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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Friends,

“The secret of change is to focus all of your energy, not on fighting the old, but on building the new.” This statement of Socrates from almost 1000 years ago seems most relevant today.

The past year and half has shown us that an honest will to work unitedly, swiftly and thoughtfully can achieve incredible feats for greater good. While the second wave of the COVID-19 infection proved to be an onslaught that caused much loss and destruction, with a gentle and cautious sense of relief, this aggressive spat of the Coronavirus infection seems now to be receding, across the country. We must appreciate the fight the collective put up, including the relentless efforts of our healthcare workers, the allied forces of sanitation, law & order, logistics and the MSME sectors, also the citizens of the country who held back their daily lives and stayed at home to reduce the virulent spread of the virus and needless to say, the administrative acumen the government displayed in navigating this unforeseen apocalypse. The loss of lives notwithstanding, the response of the people, the nation and the government has been courageous and exemplary. The need of the hour is full preparedness at the systemic level, to ensure avoidance and repeat of a calamity of this kind and magnitude.

Having said this, the partial/complete lockdowns in many States and restrictions in various regions across the country did seem to create an uncertain economic environment, bringing unavoidable signs of slowdown. The second wave of COVID-19 pandemic in April and May 2021, much more severe than the first wave of 2020, drastically impeded the economic recovery process. The PHDCCI's Economy GPS Index saw a drastic fall to a nine months low at 93.3 for May 2021 from 124.3 recorded for April 2021. On the basis of recent movement of PHDCCI's Economic and Business Momentum (EBM) Index, the Chamber projects overall GDP growth for FY 2020-21 at minus 7.9%. Analysts also lowered the GDP growth forecast for India to a humble 9.5% for the current fiscal, compared with the 11% expected earlier, as the two engines of growth – private consumption and investment – both were considerably affected by the second wave. However, we expect a strong rebound in economic recovery as restrictions get eased in the weeks ahead.

We must mention here that there is a silver lining amidst this economic gloom. India still remains an attractive destination for long-term global investors with FDI being the highest ever at US\$ 81.72 billion in FY 2020-21, 10% more



Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal



than FY 2019-20. Further, India's foreign exchange reserves crossed US\$ 600 billion for the first time as on June 4, 2021 covering a little less than 15 months of imports. Indicators such as power consumption, E-way bills and foreign portfolio investment witnessed a slight increase in the second half of May 2021. Further, I am glad to say that the second COVID-19 wave did not impact Indian agriculture sector production in any significant way. Agriculture exports grew by 43 % in the first two months of FY 2021-22, despite the pandemic, driven by policy level interventions, as well as the expansion of products into new markets.

The lockdown induced restrictions in the economy did create a difficult time for the Indian industry, with the closure of business establishments. The MSME sector has been badly hurt with a total decline in their earnings. According to a survey conducted by the PHD Chamber on assessing the impact of coronavirus 2.0 on economy and businesses, the top challenges clearly emerged as increased cost of raw materials, availability of working capital, weakening consumption & demand, high price-cost margins/profitability, upkeep of deployed workforce and making sure salaries are paid to on-roll workers, repayment of loans and cost of compliances.

Nonetheless, I must point out that the Rs. 3 lakh crores Emergency Credit Line mandated for providing collateral free loans to MSMEs has been an effective financial measure to restore liquidity and financial fitness and has somewhat helped MSMEs to restart operations by giving them additional working capital. We suggest the government increase the size of the Emergency Credit Line from Rs. 3 lakh crores to Rs. 6 lakh crores and extend the period of availability to March 31, 2022.

Scarcity of medical oxygen cylinders at hospitals and healthcare facilities across India during the second wave of the pandemic was an unfortunate reason for the deaths of many. The PHD Chamber stood by the Nation in these trying times and with the help of its Family Welfare Foundation undertook the noble task of importing 10 Oxygen plants, with support from Industry members and Rotary Club of Delhi South Central. These plants shall be set-up in various hospitals and nursing

homes across India. The Chamber, the BSE and the financial fraternity have also come forward to generate and amplify resources for setting up of an oxygen plant, which will be placed at New-Delhi-based Tirath Ram Shah Charitable Hospital, ensuring continuous free supply of oxygen in the hospital.

The PHDFWF has also very graciously distributed food items and masks to needy families, abandoned children and migrants during the second wave of COVID in various parts of Delhi. PHDFWF is supporting 36 families who have lost their only bread earners due to COVID or otherwise. The Chamber is also supporting the vaccination drive for its Members and the Secretariat and their families. The Chamber has also started a COVID helpline to help the members and the Secretariat.

Despite being the largest vaccine manufacturer in the world, India has a massive challenge- vaccinating 1.4 billion people in a democratic environment. I urge the government to speed up the vaccination process. This needs to be done on a war footing over the next few months to cover at least 75% of the population of the country to enable quick and seamless transition towards normalcy. Vaccines production capabilities need to be enhanced, while also increasing imports from other countries. I suggest that temporary patent waiver in the World Trade Organization for the COVID-19 vaccine and other related products will enhance the transfer of knowledge and know-how for scaling up vaccine production worldwide.

Stronger stimulus and support by the Government, more than even last year, is a clarion call, as can be evidently seen by the mammoth scale of lost lives of several bread earners and the general lowering of morale of the populace. Given the loss to business and industry, we suggest lower interest rates for consumers and businesses, lesser compliances for MSMEs vis-à-vis ease of doing business at the ground level and a less demanding tax regime to increase the personal disposable income of the people. There is a need for effective fiscal measures such as reduction in GST, along with Direct Benefit Transfers for the urban and rural poor, in-kind transfers, front-loading of infrastructure investments, among others. In this context, Finance Minister,

Ms. Nirmala Sitharaman recently asked various Ministries to spend more than their capital expenditure targets as well as explore public private-partnerships for viable projects.

The Chamber has sent recommendations to the government to issue special COVID bonds for raising funds to provide stimulus support to push economic growth. This would help mobilize fiscal resources and become an appropriate substitute to the market, by the government. Such special bonds involve relatively less inflation risk, limit the crowding-out of private investments from other sectors of the economy and form a source of tax-free income for bondholders.

The government should definitely consider coming out with mega health parks or special pandemic zones (SPZs) spread across key locations in India akin to SEZs that can cater to the wellbeing of all citizens in case another such pandemic wave hits our country. We have an opportunity to learn from this pandemic and take measures that will help us develop mainstream global health security schemes, up-scale health spending, health infrastructure and investment in R&D.

The pandemic has shown the immense power of benevolence and kindheartedness. In the words of the great Nobel Laureate, Mari Curie, "Nothing in life is to be feared, it is only to be understood. Now is the time to understand more, so that we may fear less." I beseech the government and the masses to recognize that the pandemic is far from over. I request all citizens to follow the COVID appropriate behaviour in line with the government's advisory, "Stop the Transmission, Crush the Pandemic - Masks, distance, sanitization and ventilation to prevent the spread of SARS-CoV-2 virus." I strongly believe that we have the right building blocks to rebuild a stronger, better and a booming India because of our robust inbuilt demand consumption characteristics. We must gear up on our efforts and prepare well and we at the PHD Chamber, in continuation with this mindset, will always be a pillar of strength for industry and remain in full support and solidarity with the government and steer India towards Progress, Harmony and Development.




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L-R : Dr Yogesh Srivastav, Assistant Secretary-General, Mr. Pradeep Multani, Sr. Vice President and Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, President, PHDCCI; Mr. Narendra Singh Tomar, Cabinet Minister of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare, Rural Development, Panchayati Raj And Food Processing Industries; Dr Jitendra Singh, Minister of State (IC), Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region; Mr. Amarjit Singh Bhagat, Hon'ble Minister Food and Culture, Government of Chhattisgarh; Prof Bejon Kumar Misra, Chairman- Consumer Affairs and Public Health Committee and Mr. Saurabh Sanyal, Secretary General, PHDCCI; Ms. Inoshi Sharma, Executive Director, FSSAI; H.E. Ms. Namrata S. Kumar, Ambassador of India to the Republic of Slovenia; Mr. John Southwell, Counsellor, Agriculture, Australia; Mr. Tony Maseko, Senior Manager, Eswatini Standards Authority; H.E. Mr. Hugo Javier Gobbi, Ambassador of Argentine Republic to India; Mr. Shashank Rastogi, Chairman, Chhattisgarh, PHDCCI; Mr. Abhinav Shrivastava, Head - Regulatory Policy & Intelligence, Amway India; Dr Darlando Khathing, Vice Chancellor, NECU and Mr. Rakesh Gupta, Regional Director, PHDCCI- Rajasthan Chapter



WORLD FOOD SAFETY DAY 2021 - SAFE FOOD TODAY FOR A HEALTHY TOMORROW

The PHD Chamber & Food Safety & Standards Authority (FSSAI) and North East Christian University (NECU) Nagaland, organized the WORLD FOOD SAFETY DAY 2021 Themed: Safe Food Today for a Healthy Tomorrow on June 7, 2021.

World Food Safety Day was observed to encourage sustainable development of food security, human health, agriculture, tourism, and economic prosperity and to inspire action to help prevent, detect and manage food-borne risks. COVID-19 has made governments, distribution systems, and consumers aware of the

prevention, detection, and proper management of foodborne diseases. Food security will help in human health prosperity and overall development of the nation. Food hygiene will help to ensure the safety of food.

Dr Jitendra Singh, Minister of State (IC), Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region was the Chief Guest at the Inaugural session, Mr. Narendra Singh Tomar, Cabinet Minister of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare, Rural Development, Panchayati Raj And Food Processing Industries, Govt. of India was the Chief Guest of the technical session on 'Good Practices for Food Safety' and Mr. Amarjit Singh

Bhagat, Minister Food and Culture, Government of Chhattisgarh was the Chief Guest for the Valedictory Session.

The event witnessed the presence of H.E. Ms. Namrata S. Kumar, Ambassador of India to the Republic of Slovenia; H.E. Mr. Hugo Javier Gobbi, Ambassador of Argentine Republic to India; Mr. John Southwell, Counsellor, Agriculture, Australia and Mr. Tony Maseko, Senior Manager, Eswatini Standards Authority. The event also witnessed the presence of Ms. Inoshi Sharma, Executive Director, FSSAI.

Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, President, PHDCCI in his presidential address

deliberated the importance of World Food Safety Day which will help to draw attention and inspire action to help prevent, detect and manage foodborne risks, contributing to food security, human health, economic prosperity, agriculture, market access, tourism, and sustainable development.

Talking about the importance of food for sustaining life and health, he mentioned that it's important to drive awareness about good nutrition, food production chain, from farmers and producers down to retailers and consumers. He lauded the efforts of the North East Government to ensure food safety in the State. Organic cultivation and low use of pesticides create a natural advantage for food products from the North East region which is an important step towards food safety that also motivates the country to adopt the same practice, pointed out, Mr. Aggarwal. The State governments are playing a proactive role in building awareness on food safety and food security and the opportunities available in North-East states.

Professor Bejon Kumar Misra, Chairman of the Consumer Affairs & Public Health Committee, PHDCCI, underlined the theme of the event. He said "World Food Safety Day brings to call attention to foodborne diseases and especially during these pandemic times, it is imperative to eat healthy foods that offer greater immunity against viruses. This issue has become much more meaningful in light of COVID-19 and I hope the theme of this year's World Food Safety Day 2021 - 'Safe food now for a healthy tomorrow' will assure citizens health and safety through a robust surveillance system built by FSSAI to enable States to share credible information to the consumers to make an informed choice to stay healthy".

Inaugural Session

Chief Guest, Dr Jitendra Singh, Minister of State (IC), Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region deliberated about the growing awareness on food and its benefits towards long-term health and wellness due to the pandemic. He stated that eating healthy food is not only important but it's essential to understand when, how, and in what form to eat the food. He opined that Immunity boosters, have been a major

part of ancient culture and people are getting back to them. The natural form of consumption of vitamins will have more benefits and long-term sustenance in the human body than a tablet.

While bursting various food and diet myths like reducing carbs and distribution of meals, he mentioned that when we disturb the scientific prescribed pattern of diet, we are not only depriving ourselves of the ideal levels of vitality, we are also making ourselves more vulnerable to a lot of diseases. He further elaborated that meal and diet plans should be designed taking into consideration a person's age, metabolic rate, level of physical activity, the requirement of profession, etc.

He emphasized that the North-Eastern part of India is rich in biodiversity which has awakened other regions of the nation to the merits of organic food and plantation which are high in nutrition and vitamins.

H.E. Mr. Hugo Javier Gobbi, Ambassador of Argentine Republic to India deliberated about India-Argentina relations and the strength of Argentina towards food production and exports which is the outcome of favorable natural conditions and at the same time updated infrastructure, transportation, technology and efficient framework can ensure safety and security of food. He mentioned that looking at these times of pandemic and the need to ensure food safety for the future, international corporation and knowledge sharing is crucial.

Dr Darlando Khathing, Vice-Chancellor, NEHU mentioned that Academic institutions should get engaged with the 'Eat Right India' movement. We must engage with students and Faculty to promote 'Sahi Bhojan, Behatar Jeevan' which is also the theme of the World Food Safety Day 2021 'Safe Food Now For a Healthy Tomorrow'.

PHDCCI also played a video message received from Dr Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India on World Food Day 2021 Celebration during the event.

Technical Session

Chief Guest, Mr. Narendra Singh Tomar, Cabinet Minister of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare, Rural

Development, Panchayati Raj And Food Processing Industries, Govt. of India mentioned that the pandemic has drawn our attention to issues related to food sanitation, antimicrobial resistance, climate change, and many other similar challenges.

He mentioned that the Prime Minister has taken a step to launch POSHAN Abhiyaan (PM's Comprehensive Scheme for Holistic Nutrition) to make India malnutrition-free. The government has spent a lot of financial resources on creating nutrition-related schemes/ programs to prevent malnutrition and underdevelopment in childhood. An integrated nutritional support program- Mission Poshan was announced in the Budget as well, he further added.

He shared that the Government of India is well aware of the importance of nutrition for the development and welfare of the society and plans to introduce mid-day meals in schools, provide ration to pregnant and lactating mothers through Anganwadis, and Public Distribution System to citizens below the poverty line. Due to various reforms and measures in agri-food sectors, India is witnessing high production of food grains, fruits, and vegetables, dairy, meat, poultry, etc.

Mr. Tomar shared that the Ministry of Food Processing Industries has implemented the 'Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana' to attract investments and create a conducive environment for promoting easy business. The Ministry, in partnership with the State/UT Governments, has also launched the Centrally Sponsored 'Pradhan Mantri Micro Food Processing Unnayan Yojana' for Micro Food Processing Enterprises to provide financial, technical, and commercial assistance for the up-gradation of micro food processing enterprises. The Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare has also started the Agriculture Infrastructure Fund under the guidance of the Prime Minister, through which facilities will be developed in the villages and farms, along with the benefits for farmers, food security efforts will also be strengthened.

He also shared that National Nutrition Month was started in the month of September by the government under the leadership



of the Prime Minister. He informed that last year the Ministry of Food Processing Industries also celebrated 'Poshan Maah' - the goal was to make people aware of processed food and the nutrition in it. The Ministry named the campaign 'Har Jeevan Ho Poshan Se Roshan'. With this vision, India should contribute to the Sustainable Development Goals, ensure food security, people take care of health, get nutritious material and through yoga, etc., we will be able to meet these challenges around the world, asserted the Minister.

H.E. Ms. Namrata S. Kumar Ambassador of India to the Republic of Slovenia, discussed the importance of food safety especially during times of pandemic and stated that this year's theme is deriving towards collective responsibility of everyone including the government as well as citizens and the nation needs to have a holistic approach towards health at the same time ensuring best food practices.

Ms. Inoshi Sharma, Executive Director, FSSAI mentioned that we need to ensure the safety of food from the producers to the consumers. We need to make sure that the food is produced, packed, delivered, and consumed safely. She discussed the steps and regulations undertaken by FSSAI to ensure food safety.

Mr. Abhinav Srivastava, Head - Regulatory Policy & Intelligence, Amway India mentioned that People across the globe today have realized the importance of food security and the need for essential nutrition. Therefore, the theme for World Food Safety Day 2021, 'Safe food today for a healthy tomorrow' is more relevant than ever before. He also deliberated about the values and products provided by Amway India to ensure smart, safe, and nutritious healthcare which helps in providing unparalleled value to human lives.

PHDCCI also played a video message received from Mr. Ashwini

Kumar Choubey, Minister of State, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare on account of World Food Day 2021 Celebration during the event.

Valedictory Session

Chief Guest, Mr. Amarjit Singh Bhagat, Minister Food and Culture, Government of Chhattisgarh said that under the able guidance of Mr. Bhupesh Baghel, CM, Chhattisgarh, the Congress Government has ensured that no one will sleep hungry in the entire state. The Congress Government has not only emphasized on providing food to the masses but also assured that it should be nutritional food. Distribution of roasted black gram and jaggery has been initiated in the unreached areas, he further added.

In the history of Chhattisgarh State, a landmark decision related to Food Security was taken on 2nd October 2019. On this day, the Public Distribution Scheme was initiated. The Mukhyamantri Suposhan Yojana was also initiated on the same day, whose objective is to provide ration at minimum rates.

The Minister stated that during the challenging time of COVID-19, the Chhattisgarh Government has ensured to provide dry ration, masks, soaps, etc. to the people who needed it the most. During the lockdown, due to the second wave of COVID-19, 57 lakh families having ration cards were provided with free ration for the months of April, May, and June to ensure their safety by being indoors.

Mr. Shashank Rastogi, Chairman, Chhattisgarh Chapter, PHDCCI in his theme address stated the importance of food acting as a catalyst for societal transformation, development and expansion of the country. He mentioned that food safety is becoming an important issue in the world, where the food supply chain has become more complex and any adverse food safety incident may have global negative effects on public health, trade and the economy.

Mr. John Southwell, Counsellor, Agriculture, Australia said that he has been working towards facilitating technical market access, policy exchange, and Australia as a market for India and India as a market for Australia. He opined that Food safety is a shared responsibility from farm to fork and relies on the efforts of everyone involved in the food chain (agricultural production, processing, transport, food production, and consumption).

Mr. Tony Maseko, Senior Manager, Eswatini Standards Authority stated that access to sufficient amounts of safe and nutritious food is the key to sustaining life and promoting good health. He reiterated that as Food supply chains now cross multiple national borders, good collaboration between governments, producers, and consumers would help in ensuring food safety.

Mr. Pradeep Multani, Senior Vice President, PHDCCI delivered the vote-of-thanks to the delegates and participants. Mr. Multani mentioned that the government is doing a lot towards ensuring food safety. The food industry has been under enormous pressure in recent months due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Although the pandemic is still on top of mind, we do need to make sure we pay attention to the real food safety issues facing the food industry and food safety must remain our priority, he further underlined.

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VIRTUAL NATIONAL MARITIME AND INLAND WATERWAYS CONCLAVE 2021



The Infrastructure Development Committee of PHDCCI organized the 'Virtual National Maritime and Inland Waterways Conclave 2021' on May 18, 2021. The focus of this conclave was to showcase and discuss various aspects of the latest developments in shaping this vital sector and also to learn about the opportunities for the growth of the industry via national and international collaborations.

Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, President, PHDCCI in his welcome address appreciated the various initiatives of the government such as 'Sagarmala' and renewed focus on development of maritime and inland waterways sector in India.

He pointed out that these initiatives

have helped in developing river Ganges as a safe mode of navigation which has significant economic implications, especially in the context of passenger and freight movement which will help in the promotion of greener mode of transportation and at the same time help in overcoming issues like transporters' strikes and road blockages.

Mr. Sudhir Hoshing, Chair, Infrastructure Development Committee, PHDCCI in his industry perspective mentioned that we as a nation need to make an effort to bring together the government, industry, and all the relevant stakeholders on the same platform so that a road map could be strategized & designed, which will create an ecosystem to fasten the

pace of development of the Maritime and Inland Waterways Sector in India.

Dr Amita Prasad, IAS, Chairperson, Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) in her keynote address gave an overview about the status of Inland Waterways Sector in India. She emphasized the role the private sector can play in realising Maritime Vision of India. She added that the private sector can play a pivotal role in areas such as river cruise tourism and urban transport through waterways. The private sector needs to step up and leverage to its advantage the emerging opportunities in maritime and inland waterways in India which is a growing and emerging economic powerhouse of the future.

Ms. H K Joshi, Chairperson and Managing Director, Shipping Corporation of India (SCI) in her keynote address highlighted that multimodal mix of waterways, road, and rail will help the Indian industries to operate seamlessly across various regions and help in enhancing the competitiveness of Indian products in the global markets. She further added, there is a need to focus and bring synergy between coastal shipping, inland waterways, rail and road in order to bring about a revolution in Indian Logistics and Warehousing space.

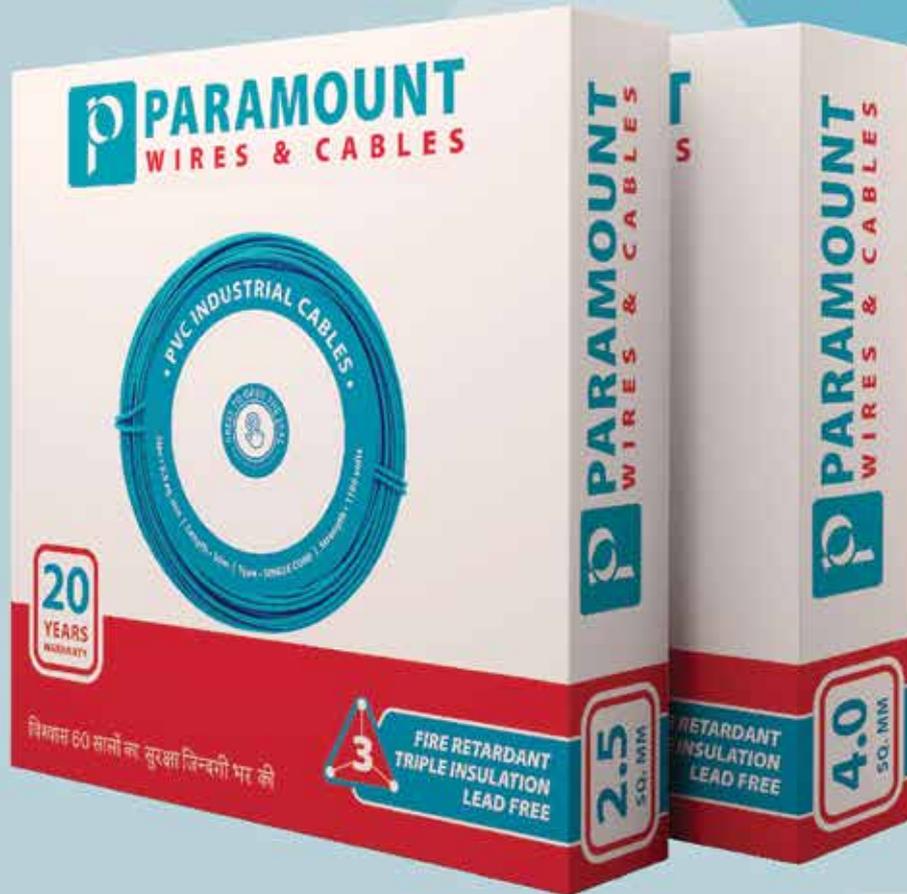
Mr. Ashish Wig, Mentor, Infrastructure Development Committee, PHDCCI while delivering the concluding remarks in the inaugural session mentioned that Maritime and Inland Waterways have a significant potential for the movement of cargo and passengers and is destined to be the future.

The inaugural session was moderated by Dr Ranjeet Mehta, Deputy Secretary General, PHDCCI. The inaugural session was followed by a Plenary Session on 'Coastal Shipping, Hinterland Connectivity & Multimodal Logistics' which was moderated by Mr. Himanshu Agarwal, Co-chair, PHDCCI Infrastructure Development Committee that saw active participation from industry experts.



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VIRTUAL NATIONAL CONCLAVE ON CITY GAS DISTRIBUTION - 2021 3rd EDITION - CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES

The Hydrocarbon Committee of PHDCCI organized a “Virtual National Conclave on City Gas Distribution- 2021 3rd Edition - Challenges & Opportunities” on May 20, 2021.

Chief Guest, Mr. Tarun Kapoor, Secretary, Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas talked about the importance of City Gas Distribution as the biggest Infrastructure in the country. He emphasized that since thus the Natural Gas consumption is bound to increase in the future, Government is ensuring that the right infrastructure is in place so that Natural Gas is available to meet the Industry needs and is available to every household.

Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, President, PHDCCI in his welcome remarks lauded the government for the various initiatives taken towards

making India a Gas based economy by working towards ‘One Nation One Gas Grid’ and by providing sustainable and clean energy to all citizens of India. He assured that PHDCCI will continue to support the government in all possible ways.

Mr. M V Ravi Someswarudu, CEO, GAIL Gas Limited talked about how use of Natural Gas in the transportation sector was economically viable and the need for more thrust required in the CNG sector from the Government and CDG sector players.

Mr. V. K. Mishra, Director Finance Petronet LNG and Co-chair, Hydrocarbon Committee, PHDCCI gave a detailed deliberation on how consumption of LNG has not dropped globally despite the challenging times. He emphasized on how use of LNG was good for the environment and reducing the carbon footprint

using various new technologies. He reiterated that focus on Natural Gas is beneficial in saving foreign exchange and carbon emissions.

Mr. S C Gupta, Joint Advisor, PNGRB focused on the development and connectivity of the National Gas Grid and the two core areas of development i.e the CGD sector & MSMEs . He further highlighted the key initiatives taken by PNGRB like Gas Exchange, Unified Tarriffs, the upcoming 11th bidding round and the TSO scheme that is being worked upon so that Gas infrastructure can be easily available to interested stakeholders.

Mr. Debal Mitra, Director, Corporate Ratings Care Ratings spoke about Credit Perspectives in City Gas Distribution Sector and Mr. Patranjan Bhattacharya, AGM, Secure Meters Limited gave a detailed presentation on prepaid Metric system in PNG gas segment.

Mr. Pawan Tibrawala, Co-chair PHDCCI delivered the vote of thanks to the esteemed speakers. The webinar also had the presence of Mr. Saurabh Sanyal, Secretary-General, PHDCCI and was moderated by Dr Ranjeet Mehta, Deputy Secretary General, PHDCCI. The webinar was attended by more than 130 participants from India & abroad and was Sponsored by GAIL,IGL,PETRONET LNG & BPCL.



HEALTH & TERM INSURANCE FOR MSMEs: OPEN ISSUES, WAY FORWARD & ROLE OF IRDAI

Mr. Shailesh Kumar, Co-Founder & Insurance Head, Insurance Samadhan: Mr. Suresh Mathur, Executive Director, Health Insurance, Surveyors, IMF & Reinsurance, Insurance Regulatory & Development Authority of India (IRDAI): Mr. Pradeep Multani, Senior Vice president, PHD Chamber: Mr. Jyoti Prakash Gadia, Chairman, Banking, Financial Services & Insurance Committee, PHD Chamber: Dr. Syed Asif Hussain, Chief Underwriter/ Head of Claims, Tata AIA Life Insurance Company Limited: Mr. Pushan Mahapatra, President-Strategic Investments & Head-Open Market, SBI General Insurance: Mr. SK Sethi, Senior Member, PHD Chamber and Dr. SP Sharma, Chief Economist | DSG, PHD Chamber



With the objective of sensitising the MSMEs and individuals on the benefits of health insurance and term insurance, the Banking, Financial Services and Insurance Committee of PHD Chamber organized a webinar on ‘Health and Term insurance for MSMEs: Open Issues, Way Forward & Role of IRDAI’ on May 18, 2021.

Mr. Pradeep Multani, Senior Vice President, PHD Chamber highlighted that health insurance provides people with a much needed financial backup at times of medical emergencies. In India, countless families have been hit financially due to high treatment cost at most private hospitals. It has, thus, become extremely important at this juncture that people should introspect their insurance needs as per requirements. In India, the MSMEs are considered as the growth engines of the economy. However, it is disappointing to note, that healthcare coverage in terms of group health penetration is alarmingly low. He underlined that it is very important that the healthcare insurance industry

develops infrastructure and delivers affordable healthcare to the sector.

Chief Guest, Mr. Suresh Mathur, Executive Director, Health Insurance, Surveyors, IMF & Reinsurance, Insurance Regulatory & Development Authority of India (IRDAI) said that efficient and timely insurance services to policy holders are the need of the hour. He informed that IRDAI has allowed new policy products like corona kawach, corona rakshak and Arogya Sanjeevani specially to tide over these difficult times of pandemic. He highlighted numerous initiatives undertaken by IRDAI to facilitate the settlement of claims and benefit the policy holders such as quicker approvals; covering tele-medicine services under health insurance, doing away with submission of hard copies for settlement of claims, directing hospitals to provide cashless treatment as per contract, among others.

Mr. Jyoti Prakash Gadia, Chairman, Banking, Financial Services & Insurance Committee, PHD Chamber and Mr. SK Sethi, Senior Member, PHD Chamber

gave valuable insights on the subject. Mr. Gadia observed that MSME units lack the requisite expertise to understand the importance of Health Insurance, thus it is important to sensitize them about the benefits of health insurance, which will outweigh the costs associated with it. Mr. Sethi observed that financial liability is best managed through insurance and must be taken by all on priority.

Insurance experts who dwelled on the different aspects of health and term insurance included Mr. Pushan Mahapatra, President-Strategic Investments & Head-Open Market, SBI General Insurance; Dr Syed Asif Hussain, Chief Underwriter/ Head of Claims, Tata AIA Life Insurance Company Limited and Mr. Shailesh Kumar, Co-Founder & Insurance Head, Insurance Samadhan.

Dr SP Sharma, Chief Economist | DSG moderated the inaugural session. The session observed more than 150 participants. Insurance Samadhan and RIA Insurance Pvt. Ltd sponsored the webinar.



DEFENCE TESTING AND CERTIFICATION FOR SPEEDY PROCUREMENT



The Defence & HLS Committee of PHDCCI successfully organized a webinar on ‘Defence Testing and Certification for Speedy Procurement’ on May 14, 2021 on Webex Platform.

Mr. Sanjay Jaju, IAS, Additional Secretary (Defence Production) was the Keynote Speaker.

Mr. Jaju mentioned that Procurement is one of the strategies and the procurement agenda is driven by strategic or tactical or short-term interest. He also talked about reforming the procedure, a level playing field, improving the trying and testing process and quality assurance process.

He further stated creating an IT platform where quality assurance and time-bound delivery can be rationalized in a better way. He also mentioned that MSMEs need to become quality cautious and they need to bring in systems that are based on self-improvement and internalize the process of quality assurance.

Mr. Sanjay Chawla, Director General of Aeronautical Quality Assurance, Department of Defence Production discussed the initiatives undertaken by the department in

recent times. He talked about the quality assurance testing labs which have been set up around the country so that the industry is helped in getting tested seamlessly across the country. He also mentioned third-party inspection services which will help in quality assurance in a fast manner.

Maj. Gen Sanjeev Singh, Officiating Director General of Quality Assurance, Department of Defence Production talked about the challenges faced in weapon testing and operation as well as mentioned that liability of weapon system is very important. The industry needs to update to Industry 4.0 standards to minimize the human intervention and rejection at the final inspection stage, he added.

Mr. APVS Prasad, Scientist ‘H’ & Chief Executive (Airworthiness), CEMILAC, DRDO spoke about the role of simulation in the design and analysis which will help in ensuring the overall safety of the equipment. He emphasized that it’s high time that industry and MSMEs invest in modelling the stimulations for ensuring quality assurance and faster development in the industry.

Mr. Rajesh Maheshwari, CEO, National Accreditation Board for Certification Bodies (NABCB) talked about the use of technology in Defence Testing which will help in better time utilization and help in getting international standards in helping Indian companies export their products.

Dr S K Jha, Chairman & Managing Director, MIDHANI mentioned that testing is pivotal and every different product requires different certification which needs to be renewed from time to time to ensure industry standards.

Cdr. Bhaskar Sengupta, General Manager, Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers in his presentation shared how quality assurance is done in shipbuilding at every step ranging from material to value addition by shipyard i.e. shipyard QA/ WOT/ Trial Agency.

Commodore Mukesh Bhargava (Retd), Senior Advisor, Member of the Board, L&T Defence mentioned that quality assurance needs to happen from the designing stage and minimalist inspection is important for the industry’s inspection and quality assurance.

Mr. M.K Gupta, Chair, Defence & HLS Committee, PHD Chamber suggested that Domestic manufacturers who have developed critical and strategic raw materials indigenously should be facilitated for testing and certification by CEMILAC/DGQA/DGAQA/DRDO. He suggested that enabling provisions should be incorporated in the testing and certification procedures of these institutions to ensure that indigenous manufacturers are given priority in the

testing and certification processes.

Mr. Vikram Sahgal, Co-chair, Defence & HLS Committee, PHD Chamber while giving the industry perspective, its challenges and opportunities faced by the indigenous manufacturing products especially Testing, Defence Policy Reforms and Certifications mentioned that there is a need for partnerships and tie-ups with foreign OEMs for seamless development.

Mr. Rudra Shriram, Co-chair, Defence & HLS Committee, PHD Chamber delivered the vote-of-thanks to all the delegates.

The session was moderated by Mr. Vivek Seigell, Assistant Secretary-General, PHD Chamber along with Col. K V Kuber, Director, Aerospace & Defence, Ernst & Young LLP and was attended by many industry stalwarts pan-India.



First row (L-R): Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, President, PHD Chamber; Mr. Bimal Jain, Chairman, Indirect Taxes Committee, PHD Chamber; Mr. N K Gupta, Senior Executive Director, S S Kothari Mehta & Co. Second row (L-R): Mr. Karan Sachdev, Joint Partner, Lakshmikumaran & Sridharan; Mr. Navya Malhotra, Partner, V K Dhingra & Co. and Ms. Monika Shingari, Joint Secretary, PHD Chamber

& industry; rather the government should work in a pro-active manner to provide real-time benefits to the nation during this time of crisis.

Mr. Navya Malhotra, Partner, V K Dhingra & Co. made a presentation on 'Important Changes in GST as COVID-19 measures'. He stated that the government has extended the deadline for filing GST returns, and reduced the interest and late fee for delayed return filing for March and April.

Mr. N K Gupta, Senior Executive Director, S S Kothari Mehta & Co. made a presentation on 'Important Changes in Customs as COVID-19 measures'. He said that in wake of the extraordinary situation owing to the COVID pandemic, Customs Department is working 24x7 to aid with seamless clearance of materials required for COVID treatment. He highlighted the various incentives provided for the procurement of medical oxygen and related accessories, ventilators, vaccine, medicines, etc.

Mr. Karan Sachdev, Joint Partner, Lakshmikumaran & Sridharan made a presentation on 'Relevance of Supreme Court judgement extending the limitation period w.r.t. filing of cases/appeals until further orders – Applicability in Indirect Taxes – GST'. He informed that the Supreme Court took suo moto cognizance of the COVID-19 pandemic and on March 23, 2020 it ordered that the period of limitation in filing petitions/ applications/ suits/ appeals/ all other proceedings, shall stand extended with effect from March 15, 2020 till further orders.

The webinar concluded with an extensive discussion with the participation of more than 750 delegates.



INDIRECT TAX RELIEF MEASURES IN VIEW OF COVID PANDEMIC

In order to discuss the implications of relief measures announced by the Government for meeting the compliance requirements under Indirect Taxes due to pandemic COVID-19, the Indirect Taxes Committee of PHD Chamber organized a webinar on 'Indirect Tax Relief Measures in view of COVID Pandemic' on May 13, 2021.

Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, President, PHD Chamber felt that the government has taken cognizance of the various challenges faced by the taxpayers in meeting the statutory and regulatory compliances under the

Goods and Services Tax (GST) law. He lauded the various relaxations granted by the Finance Ministry and CBIC for facilitating compliances under the Indirect Tax Law.

Mr. Bimal Jain, Chairman, Indirect Taxes Committee, PHD Chamber urged the Government to reduce the GST on COVID related Medicine and Oxygen Concentrators from 12% to 5% or less. He further observed that the eligibility to claim input tax credit for COVID relief materials must be granted without delay. He felt that presently the Government decisions are reactive to the demands of trade



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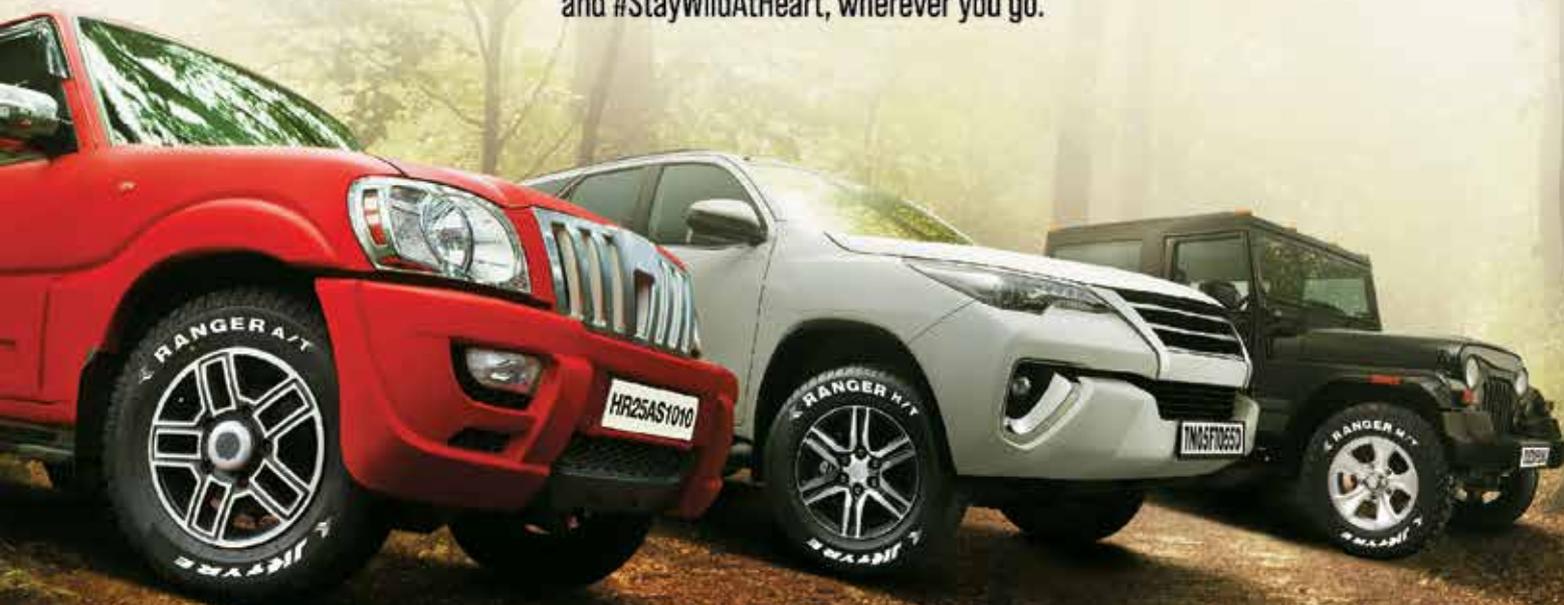


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WORLD TELECOMMUNICATION & INFORMATION SOCIETY DAY 2021 - ACCELERATING DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION IN CHALLENGING TIMES

The Telecom Committee of PHDCCI organized an interactive webinar on ‘World Telecommunication & Information Society Day 2021 with the theme Accelerating Digital Transformation in Challenging Times’ on May 17, 2021.

Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, President, PHDCCI in his presidential address spoke on how the pandemic has transformed peoples’ approach towards work, mobility and flexible working models. This is an opportune time for organizations to reflect on the digital talent base and leverage the downtime to build a pervasive digital skill foundation. He also added that in India’s new and emerging digital ecosystems of the future, there is a need for businesses to find new ways to engage with customers.

Mr. Sandeep Aggarwal, Mentor-

Telecom Committee, PHDCCI in his welcome remarks deliberated about the importance of World Telecommunication Day and the importance of telecommunication in connecting the world in these times of the pandemic. He mentioned that the digital economy will become the reason for India’s growth in the future and digital business transformation is the need of the hour for amplifying the working process.

Mr. Rajiv Gupta, Chairman-Telecom Committee, PHDCCI in his theme address, while sharing about the current scenario of India and change in the telecommunication sector amidst the pandemic, emphasized that it has highlighted the urgency of accelerating digital transformation. This crisis has highlighted the critical role of ICTs for the continued

functioning of societies and there is a need to mitigate the digital divide between urban and rural populations.

Mr. Hari Ranjan Rao, (IAS), Joint Secretary-Telecom Department of Telecommunication while appreciating the start-up and entrepreneurship sector mentioned that these companies have significantly contributed to the economy of various sectors in our country. He also deliberated that in the last few years, the telecom sector has proved its resilience and relevance and its sectoral achievements of the last decade are phenomenal. He underlined that the telecom fraternity has a role to ensure that everyone ranging from urban to rural population comes under the telecom network. The industry needs to think of the innovative ways to bring people back to company

roles, improving the lay-offs situation risen due to the pandemic. Process engineering is an area that the sector needs to work on, he added.

Throwing light on some of the challenges, Mr. Rao said that there is still a long way to go in terms of last mile connectivity especially in villages and access to broadband for everyone. Another challenge is affordability which is affecting the viability of the sector itself. Also the government services need to be digitized for the citizens via their mobile phones. Right of way for fibre network in the telecom infrastructure is still a bottleneck that needs to be resolved, he further added.

Appreciating the National Digital Communications Policy, Mr. Rao said that the recommendations from the policy provide an excellent platform for the sector to work on and so does the National Broadband Mission. Mr. Rao opined that a lot of lateral thinking is required. Innovative ways like setting up of National Fiber Authority and innovative ways to improve the quality of service are needed. He emphasized that there are a lot of real-

life constraints that exist in this sector, which are to be overcome and we all need to play a role in nation building in whatever capacity.

Lt. Gen. Dr S.P Kochhar, shared his views on the journey of the telecom sector in the last few years especially during the pandemic. Due to the pandemic, people have gone digital and are able to do business seamlessly. He elaborated on how this sector has worked phenomenally during this time, despite low profits. He said that in the coming years we will see a lot of digitalization.

He also stressed that subscribers, industry and the government need to work together to take this sector forward. He emphasized that 5G is all about connecting machines to machines and with the coming of Industry 4.0, we need to roll out a robust system with an adequate amount of bandwidth and compatibility.

Mr. Sanjeev Shriya, Founder, Smart Chip Private Limited said that ICTs have put India at the forefront of digitalization. He mentioned that Aadhar Program has been an integral

step towards India's digitalization followed by other programs like the pan-India vaccination program, digital transactions, financial payments, issuing digital certificate during vaccination, also for tracking vaccine and oxygen supplies.

He remarked that digital divide is more visible now during the pandemic and it has brought a societal change. Digitalization is being incorporated in every sector which helps in global collaboration and enhanced productivity.

Mr. Alok Mukherjee, Co-chairman-Telecom Committee, PHDCCI delivered the vote-of-thanks to the panellists. Mr. Saurabh Sanyal, Secretary General, PHDCCI interacted with the delegates and industry experts and thanked them for their views and insights about World Telecom Day. The session was moderated by Dr Yogesh Srivastav, Assistant Secretary General, PHDCCI. The webinar was attended by many senior members of PHDCCI, Embassy officials and stalwarts from the telecom industry.

GOVERNMENT SIMPLIFIES REGISTRATION PROCESS FOR MSMEs

Mr. Nitin Gadkari, Minister for Road Transport & Highways and Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, announced simplification of process for registration of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises. Addressing a webinar of SMEStreet GameChangers Forum, Mr. Gadkari said that now only PAN and Aadhaar will be required for registration of MSMEs. The Minister added that after getting registered, the MSME unit will be getting priority and finance. He said that there is a need to impart training to small units in fields of entrepreneurship and other related aspects. He assured full support of the Ministry of MSMEs and also expressed hope that banks and NBFCs will also provide full support to small businesses.

The Minister said that the MSMEs contribute significantly in the economic and social development of the country by fostering entrepreneurship and generating large employment opportunities. He said that with an objective of making India a global economic powerhouse, the vision of MSME aims towards building a supporting ecosystem for MSMEs to enhance their contribution towards the five trillion dollar economy. He said that in order to boost the economic activities of MSMEs, the Government has announced a special incentive package 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan' of 20 lakh crore rupees.

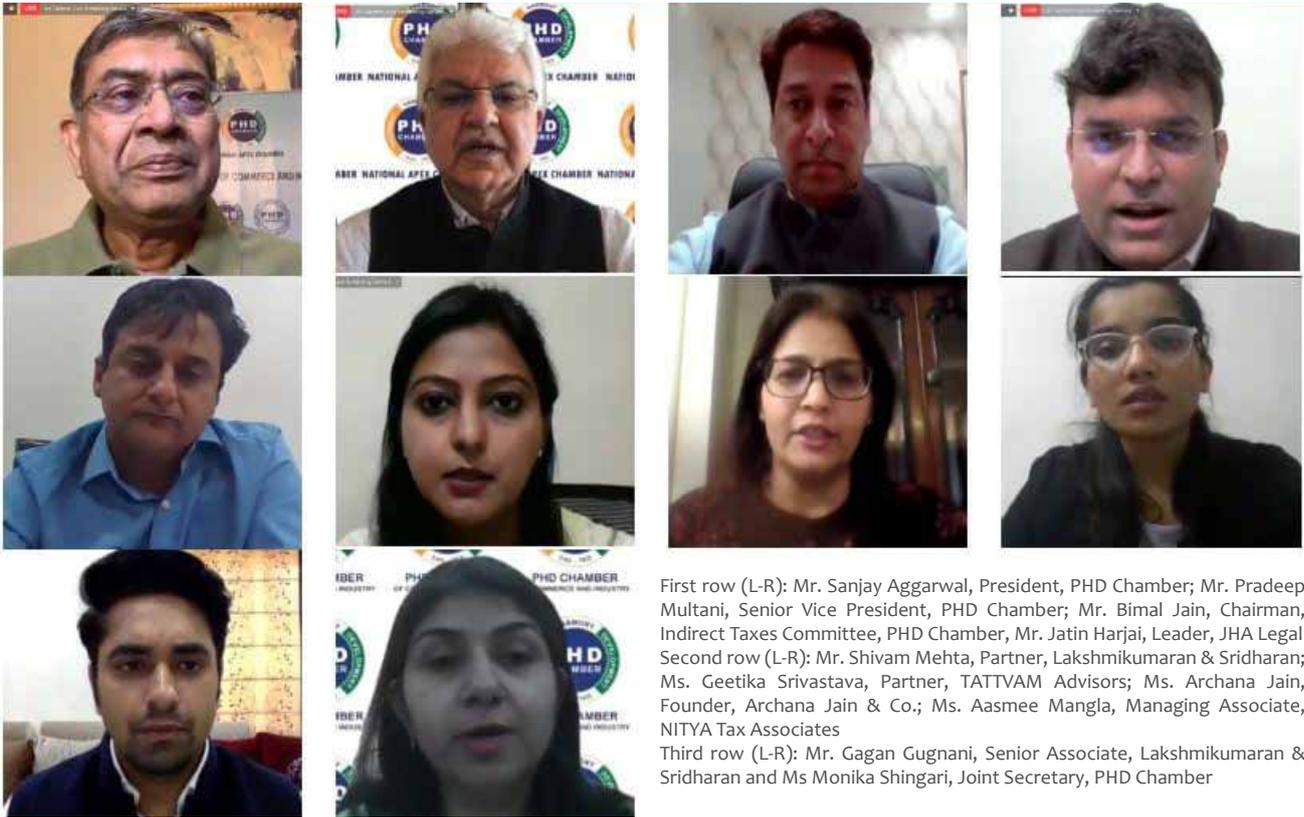




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Third row (L-R): Mr. Gagan Gugnani, Senior Associate, Lakshmikumaran & Sridharan and Ms Monika Shingari, Joint Secretary, PHD Chamber

BURNING PROCEDURAL ISSUES IN GST – GST ITC, GSTR 2A/2B, HSN/SAC CODE, E-INVOICING, QRMP ETC.

With the objective of sensitizing the taxpayers and to promote voluntary tax compliance, the Indirect Taxes Committee of PHD Chamber organized a webinar on “Burning Procedural Issues in GST–GST ITC, GSTR 2A/2B, HSN/SAC Code, E-Invoicing, QRMP etc.” on April 22, 2021.

Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, President, PHD Chamber, stated that Goods & Services Tax was introduced in 2017 with the objective of providing a simpler and transparent taxation system. However, till date, the GST is far from being a Good & Simple Tax as umpteen issues are being faced by the members of trade & industry and they only add to complexities in facilitating compliance.

Mr. Pradeep Multani, Senior Vice President, PHD Chamber said that there are ample issues of debate under GST. He mentioned that the rate of tax to be charged on a particular

product depends on the HSN/SAC codes specified under the GST law and wrong classification may lead to wrong chargeability, which further leads to wrong payment of taxes.

Mr. Bimal Jain, Chairman, Indirect Taxes Committee, PHD Chamber said that Industry needs requisite guidance and handholding from the Government for facilitating GST compliances. He further added that the industry is plagued with myriad of issues relating to Input Tax Credit, GSTR 2A/2B, Classification of Goods & Services under HSN/Service Accounting Code, E-Invoicing, Quarterly Return Filing and Monthly Payment of Taxes Scheme (QRMP), Valuation among others.

Ms. Aasmee Mangla, Managing Associate, NITYA Tax Associates highlighted that unlike erstwhile excise and custom regime, wherein there was a need to establish nexus of the input with the output product

or service but in GST the concept has been kept very wide and the only nexus that needs to be established is with the business.

Ms. Geetika Srivastava, Partner, TATTVAM Advisors made a presentation on ‘GST Input Tax Credit – Relevance of GSTR 2A/ 2B – Rule 36(4) of CGST Rules’. She explained in details relevance of GSTR 2A & 2B w.r.t. Rule 36(4) of CGST rules with numerous examples. She also explained ‘Reconciliation of GSTR 2A and GSTR 3B’ with various case studies.

Mr. Shivam Mehta, Partner and Mr. Gagan Gugnani, Senior Associate, Lakshmikumaran & Sridharan stated that the taxpayer having turnover of more than Rs. 5 crores in the preceding financial year has to furnish 6 digits HSN Code/SAC on the invoices issued for supplies of taxable goods and services and taxpayer having a turnover of up to Rs. 5 crores in the

preceding financial year is required to mandatorily furnish 4 digits HSN code on B2B invoices.

Mr. Jatin Harjai, Leader, JHA Legal stated that if the taxable person wants to generate E-Invoice through common Portal or his existing software or existing accounting system, he shall take registration with the GSTN at Invoice Registration

Portal otherwise such E-Invoice will be considered as an invalid invoice and Input Tax Credit (ITC) will not be available to the recipient on such invalid E-Invoice.

Ms. Archana Jain, Founder, Archana Jain & Co. said that every registered person who is required to furnish a return in FORM GSTR-3B having an aggregate turnover of up

to 5 crore rupees in the preceding financial year, is eligible for the QRMP Scheme (Notification No. 84/2020-Central Tax, dated 10th Nov, 2020) w.e.f from January 1, 2021.

The webinar concluded with an extensive discussion with the participation of more than 700 delegates.



INNOVATION, IPR WITH SPECIAL FOCUS ON ENTREPRENEURSHIP

The PHDCCI IP Facilitation Centre (IPFC), New Delhi in association with the Poona College of Pharmacy, Pune organized a “Virtual webinar on Innovation, IPR with Special Focus on Entrepreneurship” on May 7, 2021. The objective of the webinar was to understand the issues and challenges faced by the entrepreneurs and impart knowledge on Intellectual Property Rights among the young generation. The session was moderated by Dr Hemant K Jain, Professor, Poona College of Pharmacy, Bharati Vidyapeeth (Deemed to be University), Pune.

Dr Atmaram Pawar, Principal, Poona College of Pharmacy, Pune in his introductory address said

that Intellectual Property Rights have become quintessential for the economic and social development and can play the role of a game changer in business.

Dr Ranjeet Mehta, Deputy Secretary General, PHDCCI in his welcome remarks talked about the wide scope of entrepreneurship in our country, especially among the youth. He also talked about Leadership’s five core practices which are Model the Way, Inspire a Shared Vision, Challenge the Process, Enable Others to Act and Encourage the Heart. He said that everyone is a leader among us leading our life in our own way.

Mr. D P Goel, Co-chairman, MSME Committee, PHDCCI shared

his entrepreneurial journey by citing few examples on how he has grown in life. He underlined that to be an entrepreneur you have to set up a goal and then work hard towards it and achieve it, whatever problems come in your way, don’t lose hope believe in yourself. Take ownership of whatever you want in your life.

Ms. Mandira Roy, Director, Aadastra IP briefed about the basic components of IPR. She said that IP is basically a tool which manages all activities you are doing with knowledge. She emphasized that since the inventor obtains the exclusive right to the invention, the inventor can exercise this right by preventing others from commercially using the patented invention thereby reducing the competition and thus establishing a place in the commercial market.

The concluding remarks were given by Mr. Mithilesh Kumar, Joint Secretary, PHDCCI.



First Row: Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, President, PHD Chamber; Mr. Amit Yadav, IAS, Director General, Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT); Mr. Rajeev Talwar, Former President, PHD Chamber; Mr. Gopal Jwarajka, Former President, PHD Chamber
 Second Row: Mr. Saket Dalmia, Vice President, PHD Chamber; Mr. Vijay Kumar, Additional DGFT, Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT); Mr. Sanjay Bhatia, Former President, PHD Chamber; Mr. Anil Aggarwal, Additional DGFT
 Third Row: Mr. Sanjay Beswal, Co-chairman, FTIC, PHD Chamber; Mr. Nirmal Khandelwal, Co-chairman, FTIC, PHD Chamber; Mr. Vishal Dhingra, Chairman, FTIC, PHD Chamber; Mr. Hardeep Singh, Additional DGFT
 Forth Row: Mr. Saurabh Sanyal, Secretary General, PHD Chamber; Ms. Kritika Bhasin, Research Officer, PHD Chamber; Dr S P Sharma, Chief Economist | DSG, PHD Chamber and Mr. MH Khan, Associate Economist, PHD Chamber



RECENT POLICY INITIATIVES BY DGFT

The Foreign Trade & Investment Committee of PHD Chamber organized a Virtual Interaction on Recent Policy Initiatives by DGFT on May 14, 2021.

Mr. Amit Yadav, IAS, Director General, Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) stated that as compared to the year 2019, there has been a 16 percent growth in exports for the month of April 2021 primarily due to the contribution from sectors like engineering, gems & Jewellery, petroleum products, drugs and pharma, readymade garments and spices. He also mentioned that the situation was completely different last year when there was a complete halt even in the movement of goods and services. He stated that the government this year has restricted the lockdown to curfew in few places to ensure stability in the economy. Mr.

Yadav explained that the government is also working on the ways to reduce the number of compliance issues faced by the industries. He informed that the government has also set up a dedicated COVID 19 helpline to resolve the issues faced by the exporters pertaining to international trade such as custom clearance delays and banking issues. He assured that issues related to licensing, custom clearance delays, or documentation would be addressed. He informed that rates under the Remission of Duties and Taxes on Exported Products (RoDTEP) scheme will be announced soon.

Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, President, PHD Chamber, in his presidential address stated that the recent measures announced by the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT), such as, extension of Foreign Trade Policy for 6 months

till September 2021, amendments in COVID-19 related exports and imports, exemptions of custom duties on Remdesivir injections, COVID-19 vaccines & oxygen related equipments and other export promotion schemes are very well timed. He explained that SEIS Scheme has still not been extended for the year 2019-20, despite having been announced. This is blocking funds of many service export organizations and he requested that it be opened for the year 2020-21. With regard to Duty Exemption Scheme, he also suggested the simplification of Advance Authorization Scheme to help exporters who struggle to get the issuance and redemption. He also requested for a ZERO Period from March 2020-September 2021 for Export Obligation purposes for both Duty Exemption and EPCG Schemes because this period has been

practically a washout for the MSMEs. This will not only provide a big relief to a lot of exporters immediately but also encourage them to find newer export markets.

Mr. Saket Dalmia, Vice President, PHD Chamber, delivered the vote-of-thanks and stated that surviving in the domestic scenario is a difficult task and small companies are mostly affected, as resources are also limited.

Mr. Vijay Kumar, Additional DGFT, Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) gave his views on issues such as, extension in advance operations at DPCG on which they are working as of now and on simplification of advance licensing. He stated that this scheme has been in place for more than four decades and they have taken all the necessary steps to make it simpler. He added that this scheme is fairly stabilised. He also informed about the ongoing scheme MOOWR under section 65 which is entirely run by Customs Department, where any exporter can import duty free inputs and capital goods without payment of customs duties.

Mr. Anil Aggarwal, Additional DGFT, Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) informed about the two initiatives on the IT side, that all the IC (IeC) holders need to update their IC profile/data once a year between April-June. He mentioned that from April 15, 2021, they have on board a NON-preferential certificate of origin on the same portal of Preferential Certificate of Origin. He requested PHD Chamber

to circulate this information among all the members at regular intervals.

Mr. Hardeep Singh, Additional DGFT, Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT), Government of India, informed that all the applications for import licensing are now online, so there is no need to go to the regional authorities for the issuance of import licenses.

Mr. Sanjay Bhatia, Former President, PHD Chamber and Managing Director, Hindustan Tin Works Ltd. raised queries about the timeline for MEIS, RoDTEP rates and general extension of advance licenses.

Mr. Gopal Jiwrajka, Former President, PHD Chamber and Chairman & Managing Director, Salora International Ltd., suggested that there are various pending matters with DGFT under different schemes, which need to be addressed as soon as possible for the benefit of traders.

Mr. Rajeev Talwar, Former President, PHD Chamber and CEO & Whole Time Director, DLF Ltd., stated that India has around US\$ 600 billion in Foreign exchange reserves and out of which around US\$ 100 billion can be spent to make exports more competitive at the international level.

Mr. Vishal Dhingra, Chairman, Foreign Trade & Investment Committee, PHD Chamber, highlighted the topic of the 18 percent GST paid by the exporters on overseas client where the industry is not able to take the benefit of input credit.

Mr. Sanjay Beswal, Co-chairman, Foreign Trade and Investment Committee, PHD Chamber, spoke on advance authorization scheme and explained the issues related to the annual advance licensing, restrictions on merchant trading, certificate of origin (Re-exporting) and exempted GST. He stated that the certificate of origin issued for a non-preferential agreement has a condition that the good has to be manufactured in India, which needs to be addressed soon.

Mr. Nirmal Khandelwal, Co-chairman, Foreign Trade and Investment Committee, PHD Chamber, appreciated the recent measures taken by the DGFT for facilitation of foreign trade in the country.

Mr. Vipin Vohra, Co-chairman, Logistics and Civil Aviation Committees, PHD Chamber, spoke on the issue regarding the licenses issued by the DGFT for the services export four years back and requested DGFT to address the same.

Mr. D P Goel, Co-chairman, MSME Committee, PHD Chamber, stated that due to the lockdown, industry is not getting basic raw materials to operate their business, so the government needs to ensure that there is some kind of a restriction on their exports as well.

Mr. Saurabh Sanyal, Secretary General, PHD Chamber delivered the vote-of-thanks to all the members of PHD Chamber and industry stakeholders.



DRAFT RULES RELATING TO EMPLOYEE'S COMPENSATION UNDER THE CODE ON SOCIAL SECURITY, 2020

The Ministry of Labour and Employment has notified the draft rules relating to Employee's Compensation under the Code on Social Security, 2020 on June 3, 2021 for inviting objections and suggestions, if any, from the stakeholders. The Code on Social Security, 2020 amends and consolidates the laws relating to social security with the goal to extend social security to employees and workers in the organized as well as unorganized sectors. Chapter VII (Employee's Compensation) of the Social Security Code, 2020 envisages, inter-alia, provisions relating to employer's liability for compensation in case of fatal accidents, serious bodily injuries or occupational diseases. The draft Employee's Compensation rules notified by the Central Government provide for the provisions relating to manner of application for claim or settlement, rate of interest for delayed payment of compensation, venue of proceedings and transfer of matters, notice and manner of transmitting money from one competent authority to another and arrangements with other countries for the transfer of money paid as compensation. The draft rules under the Code on Social Security, 2020 relating to Employees' Provident Fund, Employees' State Insurance Corporation, Gratuity, Maternity Benefit, Social Security and Cess in respect of Building and Other Construction Workers, Social Security for Unorganised Workers, Gig Workers and Platform Workers and Employment Information were notified on November 13, 2020.

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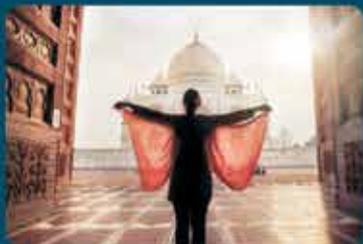
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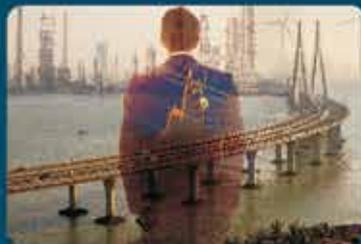
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CSIR-CMERI OXYGEN ENRICHMENT TECHNOLOGY FOR THE MSMES TO STEP-IN FOR AN OXYGEN SUFFICIENT INDIA

The MSME Committee of PHD Chamber organized a webinar on “CSIR-CMERI Oxygen Enrichment Technology for the MSMEs to step-in for an Oxygen Sufficient India” on May 18, 2021. The objective of the webinar is to know the details of the technology, procedure for transfer of technology, statutory requirement towards testing of the technology and how to start up the fabrication immediately, use of Oxygen Concentrator in cutting and other industries, requirement of Concentrator plant in the post COVID era, whether Oxygen can be stored through a Concentrator and consequences of continuous operation of the device.

Prof. (Dr) Harish Hirani, Director, CSIR-CMERI addressed the audience.

Mr. Pradeep Multani, Senior Vice President, PHDCCI said that Oxygen-enriched combustion is one of the latest technologies that may improve combustion efficiency depending on the exhaust gas temperature and percentage of oxygen in the combustion air. The Council of Scientific and Industrial Research’s (CSIR) Central Mechanical Engineering

Research Institute (CMERI) “oxygen enrichment” technology has been developed by one of its laboratories to meet the oxygen demand and minimise the supply chain problem of transportation and storage risks related to oxygen cylinders amid the COVID-19 outbreak. He also mentioned that there is an absolute need to adopt innovative technologies to improve energy efficiency with minimum possible environment emissions and conservation of natural resources.

Mr. Mohit Jain, Chairperson, MSME Committee, PHDCCI said that in Post-COVID scenario, the Oxygen Enrichment Units can be a game-changer for ailing aged persons as well as Therapeutic Usage of Oxygen, because it helps in de-toxification. He stated that CSIR-CMERI’s technology can prove to be a milestone for the MSMEs in bridging the demand and supply gap of Oxygen in the current pandemic period. He urged the MSMEs to take advantage of the technology, which may turn out to be a good opportunity for them.

Prof. Harish Hirani, Director, CSIR-CMERI emphasized upon the use of

Oxygen Concentrators which have the potential to be the life saver. Proper management of Liquid Oxygen cylinders and having the alternative strategies of Oxygen Concentrators may help us to fight the pandemic efficiently. Prof. Hirani also said that CSIR-CMERI envisages the need for networking of more and more number of MSME entrepreneurs so that the manufacturing of Oxygen Concentrators can be started at mass scale rapidly to fulfil the demand for Oxygen.

He said that the Oxygen Enrichment Unit (OEU) helps in saving of Oxygen in comparison to the Oxygen cylinders. Sometimes very high flow of Oxygen using the cylinders may cause Oxygen Toxicity which may be fatal to human beings. Proper handling of the OEU, trained technical personal are also needed and CSIR-CMERI can provide assistance in skill development of such technical personnel.

The concluding remarks were given by Mr. D P Goel, Co- chair, MSME Committee, PHDCCI during the webinar.





LEVERAGING IOT AND AI IN MINING SECTOR



The Minerals and Metals Committee of PHD Chamber organized a Webinar on ‘Leveraging IOT and AI in Mining Sector’ on May 27, 2021. The benefits and potential applications of AI and IoT are enormous for the mining industry as this industry is still using legacy practices and technologies stated the Chief Guest, Mr. M. Nagaraju, IAS, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Coal. He mentioned that India is slow to adopt newer technologies as compared to other countries. There is a need for the industry to focus and invest in the technologies, and have collaboration between research bodies and industry. Mr. Nagaraju highlighted the need to invest in research and applications of AI and IoT for mining as these technologies will be cost-saving leading to more profits; high levels of productivity, improved quality and bring efficiency in the system.

Dr Ravi Prakash, Senior Principal and Head of AI/ML and Engineering Data Analytics COE, Infosys Limited,

and Mr. Madhu Bharadwaj S, Lead Consultant, Advanced Engineering Group, Infosys Limited in their presentation discussed the programs, services and development undertaken by Infosys in leveraging Integrated Product Development; Networking and Communication Engineering; IoT assessment and implementation and incubating emerging technologies. He also discussed vehicle telemetry and operational diagnostics for the mining industry- its business context, approach, and benefits.

Prof Alok Porwal, Professor and Head, CSRE, IIT Bombay gave an in-depth presentation on AI in the Mineral Sector, wherein he deliberated about the challenges and opportunities in the mineral sector; increase in resources; improvement in the viability of mining projects, and harnessing the power of archived data.

Mr. Anil K. Chaudhary, Chairman, Minerals & Metals Committee, PHD Chamber while giving industry perspective mentioned that in India

where a lot of mining is happening manually, there is a need to go a step further and leverage AI and IoT for improving mining, protecting and bringing efficiency in this sector.

Mr. Naveen Jindal, Co-chairman, Minerals & Metals Committee, PHD Chamber while delivering the vote-of-thanks to all the delegates and participants lauded the diligent efforts of the government in transforming the working of coal and making it more transparent. Digital mining is a reality now and the sooner we will adopt these technologies, the better we will for the industry.

Mr. Saurabh Sanyal, Secretary-General, PHD Chamber in his Welcome Remarks complimented the Government of India for announcing bold structural reforms in the Mining sector which have started giving results and we are now on the path towards making India Atma Nirbhar in mining, coal, and steel sectors. While giving a background about the strength of the mining sector in being a strong pillar of the economy, he mentioned that this sector has lagged in the adoption of new technology but the advances in the Internet of Things (IoT) and Artificial Intelligence (AI) offer a ray of hope.

The webinar was moderated by Dr Yogesh Srivastav, Assistant Secretary General, PHD Chamber and was

attended by many industry stalwarts around the country.

The webinar was followed by a technical session on ‘Leveraging IOT & AI in Mining Sector: Smart Mining 2.0’ which was moderated by Mr. Anil K. Chaudhary, Chairman, Minerals & Metals Committee, PHD Chamber

and witnessed the deliberations of Mr. Kousik Maiti, Associate Director, Pricewaterhouse Coopers; Mr. Sudip Chaudhuri, Head - Mining Practice, Wipro Limited; Mr. Alok K. Verma, Director - Mining Business, Hexagon Mining and Dr Siddhartha Agarwal, Assistant Professor, IIT ISM Dhanbad.

Mr. Ravi Gupta, Co-chairman, Minerals & Metals Committee, PHD Chamber delivered the concluding remarks at the technical session.

The webinar was supported by Swadesh Green Infra Ltd.



IMPLICATIONS OF PLI SCHEME ON INDIA’S MANUFACTURING AND TRADE COMPETITIVENESS

The Industry Affairs Committee of PHD Chamber organized an interactive session on Implications of PLI scheme on ‘India’s Manufacturing and Trade Competitiveness’ on 3rd June 2021.

The esteemed speakers were Ms. Sumita Dawra, Additional Secretary, Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India, Dr Ajay Dua, Former Secretary, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Mr. Kuntal Sensarma, Economic Adviser, Ministry of Food Processing Industries and Mr. Jay Karan Singh, Trade Adviser, Ministry of Textiles.

Chief Guest, Ms. Sumita Dawra in her address mentioned that the Production of IT Hardware is expected

to reach Rs.1.6 trillion. She further explained that in the pharma sector, bulk drugs have received Rs. 5400 crores, medical devices- Rs. 870 crores and 3rd PLI for Pharma has received Rs. 15000 crores in investments; the food processing sector has received Rs. 34000 crores in investments. She said that the PLI scheme is already generating a transformation and is expected to generate further benefits over the next five years.

Dr Ajay Dua stated that the PLI scheme has the potential to increase India’s production capacity in multiples but to enhance Indian goods’ global competitiveness, the scheme has to be WTO compliant. Mr. Kuntal Sensarma elucidated the objective of the PLI scheme for the

food processing sector is to boost exports and create global champions.

Mr. Jay karan Singh mentioned the potential of the product focused incentive scheme of textile sector will enhance the productivity of textile sector manufacturers.

Mr. Sandeep Aggarwal, Chairman, Industry Affairs Committee, PHD Chamber emphasized that in the wake of the international trade regulations, the production linked incentive scheme (PLI) is probably the best scheme to make the Indian manufacturing sector more competitive. He suggested creating a real time basis information sharing link on PLI to deliver benefits of the scheme to the stakeholders.

Mr. Vishwanath, Co-chairman, Industry Affairs Committee, PHD Chamber delivered the vote-of-thanks to the dignitaries.

Mr. Sandeep Aggarwal explained the spillover benefits of PLI to India’s producers, consumers, economy and the government.



TESTING PROTOCOLS & STABILITY STUDIES OF AYUSH PRODUCTS



The AYUSH Committee, PHD Chamber organized a webinar on “Testing Protocols & Stability Studies of AYUSH Products” on May 27, 2021.

Mr. Pradeep Multani, Senior Vice President, PHD Chamber mentioned about the growing awareness of health care and said that people are moving towards Herbal products. He also highlighted that present volume of protocol for testing of Ayurveda, Siddha and Unani products contains various parameters for different categories of single and compound formulations, limits for heavy metals, microbial load, pesticide residue and methods for determination of safety and quality parameters.

Mr. Multani also talked about benefits of stability testing including concern for wellbeing of the patient and manufacturer by ensuring the product quality, which helps in selection of adequate formulations, excipients and container closure systems for a product.

Mr. Arvind Varchaswi, Chair,

AYUSH Committee, PHD Chamber mentioned about traditional or alternative medicines, which are widely used in the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of an extensive range of ailments. He said that stability of finished herbal products can be determined by testing for properties susceptible to storage conditions which include physical properties like organoleptic characteristics, physical condition, particle size, etc.

Dr J.L.N. Sastry, CEO, National Medicinal Plants Board, Ministry of AYUSH talked about various provisions related to labeling and packaging of AYUSH products. Dr Sastry also shared various rules, acts and guidelines, which the industry needs to comply with. He further explained different categories of materials used for testing of finished goods and requirements of pharmacopoeia. He mentioned that Shelf life studies and date of expiry have been made mandatory for the licensing of AYUSH drugs. He suggested that the design of the stability testing program should

take into account the intended market and the climate conditions of the area in which the drug products will be used. Dr Sastry also shared few guidelines and talked about normal storage conditions defined by World Health Organization related to testing protocols.

Dr Pankaj Goyal, Deputy Director, National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL) shared a brief presentation about general guidelines for drug development of Ayurvedic Formulations by CCRAS Ministry of AYUSH. He also talked about Drugs & Cosmetic Act and directions about which area is applicable for exports by the Government.

Dr Goyal apprised that NABL is working to bring all Drug and AYUSH product Testing Laboratories under Accreditations as per ISO. He also mentioned about recent developments & initiatives taken by NABL in digitalization of the portal and creating an online e-learning portal called QUEST.

Mr. Jitender Sodhi, Co- chair, AYUSH Committee, PHD Chamber & Managing Director, AYUSH Herbs Pvt. Ltd. mentioned that the growing demand and global acceptance of herbal medicines has dramatically changed the dynamics of this industry and the need for herbal testing. Due to the complex nature of herbal formulations, it becomes very difficult to apply standard quality control parameters.

Mr. Sodhi explained that the purpose of stability testing is to provide evidence on how the quality of a drug substance or drug product varies with time under the influence of variety of environmental factors such as temperature, humidity, light and

also to establish a re-test period for drug substance or a shelf life for drug products.

Dr Saurabh Arora, Executive Director, Analytical Division, Arbro Pharmaceuticals Pvt. Ltd. shared a brief presentation about testing procedures of any product and its regulatory requirements and guidelines. Dr Arora talked about test parameters, acceptance criteria, test storage conditions and sample management about any product.

Mr. J P Sinha, Vice President, Analytical Division, Multani Pharmaceuticals Ltd. explained about testing protocol for AYUSH Products and Botanical parameters which plays an importance role in testing of any

product.

Dr Arvind Tripathi, Manager, Quality Control, Hamdard Laboratories India explained that Stability varies and completely depends on various factors like nature and ingredients, packaging and storage conditions of any product. He also mentioned about the importance of test parameters, which are widely used in testing.

Mr. Vivek Seigell, Assistant Secretary General, PHD Chamber delivered the vote-of-thanks to the eminent panelists as well as the sponsors and associated media partners for their support.

HALLMARKING OF GOLD MADE MANDATORY IN 256 DISTRICTS

Mr. Pramod Kumar Tiwari, Director General, Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) briefed about the Mandatory Hallmarking of Gold Jewellery scheme which has come into force from June 16, 2021. The DG, BIS while addressing the facets of Mandatory Hallmarking shared that mandatory hallmarking has initially started with 256 districts of the country, which have Assaying and hallmarking centres. He further added that Jewellers with annual turnover upto Rs. 40 lakh will be exempted from mandatory Hallmarking. Export and re-import of jewellery as per Trade Policy of Government of India - Jewellery for international exhibitions and jewellery for government approved B2B domestic exhibitions will also be exempted from mandatory Hallmarking. Watches, fountain pens and special types of jewellery viz. Kundan, Polki and Jadau will be exempted from Hall Marking.

The registration of jewellers will be one-time and there will be no fees will be charged from jewellers for registration. Any manufacturer, importer, wholesaler, distributor or retailer engaged in selling precious metal articles has to mandatorily get registered with BIS. However, artisans or manufacturers who are manufacturing the gold jewellery on job work basis for the jewellers and are not directly related to sale to anyone in the chain are exempted for registration. While briefing DG, BIS said that the Hallmark shall be done at the first point of sale which may be manufacturer, whole-seller, distributor or retailer. Alteration in the Hallmarked jewellery up to 2 grams of increase or decrease will be allowed with responsibility of purity on the jeweller.





UNIVERSAL ACCESS TO PATENT FREE COVID-19 VACCINE AND TREATMENT: THE WAY AHEAD



A webinar on “Universal Access to Patent Free COVID-19 Vaccine and Treatment: The Way Ahead” was conducted by Pacific Legal Forum of Pacific School of Law in Association with PHDCCI IP Facilitation Centre (IPFC), New Delhi on May 25, 2021. Prof. Mahima Birla, Dean, FOM PAHERU, Udaipur gave the introductory remarks.

Dr Ranjeet Mehta, DSG, PHD Chamber stated that there is vast inequality in vaccines in the world.

Mr. Naveen Verma, Senior Partner, ZeusIP Advocates LLP suggested that countries with capabilities should come out with all possible measures and help the countries which are suffering in this hour of need. He highlighted the possibilities that companies should make mutual contracts and ask for permission for using the patented drugs after some negotiation.

Prof. Subhash Sharma, Director, Pacific School of Law, PAHERU, Udaipur invited the eminent speaker on the subject, Professor Bhagwati Prakash Sharma Hon’ble Vice Chancellor, Gautam Buddha University, Greater Noida to address

the august gathering.

Prof. B P Sharma, Vice Chancellor GBU, Noida emphasized the need for making concerted efforts to negotiate with the inventors of the COVID vaccines on technology transfer as without technology transfer patent waivers would not prove to be helpful and effective in ramping up the manufacture of vaccines and addressing the acute shortage of vaccines and related treatment for COVID-19. Prof B P Sharma spoke on the relevant provisions of the TRIPS Agreement of the World Trade Organization particularly Article 7 which specifically provided for technological innovation and transfer of technology. Prof B P Sharma also dealt with the TRIPS flexibility of compulsory licensing provisions that India had adopted by 2002 Amendment to its domestic legislation i.e. THE PATENTS ACT 1970.

Prof Sharma further explained that the compulsory licensing provisions are quite effective to address the issues of public health and easy and affordable access to life-saving drugs. He quoted the landmark case of NATCO Pharma for the liver and kidney cancer drug sorafenib

tosylate brand name NEXAVAR of 2012. Prof B P Sharma explained that this was the first compulsory license granted by India. In this case, BAYER A G, the German drug maker lost against NATCO Pharma, the Indian Pharmaceutical Company because the Controller General of Patents, Mr. P H Kurian was convinced with the arguments and the offer of NATCO PHARMA to make the generic version of NEXAWAR available to patients in just Rs. 8880 as against the exorbitant price of patented drug of Rs 2.80 lakh for one month’s treatment.

Prof. B P Sharma however argued that in COVID- 19 pandemic it was not advisable for India to adopt compulsory licensing provisions as no vaccine manufacturer had applied for and granted patent for vaccines in India. Moreover, compulsory licensing was a time consuming and product specific process, In addition to procuring raw materials and inputs for vaccine production was a key challenge for India.

Prof Sharma cited another landmark judgement of the Supreme Court of India delivered in NOVARTIS A G VERSUS UNION OF INDIA in which NOWARTIS lost its patent

case for its beta crystalline form of imatinib mesylate brand name GLIVAC. Supreme Court rejected the NOVARTIS case on the touch stone of section 3 (d) of The Patents Act 1970 holding that beta crystalline form of imatinib mesylate was a derivative of imatinib mesylate which was a known substance having no therapeutic efficacy. Prof B P Sharma stated that section 3(d) was a unique act of legislation that India had introduced

and other countries had followed suit.

Prof B P Sharma gave invaluable suggestions for addressing the issue of shortage of vaccines and related treatment by advocating the voluntary license. Prof B P Sharma argued that India should encourage major multinational vaccine manufacturing companies for entering into voluntary licenses and major domestic Pharma companies should be allowed to enter into such voluntary licensing

agreements with reasonable royalty payments. Lastly, Prof B P Sharma also emphasized the urgent need for the international community to create pressure on the WTO for patent waivers.

Prof. K.K. Dave, President, PAHERU, Udaipur shared his views about the concept of Patents in this Pandemic.

CSR INITIATIVES BY DALMIA BHARAT GROUP TO FIGHT COVID-19 SECOND WAVE

Dalmia Bharat Group (DBG) has been providing all possible support to its Employees, their families, the society, frontline workers, marginalized community & local administration authorities since the onset of the pandemic. To combat the intensity of the second wave of the virus in India, the organization has provided Free Doctor's Consultation for all its Employees & family members. It has formed a COVID Task Force and tied-up with a medical agency that is helping Employees/family members in hospital admission, ambulance service, doorstep delivery of medical instruments/medicines, Pan India basis 24*7, tied up with Oyo Rooms to provide isolation center facility to affected employees/family in Corporate & Regional Offices.

DBG has been conducting on-site & off-site vaccination drive for its Employees, staff & workers and families across all its manufacturing units, Regional Offices & Corporate Office. More than 90% of the people above 45 years have been inoculated, while the other age group beneficiaries are progressing with every passing day.

The Company has been providing medical instruments, safety gears and critical medical equipment to State Governments across multiple

locations to support in mitigating the ongoing crisis. Furthermore, DBG has also initiated installation of Oxygen Generating Plants at its manufacturing units to produce medical grade Oxygen to extend a helping hand to its Employees and local people. These include:

1. The Company is endeavoring to install seven Oxygen Generating Plants of capacity ranging between 10-30 M³/hour for Rajgangpur (Odisha), Dalmiapuram (TN), Kadappa (AP), Belgaum (Karnataka), Lanka (Assam), Murali (Maharashtra) locations. The O₂ Plants will be set up at our manufacturing units and few at local hospitals. The O₂ plants at units can later be utilized for captive Industrial purpose once the crisis is over.
2. The Company has donated Oxygen cylinders to local authorities and have placed orders of 1000 cylinders for Rajgangpur, 100 cylinders each for all four manufacturing unit in South and other locations, procured Oxygen Concentrators in bulk for people at its units, Corporate & Regional Offices and for donation to local hospitals.
3. The Company has donated of over 2000 Isolation Kits to Bokaro District administration, distributed Oximeters, Digital Thermometers and thousands of masks to frontline

workers & local people under "Breath Safe" initiative. They have also distributed hand sanitizers & gloves in bulk and packed meals to frontline workers and groceries to local people. These activities were carried out across all locations where DBG has its presence Pan India.

4. All Occupational Health Centers (OHC) situated within the manufacturing units have been converted into isolation centers with multiple beds to treat COVID affected people in the unit and the OHCs are well equipped with basic medical facilities including oxygen cylinders.

5. The Company honored Rs 1.50 Cr to CM Relief Fund, Govt. of Assam to support the vaccination drive. Besides, monetary donation to District Administrations has been made at other locations to support purchase of medical equipment.

6. The Company has donated infrastructure to Primary Health Centers and local hospitals like hospital beds, fumigation of its plants and society are among the ongoing activities across all locations.

The company is also taking initiatives to spread awareness about COVID-19 appropriate behavior and safety norms and encouraging every individual above 18 years to get vaccinated.



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SIDBI FINANCIAL SCHEMES FOR MSMEs

The Chandigarh Chapter of PHD Chamber organized a Virtual Session on ‘SIDBI Financial Schemes for MSMEs’ on May 7, 2021 to apprise businesses about SHWAS and AROG Schemes recently launched by SIDBI to facilitate funding to MSMEs for production and services required during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Welcoming the speakers and participants, Mr. Madhu Sudan Vij, Chair, Chandigarh Chapter, PHDCCI apprised that the Chamber has signed an MoU with SIDBI to guide and assist the MSMEs to avail the benefit of the various schemes and products of SIDBI at competitive rates.

Mr. Mohit Jain, Chair, MSME Committee, PHDCCI & Joint Managing Director, PMV Malting Private Ltd. informed participants that PHD-MSME Mentoring and Guidance Centre is an initiative of PHDCCI that offers a number of services to MSMEs to help

them expand their businesses and become globally competitive. PHDCCI has signed an MoU with SIDBI to facilitate its Members to avail various SIDBI schemes with comparative ease and better terms.

Giving details of SHWAS & AROG Schemes, Mr. Piyush Bhargava, AGM, Chandigarh Branch, SIDBI apprised that two new quick credit delivery schemes have been launched for MSMEs engaged in manufacturing of any product or providing any service which are related to fighting COVID-19 pandemic such as supply of oxygen cylinders, oxygen concentrators, oximeters and essential drugs. The aim of the new initiatives is to help MSMEs quickly augment their facilities which will help the nation in strengthening capabilities to fight the pandemic, he added. He clarified that these schemes are meant only for manufacturers and not traders.

Mr. Bhargava mentioned that SHWAS Scheme is applicable to units manufacturing oxygen gas, oxygen cylinders, oxygen concentrators, oxygen transportation and storage whereas AROG Scheme provides loan for units manufacturing products required for direct fight against COVID-19 like oximeters, essential drugs, sanitizers, face masks, etc. He said under both SHWAS and AROG schemes, 100 per cent funding of up to an amount of Rs 2 crores is provided to an MSME unit at an interest rate of 4.50-6% annually within 48 hours after receipt of all the documents and information.

Mr. Suvrat Khanna, Co-chair, Chandigarh Chapter, PHDCCI delivered the vote-of-thanks to the guests and hoped the participants will get full support from SIDBI for their loan requirements.



BIO PHARMA - THE EMERGING ERA OF HEALTHCARE FOR PHARMACEUTICAL SECTOR



The Chandigarh Chapter of PHD Chamber organized a Virtual Session on 'Bio Pharma - The Emerging Era of Healthcare for Pharmaceutical Sector' on May 13, 2021 to deliberate on present trends in the Bio Pharma sector.

Welcoming the speakers and participants, Mr. R S Sachdeva, Mentor Punjab State Chapter, PHDCCI mentioned that India caters to nearly 50% of the global demand for pharmaceutical products, most of which are based on the usage of biotechnological applications. Currently, bio-pharmaceuticals are one of the fastest growing biotechnology segments in India. India is considered to be a significant center for bio-pharmaceutical research and development (R&D), especially for vaccine manufacturing, he added.

Moderating the session, Col Rajiv

Bhargava, Associate Director, Munjal Institute for Global Manufacturing, ISB, Mohali shared that India's biotechnology industry is expected to reach US\$ 150 billion by 2025 with biopharmaceuticals having a major share. He added that medicine spending in India is projected to grow 912% over the next five years and domestic demand will drive the sector.

Dr Sanjeev Khosla, Director, CSIR-Institute of Microbial Technology, Ministry of Science and Technology, said that the COVID pandemic has taught us many lessons and highlighted our shortcomings. He added that biologics can leapfrog India into a global leader. He said industry and academics should focus on dealing with photosynthetic technology and tissue engineering as they have great potential in biopharma.

Dr Khosla mentioned that 3D Cell culture is increasingly used in food

industry. He added that replacing animal meat with synthetic one could make a huge difference. He suggested that focus should be on synthetic microbionics and instead of using synthetic drugs alone to treat patients as a combination of drugs and cell based therapy, can give better results. AI based therapy also needs to be included in treatment, he added.

Explaining Government Perspective on multiple Regulatory Bodies, Dr Khosla said the Government wants to ensure high quality of drugs as lives of people are at stake. He added that digitization would be helpful in the matter as the process can be harmonized and speeded up as digital information can easily be shared with different Regulatory Bodies.

He suggested that in any research work, industry should be on board from the beginning as this would help in better industry-academia collaboration and for building trust.

Dr Vadiraja B. Bhat, Business Development Manager, Agilent Technologies, India stated that India has become a major producer of generics drugs and is also entering the biosimilars market. Dr Bhat stated that RNA manufacturing of biosimilars can address the demand and technology can solve the issue of scalability. He said that AI based automation and other newer technologies can help in quality control as well as in mass production.

Dr Bhat mentioned that biopharmaceutical has a global market. He said as drugs are directly injected into human body, therefore, quality control is critical. He informed that the Indian manufacturing guidelines for biopharmaceuticals are aligned with global guidelines to maintain high quality standards. Dr Bhat opined that technologies like AI, cloud computing and machine learning can help in lowering the cost of R&D and new products.

Col Rajiv Bhargava, Associate Director, Munjal Institute for Global Manufacturing, ISB, Mohali delivered the vote-of-thanks to the speakers for sharing valuable insights on different aspects of bio-pharma.



AWARENESS PROGRAM ON ENERGY EFFICIENCY FOR SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENT MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY

The Haryana State Chapter of PHD Chamber in association with Haryana Renewable Energy Development Agency (HAREDA) organized an awareness program on 'Energy Efficiency for Scientific Instrument Manufacturing Industry in Haryana' on May 12, 2021. The objective of the program was to educate the industry about the ways and means of Energy Efficiency.

Welcoming the speakers and participants, Mr. Sanjay Gupta, Convener, Ambala Zone, PHDCCI

and President Ambala Scientific Instruments Manufacturing Association said that energy efficiency interventions are one of the most cost-effective means of achieving a low carbon transition and reducing the cost of energy. He added that at present when the COVID-19 surge in the country has created an alarming situation, there is a great need for clean environment and energy efficiency can significantly reduce carbon footprints.

Mr. Vikas Varma, Director,

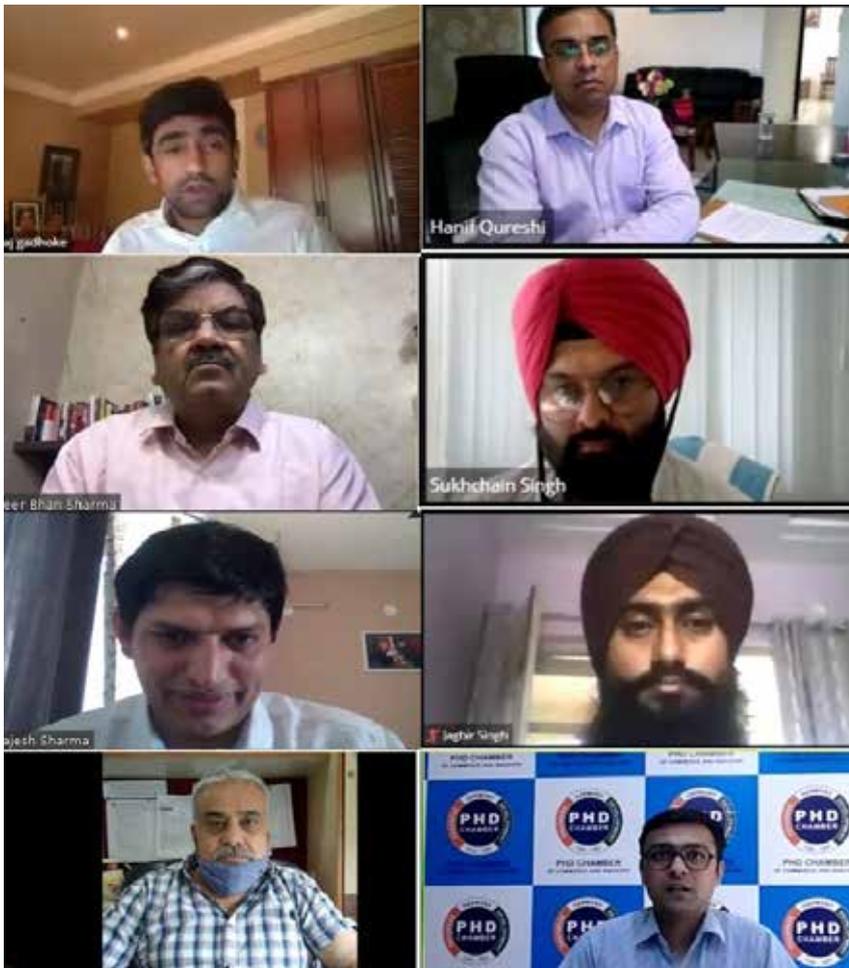
Electromotive Engineers made a presentation on 'Energy Efficiency through Power Factor'. He informed that AC power is supplied for both residential and industrial use. He explained that a part of the electrical energy is wasted due to the lagging power factor in the inductive loads which is used in the system. The power factor of power system is continuously changing due to differences in the size and number of the equipment being used at a time. This makes it challenging to balance the inductive and capacitive loads continuously, he elucidated.

Mr. Shubh Adesh Mittal, Director, Systems and Service Power Controls also made a presentation to explain how energy efficiency can be achieved in industry. Mr. Mittal suggested that fully automatic power correction panels can be installed to improve energy efficiency and reduce power losses.

Mr. Kamlesh Jha, CEO, Padmashtdal Energy Services made a presentation on 'Energy Efficiency through HVAC and other Energy Consuming Devices'. He mentioned that energy efficiency can be achieved by adopting new technology. He said that optimisation of load factor can reduce the cost of energy. He suggested that sub meters should be installed at strategic points to monitor energy consumption so that corrective measures can be taken to avoid energy wastage.

Giving details of Haryana Government initiatives on Energy Efficiency, Mr. Sukhchain Singh, Project Manager, HAREDA informed that mandatory purchase of star labelled equipments for Government offices, Energy Audit, installation of LED lights and incentivising industry for energy efficiency in buildings are some of the initiatives being taken by Haryana Government.





AWARENESS PROGRAM ON ENERGY EFFICIENCY FOR AUTO/AUTO ANCILLARY INDUSTRY

The Haryana State Chapter of PHD Chamber in association with Haryana Renewable Energy Development Agency (HAREDA) organized an 'Awareness Program on Energy Efficiency for Auto/Auto Ancillary Industry in Haryana' on May 25, 2021. The objective of the program was to educate the industry about the ways and means of Energy Efficiency.

Welcoming the speakers and participants, Mr. Viraj Gadhoke, Chairman, Haryana Power and Renewable Energy Committee, PHDCCI stated that with the growth of economy, the demand for energy has grown substantially. Therefore, efficient use of energy resources and their conservation assume tremendous significance and

curtailment of wasteful consumption and sustainable development is essential. He added that Haryana is one of the biggest Automotive hubs in the country with a strong infrastructure and strong support from Auto Ancillary Units. Therefore, it is important to highlight the potential of Energy Efficiency in this Sector.

Making a presentation on Haryana Government initiatives on Energy Efficiency, Mr. Sukhchain Singh, Project Manager, HAREDA shared that the Haryana Government has made energy audit and installation of LED lights mandatory in Government Offices. He added that implementation of ECBC for buildings having connected load of more than 100 KW is also mandatory in the State. Besides, Solar Rooftop

plants, purchase of star rated ACs and installation of 4 star rated pump sets is mandatory for all Government Departments.

Mr. Rajesh Sharma, Energy Manager and AGM, Hero MotoCorp Ltd. apprised that every unit of energy consumed results in emission of carbon dioxide. As India has to comply with the Paris Agreement conditions, therefore every person should focus on energy efficiency to reduce the emission of greenhouse gases.

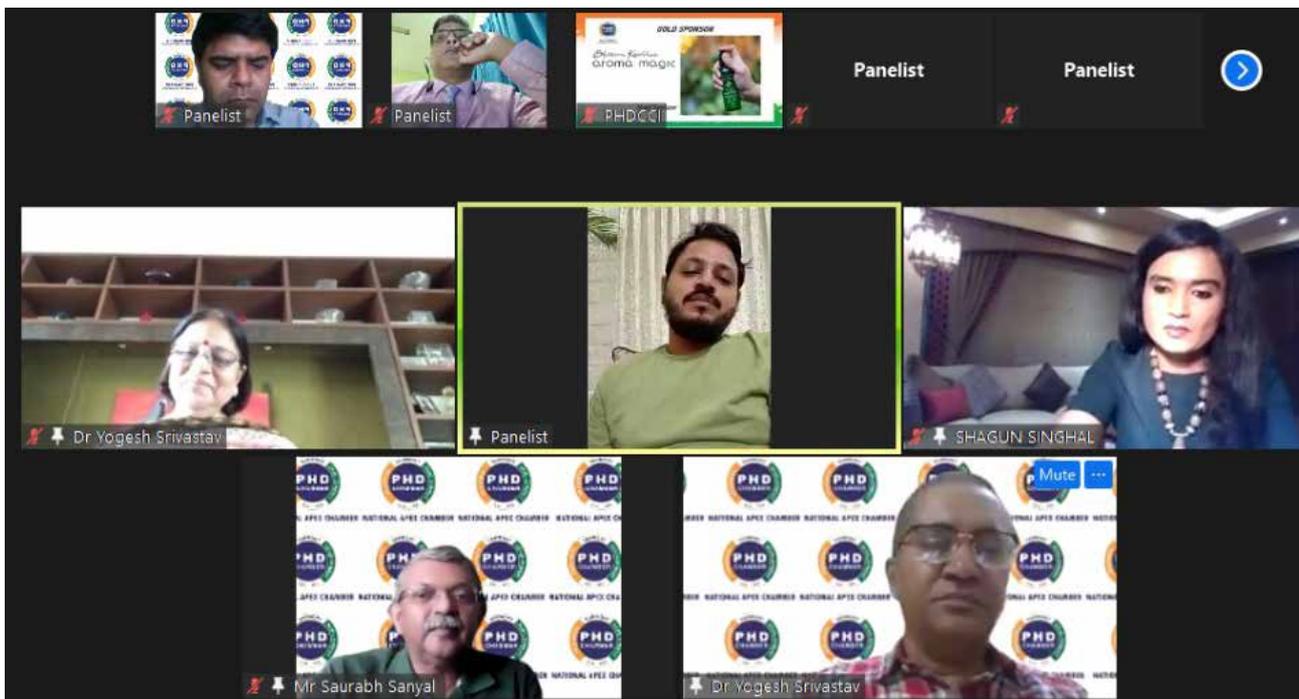
Mr. Sharma shared that Hero Motocorp Ltd. has a robust Environment Policy and has adopted green manufacturing in all 6 units in India and two abroad. Energy audits are conducted regularly and the findings are implemented. He added that they have a structured framework for energy efficiency across all the plants. He informed that Hero Motocorp Ltd. has LED lighting in all plants and highly efficient IE4 motors are installed to save energy consumption.

Chief Guest, Dr Hanif Qureshi, IPS, Director General, HAREDA, Government of Haryana said that the auto sector is responsible for increase in greenhouse gases and majority of car manufacturers are located in Delhi NCR.

Dr Qureshi shared that to increase energy efficiency and environment conservation, the Government is encouraging people to use Electric Vehicles. The Haryana Renewable Energy Department has been entrusted the work of creating charging infrastructure in the State. He said that free of cost charging station has been set up at Panchkula for electric vehicles. He urged that standard practices in energy efficiency should be compiled and shared so that one can learn from each other and contribute in reducing the carbon footprints. He underlined the need for an industry –Government collaboration to achieve energy efficiency.

Mr. Veer Bhan Sharma, President, Faridabad IMT Industries Association delivered the vote-of-thanks to the Chief Guest, speakers and participants and mentioned that energy efficiency is the need of the hour.





FOCUS ON WELLNESS - HUM FIT HAI TO HIT HAI

PHD Chamber in association with the HDFC Bank Ltd. organized a virtual conference on 'Focus on Wellness- HUM FIT HAI TO HIT HAI' on May 15, 2021.

Dr Aruna Abhey Oswal, Chairperson, WE Committee, PHDCCI and Chairperson Abhey Oswal Group spoke about the importance of staying positive in these difficult times which is necessary for our mind, body, and soul. She also said that these are the times to re-invent ourselves and think about all the good things in our lives. Citing a tag line of "HUM FIT HAI TO HIT HAI", she concluded that fit body and calm mind is the key for a happy, playful and a motivated soul.

Ms. Shagun Singhal Garg, Motivational Speaker, Educationist & Columnist mentioned about the real life practical techniques to eradicate anxiety and boost immunity during these challenging times of the pandemic. While worrying about the ongoing pandemic situation which is not less than the situation of war, she stated that in these times wellness guarantees happiness for today. She mentioned about the four parameters of Wellness which include physical wellness, emotional wellness, mental

wellness and spiritual wellness. She did some live playful & encouraging activities to help the delegates practice meditation and calm mental levels of the delegates.

Ms. Preeti Saluja, Chancellor, SAM Global University & Co- chair, MP Chapter, PHDCCI shared her own experience of fighting COVID-19 and techniques adopted by her to stay mentally fit and motivated during these tough times. She said that positive energy should be encouraged and adopted which will make an ecosystem of creating happiness whole day and celebrating life by a sense of gratitude to everyone around us; restricting ourselves by creating work life balance by scheduling the day with productive activities and creating space for yoga and meditation in our daily schedule. She also said that Ayurveda, Yoga, Meditation and home remedies will boost the immunity of an individual and wellness by increasing aggregate movement from "I" to "WE".

Mr. Saurabh Sanyal, Secretary General, PHDCCI shared his real life hard experiences and rigorous training of being an army officer. He reiterated that today we are facing

the VUCA world which stands for volatility, uncertainty, complexity and ambiguity world which is as similar to the third world war, so we have to keep ourselves motivated and learn each day.

Mr. Sandeep Gautam, Senior Vice President & Circle Head, HDFC Bank Ltd., Bihar mentioned about the importance of financial wellness of MSMEs and provided few suggestions for the growth of MSMEs which include accelerate digitalization, new age marketing tools, venturing into new ideas among others.

Mr. Amit Mathur, Product Head - Current Account Business, HDFC Bank Ltd. in his presentation provided an overview of HDFC Bank.

The session ended with Mr. Vishal Chaudhary, MD, Frontline Global Services & Chairman, Jharkhand State Chapter, PHDCCI delivering the vote-of-thanks to all the panellists. He concluded by citing a quote to encourage the delegates about mental wellness by saying 'Man k Hare haar hai man k jeete jee'.

Dr Yogesh Srivastav, Assistant Secretary General, PHDCCI while moderating the session stated the importance of Wellness especially as we age because regular exercise and proper nutrition can help prevent a variety of ailments.

The webinar witnessed more than 600 delegates pan India.





STRATEGIC IP AND INNOVATION MANAGEMENT

The Punjab State Chapter of PHD Chamber in association with the Ministry of MSMEs and Gulzar Group of Institutes, Ludhiana organized a virtual session on 'Strategic IP and Innovation Management' on May 7, 2021.

Welcoming the speakers and participants, Mr. Ajay Mahajan, Convener- Jalandhar Zone, Punjab State Chapter, PHDCCI and Proprietor, Uma International said it is important for students to identify and create IP to protect their research and creativity.

Dr Ishbir Singh, Director Engineering Institutional Innovation Council, Gulzar Group of Institutes, Ludhiana stated that their Institutional Innovation Council (IIC) is one of the councils established by the Ministry of Human Resource Development with the objective to systematically foster the culture of innovation and nurture students by supporting them to work with new ideas and transform them into prototypes. He added that they also endeavour to create a vibrant IPR ecosystem in their campus.

He informed that the major focus of IIC is to build a start-up supporting mechanism, prepare their institute for Atal Ranking of Institutions on Innovation Achievements Framework, establish Function Ecosystem for Scouting Ideas and Pre-incubation of Ideas and develop better Cognitive Ability for Technology Students.

He further added that mentoring by Industry has greatly helped the students to get practical exposure and develop new ideas.

Er. Ashish Kumar Bhateja, Faculty Convener, Institutional Innovation Council, Gulzar Group of Institutes, Ludhiana made a detailed presentation regarding the objectives of IIC. He also shared a glimpse of constructive activities of IIC in helping the students to cover the journey from innovation to Patent.

Adv. Geeta Gulati, Trade Marks & Patent Attorney highlighted that IPR plays an important role in success of any business. She stated that Patents can be filed for innovation that may be a totally new product or an innovative step i.e. for adding any new change in the existing product.

Explaining the concept of compulsory Licensing of a Patent, Ms. Gulati stated that the Government may force a Patent holder to allow others to produce the product if the product is required for any emergency use like vaccines during the current pandemic.

Ms. Gulati explained that a Trademark includes the name and logo that uniquely distinguishes a business from others. It individualizes the goods or services of a given enterprise and distinguishes them from those of competitors.

She mentioned that Copyright is a

form of IPR concerned with protecting literary and artistic works that can be in form of writings, computer programs, music, etc.

She said that Industrial design refers to the outer shape of a product that is manufactured in a factory.

Giving a presentation on 'Role of IP in Innovation management – Challenges & Prospects', Dr Shweta Sen, Head IPR, Integrum IP said that IP protection is important because if not protected, then others can commercially benefit from it without the permission of the creator. She added that IPR is the legally enforceable power to exclude others from using the information created.

She explained that IPR includes Patent, Trademark, Copyright and industrial design. The type of IPR depends on the nature of a product. For a technical innovation, Patent is required whereas Trademark is required to protect the name and logo. Similarly, Copyright is required to protect expression whereas industrial design is used to protect the design of the product.

Dr Sen shared that IP Management strategy can be offensive or defensive. She stated that IP audit can help an enterprise to identify the potential IP assets.

Dr Ishbir Singh, Director Engineering Institutional Innovation Council, Gulzar Group of Institutes, Ludhiana delivered the vote-of-thanks to the expert speakers.

Around 70 Startups, Faculty members and Students of Gulzar Group of Institutes, Ludhiana attended the programme.





VIRTUAL SESSION ON IPR PROTECTION – THE CATALYST FOR SUCCESS

The Punjab State Chapter of PHD Chamber in association with the Ministry of MSMEs and Pyramid College of Business & Technology, Phagwara organized a virtual session on ‘IPR Protection – The Catalyst for Success’ on May 12, 2021.

Welcoming the panelists and participants, Mr. J K Sharma, Co-chair, Punjab Education Committee and Chief Operating Officer (COO), Technology Business Incubation Foundation (TBIF), Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Ropar stated that keeping in view the importance of IPR for economic growth of the country, the Government is funding IPR activities. He added that due to increased focus on innovation, students must be made aware of IPR for protecting their hard work.

Dr Sanjay Kumar Bahl, Director, Pyramid College of Business and Technology, Phagwara mentioned that their college has an IIC with a very promising faculty to encourage innovation among their students.

Mr. Virat Rehani, Innovation Activity Coordinator said that the students will benefit only if they protect their innovations. He added that we all encounter problems every day and try to find solutions but we

should not restrict the knowledge to ourselves. He said knowledge is useful only if it benefits the society.

Sharing details of various GOI schemes for promotion of IPR, Mr. Kundan Lal, Assistant Director, Development Institute Ludhiana, Ministry of MSMEs informed about the financial support available to MSMEs, Institutes and individuals for registration and protection of IPs. He informed that for domestic patent the grant is Rs. 1 lakh and 5 lakhs for international patent. For geographical indications the support is Rs. 2 lakhs and for trademarks, Rs. 10,000 grant is given.

Mr. Kundan Lal added that Rs. 70,000 per program is given to institutions for conducting IPR Awareness programs physically. He stated that a grant of Rs. 1 crore is given by the Government of India for setting up an IP Facilitation Centre for providing IP services to entrepreneurs. He explained that for availing GOI Schemes, Udyam Registration is mandatory which can be done online on Udyam Portal.

He appreciated the IPR services being provided by PHDCCI through the IPFC set up at Amritsar and Chandigarh and said that startups and enterprises

can avail the services of PHDCCI ‘IPFC at Amritsar and Chandigarh.

Explaining different forms of IPR, Ms. Geeta Gulati, Advocate, Trade Marks & Patent Attorney, Panchkula mentioned that IP can be a new innovation or improvement of an existing product. She exhorted students to commercialize their innovations and make profit. She advised that before filing Patent application, they should ascertain whether their innovation is patentable or not to avoid any inconvenience at a later stage. She explained that Patents are for 20 years after which they go to public domain. However, in case the product is required for any emergency use like the COVID-19 vaccine, the Government can invoke Compulsory Licensing to enable other companies to manufacture the required product.

Ms. Gulati mentioned that Trademarks refer to the name and logo of the company. She said the name should be unique and should not resemble any well-known brand. The application for Trademark can be filed when the name is actually in use. It is valid for 10 years and can be renewed any number of times. Gulati also explained in details regarding Copy Rights and Industrial Designs.

Dr Shweta Sen. Head IPR, Integrum IP Mohali made a detailed Presentation on ‘Role of IPR in Economic Development’. Patents are inventions and can include unique kitchen appliances, recipes, etc. or software embedded in hardware.

Giving example of Startups like Samosa Party and Samosa Singh,



she explained that Copyright refers to literary or artistic works and can include name, décor items, statues and architectural designs. Highlighting the benefit of IPR, she said that IPR grants exclusive rights to an inventor

or assignee to prevent others from commercially benefiting from his/her invention without permission and allows the holder to exploit his IP for profit by way of licensing or assignment.

Dr Sanjay Kumar Bahl, Director, Pyramid College of Business and Technology, Phagwara delivered the vote-of-thanks to the speakers and participants and urged the students to use the knowledge shared in today's session for their benefit.



Explaining the conditions for applicability of GST under Section 7, Mr. Gupta said that any business activity that involves supply of goods or services or both made for consideration attracts GST. As regards the rate of GST applicable on sale where 2 products having different GST rate are involved, he clarified that if the products are naturally bundled, then the rate of GST of the principal product is applicable. However, if the products are bundled artificially, then the rate of GST of the product attracting higher rate of GST will be applicable.

Mr. Gupta said that the inward tax credit can be availed only after the goods or services have been received and proper documentary support is available. He cautioned that if improper tax credit is availed then the same has to be returned with interest penalty.

Mr. Gupta shared that under the GST regime, original invoices have to be maintained for a period of 7 years. He also spoke in detail on topics like Reverse Charge Mechanism, Time of Supply, Valuation for taxation and Input Tax Credit.

Moderating the Session, CA Vishal Garg, Co-chairman- Taxation Committee, Punjab State Chapter, PHD Chamber & Partner, Vikas Garg & Associates, Ludhiana said that keeping in view that MSMEs are facing a number of GST related problems, Taxation Committee is planning GST Trainings for them.

CA Dinesh Sharma, Senior Partner, Sharma Mohindru & Co. Ludhiana, moderated the Q & A and took up issues faced by the manufacturers and traders with experts for remedial tips.

CA Bhagat Singh, Chairman, Punjab MSME Committee & Sr. VP, Oswal Woolen Mills Ltd, Ludhiana delivered the vote-of-thanks to the delegates. More than 100 participants comprising Industry members, MSMEs, Traders and Professionals from Pan India participated in the program.

INTERACTIVE VIDEO CONFERENCE ON CURRENT ISSUES IN GST

The Punjab State Chapter of PHD Chamber organized an interactive video conference on 'Current Issues in GST' on May 21, 2021.

Welcoming the speakers and participants, Adv. Pawan K Pahwa, Chairman- Taxation Committee, Punjab State Chapter PHD Chamber & Partner, Panacea Legal Services, Chandigarh informed that the Punjab State Chapter, PHDCCI is organizing a series of virtual sessions titled 'MSME Carnival 2021' to address issues and concerns of MSMEs. He added that this was the first program of the series to apprise the participants about the

latest developments under GST.

Keynote Speaker, CA Atul Kumar Gupta, Former President of ICAI, Partner, APRA & Associates, New Delhi said that improper records are the main reason for litigation under GST. He stated that every registered person under GST is required to maintain all records as prescribed under Section 35 of the Central Goods and Service Tax Act, 2017. He shared that most MSMEs fail to maintain proper Stock Register and ITC Register. The faulty information creates problems in audit of records and leads to litigation, he added.





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ROLE OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY (IP) IN INNOVATION MANAGEMENT - CHALLENGES & PROSPECTS

The PHD Chamber, IP Facilitation Centre (IPFC), Amritsar in association with the Ministry of MSMEs, organized an interactive video conference on “Role of Intellectual Property (IP) in Innovation Management - Challenges & Prospects” on June 2, 2021 for Start-ups and Faculty of PCTE Group of Institutes, Ludhiana.

Welcoming the speakers and participants, Mr. J K Sharma, Co-chairman, Punjab Education Committee and Chief Operating Officer(COO), Technology Business Incubation Foundation (TBIF), Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Ropar said that IPR has always been important for innovators but its awareness has increased during the current pandemic, as a large number

of innovations have come up and everyone is interested in protecting his or her innovation. He informed that PHDCCI has been aggressively organizing awareness programs on IPR to sensitize industry and students about the process for protecting and managing IPRs. He informed that the Chamber has established an IPFC at Amritsar and Chandigarh for providing IP related services.

Prof. Naresh Sachdev, Dean – Corporate Relations, PCTE Group of Institutes, Ludhiana informed that their institute fosters and sensitizes the importance of entrepreneurship and makes every effort to nurture the young entrepreneurs in the campus. The college has set up a fully functional incubation centre recognized by the Startup Cell, Punjab and Institute of

Innovation by MHRD Govt. of India where students are given training to run their business, he added. He shared that PCTE and IIT, Ropar TBIF have signed an MoU for promotion of entrepreneurship in Punjab.

Giving an overview of IPR, Ms. Geeta Gulati, Advocate, Trade Marks & Patent Attorney, Panchkula stated that IPRs are important to safeguard the innovations and for the economic development of the country. She said that Patent gives an inventor an exclusive right to make, use and sell his creation. Explaining the procedure for getting a Patent, she said that after checking the availability, an application for Patent can be filed with the Registry. She mentioned that a Patent is valid for 20 years after which it goes in public domain and anybody



can copy it. She said civil remedy is available for checking infringement of Patents.

Ms. Gulati informed that Trademark refers to the name, color and logo of a company. Trademarks help the consumer to recognize the product. She explained that application for Trademark can be filed online after checking the availability. Trademarks are territorial. The words 'TM' on brand name imply the company has filed for Trademark whereas the word 'R' in a circle implies that the company's Trademark has been registered.

Ms. Gulati mentioned that Copyright refers to any form of expression and includes written and verbal expressions and are applicable universally. The validity of copyright is for lifetime of the creator and 50 years after his death. She further explained

that Industrial design is the outer shape of a product and can also be protected through IPR.

Dr Shweta Sen, Head IPR, Integrum IP, Mohali made a presentation on 'Role of IP in Innovation management – Challenges & Prospects'. She mentioned that IPs are of 4 types namely Patents, Copyrights, Trademarks and Design. She stated that an invention becomes innovation only after its commercialization. Giving example of Edison, she explained that the electric bulb invented by Edison became innovation only after his company developed infrastructure for electricity and made electric bulb a marketable product.

She explained that Innovation Management is important because it helps the brands to stand out in their vertical. She added that depending

on the business objectives, three types of IP Management strategies can be adopted – Defensive strategy by preventing others from patenting the same idea, Offensive strategy by blocking competitors from getting entry into one's proprietary technologies and by commercialization of IP assets to gain financial benefit through sale or licensing of the IP.

Dr Sen suggested that to maintain clarity on IP rights, proper agreements should be signed to avoid any confusion or loss at a later stage. Similarly, the employees should be made to sign confidentiality and Assignment agreement for protection of the company's IP, she added.

Prof. Satyajit Thind, Professor – International Business, PCTE Group of Institutes, Ludhiana delivered the vote-of-thanks to the speakers.



CABINET APPROVES DEEP OCEAN MISSION

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has approved the proposal of the Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES) on "Deep Ocean Mission", with a view to explore deep ocean for resources and develop deep sea technologies for sustainable use of ocean resources. The estimated cost of the Mission will be Rs. 4077 crore for a period of 5 years to be implemented in a phase-wise manner. The estimated cost for the first phase for the 3 years (2021-2024) would be Rs.2823.4 crores. The Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES) will be the nodal Ministry implementing this multi-institutional ambitious mission. The Deep Ocean Mission consists of six major components: Development of Technologies for Deep Sea Mining, and Manned Submersible; Development of Ocean Climate Change Advisory Services; Technological innovations for exploration and conservation of deep-sea biodiversity; Deep Ocean Survey and Exploration; Energy and freshwater from the Ocean and Advanced Marine Station for Ocean Biology.



is least disruptive to continuity of the business.

Ms. Prasad added that transparency in the plan is ensured as it comes through NCLT. As far as the prospective buyers are concerned, they are also more comfortable with the resolution plan as compared to a normal sale deal of complete business as the past liabilities including statutory liabilities are extinguished and they are able to work on a clean slate.

Explaining the process of PPIRP, Ms. Prasad stated that an application for initiating PPIRP can be made by an MSME CD to the Adjudicating Authority with approval of its members and unrelated financial creditors (FCs) representing 66 per cent of the financial debt or unrelated operational creditors (OCs) where there is no financial debt or where all FCs are related. The CD is required to provide a base resolution plan to FCs for seeking their approval to initiate the process.

Prior to commencement of the PPIRP process, the RP is required to prepare a report confirming that the CD meets the requirements to initiate the PPIRP process; and that the base resolution plan received from the CD fulfills the stipulated requirements.

If the Base Resolution Plan is not approved or if it does not provide for the full payment of the confirmed claims, the Resolution Professional shall invite prospective Resolution Applicant to submit a Resolution Plan. The Adjudicating Authority may pass an order of liquidation in case of any fraudulent conduct of the Company or gross mismanagement comes to their knowledge.

Mr. Sanjeev Kumar Pandey, DGM NCLT SBI, Mumbai stated that PPIRP is a game changer law and would bring a paradigm change in approach for providing relief to stressed MSMEs. He informed that under this law, the CD has the concession to continue to have control over their company during the PPIRP process.

Underlining the important role of Banks in PPIRP process, Mr. Pandey said that as Banks are the main creditors of MSMEs, their consent is essential to initiate the PPIRP process. Therefore, it is important that the banks are satisfied with the working of the company, and get audit of its financial documents to ascertain why

PRE-PACKAGED INSOLVENCY RESOLUTION PROCESS FOR MSMEs UNDER IB CODE 2016 (PPIRP)

The Punjab State Chapter of PHD Chamber organized an interactive video conference on 'Pre-Packaged Insolvency Resolution Process for MSMEs under IB Code 2016 (PPIRP)' on May 28, 2021 to educate MSMEs and Industry members on Changes made in Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) w.e.f. April 4, 2021 and how to avail the benefits under the law.

In his welcome address, Mr. Mukul Bansal, Chairman, Punjab Banking & Financial Services Committee & Chairman, Embee Financial Services Ltd. said that COVID-19 has impacted different businesses differently, while some have suffered, some have benefited and are flourishing. He added that the Central Government

has been making sincere efforts to mitigate the distress caused by the pandemic. He added that PPIRP is one of the schemes that has been rolled out to help and reward the honest businesses.

CMA Deepika B Prasad, Director, D Prasad & Associates & Partner, AAA Insolvency Professionals explained the salient features and process of PPIRP and its benefits. She said that the scheme has been introduced to provide relief to the stressed entities in the MSME sector. She mentioned that PPIRP is a good alternative to insolvency resolution process with regard to the bankrupt MSMEs as it provides a quick and cost effective and value maximizing outcomes for all the stakeholders in a manner which



the default has occurred, whether the business is viable or not and if the business can be revived.

If the bank finds that the CD is a willful defaulter or has conducted any fraudulent transaction or there has been gross mismanagement of the affairs of the CD, then the bank may refuse consent for PPIRP.

Mr. Pandey mentioned that the Base Plan is the most important document for PPIRP and it should be able to address the cause of default, approval of all banks for the plan, how the CD plans to repay or requires more

concessions. He added that if the Plan seeks more concessions then it goes for bid and if a better plan comes, then the COC may accept that.

He cautioned that during the audit if there is evidence of any fraudulent transaction, the bank can even recommend criminal proceedings against the CD. Therefore, the CDs should prepare their documents properly and check for any wrong transaction before approaching the banks.

Mr. Bharat Bhushan Kakkar, DGM, SAMB, SBI, Chandigarh delivered the

vote-of-thanks to the guests and said that MSMEs should be more transparent with the banks. He also shared that SBI believes in core values and works on STEPS model which means service, transparency, ethics, politeness and sincerity towards its customers. He advised that MSMEs should also follow this model while dealing with banks.

Around 100 participants comprising Industry members, MSMEs, Traders and Professionals from Pan India participated in the program.

PRIME MINISTER TAKES PART IN G7 SUMMIT

Prime Minister, Mr Narendra Modi participated in the first Outreach Session of the G7 Summit recently. The session, titled 'Building Back Stronger - Health', focused on global recovery from the coronavirus pandemic and on strengthening resilience against future pandemics.

During the session, Prime Minister expressed appreciation for the support extended by the G7 and other guest countries during the recent wave of COVID infections in India. He highlighted India's 'whole of society' approach to fight the pandemic, synergising the efforts of all levels of the government, industry and civil society. He also explained India's successful use of open source digital tools for contact tracing and vaccine management, and conveyed India's willingness to share its experience and expertise with other developing countries.

On the second day of the Outreach Sessions of the G7 Summit, Prime Minister, Mr Narendra Modi took part in two sessions titled 'Building Back Together—Open Societies and Economies' and 'Building Back Greener: Climate and Nature'. Invited to speak as a Lead Speaker in the session on Open Societies, PM recalled that democracy and freedom were a part of India's civilizations ethos. He shared the concern expressed by several Leaders that open societies are particularly vulnerable to disinformation and cyber-attacks, and stressed the need to ensure that cyberspace remains an avenue for advancing democratic values and not of subverting it. Highlighting the non-democratic and unequal nature of global governance institutions, PM called for the reform of the multilateral system as the best signal of commitment to the cause of Open Societies. The leaders adopted the 'Open Societies Statement' at the end of the meeting.

In the session on climate change, PM highlighted that the planet's atmosphere, biodiversity and oceans cannot be protected by countries acting in silos, and called for collective action on climate change. Speaking about India's unwavering commitment to climate action, he mentioned the commitment by Indian Railways to achieve Net Zero Emissions by 2030. He stressed that India is the only G-20 country on track to meet its Paris commitments. He also took note of the increasing effectiveness of the two major global initiatives nurtured by India i.e. the CDRI and the International Solar Alliance. Prime Minister stressed that developing countries need better access to climate finance, and called for a holistic approach towards climate change that covers all dimensions of the problem- mitigation, adaptation, technology transfer, climate financing, equity, climate justice and lifestyle change.





HOW TO FIGHT NEXT WAVE OF COVID-19 - EXPECTATIONS FROM THE INDUSTRY

The PHD Chamber, Rajasthan Chapter organized a webinar on 'How to face the probable third wave of COVID' on May 27, 2021 which was attended by senior officials of Health Department, RIICO and eminent industrialists and personalities from the healthcare, pharma and medical devices sector.

Chief Guest, Ms. Sudhir Kumar Sharma, IAS, Mission Director, National Health Mission, Health Department, Government of Rajasthan shared the efforts of the Government of Rajasthan in handling the present COVID wave as a result of which the situation could be managed efficiently. Mr. Sharma informed that the Government of Rajasthan under the leadership of Chief Minister is working meticulously to deal with the probable third wave of COVID and detailed planning on different fronts

is under way. The State Government is aggressively working to strengthen the healthcare infrastructure and services in rural areas by strengthening and upgrading the strong existing network of Community Health Centers (CHCs) etc. In this regard, he called upon industry to come forward and adopt CHCs in rural areas.

The Rajasthan Government is regularly working to augment availability of oxygen by installing new oxygen plants and strengthening the storage system across the State to face any eventuality and in few months the availability of around 30000 oxygen cylinders per day would be ensured. The Government is making all efforts to increase the vaccination drive, he added. Mr. Sharma acknowledged the generous support of Industry in this difficult time and solicited its support in supplementing efforts of the

State Government in strengthening healthcare infrastructure especially in rural areas of Rajasthan.

Mr. Sanjay Agarwal, President, PHD Chamber appreciated the efforts of the Government of Rajasthan in effectively managing the present wave of COVID.

Mr. Digvijay Dhabriya, Chairman, PH Chamber, Rajasthan Chapter in his welcome address assured the Government of Rajasthan that industry is ready to help the State Government in this difficult time and would provide all possible help and support.

Dr Vikas Swarnkar, Managing Director, Mahatma Gandhi Hospital & President of Association of Healthcare Providers India, Rajasthan Chapter appreciating the contribution of the industry, observed that to face the possible third wave and

effectively mitigate its effects, the industry should augment supply of high purity oxygen, production, supply and adequate storage of essential lifesaving drugs, augmenting production of ventilators and other essential medical devices and strengthening of healthcare system in rural areas. On the likely involvement of children, he suggested that the ventilators should be equipped and modified with “Pediatric mode” to face any eventuality. He offered services of his hospital in providing vaccination facility to the industrial workers through PHD Chamber, Rajasthan.

Mr. Amit Kumar Choudhary, Chairman, Health Committee, Rajasthan Chapter, PHD Chamber reiterated the need to strengthen healthcare system in rural areas.

Mr. Vinod Kalani, President, Rajasthan Pharmaceutical Manufacturer’s Association observed that the Pharma industry is dependent on most of the APIs and other raw materials on imports which causes shortages leading to crisis. He requested the Government and RIICO to develop Bulk Drug and API Park in the State for which there is an urgent need and also good prospects for bringing investment in the State.

Mr. N K Jain, President, Jodhpur Industries Association and MD, Iscon Surgical Ltd. emphasized the urgent need to promote medical devices and equipment sectors in Rajasthan which will go a long way in bringing investment and facing such medical emergency effectively.

Mr. Dinesh Pahadia, GM, RIICO shared the Policy initiatives of the

Government in promoting API and Medical devices sector in the State. He informed that RIICO is developing a Medical Devices Park in Jodhpur and Bulk Drug Park near Ramganj Mandi, Kota.

Mr. Vishwas Jain, MD, Consulting Engineering Group, Jaipur called upon industry to follow desired COVID protocol in the factories. He also hoped that necessary information is provided to donors coming forward with their contributions to supplement efforts of Government in strengthening healthcare system in the State.

Mr. Suneel Dutt Goyal, Co-chairman, PHDCCI-Rajasthan Chapter delivered the vote –of- thanks to the guests.



KIREN RIJJU RELEASES E-BOOK ON 20 MEDICINAL PLANTS FOR COVID-19 CARE

Minister of State for Ayush (IC), Shri Kiren Rijju, released a e-book on 20 Medicinal Plants for Covid-19 Care on June 8, 2021. National Medicinal Plants Board prepared an e-book “20 Medicinal Plants for 2021 for Covid-19 care” to highlight important medicinal plants and their therapeutic properties. These medicinal plants are useful in the prevention & management of Covid-19 along with standard of care. The herbs described in e-book can be used in conditions leading to fever, cough, cold, weakness, pain etc. The botanical names, vernacular names, chemical constituents, therapeutic values, pharmacological principles and important formulations are also recorded in this e-book. This will provide awareness and knowledge to the public on the importance and diversity of medicinal plants that are useful in the prevention & management of Covid-19 along with standard of care.



PLASTIC WASTE MANAGEMENT RULES 2016 - EXTENDED PRODUCERS RESPONSIBILITY (EPR)

The PHD Chamber, Rajasthan Chapter organized a webinar on Plastic Waste Management Rules-2016 – “Extended Producers Responsibility (EPR)” on May 28, 2021. During the webinar the various provisions of the important Rules and the implementation mechanism stipulated therein were discussed by different stakeholders.

Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, President, PHD Chamber in his Presidential Address emphasized the importance of the Rules and called upon Plastic industry to adopt best practices and techniques for implementation of these Rules for containing pollution. Mr. Aggarwal observed that the use of plastic in day to day life is very dominant and in the ongoing COVID times the use of various plastic products has increased significantly in the Healthcare system for safety, security and hygienic reasons. He suggested that the Government and

Plastic industry should take initiatives for accelerating waste recycling by adopting best practices, State-of-Art technologies and developing a robust infrastructure facility for scientific management of waste. In this regard, he strongly advocated for development of dedicated Recycling Parks and Zones in the Country at different places which will not only generate tremendous business opportunities and promote Circular Economy but also facilitate implementation of Rules.

Mr. Digvijay Dhabriya, Chairman, PHDCCI-Rajasthan Chapter in his welcome address, informed that a significant quantum of plastic waste generated in the Country is not recycled which causes lot of environmental problems and for which Plastic industry and the Government should make collaborative efforts to check the pollution.

Dr V K Singhal, Chief Engineer, Rajasthan State Pollution Control Board gave a detailed account of Plastic Waste Management Rules-2016 – Extended Producers Responsibility (EPR) and the proposed mechanism envisaged in the Rules. He informed that Local Bodies, Panchayat, Producers, Importers, Brand Owners and Waste Management Agencies/facilities are the major stakeholders envisaged in the Rules and entrusted with specific responsibilities for implementation of the Rules. He informed that industries are required to submit EPR Management Plan by July 1, 2021. He assured that the State Pollution Control Board is ready to provide all necessary technical advice and would act as a bridge between various stakeholders for implementation of these Rules.

Various experts and stakeholders present in the webinar suggested that Rules should be suitably modified

keeping in view Indian conditions so that various practical difficulties being faced by the industry could be resolved and objectives of the Rules could be achieved.

The webinar was addressed by Mr. Abhisek Shivpuri, Chairman, Legal & Finance Committee, PHDCCI-Rajasthan Chapter; Mr. Ullas Parlikar, Global Waste Management Consultant & Member, Material Recycling Association of India; Mr. J

P Meena, Secretary General, Indian Beverage Association; Mr. Sumer Singh Shekhawat, President, Plastic Manufacturers Association Rajasthan; Mr. Hiten Bheda, Past President, All India Plastic Manufacturers Association; Mr. Rajendra Kumar Gupta, Managing Director, Shakun Plastic Pvt. Ltd.; Ms. Shrikrati Lodha, Executive Director, Uma Group of Companies and Mr. H C Sathyanarayana, Past President, All

India Small Scale Paint Association and important suggestions were given by them for speedy implementation of the Rules.

Mr. Suneel Dutt Goyal, Co-chairman, PHDCCI-Rajasthan Chapter delivered the vote-of-thanks to the guests and the Sponsors, Dhabriya Polywood Ltd., Ms Plastic Manufacturers Association Rajasthan and Ambika Technoplast Pvt. Ltd.

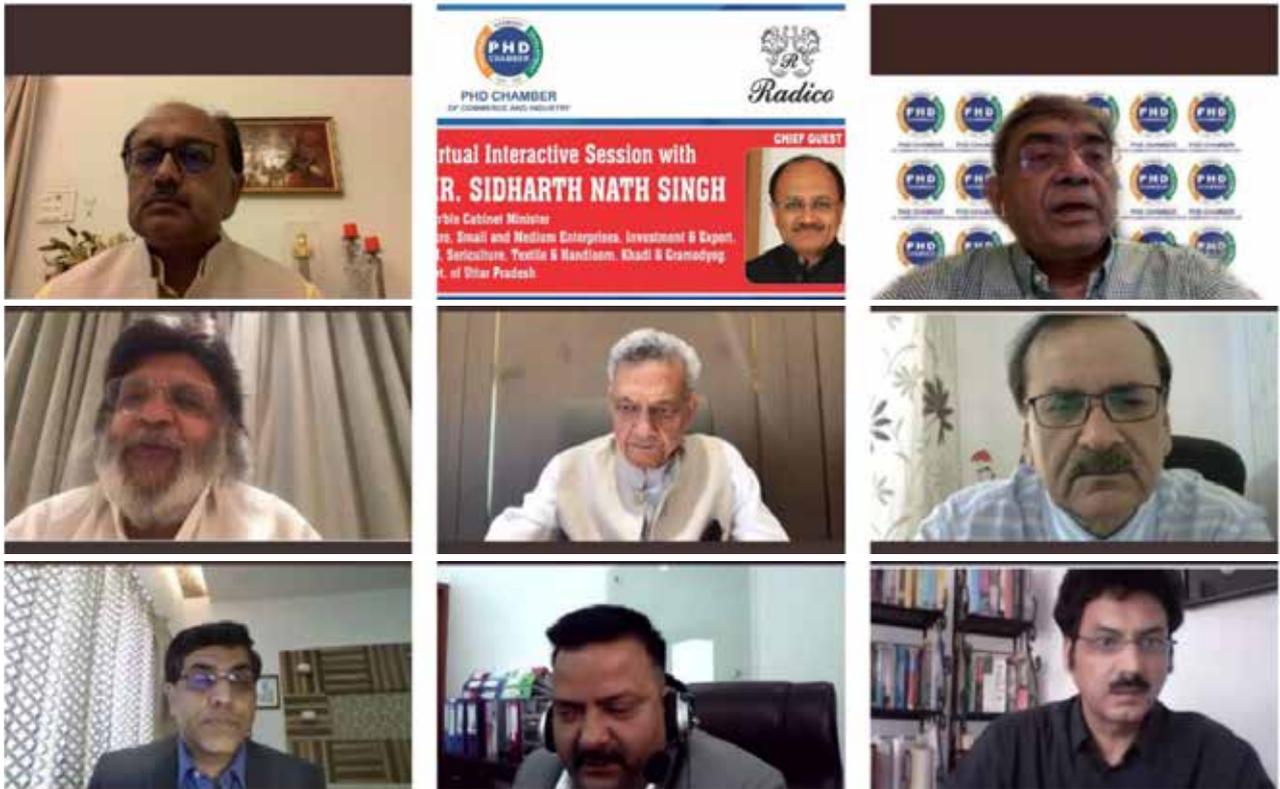
RELEASE OF PENSION TO THE FAMILY OF A GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE WHO LOSES HIS OR HER LIFE DUE TO COVID -19 INFECTION

The Government has issued instructions for immediate release of pension to the family of a government employee who loses his or her life due to COVID -19 infection. Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER), MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh informed that all Secretaries have been asked to personally monitor the in-Service death cases and ensure the start of Family Pension within a month of the receipt of claim and death certificate, on a periodic basis. Dr Jitendra Singh said that Prime Minister, Mr. Narendra Modi is personally monitoring every aspect of the COVID pandemic on a day-to-day basis. He said that the government is committed to assist and help every section of citizens and families affected by the pandemic.

The notification issued by the Department of Pension states that COVID-19 pandemic has claimed lives of several Government employees during the recent surge. In many cases, the deceased employees were the sole bread-winners of their family and the casualties have left the families in an urgent need of funds for livelihood. It is, therefore, incumbent to ensure that the Family Pension and the other entitlements are released to their families expeditiously.

Dr Jitendra Singh hoped that all the Departments of the Government will follow these instructions in letter and spirit, and the respective Heads of Departments will monitor it on a regular basis. He also hoped that various State/UT governments would also emulate this practice for their respective State/UT government employees in the wake of the unprecedented pandemic that we are going through.





INTERACTIVE SESSION WITH CABINET MINISTER – MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES, INVESTMENT & EXPORT, NRI, SERICULTURE, TEXTILE & HANDLOOM, KHADI & GRAMODYOG, GOVT. OF UTTAR PRADESH

The Uttar Pradesh Chapter of PHD Chamber in collaboration with Radico Khaitan Limited and Resurgent India Limited organized a virtual interactive session with Mr. Sidharth Nath Singh, Cabinet Minister, Micro, Small And Medium Enterprises, Investment & Export, NRI, Sericulture, Textile & Handloom, Khadi & Gramodyog, Govt. of Uttar Pradesh, on 'Creating Awareness on Government Schemes for Boosting MSMEs of the State' on May 7, 2021.

Mr. Siddharth Nath Singh, emphasized on the need for building a more robust Medical & Healthcare Infrastructure in the State to cater to the unforeseen challenges like the current pandemic and urged PHD Chamber to bring 'out-of-the-box' suggestions from the Industrial front to attain the same. He informed that the State's contribution in the

Nation's GDP had raised to Rs. 20 lakh crores from Rs. 14 lakh crores in 2017 but this pandemic has disrupted the business environment and upset the momentum which has to be revived again by the collective efforts, both, from Government and Industry of the State.

Elaborating more on his concern over the current health crises, he said that the Government is looking for Out-of-Box solutions to finance health sector of the State, like discussing the possibilities of utilizing a portion of undisbursed money, which is already financed by the World Bank, in improving the Health Care Sector (treatment as well as vaccination) to cater to the current needs. He informed that the Government is already in discussion with Asian Development Bank (ADB) for financing private investment in the

Health Sector.

Mr. Singh also expressed concerns over the access to affordable credit facilities for the MSME sector as disruptions to businesses triggered by COVID-19 and the tightening of liquidity made this credit problem even more acute. He urged PHDCCI and its members to work on the following areas –

- Research & Development in the Healthcare Domain - as this is of utmost importance which is very negligent at the current time.
- Fintechs - digital lending fintech platforms have the potential to significantly bridge the funding gap and are able to change the way the MSME sector accesses credit.
- Telemedicine – PHDCCI, with its international connects

should assist the Government in roping-in more experts/doctors telephonically from abroad.

The Minister made a special mention on the need for developing world class R&D lab in Uttar Pradesh and requested PHDCCI to give suggestions and also to get investments through its members in this area.

Mr. Sanjay Agarwal, President, PHDCCI, said that Uttar Pradesh is the biggest and the most populous State in India and is leading with the highest number of enterprises in the MSME sector. He said that in order to ensure that MSMEs of the State continue to lead the country towards economic growth, the State Government has announced various schemes periodically to support the development of this sector. He appreciated that in view of the economic hardships caused by COVID-19, the government has announced few schemes under 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat' initiative.

In his Welcome Address, Dr. Lalit Khaitan, CMD – Radico Khaitan Ltd. & Chairman – UP State Chapter, PHDCCI welcomed the Chief Guest and all the other dignitaries. He emphasized that the MSME Sector forms the backbone of economic progress and development of Uttar Pradesh because of its contribution to industrial productivity, employment generation, versatile nature, adaptability and contribution in exports.

He appreciated that the State which now ranks second in the country in terms of Ease of Doing Business also mandated online and time-bound clearances for established industries through the effective single window system termed as "Niveshmitra". He further added that Uttar Pradesh has found place among top five states of the country for providing employment

under the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) during CORONA pandemic.

Dr H P Kumar, Former CMD – NSIC & Advisor PHDCCI, said that the MSME sector has emerged as a highly vibrant and dynamic sector of the Indian economy over the last few years. However, the MSME sector has suffered because of COVID-19 and highlighted the challenges the MSME sector is facing during the current pandemic, some of them were – Lack of access to working capital; poor productivity from inefficient processes and unskilled workforce, lack of access to markets, etc.

Mr. Anil Khaitan, Former President PHDCCI & Mentor – MSME Mentoring & Guidance Cell, PHDCCI delivered the Industry Perspective and discussed how fintech is shaping up financing in the MSME sector. He said that the most traditional institutions in the finance sector have realized the need to embrace fintech with the lending space witnessing growing alliance between traditional companies and fintech solution providers. He added that Fintech has become an integral part of the modern-day businesses including MSMEs who are rapidly expanding and thus offering a massive opportunity for fintech solutions providers. He also said that with the awareness around fintech solution for MSMEs coupled with higher penetration of Internet in India and the proliferation of smartphones, the MSME sector has started looking at fintech for various reasons.

Mr. Sanjeet Kumar, Senior Vice President, Resurgent India Limited, briefed about the role of Resurgent India Limited in promoting MSMEs. He also spoke about the services they provide like Mergers & Acquisitions, Private Equity, Debt Solutions, Structured Finance, Capital Market

Solutions, Transaction Advisory, Valuations, Enterprise Risk and Tax Services, Training, etc.

Mr. K K Sharma, GM, NSIC, spoke about the National SC ST Hub (NSSH) and on the support to scheduled caste and scheduled tribe entrepreneurs to fulfill the obligations under the Central Government Public Procurement Policy for Micro and Small Enterprises Order 2012.

Dr S S Acharya, GM – SIDBI, NCR, discussed how SIDBI is providing interim support to startups whose cash flow and liquidity has been adversely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. He added that the Small Industries Development Bank of India has launched SAFE (SIDBI Assistance to Facilitate Emergency response against Corona Virus) scheme to provide financial assistance to MSMEs engaged in manufacturing products or offering services to fight COVID-19.

Dr Ranjeet Mehta, Deputy Secretary General, PHDCCI moderated the entire session and also took questionnaires from the audiences to the elite panel of experts of the session.

Mr. Mukesh B. Singh, Senior Advisor, UP Chapter, PHDCCI, delivered the vote-of-thanks to all the speakers and participants. On behalf of PHDCCI, he assured full support and cooperation to the Government in areas like R&D, Fintech Financing for MSMEs and Tele-medicines.

The interactive Seminar had more than 125 active participants comprising majority of MSMEs, officials from SIDBI & NSIC, Leading Industrialists, budding Start-ups and entrepreneurs, Investors as well as Government representatives.





UTTAR PRADESH START-UP E- CONCLAVE “AARAMBH”

The Uttar Pradesh Chapter of PHD Chamber in collaboration with NABARD & SIDBI organized a Virtual Conclave on Uttar Pradesh Start-up – ‘AARAMBH’ on May 12, 2021. The E-Conclave was supported by A & A Group of Companies.

Chief Guest, Mr. Ajit Pal Singh, Hon’ble State Minister, IT & Electronics, Govt. of Uttar Pradesh, after extending his condolences to those who have lost their family members to COVID-19, shed light upon the objectives and salient features of the ‘New Start-Up Policy 2020’ launched by the State Government last year. He said that through this policy

the Government aims to broad base the coverage of the policy, seeking greater collaboration amongst State Government departments, technical and higher education institutes. The State Minister also informed that the Government is aiming at setting up 100 incubators in Uttar Pradesh and at least one in every district, and developing an ecosystem to set up at least 10,000 startups. The Government also aims at bringing Uttar Pradesh among the top three states in the startup sector in the country and setting up India’s biggest startup incubator in Lucknow. Mr. Singh also expressed that the new startup policy is expected to create

direct employment opportunities for 50,000 people and indirect employment for one lakh people in the state. The Minister concluded by appreciating PHDCCI, UP Chapter for organizing this meaningful session through which several new initiatives and schemes are disseminated to the Startups of the State.

Mr. Sanjay Agarwal, President, PHDCCI delivered the welcome address. He said that the startup ecosystem is hailed as an incubator for innovation and a key contributor to job and wealth creation for any given Entrepreneur. He also said that Startups & Entrepreneurship are important for economic development and undeniably, there is a National drive to accelerate the growth and development of States through innovation and creativity, and with that in mind, the Uttar Pradesh Government came up with a very promising ‘Startup Policy’ 2020 with

the aim to foster the Startups of the State to have a win-win situation, both for benefiting Startups and boosting Employment in the State. He appreciated the fact that the State Government is encouraging and promoting Industrialization aggressively by facilitating Startups and new ventures by several new initiatives, incentives and schemes for their easy and hassle-free operations

Dr Nikhil Agarwal, CEO, Incubation, IIT Kanpur, reviewed the Startup Incubation and Innovation Centre at IIT Kanpur which was launched in association with SIDBI with an objective to deepen the entrepreneurship and incubation culture of the institute and also to foster innovation, research and entrepreneurial activities in technology based areas.

Mr. Rajiv Kumar, GM, SIDBI, said that the SIDBI acts as the principal financial institution for promoting, financing

and development of the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise (MSME) sector as well as for coordination of functions of institutions engaged in similar activities. He also said that SIDBI emerged as a single window for meeting the financial and developmental needs of the MSME sector to make it strong, vibrant and globally competitive.

Mr. D S Chauhan, CGM – NABARD, shed light upon the role of NABARD in promoting startups in Agriculture Sector. He said that NABARD is an apex institution which provides refinance assistance for agriculture, promoting rural development activities and also provides all necessary finance and assistance to small scale industries, cottage and village industries, handicrafts and other rural crafts and other allied economic activities in rural areas with a view to promote integrated rural development and securing prosperity of rural areas.

Dr Ranjeet Mehta, Deputy Secretary General, PHDCCI moderated the session and also took questionnaires from the audiences to the Hon'ble Minister as well as elite panel of experts of the session.

Mr. Mukesh B Singh, Senior Advisor, UP State Chapter, PHDCCI delivered the vote-of-thanks to the speakers and participants. On behalf of PHDCCI, he assured full support and cooperation to work with the Government in areas of Startup and entrepreneurship development.

The interactive seminar had more than 150 active participants comprising majorly of Startups, MSMEs, officials from NABARD & SIDBI, Leading Industrialists, College Students and budding entrepreneurs, Investors as well as Government representatives.



THREE CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE ESTABLISHED IN KARNATAKA UNDER INDO-ISRAEL AGRICULTURE PROJECT

For taking forward the Israeli technologies in the field of Horticulture, Mr. B. S. Yediyurapp, Chief Minister, Government of Karnataka and Mr. Narendra Singh Tomar, Minister for Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Government of India jointly inaugurated the 3 Centers of Excellence (COEs) established in Karnataka under Indo-Israel Agricultural Project in June 2021.

MIDH Division of Ministry of Agriculture & Farmer's Welfare, Government of India and MASHAV - Israel's Agency for International Development Cooperation - are leading Israel's largest G2G cooperation, with 29 operational Centres of Excellence (COEs) across India in 12 States and implementing advanced Israeli Agro-Technology tailored to local conditions. Out of these 29 fully functional COEs, 3 are from Karnataka, viz., COE Kolar for Mango, COE Bagalkote for Pomegranate and COE Dharwad for Vegetables. These Centres of Excellence generate knowledge, demonstrate best practices and train officers and farmers.



BUILDING OUR STRENGTH TO RESPOND PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

The Uttar Pradesh Chapter of PHD Chamber in collaboration with the Department of Medical & Health, Uttar Pradesh organized a virtual interactive session with Mr. Jai Pratap Singh, Hon'ble Cabinet Minister, Department of Medical and Health, Govt. of Uttar Pradesh, on, 'Building our Strength to Respond Health Emergency' on May 27, 2021. The webinar was supported by SBI Mutual Funds as Associate Partner and Arthur D Little as Knowledge Partner.

Chief Guest, Mr. Jai Pratap Singh, Cabinet Minister, Medical Health, Family & Child Welfare Department, Uttar Pradesh expressed his concern

over the new mutated variant of the virus which is continuously changing forms and affecting various parts of the body differently. The Minister informed that the State Government is doing its best in controlling the spread of the pandemic. He said that in March 2020, the testing capacity of Uttar Pradesh was only 70 cases a day, which has now increased to over 3.59 Lakhs a day. He said that the Chief Minister himself is travelling to districts every day and monitoring the health infrastructure and services personally to ensure best treatments in the State.

He said that Gram-Nigrani-Samitis (comprising primarily of ASHA workers and Anganwadi Karyakartas) have been formed to check the spread of COVID-19 in suburban areas of the city and the rural areas of the State. The Minister also informed that the Uttar Pradesh government has followed the '3T' formula of tracing, testing and treatment aggressively to tackle the rise in cases in both urban and rural areas of the State and as a result, Uttar Pradesh has become the first state in the country to carry out over 3 lakhs COVID tests in a single day.

Mr. Sanjay Agarwal, President,

PHDCCI said that everyone is aware that the requirement of emergency healthcare service for people is an ongoing problem. The Emergency Department (ED) must provide emergency care to the large population. Nevertheless, the safe-networking of the emergency care added to the complexity of the role because the ED should provide services to the users regardless of their insurance and socioeconomic status. Furthermore, the ED might be the only reference of health care services to people, particularly in rural areas. He further said that the Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) should include a full range of prevention, mitigation, and recovery activities, not just those designed to enable responses to events. He said that it also involves operational capabilities—the ability to quickly execute preparedness tasks. Although possessing capabilities requires capacity (infrastructure, personnel, plans, and so on) but capacity alone does not ensure readiness.

Dr Lalit Khaitan, CMD – Radico Khaitan Ltd. & Chairman – UP State Chapter, PHDCCI mentioned that in an effort to curb the spread of COVID-19 in Uttar Pradesh, the Chief Minister announced several measures in consultation with Team-9, formed by the UP Government to deal with the second wave of the pandemic, and has issued fresh directions to encounter the spread of the virus. He also gave suggestions which were, the National and local health emergency management arrangements needed to ensure that primary health care is recognized as a vital contributor to all aspects of emergencies; At the national level, there is a need to recognize and include primary health care in national health emergency risk management policies, plans and

programmes; at the regional, district and community levels, primary care needs to have well-defined and recognized roles and functions in emergency prevention, preparedness and response integrated in health-facility risk management plans and linked with secondary and tertiary care systems and lastly the Primary care leaders must be included in the planning and coordination mechanisms for health emergency management at all levels.

Dr Mayank Somani (MD & C.E.O.), Apollomedics Super Speciality Hospital, Lucknow, gave a brief presentation highlighting the impact of pandemic on the social and economic condition of the country. He said that the Earth today is a breeding place of Pandemic/ Disasters and the reasons were – Change in Land use & Deforestation; Change in Climate Conditions; Pollution; Population Density; Increasing Interface of Humans with animals, etc.

Dr Rakesh Kapoor, Medical Director – Medanta Lucknow, Director – Urology & Renal Transplant, Former Director, SGPGI, Lucknow, gave suggestions on how to respond to the current pandemic and also such upcoming pandemics in future. He said that skilling people is very crucial as it will train general people to handle emergencies (like putting Oxygen Cylinders/ Operating Concentrators etc.).

Mr. Patrick Linnenbank, Senior Advisor, Arthur D. Little (Middle East), said that those Countries who have historically confronted and taken lessons from the previous pandemics have been able to perform considerably better in controlling the spread of the pandemic. He emphasized on improving the health care services and also improving outreach of public

access to the same. Dr Linnenbank also suggested increasing public access to vaccines against COVID-19 and said that number of vaccination centres should be increased so that more and more citizens can get their jabs conveniently.

Mr. Barnik Mitra, CEO, Arthur D. Little (India & South Asia), expressed that citizen behavior plays a very crucial role in controlling any pandemic. He said that there should be more awareness campaigns about the safety protocols and measures like masking, social distancing, vaccinations, etc. so that mass awareness can be created amongst the citizens. He emphasized that more public adherence to these protocols shall result in more effective control on the pandemic.

Mr. Amit Gupta, Exec. Vice President and National Head – Institutional Business, SBI Funds Management Pvt. Ltd. discussed on how the health infrastructure can be improved. He said that it can be done by improving frontline professionals, regulating distribution and sales of drug, controlling or checking private hospitals, citizens of the country should follow the healthcare protocols and by having the public-private partnerships.

Dr Ranjeet Mehta, Deputy Secretary General, PHDCCI moderated the entire session and also took questionnaires from the audiences to the elite panel of experts of the session.

Mr. Mukesh B. Singh, Senior Advisor, UP Chapter, PHDCCI, delivered the vote-of-thanks to the Chief Guest, speakers and participants. He also thanked SBI Mutual Fund and Arthur D. Little for their collaboration.



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VIRTUAL INTERACTION WITH UNION MINISTER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

A high level PHD Chamber team comprising of Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, President, Mr. Saket Dalmia Vice President, Mr. Saurabh Sanyal, Secretary General and Dr S P Sharma, Chief Economist participated in a Video conference with Mr. Piyush Goyal, Union Minister of Commerce & Industry on June 1, 2021 on the agenda of “Review with Industry Associations regarding their preparedness to combat the COVID-19 pandemic”.

Mr. Saurabh Sanyal, Secretary General, PHD Chamber delivered the opening remarks and expressed gratitude on behalf of PHD Chamber to the Hon’ble Minister for providing the opportunity and lauded the efforts of the Government of India and the Hon’ble Minister of Commerce & Industry in providing 20000 metric tonnes of liquid oxygen across the country during the second wave of COVID-19.

Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, President, PHD Chamber raised the concerns of trade and industry issues such as MSME functioning capability during the current wave vis-a-vis diminishing demand and skyrocketing commodity prices of key industrial inputs. The President made several important recommendations, such as guaranteeing that large sectors like steel and copper do not export raw materials; to introduce a price control mechanism for export and import duties; imports of raw materials for industrial usage should have lower customs duties and in addition increasing the ECGLS scheme’s budget from Rs 3 lakh crore to Rs 6 lakh crore.

Mr. Saket Dalmia, Vice President, PHD Chamber stated that majority of PHDCCI members are from the MSME sector and the biggest issue they face are fear psychosis, as businesses stopped abruptly owing to COVID, and businessmen experience liquidity shortage and projects not coming in on time. As a result, the entrepreneur loses his motivation and zeal to work. He further stated that the government promised incentives of MEIS, SEIS, and RoDTEP schemes are yet to be implemented.



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- Monitoring and measurements using pressure and flow meters and various other devices
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- Quantification of water quality loads and discharges
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- Water balance
- Mapping of Water quality requirement at various user areas

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- Category III:** Engineering, Cigarette, Buildings, Food and Food Processing, FMCG, Tyre Manufacturing, Potable Alcohol Blending, Non-Alcoholic Beverages (soft drinks)

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PHD FAMILY WELFARE FOUNDATION (PHDFWF)

PHDFWF ORGANISED FREE HEALTH CHECK UP CAMPS FOR DESTITUTE CHILDREN IN GOVT. RUN INSTITUTIONS AND MONTHLY RATION IN 11 CHARITY ORPHANAGES



PHD Family Welfare Foundation received a request from WCD, Govt. of NCT Delhi to support the caregivers and destitute children residing in Child Care Institutions of Delhi. There are a lot of abandoned children who are being looked after by the Govt. in 100 Aanganwadis and

Institutional cares covering almost 3000 children from the age group of one year to 18 years. In the month of May, PHDFWF organized ten health camps in different homes. 838 children benefitted from these camps.

PHDFWF started supporting 11 non-

Government orphanage homes with grocery items and other necessary items for three months. In the month of May, 21 PHDFWF distributed one month ration to a home for the destitute children with support from esteemed donors.



PHDFWF SUPPORTING 36 FAMILIES WHO HAVE LOST THEIR ONLY BREAD EARNER DURING COVID-19



PHDFWF identified 30 women in resettlement areas (where PHDFWF has a Skill Development unit) who have lost their only earning member of their families due to COVID or otherwise. PHDFWF will be supporting by providing basic food expenses of these women for 4 to 6 months while they learn a skill at one of FWF centers. Once they are skilled, they will be able to earn a living for their families. This will reinstate the family and make them self-sufficient.

SPECIAL GOVERNING BODY MEETING OF PHDFWF TOWARDS PURCHASING OXYGEN GENERATION PLANTS TO BE DISTRIBUTED TO CHARITY HOSPITALS



The Special Governing Body Meeting of the PHD Family Welfare Foundation was held on May 14, 2021 through a virtual platform. The Foundation's previous activities, details of projects and action plan were reviewed and discussed in the meeting. Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, President PHD Chamber, Mr. Saket Dalmia, Vice President, PHD Chamber, Ms. Anuradha Goel, Chairperson, PHDFWF, Mr. Saurabh Sanyal, Secretary General, PHD Chamber,

Dr Ranjeet Mehta, Deputy Secretary General, PHD Chamber and senior GB members were present in the meeting. All the members applauded the welfare work done by the Foundation, especially the various initiatives undertaken by the Foundation during second wave of COVID-19. Keeping in mind the tremendous shortages of oxygen to rescue affected patients from the second wave of COVID, PHD Chamber procured oxygen generation plants from China with support from

the managing committee members of PHD Chamber and Rotary Club of Delhi South Central. The first plant will be installed in Tirath Ram Shah hospital, Delhi and other one will be installed in Vivekananda Hospital, Gurugram, and the rest eight plants will be distributed to other charity hospitals. This noble cause of Oxygen plants is being done through PHD Family Welfare Foundation.



DISTRIBUTION OF KN95 MASKS BY PHDFWF



PHDFWF distributed KN95 masks to Delhi Commissioner of Police, Connaught Place, Department of Women & Child Development office, Govt. of NCT Delhi, destitute children and caregivers in Child Care Institutions in Delhi, Ranchi High Court, Civil hospital in Lakhimpur, Assam and beneficiaries of mobile medical vans.

PHDFWF FOOD DISTRIBUTION DRIVE AMONG THE MIGRANTS AND THE NEEDY



PHD Family Welfare Foundation distributed dry food packets containing 5kg atta, pulses, sugar, tea leaves, soya chunks, biscuits, soap, other nutritious dry foods and face masks and sanitary pads to high-risk girls & women & migrants living in Okhla Ph-I&II, specially abled people & FWF beneficiaries living in different resettlement colonies of Delhi/NCR.



HEALTH CARE

PHDFWF- JAQUAR FOUNDATION MOBILE MEDICAL VAN (GURUGRAM, HARYANA)



PHDFWF-Jaquar mobile medical van conducted 16 health check-up camps with free diagnostic facilities and medicines in the month of May, 2021. The mobile van benefited 835 patients living in the villages of Harchandpur, Alipur, Garhi Bazidpur and Dhaula of Gurugram. Free medicines and KN95 masks were distributed through the mobile camps.

PHDFWF- JAQUAR FOUNDATION MOBILE MEDICAL VAN (BHIWADI, RAJASTHAN)



A Total 15 camps were organized and 736 patients got benefited by PHDFWF-Jaquar mobile van in the month of May 2021. The MMV provided diagnostic care to the patients by following all the precautionary measures. PHDFWF has been organizing its regular health check-ups in the adopted villages by Jaquar group.

PHDFWF-SMPF MOBILE MEDICAL VAN



P HDFWF-SMPF organized its free regular health check-up camps providing free diagnostic care, clinical services and medicines to the beneficiaries of Delhi/NCR. A total 08 health check-up camps were organized and it benefited 355 patients. These services were provided to the patients by maintaining social distance and by taking all the precautionary measures.

PHDFWF- TARGET INTERVENTION PROJECT ON HIV/AIDS

Target Intervention Project (TI) has been providing various Health/RCH Services to the migrant workers in resettlement areas of Okhla with the financial support from Delhi State AIDs Control Society (DSACS), Govt of NCT Delhi since 2003.

SKILL DEVELOPMENT & VOCATIONAL TRAINING

PHDFWF-KAJARIA CERAMICS LTD. SKILL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING CENTRES, ASSAM



P HDFWF with financial support from Kajaria Ceramics has been running a skill development training centre in Lakhimpur district of Assam. The Centre is providing training in knitting and hand weaving courses to the rural girls and women. Local gamusa and mekhela chaddar are being made by the beneficiaries.

PHDFWF-JAQUAR SKILL DEVELOPMENT CENTRE, MATALWAS



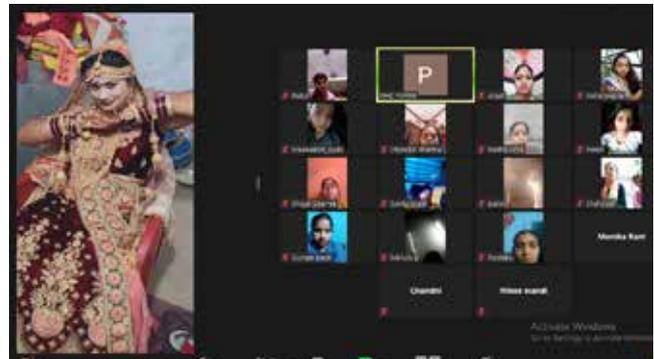
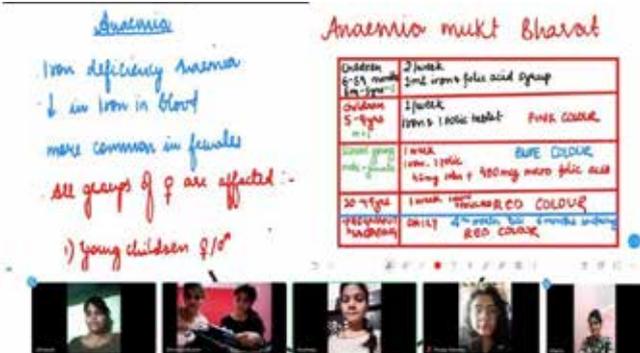
PHDFWF started one skill centre in Matalwas, Bhiwadi, Rajasthan with the support from Jaquar Foundation. Training in beauty culture and tailoring & embroidery courses are being provided to 55 rural women and girls living in nearby areas.

MG GOYAL GASES SKILL DEVELOPMENT CENTRE, BADLI EXTN., ROHINI

With the support from Goyal MG Gases, PHDFWF has been running a skill development centre in Badli Extn., Rohini. The centre offers courses in computer education, tailoring and beauty culture. 87 trainees are availing these courses under the project. Post lockdown all classes are being held in online platform and being monitored on timely basis.



PHDFWF - JAQUAR N.L MEHRA VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTRE, AYA NAGAR

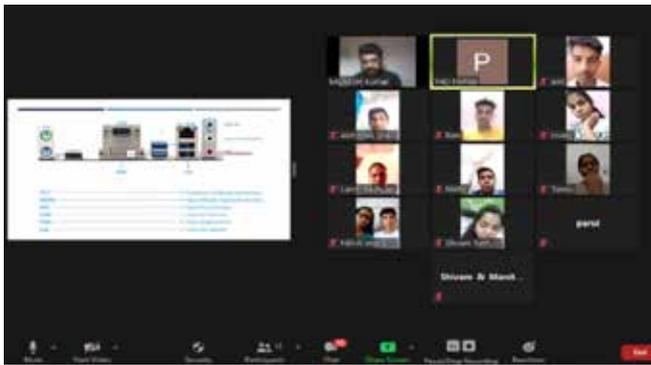


With the support from Jaquar, training in nursing assistant, advance computer education, retail management and beauty culture courses are being provided to 105 underprivileged women and girls living in Aya Nagar & nearby areas at PHDFWF-NL Mehra Vocational Training centre.

L&T HOWDEN PVT. LTD. SKILL DEVELOPMENT CENTRE, PALLA



PHD Family Welfare Foundation has been running a skill development centre in Palla, Faridabad with support from L&T Faridabad. 96 underprivileged women and girls are availing training in computer education, beauty culture & tailoring and embroidery under the project & all classes are being conducted through online platform.

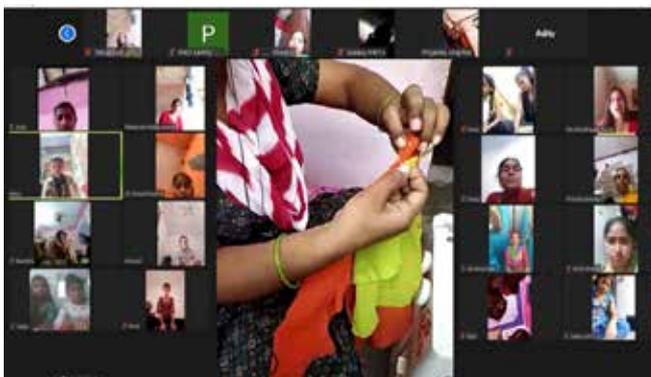


HINDUSTAN TIN WORKS SKILL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING CENTRE, BADARPUR

PHDFWF started online classes for all its skill development training courses due to lockdown. 53 beneficiaries are attending training courses on computer education and beauty culture on a regular basis under the project supported by Hindustan Tin Works Ltd.

PHDFWF-JAWAHAR FOUNDATION HEALTH CARE ATTENDANT CENTRE, BHILWARA

PHD Family Welfare Foundation with support from Jawahar Foundation is providing training in health care attendant course in Bhilwara. 30 trainees are availing training at the centre.

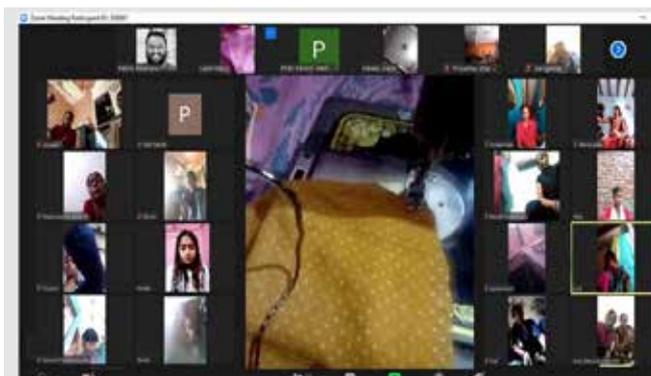


L&T PRAYAS SKILL DEVELOPMENT CENTRE, FARIDABAD

PHD Family Welfare Foundation has been running a skill development centre in Surya vihar, Faridabad with support from Prayas Trust, L&T Faridabad. This centre provides tailoring & embroidery course. 40 underprivileged women and girls are availing training under the project.

PHDFWF-SMPF SKILL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING CENTRE, DWARKAPURI

PHDFWF-SMPF centre is providing training in tailoring & embroidery, beauty culture & mehandi, mobile repairing and computer education on a virtual platform due to second wave of COVID-19 with support from Seth Madanlall Palriwala Foundation.

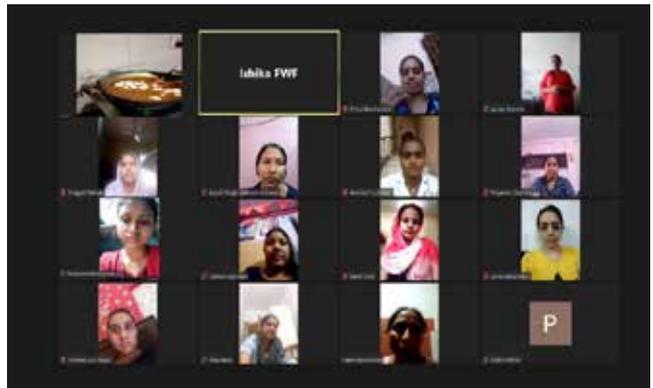
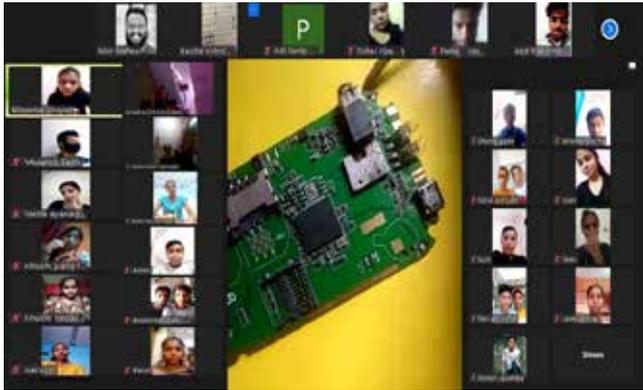


PHDFWF-WRG SKILL DEVELOPMENT CENTRE, AYA NAGAR

In PHDFWF-WRG skill development centre, Aya Nagar, 46 students are availing training in tailoring & embroidery and computer education courses under the project. The courses are being supported by Women Rehabilitation Group, USA.



PHDFWF-JAQUAR SKILL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING CENTRES, MANDI VILLAGE



PHDFWF-JAQUAR skill development centre offers courses like beauty culture, tailoring, mobile repairing, cooking and masala making. More than 110 trainees are currently availing courses through the online platform.



PHDFWF-FENA SKILL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING CENTRE

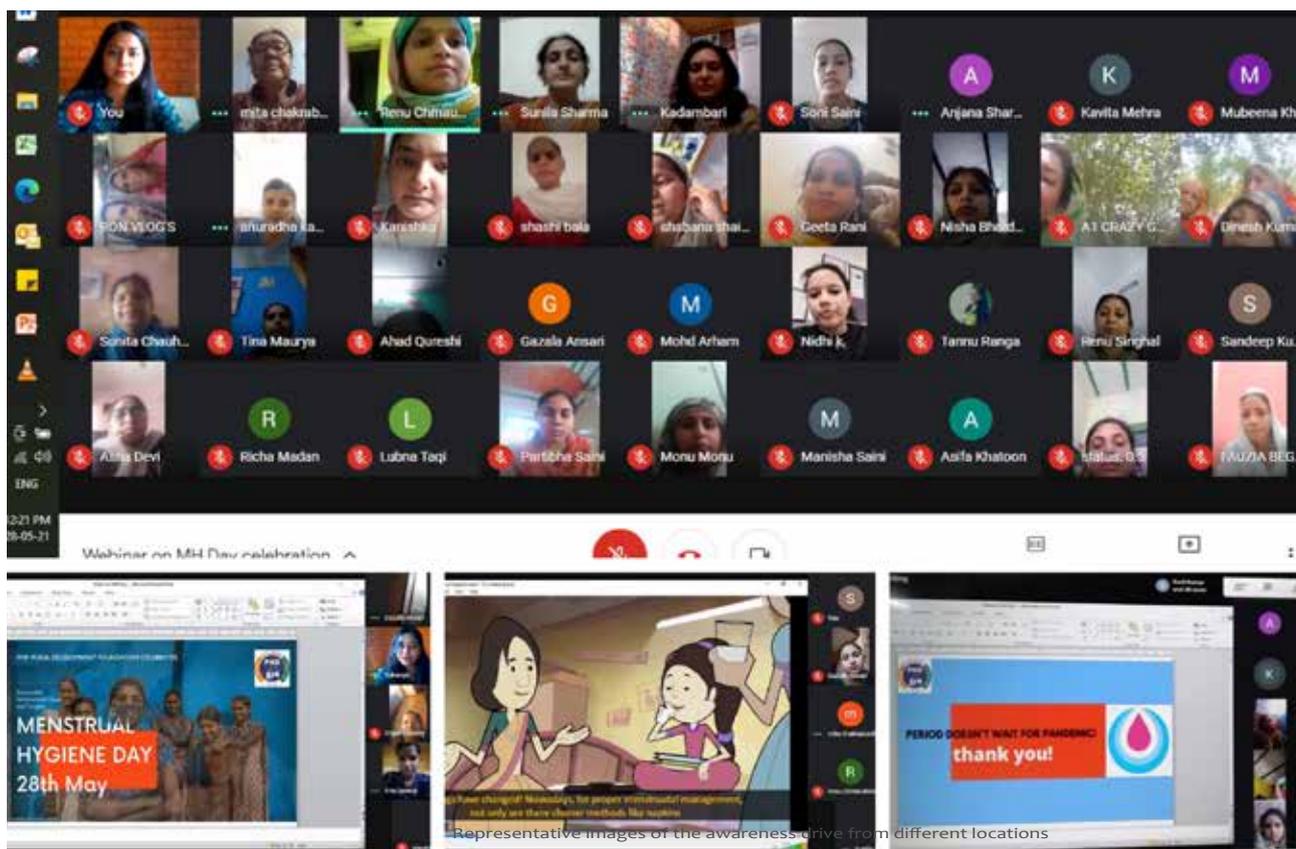
In PHDFWF-FENA skill development centre, Okhla, 45 students are availing training in tailoring & embroidery under the project. The courses are being supported by Fena Foundation. The training is going on a virtual platform.



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 the Company's Act 2013. The Foundation takes appropriate initiatives in the areas of Healthcare & Sanitation, Education, Skill Development, Women Empowerment and Water Harvesting Conservation 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.

MENSTRUAL HYGIENE DAY



PHDRDF celebrated “Menstrual Hygiene Day” by organizing an interactive session on “Menstrual Health & Hygiene: Best Practices” on May 28, 2021. The objective of the session was to educate rural girls and women on menstrual hygiene, need of nutrition during the days and awareness on sanitary products. The session was attended by more than 55 adolescent girls & women from different remote and rural project locations of PHDRDF across five states

including Rajasthan, Haryana, Delhi, Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh.

Dr Kadambari, CEO, PHDRDF welcomed the participants and highlighted the historical importance of the day and need of Know-how of menstruation. Dr Mita Chakraborti, took the lead session and focussed on 3Ws; the what, why and how around menstruation and their best practices. Mr. Sanjay Bhatia, Chairman, PHDRDF communicated

the need to educate and undertake such awareness generation programs; specially focussing on the importance of menstrual health & hygiene and overall social status of women and girls.

An interactive question-answer session was conducted at the end of the session where participants clarified their doubts with Dr Mita Chakraborty.

PHDRDF WATER MANAGEMENT

PHDRDF has been constantly working towards recharging of ground water table by establishing Rain water harvesting structures and generating awareness among the community in need and technologies of water conservation.

PHDRDF- HINDUSTAN TIN WORKS LIMITED



Concrete footpaths and benches installed near the rejuvenated pond

PHDRDF and Hindustan Tin Works Ltd. have partnered together for pond rejuvenation in Bhigan Village, Sonipat, Haryana. Concrete footpath of 360 meters with lock 'n' lock tiles have been paved around the pond and RCC benches have been installed. Solar street lights and trees with tree guard are to be planted around the pond for soil conservation and green cover. The pond is being developed for villagers' use, as a park for walk ways and other recreational activities.

PHDRDF - COCA COLA INDIA FOUNDATION



Establishment of Pali wala check dam under progress and Sukkhal Kat Wala check dam constructed previous year

PHDRDF and Coca Cola India Foundation have partnered together to promote sustainable solutions for water resource management with surface water conservation and ground water recharge, through construction of 07 check dams in water-stressed two blocks of Ranchi district – Kanke and Ratu in Jharkhand. The project will reach out to more than 15,000 people, creating a total water recharge capacity of 292,100 cubic meters. Out of seven, the establishment of Gajam Wala and Pali Wala check dam is under progress and the rest have been completed.

PHDRDF – ROTARY CLUB OF DELHI SOUTH CENTRAL

PHDRDF and Rotary Club of Delhi South Central have partnered together for establishment of four water harvesting structures in Alwar, Rajasthan. The check dams will have a total water holding capacity of 13,45,000 cubic feet. The club had also sponsored four check dams in Sikar, Rajasthan earlier. The club has continuously supported PHDRDF to construct water harvesting structures in the past, especially in Rajasthan and has contributed in increasing the productivity of the land in the area and recharging the water table.

PHDRDF- POLYPLEX CORPORATION LTD. AND DR RAJESH MALHOTRA

PHDRDF with co-sponsorship of Polyplex Corporation Limited and Dr Rajesh Malhotra based in USA have partnered together for establishment of one water harvesting structure 'Firav wala Check Dam' in Dadhikar, Hajipur, Alwar, Rajasthan with a length of 175 ft. The check dam will have a water holding capacity of 7,35,000 cubic feet. The construction work towards the check dam is under progress.



Dr Malhotra with the community members during the ground breaking ceremony

PHDRDF- KAJARIA CERAMICS LIMITED



Foundation filling work is under progress for Thakur Wala CD



PHDRDF with Kajaria Ceramics Limited have partnered together for establishment of one water harvesting structure 'Thakur wala

Check Dam' in Kaaled Banada Ki Dhani, Samra, Alwar, Rajasthan with a length of 180 ft. The check dam will have a water holding capacity

of 3,00,000 cubic feet. The work towards establishment of the check dam is under progress with active participation from the community.



PHDRDF- RADICO NV DISTILLERIES MAHARASHTRA PVT. LTD., SELECT CITY WALK AND MR K S MEHTA & FAMILY



Foundation work is being carried out for establishment of Devra Wala Check Dam



PHDRDF with Radico NV Distilleries Maharashtra Pvt. Ltd., Select City Walk and Mr. K S Mehta & Family have partnered together for establishment of one

water harvesting structure 'Devra wala Check Dam' in Thanagazi, Alwar, Rajasthan with a length of 320 ft. The check dam will have a water holding capacity of 4,48,000 cubic feet. This

check dam will help in augmentation of the water table and recharge the groundwater. The work towards establishment of the check dam has begun with active participation from the community.

PHDRDF HEALTHCARE INTERVENTION AND SANITATION

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

PHDRDF- NATIONAL SAFAI KARAMCHARI FINANCE & DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

PHDRDF is empanelled with National Safai Karamchari Finance Development & Corporation (NSKFDC), Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment for the year 2021-22 to organize 15 health camps in 4 states. During the preceding FY 2020-21, PHDRDF conducted 33 health camps

across 5 states for manual scavengers with support from NSKFDC. The camps this year will be organized with a team of three specialists in each camp. It includes one physician, one eye specialist and one gynaecologist along with paramedical staff. Around 150 patients are expected to benefit

from each camp. Facilities like testing of blood pressure, blood sugar, computerised eye testing and medicines will also be provided during these camps. Along with medicines, free spectacles will also be distributed at each location.

PHDRDF - ROTARY CLUB OF ROORKEE

PHDRDF has partnered with Rotary Club of Roorkee, Rotary International, Rotary District grant through THDC, Rishikesh for a

project "Mobile Medical Sehat Van" to provide health services to the villagers of 15 villages of Pratapnagar and Jakhanidhar block of Tehri Gharwal.

The project will reach out to more than 12,000 people in the far flung areas, who are unable to access healthcare easily.

PHDRDF - HSIL

PHDRDF has partnered with HSIL for a project titled "Mobile Health Services". In this project HSIL has provided two Mobile Medical Ambulances to PHDRDF to organize free health camps in nearby areas of Bahadurgarh and Kaharani in Haryana.

The project will provide generic health care services to the people through a well-equipped technology assisted mobile medical van with testing devices like ECG, blood test facility like haemoglobin, blood sugar and supported by a qualified medical

team consisting of a medical doctor and paramedical staff including lab technician and ANM. Screening, diagnosis and treatment along with medicines will be provided to the patients.



PHDRDF SKILL DEVELOPMENT

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

PHDRDF- DONALDSON INDIA FILTER SYSTEMS PRIVATE LIMITED

PHDRDF and Donaldson India Filter Systems Pvt. Ltd. are running a "Skill Development Centre" for the past 5 years in Mohammadpur Gurjar, Sohna block, Gurugram. The project has been extended for the current financial year and a total of 80 students will be trained through both courses i.e. Stitching & Tailoring and Beauty Culture. Currently, 40 students (20 students in each course) are undergoing the training. Besides this, the students are also being provided training on English communication and Basic Computer Skills. Currently due to COVID-19, the training is being conducted through 'online' mode.



Girls from stitching & tailoring class conducted before lockdown

PHDRD- DRI PVT. LTD.

PHDRDF and DRI Pvt. Ltd. have partnered together to provide training in Basic Computer Skills. A batch of 20 students have successfully completed their course in Basic Computer in DRI Udaan Skill Development Center for Computer Training in Sidhrawali village of Gurugram. Currently, a new batch has been formed and training is being conducted through online classes.



Girls & women at the computer class, conducted before lockdown

PHDRDF – DCM SHRIRAM INDUSTRIES

PHDRDF and DCM Shriram Industries came together for a women empowerment and livelihood generation project through sanitary napkins manufacturing. 'Urmila', a Women Self Help Group with 9 women has been formed in Ranikhet

in village Pantkotuli in September 2020. The women have been trained in sanitary napkin manufacturing and are now into production of the product independently. The SHG groups have been getting orders from nearby areas. Besides this, the product is

being marketed in Delhi NCR for better reach. Different marketing channels have been linked for selling the sanitary napkin packets. Online sessions are being conducted for further capacity building of the girls at the Centre.

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

PHDRDF and Bry –Air Asia are continuing their partnership for the second phase of Bry-Air Udaan Skill Development Centre for electrician course in Sidhrawali village, Haryana. In this project, a total of 40 students will be trained in the electrician course in Sidhrawali

village of Gurugram. A batch of 20 students have successfully completed the course. These candidates have been assessed by third party 'Shiksha Bharati' and have passed the assessment successfully and will be awarded with a passing certificate. Job opportunities are being explored for

these students. It is to be noted that Bry Air (Asia) and PHDRDF have earlier run a training centre for electrician course in Jatauli Village of Pataudi where a total of 40 candidates were trained and provided job opportunity with third party certifications.



PHDRDF SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT

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

PHDRDF - HSIL

PHDRDF and HSIL have partnered to develop sanitation facilities for girl students in 5 Government schools in 5 villages in Bahadurgarh block of Jhajjar District, Haryana. Government schools have been identified which are lacking proper sanitation facilities for girls. Seven blocks each consisting of toilet and urinals will be refurbished/ reconstructed in schools located in village Rohad, Dehkora, Mandothi, Asaudha and Kulasi. The project will benefit more than 300 girls. Establishment and refurbishment work towards the above mentioned schools is under progress.



Establishment of new toilet block and refurbishment of existing toilet block under progress in Dehkora school (Bahadurgarh) in Haryana

PHDRDF– DONALDSON FILTERS INDIA PVT. LTD.

PHDRDF and Donaldson Filters India Pvt. Ltd. have come together for the partnership of a project titled ‘School up gradation through providing support in computer lab establishment in Government Middle School, Naharpur, Kasan’ in Haryana. A computer lab with eight desktop computers will be provided with electrical fittings. Currently, 10 computers have been handed over to the school.

PHDRDF- HINDUSTAN TIN WORKS LIMITED



New girls toilet is being constructed at Dhaturi Village, Sonipat, Haryana

PHDRDF and Hindustan Tin Works Limited have partnered together for construction of new girls toilet and refurbishment of boys toilet of a Government Upper Primary School in Dhaturi Village, Sonapat, Haryana that will benefit more than 250 students. The establishment of toilets in the school will promote better health and hygiene practices amongst the students, leading to better health in the community. This will also ensure improvement in the attendance of the students in school.



PHDRDF VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT

PHDRDF has been actively working towards supporting the villagers in rural area by providing water and toilet facilities in different states.

PHDRDF-HINDUSTAN TIN WORKS LIMITED

PHDRDF and Hindustan Tin Works Limited have partnered together for a project on providing infrastructure facilities to a BPL Family, a resident of village Painta at Madhubani, Bihar. The present condition of the house consists of a thatched roof and does not have provision of proper kitchen and sanitation facility. The aim of the project is to support the BPL family with construction of a Pucca house (that includes two rooms, kitchen, toilet and bath-room) and will be provided with basic facility for protection from poor health and natural calamities. The construction work is under progress.

IN FACE OF DEATH

Krishan Kalra, Former Secretary General, PHD Chamber



As President of All India Management Association (AIMA) for 1998-99, it was my responsibility to organise the '99 Annual Convention', biggest event in every president's tenure of one year and, without saying so, sort of a test of how successful the incumbent has been. One of the important tasks is to find a Convention Chairman – head of a well known large company – who would also, normally, sponsor the event.

After much deliberation, I had narrowed down to couple of Delhi based industrialists, and on top of the list was Dr Parvinder Singh, the then CMD of Pharma major Ranbaxy. Parvinder was extremely well-known, he was articulate, had a tremendous presence and was heading the country's largest pharmaceutical company..... a true leader who had proven his mettle by achieving scorching growth in the company.

Krishan Chugh, past president of AIMA, knew Dr Singh well and offered to fix a meeting. We were

asked to call on him one afternoon at his Aurangzeb Lane house. On the appointed day – perhaps in March – Chugh, AIMA DG Khurana and I reached there. We were received by the CMD's executive assistant and made to sit in the tastefully appointed living room.

Soon, Dr Parvinder Singh walked in. He was wearing a dressing gown. I was a bit surprised that he'd do so at a formal meeting but dismissed the thought; he was probably taking a siesta. In any case, he greeted us warmly, offered tea & snacks and after some polite talk, wanted to know everything about AIMA and the convention.

I switched on the laptop and made a power point presentation; origins of AIMA, some very distinguished past presidents, our activities, sponsors of previous conventions, how people like Yogi Deveshwar had been convention chairmen earlier, our plans for the 99 event etc., etc. Finally, I proposed that we were very keen that he be the Chairman for our convention in

September.

"Mr. Kalra, you are asking me to make a commitment for an event six month from now, when I am not sure if I would be alive after six weeks" the man had spoken in an even tone, without any emotion, very stoically, very matter of fact.

We were all speechless. Finally Chugh broke the ice, "Parvinder, why are you talking like that?" "Mr. Chugh, I'm suffering from terminal cancer and perhaps don't have more than a couple of months. There is so much to do before I go. I am sorry I can't accept the Convention Chairmanship. We will of course give you a sponsorship. Now, another cup of hot tea anyone?"

Some more chit chat & Dr Singh graciously saw us off at the gate. No trace of self-pity, no seeking sympathy, no regrets, just the desire to complete some of his unfinished tasks.

In July, the great man passed on.

INTERNATIONAL

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



INTERNATIONAL

45	Foreign Economic Relations Board of Turkey, Istanbul, Turkey	September 18, 2019
46	Ceylon Chamber of Commerce	September 26, 2019
47	Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Services of the Region of Fez-Meknes (CCISFM), Meknes, Morocco	October 9, 2019
48	Mongolian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Ulaanbataar, Mongolia	November 11, 2019
49	INDIA CHAMBER OF PERU	January 1, 2020
50	India China and America (ICA) Institute, USA (ICA)	July 2, 2020
51	Mongolia India Business Council (MIBC)	May 13, 2021

DOMESTIC

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



DOMESTIC

33	Department of Management Studies, Kashmir University	September 24, 2018
34	Federation of Karnataka Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FKCCI)	December 15, 2018
35	DPSRU Innovation and Incubation Foundation (DIIF)	May 28, 2019
36	India Trade Promotion Organization (ITPO), Ministry of Commerce	June 10, 2019
37	Spike Advertising Pvt. Ltd.	November 26, 2019
38	National Productivity Council	January 2, 2020
39	New Delhi Institute of Management	January 2, 2020
40	Power2SME	January 7, 2020
41	Centre for Excellence in Automation, Robotics & AI	June 4, 2020
42	Software Technology Park of India (STPI)	June 6, 2020
43	Cycling Federation of India	September 30, 2020
44	National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB) Ministry of AYUSH, Govt. of India	October 1, 2020
45	India Ratings and Research (Fitch Group)	December 30, 2020
46	CSIR-National Environmental Research Institute	January 7, 2021
47	Toy Association of India	January 15, 2021
48	Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)	February 16, 2021

OBITUARY

The second wave of the COVID-19 Pandemic is creating havoc in India and Delhi NCR region is one of the worst affected regions with a large number of casualties. The PHDCCI Secretariat has also suffered immensely due to the sudden untimely demise.



MR. SACHIN SRIVASTAVA

The PHD Chamber deeply mourns the untimely demise of Mr. Sachin Srivastava, Senior Resident Officer of Madhya Pradesh Chapter of PHD Chamber. Mr. Srivastava joined the Chamber on April 2008 and contributed thirteen years for the growth of PHDCCI until his sudden passing away on May 30, 2021. Mr. Srivastava was actively involved in organizing various events of the Madhya Pradesh Chapter.

"It is true that with long days on job our co-workers/colleagues become like family members, I have known Sachin Srivastava since 2012 when I joined Madhya Pradesh Chapter of PHD Chamber at Bhopal office. He was sincere and a hard worker. He rendered his services to Chamber for more than 12 years and actively managed administrative works along with various programs. We together executed many programs/road shows/workshops etc.

Before my joining he was the part of Mega Events like Farm Tech, Logistics Summits etc. We together successfully planned and organized events like Tourism Investors' summits, Road shows, Startup Conclave, Skill Development Programs, IT Investors Meet, FDI in Food Processing and many KAS workshops on different topics. Words are not enough to describe his contribution as an office colleague/co worker in the development of PHDCCI in Madhya Pradesh.

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Anirudh Dubey

Sr Resident officer, PHDCCI, Madhya Pradesh



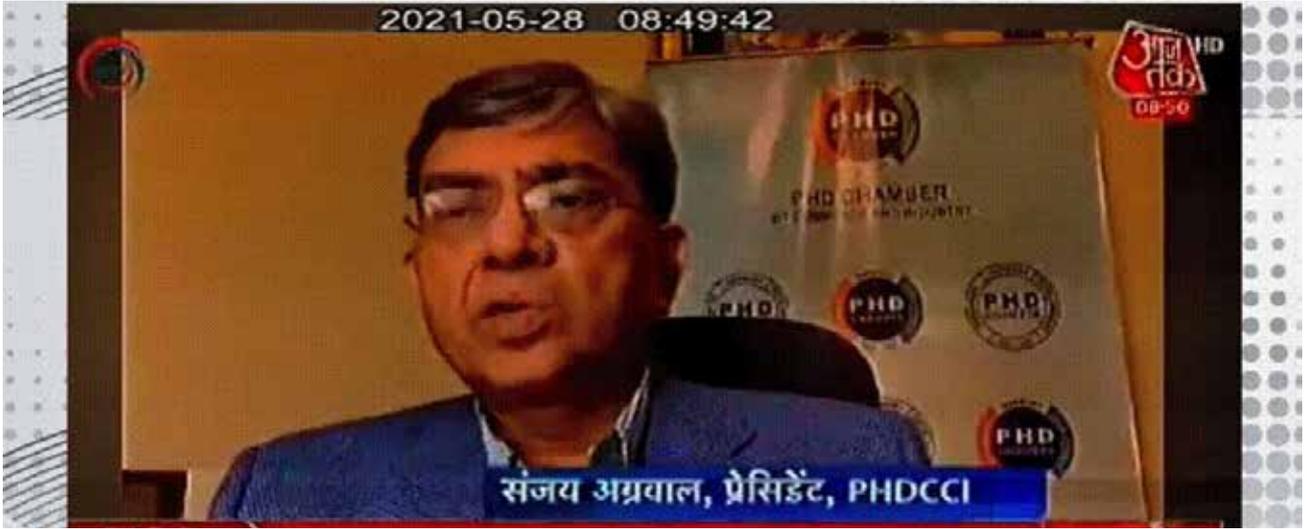
MEDIA BUZZ



May 30, 2021, NDTV, New Delhi



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लगभग 500 जिलों से मिल रही इकोनॉमी को ऑक्सीजन

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कोरोना की दूसरी लहर थामने को देशव्यापी लॉकडाउन को लेकर तेज बहस के बीच आर्थिक विशेषज्ञों का मानना है कि ऐसे किसी भी कदम से इकोनॉमी को ऑक्सीजन मिलनी बंद हो जाएगी। ऐसे में पिछले वर्ष की तरह ही जीडीपी विकास दर धड़ाम हो सकती है। सरकारी अनुमान के मुताबिक देश के 700 से अधिक जिलों में से लगभग 170 जिलों में ही संक्रमण दर 15 फीसद से अधिक है। वहीं, 17 राज्यों में कोरोना के सक्रिय मामले 50,000 से कम हैं।

उद्योग संगठन पीएचडी चेंबर के प्रेसिडेंट संजय अग्रवाल के अनुसार देशव्यापी लॉकडाउन की सूरत में पिछले वित्त वर्ष की तरह चालू वित्त वर्ष की पहली तिमाही में भी 23% से अधिक की गिरावट हो सकती है। मौजूदा क्षेत्रीय लॉकडाउन के दौरान कई सेक्टरों में मैन्यूफैक्चरिंग जारी है और दिहाड़ी मजदूरों का काम चल रहा है। पूर्ण लॉकडाउन की स्थिति में वे वापस सड़क पर आ जाएंगे।

विशेषज्ञों के मुताबिक देशव्यापी लॉकडाउन नहीं लगने के कारण ही इस वर्ष अप्रैल का मैन्यूफैक्चरिंग सूचकांक पिछले माह की तरह रहा। इसी सप्ताह बुधवार को आरबीआइ के गवर्नर ने कहा कि स्थानीय लॉकडाउन के चलते मांग में नरमी का रुख रहेगा, लेकिन यह नरमी पिछले वर्ष से कम होगी।

एसबीआइ के समूह मुख्य आर्थिक सलाहकार एसके घोष के मुताबिक दूसरी लहर के संक्रमण और अलग-अलग होने वाले लॉकडाउन से अब तक दो लाख करोड़ का नुकसान हो चुका है। फिर भी, अच्छी बात यह है लॉकडाउन और प्रतिबंध स्थानीय स्तर पर ही सिमटे हैं।

उद्योग संगठन सीआइआइ के प्रमुख उदय कोटक ने कहा भले ही राष्ट्रीय लॉकडाउन की वकालत की हो, लेकिन संगठन की मुख्य अर्थशास्त्री बिदिशा गांगुली का मानना है कि इस बार स्थिति अलग है। राज्य अपने-अपने स्तर पर कुछ न कुछ प्रतिबंध लगा रहे हैं और यही उचित है।



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The government's plan to set up a new regulatory body for the power sector has been a topic of discussion for some time. The idea is to create a separate body to regulate the power sector, which is currently under the purview of the Ministry of Power. This move is seen as a step towards liberalising the power market and attracting private investment. The government has already taken several steps in this direction, including the introduction of the Electricity Regulatory Commission (ERC) in 2003. However, the current ERC is seen as ineffective and in need of a complete overhaul. The new body is expected to be set up by the end of the year.

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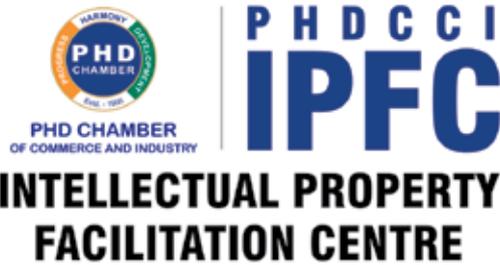
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