

The Hon'ble Minister urged industry to look towards skilling the youth and

converting them into a resource for India's economic prosperity. He said that sports must be aligned with education policies, as fitness is a key to development. He further added, "Fitness and sports can be the biggest business in any nation. By facilitating fitness, we are also facilitating employment. As business community, you are the engine for India's future growth." He complimented PHD Chamber for taking part in the Fit India Movement and said PHD Chamber will be key in achieving the goal of Fit India Movement.

Mr. Rajeev Talwar, President, PHD Chamber, in his welcome remarks said that it is important to develop a strong and healthy generation equipped to take on future challenges through a healthy lifestyle that keeps us fit. He further emphasized that fitness is an essential pillar for sustainable nation-building and for a healthy and prosperous life.

Dr D K Aggarwal, Senior Vice President, PHD Chamber, delivered the vote-of-thanks to Mr. Rijju and said that "on 2nd of October, we will



Mr. Kiren Rijju, Hon'ble Union Minister of State (IC) for Youth Affairs & Sports addressing the audience

be achieving two objectives – Swachh and Swasth, through Hon'ble Minister's initiative of 'India's first Plogging Run.'

Media Session- ‘New India: Emerging Role of Media’



Dr D K Aggarwal, Senior Vice President, PHD Chamber; Mr. Vikram Chandra, Founder, Editorji Technologies; Mr. Rajeev Talwar, President, PHD Chamber; Mr. T K Arun, Consulting Editor, The Economic Times and Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, Vice President, PHDCCI

The PHD Chamber had a session on ‘Emerging Role of Media’ which had some of the veterans from the industry as panelists such as Mr. Vikram Chandra, Founder, Editorji Technologies; Mr. T K Arun, Consulting Editor, The Economic Times; Mr. Rajeev Talwar, President, PHD Chamber and Dr D K Aggarwal, Senior Vice President, PHD Chamber.

Mr. Prakash Javadekar, Hon’ble Union Minister for Information & Broadcasting, Environment, Forests & Climate Change delivered the video message.

The Hon’ble Union Minister appreciated the efforts of PHD Chamber for having a separate session on ‘Emerging Role of Media in India’. He also conveyed the importance of a responsible social media as it is growing every minute.

The Minister also promoted the idea of showcasing more true and positive news in order to create a sense of positivity all around as positive news normally gets suppressed by excess of negative news which goes across all mediums. He felt that this is an important aspect of a developing nation to have positive sentiments and responsible media freedom is the essence of democracy.

Mr. Prakash Javadekar also praised the media for their exceptional efforts in promoting Prime Minister’s new initiatives for New India like Yoga, Swatch Bharat and the ban of Single Use Plastic.

Mr. Vikram Chandra, Founder of Editorji Technologies—talked about how to transform video news through innovation



Mr. Prakash Javadekar, Hon’ble Union Minister for Information & Broadcasting, Environment, Forests & Climate Change delivering the video message

in user experience, using artificial intelligence. He has been India’s best known TV anchor, presenting “The Big Fight” together with programmes for social transformation such as the Cleanathon and “Save our Tigers”. In his earlier avatar, Mr. Vikram Chandra was the CEO of the NDTV Group.

Mr. T K Arun, Editor, Opinion of The Economic Times made some commendable remarks on the importance and authority of the written word as print media co-exists with electronic and digital media.

Mr. Rajeev Talwar, President, PHD Chamber emphasized on the significant role in bringing communal harmony, empowering women, spreading awareness and educating the young population, which in turn acts to preserve the secular fabric

of democratic India. The various news channels keep the vigilant citizens updated. Media serves as a bridge between the government and people, thereby providing an aid to the government to take fruitful developmental policy making decisions, asserted Mr. Talwar.

Dr D K Aggarwal, Senior Vice President, PHD Chamber also shared his views on the role of the electronic media, particularly, the television programs telecast through cable network via satellite links that has brought revolutionary changes in the field of news reporting and analysis. India is being considered as one of the leading countries which has advanced to a great extent so far as information and technological development, opined Dr Aggarwal.

Session-IV ‘Strategies and Policies for Inclusive Growth’



Dr D K Aggarwal, Senior Vice President, PHDCCI; Mr. Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi, Hon'ble Union Minister for Minority Affairs, Government of India; Mr. Rajeev Talwar, President, PHDCCI and Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, Vice President, PHDCCI

The Session IV of the 114TH AGM of PHD Chamber conducted on the theme ‘Strategies and Policies for Inclusive Growth’ was graced by Mr. Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi, Hon'ble Union Minister for Minority Affairs.

Mr. Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi, Hon'ble Union Minister for Minority Affairs, in his special address congratulated PHDCCI for working diligently for the growth and development of industry especially MSMEs. He threw light on various reform measures undertaken by the Government to push the growth trajectory of the country. He added that growth must always be inclusive and should reach to each and every corner of the society. He firmly believes in the motto of the Government ‘sab ka sath sab ka vikas’. He also reiterated that the present government is ‘Zameer and Zameen se judi hui sarkar’. He mentioned that development without

discrimination is important and in this regard, the present Government is working tirelessly for the needy sections of the society. He said that India is the world's largest democracy and to sustain the strong and vibrant democracy, it is critical that equal development of all the sections of the society is very significant.

Dr D K Aggarwal, Senior Vice President, PHDCCI in his welcome remarks stated that India is definitely going to achieve the economic size of USD 5 trillion; however, growth must be all round and inclusive for achieving fruitful outcomes. He added that people on the lowest pyramid are also very important for the country and hold significant potential in contributing to the growth story of the country. He emphasized that benefits should effectively reach all the sections of society irrespective of any caste, gender and community. He

appreciated that the Government's policies are very progressive and praiseworthy and they are moving towards inclusive growth in the country.

Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, Vice President, PHDCCI delivered the vote-of-thanks to the Hon'ble Minister. Mr. Aggarwal said that the government is fully committed for balanced growth across all sections of the society. He appreciated the government for outlining a progressive path for India. He added that no one can stop us from emerging as the strongest economy in the coming times. He emphasized that the government should continuously keep undertaking reforms for inclusive growth of the country. He added that today inclusive development has become the national agenda and every person in the country is contributing to it.

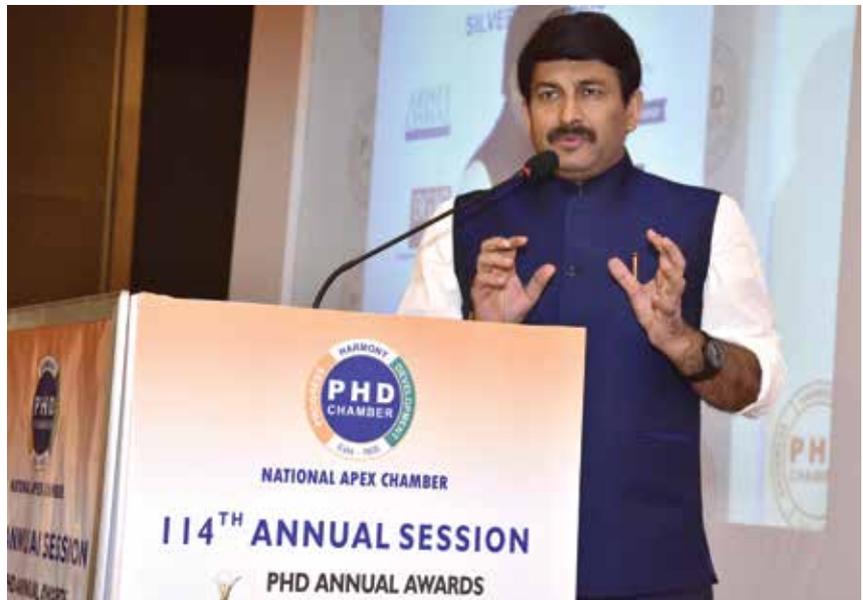
Session-V 'Vision Delhi - 2030'



Dr D.K Aggarwal, Sr. Vice President, PHDCCI; Mr. Manoj Tiwari, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha) and President, BJP (Delhi Unit); Mr. Hardeep Singh Puri, Hon'ble Union Minister of State (IC) for Housing & Urban Affairs; Civil Aviation and Minister of State for Commerce & Industry; Mr. Rajeev Talwar, President, PHDCCI and Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, Vice President, PHDCCI.

The Session V of the 114TH AGM on the theme 'Vision Delhi-2030' was graced by Mr. Manoj Tiwari, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha) and President, BJP (Delhi Unit). Mr. Tiwari, in his address shared his vision for Delhi 2030. On Delhi's Vision 2030, the Hon'ble Member of Parliament expressed his dream of living in a clean and unified Delhi. He expressed that he wants Delhi to have 15,000 public transport buses on the roads against just 2,800 buses that are presently functioning on the Delhi roads. He wanted to promote the usage of public transport in Delhi to help reduce emission of vehicles and in turn help in reducing pollution.

He also stated that he wants better connectivity between the Metro stations and the bus stops to help commuters. He also urged the government to come up with a plan for the Yamuna River, envisaging that cycling tracks to be built along the banks of the Yamuna having clean flowing water. Expressing his concern over the increasing crime rate in the city, he opined that Delhi should also have National Register of Citizens (NRC), so as to be able to catch criminals and put them behind bars. Most of these criminals are not from Delhi and



Mr. Manoj Tiwari, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha) and President, BJP (Delhi Unit) addressing the audience

even the police help them get bail and roam freely.

Appreciating the FIT India movement which was launched recently by Prime Minister, Mr. Narendra Modi, Mr. Tiwari said 'Hum fit to India fit'. This movement is the need of the hour and this will lead

our country to a healthier future, he underlined. He also said that in his vision for Delhi 2030, he wants that education is given a priority. He urged the government for educating slum kids without any discrimination of caste, creed and religion.

Valedictory Session on Roadmap for the New, Inclusive and Prosperous India



Mr. Hardeep Singh Puri, Hon'ble Union Minister of State (IC) for Housing and Urban Affairs; Civil Aviation and Minister of State for Commerce and Industry, Govt. of India addressing the Valedictory Session

The Valedictory Session of the 114TH Annual Session of PHD Chamber was on the theme 'Roadmap for the New, Inclusive and Prosperous India'. Chief Guest for the session was Mr. Hardeep Singh Puri, Hon'ble Union Minister of State (IC) for Housing & Urban Affairs; Civil Aviation and Minister of State for Commerce & Industry. He urged the industry to collaborate with the government in driving economic growth.

Mr. Puri discussed three major initiatives of the government: Transforming India into a US\$ 5 trillion economy, Civil Aviation to drive economic growth and Vision 2030. He said, "The Prime Minister has a vision that by 2020 every Indian will have a home which they can call their own, with the title in the name of the lady of the house, thereby empowering women. He further informed that the government had to construct 1 crore houses with advanced technology but with the revised plan, it became 1.12 crore units. He further informed that his Ministry has already sanctioned 90 lakh units and by the end of the year hoped to sanction the rest and start the grounding process next year.

Mr. Manoj Tiwari, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha) and President, BJP (Delhi unit) and Mr. Suresh Prabhu, Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha, also addressed the valedictory session discussing the outline of plans for India and its way forward.



Mr. Suresh Prabhu, Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha addressing the Valedictory Session

Addressing Delhi's Vision 2030, Mr. Manoj Tiwari, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha) and President, BJP (Delhi unit) expressed his dream of living in a clean and unified Delhi. He said, "I dream of a Delhi where the city has 15,000 public buses on the roads against the current number of just 2,800, to promote the usage of public transport in Delhi. I would like to see better connectivity between the bus stops and Metro stations to help commuters. He also expressed the hope that cycling tracks are built along the banks of the Yamuna which has clean flowing water." He talked about how this vision is achievable.

Mr. Suresh Prabhu, Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha, said:

"Productivity is going to drive economic activity. With more infusion of technology, the inclusivity aspect will grow. I am sure of India reaching US\$5 trillion economy. It is only a matter of time, and will happen when social policies are aligned with economic goals."

Mr. Rajeev Talwar, President, PHD Chamber in his welcome remarks observed that civil aviation is transforming economic growth in India. He noted that Mr. Prabhu's passion and ideas for India's economic success will inspire policy making in several areas of economic activity.

Dr DK Aggarwal, Senior Vice President, PHD Chamber, delivered the vote-of-thanks to the speakers and participants for making the event a resounding success.

Glimpses of Felicitation Dinner







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Mr. Vivek Seigell, Principal Director, PHD Chamber, Mr. Shyam Bang, Director, Jubilant Life Sciences Ltd; Dr. (Prof.) R. K. Goyal, Vice Chancellor, Delhi Pharmaceutical Science & Research University; Mr. Sudhansh Pant, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare; Mr. Himanshu Baid, Managing Director, Poly Medicure Ltd; Mr. Sachin Kumar Singh, CEO, BPPI and Dr Naveen Nishchal, Co-Founder Cygnus Hospitals

Health Programmes under PPP. Dr Sharma further gave information about the growth story of Andhra Pradesh MedTech Zone (AMTZ) which has created technology transfer network for the industry.

Mr. Vivek Seigell, Principal Director, PHD Chamber said that the Chamber started working with the Department of Pharmaceuticals five years ago for expansion of PMBJP stores and requested all stake holders including chemists and doctors to start prescribing generics. Now with 5800 stores, the Chamber has initiated the second phase on educating these chemists on 'Good Pharmacy Practices'.

Panel Discussion 1 : Brand Indian Healthcare Industry & its perception

Mr. Sudhansh Pant, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, chaired the panel discussion on 'Brand Indian Healthcare Industry and its perception'. Mr. Pant said that there is a plan of more than Rs. 10,000 crores investment for total revamp of AIIMS which includes new academic block, new hospital blocks and segregation of residential from the clinical sites.

Dr (Prof.) R. K. Goyal, Vice Chancellor, Delhi Pharmaceutical Science & Research University said that the public should be educated about the achievements of the industry and perception of the public could be changed that generic medicines are equally good.

Mr. Sachin Kumar Singh, CEO, BPPI commented that India is the Pharmacy of the Earth. Mr. Himanshu Baid, Managing Director, Poly Medicure Ltd said that Indian MedTech industry is evolving and it is bound to witness a transformation. He recommended that on the manufacturing side, companies should invest in clinical



Mr. Chittaranjan, AIMED, Mr. Bhargav Kotadia, Managing Director, Sahajanand Medical Technologies, Prof. Bejon Misra, Chairman, Public Health Committee, PHD Chamber, Mr. Vivek Seigell, Principal Director, PHD Chamber, Dr.V. G. Somani, Drug Controller General of India, CDSCO, Dr. K. L. Ramesh, Advisor, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Mr. Agnideep Mukherjee, Director, KIHT and Coordinator, NMDPC and Dr. Rakesh Gupta, Sr. Physician, Apollo Hospital

activity, engage with key opinion leaders and invest in training. With the support from the Government, investment in R&D and innovation will boost the industry. Once the trade margins are rationalized, uniformity in the regulation and quality standards are established in Medical Devices, it would help the industry to reach the level what Pharma has achieved today, added Mr. Baid.

Dr Naveen Nischal, Co-Founder, Cygnus Hospitals said that brand is not limited to logo, marketing material and branding but the brand has a very strong and intangible impact on our mind and heart. We have to set certain expectations about the brand. He emphasized that brand delivery is the ultimate thing where we need to be more service-oriented.

Mr. Shyam Bang, Director, Jubilant Life Sciences Ltd said that brand represents customer satisfaction and customer engagement. He appreciated the Generic Sector of the Indian industry and said that anyone in the world wants to import generic medicines, looks at India as their first choice. He further added that 20% of the generic drugs sold globally are made in India which is a thing of pride.

Panel Discussion 2: India's tryst to be a Global Medical Devices Leader: Share in \$169 billion Market

Dr V G Somani, Drug Controller General of India, CDSCO chaired the panel discussion on Medical Devices. With the focus of the government on making healthcare more accessible to masses, steps being taken to regulate the pharma and medical devices in the country have become more prudent, so as to ensure quality healthcare to the masses.

Mr. Agnideep Mukherjee, Director, KIHT and Coordinator, NMDPC gave information about the facilities provided under AMTZ like Kalam Institute of Health Technology, a policy think tank for medical devices and NMDPC which focuses on issues of industry manufacturers to go individually and seek regulatory approvals. Other eminent dignitaries present were Dr K. L. Ramesh, Advisor, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare; Dr. Rakesh Gupta, Senior Physician, Apollo Hospital and Mr. Chitta Ranjan from AIMED.



ITPO-PHD Chamber “22nd India International Security Expo, 2019” (Defence & Homeland Security)



Mr. Rajnath Singh, Hon'ble Defence Minister addressing the inaugural Session



PHD Chamber organized the '22nd India International Security Expo, 2019' on October 3-5, 2019 at ITPO, Pragati Maidan, New Delhi. The Expo was supported by the Ministries of Home Affairs, Defence, MSME and External Affairs. The Expo-cum-conference was endorsed by DRDO, UPEIDA, States of Uttar Pradesh and Tamil Nadu for promoting their defence industrial corridors and by Invest India as the Facilitation Partner for investment.

Mr. Narendra Modi, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India sent an appreciation letter to the Chamber on the success of the Expo.

The Expo 2019 witnessed a large number of participation from the

Central and State Government officials, delegations from many countries, armed forces, paramilitary forces, state police, among others, along with significant participation from industry stakeholders across the world. More than 70 exhibitors participated in the Expo and witnessed a footfall of around 10,000 visitors during the three days of the IISE, 2019.

Mr. Nityanand Rai, Hon'ble Minister of State for Home Affairs inaugurated the Expo on October 3, 2019 and congratulated ITPO and PHD Chamber for organizing the IISE 2019. Highlighting the vision of Hon'ble Prime Minister, Hon'ble Minister said that the whole country and every individual is committed to fulfill the vision of 'Make in India'. While emphasizing on strengthening

peace and harmony in the country, he said that India is not far to be self-reliant in the Defence and Homeland Security sector.

While appreciating the policy initiatives undertaken by the government in Defense and Homeland Security, Dr D K Aggarwal, President, PHD Chamber emphasized that further improvement in the ease of doing business in manufacturing will go a long way in reducing import dependency and also make India a Defence manufacturing hub. He said that the Expo offers an excellent platform for connecting industry stakeholders and providing lucrative business opportunities in Defence and Homeland security.

Mr. L C Goyal, CMD, India Trade Promotion Organisation (ITPO) emphasized



Mr. Nityanand Rai, Hon'ble Minister of State for Home Affairs inaugurating the Expo and Conference



Mr. Nityanand Rai, Hon'ble Minister of State for Home Affairs along with International Dignitaries



Release of the Knowledge Report on 'Emerging Contours of India's Defence and Homeland Security Sector'

on equipping the security agencies with latest modern weaponry and technology in order to build a strong defence and security environment. He also threw light on expanding research and development in the defence sector to expand production possibility frontiers.

Mr. Vivek Bhardwaj, IAS, Additional Secretary, Police Modernization, Ministry of Home Affairs, highlighted the need for modernization of the armed forces with the latest weapons. He opined that technology adoption, promoting investments and industry participation are critical to boost the productivity of India's defence sector.

Mr. Rajiv Bhatnagar, Chairman, PHD Defence & HLS Committee stated that Defence and Homeland security should be tapped and explored as one of the major sectors contributing to the growth of manufacturing and becoming a USD 5 trillion economy by 2024-25.

Lt Gen Subrata Saha, PVSM UYSM YSM VSM (Retd), Member-NSAB and Chief Mentor, PHD Defence and HLS Committee stated that there is a need to enhance spending in research & development and skill development of workforce to strengthen Defence and Homeland security in India.

H.E. Dr Ron Malka, Israel Ambassador to India graced the inaugural session on October 3, 2019. H.E emphasized on

India-Israel Relationship and mentioned that India and Israel have mutually decided to address the issue of terrorism and are working on shared solutions for Internal Security.

Key speakers namely Lt Gen Vinod Bhatia, Director, CENJOWS; Lt Gen V K Ahluwalia, Director, CLAWS; Lt Gen Sukhdeep Sangwan, SM, Director General, Assam Rifles; Ms. Ekaterina Veselina – Department of Analysis and Planning; JSC Rosoboronexport; Lt. Gen N C Marwah (Retd.), PVSM, AVSM, Member, NDMA; Lt Gen Rajesh Pant, PVSM, AVSM, VSM, PhD, National Cyber Security Coordinator and other dignitaries presented their views in different sessions.

Mr. Rajnath Singh, Hon'ble Defence

Minister addressed the inaugural session on October 4, 2019. The Hon'ble Defence Minister said that the development of India's Defence and Homeland Security is necessary for nation building. India's defence sector has been identified as one of the most promising sectors under the "Make in India" mission to achieve USD 5 trillion economy by 2024-25, he reiterated. He mentioned that the sector is contributing to external and internal peace and security for building a strong socio-economic development of the country.

The Hon'ble Minister said that the Ministry of Defence has taken many steps to boost MSMEs in the defence sector and liberalized industrial licences. The Minister was confident that the IISE, 2019 will



H.E. Dr Ron Malka, Israel Ambassador to India addressing the Conference



provide a focused and effective platform to all stakeholders for fruitful deliberations for strengthening India's Defence and Homeland Security.

Mr. Rajesh Agrawal, IAS, Executive Director, ITPO expressed heartfelt gratitude towards the Hon'ble Raksha Mantri for gracing the Expo.

Dr D K Aggarwal, President, PHD Chamber said that defence manufacturing will play a pivotal role in making India a USD 5 trillion economy. "The Government is continuously pursuing initiatives to achieve higher levels of indigenization and self-reliance in the defence sector by



Mr. Vivek Bhardwaj, IAS, Additional Secretary, Police Modernization, Ministry of Home Affairs addressing the Conference



Mr. Rajnath Singh, Hon'ble Defence Minister along with International Delegates

harnessing the capabilities of the public as well as the private sector. Indian defence industry will showcase its potential and reach a higher growth trajectory with contribution from all the industry segments including the MSMEs," he asserted.

Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, Senior Vice President, PHD Chamber in his vote-of-thanks to the dignitaries said that the Indian Defence industry has immense capabilities and the potential to export significantly in the years to come.

Mr. Rajiv Bhatnagar, Chairman, PHD Defence & HLS Committee, said that over the past few years, India has made significant contributions in the development of indigenous defence system and technologies. "Make in India" has relaxed FDI norms and streamlined licensing requirements have fueled the exponential growth of defence industrial base in India, Mr. Bhatnagar further added.

Lt Gen Subrata Saha, PVSM UYSM VSM (Retd.), Member – NSAB & Chief Mentor, PHD Defence & HLS Committee, urged all industry participants, policy makers, armed forces, academia and other stakeholders to take the advantage of the



Dr D K Aggarwal, President, PHD Chamber felicitating the Mr. Rajnath Singh, Hon'ble Raksha Mantri

platform provided by 22nd IISE, 2019 to connect and create capabilities for India's Defence and Homeland Security.

High level International delegations participated in the Expo including the Rosoboronexport from Russia and SIBAT from Israel. Some of the unique features of the Expo included high-level conferences, summits & discussion sessions presented

by eminent speakers; live product demonstrations of technologies and innovations, International Exhibitors & Suppliers, display of high-quality products, among others.

Several B2B sessions were organized for the Indian and foreign delegates during the Expo. Leading exhibitors including Indian Defence and Security Companies,



Launch of the Knowledge Report by KPMG-PHD Chamber; Lt Gen Subrata Saha, PVSM UYSM YSM VSM (Retd.), Member – NSAB & Chief Mentor, Defence & HLS Committee; Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, Senior Vice President, Mr. Rajiv Bhatnagar, Chairman, Defence & HLS Committee; Mr. Rajesh Agrawal, IAS, Executive Director, ITPO; Mr. Rajnath Singh, Hon'ble Defence Minister; Dr D K Aggarwal, President, PHD Chamber; Lt Gen Manoj Mukund Naravane, PVSM, AVSM, SM, VSM, Vice Chief of Army Staff and Mr. Sanjay Jaju, IAS, Joint Secretary, Department of Defence Production

Ordnance Factory Board, DCM Shriram and MKU participated in the Expo. The Border Security Force and the UPEIDA also showcased their pavilions at the Expo, displaying their capabilities and best of technologies in the Defence sector that would help India in maintaining its internal security.

A technical session on 'Developing CAPF Capabilities for Counter Terrorism and Counter Insurgency' was chaired by Lt Gen Vinod Bhatia, Director, GENJOWS along with a special address by Mr. Vivek Bhardwaj, IAS, Additional Secretary, Police Modernization, Ministry of Home Affairs. Esteemed panelists were Mr. Dhiraj Kumar, DIG (OPS-I), CRPF; Mr. Jagbir Singh, IG (Trg.), CISF; Maj Gen. VS Ranade, IG (Ops) NSG; Brigadier General Basant K. Ponwar Inspector General, Chhattisgarh Police Director, Counter Terrorism & Jungle Warfare College; Mr. Alok B Shriram, Senior Managing Director and CEO, DCM Shriram Industries Ltd. and Mr. C P Agrawal, General Manager, Jindal Stainless Limited.

An insightful session focusing on border management 'Securing India's LoC, LAC, International Borders and Coastline – Innovative Solutions' was deliberated by Lt Gen V K Ahluwalia, Director, CLAWS; Lt Gen Sukhdeep Sangwan, SM, Director General, Assam Rifles; Comdt. Mukesh Saraf, ITBP; Mr. Niraj Bhargava, Associate Group Director, OPTO-Mechanical Engineering Division, Instruments Research & Development Establishment (IRDE) and Maj Gen Rajesh Arya, VSM & Bar (Retd), Head Training & Business Development, Adityalnfotech (CP Plus).

Another insightful session on 'Modernising the State Police' was chaired by Mr. Sudeep Lakhtakia, IPS (Retd), Former Director General, National Security Guard. A special address was delivered



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Mr. Ashok Prasad, Former DG, J&K; Ms. Ekaterina Veselina- Department of Analysis and Planning, JSC Rosoboronexport; Mr. A B Mathur, Member, National Security Advisory Board; Mr. Sudeep Lakhtakia, IPS (Retd), Former Director General, National Security Guard; Mr. Amar Kumar Pandey, IPS, Additional Director General of Police (Law & Order), Police Head Quarter, Government of Karnataka and Mr. Neeraj Kumar, Director, 3rd Eye Techno Solutions

by Mr. A B Mathur, Member, National Security Advisory Board and Ms. Ekaterina Veselina – Department of Analysis and Planning, JSC Rosoboronexport. Other esteemed panelists included Mr. Ashok Prasad, Former DG, J&K; Mr. Amar Kumar Pandey, IPS, Additional Director General of Police (Law & Order), Police Head Quarter, Govt. of Karnataka; Mr. Neeraj Kumar, Director, 3rd Eye Techno Solutions and Maj Gen Rajesh Arya, VSM & Bar (Retd), Head Training & Business Development,

Adityalnfotech (CP Plus).

There was a dedicated session on 'Strengthening India's Disaster Management System' to discuss and deliberate on the preparedness for unfortunate disasters. The session was chaired by Lt. Gen N C Marwah (Retd.), PVSM, AVSM, Member, NDMA. The special address was delivered by Lt Gen Rajesh Pant, PVSM, AVSM, VSM, PhD, National Cyber Security Coordinator. Esteemed

Panelists were Mr. R K Rana, Deputy Inspector General (Operations), National Disaster Response Force; Maj Gen Naveen Aggarwal, ADGMS, Armed Force Medical Services, and Dr Sanjay Tomar, Divisional Officer, Department of Delhi Fire Services.

The dedicated Day on Indian Defence on October 4, 2019 saw glorified sessions on 'Capability Development of Indian Army' chaired by Lt. Gen. Sanjiv Langer (Retd.), Former Member of Armed Forces Tribunal. Esteemed panelists were Lt. Gen. Sanjay Verma, AVSM, VSM**, Director General (V), Directorate General Weapons & Equipment; Maj Gen Kannan, ADGOS; Mr. C P Agrawal, General Manager, Jindal Stainless Limited and Maj Gen Sanjeev Loomba, SM (R), Business Head, DCM Shriram Industries Ltd.

The subsequent session focused on Indian Navy; Modernisation and Sustenance Requirements of Indian Navy wherein the Industry Perspective was shared by Cmde Mukesh Bhargava, Member of Board, L&T Defence and Vice President, Larsen & Toubro. Panelists were Rear Admiral G K Harish, VSM, Director General, Directorate of Naval Design (SSG); Rear Admiral Sanjay Misra, VSM, Director General, Directorate General of Naval Armament & Inspection and Maj Gen Rajesh Arya, VSM & Bar (Retd), Head Training & Business Development, AdityaInfotech.

An exclusive session on 'Defence Industrial Corridors' was chaired by Col. K.V. Kuber, Partner, Ernst & Young. Panelists were Lt Gen Jagdeep Kumar Sharma (Retd), Senior Defence Advisor Uttar Pradesh Expressways Industrial Development Authority; Mr. B Elangovan, Managing Director, TIDEL Park Ltd, (Nodal Agency for Promotion of Aerospace & Defence Sector in Tamil Nadu); Mr. TP Rajesh IAS, Additional Commissioner, Dept of Industries and Commerce and Managing Director of MSME Trade and Investment Promotion Bureau and Mr. Rohit RP Kujur, Director, (DOMS), Dept. of



Mr. Emmanuel de Roquefeuil, Vice President & Country Director- India, Thales; Maj Gen Sanjeev Loomba, SM (R), Business Head, DCM Shriram Industries Ltd; Maj Gen Kannan, ADGOS; Lt. Gen. Sanjiv Langer (Retd.), Former Member of Armed Forces Tribunal; Lt. Gen. Sanjay Verma, AVSM, VSM**, Director General (V), Directorate General Weapons & Equipment and Mr. C P Agrawal, General Manager, Jindal Stainless Limited,

Defence Production, Ministry of Defence.

Dr Upendra Kumar Singh, Director, Centre for Artificial Intelligence & Robotics (CAIR), DRDO, spoke about the need to build a national leadership, especially in the field of technology, artificial intelligence and robotics for national security.

Lt. Gen Subarta Saha, PVSM UYSM YSM VSM (Retd), Member – NSAB & Chief Mentor, PHD Defence & HLS Committee appreciated the collaboration of ITPO and PHD Chamber who have jointly come together to discuss the promising Defence and Homeland Security sector at the Expo.

Mr. Rajiv Bhatnagar, Chairman, PHD Defence & HLS Committee delivered the vote-of-thanks to all distinguished policymakers, delegates, stakeholders and guests. He said there is a need to promote indigenously developed defence technology, resources and state-of-art infrastructure to build a world class defence industry based in the country.

Lt. Gen Balbir Singh Sandhu, AVSM, VSM (Retd), Former DGST, Indian Army, said that the security forces are the visible arms of any nation and technology plays a crucial role in the defence sector. "We have the technology and need to integrate our vision and mission so that the technology becomes more effective and

efficient. I believe that this efficiency will lead to further strengthening our nation," he added.

Maj Gen Ajay Ohri, SM (Retd), said that the technology is the backbone of all armed forces and plausible approach needs to be adopted to enhance the capabilities of the technology and also get the end-user in the loop to maximize effectiveness and enhance the quality of use by the end user.

Talking about the role of artificial intelligence (AI) and robotics in the defence sector, Brig Dr Ashish Chhibbar, Senior Fellow, Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses said that with rising security challenges, India needs rapid modernization and reforms in the security structures. He urged industry to take the lead in creating Domain Specialization Cluster for an AI-enabled eco structure and provide their inputs to the government on regulatory environment, data localization, 5G implementation, data sharing, e-commerce, etc.

Mr. Jatinder Kochhar, Head, Defence and Government, at Smith Detection, said, "We are providing screening solutions and infrastructure security directly to the aviation and defence sectors and also at many airports. We are contributing towards safeguarding our infrastructure from malicious attacks and threats."



Mr. Alok B Sriram, Past President PHDCCI and Senior Managing Director and CEO, DCM Shriram Industries Ltd. addressing the Session on Day 1- Developing CAPF Capabilities for Counter Terrorism and Counter Insurgency

Glimpses of 22nd India International Security Expo, 2019





Interactive Session on Business Opportunities in Iran with Ambassador of Iran



Mr. Niraj, Secretary, International Affairs and Mr. Dhruv Aggarwal, Co-Chairman, International Affairs Committee for Africa, Gulf and SAARC, PHDCCI; H.E. Dr. Ali Chegeni, Ambassador of Iran to India; Mr. Vivek Agarwala, Co-chairman, International Affairs Committee for Africa, Gulf and SAARC, PHDCCI; Mr. Aziz Zaidi, Pacific Travels and Mr. Asghar Omid, Minister Counsellor, Embassy of Iran

The International Affairs Committee for Africa, Gulf and SAARC, PHD Chamber organized an interactive session on “Business Opportunities in Iran” with H.E. Dr. Ali Chegeni, Ambassador of Iran to India on August 28, 2019 at PHD House, New Delhi. He was accompanied by Mr. Asghar Omid, Minister Counsellor, Embassy of Iran, New Delhi.

While welcoming the High Commissioner and participants, Mr. Vivek Agarwala, Co-chairman, International Affairs Committee for Africa, Gulf and SAARC, PHDCCI recalled the special economic and cultural bond shared by both the countries. He highlighted that recent bilateral visits have intensified the relations. Prime Minister, Mr. Narendra Modi’s official visit to Iran in 2016 to discuss bilateral connectivity and infrastructure, an energy partnership, and trade took the relationship to new heights. In February 2018, the President of Iran, Hassan Rouhani’s visit resulted in exchange of nine major MoUs, which covered the areas of connectivity, trade, agriculture and taxation. In January 2018, India and Iran signed a deal worth US\$ 2 billion for cooperation in the rail sector. The agreement included a MoU worth US\$ 600 million that will enable Iran to purchase locomotives and freight cars from India.

H.E. Dr. Ali Chegeni while addressing the members of the Chamber highlighted that Iran is among India’s major trading partners and during the year 2018-19,

India’s total trade with Iran amounted to US\$ 17.03 billion posting an impressive growth of 23% over last year, with exports to Iran being US\$ 3.51 billion and imports from Iran valued at US\$ 13.52 million. He also highlighted that it was an opportune time for the business community of both the nations to work closely with each other.

Dr. Chegeni also informed that the Government of Iran has relaxed business visa issuance formalities for Indian businessmen interested in travelling to Iran. Indian businessmen can get faster same day visas provided they get a visa recommendation letter from a Chamber of Commerce in India.

Mr. Omid pointed out that Iran due to its strategic location and excellent connectivity acted as a gateway to Afghanistan, CIS & European countries. Iran’s Pasargad Bank received Reserve Bank of India’s principal approval in June 2018 and final approval in March 2019 to open a Branch in Mumbai. The Rupee Mechanism Arrangement for Trade Settlements between both the countries was agreed and signed on November 2, 2018 and has been operational since November 5, 2018. Both UCO Bank and IDBI Bank were designated as ATS from the Indian side.

The session concluded with a vote of thanks by Mr. Dhruv Aggarwal, Co-chairman, International Affairs Committee for Africa, Gulf and SAARC, PHDCCI.

India’s major exports

to Iran: *Basmati Rice (Cereals), Tea & Coffee & Spices, Electrical Machinery and Equipment, Organic & Inorganic Chemicals, Pharma Products, Paper, Iron and Steel, Auto Parts, Oil Seeds, Essential Oils, Residues & waste from Food Industries, Rubber, Plastic, Textiles, Glass & Glassware, Optical, Tropical Fruits & Nuts*

India’s major imports

from Iran: *Oil & Mineral Fuels, Organic & Inorganic Chemicals, Petrochemical Products, Fertilizers & Urea, Dried Fruits & Nuts, Fresh Fruits & Chemical Products, Glass & Glassware, Plastic, Salt, Building Stones (Marbles, Granites etc.) & Cement, Gypsum, Pistachio, Dates and Saffron.*



15th Indo-US Economic Summit Americas and India Roadmap for Collaboration



Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, Vice President, PHDCCI receiving a memento from Mr. S K Sarkar, National President, IACC, and Dr Lalit Bhasin, Chairman, Americas Committee, PHDCCI and Summit Chair, Indo US Economic Summit

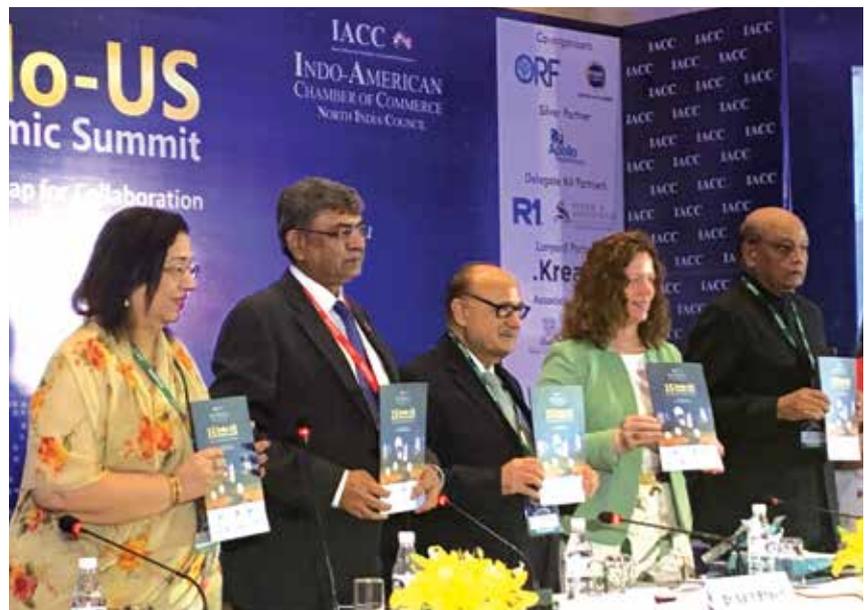


The Americas Committee of PHD Chamber jointly with the Indo-American Chamber of Commerce-North Indian Council (IACC-NIC) organized the 15th Indo-US Economic Summit on September 13, 2019 at Hotel Hyatt Regency, New Delhi. The theme of the Summit was “Americas and India: Roadmap for Collaboration”. The objective of the summit was to enhance engagements between the two countries and to enrich not only bilateral economic partnership but also garner their combined strength to make strong global footprints. The Summit was divided into various technical sessions throughout the day that were addressed by the expert speakers from US Embassy and speakers from government, trade and industry as well.

The topics covered during the Summit were:

US India Energy Ties: The Future Ahead; Strategic Relations between India and US in Food Processing and Agri Business; Universal Health Coverage; Scope of cross learning; Exciting Future in India in Aerospace and Aviation Sector and Travel, Tourism and Hospitality in the Digital Era - using digital technologies to enhance customer experience.

The inaugural session was addressed



Dignitaries releasing the 15th Indo-US Economic Summit Paper - Ms. Aruna Sethi, Regional VP, IACC; Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, Vice President, PHDCCI; Dr Lalit Bhasin, Chairman, Americas Committee-PHDCCI, and Summit Chair, Indo-US Economic Summit; Ms. Aileen Nandi, Minister Counselor for Commercial Affairs, US-FCS as Guest of Honour and Mr. S K Sarkar, National President, IACC

by Ms. Aileen Nandi, Minister Counselor for Commercial Affairs, US-FCS as Guest of Honour, Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, Vice President, PHDCCI; Dr Lalit Bhasin, Chairman, Americas Committee, PHDCCI and Summit Chair, Indo-US Economic Summit, Mr. S K Sarkar, National President,

IACC; Ms. Rajyalakshmi Rao, Executive VP, IACC; Ms. Aruna Sethi, Regional VP, IACC, Knowledge Partner and Mr. Amit Kapur, Joint Managing Partner, J Sagar Associates.

Over 300 delegates attended the Indo-US Summit.

Curtain Raisers for India – ASEAN Business Summit: Today, Tomorrow, Together



Mr. Ajay Poddar, Chairman, International Committee for ASEAN, East Asia and Oceania, PHD Chamber (2nd from Left) as a panelist during a Panel Discussion

PHD Chamber mounted delegations for organizing curtain raisers for the India ASEAN Business Summit in various ASEAN Countries. The objective of these curtain raisers was to apprise the Governments and Business fraternities of the ASEAN countries. The Chamber conducted curtain raisers in four countries, namely in Singapore from July 25-26, 2019; Thailand from August 19-20, 2019; Vietnam from August 22-23, 2019 followed by Singapore again on the sidelines of the 'India Singapore: The Next

Phase Summit' from September 9-10, 2019 and in Malaysia from September 11-12, 2019.

During these curtain raisers, PHD Chamber delegations conducted meetings with multiple stakeholders like Ministries of Trade and Industry of these countries, Industry Associations and Indian Diplomatic Missions.

These curtain raisers turned out to be very fruitful as the Government departments and industry associations of

these countries gave a very encouraging response and agreed to support the India ASEAN Business Summit.

PHD Chamber also signed strategic MoUs with Singapore Chamber of Commerce & Industry (SCCI), India Thai Chamber of Commerce (ITCC), ASEAN Trade Promotion Association, Thailand (ATPA), Vietnam Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Vietnam (VCCI) and Indian Business Chamber in Vietnam (INCHAM).



MoU Signing Ceremony between PHD Chamber and India-Thai Chamber of Commerce

Training and Skill Development Programme on Export Procedures & Documentation



Mr. Ramesh Acharya, Deputy Secretary, BFSI Committee, PHDCCI; Mr. Santosh Kumar, Manager, ECGC Ltd; Ms. Babeeta Sharma, Secretary, BFSI Committee, PHDCCI; Mr Smit Saurav, Assistant General Manager & Branch Manager Large Exporters Branch, ECGC Ltd; Mr. Abhishek Jain, Deputy General Manager & Regional Manager, NRO, ECGC Ltd, Mr Ashish Agrawal, Co-chairman, BFSI Committee, PHDCCI and Dr Ram Singh, HOD – Trade & Logistics, IIFT Delhi

The Banking, Financial Services and Insurance (BFSI) Committee of PHD Chamber along with ECGC Ltd organized a Training and Skill Development Programme on Export Procedures & Documentation on September 19, 2019 at PHD House, New Delhi. The objective of this programme was to train and skill new exporters on Export Procedures

& Documentation and how ECGC as Credit Risk Insurance provider can help in supporting their export business. The programme broadly covered regulatory aspects, insurance, documentation, procedures, valuation and classification of items to be imported and exported .

The programme was addressed by

Mr Ashish Agrawal, Co-chairman, BFSI Committee, PHD Chamber, Mr. Ram Kumar, Co-chairman, BFSI Committee, PHD Chamber; Dr Ram Singh, HOD, Trade and Logistics, IIFT Delhi; Mr. Abhishek Jain, DGM & RM NRO, ECGC Ltd and Mr Smit Saurav, AGM & Branch Manager, Large Exporters Branch, ECGC Ltd.



Interactive Session with Hon'ble Union Minister of Commerce and Industry on Trade Policy

A PHD Chamber delegation led by Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, Vice President along with Mr. Sanjay Beswal, Co-chairman, Foreign Trade and Investment Committee and officials from PHD Research Bureau participated in an interaction with the Hon'ble Union Minister of Commerce and Industry, Mr. Piyush Goyal, and Mr. Hardeep Singh Puri, Hon'ble Minister of State Commerce and Industry along with Commerce Secretary, Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) and other senior Government officials on September 11, 2019 at Hotel Ashok, New Delhi. The interaction was on the regulatory instruments for the formulation and implementation of an effective trade policy and development strategy.

PHD Chamber suggested that there is a need to promote the import of technology rather than products



Dr S P Sharma, Chief Economist, and Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, Vice President, PHD Chamber.

especially in the telecom and IT sector to strengthen indigenous industry and generate employment opportunities for the growing young workforce. Further, easing environmental clearance permissions for investments and reforming the process under Advance Authorization Licenses

(AAL) would be an important trade policy instrument. The Hon'ble Union Minister took note of the suggestions made by PHD Chamber and invited the Chamber for a detailed discussion on the same with Commerce Secretary and DGFT.

Annual Convention on Capital Market & Commodity Market: India as Investment Destination for \$5 Trillion Economy



Mr B K Sabharwal, Chairman, Capital Market and Commodity Market Committee, PHDCCI; Mr Hari K, Chief Business Officer, National Stock Exchange of India Ltd; Mr Aliasgar Mithwani, Chief General Manager (CDMRD), SEBI; Dr D K Aggarwal, Sr Vice President, PHDCCI; Mr Anand Mohan Bajaj, Joint Secretary - Financial Markets Division, Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance; Mr Sanjay Aggarwal, Vice President, PHDCCI; Mr V Balasubramaniam, Managing Director & CEO, India International Exchange IFSC Ltd; Mr Rishi Nathany, Head – Business Development & Marketing, Multi Commodity Exchange of India Ltd and Mr Rajeev Agarwal, CMD, Wealth Discovery Securities Ltd.

The Capital Market and Commodity Market Committee of PHDCCI organized the 3rd Annual Convention on “Capital Market & Commodity Market - India as Investment Destination for US\$5 Trillion Economy” on September 14, 2019 at Park Hotel, New Delhi.

Mr. Anand Mohan Bajaj, Joint Secretary (Financial Market), Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance was the Chief Guest while Mr. Aliasgar Mithwani, Chief General Manager, Commodity Derivatives Market Regulation Department (CDMRD), SEBI was the Guest

of Honour for the Convention.

Mr. B K Sabharwal, Chairman, Capital Market and Commodity Market Committee, PHDCCI moderated the convention and highlighted that Prime Minister’s vision of ‘Make in India’ is a big step towards making India a US\$5 trillion economy. He stated that primary & secondary sectors growth constitutes not only the key factor, but also tertiary sector has to be enabled to contribute to this growth.

Dr D K Aggarwal, Senior Vice President, PHDCCI in his welcome and inaugural address reiterated the importance of

financial planning and investments for the socio-economic development and welfare of the country. He stated that while India is currently a USD 2.7 trillion economy, but with efficient capital and commodity market investments, India has the potential to achieve the desired annual growth of 12-13% of its nominal GDP to reach its target of becoming a USD 5 trillion economy by 2024-25 and becoming the 3rd largest global economy by 2030.

Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, Vice President, PHDCCI expressed the importance of capital market investments for fuller



Technical Session 1

Mr. B K Sabharwal, Chairman, Capital Market and Commodity Market Committee, PHDCCI; Mr. Kunal Saraogi, CEO, Equityrush; Mr. Sandeep Jain, Director, Tradeswift Broking Pvt Ltd; Mr. Ashok Aggarwal, Chief Mentor, CPAI; Mr. Sanjiv Bhasin, Executive Vice President – Market & Corp. Affairs, India Infoline Ltd and Mr. Neeraj Jain, Finance Administrator, William Grant & Sons.



Technical Session 2

Mr. B K Sabharwal, Chairman, Capital Market and Commodity Market Committee, PHDCCI; Mr. Rajeev Ranjan Jha, Editor, Nivesh Manthan; Mr. Gaurav Kapoor, Vice President & Head – NR, National Stock Exchange of India Ltd; Mr. Naveen Mathur, Director – Commodities & Currencies, Anand Rath Group; Mr. Rajeev Garg, Additional General Manager, BSE Ltd; Mr. Vinhyachal Tripathi, Head - Equity Research Department, Elite Wealth Advisors Ltd and Mr. Abhay Chandalia, Co-Founder, Share Samadhan Pvt Ltd.

economic growth while stating that an efficient capital market is a pre-requisite for economic growth and development of the country.

Mr. Rishi Nathany, Head - Business Development & Marketing, Multi Commodity Exchange of India Ltd; Mr Hari K, Chief Business Officer, National Stock Exchange of India Ltd and Mr V Balasubramaniam, Managing Director & CEO, India International Exchange IFSC Ltd. also presented their views at the Inaugural Session.

Mr. Aliasgar Mithwani, Chief General Manager (CDMRD), SEBI in his special address mentioned that in a historic decision, SEBI allowed options in many metals, energy and agri contracts. He

said that SEBI's mutual funds' entry into commodity derivatives markets has become a favourite trading destination not only for domestic market participants but will also work as price setter for the entire world soon.

Mr. Anand Mohan Bajaj, Joint Secretary (FM), Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance in his special address highlighted that India becoming a \$5 trillion economy by 2024-25 has become the vision of each of our citizens. According to Mr Bajaj, the most important thing is that India needs to maintain its fiscal discipline.

Mr. Rajeev Agarwal, Chairman and Managing Director, Wealth Discovery Securities Ltd delivered the vote-of-thanks to the eminent experts at the inaugural

session.

The first technical session –'Investing in Capital Market - Need of the Hour' was chaired by Mr. Ashok Aggarwal, Chief Mentor, Commodity Participants Association of India.

The second technical session –'New Products & Instruments in Capital Market' was moderated by Mr. Naveen Mathur, Director – Commodities & Currencies, Anand Rath Group.

The third technical session–Role of Commodity Market in US\$5 Trillion Economy was moderated by Mr. Vijay Sardana, Member, Commodity Derivatives Advisory Committee, SEBI.



Technical Session 3

Mr. B K Sabharwal, Chairman, Capital Market and Commodity Market Committee, PHDCCI; Mr. Sanjay Gakhar, Vice President, Multi Commodity Exchange of India Ltd; Mr. Mayank Khemka, Managing Director, Khemka Group of Companies; Mr. Vijay Sardana, Member - CDAC, SEBI; Ms. Vandana Bharti, Asst Vice President – Commodity, SMC Global Securities Ltd; Mr. Ajay Kedia, Director, Kedia Commodity; Ms. Shivani Gupta, Deputy Secretary, PHDCCI and Ms. Sohale Gupta, Executive Officer, PHDCCI

Public Private Partnership for Developing Social Sector Infrastructure



Ms. Megha Kaul, Economist, PHD Chamber; Dr S P Sharma, Chief Economist, PHD Chamber; Mr. Mahesh Babu, MD, IL&FS Environment; Mr. Abhaya Agarwal, Leader – Infra. Advisory, EY; Mr. Rajan Kapoor, PPP Consultant; Dr. Arvind Mayaram, Chairman, CIRC & Former Finance Secretary, Government of India; Mr. Saibal De, Former Chief Executive of IMICL and Mr. RCM Reddy, SchoolNet Ltd.

PHD Chamber in collaboration with CUTS Institute for Regulation & Competition (CIRC) organized a round table discussion on 'Public Private Partnership for Developing Social sector Infrastructure' on August 28, 2019 at PHD House, New Delhi.

Dr Arvind Mayaram, Chairman, CIRC, Former Finance Secretary, Government of India appreciated the perspective of Public Private Partnership projects. He reiterated the need for extensive development in the social sector to achieve sustainable development goals. He added that the government is expanding school education with key focus to be made on Resources, Quality & Quantity and Accountability to achieve the targets of sustainability.

Dr S P Sharma, Chief Economist, PHD Chamber explained the importance of Public Private Partnership model for achieving the economic growth to USD 5 trillion economy in the coming times.

The first session was held on PPP for developing social sector infrastructure. Mr. Rajan Kapoor, PPP Consultant said that very specific requirements need to be addressed and most of social projects should be standardized. He said that multi-layer government collaboration for social sector projects can solve a lot of issues. He opined that the government should focus on schemes for financial inclusion, women development and spending fund & service for elementary banking.

Mr. Saibal De – Former Chief Executive at IMICL said that water projects should be increased based on PPP models in India. He stated that there should be enough capacity like finance; subsidy, etc. for good public private projects and the government should also spend money on social sector schemes.

Mr. Mahesh Babu, MD, IL&FS Environment appreciated that India is the first and only country that has planned to convert one million tons of waste into green electricity. He also said that the government should work on waste management including waste minimization, its reuse & recycling. He added that the regulation needs to be tracked.

Mr. RCM Reddy- School Net Ltd said that health and education are the key areas for development of the social sector. He opined that the quality of education in schools should be targeted in public sector with hand holding of the private sector to make it accessible and affordable for all in the country.

Mr. Abhaya Agrawal, Leader Infrastructure Advisory, EY addressed the supply issue and said that delays in construction projects lead to high cost of projects. He therefore urged that the government should work on the supply issue.

The second session was on PPP model for integrated water and sanitation

in select clusters: Discussing the case of Odisha.

Mr. Prassana Srinivasan, PPP and Sustainable Infrastructure Expert said that profit should not be the sole motive for any public private partnership project. He opined that the robust system of management and operations should be created for incentivizing behavioral change to support public private partnership projects.

Mr. Davinder Sandhu, Partner Infrastructure, Government & Health Care Practice, KPMG opined that the main focus should be made on setting the quality standard regulations for schools and financing of the Public Private Partnerships Projects in respect to the rate of return with the cost of finance.

Mr. R.K Tripathy, Senior Fellow, Cuts Institute for Regulation and Competition (CIRC) gave a presentation on Developing Integrated Water and Sanitation projects through Public Private Partnership (PPP) Mode. He highlighted in his presentation the case study of Odisha. He added the proposed model designed for the pilot area for CIRC project are Design, Build, Own, Operate, and Transfer (DBOOT) model and Management and Operation Contract (M&OC) which would help in financing the project through budgetary allocations and converging with other government schemes.



Interaction with Economists from International Monetary Fund (IMF)



Dr S P Sharma, Chief Economist, PHD Chamber; Mr. Alok B Shriram, Former President, PHD Chamber; Mr. Anil Khaitan, Immediate Former President, PHD Chamber; Dr D K Aggarwal, Senior Vice President, PHD Chamber; Mr. Ranil Salgado, Assistant Director and Mission Chief, IMF; Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, Vice President, PHD Chamber and Mr. K S Mehta, Former President, PHD Chamber

PHD Chamber organized an interaction with Economists from International Monetary Fund (IMF) on August 29, 2019 at PHD House, New Delhi. Eminent speakers from IMF were Mr. Ranil Salgado, Assistant Director and Mission Chief, IMF; Ms. Piyaporn Sodsriwiboon, Senior Economist, Ms. Sumiko Ogawa, Senior Economist, Ms. Katsiaryna Sviryzdenka, Economist and Mr. Sudip Mohapatra, Economist, IMF.

Mr. Ranil Salgado, Assistant Director and Mission Chief, IMF said that the long-term focus should be on the potential demographic dividend and India will be on a roll when the global demand steadies and recovers. He appreciated that post liberalization period, India's growth surged due to the various reforms undertaken by the Government. He added that India can benefit from potential rejigging of the supply chain due to US-China trade war.

Dr D K Aggarwal, Senior Vice President, PHD Chamber while presenting the welcome remarks said that India has a very strong democracy, majority government and stands very differently from the world economy. He mentioned about the importance of youth and women empowerment in India's economic growth story. He stated that India's GDP will grow more than 10% if female workforce moves to double from the present level.

Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, Vice President, PHD Chamber said that India is one of the most promising economies with strong economic fundamentals. He appreciated the government's reforms to promote

indigenous manufacturing in the country. He added that local manufacturers are going to be gainers on account of various reforms and improved ease of doing business environment in the country.

Mr. K S Mehta, Former President, PHD Chamber opined that promoting socio-economic growth by focusing on twin merit goods of education with skill development and basic health and safety should continue with a longer-term vision. Further, strengthening policy framework for re-skilling and up-skilling would be necessary to evolve a flexible and industry responsive workforce.

Mr. Alok B Shriram, Former President, PHD Chamber opined on various emerging areas of the Indian economy. He stated that demographic dividend is one of the USPs and India must utilize this opportunity. He suggested that more and more investments should be encouraged in infrastructure development of the country.

Mr. Anil Khaitan, Immediate Former President, PHD Chamber said that the government should focus on 4 pillars of growth viz. private investments, public investments, domestic consumption and exports. He appreciated easing of FDI norms for attracting foreign investments as this would bring a lot of investments in India.

Dr S P Sharma, Chief Economist, PHD Chamber while moderating the session appreciated the vibrant reforms being undertaken by the government to achieve the economic size of US\$ 5 trillion.

Bridgital Nation

Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi last month unveiled a book "Bridgital Nation" written by Mr. N Chandrasekaran, Chairman and Ms. Roopa Purushottam, Chief Economist of the Tata Group and presented its first copy to Ratan Tata. The book presents a powerful vision of the future where technology and human beings co-exist in a mutually beneficial ecosystem. It argues that instead of accepting technology as replacement of human labour, India can use it as an aid to generate more jobs. The cutting edge digital tools can act as a bridge between aspirations and achievements - hence the term 'bridgital'.



HR 4.0 Conclave

The HR IR Committee of PHDCCI organized HR 4.0 Conclave on September 20, 2019 at PHD House, New Delhi. The rationale of the conclave was to sensitize HR practitioners on adopting digital tools to improve workplace environment, employee experience and productivity.

Speakers deliberated unequivocally that businesses can flourish only if top leaders have an attitude to change -Innovation, technology and strategic decision making is a by-product. Technologies like AI, robotics, simulation, VR AR, etc. have revolutionized the business processes; HRM cannot remain unaffected with this. Industry 4.0 is evolving at an exponential pace disrupting almost every industry. New age HR is using predictive and cognitive tools to improve productivity, help leaders make better decisions, and enhance employee experiences. Three disruptions are occurring simultaneously in HR domain- disruptions in talent



Dr Jatinder Singh, Director, PHDCCI; Mr. R P Singh, Co-chairman, HR IR Committee, PHDCCI; Director, HR & Legal, IFFCO; Mr. Salil Bhandari, Former President, PHDCCI; Managing Partner, BGJC & Associates LLP and Mr. Anshul Dureja, Managing Director, Creating Values Pvt Ltd.

hunt, employee skills and disruptions in experience. It is no longer man versus machines; future is about man with machines and how machines can enable better decision making. Future of work will leverage human skills, empathy,

social and emotional intelligence, but more importantly individuals have to learn and up-skill themselves to remain employable. Employers should focus more on upskilling/reskilling the manpower for global market competitiveness.

Wallonia Belgium Tourism Delegation

The Tourism Committee of PHD Chamber organized an interaction with the Wallonia Belgium Tourism delegation on September 16, 2019 at PHD House, New Delhi. The objective of organizing the interaction was to discuss the potential collaboration between India and Belgium in the area of Tourism and also to discover channels for trade and joint ventures.

Ms. Radha Bhatia, Chairperson– Tourism Committee, PHDCCI; Mr. Rajan Sehgal, Co-chairman– Tourism Committee, PHDCCI; Mr. Hubert Goffinet, Trade & Investment Commissioner, Embassy of Belgium; Mr. Rodolphe Brohee, Coordinator- Director of Tourism and External Relations, Durbuy; Ms. Catherine Vuidar, Space Marketing Manager, Euro Space Center; Mr. Albert Joris, Operation Manager, Grottes De Han; Ms. Melanie Witon, Commerciale- Dpt Incoming, Ardenne Incoming; and Ms. Nisha Singh, Trade Assistant, Embassy of Belgium were present on the occasion.

Ms. Radha Bhatia in her opening remarks gave a brief presentation on the achievements of the Tourism Committee of PHDCCI and how the two countries could collaborate for future programmes.

Mr. Rodolphe spoke about Durbuy and informed that it is less than two hours



Esteemed delegates with Leadership of PHD Tourism Committee

from Brussels. Be it the golf course, the old towns or the local food, this place is a favorite of visitors to Wallonia.

Ms. Catherine said that Wallonia's Euro Space Center is the only place in Europe to offer a chance to train like an astronaut. She gave a brief presentation of different packages, the schedule and the various programmes as a part of the visit to the Space Centre and how popular it is amongst students.

Mr. Albert also gave a brief presentation on the caves of Grottes De Han, a major Belgian tourist attraction.

Located on the outskirts of the village of Han-sur-Lesse, these caves are the

result of the underground erosion of a limestone hill by the river Lesse.

Ms. Melanie said that Ardenne Incoming is one of the ideal partners for excursions in Province of Liège and Ardenne. They offer out-of-the-ordinary cross-border experience for individuals as well as groups. From bookings, to food and accommodation and other necessary things, they take care of every single detail for these two destinations.

Mr. Rajan Sehgal, Co-chairman, Tourism Committee, PHDCCI moderated the interaction and delivered a formal vote-of -thanks to the guests.

National Talent Competition for Skill Development in Tourism & Hospitality Sector ‘Opportunities & Challenges of Digital Transformation in Tourism and Hospitality Sector’



Mr. Vishal Jindal, Chairman – Skill Development Committee, PHDCCI; Mr. Rhys Williams, Project Director, Victoria University; Mr. Rajan Bahadur, CEO, Tourism and Hospitality Skill Council; Mr. Vinod Zutshi (Retd. IAS), Former Secretary, Ministry of Tourism; H.E. Mr. Sulton Rahimzoda, Ambassador of the Republic of Tajikistan; Mr. Piyush Tiwari, CMD, India Tourism Development Corporation; Mr. Yogesh Srivastav, Principal Director, PHDCCI; Ms. Meena Bhatia, Vice President & GM, Le Meridien New Delhi; Ms. Vasudha Sondhi, Managing Director, Outbound Marketing and Mr. Rajan Sehgal, Co-chairman, Tourism Committee, PHDCCI

The Tourism Committee of PHD Chamber organized the 3rd edition of National Talent Competition for Skill Development in Tourism & Hospitality Sector on the theme ‘Opportunities & Challenges of Digital Transformation in Tourism and Hospitality Sector’ on September 20, 2019 at PHD House, New Delhi. The objective of organizing the Competition was to create a robust and sustainable eco-system for skill development in the tourism industry and enable the youth to get blue-collar jobs by participating in such programs.

The inaugural session was graced by H.E. Mr. Sulton Rahimzoda, Ambassador of the Republic of Tajikistan; Mr. Piyush Tiwari, CMD, India Tourism Development Corporation; Mr. Vinod Zutshi (Retd. IAS), Former Secretary, Ministry of Tourism and Mr. Rhys Williams, Project Director, Victoria University.

While inaugurating the programme, H.E. Mr. Sulton Rahimzoda, Ambassador of the Republic of Tajikistan, said that tourism is one of the best ways to develop bilateral relations between India and Tajikistan.

He also informed that their government has recently liberalized visa schemes for tourists visiting the country.

Mr. Piyush Tiwari, CMD, India Tourism Development Corporation, said that there is no dearth of talent in our country, but it needs proper guidance and structure to develop completely. Programmes like these help create platforms and opportunities for managers at all levels to come together and enhance their professional competence and skills.

Addressing the participants, Mr. Vinod Zutshi (Retd. IAS), Former Secretary – Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, said that the theme of the Competition is very important as digital transformation has overwhelmed the entire travel ecosystem, triggering a formidable rise in competition.

Mr. Vishal Jindal, Chairman – Skill Development Committee, PHDCCI in his address said that tourism has a great capacity to create large-scale employment and generation of massive productive employment opportunities is what India needs the most. He also highlighted as

to how education and skill development can help boost the quality of tourism and hospitality industry in the country.

Mr. Rhys Williams, Project Director, Victoria University, congratulated PHDCCI for organizing this programme and said that it will further refine and revalidate the student’s information base and harness their presentation skills, which will be a big boost for their career.

Mr. Rajan Sehgal, Co-chairman – Tourism Committee, PHDCCI, said that this competition will help the corporates for retention of young talent pool and at the same time provide unique opportunity to the budding Managers to demonstrate their creativity and professional prowess.

About 13 Colleges and Universities took part in the Competition which was evaluated by a distinguished panel of Jury Members – Mr. Vinod Zutshi (Retd. IAS), Former Secretary, Ministry of Tourism, Government of India; Mr. Rajan Bahadur, CEO, Tourism and Hospitality Skill Council; Ms. Vasudha Sondhi, Managing Director, Outbound Marketing and Ms. Meena Bhatia, Vice President & GM, Le Meridien



Mr. Suman Billa (IAS), Joint Secretary, Ministry of Tourism; Ms. Radha Bhatia, Chairperson, Tourism Committee, PHDCCI; Mr. Kishore Kaya, Co-Chairman – Tourism Committee, PHDCCI; H.E. Mr. Radu Octavian Dobre, Ambassador of Romania; Mr. Vinod Zutshi (Retd. IAS), Former Secretary, Ministry of Tourism; Mr. Pronab Sarkar, President, Indian Association of Tour Operators; and Mr. Rajan Sehgal, Co-chairman – Tourism Committee, PHDCCI

New Delhi.

The Institute of Hotel Management (IHM), Bhopal was adjudged as the Winner of the Competition. The Tourism School, New Delhi and Chitkara College of Hospitality Management, Punjab were the 1st and the 2nd Runners-up respectively. Ms. Rishika Khosla from IHM Bhopal was selected as the 'Best Budding Manager' amongst all the participants. All the winners were awarded with the Prize Money, Trophies and Certificates.

The Valedictory Session was graced by Mr. Suman Billa (IAS), Joint Secretary, Ministry of Tourism, who also awarded the Winners along with H.E. Mr. Radu Octavian Dobre, Ambassador of Romania; Mr. Pronab Sarkar, President, Indian Association of Tour Operators; Ms. Radha Bhatia, Chairperson – Tourism Committee, PHDCCI; Mr. Kishore Kaya and Mr. Rajan Sehgal, Co-chairmen – Tourism Committee, PHDCCI.

H.E. Mr. Radu Octavian Dobre, Ambassador of Romania said that programmes like these help create platforms and opportunities for professional managers at all levels to come together and enhance their professional competence and skills.

Mr. Pronab Sarkar, President, Indian Association of Tour Operators, said that competitions like these are an opportunity for the students and budding managers to meet eminent industrialists and



Mr. Suman Billa (IAS), Joint Secretary, Ministry of Tourism along with PHD Tourism Committee leadership presenting the trophy to the first runner-up

entrepreneurs from various sectors, both at the national and international level and gain a chance to build a network and also to be inspired by their success.

Inaugurating the valedictory session, Mr. Suman Billa (IAS), Joint Secretary – Ministry of Tourism lauded PHD's efforts to create such platforms for the young minds to get inspired and always strive for excellence. The inbound tourism industry in India is in a great shape currently. The rising interests of travellers from across the world indicate a healthy shift and a positive growth in Indian inbound tourism sector.

Ms. Radha Bhatia, Chairperson – Tourism Committee, PHDCCI, spoke about

the importance of skill in the education field. She also stated that whole world is looking up to India as the biggest resource as it is also one of the fastest growing economies in the world. She encouraged and advised the students to grab opportunities like the NCT which can help them hone their skills.

Mr. Yogesh Srivastav, Principal Director, PHDCCI, delivered the concluding remarks and said that PHDCCI will continue to organize such programmes to bring the best talent to the fore.

The programme was supported by the Ministry of Tourism and attended by more than 180 delegates from the tourism and hospitality management institutes.

PHD Chamber Participation in the 21st Lankapak 2019



Indian High Commissioner to Sri Lanka, H.E. Mr. Taranjit Singh Sandhu addressing the audience at the Inaugural function of LANKAPAK 2019

PHD Chamber organized a National level participation from India at the 21st Lankapak 2019, September 11 -13, 2019 held at the Bandaranaike Memorial International Conference (BMICH). Over 150 companies participated in this international trade fair to present a wide range of products. India Pavilion at Lankapak 2019 consisted of 46 Indian companies.

Indian exhibitors showcased a wide variety of products at the India Pavilion, from printing and packaging industry sector. The exhibitors showcased their technological advance and innovative products suitable as per their counterparts in Sri Lanka i.e printers, label machineries, special adhesive papers, corrugated box making machinery, glues and tapes, thin films, chemicals, inks, etc.

The three day business-to-business exhibition was inaugurated on September 11, 2019 by Mr. Rishad Bathiudeen, Hon'ble Minister of Industry & Commerce and H.E. Mr. Taranjit Singh Sandhu, High Commissioner of India in the presence of various dignitaries. Hon'ble Mr. Buddhika Pathirana, State Minister of Industry & Commerce; Mr. Anuradha Jayasinghe, President, Sri Lanka Institute of Packaging; Mr. Rohan Victoria, President, Asia Packaging Federation and Mr. Rakesh Kumar Sangrai, Secretary, PHD Chamber were also present at the inaugural function of Lankapak 2019.

Mr. Rishad Bathiudeen, Hon'ble



On behalf of PHD Chamber Indian High Commissioner to Sri Lanka, H.E. Mr. Taranjit Singh Sandhu presenting a PHD Chamber memento to the Hon'ble Minister of Industry & Commerce, Mr. Rishad Bathiudeen

Minister spoke about the importance of printing and packaging in international branding. He encouraged Sri Lankan industries to use innovative methods of packaging, especially for food and beverages. He also spoke about the need for adoption of environment-friendly technology in the packaging industry. He urged for greater collaboration amongst SMEs of both the countries to strengthen value chains.

H.E. Mr. Taranjit Singh Sandhu, High Commissioner expressed happiness over the large-scale participation of Indian companies in Lankapak 2019. The Indian High Commissioner highlighted the importance of safe, hygienic and attractive

packaging and the need to be mindful of the implications for our environment sustainability. He also wished the participating companies all the success as India looks forward to expand trade ties with Sri Lanka and expand the market outreach for Indian enterprises.

The Chief Guest and other dignitaries toured the exhibition and also met the Indian Exhibitors at the India Pavilion.

Sri Lankan Buyers appreciated the range of Indian products. As per the feedback of exhibitors, they did good business and received business leads as well. The exhibitors are hopeful that these leads will be converted into confirmed orders in future.

PHD Chamber Participation in the Printech 2019



Hon'ble Deputy Speaker Mr. Md. Fazle Rabbi Miah, MP, Bangladesh Parliament along with dignitaries inaugurating the Printech 2019

PHD Chamber organized a National Level Participation from India at the Printech 2019 from October 10 – 12, 2019 at the International Convention City Basundhara, Dhaka, Bangladesh. Over 100 companies participated in this international trade fair to present a wide range of products. India Pavilion at Printech 2019 was the largest, consisting of 60 Indian companies.

Indian exhibitors showcased a wide variety of products at the India Pavilion, from printing and packaging sector. The exhibitors showcased their technological advance and innovative products suitable as per their counterparts in Bangladesh i.e printers, label machineries, special adhesive papers, corrugated box making machinery, glues and tapes, thin films, chemicals, inks, etc. The Show covered printing, packaging, latest technology in pre-press, in-press, post-press, textile and garment printing, finishing, converting, signage, digital, non-woven, corrugation, paper, flexible packaging, software and consumables from Indian companies.

The exhibition was inaugurated on October 10, 2019 by the Hon'ble Deputy Speaker, Mr. Md. Fazle Rabbi Miah, MP, Bangladesh Parliament; Dr Murad Hassan, MP, Hon'ble State Minister, Ministry of Information, Bangladesh; Mr. Sheikh Fazle Fahim, President of Federation of Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce and Industry; Mr. Shahid Serneabat, Chairman, Printing Industries Association of Bangladesh and Mr. Md. Zaharul Islam, General Secretary, Printing Industries



Dr Murad Hassan, MP, Hon'ble State Minister, Ministry of Information, Bangladesh receiving the PHD Chamber Memento from Mr. Rakesh Sangrai, Secretary, PHD Chamber

Association of Bangladesh in the presence of various dignitaries. Mr. Rakesh Sangrai, Secretary, PHD Chamber was present at the inaugural function of the Printech 2019.

Hon'ble Deputy Speaker, Mr. Md. Fazle Rabbi Miah spoke about the importance of printing and packaging in international branding. He said, "India along with many countries participation is a very good initiative which is needed for Bangladesh companies." He further added, that now the printing industry does not only work for printing books, but also for the garment industry. He also mentioned that Indian companies support will help Bangladesh

companies to earn a huge amount of foreign currency from the printing industry, like the garment sector. He encouraged Bangladesh industries to use innovative methods of printing and packaging, especially for garments and textile sector.

Bangladesh Companies appreciated the range of the Indian products. As per the feedback of exhibitors, they did good business and received leads as well. The exhibitors are hopeful that these leads will be converted into confirmed orders in future amounting to Rs. 15 crore.



Udhyog Parivar Conference on Labour Law Reforms – Accelerating Ease of Doing Business



Dr Jatinder Singh, Director, PHDCCI; Mr. Ravi Wig, Chairperson, HR & IR Committee, PHDCCI; Mr. Heeralal Samariya, Secretary (L&E), Ministry of Labour & Employment; Dr D K Aggarwal, Senior Vice President, PHDCCI; Dr Lalit Bhasin, President, Society of Indian Law Firms & Managing Partner, Bhasin & Co.; Mr. Sanjay Bhatia, Former President, PHDCCI; Managing Director, Hindustan Tin Works Ltd.; Mr. Virjesh Upadhaya, General Secretary, Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh and Dr Mahesh Chandra Sharma, Chairman, Deenadayal Shodh Sansthan

PHDCCI HR IR Committee and KAS organized the Udhyog Parivar Conference on 'Labour Law Reforms – Accelerating Ease of Doing Business' on the theme Employment Generation, Industrial Growth and Ease of Living on September 18, 2019 at PHD House, New Delhi.

Mr. Heeralal Samariya, Secretary, Ministry of Labour & Employment deliberated that IR practices focusing on win-win should be a part of the labour laws as the government has simplified many labour laws by bringing 44 laws under the ambit of four codes. The Labour Ministry is working towards uniform definition of all codes and removing all ambiguities.

He asked PHDCCI members to put forth suggestions on three labour codes that are in the pipeline so that appropriate modifications can be made that suits both employees and employers.

Expert comments were shared by Dr D K Aggarwal, Sr. Vice President, PHDCCI; Mr. Ravi Wig, Chairperson, HR & IR Committee, PHDCCI; Dr Lalit Bhasin, President, Society of Indian Law Firms & Managing Partner, Bhasin & Co.; Mr. Virjesh Upadhaya, General Secretary, Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh; Dr Mahesh Chandra Sharma, Chairman, Deenadayal Shodh Sansthan; Mr. Sanjay Bhatia, Former President, PHDCCI; Mr. Michael Dias, Managing Partner, Michael Dias

& Associates and Mr. Harvinder Singh, Advocate, Labour Laws.

Mr. Ravi Wig welcomed the participants for their active participation and reiterated that Udyog Parivar Conference is a step towards forging harmonious relations between employees and employers.

Speakers deliberated that for ease of doing business, industrial growth and employment generation, overlapping labour laws should be simplified so that there is speedy and expeditious disposal of labour-related matters. Everybody shared views on automation and robotics in industry, and this process should not hamper new employment opportunities.

BRICS Countries bring stability & balance in an uncertain World

Union Minister of Commerce and Industry & Railways, Mr. Piyush Goyal, at the interventions made by him in the BRICS Trade Ministers meeting held in Brasilia, Brazil said that India places great importance on its engagement with BRICS as it brings stability and balance to an uncertain world. The Hon'ble Minister urged the BRICS countries to focus on trade as a catalyst for development, poverty alleviation and job creation. BRICS countries accounted for 25 percent of the world's GDP, 50 percent of the world's population and around 20 percent of global merchandise trade in 2018. He urged the BRICS countries to develop digital infrastructure, skills and institutions with special focus on the developing countries and LDCs while highlighting the adverse impact of predatory pricing that is practised by some e-commerce players that adversely affects millions of small retailers. He urged the BRICS countries to collectively take the lead in shaping the narrative on reforms within the WTO in order to enhance its relevance and effectiveness in the contemporary technological and trade environment.

National Summit on Bridging Skill Gaps in Industry 4.0



Dr Jatinder Singh, Director and Dr. Rubina Mittal Co-chairperson, Skill Development Committee, PHD Chamber; Mr. Anand Prakash Tiwari, IPS, Mission Director, Assam Skill Development Mission; Dr Harak Singh Rawat, Hon'ble Minister, Labour, Employment & Training, Uttarakhand; Ms. Sunita Sanghi, Senior Adviser, Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship; Mr. Vishal Jindal, Chairman, Skill Development Committee, PHD Chamber and Ms. Dagmar Walter, Director, ILO DWT for South Asia and Country Office for India

The Skill Development Committee of PHD Chamber organized the “National Summit on Bridging Skill Gaps in Industry 4.0” on September 13, 2019 at PHD House, New Delhi.

The Summit was supported by Assam Skill Development Mission, Skill Employment and Entrepreneurship Department, Govt. of Assam and the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research (DSIR) under the A2K+ Events program.

Dr Harak Singh Rawat, Hon'ble Minister for Labour, Employment & Training, Govt. of Uttarakhand while congratulating PHD Chamber for taking the initiative for organizing a special summit on skilling gaps in industry 4.0, said that Uttarakhand is the perfect example of entrepreneurship. And going ahead, the Centre, State and industry collaboration will enhance Skill Development programmes across the country.

Ms. Sunita Sanghi, Senior Advisor, Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship said that technology is changing very fast and we must keep pace with the changing environment by creating a right manpower with the ability to take job roles in the existing sectors of the economy.

Ms. Dagmar Walter, Director, ILO DWT for South Asia and country office for India while appreciating PHD Chamber's pivotal role in creating awareness in workplace said that skilling is a key factor for creating a decent job environment, which is fair

and remunerative. He mentioned that ILO is also collecting labour market data that will provide latest trends and analysis to help analyze the process for Skilling.

Mr. Anand Prakash Tiwari, IPS, Mission Director, Assam Skill Development Mission said that a Research and Analyst Body is required at each district level to identify the skill gap between industry and the skill provider.

Mr. Vishal Jindal, Chairman, Skill Development Committee, PHDCCI said that PHDCCI is diligently working for strengthening the collaboration between industry and academia to enhance innovation and to bridge the skill gaps.

Dr Rubina Mittal, Co-chairperson, Skill Development Committee, PHDCCI said that academic readiness is growing in our country to embrace the industry 4.0 skills for the students.

The Power Panel Sessions I on “Service Sector readiness” was moderated by Mr.

Vishal Jindal, Chairman, Skill Development Committee, PHD Chamber. Expert speakers included Dr Vinita Malhotra Jha, Senior Vice President, Clinical Directorate, Max Health Care; Mr. Ranjan Kumar Singh, Head, Customer Relations- GCM, NSDC; Mr. Ramesh K Verma, President, New Delhi Chapter, VR/AR Association and Col Rohit Agarwal, Consultant, The Bird Group. The Power Panel Sessions II on Academia Readiness & Global Best Practices in Skill Development for Industry 4.0 was moderated by Dr Rubina Mittal, Co-chairperson, Skill Development Committee, PHDCCI. Expert speakers included Dr Sujata Chaklanobis, Scientist F, DSIR, Ministry of Science and Technology; Prof Ramesh K Goyal, Vice Chancellor, Delhi Pharmaceutical Sciences and Research University; Prof Y Narasimhulu, Director, UGC - HRDC, University of Hyderabad and Prof Rajive Kumar, Adviser, All India Council for Technical Education, MHRD.



Mr. Ramesh K Verma, President, New Delhi Chapter, VR/AR Association; Mr. Ranjan Kumar Singh, Head, Customer Relations- GCM, NSDC; Mr. Vishal Jindal, Chairman, Skill Development Committee, PHD Chamber; Dr Vinita Malhotra Jha, Sr. Vice President, Clinical Directorate, Max Health Care and Col Rohit Agarwal, Consultant, The Bird Group.



Esteemed Dignitaries

The roundtable discussion on ‘Strategic leadership of SSDMs and SSCs for Scale, Speed and Innovation for Future Skill Readiness’ was moderated by Mr. Vishal Jindal, Chairman, Skill Development Committee, PHD Chamber. The speakers included Mr. IS Gahlaut, CEO, Capital Goods Skill Council; Mr. Arindam Lahiri, CEO, Automotive Skills Development Council; Mr. Ashish Jain, CEO, Healthcare Sector Skill Council; Mr. Rajan Bahadur, CEO, Tourism & Hospitality Skill Council; Mr. Mohit Soni, CEO, Media & Entertainment Skills Council; Dr J. V. Rao, CEO, Textile Sector Skill Council; Maj Gen Manik Sabharwal, CEO, Domestic Workers Sector Skill Council ; Dr Niharika Nigam, Head-Standards & Quality Assurance CEO, Skill Council for Persons with Disability; Mr. H S Mohan, CEO, Infrastructure Equipment



Prof Ramesh K Goyal, Vice Chancellor, Delhi Pharmaceutical Sciences and Research University; Dr. Sujata Chaklanobis, Scientist F, DSIR, Ministry of Science and Technology; Dr Rubina Mittal, Co-chairperson, Skill Development Committee, PHDCCI; Prof Y Narasimhulu, Director, UGC - HRDC, University of Hyderabad and Prof Rajive Kumar, Adviser, All India Council for Technical Education, MHRD.

Skill Council; Ms. Priyanka Prakash, Standards & Quality Assurance, Agriculture Skill Council of India; Dr Praveen Saxena, CEO, Skill Council for Green Jobs; Mr Vinod Behari, CEO, Power Sector Skill Council and Mr. Atul Anand, Member, Managing Committee, PHDCCI.



Application of Virtual Reality and Augmented Reality in MSMEs

The Innovation & Startup Committee of PHD Chamber organized a seminar on “Application of Virtual Reality and Augmented Reality in MSMEs” on November 15, 2019 at PHD House, New Delhi. The objective of the seminar was to deliberate on the use of Virtual Reality and Augmented Reality (AR/VR) in MSMEs working in healthcare and manufacturing sectors.

Distinguished speakers including Mr. Sumit Duggal, Co-chairman, Innovation & Startup Committee, PHDCCI; Mr. Yadu Kr. Yadav, National Productivity Council, Ministry of Commerce & Industry; Dr Suman Mazumdar, DSIR, Ministry of Science & Technology; Dr B. K. Murthy, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology; Dr Sushil Chandra, INMAS, DRDO and Dr Sunil Sharma, Dean, Indian Spinal Injuries Centre discussed the following issues:

- VR/AR technologies can create synergies for training and enhancing



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- innovative environment, augmenting new business opportunities and MSMEs should be encouraged to use AR/VR.
- Rising adoption of AR & VR based products among various end users including defense, automotive, consumer electronics, etc., is anticipated to drive the growth in the

country’s AR & VR market over the next five years.

- The government can play a dual-role to enhance growth of Immersive Media in India – 1. Act as a consumer, and 2. Act as an Enabler/Catalyst Design initiatives to ensure affordability of devices through government support.

Roundtable Discussion on India-Nepal Relations: Present Trends. Future Prospects



Esteemed Dignitaries

The India-Nepal Centre of PHD Chamber organized an informal roundtable discussion on “India-Nepal Relations: Present Trends. Future Prospects” with Amb Manjeev Singh Puri, India’s current Ambassador to Nepal on October 18, 2019 at PHD House, New Delhi.

Among other key participants were Dr D K Aggarwal, President, PHDCCI; Amb K V Rajan, Chairman, India-Nepal Centre, PHDCCI; Amb Ranjan Mathai, Former Foreign Secretary of India; Mr. Rajesh Kazi Shrestha, President, Nepal Chamber of Commerce; Amb Ashok Kantha, Former

Indian Ambassador to China; Mr. Amar Sinha, Former Secretary, MEA, India; Mr. Ravi Wig, Former President, PHDCCI; Mr. Binay Kumar, Former President, PHDCCI; Minister (Economic), Nepal Embassy and the PHD Chamber’s secretariat team.



Interactive Session on EOUs/SEZs Units /SEZ Developers in India



Mr. Jinash Shah, GM-Business Development, Gift SEZ Ltd. Gujarat; Mr. Sudeep Gupta, Director, Artha Infratech Pvt. Ltd; Mr. Vilas Gupta, Regional Chairman, Export Promotion Council for EOUs and SEZ (EPCES)-NSEZ; Mr. Bhuvnesh Seth, Vice Chairman, Export Promotion Council for EOUs and SEZ; Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, Senior Vice President, PHD Chamber; Dr L. B. Singhal, Development Commissioner, Special Economic Zone; Mr. Pradeep Multani, Vice President, PHD Chamber; Dr S P Sharma, Chief Economist, PHD Chamber and Mr. O P Kapoor, Regional Director, NSEZ along with other distinguished delegates

PHD Chamber in collaboration with Export Promotion Council for EOUs & SEZs (EPCES) Noida organized an interactive session on EOUs / SEZ Units / SEZ Developers in India on October 11, 2019, at PHD House, New Delhi.

Chief guest, Dr L. B. Singhal, Development Commissioner, Special Economic Zone (SEZ) appreciated PHD Chamber for providing an opportunity to interact with the participants. He appreciated world class infrastructure of India's SEZ and the many fold growth witnessed in SEZ exports in the year 2018-19 crossing a value of US\$ 100 billion. He said that the Government is committed to extend all possible support for significant development of SEZs in India. The Government has taken several initiatives to encourage private sector participation in the economic development of Export Oriented Units (EOUs) or Special Economic Zones (SEZs) in India.

Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, Senior Vice President, PHD Chamber said that there has been a notable trend in the growing importance of Export Oriented Units (EOUs) or Special Economic Zones (SEZs) that are privately owned, developed, or operated. He also mentioned that the SEZs are becoming more and more relevant and the 3Es (Employment and Economic Enclaves) aims to bring together all categories of investors that enables job creation and investment targeted towards leveraging domestic demand. He further urged the states to scale up their efforts to set up more SEZs in order to attract



various benefits that will facilitate in the overall socio-economic development.

Mr. Sudeep Gupta, Director, Artha Infratech Pvt. Ltd. In his presentation on Special Economic Zones (SEZs) focused on the importance of location that includes infrastructure, availability, connectivity and ecosystem for the SEZs. He also discussed that SEZs have significantly contributed to exports leading to a surge in economic growth and development of the country. Further, he explained the integrated master plan of Artha Infratech for Noida and Greater Noida focusing on energy efficiencies, innovation and design of infrastructure.

Mr. Jinash Shah, GM-Business Development, Gift SEZ Ltd., Gujarat shared a presentation on India's first global international financial and technology services project by Gift SEZ Ltd., Gujarat. He mentioned the benefits of the project

which is cost effective and helps in generation of employment opportunities.

Dr S P Sharma, Chief Economist, PHD Chamber while moderating the session stated that more investments across States should be encouraged for setting up of a large number of SEZs and EOUs to promote exports and employment generation in the country. He also highlighted the key features of Baba Kalyani Report which has proposed to rename SEZs in India as 3Es-Employment and Economic Enclaves, with the objective of moving from island of exports to catalyst of economic and employment growth.

Mr. Pradeep Multani, Vice President, PHD Chamber proposed the vote-of-thanks and said that more incentives should be offered to encourage setting up of SEZs for the growth of the country, which in turn are necessary for overall economic development of the country.

Seminar and Launching of Publications on Framework of University-Industry Linkages in Research & Compendium on Scientific and Industrial Research Organizations



Dr S P Sharma, Chief Economist, PHD Chamber; Dr S K Deshpande, Scientist 'G' and Head RDI, DSIR, Ministry of Science and Technology; Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, Senior Vice President, PHD Chamber; Dr Shekhar C Mande, Secretary, DSIR, Ministry of Science and Technology; Dr D K Aggarwal, President, PHD Chamber; Mr. Ashwani Gupta, Scientist 'G' and Head A2k+ Studies, DSIR, Ministry of Science and Technology; Mr. Pradeep Multani, Vice President, PHD Chamber; Mr. Shantanu Ganguly, TERI and Prof. (Dr) Suneet Tuli, Director, Research, Shiv Nadar University, G.B. Nagar, UP & Ex Dean (R&D), IIT Delhi

PHD Chamber with the support of Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, Ministry of Science and Technology organized a seminar and launching of publications on 'Framework of University-Industry Linkages in Research & Compendium on Scientific and Industrial Research Organizations' on October 17, 2019 at PHD House, New Delhi.

The eminent speakers were Dr Shekhar C Mande, Secretary, DSIR, Ministry of Science and Technology; Mr. K.R. Vaidheeswaran, Joint Secretary, DSIR, Ministry of Science and Technology; Mr. Ashwani Gupta, Scientist 'G' and Head A2k+ Studies, DSIR, Ministry of Science and Technology; Prof. (Dr) Suneet Tuli, Director, Research, Shiv Nadar University, G.B. Nagar, UP & Ex Dean (R&D), IIT Delhi; Dr Vijay Kumar Kaul, Professor and Head, Department of Business Economics, University of Delhi, South Campus; Dr S K Deshpande, Scientist 'G' and Head RDI, DSIR, Ministry of Science and Technology; Dr Niti Bhasin, Associate Professor, Department of Commerce, Delhi School of Economics; Prof Dr Harvinder Popli, Officiating Registrar and Dean, Delhi Pharmaceutical Science and Research University, Govt of NCT of Delhi; Dr D K Aggarwal, President, PHD Chamber; Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, Senior Vice President, PHD Chamber; Mr. Pradeep Multani, Vice President, PHD Chamber; Dr S P Sharma, Chief Economist, PHD Chamber and Mr.

Shantanu Ganguly, TERI.

Dr Shekhar C Mande, Secretary, DSIR, Ministry of Science and Technology, said that the government has come up with various schemes to attract private sector for CSR contribution in order to boost Research and Development (R&D) in the country. He urged PHD Chamber to motivate industries to adopt new technology for increasing the capability of technology absorption in the industries.

Mr. K.R. Vaidheeswaran, Joint Secretary, Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, Ministry of Science and Technology mentioned about the concerted efforts being undertaken by the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) to push University-Industry Linkages (UIL) in India. He further stated that it is important to continuously engage with Academia and Industry to bring out new and innovative ideas.

Mr. Ashwani Gupta, Scientist 'G' and Head A2k+ Studies, DSIR, Ministry of Science and Technology briefed on the Framework of University-Industry Linkages in Research and said that the main objectives of sanctioning the study were the commercialization of technology, promotion of Research and Development and enhancement of value addition and knowledge.

Dr D K Aggarwal, President, PHD Chamber said that University-Industry

Linkages are highly instrumental for the growth and development of the economy. Collaboration of Universities and Industries is a win-win situation for both the parties. States have to go a long way to achieve higher level of University-Industry Linkages in Research.

Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, Senior Vice President, PHD Chamber expressed that there is a need for stronger collaboration between Universities and Industries to come up with innovative ideas in the area of research. He said that it is essential that universities and industries should come together to make concerted efforts to strengthen the UILs in the country.

Mr. Pradeep Multani, Vice President, PHD Chamber highlighted that UILs are one of the key elements to bring revolutionary change in R&D and technological development in our country. He called for more measures for strengthening the University-Industry collaborative landscape in the economy paving way for further innovations and inventions.

A publication on 'Framework of University-Industry Linkages in Research' was released by the dignitaries on the dais.

Prof. (Dr) Suneet Tuli, Director, Research, Shiv Nadar University, G.B. Nagar, UP & Ex Dean (R&D), IIT Delhi mentioned that innovation must not be confused with Research & Development (R&D); creating an ecosystem of





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innovations and entrepreneurship is important but it is equally important to be able to produce technologies.

Dr S K Deshpande, Scientist 'G' and Head RDI, DSIR, Ministry of Science and Technology briefed on the Compendium on Scientific and Industrial Research Organizations and highlighted the scope and prospects of the study.

Dr Vijay Kumar Kaul, Professor and Head, Department of Business Economics, University of Delhi, South Campus opined on the importance to focus on more and more collaborations between the Universities and Industries to derive utmost benefits of the rising 4th Industrial Revolution.

Prof (Dr) Harvinder Popli, Officiating Registrar and Dean, Delhi Pharmaceutical Science and Research University, Government of NCT of Delhi said that both

industry and academia are two important pillars of the Indian economy. She called for increased number of collaborations between Universities and Industries for promoting innovations and sustaining an employment ready workforce.

Dr Niti Bhasin, Associate Professor, Department of Commerce, Delhi School of Economics said that academia-industry linkages form an integral part in building a conducive research environment to strengthen the innovation ecosystem in the country. She said that University-Industry Linkages must be understood in terms of applied knowledge, the concept which is not new to India as it has been embedded in our culture from centuries.

Dr Anil Kanaujiya, Ayurved Research Foundation gave a presentation on how Department of Scientific and Industrial Research (DSIR), Ministry of Science and

Technology is facilitating the development of Scientific and Industrial Research Organizations (SIROs) in India.

Dr S P Sharma, Chief Economist, PHD Chamber moderated the session and gave a presentation on the Framework of University-Industry Linkages in Research in which he highlighted the key objectives, findings and recommendations of the study. He highlighted that the study shows that University – Industry Linkages are moderate in India with a score of 4.7 points out of 10 but surprisingly lot of disparities are observed among the States. He mentioned that Karnataka, Kerala and Gujarat topped in University-Industry Linkages (UILs) in Research.

The discussion was followed by an interactive Question and Answer Session.

World Food Day 2019



PHDCCI in association with AFST(I) celebrated the World Food Day 2019 on the theme Healthy Diets for a Zero Hunger World on October 16, 2019 at the Manav Rachna University Campus, Suraj kund Road, Faridabad, Haryana. Mr. V N Gaur, Former CEO FSSAI was the Chief Guest. Also present was the Vice Chancellor of the Manav Rachna University. Dr R S Khanna, represented the PHDCCI. Quiz, skit, poster and food photography competitions were held as part of the celebrations.

Interactive Session on Global Economy, Fund Raising, Investment & Tax



Ms. Babeeta Sharma, Secretary, BFSI Committee, PHDCCI; Mr. Jyoti Prakash Gadia, Managing Director, Resurgent India; Mr. Vinod Jain, Chairman, INMACS Group & Chairman, BFSI Committee, PHDCCI; Mr. Paul Wan, Vice Chairman, Morison KSi, Partner, Paul Wan & Co, Chartered Accountants, Singapore; Mr. D K Aggarwal, President, PHDCCI; Mr. R K Mehra, Partner, Mehra Goel & Co, CA and Mr. Vaibhav Jain, Partner, Mehra Goel & Co, CA

The BFSI Committee of PHD Chamber organized an interactive session on “Global Economy, Fund Raising, Investment & Tax” on October 18, 2019 at PHD House, New Delhi. The objective of this interactive session was to apprise Indian Industry about the Global Economic outlook and role of India in current business environment, mechanism of fund raising for MSMEs and SMEs and impact of new tax reforms on businesses.

Dr D K Aggarwal, President, PHD Chamber in his welcome remarks pointed out that MSMEs and SMEs are the backbone of the Indian economy. He opined that the business environment is hostile these days but India’s external sector has exhibited resilience and viability. The Indian economy remains a

preferred habitat for FDI. He applauded the initiatives taken by the Reserve Bank of India of reducing the repo rates, big ticket economic reforms announced by Hon’ble Finance Minister and implementation of GST with pledge of “One Nation One Tax”.

Mr. Paul Wan, Vice Chairman, Morison KSi, Partner, Paul Wan & Co, Chartered Accountants, Singapore emphasized on doing business globally and role of Singapore. He pointed out the key areas in which Singapore has the competitive advantage which were Singapore as a global holding company and outbound investments from India via Singapore and also inbound investments to India via Singapore.

Mr. Jyoti Prakash Gadia, Managing Director, Resurgent India and Member PHD

Chamber explained how MSMEs are the growth drivers for the Indian economy and how digitalization effectively increases the productivity of MSMEs.

Mr. Vinod Jain, Chairman, INMACS Group and Chairman, BFSI Committee, PHD Chamber discussed the Tax Incentive Scheme & Business Growth Plan especially for the manufacturing sector and other Corporates.

Mr. Vaibhav Jain, Partner, Mehra Goel & Co, CA, talked about Sabka Vishwas (Legacy Dispute Resolution) Scheme, 2019. Mr. R K Mehra, Partner, Mehra Goel & Co, CA was the other eminent speaker at the dais.

Ms. Babita Sharma, Secretary, BFSI Committee delivered the vote-of-thanks to the guests.



Interactive Session with the Delegation from Uzbekistan



Mr. Bakhtiyor Maksidov, Deputy Governor of Bukhara City; Mr. Temur Davletov, Deputy Governor of Khorezm; Mr. Batir Nurullaev, Deputy Governor of Samarkand felicitating Dr D.K. Agarwal, President, PHDCCI. Also present Mr. Sandeep Marwah, President, Marwah Studios Complex



The International Affairs Committee for Eurasia, PHD Chamber organized an interactive session with delegation from Uzbekistan on October 23, 2019 at PHD House, New Delhi.

The delegation was jointly led by Mr. Batir Nurullaev, Hon'ble Deputy Governor of Samarkand; Mr. Bakhtiyor Maksidov, Hon'ble Deputy Governor of Bukhara City and Mr. Temur Davletov, Hon'ble Deputy Governor of Khorezm. They were accompanied by officials from the local Chamber of Commerce, government

representatives from the departments of Tourism, Economy & Industry and the Embassy of Uzbekistan in New Delhi.

Dr D.K. Agarwal, President, PHDCCI stated that India has shared cordial diplomatic relations and a fruitful bilateral trade with Uzbekistan in the past and with a focused and sector-specific approach, the Indian industry should strive towards enhancing its business cooperation with companies in Uzbekistan through effective joint ventures & technological transfers.

India is one of the major investment partners for Uzbekistan and with a great potential in foreign investment, Uzbekistan is coming up as an important market globally. The Chamber in its continuing efforts of strengthening ties with CIS region and particularly Uzbekistan organized this session with a high level multi-sectoral delegation. The session was attended by professionals from various sectors like healthcare, pharmaceuticals, energy, tourism, communication, engineering, textiles, IT, amongst others.



Delegation from Uzbekistan and Dr D.K. Agarwal, President, PHDCCI with the International Affairs Committee for Eurasia, PHD Chamber

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Ins & Outs



Mr. Karan Gilhotra, Co-chairman, Punjab State Chapter, PHDCCI, Mr. Sanjay Tandon, State President, Bharatiya Janta Party, Chandigarh, Mr. V P Singh Badnore, Hon'ble, Governor of Punjab & Administrator of U.T. Chandigarh, Dr Ashok Khanna, Former President, PHDCCI and Mr. Madhu Sudan Vij, Co-chairman, Chandigarh Chapter, PHDCCI at the inauguration of Ins & Outs

The Chandigarh Chapter of PHD Chamber organized the 7th edition of Mega Show on Interiors, Exteriors & Architecture - Ins & Outs from September 13 - 15, 2019 at Parade Ground, Sector 17, Chandigarh in association with Indian Institute of Architects and Indian Plumbing Association. NSIC, Punjab Energy Development Agency and CREST were the supporting partners of the Show.

Ins & Outs previously titled as Archibuild, is PHDCCI's annual Exhibition-cum-Conference to highlight the investment opportunities available in the construction sector and provides a perfect platform to Developers and Building Material Suppliers, Manufacturers and Service Providers to showcase their products & innovations for construction, architecture and building design eco-system.

This year's edition of Ins & Outs - The 7th Archibuild Show 2019 focused on the sustainability theme. Hence, Solartech 2019 was positioned as spotlight of this mega event and a special pavilion - Solartech was dedicated to Solar Industry, Energy Efficient and Green Buildings.

Mr. V P Singh Badnore, Hon'ble Governor of Punjab & Administrator of U. T. Chandigarh inaugurated the Show. The 3-day Show included exhibition, conferences and skilling workshops.

The Solar Expo highlighted the opportunities and challenges in the Solar Energy sector, future solar procurement plans of states and discussed new technology options to upscale Solar installations in residential, industrial and commercial sectors.



Hon'ble Governor taking a round of the Expo

Exhibitors from known houses namely, Hartek Power, Saatvik Green, Giga Solar, Intersolar Systems, Sunreforms, Synergy Solar, Multioverseas India, Havells Solar, Punjab Energy Development Agency (PEDA) and CREST participated in the Solartech 2019. Over 30,000 people visited the Show in 3 days. Apart from

end-users, large number of architects, interior designers, real estate developers, renewable energy & clean technology experts, solar equipment manufacturers, solar energy service providers, energy efficient products and appliance manufacturers, educational institutes and industry members visited the Show.



Conference on Solar Energy for a Sustainable Future



Dr Ranjeet Mehta, Principal Secretary, PHD Chamber; Mr. Simarpreet Singh, Chairman, Regional Committee on Power and Renewable Energy, PHD Chamber; Mr. MP Singh, General Manager, Punjab Energy Development Agency; Mr. R.S Sachdeva, Chairman, Punjab State Chapter, PHD Chamber, Chandigarh; Mr. Mohinder Singh Mianwal, Energy and Environment Strategist, Chandigarh; Mr. Ravinder Singh, Project Director, Chandigarh Renewal Energy and Science & Technology Promotion Society (CREST) and Mr. Karan Gilhotra, Co-chairman, Punjab State Chapter, PHD Chamber

PHD Chamber's Regional Committee on Power and Renewable Energy to promote both grid connected and rooftop solar power organized a conference on Solar Energy for a Sustainable Future on September 13, 2019 at Parade Ground, Chandigarh as part of the 7th edition of Archibuild, now branded as Ins & Outs.

Dr Ranjeet Mehta, Principal Director, PHD Chamber mentioned that the event was organized to showcase the latest innovation techniques in the wake of possible changing trends of future.

Mr. R S Sachdeva, Chairman, Punjab State Chapter, PHD Chamber in his welcome address said that according to a latest report by the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, India's cumulative rooftop solar installation needs to grow 10-fold in order to achieve the 40 gigawatt capacity target by 2022.

Mr. M P Singh, General Manager, Punjab Energy Development Agency (PEDA) said that energy conservation is one of the key areas in which the State Government continues to encourage the consumers for its usage. He further stated that the State is highly blessed with the climatic condition throughout the year which gives a reason for its people to cash on it.

Mr. Ravinder Singh, Project Director, Chandigarh Renewal Energy and Science & Technology Promotion Society (CREST) while deliberating on Regulatory Framework and Policy Initiatives, informed delegates that the government to encourage the Solar Movement has raised the subsidy amount from 30 per cent to 40 per cent for rooftop solar plants up to



Technical Session I : Mr. Piyush Kumar Arora, Deputy Manager (Technical Services) Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Limited; Mr. Vikram Hans, MD, Multioverseas India ; Dr Mahesh Patankar, Founder & Managing Director(chairing the session), MP Ensystems, Mumbai; Mr. Vinod Ravi, DGM, Havells Solar; Mr. J S Auja, Chief General Manager (Technical), Energy Efficiency Services Ltd. and Dr Jatinder Kaur, Professor, GZS School of Architecture and Planning



Technical Session II : Ms. Madhu Pillai, Regional Director, PHD Chamber; Mr. Manik Garg, Director, Saatvik Green; Mr. Diwaker Rajput, Regional Development Manager, ABB India; Mr. Amit Thussu, CEO, Solar Compare, (chairing the session) New Delhi; Mr. MP Singh, General Manager, PEDA; Mr. Divanshu Gupta, Business Development Manager, Hartek Solar and Ms. Tarlochan Kaur, Professor & Chairperson, Centre for Energy Studies, Punjab Engineering College

3 kWp capacity. The subsidy amount has been fixed at 20 per cent for 4 kWp to 10 kWp solar plants.

Mr. Mohinder Singh Mianwal, Energy and Environment Strategist, Chandigarh said that switching to solar energy is the need of the hour. Maintenance and upkeep of the solar unit is as important as its installation.

Mr. Simarpreet Singh, Chairman, Regional Committee on Power and Renewable Energy, PHD Chamber stated the country has set an ambitious target of installing 175 GW of renewable energy capacity by the year 2022.

Mr. Karan Gilhotra, Co-chairman, Punjab State Chapter, PHD Chamber delivered the vote-of-thanks on the occasion.

Conference on Construction Eco-System



Mr. VP Singh Badnore, Hon'ble, Governor of Punjab & Administrator of U.T. Chandigarh (Standing); Dr Ranjeet Mehta, Principal Director, PHD Chamber, Ar Manmohan Khanna, Chairman, Indian Institute of Architects, Chandigarh Chapter, Mr. Sanjay Tandon, State President, Bharatiya Janta Party, Chandigarh, Mr. R S Sachdeva, Chairman Chandigarh Chapter, Mr. Karan Gilhotra, Co-chairman, Punjab State Chapter and Mr. Madhu Sudan Vij, Co- chairman, Chandigarh Chapter PHDCCI, Ar. Surinder Bahga, Associate Partner Sakaar Foundation and Mr. Sahil Kansal, Chairman, Indian Plumbing Association

During the Ins & Outs Show, a one-day conference for construction eco system was held on September 14, 2019 at Chandigarh.

Speaking at the inaugural session, Mr. V P Singh Badnore, Hon'ble Governor of Punjab & Administrator of U. T. Chandigarh said, "We should take pride in our city which is designed on French pattern by a Swiss-French Architect Le Corbusier". He apprised that Chandigarh was declared a World Heritage by UNESCO in 2016, so it is counted as one of the most beautiful cities in the world. He further informed that the state government was working on solutions pertaining to traffic, parking and living without tempering the originality and beautification of the city's identity.

Guest of Honour, Mr. Sanjay Tandon, State President, BJP shared experience of his recent visit to China, a part of an industry delegation. He said that there is a lot of learning within the two nations to strengthen the construction sector. He emphasized the need for water conservation and construction in accordance to climate change for better living for future generations.

Ar Manmohan Khanna, Chairman, Indian Institute of Architects (IIA), Chandigarh Chapter encouraged all architects to take the responsibility to



Presenting Memento to Governor : Mr. R S Sachdeva, Chairman Chandigarh Chapter and Mr. Madhu Sudan Vij, Co-chairman, Chandigarh Chapter PHDCCI, Mr. VP Singh Badnore, Hon'ble, Governor of Punjab & Administrator, Chandigarh, and Mr. Karan Gilhotra, Co-chairman, Punjab Chapter, PHDCCI

design and strengthen construction industry by making dwelling residents friendly.

Dr Ranjeet Mehta, Principal Director, PHD Chamber said that as construction sector is the largest consumer of raw materials, therefore, even a small improvement in productivity with adoption of innovative technologies and materials will have a major impact on the economy.

Eminent speakers included Ar Kapil Setia, Chief Architect, Chandigarh Administration; Ar AGK Menon, Advisor, Co-Founder, Professor, A.G.K Menon Associates; Mr. Ashish Mohan

Wig, Chairman, Road, Ports & Other Infrastructure Committee, PHD Chamber; Ar Vikram Lall, Principal, Lall Associates; Mr. Vijayaraj Shisodya, Director, Farmland Rainwater Harvesting System; Ar Kavita Murugkar, Architect, Academician, Universal Accessibility - Inclusive Design and Heritage Consultant; Ar Savneet Kaur, Chief Architect, Imarat Architects MYK; Mr. Danish Goyal, Assistant General Manager, Madhav Alloys Pvt Ltd and Ms. Shivani Sharma, Manager Specification, MYK Laticrete India Pvt Ltd. spoke on Architectural Sustainability - Innovation for Sustainable Future and Technologies for Progressive Architecture.

Advance Certification Workshop for Plumbers

An advance level workshop for plumbers was organized during the Show in association with Indian Plumbing Skill Council (IPSC), September 13-14, 2019. A total of 25 plumbers were certified through this workshop.

A Level 3 workshop program was organized under National Skills Qualification Framework (NSQF) which

qualifies candidates according to their current level of knowledge, skills and aptitude. These levels are defined in terms of learning outcomes which the learner must possess regardless of whether they have acquired through formal, non-formal or informal learning. The workshop included orientation, training on functional skills related to Plumbing, Health & Safety

and Soft Skills, final assessment and certification. The certification makes candidates eligible for overseas jobs, placement opportunities via IPSC's placement cell, increased productivity and standards leading to higher income prospects, access to loans via mudra, nirvana and other funds.



Master Class on Careers in Augmented / Virtual Reality (AR/VR)

PHD Chamber organized a Master Class on 'Careers in Augmented/ Virtual Reality' on October 18, 2019 at PHD House, Chandigarh.

The Master Class was conceptualised considering lack of qualified manpower in Augmented and Virtual Reality on one hand and growing significance and applications of AR/VR in various industries. PHD Chamber provided a platform for AR/VR experts to directly interact with students of Engineering, IT, Media, Gaming and Graphics, Management and suggested various career opportunities available in the sector and motivated them to take up careers in AR/ VR.

Ms. Madhu Pillai, Regional Director, PHD Chamber in her welcome address, spoke about the endeavour of PHD Chamber to sensitise the industry about latest technologies and facilitate their adoption. AR/VR offers new and lucrative career opportunities for students with good IT skills and creative bent of mind.



Ms. Madhu Pillai, Regional Director, PHD Chamber; Mr. Avneet Singh, Director & Co Founder, VR Xpert and Mr. Narendra Chaudhary, Field Engineer, Unity Technologies

Mr. Narendra Chaudhary, Field Engineer, Unity Technologies gave a detailed description of the application of AR/VR in various industries by showing videos and the likely developments in the sector in the near future.

Mr. Avneet Singh, Director & Co Founder of VR Xpert, gave details about how AR-VR is used to provide solutions

to companies from various sectors. He briefed about how his start-up has worked on safety and security simulations which eventually helped many factories save lives of their employees.

About 100 students along with their faculty members from various Higher Educational Institutions from Chandigarh participated in the workshop.

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6th Regional Quality Conclave on Creating and Sustaining a Quality Culture

Quality Council of India (QCI) and PHD Chamber jointly organized the 6th Regional Quality Conclave on the theme “Creating and Sustaining a Quality Culture” on August 30, 2019 at Hotel Le Lac Sarovar Portico, Ranchi.

The objective of this Conclave was to create awareness about the significance of quality culture in businesses, deliberate on how organizations can continuously improve and innovate and share the technological advancement like Industry 4.0 and predictive maintenance.

Mr. M K Saxena, Chairman-cum-Managing Director, HEC Ltd was the Chief Guest of the Conclave while Mr. Deo Shanker, Asst Director General, UIDAI was the Guest of Honour. The welcome address was delivered by Mr C.K. Biswas, CEO, National Board for Quality Promotion, QCI.

Four thematic sessions were crafted to sensitize industry on the nuances of crating the culture of Quality, which included:

“Quality Culture to Enhance Performance”

The session was moderated by Dr Manish Kumar Jindal, CEO, National Accreditation Board for Education and Training, QCI. Mr. Pankaj Rai, CEO, Quality Austria Central Asia and Mr. Srikanth R, Joint Director, National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories were the speakers for the session.

“Continuous Improvement and Innovation Management”

Speakers included Ms. Kamakshi Raman, Executive Director, SAIL; Prof (Dr) Raman Kr Jha, Vice Chancellor, Amity University, Ranchi; Mr. Sundeep Sinha, DGM, HRD, MECON Ltd and Mr. Rajesh Sharma, AGM, Quality Assurance, PVUN Ltd.

“Achieving Zero Downtime – Enabling Predictive Maintenance for Prescriptive Maintenance”

Speakers included Mr. Anand Akhori, Founder, Experience Zone; Mr. Piyush Ranjan, Registrar, Jharkhand Rai University and Mr. Manish Kumar, Regional Head, ICICI Bank.

“Emerging Trends in Industry 4.0”

Speakers included Prof Jaimala Jindal, Associate Professor, PEC University of Technology; Mr. Sanjeev Bajaj, Industry



Mr. M K Saxena, Chairman-cum-Managing Director, HEC Ltd; Mr. C K Biswas, CEO, National Board for Quality Promotion, QCI and Mr. Deo Shanker, Assistant Director General, UIDAI



Dr Jatinder Singh, Director, PHDCCI; Mr Sundeep Sinha, DGM, HRD, MECON Ltd; Prof (Dr) Raman Kr Jha, Vice Chancellor, Amity University, Ranchi; Ms. Kamakshi Raman, Executive Director, SAIL and Mr. Rajesh Sharma, AGM, Quality Assurance, PVUN Ltd

Relations, Sarla Birla University; Prof S. K. Singh, Director, RKDF, University Ranchi, EX GM HRD, Central Coal Fields Ltd and Dr Jatinder Singh, Director, PHDCCI.

The speakers deliberated on New-age organizations that are adopting a new approach of quality culture, which moves beyond the traditional ‘Total Quality Management’ tools. Businesses can create Role Models that ‘Showcase’ quality in all their actions. Continuous Quality improvements consist of incremental initiatives and innovations to achieve best practices. In an organization with a quality culture, quality is deeply embedded virtually in every aspect of organizational life, wherein employees not only follow Quality Guidelines, but also consistently guide others taking quality-focused actions. Successfully managing the ongoing change and building innovation culture in an organization requires extensive preparation and careful execution. In this paradigm, employee development and talent management are important determinants for cultivating a



Mr. C.K. Biswas, CEO, National Board for Quality Promotion, QCI delivering the welcome address

culture where ideas are encouraged for thriving innovation. Innovation and change occurs when collaboration with peers happen. Innovation requires some level of change from external triggers like customer needs or expectations, new technology, societal change and regulation change. The conclave was attended by over 150 delegates from various industrial sectors including Ranchi and nearby regions.



Promoting and Empowering Entrepreneurship among Local Craft Entrepreneurs, Traditional Artisans & Craftsmen and MSMEs, and harnessing untapped potential of various Geographical Indications of Manipur

PHD Chamber organized a conclave in association with the Mission for Economic Empowerment of Traditional Artisans and Craftsmen (MEETAC), an autonomous body under the Department of Commerce and Industries, Govt. of Manipur on October 10, 2019 at Hotel Classic Grande, Imphal (Manipur) for establishing new business enterprises and availing various Government Schemes like Start-up India, Stand-up India GeM, GI and Marketing etc.

The Hon'ble Governor of Manipur Dr Najma Heptulla was the Chief Guest for the occasion. The Hon'ble Governor said that Manipur Government had established MEETAC in 2018 with an aim to revive the fortunes of artisans by developing entrepreneurial competencies in them. The Mission concentrates on product development and marketing to capture the needs of the younger generation and link them with high-end markets with a special focus on exports. The Governor lauded the efforts of PHD Chamber for organizing this important event and mentioned that PHD Chamber has joined hands with MEETAC to promote entrepreneurship in the State. She expressed optimism that MEETAC with PHDCCI would be in position to make a long lasting impact on the economy of the State, the craft sector in particular.

Th. Biswajit Singh, Minister for Textiles, Commerce and Industries, Govt. of Manipur appreciated PHD Chamber for holding the programme in Manipur for the benefit of artisans and craftsmen and said that the Government e-Marketplace was another significant initiative of the Government which would benefit a large number of MSMEs and craftsmen of Manipur. The Minister further stated that the handicrafts sector has got ample opportunities to show its strength in Manipur.

The event was steered by Dr H.P. Kumar, Advisor PHDCCI and Ex CMD, NSIC who interacted with the participants to guide them for setting up new business enterprises and apprised them about



Mr. Th. Biswajit Singh, Hon'ble Minister of Commerce & Industries, Manipur; Dr Najma Heptulla, Hon'ble Governor of Manipur; Dr D. K. Aggarwal, President, PHDCCI and Mr Sanjay Joseph, Deputy CEO, GeM



Dr D. K. Aggarwal, President, PHDCCI addressing the Conclave

the Government policies and schemes. Three technical sessions were held on support under Start-up India and Stand-up India, boarding of traditional craftsmen on government e-marketplace and Geographical Indications registration of crafts and quality control.

The conclave was attended by Mr. Anurag Bajpai, CEO (MEETAC); Mr. Sanjay Joseph, Deputy CEO (Government E-Marketplace); officials from Ministry of MSME, SIDBI, Bank of Baroda; Quality Council of India; National Institute of Design, Ahmedabad and Mr. Biswajit Sarkar, Founder of Biswajit Sarkar & Associates, an expert in Geographical Indications.

India's North Eastern Region is among the most endowed states in terms of natural resources, including several critical minerals that it possesses. NER's locational advantage provides a backdrop to its development as a base for co-operation not only with the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) but also with neighbouring countries such as Bangladesh, Bhutan, and Nepal.



National Seminar on Foreign Trade and EXIM Policy



Mr. Bibhuti Dutta, Member, PHD Chamber; Mr. Himraj Das, Executive Officer, PHD Chamber NER; Mr. Kaushik Chowdhary, Executive Officer, PHD Chamber NER; Mr. Gautam Sarma, Co-Chairman, PHD Chamber NER; Mr. Manish Agarwalla, Co-chairman, PHD Chamber NER; Mr. M. Sreenivasulu, Director, MSME-DI, Guwahati; Prof. Jagdish Mukhi, Hon'ble Governor of Assam; Mr. S. K. Dutta, Renowned Media Political Commentator on Govt. of India Issues & Foreign Policy and Economic Issues; Mr. Sunil Kr. Saikia, Director, Guwahati Commerce College Centre of Management Studies; Mr. Bhaskar J Gogoi, Co-chairman, NER and Mr. S. K. Hazarika, Dy. Resident Director, NER, PHD Chamber

The National Seminar on Foreign Trade and Exim Policy was organized on September 11, 2019 at Hotel Vivanta by Taj, Guwahati by the MSME-Development Institute, Guwahati in association with PHD Chamber with Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) as its banking partner. The Chief Guest of the event was the Hon'ble Governor of Assam, Prof. Jagdish Mukhi.

Mr. Gautam Sarma, Co-chairman, PHDCCI NER thanked MSME-DI for their role in uplifting and developing the MSME sector in the state, region and the country.

Mr. M. Sreenivasulu, Director, MSME-DI, Guwahati, briefed about the work and objectives of the MSME Development Institute. He stated that tea is the major export sector in the North Eastern region of the country and MSME-DI has opened up an Export Facilitation Cell, which is working towards increasing exports from other sectors of the region.

Dr S. K. Dutta, Renowned Media Political Commentator on Govt. of India Issues & Foreign Policy and Economic Issues stated the North East is the fulcrum of India in relation to East Asia, South-East Asia and the Indo-Pacific region. He stated

the government's initiative to boost up North Eastern industries and markets will help directly in increasing exports from the region.

In his address, Dr Sunil Kr Saikia, Director, Guwahati Commerce College Centre of Management Studies stated that our entrepreneurs need to be properly guided to be able to absorb in the export-import business.

In his inaugural address, Prof. Jagdish Mukhi, Hon'ble Governor of Assam, commended the work done by the MSME-DI Guwahati and PHD Chamber for organising the seminar with an impressive participation from the entrepreneurs. He also stated that the importance of the program has been enhanced in the context of Govt. of India's Act East Policy and emergence of Guwahati as the gateway to the South-East Asian Countries. He also gave a description on the importable and exportable items from the state of Assam. He stated that seminars of this kind will help motivate entrepreneurs to increase exports in the the country.

Mr. Bhaskar J Gogoi, Co-chairman, PHDCCI NER delivered the formal vote-of-thanks to the guests.

Bill to provide social security to workers introduced in Lok Sabha

The government tabled the much-awaited social security code in the Lok Sabha on December 11, 2019, which, among other things, seeks to empower the Centre to provide social security to workers employed in the gig economy. The Bill, tabled by Mr. Santosh Gangwar, Labour Minister has a provision for differential rates of employees' contribution to their provident fund for a specified period, for a certain class of employees. This code, which would subsume nine central labour Acts, seeks to make Aadhaar mandatory for availing of benefits under various social security schemes. It has an enabling provision to empower the Centre to set up funds for providing social security to gig, platform, and unorganized workers. Gig workers are usually spoken of in the context of the sharing economy, such as Uber, Ola drivers, and delivery persons for Zomato and Swiggy.



Meeting with Manipur Chamber of Commerce and Industries

The MSME team of PHD Chamber led by President Dr D K Aggarwal, during their visit to Manipur met with President and officials of Manipur Chamber of Commerce and Industries on October 9, 2019 at Hotel Classic Grande, Imphal. The

meeting was also attended by Dr Lorho S. Pfoze, Member of Parliament, Manipur to discuss about the possibilities of collaboration between the two Chambers for the benefit of the MSME sector in Manipur. Dr D K Aggarwal suggested

MCCI to become a member of PHDCCI as an Association member. Both sides agreed to work together for the promotion of business enterprises especially MSMEs and Start-ups.

Workshop on Good Pharmacy Practice-Training for Retail / Community

PHD Chamber with the support of Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers, organized a workshop on 'Good Pharmacy Practice' (GPP) on August 30, 2019 at Hotel Radisson Blu, Amritsar, Punjab. The key objective of the workshop was to provide training to Community & Retail Pharmacists for improving standards and practice of distribution and use of medicines.

Mr. Karun Sachdev, Zonal Licensing Authority, Food Safety & Drug Administration, Govt. of Punjab was the Chief Guest for the workshop. Other eminent dignitaries present were Mr. Amarpal Singh, Drug Control officer, Govt. of Punjab; Mr. Raj Pal Khullar, President, Punjab State Pharmacy Council; Mr. Surinder Duggal, President, Punjab Chemist Association & Vice President, North Zone, All India Organisation of Chemist & Druggist (AIOCD); Prof. Preet Mohinder Singh Bedi, Head, Department of Pharmacy, Gurunanak Dev University, Amritsar; Dr Rahul Arora, Secretary, Indian Medical Association Amritsar; Dr Nitish Bhatia, Associate Professor, Khalsa College of Pharmacy, Amritsar and Mr.



Mr. Surinder Duggal, President, Punjab Chemist Association & Vice President, North Zone, All India Organisation of Chemist & Druggist; Dr Ravi Rathod, Deputy Secretary, PHD Chamber; Mr. Karun Sachdev, Zonal Licensing Authority, Food Safety & Drug Administration, Govt. of Punjab; Mr. Raj Pal Khullar, President, Punjab State Pharmacy Council; Prof. Preet Mohinder Singh Bedi, Head, Department of Pharmacy, Gurunanak Dev University, Amritsar; Dr Rahul Arora, Secretary, Indian Medical Association, Amritsar and Mr. Jasdeep Singh Makkar, Executive officer, PHD Chamber

Sanjeev Bhatia, President, Amritsar Retail Chemist Association.

Chief Guest, Mr. Karun Sachdev, Zonal Licensing Authority, Govt of Punjab said that Pharmacy is a noble profession and explained about the role of pharmacist who is a bridge between the doctor and the patient. Mr. Sachdev urged all chemists

and druggists to regularly update their knowledge about the new medicines, their interactions and the regulations.

Prof. Preet Mohinder Singh Bedi, Head, Department of Pharmacy, Gurunanak Dev University, Amritsar conducted a detailed training session on Good Pharmacy Practice for the delegates.



Memory Management Skills

The Punjab State Chapter of PHD Chamber organized a workshop on 'Memory Management Skills' on October 11, 2019 at DCM Presidency School, Ludhiana. The objective of this workshop was to take the Students through a set of mind blowing memory demonstrations and understand the process of memory.

Mr. Anant Kasibhatla, International Speaker and Author (Memory Vision), Limca Book Record Holder highlighted on the vital aspect of memory stating that memory is more than recalling information for exams. He opined that it's an important work skill that students can develop and improve. He further elaborated that mostly students are unaware of the ancient and logical techniques that boost the memory power. These techniques are not difficult to understand but require constant practice. These techniques are practiced continuously so that they



Mr. Anant Kasibhatla, International Speaker and Author (Memory Vision), Limca Book Record Holder addressing the Students

can become an inseparable part of learning. These techniques increase the abilities exceptionally. To start with, these techniques apprise students about some of the basic memory techniques used in high schools. Slowly, they head towards

the advanced techniques.

Principal, Ms. Rajni Kalra thanked PHD Chamber for conducting the session and also for facilitating student interaction which contributes towards progress of the student community.

7th Regional Quality Conclave on Gaining Competitive Edge Through best Quality Practices



Dr Jatinder Singh, Director PHDCCI; Mr. Sunil Kumar, Joint Commissioner, Directorate of Industries, (ODOP), Govt. of Uttar Pradesh; Ms. Kalpana Awasthi, Principal Secretary, Forests and Environment, Govt. of Uttar Pradesh; Shri Siddharth Nath Singh, Hon'ble Minister, MSME, Khadi & Village Industry, Textiles & NRI Department, Uttar Pradesh; Mr. CK Biswas, CEO, National Board for Quality Promotion, QCI; Mr. Gaurav Prakash, Co-chairman, PHDCCI Uttar Pradesh State Chapter and Ms. Anuradha Goel Resident Director, PHDCCI Uttar Pradesh Chapter

Quality Council of India (QCI) and PHD Chamber organized the Regional Quality Conclave on the theme Gaining Competitive Edge Through best Quality Practices on September 26, 2019 at Hotel Hilton Garden Inn, Lucknow.

Mr. C K Biswas, CEO, National Board for Quality Promotion, QCI delivered the welcome address. Chief Guest for the conclave was Mr. Siddharth Nath Singh, Hon'ble Minister, MSME, Khadi & Village Industry, Textiles & NRI Department, Govt. of Uttar Pradesh while the Guest of Honor was Ms. Kalpana Awasthi, Principal Secretary, Forests and Environment, Govt. of Uttar Pradesh. The Special address was given by Mr. Sunil Kumar, Joint Commissioner, Directorate of Industries, (ODOP), Govt. of Uttar Pradesh. Ms Anuradha Goel, Resident Director, PHDCCI UP Chapter delivered the vote-of-thanks to the guests.

The Conclave had four technical sessions on 'Adopting & Maintaining a Role Model Quality Culture', 'Enhancing Skills for a New Quality Paradigm', 'Innovation & Change Management' and 'Automation & Digitalization'.

Speakers of the session - Adopting & Maintaining a Role Model Quality Culture included Dr. R P Trivedi, GM – HRD & Admin, CP Group of Companies; Dr Anil K Srivastava, Director – IASQM; Mr. Ankit Kumar, Director, Arch- En Design Mentor and Mr. Rakesh Misri, Tata Motors, Lucknow.



Dr Jatinder Singh, Director, PHDCCI; Mr Rakesh Misri, DGM, Tata Motors, Lucknow; Dr. Anil K Srivastava, Director – IASQM; Mr. Ankit Kumar, Director, Arch- En Design Mentor and Dr. R P Trivedi, GM – HRD & Admin, C.P. Group of Companies

Speakers of the session - Enhancing Skills for a New Quality Paradigm included Dr Jatinder Singh, Director PHDCCI; Mr. Kirti Kumar Pant, General Manager, UPTEC Computer Consultancy Ltd, Lucknow; Mr. Atul Srivastava, General Manager, Union Bank of India; Mr. R K Sharma, Professor, Institute of Hotel Management, Lucknow; Mr. Pankaj Shukla, Joint Director, NIELIT, Lucknow; Prof.(Dr) Bhavesh Kumar Chauhan, Director BBDNITM & Prof. Bhaskar Pandey, President (Institutional Innovation Council), BBDNITM.

Speakers of the session - Innovation & Change Management included Mr. Sandeep Kumar Lamba, AGM – QA, Radico Khaitan Ltd, Rampur; Ms. Shashi Rana, Chief Consultant, Patent Minder, IP Associates; Mr. Milind Raj, Director, Monda Tech (India) and Mr. Amit Iqbal Srivastava, Founder & CEO, Anuna Education Network Pvt Ltd.

Speakers of the session - Automation & Digitalization included Mr. Jayant Krishna, Senior Fellow, Center for Strategic & International Studies, Washington DC & Ex Director, Wadhvani Foundation, USA; Mr. Avanindra Gautam, DGM-TS, NTPC, Lucknow; Mr. Venkateswar Chaubey, Industrial Automation-ESP, Larsen & Toubro Limited; Mr. Raj Kishor Behera, IOCL and Mr. Deependra Kumar, EO(RA), Kanpur DO, IOCL.

It was a great opportunity for the delegates from the region to understand the significance of Quality Culture for competitiveness, steps in creating a quality and culture of innovation in their organizations, introduction to smart manufacturing through Industry 4.0 principles, benefits of adopting Industry 4.0 and how zero downtime can help enhance productivity in organizations.



59th National Inter State Seniors Athletics Championships 2019

The Uttar Pradesh Chapter of PHD Chamber in association with UP Athletics Association and under the auspices of Athletics Federation of India successfully organized the 59th National Inter State Seniors Athletics Championships 2019 on August 27 -30, 2019 at PAC Athletics Stadium, Mahanagar, Lucknow.

The four-day championship was contested in Track and Field Sports by around 700 National & International athletes from different States and Union Territories of India as well as from countries like Maldives, Iran & Sri Lanka. It included 22 events in both groups and one common event, Mixed Relay, which was introduced in the year 2018 (total 45 events). These National Championships was the stage on which the National/ International athletes had the last chance to prove their worth and get selected to the Athletics Team to take part in "IAAF World Athletics Championships Doha 2019" held from September 27 to October 6, 2019 in Doha.

The Chief Guest for the Opening Ceremony on August 27, 2019 was Mr. Swatantra Dev Singh, State President, BJP, UP. He was accompanied by Guests of Honour, Mr. Chetan Chauhan, Hon'ble Minister, Soldier Welfare, Home Guards, UP; Dr. Brajesh Pathak, Hon'ble Minister Law & Justice, UP and Ms. Swati Singh, Hon'ble Minister, Women & Child Welfare, UP. Also present were Mr. Mukesh Bahadur Singh, Converner of these Championships and Co-chairman, UP State Chapter, PHDCCI; Mr. Gaurav Prakash, Co-chairman, UP State Chapter, PHDCCI; Mr. Yogesh Srivastav, Principal Director, PHDCCI; Ms. Anuradha Goel, Resident Director, UP State Chapter, PHDCCI and other officials from UPA & AFI.

Dr. Brajesh Pathak, Hon'ble Minister Law & Justice, stated that he will ensure that the best facilities from the State Government would be provided to all the athletes present.

Dr. Lalit Khaitan, CMD, Radico Khaitan Ltd and Chairman, UP State Chapter, PHDCCI in his welcome address stated that Sports, today, has become a multi-billion dollar global industry – one that generates investment in facilities (from sports stadia to broadcasting networks), employs millions of people around the world and entertains many more. He



Mr. Mukesh B. Singh, Co- chairman Uttar Pradesh, Chapter, PHD Chamber; Ms. Swati Singh, Hon'ble Minister(Independent Charge), Women Welfare, Child Development and Nutrition, Govt. of UP; Mr. Gaurav Prakash, Co-chairman, Uttar Pradesh, Chapter, PHD Chamber; Mr. Swatantra Dev Singh, Hon'ble President, BJP, UP; Mr. Brajesh Pathak, Hon'ble Minister, Law and Justice, Additional Energy Resources and Political Pension, Govt. of UP; Mr. Chetan Chauhan, Hon'ble Minister, Soldier Welfare, Home Guards, Prantiya Rakshak Dal and Civil Defence, Govt. of UP; Mr. Yogesh Srivastava, Principal Director, PHD Chamber and Col. A K Jha, UPA



Closing Ceremony

Mr. Vinod Kumar Singh (IPS), Additional Director General, PAC 35 Battalion; Mr. Gaurav Prakash, Co-chairman, PHD Chamber; Mr. Mahendra Modi (IPS), Director General, Special Enquiry; Dr. Mahendra Singh, Hon'ble Minister, Jal Shakti, UP; Dr. Lalit Khaitan, Chairman, PHD Chamber, Uttar Pradesh, Mr. Mukesh B. Singh, Co-chairman, PHD Chamber, UP and Mr. C K Valsan, Secretary, Athletics Federation of India

further expressed that both PHDCCI and Radico are committed towards the development of Sports in the State and in order to accomplish it, Radico Khaitan Ltd. will be adopting a few deserving athletes soon in the State.

On the first day, Ms. Paruln Choudhary won the first Gold Medal for Uttar Pradesh in 5000 Mtr. Race (Women) and Ms. Priyanka Goswami won Rajat Trophy in 20 Km brisk walking for Uttar Pradesh. Mr. Lakshman Govindan from Tamil Nadu won the Gold Medal in 5000 Mtr. Race (Men). Athletes from Kerala viz. Ms. Somya B in 20 Km brisk walking, Ms. Adhira Somraj in High Jump and Mr. Jason in Pole Vault won Gold Medals for their State. Ms. Archana

Suseendran in 200 Mtr. from Tamil Nadu and Ms. Manju Bala in Hammer Throw from Rajasthan won Gold Medals for their respective States.

The second day of the Championship saw a number of competitions which drew the interests of many spectators. A total of Eleven Victory Ceremonies took place on the second day, notable among them were 400 Mtr. hurdles (Men & Women), 800 Mtr. (Men & Women), 400 Mtr. and 200 Mtr. (Men).

The third day of the Championship again saw a number of interesting competitions which brought a lot of enthusiasm and zest to the Athletes as well as the spectators. A total of Eight Victory



Victory Ceremony : Mr. Mukesh B. Singh, , Co- Chairman, PHD Chamber; Mr. Vinod Kumar Singh (IPS), Additional Director General, PAC 35 Battalion; Dr. Lalit Khaitan, Chairman, PHD Chamber and Dr. Mahendra Singh, Hon'ble Minister, Jal Shakti,UP

Ceremonies took place on the third day, notable among them were Javelin throw (Women), Triple Jump, Pole Vault, Discuss Throw (Women), and Mixed Relay (Men & Women).

The 4th and the last day of the Championship saw some tremendous competitions that included Ms. Dutee Chand and Ms. Sudha Singh. 17 Award Ceremonies took place on the 4th day of events like 100 Mtr., 400 Mtr. & 100 Mtr. Relays, 3000 Mtr. Steeplechase, Shot Put, Javelin Throw, Hammer Throw, Long Jump, 100 Mtr. hurdles, etc.

The medal awards for all the ceremonies were given by eminent people from PHD Chamber and the Athletics Federation of India.

The Chief Guest for the Closing Ceremony on August 30, 2019 was Dr Mahendra Singh, Hon'ble Minister, Jal Shakti, UP accompanied by DG, Special Enquiry, Mr. Mahendra Modi and ADG PAC, Mr. Vinod K Singh and other dignitaries of AFI and UAAA. The Chief Guest praised PHDCCI to have hosted the Championship of such magnitude and importance successfully.

The National Athletics Championships were organized under the chairmanship of Dr Lalit Khaitan and convenership of Mr Mukesh Bahadur Singh. All the participating athletes, technical officials and sports volunteers were gifted T-Shirts by PHDCCI as a token of appreciation. The Title Sponsor for these Mega Championships was Radico Khaitan Ltd. and the same was co- powered by Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. The Championships were supported by other associate sponsors like A & A Infra Build Projects, Galaxy Sports, LMRC, SBI, IOCL and a few more.



Importance of Intellectual Property Rights in Entrepreneurship and Start-Ups



Speakers with delegates

PHD Chamber in association with Hindustan College of Science and Technology, Mathura organized a seminar on 'Importance of Intellectual Property Rights for Entrepreneurship and Start-ups' on November 4, 2019 at Hindustan College of Science & Technology, Mathura under the aegis of the Ministry of MSMEs. The objective of the seminar was to create awareness about the creation and protection of Intellectual Property Rights (IPRs) and sensitise the participants about their importance in entrepreneurship particularly the Start-ups. The programme also provided an opportunity to facilitate Academia- Industry interface.

Dr R.K. Upadhyay, (Director),

Hindustan College of Science & Technology, Mathura welcomed the Chief speaker, Dr H P Kumar, former Chairman, NSIC and Advisor, PHDCCI and other distinguished speakers including Mr. T R Sharma, Director, MSME-Development Institute Agra. Dr Kumar highlighted the importance of creating more and more IPRs to generate wealth in the country and briefed about the role of PHD Chamber and the Intellectual Property Rights Centre of the Chamber for facilitating IPR protection and raising awareness about intellectual property related laws among MSMEs. He mentioned that the main objective of the IPFC is to create IP culture in MSMEs and to promote innovation and creativity in MSMEs.

Mr. T R Sharma, Director, Hindustan College of Science & Technology, MSME-Development Institute Agra apprised about the Government's scheme of helping MSMEs in their IPR projects and stated that the Ministry is always helping the Industry Associations and other stakeholders in raising awareness on IPR related issues and they should take advantage of this and protect their Intellectual Property Rights.

Ms. Nishi Shabana, co-Founder Lume Legal and Mr. Gaurav Gogia, Senior Principal Associate, United IPR Patent Informatics were the resource persons for the seminar.



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Master Class on Careers in Augmented / Virtual Reality

PHD Chamber organized a Master Class on "Careers in Augmented/ Virtual Reality" on October 16, 2019 at PHD House, Jaipur.

Ms. Rachna Singh, Regional Director, PHD Chamber, in her welcome address, spoke about the endeavour of PHD Chamber to sensitise the industry about latest technologies and facilitate their adoption. AR/VR offers new and lucrative career opportunities for students with good IT skills and creative bends of mind.

Mr. Narendra Chaudhary, Field Engineer, Unity Technologies spoke on the application of AR/VR in various industries by showing various videos and the likely developments in the sector in the near future.



Ms. Rachna Singh, Regional Director, PHD Chamber; Mr. Narendra Chaudhary, Field Engineer, Unity Technologies and Mr. Aditya Tripathi, Joint Secretary, PHD Chamber

About 90 students along with their faculty members from various Higher Education Institutions from Jaipur

participated in the workshop. The Master Class was supported by Unity Technologies, a US based company.

Sustainable Himalayan Tourism Samman & Himalaya Expo 2019

The Uttarakhand Chapter of PHD Chamber organized the 2nd Sustainable Himalayan Tourism Samman & Himalaya Expo 2019 from September 7-9, 2019 at Hotel Madhuban, Deharadun. Uttarakhand Tourism Development Board (UTDB), Govt. of Uttarakhand collaborated with PHD Chamber along with ICIMOD as Global Partner – Hindukush, UNDP as Knowledge Partner, Times of India Foundation & world TV channel- Travelxp as electronic media partner for the event.

Mr. Trivendra Singh Rawat, Honorable Chief Minister of Uttarakhand, inaugurated the event on September 7, 2019 at Hotel Madhuban, Deharadun. Mr. Satpal Ji Maharaj, Honorable Tourism Minister, Govt. of Uttarakhand presided over the event. The Guest of Honor was Mr. Shyam Jaju, National Vice President, BJP.

Chief Guest, Mr. Trivendra Singh Rawat stated that SDGs based practices will promote holistic tourism development in the Himalayan region. He also informed that most of the destinations in the state have reached a saturation point and therefore the Government is working aggressively on developing new destinations and circuits like Mahabharata circuit.

Panel experts including Mr. Hem Raj Bista – Provincial Forest Director Govt. of Nepal; Dr. S.K. Dutta National Media; Dr Anu Kumari Lama from ICIMOD; Mr. Prashan Chothani Founder Travelxp; Mr. Parth Joshi & Ms. Rashmi Bajaj from UNDP; Ms. Shalini Bhalla from Indo- US Center; Dr Manoj Pant from Uttarakhand Planning Dept. and Major Yogendra Yadaw, Undersecretary, Dept of Planning, Govt. of Uttarakhand discussed the various challenges of the industry.

Mr. Satpalji Maharaj, Honorable Tourism Minister shared the various initiatives of the Government to enhance the tourism experience of the state. Various new circuits like Mahabharata Circuit are being instituted to cover important destinations in the state.

Mesmerizing renditions of local folk songs and dances were presented by Garhwal and Kumaon artists which enthralled the audience. The Ancient Pandav Nritya and Devta Ahwan & Pandwa Shakti Pardarshan were presented by the artists.



Inaugural Seminar of HITS 2019: Mr. Verendra Kalra Chairman Uttarakhand State Chapter, Mr. Anil Taneja Regional Director, Mr. S. P.Kochhar Former Chairman Uttarakhand State Chapter, PHDCCI, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Uttarakhand Shri Trivendra Singh Rawat and Dr.S.K.Dutta, Jury, National Media personality



CM Expo Visit at the women social entrepreneur stall: Mr. Verendra Kalra, Chairman of Uttarakhand State Chapter, PHDCCI, Hon'ble CM Shri Trivendra Singh Rawat & Mr. Anil Taneja Regional Director, PHDCCI

On September 9, 2019, PHDCCI facilitated Nepal India (Uttarakhand) bilateral talks between Mr. Narendra Singh Quriyal, Director, Uttarakhand Tourism Development Board and a delegation led from Nepal by Mr. Hem Raj Bista, Head of Department of Tourism & Forestry, Sudorpaschim Province of Nepal.

A total of 12 categories of Sustainable Tourism Samman which recognized excellence in the Hospitality industry were conferred. The categories for popular choice Sammans were also awarded to Luxury hotels, Budget hotels and Dharamshalas. Mr. Vinod Zutshi, Former Tourism Secretary, Govt. of India chaired the PHD HITS 2019 Jury.



DAY 2 : Himalayan Culinary Contest



Mr. Trivendra Singh Rawat, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Uttarakhand addressing the Summit

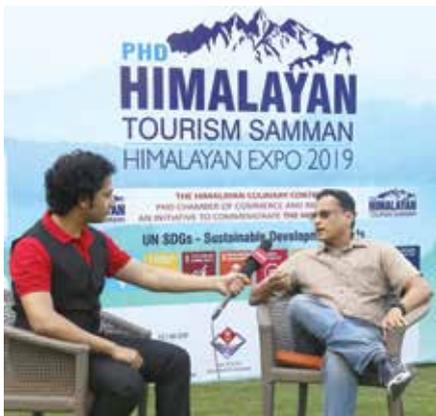


Contestants of HITS Culinary Contest in Chef's attire; Mr. Rajiv Vaid, Officer PHDCCI; Mr. Anil Taneja, Regional Director PHDCCI; Mr. Dilip Jawalkar, Secretary Tourism, Govt. of Uttarakhand tasting the food prepared by contesting team; Mr. Rahul Wali, Jury Chef and Dr.S.K. Dutta, Jury, National Media personality

Day 3 HIT SAMMAN Conference



Mr. Anil Taneja, Regional Director, PHDCCI; Mr. Rajeev Doval, National Head, Communications & Branding, AGM Corp Comm. Bennett & Coleman & Co Ltd.; Mr. Virendra Kalra, Chairman of Uttarakhand State Chapter, PHD Chamber; Mr. Shyam Jaju, National Vice President BJP; Mr. Satpal Ji Maharaj, Hon'ble Tourism Minister, Govt. of Uttarakhand and Mr. S.P Kochhar, Mentor, Uttarakhand State Chapter, PHD Chamber



Mr. Dilip Jawalkar Secretary Tourism, Govt. of Uttarakhand interacting with media



HIMALAYAN TOURISM SAMMAN 2019 being felicitated "PHD HITS Trophy" by Mr. Stapal Ji Maharaj, Hon'ble Tourism Minister, Govt. of Uttarakhand

Awareness Programme on Importance of Intellectual Property Rights



Prof. Sadhan Kumar Ghosh, Dean(FET), Jadavpur University; Mr. Biswajit Sarkar , Founder , Biswajit Sarkar Advocates; Dr. Sayan Chatterjee, Associate Professor (ETCE) & Startup Co-ordinator, Jadavpur University, Kolkata; Dr Chiranjib Bhattacharjee, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Ex-Dean, Faculty of Engineering & Technology), Former Registrar, Jadavpur University; Dr H P Kumar, Advisor, PHD Chamber and Former Chairman and Managing Director, NSIC ; Mr, D P Goel, Co- chairman, MSME, PHD Chamber; Mr. Mithilesh Kumar, Joint Secretary , PHDCCI; Dr Amitava Gupta, President (IIC), Professor (Power Engg.) & Director (School of Nuclear Studies & Applications) Jadavpur University and Mr. Sanjay Bhattacharya, Dy. Controller of Patents & Designs. Patent Office Kolkata Office of Controller General of Patents, Designs & Trade Marks

PHD Chamber in association with the Office of the Controller General of Patents, Designs & Trade Marks, Ministry of Commerce and Industry and supported by Institution's Innovation Council, Jadavpur University, Kolkata organized an awareness Programme on "Importance of Intellectual Property Rights" on November 13, 2019 at Jadavpur University, Kolkata. The seminar focussed on guiding students, researchers/inventors and faculty members for patenting their inventions and Innovations.

The event was graced by Dr Chiranjib Bhattacharjee, Pro Vice-Chancellor, Jadavpur University; Mr. Sanjay Bhattacharya, Deputy Controller of Patents & Designs Controller General of Patents, Design & Trade Mark, Kolkata; Mr. D. B. Goel, Co-chairman, MSME Committee, PHD Chamber; Dr H P Kumar, Advisor, PHD Chamber and Former Chairman and Managing Director, NSIC and Mr. Biswajit Sarkar, Founder, Biswajit Sarkar Advocates.

Chief Guest, Dr Chiranjib Bhattacharjee, Pro-Vice Chancellor Jadavpur University expressed his delight in organizing such a pertinent workshop that would be beneficial for all the stake holders.

Dr H P Kumar highlighted the importance of creating more and more IPRs to generate wealth in the country and briefed about the role of PHD Chamber and its Intellectual Property Rights Centre for facilitating IPR protection and raising



Jadavpur University Dignitaries launched University IPR policy during the seminar

awareness about intellectual property and related laws among MSMEs.

Mr. D P Goel, Co- chairman, MSME, PHD Chamber stated that IPR protection plays a key role in gaining modest advantage in terms of technological gains for achieving higher economic growth in a market driven economy. Mr. D P Goel presented appreciation shields to the dignitaries on the dias.

During the seminar, IPR expert speakers covered almost all the topics of IPR which included (a) types and forms of intellectual property rights & its importance, patents, copyrights, trademarks & service mark, geographical indicators, industrial designs, trade secrets, plant varieties, semiconductor integrated circuits layout design

among others; (b) what can be patented/ registered/granted; (c) documents required; (d) procedure, contact office/ persons etc.; (e) rights of IP holder against infringement, analyzing patent information which supports decision making in research, technology and business planning, etc.; (f) commercializing IP portfolio/ case studies from around the world and how they have brought profits to the rights owner.

About 80 participants were present in the workshop from various departments of the University including faculty members, research scholars and students.

Mr. Mithilesh Kumar, Joint Secretary, PHD Chamber delivered the vote-of-thanks to the guests.



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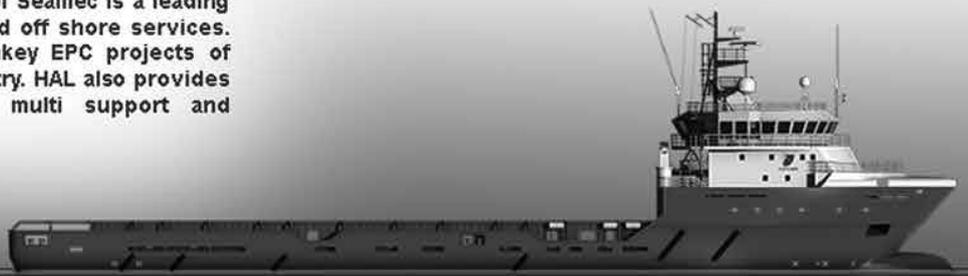
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Meeting with Hon'ble Finance Minister of India

A PHD Chamber delegation led by Dr D K Aggarwal, President along with Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, Vice President, Dr Mahesh Gupta, Former President, Dr Lalit Khaitan, Chairman, Economic Affairs Committee, Mr. Anil Chopra, Mentor, Direct Taxes Committee, Dr S P Sharma, Chief Economist and Ms. Megha Kaul, Economist met Ms. Nirmala Sitharaman Hon'ble Minister of Finance on November 13, 2019 at North Block, New Delhi. During the meeting, vital growth provoking measures were discussed including dedicated fund for MSMEs, reduction in tax on MSME firms working as proprietorship/partnerships, release of funds by the Government to BSNL and MTNL, replacement of Advance Authorization License, reduction in DDT rates, carry forward benefit of MAT Credit for companies opting for lower new corporate tax rate of 22%, reduction in long-term capital gains tax on shares, exemption from tax on foreign dividends and Rupee trade with Venezuela.



Meeting with Hon'ble Minister of State, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare

A PHD Chamber delegation led by Dr D K Aggarwal, President and comprising of Ms. Mallika Verma, Director, Agribusiness and Food Processing Committee, Mr. Naman Jain, Joint Secretary and Mr. Dinesh Chauhan, Senior Asstt. Secretary met Mr. Parshottam Rupala, Hon'ble Minister of State, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare on October 22, 2019, at New Delhi. Dr Aggarwal apprised the Minister about the role of PHD Chamber in the agribusiness and food processing sector in various parts of the country.



Meeting with Hon'ble Minister of State, Ministry of Women & Child Development

A PHD Chamber delegation led by Mr. Pradeep Multani, Vice President and comprising of Ms. Mallika Verma, Director, Agribusiness and Food Processing Committee and Mr. Naman Jain, Joint Secretary met Ms. Debasree Chaudhuri Hon'ble Minister of State, Ministry of Women & Child Development on October 23, 2019 at New Delhi. Mr. Multani apprised the Minister about the various events organized by PHD Chamber in the agribusiness and food processing sector in various parts of the country.



Meeting with Minister of State of Food Processing Industries

A PHD Chamber delegation led by Mr. Pradeep Multani, Vice President and comprising of Ms. Mallika Verma, Director, Agribusiness & Food Processing Committee, Mr. Naman Jain, Joint Secretary and Mr. Dinesh Chauhan, Senior Asstt. Secretary met Mr. Rameswar Teli, Hon'ble Minister of State of Food Processing Industries, on October 31, 2019 at New Delhi.

Mr. Multani apprised the Minister about the various activities and events organized by PHD Chamber in the agribusiness and food processing sector in various parts of the country.



Meeting with Hon'ble Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation

A PHD Chamber delegation led by Mr. Rajeev Talwar, President and comprising of Mr. KN Rao- Chairman, Civil Aviation Committee; Mr. Vipin Vohra-Co-chairman, Civil Aviation Committee, Mr Yogesh Srivastav-Principal Director, PHDCCI and the secretariat team met Mr. Pradeep Singh Kharola, IAS, Hon'ble Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation on September 25, 2019 at to invite him for the 5th PHD AIR CARGO SUMMIT – 2019 held on November 05, 2019.



Meeting with Chairman, SAIL

A PHD Chamber delegation led by Dr D K Aggarwal, President and comprising of Mr. Sanjeev Gupta, Chairman, Power, Renewable and Alternate Energy Committee, Ms Priya Hingorani, Chairman, Arbitration & Dispute Resolution Cell, Mr. Ravi Gupta, Member, Managing Committee and Ms Babeeta Sharma, Secretary, Membership Development Committee met Mr. A K Chaudhary, Chairman, SAIL Ltd on October 18, 2019 at SAIL Head Office in New Delhi. The meeting was to apprise him about the activities of PHDCCI and invite him to become a Patron Member of PHDCCI.



Meeting with Principal Secretary (Industry & Commerce), Govt. of Chhattisgarh

A PHD Chamber delegation led by Mr. Sanjeev Gupta, Chairman, Power, Renewable and Alternate Energy Committee, Dr Ranjeet Mehta, Principal Director along with Mr Sameer Ahuja, Vice President, Multani Ayurveda met Mr. Manoj K Pingua, Principal Secretary, Commerce and Industry, Government of Chhattisgarh on November 16, 2019 at Chhattisgarh Stall, Pragati Maidan, New Delhi. During the meeting, replicating PITEX in Chhattisgarh State and organizing an Investor Conclave on Food Processing was discussed.



Meeting with MD, DTC

A PHD Chamber's delegation led by Mr. Sanjeev Gupta, Chairman, Power, Renewable & Alternate Energy Committee and the secretariat team met Mr. Manoj Kumar, IAS, Managing Director, DTC, on November 13, 2019 at New Delhi. The meeting was to promote Electric Transport in Delhi and NCR and make public transport more robust and environment friendly. The Chairman also invited DTC to be a Patron Member of PHDCCI and invited MD, DTC to be one of the members of the Advisory Committee of Power, Renewable & Alternate Energy Committee of PHDCCI.

Meeting with Chief Secretary, Govt. of Chhattisgarh

Mr. Shashank Rastogi, Chairman Chhattisgarh Chapter met Mr. R.P. Mandal, IAS, Chief Secretary, Govt. of Chhattisgarh, at his office in Mantralaya, Nava Raipur on November 14, 2019. The Chairman appraised the Chief Secretary about the activities of PHD Chamber in Chhattisgarh.



Meeting with Secretary, Food & Consumer Protection Dept, Govt. of Bihar

Ms. Leena Lall, Resident Manager, PHDCCI, Bihar Chapter met Mr. Pankaj Kumar Pal, Secretary, Food & Consumer Protection Dept, Govt. of Bihar on October 11, 2019 at Patna for organizing an Awareness Seminar on Direct Selling for the consumers and stakeholders of Bihar.

Meeting with Secretary, Department Industries, Govt. of Bihar

Ms. Leena Lall, Resident Manager, PHDCCI, Bihar Chapter met Mr. Namdeswar Lal, Secretary, Department of Industries, Govt. of Bihar on October 14, 2019 at Patna and submitted to him a proposal regarding a Road show at Indore in association with the Bihar Government to promote the Food Processing sector in Bihar.

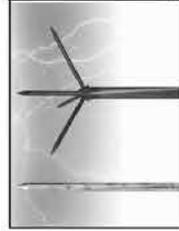




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Swachh Bharat Diwas 2019



Prime Minister Mr Narendra Modi was the Chief Guest for the occasion; Mr. Acharya Devvrat, Governor, Gujarat and Mr. Vijay Rupani, Chief Minister, Gujarat

As an Implementation Agency, State Development Council / Special Project Division of PHD Chamber along with the Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation, Union Ministry of Jal Shakti and Government of Gujarat organized the 'Swachh Bharat Diwas 2019' on October 2, 2019 at Sabarmati Riverfront, Ahmedabad.

Mr. Narendra Modi, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India was the Chief Guest where he paid his respects to Mahatma Gandhi on his 150th birth anniversary and released coins and postal stamps in his memory. Mr Acharya Devvrat, Gujarat Governor and Mr. Vijay Rupani, Chief Minister, Gujarat also shared the dais along with Prime Minister.

On this important occasion, the Prime Minister declared that now India has become an Open Defecation Free (ODF) country with the initiatives undertaken through the world's biggest behavioural change program since 2014, Swachh Bharat Mission. Swachh Bharat Diwas was attended by about 25000 Swachhagrahis and delegates from across the country. Many Diplomats also attended the Diwas.

PHD Chamber is empanelled with the Ministry of Jal Shakti and worked for conceptualisation, design and production of thematic Digital Exhibition and Laser Show. Theme-based Digital Exhibition and Laser Show were part of deliberations for showcasing the initiatives undertaken by the Union Ministry of Jal Shakti for achieving the goals of "Swachh Bharat".

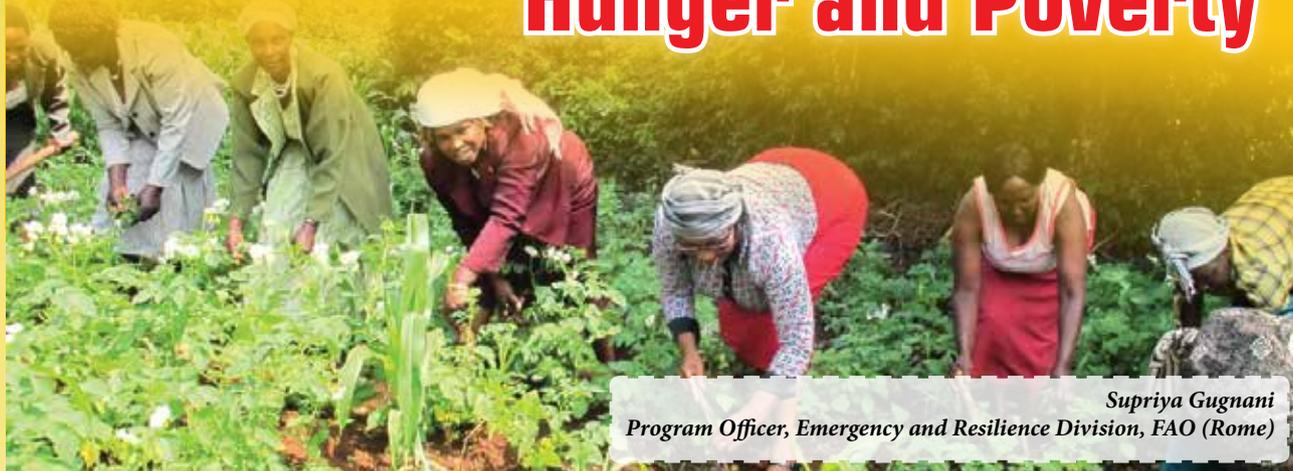
PHD Chamber also coordinated for the Voiceover of Mr. Amitabh Bachhan and Sand Art work of Mr. Sudarshan Pattnaik. The digital exhibition was extended upto October 4-5, 2019 and was visited by thousands of people.





HEALTHY DIETS
FOR A
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Dr Qu Dongyu, FAO's New Director-General calls for Eradicating Global Hunger and Poverty



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Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) of United Nations has entered a new phase, with Director-General, Dr. Qu Dongyu taking the helm of the Organization on August 1, 2019. Dr Qu Dongyu, 56 years old, the first Chinese national to be elected as Director General of FAO holds a doctorate degree in Environmental Sciences from Wageningen University in the Netherlands and has numerous degrees including in Horticultural Science, Plant Breeding and Genetics.

Dr. Qu was actively involved in China's reform and opening-up process that led the country to reduce poverty and hunger. He formulated action plans aimed at reducing poverty and disaster and encouraging women empowerment, agri-tourism, etc. Before becoming the Director General of FAO, Dr Qu was China's Vice Minister of Agriculture and Rural Affairs. He has worked at the central and local levels and in leading research institutes, and as a human resources leader at the China Three Gorges Project Development Corporation.

Dr Qu has spent his life working on how to make sure the world is fed. His vision is founded on the belief that freedom from hunger is a basic human right, and that capability exists to eradicate chronic food insecurity. Dr. Qu's cardinal principle is that "problems can also be the source of progress". He has helped design South-South Cooperation projects with FAO and the World Bank.

As promised in his campaign speech, Dr Qu is creating a new organizational culture and business model at FAO. His priority is to assure a modern and innovative Organization that is at the service of member countries in fighting hunger and rural poverty. Dr. Qu's agenda at FAO will focus on five issues: Zero Hunger and poverty eradication; tropical agriculture; dryland farming; digital farming; and improved agricultural production and value chains.

Dr Qu has already launched the new Hand-in-Hand Initiative, designed to accelerate achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to end hunger and poverty. In order to strengthen



*Dr Qu Dongyu
Director General of FAO*

collaboration with the private sector, Dr Qu has reached out to major development partners, including the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to explore cooperation opportunities. His motto is "Simple life, but not simple work". He dedicated his first

month in office to boosting staff morale, shoring up the support of Member States and international organizations and on focusing on achieving the SDGs within the context of FAO's mandate.

In order to strengthen and optimize inter-agency collaboration, Dr Qu participated in a conference call on Antimicrobial Resistance with UN Deputy Secretary-General, Amina Mohammed and the chiefs of the World Organisation for Animal Health and the World Health Organization. The Director-General also visited Yokohama to participate in TICAD where he met several African heads of state and government - ensuring them of FAO's support and exploring new areas of collaboration - and international organizations leaders.

FAO celebrates World Food Day each year on 16 October to commemorate the founding of the Organization in 1945. Events are organized in some 150 countries across the world. This year in Rome, FAO celebrated the World Food Day (the 74th anniversary of FAO), promoting the theme, "Our actions are our future, Healthy diets for a #ZeroHunger world." World Food Day celebrations showcase FAO's invaluable contribution to the elimination of hunger, a goal that is essential for achieving all SDGs. Speakers called for bolder and faster action across sectors to make healthy and sustainable

diets available and affordable for all.

FAO Director-General, Dr Qu Dongyu warned how “hunger and malnutrition will be major barriers to achieving the SDGs by 2030 if we do not act now!” Dr Qu stressed the importance of collaboration and the role everyone needs to play - from governments, food companies, public sector, research institutions to consumers - to make progress towards enabling healthy diets for all, and reverse the current trend of rising hunger, overweight and obesity by 2030. “We need to invest in nutrition and for nutrition. We need to walk hand-in-hand and build healthy and sustainable food systems,” added the FAO Director-General.

There are over 820 million hungry people in the world. While the total number of those chronically undernourished has been increasing in recent years, the rate is decreasing compared to total population of the planet. Dr Qu also underscored that over 2 billion adults, and nearly 380 million

children and adolescents, are overweight or obese. This is because our current food systems are failing to ensure food security for all and deliver on healthy diets whilst contributing to environmental degradation. From agricultural production to processing and retailing, there is little space for fresh, locally produced foods as high-yielding and profitable crops take priority. Although enough food is produced globally, food is not produced where it is most needed.

But instead of providing incentives to farmers to produce more nutritious food, many countries keep on subsidizing products with low nutritional value, favoring staple foods - wheat, rice, maize - over fruits and vegetables. This has negative implications for nutrition and dietary diversity. Nutrient-dense foods like eggs, milk, fruits, and vegetables can be very expensive, especially in poorer countries, which makes it harder for people to move away from staples. In richer countries, and a growing number of lower income

countries, unhealthy foods are cheaper, readily available, and more convenient. People have moved from seasonal, mainly plant-based and fibre-rich dishes to energy-dense diets - high in refined starches, sugar, fats, salt, processed foods, meat and other animal-source products. This was due to globalisation, urbanisation and income growth. Unhealthy diets have become a leading risk factor for disease and death worldwide. There is an urgent need to make healthy and sustainable diets affordable and accessible to everyone,

The State of Agriculture report published by FAO stated that “globally, around 14 per cent of the world’s food is lost after harvesting. Around 60 per cent of the total micronutrients are lost because of wastage of fruits, vegetables, and animal-based products at various levels after harvest.” These losses need to be avoided by providing more infrastructure and new technologies.



FAO calls for better incentives for the world’s agricultural producers; easier-to-understand and more comprehensive food labels and responsible advertising to help consumers choose healthier diets; more sustainable trade with clear rules; and a push to think of nutrition as part of food safety. The private sector should also reformulate products to make them more nutritious whilst food companies that produce nutritious foods could be given incentives to make their products more accessible and affordable.

FAO is working with partners and communities around the world to step up efforts to achieve Sustainable Development Goal 2 - Zero Hunger and healthy diets. This includes developing with the World Health Organization guiding principles on “Healthy Sustainable Diets”, supporting the implementation of the Decade of Action on Nutrition (2016-2025), and providing support for global, regional and national food security and nutrition policies, strategies and programs.



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ARBITRAL PROCEEDINGS: ADHERENCE TO OBJECTIONS BEFORE THE ARBITRAL TRIBUNAL JURISDICTION/ UAE

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On 3 May 2018, the United Arab Emirates issued Federal Law No. (6) of the year 2018 on Arbitration (the "UAE Arbitration Law"). The federal legislation adopted most of its provisions from the UNCITRAL Model Law on International Commercial Arbitration. One of the new provisions incorporated into the UAE Arbitration Law from the UNCITRAL Model Law is Article 25.

Article 25 ("Waiver of Right to Object") of the UAE Arbitration Law corresponds to Article 4 of the UNCITRAL Model Law, and states: "If a party proceeds with arbitration proceedings knowing that any requirement under the Arbitration Agreement or any of the provisions of the present Law from which an agreement may be made to the contrary, has not been complied with, where he fails to submit an objection to such violation on the time limit agreed upon or within seven (7) days of the date of becoming aware upon non-agreement, he shall be considered to have waived his right to object." The party will not be able to raise a claim against the counterparty at a later stage.

The party's failure to make their objections within the prescribed date is evidence of the party's consent to the counterparty's actions. The interpretation of the party's failure to timely object is an implicit concession since the party was aware of the violation but did not submit an objection. For the objection to be accepted, it must be raised to the arbitral tribunal within the required time period or within seven (7) days the party becomes aware of the non-compliance.

The underlining purpose of Article 25 of the UAE Arbitration Law is to support the quick resolution of the dispute by restricting the counterparty from raising objections to procedural irregularities that may occur during the course of the arbitral proceedings beyond a certain period of time. This article will help limit any delay tactics by the counterparty and support the effective management of the arbitration proceedings.

Another principle at play under Article 25 is the requirement of good faith by the parties in the arbitration proceedings. The good faith principle under UAE law not only requires the

parties to a contract to perform the terms in good faith but also requires the parties in an arbitration to conduct the proceedings in good faith. If the party becomes aware of the non-compliance by the counterparty, the party in good faith requires to raise this issue to the arbitral tribunal.

The principles behind Article 25 of the UAE Arbitration Law have been explicitly stated in most legislations and arbitration rules. By way of example see the following provisions:

- Section 73 of the English Arbitration Act 1996;
- Article 5 of the Qatar Arbitration Law;
- Article 8 of the Egyptian Arbitration Act 1994;
- Article 7 of the Jordanian Arbitration Act; and
- Article 33 of the ICC Arbitration Rules.

Courts have also confirmed this rule in court judgements. By way of example, the Cairo Court of Appeal ruled that "the respondent has not objected the extension of the arbitration period during its review and till a date fixing for judgment a matter considered as assignment of its right to challenge the extension of arbitration period".

The French judicial system has also established this rule, although not explicitly stated in the French Arbitration Act. By way of example, the French Court of Cassation has held that "payment of arbitration fees during the deliberation of arbitrators indicates a clear and unambiguous will to proceed with the arbitration proceedings and acceptance of the period extension. If the opponent assigned his right to object the breaching procedure which is the expiry of arbitration period, he cannot object before the judge of invalidity about issuance of the award after the time specified."

The Paris Court of Appeal has also held that "[i]n view of the role of arbitrators set out in the arbitration agreement, the plaintiff depended on the defendant's breach of the agreed exclusive use clause and claimed compensation. Since it did not dispute the jurisdiction of the arbitral tribunal to determine the validity of the exclusive use clause, it is inadmissible to claim before the court of invalidity that the arbitral tribunal exceeds its assigned task limits".

Further, any non-compliance with issues relating to public order and the failure of a party to raise an objection fall outside the scope of Article 25 of the UAE Arbitration Law. These issues include, for example, the legal capacity of the plaintiff or the defendant, violation of the rules relating to the respect of the rights of defense and equality of the parties, violation of composition of the arbitral tribunal, or if the dispute subject matter is not subject to arbitration. If a party's non-compliance relates to a violation of the public order the party will not be required to raise the objection within the specified time period. The party will not waive its ability to object. Such violation can be raised if no objection was made during the course of the arbitral proceedings which shall permit the arbitral tribunal the opportunity to decide the issue (see Article 53 (2) of the UAE Arbitration Law).

In addition, UAE legislator stipulated in Articles 19 and 20 of the UAE Arbitration Law that the defenses relating to the arbitration agreement must be adhered to, nullified, or not included in the subject matter of the dispute within a period not exceeding the time of submission of the defendant's defense or during the next hearing at which challenge is made. If the objection is not raised before the arbitral tribunal within this period, the right to make the objection will be waived. However, the arbitral tribunal may accept the later plea if it considers the delay was for acceptable reason.

In our opinion, Article 25 of the UAE Arbitration Law requires the party raising the objection to do so before the arbitral tribunal within the specified period of time. This is consistent with most mainstream Arbitration Rules and international standards as it aims to expedite the settlement of disputes and prevent a party's bad intention to object the arbitration award although knowing the appeal shall not be accepted. As a principle to protect the right to urgently resolve the dispute, if one of the parties exceeded the deadlines set by the legislator, the right to defend shall automatically elapse.





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Workshop on Emerging Trends in Security Industry



Mr. Pradeep Karambelkar Co-chairman, MP Committee, PHDCCI; Mr. Praveen Acharya, Director ASI Knowledge Organisation; Col. Dr Bharat Bhusan Vats, Director, Janki Security Agency; Mr. S D Mahurkar, Field General Manager, Central Bank of India; Mr. Jitendra Rathore, Incharge (IT and Security) Bhopal Smart City Corporation Ltd. and Mr. Kunal Giani, Chairman, Industrial Committee PHDCCI, MP State Chapter



PHD Chamber's Madhya Pradesh Chapter under PHD-KAS project organized a workshop on 'Emerging Trends in Security Industry' on September 18, 2019 at Bhopal. The main objective of the workshop was to discuss the upcoming trends and technologies in security industry.

Mr. Pradeep Karambelkar, Co-chairman, MP Chapter PHDCCI and Director, VASPL in his welcome address highlighted the importance of the workshop and said that security is one of the very important sectors, yet least discussed. He stated that there is immense potential in this sector which needs to be unlocked as the sector is growing at the rate of 20%.

Mr. Praveen Acharya, Director, ASI Knowledge Organization, key note speaker of the program, gave a detailed presentation on emerging technologies in the security sector. He added that there is tremendous requirement of security in different sectors as the police force is too short of the actual requirements; there are 131 police persons per 1 lakh population

as against global standard norms of 300 police persons. "The industry is witnessing a paradigm shift towards new technologies like wide range of surveillance devices, CCTV cameras, electronic sensors and artificial intelligence," said Mr. Acharya. He stated that video analytics software and face recognition technologies are supplementing the efforts of security personnel in real time crack down of cases.

Col. Dr Bharat Bhusan Vats, Director, Janki Security Agency enumerated the various challenges in the industry. He said, in spite of being the largest employment provider, security sector is much neglected in our country. He urged the government to be lenient on taxes levied on security agencies so that they can provide better facilities to their employees and guards. He apprised that the security sector provides jobs to nearly 70 lakh people and is likely to grow by 30% by 2022.

Mr. S D Mahurkar, Field General Manager, Central Bank of India discussed about cash management and security in the banking sector. He said that for

cash management, banks hire private security agencies. He informed that new technologies and surveillance systems have ensured safe banking to the customers as well as banks.

Mr. Jitendra Rathore, Incharge (IT and Security) Bhopal Smart City Corporation Ltd, detailed out various aspects of security in the Smart City Project. He informed that in the Smart City Project, a centralized surveillance system is being adopted to ensure best security at every level.

Mr. Kunal Giani, Chairman, Industrial Committee & Managing Director, Sarva Foam spoke on the industrial security system. He stated that security is a major concern for MSMEs as they have budgetary constraints and emphasised the need for skill development in the security sector so that better security can be provided to MSMEs.

Ms. Ekta Ranjan, Member, PHDCCI MP State Chapter delivered the vote-of-thanks to the participants.

"We walk together, we move together, we think together, we resolve together, and together we take this country forward."

Prime Minister, Mr. Narendra Modi

Workshop on Business Communication & Presentation Skills



Participants with Faculty, Dr Atul Sharma and Ms. Nisha Tyagi, Deputy Secretary, PHD Chamber and Ms. Ann Bolmer, Programme Officer, KAS

Under PHD-KAS Cooperation Project, PHD Chamber organized a workshop on 'Business Communication & Presentation Skills' on September 7, 2019 at PHD House, New Delhi.

Communication plays a vital role in business and personal life, enabling people to work together, live together and build a world of understanding. Lack of proper communication and poor communication

skills have adversely impacted individuals and businesses in terms of costs, money, trust and loss of time.

The objective of the workshop was to help participants to communicate effectively. Concise and accurate communication can do wonders for professional growth and business development. The workshop was designed to help participants to learn effective

communication skills and to make precise and effective presentations.

Understanding and identifying the core concepts of communication, observing communication etiquette for several modes of communication and tips for making effective presentation were the main takeaways of the workshop.

Dr Atul Sharma, Head, Trainer Corp was the faculty at the workshop.

Seminar on Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code



Under the PHD-KAS Project, PHD Chamber, Haryana State Chapter organized a seminar on 'Insolvency and Bankruptcy code' on September 24, 2019 at PHD House, Chandigarh which focused on apprising industrialists, law professionals, bankers and other stakeholders about the new clauses in Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code.

Mr. Lokesh Jain, Chairman, MSME Committee, Haryana Chapter, PHD Chamber while delivering the welcome address, highlighted the importance and achievements of this law in a short span since its incorporation in 2016.

Mr. Mukul Bansal, Chairman, Banking and Finance Committee, Punjab Chapter, PHD Chamber mentioned that India has taken a giant leap in Ease of Doing business because of this law and banks have successfully recovered Rs. 70,000 crores against the liability of Rs 1.7 lakh crore from 94 companies till March 2019.

Mr. BB Kakkar, DGM, SBI mentioned that there are numerous cases which have been resolved by State Bank through this law and has been a game changer in addressing the NPA issues and significant number of cases have been resolved



Mr. Shobhit Gupta, Chairman, Finance Committee, Haryana, PHDCCI; Mr. Mukul Bansal, Chairman, Banking and Finance Committee, Punjab, PHDCCI; Mr. B B Kakkar, DGM, SBI; Dr Mukulita Vijaywargiya, Whole time member, IBBI; Mr. Anil Yadav, GM, RBI; and Mr. Lokesh Jain, Chairman, MSME Committee, Haryana, PHDCCI

through IBC law.

Mr. Anil Yadav, General Manager, RBI, mentioned that the government has mooted the idea of funding MSMEs as they are the backbone of the Indian economy. A number of schemes have been launched to fund MSMEs. Now when the NPAs of banks are coming down with the help of IBC, banks are in a position to give loans to MSMEs.

Dr Mukulita, Whole Time Member, IBBI shared the new clauses added in the Insolvency and Bankruptcy code which are suitable for creditors as well as for the

company undergoing insolvency.

Mr. Shobhit Gupta, Chairman, Finance Committee, Haryana, PHD Chamber delivered the formal vote-of-thanks and stated that such awareness programs are the need of the hour as industry as well as banking institutions depend on each other and all the stake holders should be well aware of the rights and duties under IBC.

Over 70 delegates representing industry, banks and insolvency professionals from the region participated in the seminar.

Workshop on Creating Sustainable Development through Financial Assistance to SHGs

Under the PHD-KAS Project, PHD Chamber in association with Ambuja Foundation organized a workshop on “Facilitating Credit for MSMEs in Chhattisgarh” on September 27, 2019 at Community Center, Rawan, Balodabazar.

Mr. Gyanendra Pandey, Resident Officer, PHD Chamber, Chhattisgarh Chapter welcomed the participants and introduced the faculty members conducting the program. He also thanked all the participants and Ambuja Foundation officials for their kind support.

CA Jayesh Bothra, was the key note speaker. He explained the process of accounting, audit and financing. He also suggested some important tips for keeping a good record of the Account for future benefits. Mr. Bothra explained how Microfinance can help SHGs for sustainable development.

Mr. Shashi Ranjan, Branch Manager Gramin Bank emphasized on making effective and bankable project proposals



Participants with Mr Gyanendra Pandey, Resident Officer, PHD Chamber

for banks so that every startup can get the access of loan facilities.

Ms. Manjusha Doshi, Project Executive, Ambuja Foundation spoke on entrepreneurship development and financial management with examples, in which she gave some tips for success that “Every entrepreneurs and startups should keep in mind the demand of time and the

nature of the market”.

Mr. Saurabh Upadhyay, President Helping Hand Youth Foundation gave some important preliminary suggestions related to the business and schemes of State and Central Government. He also shared his experiences related to startups.

Representatives of more than 25 SHG Groups participated in the workshop.



Workshop on Customer Relationship Management, PHD-KAS

The PHD Chamber under its PHD-KAS Cooperation Project organized a workshop on “Customer Relationship Management” on October 15, 2019 at PHD House, New Delhi.

The workshop was conducted by Prof. Sujit Sengupta, Professor Marketing & Entrepreneurship, and Prof. Soumita Mukherjee, Professor Marketing, IILM Institute for Higher Education. The workshop focused on implementation of CRM, understanding customers, markets, as well as organizations and the importance of customer oriented thinking.

In recent years, there has been a significant shift in the balance of power between the consumers and the organizations providing them products and services all over the world. As the choices available are increasing and customer is becoming more aware, the challenges before the marketing executives are also increasing. To serve the customer in a better way, it is foremost that the customer is understood better. The combination of above factors has given rise to the practice of ‘Customer Relationship Management’



Participants with Ms Anamika Kalra, Principal Director, PHD Chamber and faculty Prof. Sujit Sengupta and Prof. Soumita Mukherjee

or CRM and going further in developing individual relationships.

The workshop was of great value to managers and professionals across all disciplines in service sectors such as travel, tourism, automobile, health care, telecom and small and medium enterprises. It helped them understand customers, markets, and organizations and implement CRM and adapt a more customer centric approach. The audience consisted of professionals mainly from MSMEs and the faculties trained them on

how to sustain competitiveness in a rapidly globalizing economy and at the same time maintain a relationship with the respective customers.

Key Takeaways for the professionals who attended the workshop were:

- Importance of Customer oriented thinking.
- Effective tools for managing successful relationships with the customers.
- Implementation and Monitoring effectiveness of CRM systems.

PHD FAMILY WELFARE FOUNDATION (PHDFWF)

PHDFWF ‘Navratan Samman 2019’ & Odishi dance by renowned dancer Dr Chandana Raul on the New India campaigning “Say No to Plastic”

The PHD Family Welfare Foundation in association with AKS organized ‘Navratan Samman 2019’ & Odishi dance by renowned dancer, Dr. Chandana Raul on the New India campaign “Say No To Plastic” on September 25, 2019 at PHD House, New Delhi. The inaugural lamp was lit by Mr. Faggan Singh Kulaste, Hon’ble Union Minister of State for Steel; Dr DK Aggarwal, Sr. Vice President, PHD Chamber; Mr. Gopal Jiwrajka, Former President, PHD Chamber; Ms. Shashi Tripathi, Retd. IFS, Ministry of External Affairs; Mr. Indresh Kumar, RSS, National Executive Member & Noted Social Worker; Ms. Anuradha Goel, Chairperson, PHDFWF; Mr. V Nandan Das, National Director, Iskcon Communication, India; Major General Mr. G. D. Bakshi, Veteran Armyman and Dr Chandana Raul, Chairperson AKS & eminent Classical Odishi Dancer. Dr DK Aggarwal presented the PHD memento and plant to the Hon’ble Minister. Nine eminent personalities for their distinguished contribution in different disciplines to the society were awarded namely, Mr. Indresh Kumar, Major General; Mr. G. D. Bakshi; Dr Mathew Varghese, Renowned Orthopedist; Hon’ble Justice (Ms) Usha Mehra; Mr. S.K. Nanda, IAS, Bureaucrat, Environmentalist & writer; Mr. Naresh Kapuria, Renowned Artist; Padmashree Mr. Alok Mehta; Mr. Subhash Jindal, noted Entrepreneur promoting Indian culture abroad and Mr. K. J. Alphans, respected Statesman, Hon’ble M.P, Rajya Sabha and Ex Union Minister. The beneficiaries of PHDFWF Skill Development Training Center



also performed with Dr Chandana Raul. The cotton bags made by the beneficiaries of PHDFWF centers were also sold on

this occasion supporting the programme theme. An audience of about 200 enjoyed the programme.



Inauguration of Tailoring Course at Mandi Center (Chattarpur)

PHDFFF inaugurated a tailoring course at PHDFFF - JAQUAR Skill Development Training Center on October 1, 2019 in Mandi Village, Chhatarpur. The inauguration was done by Ms. Vidhi Mehra, Jaquar Group; Ms. Anuradha Goel, Chairperson, PHDFFF and other GB members of PHDFFF.



Inauguration of Masala Packaging and Grinding Machine at Mandi Center (Chattarpur)



The PHDFFF organized inauguration of masala packaging & grinding machines at PHDFFF - JAQUAR Skill Development Training Center in Mandi Village, Chattarpur on October 1, 2019. The inauguration was done by Ms. Vidhi Mehra, Jaquar Group; Ms. Santosh Shekhar, GB Member, PHDFFF; Ms. Anuradha Goel, Chairperson, PHDFFF and other GB members of PHDFFF.



Governing Body Meeting of PHDFFF

The Governing Body Meeting of PHD Family Welfare Foundation was conducted on September 13, 2019 at PHD House, New Delhi. The Foundation's activities were reviewed and project implementation, action plan etc. were discussed. Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, Vice President PHD Chamber; Ms. Anuradha Goel, Chairperson, PHDFFF and senior GB members were present at the meeting. All the members appreciated the work done by the Foundation.



Certificate Distribution for Students Who Attended 10 Days Digital Media Workshop (Mandi, Chattarpur)

A certificate distribution program was also organized for the student beneficiaries who have completed their 10 days course in Digital Media Workshop at the Center. A total of 35 students attended the workshop. The distribution of certificates was done by Ms. Vidhi Mehra, Jaquar Group; Ms. Anuradha Goel, Chairperson, PHDFFF and other GB members of PHDFFF.



Observation of Swachh Bharat Abhiyan

The PHDFWF observed Swachh Bharat Abhiyan on October 2-3, 2019 in all its Skill Development Centers. Cleanliness drive and awareness generation programmes were conducted. Beneficiaries from all the centers actively participated in the programme.

Self Defence Training Programme in SMPF Skill Development Training Centre, Vinodpuri



An on-going self-defence training class for 10 days was organized at the Center. A total of 50 trainees have enrolled for the training class. PHDFWF has been running a Skill Development-Training Centre in Vinodpuri in association with Seth Madanlall Palriwala Foundation since 2012. Training in tailoring & embroidery, beauty culture & mehendi, mobile repairing and computer education are being provided under the project. Currently there are 133 students who are availing training at the centre. Apart from other activities, regular SHG meeting and awareness generation programme on health & sanitation were organised under this project.



PHDFWF- Jaquar Foundation Dental and Eye Mobile Van

A total of 9 free dental and eye check-up camps were organized in Govt School, The Earth Saviour Foundation and different villages of Gurugram were adopted by the Jaquar Group during September - October 2019. Free eye and dental check-up, dental screening, scaling & filling, distribution of medicines were done to 723 patients during this period.



PHDFWF- Seth Madanlall Palriwala Foundation Mobile Medical Van

The PHDFWF organized a Mega Health Camp on September 17, 2019 at Rampal Chowk, Dwarka, Sec- 7. The total beneficiaries covered in the camp were 153. During September-October 2019, 15 free health check-up camps were organized in different rural areas of Rajasthan, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and slums of Delhi. Free diagnostic care, clinical services and medicines were provided to the patients. A total of 1,602 patients benefitted from these camps.

PHDFWF-Goyal MG Gases Pvt. Ltd. - Aruna Abhey Oswal -Skill Development Training Centre, Badli Ext., Rohini

PHDFWF has been running a Skill Development Training Centre at Badli Ext., Rohini with financial support from Goyal M G Gases Pvt. Ltd & Shree Charitable Trust. Presently, 85 trainees are availing training in computer education, tailoring and beauty culture & adult education at the centre.



PHDFWF - JAQUAR Skill Development Training Courses (Mandi, Chattarpur)

Beauty culture, cooking and mobile repairing training is going on at the Centre. Presently, 128 trainees are obtaining training in beauty culture, mobile repairing, tailoring and cooking at the Centre supported by the Jaquar Foundation.



Hindustan Tin Works Skill Development Training Centre, Lal Kuan, Badarpur

PHDFWF has been running a Skill Development Training Centre in Lal Kuan, Badarpur with financial support from Hindustan Tin Works Ltd. Training in Computer Education & Beauty Culture are being provided in the Centre. Presently, 72 trainees are availing training in computer education and beauty culture at the Centre.



PHDFWF- JAQUAR Foundation Mobile Medical Van (Gurugram, Haryana)

A total of 18 free health check-up camps were organized in different villages of Haryana adopted by the Jaquar Group. Free diagnostic care, clinical services and medicines were provided to the patients. A total of 1191 patients benefitted from these camps.

PHDFWF-ITE Foundation Trust- Skill Development Centre, Noida

Presently, 60 trainees are enrolled in tailoring and beauty culture at the centre. Trainees are making different embroidery designs on fabrics and earning their livelihood.



PHDFWF- JAQUAR Foundation Mobile Medical Van (Bhiwadi, Rajasthan)

A total of 17 free health check-up camps were organized in different villages of Bhiwadi, Rajasthan adopted by the Jaquar Group during July and August 2019. Free diagnostic care, clinical services and medicines were provided to the patients. A total of 1017 patients benefitted from these camps.



PHDFWF-WRG Skill Development Training Centre in Rangpuri Pahari, Vasant Kunj

PHDFWF has been running a Skill Development-Training Centre in Rangpuri Pahari Resettlement Colony, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi. The Centre is providing training in computer education, tailoring & embroidery, beauty culture and nursing assistant. A total of 47 trainees are availing training in both the courses.



PHDFWF-Kajaria Ceramics Ltd. Skill Development Training Centres in Assam

PHDFWF has been running a Skill Development Training Centre with financial support from Kajaria Ceramics Limited in Lakhimpur district of Assam. Training in knitting & hand weaving are being provided in the centre.

PHDFWF-JAQUAR Skill Development Training at Rangpuri Pahari

PHDFWF in collaboration with Jaquar Foundation is running a Skill Development Centre at Rangpuri Pahari. The courses that are currently undergoing at the Centres are beauty culture and nursing assistant. Presently, there are 31 students that are availing the training class at the Centre.



PHDFWF-Aruna Abhey Oswal Trust – Mobile Medical Van

PHDFWF is running a mobile medical van in association with Holy Family Hospital donated by Aruna Abhey Oswal Trust. Free health check-up camps are being conducted in Okhla resettlement colonies, Jamia Nagar & IKV Centres on a regular basis.



PHDFWF-DSACS Target Intervention Project on HIV/AIDS

During last month, 247 ICTC, 4 review meetings, 8 demand generation meetings, and 2 DIC meetings were also conducted. A total of 421 patients attended the STI clinic services, 30 PT, 4 STI and 384 RMC (Regular medical checkups) patients were identified under this project. The project has been running since 2003 with continuing support from DSACS, Govt. of NCT, Delhi.

PHDFWF-TPDDL ROHINI Sec-11 Vocational Training Centre

The PHDFWF is running a Skill Development Training Centre at Rohini Sector-11 with financial support from Tata Power Delhi Distribution Ltd. Presently, training in computer education, beauty & wellness as well as tutorial classes are going on under the project. Presently, 173 trainees are availing training at the Centre.

PHDFWF-FENA Skill Development Training Centre

Presently, 67 girls and women are undergoing training in tailoring and beauty culture at Tekhand village, Okhla Phase-I. The Centre is being supported by the Fena Foundation. After the completion of the respective courses exams were also conducted for the certificates to be awarded to the trainees.



PHDFWF-TPDDL ROHINI Sec-3 Vocational Training Centre

The PHDFWF is running a Vocational Training Centre at Rohini Sector-3 with financial support from Tata Power Delhi Distribution Ltd. Presently, 193 trainees are availing training in computer education, beauty culture and tutorial classes at this Centre.

PHD RURAL DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION (PHDRDF)

PHD Chamber strongly believes in its social responsibility being an important part of business philosophy. The PHD Chamber is extending its contributions to the community through Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives by PHD Rural Development Foundation as its social arm. The initiatives are designed to ensure that a corporate donor embodies the principles of CSR as per section VII of Company's Act 2013. The Foundation takes appropriate initiatives in the areas of Healthcare & Sanitation, Education, Skill Development, Women Empowerment and Water Conservation Harvesting and seeks to empower individuals and community at large by providing them with the support they need to affect change in their own environment for social and economic development.

PHDRDF WATER MANAGEMENT

PHDRDF has been constantly working towards recharging of ground water table through construction of Rain water harvesting structures.

PHDRDF - COCA COLA FOUNDATION

PHDRDF and Coca Cola Foundation have partnered together to promote sustainable solutions for water resource management with surface water conservation and ground water recharge, through construction of seven check

dams in water-stressed regions of Ranchi District in Jharkhand. The project aims towards increasing the ground water table and thereby improving access to water for agriculture and domestic use in two blocks of Ranchi District – Kanke and Ratu

where the ground water has been over exploited. The project will reach out to more than 15,000 people, creating a total water recharge capacity of 292,100 cubic meters.

PHDRDF- FMS BATCH OF 1979-81



Inauguration of Govt. Upper Primary School, Sirsodi, Pawta Block, Jaipur



Inauguration of Paliwala check dam



PHDRDF and FMS Batch of 1979-81 have for the first time partnered to construct a check dam 'Paliwala check dam' along with laying of pipelines for drinking water distribution in Sirsodi ki Dhani Village in Pawta, Jaipur. The check dam has 6,50,000 cuft of water holding capacity impacting the lives of 1022

people of a village. The inauguration of the check dam and Govt. Upper Primary School, Sirsodi was held on September 28, 2019 in which a 17 member team from 1979-81 batch was present. The developmental activities in the school includes construction of drinking water station, refurbishment of toilet for girls

and boys, electrical wiring, whitewash of complete school building, refurbishment of mid-day meal area, educational wall art – BALA concept. The students were also provided with stationery items and new furniture items were set up in teacher/staff rooms.

PHDRDF – TCI – HEG

PHDRDF, Transport Corporation of India and HEG have come together to construct a check dam 'Shyamsa Wala' in Hajipur, Alwar, Rajasthan. The construction of the check dam has been completed. This check dam will have 50,400 cu mtr water holding capacity and it will benefit 4650 people of the village. The inauguration ceremony of the check dam was held on August 25, 2019 at Hajipur, Alwar in the presence of Mr. KS Mehta; Mr. Rajesh Jatav - Sarpanch, people of the village and PHDRDF water team.



Inauguration of Shyamsa wala check dam

PHDRDF – SS KOTHARI MEHTA & CO.

PHDRDF and KS Mehta & Co. have come together for constructing a check dam 'Jhalra Wala' in village Hajipur, Alwar, Rajasthan. The construction work of check dam has been completed. Water holding capacity of this check dam will be 9075 cu mtr and it will benefit 1650 people. The inauguration ceremony of the check dam was held on August 25, 2019 at Hajipur, Alwar in the presence of Mr. KS Mehta, Mr. Rajesh Jatav- Sarpanch, people of the village and PHDRDF water team.



Inauguration of Jhalra wala check dam



Complete picture of Tigariya wala check dam

PHDRDF – HINDUSTAN TIN WORKS LIMITED

PHDRDF and HTWL have entered into a partnership to construct a check dam 'Tigariya Wala' at Hajipur, Alwar in Rajasthan. The construction work of check dam has been completed. This check dam will have 2,00,000 cu ft water holding capacity which will impact the lives of 4500 people.

PHDRDF SKILL DEVELOPMENT



PHDRDF has been undertaking skill development programs with various corporate organizations with an aim to enable the under privileged youth to be economically independent. These programs include training in: stitching & tailoring, beauty culture, computer literacy including tally software, spoken English language, soft skills, etc.

PHDRDF- BRY-AIR (ASIA) PVT. LTD & DRI PVT LTD



Electrician training class in progress



Computer training class in progress

PHDRDF with support from BRY – Air (Asia) Pvt Ltd and DRI Pvt Ltd have started two skill development courses i.e. Electrician and Computer training in Jatauli Village of Pataudi block of Gurugram, Haryana. Electrician Skill

Development Centre will train 40 boys in a 6 months training program while Basic Computer Skill Development Centre will train 80 adolescent girls in a year. Currently, one batch with 20 students are enrolled in the Electrician course. Another

batch of basic computer training will be completed during this month. Besides their core subjects, soft skills and English communication skills are also being taught to the students.

PHDRDF-DOW AGROSCIENCES INDIA LTD

Dow Agro Sciences India Ltd has partnered with PHDRDF to implement a project for empowering rural women by training them on "Beekeeping" as a supplementary source of income. Around 200 women will be trained in bee keeping and harvesting honey and allied products like – royal jelly, bee wax, bee pollen, etc. The project will be implemented in Manchar, Pune, Maharashtra and Rewari in a period of one year.

PHDRDF- DONALDSON INDIA FILTER SYSTEMS PRIVATE LIMITED

PHDRDF in collaboration with Donaldson Filters India Pvt Ltd is running a “Skill Development Centre” since the last three years in village Mohammadpur Gurjar, Sohna block, Gurugram. A new MoU between PHDRDF & Donaldson India Filter Systems Private Limited was signed for FY 2019-20. Till date, a total of 185 students in both courses have successfully completed their training. Currently, two batches consisting of 20 girls in each batch of cutting & tailoring and beauty culture courses are being trained.



Beauty Culture training class in progress

PHDRDF-TCI FOUNDATION

PHDRDF and TCI Foundation have partnered for the project titled “Enterprise Development - Low Cost Sanitary Napkin Production Enterprise by Women Self Help Group” which aims to address the dual purpose of economic empowerment for women and provide low-cost sanitary napkins to rural women and adolescent girls in and around Jamhar Village, Khunti District of Jharkhand through enterprise development of manufacturing low-cost sanitary napkins. Market linkage for the product has been established for the Women SHG and women have started earning out of their SHG. All the objectives of the project have been met and the project will soon be handed over to the donor for further continuation.

PHDRDF-THDC

PHDRDF and THDC have come together for a women empowerment and livelihood generation project through manufacturing of sanitary napkins. The manufacturing unit will be established through women SHG model at Rishikesh, Dehradun. Machinery and raw materials for making sanitary napkins have arrived at the proposed Centre at Bhaniyawala, Joly Grant, Dehradun. Training-cum-production centre ‘Sehaj’ has been established at Jolly Grant, Dehradun. The SHG has been formed and two days training on manufacturing of sanitary napkins has been conducted. Now, the women of Sehaj group are able to make sanitary napkins on their own.



SHG women showing the manufactured sanitary napkins



PHDRDF SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT

PHDRDF has been actively working towards improving quality and standard of school education and literacy by supporting the existing Government schools in different states.



Health worker checking hygiene of the students

PHDRDF- HAGER FOUNDATION

A project on “WASH and Quality education in five Government Schools of Sikar, Rajasthan” is being implemented for the last four years with support from Hager Foundation. The building of the schools have been upgraded including refurbishing of classrooms, mid-day meal area, sanitation and drinking water facility, playground, proper boundary wall with gate and BaLA. Regular hygiene practices were introduced by a health worker in all the schools. It is being ensured by the health worker that menstrual hygiene is being maintained by the school girls on a regular basis. Besides above, computer classes and English speaking classes have also been introduced in these schools.

PHDRDF- TEVA API INDIA LIMITED



Students being examined by doctor at the health camp



Teva API India Ltd and PHDRDF have come together for a project - "Aadharsh Vidyalaya- Integrated Development of Government Schools in Gajraula, Uttar Pradesh and Malanpur,

Bhind" in Madhya Pradesh. The work in the schools have been completed. Health camp in Govt Upper Primary and Primary School, Tigariya Bhoor, Gajraula was conducted on September 12, 2019.

A total number of 56 students benefitted from the health camp. A team of three Doctors consisting of General physicians, Optometrist and a Dentist examined the students.

PHDRDF- CAF INDIA

CAF INDIA and PHDRDF have partnered together to implement a project - "Gaon Mera"- Phase V for construction of a Assembly Hall in Sarsai Government School, Sarsai, Kullu district, Himachal Pradesh. The objective of the project is to ensure a child friendly learning atmosphere by providing sufficient, safe and furnished community hall with educational wall art - BALA concept. The construction of the school building is in full swing.



Construction work in progress, in Sarsai Govt. School, Kullu

PHDRDF- JUNIOR CHAMBER INTERNATIONAL JAPAN (JCI) & JAPAN WATER FORUM (JWF)



Interactive session with delegation from Japan



Inauguration of 'Smile by Water Project'

PHDRDF with support from Junior Chamber International Japan and Japan Water Forum have successfully implemented 'Smile by Water Project 2018'. On August 23, 2019, a

team from Japan visited Jalalpur and Ramnagar villages in Gurugram along with the PHDRDF team members. On August 26, 2019, the team visited all the three schools located in Kiranki, Hajipur and

Rithoj, Gurugram. On August 24, 2019, an "Interactive Session" with a delegation from Japan with top management was held at PHD House, New Delhi.

PHDRDF HEALTHCARE INTERVENTION AND SANITATION

PHDRDF has been actively conducting free health camps for the low income population in various geographical locations across the country to increase access to healthcare. A team of a qualified Doctor, ANM, Lab Technician and project coordinator are present for each camp and are responsible for its success. Emphasis is given on generating awareness among the community on sanitation & hygiene, child & maternal health, waterborne diseases, communicable diseases and other geography based medical problems.

PHDRDF- SEKISUI-DLJM PVT. LTD.

SEKISUI DLJM Pvt. Ltd. collaborated with PHDRDF to undertake project on “FREE MOBILE HEALTH CAMPS” in four villages in Greater Noida. During this period, a total of four health camps were organized in which 417 patients benefitted.



Doctor examining the Patient in Health check up camp in Greater Noida

PHDRDF- KADIMI TOOLS MANF. CO.PVT LTD

PHDRDF and KADIMI have partnered to implement a project titled “Infrastructure Development and Access to Sanitation & Hygiene”. Under this project, two public toilets have to be

completed along with installation of five dustbins for community use. One toilet at Kapasera Border – Foot over bridge is about to be completed this month. Five dustbins are installed at different locations

within the community in Dundahera. Another community toilet is proposed to be constructed in Govt. Senior Secondary School, Dundahera.

PHDRDF- DIPTY LAL JUDGE MAL PRIVATE LTD



Doctor examining Patient during health check up camp



Medicines being distributed to patients during health check up camp

Dipty Lal Judge Mal Private Ltd. collaborated with PHDRDF to conduct health camps in Noida. During this period, four Generic Health Camps were conducted in which 365 patients benefitted. Patients were provided with free medical counselling; ECG, Blood Sugar and Haemoglobin test facilities.

PHDRDF- DHAMPUR SUGAR MLLS LTD.

PHDRDF and Dhampur Sugar Mills Limited, Asmoli, have been working for the last two years towards providing health care services to the less privileged community. Dhampur Sugar Mills Limited, Asmoli, Uttar Pradesh collaborated with PHDRDF for another one year for the project “FREE MOBILE HEALTH SERVICES” in Asmoli across 09 villages near Dhampur Sugar Mills. During this month, 11 health camps have been organized in which 1199 patients benefitted.



Doctor examining the Patient in Health check up camp in Asmoli



PHDRDF-BSES YAMUNA POWER LIMITED



Doctor examining the Patient in Health check up camp in Delhi



Medicines being distributed by ANM at health check up camp

PHRDF and BSES- BYPL have been working for the last four years towards providing health care services to the less privileged community across Delhi. BSES Yamuna Power Ltd. collaborated with PHDRDF for another one year to implement a Mobile Health project in Central and East Delhi. During this month, 18 health camps were organized in which 2288 patients benefited.



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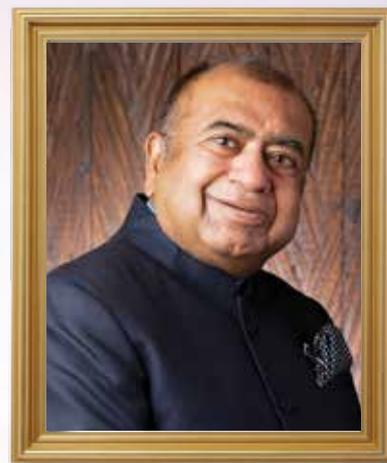
Obituary

The passing away of a leading industrialist, Mr. K K Modi on November 2, 2019 has left an immense void for the Indian industry. Mr. Modi, served as President of PHD Chamber from 1983-84. Mr. Modi made a profound contribution to the field of business and nation building. As President of PHD Chamber, he articulated bold and innovative suggestions at various fora. Mr. Modi highlighted the distortions brought in the economy by high rates of taxes, which encouraged tax evasion, leading to loss of revenue and emergence of a parallel economy, resulting in increased disparities of income and encouragement of wasteful expenditure. He called for an end to case-by-case examination of all proposals for industrial expansion, which resulted in scope for arbitrary decisions and counter-productive delays.

The scion of one of the oldest business families in the country - the Modi family - and the eldest son of late Rai Bahadur Gujarmal Modi (founder of the city of Modinagar), Krishan Kumar Modi served as the chairman of Modi Enterprises, which includes companies like Godfrey Phillips, Indofil Industries and Modicare. Mr. Modi was the guiding force of the Modi Group's strategic development, giving it an overall direction and driving the group to one of the top ranking business house in India.

Mr. Modi made significant contributions to the Indian industry and held numerous positions in industry, trade, education, sports and charitable organizations. Mr Modi had a strong sense of corporate social responsibility and directed several initiatives to improve the society at large. He supported a number of educational institutions, healthcare and hospital services, spiritual and religious centres.

We at the PHD Chamber along with the Indian industry will remember him for his excellence in business and leadership.



Shri K K Modi

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS / MEETINGS OF PHDCCI

S. No.	Programme Title	Date	Time	Venue
1	National Seminar on “Understanding Importance of Public Procurement Policy” Chief Guest: Mr. Tumke Bagra, Minister of Industries, Government of Arunachal Pradesh	29 November 2019	10.00 am	Hotel Pybss, Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh
2	26th Iran Print & Pack	29 November to 2 December 2019	10.00 am	Tehran, Iran
3	MSMEs’ Conclave on “New Market Opportunities in Govt Procurement and GeM for SC/ST Entrepreneurs”	4 December 2019	9.30 am	Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai (Tamil Nadu)
4	3rd PHD Golf Tourism Conclave & Tournament: ‘India: The Next World Golf Tourism Hub’	12 to 13 December 2019	3.30 pm	Jaipur, Rajasthan
5	India International Electronics & Smart Appliances Expo	12 to 14 December 2019	10.00 am	Pragati Maidan, New Delhi
6	PITEX - 2019	12 to 16 December 2019	10.00 am to 8.00 pm	Amritsar, Punjab
7	Meeting of Managing Committee	18 December 2019	4.00 pm	PHD House, New Delhi
8	Important GST Notifications, Circulars & Judgements – Key Challenges & Way Forward	19 December 2019	10.00 am	PHD House, New Delhi
9	11th Regional Quality Conclave Rudrapur	20 December 2019	10.00 am	Hotel Radisson Blu Rudrapur, Uttarakhand
10	National Seminar on “MAPs- Production and Marketing Challenges & Processing Opportunities- Way Forward”	20 December 2019	10.00 am	PHD House, New Delhi
11	Nepal 5P – International Expo on Plastics, Paper, Printing, Packaging & Processing	20 to 22 December 2019	10.00 am	Kathmandu, Nepal
12	Christmasworld & Paperworld	24 to 28 January 2020	10.00 am	Frankfurt, Germany
13	NY Now	1 to 5 February 2020	10.00 am	New York, USA
14	Warsaw Pack 2020 5th International Trade Fair of Packaging Materials and Technology	24 to 28 January 2020	10.00 am	Frankfurt, Germany



International

S No.	Name of the MoU	Date of Signing
1	Dubai Exports (DE)	January 29, 2017
2	Confederation of Nepalese Industries (CNI)	August 10, 2017
3	Management Association of Nepal	August 10, 2017
4	CAB International, United Kingdom	August 21, 2017
5	BALKAN Indian Business Association, Indian Chapter, New Delhi	October 16, 2017
6	Kuwait Chamber of Commerce & Industry	October 23, 2017
7	Indian Chamber of Commerce in Slovak Republic	November 10, 2017
8	Hungarian Chamber of Commerce and Industry	November 20, 2017
9	AL HILAL Publishing and Marketing Group, Bahrain	November 21, 2017
10	FICCI (Philippines) Inc.	January 26, 2018
11	Eurasian Peoples' Assembly, Moscow, Russia	February 28, 2018
12	Alborz Chamber of Commerce, Industries, Mines and Agriculture (ACCIMA)	March 8, 2018
13	Tehran Chamber of Commerce, Industries, Mines and Agriculture (TCCIMA)	March 8, 2018
14	Private Sector Foundation Uganda (PSFU)	March 8, 2018
15	PHD Chamber & Ghana National Chamber of Commerce & Industry	March 12, 2018
16	National Confederation of Entrepreneurs (Employers) Organizations of Azerbaijan Republic	March 13, 2018
17	Azerbaijan Export & Investment Promotion Foundation Baku, Azerbaijan	March 13, 2018
18	The Azerbaijan Republic Chamber of Commerce and Industry BAKU, Azerbaijan	March 14, 2018
19	TAIPEI World Trade Centre	April 17, 2018
20	The Chamber of Commerce & Industry of the Republic of Moldova	May 7, 2018
21	The Netherlands India Chamber of Commerce and Trade	May 24, 2018
22	Government of Andijan City, Republic of Uzbekistan	May 26, 2018
23	F6S Network Limited, United Kingdom	June 5, 2018
24	Kenya National Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Nairobi, Kenya (KNCCI)	June 11, 2018
25	Private Sector Federation, Rwanda	July 24, 2018
26	Confederation of Nepalese Industries(CNI)	August 1, 2018
27	India – New Zealand Business Council (INBC)	September 5, 2018
28	Bulgarian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Bulgaria	September 5, 2018
29	Global CEO Club, SEOUL, South Korea	September 7, 2018
30	Association of Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises and Crafts of the Czech Republic	September 7, 2018
31	Bucharest Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Romania	September 19, 2018
32	Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Cote D'ivoire	September 21, 2018
33	Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Antananarivo, Madagascar	September 28, 2018
34	Chamber of Commerce & Industry Anosy, Madagascar	September 28, 2018
35	VOKA Chamber of Commerce and Industry Flemish-Brabant	February 12, 2019
36	BMB Trade Group LLC, Tashkent, Uzbekistan	April 8, 2019
37	PTAK Warsaw Expo, Poland	May 24, 2019
38	Georgian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GCCCI)	July 3, 2019
39	Singapore Chamber of Commerce & Industry (SCCI)	July 26, 2019
40	India Thai Chamber of Commerce (ITCC)	August 20, 2019
41	ASEAN Trade Promotion Association, Thailand (ATPA)	August 20, 2019
42	Vietnam Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Vietnam (VCCI)	August 22, 2019
43	Indian Business Chamber in Vietnam (INCHAM)	August 22, 2019
44	PTAK Warsaw Expo, Poland	September 12, 2019
45	Foreign Economic Relations Board of Turkey, Istanbul, Turkey	September 18, 2019



International

46	Ceylon Chamber of Commerce	September 26, 2019
47	Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Services of the Region of Fez-Meknes (CCISFM), Meknes, Morocco	October 9, 2019
48	Mongolian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Ulaanbataar, Mongolia	November 11, 2019

Domestic

S No.	Name of the MoU	Date of Signing
1	Gujarat Chamber of Commerce	July 20, 2017
2	Sky Innovation Tech Labs Pvt. Ltd (Signcatch)	July 26, 2017
3	Pawan Hans Limited	October 11, 2017
4	The Federation of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry	November 20, 2017
5	Kalinga International Foundation (KIF)	December 15, 2017
6	Indian Society of Heating, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Engineers (ISHRAE)	December 21, 2017
7	Indian Printing, Packaging and Allied Machinery Manufacturers' Association	January 10, 2018
8	Federation of Karnataka Chamber of Commerce & Industry	February 3, 2018
9	SMERA Rating Limited	February 5, 2018
10	Oriental Bank of Commerce	March 26, 2018
11	Travel Agents Association of India	March 28, 2018
12	Rajasthan State Chapter and Kashmir State Chapter	March 29, 2018
13	Guru Nanak Dev University Amritsar Punjab	April 6, 2018
14	Government E- Marketplace	April 18, 2018
15	Technology Development Board (TDB)	April 25, 2018
16	Punjabi University, Patiala	April 25, 2018
17	Indian Yoga Association, New Delhi	April 29, 2018
18	BioNEST at Panjab University	May 10, 2018
19	iSTART, IT Department of the State Govt. of Rajasthan	May 11, 2018
20	Federation of Industry and Commerce of North Eastern Region(FINER)	May 15, 2018
21	Engineering Council of India	May 31, 2018
22	International Centre for Entrepreneurship and Technology (iCreate)	June 5, 2018
23	Indira Gandhi National Tribal University, Amarkantak (Madhya Pradesh)	June 29, 2018
24	The EBG Federation, New Delhi, India	July 12, 2018
25	Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU)	July 20, 2018
26	Global Compact Network India	July 20, 2018
27	OFB TECH Pvt. Ltd	July 30, 2018
28	Energy Efficiency Services Ltd	July 31, 2018
29	Southern India Chamber of Commerce And Industry (SICCI)	August 20, 2018
30	Uttar Pradesh Braj Teerth Vikas Parishad (UPBTVP)	August 31, 2018
31	BIOAYURVEDA	September 10, 2018
32	Bundelkhand University, Jhansi	September 13, 2018
33	Department of Management Studies, Kashmir University	September 24, 2018
34	Federation of Karnataka Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FKCCI)	December 15, 2018
35	DPSRU Innovation and Incubation Foundation (DIIF)	May 28, 2019
36	India Trade Promotion Organization (ITPO), Ministry of Commerce	June 10, 2019



'Dedicated govt fund for MSMEs will spur growth'

Lack of access to finance and the subsequent liquidity crunch that makes small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) face continue to remain a big hurdle to growth, says B K AGGARWAL, president of the PHD Chamber of Commerce. He also tells Sahasranga Chaturvedi that the ease of doing business scenario remains dismal at the ground level and outside the metro cities. (Edited excerpts)

What are the areas where major regulatory reforms are needed?

Given the health of the sector and the current liquidity crunch, the government needs to set up a dedicated fund for the sector along the lines of the fund for stalled housing projects. A ₹20,000-₹25,000 crore fund is needed which will only come to MSMEs along with no collateral being asked. MSMEs continue to be backbone of the economy and to revive growth their access to finance needs to be widened. Also, more needs to be done for MSMEs. There are existing penal provisions that equate credit payments by the government to MSMEs. But despite this, outstanding payments have continued to pile up for small businesses. While a lot of announcements have been made by the government in the last few months, public sector undertakings continue to pay late. The government's procurement portal has helped the process but someone needs to be monitoring the payments. These suggestions would be sent to the finance ministry soon for consideration before the budget making exercise starts.

Q&A

Do you think ease of doing business has changed at the ground level?

Although our national performance in the World Bank rankings have improved, this needs to percolate down to the district level immediately. We can't afford any more delay. It is good that now states have become very conscious while the NITI Aayog is talking them over more than 300 parameters. But ease of running a business as well as the cost of running a business should be looked at as well.

Do you feel the cost of business is still higher?

Agree, circling back to MSMEs, while the corporate tax has already been reduced by the government, most MSMEs don't fit into the corporate category. The vast majority of MSMEs are either sole proprietorship businesses or partnerships, so taxes should come down on these types of businesses. For such individuals, the tax slabs need to be tweaked with income up to ₹5 lakh being fully exempt. The rate should be 15 per cent for income between ₹5 lakh to ₹20 lakh, and 30 per cent for income between ₹20 lakh to ₹20 lakh. Also, the cost of interest remains high for businesses. Since inflation is



'The relation between Asian and India is a long-term one, not dependent only on the RCEP. Business between the two continues to grow'

under control, there is still room for reducing interest rates by another 100-200 basis points.

When do you think that the economic slowdown would start to moderate?
There is certainly a global factor as the performance of the world economy continued

to be below par. This has put pressure on exports.

Also, impact of the domestic election cycle on the economy needs to be considered. Public spending slows down before elections and there is a time lag in the implementation post election.

The flow of impact of all the key measures — the capital infusion into banks, lowering of corporate tax, quick GST refunds, and contingency fund for the housing sector — will have some time lag. We need another 3-4 months for the actual tangible results to show. So, I still consider the current spell of slow growth to be short term. By the beginning of the new calendar year, we would see an uptick in the economy.

What is the PHD Chambers' view on the RCEP deal?

If our concerns are not addressed, we should not sign it. That's a clear signal from the government and we should stick to it.

On the other hand, the relation between Asian and India is a long-term one and not dependent only on the RCEP. Business between the two (India and Asian) continues to grow.

Incidentally, a large Asian business delegation is visiting New Delhi next week as part of a business summit we are organising.

'Modi made world realise challenge of terrorism'

New Delhi, Sept. 30: Prime Minister Narendra Modi has made the international community realise that terrorism is not just a challenge for one country but to the world, humanity and Islam, minority affairs minister Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi



Naqvi said on Monday.

Lauding Modi's speech at the UN General Assembly in New York last week, Mr Naqvi said for the first time other nations realised that the Indian Prime Minister was speaking as the head of government of the world's largest democracy.

"He (Mr Modi) also made the international community realise that the issue of terrorism is not just a problem affecting a single nation, it is not a challenge for just one nation. Terrorism is a challenge for the world, for humanity and also a challenge for Islam," Mr Naqvi said in his address at the annual session of the PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Many terrorists use Islam as a shield to play their "nefarious game", the minority affairs minister said.

Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan, in his speech, started relating Islam and terrorism to hide Pakistan's "factory of terrorism", he said.

Mr Naqvi said an environment of fear had been created before the 2014 elections that if Modi comes to power, India's relations with several countries, including Islamic nations, could be spoiled.

However, the minority affairs minister said the opposite happened and relations with several Islamic countries deepened. — PTI

The Business Standard, New Delhi, November 10, 2019

माल दुलाई के लिए विशेष एयरपोर्ट बनाने का सुझाव

नई दिल्ली (वार्ता)।

नागरिक उड्डयन सचिव प्रदीप सिंह खरोला ने देश को अंतरराष्ट्रीय 'हवाई कार्गो' हब के रूप में विकसित करने की जरूरत पर बल दिया। उन्होंने कहा कि भविष्य में माल दुलाई वाले हवाई अड्डों को राष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डों से अलग करने की जरूरत है।

खरोला ने यहां पीएचडी चैम्बर आफ कॉमर्स द्वारा आयोजित वार्षिक एयर कार्गो सम्मेलन में कहा कि पिछले एक साल में देश

में यात्री हवाई परिवहन की वृद्धि की दर घटकर चार फीसद पर रह गई है जबकि हवाई माल परिवहन करीब नौ फीसद की दर से बढ़ रहा है। हमारे पास हवाई कार्गो के क्षेत्र में प्रमुख अंतरराष्ट्रीय केंद्र बनने का अवसर है। उन्होंने

विमानन क्षेत्र

कहा कि जिस प्रकार हवाई अड्डों पर विशेषकर बड़े हवाई अड्डों पर विमानों की आवाजाही के लिए स्लॉट की कमी हो रही है भविष्य में अलग से 'एयर फ्रेट स्टेशन' यानी माल दुलाई के लिए विशेष हवाई अड्डे बनाने की जरूरत होगी।

The Rashtriya Sahara, New Delhi, November 6, 2019

Gadkari assures MSMEs of govt help if they decide to list on stock exchanges

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
New Delhi, September 30

UNION MINISTER NITIN Gadkari on Monday asked micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) to get themselves listed on stock exchanges, and said he had already requested the finance ministry to allot ₹10,000 crore to the MSME ministry for buying equity of such entities.

"I had gone to the National Stock Exchange...and we got 20 MSME companies registered on the stock exchange... I have recommended the finance ministry to give us ₹10,000 crore. We will go to the National Stock Exchange or any other capital market and build up the equity for ourselves," he said.

Gadkari, who is road transport & highways and MSME minister, was speaking during the 114th Annual Session of PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry here.

"So, we will buy 10% equity in MSME



companies on behalf of the government and once the prices of shares go up, we can be the owner of ₹1 lakh crore instead of ₹10,000 crore," the minister said.

He asked the MSMEs that are exporting and have good balance sheets to go to the stock exchange as it would help them raise money from the capital market.

"Those MSMEs (companies) which are

The minister said his government's target was to increase MSMEs' present share of 29% in GDP to 50% and raise its export contribution from 49% to 60%

exporting and whose balance sheet is good I would request them that if they go to the National Stock Exchange and get themselves registered and if they build up the capital from the capital market then a new gateway for development will open for our country," he said.

The minister said his government's target was to increase MSMEs' present share of 29% in the gross domestic product to 50% and raise its export contribution from 49% to 60%.

"Soon, we are going to take a decision to increase the limit of MSME," the minister said.

The Asian Age, New Delhi, October 1, 2019

The Hindu Business Line, New Delhi, August 6, 2019

Industry-academia tie-ups strongest in Karnataka: Study

Industry consultation in setting up of pedagogy and working on gaining patents helps with better placements

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India is taking baby steps in developing strong university-industry linkages (UILs) due to the lack of a clear policy for strengthening these ties, according to the recent study titled 'Framework of University-Industry Linkages in Research' conducted by the PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry with support from DSIR, Ministry of Science and Technology.

The study revealed that there is a need for a strong collaboration between the universities and industries to come up with innovative ideas in research along with higher investments in R&D. "An institutionalised framework for industry-academia connect is required and we need strong government support. There are very few institutes offering courses in entrepreneurship and active incubation/entrepreneurship cells," says DE Aggarwal, president, PHD Chamber of Commerce & Industry.

The study also emphasises on research capacity, innovation and low enrolment in PHD programmes, along with few opportunities for interdisciplinary working because of a weak



innovation ecosystem in academia. This has affected UILs in India as compared to other developed nations, the study claims. For instance, India has 7.6 scientists per 1000 people compared to 180.7 in Canada, 53.1 in South Korea and 21.2 in the US. It calls for an ecosystem which facilitates transfer of knowledge from lab to market and a law in place for strong UILs.

Talking about how academia-industry linkages will mutually benefit the two sectors, Aggarwal says, students will learn and engage in real-world

problem-solving as it brings together the applicability of theoretical knowledge in real-life situations. "The exposure to the students will strengthen their intellectual capabilities and is a complete win-win situation for all the stakeholders. While the industry will find 'job-ready' students who need less training, the universities will build its brand by recording high placements."

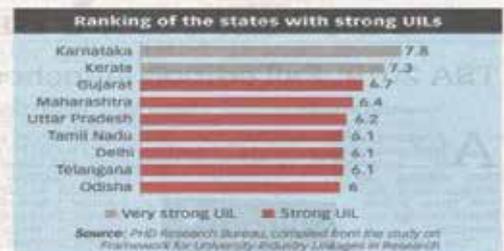
development of students and promotion of entrepreneurial skills," Aggarwal adds.

STATE-WISE RESULTS

"Some states are good in UILs and others are found to have weakness to weak UILs. They are strongest in Karnataka with a score of 7.8 points out of 10 and Kerala with a score of 7.3 while the linkages are strong in the state of Gujarat (score of 6.7), Maharashtra (score of 6.4) and Uttar Pradesh (score of 6.2)," Aggarwal says. The five northeastern states have weak UILs. "The state of Karnataka has

the highest score since all the major industries of the state including engineering, biotechnology, automotive, IT and IT enabled services and textiles industries have strong UILs," he adds.

The report suggests that out of 500 odd industrial clusters across India, 30-35% do not have any research institute or university in their vicinity. The setting up of a university/institute or incubation centre near the industrial clusters will facilitate translation of research into products and processes, the findings claim.



Source: PHD Research Bureau, compiled from the study on Framework for University-Industry Linkages in Research

India Inc welcomes RBI's move; says rate cut will spur growth

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
New Delhi, 4 October

The reduction in key policy rate by the Reserve Bank of India is expected to revive investment and encourage consumption, thereby kick-starting the sluggish economy, India Inc said on Friday.

Industry's reaction came as the central bank slashed its benchmark lending rate by 0.25 percentage points to 5.15 per cent.

The industry emphasised that it was now critical for banks to facilitate a faster transmission of rate cuts to ensure that the measures reap results.

CII Director General Chandrajit Banerjee said the cumulative 135 basis points rate cuts this year along with a slew of measures announced by the government to provide growth stimulus to a variety of sectors is expected to lift growth from its current stupor and unleash animal spirits.

PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry President D K Aggarwal said Friday's repo rate cut will help induce demand and refuel economic growth in coming quarters.

"This further reduction of repo rate will



Move to boost housing sales

The RBI's decision to cut key policy rate by 25 basis points will boost consumer sentiment as well as housing sales during the ongoing festive season which is a crucial period for the realty sector, industry experts said on Friday. With this cut, repo rate, at which it lends to the system, will now come down to 5.15 per cent. The central bank must now ensure effective transmission of rate cuts, announced on Friday as well as earlier, to home loan borrowers, they said.

not only bring down the lending rates but also incentivise investment and boost consumption," said Surendra Hiranandani, CMD, House of Hiranandani.

The RBI's latest move to trim repo rate comes at a time when the economic growth has hit a six-year low of 5 per cent. This is the fifth straight rate cut by the central bank in as many policy reviews in 2019, and takes the total quantum of reductions to 1.35 per cent.

Exporters body FIEO's President Sharad Saraf however, said the challenges in exports will continue and may aggravate

with geo-political situation.

Muthoot Pappachan Group CMD Thomas John Muthoot said for the common man to get the benefits of these cuts, it is important that banks ease the challenges for NBFCs to get funding from them, eventually pushing consumer sentiment.

"The rate cut is expected to complement other fiscal measures such as the corporate tax rate cut that was announced last month to propel GDP growth," said Anshuman Magazine, Chairman & CEO, India, South East Asia, Middle East & Africa, CBRE.

Business Standard, National, October 5, 2019

भारतीय उद्योग जगत ने किया स्वागत

नई दिल्ली, (भाषा): अयोध्या भूमि विवाद मामले में उच्चतम न्यायालय के न्यायाधीशों के निर्णय का भारतीय उद्योग जगत ने एक 'पुनर्जागरण' और 'अभूतपूर्व साहस' बतवाया। उच्चतम न्यायालय के प्रधान न्यायाधीश रंजन गोयंका की अध्यक्षता वाली पांच सदस्यीय संविधान पीठ ने न्यायाधीशों को अयोध्या भूमि विवाद का फैसला सुनाया

अयोध्या भूमि विवाद पर उच्चतम न्यायालय के निर्णय को 'साहसिक निर्णय' बतवाया

जिससे धार्मिक मगर अयोध्या में कानूनी विवाद के दौर में रहे 2.77 एकड़ के स्थल पर राम मंदिर बनना मार्ग खुल गया है। न्यायाधीशों ने कहा कि पीठ के पांच न्यायाधीशों के 'अभूतपूर्व साहस' को सराहते हैं। उन्होंने लिखा कि पांच न्यायाधीश, एक निर्णय जिसका इंतजार 130 करोड़ लोगों को था। इस निर्णय पर खुश होने के लिए पीठ

को किन्तु असहयोग साहस और न्यायिक अदृष्ट प्रयोग की आवश्यकता पड़ी होगी। मैं उनकी कर्तव्यपरायणता और अपने देश में न्याय को लागू करने के लिए उनकी सलाह करता हूँ। भारतीय उद्योग जगत ने कहा कि यह उच्चतम न्यायालय का एकमत से लिया गया स्वागतयोग्य निर्णय है। इस निर्णय ने दशकों पुराने कानूनी विवाद का अंत कर दिया है। उन्होंने अयोध्या भूमि को कि लोगों को न्यायालय का फैसला स्वीकार करना चाहिए और शांति बनाए रखनी चाहिए। न्यायालय का यह ऐतिहासिक निर्णय हमारी संस्कृति, परंपरा और एकता को मजबूत करेगा। उन्होंने कहा कि मैं न्यायापालिका के साथ उन सभी

संगठनों, लोगों का धन्यवाद करता हूँ जिन्होंने इस मामले को सुलझाने में मदद की। इन्फो के प्रबंध निदेशक यू. एस. अय्यंगर ने ट्वीट किया कि उच्चतम न्यायालय के पांच न्यायाधीशों की पीठ द्वारा विवादित स्थल राम मंदिर निर्माण के लिए सिद्ध करने को देने और मुक्ति को पांच एकड़ की दूसरी भूमि देने के निर्णय का स्वागत करते हैं। यह पूरे मुद्दे का अच्छा खतियान है। हमें शांति और सौहार्द बनाए रखना चाहिए। उद्योग मंडल परिषदी चैबर ऑफ कॉमर्स एंड इंडस्ट्री ने भी उच्चतम न्यायालय के निर्णय का स्वागत किया है। इसके लिए चैबर के अध्यक्ष डी. के. अग्रवाल ने देश के हर नागरिक को बधाई दी है।

DR DK AGGARWAL TAKES OVER AS PRESIDENT OF PHD CHAMBER

SMC Investments and Advisors, Chairman and Managing Director, Dr DK Aggarwal takes over as the President of the PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHD-CCI) at its 114th Annual Session. SMC group has a network of over 2,400 offices spread over 500 cities and towns in India. It has more than 24,000 registered associates or service providers in distribution segment serving the financial needs of a large base of investors efficiently.

Prior to becoming President of the PHDCCI, Dr Aggarwal was its Senior Vice President from October 2018 to September 2019 and Vice President from October 2017 to September 2018.

Dr Aggarwal is a fellow of The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) with over two decades of experience in the securities market and financial services.

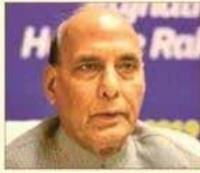
A visionary with in-depth knowledge of the financial markets, he manages, controls and supervises many businesses in the capital and commodity market segments.

The Mint, New Delhi/Mumbai/ Chandigarh, October 7, 2019

The Punjab Kesari, New Delhi, November 10, 2019

Will not be afraid of taking decisions that may attract corruption complaints: Rajnath

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
New Delhi, October 4



INVITING THE PRIVATE sector for active participation in the defence industry, defence minister Rajnath Singh on Friday said he will not be afraid of taking decisions for fear of attracting complaints of corruption.

Singh also said the Centre is committed in exploiting the entrepreneurship spirit of private defence sector and ready to interact and resolve their problems in the plans to take the Indian defence industry to the size of \$26 billion by 2025.

Stating that his doors are always open, he urged the private companies to come forward as he would like to give all help wherever possible.

Singh is scheduled to travel to Paris on October 7 on a three-day visit, primarily to receive the first of 36 Rafale fighter jets. The next day, Singh will fly a sortie in a Rafale fighter jet from a French airbase in Paris to gain first-hand experience of the aircraft.

Speaking at the India International Security Expo, which was organised by PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Singh said India cannot remain dependent on imported weapons for long since it did not align with the country's plans to become a superpower.

The minister said that when he became the defence minister people told him he should be careful on whom to meet and who to allow entry, as there could be scope for inviting complaints of corruption.

"They said that there are many business-related proposals, and there are matters related to imports and exports, and the minister should be

careful of all this otherwise someone will raise a finger (*Nahi to ungli uth jayegi*).

"A minister who is afraid of corruption charges, should refrain (from taking decisions), Rajnath Singh is not worried about all this. People and big industry organisations in this country know who is what (*kaun kya hai*). I am not worried at all. Come. My doors are open. Whatever help I can give, the defence ministry will give. This is an assurance I would like to give you," he said. Defence procurement has often been dogged by allegations of corruption.

Singh also said his ministry had taken many steps to boost Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in the defence sector and liberalised industrial licensing.

"I would like to tell you that in order to reach our aim, we have to walk a long road. However, it is my absolute belief that by 2025, we would take the Indian defence industry to the size of \$26 billion," he added.

Rajnath Singh visits IISE 2019 at Pragati Maidan

NEW DELHI: Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh attended an exclusive programme on 'Indian Defence' at India International Security Expo 2019 at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi, on Friday. To mark the occasion, he also released exclusive knowledge papers on "Shifting Gears from Import to Export-Defence Capability Developments".

After attending the programme, the minister took round of the Expo and evinced his keen interest in a wide range of displays comprising of the latest security and surveillance systems which are indispensable for a credible and rapid response to security challenges and threats in the internal and external domains during peace and war.

Among the high dignitaries present on the occasion were L. C Goyal, Chairman & Managing Director, ITPO, Sanjay Jaju, Joint Secretary, Department of Defence Production, Lt. Gen. Manoj Mukund Naravane, PVSM, Vice-Chief



of Army Staff, D K Aggarwal, President, PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Rajesh Agrawal, Executive Director, ITPO, Lt. Gen. Subrata Saha, PVSM, Chief Mentor, PHD (Defence & HLS Committee), Sanjay Aggarwal, Sr. Vice-President, PHD Chamber, Rajiv Bhatnagar, Chairman, PHD Defence & HLS Committee, members of the diplomatic corps, captains of Indian Security industry, senior representatives and experts from defence and law enforcement agencies, partic-

ipants, delegates and media representatives.

Organized by ITPO and PHD Chamber of Commerce & Industry with support of the Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of External Affairs and Ministry of MSME, Government of India, IISE 2019 (October 3-5) has been organized in Hall 12, Pragati Maidan. Concurrent programmes Indian defence & homeland security with meaningful deliberations by experts are among the major attractions at the Expo. **MPOST**

The Financial Express, Delhi, 5th October, 2019

Millennium Post, Delhi, 5th October, 2019

केंद्रीय मंत्री वीके सिंह ने कहा

यातायात संचालन में निजी सुरक्षाकर्मियों का हो इस्तेमाल

नयी दिल्ली, 16 नवंबर (एजेंसी)

केंद्रीय मंत्री वीके सिंह ने शनिवार को कहा कि निजी सुरक्षा गार्ड ड्रोन तथा सीसीटीवी की मदद से यातायात प्रबंधन, प्रदूषण निगरानी और भीड़ प्रबंधन जैसे मामलों में सरकारी एजेंसियों की मदद कर सकते हैं। सड़क, परिवहन और राजमार्ग राज्य मंत्री सिंह यहां पीएचडी चैंबर में केंद्रीय निजी सुरक्षा उद्योग संघ द्वारा आयोजित 'सुरक्षा नेतृत्व सम्मेलन' को संबोधित कर रहे थे। केंद्रीय निजी सुरक्षा उद्योग संघ द्वारा आयोजित बयान में

सिंह के हवाले से कहा गया, 'आज सरकारों के पास आम जनता की दैनिक जरूरतों को पूरा करने के लिए पर्याप्त संसाधन और श्रमशक्ति नहीं हैं। यहां निजी सुरक्षा एजेंसियां अहम भूमिका निभा सकती हैं, लेकिन उन्हें सरकारी एजेंसियों का विश्वास हासिल करने के लिए आधुनिक प्रौद्योगिकी में अपने जवानों को प्रशिक्षित करने की जरूरत है।' उन्होंने कहा कि निजी सुरक्षा एजेंसियों के लिए भविष्य की चुनौतियों के लिहाज से अपार अवसर हैं। भारतीय निजी सुरक्षा उद्योग को विदेशों में पकड़ बढ़ानी चाहिए।

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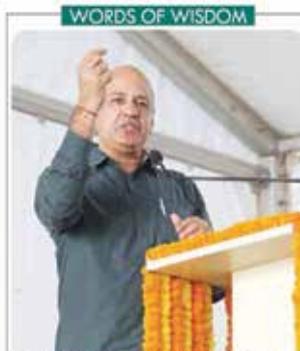
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Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia addresses Delhi photojournalists during an interaction session at a workshop organised by 'Shakti 10' in New Delhi on Wednesday

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PHD Chamber's 108th Annual Session



The 108th Annual Session of the PHD Chamber was held at Hotel Le Meridian, New Delhi on December 20, 2013. The Theme for the 108th AGM was 'Imperatives of Double Digit Growth'. Hon'ble Union Minister of Urban Development, Mr. Kamal Nath was the Chief Guest at the inaugural session.

Mr. Kamal Nath in his address stated that India is experiencing a huge infrastructure deficit as economic growth preceded infrastructure development. He was of the view that infrastructure will be a huge driver for economic growth in the next decade and for this he emphasized that "we need to build on various PPP models to overcome the infrastructure deficit in the country". He further opined that there is no perfect PPP model and a combination of various models would be suitable for the Indian context. The Hon'ble Minister also called for a supportive business environment in the country in order to facilitate economic growth.

Mr. Suman Jyoti Khaitan, President, PHD Chamber in his welcome address appreciated the passage of the Lokpal Bill and stated that it will be a good barometer for the nation's success. He also spoke of the need to do away with unnecessary litigation which was causing delays in various PPP Projects.

Interactive Session with Ministers India Opportunity in the Global Ecosystem



The inaugural session was followed by an interactive session with Ministers on "India Opportunity in the Global Ecosystem." Ms. Preeti Kaur, Hon'ble Minister of State for External Affairs, stated the current challenges faced by the Indian Economy. She opined that the current growth rate is not enough and we need to take measures to sustain it.

Prof. Abhisekh Mishra, Hon'ble Minister for Science and Technology, Govt. of Uttar Pradesh pointed out that India is a big market and that China will be less than India by 2035-2040.

Mr. Suman Jyoti Khaitan, President, PHD Chamber commented that India's growth rate is slow and that the country cannot afford a jobless growth. Mr. Manish Tewari, Hon'ble Minister of Information and Broadcasting spoke on the changes the world went through in the beginning of the 21st Century. The panel discussion was moderated by Mr. Pramit Pal Chaudhari, Foreign Editor, Hindustan Times.

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