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NEW LEADERSHIP



Mr. Rajeev Talwar, President, PHD Chamber



Mr. Rajeev Talwar is the CEO and Whole Time Director of DLF Limited, India's largest Real Estate Company. Mr. Talwar has rich and diversified experience spread over 40 years, both as a bureaucrat as well as in leadership roles in the private sector. Mr. Talwar has been the Chairman of various Real Estate Committees of several Industry Chambers and Associations and has been actively pursuing issues and challenges faced by the sector. He is the Chairman of the National Real Estate Development Council and is also the Vice Chairman of the World Tourism and Travel Council, India Initiative and will take over as the Chairman of the Council in December 2018. In 1978, he was selected for the Indian Administrative Services and during his tenure as an IAS officer, from 1978 to 2006, he held many secretarial positions in the Central & State Governments as well as Union Territories. Mr. Talwar with his vision of a "Prosperous India" believes that active participation of both public sector and private sector is inevitable for the overall growth process in the country.

Mr. D. K. Aggarwal, Senior Vice President, PHD Chamber

Mr. D. K. Aggarwal is the Chairman & Managing Director of SMC Investments and Advisors Ltd., CMD of SMC Capitals Ltd, President of SMC Global Securities Ltd., Chairman of SMC Comtrade Ltd., Chairman of SMC Real Estate Advisors Pvt. Ltd. and Director of SMC Comex International DMCC (Dubai). With over two decades of experience in the securities market & financial services, Mr. Aggarwal has been conferred with numerous prestigious leadership awards including the Distinguished Entrepreneurship Award 2015 by PHD Chamber, the top 30 Most Successful Entrepreneur of 2017 by the CEO Magazine, International Gold Star Millennium Award Global Indian, Outstanding National Citizens Award by National Citizen Guild, Rashtriya Udhog Rattan award by All India Achievers Conference, IPE-BFSI Leader award by Asian Confederation of Businesses for setting an example of a Role Model and Exemplary Leader and Brand Slam Leadership Award by CMO Asia.



Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal Vice President, PHD Chamber



Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal is the Chairman & CEO of Paramount Cables Group. Mr. Aggarwal, a graduate in B.Com. (Hons) from Shri Ram College of Commerce has been an integral part of the growth story of Paramount Cables from Rs. one crore small scale industrial unit to one of the largest cable manufacturers in India and today, the company has a group turnover above Rs.600 crores. Mr. Aggarwal has also been the recipient of numerous prestigious awards over the past 34 years which include the National Small Industry Award 1984 given away by the President of India, Entrepreneur of the Year Award 1994 by All India Manufacturers Organization, Niryat Shree Award 2008-09 by FIEO, numerous Star Exporter Awards by EEPC over the years and Major Donor Award 2017 by Rotary Foundation of Rotary International.

Mr. Anil Khaitan Immediate Former President, PHD Chamber

Mr. Anil Khaitan, Chairman of SNK Corp joined the family business in 1976. He has diversified businesses relating to jute, paper, pharmaceuticals, copper & steel industry, apart from managing international operations of his company in Atlanta. Mr. Khaitan is presently a member of World Presidents' Organization, institutional member of AIMA & DMA and is also a Director of Board of Studies, AIMA and member of Governing Council of New Delhi, Institute of Management. In addition to business expertise, Mr. Khaitan has always had a great zeal to learn and experience the nature and life around him. His favourite quote, "THE ONLY THING PERFECT IN THE WORLD IS NATURE" has been truly followed by him in his personal life and adventures. He is an avid sports lover of golf and tennis, practitioner of yoga and meditation and is interested in music and theatre.



Dr Mahesh Y Reddy Secretary General, PHD Chamber



Dr Mahesh Y Reddy became the Secretary General of PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry on October 6, 2018. Prior to becoming the Secretary General of the Chamber, he served as Director General of Infrastructure Industry and Logistics Federation of India and also with FICCI in various capacities including as its Assistant Secretary General. Dr Reddy with his vast experience has represented Indian industry on several government and industry committees such as Member Secretary, Expert Committee of the Ministry of Railways, Secretary and CEO of All India Shippers Council, Secretary General of Association of Shippers Council of Bangladesh, India, Pakistan & Sri Lanka and Member of Development Council for Textile Industry, Ministry of Textiles and has also been associated with the Bureau of Industrial Costs and Prices.

President's Message

Friends,

Emerging as a bright star globally, while playing a significant unifying role, India is at the cusp of a major economic transformation. I say with pride that our country continues to be the fastest growing economy worldwide, though at a slightly slower pace of 7.1 percent registered in the July-September quarter against 8.2 percent rate during the previous quarter. At the same time, I would like to congratulate Prime Minister, Mr. Narendra Modi for his recent commitment to play a "due and responsible" role by reducing our greenhouse gas Emissions Intensity of Gross Domestic Product (EIGDP) by 33 percent to 35 percent below the 2005 levels by 2030, according to the UN Environment Program.

India's investment climate has become conducive with big reforms such as the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, GST, fiscal consolidation and good governance practices being adopted by the government in recent months. These proactive measures have helped India leap up by 23 places to reach 77th position in the global ranking out of 190 countries in the World Bank's 'Doing Business 2019' report released recently, making it South Asian region's top ranked economy. Substantial efforts have been undertaken to enhance Ease of Doing Business (EoDB), starting from registering an enterprise, dealing with regulatory permits and also movement of goods across borders. PM's recent launch of a Grand Challenge Campaign on resolving seven identified 'EoDB problems' with the use of cutting edge technologies is a great initiative to encourage startups and private enterprise and provide them with a platform to showcase their innovative ideas on Artificial Intelligence, Internet of Things, Big Data Analytics, Block Chain and other technologies to further reform the government processes. Improvements in EoDB have the potential for India to become a US\$ 100 billion investment destination in the next very few years from US\$ 62 billion FDI it attracted in FY 2017-18.

Going ahead, the Chamber commends the US government for extending a significant waiver to India to trade with Iran, allowing Indian oil companies including Oil India Limited and Mangalore Refinery and Petrochemicals Limited to import more than 1.25 million tons of oil in the coming months. I also wholeheartedly welcome the US government's decision to favour India for developing the strategically located Chabahar Port in Iran, along with the construction of a railway line connecting it with Afghanistan. This would facilitate bilateral trade between India and Iran especially of agricultural



and pharmaceutical products. As India's trade deficit with Iran traditionally has been dominated by import of crude oil, and keeping in view Iran's vast natural gas resources and India's LNG capacity, gas could be another important part for future ties, going forward.

The recent softening of crude oil prices and the rupee appreciation may help India save billions of dollars in oil bills. Lower oil prices means less pressure on inflation, lower Current Account Deficit and less pressure on Reserve Bank of India to raise interest rates. Further, the recent softening of vegetables and fruits prices shall keep food inflation under control.

Though uncertain global trading environment has led IMF to lower its targets for global growth citing US-China trade dispute as a major factor, India shall continue to provide machinery, electrical equipments, vehicles and transport parts, chemicals, plastics and rubber products and other competitive goods to the US markets. Alongside, Indo-China trade would continue as India plans to export two million tons of raw sugar to China in 2019 and also non-basmati rice.

PHD Chamber's niche is in the states where it works for the government and industry at the grass root levels. This very well corroborates with Vice President, Mr. Venkaiah Naidu's recent assertion wherein he stressed upon the importance of building a 'Team India', a resurgent India, a strong India where the states work seamlessly, in harmony, complementing and compensating each other, even while competing with each other. I strongly concur that states need to implement new game-changing models for improving the living standards of their people and not resort to conventional or populist measures. I am happy to inform that the Chamber is working vigorously to form State chapters- Pan India, in order to help the State governments to frame policies for the benefit of industry. Recently, we launched our

Kerala State Chapter, that was inaugurated by the Union Minister of State for Tourism, Mr. Alphons Kannanthanam.

Former American President and a distinguished Statesman, Theodore Roosevelt once said, "Rhetoric is a poor substitute for action, and we have trusted rhetoric. If we really to be a great nation, we must not talk big, we must act big." Keeping in sync with this, the Chamber in November organized a number of mega events such as DILLI: KAL, AAJ, aur KAL, "Towards a Sustainable and Smarter Delhi" that saw the presence of Mr. Hardeep Puri, Union Minister of State (IC) for Housing & Urban Affairs; Mr. Manish Sisodia, Deputy Chief Minister of Delhi; Mr. Satyendar Jain, Minister for Industries & Power, Government of NCT of Delhi who all suggested viable solutions to overcome the challenges being faced by the people of Delhi such as pollution and infrastructure deficit and make Delhi an ideal place to live in with smooth traffic, cleaner air and better civic amenities.

The 4th PHD Chamber's Air Cargo Summit - 2018 "Enabling continued growth of Air Cargo" also saw the presence of Dr. Suresh Prabhu, Union Minister of Commerce & Industry & Civil Aviation and Mr. Jayant Sinha, Union Minister of State for Civil Aviation, wherein the government announced that a new Integrated Logistics and Air Cargo Policy would be announced very soon to the best satisfaction of all stakeholders.

At the G20 Summit held in late November, PM Modi offered to host the 2022 G20 Summit in India, coinciding with our country's 75th year of Independence. We hope to play a pivotal role as a Chamber in organizing the event and providing crucial advocacy support to the government.

India is primed to become a US\$ 5 trillion economy and the 3rd largest consumer market in the world by 2025. As quoted by Former Secretary General of UN, Ban-Ki-moon, "Sustainable development is the pathway to the future we want for all. It offers a framework to generate economic growth, achieve social justice, exercise environmental stewardship and strengthen governance." India's contribution to global economic growth and prosperity underlines its endeavor to support fair and sustainable development. I am certain our industry-led by India's young demographics shall continue to exhibit dynamic enthusiasm, technological innovativeness and an unquenchable quest for excellence in all sectors. In the times to come, India's growth story will be mainstreamed in a holistic manner, so that while ensuring basic livelihood needs of the entire populace, we move ahead on a rapidly soaring trajectory to become a global economic power by 2022.



4th PHD AIR CARGO SUMMIT - 2018

Enabling continued growth of Air Cargo

PHD Chamber's Civil Aviation Committee organized its 4th PHD Air Cargo Summit 2018- "Enabling continued growth of Air Cargo" on November 20, 2018 at PHD House, New Delhi. The summit was inaugurated by Dr. Suresh Prabhu, Hon'ble Union Minister of Civil Aviation and was also graced by Mr. Jayant Sinha, Hon'ble Minister of State for Civil Aviation; Mr. S. Machendranathan, Chairperson-Airports Economic Regulatory Authority of India-AERA and Mr. Rajiv Nayan Choubey (IAS), Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation.

Mr. Rajeev Talwar, President, PHD Chamber while welcoming the distinguished dignitaries acknowledged the policy measures of the government claiming that these would further propel the economy, particularly the civil aviation sector.

Inaugurating the Summit, Union Minister of Commerce & Industry and Civil Aviation, Dr Suresh Prabhu declared that the new Integrated Logistics and Air Cargo Policy would be announced 'very soon'. The Minister emphasized that the solutions to critical issues relating to agriculture and manufacturing output and their supplies including exports would be sufficiently explored through the possibilities of making improvement in such an Integrated Policy.

Dr. Prabhu also shared that a specific Department of Logistics has been created in the Department of Commerce which is finalizing the nitty-gritty of logistics



Lamp Lighting ceremony

dimensions as well as cargo movement. He opined that the speed and cost of the movement of cargo needs to be addressed properly which will give the necessary boom to the economy.

Guest of Honour, Hon'ble Minister of State for Civil Aviation, Mr. Jayant Sinha in his special address said that with the commissioning of Jewar Airport, the western belt of UP would become a manufacturing hub for a host of economic activities and air passenger & cargo movement. Mr. Jayant Sinha was specific that consumer durables including electronics in particular in and around Jewar and the entire western UP would witness a phenomenal growth

and expansion. The Minister hoped that "Logistics and air cargo connectivity will also pull the host of clusters in the region to come to mainstream as soon as the Airport becomes operational in due course of time".

Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation, Mr Rajiv Nayan Choubey shared that India is a price-sensitive economy and Air Cargo transportation is a costly mode of transportation and the need of the hour is to come up with a solution on how it thrives in a price sensitive economy. Mr Choubey opined that India has a very poorly organized logistics chain and the ecosystem in which air cargo functions is fragmented which leads to higher cost of



Release of the Knowledge Report – Mr. Yogesh Srivastav, Principal Director, PHDCCI; Mr. Manish Chheda, Managing Director, Auctus Advisors(Knowledge Partner); Mr. K. Narayana Rao, Chairman, PHD Civil Aviation Committee, PHD Chamber; Mr. Rajiv Nayan Choubey (IAS), Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation; Mr. Rajeev Talwar, President, PHDCCI; Dr. Suresh Prabhu, Hon'ble Union Minister of Civil Aviation; Mr. Jayant Sinha, Hon'ble Minister of State for Civil Aviation; Mr. D.K. Aggarwal, Sr. Vice President, PHDCCI; Mr. S. Machendranathan, Chairperson-Airports Economic Regulatory Authority of India-AERA; Dr Mahesh Y Reddy, Secretary General , PHDCCI and Mr. Vipin Vohra, Co-chairman, PHD Civil Aviation Committee, PHD Chamber

services. He shared that the government is trying to shift as many functions of Air Cargo off-site as airport spaces are expensive and the Aviation Ministry is actively pushing for the establishment of freight stations in the country. The Secretary also shared the initiatives being implemented by the Ministry like reducing the cost of operations and establishing green fields-Brand new airports at Delhi, Navi Mumbai, Goa, Bhogapuram near Vizag, Purander near Pune and many more with dedicated spaces for air cargo.

Chairman-AERA-Airports Economic Regulatory Authority of India, Mr. S Machendranathan shared the role of AERA, a regulatory authority body for airports and setting up of tariffs and performance standards are monitored by them.

Chairman and Co-Chairman, Civil Aviation Committee, PHDCCI, Mr K Narayana Rao and Mr Vipin Vohra in their respective observations urged the government to put in place policy measures for the civil aviation sector that are pragmatic and convenient to be followed. Mr Rao was also of the view that industry and government should work together to find out solutions to increase India's cargo business with suitable measures in place including issues grappling the sector such as capacity creation, offsite stations, connectivity and the like.

A Knowledge Paper -"Enabling continued growth of Air Cargo" prepared by the Knowledge partner -Auctus Advisors was also released on the occasion by the dignitaries and Mr. Manish Chedda Managing Director, Auctus Advisors.

FELICITATION OF THE INDUSTRY CONTRIBUTORS

To recognize the Contribution and Efforts of the industry stakeholders and



Mr. Rajiv Nayan Choubey (IAS), Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation; Mr. Rajeev Talwar, President, PHDCCI; Dr. Suresh Prabhu, Hon'ble Union Minister of Civil Aviation; Mr. Jayant Sinha, Hon'ble Minister of State for Civil Aviation & Mr D.K. Aggarwal, Sr. Vice President, PHDCCI

encourage others to continue with their efforts and foster further growth, PHD Chamber also felicitated some key players on the occasion:

1. Outstanding Contribution by an Airport in Air Cargo growth: GMR-DIAL
2. Overall Contribution in Air Cargo growth: Continental Carriers Pvt Ltd
3. Outstanding Contribution by a Cargo Handling Operator: Celebi Delhi Cargo Terminal Management India Pvt Ltd
4. Outstanding Contribution by an Air Cargo Custom Broker: P.S. Atree & Company Pvt Ltd
5. Outstanding Contribution in IT Logistics Service: Kale Logistics Solutions Private Limited
6. Outstanding Contribution by an Airfreight Forwarder: Jeena & Company
7. Outstanding Contribution in Air Line Representation for Cargo : Group Concorde

8. Outstanding Contribution in Air Cargo Logistics: Safexpress pvt ltd

9. New Innovation in IT for Carico Systems: Hans Infomatic Pvt Ltd

Panel Discussion I: 'Enabling continued double-digit growth for Air Cargo' was moderated by Mr. Manish Chhedha, Managing Director, Auctus Advisors.

The Chairperson was Ms. Vandana Aggarwal IES, Economic Advisor, Ministry of Civil Aviation. Other Distinguished Panelists were: Mr. Sunil Kumar Sinha, Commissioner, IRS (C&CE)-Air Cargo Export; Mr T.A. Varghese, President, ACAA - The Air Cargo Agents Association of India; Mr. Keku Gazder, CEO, AAI Cargo Logistics and Allied Services; Mr. Alasdair Boyd, Area Commercial Manager South Asia, Pakistan & Bangladesh, IAG Cargo, BA; Mr. Amar More, CEO, Kale Logistics Solutions and Mr. Arun Chandra, GM, Business Development & Strategy, Kempegowda.



Panel Discussion I - Enabling continued double-digit growth for Air Cargo

Mr. Yogesh Srivastav, Principal Director, PHDCCI; Mr. Keku Gazder, CEO, AAI Cargo Logistics and Allied Services; Mr. Amar More, CEO, Kale Logistics Solutions; Moderator; Mr. Manish Chhedha, Managing Director, Auctus Advisors; Mr. Vipin Vohra-Co-chairman, PHD Civil Aviation Committee, PHD Chamber; Ms. Vandana Aggarwal, IES, Economic Advisor, Ministry of Civil Aviation; Mr. Alasdair Boyd, Area Commercial Manager South Asia, Pakistan & Bangladesh, IAG Cargo, BA; Mr. T.A.Varghese, President, ACAA - The Air Cargo Agents Association of India; Mr. Arun Chandra, GM, Business Development & Strategy, Kempegowda and Mr. Sunil Kumar Sinha, Commissioner, IRS (C&CE)-Air Cargo Export



PANEL DISCUSSION II- Ease of Doing Business –Mr. Parvinder Singh, Director, Hans Infomatic Pvt. Ltd; Mr. Bhavesh Manglani–Delivery; Chairperson; Mr. L. Satya Srinivas, Joint Secretary, Central Board of Excise & Customs; Mr. Paramprit Singh Bakshi- VP CAPA South Asia; Mr. Prithviraj Singh Chugh, Director ,Group Concorde; Dr. S Eswara Reddy, Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI); Mr. Cyrus N. Katgara, Partner-Jeena & Company; Mr. Tushar Jani, President -Air Cargo Forum India –ACFI and Ms. Babette Desfossez, Customs Attaché, Embassy of the Kingdom of Belgium along with Secretariat team

Panel Discussion II: ‘Ease of Doing Business’ was chaired by Mr. L. Satya Srinivas, Joint Secretary, Central Board of Excise & Customs. Distinguished Panelists included: Dr. S Eswara Reddy, Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI); Mr. Tushar Jani, President -Air Cargo Forum India – ACFI; Ms. Babette Desfossez, Customs Attaché, Embassy of the Kingdom of Belgium; Mr.Cyrus N. Katgara,

Partner-Jeena & Company; Mr. Prithviraj Singh Chugh, Director, Group Concorde; Mr. Paramprit Singh Bakshi- VP CAPA South Asia; Mr. Parvinder Singh, Director, Hans Infomatic Pvt Ltd and Mr. Bhavesh Manglani–Delivery.

The summit was supported by: GMR-DIAL/ Continental Carriers Pvt Ltd/ Group Concorde/ P.S. Atree& Co. Pvt. Ltd. / Celebi

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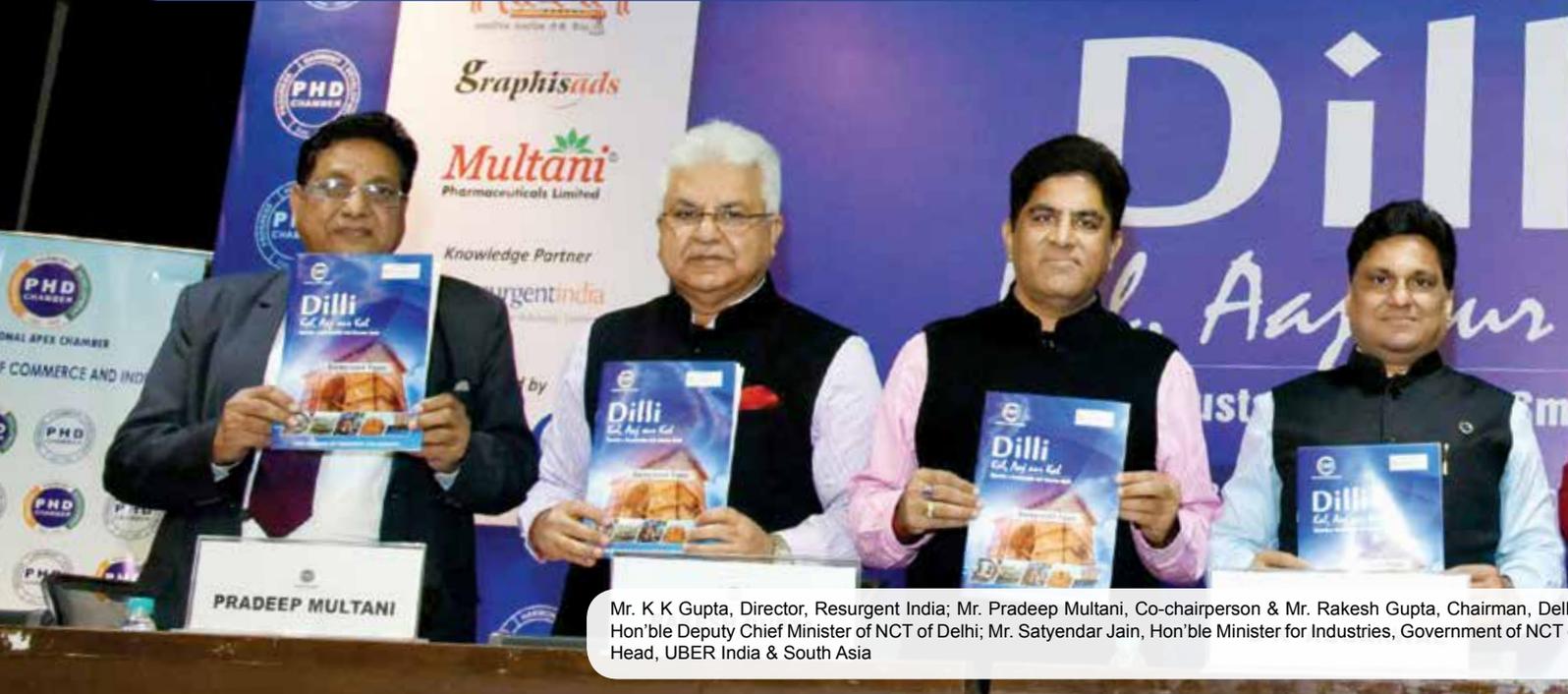


GLIMPSES OF AIR CARGO SUMMIT - 2018





Dilli: Kal, Aaj aur Kal Towards a Sustainable and Smarter Delhi



Mr. K K Gupta, Director, Resurgent India; Mr. Pradeep Multani, Co-chairperson & Mr. Rakesh Gupta, Chairman, Delhi Chamber of Commerce and Industry; Mr. Satyendar Jain, Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister of NCT of Delhi; Mr. Satyendar Jain, Hon'ble Minister for Industries, Government of NCT of Delhi; Mr. Adesh Kumar Gupta, Mayor of North MCD and Mr. Narendra Chawla, Mayor of South MCD among others



The first edition of DILLI: KAL, AAJ, aur KAL 'Towards a Sustainable and Smarter Delhi' was organized on November 17, 2018 at the NDMC Convention Centre, New Delhi. The objective of the annual conference was to deliberate on issues and challenges faced by the citizens of Delhi and their possible solutions with all the stakeholders.

The conference was addressed by Mr. Hardeep S Puri, Hon'ble Minister of State (IC) for Housing & Urban Affairs; Mr. Manish Sisodia, Hon'ble Deputy Chief

Minister of Delhi; Mr. Satyendar Jain, Hon'ble Minister for Industries & Power, Government of NCT of Delhi; Mr. Adesh Kumar Gupta, Mayor of North MCD and Mr. Narendra Chawla, Mayor of South MCD among others.

PHD Chamber along with Resurgent India, prepared a Knowledge Paper on 'Towards a Sustainable and Smarter Delhi' which was released by the dignitaries on the dais and was much appreciated.

Mr. Hardeep Puri applauded the

Chamber for organizing such an important discussion forum and requested for organizing similar discussions in future. He also offered to provide a list of Waste Management Projects in Delhi to the Chamber for participation of its industry members on the PPP model.

Mr. Manish Sisodia while highlighting the challenges of the multiple agencies functioning in Delhi, emphasized the need for bringing them together on one platform for better coordination for making Delhi a smarter city.



Mr. A K Jha, Executive Officer (EEREM), Department of Power, Government of NCT of Delhi; Mr. Rajeev Talwar, President, PHD Chamber; Mr. Narendra K Chawla, Mayor, South Delhi Municipal Corporation; Mr. Hardeep S Puri, Hon'ble Minister of State (IC) for Housing & Urban Affairs; Mr. Adesh Kumar Gupta, Mayor, North Delhi Municipal Corporation; Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, Vice President, PHD Chamber; Mr. Ranbir Saran Das, Chairman & MD, Fairwood Group and Mr. Atul Goyal, President, United Residents Joint Action



Mr. Prabhjeet Singh, Director Operations & Business Head, UBER India & South Asia; Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, Vice President, PHD Chamber and Mr. Prabhjeet Singh, Director Operations & Business Head, UBER India & South Asia; Mr. D K Aggarwal, Senior Vice President, PHD Chamber; Mr. Manish Sisodia, Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister of NCT of Delhi; Mr. Prabhjeet Singh, Director Operations & Business Head, UBER India & South Asia

SANJAY AGGARWAL



Mr. K K Gupta, Director, Resurgent India; Mr. Pradeep Multani, Co-chairperson, Delhi & NCR Committee, Mr. Rakesh Gupta, Chairman, Delhi & NCR Committee and Mr. D K Aggarwal, Senior Vice President, PHD Chamber; Mr. Manish Sisodia, Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister of NCT of Delhi; Mr. Satyendar Jain, Hon'ble Minister for Industries, Government of NCT of Delhi; Mr. Prabhjeet Singh, Director, Operations & Business Head, UBER India & South Asia and Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, Vice President, PHD Chamber

UBER, the Presenting Partner for this conference launched its new Campaign "Lower The Window", which talks about ways to curb rising pollution in Delhi and people present pledged to work towards making it a reality.

Representatives from RWAs from across Delhi, NGOs, Industry and Government officials also participated in the discussion on Sustainable Development of Delhi.

GOI to observe the remembrance of 100 years of Jallianwalla Bagh Massacre

The Indian Govt. has decided to mark the remembrance of 100 years of the historical Jallianwalla Bagh Massacre next year. The Govt is planning to renovate the historical site of Amritsar by creating suitable infrastructure for providing basic amenities for the tourists. A number of commemorative as well as constructive activities will be taken up during the remembrance period. The commemorative coin and postage stamps will be released on April 13, 2019 (the day the incident took place 100 years ago). The Ministry of Culture will organize cultural activities such as kavi sammelan, plays, exhibition and seminars. across the country.

Interactive Session with Chairperson, Competition Commission of India (CCI)



Mr. P. K. Singh, Adviser (Law), Competition Commission of India; Mr. Anil Khaitan, Immediate Former President, Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, Vice President, Mr. D. K. Aggarwal, Senior Vice President and Mr. Rajeev Talwar, President, PHD Chamber; Mr. Sudhir Mital, Chairperson, Competition Commission of India and Dr Mahesh Y Reddy, Secretary General, PHD Chamber

The Managing Committee of PHD Chamber organized an interactive session with Mr. Sudhir Mital, Chairperson, Competition Commission of India (CCI) on October 17, 2018 at PHD House, New Delhi. Mr. Rajeev Talwar, President, PHD Chamber introduced Mr. Mital, an IAS Officer of 1978 batch, who has held several key positions at the Centre as well as the State Government level. Prior to this position, he was Secretary at the Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers.

Mr. Mital in his overview of the Commission pointed out that the Competition Commission of India (CCI) was established in 2003 for the economic development of the country. He mentioned that the objective of the Commission is to eliminate practices having an adverse impact on competition and also to promote and sustain competition, protect the interests of consumers and ensure freedom of trade in Indian markets. He also highlighted that with increased competition,

producers will have maximum incentives to innovate and specialize which would result in reduced costs and wider choice for the consumers. He suggested that a fair competition in the market is essential to achieve this objective. He also discussed about the advocacy and procedural norms followed by the Commission.

Mr. D. K. Aggarwal, Senior Vice President, PHD Chamber proposed a hearty vote-of-thanks to the guests.

Visit to Barco Electronic Systems (P) Ltd.

The Startups and Innovation Committee, PHD Chamber organized a visit to Barco Electronic Systems (P) Ltd., a Belgian MNC on October 23, 2018 at Noida. Barco offers a wide range of innovative, hi-tech and high-quality network visualization products for the Indian market, including large-screen display solutions, digital cinema projectors, Hi-tech medical displays and rugged displays for professional applications. The Chamber delegation was led by Mr. Deepak Pahwa, Chairman, Industry Affairs Committee along with Maj. Gen Dilawar Singh, Advisor; Dr. Jatinder Singh, Director and Mr. Punit Chaudhry, Joint Secretary.

Mr. Ramya Chatterjee, Director Sales, Mr. Vijayant Khattry, Head Marketing and



Esteemed Dignitaries

Mr. Rajeeva Lochan, VP- Operations gave various presentations about the products and achievements of Barco. The delegation also visited their factory and R&D division.

Barco has provided their equipments to create Smart Meeting rooms at PHD Chamber.

Conference on Financing of 227 GW Renewable



Inaugural Session: Mr. Gautam Bafna, Associate Director - Corporate Ratings, CARE Ratings Ltd.; Dr. Ranjeet Mehta, Principal Director, PHD Chamber; Mr. Naveen Kumar, Director (Operations), PTC India Financial Services Ltd.; Mr. Gopal Krishan Gupta, Joint Secretary, Ministry of New & Renewable Energy; Mr. Sanjeev Gupta, Chairman, Renewable & Alternate Energy Committee, PHD Chamber; Mr. K. S. Popli, CMD, India Renewable Energy Development Agency and Dr. J. P. Gupta, Co-chairman, Renewable & Alternate Energy Committee, PHD Chamber

The Renewable & Alternate Energy Committee of PHD Chamber organized a conference on 'Financing of 227 GW Renewable' on October 25, 2018 at PHD House, New Delhi which was attended by more than 100 delegates from industry and other stakeholders.

Chief Guest, Mr. Gopal Krishan Gupta, Joint Secretary, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy in his inaugural address assured industry that financing of projects pertaining to renewable sources of energy - be it wind and solar is not a problem at all as not only the banks but also financial institutions are proactively cooperative on this front.

Mr. K. S. Popli, Chairman & Managing Director, India Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA) in his keynote address exuded confidence that the targets set for renewable sectors in terms of energy generation would be met and could be exceeded the way the work is progressing in this sector with a focused approach.

Mr. Naveen Kumar, Director (Operations), PTC India Financial Services Ltd. stated that rupee devaluation and fluctuations in exchange rates and indiscriminate imports from China of solar cells to India are issues of concern

for lending to the renewable sector. He said that a consistent government policy is required towards this sector for its seamless growth.

Mr. Sanjeev Gupta, Chairman, Renewable & Alternate Energy Committee, PHD Chamber in his welcome address mentioned on the fact that the biggest driver of this growth has been solar power which witnessed 9-fold growth in installed capacity over the last 4 years. He emphasized that effective, sustainable and efficient financing would be the key enabling factor for India to achieve its renewable energy goals.



Tech Session I: 'Current Outlook, Policy Initiatives and Regulatory Framework in Renewable Energy Sector'

Mr. Nitin Sabikhi, Assistant Vice President- Business Development, India Energy Exchange Ltd.; Mr. Abhilakh Singh, GM, Project Financing, IREDA; Dr. Ranjeet Mehta, Principal Director, PHD Chamber; Dr. Amit Jain, Renewable Energy Specialist, World Bank and Mr. Vikas Garg, Director-Deal Advisory, KPMG India Pvt. Ltd.



Tech Session: II 'Creating Sustainable Financial Ecosystem in Renewable Energy Space'

Mr. Akshay Mittal, Executive Officer and Mr. Varun Bhardwaj, Deputy Secretary, PHD Chamber; Mr. Sumit Dhanuka, Founder & Managing Partner, Precog Innovation Partners; Ms. Ritu Lal, Director –Business Development, Amplus Solar; Dr. Ranjeet Mehta, Principal Director, PHD Chamber; Ms. Prajya Sharma, Assistant Manager, Invest India; Mr. Kunal Arora, Manager, CARE Ratings Limited and Mr. Gurpreet Singh Walia, Vice President, Gensol Engineering Pvt. Ltd.



Tech Session III: 'Innovations & Emerging Technologies in Renewable Energy Space'

Mr. Ravi Kishore, Vice President- EPS Division, Sperry Plast Ltd.; Mr. Bhaskar Deol, CEO, Mynergy Renewables Pvt. Ltd.; Mr. Arjun J Chaudhuri, Senior Journalist; Mr. Deepak Gadhia, Chairman-India, Sunrise CSP and Mr. Harshid Sridhar, Senior Research Engineer, Centre for Study of Science, Technology & Policy

Dr. J. P. Gupta, Co-chairman, Renewable & Alternate Energy Committee, PHD Chamber delivered the formal vote-of-thanks at the inaugural session.

The Conference had three technical sessions which were addressed by eminent speakers both from the government and private sector.



Official State Delegation to Singapore



Esteemed Dignitaries

The Punjab Chapter, PHD Chamber was a part of the official State delegation led by Mr. Manpreet Singh Badal, Hon'ble Minister of Finance, Govt. of Punjab and senior officials from Govt. of Punjab to Singapore, September 3-5, 2018. The delegation members included Mr. R. S. Sachdeva, Chairman, Punjab Chapter, Mr. Karan Gilhotra, Co-chairman, Punjab Chapter and Dr. Ranjeet Mehta, Principal Director, PHD Chamber.

PHD Chamber organized an Investors' Meet in Singapore which was attended by around 25 investors from Singapore at Marina Convention Centre, Singapore on September 4, 2018. Many investors submitted investment proposals to the Govt. of Punjab during the meet.

On September 3, 2018, PHD Chamber delegation led by Mr. R. S. Sachdeva met with the Board of Directors of Singapore Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry

(SICCI) and also Mr. Prasoon Mukherjee, Vice Chairman, SICCI apart from other Board of Directors.

Mr. Sachdeva invited SICCI to mount a delegation to PITEK in Amritsar from December 6-10, 2018. Mr. Prasoon Mukherjee agreed to mount a delegation to PITEK and proposed to sign a MoU with PHD Chamber on the request of Mr. Sachdeva and Mr. Karan Gilhotra.

International Conference on Changing Landscape of Alternative Dispute Resolution in India



Dr. Jatinder Singh, Director, PHD Chamber; Mr. Alok B Shriram, Chairman and Managing Director of DCM Hyundai Limited; Mr. Gopal Jiwrajka, Managing Director, Salora International Ltd; Mr. Rajeev Talwar, President, PHD Chamber, Justice Vikramajit Sen, Former Judge, Supreme Court of India; Justice S. Ravindra Bhat, Judge, High Court of Delhi; Mr. D.K Aggarwal, Sr. Vice President, PHD Chamber and Ms. Priya Hingorani, Chairperson, Taskforce on ADR, PHD Chamber

The Taskforce on Arbitration and Dispute Resolution, PHD Chamber organized an international conference on 'Changing Landscape of Alternative Dispute Resolution in India' on October 6, 2018 at PHD House, New Delhi.

Justice Vikramajit Sen, Former Judge, Supreme Court of India while inaugurating the conference, praised the Chamber's initiative of having an Arbitration & Mediation Centre with its own rules. He emphasized that the issues of the seat of Arbitration and Jurisdiction should be highlighted in the Arbitration clause of the Chamber. He further pointed out that it is through Arbitration process, most of the commercial disputes could be amicably settled, provided the clauses and details of arbitration process are laid out comprehensively.

Guest of Honour, Justice S Ravindra Bhat of Delhi High Court called for "Institutional Arbitration" as the preferred mode for settling up of commercial disputes urging India Inc. to avoid opting for adhoc arbitration. He also advised the business communities to adopt online arbitration and use of Innovative Technology to cut discovery and volumes of documentation. Justice Bhat also stressed that Arbitral innovation such as "Emergency Arbitration" should also be adopted widely by business houses to timely resolve their disputes for a win-win situation.

Justice Hima Kohli, Judge, Delhi High Court expressed her views on the theme - "Institutional Arbitration around the

World". She also spoke on different ways and means the world is adopting to make the decision process easy and convenient.

Justice Sanjeev Sachdeva, Judge, Delhi High Court along with Mr. Gourab Banerjee, Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India; Dr. Aniruddha Rajput, Member International Law Commission, United Nations and Mr. Kirit S. Javali, Partner, Jafa & Javali expressed their views on the topic 'New York Convention & Enforcement of Foreign Awards: An International Perspective - Deliberations on The 60th Anniversary of The New York Convention And Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards'.

Justice Rajiv Shakhder, Judge, Delhi High Court along with Mr. Rajeev K Virmani, Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India; Dr. Aman Hingorani, Mediator and Advocate, Supreme Court of India; Mr. Anuroop Omkar, Partner, AK & Partners; Mr. Pulin Kumar, Group Senior Legal and Compliance Director, Adidas India deliberated on 'Mediation Law in India – The Way Forward'. Justice Shakhder also explained that mediation offers an opportunity to improve case management/ resolution and client satisfaction. Cases suitable for mediation are disputes in commercial transactions, personal injury, construction, workers compensation, labor or community relations, etc.

Mr. Rajeev Talwar, President, PHD Chamber welcomed the dignitaries and explained that currently global business is getting integrated with rising complexities and Institutional Arbitration would be a

step in the right direction.

Mr. D. K. Aggarwal, Senior Vice President, PHD Chamber added that Arbitration is the right process to resolve emerging business issues and cross-border transactions.

Ms. Priya Hingorani, Chairperson, Taskforce on ADR, PHD Chamber introduced the Rules for Mediation, Arbitration and Conciliation of the PHDCCI Centre for International Arbitration & Conciliation and Mediation. The rules for conducting Arbitration and Mediation were also released by the Judges and the Leadership of PHD Chamber.

Other speakers included Mr. A.K. Ganguli, Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India; Mr. Martin F. Gusy, Partner and International Arbitrator, K&L Gates; Ms. Maria Rubert, Partner, United Advocates, UAE; Mr. Manish Lamba, Senior Vice President, DLF Cyber City Developers Limited; Mr. Ratan K Singh, Chairman(India), Society of Construction Law, UK; Mr. Parvesh Kheterpal, Head Legal- EPC & Solar, Lanco Group; Dr. S. B. Saraswat, Resident Director, Danieli-Corus, Netherlands; Mr. Rohit Singhal, CEO, Masin Projects Private Limited and Dr. Jatinder Singh, Director, Taskforce on Arbitration and Dispute Resolution, PHD Chamber.

The conference also discussed Institutional Arbitrations which carries an advantage of providing a clear set of Arbitration rules and timeliness for the conduct of Arbitration.



Swachhata Pakhwada

PHD Chamber with the support of Ministry of Food Processing Industry organized a 'Food Safety and Cleanliness Awareness Session' for the Street Food vendors under the aegis of the 'MOFPI Swachhata Pakhwada' on October 26, 2018 at Jagat Ram Park, Laxmi Nagar, New Delhi. The awareness campaign was attended by 80 vendors. The training on cleanliness was given by Ms. Sona Sharma, Trainer, QCI & Mr. Mukul Gupta, Trainer, Indraprastha Academy. The vendors took a pledge for maintaining cleanliness. After the training, a Hygiene kit was distributed to all the vendors who had participated in the campaign. The kit contained an apron, hair cap, soap and a card containing information on cleanliness.

The campaign was chaired by Mr. Santosh Pal, Nigam Parshad, Laxmi Nagar and Ms. Chhavi, Adhyaksh, Mahila Mandal, Laxmi Nagar.



Ms. Sona Sharma, Trainer, QCI

Swachhata Pakhwada

Under the aegis of 'MOFPI Swachhata Pakhwada', PHD Chamber with the support of Ministry of Food Processing Industry organized its second awareness session on 'Food Safety And Cleanliness' on October 31, 2018 at Rajkeya Sarvodaya Co-Education School, Shahpur Jat, New Delhi. The awareness session was attended by 63 Home Science students of class Xth and XIIth and three Home Science teachers.

The awareness regarding the subject was provided by Mr. Vishnu Srivastava, FOSTAC Trainer, QCI and Mr. Mukul Gupta, Trainer, Indraprastha Academy, Noida. Mr. Srivastava shared some case studies regarding food and food adulteration. During the awareness drive, a pledge on cleanliness was taken by all the school children, teachers, trainers and organizers. The children were encouraged to keep their classrooms and Home Science labs clean.

After the awareness event, hygiene kits containing an apron, hair cap and soap were distributed to all students of home science who participated in the programme.



Mr. Mukul Gupta, Trainer, Indraprastha Academy, Noida

CCI 2nd Road Show on Competition Law: National Conference on Bid Rigging and Public Procurement



Mr. Arun Jaitley, Hon'ble Union Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs addressing the audience along with the other dignitaries

The Competition Commission of India (CCI) organized a National Conference on Bid Rigging and Public Procurement on November 5, 2018 at New Delhi. Mr. Arun Jaitley, Hon'ble Union Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs inaugurated the conference. PHD Chamber was one of the Associate Partners with CCI for the programme.

Mr. Anil Khaitan, Immediate Former President, PHDCCI was one of the eminent speakers at the second technical session on 'Open House on Bid Rigging, Cartels & Leniency'.

The conference highlighted that public procurement constitutes around 30 percent of India's GDP and is a key focus area of competition advocacy. The open

house session at the Road Show aimed to equip the participants about the changing dimensions of competition law especially of bid rigging in public procurement, cartels and leniency. The discussions also aimed to provide solutions to check bid rigging in public procurement.



Mr. Anil Khaitan, Immediate Former President, PHD Chamber addressing the audience along with the other dignitaries

Seminar on Women in Family Run Businesses



Ms. Suneeta Trivedi, IPS (Retd), Indian Postal Services and Board Member, WCD Committee; CA Rachita Mantry, Partner, Legal Quotient Consultants; Dr. Aruna Abhey Oswal, Chairperson, Abhey Oswal Group; Mr. D. K. Aggarwal, Sr. Vice President, PHD Chamber; Ms. Anuradha Goel, Chairperson, Women & Child Development Committee; Ms. Sushma Berlia, President, Apeejay Sty & Svrán Group; Mr. Anil Khaitan, Former President, PHD Chamber; Ms. Surbhi Mittal, Executive Director, Sonalika Group and Ms. Priyanka Malhotra, Director- HRD, Nipman Fasteners

The Women and Child Development Committee, PHD Chamber organized a seminar on 'Women in Family Run Businesses' on November 12, 2018 at PHD House, New Delhi. The objective was to learn about the success stories of these leading women entrepreneurs and their roles and responsibilities and the challenges faced by them in taking forward the family business.

Eminent speakers included Mr. D. K. Aggarwal, Sr. Vice President, PHD

Chamber; Mr. Anil Khaitan, Immediate Past President, PHD Chamber; Ms. Anuradha Goel, Chairperson, Women & Child Development Committee; Ms. Suneeta Trivedi, IPS (Retd), Indian Postal Services and Board Member, WCD Committee; Ms. Sushma Berlia, President, Apeejay Sty & Svrán Group; Dr. Aruna Abhey Oswal, Chairperson, Abhey Oswal Group; Ms. Surbhi Mittal, Executive Director, Sonalika Group; CA Rachita Mantry, Partner, Legal Quotient Consultants and Ms.

Priyanka Malhotra, Director, HRD, Nipman Fasteners.

Speakers were of the view that the economy is creating a substantial environment for organizations and industries, forcing every country to stay competitive. These changes are possible not only through economic growth but sustained economic growth. A major task is to stimulate the people to undertake productive economic activity.



E-Waste Mass Awareness Programme through Ad Film

In collaboration with the Ministry of Electronics and IT (MeitY), PHD Chamber conducted an E-Waste Mass Awareness Programme through Ad Film in theatres to spread awareness on E-Waste and its safe disposal. The Campaign started on September 22, 2018 and concluded on November 5, 2018 (45 days).

Under the Campaign, the Ministry of Electronics and IT (MeitY) supported the Chamber with 80% grant of total outlay to broadcast the E-Waste Ad Film in 1998 theatres of 24 States and UTs.

Ad Film in Multiple Languages

An E-Waste Mass Awareness Ad Film was broadcast in 10 different languages that included English, Hindi, Telugu, Tamil, Punjabi, Gujarati, Marathi, Dogri/Kashmiri, Kannada and Malayalam.

Institutional Participation for Research Activities

Institutions from 19 States & UTs participated in the Research Activity of the Campaign to collect feedbacks from the viewers who watched the Ad film in the theatres.

Key Partners During 2nd Phase:

Key Partners during the Campaign were Ministry of Electronics & IT (MeitY) and Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEF&CC).

Agencies Involved:

a) Broadcaster of Ad film: UFO Moviez

The DAVP empanelled broadcasting agency involved in this campaign was UFO Moviez India Limited. The agency had been selected as the broadcaster of Ad

film and is India's largest satellite based digital cinema distribution network and in-cinema advertising platform in terms of number of screens.

b) Creator of the Ad film: Indian Television Company

The DAVP empanelled in the advertising agency used in this campaign was Indian Television Company to create the Ad film on E-Waste Mass Awareness Campaign.

Impact Study of Ministry of Information and Broadcasting:

As per the Impact Study of Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, the reach during the Campaign was as follows:

- Actual Reach Per Day- Rs. 31.73 Lakhs
- Actual Reach Phase II (45 Days)- Rs. 14.28 Crore

Seminar on Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace and Bringing Industry Closer to Talent Opportunities - NCS Portal



Mr. Subhash Jagota, Jabro Advertising & Marketing Pvt. Ltd.; Ms. Seema Trikha, Member of Legislative Assembly, Haryana Vidhan Sabha; Mr. Ravi Wig, Chairman, IR & HR Committee, PHD Chamber and Ms. Priya Khanna, Advocate

PHD Chamber jointly with KAS organized a seminar on 'Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace and Bringing Industry Closer to Talent Opportunities – NCS Portal' on November 16, 2018 at Lemon Tree Hotel, Gurgaon.

Ms. Seema Trikha, Member of Legislative Assembly, Haryana inaugurated the seminar. Ms. Trikha in her address stated that being a girl is not a punishment rather we must be proud of being a girl. She said that women contribute more than men in the society. She also referred to the irrational and undesirable behaviour of men in and outside homes, which every second girl has to face in her routine life. She asserted that the victims of sexual harassment are mostly girls/women which indicates that it is not safe for girls to move out of their houses as they are harassed everywhere be it an educational institute or workplace. A little school going girl or a middle aged lady are same in the eyes of harassers. She emphasized that this evil can be challenged by disseminating proper information, education and by making women financially independent. Moreover women should also educate their sons to respect girls like their sisters, she further added.

Mr. Ravi Wig, Chairman, IR and HR Committee, PHD Chamber in his introductory remarks said that it is the duty of all to create a clean environment for women so that they can also contribute their share in growth of family, society

and the country. He opined that women should be respected as a mother and various forms of Devi, as worshipped in our culture.

Technical Issues on sexual harassment of women at workplace were addressed by Ms. Priya Khanna, Advocate, and Ms. Shikha Anand, Director, Directorate General of Employment, Ministry of Labour and Employment. Ms. Bhawna Singhal, Project Manager, Directorate General of Employment, Ministry of Labour and Employment made a presentation on how employers can make use of National Career Service (NCS).

Ms. Priya Khanna, Advocate discussed the history of the law and provisions of present law which was enacted in 2013. She stated that the guidelines by the Supreme Court in Vishaka case have not been followed by the Government, Public or Private sector employers. But after enactment of law in 2013, all employers who employ 10 or more persons need to set up an Internal Complaint Committee with a senior lady officer as a Presiding Officer and a member from an NGO and also other members with knowledge of law and committed to the cause of women. Women should form the majority in the Internal Complaint Committee. Ms. Khanna mentioned that when any complaint is received by an employer or through any member of the Complaint Committee, it should be addressed and investigated. Enquiry must be held based

on established principles of natural justice. Every organization must have a policy on prevention, prohibition and redressal of sexual harassment and organize programmes for members of Internal Complaint Committee to keep them updated of the requirements. Employers must fill in annual returns and also send the intimation to the government on the complaints received and action taken on the Complaint.

Ms. Shikha Anand and Ms. Bhawna Singhal gave a presentation on National Career Service (NCS). They further stated that the Portal (www.ncs.gov.in) is an initiative by the Directorate General of Employment, Ministry of Labour and Employment (MoLE) which brings together job seekers and employers and aims to provide employers with suitable candidates. This is a common platform that brings together stakeholders like job seekers, employers, counsellors, local service providers, trainers and placement organizations to facilitate convergence of information and create synergies through these associations. National Career Service (NCS) is a one-stop solution that provides a wide array of employment and career related services to citizens of India.

For assistance, please call on NCS Toll Free Number 1800-425-1514, or contact us on feedback.dget@nic.in

Mr. R K Joshi, Consultant IR and HR, PHD Chamber proposed the vote-of-thanks to the guests.



Interactive Session with The Delegation from Houston, USA



Mr. Sanjay Ramabhadran, Board of Director, METRO; Mr. Josh Davis, Director, International Trade, Greater Houston Partnership; Dr. Ranjeet Mehta, Principal Director, PHD Chamber; H.E. Mr. Sylvester Turner, Mayor, City of Houston; Mr. Sanjeev Agrawal, Chairman, Hydrocarbons Committee and Mr. Pawan K. Tibrawalla, Co-chairman, Hydrocarbons Committee, PHD Chamber

The Hydrocarbons & America's Committee, PHD Chamber jointly organized an interactive session with a delegation from Houston, US on November 14, 2018 at PHD House, New Delhi. The session was attended by more than 100 delegates from different parts of the country and was highly appreciated by the Industry.

H.E. Mr. Sylvester Turner, Mayor, City of Houston, leader of the delegation in his address stated that Houston is proposing the city's transformation in terms of its infrastructure with public-private-partnership utilizing the help of multilateral funding agencies. He urged India Inc. to partner with its counterpart at Houston and collaborate with them

including the Government of Houston with the confluence of inbound and outbound capital and technology and tools and equipment. Mr. Turner also pointed out the areas for joint cooperation between India and Houston, such as hydrocarbons, construction, renewables, healthcare, infrastructure - roads, airports & sea ports including railways and waterways.

Other speakers included Mr. Josh Davis, Director, International Trade, Greater Houston Partnership and Mr. Sanjay Ramabhadran, Board of Director, METRO.

Mr. Sanjeev Agrawal, Chairman, Hydrocarbons Committee, PHD Chamber in his address stated that Texas, the second largest exporter of goods to India and the fourth largest importer of Indian

goods, has become a premier destination for global investments. Strong trade ties between India and the State of Texas in key sectors such as hydrocarbons, energy, technology and agriculture have become critical for building a bright future for both the countries.

Mr. Pawan K. Tibrawalla, Co-chairman, Hydrocarbons Committee, PHD Chamber delivered the formal vote-of-thanks to the guests. Dr. Ranjeet Mehta, Principal Director, PHD Chamber concluded by pointing out that our current deep relationships with Houston, Texas are aligning economically & will be enormously beneficial for both countries.



Participants

Workshop on Bulk Utilization of Crop Residue for Economic and Environmental Sustainability



Ms. Kanchan Zutshi, Secretary, PHD Chamber; Dr. SK Goyal, Sr. Principal Scientist & Head, CSIR-NEERI Delhi Zonal Centre; Mr. Varun Gupta, Chairman, Water & Solid Waste Management Committee, PHD Chamber; Dr. Bhure Lal, Chairman, EPCA and Hon'ble Member, Supreme Court Monitoring Committee; Mr. V.N. Kale, Additional Commissioners, Dept. of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare; Dr. Indra Mani Mishra, Head, Division of Agriculture Engineering and Mr. Sandeep Gupta, Business Head – Crop Solutions, CNH Industrial India Pvt. Ltd.

The Environment and Water & Solid Waste Management Committee, PHD Chamber organized a workshop on 'Bulk Utilization of Crop Residue for Economic and Environmental Sustainability' on November 16, 2018 at PHD House, New Delhi.

Mr. Varun Gupta, Chairman, Water & Solid Waste Management Committee stated that burning of crop residues leads to release of soot particles and smoke causing human and animal health problems. It also leads to emission of greenhouse gases namely carbon dioxide, methane and nitrous oxide, causing global warming and loss of various plant nutrients. The burning of crop residues is a wastage of valuable resources which could be a source of carbon, bio-active compounds, feed and energy for rural households and small industries.

Dr. S K Goyal, Sr. Principal Scientist & Head, CSIR-NEERI Delhi Zonal Centre mentioned that rising level of crop residue surplus on account of higher crop biomass production, poses a great challenge for its effective and efficient management. He also stated that suitable strategies need to be devised for its on-farm utilization, which inter alia includes proper incorporation and decomposition so as to supply organic matter for improving the soil physico-chemical and biological properties.

Dr. Indra Mani Mishra, Head, Division of Agriculture Engineering said, "If farmers can use the Paddy Straws for soil fertility enhancement purpose, than it will definitely reduce the additional cost on fertilizers, which will ultimately save farmers money". He said crop residues

can be a feedstock for composite products such as fibreboard, paper, liquid fuels and others. Several straw-to-fiber board business ventures have emerged in recent years with mixed success. Likewise, crops residues have been investigated as a feedstock for pulp for making paper. Conservative estimates indicate that there are enough crop residues to expand the supply of papermaking fiber by up to 40 percent."

Mr. V.N. Kale, Additional Commissioner, Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare said last year that out of 20 million tonnes of paddy straws, about 17 million tonnes were burnt, but this year it was around 13-15 million tonnes and this needs to stop. He also mentioned that stubble burning in neighbouring states combined with other factors in Delhi such as vehicular emissions, industrial pollution and smoke from firecrackers around Diwali plague the national capital's air quality every year. This year too, pollution levels spiked to severe-plus emergency levels.

Dr. Bhure Lal, Chairman, EPCA and Hon'ble Member, Supreme Court Monitoring Committee pointed out that "there is a need to bring a change in the mentality of people so that they look at the alternatives to this practice." He also mentioned that younger generation was ready to look for alternatives, but the older generation still wanted to stick with stubble burning. "It takes a period of 45 days for paddy straw to decompose completely and then be used as fertilizer, but farmers usually have just 25 days, if we succeed in reducing this period of 45 days to 25 days, our problems related to stubble burning will be solved" the EPCA Chairman said.

Dr. J.S. Samra, Senior Adviser (Renewable Energy Programme), CRRID, Chandigarh in his address on "Bio CNG and Bio Manure Productions" said in the near future, vehicles would run on CNG. "The Government of India has earmarked Rs 7,000 crore budget in 2018-19 for setting up marketing infrastructure for bio-CNG. Indian Oil Corporation Limited has already signed a memorandum of understanding with the Punjab Government for setting up 400 plants in the state for the production of bio-CNG from paddy straw," he disclosed.

Dr. Nitin Labhsetwar, Chief Scientist and Head Energy and Resource Management Division, CSIR-NEERI said that India being an agriculture based country, generates more than 600 million tons of biomass waste from different crops and produces 140 million tons of rice straw annually. To dispose the rice straw for making field ready for next crop, farmers are burning it in the fields. The burning of rice straw poses lot of environmental, health and economic issues in India. On one hand, rice straw is a good source of renewable energy but on the other it has got some inherent problems. Therefore, to mitigate the problems due to the burning of rice straw, rice straw can be converted into useful product by torrefaction process i.e. biocoal. In India, generally bituminous coal of gross calorific value (GCV) in range of 3500-4000 Kcal/kg and density 800-900 kg/m³ is used in the thermal power plants for generation of electricity.

Ms. Kanchan Zutshi, Secretary, PHD Chamber proposed a formal vote-of-thanks to the guests.



National Seminar on Entrepreneurship & Business Development in Ayurveda



Mr. Shripad Yesso Naik, Hon'ble Minister of State (I.C) Ministry of AYUSH,; Dr. Manoj Nesari, Advisor, Ministry of AYUSH, Govt. of India; Mr. Amitabh Kant, CEO, NITI Ayog; Mr. Mahesh Sharma, Hon'ble Minister of State (I.C) for Culture, Minister of State for Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change; Mr. Vaidya Rajesh Kotecha, Secretary, Ministry of AYUSH, Govt. of India and Mr. P. N. Ranjit, Joint Secretary, Ministry of AYUSH

PHD Chamber supported the Ministry of AYUSH for celebrating National Ayurveda Day with a national seminar on 'Entrepreneurship & Business Development in Ayurveda' on November 4, 2018 at New Delhi.

Eminent dignitaries included Mr.

Shripad Yesso Naik, Hon'ble Minister of State (IC) for AYUSH; Dr. Mahesh Sharma, Hon'ble Minister of State (IC) for Culture, Minister of State for Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change; Mr. Amitabh Kant, CEO, NITI Aayog; Mr. Vaidya Rajesh Kotecha, Secretary, Ministry

of AYUSH; Mr. P. N. Ranjit, Joint Secretary, Ministry of AYUSH; Dr. Manoj Nesari, Advisor, Ministry of AYUSH; Mr. Pradeep Multani, Chairman, AYUSH Committee, PHD Chamber; Mr. Prashant Tondon, CEO, 1mg.com and Mr. Arvind Varchaswi, Sri Sri Ayurveda.



Mr. Pradeep Multani, Chairman, AYUSH Committee, PHD Chamber addressing the delegates at the plenary session

Mr. Pradeep Multani, Chairman, AYUSH Committee, PHD Chamber urged young entrepreneurs to come forward and create a business demand for Ayurveda sector and added that the conference will encourage young entrepreneurs to use modern technologies and highlight opportunities at the global level.

On November 5, 2018 the Ministry of AYUSH, Govt. of India celebrated Dhanvantari divas and felicitated awardees and national quiz winners on the occasion.



Mr. Prashant Tondon, CEO, 1mg.com addressing the delegates at the Business Development Session

Eminent dignitaries present at the Awards Ceremony were Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Hon'ble Minister of Science & Technology, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change and Ministry of Earth Science; Mr. Shripad Yesso Naik, Hon'ble Minister of State (IC) for AYUSH; Mr. Vaidya Rajesh Kotecha, Secretary, Ministry of AYUSH; Mr. Pramod Kumar Pathak, Additional Secretary, Ministry of AYUSH; Mr. P. N. Ranjit, Joint Secretary, Ministry of AYUSH; Dr. Manoj Nesari, Advisor, Ministry of AYUSH; Dr. V.K. Paul, Advisor, NITI Aayog and Mr. Vaidya Devendea Triugna, Ayurvedic Physician.



Mr. Pramod Kumar Pathak, Additional Secretary, Ministry of AYUSH, Govt. of India addressing the delegates

PCOS Seminar with Clinical Approach in Homoeopathy



Mr. Sanjeev Chawla, President, Dr. Lal Singh's Foundation, Dr. Lal Singh, Founder of Dr. Lal Singh's Foundation, Dr. K.K. Juneja, Chairman, Delhi Homeopathic Board, Dr. Girish Gupta, MD, Homoeopathic Physician, Dr. Aditya Kaushik, Delhi Homeopathic Board and Dr. Ashok Kumar, MD, PHD, Director, Lok Nayak Hospital

PHD Chamber in collaboration with Dr. Lal Singh's Foundation organized a seminar on PCOS with Clinical Approach in Homeopathy on October 14, 2018 at PHD House, New Delhi. Eminent speakers included Dr. Ashok Kumar, MD, PHD, Director, Lok Nayak Hospital; Dr. Girish Gupta, MD, Homoeopathic Physician; Dr. Sanjeev Chawla, President, Dr. Lal Singh's Foundation; Dr. K.K. Juneja, Chairman, Delhi Homeopathic Board and Dr. Aditya Kaushik, Delhi Homeopathic Board.

Mr. Sanjeev Chawla, President, Dr. Lal Singh's Foundation and Dr. Lal Singh, Founder of Dr. Lal Singh's Foundation educated everyone about Polycystic Ovarian Syndrome (PCOS) and how homeopathy can play a major role in curing ailments.

Polycystic Ovarian Syndrome (PCOS) is a complex metabolic, endocrine

and reproductive disorder affecting approximately 5-10 percent of the female population in the developed countries. Developing countries like China and India, undergoing rapid nutritional transitions due to westernised diets and lifestyle also indicate similar prevalence. Its clinical characteristics include hyperandrogenism,

chronic anovulation, insulin resistance and infertility. It remains a syndrome and, as such, no single diagnostic criterion (such as hyperandrogenism or PCO) is sufficient for diagnosis.

There are few reports indicating the usefulness of homoeopathic treatment.



Conference on Pharmacy to E-Wellness Store



Mr. Ashwini Kumar, Chief Promotor, Pharma Solution; Mr. Ameesh Masurekar, Director, AIOCD-AWACS; Mr. K R Chawla, Assistant Drug Controller, CDSCO; Mr. Rampat, Team leader, Top Retailers Group Delhi; Mr. Shivek Dhar, National Pharmacy Channel Manager, Hindustan Unilever and Ms. Ashwini Sadhawarte, Skin Category Specialist HUL R&D

PHD Chamber in association with AIOCD Pharmasofttech AWACS Pvt. Ltd. & Chemistlink organized a conference on Pharmacy to E-Wellness Store on October 29, 2018 at PHD House, New Delhi. The objective was to share information and best practices concerning monitoring and insuring safety from online websites selling drugs.

Eminent dignitaries included Mr. Ashwini Kumar, Chief Promotor, Pharma Solution; Mr. Ameesh Masurekar, Director, AIOCD-AWACS; Mr. K R Chawla, Assistant Drug Controller, CDSCO; Mr. Rampat, Team leader, Top Retailers Group Delhi; Mr. Shivek Dhar, National Pharmacy Channel Manager, Hindustan Unilever and Ms. Ashwini Sadhawarte, Retail Pharmacy Owner.

Mr. K. R. Chawla, Assistant Drug Controller from CDSCO addressed the delegates on 'Retail Trade Perspective and Challenges' faced by the Pharma retailers.

He also focused on online pharmacy challenges and opportunities and added that strict regulations are required to control the irrational usage of online pharmacy medicines.

Mr. Shivek Dhar, National Pharmacy Channel Manager, Hindustan Unilever talked about the current pharma retailer situation, pharma retail market and online pharmacy. He added the possibilities for pharma retailers to be an E-Wellness Store apart from only pharmacy shop and pharma retail store.



Round Table Discussion with ASOP Global Delegation on Online Pharmacy-Challenges and Opportunities

PHD Chamber in association with the FOPE & Patient Safety and Access Initiative of India Foundation organized a round table discussion with ASOP Global Delegation on Online Pharmacy-Challenges & Opportunities on October 30, 2018 at PHD House, New Delhi.

Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, Vice President, PHD Chamber stated that India currently has over 8,50,000 independent pharmacy retail stores that endeavour to meet the overall demand. These traditional Brick and Mortar retail pharmacies are currently responsible for 99 percent of the pharmaceutical sales annually with online pharmacy contributing to only one percent of the total therapeutic sales.

Mr. Jeffrey Gren, ASOP Global Board Member, ASOP Global gave a brief presentation about Global Illegal Internet Drug Sales Problem and all global activities of ASOP and initiatives in India. The core objectives of ASOP Global India Delegation trip was to share information on ASOP Global tools to protect patients, spread consumer awareness and conduct research.

The major goal and objective of ASOP Global is to promote cooperation of government regulators and government law enforcement, private sector stakeholders and related industry for safe internet drug sales.

Mr. B.R. Sikri, President, FOPE thanked ASOP Global delegation to have come all the way to India to meet Government regulators, Industry people and Associations for providing information on online pharmacy and expressed his views about online pharmacy and said that this industry is a life science industry and not a



Mr. P.K. Dutta, Managing Director, Systopic Laboratories Pvt. Ltd., Mr. Bejon Kumar Misra, Chairman, Task Force on Consumer Affairs & Public Health, PHD Chamber, Mr. Atul Nasa, Deputy Drug Controller, Controlling & Licensing Authority, Drugs Control Department, Govt. of NCT of Delhi, Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, Vice President, PHD Chamber, Mr. Jeffrey Gren, ASOP Global Board Member, ASOP Global, Mr. B.R. Sikri, President, FOPE and Mr. Vivek Seigell, Principal Director, PHD Chamber

commodity industry as it is associated with health of the people. He further said that as the world is sourcing finished dosage forms from India, India is called 'pharmacy of the world' (Global Pharmacy).

He further added that regulatory interventions are increasing day- by- day which is a main bottleneck for the growth of pharma industry in India. He also talked about the danger of online pharmacy like high chances of abuse, fake prescription can be created, scan signature has no authentication, online pharmacy can also lead to black marketing with sky high discount schemes, multiple dispensing, high risk of self-medication, non-compliance, easy accessibility to mentally ill patients, etc.

Mr. Atul Nasa, Deputy Drug Controller, Controlling & Licensing Authority, Drugs Control Department, Govt. of NCT of Delhi said that in 2016 when the system started, the Government of India constituted a committee to regulate online pharmacy

where Dr. S. Eswara Reddy, coordinators of 5 state Drug Controllers and 17 stake holders were present. No one was against online pharmacy, everybody suggested that it should be there but followed by strict regulations and well in place so that it should be controlled.

There were some concerns which IDMA proposed to be included in notification like Good Distribution Practices and Good Storage Practices mainly for cold chain products and Substitution should not be allowed.

He further added that as a regulator, our role is whatever rules are finalized, they should be strictly implemented to be successful and consumer awareness is also one of the major factors for safe online pharmacy.

Mr. Bejon Kumar Misra, Chairman, Task Force on Consumer Affairs & Public Health, PHD Chamber gave an insight about online pharmacy.

Mr. P. K. Dutta, Managing Director, Systopic Laboratories Pvt. Ltd. shared his views about local retail pharmacy stores and their work operation.

Eminent dignitaries present were senior office bearers of FOPE like Mr. N.S. Bhatia, Mr. Subhash Malhotra, Mr. J. S. Chauhan, Mr. B.K. Gupta and Mr. P.P. Sharma, Advisor, FOPE & Retired Deputy Drug Controller of Delhi; Mr. Ashok Madan, Executive Director, IDMA and delegates from druggist and chemist associations.

Mr. Vivek Seigell, Principal Director, PHD Chamber added that we have to brace up together for facing new challenges and have to prepare the framework for legitimate e-pharmacies.



Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, Vice President, PHD Chamber, Mr. Jeffrey Gren, ASOP Global Board Member, ASOP Global, Mr. B.R. Sikri, President, FOPE and Mr. Vivek Seigell, Principal Director, PHD Chamber



Startup Business Connect Summit

The Young Business Leaders Forum (YBLF) and Startup Coaching & Mentoring Cell of PHD Chamber organized a 'Startup Business Connect Summit' on November 27, 2018 at PHD House, New Delhi. The objective was to provide a platform to entrepreneurs, innovators, venture capitalists, academicians, support groups, business coaches and business practitioners to present and discuss innovation and success, also recount their learning experiences, share their insights and practices that have enriched their ventures.

Mr. Saket Dalmia, Chairman, YBLF, PHD Chamber stated that entrepreneurship is vital for job creation, economic growth and problem-solving. It also reflects a society's capacity for boldness, risk-taking and creativity. More specifically, there is a strong positive correlation between entrepreneurship, economic growth and innovation. He also added that Start-ups need a supporting eco-system to nurture them. He also briefed the audience on various initiatives of YBLF.

Dr. Anurag Batra, Chairman and Editor-in-Chief, Business World in his keynote address shared his entrepreneurial journey with the delegates and mentioned that it is important to have a right mentor to give you direction. He advised the start-ups to focus on customers and continuously try to improve.

Dr. Jatinder Singh, Director, PHD Chamber highlighted that New Start-up policy of the Government has helped the start-ups in handholding them, ease of investment and has created an interface between academia, industry and start-ups. He added that risk taking capacity has increased and investors are now looking out for innovative ideas which provide solution in today's times.

Panel Discussion 1 - "India: Land of Entrepreneurship" was moderated by Mr. Saurabh Kaushik, Founder, Peopleist India. Speakers included Dr. Anurag Batra, Mr. Saket Dalmia and Dr. Jatinder Singh. The speakers highlighted on constantly trying to improve business, keeping it with the times and putting full efforts in whatever they do and not deviate from the path.

Panel Discussion 2 - "Startup to Scaleup" was moderated by Mr. Saurabh Kaushik, Founder, Peopleist India. Speakers included Mr. Rahul Singh, Founder & CEO, Beer Café; Mr. Deep Bajaj, Founder & CEO, Peebuddy; Mr. Vaibhav Singhal, Director, LFW Realty and Mr.



Mr. Saket Dalmia, Chairman, YBLF felicitating Dr. Anurag Batra, Chairman and Editor-in-Chief, BW BusinessWorld

Sankalp Agarwal, Founder, Travel Triangle. The speakers deliberated on what it takes to scale up your start-up and highlighted that it is difficult to focus on one idea and find the right gap in the market, add value to the customer and believe in oneself.



Dr. Anurag Batra addressing the delegates

Panel Discussion 3- "Startup Funding- Investor's Eye" was moderated by Mr. Ashish Agrawal, Director, JR Ladha Financial Services Pvt. Ltd. Speakers included Mr. Dhianu Das, VC; Mr. Avelo Roy, Founder, Kolkata Ventures; Mr. Vineet Sagar, Managing Partner, Venture Garage and Mr. Amit Singal, Founder, Startup Buddy. The speakers shared their insights on how startups should approach the investors. The speakers stressed that investors are always looking out for a right idea which has the potential to grow.



Dr. Jatinder Singh, Director, PHD Chamber; Mr. Saurabh Kaushik, Founder, Peopleist India; Mr. Rahul Singh, Founder & CEO, Beer Café; Ms. Vineeta Mehra, Deputy Secretary, PHD Chamber; Mr. Deep Bajaj, Founder & CEO, Peebuddy; Mr. Vaibhav Singhal, Director, LFW Realty and Mr. Sankalp Agarwal, Founder, Travel Triangle

Ms. Aditi Pasari, Co-chairperson, YBLF in her closing remarks thanked all eminent speakers and delegates for their participation. She also thanked the Event Sponsor Lalaji Developers, Supporting Partner Peopleist India and the YBLF Annual Sponsors Eazy ERP Ltd.; Gulshan Polyols Ltd.; Mayar Group, JCO Gas & Pipe Limited and PG Industry Ltd. for supporting the initiatives of YBLF.



Ms. Vineeta Mehra; Deputy Secretary; PHD Chamber; Mr. Dhianu Das, VC; Ms. Aditi Pasari, Co-Chairperson; YBLF; . Avelo Roy, Founder, Kolkata Ventures; Mr. Ashish Agrawal, Director, JR Ladha Financial Services Pvt. Ltd; Mr. Amit Singal, Founder, Startup Buddy and Mr. Vineet Sagar, Managing Partner, Venture Garage

Interactive Session on Rising Income Disparity- Implications for World Security



Amb K V Rajan, Convenor, PHD Ambassadors' Economic Forum; Dr. Rajat Kathuria, Director General, Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER); Dr. Augusto Lopez Claros, Professor at Edmund Walsh-School of Foreign Services, Georgetown University; Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, Vice President, PHD Chamber and Dr. Surjit Bhalla, a renowned Indian Economist

PHD Ambassadors' Economic Forum organized an interactive session on 'Rising Income Disparity--Implications for World Security' on November 15, 2018 at New Delhi. Amb K V Rajan, Convenor, PHD Ambassadors' Economic Forum moderated the session.

Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, Vice President, PHD Chamber highlighted that the distributional effect of economic growth plays a significant role in determining long-term sustainable development trends and socio-economic well-being of the citizens. He also mentioned that the government can adopt a package of redistributive measures including more progressive tax systems that redistribute incomes fairly and by increasing investments in good-quality, free public services and social protection programmes.

Dr. Rajat Kathuria, Director General, Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER) introducing the theme, 'Rising Income Disparity-Implications for World Security' asserted that we should be more concerned about the rising intra-country inequality rather than inter-country inequality. He added that capitalism can contribute to the cause and even facilitate growth if there is an egalitarian distribution of income.

Dr. Augusto Lopez Claros, a distinguished Economist, with strong World Bank and IMF credentials, a reputed specialist on Global Prosperity issues and a Professor at Edmund Walsh-School of Foreign Services, Georgetown University

in his theme address discussed the evolution of income disparity and how some high income countries leveraged technology and their high income status to multiply their GDP. It is important to note that reduction in world poverty is not exclusively but greatly a Chinese phenomenon. Elaborating further on the topic, he mentioned that the combined GDP of Switzerland and Netherlands is equal to the GDP of Sub-Saharan Africa, while their combined population is 2.6% of Sub-Saharan Africa. It should also be noted that while world poverty has reduced but poverty in Africa has actually increased.

He also shared an observation by one of his IMF colleagues that currently the low income countries are growing at twice the rate of high income countries and if this continues for a long period, then the low income countries will eventually catch up. Based on this observation, there was also an experiment proposed called "The dirty little secret of development economics".

Dr. Claros was of the view that to control the rising disparity, we need to adopt a mix of traditional and non-traditional solutions. Under traditional solutions, he mentioned progressive taxation and availability of social security net to control inequality because if the labour market laws are rigid, the labourers will move towards formalization which will lead to higher inequality. One of the non-traditional policies is removal of the energy subsidy provided by the government. In 2015, IMF conducted a study which showed that 5

trillion dollars of subsidy was provided by the government to the energy sector, out of which, 60% of the subsidy goes to the top quartile. According to him, subsidising the energy sector incentivizes its overuse and if this subsidy is discontinued, there will be a 20% reduction in global warming. Other non-traditional solutions can be tackling the issue of gender inequality and introducing a universal level of basic income.

He concluded by stating that factors like difference in the level of education, skill sets of people and economic policies contribute to increasing income inequality.

Dr. Surjit Bhalla, a renowned Indian Economist, in his concluding reflections, raised a question over India not being given credit for its contribution in bringing down the level of global poverty. He also agreed with Dr. Claros's suggestion that achieving gender equality is the way forward for reducing income disparity. Dr. Bhalla cautioned not to trust the data available blindly. He stated that we need to question the origin of the data because there have been instances where two different authors used same data but arrived at different results. He supported his statement by highlighting an example of the different Gini Coefficients derived by Thomas Piketty, Abhijit Banerjee and Lucas Chancel for the same period with same data.

Amb K V Rajan, Convenor, PHD Ambassadors' Economic Forum delivered the formal vote-of-thanks to the guests.



Interactive Session on Equality for Women - A Pre-Requisite for Global Prosperity



Amb K V Rajan, Convenor, PHD Ambassador's Economic Forum; Mr. Anil Khaitan, Immediate Former President, PHD Chamber; Dr. Augusto Lopez Claros, Professor at Edmund Walsh-School of Foreign Services, Georgetown University; Mr. D K Aggarwal, Senior Vice President, PHD Chamber and Ms. Priya Hingorani, Chairperson, Arbitration & Dispute Resolution Cell, PHD Chamber

PHD Ambassadors' Economic Forum organized an interactive session on 'Equality for Women – A Pre-Requisite for Global Prosperity' on November 16, 2018 at PHD House, New Delhi. Amb K V Rajan, Convenor, PHD Ambassador's Economic Forum introduced the subject and highlighted that gender equality is the greatest antidote to poverty.

Mr. D. K. Aggarwal, Senior Vice President, PHD Chamber mentioned that according to the United Nations Gender Inequality Index 2017, India ranks at 127 out of 160 countries, faring better than some of its SAARC counterparts. He believes that for India to be a global leader, more concentrated efforts are required at local and national level to bring women at parity with men. He also mentioned that while increasing representation of women in public spheres is important, an attitudinal shift is equally essential for women to be considered as equal within their homes and in society. Educating children from an early age about the importance of gender equality could be a meaningful start in the direction.

Dr. Augusto Lopez Claros, a distinguished Economist, a professional with strong World Bank and IMF credentials, a reputed specialist on global prosperity issues, and a Professor at Edmund Walsh-School of Foreign Services, Georgetown University, in his theme address, mentioned that there is an urgent need to introduce laws aiming at integrating women in the labour force. He also talked about a survey of 6,500 companies, which

were then split into groups on the basis of number of women on the corporate board and it was noted that the companies with more women on board are less prone to corporate governance scandals and frauds which ultimately undermines investment climate and growth.

He also mentioned that some countries use laws to discriminate against women and shared an alarming fact that till 1970, women in Indonesia were so restricted that they had to take permission from their husbands to open a bank account. Also in a few countries, the law gives control of household assets only to men.

Dr. Claros concluded that gender equality does not involve loss for men, it only means that we are moving into a world in which the gender doesn't determine

whether the person should achieve their full human capability.

Mr. Anil Khaitan, Immediate Former President, PHD Chamber in his address raised concern on how to bring to mainstream 375 million women in India who are under the age of 30 and willing to work but are bound by family culture and stringent laws.

Ms. Priya Hingorani, Chairperson, Arbitration & Dispute Resolution Cell, PHD Chamber suggested that to bring about gender equality, there is a need to spread awareness at the grass roots level.

Amb K V Rajan, Convenor, PHD Ambassador's Economic Forum, concluded the session with a formal vote-of-thanks to the guests.



Discussion Session

National Smart Grid Conclave



Mr. Pankaj Batra, Former Chairman, Central Electricity Authority; Mr. Rajeev Mathur, Chairman, Energy Committee, PHD Chamber; Mr. R P Gupta, IAS, Additional Secretary (TIH/Infra- Energy/IC); Dr. A K Tripathi, Director General, National Institute of Solar Energy and Dr. Ranjeet Mehta, Principal Director, PHD Chamber

The Energy Committee of PHD Chamber organized a National Smart Grid Conclave on October 9, 2018 at PHD House, New Delhi. The conclave was attended by delegates from industry and other stakeholders.

Chief Guest, Mr. R. P. Gupta, IAS, Additional Secretary (Energy), Niti Aayog mentioned that India's total power requirement by 2030 shall become three times better as per the present requirement and the government has almost universalized the access to electricity to everyone and by March next year, everyone would have access to electricity in the country.

Guest of Honour, Dr. A. K. Tripathi, Director General, National Institute of Solar Energy (NISE) mentioned that Smart Grids would interface with renewable energy in a big way and it should be taken into account that when we design and operationalize

these Smart Grids in the future, it could be a boon for the producers and consumers of electricity as it reduces distribution of losses.

Mr. Pankaj Batra, Former Chairman, Central Electricity Authority (CEA) stated that the Government has set an ambitious target of installing Smart meters to the consumers consuming 200 and above units of electricity by 2019.

Mr. Rajeev Mathur, Chairman, Energy Committee, PHD Chamber highlighted the policy initiatives of the Government of India such as electric grid modernization, introduction of Electric Vehicles, green corridors for high voltage transmission interconnection and introduction of Smart Meters. This has caught the attention of global investors and technology companies and India is fast emerging as a preferred destination for investments.

Dr. Ranjeet Mehta, Principal Director, PHD Chamber proposed a formal vote-of-thanks and on behalf of the Chamber requested the government to devise "Smart Micro Grid Policy" and "Separate Tariff Policy" for consumers getting electricity through smart grids particularly in solar and wind segment.

The conclave had two technical sessions which were addressed by eminent industry experts. These were Mr. P. K. Goyal, VP and HOD, Automation, Noida Power Company Ltd; Mr. Munish Sharma, Assistant Vice President, BSES Rajdhani & Yamuna Power Ltd.; Mr. Vijayan S R, Asst Vice President, ABB India; Mr. Tarun Batra, Head -IT & OT, TPDPDL; Mr. P K Sood, Chairman, Regnant Group; Mr. Neeraj Kumar Singal, Director, Semco Group; Mr. Anil Singh Mehta, Senior Manager, Secure Meters and Mr. Boben Anto, Founder, Exactspace.



India inks MoU with Iran to pay crude oil in rupees

Media reports that India has signed an agreement with Iran to pay for crude oil it imports from the Persian Gulf nation in rupees. The MoU was signed following the US letting India and seven other nations to keep buying Iranian oil despite imposition of sanctions on Iran. Sources said Indian refiners will make rupee payments in a UCO Bank account of the National Iranian Oil Co. Half of these funds would be earmarked for settling payments for exports of Indian goods to Iran. Under US sanctions, India can export foodgrains, medicines and medical devices to Iran. India had won the exemption after it agreed to cut imports and escrow payments. Under the 180-day exemption, India is allowed to import a maximum of 300,000 barrels a day of crude oil. This compares to an average daily import of about 560,000 barrels this year. India, which is the second biggest purchaser of Iranian oil after China, has since then restricted its monthly purchase to 1.25 million tons or 15 million tons in a year (300,000 barrels per day), down from 22.6 million tons (452,000 barrels per day) bought in 2017-18 financial year.

Seminar on RERA Act

PHD Chamber organized a seminar on RERA Act on October 17, 2018 at PHD House, Chandigarh. Mr. Navreet Singh Kang, Chairman, RERA, Punjab was the Chief Guest while Mr. Sanjiv Gupta, Member, RERA Punjab was the Guest of Honour.

Along with the seminar, a small exhibition was also held at PHD House, Chandigarh. Six prominent exhibitors from the region participated in this exhibition to showcase their innovative products. More than 100 prominent builders of Punjab, Chandigarh and Haryana attended the seminar.



Mr. Karan Gilhotra, Co-chairman, Punjab Committee, PHDCCI; Mr. Sanjeev Gupta, Member RERA, Punjab; Mr. Navreet Singh Kang, Chairman, RERA, Punjab; Mr. R.S. Sachdeva, Chairman, Punjab Committee, PHD Chamber; Mr. Manav Gupta, Chairman, Infrastructure Sub Committee, Haryana, PHDCCI and Brig HPS Bedi (Retd) Director, PHD Chamber

During the session, Mr. Kang interacted with the builders and answered the issues raised by them. Mr. Manav Gupta, Chairman, Infrastructure Sub Committee, Haryana Chapter of PHD Chamber moderated the session. Builders found the session very fruitful as it helped them to clarify their doubts regarding the RERA Act.

Mr. Karan Gilhotra, Co-chairman, Punjab Chapter, PHD Chamber delivered the formal vote-of-thanks to the guests. The seminar was followed by a networking dinner.

FOCUS STATE : MADHYA PRADESH



Report on Making MSMEs Aware about Industry 4.0 - Food Processing 4.0

The MP Committee of PHD Chamber and Konrad Adenauer Stiftung (KAS) in association with the Madhya Pradesh State Skill and Employment Generation Board (MPSSDEGB), Govt. of Madhya Pradesh organized a workshop on 'Making MSMEs Aware about Industry 4.0-Food Processing 4.0' on October 26, 2018 at Brilliant Convention Center, Indore.

Mr. Urvesh Goel, CEO, DYZRUPT Technologies New Delhi informed that all erstwhile industrial revolutions were based on the concept of miniaturization of machines and so is industry 4.0. It is all about data i.e. cyber physical system where smart machines keep getting smarter as they get access to more data which will enable factories to be more efficient and productive.

Mr. Nitin Aras, Director, ODTIN FOODS SOLUTIONS LTD. Indore emphasized on the need of skill training to reduce unemployment arising from fast changing technology in industry. He said that skill training is required not only for job seekers but also for employer or producer for the better use of technology and machines.



Mr. Nitin Aras, Director, ODTIN FOODS SOLUTIONS Pvt Ltd.; Mr. R. G. Dwivedi, Regional Director, PHDCCI MP; Mr. Narayan Agrawal, MD, Agrawal Papad Pvt.Ltd. Indore and Mr. Urvesh Goel, CEO, DYZRUPT Technologies Pvt. Ltd., Gurgaon

Mr. Kailash Narayan Agrawal, a renowned Industrialist and owner of the famous brand Agrawal Papad (420 Papad) shared his success story with the participants. He informed that his family business adopted new machines and technologies as was required from time to time but never underrated the capacity of human beings which is why in his company, employees are treated as family members.

Mr. R. G. Dwivedi, Regional Director, PHD Chamber stated that though human

mind will always be superior to machines because machines are only tools of human minds but this does not mean that the technology and machines have no importance, they are continuously assisting human beings in their development.

The workshop was well attended by more than 50 participants from different sectors viz industrialists, entrepreneurs, CAs, officers from Madhya Pradesh Skill Department (MPSSDEGB) and Horticulture, students and faculty from IIT, ITI and other institutes, etc.

Business Plan Competition on Entrepreneurship & Start-Ups



Esteemed Delegates

The Vellore Institute of Technology (VIT) Bhopal, a Member Institute of PHD Chamber, Madhya Pradesh Chapter organized a competition among the Start-ups on October 24, 2018 in the campus of VIT. More than 40 Start-ups of B-Tech and BBA participated, out of which 15 Start-ups were selected to present their business plans.

The MP State Chapter of PHD

Chamber was invited for mentoring and judging the business plans of the Start-ups. Mr. Pradeep Karambelkar, Founder, Vision Advisory Services Pvt. Ltd. and Co-chairman, PHD Chamber, Madhya Pradesh; Mr. Swapnil Tripathi, CEO, My Skills and Member of PHDCCI and Mr. R. G. Dwivedi, Regional Director, Bhopal were the team members.

Selected Start-ups presented their

different business plans before the Judges of the competition. Members gave suggestions to Start-ups for detailed study about the market, project cost and means of finance for their projects.

Mr. Shriram in charge of Entrepreneurship and Incubation Cell of the Institute of VIT delivered the vote-of-thanks to the guests.



Entrepreneurship and Incubation Club organizes Business Plan Competition

The Entrepreneurship and Incubation Club organized a Business Plan Competition on October 24, 2018 at VIT. Mr. R. G. Dwivedi, Regional Director, PHD Chamber, Madhya Pradesh; Mr. Pradeep Karambelkar, Founder Vision Advisory Services Private Limited, Bhopal and Vice-chairman, PHD Chamber, Madhya Pradesh and Mr. Swapnil Tripathi, CEO, Myskill, Bhopal were the guests.

Around 40 students presented their business plans during the event and were offered suggestions, mentorship and internship offers.

India to retain top position in remittances

According to World Bank's Migration and Development Brief, India is expected to receive a total remittance of \$80 billion in 2018. India retains its top spot, followed by China (\$67 billion), Mexico and the Philippines (\$34 billion each), and Egypt (\$26 billion). As global growth is projected to moderate, future remittances to low and middle-income countries are expected to grow moderately by 4 percent to reach \$549 billion in 2019. Global remittances are expected to grow 3.7 percent to \$715 billion in 2019. The future growth of remittances is vulnerable to lower oil prices, restrictive migration policies and overall moderation of economic growth. Remittances have a direct impact on alleviating poverty for many households.

Vendor Development Programme (VDP) on National SC-ST Hub Scheme of Ministry of MSMEs



Mr. Pranjal Phukan, Chief Manager (C&P), BCPL; Mr. Vikas Rathi, Dy. Manager, Northeast Frontier Railways; Mr. Prasanta Das, Chief General Manager (C&P), Oil India Limited; Mr. Umananda Doley, Secretary to the Government of Assam, Department of Industries & Commerce & Managing Director ASIDC Guwahati; Mr Swarnarka Deka, Assistant Director, MSME-DI, Guwahati; Mr. S.K. Hazarika, Dy. Resident Director, NER, PHD Chamber and Ms. Sonam C Bhutiya, (AC) M, CRPF



A Vendor Development Program on 'National Scheduled Caste & Scheduled Tribe Hub (NSSH) Scheme' was organized by Assam Small Industries Development Corporation Limited (ASIDC) in association with North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Ltd. (NEDFi) on November 20, 2018 at NEDFi House, Dispur, Guwahati. The Programme was organized with the support of PHD Chamber in accordance with the NSSH Scheme which is an initiative of the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises <<https://msme.gov.in>> (MoMSME) targeted towards developing a supportive ecosystem for SC/ST entrepreneurs. It was attended by around 75 SC/ST entrepreneurs from in and around Guwahati.

Chief Guest, Mr. Umananda Doley, Secretary, Govt. of Assam, Department of Industries & Commerce & Managing Director ASIDC Guwahati, urged the SC/

ST entrepreneurs to take advantage of the opportunities under the NSSH Scheme and explained to the micro entrepreneurs and artisans on how to compete with modern industries and improve quality of their products, marketing and advertising.

Mr. Manoj K Das, Deputy General Manager, NEDFi, said that Vendor Development will provide professional support to SC/ST entrepreneurs to fulfill their obligations under the Central Government Public Procurement Policy for Micro and Small Enterprises, and adopt applicable business practices and leverage the Stand-Up India initiative. He informed that to ensure that benefits of growth spread across all sections of the society, especially the marginalized groups including SC/ST entrepreneurs, the Government is trying to make procurement activities of the public sector more inclusive and participative. In this regard, the Public Procurement Policy 2012 for MSMEs mandates that Central

Government Ministries, Departments and Public-Sector Undertakings procure minimum of 25% of their annual value of goods or services from MSMEs out of which 4% of total procurement of goods and services are to be made from Micro and Small Enterprises owned by SC & ST entrepreneurs.

Mr. Swarnarka Deka, Assistant Director, MSME-DI, Guwahati gave a detailed presentation on the Public Procurement Policy and facilities of the MSME-DI.

He said that development of MSMEs is critical to meet the national imperatives of financial inclusion and generation of significant levels of employment in urban and rural areas across the country.

The VDP was aimed to bring together leading CPSEs from different sectors and initiate discussions to understand the gaps and their challenges in realizing the mandate of Public Procurement Policy. Chief General Manager (C&P), Oil India Limited, Chief Manager (C&P), BCPL, Representatives from NEEPCO, CRPF and Northeast Frontier Railways amongst others participated in the VDP. Presentations were given by them to explain the procedure of participation in the tendering process of their respective organizations.

They also enumerated the challenges faced by CPSEs in procuring goods and services from SC/ ST entrepreneurs.

The need for one consolidated database of SC/ST Vendors including details of products and services provided by them was highlighted by the stakeholders during the event.



Mr. Pranjal Phukan, Chief Manager (C&P), BCPL; Mr. Manoj K Das, Dy. General Manager, North Eastern Development Finance Co.; Mr. Prasanta Das, Chief General Manager (C&P), Oil India Limited; Mr. Abdul Hamid, Asst. Manager, ASIDC Guwahati; Mr Swarnarka Deka, Assistant Director, MSME-DI, Guwahati; Mr. S.K. Hazarika, Dy. Resident Director, NER, PHD Chamber and Ms. Sonam C Bhutiya, (AC) M, CRPF

Hunar Haat 2018

The State Development Council (SDC) of PHD Chamber in association with the National Minorities Development & Finance Corporation (NMDFC) organized Hunar Haat, October 13-21, 2018 at Puducherry. On October 13, 2018 the speakers included Mr. Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi, Union Minister of Minority Affairs; Mr. V. Narayanasamy Chief Minister, Puducherry; Mr. Ameising Lukham, Secretary, Ministry of Minority Affairs and Mr. Shahbaz Ali, CMD, NMDFC.



Hunar Haat 2018

Hunar Haat is a platform where the shared vision and unwavering commitment can boost the prospects of skilling, employability and bring about inclusive growth. Hunar Haat exemplifies the fine spirits of India, the world's largest democracy. To be a part of any such effort that dignifies the lives through entrepreneurial spirit, the Chamber comes forward and in the same spirit – it partnered with Hunar Haat. Hunar Haat aims for preserving and promoting the rich heritage

of traditional arts & crafts of the minority community, to cope with the challenges of globalization and create a competitive market. It envisages at boosting skills of craftsmen, weavers and artisans who are already engaged in traditional ancestral work. Hunar Haat has been successful in providing employment to more than 3 lakh artisans at national level as well as in international markets.

The initiative of the Ministry of Minority Affairs for organizing Hunar Haat for upgrading the Skills & Training in Traditional Arts/Crafts for Development (USTTAD) Scheme in different parts of the country is oriented to improve the socio-economic conditions of artists and artisans working in the field of handicrafts for livelihood.



FOCUS STATE : PUNJAB

Session on Tapping Inner Potential for Success



Delegates seen with Mr. Yogesh Gaur, Senior Faculty, Art of Living Foundation

PHD Chamber organized a Knowledge Session on 'Tapping Inner Potential for Success (TIPS)' on October 24, 2018 at Mohali. Eminent Faculty Member, Mr. Yogesh Gaur from The Art of Living

Foundation addressed the participants.

The knowledge session covered the following topics: Energy Management - Achieving greater efficiency in lesser time, through high individual energy reserves;

Emotional intelligence - from Emotionally attentive to Emotionally Sensitive; Personal Assets- Emotionally balanced and high-energy levels lead to increased skill-sets and professional assets for organizations.

Conference on Sustainability Issues in Commerce and Management



Mr. R. S. Sachdeva, Chairman, Punjab State Chapter addressing the delegates along with Esteemed Speakers

PHD Chamber in association with the Gujranwala Guru Nanak Khalsa College, Ludhiana organized an international conference on Sustainability Issues in Commerce and Management on October 22, 2018 at Ludhiana. Eminent speakers included Dr S.P. Singh, Hony. General Secretary, GGNKCL; Dr Balwinder Singh, Prof. USFS, GNDU, Amritsar; Dr Arvinder Singh, Principal, GGNKCL; JC Mukinder Singh, Ex-National President,

JCI; Dr B. S. Bhatia, Pro.VC, RIMT; Dr Lakhwinder Singh, GNDU, Amritsar; Dr Vikas Deep, PBI, University of Patiala; Dr Keshav Malhotra, UBS, Punjab University, Chandigarh and Dr. H.S. Bhalla, Deputy Director, DPI Chandigarh.

Mr. R. S. Sachdeva, Chairman, Punjab State Chapter, PHD Chamber at the inaugural session stated that Sustainability Management is the future

of management and is the next phase of management innovation. Sustainability must be integrated into the heart of what organizations do.

Mr. U. S. Ahuja, Convener - Ludhiana Chapter, PHD Chamber opined that with intelligence, care, creativity and new technology, a form of economic development can be accomplished that achieves both growth and environmental quality.



Industrial Awareness Programme for Steel Industry

PHD Chamber in association with the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) organized an industrial awareness programme for Steel Industry on September 6, 2018 at Mandi Gobindgarh, Punjab. In view of the latest steel quality control order, the programme discussed various aspects relating to BIS Certification of Steel products; Grant of Licence procedure for BIS Certification Marks and Schemes of the Ministry to upgrade MSMEs.

Ms. Madhu Pillai, Regional Director, PHD Chamber encouraged industry members from Steel Industry to take benefit of BIS certification and various schemes of the Ministry of MSMEs.

Ms. Renu Gupta, Scientist 'F' & Head, Bureau of Indian Standards, Chandigarh briefed regarding Steel QC order and elaborated on the importance of Steel sector in India. She mentioned strict action will be taken against all defaulters violating QC order and also explained the empowerment of the Department to take action in view of BIS Act 2016.

Mr. Rakesh Kumar, SC C, BIS, New Delhi made a detailed presentation on the



Ms. Madhu Pillai, Regional Director, PHD Chamber addressing participants

recent changes made in procedures in view of new BIS Certification Regulation 2017.

Mr. Kumar Animesh, Scientist 'D' (Joint Director) BIS, Chandigarh explained the content of latest Steel QC Order and its implementation and assured that BIS will make possible efforts to help industries for the license granting process. Mr. Akshay Kaushik, Member Secretary of Sectional Committee of Steel Product and Scientist C, BIS stated the issues regarding implementation of QC order which shall

be taken up in the next meeting of the Committee.

Mr. Major Singh, Director, MSME Ludhiana informed about the different schemes of MSMEs for taking BIS License and encouraged industries to join the mandate of Government for enforcement of Steel QC order.

Mr. Vinod Vashisht, President, Steel Industry Association, Mandi Gobindgarh assured BIS that the Steel industry would comply with the orders and requested BIS to take necessary action at their end.

Seminar on Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace



Mr. R. K. Joshi, Head- Industrial Relations, PHD Chamber; Ms. Priya Khanna, A leading Advocate practicing in Delhi High Court and Ms. Roli Singh, IAS, Principal Secretary, Women & Child Development Department, Govt. of Rajasthan

PHD Chamber in association with Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS) organized a seminar on 'Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace' on October 31, 2018 at Jaipur. The objective was to increase awareness on how to draft organizational policies on prevention, prohibition & redressal of sexual harassment.

Chief Guest, Ms. Roli Singh, Principal Secretary, Women and Child Development Department, Govt. of Rajasthan stated that gender sensitivity should be a part of the HR mandate and organizations should prominently display the contact numbers of the Internal Committee. Besides creating awareness of the committees, organizations should invent innovative ways of discussing gender issues. It is mandatory to have regular training of

officials of establishments on Sexual Harassment annually as per the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace Act, 2013, she said.

Ms. Priya Khanna, Senior Advocate, Delhi High Court while conducting the technical session mentioned that for most companies, sexual harassment is like an elephant in the room that refuses to move. The rulebook for behavior towards women colleagues is the same as earlier. It's the men who need to toe the line and be more sensitive. Elaborating on the Policy for Prevention of Sexual Harassment Act and Sexual Harassment Electronic Box launched by the Ministry of Women and Child Development (WCD) recently after the #MeToo campaign said, "There is no tool for development more effective than the empowerment of women. An inclusive

work environment that is respectful to both men and women will become one of the most important yardsticks for measuring a successful workplace."

Besides, every organization as a preventive approach should conduct monthly meetings with the employees. Rajasthan as a state is still not very compliant with the POSH Act and has only 1450 Internal Committees. "Under penalties for non-compliance with the POSH Act, an employer should be penalized if he fails to constitute an Internal Committee or fails to take action under Section 13 (inquiry report by the IC) and Section 14," she said.

The program was conducted by Mr. R K. Joshi, Industrial Relations Head and Ms. Rachna Singh, Regional Director, Rajasthan Chapter, PHD Chamber.



Cabinet approves revised Model MoU between India and foreign Financial Intelligence Units (FIUs) for exchange of information

The Union Cabinet has given its approval to the revised Model Memorandum of Understanding between the Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU) – India (FIU-IND) with its counterpart foreign Financial Intelligence Units (FIUs) for exchange of information on money laundering. The core functions of FIU-IND in relation to foreign FIUs include screening and processing requests from foreign Financial Intelligence Units (FIUs), disseminating information to foreign FIUs, establishing and maintaining relationship with foreign FIUs, and facilitating, administering and negotiating MoUs with foreign FIUs. Most of the foreign FIUs require an MoU to be signed for sharing of information with them.

Seminar on Importance of Innovation and Intellectual Property Rights



Mr. Sandeep Agarwal, Director, Adastra IP; Dr. Mandira Roy, Director, Adastra IP; Mr. Mithilesh Kumar, Joint Secretary, MSME Committee, PHD Chamber; Ms. Kanchan Zutshi, Secretary, PHD Chamber; Dr. H P Kumar, Advisor, PHDCCI, Former Chairman & Managing Director NSIC; Ms. Mamta Chaudary, IDEUP, Lucknow; Mr. Ajay Bajpai, Deputy Director, MSME DI Institute, Kanpur, Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises, Govt. of India along with Participants

PHD Chamber organized a seminar on 'Importance of Innovation and Intellectual Property Rights' on October 26, 2018 at the Institute of Engineering and Technology, Lucknow. The objective was to impart knowledge on Intellectual Property Rights among the young generation in India and to develop a broad understanding of the need to integrate IPs in their innovation strategies during business planning.

Ms. Kanchan Zutshi, Secretary, PHD Chamber apprised the participants regarding the IPR Facilitation Centre which PHD Chamber has set up with the support of Ministry of MSMEs and the various services available at the Centre.

Ms. Mamta Chaudary, IDEUP, Lucknow highlighted how Intellectual Property (IP) systems can be critical in helping new ventures transform their innovation potential and creativity into market value and competitiveness.

Mr. Ajay Bajpai, Deputy Director, MSME DI Institute, Kanpur, Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises stated that IPR spurs innovation and thus the government both at the Central and State level are constantly engaging in efforts for bringing out the needed regulatory changes and new policy interventions to create an enabling environment.

Dr. H. P. Kumar, Advisor, PHDCCI, Former Chairman & Managing Director,

NSIC highlighted about the various Government schemes like Start-up India and Stand-up India through which students can benefit and start their own firms.

Mr. Sandeep Agarwal, Director, Adastra IP gave a presentation on Importance on IPR in Academic Institutions. He mentioned that IP is a creation of the mind and it can be originated from an idea or a thought which may transform into a socially useful and thoughtful product. He emphasized that students should make a team and use the campus labs to form start-ups. He further highlighted about the importance of patents. He said that both product and process can be patented. He also highlighted that patents can generate revenue as well as can be used as a collateral.

Dr. Mandira Roy, Director, Adastra IP gave a presentation on 'Concept of IPR and how to identify & create IPR' and how one can sustain in this competitive world. She further highlighted that IP rights are not given for the physical creation of the objects but for the intellectual efforts applied to such a creation. She also mentioned about the competitive market and apprised the participants on how a person with the help of reverse engineering and YouTube can launch a similar product and how a person can avoid this problem with the help of IPRs.

Mr. Mithilesh Kumar, Joint Secretary,

MSME Committee, PHD Chamber mentioned that to promote IP culture, it is very important that faculty should come forward and help the students by providing awareness of IPR and further help them by connecting with the experts for availing IPs for their innovations.

Sunil Arora, new Chief Election Commissioner of India

Mr. Sunil Arora has assumed charge as 23rd Chief Election Commissioner of India. Prior to this job, he was serving as Election Commissioner since September 2017. During his tenure as CEC, there will be General Election to the 17th Lok Sabha, General Elections besides elections to State Legislative Assemblies of Sikkim, Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Orissa, Maharashtra, Haryana, Jharkhand, NCT of Delhi, Bihar and Jammu & Kashmir. A former IAS officer of Rajasthan cadre, Mr. Arora retired in April 2016 as Secretary, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting. He has held various senior positions in the State Government of Rajasthan and in the Central Government.



Meeting with Union Minister for Tribal Affairs

APHD Chamber delegation led by Mr. D. K. Aggarwal, Senior Vice President along with Dr Mahesh Y Reddy, Secretary General and Dr. Jatinder Singh, Director met Mr. Jual Oram, Union Minister for Tribal Affairs on November 15, 2018 at New Delhi. The meeting was to invite him to be the Chief Guest for the conference on 'Mainstreaming the Marginalized' scheduled for February 1, 2019.



Meeting with Union Minister of State for Tourism (IC)

APHD Chamber delegation led by Mr. Rajeev Talwar, President and comprising of Mr. D.K Aggarwal, Senior Vice President, Dr Mahesh Y Reddy, Secretary General, Mr. Vivek Seigell, Principal Director, Mr. Yogesh Srivastav, Principal Director, Mr. Aditya Tripathi, Joint Secretary and Ms. Sulagna Ghosh, Deputy Secretary met Mr. Alphons Kannanthanam, Union Minister of State for Tourism (IC) on November 26, 2018 at New Delhi. The meeting was to invite him to be the Chief Guest for the PHDCCI Kerala's State Chapter Launch held on December 8, 2018 at Hotel Marriott, Kochi, Kerala.



Meeting with Minister for Forests & Wild Life, Environment & Solid Waste Disposal, Labour, Employment, Training, AYUSH, AYUSH Education, Govt. of Uttarakhand

APHD Chamber delegation led by Dr. Ranjeet Mehta, Principal Director along with Mr. Anil Taneja, Regional Director, Uttarakhand State Chapter met Dr. Harak Singh Rawat, Minister for Forests & Wild Life, Environment & Solid Waste Disposal, Labour, Employment, Training, AYUSH, AYUSH Education, Govt. of Uttarakhand on October 31, 2018 at Uttarakhand Secretariat, Dehradun.

During the meeting, Dr. Rawat suggested the Chamber to collaborate with the Govt. of Uttarakhand for climate mitigation.



Meeting with Secretary, Ministry of Tourism

A PHD Chamber delegation led by Mr. Rajeev Talwar, President and comprising of Mr. Rajan Sehgal, Co-chairman, Tourism Committee and the Secretariat team met Mr. Yogendra Tripathi (IAS), Secretary-Ministry of Tourism on December 4, 2018 at New Delhi. The meeting discussed about the proposed programmes of PHDCCI's Tourism Committee, seeking support from the Ministry of Tourism.



Meeting with Adviser (Transport) & Director General (DG), Development Monitoring and Evaluation Office (DMEO), NITI Aayog

A PHD Chamber delegation led by Dr. Ranjeet Mehta, Principal Director along with Mr. Varun Bhardwaj, Deputy Secretary met Mr. Anil Srivastava, IAS, Adviser (Transport) & Director General (DG), Development Monitoring and Evaluation Office (DMEO), NITI Aayog, on November 22, 2018 at NITI Aayog, New Delhi. The meeting was to invite him for the Conference on 'Transforming Urban Mobility in India & Role of Electric Vehicles' held on November 29, 2018 at PHD House, New Delhi.

Meeting with Managing Director, ONGC Videsh Ltd.

A PHD Chamber delegation led by Dr. Ranjeet Mehta, Principal Director along with Mr. Tushar Sharma, Assistant Secretary met Mr. Narendra K Verma, Managing Director, ONGC Videsh Ltd. on November 19, 2018 at ONGC Videsh office, New Delhi. The meeting was to invite him for the 'National Oil & Gas Summit-2018' held in December, 2018 in Delhi.



Meeting with Managing Director, Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL)

A PHD Chamber delegation led by Dr. Ranjeet Mehta, Principal Director along with Mr. Varun Bhardwaj, Deputy Secretary met Mr. Saurabh Kumar, Managing Director, Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL) on November 14, 2018 at New Delhi. The meeting was to invite him for the conference on 'Transforming Urban Mobility in India & Role of Electric Vehicles' held on November 29, 2018 at PHD House, New Delhi.



Meeting with Additional Secretary, Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion (DIPP), Ministry of Commerce and Industry

APHD Chamber delegation led by Mr. Rajeev Talwar, President and comprising of Dr Mahesh Y Reddy, Secretary General, Mr. Sandeep Agarwal, Chairman, Telecom Committee, Dr. H P Kumar, Advisor and Former Chairman & Managing Director, NSIC and Ms. Kanchan Zutshi, Secretary met Mr. Atul Chaturvedi, Additional Secretary, Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion (DIPP) Ministry of Commerce and Industry on November 29, 2018 at New Delhi. The meeting was to discuss various issues relating to the Ease of Doing Business Climate for MSME sector.



Meeting with Additional Chief Secretary, Industries Department, Govt. of Rajasthan

APHD Chamber delegation led by Dr. Jayshree Periwal, Chairperson, Rajasthan Chapter and Ms. Rachna Singh, Regional Director, Rajasthan Chapter met Mr. Rajeeva Swarup, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary, Industries Department, Govt. of Rajasthan on November 26, 2018 at Udyog Bhawan, Jaipur.

Meeting with Principal Secretary, Tourism Department, Govt. of Rajasthan

APHD Chamber delegation led by Dr. Jayshree Periwal, Chairperson, Rajasthan Chapter and Ms. Rachna Singh, Regional Director, Rajasthan Chapter met Mr. Kuldeep Ranka, IAS, Principal Secretary, Tourism Department, Govt. of Rajasthan on November 26, 2018 at Civil Secretariat, Jaipur. The meeting discussed the forthcoming conferences and explored Tourism Department's opportunities for PHDCCI Programmes.



Meeting with Commissioner, AYUSH and Director, Indian Institute of Health and Family Welfare, Govt. of Telangana

Mr. Vivek Seigell, Principal Director, PHD Chamber met Dr. V.S. Alagu Varsini, Commissioner, AYUSH and Director, Indian Institute of Health and Family Welfare, Govt. of Telangana on December 4, 2018 at Hyderabad. The meeting was to apprise the Commissioner about the activities of PHD Chamber.

Meeting with Chairperson, Competition Commission of India

APHD Chamber delegation led by Dr Mahesh Y Reddy, Secretary General along with the Secretariat team met Mr. Sudhir Mital, Chairperson, Competition Commission of India on October 25, 2018 at New Delhi. The meeting was to deliberate upon the details on the National Level Conference on Public Procurement.



Meeting with Additional Secretary, MoEF&CC

AMr. Vivek Seigell, Principal Director, ICT & Electronics Committee, PHD Chamber met Mr. Anil Kumar Jain, Additional Secretary (Env. & Forest), MoEF&CC on October 15, 2018 at New Delhi. Mr. Seigell briefed him about the E-Waste Mass Awareness Programme through Ad Film in Cinema/Theatres(Phase- I & II) being conducted by PHD Chamber in collaboration with the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.

Mr. Anil Kumar Jain suggested PHD Chamber to conduct a survey with an objective to find out various statistics such as amount of E-Waste generated in India in a year and to work upon defining EPR Frame Work on a National level.

Meeting with Chief General Manager, State Bank of India LHO Bhopal

Mr. R. G. Dwivedi, Regional Director, MP, PHD Chamber met Mr. Rajesh Kumar, Chief General Manager, State Bank of India on November 16, 2018 at SBI LHO, Bhopal. The meeting was to invite him for the workshop on 'Information Security Management System in Industries' scheduled for December 5, 2018 at Bhopal.



Meeting with Ambassador, Royal Thai Embassy, New Delhi

APHD Chamber delegation led by Mr. Ajay Poddar, Chairman, International Affairs Committee for ASEAN, East Asia & Oceania, PHD Chamber and comprising of Mr. Vivek Seigell, Principal Director and Ms. Komple Sharma, Assistant Secretary met H.E. Mr. Chutintorn Gongsakdi, Ambassador, Royal Thai Embassy, New Delhi on November 2, 2018 at New Delhi. During the meeting, His Excellency invited the Chamber to mount a business delegation to Thailand.



India: Though steady, still fastest growing economy

Dr. S P Sharma, Chief Economist, PHDCCI

Fluctuations in economic indicators are natural in a globally well integrated economy. Tough, Q2 GDP growth has slowed down to 7.1% as compared to 8.2% in the Q1 of FY 2018-19; India is still the fastest moving emerging economy. The fact is that escalation in crude oil prices in July-September period along with sharp depreciation in Rupee impacted the growth of manufacturing from 13.4% in Q1 FY 2018-19 to 7.4% in Q2 FY 2018-19 which has impacted the overall GDP by 0.9 percentage points. The uneven distribution of monsoon, unwanted and untimely rains in some regions not only undermined the agriculture growth

scenario but also impacted the mining growth drastically. Going ahead, state of the art infrastructure, flexible labour laws, reforms for availability of land, supply of power, and reach to formal finance along with speedy administrative reforms would push growth back on high road.

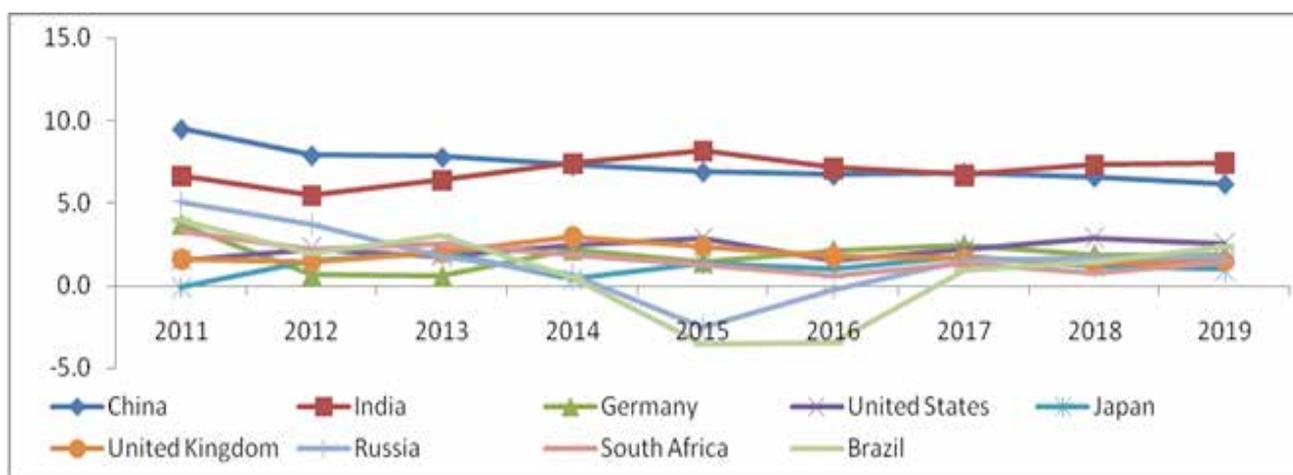
The fastest growing emerging economy

India is a bright spot in the global eco system. According to IMF, China and India stood out as the fastest growing economies throughout 2011-17. China recorded the highest growth over the years 2011-2013; however, India remained the fastest growing economy over the years

2014-2016. In 2017, China recorded GDP growth rate of 6.9% and India's growth rate stood at 6.7%. However, according to World Economic Outlook 2018, India would be the fastest growing economy, with the growth rates of 7.3% and 7.4% in 2018 and 2019, respectively, thus surpassing China. Other economies, such as United States, Germany, Japan and United Kingdom recorded growth rate of 2.2%, 2.5%, 1.7% and 1.7%, respectively in 2017. Brazil recorded the minimum growth rate of 1% in 2017, following a negative growth rate of 3.5% for two consecutive years in 2015 and 2016.



GDP Growth Rate Trend (in Percentage)



Source: PHD Research Bureau compiled from IMF

Crude impact on economy in Q2 FY 19

GDP stands at 7.1% in Q2 FY2019 as compared to 8.2% in Q1 FY2019 and 6.3% in Q2 FY2018. The agriculture sector growth stands at 3.8% in Q2 FY2019 from 5.3% in Q1 FY2019. Manufacturing sector

registered a growth of 7.4% in Q2 FY2019 as compared to 13.5% in Q1 FY2019. Construction registered a growth of 7.8% in Q2 FY2019 as compared to 8.7% in Q1 FY2019. Growth of Trade, Hotel, Transport; Communication registered a growth of 6.8% in Q2 FY2019 versus 6.7%

in Q1 FY2019. Financial, Real Estate & Professional Services registered a growth of 6.3% in Q2 FY2019 as compared to 6.5% in Q1 FY2019. Public Administration, Defence & Other Services registered a growth of 10.9% in Q2 FY2019 from 9.9% in Q1 FY2019.

Quarterly Estimates of GVA at Basic Price

Industry	July – September (Q2)						
	Gross Value Added at Basic Prices in Q2 (in crore)			Percentage change over previous year			
	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2017-18		2018-19	
				Q1	Q2	Q1	Q2
Agriculture, forestry & fishing	324733	333334	346102	3.0	2.6	5.3	3.8
Mining & quarrying	71728	76704	74841	1.7	6.9	0.1	-2.4
Manufacturing	507701	543682	584164	-1.8	7.1	13.5	7.4
Electricity, gas, water supply & other utility services	61945	66717	72858	7.1	7.7	7.3	9.2
Construction	213851	220536	237836	1.8	3.1	8.7	7.8
Trade, hotels, transport, communication & services related to broadcasting	501747	544404	581418	8.4	8.5	6.7	6.8
Financial, real estate & professional services	727192	771317	820009	8.4	6.1	6.5	6.3
Public administration, defence & other services	359272	381131	422770	13.5	6.1	9.9	10.9
GVA at Basic Price	2768167	2937824	3139997	5.6	6.1	8.0	6.9

Source: PHD Research Bureau compiled from CSO and MOSPI

Growth looks promising in the coming quarters

GDP growth rate is expected to pick up in the coming quarters. Growth of GDP is 7.1% in Q2 FY2019 as compared to 8.2% in Q1 FY2019. Manufacturing sector registered a growth of 7.4% in Q2 FY2019 as compared to 13.5% in Q1 FY2019. However, growth in manufacturing is expected to recover as exports are showing good recovery in recent months. Reforms in the agriculture sector would be critical to strengthen the growth of the sector and create employment opportunities in the food processing sector. With improvement in India's ranking on Ease of Doing

Business and announcement of major reforms for the MSMEs, we expect growth of the manufacturing sector to improve in subsequent quarters. Growth of private final consumption expenditure at 7% at constant prices is an indication of revival in demand and so will be the industrial activity in the coming times. Overall higher growth of GDP in 2018-19 at around 7.5% is expected as compared to 6.7% in 2017-18.

Ease of doing business to attract more foreign investments

Sharp jump in ease of doing business rankings to the level of 77 from 100 is highly inspiring and more than the expectations.

The reform measures undertaken by the government have started paying off and fruitful outcomes are visible now. India has improved by 65 spots during the last 4 years from 142nd rank in 2014 to 77th rank in 2018. India is one of the economies to make to the list of top 10 improvers for the second consecutive year. The improvement in ease of doing business would attract investments in the economy. Foreign investments are expected to increase significantly in the coming times. India has potential to become a US\$100 billion investment destination in the next very few years. India attracted US\$62 billion in FY2018 which is highest ever FDI received in a year.

Ease of Doing Business Ranking 2018

Rank	Economy	EODB Score	EODB Score Change
1	New Zealand	86.59	0.00
2	Singapore	85.24	+0.27
3	Denmark	84.64	+0.59
4	Hong Kong SAR, China	84.22	+0.04
5	Korea, Rep.	84.14	-0.01
6	Georgia	83.28	+0.48
7	Norway	82.95	+0.25
8	United States	82.75	-0.01
9	United Kingdom	82.65	+0.33
10	Macedonia, FYR	81.55	+ .032
13	Taiwan, China	80.90	+0.24
22	Canada	79.26	+0.38
24	Germany	78.90	0.00
32	France	77.29	+0.99
39	Japan	75.65	+0.05
77	India	67.23	+6.63

Source: PHD Research Bureau, Compiled from World's Bank Doing Business database



The improvement in World Bank's Ease of Doing Business rankings has been observed primarily due to significant improvement in dealing with construction permits with improvement of 129 spots from 181th rank in 2017 to 52nd rank in 2018 and Trading across borders with improvement by 66 spots from 146th rank in 2017 to 80th rank in 2018. The implementation of GST and Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code along with improvements in registering for new electricity connection, up gradation of port infrastructure, among others have yielded positive results and facilitated the country to improve in various parameters. Given the ongoing reform momentum, India is expected to rank at around 50 on the Ease of Doing Business Index in the next few years.

Ease of Doing Business Ranking 2018

S. No	Indicator	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
1	Dealing with Construction permits	52	181	185	183	184	182
2	Trading Across Borders	80	146	143	133	126	132
3	Starting a Business	137	156	155	155	158	179
4	Getting Credit	22	29	44	42	36	28
5	Getting Electricity	24	29	26	70	137	111
6	Enforcing Contracts	163	164	172	178	186	186
7	Resolving Insolvency	108	103	136	136	137	121
8	Registering Property	166	154	138	138	121	92
9	Protecting Minority Investors	7	4	13	8	7	34*
10	Paying Taxes	121	119	172	157	156	158
	Overall	77	100	130	130	142	134

Source: PHD Research Bureau compiled from World Bank Doing Business Report

Outreach Initiative for MSMEs sector to increase their significance in growth

The Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, recently launched a historic support and outreach programme for the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) sector. As part of this programme, the Prime Minister unveiled 12 key initiatives which will help the growth, expansion and facilitation of MSMEs across the country. The 12 decisions will mark a new chapter for the MSME sector. There are five key aspects for facilitating the MSME sector including access to credit, access to market, and technology up-gradation, ease of doing business, and a sense of security for employees.

The host of measures for revival of MSMEs is a big milestone as they will transform the entire micro, small and medium enterprises and push them substantially upward to enhancing their contribution far more to national GDP and employment generation. The Rs.6,000 crore package announced for MSMEs through various technological upgradation channels will ultimately encourage and inspire the micro, small and medium enterprises to make products and invent processes that will ensure their global participation and upscale their demand

trajectory domestically. The launch of TReDS and compulsory on-boarding of CPSEs on GeM portal; simplification of filing of returns under prevailing labour laws; special relaxation in environment clearances for MSMEs; special provisions for the pharma sector are highly appreciable and will go a long way in facilitating MSMEs to contribute to India's growth story.

Trade liberalisation increased in protectionism environment

One of the recent developments in the area of trade protectionism is the ongoing trade war between world's two most significant economies i.e. USA and China. The opening shot was released by the U.S. early this year wherein it announced the imposition of tariffs on steel and aluminum imports from a large number of its trading partners and so on. An immediate result to this announcement saw China come out with retaliatory measures. China and the U.S. dominate world foreign trade, together accounting for 23% of world trade standing at USD 35 trillion in 2017. On the other hand, India's share in world trade stands at 2.1% only in 2017. India's top exporting partner is the U.S. contributing around 16% in India's total exports in FY2018 and China has maintained the top position in terms of sources of imports of India,

contributing 16.4% share in India's total imports during the same period. The rising trade protectionism between US and China will force the countries to redesign their supply chains, diversify their production locations and look for alternatives outside for imports and investments.

Notwithstanding developments in World's two largest economies, India's trade liberalization process is intact. Though, international economic environment was volatile during the post Lehman period, India's trade liberalization remained intact. Indian economy is resilient enough to withstand the external shocks on the back of strong macroeconomic fundamentals and well supported dynamic policy environment.

In the post-Lehman period, there is a significant increase in our merchandise trade to GDP ratio. Merchandise trade to GDP ratio has increased during the post-Lehman period (2008 to 2017) to 36% from 25% in 2001 to 2007 period. The merchandise exports to GDP ratio has increased to 14% during the post-Lehman period (2008 to 2017) from 11% in 2001 to 2007 period. The merchandise imports to GDP ratio has increased to 22% during the post-lehman period (2008 to 2017) from 14% in 2001 to 2007 period.



Trend in exports, imports and total trade to GDP ratio

Year	EXPORTS TO GDP (%)	IMPORTS TO GDP (%)	TOTAL TRADE TO GDP (%)
2001-2007 (average)	11	14	25
2008-2017 (average)	14	22	36

Source: PHD Research Bureau, compiled from Trade Map and IMF. Note: Data pertains to Merchandise exports, imports and trade.

Going ahead, there is a need to focus more on logistics infrastructure to make our exports more competitive in the international market. Focus on logistics at the states level would go a long way to increase the states' competitiveness and employment opportunities for growing young population in the respective states. Considering the recent momentum in exports and global demand conditions,

we have potential to increase our exports growth trajectory at a much higher level.

Conclusions

Slow and steady wins the race! India has dual advantage, steady and fastest. I believe, time is most opportune to win the race. The need of the hour is to create employment opportunities for the growing young population. Economic fundamentals are moving in the right direction; the sharp

jump in ease of doing business should be materialised at the ground level with more and more participation by the MSMEs. As innovation leads to higher growth and productivity, focused approach to insert innovations in the promising sectors would increase the global competitiveness and increase the manufacturing share in GDP and new employment opportunities.

Fulfilling FAO's Mission to Eradicate Hunger and Poverty



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FAO playing a pivotal role in India

On 16 October, 1945, 42 countries came together in Quebec, Canada to give birth to the Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) of the United Nations. Achieving food security for all is at the heart of FAO's efforts – to make sure people have regular access to enough high-quality food to lead active, healthy lives. FAO's mandate is to raise levels of nutrition, improve agricultural productivity, better the lives of rural population and making sure that food security is not only achieved successfully, but that people have regular access to enough good quality food and thus contributing to the growth of the world economy.

India has come a long way since 1945 when it became one of the founding members of FAO as a low-income food-deficient country. The Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations (FAO) has enjoyed valuable partnership with India since it began operations in 1948, helping change the dynamics of Indian agricultural systems, making it a country that is not only self-sufficient in several grains, but now a leading exporter of a range of food products.

FAO continues playing a catalytic role in India's progress in the areas of crops, livestock, fisheries, food security, and management of natural resources. Operations in India also cover issues

like access to food and nutrition, livelihoods, rural development and sustainable agriculture, livelihoods, rural development and sustainable agriculture. With the looming impact of climate change and outbreaks of new strains of pests, the work of FAO has become even more complex, making it an important knowledge partner to assist the country with informed decision-making, and going beyond the realm of food production, concentrating on providing technical assistance for incorporating best practices to generate agricultural outlook and facilitating adoption and promotion of improved livestock management practices. At the same time, India also adds great value to FAO's work, providing technical expertise and contributing with development lessons learned from programmes implemented over the years.

Agriculture is the mainstay of India's economy, contributing to 18 percent of India's GDP and providing a source of employment to more than 47 percent of the population of which more than 70 percent are in the rural areas of India. A number of sectoral reforms have been fast tracked to increase the sector's productivity, increase the content of food processing and shift workforce from agriculture to manufacturing. The government's emphasis on developing new technologies, integrated farming systems, agriculture extension programs, research and international cooperation has helped the sector to

take-off. These policy initiatives in the last three years have led to record food grain production this year. The Indian government's main aim is to double farmers' income by 2022 by solving the twin problems of maximizing efficiency and ensuring equity in a sustainable manner.

World Food Day and Commitment to Sustainable Development

FAO celebrates World Food Day each year on 16 October to remind and reiterate its mission of:

- Encourage attention to agricultural food production and stimulate national, bilateral, multilateral and non-governmental efforts to this end;
- Encourage economic and technical cooperation among developing countries;
- Encourage participation of rural people, particularly women and the least privileged categories, in decisions and activities influencing their living conditions;
- Heighten public awareness of the problem of hunger in the world and strengthen international and national solidarity in the struggle against hunger, malnutrition and poverty;
- Promote the transfer of technologies to the developing world;



In September, 2015, all United Nations Member States approved the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The eradication of hunger and all forms of malnutrition (Sustainable Development Goal number 2) was defined as a cardinal objective of the Agenda, a sine qua non condition for a safer, fairer and more peaceful world.

The theme for the year 2018 **“Our actions are for future-A zero hunger world by 2030 is possible”** is in accordance with commitment to Sustainable Development Goal, to achieve Zero Hunger by 2030. This year during the official celebration of World Food Day in Rome, the headquarters of FAO was graced by two special guests, Queen Letizia of Spain and King Letsie the Third of Lesotho. FAO declared its promise to continue and win the battle against hunger.

There was unanimous agreement that ‘Hunger is certainly the worst manifestation of malnutrition that a human being can face’. However, Sustainable Development Goal number 2 is not limited to the battle against hunger. The focus is on ‘Zero Hunger concept’ aimed at not just feeding but nourishing people. The aim would be to provide everyone with the necessary nutrients for a healthy life.

It is well accepted that Governments have the most fundamental role in achieving ‘Zero Hunger’ by ensuring that vulnerable people have sufficient income to buy the food they need, or the means to produce it for themselves – even in times of conflict. Zero hunger could save the lives of 301 million a year, and help build a safer, more prosperous world for everyone. FAO Director-General José Graziano da Silva was quoted to have said, “The more we concentrate on fresh local foods for our diets, the more we will build a generation free from obesity and overweight,” underscoring that while hunger still needs to be eradicated, other forms of malnutrition linked to inadequate diets also need to be addressed.

Tackling hunger and malnutrition requires investing in local agricultural production to bring greater diversity to people’s diets. Tackling with challenges such as micronutrient deficiencies on one hand and obesity on the other would require multiple stakeholders coming together while implementing different

perspectives and actions. This would also include the adoption of legislation to improve the labelling of products, and also the ban of harmful ingredients from our food; the introduction of nutrition in the primary school curriculum and other similar policies.

World Food Day in New Delhi, India

In India, the three United Nations organizations, the Food and Agriculture Organization, International Fund for Agricultural Development and the World Food Program along with other strategic partners came together to mark World Food Day 2018 at the UN House in New Delhi. Through this event, the agencies aimed to increase awareness on Sustainable Development Goal 2-meeting the challenge of zero hunger in the world by 2030. Considering that in India more than 38 percent of children under five are stunted, 21 percent wasted and 58.4 percent children aged 6-59 months are anemic, the theme of the event was ‘Sustainable Solutions to Food and Nutrition Security’ for achieving Agenda 2030 in India. Hunger is a problem of rightful distribution, of both quantity and quality. Nutritious food



in the right quality has to reach out to everyone.

The event highlighted the progress made by India in terms of prioritizing agriculture and steps taken to ensure food and nutrition security of everyone, and also highlighted the issue of malnutrition and the role of agriculture in fighting malnutrition and climate change. Zero Hunger is at the heart of FAO’s mandate and FAO in India is taking steps to promote sustainable agro-ecological practices in agriculture.

Launch of Green Agri Project in India

The Government aims to transform

India’s agricultural sector to contribute to the achievements of global environmental objectives, and has launched a new project in association with FAO, India office known as ‘Green-agriculture: transforming Indian agriculture for global environmental benefits and the conservation of critical biodiversity and forest landscapes’. A US\$ 33.5 million grant has been provided from Global Environment Facility (GEF).

The Ministry of Agriculture and Family Welfare (MoAFW) and the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC), proposes to address the challenges in collaboration with GEF-FAO and other key players within the next seven years (2018-2025). The project will address policy and practice of agriculture in India by strengthening agro-ecological practices, including support of food production and food security and nutrition. The objective is to bring about transformative change in the farm sector through conservation of biodiversity and forest landscapes. The project is being implemented in five landscapes in the states of Madhya Pradesh, Mizoram, Odisha, Rajasthan and Uttarakhand.

The project aims to achieve critical results- a national and five state level platforms institutionalized to mainstream environmental concerns into agriculture sector, 49 MT carbon sequestered GHG reduction, 104,070 hectares under sustainable management practices and eco-restoration of 1.8 million hectares of priority biodiversity landscape and replicable models and piloting new sustainable business models. Any effort to increase farmers income and food production should happen within the framework of sustainable management of natural resources to avoid further depletion of water tables, biodiversity and habitat for wild species, and land and soil degradation which have contributed to the environmental crisis India is facing today.

Gol requests FAO to declare the upcoming year as “International Year of Millets”.

Continuing its efforts to get ‘millets’ a global recognition among consumers, India has requested FAO, proposing declaration of the upcoming year as “International Year of Millets”. Recognizing millets’ anti-diabetic properties, a notification called it a



“powerhouse of nutrients” and identified several varieties of millets for promotion. The millets in the category of “Nutri-Cereals” include Sorghum (Jowar), Pearl Millet (Bajra), Finger Millet (Ragi) Foxtail Millet (Kangani/Kakun) and Buckwheat (Kuttu) among others.

Sikkim wins FAO’s Future Policy Gold Award

This year, Sikkim won FAO’s Future Policy Gold Award for its achievement in becoming the world’s first totally organic agriculture state. Sikkim is the first organic state in the world. All of its farmland is certified organic. The state has totally banned the sale and use of chemical pesticides. Sikkim sets an excellent example of how other Indian states and countries worldwide can successfully upscale agroecology. Nicknamed the “Oscar for best policies”, the award was co-organized with the FAO by The World Future Council and IFOA - Organics International that recognizes “the world’s best laws and policies promoting agroecology. The transition has benefited more than 66,000 farming families.

Ongoing Projects in India

- Strengthening Institutional Capacities for Sustainable Mountain Development in the Indian Himalayan Region
- Promoting Nutrition Education and Communication in India
- Strengthening Agriculture and Allied Sector Contributions to India’s National Biodiversity Action Plan

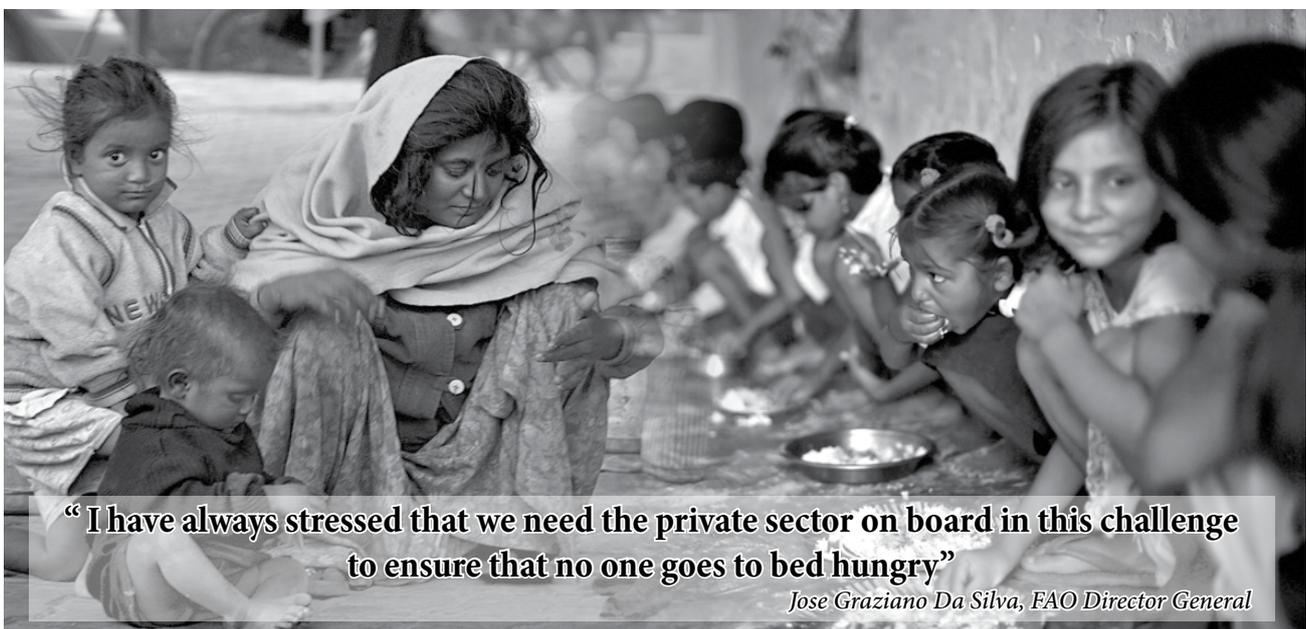
2008 and the National Biodiversity Targets

- Technical Assistance to Farmer Water School Program and Agricultural Activities under the Uttar Pradesh Water Sector Restructuring Project Phase- II
- Support to the implementation of Indian Ocean Tuna Commission Regional Observer Scheme
- Implementing the Monitoring and Analyzing Food and Agricultural Policies Program in India
- Support to the implementation of Indian Ocean Tuna Commission - IOTC - Regional Observer Scheme
- CERF funding for Kerala: FAO along with UNDP is providing time-critical saving of livestock emergency employment, agriculture, and livelihoods recovery for communities affected by floods in Kerala. The two rounds of flooding from June to August 2018 coupled with sudden release of huge volume of waters from the dams in the state has directly impacted 323,833 farmers, resulted in 59,321 hectares of cropped area being affected and amounting to a loss of US\$ 202 million.

For FAO, this CERF project funds will be used for life saving and time critical activities like technical assistance for safe disposal of, carcass, disinfecting cattle and poultry sheds, enhanced surveillance of potential zoonotic and

other diseases “outbreaks, field testing kits for livestock disease surveillance with capacity to respond when necessary, provision of vitamin/mineral supplements, and capacity building on using innovative livestock and poultry shed design (to ensure that rebuilding of damaged livestock and poultry sheds is future hazard-proof keeping in mind the returning monsoon” due from November to January) as well as technical assistance in clearance of flood-debris and sludge from agricultural lands, undertaking land repairs, distribution of vegetable seeds coupled with training on use of distributed seeds in a disaster-climate smart agricultural practices manner.

These activities will not only minimize adverse coping actions by smallholders but also will enable them to make use of the next agricultural season and saving their livestock due to the enhanced surveillance mechanism. This CERF project will target 30,000 marginal and smallholder livestock and poultry keepers, landless households and farmers including women farmers and members of the primary milk cooperative societies at the community level. This proposal for immediate livelihoods recovery has a clear complementarity with the transitional shelter. Sizeable resources have been allocated for the development of Communication products for the Government of Kerala. The effort of the project will be to ensure that the interventions contribute to the longer-term Reconstruction plans of the Government of Kerala.



“I have always stressed that we need the private sector on board in this challenge to ensure that no one goes to bed hungry”

Jose Graziano Da Silva, FAO Director General

Policy Pronouncements and Developments

From Prime Minister Modi's 'Mann Ki Baat'

“Every month, we would read letters to the tune of lakhs, listen to phone calls, watch comments on the App & Mygov. Weaving a common thread comprising them all into a fabric of informal conversation, we have been able to travel together, over this rather long distance of 50 episodes. Recently, All India Radio got a survey done on 'Mann Ki Baat'. Out of the designated sample in the survey, 70% of respondents on an average happen to be listeners who regularly tune in to 'Mann Ki Baat'. Most people believe that the greatest contribution of 'Mann Ki Baat' has been the enhancement of a feeling of positivity in our society. The medium of 'Mann Ki Baat' has promoted many a mass revolution. #indiapositive has been the subject of quite an extensive discussion. This is an exemplary glimpse of the feeling of positivity, innate to our countrymen. People have shared their experiences, conveying the rise of selfless volunteerism as a consequence of 'Mann Ki Baat'. I am overjoyed on account of the fact that through 'Mann Ki Baat', radio is rising as a popular medium, more than ever before. But it's not about just radio... people are connecting with this programme and ensuring their participation through T.V., FM Radio, Mobile, Internet, Facebook Live; along with periscope, through the NarendraModiApp too. I express my gratitude to the entire family of 'Mann Ki Baat' for being a part of it & trusting it wholeheartedly.”

World Bank Group announces US\$ 200 billion for Climate Action

The World Bank Group announced a major new set of climate targets for 2021-2025, doubling its current 5 year investments to around US\$ 200 billion in support for countries to take ambitious climate action. The new plan significantly boosts support for adaptation and resilience, recognizing mounting climate change impacts on lives and livelihoods, especially in the world's poorest countries. The US\$ 200 billion across the Group is made up of approximately US\$ 100 billion in direct finance from the World Bank, and approximately US\$ 100 billion of combined direct finance from the International Finance Corporation and the Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency and private capital mobilized by the World Bank Group. A key priority is boosting

support for climate adaptation, recognizing that millions of people across the world are already facing the severe consequences of more extreme weather events. By ramping up direct adaptation finance to reach around US\$ 50 billion over FY 2021-25, the World Bank will, for the first time, give this equal emphasis alongside investments that reduce emissions.

GOI's Action against Fugitive Economic Offences and Asset Recovery

At the second session of the G-20 Summit on November 30, 2018, Prime Minister, Mr. Narendra Modi suggested the following nine point agenda to G-20 for action against fugitive economic offences and asset recovery:

- Strong and active cooperation across G-20 countries to deal comprehensively and efficiently with the menace fugitive economic offenders.
- Cooperation in the legal processes such as effective freezing of the proceeds of crime; early return of the offenders and efficient repatriation of the proceeds of crime should be enhanced and streamlined.
- Joint effort by G-20 countries to form a mechanism that denies entry and safe havens to all fugitive economic offenders.
- Principles of United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC), UN Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (UNOTC), especially related to "International Cooperation" should be fully and effectively implemented.
- Financial Action Task Force (FATF) to establish international co-operation that leads to timely and comprehensive exchange of information between competent authorities and FIUs.
- FATF tasked to formulate a standard definition of fugitive economic offenders.
- FATF to develop standardized procedures related to identification, extradition and judicial proceedings for dealing with fugitive economic offenders to provide guidance and assistance to G-20 countries.

- Common platform to be set up for sharing experiences and best practices including successful cases of extradition, gaps in existing systems and legal assistance.
- G-20 Forum to consider initiating work on locating properties of economic offenders who have a tax debt in the country of their residence for its recovery.

Update on PMI

Growth in manufacturing activity in India hit an 11-month high in November as new orders and output rose at a slower pace, according to purchasing managers' index (PMI). The PMI in November continued its northward climb for the third month, going up to 54 from 53.1 in October. A reading above 50 shows expansion in the sector. The boost in output came from a surge in new orders, that rose at the second-fastest rate in over two years. Companies suggested that marketing efforts bore fruit, while stronger demand too boosted sales. Intermediate goods makers also fronted the upturn. Growth of new export work quickened to the fastest in just under four years, as producers reportedly received bulk orders from clients in key export destinations. Consequently, manufacturers increased production, the rise led by intermediate goods firms, although robust growth was also seen in the consumer and capital goods categories. The expansion in total new orders was supported by greater sales to international markets. Growth of new export work quickened to the fastest in just under four years, as producers reportedly received bulk orders from clients in key export destinations. Meanwhile, manufacturing companies continued raising their pre-production inventories as firms stepped up input buying. Firms continued to raise staff levels, even as recruitment slowed in November. The increase in employment softened slightly since October, but was among the fastest seen in six years.

Update on Blue Economy

Blue Economy is very crucial for India's economic development as quoted by Union Minister for Shipping, Road Transport & Highways, Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, Mr. Nitin Gadkari. According to Minister, Gadkari, India has a strategic location in the Indian Ocean region, and on this basis, it



endorses the growth of the Blue Economy in a sustainable, inclusive and people centred manner through the framework of the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA). India is developing its maritime infrastructure as well as its inland waterways and coastal shipping through the launch of the ambitious "Sagarmala Programme" which will revolutionize maritime logistics and port led developments in the country. The Sagarmala programme has identified 600 plus projects entailing investment of around US\$ 120 billion by the year 2020. This will save the country nearly six billion dollars per annum in logistics costs besides creating 10 million new jobs and boosting port capacity by 800 Million Metric Ton (MMTPA) per Annum to an overall 3500 MMTPA. The Coastal Economic Zones (CEZs) are being developed under Sagarmala with a proposed investment of US\$ 150 million per location. CEZs will become a microcosm of the blue economy wherein industries and townships that depend on the sea and contribute to global trade through sea connectivity are envisaged.

NPCC is now a Miniratna

National Projects Construction Corporation Limited (NPCC) has been conferred with the status of Miniratna : Category -I by the Indian government. The empowerment of Miniratna Status to NPCC will help the company in taking speedy decisions by enhancing the delegation of powers to the Board. NPCC has also been awarded ISO 9001:2015 Certification. The Corporation, incorporated in 1957, is a premier construction company having mandate with creation of infrastructure to provide impetus for economic development of the country. The Corporation is making continuous profit since 2009-10, having positive networth for the last six years and has ambitious business plan with enhanced order book position of Rs. 11833 crores.

First containerised cargo on an inland waterway received at Varanasi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently dedicated the multimodal terminal on River Ganga to the nation and received the first containerised cargo that had sailed from Haldia port, at Varanasi. The multimodal terminal on National Waterway-1 (NW-1) for transporting containerised cargo between Varanasi in Uttar Pradesh and Haldia port in West Bengal is expected to provide a significant push to export trade from eastern India, especially from Kolkata and its catchment areas. Haldia port would be able to strengthen its position as a viable transshipment port in the South East Asia region, due to burgeoning and potential trade transactions between India and Bangladesh through multimodal connectivity, where this port would play a pivotal role.

Prime Minister, Modi seeks tech ideas

to break into top 50 of doing business ranking

Hon'ble Prime Minister, Mr. Narendra Modi has launched a grand challenge to further improve India's position in the World Bank's ease of doing business ranking to the top 50 by using cutting-edge technology to reform government processes. At a meeting with top industry officials and policymakers to discuss the ease of doing business ranking, in which India jumped to 77th position this year, Hon'ble Prime Minister has sought input based on areas such as artificial intelligence, internet of things, big data analytics and blockchain to streamline and speed up processes to improve overall business environment in the country.

RBI to extend timeline for banks to meet capital norms 'credit negative': Moody's

Moody's Investors Service said RBI board's decision to extend the timeline for banks to implement Basel 3 guidelines is "credit negative" for public sector lenders. Also, the decision to restructure stressed micro, small and medium enterprises (MSME) loans of up to Rs 25 crores also has the potential for having negative implications for the credit profiles of Indian banks.

Government authorises PSU bank chiefs to block wilful defaulters' exit from India

The government has empowered heads of public sector banks to directly request the authorities for issuance of look-out circular against wilful defaulters and prevent them from fleeing from the country. The recommendations were a part of the committee headed by Financial Services Secretary, Rajiv Kumar.

SEBI unveils rules for reclassification of promoter as public investor

In a notification dated November 16, 2018 the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has come out with new rules for re-classification of a promoter as a public investor, wherein an outgoing promoter will have to relinquish special rights as well as control over the affairs of the listed firm and not be allowed to hold over 10 per cent stake. Besides, the promoter would not be allowed to have any representation on the board of directors or act as a key managerial person in the listed entity. Furthermore, the promoter seeking re-classification must not be a wilful defaulter or a fugitive economic offender.

Protocol amending India-China DTAA

The India government and the People's Republic of China government have

amended the Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement (DTAA) for the avoidance of double taxation and for the prevention of fiscal evasion with respect to taxes on income, by signing a Protocol on November 26, 2018. The Protocol updates the existing provisions for exchange of information to the latest international standards. Further, the Protocol incorporates changes required to implement treaty related minimum standards under the Action reports of Base Erosion & Profit shifting (BEPS) Project, in which India had participated on an equal footing.

GOI and ADB sign US\$85 Million Loan to Support Odisha Skill Development Project

The GOI and Asian Development Bank (ADB) signed a US\$ 85 million loan on December 3, 2018, to improve the skill development eco-system in Odisha and establish an advanced skill training center, the World Skill Center (WSC), in Bhubaneswar. The project will improve the quality of the State's TVET programs by making them relevant to industry and demand driven, and will impart advanced occupation-ready skills training aligned with international standards. It would also complement the efforts to target the employment needs of the emerging sectors in India and globally. The project will engage Institute of Technical Education Services (ITEES), Singapore, to support Odisha Skill Development Authority in setting-up and operationalizing WSC. The project will help over 150,000 people learn skills in priority sectors, including manufacturing, construction and services for formal employment. WSC will deliver eight training courses for 13,000 full-time students, provide training for 5,000 teachers, and train 1,000 assessors. It will improve the overall eco-system of skill development in Odisha by providing integrated services through an entrepreneurship incubation center, a career counseling and placement center, a curriculum design and development center, and education technology deployment center.

Quadracycles as Non Transport Vehicles

The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has notified the insertion of the item 'Quadracycle' as a 'non transport' vehicle under the Motor Vehicles Act 1988. A Quadracycle is a vehicle of the size of a 3-wheeler but with 4 tyres and fully covered like a car. It has an engine like that of a 3-wheeler. This makes it a cheap and safe mode of transport for last mile connectivity. Quadracycles were only allowed for transport usage under the Act, but now has been made usable for non transport also.



MSME CONCLAVE- Aapki Kahani Aapki Zubani



Mr. Kush Tyagi, Business Facilitator, GeM; Mr. Rana Ashutosh Kumar Singh, CGM, State Bank of India; Mr. R S Sachdeva, Managing Director, Hitech Group of Companies, Mohali and Chairman, Punjab State Chapter, PHDCCI; Mr. Pankaj Madan, Deputy Head-India Office & Head Programmes, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung; Ms. Vini Mahajan, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Industries & Commerce, Govt. of Punjab; Mr. Vikram Sahgal, Managing Director, Micron Instruments Pvt. Ltd., Chandigarh and Chairman, Chandigarh State Chapter, PHDCCI; Ms. Rachna Dikshit, Regional Director, RBI, Chandigarh; Mr. Major Singh, Director, MSME, Development Institute, Haryana & Punjab and Mr. CM Krishna, Honorary Advisor, PHDCCI

PHD Chamber in collaboration with Konrad Adenauer Stiftung organized a two day MSME Conclave 'Aapki Kahani Aapki Zubani', November 15-16, 2018 at Chandigarh. The first day inaugural session was held at Hotel Hyatt, Chandigarh and second day technical sessions were held at PHD House, Chandigarh. The purpose of the Conclave was to sensitize the Government with the problems being faced by the MSME units and also to bring the MSME units of 6 states on one common platform to deliberate on Common Issues and find out solutions for the same.

Ms. Vini Mahajan, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Industries & Commerce, Govt. of Punjab stressed on the importance of strong bond between Government and Industry and informed that a new industrial policy is being designed after the deliberations with different industrial organizations & associations of Punjab. She highlighted that such conclaves help both the government and industrial units to discuss the problems and issues with each other.

Mr. Vikram Sahgal, Chairman, Chandigarh Chapter of PHDCCI talked about the contribution and role of MSMEs in the growth of the country and also pointed out some of the problems which MSMEs are facing.

Mr. CM Krishna, Honorary Advisor, PHDCCI stated that the purpose of the conclave is to bring the Government Departments, Financial Institutions and MSME Entrepreneurs of all the 6 states

on a common platform where MSMEs can speak out about their expectations from the Government departments, the changes they want in the Industrial Policies and share about the turbulences which they are going through while running their units.

Mr. Major Singh, Director, MSME, Development Institute, Haryana & Punjab informed the policies of the MSME department which are for the benefit of the MSME units. The focus must be on up-gradation of Infrastructure in the Industrial areas specially the road connectivity.

Ms. Rachna Dikshit, Regional Director, RBI, Chandigarh informed that from time to time they give training to bank officials about different schemes being launched by different banks in collaboration with the industrial schemes of the Government.

Mr. Rana Ashutosh Kumar Singh, CGM, State Bank of India promised that their bank is committed to give best possible services to the MSME units.

Mr. Kush Tyagi, Business Facilitator GeM introduced GeM (Government e-Marketplace) portal in detail.

Mr. Pankaj Madan, Dy. Head-India Office & Head Programmes, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung talked about the role of KAS as a catalyst between Entrepreneurs & Government with the help of industrial bodies like PHDCCI and so on. He further said that merely policy framing will not work; departments have to work with MSME units so that the policies of the Government reach to the grass root levels.

Mr. R.S. Sachdeva, Chairman, Punjab Chapter, PHD Chamber proposed the vote-of-thanks to the guests.



Participants

Day 2- Technical Session Delegates from MSME units deliberated upon their issues of concern November 16, 2018 at PHD House, Chandigarh



Mr. Kuldeep Gupta, Director, Shanker Timber Industries Pvt Ltd, Jammu and Co-Chairman, Jammu Region, PHDCCI; Dr. R S Sharma, Director Industries, Jammu; Mr. Mushtaq Ahmed Chaya, Founder & Chairman, Grand Mumtaz Group of Hotels and Resorts, Srinagar and Chairman, Kashmir Region, PHDCCI; Ms. Anju Bajaj, Proprietor, P 'n' A Industries, Delhi; Er. Bilal Bhat, Director Industries, Kashmir and Mr. Bilal Ahmed Kawoosa, CEO, Kashmir Silk Producers Co-operative Ltd, Srinagar

Mr. CM Krishna, Honorary Advisor, PHDCCI informed that Industry is entering into fourth revolution of Industrialization which is known as Industry 4.0 challenges. We are entering into an era, where machines will be communicating with themselves to perform production activities.

Mr. Mukul Bansal, Chairman, Banking and Financial Services Sub Committee, Punjab State Chapter, PHDCCI chaired the session with the remark "MSME is in Pain" and we have to make them happy. We cannot increase our geographical area, nor can we decrease our population. So we have to generate resources through manufacturing of goods and services.

Mr. Arvind Mehan, Director, NCI India Pvt. Ltd., Chandigarh stated that due to increase in the cost of production they have shifted from manufacturing to service oriented industry. Now they are getting their products being manufactured from other units and supplying them under their brand name to the market.

Mr. Ramesh Bhatia, Owner, Expo Impo Corporation, Chandigarh stated that industrial policies must be prepared with due discussions with industry.

Mr. Harjeet Singh Sandhu, Director, Industries, Chandigarh gave the perspective of the Department. He said that the industrial area of Chandigarh was designed for Industrial activities only and that also for MSME units. He said due to the infrastructural problems B to C industry is not possible. Still, the Department is working on different ways and means to provide help to the industrial units.

Mr. Lokesh Jain, Director, Munak Enterprises, Panchkula highlighted the

problem of electricity in the Panchkula District. He pointed out HSIIDC has developed a new industrial area at Barwala in Panchkula District, which doesn't have any service facilities. There is no bank in this newly developed Industrial Area.

Mr. Ashwani Gupta, Addl. Director Industries & Commerce, Govt. of Haryana stated that they are working towards the digitalization of Industrial clearances. Online single window clearance system is being started in the State.

Mr. Anupam Katiyar, Sr. Engineer, Dakshin Haryana Bijli Vitran Nigam Ltd. said that the department is working towards the improvement of the Electrical Infrastructure and in the future the quality of electricity will be improved.

Mr. Ramesh Garhiya, Sr. Scientist, Haryana Pollution Control Board mentioned that in the industrial areas CETP (Common Effluent Treatment Plants) is not available and it is the duty of the Industry to treat their effluents at their unit level, so that it should not come out of the factory untreated.

Mr. Rajeev Ghai, Managing Partner, Ghai Industrial Timbers, Kashipur & Mr. Raj Arora, Founder Chairman, Safeguard Industries Pvt Ltd., SIDCUL, Haridwar mentioned that up-gradation of Infrastructure sector is needed.

CA. Verendra Kalra, CA Verendra Kalra & Company, Dehradun informed that MSME loans never become NPAs and MSME units must be bringing into minimum net of compliances so that they can concentrate on running their units.

Mr. Bilal Ahmed Kawoosa, CEO, Kashmir Silk Producers Co-Operative Ltd, Srinagar laid emphasis on certain social

security schemes for Entrepreneurs.

Er. Bilal Bhat, Director Industries, Kashmir (J&K) & Dr. R.S. Sharma, Director Industries, Jammu both were of the view that Government policies must be implemented in a proper manner to benefit the industry.

Mr. Mushtaq Ahmed Chaya, Chairman, Kashmir Region, PHD Chamber said that Tourism is a major industry in J&K and the Government is promoting it in the right direction.

Mr. Kuldeep Gupta, Co-chairman, Jammu Region, PHD Chamber mentioned that in Jammu, the MSME manufacturing units are working and officers in the region are very cooperative with the MSME units.

Mr. Yogesh Sagar, President, Mohali Industries Association said that MSME department had supported them and they got their funds also released for the same in due time.

Mr. Surinder Rana, GM, State Bank of India and Mr. Saurabh Bajpai, AGM, Small Industrial Development, Bank of India informed that banks have surplus funds to finance MSMEs and a 59 Sec loan sanction policy has been announced by the Government for MSME units.

Mr. Bhupesh Garg, Joint Secretary, Derabassi Industries Association raised issues in getting loans from the financial institution and the policies framed by the government for MSME units are not being implemented at the ground level.

Ms. Anju Bajaj, Proprietor, P 'n' A Industries, Delhi chaired the technical sessions. She added that the Government is providing extra facilities and subsidies to women entrepreneurial units and we must take the advantage of the same.



PHD FAMILY WELFARE FOUNDATION (PHDFWF) PHDFWF-SMPF MR. J P WALDER'S INTERACTION WITH FWF MEMBERS IN PHD CHAMBER

Mr. JP Walder Trustee, PIF, Switzerland, Ms. S D Paliwala & Ms. Kavita Lakhotia from SMPF visited PHD Chamber on November 20, 2018 for an interactive session with Mr. Rajiv Talwar, President, PHD Chamber, Mr. D.K Aggarwal, Sr. Vice President, PHD Chamber, Ms. Anuradha Goel, Chairperson, PHDFWF, Dr Mahesh Y Reddy, Secretary General, PHD Chamber and other senior members of PHDFWF. Mr. Walder has been associated with PHDFWF for the last 19 years and showed his appreciation towards the noble work of improving skills of the women & youth through different trainings given in SMPF skill development training centre, Vinodpuri and serving poorest of the poor through SMPF mobile medical van. Mr. Rajiv Talwar welcomed him with a memento for being associated with PHDFWF for such a long time.



Workshop on Digital Media and Certificate Distribution programme at PHDFWF-SMPF Skill Development Centre, Vinodpuri



PHDFWF organized a Digital Media Workshop for 10 days each in Vinodpuri centre with the involvement of the underprivileged women & youth from nearby areas around. 25 trainees benefited from this special workshop. As there is a lot of demand in this skill now-

a-days, PHDFWF was trying to help the trainers to showcase their talents. The workshops were supported by Sheela Kanoria Foundation. On October 30, 2018, certificates were distributed to the trainees who have completed their course in Digital Media. The program was graced by Ms. S.

D. Paliwala, Trustee, SMPF, Ms. Anuradha Goel, Chairperson, PHDFWF, Ms. Veena Thapar, GB Member, PHDFWF and Mr. S. Lal, from SMPF. On this occasion 45 certificates were also distributed to the trainees who have completed their courses in tailoring and computer education under the centre.

PHDFWF-SMPF Mr. JP WALDER VISIT TO SKILL DEVELOPMENT CENTRE, VINODPURI

Mr. J P Walder, Trustee, PIF, Switzerland, Ms. Suman Gupta, Trustee, SMPF, Mr. Nirmal Gupta, SMPF along with senior official of SMPF visited Skill Development Centre on November 20, 2018 in Vinodpuri. Mr. Walder interacted with the trainers and trainees of Computer Education, Tailoring & Embroidery, Beauty Culture and Mobile Repairing. The trainees performed a cultural program. Mr. Walder and Ms.Suman Gupta gave a motivational speech for the trainees about the skills they were availing at the centre which will help them to excel in every walk of life. At the centre, 150 trainees are availing training on tailoring & embroidery, beauty culture & mehendi, mobile repairing and computer education under the project.



PHDFWF-JAQUAR NEW SKILL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING AT RANGPURI PAHARI

PHDFWF started two new courses at the existing centre at Rangpuri Pahari with financial support from Jaquar Foundation. Beauty Culture & Nusing Assistant have been introduced at the centre w.e.f. November 1, 2018.



PHDFWF-PATANJALI PROGRAMME

PHDFWF in collaboration with Patanjali organized a program for the underprivileged children on the occasion of Diwali at the Okhla centre where they distributed free gifts to 40 children. The children had participated in a summer camp in association with PHDFWF at the centre. The children also performed yoga on the occasion.



Skill Development Training Centre in Sarai Kale Khan, Delhi

PHD Family Welfare Foundation in association with the PHD Skill Development Committee and Delhi Urban Shelter Improvement Board has been running a Skill Development Training Centre since October 10, 2018 at Sarai Kale Khan night shelter, Delhi. A total of 31 beneficiaries enrolled for both the courses. Apart from training, the PHDFWF has been organizing motivational talks and general awareness camps under the project. The project aims to give the beneficiaries an opportunity to come to the mainstream to make them self-reliant so that they can earn their livelihood.



PHDFWF- SETH MADANLALL PALRIWALA FOUNDATION MOBILE MEDICAL VAN

During the month, 16 free health check up camps were organized in the different rural areas of Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and slums of Delhi. Free diagnostic care, clinical services and medicines were provided to the patients. Around 1395 patients benefitted from these camps.



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

PHD FWF has been running a Skill Development Training Centre in Rangpuri Pahari resettlement colony, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi. The centre is providing training in Computer Education, Tailoring & Embroidery, English speaking classes. In all, 65 trainees are availing training in all the three courses.



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

During the month, 16 free health check-up camps were organized in different villages of Haryana adopted by Jaquar Group. Free diagnostic care, clinical services and medicines were provided to the patients. Around 850 patients benefitted from these camps.



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

During the month, 20 free health check-up camps were organized in different villages of Haryana adopted by Jaquar Group. Free diagnostic care, clinical services and medicines were provided to the patients. Around 1270 patients benefitted from these camps.



PHDFWF-FENA Skill Development Training Centre

Presently, 110 girls and women are undergoing training in tailoring and beauty culture at Tekhand village, Okhla Phase-I. The centre is being supported by Fena Foundation. On completion of the respective courses, exams were also conducted and certificates were awarded to the trainees.



PHDFWF-ITE Foundation Trust-Skill Development Centre, Noida

Presently, 53 trainees are availing training in tailoring and beauty culture at the centre. The trainees are making different embroidery designs on fabrics and earning their livelihood. One awareness generation programme was also organized during the period under this project.



Hindustan Tin Works Skill Development Training Centre, LalKuan, Badarpur

PHDFWF has been running a Skill Development Training Centre in LalKuan, Badarpur with the financial support from Hindustan Tin Works Ltd. The centre was earlier there in Mangwaki village, Pataudi which has now been shifted to this new location. Training in computer education & beauty culture is being provided in the centre.

PHDFWF-DSACS Target Intervention Project on HIV/AIDS

6 ICTC, 95RPR, 4 review meetings, 8 demand generation meetings and 2 DIC meetings were also conducted. Around 350 patients attended the STI clinic services, 21 PT and 7STI patients were identified under this project during the month.

PHDFWF-Aruna Abhey Oswal Trust –Mobile Medical Van

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

PHD RURAL DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION (PHDRDF)

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

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.

A. PHDRDF- Hindustan Tin Work Ltd (HTWL)

HTWL has been working towards education as a part of their CSR activity. The Government School at Hassanpur, Sonipat has been adopted by the company and is being upgraded continuously. Efforts have been made to provide drinking water & sanitation facilities in this school along with provision of a library, science laboratory and play area for nursery students. The developments initiated in the previous phase had a very positive response and enrollment of the school increased by 25 percent through the development activities. The school infrastructure is now being upgraded by renovating the playground and assembly area, provision of a proper gate for security and other basic infrastructure support for students like providing benches, books, bags and notebooks at the beginning of the session.

B. PHDRDF- Charities Aid Foundation (CAF) India -HDFC ERGO

CAF India partnered with PHDRDF for their 'Gaon Mera' Project to re-construct the Government Primary School building at Raman Village of Kullu District, which is almost an 80 year old building. The school building has been completed and the school is ready for inauguration. The school has 6 class rooms (Nursery to 5th), a dining room, computer room, community hall, staff room, store room toilet and a kitchen. The rooms have wooden cladding on the walls inside to insulate the rooms from the extreme cold climate. BaLA (Building as a Learning Aid) work has also been done in the school to promote quality education and learning. PHDRDF has also provided the school with utility items like – a printer, scanner, kitchen utensils, water RO filter, school bags, water bottles, stationery, uniform, shoes, game equipments, etc for the students. The school has now been handed over to the headmaster as per the request of the donor.



School building and swings installed at the Govt. Primary School, Kullu, Himachal Pradesh

C. PHDRDF- Junior Chamber International Japan (JCI) & Japan Water Forum (JWF)

PHDRDF with the support from Junior Chamber International Japan and Japan Water Forum is implementing 'Smile by Water Project'. As a part of the project, community drinking water facility has been established in two villages, one in Mewat village Jalalpur in Tauru Block and another in Pataudi block village, Ramnagar. Besides this, new toilet blocks have been constructed and existing toilet facilities have been refurbished in three Government schools of Sohna. Behaviour change sessions are being undertaken regularly with the school children through the fun-way learning method. For behavior change, walls in three schools have been painted with pictures illustrating good habits and save water. Drawing competitions, Eco Rally, animated audio visual presentations and educational games are also being conducted. The project has been duly completed and handed over to the school authorities and people of the community.

D. PHDRDF- TEVA API India Limited

PHDRDF and TEVA API India Ltd have initiated a partnership for a project on "Aadharsh Vidyalaya- Integrated Development of Government Schools in Gajraula, Uttar Pradesh and Malanpur, Bhind" in Madhya Pradesh. Two schools have been adopted by TEVA to transform into model schools with upgraded infrastructure facilities, quality education & training in soft skills including WASH. The work in the two schools is under progress.

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

PHDRDF and Hager Foundation, Germany have come together for holistic development of government schools in 5 villages of Sikar District in Rajasthan, through quality education which includes WASH awareness, infrastructure and healthcare under the project on "WASH and Quality education in Government Schools in Sikar". During FY 2018-19, activities were initiated in government schools i.e. Govt. Senior Secondary School, Toda, Govt. High School, Bhojmaid & Govt. Upper Primary School, Kalakota, Govt. Besides this, RDF has also made provision of a regular English Teacher in these schools for the session 2018-19. The students appeared for the regular test for computers and English and have performed well. Upper Primary School, Badan Singh Ki Dhani and Govt. Upper Primary School, Saidala schools have been upgraded with facilities of well-equipped Computer Labs along with a Computer teacher.



PHDRDF HEALTHCARE INTERVENTION

PHDRDF has been actively conducting free health camps for the low-income population in various geographical locations across the country to increase access to healthcare. A team of 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.

A. PHDRDF- Sekisui-DLJM Pvt Ltd

SEKISUI DLJM Pvt. Ltd. collaborated with PHDRDF to undertake their CSR activities during this year. A project on “FREE MOBILE HEALTH CAMPS” in Greater Noida was initiated on October 12, 2018 with a flag off ceremony. The inauguration ceremony was organized in the premises of SEKISUI DLJM Pvt. Ltd. in the presence of Mr. Ryosuke Kusaka, CEO, SEKISUI DLJM, Mr. Shripal Jain, Director, SEKISUI DLJM, Mr. Atul Tyagi, Sr. Vice President, SEKISUI DLJM, Dr. Kadambari, Chief Executive, PHDRDF along with representatives from SEKISUI DLJM Pvt. Ltd. & PHDRDF. The Health Camps will be covering 4 villages i.e Maycha, Chindabali, Fazyalpur & Shahpur in Greater Noida, UP. During the project, a total of 80 health camps will be organized and approx. 8,400 patients will benefit. The healthcare program will focus on



Patient being examined by the doctor at the health check up camp

primary preventive, clinical and diagnostic medical care in which generic health and eye screening camps, women & child care camps and health awareness camps will be organized free medicines, free blood tests and distribution of free spectacles. During the period, a total of four Generic Health Camps and two Women & Child Care Camps were organized and a total of 621 patients benefitted. The patients were provided with free medical counselling, ECG, blood sugar and Haemoglobin test facilities.



B. PHDRDF- DIPTY LAL JUDGE MAL PRIVATE LTD.

Dipty Lal Judge Mal Private Ltd. collaborated with PHDRDF to undertake their CSR activities during this year. A project on “FREE MOBILE HEALTH CAMPS” in Noida has been initiated. The Health Camps will be covering 3 villages i.e. Kulesara, Salarpur and Suthiyana in Noida, UP. During the project, 80 health camps will be organized and approx. 8,400 patients will benefit. The healthcare program will focus on primary preventive, clinical and diagnostic medical care in which generic health camps, eye screening camps, women & child care camps and health awareness camps will be organized with free medicines, free Blood Tests and distribution of free spectacles. The patients were provided with free medical counselling, ECG, Blood Sugar and Haemoglobin test facility. During this period, a total of 04 Generic Health Camps and two Women & Child Care Camps were organized and a total of 615 patients benefitted.



C. PHDRDF- Dhampur Sugar Mills Ltd.

Project on “FREE MOBILE HEALTH SERVICES” is being implemented with support from Dhampur Sugar Mills Limited, Asmoli, Uttar Pradesh across 9 villages near Dhampur Sugar Mills Ltd. Asmoli. The objective of the project is to organize Health Camp, Eye Care Camp and Women & Child Care Camp in all selected 9 villages. During this period, a total of 12 Generic Health Camps, 1 Women & Child Care Camp & 1 Eye Care Camp were organized that benefitted 1525 patients. Patients were provided with free medical counselling, ECG, Blood Sugar and Haemoglobin test facilities. The Eye Care Camp benefited 112 patients and 68 free spectacles were distributed.



D. PHDRDF-BSES Yamuna Power Ltd

BSES Yamuna Power Ltd. collaborated with PHDRDF and to implement a Mobile Health project in Central and East Delhi. The objective of the project is to provide basic health care services to the low-income residential cluster of East and Central Delhi. During the project, 144 health camps will be organized in 16 locations and approx. 17,280 patients will benefit. During this period, a total number of 14 health camps were organized and 1695 patients were provided with free medical counselling and medicines.



PHDRDF SKILL DEVELOPMENT

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

A. PHDRDF- Donaldson India Filter Systems Private Limited

With support of Donaldson Filters India Pvt Ltd and under PHD Rural Development Foundation, Donaldson Skill Development Center has been functioning for the past five years in village Mohammadpur Gurjar in Sohna block of Gurugram district. Training in two courses namely stitching & tailoring and beauty culture is being provided to the ladies and adolescent girls in Mohahammadpur Gurjar and other 6-7 nearby villages i.e. Sohna Dhani, Hariyahaera, Raiseena, Samp ki Nangli etc. From January 2016 till June 2018, a total of 146

girls, 69 girls in beauty culture and 77 in stitching & tailoring have successfully passed out from this training Center.

Certificates were distributed to 146 girls on October 16, 2018 by Mr. Viraj Kadam, Managing Director, and Ms. Margaret (Director – HR for Asia Pacific, Donaldson), Mr. Sunil Gupta, Financial Controller, Ms. Sudha Gupta (Director HR) Mr. Manoj Pandey (Sr Manager – HR) and Dr Kadambari (Chief Executive), Ms. Anjana Kumar (Sr Manager), Mr. Sandeep Kumar (Project Manager) and Ms. Apurva Sharma (Asst Manager) from PHDRDF.



B. PHDRDF-TCI Foundation

PHDRDF and TCI Foundation have partnered for the project titled “Enterprise Development - Low Cost Sanitary Napkin Production Enterprise by Women Self Help Group” which aims to address the dual purpose of economic empowerment for women and provide low-cost sanitary napkins to rural women and adolescent girls in and around Jamhar Village, Khunti District of Jharkhand through development of manufacturing low-cost sanitary napkins. A three days training for manufacturing sanitary pads was conducted, in which a specialized trainer trained the women. Eight women are engaged for the project and are being enrolled in women SHG model. After training, women have started manufacturing these pads independently.



PHDRDF WATER MANAGEMENT

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

A. PHDRDF-Coca Cola Foundation

PHDRDF and Coca Cola Foundation, Atlanta have come together to promote sustainable solutions for water resource management with surface water conservation and ground water recharge through construction of six check dams in Indore, Dhar and Hoshangabad districts of Madhya Pradesh. Three check dams have been duly completed and filled with water during the monsoon season. The dams still contain water even after more than two months of receiving water. The villagers are very happy with the amount of water being contained in the dams and have been appreciative of Coca Cola Foundation for supporting the project. These check dams will hold 457,950 cu mts of water and will impact 7800 people.

B. PHDRDF – HEG Ltd

An Agreement has been duly signed with HEG Ltd to construct a check dam, namely Bainada Wala in Alwar at Rajasthan. The dam will impact 850 acres of land. The work for the dam was initiated in the month of November 2018. The check dam will benefit around 2835 people in one village including 350 households. Water holding capacity of check Dam will be 50,000 cubic meters.

C. PHDRDF- SS Kothari Mehta & Co.

SS Kothari Mehta & Co. has been a trusted partner of PHDRDF for more than a decade and has been continuously contributing towards water harvesting projects. A check dam, Dantodi Wala at Alwar has been sponsored to be constructed this month. The check dam will have a water holding capacity of 1,68,000 cubic meters and will benefit 4500 people.

D. PHDRDF – Hero Future Energies Ltd

PHDRDF and Clean Wind Power, Group company of Hero future Energies Ltd have come together to construct water harvesting structures in district Pratapgarh of Rajasthan. Two check dams are being constructed in Pratapgarh in the vicinity of their manufacturing unit. These check Dams will benefit around 6027 people in three villages. Construction of check dam ‘Dojda Wala’ is in full progress. Water holding capacity of the check Dam will be 46,800 cubic meters.



International

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



Domestic

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



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS / MEETINGS OF PHDCCI

S. No.	Programme Title	Date	Time	Venue
1	GST Conclave	12 December 2018	10.00 am to 5.00 pm	PHD House, New Delhi
2	India Luxury Conclave Luxury, E-commerce, Retail & Lifestyle	14 December 2018	9.30 am	PHD House, New Delhi
3	PHD Cricket Tournament 2018	15 December 2018	8.00 am	Siri Fort, New Delhi
4	Festival De La India - Exclusive India Products Exhibition	16 to 21 December 2018	10.00 am to 6.00 pm	Santiago, Chile
5	Economic Agenda for the Next 5 Years: Address by Dr Ajay Chibber, Former Economist, World Bank and Visiting Scholar, Institute of International Economic Policy, George Washington University, USA	18 December 2018	3.30 pm	PHD House, New Delhi
6	Conference on "Tax Laws & Systems in India - Way Forward"	19 December 2018	10.00 am to 6.00 pm	PHD House, New Delhi
7	Meeting of Managing Committee	19 December 2018	4.00 pm	PHD House, New Delhi
8	Conference on Emerging Technologies in Infrastructure Sector	20 December 2018	9.45 am	PHD House, New Delhi
9	70th Indian Pharmaceutical Congress (IPC 2018)	21 to 23 December 2018	10.00 am to 6.00 pm	Amity University Noida, U.P
10	Interactive Session on AYUSH for Prevention and Control of Diabetes	21 December 2018	2.30 pm to 6.00 pm	PHD House, New Delhi
11	Seminar on Importance of Innovation & Intellectual Property Rights	11 January 2019	10.00 am	Rajiv Gandhi Centre for Biotechnology (RGCB), Thiruvananthapuram (Kerala)
12	Global Film Tourism Conclave	11 January 2018	3.00 pm	JW Marriott, Mumbai Juhu, Maharashtra
13	International Conference on Roadmap for Global Climate Mitigation : Role of Government & Industry	18 January 2019	9.45 am	PHD House, New Delhi
14	Seminar on Importance of Innovation & Intellectual Property Rights	31 January 2019	10.00 am	National Institute of Technology, Start Up Centre, Goa
15	Mainstreaming the Marginalised through Digital Inclusion #PwDs #Tribals #Women A National Consultative Seminar	1 February 2019	9.30 am	Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, Janpath Road, New Delhi



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Delhiites party with Huma

Photo: Nishad Alam



Palika Grover



Huma Qureshi



Sidharto R Suryodipuro and Dewi Ratna



Maheesh Y Reddy



Vijay Goel



Gaurav Grover



Charu Parashar

Delhiites never miss a chance to let their hair down and when you get a chance to party with so many popular faces from the city, the party never stops. Gaurav and Palika Grover recently hosted a dinner for their friend Dr Maheesh Y Reddy, Secretary General, PHD CCI, and other friends to celebrate good times. Held at Japanese restaurant Guppy, known for its set lunches and Sunday table brunches, the do saw actors, experts and socialites having a gala time. Spotted were Huma Qureshi, Vijay Goel, Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs and Statistics and Programme Implementation, Dr Udit Raj, Member of Parliament, Indonesian Ambassador Sidharto R Suryodipuro and Charu Parashar, among others.

The Times of India-Delhi Times, New Delhi, November 1, 2018

PHD Chamber hails sharp jump in EODB rankings

Raipur, Nov 01: CCI



Sharp jump in ease of doing business rankings to the level of 77 from 100 is highly inspiring and more than the expectations, said Mr Rajeev Talwar, President, PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry in a press statement issued here on Thursday. The reform measures undertaken by the government have started paying off and fruitful outcomes are visible now, said Mr. Rajeev Talwar. India has improved by 65 spots during the last 4 years from 142nd rank in 2014 to 77th rank in 2018.

We appreciate the work undertaken by the government due to which India is one of the economies to make to the list of top 10 improvers for the second consecutive year, said Mr.

Talwar. The improvement in ease of doing business would attract investments in the economy. Foreign investments are expected to increase significantly in the coming times, said Mr. Rajeev Talwar.

India is going to become a US\$100 billion investment destination in the next very few years, said Mr. Talwar. India attracted US\$62 billion in FY2018. The improvement in World Bank's Ease of Doing Business rankings has been observed primarily due to significant improve-

ment in dealing with construction permits with improvement of 129 spots from 181st rank in 2017 to 52nd rank in 2018 and Trading across borders with improvement by 66 spots from 146th rank in 2017 to 80th rank in 2018, said Mr Rajeev Talwar. The implementation of GST and Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code along with improvements in registering for new electricity connection, upgradation of port infrastructure, among others have yielded positive results and facilitated the country to improve in various parameters, he said. Going ahead, given the ongoing reform momentum, we expect India to rank at around 25 on the Ease of Doing Business Index in the next two years, said Mr. Rajeev Talwar.

The Central Chronicle, Raipur, November 2, 2018

Freight surcharge bolt from the blue for Punjab industry

High input cost sounds death-knell for SMEs of state

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JALANDHAR, NOVEMBER 16

The state government's move to impose surcharge on freight has come as a bolt from the blue for small and medium enterprises (SMEs) of land-locked Punjab, particularly Jalandhar, which is on the verge of extinction because of several cost disadvantages.

The industry, which faced the double whammy of demonetisation and ill-planned GST in 2016 and 2017, respectively, has lost its competitiveness because of high input costs and exorbitant freight rates. Jalandhar-based manufacturers said, Jalandhar, which is famous for sports goods manufacturing, rubber-chappal industry, pipe fittings, nut-bolt, auto parts, hand tools, valves and cocks industries, is fast losing its sheen.

Cash-strapped Punjab has recently imposed a 10% surcharge on freight charges for transporting goods in the state. This is likely to add to the woes of the industry, they said.

Punjab is a landlocked state and heavily dependent on logistics service providers. Industrialists say their margins are squeezed because of high freight charges — first to



import raw materials from different states and then to transport finished goods in different markets.

"The state is far away from ports. The surcharge will increase the transportation cost. The manufacturing sector will lose their share not only in domestic but also in international markets," PHD Chamber chairman (Punjab) RS Sachdeva said.

The industry faces double freight burdens, which makes it uncompetitive, Jalandhar Chamber of Industries general secretary Chansup Singh Malhotra said. Earlier, the transportation charges were not high, but now the prices have skyrocketed which is troubling the industries," IS Chirkota of the All India Rubber Industry Association said.

Besides freight charges, the industry is facing other troubles for decades. It imports almost all raw materials from elsewhere comes from other states. These factors add to the input costs. Jalandhar imports raw rubber from Kerala. Pig iron and steel are imported from Jharkhand and Orissa to manufacture nut-bolt, motor parts, hand tools and gym equipment from

Jharkhand, Orissa. It imports gun, metal from Europe for manufacturing valves and cocks and bath fittings. Major items for making sports goods are imported from China while furnace oil comes from Jammu. The industry is largely dependent on the migrant labourers from UP and Bihar.

Industrial sources said small and medium entrepreneurs have been pulling on someone, but growing burden of input costs and government levies has pushed the industry on the verge of extinction.

The Tribune, New Delhi, November 17, 2018

The Times of India-New Delhi
November 18, 2018, P-06

Govt actively pushing for air freight stations: Civil Aviation Ministry



NEW DELHI: The government is actively pushing for establishment of air freight stations as it looks at ways to reduce costs involved in air cargo operations, a senior official said Tuesday.

The Civil Aviation Ministry is expected to soon come out with an air cargo policy that would seek to address various problems faced by the industry players.

"We are actively pushing for establishment of offsite Air Freight Stations. This is against financial interests of the airport operators... but that is the way forward... We are committed to making air cargo affordable," Civil Aviation Secretary R N Choubey said here.

Air Freight Station (AFS) is an off-airport common user facility that offers service for handling and temporary storage of import and export cargo.

Noting that the air cargo policy would have answers to many problems faced by the industry, he said the ministry would try to transfer many functions related to air cargo operations offsite since space at airports is expensive.

Speaking at the event, Civil Aviation Minister Suresh Prabhu said air cargo has huge potential in the country.

An integrated logistics policy is also being worked out and would be announced soon that cargo moves in an efficient manner, he added.

While the country's domestic aviation market is one of the fastest growing in the world, air cargo operations have been relatively sluggish. Against this backdrop, the ministry is working on ways to bolster the air cargo sector.

AFS, the counter part of Inland Container Depot (ICD) for maritime cargo, would also help in de-congesting air cargo terminals at various airports.

They were speaking at an air cargo summit organised by the PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry. A report by Auctus Advisors was released.

Total air cargo at all Indian airports during 2016-17 and 2017-18 witnessed a growth of 10.1 per cent and 12.7 per cent, respectively with 3.35 million metric tonnes cargo traffic in financial year 2018, as per the report.

International cargo contributes about 60 per cent of the country's total cargo industry with "double the growth rate as compared to domestic cargo business," it added.

Issue bonds to generate funds, Puri tells corpns

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New Delhi: Union housing and urban affairs minister Hardeep S Puri advised the municipal corporations of Delhi, two of which are perennially short of money, to issue municipal bonds as a source of revenues. Speaking at an event on making Delhi smarter, organised by the PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry on Saturday, Puri said municipal bonds are suitable tools for raising funds.

At the 'Dilli: Kal, Aaj Aur Kal - Towards a sustainable and smarter Delhi' event, the minister announced the sanctioning of multiple projects, including decongestion and solid waste management, involving an estimated investment of Rs 2,586 crore. He also said, "The Centre is trying its best to approve the Phase IV of the Delhi Metro construction and persuading Delhi Government on this and hope that progress in this direction will be forthcoming."

Deputy CM Manish Sisodia stressed on the need to have in Delhi a single governing authority because converting the capital into a smarter city would not be possible unless there was coordination among the several regulatory agencies. He alleged that the problems facing the national capital were born of "dry policies done with malice", reiterating the Aam Aadmi Party government's longstanding complaint that the central government is always obstructing work in the city.

"This needs to be checked with the cooperation of public and private institutions so that the prevailing status quo is challenged and replaced

with a responsible and accountable system, even if it be the office of the lieutenant governor," Sisodia said, alluding to a three-year standoff with the LG that only calmed down a bit after the Supreme Court upheld the state's primary jurisdiction.

"Smart governance is the core solution for developing a smart city in which a single authority is put in place to take decisions without any political ill will in providing better life and better living to its citizens," Sisodia declared. "Multiple agencies and several regulatory bodies in Delhi such as DDA, Delhi Police, LG's office, municipal corporations and host of other such bodies have been taking decisions for the people of Delhi on the iron whims and fancies, resulting in chaos for the capital."

As industry minister Satyendra Jain pointed out that the national capital had no dearth of smart people, Sisodia said, "There is hardly any coordination among civic agencies for the welfare of Delhiites and each agency attempts to rule Delhi on its own. In such circumstances converting the present landscape of Delhi into a smarter city will not be possible. Smart governance will need the multiple authorities to cease to seek to govern Delhi and shed their political malice."

Other speakers also stressed on minimum governance as well as minimising the involvement of multiple agencies. PHDCCI vice-president D K Aggarwal urged the civic authorities to take a holistic approach to making Delhi smarter so that the Indian capital became an ideal place to live in and offered a better traffic system, cleaner air and better civic amenities.



Hardeep Puri

More stubble burning this year compared to last year: EPCA chairperson

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
New Delhi, November 16

MORE CASES OF stubble burning in the neighbouring states were recorded this time as compared to last year despite a strict enforcement, Supreme Court-appointed EPCA chairperson Bhure Lal said on Friday as he stressed on the need to bring a change in the mentality of people so that they look at the alternatives to this practice.

Speaking at a workshop on Bulk Utilisation of Crop Residue for Economic and Environmental Sustainability organised by the PHD Chamber, he noted that paddy straw can be a very rich source of fertilisers and its best utilisation would be to merge it with soil.

Stubble burning in neighbouring Punjab and Haryana is one of the major causes for poor air quality in Delhi. The air quality in the national capital last Thursday went off the charts as smog caused due to bursting of firecrackers engulfed the city. The air quality index (AQI) was recorded at a high 642.

The Environment Pollution (Prevention and Control) Authority (EPCA) chairman pointed out that despite the fact that "enforcement was strict this time, more stubble burning was recorded this year as compared to last year."

Lal said it had been seen that the younger generation was ready to look for alternatives, but the older generation still wanted to stick with stubble burning. "It takes a period of

45 days for paddy straw to decompose completely and then be used as fertiliser, but farmers usually have just 25 days," he said. "If we succeed in reducing this period of 45 days to 25 days, our problems related to stubble burning will be solved," the EPCA chairman said. "Subsidies have been granted but still the practice of stubble burning is prevailing," he said, warning that this trend must change otherwise it would be "difficult to breathe".

Stubble burning in neighbouring states combined with other factors in Delhi such as vehicular emissions, industrial pollution and smoke from firecrackers around Diwali plague the national capital's air quality every year.

This year too, the pollution level spiked to "severe-plus emergency" level due to rampant burning of firecrackers leading to the formation of blanket of smoke across Delhi.

VN Kale, Additional Commissioner in the Agriculture Ministry, who was also present on the occasion, however, had said last year that out of 20 million tonne of paddy straws, about 17 million tonne was burnt, but this year it was around 13-15 million tonne.

In a letter to the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), Lal had on Wednesday recommended implementation of either the odd-even scheme or a complete ban on non-CNG private vehicles if the air pollution level in Delhi increased again.



The Millennium Post, New Delhi, November 21, 2018

The Times of India, New Delhi, November 18, 2018

The Financial Express, New Delhi, November 17, 2018

The Hindu-New Delhi-November 13, 2018, P-13

IIP growth falters as inflation eases

Industrial production slows to 4.5%; slowing price growth in food, housing cools inflation to 3.31%

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NEW DELHI

Growth in industrial activity as measured by the Index of Industrial Production slowed marginally in September to 4.5% due to slowing growth in the manufacturing and capital goods sectors, official data released on Monday showed.

A separate data release also showed that consumer inflation, as measured by the Consumer Price Index, eased in October to 3.31% due to slowing price growth in the food, housing, and footwear segments.

IIP growth slowed from 4.67% in August. August's IIP growth was revised from the provisional 4.3% (released earlier). Growth in manufacturing eased to 4.62% in September from

Steady state



SOURCE: MINISTRY OF FINANCE

5.08% in August. Activity in mining and quarrying accelerated, growing at 0.27% in September compared with a contraction of 0.54% in the previous month.

"While statistically marginal, the overall production and manufacturing indices

show a rise in absolute terms indicating that domestic demand likely remains resilient," Anis Chakravarty, Lead Economist & Partner at Deloitte India said in a note.

Growth in the electricity sector touched 8.24% in September, up from 7.59% in the

previous month. The capital goods sector, however, saw growth slowing to 5.76% from 9.34%. Growth in infrastructure and construction sped to 9.5% in September from 7.95% in August.

Easing inflation

Consumer inflation eased in October from 3.7% in September. Inflation in the food and beverages segment contracted 0.14% in October compared with growth of 1.0% in September.

"The October CPI print surprised positively as it was much lower than our and the street expectations," B. Prasanna, group executive and head - Global Markets Group at ICICI Bank said in a note. "It continued to be aided by the food component which shrank on a sequential basis

underscored by components such as fruits, vegetables and pulses. The earlier fears of Minimum Support Price hikes feeding through to CPI have been allayed."

The clothing and footwear category saw inflation easing to 3.55% from 4.64% over the same period. Inflation in the housing segment slowed to 6.55% from 7.07%.

"Benign inflation and a strong footing in industrial development are expected to boost investor sentiment and increased FDI and FII inflows in the coming months," Rajeev Tahwar, president, PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry said. "Stability in inflation would strengthen the macroeconomic environment and pave the way for soft monetary policy regime, going forward."

The Hindu, New Delhi, November 13, 2018

भारत से चीन के अंगूर निर्यात में 200 प्रतिशत वृद्धि की आस

दिलीप कुमार झा
मुंबई, 27 नवंबर

पिछले साल की तेज गिरावट के कारण भारत चीन के आयातकों की सीधी भागीदारी के जरिये चीन में अपना अंगूर निर्यात 200 प्रतिशत तक बढ़ाने की उम्मीद कर रहा है। 2017-18 में भारत से चीन का अंगूर आयात तकरीबन 50 प्रतिशत लुढ़कर 607 टन (12.9 लाख डॉलर मूल्य) हो गया था जबकि पिछले साल यह 1,123 टन (25.9 लाख डॉलर मूल्य) था। हालांकि यह गिरावट गुणवत्ता में कमी और पिछले वित्त वर्ष में भारत से चीन को भेजी जाने वाली खेप में देरी के कारण आई थी।



का दौरा करने के लिए सहमत हो गए। पूरे विश्व से 54 कंपनियों के 100 से ज्यादा प्रतिनिधियों के साथ-साथ चीन की ओर से 19 कंपनियों के 25 प्रतिनिधियों ने हिस्सा लिया।

दिलचस्प बात यह है चीन की फाइटोसैनिटरी एजेंसी ने भारत से किए जाने वाले अंगूर निर्यात के मूल्यांकन और मंजूरी के लिए भारत में यंजीकृत पैक हाउस और अंगूर के बगीचों की सूची मांगी है। यहां जारी बयान में कहा गया है कि एपीडा अपने निर्यात बाजार का चीन में विस्तार करने का प्रयास कर रहा है। अंगूर उत्पादन करने वाले राज्यों और राष्ट्रीय अंगूर अनुसंधान केंद्र के सहयोग से एपीडा के जरिये वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्रालय के सामूहिक प्रयास से अंगूर की गुणवत्ता में सुधार की कोशिश की जा रही है। केंद्र और राज्य सरकारों की प्रचार योजनाओं से भारतीय अंगूर और अन्य उष्णकटिबंधीय फलों के निर्यात को बढ़ावा मिलेगा।

पीएचडी चेंबर ऑफ कॉमर्स एंड इंडस्ट्री के सहयोग से कृषि एवं प्रसंस्कृत खाद्य उत्पाद निर्यात विकास प्राधिकरण (एपीडा) ने आज एक अनुमान जताते हुए कहा कि 2020 तक मूल्य और मात्रा दोनों ही रूप में चीन को किए जाने वाले भारतीय अंगूर के निर्यात में 200 प्रतिशत की वृद्धि होगी।

एपीडा के चेयरमैन पवन के बड़ठाकर ने यहां आए चीनी आयातकों और क्रेता-विक्रेता मुलाकात के दौरान कहा, 'हमने चीन के सरकारी अधिकारियों के साथ कई बैठकें आयोजित कीं जिसके बाद वे महाराष्ट्र के नासिक में अंगूर के बगीचों और पैक हाउसों



The Business Standard, New Delhi, November 28, 2018

'Stop infighting to make Capital a smart city'

Sisodia calls for 'clarity' in governance to achieve goal

STAFF REPORTER
NEW DELHI

The Capital cannot become a smart city till 'fighting' among multiple agencies stops, Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia said at an event here on Saturday.

Organised by the PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry at the NDMC Convention Centre here, Mr. Sisodia called for 'clarity' in the Capital's governance. Delhi Industries Minister Satyendar Jain was also present at the event.

There was, Mr. Sisodia argued, "total confusion" in Delhi owing to the multiplicity of agencies. "Until and unless we make our governance system smarter, no technology can help us," he said.

Chaos prevails

"We have a Delhi that belongs to the DDA, a Delhi that belongs to L-G sahib, one Delhi that is of the Delhi Police, one Delhi that belongs to the NDMC. You need to bring clarity for becoming a smart city," he said further. The Deputy Chief Minister said multiple agencies taking decisions for the people of Delhi resulted in "chaos".

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Manish Sisodia

ordination among these agencies for the welfare of Delhiites and they are fighting among themselves. In such circumstances, converting the present landscape of Delhi into a smarter city would not be possible," he said.

Smart governance

Mr. Sisodia said smart governance is the core solution to develop a smart city in which a single authority is put in place to take decisions without any political ill will to provide a better life to citizens.

Mr. Jain concurred with Mr. Sisodia and accused the Delhi Development Authority and the Municipal Corporation of Delhi of being corrupt adding that the current system had become quite opaque and there needed to

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MANISH SISODIA
Deputy Chief Minister

be transparency. Meanwhile, the Delhi government has started a scheme wherein resident welfare associations will be given ₹1.8 lakh per acre for the upkeep of parks, Mr. Jain said at the event.

He said forms for the same can be downloaded from the website of the Environment Department, and after filling them, the RWAs can contact local MLAs.

"The funds will be given to the resident welfare associations (RWA), irrespective of the parks belonging to any civic agency," Mr. Jain said. (With PTI inputs)

The Hindu, New Delhi, November 18, 2018

Delhi govt to float tender in Jan to buy 1,000 electric vehicles

OUR CORRESPONDENT

NEW DELHI: The Delhi government will float a tender in January to procure 1,000 electric vehicles, Delhi Transport Corporation's (DTC) Managing Director Manoj Kumar said on Thursday.

"These vehicles would be procured by the Delhi Integrated Multi-Modal Transit System (DIMTS) and would begin to ply on the Delhi roads by June next year," he said.

He was speaking at a conference "Transforming Urban Mobility in India and Role of Electric Vehicles" under the aegis of the PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI) here.

Kumar pointed out that the cost of electric vehicles is "on a higher side" and requested the manufacturers to lower the prices so that more e-vehicles



could be brought in. "In 2016, the DTC ran a few e-buses on a trial basis, with each costing Rs 2.5 crore, as against a usual CNG bus of Rs 45 lakh. "We request the manufacturers to cut some cost so that more e-vehicles could be plied not only on Delhi roads but also in other states so that air pollution is contained," Kumar said.

Similarly, he said, charging facilities should be widely available so that recharging the e-vehicles does not become a

problem or inconvenience for both operators and users.

The announcement by DTC managing director came just two days after the Delhi government released its draft "Electric Vehicle Policy 2018" with the aim to ensure adoption of 25 per cent e-vehicles among new registrations by 2023. The policy has committed to strengthening the infrastructure for "battery charging and swapping" to provide access within a 3-kilometre range from anywhere in Delhi.

'जनवरी में आएगा डीटीसी की 1000 इलेक्ट्रिक बसों का टेंडर

डीटीसी ने मुंबई में एक प्रदर्शनी आयोजित की है। इसमें 1000 इलेक्ट्रिक बसों की प्रदर्शनी का आयोजन किया गया है।

कॉन्ट्रैक्ट देने के लिए जनवरी 2019 में टेंडर जारी करी और सब कुछ ठीक रहा तो जून से ये बसे दिल्ली की सड़कों पर उतर जाएंगी। हालांकि इलेक्ट्रिक बसों की कीमत को लेकर सरकार सतर्क है और वह मैनुफैक्चरर्स से कॉन्ट्रैक्ट देने के लिए बात कर रही है तबकि और बसे खरीदी जा सकें।

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युवर्स की डिमांड के मुताबिक कम पड़ रही हैं और सरकार अपने वाले तीन साल में कम से कम 3000 नई बसे खरीदने पर काम कर रही है। इन तीनों में जहाँ इलेक्ट्रिक गाड़ी शामिल है, वहीं

अब चीन का एपीडीए इलेक्ट्रिक बसों पर ही फोकस होगा। उन्होंने कहा '1000 इलेक्ट्रिक बसे खरीदने को तैयारी अंतिम चरण में है और अगले वाले जनवरी में इसके लिए टेंडर आ जाएगा। खरीद प्रक्रिया पूरी होने के साथ ही जून 2019 में ये बसे दिल्ली की सड़कों पर चलने लगेंगी। हालांकि इन बसों की कीमत और चार्जिंग इन्फ्रास्ट्रक्चर अब भी सरकार के लिए चुनौती बन रहे हैं। उन्होंने बताया कि 2016 से तिन इलेक्ट्रिक बसे को ट्रायल बेसिस पर चलाने जा रहा है। उनको जति बस कीमत करीब 2.5 करोड़ है।

The Nav Bharat Times, New Delhi, November 30, 2018

The Millennium Post, New Delhi, November 30, 2018



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Roundtable on Review of Master Plan for Delhi 2021



Urban Planning should be futuristic to deal with the challenges of high growth rate and rising population, said Mr. Kamal Nath, Union Minister for Urban Development, at the Round table on Review of Master Plan for Delhi-2021, organized by the PHD Chamber on March 29, 2012 at PHD House, New Delhi.

While inaugurating the round table, Mr. Nath said, "Addressing urbanization effectively is a huge challenge as the pace of migration to urban areas is very high. Delhi's population is 16.7 million. We have to look at ground realities and effectively manage future aspirations of all stakeholders. We need a futuristic plan for the future. A high-level committee will examine Delhi Development Authority's (DDA) proposals for Delhi Master Plan before the Urban Development Ministry takes it up."

Mr. G S Patnaik, Vice Chairman, DDA said that the DDA is working on plans to promote green buildings and green zones and is working on high-density residential areas.

Mr. Sandip Somany, President, PHD



Chamber in his welcome address said, "DDA has done a good job. We should adopt best practices from around the world. Policy action on the urban development front has been reactive rather than proactive. We should frame effective policies to create a good living experience".

Mr. Rajnish Goenka, Chairman, Delhi and NCR Committee, said, that industrial areas should be upgraded and industrial units should be encouraged to shift to NCR.

Mr. Rajeev Talwar, Chairman, Housing and Urban Development Committee, PHD Chamber said that in the next 30 years, urban population is expected to double. Around 50 percent of the urban population lives in slums. The focus is on housing and commercial sectors for which private sector should be encouraged and DDA's role should be confined to being a planning and a regulatory body.

Senior officials from DDA and DSIIDC made a number of technical presentations during the session.



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