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President's Message

Friends,

“Leadership is not about the next election, it's about the next generation...”

India is on an upward ascent towards becoming a global superpower. In times of these economic developments, we are gearing up for the high stake elections, which work as a seal of authenticity of India's democracy, an institution of immense scale and complexity. Given PHD Chamber's pivotal role in mediating between Industry and Government and with 2019 general elections around the corner, the Chamber presented an Economic Agenda to the political parties for creating more than 100 million jobs over the next five years through a seven-pronged strategy. This includes smart farming, boosting industrialization with Artificial Intelligence and Industry 4.0, ease of doing business for MSMEs, revitalizing exports, exploring tourism potential, providing quality education with skill development and inclusive health for all to enhance socio-economic development of the country. The enhanced economic activity has potential to push the fiscal growth trajectory by at least two percentage points in the next five years.

The Chamber opines that one of the most important low hanging fruit is India's tourism sector. Tourist inflows could be scaled-up by granting free tourist visas with one year validity and double entry permission; wide-body aircraft with direct flight routes to several destinations and privatization of road, rail and port development. This will not only increase investment and employment in sectors such as aviation, transport, railway, hospitality, hotels, restaurants, travel-organizers but also skill development institutes. The tourism sector has the potential to create more than 40 million new jobs over the next five years.

We further recommend that the new government must explore Smart Farming to shift disguised unemployment from traditional agriculture to agro and food processing exports and set up such clusters. Agro and food processing exports are expected to rise to US\$ 100 billion in the next five years and will provide jobs to 20 million people. The government will need to work towards easing market regulations to sell farm produce across the country and thus help farmers get the best price. Using innovative ways to encourage and streamline farming activities and strengthening access to credit for long-term loans will help to enhance farmers' income and productivity. This shall also revitalize exports by steadfast improvement in logistics infrastructure and trade facilitation, showcasing the possibility of creating more than 10 million new jobs in the next five years in the sector.

India also has a robust start-up scene, which reportedly has more firms than anywhere else in the



Rajeev Talwar

world except for the US and the United Kingdom. We view that these budding enterprises along with our MSMEs are a gold mine to create employment for more than 25 million people, with improved ease of doing business, organized labor laws, availability of land and low-cost financing facilities.

Having said this, I must applaud that as the Fourth Industrial Revolution (Industry 4.0) unravels globally, India has a key role to play. As aptly quoted by PM, Narendra Modi, “Our diversity, our demographic potential, fast-growing market size and digital infrastructure have the potential to make India a global hub of research and implementation.” India's transformative journey of Industry 4.0 is evolving fast to tackle the disruptive changes that industries may encounter in the next decade. As opined by our Prime Minister, this fusion of physical, digital and biological spheres towards technological transformation of global production systems using tools of Artificial intelligence, machine learning, Internet of Things, block chain and big data holds potential to take India to new heights.



India boasts of a large and diverse manufacturing sector that generates 17% of India's GDP and provides 15% of total employment. With adoption of Industry 4.0, an incremental rise in hi-tech manufacturing can be visualized, thus increasing the share of digitized manufacturing to 25% by 2022.

Going further, I opine that the concept of 'Industry 4.0' is going to change the way India manufactures, designs and refurbishes products. With the help of Artificial Intelligence and robotics, new ideas will be used to build model patterns and quickly convert into mass products. Concepts such as dark factories in the services and manufacturing sector, entirely run by robots with no need for artificial light, is no longer science fiction but indeed a reality. One could simply close the door and leave your army of programmed robots to get on with the job in your dark factory, ensuring precision, accuracy and safety.

By embracing Industry 4.0 across functions such as manufacturing, supply chain, logistics and procurement, Indian companies will be able to enhance their operating profits. Small and medium-sized enterprises will have the advantages of speed and agility needed to deal with disruption and innovation. Initiatives such as 'Make in India' along with 'Skill India' and 'Digital India' have further provided burgeoning opportunities for us to leap-frog to the next level of development by identifying their comparable advantage across sectors and value chains and preparing for the future.

Further, the 'Start-up India' program and other taxation and Intellectual Property Rights based reforms have sparked global optimism about India's manufacturing sector and improved investors' confidence along with increasing private consumption. This is evident by the increase in investment activity by 12.2 percent during 2018-19 versus 7.6 percent in 2017-18 with indications of further strengthening as benefits of recent policy changes begin to fructify.

It is obvious that with fast changes in technology, the current manpower skills might become obsolete but as demand grows, so will opportunities. In this context, constant up-gradation of skills, innovation frameworks and policy frameworks of the current workforce will

be required to take on new work responsibilities. This requires close interaction between academia and industry. High-end educational/research institutions will be needed to be set-up with inputs from industry so that they can interact with each other and bring new custom-made products as per changing requirements. Also, government initiatives to develop relevant skills, technical & vocational training programmes and enhanced public-private collaborations will allow India to reap the benefits of its unique demographic dividend.

I further recommend that to make Industry 4.0 a success for Indian industry, we need to build a more robust institutional framework. Indian firms would need to upgrade their technologies, production processes, product quality and related employee skills to meet the requirements of Global Value Chains. Globally accredited testing laboratories need to be set up to quality check products and technologies. In sync with this, the Chamber's programs such as 'Industry 4.0 Global Summit, Smart HR 4.0' and the PHD-KAS Cooperation Projects are playing a nodal role in imparting awareness about future skill requirements, enabling Indian MSMEs to adjust to the new skill requirements of Industry 4.0.

To continue the growth journey and take India to greater heights, I fully concur with Hon'ble President of India, Ram Nath Kovind's recent statement, "We need to ensure that innovative ideas mature into sustainable enterprises to maximize the innovation's benefit to society and the nation. May every innovation inspire another – and may the innovation journey continue." Let me conclude by saying that I envision that winners will be those who are able to partake in innovation-driven ecosystems by providing new ideas, business models, products and services and convert it into national and global opportunities.



Rajeev Talwar
President, PHDCCI



“The vision of Industry 4.0 is for “cyber-physical production systems” in which sensor-laden “smart products” tell machines how they should be processed. Processes would now govern themselves in a decentralized, modular system. Smart embedded devices start working together wirelessly either directly or via either the Internet ‘cloud’ – the Internet of Things (IoT) – to once again revolutionize production. Rigid, centralized factory control systems give way to decentralized intelligence as machine-to-machine communication hits the shop floor. This is the Industry 4.0 vision of the Fourth Industrial Revolution”. John Donovan

Procurement & Marketing Support to MSMEs & Virtual Incubator for Women Entrepreneurs 2019



Mr. Gulzar Azad, Country Head-Connectivity, Google India; Mr. Vijay Kumar, Director, MSME-DI; Mr. D K Aggarwal, Sr. Vice President, PHD Chamber; Ms. Naina Lal Kidwai, Independent Director, Max Financial Services and Senior Advisor, Advent Private Equity; Ms. Tripti Somani, Chairperson, Women Entrepreneurs Committee, PHDCCI; Ms. Priyanka Raina, Founder, Gracia Raina Foundation; Ms. Milee Aishwarya, Brand Equity, Womeninnovator; Mr. Pramod Sinha, Conclave Director & Head-HR & Corporate Communication, SCOPE and Dr Blossom Kochhar, Founder, Aroma Magic launching Womeninnovator 2019.

On the occasion of celebrating International Women's Day, Women Entrepreneurs (WE) Committee of PHD Chamber in association with the Ministry of MSMEs organized a National Seminar on 'Procurement & Marketing Support to MSMEs.' KGS Advisors launched a Virtual Incubator for Women Entrepreneurs 2019 on March 8, 2019 at PHD House, New Delhi.

The inaugural session was graced by Mr D. K. Aggarwal, Senior Vice President, PHD Chamber; Ms. Naina

Lal Kidwai, Independent Director, Max Financial Services & Senior Advisor, Advent Private Equity; Mr. Vijay Kumar, Director, MSME-DI, New Delhi; Ms. Tripti Somani, Chairperson WE Committee, PHD Chamber; Ms. Priyanka Raina, Founder, Gracia Raina Foundation; Dr Blossom Kochhar, Founder, Aroma Magic; Mr. Gulzar Azad, Country Head, Connectivity, Google India; Ms. Milee Aishwarya, Brand Equity, Womeninnovator and Mr. Pramod Sinha, Conclave Director & Head-HR & Corporate Communication, SCOPE.

The interactive session with diplomats was moderated by Ms. Rakhee Bakshi, Editor, Rajya Sabha TV. Esteemed speakers on dais were H.E. Mr. Daniel Chuburu, Ambassador of Argentina; H. E. Mr. Gudmundur Arni Stefansson, Ambassador of Iceland; Dr Jukka Holappa, Commercial Counsellor & Head of Business, Finland in India; Ms. Terrie Romano, Director of the International Missions Secretariat, Ontario Ministry of International Trade and Ms. Arunima Sen, Program Analyst, UN Women.



Ms. Arunima Sen, Program Analyst, UN Women; Ms. Tripti Somani, Chairperson, Women Entrepreneurs Committee, PHD Chamber; Dr Jukka Holappa, Commercial Counselor & Head of Business, Finland in India; H. E. Mr. Gudmundur Arni Stefansson, Ambassador of Iceland; H.E. Mr Daniel Chuburu, Ambassador of Argentina; Ms. Rakhee Bakshi, Editor, Rajya Sabha TV; Ms. Nidhi and Ms. Terrie Romano, Director of the International Missions Secretariat, Ontario Ministry of International Trade



Mr. Deepak Pahwa, Chairman & Managing Director, Pahwa Group; Dr Aruna Abhey Oswal, Chairperson, Abhey Oswal Group; Ms. Tripti Somani, Chairperson, Women Entrepreneurs Committee, PHD Chamber; Dr Mahesh Gupta, Former President and CMD, Kent RO Systems Ltd; Mr. Anil Khaitan, Immediate Past President, PHD Chamber; Mr. Bejon Kumar Mishra, Founder, Patient Safety & Access Initiative and Ms. Shruti Nadda Poddar, Senior Member, PHD Chamber

The session on 'Growth Strategy' was graced by Dr Mahesh Gupta, Former President, and Mr. Anil Khaitan, Immediate Past President PHD Chamber; Mr. Deepak Pahwa, Chairman & Managing Director, Pahwa Group; Mr. Bejon Kumar Mishra, Founder, Patient Safety & Access Initiative and Dr Aruna Abhey Oswal, Chairperson, Abhey Oswal Group who shared their inspiring stories on how to get success in business, market linkages and activation with Women Entrepreneurs.

At the valedictory session, various Government Support Schemes were discussed in the presence of Mr. Suresh Prabhu, Hon'ble Minister, Ministry of Commerce and Industry and Civil Aviation.

The Hon'ble Minister said that all the 103 Airports in India would be equipped with Geographical Indicators (GI) stores in which the products and articles made by artisans and of similar crafts would be displayed for their wider and broad-based consumption. Dr Arun Kumar Panda, IAS, Secretary, Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises explained that through the 'MSMEs Sambandh Portal,' the government is monitoring the progress of CPSE procurements which it is mandatory for them to procure 25 percent of their procurements through GeM portal of which 3 percent procurement is also necessary to be sourced from women entrepreneurs to give them encouragement

as well as empowerment. Others on the dias were Mr. P Udaya Kumar, Director, Planning & Marketing, NSIC; Mr. D. K. Aggarwal, Senior Vice President, Mr. Anil Khaitan, Immediate Former President and Dr H. P. Kumar, Former CMD, NSIC and Advisor, PHD Chamber.

Women Influencers from different sectors were given a chance to personally launch their products/ services/ initiatives. WomenNovator is determined to support the cause of women empowerment and has endorsed the women's empowerment principal of UN Global Compact and is supported by UN Global Compact India team.



Ms Nidhi Kumar, Anchor, Doordarshan moderated the event. Also seen: Ms. Uma Prabhu, Wife of Mr. Suresh Prabhu, Hon'ble Minister, Ministry of Commerce and Industry and Civil Aviation; Mr. Ashok Haldia, KGS Advisors; Mr. P Udaya Kumar, Director (Planning and Marketing), The National Small Industries Corporation Ltd. (NSIC), Mr. D K Aggarwal, Sr. Vice President, PHD Chamber; Mr. Suresh Prabhu, Hon'ble Minister, Ministry of Commerce and Industry and Civil Aviation; Ms. Tripti Somani, Chairperson, Women Entrepreneurs Committee, PHDCCI; Dr Arun Kumar Panda, IAS, Secretary, MSME; Mr. Anil Khaitan, Immediate Past President and Dr H P Kumar, Former CMD, NSIC & Advisor, PHD Chamber

Future of Cold-chain Infrastructure in India



Dr. Ranjeet Mehta, Principal Director, PHD Chamber; Mr. Pawanexh Kohli, CEO, National Centre for Cold-chain Development (NCCD), Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers' Welfare, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare; Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, Vice President, PHD Chamber; Mr. Anant Swarup, Joint Secretary (Logistics), Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry and Mr. Ashish Mohan Wig, Chairman, Roads, Ports and Other Infrastructure Committee, PHD Chamber

The Roads, Ports and Other Infrastructure Committee, PHD Chamber organized a National Conference on 'Future of Cold-chain Infrastructure in India' on March 1, 2019 at PHD House, New Delhi which was attended by delegates from industry and other stakeholders.

Mr. Anant Swarup, Joint Secretary (Logistics), Ministry of Commerce and Industry in his address pointed out that the government is committed to apply an integrated approach for the aforesaid policies so that every nook and corner of the country is value chained with logistics and agri-exports and in the process farmers get a fair deal for their produce.

Mr. Pawanexh Kohli, CEO, National Centre for Cold-chain Development (NCCD) in his address informed the participants that the Centre has been supporting the development of proactive policies and programmes including multiple subsidies to seek effective participation of industry and all relevant stakeholders in setting up of logistics infrastructure through cold-chains so that the produce of the farmers remain fresh and does not decompose and degrade.

Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, Vice President, PHD Chamber said that the Indian cold



Plenary Session – I: Creating Value for Agri-Produce through Cold-chain Development

Mr. Hitin Suri, Joint Managing Director, Suri Agro Fresh (P) Ltd.; Mr. Samit Jain, Managing Director, Pluss Advanced Technologies; Mr. Matt Ingeneri, Economic Growth Unit Chief, US Embassy; Mr. Pawanexh Kohli, CEO, National Centre for Cold-chain Development (NCCD), Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers' Welfare, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare; Dr. Ranjeet Mehta, Principal Director, PHD Chamber; Mr. Sabyasachi Mitra, Deputy Country Director, India Resident Mission, Asian Development Bank and Ms. Bhavana Vishwanath, Country-Head of Indian Subcontinent, Tolsma Grisnich Kiremkö

chain industry has witnessed some positive changes with the trend shifting towards establishing multipurpose cold storages and providing end-to-end services to control parameters throughout the value chain.

Mr. Ashish Wig, Chairman, Roads, Ports & Other Infrastructure Committee, PHD Chamber said that considering the current issue of food shortage and food security in India, cold chain facilities play an important role in the country.

The conference had three plenary

sessions which were addressed by various eminent speakers from the government and private sector.

Dr. Ranjeet Mehta, Principal Director, PHD Chamber delivered the formal vote-of-thanks to the guests and mentioned that various initiatives of the government are enabling industry to adopt better and more efficient technologies to ensure year-round availability of perishable food products at reasonable prices to the consumers including equitable distribution to other parts of the country.



Plenary Session-II: Re-engineering the Supply Chain by achieving Operational Excellence and Compliance

Mr. Atul Holkar, Senior Vice President, Head Merchandise and Supply Chain Management, Varun Beverages Ltd; Ms. Sarini Sachdeva, India Representative – VAQTEC; Mr. Ashish Mohan Wig, Chairman, Roads, Ports and Other Infrastructure Committee, PHD Chamber; Mr. S.K. Sharma, Managing Director, Global Agri System Pvt. Ltd and Mr Atul Ahuja, CEO, India Retail



Plenary Session-III: Emerging Trends & Technologies in Cold-chain sector

Mr. Varun Bhardwaj, Deputy Secretary, PHD Chamber; Dr. Sunil Bajaj, General Manager(Marketing & Tech), Lloyd Insulations (India) Ltd; Dr. Sudipto Chakraborty, Honeywell India Technology Center - Advanced Material Leader, Honeywell; Mr. Ashish Mohan Wig, Chairman, Roads, Ports and Other Infrastructure Committee, PHD Chamber and Mr. Neeraj Narula, Manager - Business Development - HVAC & Refrigeration, Danfoss Industries

The Vice President of India, Mr. M Venkaiah Naidu recently in a speech referred to the seven sins listed by the Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi-- “Wealth without Work, Pleasure without Conscience, Knowledge without Character, Commerce without Morality, Science without Humanity, Religion without Sacrifice and Politics without Principle.” The President said they must become the guiding principles for shaping the ethical values of individuals, society, country and the world at large.



Participants

Funding of Agribusiness Start-ups



H.E. Mr Juan Rolando Angulo Monsalve, Ambassador of Chile addressing the guests. Also seen: Mr. Padmanand V, Executive Director, Grant Thornton India LLP; Dr Ketaki Bapat, Scientist 'F', Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser, Government of India; Mr. Ajay Kumar Thakur, Head – BSE SME & Startups; Mr. Bharat Mehta, Co-Chairman, Innovation and Startup Committee, PHD Chamber; Mr. Nitin Puri, Senior Vice President, Yes Bank; Dr Chindi Vasudevappa; V C, NIFTEM and Dr Jatinder Singh, Director, PHD Chamber

The Innovation and Startup Committee organized an interactive session on 'Funding of AgriBusiness Start-ups' followed by a Pitch Session for AgriBusiness Startups with Funding Agencies and VCs on March 7, 2019, at PHD House, New Delhi. About ten leading VCs/funding agencies/Banks and Agri Startups from all over India participated in the session.

The following topics were discussed – Avenues for getting funding for Agri Start-ups; Challenges in getting funding and how to overcome them and Expectations of Funding agencies/VCs.

A special feature of the event was one-on-one meeting of Start-ups with VCs and funding agencies.

Mr Ajay Kumar Thakur, Head – BSE SME & Startups informed the Start-ups about services of BSE for Startups. H.E. Mr. Juan Rolando Angulo Monsalve, Ambassador of Chile, spoke about the Start-up Chile initiative in his country. Dr Chindi Vasudevappa, Vice Chancellor, NIFTEM highlighted the role of NIFTEM in promoting innovations in food processing. Dr. Ketaki Bapat, Scientist 'F', Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser, Gol enlightened the delegates about the RUTAG Scheme of the government. Mr. Nitin Puri, Senior Vice President, Yes Bank spoke on the potential for Agripreneurs in India. Mr. Padmanand V, Executive Director, Grant Thornton India LLP, gave an overview of the Agritech sector in India. Mr.

Himanshu Malik, Assistant Vice President, Invest India, informed about the AGNII initiative of the government to encourage innovations in India. Mr Bharat Mehta, Co-chairman, Innovations and Start-ups Committee, highlighted the significance of Agripreneurship in the Indian context.

A panel discussion, moderated by Mr Ashish Agarwal, Director, J R Laddha Financial Services was also organized in which representatives of leading funding agencies viz. Ms. Padmaja Ruparel, President, Indian Angel Network; Mr. Vipul Mankad, Managing Director, SEAF India Agribusiness Fund; Mr. Sameer Garg, V P & Regional Head -New Economy Group, Axis Bank; Mr. Raj Kumar, Manager – Impact Investing Group, IndusInd Bank;



Mr. Ajay Kumar Thakur, Head – BSE SME & Startups addressing the dignitaries



Mr. Ashish Agarwal, Director, J R Laddha Financial Services, moderating the Panel Discussion. Other panelists seen: Mr. Raj Kumar, Manager – Impact Investing Group, IndusInd Bank; Mr. Sameer Malik, Program Manager, Nexus Startup Hub and Incubator; Mr. Sameer Garg, V P & Regional Head -New Economy Group, Axis Bank; Ms. Padmaja Ruparel, President, Indian Angel Network; Mr. Vipul Mankad; Managing Director, SEAF India Agribusiness Fund; Mr. Ravi Kshirsagar, AVP, Samunnati Financial Intermediation and Ms. Akshata, Partner, growX Ventures

Ms. Akshata, Partner, GrowX Ventures; Mr. Sameer Malik, Program Manager, Nexus Startup Hub & Incubator and Mr. Ravi Kshirsagar, AVP, Samunnati Financial Intermediation shared their views on the

AgriBusiness Startup ecosystem.

About, 25 Start-ups from various States of India made their presentations to investors and pitched for funding. The

event was supported by AGNii; Nexus Startup Hub and Incubator was the Incubator Partner; Grant Thornton was the Knowledge Partner while Krishi Jagran was the Media Partner for the event.

Seminar on Base Metal Futures - An Effective Hedging Tool



Ms. Shivani Gupta, Deputy Secretary, PHDCCI; Mr. Narinder Wadhwa, Alternate President, CPAI; Mr. Shashank Gupta, Manager - Northern Region, SEBI; Mr. Sanjay Rawal, President, CPAI; Mr Chittaranjan Rege, Head – Base Metals, MCX Ltd and Mr. C P Agarwala, Sr. Member, Capital Market & Commodity Market Committee, PHDCCI

The Capital Market and Commodity Market Committee of PHD Chamber organized a seminar on 'Base Metal Futures – An Effective Hedging Tool' on February 27, 2019 at PHD House, New Delhi.

Ms. Shivani Gupta, Deputy Secretary, PHD Chamber in her opening remarks mentioned that India's Commodity Market is set to reduce its dependence on international exchanges, mainly in the US and Europe for price discovery.

Mr. Narinder Wadhwa, Alternate President, Commodity Participants Association of India while moderating the session, highlighted that this event would showcase the opportunities in base

metals and challenges. He underlined that India's position is always that of a 'Price Setter' rather than a 'Price Taker' and the essentials to achieve this position are Policy, Product and Participation.

Mr. Sanjay Rawal, President, Commodity Participants Association of India in his address highlighted that hedging is an essential activity for expanding the business. He stated that base metals tend to have large weightage in terms of costs and without hedging it involves high risk. He also mentioned that price discovery should be used for effective hedging strategy for base metals.

Mr. Chittaranjan Rege, Head – Base Metals, Multi Commodity Exchange of

India Limited in his presentation talked about the risk and price volatility along with factors affecting price of base metals. He explained the hedging benefits on MCX and also highlighted the regulatory boosts available for hedgers.

Mr. Shashank Gupta, Manager - Northern Region, Securities and Exchange Board of India in his address mentioned that as compared to international exchanges, liquidity and open interest is not easily available with Indian Exchanges. He highlighted that people have the impression of Capital and Commodity Market as "Satta Bazar" where they can come and earn money. However, to bring the hedgers in the market, physical delivery should be promoted. He also mentioned that people always believe in trading gold or silver, as they are standard contracts rather than other commodities. He focussed on creating awareness and educating investors about the new trends and benefits so that the market can move from speculators to hedgers.

Mr. C. P. Agarwala, Sr. Member, Capital Market & Commodity Market Committee, PHD Chamber summarized the views of the speakers and delivered the vote-of-thanks to the guests for making the event a grand success.





PHD Chamber hosted its 3rd PHDCCI Retreat, 2019 for its Members and their spouses from February 22-24, 2019 at Beleza-By-The-Beach Resort, Colva Beach, Goa.

The purpose of the Retreat was to develop a bonding spirit amongst PHD Members and their spouses as well as motivate them as a group to take PHD Chamber to the next level. PHD members during the Retreat got together as a group for some face time where they really learnt about each other's personalities and had casual conversations. All delegates participated in various entertainment activities such as playing Volley ball, Frizbee, Karaoke, Musical Chairs, Cards, Singing, Ice breaker games and many more forms of recreation to create a bonhomie spirit amongst all.

The Retreat was attended by PHDCCI Managing Committee Members & their spouses as mentioned on Page 15.









The MC Members and their spouses who participated in the Retreat were Mr. Rajeev Talwar, President, PHDCCI & CEO & Whole-Time Director DLF Ltd. & Ms. Poonam Talwar; Mr. Damodar Krishna Aggarwal, Senior Vice President, PHDCCI & CMD, SMC Investments and Advisors Ltd. & Ms. Archana Aggarwal; Mr. Ashok Kajaria, Former President, PHDCCI & CMD, Kajaria Ceramics Ltd; Mr. Sharad Jaipuria, Former President, PHDCCI & CMD, Ginni International Ltd; Dr. Mahesh Gupta, Former President, PHDCCI & CMD, Kent RO Systems Ltd. & Ms. Sunita Gupta; Mr. Gopal Jiwarajka, Former President, PHDCCI & CMD, Salora International Ltd. & Ms. Neetu Jiwarajka; Mr. Mukesh Gupta, CMD, Graphisads Pvt. Ltd & Ms. Padma Gupta; Mr. Sanjeev Gupta, CMD, NEXGEN Financial Solutions Pvt. Ltd. & Dr. Namita Gupta; Mr. Dev Bhushan Jain, MD, Dipty Lal Judge Mal Pvt. Ltd. & Ms. Anita Jain; Mr. Arshad Nizam Shawl, Director, Alliance Advertising & Marketing Pvt. Ltd. & Ms. Kajal Asma Shawl; Mr. Ravi Gupta, CEO, Instinct Infra & Power Ltd. & Ms. Meena Gupta; Mr. Amir Singh Pasrich, Managing Partner, International Law Affiliates & Ms. Shivani Wazir Pasrich; Mr. Satish Girotra, Director, S Girotra Consultants Pvt. Ltd. & Ms. Promila Girotra; Mr. Sanjay Singhania, Director, E-Pack Polymers (P) Ltd. & Ms. Preeti Singhania; Mr. Kishore Kumar Kaya, Chairman, Welcomhotel The Savoy & Ms. Madhu Kaya; Mr. Mohinder Kumar Gupta, Managing Director, Star Wire (India) Ltd. & Ms. Rekha Gupta; Mr. Ashish Nath, Whole Time Director, General Commerce Ltd. & Ms. Sanskriti Nath; Mr. Sanjeev Soni, Managing Director, Meenakshi Polymers & Ms. Puunam Soni, Director, Meenakshi Polymers; Mr. Sahil Choudhary, Proprietor, Four Bridges Capital & Ms. Priyam Sapra; Ms. Tripti Shinghal Somani, Director, Sai Ram Services; Ms. Meenu Maggon; Ms. Priya Hingorani, Partner, Hingorani & Associates; Mr. Vivek Katoch, Director, Corporate Affairs, Oriflame India Pvt. Ltd; Mr. Kunal Singhal, Managing Director, Eazy ERP Tehnologies Pvt Ltd; Mr. Vipul Maheshwari, Managing Partner, Maheshwari & Company and Capt. Suresh Vasudeva, Director, Duncan Investments & Industries Ltd along with their spouses.

The Essential Constituents of Good Corporate Governance



Ms. Shivani Gupta, Deputy Secretary, Mr. Subhash Setia, Co-chairman, Corporate Affairs Committee, PHD Chamber, Mr. P K Rustagi, Co-Chairman, Corporate Affairs Committee and Mr. Naveen N. D. Gupta, Chairman, Corporate Affairs Committee, PHD Chamber; Mr Lalit Kumar, Partner, J Sagar Associates and Mr. Vineet K Chaudhary, Council Member, The Institute of Company Secretaries of India.

The Corporate Affairs Committee of PHD Chamber organized an interactive workshop on 'Good Corporate Governance: The Essential Constituents' on March 6, 2019 at PHD House, New Delhi.

Ms. Shivani Gupta, Deputy Secretary, PHD Chamber moderated the session and highlighted that as India has grown by leaps and bounds, Corporate India's attention has evolved from simple management to governance and now effective governance.

Mr. Naveen N. D. Gupta, Chairman, Corporate Affairs Committee, PHD Chamber in his welcome address stated that robust Corporate Governance framework is essential to achieve the milestone of India's becoming a US\$ 5 trillion economy in the coming years. He mentioned that corporate governance is always based on principles rather than rules. He also mentioned that SEBI has accepted 42 recommendations made by

the Kotak Committee and put into effect the Corporate Governance Amendments from April 1, 2019, so that companies are able to adjust to new governance requirements as well as overcome the implementation challenges.

Mr. P. K. Rustagi, Co-chairman, Corporate Affairs Committee, PHD Chamber in his theme address stated that more the level of corporate governance, the stronger is the company in the eyes of the shareholders. He stated that the new norms after the Companies Act 2013, which have come into the picture are very balanced and innovative that have reformed the growth of Indian companies as per international standards. He also highlighted that the Ministry of Corporate Affairs has amended the Significant Beneficial Ownership Rules for companies under the Act, 2013 that would help identify entities that might be controlled from outside the country.

Mr. Vineet K Chaudhary, Council Member, The Institute of Company Secretaries of India mentioned that corporate governance is not a new subject. He stated that corporate governance promotes the practice of accountability along with transparency of the provisions followed under the same.

Mr. Lalit Kumar, Partner, J Sagar Associates in his presentation on key developments in SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015 discussed the amendments in definitions and regulations under Related Party Transactions. He also explained the provisions related to Secretarial Audit along with Declaration or Resignation required by Independent Directors.

Dr Shamsuddin, Founder Member & Managing Partner, Shams Legal LLP gave a presentation on 'Basic Features of The Prevention of Money-Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002'. He also discussed the offences under PMLA and provisions relating to bail.

Mr Vidhyadhar Kulkarni, Head, Technical Directorate, The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India gave a presentation on 'Review and Reporting of Financial Statements: Essential Tools for good Corporate Governance'. He discussed Directors and Company responsibility about Financial Reporting & Risk Management.

Mr Subhash Setia, Co-chairman, Corporate Affairs Committee, PHD Chamber delivered the formal vote-of-thanks to the guests for their gracious presence at the workshop.



Mr. Subhash Setia, Co-chairman, Corporate Affairs Committee, PHD Chamber; Dr. Shamsuddin, Founder Member & Managing Partner, Shams Legal LLP; Mr. P K Rustagi, Co-chairman, Corporate Affairs Committee & Mr. Naveen N. D. Gupta, Chairman, Corporate Affairs Committee, PHD Chamber and Mr. Vidhyadhar Kulkarni, Head, Technical Directorate, The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India

World Consumer Rights Day - 2019

TRUSTED SMART PRODUCTS



Dr Puneet Nigam, VP Metropolis; Mr. Mohammad Ameen, Sr. Consultant, NHSRC; Dr Anil Handoo, Senior Consultant and Director BL Kapur Hospital; Dr Vandana Jain, Director NABL; Dr. Rohit Jain, Hony. Consultant, Santokba Durlabhji Memorial Hospital, Jaipur; Mr. L. Mansingh, Chairman, Consumer Online Foundation; Mr. Wajahat Habibullah, Former Chief Information Commissioner and Chairman, PSM India Initiative; Ms. Meenakshi Dutta Ghosh, Board Member, PSM India Initiative; Dr S. Eswara Reddy, Drug Controller General of India, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare; Mr. Bejon Kumar Misra, Founder, THE AWARE CONSUMER and Dr Punam Bajaj, Joint Director NABL

PHD Chamber in association with The Aware Consumer and Quality Council of India celebrated the 'World Consumer Rights Day' (WCRD) on March 15, 2019 at India International Centre Annex, New Delhi. As part of the celebrations, a panel discussion on the global theme for 2019 – "Trusted Smart Products" was organized.

Mr. Wajahat Habibullah, Former Chief Information Commissioner and Chairman, PSM India Initiative; Prof Bejon Kumar Misra, Founder THE AWARE CONSUMER and Mr. Anil Khaitan, Immediate Past President, PHD Chamber talked about the importance of Consumer Rights Protection in today's world of digitization and how the trust of the consumer is important for the growth of the economy.

Chief Guest, Dr S. Eswara Reddy, Drug Controller General of India, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare spoke about bringing uniformity in the enforcement of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act. He further added that DCGI is looking after the training of Drug Analysts deputed by State Drug Control Laboratories and other institutions.

The panel discussion on 'Quality Assurance and Building Trust on Smart Products' was chaired by Ms. Meenakshi Dutta Ghosh, Former Secretary to Gol. Panelists included experts from NABL, BL Kapur Hospital, Delhi, SDM Hospital, Jaipur, Metropolis and NHSRC shared their views on NABL Schemes for Medical Labs, Point of care testing, accreditations,

patient safety and strengthening healthcare infrastructure in the country through adoption of quality practices in small laboratories.

The second session was chaired by Dr K. K. Aggarwal, Past President, IMS and Mr. Sumit Duggal, Co-Founder Signcatch and Co-chair, Committee on Start Ups, PHD Chamber. Eminent panelists, Mr. Rajiv Nath from Association of Indian Medical Devices and Mr. Pankaj Mahindroo, Chairman, Cellular and Electronics Association spoke on building trust on smart products and technological innovations and interventions to empower the Indian companies. They talked about the protection of consumers' data due to rapid digitization of smart products. In today's scenario, smart products are

connected to the internet and receive, collect and send data globally. From smart phones to wearable fitness trackers, to voice-activated assistants and smart TVs, many of the products we use are increasingly becoming connected by default.

The last session on 'e-commerce policy and internal trade' chaired by Mr. L. Mansingh, Former Secretary, Gol witnessed knowledge sharing by speakers from Amazon and Amway India.

The conference witnessed a huge participation from voluntary consumer organizations and various technology driven companies, IT Sector, Health Laboratories, government officials, prominent Institutes, etc.



Mr. Wajahat Habibullah, Former Chief Information Commissioner and Chairman, PSM India Initiative presenting a plant to Dr S. Eswara Reddy, Drug Controller General of India, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare

GST Conclave Amendments in CGST, IGST, UTGST, SGST Acts



Mr. Shivam Mehta, Lakshmikumaran & Sridharan; Mr. Anil Sood, CAS Associates; Mr. Bimal Jain, Chairman, Indirect Taxes Committee, PHD Chamber; Mr. Rakesh Garg, S S Kothari Mehta & Co; Mr. N K Gupta, Co-chairman, Indirect Taxes Committee, PHD Chamber and Mr. Deepak Suneja, Nitya Tax Associates.

The First Conclave of the GST Series on 'Amendments Made in CGST, IGST, UTGST, SGST Acts effective from February 1, 2019' was held on January 31, 2019 at PHD House, New Delhi.

Mr. Bimal Jain, Chairman, Indirect Taxes Committee and Mr. N. K. Gupta, Co-chairman, Indirect Taxes Committee, PHD Chamber; Mr. Deepak Suneja, Nitya Tax Associates; Mr. Shivam Mehta, Lakshmikumaran & Sridharan; Mr. Anil Sood, CAS Associates; Mr. Rakesh Garg, S S Kothari Mehta & Co.; Mr. Onkar Sharma, Advaita Legal and Mr. Abhi Narayan Mishra, Principal Director- Finance & HR, PHD Chamber shared their views on the amendments.

Mr. Bimal Jain in his theme presentation on GST Amendment Acts said that 46 major Amendments in definitions effective from February 1, 2019 included Provisions related to Supply, Levy and Collection of

Taxes under GST, Composition Scheme, Time and Value of Supply, Input Tax Credit, Registration, Tax Invoice, Credit & Debit Notes, Returns, GST Practitioner, Payment of Tax, Refunds, Recovery of Tax, Appeals to Appellate Authority & Appellate Tribunal and Transitional Provisions.

Mr. Deepak Suneja in his presentation highlighted the proposed amendments made in CGST Act. He explained provisions under Section 7 of the (CGST) Act, 2017 relating to "Scope of Supply". He highlighted the impact of amendment on merchanting sale, high sea sale and in-bond sales. He further mentioned that separate registration is allowed for each place of business in the same State, irrespective of being in the same business verticals.

Mr. Shivam Mehta explained the provisions of time of supply of goods and services under the CGST Tax (Amendment) Act 2018. He further highlighted that

section 17 of CGST Act provides for apportionment of credit and inward supplies on which input credit is blocked.

Mr. Anil Sood highlighted section 52 of the CGST Act and explained sub-section (9), section 37 and section 39.

Mr. Rakesh Garg through his presentation explained section 22 of the CGST Act – persons liable for registration. He mentioned that the threshold for registration for service providers would continue to be Rs. 20 lakhs and in case of Special category States Rs. 10 lakhs. He further mentioned that effective October 13, 2017, the government had exempted all service providers from obtaining registration even if the service provider was providing inter-state supply of services, provided that his aggregate turnover on all-India basis was less than Rs. 20 - 10 lakhs.

Mr. Onkar Sharma highlighted the seven provisions which were amended under the IGST Act. Amendment of section 2(16) was made to enlarge the scope of governmental authority so as to include a Panchayat under Article 243G. The objective to amend Section 5 of the Act empowering the Central Government is to notify classes of registered persons to pay tax on reverse charge basis in respect of receipt of supplies of certain specified categories of goods or services or both from unregistered suppliers.

Mr. N. K. Gupta stated that the current law allows a separate registration for each place of business in respect of persons having multiple places of business in a state.



Mr. Bimal Jain, Chairman, Indirect Taxes Committee, PHD Chamber; Mr. Deepak Suneja, Nitya Tax Associates and Mr. Rakesh Garg, S S Kothari Mehta & Co.

Changes in GST Law and Practical aspects of GST Annual Return (GSTR-9)/ GST Audit (GSTR-9C)



Mr. Abhi Narayan Mishra, Principal Director, PHD Chamber; Mr. Anil Khaitan, Immediate Former President; Mr. Sandeep Bhatnagar, Member, CBIC; Mr. Bimal Jain, Chairman, Indirect Taxes Committee, PHD Chamber; Mr. Shailendra Kumar, Editor & Founder, TIOL and Mr. N. K. Gupta, Co-chairman, Indirect Taxes Committee, PHD Chamber

The Second Conclave of the GST Series, 'Important changes in GST Law effective from February 1, 2019 and Practical aspects of GST Annual Return (GSTR-9)/ GST Audit (GSTR-9C)' was held on February 21, 2019 at PHD House, New Delhi.

Mr. Anil Khaitan, Immediate Former President, PHD Chamber in his welcome remarks said that India should enhance its tax base and revenue collection so that the government could use the surplus to improve the quality of education and health sectors.

Mr. Bimal Jain, Chairman, Indirect Taxes Committee, PHD Chamber in his theme presentation praised the government initiative to put GST in the right perspective but also revealed that challenges still exist which need to be addressed. He hoped that in due course of time many pending issues will be resolved as per satisfaction of industry with clarifications forthcoming on matters requiring clarity.

Mr. Sandeep Bhatnagar, Member, CBIC reiterated and assured India Inc. that there is always scope for improvement in the GST because the government is proactively engaged in making legitimate amendments to make GST a good and

simple tax. Mr. Bhatnagar on the issue of threshold limit of Rs. 40,000 said that the Council is exploring all legitimate possibilities to implement the threshold limit within the timeframe so that the industry could take maximum advantage of the decision.

Mr. Shivam Mehta in his presentation on amendments in CGST & IGST Act discussed the evolving issues from amendments such as procurement from URD person, registration, input tax credit and place of supply. He stated that as per Sec 9(4) of CGST Act, if a registered person purchases goods/services from an unregistered dealer (URD), then the registered taxpayer is liable to pay GST on reverse charge basis (only for certain goods/services & registered persons). All the provisions of the Act will apply to such a recipient as if he were the person liable for paying the tax in relation to the supply of goods or services. He mentioned that new rule 41A was inserted into the Central Goods and Service Tax Rules, 2017, which deals with the provisions relating to the transfer of input tax credit in case of the registered person who has obtained a separate registration for multiple places of business within a State or Union Territory.

Ms. Kanupriya Bhargava in her presentation highlighted that section 54 of CGST Act 2018 was amended in order to provide that the principle of unjust enrichment will apply in case of a refund claim arising out of supply of goods or services or both made to a Special Economic Zone developer or unit, and to allow receipt of payment in Indian rupees, where permitted, by the Reserve Bank of India in case of export of services. Further, she highlighted that Section 140 of the CGST Act was amended retrospectively effective from July 1, 2017.

Mr. Bhadrash Vyas underlined that as per section 44, every registered person, other than an Input Service Distributor, a person paying tax under section 51 or section 52, a casual taxable person and a non-resident taxable person, shall furnish an annual return for every fiscal year electronically in such form and manner as may be prescribed on or before the thirty-first day of December following the end of fiscal year. He mentioned that the Annual Return in Form GSTR-9 for FY 2017-18 has been amended vide Notification No. 74/2018 – CT dated December 31, 2018 to increase the scope and make certain consequential and necessary changes in the Form released earlier.



6th PHD GLOBAL RAIL CONVENTION-2019

Next Generation Rail-Road Transport Ecosystem



Mr. Yogesh Srivastav, Principal Director, Mr. Anil Khaitan, Immediate Past President and Mr. Ramesh Aggarwal, Chairman, Railway & Road Transport Committee; PHD Chamber; Mr. Vinod Kumar Yadav, IRSEE, Chairman Railway Board, Ministry of Railways; Mr. Ghanshyam Singh, IRSEE, Member (Traction) Railway Board, Ministry of Railways; Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, Vice President & Mr. Sandeep Aggarwal, Chairman, PHD Telecom Committee

PHD Chamber's Railways & Road Transport Committee organized its 6th PHD GLOBAL RAIL CONVENTION-2019-themed "Next Generation Rail-Road Transport Ecosystem" on February 26, 2019 at PHD House, New Delhi.

Mr. Vinod Kumar Yadav (IRSEE), Chairman Railway Board, Ministry of Railways graced the inaugural session as Chief Guest. The session was also graced by Mr. Ghanshyam Singh, IRSEE, Member (Traction), Railway Board, Ministry of Railways; Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, Vice President; Mr. Anil Khaitan, Immediate Past President; Mr. Ramesh Aggarwal, Chairman, Railway & Road Transport Committee and Mr. Sandeep Aggarwal, Chairman, Telecom Committee, PHD Chamber.

Mr. N. Kashinath, IRSEE, DG (S&T), Railway Board, Ministry of Railways chaired the subsequent panel discussion which comprised of eminent industry experts-Mr. Manish Agarwal, Business Head Unit-Mobility Management, Siemens; Mr. Raviprakash Karcherla, Director Ground Transportation, India, Thales; Ms. Sujatha Narayan, Managing Director, Faively Transport Rail Technology; Mr. Rasmi Ranjan Ray, Head of Rail Control Solutions -India, Bombardier Transportation; Mr. Rakesh Tandon, Executive Director, The Centre for Transportation Research and Management (C-TRAM) & Former CMD, IRCTC; Mr. Subrat Nath, Managing Director, Talgo India Private Limited; Mr. Shashikant Jugran, CEO, Birdres and Mr. Rajaji Meshram, Partner, E & Y.



Memento Presentation: Mr. Ramesh Aggarwal, Chairman, Railway & Road Transport Committee and Mr. Anil Khaitan, Immediate Past President, PHD Chamber; Mr. Vinod Kumar Yadav (IRSEE), Chairman Railway Board; Ministry of Railways; Mr. Sandeep Aggarwal, Chairman, Telecom Committee & Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, Vice President, PHD Chamber

Mr. Vinod Kumar Yadav, Chairman, Railway Board conveyed the wishes of the Hon'ble Minister of Railways, Mr. Piyush Goyal's for the convention. Mr. Yadav advised Indian Inc. to increase its capacities substantially to enable railways secure a very high magnitude of supplies for its massive expansion plans from it – be it in railway infrastructure or signalling or even electrification.

Mr. Yadav shared the recent laudable achievements and expansion plans of Indian Railways like the Vande Bharat Express. Mr. Yadav opined that a dialogue is required with Indian Industry in areas of vendor development, vendor registration

and inspection process. He suggested a mechanism needs to be set for the Indian Railways and Indian Inc. so that the proposed supplies are sourced largely from domestic industry provided its quality is not compromised. A committee or task force needs to be set up whereby members from both Indian Railways and Indian Inc. chalk out the future plans jointly so that the proposed infrastructural development of Indian railways become conclusive with the qualitative support of indigenous industry, opined Mr. Yadav.

Speaking on the occasion, Member (Traction), Mr. Ghanshyam Singh, shared the other achievements of Indian Railways

in recent times. He shared that the railways would be making effective use of its land along the railway tracks for setting up of solar and wind power plants. According to him, the railways are working on multi-pronged strategies to improve its efficiencies to not only ensure operational accuracy in railway movement but also on enhancing the speed of some of its express trains.

In his welcome remarks, Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, Vice President, PHD Chamber appreciated the role played by railways to augment its efficiencies and operational abilities and urged the Government that Indian Inc. would prove to be its conclusive partner for transforming the railways. Among others who spoke on the occasion were Mr. Anil Khaitan, Immediate Past President, Mr. Ramesh Aggarwal, Chairman, Railway & Road Transport Committee and Mr. Sandeep Aggarwal, Chairman, Telecom Committee, PHD Chamber.

A knowledge report prepared by the Knowledge partner - The Institute of Cost Accountants of India was also released at the inaugural session.

The subsequent panel discussion was graced by experts from the Railway Board and Industry experts who shared the future roadmap along with collaborative ways for the Industry to connect in the envisaged growth plans:

PANEL DISCUSSION I-NEXT GENERATION RAIL TECHNOLOGY ECOSYSTEM:

The panel discussion on 'Next Generation Rail Technology Ecosystem'



Panel Discussion: Mr. Yogesh Srivastav, Principal Director and Mr. Sandeep Aggarwal, Chairman, Telecom Committee; PHD Chamber, Mr. Subrat Nath, Managing Director, Talgo India Private Limited; Mr. Ramesh Aggarwal, Chairman, Railway & Road Transport Committee, PHD Chamber; Mr. Rajaji Meshram, Partner, E & Y; Mr. Rasmii Ranjan Ray, Head of Rail Control Solutions -India, Bombardier Transportation; Mr. Raviprakash Karcherla, Director Ground Transportation, India, Thales; Mr. Shashikant Jugran, Bird Group & Mr. Rakesh Tandon, Executive Director, The Centre for Transportation Research and Management (C-TRAM)



Panel Discussion

was chaired by Mr. N. Kashinath, IRSE, DG (S&T), Railway Board, Ministry of Railways along with other experts. Mr. N. Kashinath, while chairing the panel discussion shared the developments taking place in the signalling sector of railways, with its growth from simple mechanical signalling to current electronic inter-locking. Mr. Kashinath outlined the areas that needed more work, viz -train protection systems, support to loco pilot,

need for quality signalling cables and supply of materials for electronic inter locking systems.

The programme was supported by APML; Thales; Paramount Cables; Progress Rail; IRCTC; Superior Ltd; Knowledge Partner-The Institute of Cost Accountants of India- ICAI; Media Partners-Rail Analysis & Cargo Connect.



Thales India Ltd being felicitated



IRCTC being felicitated



Progress Rail being felicitated



Audience

Session on Business Charisma for Creating Success



Session in progress

The Young Business Leaders Forum of PHD Chamber organized a session on “Business Charisma for creating success” with Mr. Gulraj Shahpuri, Leadership Coach and success trainer on March 5, 2018 at PHD House, New Delhi.

Mr. Shahpuri is a Gallup Strengths Coach, a Marshall Goldsmith SCC Coach, a DISC Certified Specialist, an ICF Coach, and an NLP Practitioner. He studied at

the University of British Columbia and at Simon Fraser University and migrated to India to transform leaders. He is also the founder of PromiseTM- India’s largest life skills and leadership program for children. He has been honoured frequently by social organizations for his contribution towards the betterment of society and leading the much needed change to improve the quality of life.

Mr. Shahpuri explained that for being Charismatic, one should be Calm, Cool and Composed. By being Calm, Cool and Composed, one develops a better decision making capacity. He highlighted 4 Cs of creating success: 1. Confidence; 2. Control; 3. Connection and 4. Contribution. He also highlighted few fundamentals which should be kept in mind while pursuing entrepreneurial journey:

1. Success is something you do consistently, long enough
2. We become what we think most of the times
3. For things to change, you have to change
4. Strategy known is strategy blown

Ms Vineeta Mehra, Deputy Secretary, PHD Chamber proposed a vote-of-thanks to the guests and YBLF Annual Sponsors Eazy ERP Ltd.; Gulshan Polyols Ltd.; Mayar Group, JCO Gas & Pipe Limited and PG Industry Ltd. for supporting the initiatives of YBLF.



Curtain Raiser of 8th India Heritage Tourism Conclave



Mr. Kishore Kaya, Co-chairman, Tourism Committee; Ms. Radha Bhatia, Chairperson- Tourism Committee, Mr. D. K. Aggarwal, Senior Vice President and Mr. Rajan Sehgal, Co-chairman, Tourism Committee, PHD Chamber

The Tourism Committee of PHD Chamber organized a Curtain Raiser of 8th India Heritage Tourism Conclave on March 12, 2019 at Roseate House, New Delhi.

Mr. D. K. Aggarwal, Senior Vice President, PHD Chamber; Ms. Radha Bhatia, Chairperson- Tourism Committee

along with Mr. Rajan Sehgal and Mr. Kishore Kaya, Co-chairmen, Tourism Committee, PHD Chamber briefed the media and the travel trade fraternity about the objective and highlights of the 8th India Heritage Tourism Conclave held on March 27, 2019 at Welcom Hotel The Savoy, Mussoorie.

Mr. Vineet Agarwal, CEO, Welcom Hotel, The Savoy made a presentation on his hotel which has a regal history of more than hundred years and is a wonderful mix of old world charm and new-age conveniences. During the curtain raiser event, Roseate Hotels and Resorts also showcased a special movie on their heritage properties.

Through this Conclave, PHD Chamber aims at illustrating how World Heritage Sites can be integrated into broader regional and destination-level tourism management processes, creating a strong platform to exchange best practices, discuss challenges and opportunities in the Heritage Tourism sector. The Conclave will address all aspects of heritage, be it wellness, religion, cuisine, crafts, music and key tourism management issues, such as coordination between heritage management and tourism organizations, extending benefits to local communities, reducing tourism congestion and environmental impacts.

Session on Brent Crude Futures



Ms. Sohale Gupta, Executive Officer, PHDCCI; Ms. Shivani Gupta, Deputy Secretary, PHDCCI; Mr. C P Agarwala, Sr. Member, Capital Market & Commodity Market Committee, PHDCCI; Mr. B K Sabharwal, Chairman, Capital Market & Commodity Market Committee, PHDCCI; Ms. Sugandhi Iyer, Vice President – Risk Management, Reliance Industries Limited; Mr. D K Aggarwal, Sr Vice President, PHDCCI; Mr. Vijayant Verma, General Manager, SEBI; Mr. Sanjay Rawal, President, CPAI; Mr. Nagendra Kumar, Chief Business Officer, National Stock Exchange of India Ltd and Mr. Abhi Narayan Mishra, Principal Director (Finance), PHDCCI

The Capital Market and Commodity Market Committee of PHD Chamber organized an Introductory Session on “Brent Crude Futures” on March 18, 2019 at PHD House, New Delhi.

Mr. B. K. Sabharwal, Chairman, Capital Market & Commodity Market Committee, PHD Chamber while moderating the session stated that India is a developing country and the requirement for oil as a primary energy constituent from the industries is at its peak. He stated that as India imports mostly from OPEC countries, Brent crude is the benchmark for India.

Mr. D. K. Aggarwal, Senior Vice President, PHD Chamber highlighted that India is the 3rd largest consumer of crude oil in the world, after US and China. He appreciated that NSE has timely launched two cash settled futures product – 100 barrel Brent Crude Oil Futures and 10 barrels Brent Crude Oil Mini Futures and the settlement price of the contract should be based on the ICIS price “Front - month cash BFOE (Brent - Forties - Oseberg - Ekofisk) assessments.”

Mr. Sanjay Rawal, President, Commodity Participants Association of India in his address stated that the combination of futures and options can give market participants the benefit of price discovery of futures and risk management of options. He also mentioned that Crude,

being the most liquid contract in the world, if works well, will definitely bring huge opportunities for our economy.

Recently, SEBI has allowed participation of mutual funds in commodities market. Going forward SEBI is also looking at developing a framework to allow FII participation in commodity markets which will provide more depth to the markets, increase liquidity, investor participation and better price discovery. On product development side, SEBI has allowed options contract in Gold, Silver, Copper, Zinc & Crude which complements the existing futures and makes the commodities market more robust and efficient.

Ms. Sugandhi Iyer, Vice President – Risk Management, Reliance Industries Limited mentioned that in the crude oil market, the current references for pricing are Brent, WTI and OPEC basket. She stated that Brent extraction is strategically located in between the biggest markets of US and Asia. However, WTI came into prominence due to shale oil production which was viable as oil prices had reached higher levels in the late 90’s.

Mr. Nagendra Kumar, Chief Business Officer, National Stock Exchange of India Ltd. commented that Crude oil prices react to a variety of geopolitical and economic events.

Mr. Vijayant Verma, General Manager, Securities and Exchange Board of India in his address mentioned that after the merger of SEBI & FMC, commodity market is now being effectively regulated with more stringent processes. SEBI has real time surveillance, risk-monitoring and enforcement mechanism that gives more confidence to investors and also helps commodity market to grow, stated Mr. Sharma.

Mr. C. P. Agarwala, Senior Member, Capital Market & Commodity Market Committee, PHD Chamber summarized the views of the speakers and delivered the vote-of-thanks to the guests.



‘Emerging Icons’ : The Times of India Initiative

Small & Medium Enterprises are emerging as one of the fastest growing industrial sector in the country due to the entry of several new vibrant, self-motivated players, spurring economic growth. While the government has its policies and execution plans intact for the development, a few baton bearers from across industries have taken into stride the indomitable spirit of making the change happen.

To encourage businesses and emerging players in the industry, The Times of India launched a coffee table book titled “**Times Interact Emerging Icons 2018**” on March 16, 2019 at The Lalit, Barakhamba Road, New Delhi. This book is a compilation on the lives of those passionate people who have seized opportunities to shape the face of Delhi, NCR and helped its economy to grow. It is an attempt to chronicle their journey along with the brand they have created with passion and capture their defining moments. The book contains the journey of 25 emerging SMEs.

Dr Mahesh Y Reddy, Secretary General, PHD Chamber was the Chief Guest at the event while Mr. Vijay Kumar, Director, MSME-DI, New Delhi and Dr Sanjiv Leyak, Executive Secretary, World Association of Small & Medium Enterprises were the Guests of Honour. Other eminent participants included Mr. Anurag Agarwal, Senior Vice President and Metro Head Delhi, The Times of India and Mr. Gaurav Batra, General Manager & National Vertical Head, TimesInteract- The Times of India.



Mr Anurag Agarwal, Senior Vice President and Metro Head Delhi, The Times of India, Dr Mahesh Y Reddy, Secretary General, PHD Chamber, Dr. Sanjiv Leyak, Executive Secretary, World Association of Small & Medium Enterprises and Mr Gaurav Batra, General Manager & National Vertical Head, TimesInteract- The Times of India launching the coffee table book “Times Interact Emerging Icons 2018”.



Dr Mahesh Y Reddy, Secretary General, PHD Chamber addressing the participants at the Launch of the coffee table book “Times Interact Emerging Icons 2018”

Today SMEs are the backbone of the Indian economy, wherein more than 40 million SMEs in India account for more than 90 percent of India's industrial output. They employ more than 40 percent of India's work-force, contribute more than six percent to India's manufacturing GDP and more than 40 percent of manufacturing output. They also comprise about 25 percent of India's services GDP and 40 percent of exports as well. Currently, the SMEs are exhibiting a growth rate in double digits.



A group photograph of the emerging SMEs

First Core Group Meeting for the Conference on ASEAN: Towards growing India-ASEAN Trade and Investment Ties

To deliberate upon the course of action for the proposed conference on “ASEAN: Towards growing India-ASEAN Trade and Investment Ties”, the First Core Group Meeting was held on March 25, 2019 at PHD House, New Delhi.

It was presided by Mr. D.K. Aggarwal, Sr. Vice President, PHD Chamber who welcomed the Diplomats and other dignitaries and spoke about the huge potential India and ASEAN offer to each other. He also informed about the advantages India offers to ASEAN countries for trade and investments. He complimented the ASEAN countries for becoming an economic powerhouse that has emerged as one of the largest economic zones in the world.

Mr. Ajay Poddar, Chairman, Int'l Affairs Committee for ASEAN, East Asia & Oceania, PHD Chamber gave a comprehensive presentation on the conference which covered – snapshot of India-ASEAN relations, objectives of the conference, suggestive focus sectors for the conference, country wise sector matrix, structure of the conference and the support required from the ASEAN Missions.

Eight out of ten ASEAN countries namely – Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, Thailand,



Mr. Vivek Seigell, Principal Director, Mr. Ajay Poddar, Chairman, Int'l Affairs Committee for ASEAN, East Asia & Oceania, Mr. D.K. Aggarwal, Sr. Vice President, Mr. Neelabh Dalmia, Co- chairman, Int'l Affairs Committee for ASEAN, East Asia & Oceania, & Mr. Surinder Kalra, Co- chairman, Int'l Affairs Committee for ASEAN, East Asia & Oceania, PHD Chamber

Singapore and Vietnam participated in the Core Group Meeting.

The presentation was followed by specific inputs from the Diplomats and other participants.

Others present on the occasion included - Amb K V Rajan, Convenor, PHD Ambassador's Economic Forum; Amb Rajiv Bhatia, Distinguished Fellow, Foreign Policy Studies Programme, Gateway House: Indian Council on Global Relations

and Ex-DG, Indian Council for World Affairs (ICWA); Mr. Vishal Jindal, Chairman, Skill Committee, PHD Chamber; Mr. Surinder Kalra, Co-chairman, Chairman, Int'l Affairs Committee for ASEAN, East Asia & Oceania Committee; Mr. Neelabh Dalmia, Co- chairman, Chairman, Int'l Affairs Committee for ASEAN, East Asia & Oceania Committee; Mr. Atul Anand, MC Member & Director, Vipat Investments Private Limited. and Mr. Vivek Seigell, Principal Director, PHD Chamber.



Participants from ASEAN Missions in India at the First Core Group Meeting

Natural Gas Conclave 2019- India Moving Towards Clean Energy



Dr Ranjeet Mehta, Principal Director, PHD Chamber; Mr. Rajeev Mathur, Executive Director- Corp. Affairs/RM) & OSD, Gail India Ltd. & Chairman, Energy Committee, PHD Chamber; Mr. Sanjeev Agrawal, Chairman, Hydrocarbons Committee, PHD Chamber; Mr. D K Sarraf, Chairperson, Petroleum & Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB); Mr. D.K. Aggarwal, Senior Vice President, PHD Chamber; Mr. Saurabh Kumar, Managing Director, Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL) and Mr. Pawan K. Tibrawalla, Co-chairman, Hydrocarbons Committee, PHD Chamber

The Hydrocarbons Committee of PHD Chamber organized the 'Natural Gas Conclave 2019 - India Moving towards Clean Energy' on March 26, 2019 at PHD House, New Delhi. The Conclave was attended by more than 130 delegates from different parts of the country and was highly appreciated by the Industry.

Chief Guest, Mr. D K Sarraf, Chairperson, Petroleum & Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB), in his inaugural address stated that no stringent regulations would be made applicable on new LNG terminals, proposed to be put up by multinationals to make sure that the required LNG availability is made available

for industrial consumption. However, the required norms and standards for registration and safety for laying gas pipelines, CNG stations and even LNG terminals would have to be strictly observed by the concerned stakeholders, added Mr. Sarraf.

Guest of Honour, Mr. Saurabh Kumar, Managing Director, Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL) in his keynote address said that the peak power demand of the country could be met through suitable integration of gas with renewables and other fossil fuels. He was of the view that energy generated through gas can also address the issue of cooling and heating

& energy demand both on industrial and domestic front with trigeneration.

Mr. D. K. Aggarwal, Senior Vice President, PHD Chamber in his welcome remarks emphasized on the urgent need for promoting Natural Gas & other clean energy sources in sustainable and eco-friendly way. He also informed that India's energy demand as a percentage of global energy demand is expected to rise to 11 percent in 2040 from 5.58 percent in 2017.

Mr. Sanjeev Agrawal, Chairman, Hydrocarbons Committee, PHD Chamber in his Industry Perspective said that the government has set a target to increase the share of natural gas in India's primary



Technical Session-I: Current Outlook, Policy Initiatives & Roadmap for making India a Gas Based Economy

Mr. Bijay Kumar, DGM (AE), Corporate Office –Business Development, Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. (IOCL); Mr. Ranajit Banerjee Advisor, Hydrocarbon Exploration Licensing Policy (HELP), Directorate General of Hydrocarbons (DGH), Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas, Govt. of India; Dr. Anant Shukla, AGM & National Program Manager- Trigeneration, Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL); Dr Ranjeet Mehta, Principal Director, PHD Chamber; Mr. Sanjay Kaul, Managing Director, Sanmarg Projects Pvt. Ltd.; Mr. Vivek Mittal, General Manager- Marketing, Petronet LNG Ltd.; Mr. Divyesh Desai, General Manager-Marketing, Shell Energy India Pvt. Ltd. and Mr. Kanchan Kumar, Chairman, Trustworthy Advisors Pvt Ltd



Technical Session-II: Gas Pipeline Infrastructure, Viability & Technological Intervention:

Mr. Akshay Mittal, Executive Officer, PHD Chamber; Mr. Varun Bhardwaj, Deputy Secretary, PHD Chamber; Mr. Davinder Paul Singh, Additional Manager, Indraprastha Gas Ltd. (IGL); Mr. V.C. Chittoda, Senior Consultant, Natural Gas Society; Mr. Volker Hermann, Vice President - PA, SICK INDIA Pvt. Ltd.; Mr. Arjun Chaudhuri, Senior journalist; Prof. Virendra K Vijay, PhD, Head & IREDA Chair Professor, Centre for Rural Development and Technology, Indian Institute of Technology Delhi; Mr. J P Misra, General Manager- Gas Business, Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. (IOCL); Mr. Jitendra Kumar, Director, Dekra India Pvt. Ltd and Mr. Tushar Sharma, Assistant Secretary, PHD Chamber

energy mix to 15 percent in 2022 from around 6.5 percent in 2015. The supply of Natural Gas in the country with the help of additional RLNG terminals, nationwide transmission pipeline network and transnational pipelines is also expected to materialize in the next 5 to 10 years.

The Summit had two technical sessions which were addressed by various eminent speakers both from the government and private sector.

Mr. Pawan K. Tibrawalla, Co-chairman, Hydrocarbons Committee, delivered the formal vote-of-thanks to the guests and Dr Ranjeet Mehta, Principal Director, PHD Chamber gave the concluding remarks at the conclave.

SC halts RBI's efforts to tackle bad loans

In a move that may change the very basics of the India's bankruptcy regime, the Supreme Court on April 2, 2019 declared RBI's circular on defaulting companies as unconstitutional. The circular in question sought to deal with resolution of stressed assets by way of a revised framework. Commonly referred to as the February 12 circular, it had forced seriously stressed companies to come clean and declare bankruptcy. The circular had taken away lenders' discretion to not act tough on soured loans, forcing defaulting businesses to either opt for resolution, or file for insolvency.

Corporates and banks were particularly riled about two specific provisions - (a) abolition of traditional restructuring processes, and (b) the one-day default rule. The circular stipulated that lenders had to mandatorily send all accounts with over Rs 2,000 crore loans to the NCLT if they failed to resolve the problem within 180 days of default. Banks were also forced to classify a loan account as stressed if there was even one single day of default. Since the circular has been quashed, all cases referred to IBC will now be likely reversed. Every consequential proceeding, including insolvency proceedings, initiated under Section 7 of IBC also stand to be quashed now.



Participants

Scope and Limitations of Homoeopathy in Regards to Current Medical Challenges

PHD Chamber in collaboration with South Delhi Homoeopathic Association (SDHA) organized an interactive session on 'Scope and Limitations of Homoeopathy in Regards to Current Medical Challenges' on March 10, 2019 at PHD House, New Delhi.

Dignitaries present at the inaugural session were D. S.K. Mehta, President, SDHA; Dr R. N. Wahi, Chairman, South Delhi Homoeopathic Association; Dr Anil Khurana, Deputy Director General, Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy and Dr Bansidhar, Renowned Homoeopathic Physician and Mr. Vivek Seigell, Principal Director, PHD Chamber.

Dr Anil Khurana, Deputy Director General, Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy appreciated the efforts of PHD Chamber for organizing various conferences, seminars and interactive session for AYUSH Industry. The interactive session for Homoeopathy was attended by more than 70 delegates including doctors, Homoeopathic students and practitioners.



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Esteemed delegates

Meeting with Nepal Ambassador



India-Nepal Centre's Meeting with Nepal's Ambassador H.E. Mr. Nilambar Acharya

The India-Nepal Centre (INC) of PHD Chamber hosted a felicitation and an interaction program for the new Ambassador of Nepal to India, H.E. Mr. Nilambar Acharya on March 26, 2019 at PHD House, New Delhi. The Ambassador shared his thoughts on India-Nepal economic cooperation. A delegation from the Embassy of Nepal, New Delhi was present on the occasion.

Ambassador Acharya sought closer economic, social and cultural engagements with India, emphasizing that both countries though close, need to widen and broad base the canvas of their relationship. The Ambassador also clarified pointing out that Nepal and China may be getting closer for

mutual economic and trade gains but the emerging relationship between the two is not at the cost of India.

Ambassador Acharya identified areas such as hydro, tourism, roads and highways, and other similar industries for mutual cooperation as Nepal needs Indian investments in these areas for its economic upliftment.

In his welcome remarks, Mr. Anil Khaitan Immediate Former President, PHDCCI, hoped that with the establishment of INC, trade facilitations between India and Nepal would flourish with the desired objectives.

Others present were Mr. K V Rajan,

former Ambassador of India to Nepal and Chairman, India-Nepal Centre, PHDCCI; Mr. Sandeep Marwah, CEO, Marwah Studios; Mr. Ajay Poddar, Chairman, ASEAN Committee, East Asia & Oceania Committee and Mr. Niraj, Secretary, International Affairs, PHD Chamber; Mr. Atul K Thakur, Deputy Secretary & Coordinator, India-Nepal Centre, PHDCCI; Ms. Mallika Shakya, South Asian University; Mr. M P Bezbaruah, Former Secretary, Govt. of India; Mr. Bharat Kumar Regmi, Deputy Chief of Mission, Mr. Krishna Hari Pushkar, Minister (Economic) and Mr. Dev Doot Dhakal, Third Secretary, Embassy of Nepal in India.



India-Nepal Centre's Meeting with Nepal's Ambassador H.E. Mr. Nilambar Acharya

Nepal Tourism Promotion Summit

India-Nepal Centre (INC), PHD Chamber in association with Embassy of Nepal, New Delhi, India and Indian Institute of Public Policy (IIPP), Chennai organized a Nepal Tourism Promotion Summit on February 6, 2019 at Chennai.

Speakers from India and Nepal stressed the need to have more interactions to popularize important religious, natural and cultural tourism destinations in India to attract more Indian tourists. During the Summit, speakers expressed that there are many places in Nepal which can attract more Indian tourists.

Nepal, located at top of the world, is endowed with beautiful, gifted natural resources and diversities. From Mt. Everest to Terai region, it opens up to the world, numerous places to explore. Hence, it is not surprising, that Tourism is considered to be the core of Nepal's national economy. The massive earthquake of 2014 caused unprecedented losses to Nepal and adversely impacted the perception among the tourists. However, the country bounced back to the path of recovery and Tourism is thriving once again.

The summit aimed to bring close the



Inaugural session of Nepal Tourism Promotion Summit

key stakeholders of Tourism & Allied Sectors; create a sustained convergence of industry and government, for thriving on the mutually beneficial Nepal-India bilateral relations in the Tourism sector; create the basis for PHDCCI Policy Advocacy, for supporting the cause of Tourism sector in Nepal; highlight the potential in Tourism sector and create a smooth way forward for further empowerment of Tourism Sector in Nepal; explore the potential of road, railway and air networks in Nepal for promoting Nepal Tourism; discuss and ideate for making Cluster-based Tourism Zones across Nepal-India borders and relax the investment norms for investment in Tourism & Allied Sectors in Nepal.

PHDCCI has been closely working with the Government of Nepal and has MoUs with leading industry bodies of Nepal. PHDCCI had launched India-Nepal Centre (INC) with a key aim to promote two-way bilateral economic and business relations for the welfare of the two countries.

Former Indian Ambassador to Nepal, K.V. Rajan, Chairman, India-Nepal Centre, PHDCCI delivered the key note address. Mr. Kashi Raj Bhandari, Director, Nepal Tourism Promotion Board gave a presentation on the potential of tourism-led businesses in Nepal.

The technical session was chaired by Ambassador Rajan wherein he gave presentations on promoting Heritage; Religious; Adventure; Film; Ecological and Medical Wellness tourism in Nepal.

The panel members included Mr. Krishna Hari Pushkar, Minister (Economic), Embassy of Nepal, India; Mr. K C Sundaram, Director, IIPP; Dr Prasad Davids, SICCI; Dr Chetan Ginigeri, Senior Consultant, Aster CMI Hospital; Mr. M. B. Sridharan, Vice President, Indo-ASEAN-Srilanka Chamber of Commerce; Mr. P Nandagopal, Secretary, Andhra Chamber of Commerce, Chennai and Mr. T N Ranganathan, Consultant.



Mr. Krishna Hari Pushkar, Minister (Economic), Embassy of Nepal, India, addressing the delegates

The technical session-II was chaired by Mr. Somi Hazari, SICCI and presentations were given on 'Channelising Investment in Tourism Sector in Nepal'. Panel members included Mr. Tirtha Prakash Poudel, Counsellor, Embassy of Nepal, India; Mr. Choza Naachiar Rajasekhara, President, Tamil Chamber of Commerce (TCC); Mr. R Rangachari, Consultant, Hugh R Cruz, Head-Protocol & Trade Development, Romania Consulate Office, Chennai; Ms. Bina Karamjeet, Secretary General, South India Hotels and Restaurants Association, Chennai and Mr. Jambunathan Elango, Secretary, Indo-ASEAN-Srilanka Chamber



Technical session of Nepal Tourism Promotion Summit

of Commerce. PHD Chamber was represented by Mr. Niraj, Secretary, International Affairs and Mr. Atul K Thakur, Deputy Secretary & Coordinator, India-Nepal Center.

PHDCCI Delegation to Nepal



Inaugural session of Nepal Investment Summit 2019, Kathmandu

PHD Chamber had been invited by the Investment Board Nepal (IBN) for Nepal Investment Summit (March 29-30, 2019, Kathmandu), to send a high level business delegation to Kathmandu. Accordingly, a delegation was mounted under the aegis of India-Nepal Centre (INC) to Kathmandu from March 28-30, 2019 with a focus on investment opportunities in key identified areas such as Infrastructure, Tourism, MSMEs, Energy, Healthcare, Skill Development, Education & Employability, development plans for newly created Provinces in Nepal and Export Processing Zones.



PHDCCI-NCC B2B Meeting held on March 28 at Kathmandu



PHDCCI-CNI B2B Meeting held on March 29 at Kathmandu

Besides participation in the Summit, the PHDCCI Delegation had B2B Meetings with the Leadership and Executive Members of Confederation of Nepalese Industries (CNI) and Nepal Chamber of Commerce (NCC).

The delegation met Dr Ajay Kumar, Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of India in Nepal, Kathmandu and some key functionaries of the Government of Nepal.

PHD Chamber's initiatives for deeper regional and sub-regional economic cooperation have been gaining grounds in policy circles of both countries.

The PHD Chamber delegation included Ambassador K V Rajan, Chairman, India-Nepal Centre; Mr. Ajay Poddar, Chairman, Committee for ASEAN, East Asia & Oceania; Mr. R Balachander, Partner, EY & MC Member; Mr. Niraj, Secretary, International Affairs; Mr. Atul K Thakur, Deputy Secretary & Coordinator, India-Nepal Centre; Mr. Kazem Shamandari, CEO, Terraferma & French Bakery; Mr. Kamlesh Jain, ED & CFO, Varun Beverages Ltd; Mr. K C Sundaram, Director, Indian Institute of Public Policy; Mr. Devendra Singh, CEO, Enviro Heights Pvt Ltd and Mr. Vinod Kinger, CEO, Kinger Electronics.



PHDCCI delegates with Dr Ajay Kumar, Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of India in Nepal, Kathmandu

PHD Chamber Women Car Rally 2019



Mr. Chaudhary Birender Singh, Hon'ble Union Minister for Steel on March 29, 2019 flagged off the PHD Chamber Women Car Rally at PHD House, New Delhi. Other eminent personalities present included Ms. Madhulika Rawat, President, Army Wives Welfare Association; Ms. Manu Bhatnagar, President CRPF Family Welfare Association; Ms. Neelima Dwivedi, Vice President, Corporate Affairs, PepsiCo India; Dr Surbhi Singh, Chairperson, SacchiSaheli, A Leading NGO working on Menstrual Hygiene; Mr. Rajeev Talwar, President, Mr. D.K. Aggarwal, Senior Vice President, Mr. Arshad Nizam Shawl, Chairperson Sports Committee, and Ms. Priya Hingorani, Co-chairperson Sports Committee, PHD Chamber.



The Sports and Youth Affairs Committee of PHD Chamber under the leadership of Mr. Arshad Nizam Shawl, Chairman along with Ms. Priya Hingorani, Co-chairperson of the Committee organized the PHD CHAMBER WOMEN CAR RALLY 2019, March 30-31, 2019 from Delhi to Dehradun to Chandigarh.

The theme of the rally was based on the most deserving social cause for improving women's health by empowering them with the requisite knowledge and thus "Creating awareness about Menstrual Hygiene", a theme on which Ms. Gunmeet Monga has recently been awarded the Oscar Award, the Global excellence award.

The Car Rally was organized to recognize selfless efforts of women

from all walks of life, women diplomats, leading women bureaucrats & government officials, elite international & national businesswomen; to aid the Women empowerment causes enhancing awareness about Menstrual Hygiene and to boost the sportsman spirit and the spirit of adventure especially in Motor Sports among women.

The event brought together huge participation from media organizations, women leaders from NGOs, corporate houses, multinationals and the main attraction were the Army and Air Force.

The Ceremonial Flag Off was hoisted by Mr. Chaudhary Birender Singh, Hon'ble Union Minister for Steel on March 29, 2019 at PHD House, New Delhi. Other eminent personalities present at the ceremony

included Ms. Madhulika Rawat, President, Army Wives Welfare Association; Ms. Manu Bhatnagar, President CRPF Family Welfare Association; Ms. Neelima Dwivedi, Vice President, Corporate Affairs, PepsiCo India; Dr Surbhi Singh, Chairperson, SacchiSaheli, a Leading NGO working on Menstrual Hygiene; Mr. Rajeev Talwar, President, Mr. D.K. Aggarwal, Senior Vice President, Mr. Arshad Nizam Shawl, Chairperson Sports Committee, and Ms. Priya Hingorani, Co-chairperson Sports Committee, PHD Chamber.

The Rally commenced at 6:00 am on March 30 from PHD Chamber, New Delhi and covered 324 kms to reach Dehradun.

The rally started from Dehradun at 6:00 am on March 31 and ended at Chandigarh after covering 219 Kms.



Cars lined up for Flag Off on March 30, 2019 at PHD Chamber, New Delhi



Marshals inspecting the timing sheet on check points

The Chief Guest for the Prize Distribution ceremony was Ms. Kiran Kher, Member of Parliament, Chandigarh. Other eminent personalities included Lt. Gen. Surinder Singh, Mr. Rajeev Talwar, President, Dr. Ashok Khanna, Past President and Mr. Vikram Sehgal, Chairman, Chandigarh Chapter, PHD Chamber; Dr Surbhi Singh, Chairperson, SacchiSaheli, a Leading NGO working on Menstrual Hygiene; Mr. Arshad Nizam Shawl, Chairperson Sports Committee and Ms. Priya Hingorani, Co-chairperson Sports Committee, PHD Chamber.



Mr. Rajeev Talwar, President, PHD Chamber; Ms. Priya Hingorani, Co-chairperson Sports Committee, PHD Chamber; Mr. Arshad Nizam Shawl, Chairperson Sports Committee, PHD Chamber; Ms. Kiran Kher, Member of Parliament, Chandigarh and Dr. Ashok Khanna, Past President, PHD Chamber.

Glimpses of the Women Car Rally 2019





PHD Secretariat Retreat



With an objective to promote interpersonal bonding amongst the Secretariat employees and showcase their talents and skills, the Chamber organized a Retreat for PHD Secretariat on March 23, 2019, at Camp Mustang, Garat Pur Bas, Haryana. Buses were arranged for the Retreat.

Some of the activities organized at the Retreat were wall climbing, shooting, rope climbing, tea making, catwalk, pot making, building making of straw, hydro-rocket, volley ball, cricket, football, model mystery solving, etc. Around 88 persons from the secretariat took part in the retreat.

Eight teams were formed for various competitions. Dr Mahesh Y Reddy, Secretary General of the Chamber gave away the trophy and medals to the winning teams.

Refreshments and lunch was arranged at the venue. Each and every person enjoyed the retreat.





Interactive Session with High Commission of Canada, New Delhi

The Bihar Chapter of PHD Chamber organized an interactive session with officials from the High Commission of Canada on March 8, 2019 at Patna office of PHD Chamber.

The session was graced by top most functionaries from different sectors of society and members of PHD Chamber, Bihar Chapter. The guests who graced the session included Ms. Shriya Ramachandran, Trade Commissioner (Infrastructure) Government of Canada, Trade Commissioner Service, High Commission of Canada, New Delhi, Ms. Payeel Kalra, Trade Commissioner Assistant, Government of Canada, Trade Commissioner Service, High Commission of Canada, New Delhi and Ms. Tejdeep Kaur, Economist Analyst -Political and Economic Affairs, High Commission of Canada, New Delhi.

Mr. Satyajit Kumar Singh, Chairman, Bihar Chapter, PHD Chamber in his welcome address thanked the officials of the High Commission of Canada, New Delhi for sharing business prospects with PHD members. He said that investors should focus on how to develop their sectors in areas in which Bihar is lacking. The State has fairly well-developed infrastructure facilities and global investors need to explore their business opportunities. He said that Canada is a global market and shares the same ideologies, and



Mr. Satyajit Singh, Chairman, Bihar Chapter; PHD Chamber; Ms. Shriya Ramachandran, Trade Commissioner Service, High Commission Of Canada, New Delhi and Ms. Payeel Kalra, Trade Commissioner Assistant, Government of Canada, Trade Commissioner Service, High Commission Of Canada, New Delhi

thus strong business linkages could be developed. He enumerated the agricultural facilities that his company is getting from Canada.

Ms. Usha Jha, Member PHD Chamber, Bihar Chapter, discussed the problem of logistics costs faced by small and medium entrepreneurs. She said that technology from Canada could be developed so that transportation is easy and cost-effective for business generation.

Ms. Shriya Ramachandran, Trade Commissioner and sector lead for Infrastructure and Transportation said that the Canadian High Commission works on

how to bridge the gap between India and Canada and bring businesses in both the countries. She discussed on how to create opportunities and market for SMEs so that strong linkages could be created between both the countries. She emphasized that private companies in Education, Health, Infrastructure, Social and Agriculture sector of both the countries should start exploring opportunities. The High Commission will assist in match-making, thus developing business and facilitating the local companies in gaining access to the global market.



PHD Chamber Members and Guests from High Commission of Canada

SMART HR 4.0-The Future of Human Resource

An HR Conclave on 'Smart HR 4.0 - The Future of Human Resource' was organized by Haryana State Chapter, PHD Chamber on February 15, 2019 at PHD House, Chandigarh. The conclave aimed at apprising HR Managers about the futuristic trends in human resource with the incorporation of new technologies in industry.

Dr. Jatinder Singh, Director, PHD Chamber apprised the participants that manpower with new skill sets will be required as technologies like Artificial Intelligence, Automation, Robotics, etc will take over in the next few years in every domain of Industry. The current manpower might become obsolete but new forms of jobs will emerge and people with new skill sets will be required.

Mr. V.D.V. Singh, Vice President HR, JK Cement mentioned that with threats, opportunities come. The change in technology is an ongoing process and HR 4.0 is another change we should be ready for.

Mr. Vishal Sood, Executive Director, Maharishi Markandeshwar University also talked about the upcoming technologies that will be prevalent in future and what kind of educational courses students should learn in present times for future survival.

Ms. Veenu Jaichand, Partner, Ernst and Young shared the primary megatrends that will redefine IT-Business Process Management Sector; Banking, Financial services and Insurance, Retail, Textile and Apparel sectors in the coming times.



Mr. Vishal Sood, Executive Director, Maharishi Markandeshwar University; Mr. Ankur Nayyar, Sr. Vice President, Yes Bank; Dr. Jatinder Singh, Director, PHD Chamber, Mr Hitesh Arora, Deputy Secretary, Haryana Technical Education Board and Mr. Pradeep Prem, CEO, NetSmartz



Dr. Jatinder Singh, Director, PHD Chamber; Mr. Munish Arora, Branch Manager Corporate Traveler; Ms. Veenu Jaichand, Associate Partner, Ernst Young; Mr. VDV Singh, Vice President JK Cement Ltd and Mr. Vishal Sood, Executive Director, Maharishi Markandeshwar University,

Mr. Hitesh Arora, Deputy Secretary, Haryana Technical Education Board moderated the panel discussion and mentioned that change is inevitable and we should not escape from it rather embrace it. New technology will open new avenues of job opportunities for the youth of the country and the youth should enroll in new courses like Artificial intelligence, Digital marketing, etc.



Participants during HR Conclave

CXO MEET

The Haryana State Chapter in association with the Haryana State Rural Livelihood Mission (HSRLM) and Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushal Yojna (DDU-GKY) organized the Chief Corporate Executives (CXO) Meet 2019 on March 1, 2019 at PHD House, Chandigarh. The objective of the meet was to bridge the gap between available skilled manpower and workforce demand in Logistics, Healthcare and Capital Goods sectors.

Mr. Pranav Gupta, Chairman, Haryana State Chapter, PHD Chamber in the welcome address mentioned that there is a huge gap between manpower requirements of the industry and the kind of training youth are getting in colleges and other training institutions. The objective of the CXO meet was to minimize this gap. He also mentioned that the industry of Haryana will be able to get trained manpower from Haryana State Rural Livelihood Mission.

Mr. Sudhir Rajpal, Principal Secretary, Rural Development, Govt. of Haryana apprised that the Haryana Government has set a target of training 39,000 youth of the State till 2022 under DDU-GKY. He also informed that this mission is being supported by the Central and Haryana Government.

Mr. Ramesh Krishan, CEO, HSRLM mentioned that the mission has already trained 27,000 youth of Haryana since 2016 and placed them successfully with the support of training partners and industry. He also pointed out that industry is the most important stakeholder in the mission as the youth will eventually be employed by industry only.



Mr. Sudhir Rajpal, IAS, Principal Secretary, Rural Development, Government of Haryana addressing the CXO Meet. Also seen: Mr. Ram Raj Badyal, COO, HSRLM; Mr. Ramesh Krishan, IAS(Retd), CEO, HSRLM; Mr. Pranav Gupta, Chairman, Haryana State Chapter, PHD Chamber and Mr. Inder Gahlaut, CEO, Capital Goods Sector Skill Council



Mr. Pranav Gupta, Chairman, Haryana State Chapter, PHDCCI addressing the participants

Mr Ram Raj Badyal, COO, HSRLM in his vote-of-thanks apprised that the youth of 11 districts of Haryana are being trained under the mission.



Delegates at the CXO Meet



Developing Sustainable and Tribal Tourism in Himachal Pradesh

The Himachal Pradesh State Chapter of PHD Chamber organized a conference on 'Sustainable and Tribal Tourism in Himachal Pradesh' on March 6, 2019 at the Piccadilly, Manali in collaboration with Department of Tourism and Civil Aviation and Tribal Development Department, Govt. of Himachal Pradesh. The objective was to deliberate on strategies to make tourism in the State sustainable and eco friendly and promote tribal tourism.

The conference was graced by Mr. Ashwani Kumar, HAS, Sub Divisional Officer (Civil) Manali and was attended by over 150 delegates from the tourism and hospitality sector.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Anoop Ram Thakur, President of Manali Hotels Association, stressed the need for collective efforts by the government and various stakeholders for the development of tourism in the State. He underlined the various problems of the tourism industry in the state and urged the State Government to resolve the problems before the start of the tourist season.

Dr Hiramani Kashyap, Department of Tourism, Government College Kullu, elaborated on the concept of sustainable tourism and presented solutions on some of the major problems of tourism in the State. While speaking on tribal tourism, Dr. Kashyap stressed on the need for developing basic infrastructure in the



Dr. Hiramani Kashyap, HoD Tourism Department, Government College Kullu; Mr. Rakesh Kumar Sharma, Research Officer Tribal Development Department H.P.; Mr. Ashwani Kumar, HAS, Sub Divisional Officer (Civil) Manali; Mr. Shamsheer Singh, HPS, Dy. SP, Manali and Mr. Anil Kumar Saunkhala, Deputy Resident Director PHD Chamber

tribal areas. He said that with the opening of the Rohtang Tunnel, tourism activity concentrated around Manali will spill over to the Lahaul Valley, opening floodgates of opportunities for the local population.

Mr. Anil Kumar Saunkhala, Deputy Resident Director, PHD Chamber, highlighted the Skill Development Programmes in trades related to tourism and hospitality industry being organized in the Border Development Blocks of the State by Department of Tribal Development, Govt. of Himachal Pradesh. He informed that about 300 trainees have been trained in Development Blocks Kalpa and Pooh in Districts Kinnaur and Spiti of Lahaul and Spiti.

Mr. Ashwani Kumar, HAS, Sub Divisional Officer (Civil), Manali, lauded the efforts of PHD Chamber for promotion of Tribal Tourism in the State. He said that capacity building of the youth in tribal areas is very important to cater to the increasing tourist arrivals. He assured that the administration was making relentless efforts to solve the problems of tourism in the state.

An interactive session on GST was organized during the conference. Mr. Mayank Sharma, IRS, Assistant Commissioner, GST (Mandi Division); Mr. Pankaj Arora, Advocate, Panacea Legal Services Chandigarh and CA Deepak Joshi Panacea Legal Services Chandigarh answered the queries of the delegates.



Mr. Anup Ram Thakur, President Manali Hoteliers Association and Mr. Anil Kumar Saunkhala, Deputy Resident Director PHD Chamber felicitating the Chief Guest Mr. Ashwani Kumar, HAS, Sub Divisional Officer (Civil) Manali.



Delegates attending the conference

Meeting with Kashmir University

In continuation with the recently inked MoU of PHDCCI and Kashmir University, Dr Talat Ahmed, Vice Chancellor Kashmir University convened a meeting of PHDCCI Kashmir Chapter and other Departments of Kashmir University on February 28, 2019 at Srinagar. The meeting was attended by Professor Mushtaq Ahmed Darzi, HoD Department of Management Studies Kashmir University; Dr. F.A Masoodi, HoD Department of Food & Science Technology; Dr. G.H Mir, HoD Directorate of Life Long Learning; Dr. Nisar Ahmed Mir, Registrar Kashmir University; Dr. S. Mufeed Ahmad, Director J&K State Resource Centre Kashmir University; Mr. Bilal Kawoosa, State Expert Committee Chairman of PHDCCI Kashmir and Mr. Iqbal Fayaz Jan, Regional Manager, PHDCCI J&K. The meeting was chaired by Vice- Chancellor, Dr Talat Ahmed. The meeting reviewed various recommendations for establishing a Business incubator for qualified and college dropouts to enhance coordination between Industries and University.



PHDCCI –Kashmir Meeting with Vice Chancellor Kashmir University Dr Talat Ahmed

The meeting also discussed promoting entrepreneurship development in Kashmir which can be achieved by providing hand-holding support to first generation entrepreneurs by helping them to set up their micro and small enterprises. In addition, in order to inculcate entrepreneurial skills to the youth, skill development needs will be encouraged to help the youth to become employable and create their own enterprise.

Preparation of Road Map for Development of Off-Farm Sector in Kashmir

The Kashmir Chapter of PHD Chamber in association with the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) organized a stakeholders' meet on March 16, 2019 with an aim to prepare a future road map for development of Off-Farm Sectors in Kashmir. The stakeholders' meet focused on sectors of handicrafts, handlooms and carpets.

Mr. Qamar Javed, District General Manager, NABARD, and Mr Bilal Ahmed Kawoosa, Expert Committee Chairman, PHDCCI Kashmir inaugurated the programme and welcomed the experts.

Chief Guest, Mr. P Balachandran, Chief General Manager, J&K NABARD said that government intervention is required to establish market linkages for these sectors, and also urged the bankers to reach out to all the stakeholders and called for coordination between farmers and experts to improve the bankers' credit flow.

Other dignitaries present were Mr. Inder Jeet, KAS Director Handicrafts J&K; Mr. Rubina Kousar KAS Director Handloom J&K; Dr Ghulam Hassan Mir Director Life Long Learning Kashmir University; Mr. Mahmood Ahmad Shah KAS Director Industries and Commerce Kashmir; Mr. Zubair Ahmad, Director ICT; Mr. Tahir Ahmad, Assistant Director, Handloom Weavers Centre and Mr. Surinder Pal, Assistant Director O/D DC Handicrafts. NABARD has over the years evolved several refinance and promotional schemes for development of Off Farm Sector and made efforts to broad base and rationalize its schemes in response to needs at field level.

At the brainstorming session, a roadmap and recommendations were chalked out with respective stakeholders. Representing the carpet sector, Mr. Zubair Ahmad, Director ICT submitted the



Mr. P Balachandran, Chief General Manager, J&K Regional Office NABARD addressing at Stakeholders Meet

recommendations for Carpet sector; Mr. Tahir Ahmad, Assistant Director, Handloom Weavers Centre for Handloom submitted recommendations for Handloom sector and Mr. Surinder Pal, Assistant Director O/D DC Handicrafts along with Mr. Mushtaq Ahmed, Assistant Director Handicrafts submitted the recommendations for the Handicrafts sectors.

The Stakeholders meet was concluded by SLBC, wherein J&K Bank was represented by Mr. Fayaz Ahmad Malik, Assistant Vice President, J&K State Cooperative Bank was represented by its Managing Director Mr. Mohd Latif and Chairman Ellaquai Dehati Bank put forward the recommendations and suggestions from Banking Sector.



Meeting with Madhya Pradesh MSME Facilitation Board



Mr. Arif Akeel, Minister for MSMEs, Govt. of MP, Mr. K C Gupta, PS-MSME, GoMP, Mr. Subhash Vithaldas, Chairman, Mr. R G Dwivedi, Regional Director PHD Chamber MP and representatives of various Govt. Departments and Industry Associations.

The Madhya Pradesh State Chapter of PHD Chamber was invited for a meeting with Madhya Pradesh MSME Facilitation Board on February 21, 2019 at Bhopal under the chairmanship of Mr. Arif Akeel, Minister for MSME, Govt of MP

Mr. K C Gupta, IAS, PS-MSME Govt. of MP and other officers of the state government from MP Pollution Control Board, Urban Development Department, Labour and Energy Department were also present at the meeting.

Mr. K C Gupta, IAS, PS-MSME Govt of MP informed that various measures are being taken for the promotion of MSMEs in the state. This was the first meeting of the board after formation of the new Government in Madhya Pradesh. Mr. Subhash Vithaldas, Chairman and Mr. R G Dwivedi, Regional Director, PHD Chamber Madhya Pradesh Chapter attended the meeting and raised the issue of hike in license fee of industrial units by MP Pollution Control Board. Mr. Anupam Rajan, IAS, PS-Environment, Govt. of MP informed that this issue has been brought before the State Government and a decision shall be taken soon.

Many other points were also discussed in the meeting such as Land Allotment and Development Charges for MSMEs. An assurance was given by the MSME Facilitation Board to help the MSME units.



5th Outstanding Achievement Award



Mr. Subhash Vithaldas, Chairman; Mr. Pradeep Karambelkar Co-chairman and Senior Officers of MP Chapter, PHD Chamber with Mr. Kamal Nath, Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh

The Madhya Pradesh Chapter of PHD Chamber received the “5th Outstanding Achievement Award” in the “Industry Association Category” from Mr. Kamal Nath, Hon’ble Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh at the grand function held on February 27, 2019 at Hotel Courtyard by Marriott, Bhopal.

This award was given for organizing

the maximum number of quality programs and for active participation in raising issues concerning industry & trade with the government. This award is a manifestation of commendable efforts put in by PHDCCI Bhopal team. The award was received by Mr. Subhash Vithaldas, Chairman; Mr. Pradeep Karambelkar Co-chairman; Mr. R G Dwivedi, Regional Director; Mr. Sachin

Shrivastava and Mr. Anirudh Dubey, Sr. Resident Officers PHD Chamber, Madhya Pradesh Chapter.

The function was organized by FMPCCI (Federation of Madhya Pradesh Chamber of Commerce and Industry). The selection of award was done by a jury under the Chairmanship of Justice N. K. Modi.

Meeting with Commissioner - South Asia, Victorian Government Trade and Investment, State Government of Victoria, Australia

A meeting with Ms. Michelle Wade, Commissioner – South Asia, Victorian Government Trade and Investment, State Government of Victoria, Australia and Ms. Annie Helen Santhana, Regional Director – Education, Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources, State Government of Victoria, Australia was held on February 18, 2019 at PHD House, Chandigarh. The meeting was convened to explore areas of collaboration and discuss opportunities for knowledge exchange between the two countries.

Mr. R. S. Sachdeva, Chairman, Punjab State Chapter, PHD Chamber briefed them about the various initiatives undertaken by PHD Chamber in the education sector. India is among the countries that has the highest number of educational institutions in the world and consequently, highest number of teachers and faculty members. Mr. Sachdeva opined that unprecedented growth of institutions in India over the past two decades has led to shortage of updated and well trained faculty members and has created a quality challenge for education.

Mr. Anirudh Gupta, Chairman, Education Sub-Committee, Punjab State Chapter, PHD Chamber stated that quality of faculty members decides the quality of students and thereby the next generation



Mr. R. S. Sachdeva, Chairman, Punjab State Chapter, PHD Chamber and Mr. Anirudh Gupta, Chairman, Education Sub-Committee, Punjab State Chapter, PHD Chamber presenting a memento to Ms. Michelle Wade, Commissioner – South Asia, Victorian Government Trade and Investment, State Government of Victoria, Australia

manpower. Thus it becomes imperative to train the trainers and there is a need for well-trained faculty members who will improve programs to produce quality graduates and post-graduates, suggested Mr. Gupta. He also stated that demand for qualified teachers and faculty members over the next few years would be substantial and will become extremely critical for states to expand the current institutional capacities, not only for infrastructure but also of qualified and trained faculty members.

A discussion took place to explore the possibility of Indian educators going to Australia for capacity building programmes

for improving their competencies. Mr. Gupta urged for collaboration between Teacher Training Development Model and Student Exchange Programmes. Organizing Foreign pre-departure information sessions would also benefit, he further suggested.

Mr. Sukhmeet Grewal, Chairman, Regional Committee on Startups, PHD Chamber mentioned that the focus is on making job creators rather than job seekers. He stressed that short term business training for budding entrepreneurs/ Startups could be planned as it is a vital area to work on.



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Seminar Series on Solar Awareness



Eminent speakers lighting the lamp

The Punjab State Chapter, PHD Chamber conducted the second awareness session on Solar Energy on March 7, 2019 at Chandigarh University, Gharuan, Mohali. The awareness session was attended by nearly 500 students from Electrical, Engineering, Mechanical and Civil Engineering Departments. The programme aimed at bringing awareness to the youth about the utility of such forms of energy and also potential career prospects in this sector. The session was a part of the seminar series being conducted in various educational institutions of Punjab and Chandigarh.

Dr Ruchi Singla, Associate Director Engineering, Chandigarh University in her welcome remarks, spoke on the importance of solar energy and its growing need in the world today. She also stated that college students are working towards the same through energy saving projects.

Mr. Manik Garg, Member, Regional Committee on Power & Renewable Energy, PHD Chamber & Director, Saatvik Green

Energy informed participants about the manufacture of high quality and high efficiency solar photovoltaic modules from advanced manufacturing facility at Ambala. He further mentioned that the company offers a wide range of solar PV modules viz. 40Wp to 340Wp with an annual capacity of 200 MW and complete European technology. These solar modules are well-suited for residential, commercial and industrial off grid/grid tied application.

He also stated that his Company's mission is to lead the global transition to solar energy solutions in India and envision a world without fossil fuels that is already evolving and transforming the way we live. Our part to play in that transition is to deliver cost-effective utility scale renewable energy in India to customers and governments through the set of cohesive company principles, added Mr. Garg.

Mr. Sanjeev Kumar Verma, Additional Director/ State Co-ordinator, Chandigarh, Petroleum Conservation Research

Association (PCRA) briefed participants about the role and functions of PCRA and how they are engaged in promoting energy efficiency in industrial, transport, agriculture & domestic sectors of the economy. He apprised participants of the various promotional activities and campaigns undertaken by PCRA to promote petroleum conservation and conservation of natural resources.

Mr. Suresh Goyal, Senior Manager, Punjab Energy Development Agency (PEDA), mentioned that Energy Conservation is one of the most crucial subjects today and Punjab is endowed with vast potential of solar energy with over 300 days of sunshine in a year and this key renewable energy source is being efficiently exploited by PEDA. He detailed the various schemes and financial incentives offered by PEDA in installation of Solar panels for all sectors in Punjab.

Ms. Rimneet Kaur, Deputy Resident Director, PHD Chamber highlighted the various initiatives taken by PHD Chamber in promoting energy efficiency and renewable energy.

Dr. Sattbir Singh Sehgal, Executive Director, Chandigarh University summed up the discussions by saying Renewable energy is the future and we need to build and create a better world for our future generations and presented mementos to speakers on the occasion.

Dr Inderpreet Kaur, Head Electrical Engineering Department, Chandigarh University delivered the formal vote-of-thanks. She especially thanked PHD Chamber for conducting the session and facilitating industry and student interaction which contributes towards progress of the student community.



Participants



Participants

Third Awareness Session on Solar Energy



Eminent speakers during lighting the lamp ceremony

The Punjab State Chapter, PHD Chamber conducted the third awareness session on solar energy on March 28, 2019 at Chandigarh Group of Colleges, Jhanjeri.

The awareness session aimed at educating youth about the utility of such forms of energy and the potential career prospects in this sector. The session was attended by over 500 students. This session was a part of the seminar series being conducted in various educational institutes of Punjab and Chandigarh.

Ms. Rimneet Kaur, Deputy Resident Director, PHD Chamber apprised participants of the objective of Solar Campaign and the benefits of switching over to Solar Energy. She mentioned that installing solar panels on rooftops helps combat greenhouse gas emissions and reduces collective dependence on fossil fuels, while saving electricity bill costs at the same time.

Mr. Simarpreet Singh, Chairman, PHD Regional Committee on Power & Renewable Energy said that “with still close to billion people in the world not having electricity it is important that we

as a young generation take up this role to provide clean power to all”. He further added that with central government making electric cars compulsory by 2030, renewable energy is the future and we need to build and create a better world for our future generations.

Dr. Rajneesh Talwar, Principal, Chandigarh Group of Colleges, Jhanjeri said that solar energy has now proved to be extremely beneficial. Due to higher demand, technology has improved considerably, turning into a significantly efficient source of clean energy. Solar industry, being one of the fastest growing

job markets, there is a huge job potential in the sector. In the coming years, solar careers will dominate the marketplace, he opined.

Eminent speakers, Mr. Sanjeev Kumar Verma, Additional Director & SRO-Chandigarh, Petroleum Conservation Research Association(PCRA); Mr. Suresh Goyal, Senior Manager, Punjab Energy Development Agency (PEDA) along with Mr. Simarpreet Singh, Chairman, Regional Committee on Power & Renewable Energy, PHD Chamber & Director, Hartek Group interacted with students and senior faculty members.



Participants



Faculty members including Mr. Sanjeev Kumar Verma, Additional Director & SRO-Chandigarh, Petroleum Conservation Research Association(PCRA); Mr. Suresh Goyal, Senior Manager, Punjab Energy Development Agency (PEDA); Mr. Simarpreet Singh, Chairman, Regional Committee on Power & Renewable Energy, PHD Chamber & Director, Hartek Group seen with Dr. Rajneesh Talwar, Principal, Chandigarh Group of Colleges, Jhanjeri and Ms. Rimneet Kaur, Deputy Resident Director, PHD Chamber

Uttar Pradesh State Film Festival & Seminar

The Uttar Pradesh Chapter of PHD Chamber in association with Film Bandhu, Govt. of Uttar Pradesh organized the Uttar Pradesh State Film Festival & Seminar on March 9, 2019 at Indira Gandhi Pratishthan, Lucknow. The rationale of the Film Festival was to promote film induced tourism in the State and generate more revenue through Film Tourism. Chief Guest Yogi Adityanath, Hon'ble Chief Minister of UP distributed film subsidies to 20 notable film producers and directors for their significant contribution towards film tourism in the State and who have shot major parts of their films in UP.

The inaugural session of the Film Festival on the theme, 'Making Uttar Pradesh a Film Tourism Hub – Challenges & Opportunities' was chaired by Ms. Rita Bahuguna Joshi, Hon'ble Minister, Women Welfare, Family Welfare, Maternity and Child Welfare and Tourism, UP along with Dr Lalit Khaitan, Chairman – UP State Chapter, PHD Chamber. Others present included Mr. Gaurav Prakash, Co-chairman, UP State Chapter, PHD Chamber; Mr. Alok Ranjan, Former Chief Secretary, UP along with several eminent Bollywood film directors, producers, actors, writers & singers like Mr. Manoj Muntashir, Mr. Vipul Rawal, Mr. Ashu Trikha, Mr. Nisheeth Chandra, Mr. Khemchand Bhagnani, Mr. Ravindra Gautam, Mr. Anil Sharma, Mr. Vinod Bachchan and Mr. Sunil Sivaiya. Mr. Mukesh B. Singh, UP State Chapter, PHD Chamber moderated the session.

Inaugurating the film festival, Ms. Rita Bahuguna Joshi said that she is very fond of cinema and stressed that everything is available from history to spirituality to jungle safaris, to promote film tourism in UP, which is good for film shooting.



Ms. Swati Singh, Hon'ble State Minister of Women Welfare, Family Welfare, Maternity & Child Welfare, Sports and Youth Welfare, UP; Mr. Ravi Kishan, Actor; Yogi Adityanath, Hon'ble Chief Minister of UP and Dr Lalit Khaitan, Chairman, UP State Chapter, PHDCCI during the inaugural ceremony



Dr Neelkanth Tiwari, Hon'ble Minister of State (IC) Law and Justice, Information, Sports and Youth Welfare of Uttar Pradesh, Mr. Boney Kapoor, Film Producer; Shri Yogi Adityanath, Hon'ble Chief Minister of UP, Dr Lalit Khaitan, Chairman, UP State Chapter, PHDCCI; Ms Swati Singh, Hon'ble State Minister of Women Welfare, Family Welfare, Maternity & Child Welfare, Sports and Youth Welfare, UP, Mr. O. P. Singh, DGP, Uttar Pradesh Police and Mr. Awanish Kumar Awasthi, Chairman, Film Bandhu & DG - Tourism, UP

Mr. Manoj Muntashir, Renowned lyricist & singer said that there is vast range of talent in Uttar Pradesh but due to

lack of favorable platform, film directors are forced to move to other cities. He urged the producers/directors present at the Film Festival to give their suggestions to the Government of Uttar Pradesh as the Chief Minister of UP is very keen on promoting the State led Film Tourism under his leadership. Mr. Anil Sharma, Film Director suggested that there should be a film city developed in UP just like Mumbai to encourage talent in the State.

Mr. Mukesh Bahadur Singh, Co-chairman, UP State Chapter, PHD Chamber while describing the current scenario of Film Tourism in the State said that the State is known for film production as majority of the Film Directors and Producers have started seeing Uttar Pradesh as the most sought-for film destination.



Mr. Gaurav Prakash, Co-Chairman, UP State Chapter, PHDCCI; Dr Dinesh Sharma, Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister, UP; Dr Lalit Khaitan, Chairman, UP State Chapter and Mr. Mukesh Bahadur Singh, Co-chairman, UP State Chapter, PHDCCI

The second session on the theme, 'Enhancement & Development of Film Induced Tourism' was moderated by Mr. Jitendra Kumar - Principal Secretary – Culture, Govt. of Uttar Pradesh and chaired by Dr. Dinesh Sharma, Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister, UP with Ms. Swati Singh, Hon'ble State Minister of Women Welfare, Family Welfare, Maternity & Child Welfare, UP. Other participants included Dr. Lalit Khaitan, Chairman – UP State Chapter, PHD Chamber; Mr. Awanish K. Awasthi, Addl. Chief Secretary (Information)/ Chairman, Film Bandhu, UP; Mr. O P Singh, DGP UP; Mr. Mukesh B. Singh and Mr. Gaurav Prakash, Co-chairmen, UP State Chapter, PHD Chamber along with several eminent Bollywood personalities that included Mr. Anand L Rai, Mr. Boney Kapoor, Mr. Satish Kaushik, Mr. Shital Bhatia, Mr. Shree Narayan Singh, Mr. Ravi Kishan, Mr. Aashish Singh, Mr. Himanshu Sharma, Mr. Rumi Jaffery, Mr. Sunil Jogi, Mr. Dinesh Lal Yadav and Mr. Rahul Mitra.

The Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister said that Uttar Pradesh is all set to give opportunities to its vibrant artists in order to stop migration of talent to other states. Mr. Boney Kapoor and Mr. Satish Kaushik while expressing their happiness for visiting the magnificent city of Lucknow, fondly called the city of tehzeeb said that Uttar Pradesh is undoubtedly on the verge of becoming the sought-for destination for shooting films as well as recognizing the vast variety of talents.

Ms. Swati Singh, Hon'ble State Minister of Women Welfare, Family Welfare, Maternity & Child Welfare, UP apprised that several decisions to encourage film induced tourism have been implemented since the formation of BJP Government in the State.

Mr. Gaurav Prakash, Co-chairman, UP State Chapter, PHD Chamber remarked that Uttar Pradesh has become a charm



Mr. Yogi Adityanath, Hon'ble Chief Minister of UP being felicitated by Dr. Lalit Khaitan, Chairman, UP State Chapter, PHDCCI; Also seen Mr. Boney Kapoor, Film Producer; Ms. Swati Singh, Hon'ble State Minister of Women Welfare, Family Welfare, Maternity & Child Welfare, Sports and Youth Welfare, UP and other esteemed dignitaries

of Bollywood over the years because it represents a more authentic, historic and an India with a local colour because it has a rich heritage and culture to provide to the filmmakers.

The third session on 'Distribution of Film Subsidy and Exhibition of Films Trailers/Promos' was graced by Shri Yogi Adityanath, Hon'ble Chief Minister of UP; Dr. Neelkanth Tiwari, Hon'ble Minister of State (IC) Law and Justice, Information, UP and Ms. Swati Singh, Hon'ble State Minister of Women Welfare, Family Welfare, Maternity & Child Welfare, Sports and Youth Welfare, UP. Others participants included Dr. Lalit Khaitan, Chairman – UP State Chapter, PHD Chamber, Mr. Awanish K. Awasthi, Additional Chief Secretary (Information)/ Chairman, Film Bandhu, UP; Mr. Shishir, Director Information/Secretary, Film Bandhu, UP; Mr. Mukesh B. Singh and Mr. Gaurav Prakash, Co-chairmen, UP State Chapter, PHD Chamber and other notable Bollywood personalities like Mr. Boney Kapoor, Mr. Satish Kaushik, Mr. Ravi Kishan and Mr. Ayushman Khurana.

Dr. Lalit Khaitan, Chairman, UP

State Chapter, PHDCCI apprised about the PHD Chamber and asserted that since entertainment industry is a major employment and revenue generator for Uttar Pradesh, it is important that the Government of Uttar Pradesh should organize such Film Festivals at least once a year.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister distributed film subsidy cheques along with mementos to selected film-makers for their significant contribution towards shooting major parts of their films in Uttar Pradesh. The Hon'ble Minister in his speech also pitched the idea of a Kumbh based movie to the film makers present and assured them of creating a more amicable environment for enhancing film induced tourism in the State.

The UP State Film Festival & Seminar was well attended by more than 400 persons which included Ministers, senior bureaucrats, notable Bollywood personalities, Directors, Producers, Writers, Cinematographers, Production Houses, Film-policy makers, Actors, Singers, Decision makers and various stakeholders working in this Sector.



Leadership of UP State Chapter, PHDCCI along with Ms. Rita Bahuguna Joshi, Hon'ble Minister, Women Welfare, Family Welfare, Maternity and Child Welfare and Tourism, UP with seniors bureaucrats and eminent personalities from Bollywood

PHD Asmita Sammaan Uttar Pradesh

The Uttar Pradesh State Chapter of PHD Chamber organized an interactive session 'PHD Asmita Sammaan UP' on March 10, 2019 at Hotel Hilton Garden Inn, Lucknow. The session took place to celebrate International Women's Day by felicitating 21 women of different fields to reflect on the progress made and to celebrate acts of courage and determination by ordinary women who have played an extraordinary role in the history of their cultures and communities in the State.

The felicitation ceremony was inaugurated by Chief Guest, Ms. Swati Singh, Hon'ble Minister of Women Welfare, Family Welfare, Maternity and Child Welfare, Govt. of Uttar Pradesh by lighting the ceremonial lamp in the company of the dignitaries.

The Chief Guest congratulated PHD Chamber for taking the initiative of organizing the felicitation ceremony to honour the empowered women of the State who have excelled in the areas of Business, Fashion, Media, Social Services, Education, Medicine and Writing. She further stated that there is a need to change the mind set about women today. They should be given equal rights like men as they are working shoulder to shoulder with men everywhere and sometimes performing even better than them.

The function also witnessed the gracious presence of Guest of Honour, Mr. Jitendra Kumar, IAS, Principal Secretary, Department of Culture, UP government.

The 21 women achievers felicitated with 'PHD Asmita Sammaan, UP' for achievements in their respective fields included: Ms. Aditi Kumar – Business/ Industries; Ms. Raj Smriti – Writing/ Blogging; Ms. Aparajita Bansal- Legal



Mr. Gaurav Prakash, Co-chairman, PHD Chamber; Mr. Jitendra Kumar, Principal Secretary, Culture Department, Ms. Swati Singh, Hon'ble Minister of Women Welfare, Family Welfare, Maternity and Child Welfare, UP; Dr. Lalit Khaitan, Chairman, UP State chapter, PHD Chamber; Ms. Reena Singh, Convener, Asmita Sammaan and Mr. Mukesh B. Singh, Co- Chairman, PHD Chamber



Ms. Swati Singh, Hon'ble Minister of Women Welfare, Family Welfare, Maternity and Child Welfare, UP being felicitated by Dr Lalit Khaitan, Chairman, PHDCCI

Consultancy; Ms. Jyotsna Kumar, Habibullah -Social Services; Ms. Trisha Negi –Business/ Industry; Ms. Manjula Goswami –Education; Ms. Sujata Singh, IPS- Public Service; Dr Prerna Kapur- Medical Science; Dr Neelam Vinay- Medical Science; Dr Shalini Singh Visen – Science; Ms. Asma Hussain- Fashion Designing; Ms. Sharmistha Sharma – Journalism; Ms. Anjali Jaipuria –Education; Ms. Shailja Devi

–Business/ Industries; Ms. Abha Singh -Social Services; Ms. Kantika Mishra- Art and Culture; Ms. Itishree- Journalism; Ms. Ruchi Kumar- Electronic Media; Ms. Anju Narain – Business/ Industry; Ms. Aashrita Dass- Education and Dr Gita Khanna- Medical Science.

An interactive session was also held where the felicitated ladies shared valuable experiences of their journey.



Chief Guest Ms. Swati Singh, Hon'ble Minister of Women Welfare, Family Welfare, Maternity and Child Welfare, Government of Uttar Pradesh along with all awardees & guest speakers of PHD Asmita Sammaan - UP



MSME Growth Series: Uttarakhand Workshop on Ease of Doing Business & MFP



Mr. Praksh Pant, Hon'ble Finance Minister, Uttarakhand; Mr Rajeev Ghai, Co-chairman, PHD Chamber UK; Mr. Manoj Tyagi, President, SIIDCUL Entrepreneurs Welfare Association; Mr. Shiv Arora, Chartered Accountant, District President for BJP; Mr. Raj Kumar Thakral, Local MLA; Dr. J.S Juneja, Former Chairman & MD NSIC & Former National Chairman MSME PHD Chamber; Mr. V.K. Sharma, Director, MSME Uttarakhand; Mr. P.C. Dumka, GM, SIIDCUL and Mr. Ashwani Tewari, Chief Manager PNB, Kashipur

Uttarakhand State Chapter of PHD Chamber organized a seminar for the MSME Growth Series under PHD-KAS Project on January 28, 2019 at Hotel Raddison, Rudrapur. The main objective of the seminar was to address the gap areas, so that MSME growth can be accelerated to tap the real potential of economic growth of the nation.

This initiative gave entrepreneurs an opportunity to understand and evaluate local and national enterprise investment opportunities for business expansion. Entrepreneurs were apprised on the dynamics of investments in new and technology driven business.

Chief Guest, Mr. Praksh Pant, Hon'ble Finance Minister, Uttarakhand stated that the Uttarakhand Government is committed to bring the ranking of the state to top three by the next assessment. He explained that reform evidence scores on only two parameters, i.e. its land availability and Environment registration which pulls the ranking down. The State government is working out a solution for these issues, unique to the Himalayan state. Construction permit issues are also being addressed by the State Government, assured the Minister. He also pointed out that as on date, more than Rs. 20,000 crores of investment through MoUs signed during the Investors Summit is ready to be deployed in the state

which is already being processed under the single window clearance system and the balance is in the process.

Mr Raj Kumar Thakral, Local MLA was the Guest of Honour while Mr. Shiv Arora, Chartered Accountant and District President of BJP was the Special Guest.

Mr. Rajeev Ghai, Co-chairman, Uttarakhand State Chapter of PHD Chamber appreciated the Central Government's initiative to sign a MoU with Japan for the development of Advanced Model Single Window and its operationalization in Central and State Governments in India for fulfilling administrative procedures necessary for business operations.



Government's new policy to revive stalled highway projects

The government has unveiled a policy for resolving stalled highway projects worth nearly Rs 30,000 crore, including those where proceedings have been initiated against the companies before the bankruptcy tribunal. The move is aimed at unlocking money of both lenders and private players, including crisis-hit IL&FS, which is caught in about 28-30 projects as work has come to a standstill due to shortage of funds. According to a Road Transport Ministry circular issued on March 9, agencies such as NHAI can foreclose the contract by signing a supplementary agreement. It said the authority will make full and final payment to the private player for the "value of work done" or 90% of the debt due, whichever is lower.

The value of work done will be arrived at after a detailed assessment of the progress and the debt due will be as per the contract agreement, which mentions the exact cost of the project. Nearly all the stuck projects were being implemented on a build, operate and transfer mode.

MSME Growth Series: Uttarakhand Workshop In Collaboration with YES Bank



Mr. Anil Taneja, Regional Director, Uttarakhand State Chapter of PHDCCI; Mr. Raj Arora, Chairman MSME, Uttarakhand State Chapter of PHDCCI; Mr. Virendra Kalra Chairman Uttarakhand State Chapter of PHDCCI, Mr. Gaurav Goel Group President & Country Head –Medium Enterprises Banking, YES Bank Ltd , Mr. Gaurav Kapoor, VP & North Head NSE, Mr. Gautam Kapoor, Gen Sec., Bhagwanpur Industries Association and Mr. Anil Sharma, Co-chairman (North) FOPE



PHD Chamber jointly with YES Bank organized a seminar under MSME Growth series with a focus on Institutional Finance on March 7, 2019 at Roorkee, Rudrapur. Bhagwanpur Industry Association, SIIDCUL Manufacturers Association Uttarakhand and Association of Drugs and Pharma Entrepreneurs also joined hands with PHD Chamber and signed a Charter to work together for the promotion of MSMEs in Uttarakhand.

Mr. Verendra Kalra Chairman Uttarakhand State Chapter of PHD Chamber in his welcome address stated that as per a report on 'Uttarakhand MSMEs' prepared by PHD Chamber, there is low penetration of financial services in the state. Given the challenges of global competition, export competitiveness due to currency fluctuations, fast technological up gradation, access to capital is vital for the growth of MSMEs, he further stated.

Eminent panelists included Mr. Brijesh Kr Sant (IAS), Commissioner Industry, Govt. of Uttarakhand; Mr. S. C. Nautiyal, Director, Industries, Govt. of Uttarakhand; Mr. Gaurav Goel Senior President & Country Head, MEB, YES BANK; Mr. Ruchir Gupta MD, Axa Parenterals Ltd; Mr. Raj Arora,

Chairman – MSME, PHDCCI – UK; Mr. Gautam Kapoor, Gen Sec., Bhagwanpur Industries Association (BIA); Mr. Harindra Garg, Chairman SIIDCUL Manufacturers Assoc. (SMA) and Mr. Anil Sharma, Co chairman (North) FOPE.

Mr. Gaurav Goel, Senior President & Country Head for Medium Enterprise Banking gave Awards of Excellence to the entrepreneurs. With increasing global competition, export competitiveness and growth of digital technology, access to capital is vital for long-term survival and future growth of MSMEs. The need of the hour is for banks to complement Government's progressive initiatives through their conventional as well as digital lending mechanisms and increasing awareness of different funding avenues to ensure inclusive and sustainable growth, as well as global competitiveness of MSMEs in India.

Mr. Gaurav Kapoor North India Head for NSE stated that NSE SME Exchange is a tool available for the SMEs to build financial strength and thus adopt a fast track growth trajectory.

Mr. Raj Arora Chairman MSME,

Uttarakhand, PHD Chamber and also Gen. Secretary of SIIDCUL Manufacturers Association stated that the ease of doing business, which is most critical for the SMEs in India has improved in the last 5 years, but still there is big gap due to slower implementation of the EODB mechanism developed under Single window system. SMEs, he stated are at a highly advantageous position in the Indian Markets, provided the impediments of regulatory mechanisms are eased up further. EODB, he stated also helps SMEs to build credibility, vital for the support from financial institutions.

Mr. Anil Sharma, Co-chairman FOPE and Chairman ADPE Roorkee, Mr. Gautam Kapoor Gen Secretary of BIA, Mr. Ruchir Gupta Director AXA Parenterals Ltd., Mr. Manoj Ralhan Group Exe VP YES Bank, Mr. Rakesh Khurana North Head for SME NSE and Mr. Abhinav Gupta Merchant Banker participated in the panel discussion moderated by Mr. Verendra Kalra, Chairman Uttarakhand State Chapter of PHD Chamber.

As a gesture of corporate social responsibility, Mr. Manoj Govil from USACS made the presentation.

8TH INDIA HERITAGE TOURISM CONCLAVE

'Sustainable Tourism Management at World Heritage Sites'



Mr. Anil Bhandari, Chairman, A B Smart Concepts; Mr. Rajan Sehgal, Co-Chairman– Tourism Committee, PHDCCI; H.E. Jagdishwar Goburdhun, High Commissioner-Designate, Mauritius High Commission; H.E. Chung Kwang Tien, Ambassador, Taipei Economic and Cultural Center in India; Mr. Manish Chheda, Managing Director, Auctus Advisors; Mr. Kishore Kumar Kaya, Co-chairman– Tourism Committee, PHDCCI; Dr. Sanjeev Chopra (IAS), Director, Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration; Mrs. Radha Bhatia, Chairperson– Tourism Committee, PHDCCI; Mr. Vinod Zutshi (IAS Retd.), Former Secretary, Ministry of Tourism; H.E. Eleonora Dimitrova, Ambassador, Embassy of the Republic of Bulgaria; and H.E. Fleming Duarte, Ambassador, Embassy of Paraguay releasing the Knowledge Report

The Tourism Committee of PHD Chamber organized the 8th India Heritage Tourism Conclave with the theme 'Sustainable Tourism Management at World Heritage Sites' on March 27, 2019 at WelcomHotel The Savoy, Mussoorie. The programme was supported by the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India.

Inaugurating the Conclave, Dr. Sanjeev Chopra (IAS), Director, Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration, said, "A country as diverse as India is symbolized by the plurality of its culture and heritage. Heritage tourism in India is a real treasure as there are numerous cultural, historical and natural resources. There are immense possibilities of heritage tourism in India. This type of event can prove to be a milestone for increasing the tourism business of the country."

H.E. Chung Kwang Tien, Ambassador, Taipei Economic and Cultural Center in India; H.E. Fleming Duarte, Ambassador, Embassy of Paraguay; H.E. Dato Hidayat Abdul Hamid, High Commissioner, High Commission of Malaysia; H.E. Eleonora Dimitrova, Ambassador, Embassy of the Republic of Bulgaria and H.E. Jagdishwar

Goburdhun, High Commissioner-Designate, Mauritius High Commission were also present and shared the heritage tourism potential of their respective countries.

PHD Chamber and its Knowledge Partner- Auctus Advisors jointly released a Knowledge Report 'Sustainable Heritage Tourism in India'. The report gives a holistic view on heritage tourism across the world and in the country. The report says that while growth in Indian tourism needs to be aggressively taken up, the sustainability dimension of tourism also needs to be viewed with equal importance.

Ms. Radha Bhatia, Chairperson – Tourism Committee, PHDCCI, said that the ancient past of India has ensured that the present and subsequent generations have abundance of historical and cultural inheritance to be proud of. "The restoration efforts to safeguard valuable heritage assets at government's end in association with various agencies and organizations are visible at places of historic significance but there are so many places which still stand apart and require immediate attention. Preserving India's cultural heritage for the

enrichment and education of present and future generations is crucial," she said.

Mr. Kishore Kumar Kaya, Co-chairman – Tourism Committee, PHDCCI welcomed all the dignitaries and expressed his desire to host more such programmes in future at WelcomHotel The Savoy, Mussoorie.

Mr. Ruskin Bond, Leading Indian Author; Mr. Bill Aitken, Travel Writer and Mr. Dinraj Pratap Singh, Owner, Kasmanda Palace were felicitated during the programme.

While setting the theme of the Conclave, Mr. Rajan Sehgal, Co-chairman – Tourism Committee, PHDCCI, said, "India's World Heritage Tourism sites have an added advantage for attracting international tourists. Nearly 85% of all visitors to India visit one or the other heritage sites of the country in their vacation. Tourism in India has shown a phenomenal growth in the past decade and is expected to emerge as the most important revenue earner for India in the years to come."

Panel Discussion on 'Creating a Sustainable Ecosystem for promotion of Heritage Tourism' had Mr. Vinod Zutshi (IAS Retd.), Former Secretary, Ministry





Mr. Sandeep Sahni, President, Hotels & Restaurants Association of Uttarakhand; Mr. Ganesh Sali, Indian Author; Mr. Manish Chheda, Managing Director, Auctus Advisors; Mr. Anil Bhandari, Chairman, A B Smart Concepts; Ms. Bhavna Saxena (IPS), Special Commissioner, Andhra Pradesh Economic Development Board; Mr. Vinod Zutshi (IAS Retd.), Former Secretary, Ministry of Tourism, Government of India; Mr. Kulmeet Makkar, CEO, Producers Guild of India; Mr. Sumit Kumar Agarwal, Secretary General, Tribal India Chamber of Trade Agriculture and Commerce; Mr. Pronab Sarkar, President, Indian Association of Tour Operators; Dr. Lokesh Ohri, Convenor– Dehradun Chapter, Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage; and Mr. Virendra Kalra, Chairman– Uttarakhand Chapter, PHDCCI during the Panel Discussion

of Tourism, as the moderator and panelists included Ms. Bhavna Saxena (IPS), Special Commissioner, Andhra Pradesh Economic Development Board; Mr. Pronab Sarkar, President, Indian Association of Tour Operators; Dr Lokesh Ohri, Convenor – Dehradun Chapter, Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage; Mr. Anil Bhandari, Chairman, A B Smart Concepts; Mr. Ganesh Sali, Indian Author; Mr. Kulmeet Makkar, CEO, Producers Guild of India; Mr. Virendra Kalra, Chairman – Uttarakhand Chapter, PHDCCI; Mr. Sandeep Sahni, President, Hotels & Restaurants Association of Uttarakhand; Mr. Sumit Kumar Agarwal, Secretary General, Tribal India Chamber of Trade Agriculture and Commerce and Mr. Manish Chheda, Managing Director, Auctus Advisors.

Heritage tourism in India with 37 UNESCO World Heritage Sites and numerous other natural sites have immense potential that need repeat visits to cover all of them. The challenges are very demanding keeping in mind conservation and environmental protection. 'Adopt a Heritage Scheme' by Ministry of Tourism and Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) is one of the best practices to showcase our monuments and drive sustainable growth.

The panelists highlighted that the need of the hour is to have a clear vision and a well-defined execution plan with the goal of sustainable development that provides conservation and growth, clean air, water, energy and heritage at large. Technology, documentation, capacity building and regulation are the way to go for sustainable development of heritage tourism.

A Heritage Walk was also organized

during the programme for all the delegates to enjoy the heritage of Mussoorie not only as past, but as a living tradition.

Mr. Yogesh Srivastav, Principal Director, PHDCCI, said that PHDCCI is committed to create such meaningful platforms for enabling the tourism industry to grow and flourish further.

The Conclave was attended by over 150 delegates.



Delegates enjoying the Heritage Walk in Mussoorie



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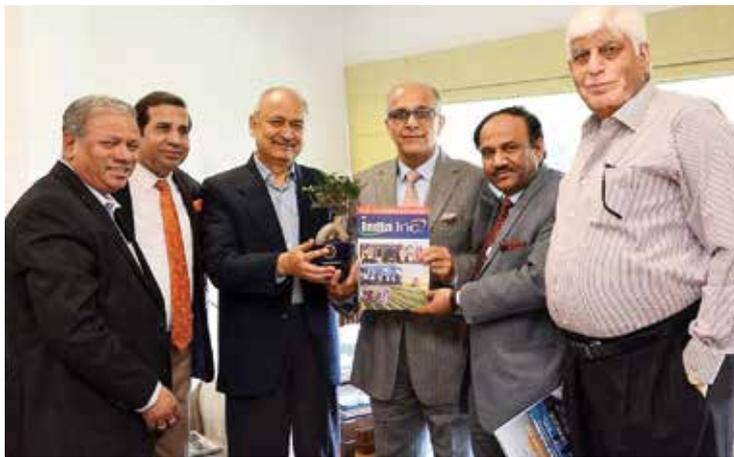
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Meeting with Hon'ble Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs & Statistics and Programme Implementation

APHD Chamber delegation led by Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, Vice President and comprising of Mr. Naveen N D Gupta, Chairman, Corporate Affairs Committee and the Secretariat team met Mr. Vijay Goel, Hon'ble Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs & Statistics and Programme Implementation on March 19, 2019 at New Delhi. The delegation requested the Minister to invite PHD Chamber to be a part of various committees under Parliamentary Affairs while formulating any major economic policy. The Hon'ble Minister assured that the same will be taken into consideration.



Meeting with Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation

APHD Chamber's delegation led by Mr. Rajeev Talwar, President and comprising of Dr Mahesh Y Reddy, Secretary General, Mr. K.N. Rao- Chairman, Civil Aviation Committee, Mr. Vipin Vohra and Mr. Rajen Mehra, Co-chairmen, Civil Aviation Committee and the Secretariat team met Mr. Pradeep Singh Kharola, IAS, Hon'ble Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation on March 15, 2019 at New Delhi. The meeting was to congratulate Mr. Kharola on taking over as the Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation and to invite him for the '5th PHD Global Aviation Summit-2019' as the Chief Guest.

Meeting with Secretary, Ministry of Tourism

APHD Chamber delegation led by Mr. Rajan Sehgal, Co-chairman, Tourism Committee along with the Secretariat team met Mr. Yogendra Tripathi (IAS), Secretary, Ministry of Tourism, on March 20, 2019 at his office in New Delhi. The objective of the meeting was to invite the Secretary for the '8th India Heritage Tourism Conclave' held on March 27, 2019 at WelcomHotel The Savoy, Mussoorie.



Meeting with ED, ITPO

APHD Chamber delegation led by Mr. Rajiv Bhatnagar, Chairman, Defence & HLS Committee and comprising of Dr Mahesh Y Reddy, Secretary General and Mr. Nasir Jamal, Joint Secretary met Mr. Deepak Kumar, Executive Director of IPTO on March 12, 2019 at New Delhi to discuss the collaboration of ITPO with PHD Chamber as the "Co-Organiser" for the 22nd India International Security Expo 2019.



Meeting with CEO, Healthcare Sector Skill Council

A PHD Chamber delegation led by Mr. Vishal Jindal, Chairman, Skill Development Committee and comprising of Mr. Atul Anand, Managing Committee Member, Dr Jatinder Singh, Director and Mr. Punit Chaudhry, Joint Secretary met Mr. Ashish Jain, CEO, Healthcare Sector Skill Council, on March 26, 2019 at his office in New Delhi. It was decided at the meeting that the two organizations will collaborate with each other for spreading awareness about significance of skill development schemes.

Meeting with Officials of National Skill Development Corporation

A PHD Chamber delegation led by Mr. Vishal Jindal, Chairman, Skill Development Committee; Dr Jatinder Singh, Director and Mr. Punit Chaudhry, Joint Secretary, met Mr. Surajit Roy, Head of Apprenticeship Division at NSDC and his colleague, Mr. Vasu Sharma, at PHD House, New Delhi on March 27, 2019 to discuss the National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS) of the Government of India. Mr. Roy invited members of PHD Chamber to participate in NAPS and benefit from it.



Meeting with Regional Director, Ministry of Corporate Affairs

A PHD Chamber delegation led by Mr. Naveen N D Gupta, Chairman, Corporate Affairs Committee along with the Secretariat team met Dr Raj Singh, Regional Director – Northern Region, Ministry of Corporate Affairs on March 14, 2019 at New Delhi. The delegation invited the Regional Director to be the Chief Guest for the workshop on 'Recent Key Amendments: The Companies Act & The SEBI Insider Trading Regulations' held on April 3, 2019 at New Delhi.



Meeting with Principal Secretary Dept. of Commerce & Industries, & Additional Chief Secretary, Dept. of Finance & Public Works Dept., Govt. of Chhattisgarh

A PHD Chamber Chhattisgarh Chapter delegation led by Mr. Veenu Jain Chairman and comprising of Mr. Shashank Rastogi Co-chairman and Mr. Sumit Dubey, Resident Director met Mr. Manoj K. Pingua, IAS Principal Secretary, Department of Commerce & Industries and Mr. Amitabh Jain, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Finance & Public Works Department, Govt. of Chhattisgarh on April 2, 2019 at Mantralaya, Atal Nagar, Naya Raipur.



Meeting with Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture, Govt. of Haryana

Dr Mahesh Y Reddy, Secretary General, PHD Chamber along with Mr. Lokesh Jain, Chairman, MSME Sub Committee, Haryana State Chapter met Mr. OP Dhankar, Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture, Govt. of Haryana on February 27, 2019 at Chandigarh and submitted the Closure Report of the Fourth Agri Leadership Summit held at Ganaur, February 15-17, 2019. The Hon'ble Minister acknowledged the work done by PHD Chamber. He mentioned that apart from the Central Government scheme of giving Rs. 6000 annually to the farmers, the Haryana government will add another Rs. 6000 totaling it to Rs. 12,000 for the farmers of Haryana under this scheme.



Meeting with Chief Secretary, Jharkhand

APHD Chamber delegation led by Mr. Vishal Chaudhary, Chairman, Jharkhand State Chapter and comprising of Ms. Shweta Chaudhary, Chairperson, Pragati Pariwar and Mr. Mantosh Singh, Resident Director, Jharkhand met Mr. Sudhir Tripathi, Chief Secretary, Jharkhand on March 10, 2019 at Ranchi. The delegation presented the closure report of 'Global Skill Summit 2019' and also requested him to nominate PHD Chamber as one of the partners for conducting "SAMARTH" project and skilling youth of Jharkhand.

Meeting with Secretary, Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of Jharkhand

Mr. Vishal Chaudhary Jharkhand State Chapter Chairman, PHD Chamber along with Mr. Mantosh Singh, Resident Director, PHD Chamber met Dr. Nitin Madan Kulkarni (IAS), Secretary, Health & Family Welfare on March 5, 2019 at Ranchi and apprised him on the recent projects of PHD Chamber in Jharkhand and also requested him to engage PHD Chamber in the health sector of the State.



Meeting with Secretary to Haryana Govt., Art and Cultural Affairs Dept., ACS, Archives, Archaeology and Museums Dept., Environment & Climate Change Dept.

Dr Mahesh Y Reddy, Secretary General, PHD Chamber along with Mr. Lokesh Jain, Chairman, MSME Sub Committee, Haryana State Chapter, PHD Chamber met Ms. Dheera Khandelwal, Secretary to Haryana Govt., Art and Cultural Affairs Department, ACS, Archives, Archaeology, and Museums Department, Environment & Climate Change Dept. on February 28, 2019 at Chandigarh. Dr. Reddy apprised Ms. Khandelwal about the activities of the Chamber. Ms. Khandelwal showed interest in organizing a program on environment and climate change with the industry in Haryana.

Meeting with ACS, Education Department, Govt. of Haryana

Dr Mahesh Y Reddy, Secretary General, PHD Chamber along with Mr. Lokesh Jain, Chairman, MSME Sub Committee, Haryana State Chapter, PHD Chamber met Mr. P.K. Das, ACS, Education Department, Govt of Haryana on February 28, 2019 at Chandigarh. Mr. Das appreciated PHD Chamber's work in Industry as well as in other spheres.





Meeting with ACS, Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Dept, Govt. of Haryana

Dr Mahesh Y Reddy, Secretary General, PHD Chamber along with Mr. Lokesh Jain, Chairman MSME Sub Committee, Haryana State Chapter met Ms. Navraj Sandhu, ACS, Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Dept, Govt. of Haryana on February 27, 2019 at Chandigarh and submitted the closure report of the Fourth Agriculture Leadership Summit held at Ganaur, February 15- 17, 2019. Ms. Navraj Sandhu appreciated the work done by PHD Chamber for the Agriculture Summit.

Meeting with ACS, Industries and Commerce Dept, Govt. of Haryana

Dr Mahesh Y Reddy, Secretary General, PHD Chamber along with Mr. Lokesh Jain, Chairman MSME Sub Committee, Haryana State Chapter met Mr. Devender Singh, ACS, Industries and Commerce Department, Govt. of Haryana on February 27, 2019 at Chandigarh. Dr Reddy proposed the second edition of the mega trade fair, HITEX and a mega event on skill development on the lines of Skill Conclave held in Jharkhand, for the State of Haryana.



Meeting with ACS and Financial Commissioner, Revenue & Disaster Management Dept, Govt. of Haryana

Dr Mahesh Y Reddy, Secretary General, PHD Chamber along with Mr. Lokesh Jain, Chairman, MSME Sub Committee, Haryana State Chapter met Ms. Keshni Anand Arora, IAS, ACS and Financial Commissioner, Revenue & Disaster Management Department on February 27, 2019 at Chandigarh. The Secretary General apprised him about the activities of PHD Chamber in the region.



Meeting with Mission Director, Jharkhand Skill Development Mission Society

Mr. Vishal Chaudhary Chairman, Jharkhand State Chapter, PHD Chamber met Mr. Ravi Ranjan (IFS) Mission Director, Jharkhand Skill Development Mission Society (JSDMS), on March 5, 2019 at Ranchi and presented him the closure report of the 'Global Skill Summit 2019' held on March 5, 2019 at Ranchi.



Meeting with CEO, Jharkhand Skill Development Mission Society

Mr. Vishal Chaudhary Chairman, Jharkhand State Chapter met Mr. Amar Jha CEO, Jharkhand Skill Development Mission Society (JSDMS) and presented him the closure report of the 'Global Skill Summit 2019' held on March 5, 2019 at Ranchi.



Meeting with Ambassador of Poland to India

PHD Chamber delegation led by Mr. Mohit Jain, Chairman, International Affairs Committee for Central Europe and comprising of Mr. Vikram Gera, Co-chairman, Dr Mahesh Y Reddy, Secretary General and Ms. Aarushi Gautam, Sr Assistant Secretary, International Affairs met H.E. Mr. Adam Burakowski, Ambassador of Poland to India and M. Andrzej Kneifel, Minister Counselor, Embassy of Poland on March 13, 2019 at New Delhi. Mr. Jain invited the Ambassador for the conference on 'Strengthening India-Europe Economic Relations' scheduled for April 5, 2019. The Ambassador informed that LOT Polish Airlines is launching its direct flight from Warsaw to New Delhi from September this year.

Meeting with High Commissioner of Brunei Darussalam to India

PHD Chamber delegation led by Mr Ajay Poddar, Chairman, International Affairs Committee for ASEAN, East Asia & Oceania Committee & Mr Vishal Jindal, Chairman, Skill Committee; and comprising of Mr. Bharat Joshi & Mr. Surinder Kalra, Co-chairmen, International Affairs Committee for ASEAN, East Asia & Oceania Committee; Mr. Vivek Seigell, Principal Director, Mr. Niraj, Secretary, International Affairs and Ms. Komple Sharma, Assistant Secretary met H.E Mr. Dato Paduka Sidek Ali, High Commissioner of Brunei Darussalam to India on March 20, 2019 at his office in New Delhi.



The delegation invited His Excellency to the Core Group Meeting of the proposed conference on "ASEAN: Towards growing India-ASEAN Trade and Investment Ties" and ascertained his inputs on the same.



Meeting with Ambassador of Cambodia to India

PHD Chamber delegation led by Mr. Surinder Kalra, Co-chairman, ASEAN, East Asia & Oceania Committee and comprising of Mr. Vivek Seigell, Principal Director and Ms. Komple Sharma, Assistant Secretary met H.E. Mr. Ung Sean, Ambassador of Cambodia to India on March 22, 2019 at New Delhi. The meeting was to ascertain his views on the proposed Conference on "ASEAN: Towards growing India-ASEAN Trade and Investment Ties."



Meeting with Ambassador of Uzbekistan to India

APHD Chamber delegation led by Mr. Rajeev Talwar, President and comprising of Dr Mahesh Y Reddy, Secretary General and Mr. Niraj, Secretary, International Affairs met H.E Mr. Farhod Arziev, Ambassador of Uzbekistan to India on March 14, 2019 at New Delhi. Mr. Talwar apprised him about the activities of the Chamber and the forthcoming delegation to Uzbekistan by the Rajasthan Chapter of PHD Chamber in the month of April 2019.

Meeting with Ambassador of Royal Norwegian Embassy to India

APHD Chamber delegation led by Mr. Rajeev Talwar, President, PHD Chamber and comprising of Mr. Sanjeev Gupta, Chairman and Dr. J. P. Gupta, Co-chairman, Renewable and Alternative Energy Committee met H.E. Mr. Nils Ragnar Kamsvag, Ambassador, Royal Norwegian Embassy on March 6, 2019 at the Embassy in New Delhi. Mr. Talwar invited him for the Ambassadors' Meet 2019 and the conference on 'Strengthening India-Europe Economic Relations: Opportunities and Way Forward.'



Meeting with Head of Trade and Economic Affairs, Delegation of the European Union to India

APHD Chamber delegation led by Mr. Mohit Jain, Chairman, International Affairs Committee for Central Europe and comprising of Dr Mahesh Y Reddy, Secretary General and Mr. Niraj, Secretary - International Affairs met Ms. Marika Jakas, Head of Trade and Economic Affairs, Delegation of the European Union to India on March 13, 2019 at New Delhi. Mr. Mohit Jain invited H.E. Mr. Tomasz Kozlowski, Ambassador, Delegation of the European Commission to be the Special Guest for the conference on 'Strengthening India-Europe Economic Relations' held on April 5, 2019.



Meeting with Director General, Alliance for Dual VET

APHD Chamber delegation led by Mr. Anil Khaitan, Immediate Former President; Mr. Vishal Jindal, Chairman, Skill Dev Committee; Mr. Atul P Anand, Member, Managing Committee; Dr Jatinder Singh, Director and Mr. Punit Chaudhry, Joint Secretary met Ms. Asha Lele Das, Director General, Alliance for Dual VET, Germany, at PHD House, New Delhi on April 5, 2019. Both organizations agreed to collaborate for implementing Dual VET methodology of Skill Development in various industry clusters, beginning with Bhiwadi, to bridge skill gaps and provide adequate skilled manpower to the industry.





Digitalization to enhance industrial growth and employment opportunities¹

Dr S P Sharma, Chief Economist, PHD Chamber
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The Government of India launched the Digital India Programme on 1st July 2015 to promote Digital revolution in the country. The Programme was launched to ensure broadband connectivity at village level, improved access to services through IT enabled platforms, greater transparency in government processes and increased indigenous production of IT hardware and software for exports and improved domestic availability. A National Rural Internet and Technology Mission for services in villages and schools, training in IT skills and E-Kranti for government service delivery and governance scheme has been initiated by the government. Recently, in the Interim Budget 2019-20, the government has given a major impetus to digitalization by announcing one lakh rural villages to be digitalized in the next five years. This would give a significant boost to rural connectivity and enhanced standards of living of the people in the coming times.

Digital India is expected to have a widespread economic, social as well as sustainable development impact on the economy. According to a report by World Bank, 10% increase in mobile and broadband penetration increases the per capita GDP by 0.81% and 1.38% respectively in the developing countries. Thus, the reforms in digitalization are expected to result in digital revolution in the economy and to spur growth and employment in the coming times.



Technologies enabling growth

The present economic system requires certain technologies to achieve fast, strong and sustainable growth. These range from advanced oil and gas exploration, artificial intelligence, advanced robotics, autonomous vehicles, advanced geographic information systems (GIS), Cloud Computing, Digital Payments to Internet of things, Mobile Internet, Next generation genomics and 3D printing and advanced materials, among others.

Digital Economy, jobs and economic growth

The Indian economy is the fastest moving emerging economy in the world economic system. The share of India in world's GDP has been increasing over the time. According to the 2018 Global Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI) of United Nations, over 270 million people have moved out of poverty in India. Going ahead, it becomes imperative to provide state-of-the-art facilities to the rising population to improve their standards of living and promote all inclusive growth in the economy. To support a growing population, technology plays a major role in increasing productivity, reducing losses and improving efficiency across various sectors of the

-  Mobile Internet
-  Digital payments
-  Verifiable Digital Identity
-  Next generation genomics
-  Advanced geographic information systems(GIS)
-  Intelligent transportation and distribution
-  Internet of things
-  Advanced oil and gas exploration and recovery
-  Advanced energy storage
-  Artificial Intelligence
-  Autonomous Vehicles
-  Advanced Robotics
-  3D printing and advanced materials
-  Cloud Computing
-  Automation of knowledge work

¹This article has been extracted from authors' article on 'Digitalization to revitalize growth and employment in India' in Employment News in their 51st Volume for the week 23-29 March 2019

economy viz. Agriculture and Allied Activities, Industry and Services. It is expected that with the growth of Digitalization, the efficiency and efficacy of economic activities would improve significantly and the enhanced speed of economic activity has potential to create at least 10 million additional jobs every year in the various areas of Indian economy. The enhanced economic activity has potential to push the economic growth trajectory by at least 2 percentage points in the next five years.

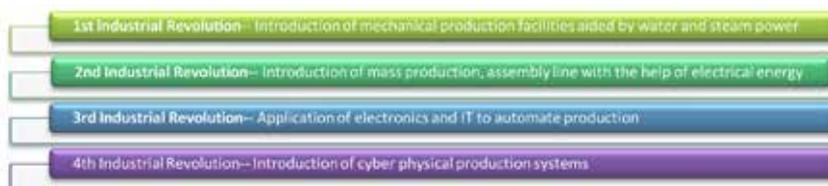
Digitalization and Industry in India

The Indian industry is rapidly progressing towards Industry 4.0 characterized with amalgamation of computers and automation with robotics. The robotics is connected remotely to computer systems equipped with machine learning algorithms which can control the robotics with minimum human support. It is based on cyber physical production systems that integrate communications, IT, data and physical elements. These systems transform the traditional plants into smart factories. It is expected that with investments in digital economy such as artificial intelligence, Big Data analytics, Internet of Things (IoT) and robotics, the manufacturing cycle time can be reduced to half which would provide significant business returns, going forward.

Manufacturing sector is the backbone of the Indian economy. The government has given a major impetus to the growth of this sector and had launched the 'Make in India' programme in 2014 with the aim of increasing the manufacturing sector contribution from the current level to 25% by 2025. Currently, the share of manufacturing sector in India's GDP is around 17%. This is lower than the share of manufacturing sector in GDP of many advanced and emerging economies.

Digitalization can contribute remarkably to the growth of the manufacturing sector by modernizing the processes and optimizing the business cycles thereby creating higher value and new business offering for stimulating growth of the sector. This would lead to rise in the share of manufacturing sector in GDP. It is estimated that with the end-to-end digitalization of the factory can lead to rise in the productivity from around 12% to 20%. Thus, with increase in productivity, industrial activity would increase thereby facilitating growth of jobs in this sector. It is estimated that millions of additional jobs would be created with the increased efficiency of the enterprises, increased price-cost margins, scope for expansion of production possibilities and expansion of workforce in the factories.

Timeline of Industrial Revolution



Share of Manufacturing Sector in GDP of select economies

Country(s)	Share of Manufacturing in GDP in 2017
China	29.3%
Thailand	27.1%
Japan*	21%
Germany	20.7%
Indonesia	20.2%
India ^	16.6%

Source: PHD Research Bureau compiled from World Bank, *Data pertains to the year 2016, ^Data pertains to 2nd Advance Estimates of GDP for FY2019

Conclusions and Suggestions

Digitalization is the new game changer and is set to become the new normal as it has immense potential to achieve transformational changes in every section of the society and promote all-inclusive growth and development in the economy. The value addition to each of the sectors is expected to generate tremendous economic benefits. This would translate into high employment opportunities for the growing population of the country. Thus, in addition to the jobs already being created in each of the sectors, digitalization is expected to create more than 100 million additional jobs in the next 10 years. The enhanced economic activity has potential to push the economic growth trajectory by at least 2 percentage points in the next five years.

Going ahead, there is a need to improve the digital literacy in the country to make people digitally competitive. Digitalization should find its way in the school curriculum right from the early stages. The technology-

based services should be made in language that is understandable to the user.

The time is most opportune for India to embrace technological developments and translate them into opportunities for creation of millions of employment opportunities. There is a transition in the job landscape in the economy from conventional jobs to emergence of new engines of job creation. The share of agriculture sector in employment creation has declined while that of industry and services is increasing rapidly. The government is already taking proactive reform measures to encourage digitalization in the economy. There is a need for massive skilling and re-skilling of workforce so as to make them job-ready. The industry needs to focus on re-designing their business models against the backdrop of growing technological development and also to drive the re-skilling of existing workforce. Going ahead, we look forward to further reform measures of the government to promote digitalization and participation of all the stakeholders for the creation of massive employment opportunities for the growing workforce in the country.



Bringing India's Potential to Reality: Industrial Revolution 4.0

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Industrial Revolution began around 18th century in Britain as the process of change from agrarian and handicraft economy to one dominated by industry and machine manufacturing. Prior to industrial revolution, manufacturing was often done in people's homes, using hand-tools or basic machinery. Industrialization led to the transition to complicated machines, new chemical manufacturing, iron production processes, use of steam power and water power, the development of machine tools and the rise of the mechanized factory system. The industrial revolution marked a turning point in the history as it impacted almost every aspect of human life. It led to unprecedented increase in average income, growth rate of economies, population, enhancement of standard of living, among others.

The first industrial revolution or Industry 1.0 took place in Europe and North America from 18th to 19th centuries and it could be characterized with mechanization, steam, water power, among others. Industry 2.0 took place during 1870-1914 and could be associated with mass production and electricity; major technological advancement during this period includes

light bulb, telephone, phonograph, among others. The third industrial revolution or digital revolution started in 1980s that led to the advancement of technology from analog electronic and mechanical devices to the digital technology.

"Industry 4.0" builds on digital revolution and is based on linking or embedding new technologies with society and even human body. It could be linked to many things, such as automation, data exchange, cloud computing, internet of things, cognitive computing, among others. In general, it could be related to cyber physical system & advanced analytics. Industry 4.0 holds the potential to transform the present and future of human life as it opens the door to colossal possibilities and opportunities in the future. Industry 4.0, along with its components/companions, such as Artificial Intelligence, Blockchain, Internet of Things, Machine Learning, and Big Data can take the world to the new heights.

The Industry 4.0 has resulted in the digital transformation across the global industries that has caused increased productivity, efficiency and improved customer experience. This has encouraged more industries to push

for technological innovation through automation, robotics, internet of things, cloud computing, among others. In the coming 4-5 years, more organizations are expected to embrace Industry 4.0 to boost productivity, enhance quality and increase profits. In this scenario, many are concerned with the job losses that come with Industry 4.0. However, instead of job losses, industry 4.0 is expected to change the nature of the jobs. For instance, with internet of things, a worker molding a specific engine part with his hands would soon do the same thing in an augmented and virtual reality space, or a worker would simply use a joystick to place the boxes in the warehouse. Thus, industry 4.0 would not destroy the jobs, rather it is expected to upgrade existing infrastructure and human skills, while taking the full advantage of internet of things. This would lead to increased growth rate of the economies and resultant increase in employment generation.

Like many developed economies of the world ecosystem, India is also keen to adopt Industry 4.0. The importance of Industrial Revolution 4.0 for India does not only arise out of need to be at par with developed economies, but also for the economic and socio-economic development. Industrial Revolution 4.0

¹Data pertains to 2017

²Data pertains to October 2018

and its components have the potential to take India to the new heights of development. It would support the growth and bring in efficiency in industry sector, healthcare sector, agriculture sector, transportation, among others and would overall improve the quality of life of citizens of India.

However, unlike other economies, India would not require many hardships to adopt Industry 4.0 as country holds tremendous advantages that could help India move towards the era of Industry 4.0. First is the growth rate of Indian economy; the journey of Indian economy has been promising as the economic growth trajectory has increased from steady during 1960s to 1990s to fast in 2000s and fastest in the 2010s. Today, India is the fastest growing economy in the world, with very lucrative growth prospects in the coming years also. Second major advantage that India has is the bright spot that it holds in the global economy due to its demographic dividend. India has over 60 percent of its youth in the working age group at present.

Another advantage could be in form of internet base and users. India is one of the largest telecommunication markets in the world with over 1.2 billion subscriber base and approximately 450 million internet users. The government spending on telecommunication infrastructure and services stands at Rs. 60,000 in 2014-19. Under BharatNet project, around 50% of the total 2.5 Lakh Gram Panchayats (GPs) in the country have been connected through high-speed OFC network. India has registered over 107% increase in internet coverage, highest mobile data consumption globally (3.4 Billion GB per month), among others.

Further, India has the 2nd largest startup ecosystem in the world that is expected to witness growth of 10-12% in the coming years. Around 20,000 startups are present in India, out of which around 4,750 are technology led startups. There were 1,400 new tech startups that were born in 2016 alone, which imply that there are 3-4 tech startups born every day. Startups in India are rapidly adopting new technologies, including artificial intelligence, machine learning, among others. This shows the keenness of Indians to move towards new technology and it also implies that

the move towards Industry 4.0 would be faster and smooth in India as compared to other economies in the world.

The success of Industrial Revolution 4.0 depends on how ready the country is in the form of infrastructure foundation. India has been continuously working towards building and enhancing its digital infrastructure, and its interfaces including Aadhaar, UPI, e-NAM, and GeM. Today, more than 120 million people have digital identity in the forms of Aadhar card. India has more than 18 lakh mobile based trans-receiver stations, 93% total tally density, 50 crore of mobile internet subscriptions that has more than doubled in the last 4-5 years. Further, internet coverage has increased by more than 75% in last few years, more than three lakh kilometers of optical fiber has been laid down in the country. India has the cheapest data in the world and thereby also has the highest mobile data consumption in the world.

Recently, the Ministry of Commerce and Industry has framed the New Industrial Policy that embodies the government's intention to align India with the emerging technologies of drones, artificial intelligence and block chain and thereby make India ready for Industrial Revolution 4.0.

The Digital India is a flagship programme of the government of India with a vision to transform India into a digitally empowered society and knowledge economy. Under Digital India Programme, various initiatives such as Aadhaar Enabled Payment System,

Accessible India Campaign Mobile App, Bharat Interface For Money (Bhim), Crime and Criminal Tracking Network & Systems (CCTNS), Crop Insurance Mobile App, among others have been undertaken towards providing digital identities, creating digital infrastructure and enabling digital delivery of services.

Further, India should increase the volume in its industry sector as it would create economies of scale by increasing the bandwidth of Indian firms to deliver world class manufacturing. This would also result in the high price-cost margins and make India a favorable destination for foreign investors as well as a manufacturing hub. Therefore, it is the need of the hour for India to adopt newer technologies and transit itself from traditional or conventional ways, so that it can compete with the rapidly growing economies, with manufacturing dominance in the world ecosystem.

Given all this, still India has long way to completely transform itself to Industry 4.0 and this could only be possible with the active role of government. Government must take more severe, rather more innovative initiatives to upgrade the skills of Indian citizens, especially youth to make them competent enough. Going ahead, India must use its vast potential in the forms of demographic dividend, increasing startup culture, skilled people, evolving telecommunication sector, digital infrastructure, among others to "Bring India's Potential to Reality with respect to Industry 4.0".



Policy Pronouncements and Developments

Flexible GST rates for Real Estate

The GST Council in its 34th meeting held on March 19 GST Council approved a transition plan for the new rate structure for real estate residential projects. Real estate developers have been given the flexibility to choose between old rates and new rates for incomplete residential projects. Builders can choose either 12 per cent tax rate with the input tax credit (ITC) facility as before or pay 5 per cent GST without this facility for under-construction projects. In the case of affordable housing projects, they can choose between 8 per cent with tax rebates or one per cent without it. The new reduced tax rates will be operational from April 1. In the previous meeting on February 24, the council had slashed tax rates for under-construction flats to 5 per cent from 12 per cent and affordable homes to 1 per cent from 8 per cent. The proposal of the GST Council to reduce GST rate on under-construction properties will have mixed implications for high-price inventory (such as Mumbai and NCR) benefitting the consumer, though absence of input tax credit impacts overall costing in cities such as Bangalore with lower realizations.



India Climbs Eight Places in Global IP Rankings

According to Global Innovation Policy Center (GIPC), India jumped eight places on the International Intellectual Property (IP) Index, the highest gain for any country this year. India's overall score has also increased substantially from 30.1% (12.03 out of 40) in the previous edition to 36% (16.22 out of 45) in the present edition. The seventh edition of the Index (the Index benchmarks the IP framework in 50 global economies) shows India's jumping eight places in the rankings from 44th of 50 economies in 2018 to 36th in 2019. The Index evaluates IP infrastructure in each economy based on 45 unique indicators, which are critical to the growth of effective IP systems. The indicators span 8 categories of IP protection: patents, copyrights, trademarks, trade secrets, commercialization of IP assets, enforcement, systemic efficiency and membership and ratification of International Treaties.

Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India and SEBI sign a MoU for better implementation of IBC

The IBCI and the SEBI seek effective implementation of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 (Code) and its allied rules and regulations, which have redefined the debt-equity relationship and aim to promote entrepreneurship and debt market. They have signed a MoU recently to assist and co-operate with each other for effective implementation of the Code, subject to limitations imposed by the applicable laws. The MoU provides for: sharing of information between the two parties; sharing of resources available with each other to the extent feasible and legally permissible; periodic meetings to discuss matters of mutual interest; cross-training of staff in order to enhance each party's understanding of the other's mission for effective utilisation of collective resources; capacity building of insolvency professionals and financial creditors and joint efforts towards enhancing the level of awareness among financial creditors about the importance and necessity of swift insolvency resolution process of various types of borrowers in distress under the provisions of the Code.

Proposal to encourage investments in Start-Ups cleared

Union Minister of Commerce & Industry and Civil Aviation, Dr Suresh Prabhu cleared a proposal aiming at simplifying the process of exemptions for Start-ups under Section 56 (2) (vii) of Income Tax Act. With this notification, the definition of Start-ups will be expanded. Now an entity will be considered as Start-up upto a period of ten years from the date of incorporation and registration in place of the earlier duration of seven years. Similarly, an entity will continue to be recognized as Start-up, if its turnover for any of the financial years since incorporation and registration has not exceeded Rs. 100 crore in place of Rs. 25 crore earlier.

Update on gold reserves

The Reserve Bank of India added 6.5 tons of gold to its reserves in January, raising the total to 607 tons. The World Gold Council (WGC) indicated that India's share of gold held globally has been rising steadily to stand at 6.2 per cent at the end of 2018 and increased in January 2019. Global gold reserves in January rose by as much as 35 tons on a net basis with sizeable purchases by nine central banks. The data placed India in the 11th spot among

top holders of gold as a part of forex reserves. The Netherlands holds the 10th position with 612.5 tons, or just about 5.5 tons ahead of RBI. Demand was concentrated among emerging market central banks with diversification being the key driver in the face of ongoing geopolitical and economic uncertainty.

Indian aviation to attract an investment of \$250 billion over the next 20 years

According to a report by CAPA India, the Indian civil aviation industry is set to attract an additional US\$ 250 billion by 2040. The industry has attracted cumulative investments of US\$ 48 billion during the last 15 years. Over 90 per cent of incremental investments are expected on aircraft acquisition and airport development. By FY 2040, India is expected to see its fleet increase by around 2500 aircrafts and the construction of more than 50 new airports.

India Signs Loan Agreement with the World Bank for US\$ 25.2 Million for Chhattisgarh Public Financial Management and Accountability Program

The Govt. of India, the State Government of Chhattisgarh and the World Bank signed a US\$ 25.2 Million Loan Agreement to support the State's Reforms in Expenditure Management. The Chhattisgarh Public Financial Management (PFM) and Accountability Program, which is the First Bank-Financed State-Level Project in Chhattisgarh in nearly a decade, will also help the State strengthen its Direct Benefit Transfer and Tax Administration Systems. The project will build capacity of the State's Human Resources and the Institutions Handling Management of Public Finances. The World Bank will facilitate cross-learning from Public Financial Management Reforms undertaken by it in other Indian States while bringing in global experiences. The Chhattisgarh PFM reflects the priorities identified by the State and builds incrementally on ongoing reforms around Public Financial Management.

World Bank's Program to Accelerate Expansion of Offshore Wind Power in Developing Countries

The World Bank Group recently announced a new program to fast-track the adoption

of offshore wind energy in developing countries. The World Bank and IFC will help emerging markets assess their offshore wind potential and provide technical assistance to develop a growing pipeline of projects that are ready for investment by renewable energy developers. The offshore wind industry has grown nearly five-fold since 2011, with 23 gigawatts installed at the end of 2018 and a large volume of planned projects in Europe, China and the United States. Offshore wind now represents about US\$ 26 billion in annual investments – or 8 percent of new global investments in clean energy – and this proportion is set to increase dramatically, with about US\$ 500 billion expected to be invested in offshore wind projects by 2030. This represents an important opportunity for countries with strong offshore wind resources, including Brazil, Indonesia, India, Philippines, South Africa, Sri Lanka, and Vietnam. Offshore wind can also provide additional clean generation capacity for developing countries with populations living without access to reliable electricity.

World Bank Signs Agreement to Provide Additional Funding of USD 137 million to Enhance Dam Safety in India

The World Bank, Government of India and representatives of 5 state governments of India and implementing agencies signed a loan agreement for additional financing of US\$ 137 million for the Dam Rehabilitation and Improvement Project that will help rehabilitate and modernize over 220 selected large dams in the states of Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Tamil Nadu and Uttarakhand. The funding will be used for construction of an additional spillway for Hirakud Dam in Odisha state as well as continue to help in rehabilitation and improvement of other dams including strengthening the institutional, legal and technical framework for dam safety assurance within the Government of India and in the participating states.

Cabinet approves MoU between India and Argentine in tourism

The Union Cabinet has approved the signing of MoU between India and Argentine in the field of Tourism. The signing of MoU between India and Argentine in the field of tourism will help the two parties in creating an institutional mechanism for enhancing cooperation in the tourism sector.

India pilots resolutions on Single-use Plastics and Sustainable Nitrogen management at Fourth United Nations Environment Assembly

India piloted resolutions on two important global environment issues relating to

Single-use Plastics and Sustainable Nitrogen management at the fourth session of United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA) which was held in Nairobi March 11- 15, 2019. The theme of the UNEA this year was Innovative Solutions for environmental challenges and sustainable production and consumption. The global nitrogen use efficiency is low, resulting in pollution by reactive nitrogen which threatens human health, eco system services, contributes to climate change and stratospheric ozone depletion. Only a small proportion of the plastics produced globally are recycled with most of it damaging the environment and aquatic bio-diversity. Both these are global challenges and the resolutions piloted by India at the UNEA are vital steps towards addressing these issues and attracting focus of the global community.

Update on Financial Technology (FinTech)

India is one of the fastest growing FinTech markets globally and industry research has projected that US\$ 1 trillion or 60 percent of retail and SME credit, will be digitally disbursed by 2029. The Indian FinTech ecosystem is the third largest in the globe, attracting nearly US\$ 6 billion in investments since 2014. The Indian FinTech industry is creating cutting edge intellectual property assets in advanced risk management and artificial intelligence that will propel India forward in the global digital economy while simultaneously enabling paperless access to finance for every Indian. The government efforts focused on Digital India and developing Voluntary Aadhaar for financial inclusion have created significant interest from various stakeholders in the area of Financial Technology.

Norms for e-way bills relaxed

The government relaxed the norms for e-way bills. Rules regarding validity have been changed, while a facility has been provided for auto-calculating the route distance. Under the goods and services tax regime, an e-way bill has to be generated if goods worth over Rs 50,000 are transported. Currently, an e-way bill is valid for up to 24 hours for a distance of 100 km, depending on the size of the vehicle. However, if the vehicle does not cover 100 km within 24 hours, another bill has to be generated. For every 100 km travelled, the bill is valid for one additional day. If a truck gets stuck in traffic or breaks down and is unable to cover 100 km, another bill is required to be generated. Now, the government has enabled extension of the validity when goods are in transit. Also, composition dealers will not be allowed to generate bills for inter-state movement. These dealers are the ones which pay lower and flat GST rates but are not allowed to take input tax credit. But, the composition scheme is not there for inter-state movement of

goods. These dealers will also not be allowed to enter any of the taxes under Central GST or State GST intra-state transactions.

Indian States Update

The states of the Indian economy have been witnessing significant developments in all spheres ranging from economic growth to industrial and infrastructural development. The Govt. of India and World Bank signed US\$ 250 Million Agreement for the National Rural Economic Transformation Project to boost Rural Incomes across 13 States in India. Union Minister, Ms. Harsimrat Kaur Badal commissioned 1st Aqua Mega Food Park in Andhra Pradesh. There has been sanctioning of five projects worth Rs. 362 crore under Buddhist Circuit as part of tourism development. In the agriculture sector, final estimates for 2017-18 and 1st Advance Estimates for 2018-19 of Area and Production of Horticulture Crops have been launched. Significant developments have been undertaken in the infrastructure sector. The Prime Minister launched several development projects in Ahmedabad, Gujarat and the Cabinet also approved the Mumbai Urban Transport Project Phase-III A and 1320 MW Khurja Super Thermal Power Project in Uttar Pradesh. The Hon'ble PM launched One Nation, One Card in Ahmedabad for Mobility Single Card for seamless travel through different metros and other transport systems. All these developments are expected to invigorate the economic growth of the states in the coming times.

PHD Chamber suggest measures to achieve US \$ 700 billion merchandise exports by 2025

PHD Chamber suggested a five pronged strategy that would help India to more than double its merchandise exports to the level of US\$ 700 billion by 2025 from the current level of US\$ 325 billion estimated for the year 2018-19. The five pronged strategy would include: Identification of prospective products to scale up the export volumes; Strengthening the export growth momentum towards emerging and developing economies through greater access in the Asian and African economies; Structural improvements in export and logistics infrastructure; Developing the supply chains of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises and Enhancing the overall ease of doing exports. There lies massive scope for Indian exporters in the product categories wherein it could capture the high world demand by strengthening its export-oriented firms in sectors, including Vehicles, parts and accessories of vehicles, Petroleum oils and Medicines. Efforts should be made to improve the country's competitiveness in areas such as agro and food processing products, textiles and garments, and sports goods.



Women Achievers' Summit 2019



Mr. D. K. Aggarwal, Senior Vice President, PHD Chamber chairing the Inaugural Session

Under the aegis of “Making New India Campaign”, the PHD Chamber has been hosting various policy initiatives to create a roadmap for inclusive growth. The Chamber is known to create an impact through its work on gender sensitization, gender & income equality and opportunity equality.

The Chamber’s State Development Council (SDC) has been active to improve the governance system across the states and ensure federal spirit to remain supportive to the causes linked directly or indirectly to women and disadvantaged sections. PHD Chamber’s Family Welfare Foundation and Rural Development Foundation are known for creating positive difference in family and social sphere, contributing significantly for accomplishing an India of million opportunities.

In tandem with the positive spirit, PHD Chamber under PHD-KAS Project organized the Women Achievers’ Summit 2019 with an underlying theme, ‘Celebrating Entrepreneurship, Equality, Empowerment & Leadership’ on March 7, 2019 at PHD House, New Delhi.

The occasion coincided with International Women’s Day, and the aim was to celebrate the success stories of Indian women who have made a mark across fields spanning industry, entrepreneurship, politics and public service, art, literature, music and sports.

At a time when women are making great strides and have found a voice in creating a gender-neutral world, the Summit sought to get these achievers to share their success formula with those that have just begun their journey. The summit also brought together women business leaders, achievers and stakeholders for

a collaborative session that can further the cause of economic independence for women.

Mr. D. K. Aggarwal, Senior Vice President, PHD Chamber chaired the inaugural session. Ms Nuzhat Hassan (IPS), Special CP – Women Safety, Delhi Police was the Chief Guest for the Summit. Ms. Anuradha Goel, Chairperson, Family Welfare Foundation & Women & Child Development Committee, PHD Chamber delivered the welcome address.

Other esteemed speakers included Ms. Rashmi Singh (IAS), Secretary, New Delhi Municipal Corporation; Ms. Rakhee Gupta Bhandari- IAS, Resident Commissioner, Punjab; Ms. Sutapa Sanyal, Former

Director General of Police, UP; Ms. Kanika Tekriwal, Founder, JetsetGo; Ms. Anita Nayyar, CEO India & South Asia, Havas Media Group; Ms. Divya Modi, Co-founder, Smart Global Group; Ms. Sonica Malhotra, MD, MBD Group; Ms. Leher Sethi, Director, Founder Something Creative; Ms. Milee Ashwarya, Publisher, Penguin Random House; Ms. Rekha Surya, Hindustani Classical Singer; Ms. Masooma Rizvi, Designer & Art Curator; Ms. Trisha Niyogi, Publisher, Niyogi Books; Ms Varija Bajaj, Fashion Designer; Ms. Sarita Sharma, Academician & Writer and Ms. Rinku Paul, Author & Life Coach.

Mr. Rohit Kumar, Director, States & SDC delivered the formal vote-of-thanks to the guests.



Chief Guest, Ms. Nuzhat Hassan being felicitated by Mr. D. K. Aggarwal, Senior Vice President, and Ms. Anuradha Goel, Chairperson, Family Welfare Foundation & Women & Child Development Committee, PHD Chamber

Industrial Waste and Wastewater Management

PHD Chamber and Gurgaon Chamber of Commerce and Industry under the PHD-KAS Project organized a seminar on 'Industrial Waste and Wastewater Management' on March 13, 2019 at Hotel Lemon Tree, Gurgaon. The objective of the seminar was to bring all stakeholders together on one platform to deliberate on issues and challenges being faced with regard to management, reusing and recycling of Waste & Wastewater Management in India.

Mr. Varun Gupta, Chairman, Water & Solid Waste Committee, PHD Chamber said that the Central as well as State Governments and various institutions in the country, including the Planning Commission and the National Institute of Urban Affairs have brought about the requisite knowledge and advocacy to deal with this subject. Currently, waste management is one of the pressing issues that the Central Government is dealing with under its flagship programmes such as the 'Smart City Mission' as well as the 'Swachh Bharat Mission' he further added.

Mr. Ajay Aggarwal, Additional Director, Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) in his address said that the CPCB has all mechanisms in place to address the issues of Industrial Waste and Wastewater



Dr C. V. Dharma Rao, Joint Secretary and Advisor, National Water Mission; Ms. Kanchan Zutshi, Secretary and Mr. Varun Gupta, Chairman, Water & Solid Waste Committee, PHD Chamber; Mr. Ajay Aggarwal, Additional Director, CPCB and Mr. Kuldeep Singh, R.O, HSPCB

Management. He discussed in detail about the classification of industrial sector under RED, Orange, Green & White categories depending upon the associated pollution Index. He opined that if all stakeholders come together, issues and challenges associated with proper operation & maintenance of ETPs/ CETPs/STPs can be addressed in accordance with the Environment Protection Act.

Dr C. V. Dharma Rao, Joint Secretary and Advisor, National Water Mission, (NWM) MOWR, RD & GR talked about the IPCC Special Report on Global Warming to 1.5 °C which says that the world must reset its goal to limit global warming to 1.5°C from 2.0°C. Dr Rao apprised

that NWM maintains a comprehensive water data base in public domain and assessment of impact of climate change on water resources. Dr Rao also briefed about the various projects undertaken by NWM to increase water use efficiency across sectors. He also stated that the Government of India has made a clear commitment to achieve industrial growth while also protecting the environment and to address pollution from industries, adopt cleaner production technologies and encourage waste minimization initiatives.

Ms. Kanchan Zutshi, Secretary, Water & Solid Waste Committee, PHD Chamber delivered the formal vote-of-thanks to the guests.



Business Communication & Presentation Skills

The Chandigarh Chapter of PHD Chamber under the PHD-KAS Project organized a workshop on 'Business Communication & Presentation Skills' on February 22, 2019 at PHD House Chandigarh. The workshop was attended by over 30 senior and middle level managers, officials, entrepreneurs and business professionals.

Delivering the welcome address, Mr. Sonam Grewal, Chairman, Regional Committee on Start-ups, PHD Chamber said that effective communication & presentation skills are important parts of professional life and the aim of this training workshop is to help the participants to improve these skills.

Interacting with the participants, Dr Atul Sharma, Founder and Head, Trainer Corp said that majority of participants were having communication issues and gave tips to overcome the same so that



Participants with Mr. Sonam Grewal, Chairman, Regional Committee on Start Ups; Ms. Madhu Pillai, Regional Director, PHD Chamber, Chandigarh and faculty Dr Atul Sharma

they are able to communicate and present their views in an effective and more understandable manner.

As part of the training, Dr. Sharma categorized the participants as per their learning needs and gave them tasks on different topics to test their communication and presentation skills after the learning session. All the candidates participated in

the tasks enthusiastically. After completing the tasks, the participants said that their communication skills had greatly improved from the knowledge gained during the workshop and thanked Dr. Sharma for the same.

The participants also appreciated the effort made by PHD Chamber to organize the training workshop on this issue which will help them to work differently & smartly.

Startup & Entrepreneurship Conclave 2019



Mr. K C Gupta, IAS PS MSME Govt of MP; Mr Pradeep Karambelkar Director Founder VASPL; Mr. Subhash Vithaldas, Director, Permalwallace Pvt Ltd; Mr. V C Dubey, Nodal Officer SI Cell Govt of MP and Ms. Preeti Saluja, ED, SAM Group of Institutions Bhopal & Chairperson Education & Skill Development Committee PHDCCI, MP

The MP Chapter of PHD Chamber under the PHD-KAS Project in Association With VASPL and MSME Department, Govt. of MP organized a 'Start-up Entrepreneurship Conclave 2019' on February 23, 2019 at Hotel Sayaji, Bhopal. The objective of the conclave was to provide a platform to all stakeholders, viz Start-ups, Entrepreneurs, Innovators, Department for Incubation and Start-ups, MSME Govt of MP, Recognised Incubation Centres, Industrialists, Angel Investors and Venture Capitalists to interact, share and

enhance their knowledge. Ms. Ravisha Merchant, while welcoming the guests, briefed about the activities of the MP Chapter of PHD Chamber and motivated the start-ups by sharing her own business experience.

Mr Pradeep Karambelkar, Co-chairman, MP Chapter, PHD Chamber & Founder Director, VASPL, an incubation centre highlighted the importance of the program. He informed that VASPL is the first recognized private incubation centre in the state facilitating many start-ups.

Chief Guest, Mr. K C Gupta IAS, Principal Secretary, MSME, Govt of MP said that because of a conducive policy environment, the state has witnessed an exponential growth of start-ups in recent years. He added that, though the state is in a nascent stage as compared to others, nevertheless state based start-ups are covering different sectors. Thus MSMEs of the state have an opportunity to diversify their businesses by working with these start-ups as investors. While appreciating the Chamber for taking this initiative, he said that an ecosystem is needed in the state to nurture start-ups.

Mr. V C Dubey, Nodal Officer, Start-up Incubation Cell, Govt of MP, discussed in detail the start-up policy of the Madhya Pradesh Govt. Mr. Dubey informed that there are approx 400 DIPP registered start-ups in the state. Mr. Dubey urged the industrialists in the state to come forward to invest in start-ups and become partners in their growth.

Ms. Preeti Saluja, Chairperson, Education and Skill Development Committee, PHDCCI MP State Chapter & Executive Director, SAM Group of Institutions delivered the vote -of -thanks to the guests.



Recent Developments, Issues and Audit & Annual Return under GST



Ms. Rimneet Kaur, Deputy Resident Director, PHD Chamber; Advocate Pawan K. Pahwa, Chairman, Taxation Sub-Committee, Punjab State Chapter, PHD Chamber & Partner, Panacea Legal Services, Chandigarh; Mr. Balvinder Pal Singh, GM DIC, Amritsar; Mr. Jaideep Singh, Convener- Amritsar Zone, Punjab State Chapter, PHD Chamber; CA Vinamar Gupta, GST Consultant and Ms. Amandeep Kaur, AETC Amritsar Division 1, Dept. of Excise and Taxation, Govt. of Punjab

PHD Chamber in association with PHD-KAS Project organized a seminar on 'Recent Developments, Issues and Audit & Annual Return under GST' on March 15, 2019 at Hotel Radisson BLU, Amritsar.

While welcoming the participants, Mr. Jaideep Singh, Convener - Amritsar Zone, Punjab State Chapter, PHD Chamber said all taxpayers registered under GST

are required to furnish an Annual Return (GSTR 9) along with a copy of audited annual accounts and GST Audit Report (GSTR 9C) for the Financial Year 2017-18 on or before 30 June 2019.

Advocate Pawan Kumar Pahwa, Chairman, Taxation Sub-Committee, Punjab State Chapter, PHD Chamber & Partner, Panacea Legal Services,

Chandigarh said that though GST has been successfully implemented, the Government is making every effort to iron out the teething problems and difficulties being faced by the trade and industry. The GST Council in its meeting has proposed various amendments in GST Law to remove ambiguities and glitches on the representations of the trade and industry most of which have also been implemented by various notifications and orders.

CA Vinamar Gupta, GST Consultant, Amritsar made a comprehensive presentation on importance of GSTR 9; How to prepare Annual Return in form GSTR 9 and important aspects to be considered while preparing GSTR 9. He apprised participants on the annual reconciliation statement to be prepared and filed by the tax payers having annual turnover of more than Rs. 2 crores.

The programme was moderated by Ms. Rimneet Kaur, Deputy Resident Director, PHD Chamber.

PHD FAMILY WELFARE FOUNDATION (PHDFWF)

PHDFWF - Sonalika Social Development Society commemorated 150 years of Mahatma Gandhi



PHD Family Welfare Foundation celebrated 150 Years of Mahatma Gandhi on March 27, 2019 at PHD House, New Delhi. Ms. Upma Chawdhry, IAS, Hon'ble Secretary, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports was the Chief Guest for the programme. The inaugural lamp was lit by the esteemed Chief Guest, Mr. Rajeev Talwar, President, PHD Chamber; Mr. D K Aggarwal, Sr. Vice President, PHD Chamber; Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, Vice President, PHD Chamber; Ms. Anuradha Goel, Chairperson, PHDFWF and Ms. Surbhi Mittal, Director, Sonalika Social Development Society. Padma Vibhushan Dr. Sonal Mansingh performed a natya ballet "Kahani Kasturba ki" specially for the 150 years celebrations. The programme was supported by Sonalika Social Development Society and PHDFWF Governing Body Members that included Ms. Kiran Sharma, Ms. Mani Bhatia, Ms. Usha Jain, Ms. Madhulika Mehta, Ms. Kamal Chugh, Ms. Veena Thapar and Ms. Usha Gupta. In all, 89 student beneficiaries from PHDFWF and SSDS Skill Development Training Centres enthralled the audience with their performances in skits, group dance, poems and songs on this occasion.

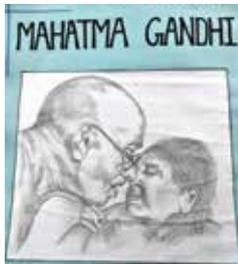


PHDFWF-WRG Ms. KUSUM KETKAR visit to Skill Development Training Centre in Rangpuri Pahari, Vasant Kunj

Ms. Kusum Ketkar, President WRG, USA visited Skill Development Centre on March 14, 2019 at Rangpuri Pahari Center along with Ms. Anuradha Goel, Chairperson, PHDFWF. Trainees welcomed her with the traditional aarti and tika. She interacted with the trainers and the trainees of Computer Education, Tailoring & Embroidery and Beauty Culture. She delivered a motivational speech about the skills they are availing at the Centre which will help them to excel in every walk of life. At the Centre, 150 trainees are availing training under the project.



Drawing Competition on 150 years of Mahatma Gandhi in all Skill Development Training Centers



PHDFWF organized a drawing competition on the occasion of 150 years of Mahatma Gandhi in all Skill Development Training Centers of PHDFWF. The student beneficiaries made paintings and drawings on the values and thoughts of Mahatma Gandhi. The beneficiaries showed great enthusiasm and took active participation. The winners received certificates on March 27, 2019.



Special Health Check up Camps in Association with Prayas Trust, L & T, Faridabad



Four Special health check-up camps were organized on February 20, March 6, March 14 and March 16, 2019 respectively at Allah Mohalla, Tekhand village, Gola Kuan, Okhla, Phase-I and Mazdoor Camp, Tata Steel, Okhla Phase 1, New Delhi in association with L & T - Prayas Trust, Faridabad. The camps were inaugurated by Ms. S. K. Lamba, President, Prayas Trust; Ms. Anuradha Goel, Chairperson, PHDFWF; Ms. Sunil P George, Head, Implant, L & T, Faridabad along with senior members from Prayas Trust, PHDFWF and officials from L & T, Faridabad and the local community. Free distribution of medicines, weight, Blood Pressure testing, sugar & haemoglobin tests were conducted in the camp. In all, 856 patients benefitted from these special camps.

Motivational Talk and Installation of Sanitary Napkins Vending Machine at PHDFWF- Skill Development Training Centre, Badli Extension, Rohini



On March 5, 2019 an interactive session was organized by GB members - Ms. Neetu Jiwrajka and Ms. Nirmala Fenn for the beneficiaries of Badli Extension, Rohini Centre. They spoke to the beneficiaries about their interests, how they are getting benefited from the Centre and what they are planning to do after completing the course. Some of the beneficiaries shared their inspirational stories like how they have overcome their situation and started living a better life. The beneficiaries and GB Members discussed various social and family issues after how their life is getting affected by it. Also a sanitary napkin vending machine was installed at this Center supported by Ms. Seema Khaitan, GB Member, PHDFWF.

Distribution of gifts on the occasion of Holi by Patanjali at PHDFWF Fena centre



Gifts were distributed to the students on March 20, 2019 by Patanjali who had done summer camps at PHDFWF Okhla Centre on the occasion of Holi. Yoga Trainers from Patanjali were present on the occasion.



Observation of International Women's Day



On March 8, 2019, International Women's Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm in different Skill Development Centres of PHDFWF within and outside Delhi. To celebrate the occasion, rally, awareness programmes, door-to-door campaigns on issues confronting women and rangoli competitions were also organized by the beneficiaries.

PHDFWF-KAJARIA CERAMICS LTD. New Skill Development Training Centres in Assam

PHD Family Welfare Foundation took an initiative in opening two Skill Development-Training Centers on January 29 & January 31, 2019 in two villages, namely Milan Nagar and Borimuri in Lakhimpur district of Assam in association with Kajaria Ceramics Limited. Training in knitting and hand weaving are being provided to the rural beneficiaries of these areas. Through these trainings, PHDFWF is trying to provide income generating learning skills of hand weaving and knitting to empower and motivate local women & girls which will make them self-dependent by involving them in different micro enterprises activities. This will also help them improve the status of women within their households and society in general.



PHDFWF-SMPF Skill Development Training Centre, Vinodpuri

PHDFWF has been running a Skill Development-Training Centre in Vinodpuri in association with Seth Madanlall Paliwala Foundation since 2012. Training in tailoring & embroidery, beauty culture & mehendi, mobile repairing and computer education are being imparted under the project. Training in Bridal make-up under beauty culture training is being provided to the beneficiaries. Apart from other activities, regular SHG meetings and awareness generation programmes on health & sanitation were organized under this project.



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. This centre was earlier there in Mangwaki village, Pataudi which now has been shifted to this new location. Training in Computer Education & Beauty culture is being provided in this Centre.



PHDFWF-ITE Foundation Trust-Skill Development Centre, Noida

Presently, 64 trainees are availing training in Tailoring and Beauty culture at the Centre. Trainees are making different embroidery designs on fabrics and earning their livelihood. One awareness generation programme was also organized during this period under the project.



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. In all, 78 trainees are availing the training in both the courses.



PHDFWF- SETH Madanlall Palriwala Foundation Mobile Medical Van

During this month, 16 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. In all, 1696 patients benefitted from these camps.



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 organized in Okhla resettlement colonies, Jamia Nagar & IKV centres on a regular basis.

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

During the month, 16 free health check-up camps were organized in different villages of Haryana adopted by Jaquar Group. Free diagnostic care, clinical services and medicines were provided to the patients. In all, 1025 patients benefitted from these camps.



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

During this month, 20 free health check-up camps were organized in villages of Bhiwadi, Rajasthan adopted by the Jaquar Group. Free diagnostic care, clinical services and medicines were provided to the patients. In all, 1240 patients benefitted from these camps



PHDFWF-L&T New Skill Development Training Center in tailoring and beauty culture in Okhla Resettlement Colony, New Delhi

PHDFWF is running a Skill Development-Training Centre at Allah Mohalla Village, Tekhand, Okhla Phase-I with financial support from Larsen & Toubro Ltd. The Center is providing training in Tailoring and Beauty Culture. In all, 80 trainees are availing training at the Centre.



PHDFWF-JAQUAR New 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 running at the centres are Beauty Culture and Nursing Assistant. Currently, there are 45 students that are availing training at the centre in these two courses.



PHDFWF-Goyal MG Gases Pvt. Ltd. - Shree Charitable Trust-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, 76 trainees are availing training in computer education, tailoring and beauty culture & adult education at the centre.

PHDFWF-TPDDL ROHINI Sec-3 Vocational Training Centre

PHDFWF is running a vocational training centre at Rohini Sector-3 with financial support from Tata Power Delhi Distribution Ltd. Presently, 189 trainees are availing training in Computer education, Beauty culture & Tutorial classes at this centre.

PHDFWF-FENA Skill Development Training Centre

Presently, 110 girls and women are undergoing training in Tailoring and Beauty culture at Tekhand village, Okhla Phase-I. The Centre is being supported by Fena Foundation. After the completion of the respective courses, exams were also conducted for certificates to be awarded to the trainees.

PHDFWF-DSACS Target Intervention Project on HIV/AIDS

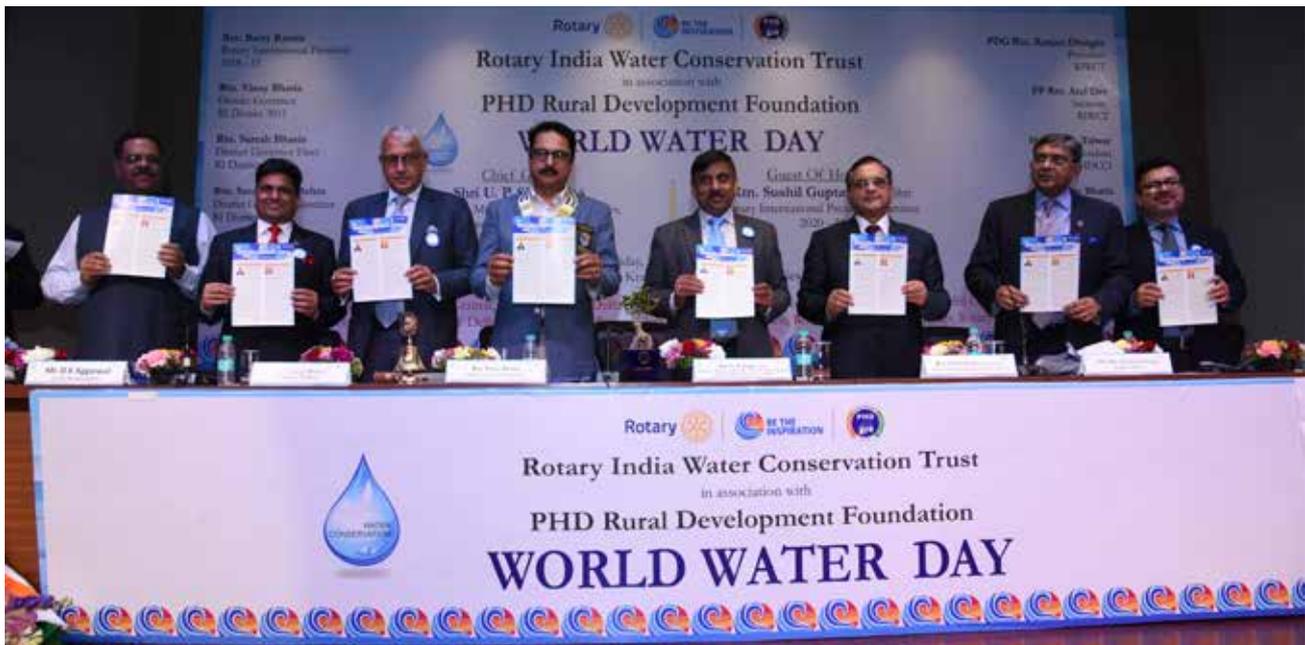
A special training was organized by Delhi State AIDs Control Society for the Programme Managers under the project to give update techniques and procedures adapted by the new rules. During this month, 146 ICTC, 69 RPR, 4 review meetings, 8 demand generation meetings, and 2 DIC meetings, were also conducted. In all, 345 patients attended the STI clinic services, 16 PT, 8 STI and 328 RMC (Regular medical checkups) patients were identified under this project.

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 every 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.

ROTARY INDIA WATER CONSERVATION TRUST (RIWCT) - CELEBRATING WORLD WATER DAY

RIWCT partnered with PHDRDF to celebrate the World Water Day on March 22, 2019. Mr. U.P. Singh (IAS), Secretary, Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation was the Chief Guest for the function. Mr. Ranjan Dhingra President RIWCT; Mr. Sanjay Bhatia, Chairman PHDRDF; Mr. DK Aggarwal, Senior Vice President, PHD Chamber and Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, Vice President, PHD Chamber were also present. The event was organized to spread awareness and acknowledge the need to conserve water considering the rapid depletion of this most important natural resource. Mr. Sanjay Bhatia acknowledged Rotary for their support to construct 100 check dams in India.



World water day organised on dated 22.03.2019

PHDRDF SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT

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

A. Rotary South East Charitable Foundation

Rotary South East Charitable Foundation has partnered with PHDRDF to implement a project on constructing a rain water harvesting system in Raghunath Arya Girls Sr. Sec. School, Raja Bazar, CP, New Delhi, to promote water conservation. A rain water system was established in the school.

B. PHDRDF- TEVA API India Limited

Teva API India Ltd and PHDRDF have initiated a partnership for a project – 'Aadharsh Vidyalaya- Integrated Development of Government Schools in Gajraula, Uttar Pradesh and Malanpur, Bhind' in Madhya Pradesh. During this period, a health camp for students in Shashkiya Prathmik Vidyalaya, Malanpur was organized in which 85 students benefitted.

School Infrastructure development activities have been completed. Also, seasonal fruits/glucose biscuits are distributed once a week as nutritional supplements to the school students. An Eco rally was organized on March 8, 2019 at Government Primary School, Malanpur, Madhya Pradesh in which 75 students participated.



After Development Work in Malanpur

C. PHDRDF- Peter Und Luise Hager Stiftung (Hager Foundation)

PHDRDF and Hager Foundation, Germany have come together to implement project on 'WASH and Quality education' in five Government Schools in Sikar, Rajasthan. Regular hygiene practices were introduced by Health Workers in all schools. The toilet blocks for both girls and boys were renovated.



Health worker checking parameters of personal hygiene in Govt. Upper Primary School, Rai Singh ki Dhani, Sikar

PHDRDF HEALTHCARE INTERVENTION

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 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 amongst the community on sanitation & hygiene, child & maternal health, waterborne diseases, communicable diseases and other geography-based medical problems.

A. PHDRDF- Bry-Air (Asia) Pvt. Ltd.

Bry-Air (Asia) Pvt. Ltd. collaborated with PHDRDF to undertake the project on 'School Health Camp' in Bry Air Pathshala, Dharam Colony, Gurgaon. The School Health Camp was organized on March 23, 2019 and 162 children were examined by a team of three Doctors that included General Physician, Optometrist and Dentist. Along with this Health Camp, a Health Awareness Session was also organized and health kits were distributed to all children.



Health check up in BRY Air Pathshala, Gurgaon



Awareness session organized at BRY Air Pathshala, Gurgaon

B. PHDRDF- DRI Pvt. Ltd.

Desiccant Rotors International Pvt. Ltd. collaborated with PHDRDF to undertake the project on 'School Health Camp' in DRI Pathshala, Caterpuri, Gurgaon. The School Health Camp was organized on March 25–26, 2019 and 299 children were examined by a team of three Doctors that included General physician, Optometrist and Dentist. Along with a Health Camp, a Health Awareness Session was also organized and health kits were distributed to all children.



Health kit distributed during the camp in DRI Pathshala, Gurgaon



Dental Check-up of student of DRI Pathshala, Gurgaon

C. PHDRDF- Sekisui-DLJM Pvt. Ltd.

SEKISUI DLJM Pvt. Ltd. collaborated with PHDRDF to undertake the project on 'FREE MOBILE HEALTH CAMPS' in four villages in Greater Noida. During this period, a total of 04 Generic Health Camp, 3 women & child care camp and 1 eye care camp were organized wherein 699 patients benefitted.



Free Health check up camp-Sekisui DLJM



Free Eye check up camp-Sekisui DLJM

D. PHDRDF- DIPTY LAL JUDGE MAL PRIVATE LTD.

Dipty Lal Judge Mal Private Ltd. collaborated with PHDRDF to conduct health camps in Noida. During this period, 3 Generic Health Camps, 3 Women & child care camp and 1 Eye care camp were organized wherein 692 patients benefitted. Patients were provided with free medical counselling, ECG, Blood Sugar and Haemoglobin test facilities.

E. PHDRDF- Dhampur Sugar Mills Ltd.

The Project on 'Free Mobile Health Services' is being implemented with support from Dhampur Sugar Mills Limited, Asmoli, Uttar Pradesh across 9 villages. During this period, a total of 11 generic health camps and one eye care camp were organized. A total of 992 patients from generic camps and 139 patients from eye care camp benefitted. The patients were provided with free medical counselling, ECG, Blood Sugar and Haemoglobin test facilities.



Dhampur Sugar Mills, Asmoli-Generic Health



Dhampur Sugar Mills, Asmoli-Eye care camp

F. PHDRDF-BSES Yamuna Power Ltd

BSES Yamuna Power Ltd. collaborated with PHDRDF to implement the 'Mobile Health project' in Central and East Delhi. During this period, a total number of 14 health camps were organized in which 1700 patients were provided with free medical counselling and medicines.



PHDRDF SKILL DEVELOPMENT

PHDRDF has been undertaking skill development programs with various corporate organizations with an aim to enable the underprivileged 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.

A. Dow Agrosciences India Ltd

Dow Agrosciences 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 who 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 for a period of one year.

B. 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 3 years in village Mohammadpur Gurjar, Sohna block, Gurugram. Training in stitching & tailoring and Beauty culture is being provided to rural women and adolescent girls. On the occasion of ‘International Women’s Day’ an exposure visit was organized for the students of the Donaldson Skill Development Centre. A total of 43 students, 2 teachers and PHDRDF staff members visited Qutub Minar, Rail Museum and India Gate.



Exposure Visit for Students of Donaldson Skill Development Center



Awareness Generation on Menstrual Hygiene in Bhasur Village

C. 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. Efforts are under way for promotion of the product. In furtherance of this, awareness generation camps are being organized regularly. Also, sanitary napkin packets have been printed and packaging is in progress and are ready to be marketed. The group already has received purchase order of more than 3000 packets.

PHDRDF WATER MANAGEMENT

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

A. IREDA and Rotary Club of Delhi Central (RCDC)

A tripartite MoU has been signed among IREDA, Rotary Club of Delhi Central and PHDRDF. Mr. K.S. Popli, CMD, IREDA; Mr. P. Sreenivasan, GM, IREDA; Mr. Sunil Jain, President, Rotary Club Delhi Central; Dr Mahesh Reddy, Trustee, PHDRDF; Mr. Sanjay Bhatia, Chairman, PHDRDF and Dr. Kadambari, Chief Executive, PHDRDF along with the PHDRDF team members were present on the occasion. The project entails construction of ‘Sushil check dam’ having water holding capacity of 138,752 cu. mts. and installation of a de-fluoride plant to enable access to safe drinking water impacting lives of 2200 rural people. The construction work of ‘Sushil’ check dam is in progress.

B. Rotary Club of Delhi Megapolis (RCDM)

RCDM has partnered with PHDRDF for the construction of 'Kali Deh Wala' check dam in Paidwala ki dhani village, Jamwah Ramgarh block of Jaipur District, Rajasthan having water holding capacity of 88,755 cu. mts benefitting 1600 people with increase in groundwater leading to improvement in access to water for drinking and irrigation. The project will also train the local people in sanitation and hygiene, water conservation & efficient agri-based water technologies. The check dam has been completed.



Kalideh(Gaughat) wala check dam

C. PHDRDF-Coca Cola Foundation

PHDRDF and Coca Cola Foundation, Atlanta partnered to promote sustainable solutions for water resource management with surface water conservation and ground water recharge through construction of six check dams in Indore, Dhar and Hoshangabad districts of Madhya Pradesh. The construction work of check dams have been completed. The villagers are very happy with the amount of water being contained in the dams and have been appreciative of Coca Cola Foundation for supporting the project. These check dams will collectively hold 457,950 cu mts of water and will impact lives of 7800 people.

D. PHDRDF – Hero Future Energies Ltd

PHDRDF and Clean Wind Power, Group Company of Hero Future Energies Ltd. have come together to construct two water harvesting structures in the vicinity of their manufacturing unit in district Pratapgarh, Rajasthan. The construction work is under progress.

E. PHDRDF – Rotary Club of Delhi South-Central

Rotary club of Delhi, South Central and PHDRDF have come together for construction of three check dams in Jaipur, Rajasthan – namely 'Pagthoda wala', 'Garh wala' and 'Bajrangbali wala' dams benefitting 12,360 people. The construction work of three dams – Pagthoda Wala, Garhwala and Bajrang bali wala has been completed.



Complete picture of Bajrang bali wala check dam



Complete picture of Garh wala check dam



Complete picture of Pagthoda wala check dam

F. PHDRDF – Kajaria Ceramics Ltd

Kajaria Ceramics Ltd has partnered with PHDRDF for construction of a check dam in Alwar, Rajasthan. The 'Badya Kalan Wala' check dam will benefit lives of 1,822 people including 218 households in two villages. The check dam has water holding capacity of 91,180 cubic meters. The construction work of the check dam is in progress.

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	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 (Phil) 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	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



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	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



New Members March 2018

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India's GDP growth expected to expand by 7.5 percent in FY 2019-20

According to the World Bank in its latest report on South Asia, India's GDP growth is expected to accelerate moderately to 7.5 percent in FY 2019-20, driven by continued investment strengthening, particularly private-improved export performance and resilient consumption. Real GDP growth is estimated at 7.2 percent in FY 2018-19. Industrial growth accelerated to 7.9 percent, making up for a deceleration in services. Agricultural growth was robust at 4 percent. Inflation dynamics have been subdued over most of FY19. With robust growth, and food prices poised to recover, inflation is expected to converge towards four per cent, it said, adding that both the current account and the fiscal deficit are expected to narrow.

On the external front, improvements in India's export performance and low oil prices should bring about a reduction in the current account deficit to 1.9 per cent of GDP. The consolidated fiscal deficit of the centre and the states is projected to decline, slowly to 6.2 and 6 per cent of the GDP in FY20 and FY21, respectively. A sustained decline in food prices complemented by the softening of oil prices and appreciation of the rupee, has led to a steady decline in inflation. Observing that headline inflation stood at 2.6 per cent in February 2019, and the average for FY19 so far at 3.5 per cent, the report said as a result, the RBI reduced the policy rate by 25 basis points to 6.25 per cent in February 2019.

India's external position worsened significantly in the first half of FY18-19, as large portfolio outflows were triggered by the US monetary policy and fears of contagion from stress in some emerging market economies. The nominal exchange rate depreciated, and foreign reserves declined by over 8 per cent over January to October 2018. Portfolio outflows have reversed, and the rupee has appreciated by about four percent vis-a-vis the US dollar since October 2018.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS / MEETINGS OF PHDCCI

S. No.	Programme Title	Date	Time	Venue
1	Career Opportunities in VR/AR	12 April 2019	2.30 pm	PHD House, New Delhi
2	Workshop on Managing Security, Regulatory & Global Compliances - Exim Trade	12 April 2019	9.30 am to 5.00 pm	PHD House, New Delhi
3	GST Conclave on Practical aspects of GST Annual Return (GSTR-9) and how to fill up the Form clause by clause	12 April 2019	10.00 am to 5.00 pm	PHD House, New Delhi
4	Meeting of Managing Committee	17 April 2019	4.00 pm	PHD House, New Delhi
5	Ambassadors' Meet - Fostering International Economic Cooperation	24 April 2019	7.00 pm	PHD House, New Delhi
6	Comprehensive Training Workshop on Preparation of GST Annual Returns & GST Audit	26 April 2019	9.30 am to 5.00 pm	PHD House, Chandigarh
7	Workshop on Analysis & Issues in Composite & Mixed Supply and Time of Supply	26 April 2019	10.00 am to 5.00 pm	PHD House, New Delhi
8	Workshop on Managing Disciplinary Process in Organizations and Session on Supreme Court Ruling on Provident Fund Applicability on Allowances- Its Implications on Industry	30 April 2019	10.00 am	PHD House, New Delhi
9	PHD SARGAM 2019	4 May 2019	6.30 pm	LPS Auditorium, PHD House, New Delhi
10	National Maritime Conclave-2019	9 May 2019	9.30 am to 5.30 am	PHD House, New Delhi
11	Workshop on Analysis & Issues in Place of Supply for Goods and Services with Export of Goods & Services	10 May 2019	10.00 am to 5.00 pm	PHD House, New Delhi
12	Conference on Industry Preparedness for BS-VI Fuels	16 May 2019	9.30 am	PHD House, New Delhi
13	Workshop on Analysis & Issues in ITC under GST and refund on export of Goods and Services	24 May 2019	10.00 am to 5.00 pm	PHD House, New Delhi
14	Gift & Deco Show	24 to 26 May 2019	11.00 am	Warsaw, Poland
15	17th Global Indian Festival	1 to 9 June 2019	10.00 am	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
16	Seminar on 'World Environment Day'	3 June 2019	10.30 am	PHD House, New Delhi
17	Workshop on Analysis & Issues in Chargeability, Taxable Event, Supply, Deemed Supply, Goods / Services	7 June 2019	10.00 am to 5.00 pm	PHD House, New Delhi
18	PROPAK Asia 2019	12 to 15 June 2019	10.00 am	Bangkok, Thailand
19	Observation and Yoga Day	21 June 2019	I Batch - 8.00 am & II Batch - 10.00 am	PHD House, New Delhi
20	Best of India Show	21 to 30 June 2019	10.00 am	Tbilisi, Georgia
21	Print Pack Kenya	25 to 27 June 2019	10.00 am	Nairobi, Kenya
22	Business Delegation	2 to 3 July 2019	10.00 am	Baku, Azerbaijan



सेमिनार में महिला उद्यमियों को किया प्रेरित



केंद्रीय मंत्री सुरेश प्रभु को स्मृति चिह्न देती तृप्ति एस सिंघल • जागरण

जागरण संवाददाता, दक्षिणी दिल्ली : अंतरराष्ट्रीय महिला दिवस पर शुक्रवार को सिरीफोर्ट स्थित पीएचडी चैंबरस में कार्यक्रम का आयोजन किया गया। मुख्य अतिथि केंद्रीय वाणिज्य, उद्योग और नागरिक उड्डयन मंत्री सुरेश प्रभु ने देश भर से आई महिला उद्यमियों को संबोधित किया। इसमें एमएसएमई की ओर से महिलाओं को स्वावलंबी बनाने वाली विभिन्न योजनाओं के बारे में जानकारी दी गई। एमएसएमई डेवलपमेंट इंस्टीट्यूट ओखला के डायरेक्टर विजय कुमार ने बताया कि लघु, सूक्ष्म और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्रालय की ओर से कई योजनाएं चलाई जाती हैं, जिससे जुड़कर महिलाएं अपना छोटा-बड़ा उद्यम स्थापित कर सकती हैं। महिलाओं के वर्चुअल इनक्वैटर वूमनोवेटर की ओर से भी महिलाओं

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EVENT-GGS IP UNIVERSITY

Former President of India, Pranab Mukherjee was the chief guest of the event, held at Paintal Memorial Golden Jubilee Auditorium, Vallabhbai Patel Chest Institute, North Campus University of Delhi. Dr. Kavita Sharma, Head & Dean, Dept of Commerce, DU, DK Aggarwal, Senior VP, PHDCCI Ajay Shankar, Former Secy, DIPP & Ramanan Ramanathan, Mission Director, Atal Innovation Mission, Niti Aayog also graced the convention with their presence and shared their insights on role of disruptive innovations and entrepreneurship.

The Indian Express, New Delhi, March 15, 2019

The Dainik Jagran, New Delhi, March 10, 2019

64% job-seeking households found employment in 2014-18

Majority of jobs in banking, education

OUR BUREAU

New Delhi, April 4

During 2014-2018, around 64 per cent of the employment-seeking households have found a job at least for a member of the family, according to a survey conducted by PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

It said 75 per cent of the household respondents were in search of a job, of which 64

per cent were able to find a suitable job.

The majority of the respondents found jobs in banking sector (12.5 per cent) and education and training (12.1 per cent), followed by IT and ITeS (11.6 per cent).

Sectors such as tax, data analytics, consulting, legal services, police services, teaching, fashion designing were also the major employers in the last five years.

"It is inspiring to know that the youth in the country have been able to find jobs in the

last five years, as 86 per cent of the respondents who found the jobs were aged between 18-35 years at the time of joining of their jobs," said Rajeev Talwar, President, PHD Chamber.

The survey revealed that the private sector was the major employer in the last five years, creating 60.4 per cent of the jobs, followed by government sector (21.2 per cent), self-employed (5.2 per cent), public sector (5.1 per cent), public private partnership (3.3 per cent) and others (4.8 per cent).

The Hindu Business Line, New Delhi, April 5, 2019



Former president Pranab Mukherjee attends fourth biennial convention of Vimarsh 2019 at Paintal Memorial Golden Jubilee Auditorium, Vallabhbhai Patel Chest Institute, North Campus University of Delhi, in New Delhi on Wednesday. Dr. Kavita Sharma, Head and Dean, Dept of Commerce, DU, DK Aggarwal, senior vice-president, PHDCCI, Ajay Shankar, former secretary, DIPP and Ramanan Ramanathan, mission director, Atal Innovation Mission, Niti Aayog also graced the convention with their presence and shared their insights on role of disruptive innovations and entrepreneurship

The Hasn India, New Delhi, March 14, 2019

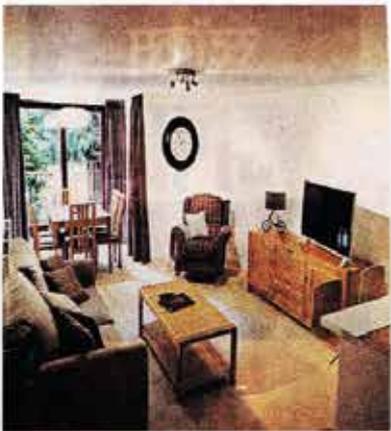
PHDCCI TO HOST ITS 8TH INDIA HERITAGE TOURISM CONCLAVE AT SAVOY MUSSOORIE ON MARCH 27TH

New Delhi, PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI) will be organizing its 8th India Heritage Tourism Conclave with the theme 'Sustainable Tourism Management at World Heritage Sites' on March 27, 2019 at WelcomHotel The Savoy, Mussoorie. In a press statement issued here today on the occasion of Curtain Raiser held for the Conclave, Sr. Vice President, PHDCCI, Mr. D K Aggarwal said, "The Chamber is taking the legacy forward of hosting its India Heritage Tourism Conclave which first commenced in 2011. Through this Conclave, PHDCCI aims at illustrating how World Heritage Sites can be integrated into broader regional and destination-level tourism management processes, creating a strong platform to exchange best practices, discuss challenges and opportunities in the Heritage Tourism sector." Mrs. Radha Bhatia, Chairperson- Tourism Committee along with Mr. Rajan Sehgal and Mr. Kishore Kaya, Co-Chairmen-Tourism Committee briefed the media and the travel trade fraternity about the objective and highlights of 8th India Heritage Tourism Conclave. The Conclave will address all aspects of heritage, be it wellness, religion, cuisine, crafts, music and key tourism management issues, such as coordination between heritage management and tourism organizations, extending benefits to local communities, reducing tourism congestion and environmental impacts.

The Focus News, New Delhi, March 14, 2019

Exports strategy: The PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry has suggested a five-pronged strategy to increase India's annual merchandise exports to \$700 billion by 2025. The strategy entails identifying prospective products to scale up export volumes, strengthening export growth momentum towards emerging and developing economies through greater access in Asian and African economies, and improvements in export and logistics infrastructure.

The Statesman, New Delhi, March 28, 2019



महंगे इनपुट से घरों का दाम घटना मुश्किल

पिछला इनपुट टैक्स क्रेडिट कैरी फॉरवर्ड करने की मांग रियल एस्टेट इंडस्ट्री ने की

ईटी ब्यूरो नई दिल्ली

अंडर-कंस्ट्रक्शन मकानों पर जीएसटी की दरों में भारी कटौती के बावजूद इनकी कीमतों में बहुत ज्यादा गिरावट की उम्मीद नहीं की जा रही है। इनपुट टैक्स क्रेडिट से संबंधित रियल एस्टेट सेक्टर ने जहां सोमेट और स्टील जैसे इनपुट मेटिरियल पर जीएसटी की कटौती पर चिंता बताई है, वहीं अब तक उपलब्ध क्रेडिट के 1 अप्रैल को लैप्स होने से पहले कैरी फॉरवर्ड करने की मांग की है। पीएचडी चैंबर ऑफ कॉमर्स एंड इंडस्ट्री की ओर से रियल एस्टेट में इनपुट क्रेडिट की विलंबितियों पर मुंबई को अर्पणित एक कॉन्फ्रेंस में इंडस्ट्री ने संबंधित अधिकारियों से कहा कि अगर ये मुद्दे हल नहीं हुए तो आम ग्राहक को सही मकान दिलाने की कोशिशें रंग नहीं लगेंगी।

कार्सिल की पिछली बैठक में अंडर-कंस्ट्रक्शन मकानों पर जीएसटी दरें बिना क्रेडिट के 5% और अपरोडेंट हाउसिंग पर 1% कर दी गई थी। यानी कच्चे माल की खरीद पर चुकाए गए टैक्स का क्रेडिट नहीं मिलेगा। उद्योग के प्रतिनिधियों ने कहा कि लागत के सबसे बड़े हिस्से सोमेट पर जीएसटी दरें 28% हैं। अगर क्रेडिट नहीं मिलेगा तो बिल्डर इसका बोझ ग्राहक पर डालेंगे।

मेट्रो और नॉन-मेट्रो शहरों के लिए अपरोडेंट हाउसिंग को डेफिनिशन पर भी सवाल उठाए गए और कहा गया कि दिल्ली-मुंबई में 45 लाख में 60 वर्गमीटर तक मकान देना मुश्किल है।

पीएचडी चैंबर को इनहाफरेंट टैक्स कटेगोरी के बेयरमैन विमल जैन ने कहा, "एक चुनौती यह भी है कि बिल्डर के पास अब तक जो इनपुट क्रेडिट उपलब्ध है, वह 1 अप्रैल को लैप्स हो जाएगा, जबकि इंडस्ट्री चाहती है कि इसे कैरी फॉरवर्ड करने की छूट मिले। जो बिल्डर रैबिडेशन के साथ कामरिथल निर्माण भी करते हैं, उनके लिए कई बुक्स और अक्वार्टमेंट बनाने की जरूरत आ जाएगी, क्योंकि एक प्रकल्प पर आइटोमी मिलेगा, जबकि दूसरे पर नहीं। जो अनसोल्ड इनवेंटरी रह जाएगी, उस पर कैसे एडजस्ट करेंगे। उन्होंने कहा कि ट्रांसफर डिवेलपमेंट ग्राइड, लॉडेंट डिवेलपमेंट एग्जेंट, लॉन जैसे मामलों में टैक्स निश्चयता दी गई है, लेकिन इंडस्ट्री का कहना है कि अगर यह छूट देने के बाद इनवेंटरी रह जाती है और एक प्रकल्प 12% जीएसटी पर बिकता है तो चीजें कैसे एडजस्ट होंगी।

सीबीआईडी के मित्र जॉन जोसेफ ने कहा कि मौजूदा व्यवस्था अंततः नहीं है और जीएसटी को तर्कसंगत बनाने का काम चलता रहेगा। उन्होंने कहा कि आने वाले दिनों में अगर टैक्स कलेक्शन में स्थिरता आती है तो डायर स्लेब में और कटौती हो सकती है।



The Economic Times, New Delhi, March 15, 2019

उद्योग ने सुझाया 48 लाख करोड़ के निर्यात का रोडमैप

नई दिल्ली। पीएचडी चैंबर ऑफ कॉमर्स एंड इंडस्ट्री ने बुधवार को छह साल में निर्यात दोगुना करने का रोडमैप सुझाया। चैंबर ने कहा, पांच रणनीतिक कदम बढ़ा 2025 तक कुल निर्यात 700 बिलियन डॉलर यानी 48.3 लाख करोड़ रुपये पहुंचाया जा सकता है।

पीएचडी चैंबर ने कहा कि निर्यात को मात्रा बढ़ाने को इससे जुड़े उत्पादों की पहचान करनी होगी। एशिया-अफ्रीका के उभरते बाजारों व विकासशील अर्थव्यवस्था में पैठ बनाने पर जोर देना होगा। इसके लिए निर्यात एवं माल डुलाई ढांचे में संरचनात्मक सुधार जरूरी है। इस महीने वाणिज्य मंत्री सुरेश प्रभु ने कहा था कि चालू वित्त वर्ष में देश का कुल निर्यात 330 अरब डॉलर पहुंचने का अनुमान है। एजेंसी



मंत्रालय ने झुलाई बैठक

वाणिज्य मंत्रालय ने चीन के साथ निर्यात बढ़ाने व व्यापार बाधा कम करने को लेकर 5 अप्रैल को बैठक बुलाई है। इसमें कृषि मंत्रालय के अधिकारी और निर्यात संवर्धन परिषद के प्रतिनिधि भी होंगे।

The Amar Ujala, New Delhi, March 28, 2019

पांच साल में उपलब्ध कराएं 10 करोड़ नौकरियां

नई दिल्ली। उद्योग संगठन पीएचडी चैंबर ऑफ कॉमर्स एंड इंडस्ट्री (पीएचडीसीसीआई) ने आगामी लोकसभा चुनाव को देखते हुए राजनीतिक दलों के लिए आर्थिक एजेंडे का सुझाव दिया है। संगठन का कहना है कि दल ऐसा माहौल बनाएं ताकि अगले पांच साल में 10 करोड़ रोजगार का सृजन हो सके।

संगठन ने इसके लिए सात सूत्री रणनीति सुझाई है। इनमें स्मार्ट फार्मिंग, कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्ता से औद्योगीकरण में तेजी, उद्योग 4.0 के साथ लघु उद्योग के लिए कारोबार की सहूलियत, निर्यात में विकास को नई ताजगी, पर्यटन की संभावनाओं का पता लगाना, कौशल विकास के साथ उच्च गुणवत्ता वाली शिक्षा देना और सबके लिए समावेशी स्वास्थ्य शामिल है। एजेंसी

The Amar Ujala, New Delhi, March 23, 2019

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PHD Chamber suggests Economic Agenda to Political Parties: Economy @4.0 to create more than 100 million jobs in the next 5 years

New Delhi, PHD

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PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry has suggested an Economic Agenda to the political parties to create more than 100 million jobs in the next 5 years through 7 pronged strategy including Smart Farming, Bolstering Industrialisation with artificial intelligence and industry 4.0, Ease of Doing Business for MSMEs, Revitalizing exports growth, exploring tourism potential, quality education with skill development and inclusive health for all. PHD Chamber projects India's economy with the next era of economic reforms @4.0 would expand to the level of US\$ 3 trillion with a growth rate of 9 to 10% in the next 5 years by 2023-24. The low hanging fruit would be opening the tourist inflows by giving a free tourist visa for one year validity with a double entry permission, wide body aircraft making direct flights from a country straight to distant destinations accounts for massive investment, privatisation of road, rail and port development and low cost manufacturing with ease of doing business for MSMEs, said Mr Rajeev Talwar, President, PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry in a press statement issued here today.

1. **Exploring Tourism Potential** : The importance of the tourism sector is immense not only to earn the foreign currency but also to create millions of employment opportunities for the unskilled, semi-skilled and skilled workforce. The tourism sector has potential to create more than 40 million new jobs in the next 5 years, said Mr Rajeev Talwar. Transportation needs of the economy become crucial as the economy grows in the higher trajectory. Exploring employment creation with increased air services and number of flights, expansion of taxi services would be crucial to meet transportation needs and to absorb lakhs of workforce, said Mr Rajeev Talwar. The time is ripe for opening of intra-city bus services, inter-city bus services and inter-state bus services to corporate bus operators all over the country, said Mr Talwar.

2. **Smart Farming** : Smart Farming should be explored from our inherent strengths in the agriculture sector to shift disguised unemployment from the traditional agriculture to the agro and food processing exports, said Mr Rajeev Talwar. Agro and food processing exports needs to be scaled up from the current level of US\$ 30 billion to US\$ 100 billion in the next 5 years by 2023-24 to create 20 million new employment opportunities in the sector, added Mr Talwar. Easing of market regulations to sell the farm produce anywhere in India to get the best price, use of innovative ways to increase productivity, adapt to climate change, strengthening access to credit for long term loans would go a long way to enhance growth and productivity in the sector and to enhance farm incomes, said Mr Talwar.

3. **Bolstering Industrialization** : Bolstering industrialization with state of the art infrastructure such as privatization of rail, road and port would create competitiveness not only at the domestic level but also in the international markets. With the advent of artificial intelligence and industry 4.0, with the increased efficiency and efficacy of the production processes, India has potential to become a manufacturing hub and to increase its share in GDP to 25% by 2023-24. We suggest reforms in the direct taxation to take place in which corporate tax rate should be reduced to 20% for all, ignoring the turnover criteria, said Mr Rajeev Talwar.

4. **Ease of Doing Business for MSMEs** : MSMEs hold immense potential to create employment with improved ease of doing business such as further reforms in the labour laws, availability of land and easy and low cost financing facilities. The sector has potential to create 25 million new jobs in the next 5 years.

5. **Revitalizing Exports** : Exploring the new areas to revitalize exports growth with the improvement in logistics infrastructure and trade facilitation measures would enhance the exports growth trajectory and create 10 million new jobs in the next 5 years, said Mr Rajeev Talwar.

Focus on twin merit goods of education with skill development and basic health with safety should continue with a longer term vision would lead to socio-economic growth in the coming times, he said.

6. **Quality Education and Skill Development** : Education expenditure as a percentage of GDP needs to be increased to the level of 6% of GDP. There should be a school in the radius of 1 km and a college in the radius of 10 km in the next 5 years, added Mr Rajeev Talwar.

7. **Inclusive Health Facilities** : Health expenditure as percentage of GDP should be increased to 2.5% of GDP. For the inclusive health facilities, there should be a health centre in the radius of 1 km and a good state of the art hospital in the radius of 5 km, said Mr Rajeev Talwar. Inclusive health and quality education has potential to create at least 10 million new jobs in the next 5 years, said Mr Talwar. We look forward to dynamic policy environment in the coming times for inclusive growth and creation of jobs for all, said Mr Rajeev Talwar.

The Focus News, New Delhi, March 21, 2019



इयात होटल में हुए कार्यक्रम के दौरान चंडीगढ़ से सांसद किरण खेर रैली को विजेता डॉ. माला कपूर व उनकी सहयोगी प्रतिभा आनंद के साथ।

डॉ. माला कपूर ने लगातार तीसरी बार जीती कार रैली

पापनियर समाचार सेवा। गाजियाबाद

● सांसद किरण खेर ने हौसले को सराहा

चुनौतियां एवं जोखिम के क्षेत्र में अपने हौसले और जम्बे का लोहा मनवा चुकी डॉ. माला कपूर ने रविवार को शाम पीएचडी चैंबर सुम कार रैली जीत कर सफलता की राह में मील का एक और पत्थर स्थापित कर दिया।

दिल्ली, देहरादून, चंडीगढ़ की इस दो दिवसीय कार रैली को विजेता डॉ. माला कपूर एवं उनकी सहयोगी प्रतिभा आनंद को प्रखर अभिनेत्री एवं सांसद किरण खेर तथा सुप्रीम कोर्ट की जस्टिस सुश्री प्रियंका हिंगोरानी

ने पुरस्कृत किया। होटल हयात में आयोजित समारोह में डॉ. कपूर एवं सुश्री आनंद को विजेता ट्रॉफ़े के अलावा नकद इनाम भी दिया।

सांसद खेर ने उनके हौसले की तारीफ करते हुए कहा कि रैली में महिलाओं का बड़ी संख्या में भाग लेना इस बात का प्रमाण है कि जोखिम के क्षेत्रों में भी भारतीय महिलाएं खासकर उम्र दराज महिलाएं अपनी शौर्य गाथा लिख रही हैं।

Repo rate cut to induce demand and spur economic growth: PHD Chamber

New Delhi, While

welcoming the 25 basis

points cut in repo rate

from 6.25% to 6% by

RBI in review of monetary

policy, Mr. Rajeev Talwar,

President, PHD Chamber

of Commerce and

Industry said in a press

statement issued here

today that it will induce

demand, strengthen

investments and spur

economic growth. RBI

in its First Bi-monthly

Monetary Policy Statement,

2019-20, has reduced

the repo rate to 6% from

6.25%, reverse repo rate

under the LAF at 5.75%,

marginal standing facility

(MSF) rate and the Bank

Rate at 6.25%. PHD

Chamber compliments

and appreciates the great

dedication of the Government

and RBI on taking

calibrated steps to stabilize

the price situation and

maintaining the high

growth trajectory. On

account of reduction in

repo rate at this

conjuncture would

rejuvenate demand in

rural areas and augment

buying of consumer

durables' vis-a-vis

refuel industrial growth,

added Mr. Rajeev

Talwar. The transmission

of the policy rate cut by

the banking sector in

terms of reduced

lending rates would

be crucial to induce

demand and industrial

growth in the country,

added Mr. Talwar. Cut

in repo rate will

enhance our exporters'

competitiveness in the

international markets,

said Mr. Talwar. It is

inspiring that Reserve

Bank of India has

decided to constitute

a Committee on the

Development of Housing

Finance Securitisation

Market, said Mr. Talwar.

The decision to set up

a Task Force on the

Development of Secondary

Market for Corporate

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important role in

assessing best

international

practices and propose

measures for

developing a

thriving secondary

market for

corporate loans in

India, added Mr.

Talwar. We believe

higher industrial

growth vis-a-vis

strong demand

scenario coupled

with speedy

implementation

of reforms and

ease of doing

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push our

economy further

in higher

growth

trajectory, said

Mr. Talwar.

The Focus News, New Delhi, April 5, 2019

The Dainik Pioneer, New Delhi, April 2, 2019



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Gift & Deco Show

Warsaw, Poland

24th - 26th
May, 2019



**17TH GLOBAL
INDIAN FESTIVAL**

Kuala Lumpur
Malaysia

1st - 9th
June, 2019



PROPAK ASIA 2019

Bangkok, Thailand

12th - 15th
June, 2019



PRINT PACK KENYA

Kenya

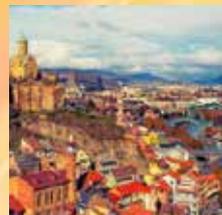
25th - 27th
June, 2019



**BEST OF INDIA SHOW
&
BUSINESS DELEGATION**

Tbilisi, Georgia

21st - 30th
June, 2019



**BUSINESS
DELEGATION**

Baku, Azerbaijan

2nd - 3rd
July, 2019



21ST LANKA PACK

Colombo, Sri Lanka

11th - 13th
September, 2019



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Las Vegas, USA

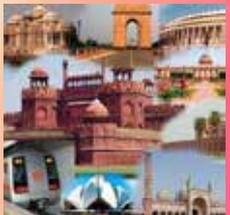
28th - 31st
July, 2019



**BEST OF
INDIA SHOW**

Yekaterinburg, Russia

August, 2019



**RAC INDIA
EXCON 2019 - RBSM**

New Delhi, India

17th - 19th
October, 2019



**BEST OF
INDIA SHOW**

Ulanbataar, Mongolia

September, 2019



PRINTECH 2019

Dhaka, Bangladesh

10th - 12th
October, 2019



BAZAR BERLIN

Berlin, Germany

6th - 10th
November, 2019



**26TH IRAN
PRINT & PACK**

Tehran, Iran

13th - 16th
December, 2019



**CHINA INTERNATIONAL
IMPORT EXPO**

Shanghai, China

5th - 10th
November, 2019



WINTER FAIR

Dammam,
Saudi Arabia

27th December, 2019
- 02nd January, 2020



**CHRISTMASWORLD
& PAPERWORLD**

Frankfurt,
Germany

24th - 28th
January, 2020



NY NOW

New York,
USA

2nd - 5th
February, 2020



**FESTIVAL
DE LA INDIA**

Santiago, Chile

17th - 22nd
December, 2019



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Saudi Arabia

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Meeting with Ms. Ambika Soni, Hon'ble Minister of Information and Broadcasting, Govt. of India

The PHD Chamber organized a meeting with Ms. Ambika Soni, Hon'ble Minister of Information and Broadcasting, Govt. of India on October 20, 2009 at PHD House, New Delhi.

In the welcome remarks, Mr. Satish Bagrodia, President, PHD Chamber said that the dissemination of information and advocacy are two important tools for communication. Information is available on finger tips through electronic media and print media. They have always played a very important role in India's democratic process, but the on-going debate from a long time has raised the question as who is responsible for the content of programme and the news coverage. Mr. Bagrodia said that at times intense competition and the need to boost revenues have led to such programmes that do not uphold ethics and standards.



He also said that the outcome of this debate on Government Regulation versus Self-Regulation affects the consumer at the end of the day.

Ms. Ambika Soni unveiled a plan for complete digitalization of television in India with a likely approval of a satellite-based cable distribution platform soon. There should be a sunset hour for complete digitalization, Smt. Soni said. Before the year is out, the cabinet is expected to approve HITS (Headend in the Sky). The HITS system will enable cable operators to digitalise their analogue system. It will eliminate carriage fees. She, however, did not put a deadline to the digitalization process. Ms. Soni also said that she was hopeful of the cabinet approval for phase III of FM radio that will also include first ever broadcast of news bulletins on private radio channels.



Obituary



Mr. Satish Bagrodia, Former President of PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (2008-09) and Adviser, Winsome Textile Industries Limited left for his heavenly abode on March 5, 2019.

Mr. Satish Bagrodia was a true symbol of progress, enterprise and social commitment. His contribution to business community will be long remembered by PHDCCI. During his tenure as President, multifarious programmes were conducted by the Chamber. Under his leadership, the Chamber played a catalytic role to build consensus on wide ranging subjects ranging from corporate governance, agribusiness, tourism, skill development, taxation, labour laws, defense, economic reforms as well as industrial relations. The Chamber conducted numerous socio-economic activities to promote women empowerment, AIDS awareness, mother and child care, water harvesting, rural development as well as various community development initiatives.



NATIONAL APEX CHAMBER

The RE Walker & JC Chandiook Library

Objective: To provide facilities to members of the Chamber for Business Development in an exclusive environment which is elegant and cost effective having a professional ambience, the Library can be used for:

- Knowledge centre as it has all modern communication & information tools, including wi-fi.
- Holding business meetings and discussions with guests, officials, collaborators, diplomats etc
- Tranquil place to read, think and strategize
- Hospitality to members

FACILITIES

- Separate sitting areas
- Physical & electronic Communication / Information facilities
- Separate dining area
- Paid service for Food and Beverage, etc.

MEMBERSHIP: All members of the Chamber are exclusively eligible for the membership of The Library. Other details are as under :

- Concessional annual membership for Rs. 25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand Only) inclusive of Taxes per person. This includes Rs.15,000/- as one time admission fee and Rs. 10,000/- annual membership subscription. This is being offered to first 250 members.
- Free Issuance of Ad-on Card to the Spouse of Member of the Library so that she / he can also avail the services of the Library. A copy of the spouse Membership form is enclosed.
- A member-company can recommend their executive(s) to be a member of The Library subject to five memberships.
- Rs.25,000/- shall include Rs.2500/- pre-loaded value in the membership card which can be used for availing the food and drinks in the Library;
- A member can accompany 5 guests and there would be "No Guest Charges".
- Membership would be from 1st day of the month in which membership charges have been paid and will be for one year from that date.
- The Food & Bar Services of The RE Walker & JC Chandiook Library – Cafe Lounge and the Radico Khaitan Bar are being handled by the renowned gourmet caterers "MOETS" at a very reasonable price. **The services are available from 11 AM to 11 PM except Sunday.**
- After one year of membership, the renewal of membership will be @ Rs. 10,000/- plus GST @ 18% (Total: Rs. 11,800.00)

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CONFERENCE FACILITIES

PHD HOUSE, NEW DELHI

PHD House, New Delhi is a prestigious, most conveniently, approachable, as located in the heart of South Delhi and suitably equipped venue for corporate and business events. It provides facilities to suit specific requirements, backed-up by excellent infrastructure with 100% power backup such as latest public address system, audio-visual facilities, etc. Our meeting rooms provide a bespoke setting and serene atmosphere that are ideal for exclusive business networking events, conferences, seminars, Board Meetings, Interviews, Annual General Meetings, Academic Discussions, exhibitions, panel discussions, cultural programmes, training programmes, Audio – Video presentations, etc. Our meeting rooms tend to make a difference in the way you do your business.

- **Lakshmiapat Singhania Auditorium: (Capacity : 300)**
A newly designed, aesthetically architected fully air-conditioned Auditorium with well-designed soothing interiors, excellent acoustics, modern & professional audio visual facilities has a seating capacity of more than 300 people. The Auditorium is ideal for conducting large meetings, seminars, conferences and cultural & social programmes.
- **Modi Exhibition Hall (Capacity : 60 to 90)**
Well designed especially for Exhibitions / display of products and for conducting Training Programmes / Workshops / Audio-visual presentations.
- **Raunaq Room (Capacity : 70)**
Well designed Conference Room for Seminars, Panel Discussions and High Profile Corporate Meetings.
- **Shriram Hall (Capacity : 90)**
Well designed for conducting Training Programmes/ workshops/Audio-Visual Presentations.
- **Mohta Room (Capacity : 25)**
Ideal for Board Meetings and Small Meetings.
- **Arbitration Hall (Capacity : 12-15)**
Arbitration Hall which will enable the members to hold small Conferences, Arbitration hearings for max 12-15 pax at competitive rates.
- **The RE Walker & JC Chandiok Library**
The Library' Lounge & Café shall provide an exclusive and elegant ambience with gourmet catering and a well-stocked bar at reasonable prices for our members to conduct their business meetings, for hospitality or simply as a tranquil place to relax.

PHDCCI approved Caterers at the rates/menus provide catering facilities in PHD House, New Delhi.

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