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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Friends,

“Resilience & tenacity are central to India’s ethos. In our glorious history, we have faced moments that may have slowed us but they have never crushed our spirit. We have bounced back again & gone on to do spectacular things. This is why our civilization stands tall.”

Prime Minister, Mr. Narendra Modi

As my tenure as President of this prestigious, 116- year old, institution comes to a close, I look back to the period that has just gone by with a deep sense of satisfaction and accomplishment at the tasks fulfilled and the goals achieved. Reminiscing the last year and a half, as the world dealt with the COVID-19 pandemic, one of the hardest times in recent human history, the way India stood up to the challenge and also, to be leading the chamber PHDCCI’s efforts in supporting the cause of economic & social revival will be memories I cherish and hold close to my heart.

The Government’s efforts in handling the coronavirus pandemic extremely well while unlocking business, trade and services in a very gradual and graded manner to return economic balance have been highly appreciable. Under the able leadership of Prime Minister, Mr. Narendra Modi, steps were taken to implement the big picture of an Aatmanirbhar Bharat and structural reforms across various sectors unleashed that promise far-reaching benefits for supporting lives and livelihoods.

With relief, I am glad to note that the overall COVID-19 scenario in India is now under control, with coronavirus infections slowly but steadily waning. India’s economy rebounded at a record rate in the first quarter of the current fiscal year with GDP growing by 20.1 percent versus the same period of last year, when the economy declined by 24.4 percent. This time has given us many examples of human resourcefulness and resilience. The revival of the Indian economy is very aptly summed by Mr. Piyush Goyal, Minister of Commerce & Industry, Consumer Affairs & Food & Public Distribution and Textiles, “Under the decisive leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, we have aimed to transform India in every field. Be it Ease of Doing Business or Ease of Living, Be it Transparency or Transfer of Benefits. Today, a robust foundation laid in last 7 years, inspires us to dream big & write our own destiny”.

India’s lead economic and business benchmarks show that economic activity consolidated in August 2021. Indicators such as E way bills, air traffic, forex reserves and exchange rate registered positive sequential growth in August 2021 versus July 2021. Our stock markets outperformed their emerging market peers with massive inflow of funds in the capital market by all classes of investors with sustained rise in GST collections and direct taxes in the last few months.

On the other hand, railway freight, passenger vehicle sales, unemployment and Manufacturing PMI registered sequential decline in August 2021 as compared to July 2021. Supply side issues such as high input prices, shortages of raw material,



Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal



among others are impacting production and reducing the price cost margins of the businesses. These are matters that demand our attention and I am glad to see the Government's efforts in addressing these.

Having said this, I am glad to say that the second COVID-19 wave did not impact Indian agriculture production in any significant way. Special emphasis on improving lives of our farmers under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi is a highly commendable effort. Poverty alleviation programs and providing food to the poor during COVID-19 catapulted India towards focused and sustainable development. The Agriculture Ministry's recent five MoUs to conduct pilot projects for promotion of digital technology and best practices in the farm sector is a notable initiative as it aims to increase farmers' income. The Swachh Bharat Mission, Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana and Jal Jeevan mission as implemented have been creative and strategic approaches to improving our nation's health. Having said this, I would like to point out here that warehouse and supply-chain infrastructure will be critical to boost value addition and productivity in the agriculture and horticulture sector.

India attracted the highest ever FDI inflow of USD 81.72 billion in FY 2020-21 despite disruption caused by the outbreak of the pandemic. Numerous foreign companies are planning to set up their facilities in India on account of various government initiatives like 'Make in India' and 'Digital India'. According to a report by Deloitte, foreign investors have the potential to invest into seven capital intensive sectors-textiles & apparel, food processing, electronic goods, pharmaceuticals, vehicles & parts, chemicals and API, and capital goods-through the newly announced Production Linked Scheme.

India's merchandise exports during April-August 2021 totaled USD 256.17 billion, an increase of 44 percent over April-August 2020. The government is working towards achieving a target of US\$ 400 billion by the end of the fiscal year in line with PM's clarion call, "Local Goes Global: Make in India for the World." The government has allocated Rs. 56,027 crores under various Export Promotion Schemes which will benefit 45,000 exporters, out of which about 98 percent would be small exporters in the MSME category.

I am also glad to point out that India is fast progressing in discussions on FTAs with several countries like UK, UAE and GCC countries, Australia and the European Union. India and UK aim to launch the negotiations on FTA by November 2021 which will unlock extraordinary business opportunities and generate jobs.

As the pandemic spread across the country, the government made dedicated efforts to reset and reframe its policies and

announced calibrated measures targeted for stressed sectors to bring back the pace of economic recovery. I commend the reforms in the telecom sector which include a four-year break for companies from paying statutory dues, permission to share scarce airwaves, change in the definition of revenue on which levies are paid and 100 percent FDI through the automatic route. These initiatives will help create jobs, foster robust competition, protect the interests of consumers, infuse liquidity, boost investment and reduce the regulatory burden on Telecom Service Providers.

Prime Minister, Mr Modi in his Independence Day speech announced a National Hydrogen Mission, which is of great importance considering India spends Rs. 12 trillion on energy imports every year. In this context, PHDCCI organized an international summit on "Powering India's Hydrogen System" in September 2021. The summit was a great success as it was attended by 25000 people virtually and addressed by many Ministers, internationally renowned experts including many Nobel Laureates.

It is with a deep sense of pride that I say that India is steadily emerging as an important player in regional and international arena. To foster enhanced international linkages, PHDCCI in partnership with Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung organized its 36th edition of Ambassadors' Meet, a flagship event of the Chamber, an annual Reception-cum- Informal Get Together in September 2021, wherein Mr. Faggan Singh Kulaste, Hon'ble Minister of State for Steel and Rural Development graced the occasion with around 110 diplomats including Ambassadors/High Commissioners representing more than 55 countries and Indian senior government officers.

The government's rollout of the COVID-19 vaccination has been excellent and efforts to upgrade the health infrastructure, including in tier 1 and tier 2 cities are extremely commendable. The vaccination drive crossed the landmark figure of 97 crores inoculated citizens, recently, one of the largest feats across the globe. Vaccination and strict adherence to COVID-appropriate behaviour will be critical safeguards against the emergence of a possible third wave. With the help of large-scale vaccination programmes and new norms being exercised, the tourism sector is inching its way back to recovery, which will help kick-start recovery and growth.

The Prime Minister recently announced the nationwide rollout of the National Digital Health Mission (NDHM), a scheme that will enable Indians to create and access digital health records. The mission, under which every Indian will get a unique 14-digit health identification number, has been renamed the Pradhan Mantri Digital Health Mission (PM-DHM). PM-DHM will

act as a "one-stop solution," wherein electronic medical records will be created for each individual, which will allow doctors to track data over time, easily identify which patients are due for preventive screenings or checkups and improve overall quality of care. Several startups are working in this space and shall provide the necessary technology and social infrastructure to support a nationwide adoption.

Whilst we are working in very close co-ordination with the industry and government, we have not forgotten to meet our CSR objectives. PHDCCI and its members restructured themselves to take on the COVID-19, and worked hand-in-hand with the Government in providing relief materials like dry rations, medical equipment, oxygen concentrators, hand sanitizers and masks to millions of underserved and migrant workers. Our industry members in addition to contributing Rs. 528 crores to the PM CARES FUND also contributed generously to donate 12 imported oxygen generation plants to charitable hospitals in various hospitals in Delhi through our Family Welfare Foundation. PHDCCI along with associate partners have signed MoUs and set up ICU Tele Medicine Centres at Burari and Indira Gandhi Hospital. I must express my gratitude to all the doctors and healthcare professionals for the strength displayed in serving humanity during the COVID times.

The Chamber has been standing in complete solidarity with the government and has been organizing webinars and digital conclaves to share its experience on how successfully it has responded to the COVID crisis during both the waves. Industry opines that it was important to leverage the opportunities thrown up by the COVID-19 pandemic and take the country one generation ahead.

With this note, I would like to bid adieu and extend my appreciation to everyone at the Chamber for their harmonious cooperation and encouragement that helped us to focus on the Chamber's goals, especially in this tough year, as we worked as one big family. I would like to express deep gratitude to our valued members for their continuing confidence, counsel and tremendous support. I also welcome the incoming President and wish him the most success to reach greater heights during his term. I finally rest my pen with a famous quote, "Every sunset is an opportunity to reset."

Let us remain inspired and work diligently so that a New India emerges that is counted amongst advanced nations in the next few years.


Sanjay Aggarwal
President, PHDCCI



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36TH EDITION OF AMBASSADORS' MEET

PHD Chamber in partnership with India Office of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS) organized the 36th edition of the Ambassadors' Meet, flagship event of the Chamber on September 24, 2021 at the Hotel Hyatt Regency, New Delhi.

Around 110 diplomats including Ambassadors/High Commissioners/Counsellors representing more than 55 countries like Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Belarus, Bulgaria, Congo, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominic Republic, European Union, Eritrea, Estonia, Fiji, Gabon, Guinea, Guyana, Greece, Hungary, Indonesia, Iran, Italy, Jamaica, Kazakhstan, Kenya, South Korea, Lao P.D.R., Latvia, Libya, Malawi, Malta, Mauritius, Mongolia, Morocco, Namibia, Niger, Norway, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, Romania, Russia, Rwanda, South Africa, Spain, Sudan, Sweden, Thailand, Trinidad & Tobago, Uganda, Uzbekistan, Zambia and Zimbabwe graced the occasion.

More than 100 members of the Chamber along with their spouses, as well as state and central government officials from various ministries made most of this opportunity to interact with the diplomatic community.

Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, President, PHDCCI welcomed all the dignitaries, Ambassadors, High Commissioners,





other diplomats and participants and expressed his gratitude to them for joining the event. He highlighted that the Ambassadors' Meet has become the hallmark of good economic, social and cultural relations with all the Foreign Missions in India.

Mr. Peter Rimmele, Resident Representative to India of Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS) thanked PHDCCI for the opportunity to partner for the event and address the diplomatic gathering.

Mr. Faggan Singh Kulaste, Minister of State for Steel and Rural Development, Government of India was the Chief Guest.

Mr. Arvind Singh (IAS), Secretary, Ministry of Tourism, Government of India was the Guest of Honour and made a presentation on 'Incredible India' and highlighted that India will soon open up for the Global Community with all necessary COVID protocols in place.

The other dignitaries included Former Presidents of PHDCCI, Government officials from Ministry of External Affairs, Ministry of Commerce and Ministry of Tourism.

The session was moderated by Mr Naveen Seth, Assistant Secretary General, PHDCCI.



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INTERNATIONAL CLIMATE SUMMIT 2021



The Environment Committee of PHD Chamber jointly with Invest India and in partnership with NITI Aayog, TERI, NEERI, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change and with the support of several Ministries of Government of India and Innovation Norway as the country partner organized the 'International Climate Summit 2021- Powering India's Hydrogen Ecosystem' on September 3, 2021 at Hotel Taj Palace, New Delhi. The global hybrid summit was organized in a bid to advance towards a cleaner, greener, and more sustainable future. The summit intended to establish sustainable routes for the production, storage, transportation, distribution, and deployment of hydrogen technologies.

A comprehensive Knowledge Portal on Hydrogen was launched by Dr Jitendra Singh, Minister of State (IC) of the Ministry of Science & Technology. Also, a Knowledge Book on 'Self-Reliant India – harness the power of hydrogen' was launched by Mr. Ashwini Kumar Choubey, Minister of State for Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change.

“India’s resolute efforts towards green and clean energy instil new confidence in the world. The National Hydrogen Mission is aimed at making India a global hub for green hydrogen production and exports. It will also serve as an inspiration for clean energy transition all over the world,” was Hon’ble PM Mr. Narendra Modi’s message which was shared at the event.

In his message for wishful deliberations at the summit, the PM stated “Sustainable Development





is a matter of commitment and not compulsion, as we firmly believe that it is our duty to strive for a healthy planet for our future generations.” and that “Energy efficiency and energy security are pivotal to the nation’s resolve of ‘Aatmanirbhar Bharat’. The 21st century India can get energy only from modern thinking and modern steps.”

The inaugural session was graced by the following dignitaries : Ms. Tina Bru, Minister of Petroleum and Energy, Govt. of Norway; Mr. Mukesh Dhirubhai Ambani, Chairman & MD, Reliance Industries Limited; Mr. Cristian Valdes Carter, Director, Innovation Norway India; Dr Jitendra Singh, Hon’ble Minister of State (IC) of the Ministry of Science & Technology; Mr. Ashwini Kumar Choubey, Minister of State for Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change; Mr. Nobuo Tanaka, Special Advisor, The Sasakawa Peace Foundation; Mr. Deepak Bagla, Managing Director & CEO, Invest India; H.E. Mr. Hans Jacob Frydenlund, Royal Norwegian Embassy in India; Mr. Sturle Harald Pedersen, Chairman, Greenstat India, Norway and Mr. Gopal Krishan Agarwal President, Jaladhikar Foundation.

Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, President, PHD Chamber, while delivering the welcome address mentioned that as a precursor to the COP26 Summit to be convened in November 2021 at Glasgow, ICS 2021 is timely and important for the country in building India’s Hydrogen Economy, its policies and a roadmap for the future. He also said that India is among the top renewable energy generators. The RE installed capacity has already seen a 226 per cent increase in the last 5 years. He also said that enabling a regulatory framework will give a boost to the ‘Make in India’ initiative in developing India’s Hydrogen Ecosystem.



Dr J P Gupta, Chair, Environment Committee, PHD Chamber in his theme address stated that India is uniquely placed to produce hydrogen not only for its own needs, but could well become a global export hub. He also said the entire value chain will come together to address a variety of challenges that will be useful in developing India-specific programmes and initiatives.

Dr Jitendra Singh, Minister of State (IC) of the Ministry of Science & Technology, said that India has the potential to become a Global Hub for Green Hydrogen in the near future. He said, Prime Minister, Mr. Narendra Modi has accorded highest priority to clean and green energy and accordingly announced Hydrogen Mission during the 75th Independence Day Speech from the ramparts of the Red Fort. He also said that in the last 7 years, the World has seen how PM Minister, Mr. Modi has championed the cause of Green Technology to fight the challenges of Climate Crisis. He said, even in his Independence Day address, our Hon'ble Prime Minister underlined that Science and Technology will play a lead role in the next 25 years, when India turns 100. He said, that the ultimate aim of all technological innovations is to bring "Ease of Living" for the common man.

Mr. Ashwini Kumar Choubey, Minister of State for Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, said the country is focused on lowering its carbon emissions by reducing its dependency on fossil fuels. He stressed on the urgency to address climate challenges through a consolidated approach and timely interventions, while emphasizing on shifting to cleaner options like green hydrogen as a potential energy source for a more sustainable future.

Ms. Tina Bru, Minister of Petroleum and Energy, Govt. of Norway said that green hydrogen has the potential to realize low to zero emission solutions in the transportation and shipping sectors, thus opening up new opportunities.

Mr. Mukesh Dhirubhai Ambani, Chairman & MD, Reliance Industries Limited reiterated his commitment to invest Rs. 75,000 crore over the next three years in green energy initiatives, including the Dhirubhai Ambani Green Energy Giga Complex in Jamnagar. The 5000 acre Giga complex will be one



of the world's largest green energy facilities with four giga factories to produce solar integrated photovoltaic units, advanced batteries to store energy, electrolysis to produce green hydrogen and a fuel cell plant to convert that hydrogen into green energy.

H.E. Mr. Hans Jacob Frydenlund, Royal Norwegian Embassy in India in his keynote address said that India is among the best suited to produce hydrogen from renewable like solar & wind. He also congratulated the Indian Government on installing 100 gw of renewable energy and extended support to be a partner in meeting India's goal of being a global hub for green hydrogen.

Mr. Cristian Valdes Carter, Director, Innovation Norway India expressed his views that India & Norway share ambitions for the transition to a green economy, to reduce carbon footprints and meet a growing global energy demand. He added that Norwegian hydrogen companies have the technology, capability and mindset to provide India centric solutions.

Mr. Sturle Harald Pedersen, Chairman, Greenstat India, Norway said that International alliances and coalitions are crucial to address the projected deployment of hydrogen technologies by 2040 / 2050. The International Climate Summit 2021 will focus on collaborative efforts to develop solutions for storing and transferring pressurized and liquefied hydrogen in order to enable India to develop a hydrogen economy and supply chain, informed Mr. Pedersen.

Mr. Deepak Bagla, Managing Director & CEO, Invest India, emphasized that growth today can't be any other colour but green and it has to be sustainable, he cautioned that India's population would be

1.5 billion by 2025-26 and being sustainable is crucial. Referring to the Paris climate agreement, he said India is probably the only country which is ahead of the milestones required. He also mentioned that if one wants to attain the position of a market leader the other element in the entire supply chain element in this industry- be it solar, hydrogen are critical. On the issue of financing green energy, he said the cost of green power has become much lower and competitive to many traditional forms of fuel, and that India has the cheapest solar and wind power and hoped to see the same with hydrogen as more scales are achieved.

Mr. Saurabh Sanyal, Secretary General, PHD Chamber in his vote-of-thanks to the dignitaries, stressed that Hydrogen can play a key role in the clean energy transition, with benefits for both the energy system and the end-use applications. Green Hydrogen, the next generation fuel, can decarbonise the hard-to-abate sectors, which currently have the largest carbon footprint in the world,

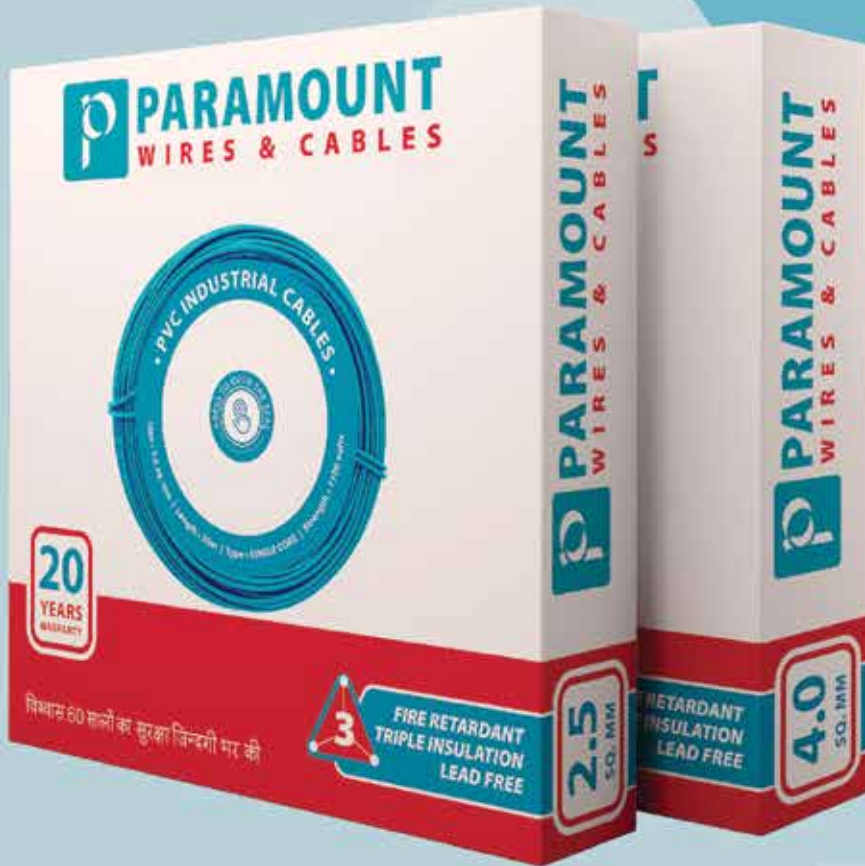
The summit was attended by 25,000 delegates virtually from around the globe and over 250 delegates physically present at Hotel Taj Palace. More than 53 speakers, acclaimed scientists in Hydrogen Energy participated in the event.

Several Knowledge sessions were organized virtually on International Alliances & Coalitions, International and Private Sector Funding and Green Bond Market, Hydrogen Production Technologies, Fuel Cell and Hydrogen in Transportation and Hydrogen Storage, Policy Regulations and Setting up Centres of Excellence in Hydrogen (CoE-H₂), Ecology, Agriculture & Climate Change Mitigation and Role of Hydrogen for a Carbon Neutral Ladakh.





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UGANDA HYBRID ROAD SHOW



The High Commission of Uganda, India in association with PHD Chamber organized the “Uganda Hybrid Road Show” themed as ‘Uganda- India: Raising flags for Mutual Economic Growth’ in Hybrid Mode on August 12- 14, 2021 at ITC Grand Chola Hotel, Chennai.

Day 1 focused on investment opportunities in the Pearl of Africa

Mr. Hans Raj Verma, Chairman & Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Industrial Investment Corporation was the Chief Guest for the inaugural

session of the event.

H.E. Ms. Grace Akello, High Commissioner of Uganda to India while welcoming the delegates, highlighted that there were tremendous opportunities of bilateral trade and economic opportunities that existed between both the nations; she also invited the business and industrial houses from Tamil Nadu to do business with Uganda.

Mr. Verma highlighted on the scope of economic cooperation between both the nations, spoke

about Wildlife conservation and tourism. He mentioned that India and Uganda can work towards the best practices of wildlife conservation and tourism that will help to generate employment. He further mentioned the need to advance agri-technology and dairy development in Uganda that will help to empower farmers in Uganda leading to economic development of the nation.

Mr. Francis Mewbesa, Hon’ble Minister of Industry, Trade and Cooperatives, Government of Uganda, discussed the opportunities for growth and development between the two nations in sectors like investment, trade, tourism, culture, technology, and human development. He discussed the various incentives and ease of doing business practices available in Uganda that will help Indian companies to grow and prosper in Uganda.

Mr. Martin Muhangi, Director, Investment Promotions, Uganda Investment Authority; Mr. C.K. Ndorere, Ministry of Industry, Trade and Cooperative; subject level experts from Uganda; Mr. Vinod Saraogi, Honorary Consul- Designate, Chennai; Mr. Madhusudan Agrawal, Honorary Consul- Mumbai, diplomats from the High Commission of Uganda; more than 50 representatives from business & Industry houses from Chennai along with over 300 delegates from India and Uganda were virtually present for the session.

Day 2 focused on the potential of bilateral economic cooperation in the Tourism sector

Ms. Grace Akello, High Commissioner of Uganda to India while welcoming the delegates for the session highlighted that it was opportune time for the Indian Tourism Industry to invest in Uganda as it possessed various opportunities in Eco, wildlife and film tourism.

Mr. Tom Butime, Hon’ble Minister of Tourism, Wildlife, Antiquities, Government of Uganda highlighted that India and Uganda shared commonalities in terms of culture, diversity and the spirit of enterprise. The relations between the two nations are deep-rooted and shared with a common history that has increased optimistically in past years. Uganda



offers plethora of opportunities for Indian Tourism Industry and we must enhance the partnership in social and economic bridges between the people of both nations.

Mr. Vinod Saraogi, Honorary Consul- Designate, Chennai; Mr. Sunil Tyagi, General Manager, National Small

Industries Corporation Ltd. (NSIC); Mr. Vivian Lyazi, Director, Minister of Tourism, Wildlife, Antiquities, Government of Uganda; Mr. Branford Ochieng, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Uganda Tourism Board; Mr. Francis Peter Ojeda, Executive Director, Uganda National Cultural

Centre; Mr. Sam Mwandha, Executive Director, Uganda Wildlife Authority; diplomats from the High Commission of Uganda; around 50 representatives from leading travel agencies, hoteliers and representatives of International airlines were present on the occasion.

Day 3 focused on the trade potential between the two nations. The session highlighted that trade relations between countries plays a pivotal role in development of economic relations; it is the trading activity between the countries which also joins the people culturally.

Ms. Harriet Ntabazi, Hon'ble Minister of State for Trade, Industry and Cooperatives, Government of Uganda mentioned that it was the opportune time for the business communities from both the nations to work in closer cooperation with each other. She also felt that activities like the one organized by the High Commission of Uganda will go a long way in developing the trade relations between the two nations.

Ms. Suneeta Reddy, Managing Director, Apollo Group of Hospitals highlighted that healthcare should remain a central point for any bilateral engagement between the nations, as human health is an important aspect for development of any country.

Mr. Vinod Saraogi, Honorary Consul- Designate, Chennai; Mr. Emmanuel Mutahunga, Commissioner- External Trade, Ministry Trade, Industry and Cooperatives, Government of Uganda; Mr. Ashok Agrawal, National President, Indian Industries Association; Mr.



Ely Twineyo Kamugisha, Executive Director, Uganda Export Promotion Board; Prof. Aaron Mushengyezi, Vice-Chancellor, Uganda Christian University; Mr. Vijay Mehta, Chair, International Affairs Committee for

MENA, PHDCCI; diplomats from the High Commission of Uganda; around 50 representatives from leading business houses were present for the session and Gala Dinner.

INTERNATIONAL ENERGY AGENCY (IEA) FORECASTS 50 PER CENT RISE IN INDIA'S OIL DEMAND AS AGAINST GLOBAL EXPANSION OF 7 PER CENT.

India's oil consumption is forecast to rise from 4.8 million barrels per day (mbd) in 2019 to 7.2 mbd in 2030 and 9.2 mbd in 2050, as per the IEA's key scenario based on stated policies. Under these stated policies of IEA, the global oil demand will peak in 2030 at 103 mbd and will remain unchanged until 2050. This projection yet again shows the centrality of oil in the Indian economy over the next three decades. Last year BP had forecasted that the country's oil demand will peak in 2025.

India's natural gas demand is projected to double to 133 billion cubic meters in 2030 from 64 BCM in 2019 as against a 12% rise in global gas demand. India is slated remain the third-largest oil consumer in 2030, as it is today, behind the US and China. Indian refining capacity is projected to expand 30% to 6.9 mbd by 2030 while the global capacity is expected to increase just 3%. The refining capacity is expected to contract in North America, Europe, Russia, Japan and Korea but will expand in China, Middle East, and Africa, as per IEA's projections.



HYBRID EDITION OF INDIA – GRULAC BUSINESS SUMMIT & TRADE EXPO



The International Affairs & Trade Fairs Division, PHDCCI with the support of Ministry of Commerce & Industry organized the Hybrid edition of India – GRULAC Business Summit & Trade Expo from September 21 - 22, 2021 at PHD House, New Delhi, in collaboration with Tea Coffee Association .

Day 1 of the summit comprised of Inaugural Session & Plenary Session focusing on Global Trade and Investment Opportunities for Indian Industry in South America.

Mr. Jagmohan Mongia, Chair, International Affairs Committee for Americas, PHDCCI in the introductory remarks said that with India’s current rise of global exports and investment capabilities, there is an urgent need to identify new markets globally to widen the scope of investment as well as trade.

H. E. Mr. Dinesh Bhatia, Ambassador, Embassy of India, Argentina, Uruguay and Paraguay in his remarks mentioned that in the last year India – Argentina trade reached a level of 3.3 billion dollars. In the case of Paraguay, it was 176 million

dollars and with Uruguay it was 268 million dollars. These three countries are mainly the exporters of primary products and one main source for India’s edible oil requirements.

Mr. S. Suresh Kumar, Joint Secretary, Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry shared that India and Latin American regions long standing relationship will be further strengthened in the coming years. Trade between India and Latin American region reached a peak of about 30 billion US dollars.

H.E. Mr. M Subbarayudu, Ambassador of India to Peru and Bolivia mentioned that South America represents a huge opportunity for the Indian industry. The economic and commercial engagement is yet to reach its true potential and above all the aspect of suitability and affordability that our products represent should help Indian industries to expand trade and business ties.

H.E. Mr. David Puig, Ambassador, Embassy of Dominican Republic highlighted that the Dominican Republic has seen substantial solid legal framework and various incentives for businesses.

H.E. Dr Roger Gopaul, High Commissioner, High Commission of Republic of Trinidad and Tobago (T&T) highlighted that located in a twin-island republic situated off South America, T&T is ideally located as an investment site for international business. GURALC are open for business opportunities that were not fully explored in the past, now must be explored and utilized to their utmost potential.

Ms. Ria A. Sital, Chargé d’ Affaires, Embassy of the Republic of Suriname appreciated and acknowledged the initiative of PHDCCI for organizing a meaningful session.

H.E. Mr. Alberto Antonio Guani Amarilla, Ambassador, Embassy of Uruguay highlighted that growth of the country over the last decade is linked to the significant increase in investments and has one of the highest GDP per capita in Latin America. Uruguay has an attractive investment promotion system whereby foreign and local investors are treated equally.

Mr. Jorge Anrango, Charge d’Affaires, Embassy of Ecuador highlighted on numerous opportunities for investing in Ecuador



& economic outlook in Ecuador. He said Ecuador stands out globally as an attractive destination for commercial opportunities and it has become one of the most stable economies in Latin America.

Mr. Lucas de Britos Lima, Head of Trade Section, Embassy of Brazil mentioned that Brazil has proved to be an open and vibrant country with a diverse economy. It is considered one of the world's best investment opportunities with great benefits for foreign investors.

The Session was moderated by Mr. Naveen Seth, ASG, PHDCCI and witnessed the participation of more than 220 Industry stalwarts (virtually & physically) from India and GRULAC Region. The session was followed by B2B meeting between both the nations.

Day 2 of the summit comprised of the Plenary Session focusing on Global Trade and Investment Opportunities for Indian Industry in Caribbean Island & Central America

H.E. Mr. Jason Keats Matthew Hall, High Commissioner, Jamaican High Commission highlighted on friendly business climate and growing economy which has contributed to the success of countless multinationals and medium and small business. He also reflected upon comprehensive knowledge of the focus sectors such as tourism, mining, BPO/ KPO/Digital services, Outsourcing, Agribusiness, Manufacturing or Last stage Customization, Logistics (and

Postponement), Renewable energy, Infrastructure and Health services which will help investors discover their potential. Jamaica is the 6th easiest place to start a business globally according to the World Bank Doing Business Report, 2019.

H.E. Dr. Roger Gopaul, High Commissioner of the Republic of Trinidad & Tobago in his presentation highlighted upon actualizing natural convergences between India and Trinidad & Tobago: Vision for a shared future. He shared that Trinidad and Tobago is a robust economy, welcoming FDI and investor friendly climate policies and efficient financial system.

H.E. Mr. David E. Puig Buchel, Ambassador, Embassy of the Dominican Republic shared that Dominican Republic is the 1st investment destination in the Caribbean Island and a land full of opportunities. It is the best option for logistics distribution centers in the Caribbean region.

H.E. Mr. R Masakui, High Commissioner of India to Jamaica mentioned that India and Jamaica share a friendly business climate and continue to welcome investors from across the globe. The country has extraordinary track record in supporting large-scale investment projects to tap into the wealth of investment and trade opportunities that the country has to offer.

H.E. Mr. Arun Kumar Sahu, High Commissioner of India to Trinidad and

Tobago in his video message said that Investors choose Trinidad and Tobago for new investment or expansion because of ideal location and wide ranging market access.

H.E. Mr. Claudio Ansorena , Ambassador, Embassy of Costa Rica mentioned that Costa Rica's best known asset, sustainable productivity has made it a thriving destination for foreign direct investment.

H.E. Mr. Giovanni Castillo, Ambassador, Embassy of the Republic of Guatemala mentioned that Guatemala is enabling inclusive economic growth and contributing towards the holistic advancement of the country. The plan "Guatemala No Se Detiene" (GNSD) is a strategy to accelerate the development of the economy.

H.E. Ms. Yasiel Alines Burillo Rivera, Ambassador, Embassy of Panama highlighted upon Panama special economic zones. She said Panama is positioned as one of the best connected countries in the world and a digital hub, which makes it the hub for Latin America and the Caribbean.

H.E. Mr. Upender Singh Rawat, Ambassador of India to Panama, Costa Rica and Nicaragua emphasized the importance of the strategic location of Panama, Costa Rica and Nicaragua that join the continents of the Americas and the oceans of Atlantic and Pacific along the precious numerous free trade zones in the region which can speed up the logistic operation of Indian Businesses.



H.E. Mr. Suresh Reddy, Ambassador, Embassy of India, Brazil in his video message highlighted that Brazil has an open and diversified economy that offers a wide array of opportunities across

multiple productive sectors and numerous opportunities for business development.

The session was moderated by Mr. Niraj, Senior Secretary, PHDCCI and witnessed the participation of more

than 210 Industry stalwarts (virtually & physically) from India and GRULAC Region. The session was followed by B2B meeting between both the nations.



AYUSH FOR INDIA: VISION & STRATEGY AHEAD

The AYUSH Committee, PHDCCI in collaboration with the Ministry of AYUSH organized a webinar on “AYUSH for India: Vision & Strategy Ahead on August 12, 2021.

Mr. Deepak Bagla, Managing Director & CEO, Invest India mentioned that AYUSH is having immense power that India needs to unleash. It's at the core of our existence and the world is talking about AYUSH due to the pandemic as they have witnessed its power for long-term immunity and healthcare. He further stated that there has been an increase in exports of AYUSH products and wellness is in huge demand worldwide. There's a need for standardized certifications of AYUSH products, he added.

Padma Bhushan Vd. Devendera Triguna, President of AMAM, All India Ayurvedic Congress and Ayurveda Mahasammelan apprised that the Government and the Department are working in sync with each other to develop and promote AYUSH globally. He suggested that some mechanism

should be formed for smooth coordination with international industry to help them understand the importance of AYUSH systems and at the same time understand what can be improvised for future developments.

Mr. Arvind Varchaswi, Chair, AYUSH Committee, PHD Chamber & Managing Director, Sri Sri Tattva mentioned about Honorable Prime Minister's vision for 'New India' endeavoring to empower youth, women, and the poor is indeed laudable. The 'New India' also needs to be a 'Healthy India' where its traditional systems can play a very significant role. He said, we are witnessing a highly receptive environment where the value of AYUSH systems in healthcare is widely recognized globally.

Dr J.L.N Sastry, Executive Director, Dabur India Limited & Hon'ble General Secretary, Association of Manufacturers of Ayurvedic Medicine (AMAM) highlighted that COVID-19 has made us look at our strengths towards AYUSH systems which have helped to

mitigate this pandemic in the world to a large extent. He mentioned that exports should be concentrated in the northeastern states and on varied geography. He lauded the reforms and initiatives undertaken by the government to streamline the AYUSH practices and services in India that will help this sector to grow in the long-run.

Mr. Harish Pant, Director, Government Relations Herbal Life said that global players are entering into the AYUSH sector as the world has seen its potential. He informed that FSSAI is also coming with a set of regulations for AYUSH products.

Mr. Jitender Sodhi, Chair, AYUSH Committee, PHD Chamber & Managing Director, Sri Sri Tattva while delivering the vote-of-thanks to the delegates mentioned that AYUSH products need to be recognized as medicines, not supplements. There is an utmost need for Indian and international manufacturers to get together at the same platform and integrate AYUSH products for global reach, he added.

The webinar was moderated by Mr. Vivek Seigell, Assistant Secretary General, PHDCCI and supported by Ministry of AYUSH, & AYUSH Herbs Private Limited.





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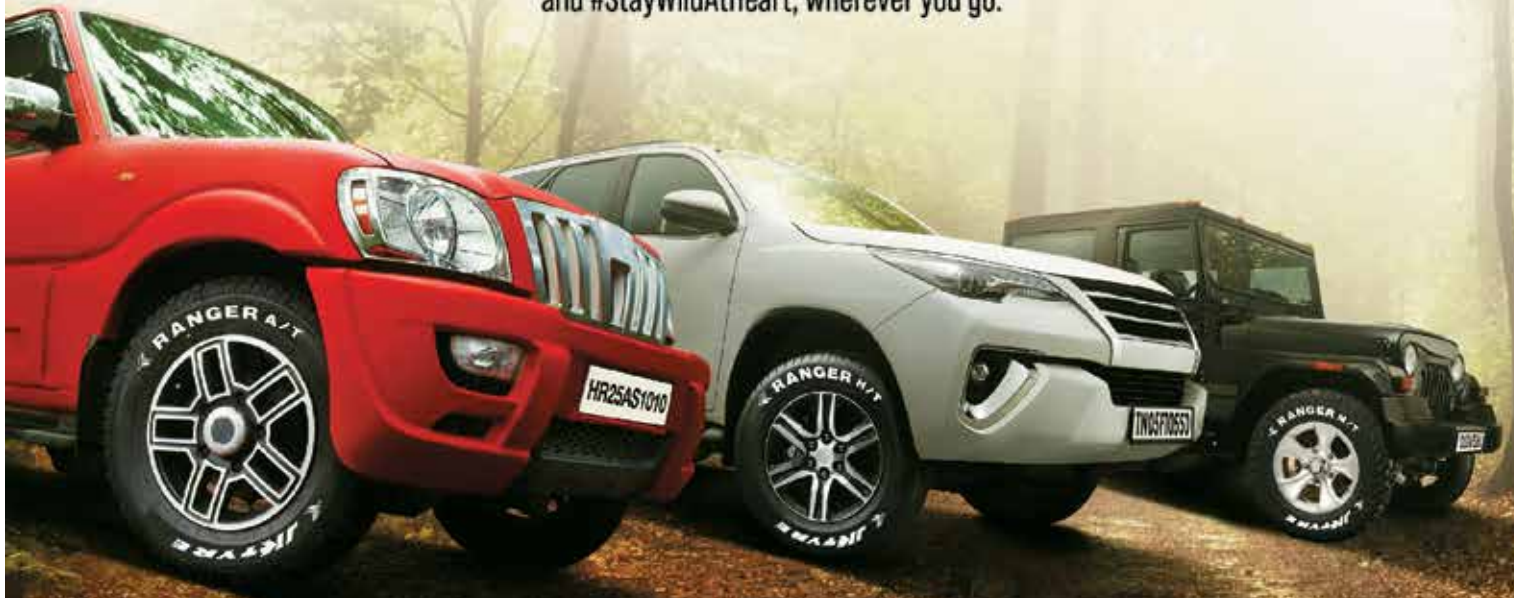


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INDIGENIZATION REQUIREMENTS OF INDIAN AIR FORCE: OPPORTUNITIES FROM MSMEs



Aatma Nirbhar Bharat, ‘Vocal for Local’ and ‘Make in India’ have already been identified by Hon’ble Prime Minister in an overarching policy aim for achieving self-reliance. This means that there has to be an immediate focus on R&D within the country in the defence sector. India is one of the largest equipment bearers in the world. The need of the hour is to progressively reduce dependency of foreign manufactures and develop capabilities ourselves, stated Air Vice-Marshal P S Sarin, VSM, Assistant Chief of the Air Staff (MP), Indian Air Force in a webinar organized by PHD Chamber on ‘Indigenization Requirements of Indian Air Force: Opportunities from MSMEs’ on August 24, 2021.

AVM P S Sarin mentioned that maintenance and sustenance of aircraft and systems offer huge opportunities to the Indian industry in the areas like indigenous development of systems, sub-systems, and

LRUs, indigestion of spars for the maintenance of aircraft systems, tools, testers, and ground support equipment, etc.

He informed that the Defence PSUs and DRDO have a major role towards improving the indigenous content on the projects that are purely Indian and tapping the potential of Indian industry of which MSMEs have a major role to play.

Wg Cdr AS Sachan, Dte of Indigenisation, in his presentation on ‘Leveraging Policies for Creating Opportunities for Indigenization’ discussed the leverage initiatives for MSMEs which included fast track registration; free tender, EMD exempted, timely payment for MSMEs registered; an exemption in LD clause and other incubator and accelerator setup assistance.

Wg Cdr A Pandit, 1CIMD, in his technical presentation on ‘Growing Opportunities for Partnering with IAF

for Aircraft Spares and Equipment’ gave an in-depth insight about the aerospace indigenization categories at the broad system level. He discussed the opportunities for industry partners in sectors like tool testers and ground support equipment; aircraft tires and tubes; aircraft antennae; fuel oil and lubricant; aircraft batteries and filters.

Wg Cdr MS Priyani, 12 BRD, in his presentation on ‘Energising R&D with Industry, Academia and IAF for Sourcing Avionics/Electronics Spares’ discussed the concerns of MSMEs/ Academia which included contract based on cost only; imposition of LD for the developer if product supply is delayed but no time limit for the functional test by the user and airworthiness certification.

Col. Ajit Singh, Senior Manager, Micron Instruments Pvt. Ltd. shared the industry perspective, challenges and opportunities in the indigenization of the Defence sector.

Mr. Pradeep Multani, Senior Vice President, PHDCCI deliberated about the need for Indigenization in the defense sector which will serve the dual purpose of achieving self-reliance and reducing the burden of imports. The capability and viability of the defense and aerospace industry are built on the strength of supply chains, in which the MSMEs are intricately intertwined.

Mr. Multani mentioned that there is a need to promote investment in the Defence sector, both in R&D and production, thereby resulting in higher self-reliance and indigenization. While putting in place the policy framework

and procedural mechanisms, the thrust would be on indigenous production and exploring possibilities of exports to other nations that may look forward to supplies from India.

Mr. M K Gupta, Chair, Defence & HLS Committee, PHDCCI, while talking about the capabilities of Indigenization in the defense sector emphasized that there is a need to understand the huge opportunities available in the Indian industry.

Mr. Vikram Sahgal, Co-chair, Defence & HLS Committee, PHDCCI delivered the vote-of- thanks to all the delegates. The session was moderated by Mr. Vivek Seigell,

Assistant Secretary-General, PHDCCI. The webinar was supported by Star Wire India Ltd. and Micron Instruments Pvt. Ltd., Association Partner SIATI and Media Partner India Strategic. It was also supported by Annual Sponsors such as DLF India; Multani Pharmaceuticals; UFLEX; JK Tyre & Industries; Marble City; Paramount Cables; SMC Investments and Advisors; Blossom Kochhar Aroma Magic; Comtech Interio; DCM Shriram Industries; Radico Khaitan; R.E. Rogers India; Ajit Industries; Synergy Environics; Continental Carriers PVT LTD; Timberworkz; Jindal Stainless; Modern Automobiles; P S Bedi & Co; IFFCO and Hindware.



REDUCING COST OF ENERGY THROUGH ROOFTOP AND OPEN ACCESS SOLAR FOR C AND I SEGMENT

The Power, RE and AE Committee of PHDCCI organized a webinar on ‘Reducing Cost of Energy through Rooftop and Open Access Solar for C and I Segment’ on August 11, 2021.

Chief Guest, Mr. Azimul Haque, IAS, Special Secretary - Power, Govt. of NCT of Delhi, informed about various initiatives of the Government for promoting solar power generation in Delhi and invited suggestions from the Chamber for further increasing the RE power generation. Mr. Abhishek Ranjan, VP & Head RE, BSES, spoke

about the low cost of Solar Power for C&I segment and unique offerings like virtual and group networking for solar power generation by BSES.

Mr. Pradeep Multani, Senior Vice President, PHDCCI, in his presidential address talked about the potential of solar power in India and its benefits and appealed to industry representatives to go for solar power generation. Mr. Sanjeev Gupta, Chairman, Power, RE and AE Committee briefed about India’s international commitments for RE generation and emission control which can only be achieved if C&I

segment converts to using RE.

Other speakers included Mr. S Sampath, CEO, Oakridge Energy; Mr. M Narasimhan, MD, Playsolar and Mr. Jay Waghela, Fourth Partner Energy.

Mr. Salil Gupta & Mr. Vardaan Aggarwal, Co-chairmen, Power, RE and AE Committee, delivered the vote-of-thanks at the inaugural & technical sessions respectively. Dr Yogesh Srivastav, moderated the webinar which was attended by delegates from C & I segment.



CYBERSECURITY: TOWARDS A SAFE DIGITAL WORLD IN COVID



The Telecom Committee of PHDCCI organized an interactive webinar on 'Cybersecurity: Towards a Safe Digital World in COVID' on August 10, 2021.

Mr. Sandeep Aggarwal, Mentor-Telecom Committee, PHDCCI in his welcome remarks discussed the importance of cybersecurity in the post COVID era and the need for strong cybersecurity laws. He spoke about how the pandemic has outlined the need for greater cooperation and collaboration across both public and private domains, as we all tackle the challenges of COVID-19, including ruthless entrepreneurial cyber criminals who exploit the situation for gain.

Mr. Rajiv Gupta, Chairman-Telecom Committee, PHDCCI in his theme address, while sharing some of the examples of the cyber-attacks that have happened since the pandemic in India, mentioned that businesses need to re-plan their processes and strategies to adapt to the new normal post the pandemic. He emphasized on the need for strong testing and verification system which will help mitigate cyber-attacks and also at the same time equip the workforce with new crisis management skill sets so that they can work in the new

digital environment and under intense pressure.

Mr. Neeraj Sinha, Senior Adviser (Science & Technology), NITI Aayog mentioned that our cyber-security network has to be more agile and resilient to meet the demands of the future. He also said that we must ensure to build a strong, resilient, effective and a secure digital network so that it helps leverage our digital infrastructure. Mr. Sinha also threw light on our over-dependence on imported hardware & network devices. He also spoke on how economies around the globe are trying to improve digital infrastructure and we need to ensure large scale research on creating hardware so that the services are indigenous. He also emphasized on our need to work on a consolidated response to cyber attacks by developing devices like automating machines and malware deduction drones.

Mr. Atul Nigam, Chief Information Officer, Micromax Infomatics Limited in his presentation deliberated about the changes witnessed in the telecom sector in the first and second lockdown of the pandemic. He mentioned that the connotations of safety of people and assets require data privacy and security to be a top

priority. Some of the challenges that we are facing is that digitization has been fast forwarded so safeguarding the organization's data; multi-fold growth in cyber-attacks like phishing attacks or ransom-ware attacks and protecting consumer privacy and ensuring data compliance need to be looked into said Mr. Nigam. We need to work on security on cloud and perimeter firewall moved down to endpoint level, before we face another lockdown.

Ms. Vertika Misra, Associate Director General (Technology), Cellular Operators Association of India while deliberating upon the impact of the pandemic on business and the increase of digital transformation, discussed the increase of cyber threats due to this rapid technological development. She also emphasized that the need of the hour are stringent security and threat management systems to be in place in the business environment. She mentioned that our society has to continuously evolve and invest in security and work on protecting our data and networks.

Mr. Alok Mukherjee, Co-chair, Telecom Committee, PHDCCI delivered the concluding remarks, and the vote-of-thanks to the panelists. The webinar was moderated by Dr Yogesh Srivastav, Assistant Secretary General, PHDCCI and supported by Paramount Communications Ltd. It was attended by many senior members of PHD, Embassy officials and stalwarts from the telecom industry.

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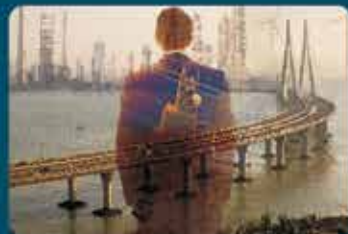
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8TH PHD GLOBAL RAIL CONVENTION - 2021

FUTURE RAILWAY INFRASTRUCTURE GROWTH BLUEPRINT



PHD Chamber's Railway Committee organized its 8th Edition of the 'PHD GLOBAL RAIL CONVENTION-2021' –themed "Future Railway Infrastructure Growth Blueprint" on August 31, 2021 virtually.

The Convention was inaugurated by Mr. Raosaheb Patil Danve, Hon'ble Minister of State - Railway, Coal & Mines and was also graced by Mr. R.N Singh, Secretary & Principal Executive Director, Infrastructure, Railway Board, Ministry of Railways.

The Leadership fireside chat graced by Mr. S.K Lohia, MD, Indian Railway Stations Development Corporation – IRSDC; Mr. V. G. Suresh Kumar, Chairman & Managing Director (Addl. Charge) & Director Projects, RITES Ltd. & Mr. Ved Prakash Dudedja, Vice Chairman, Rail Land Development Authority-RLDA, shared their organizations' projects & perspectives.

Chief Guest, Mr. Raosaheb Patil Danve, Minister of State-Railway, Coal & Mines shared the current mega initiatives being focused upon by

Indian Railways to increase its revenue and provide a thrust to its future growth plan. The Minister shared that High-Speed Railway System & Dedicated Freight Corridors are the key focus projects, which are being given major importance for the future growth and development of Indian Railways.

While sharing his pleasure to be a part of the Convention, he also acknowledged the immense contribution of Indian Railways during the Pandemic lockdown to ensure constant transportation of essential goods, food grains & oxygen across India. Prioritizing of the Dedicated Freight Corridors (DFCs) projects – both Eastern & Western sectors is the current focus, which will lead to faster transportation of goods and reduce logistic costs, while improving faster supply chain efficiency, emphasized the Minister.

The Minister shared that adoption of modern technologies, like Interlocking & TCAS systems are also being given major importance

and opined that expansion & modernization of the Indian Rail Infrastructure will be instrumental to achieve the envisaged future growth of Indian Railways. Mr. Raosaheb Patil Danve also shared that under the dynamic leadership of our Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, a policy to monetize specific railway assets is also in the pipeline. Railway stations & Railway stadiums redevelopment, DFCCIL & passenger train operations are some sectors being included in this policy, he added.

The Minister shared that these initiatives would increase the revenue of railways & DFCC would further bring down the logistic costs for the rail freight industry, boost the freight traffic, develop infrastructure, and open private investments & would further enhance the "Aatmanirbhar Bharat-Make In India" initiatives of the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India.

Mr. R.N Singh, Secretary & Principal Executive Director, Infrastructure, Railway Board, Ministry of Railways, shared the National Rail Plan of Indian

Railways, with a primary objective of increasing capacity ahead of demand and increase the rail freight share.

Mr. Singh shared specific details of the rail infrastructure projects that focused on rail network & capacity enhancement & modernization & digitalization of core assets like tracks, signalling, electrification, railway stations, rolling stock & locomotives & other technological upgrades like the Train Collision Avoidance System and much more.

Indian Railways has formulated very ambitious investment policies like the National Infrastructure pipeline, assets monetization policies, which are game changers, explained Mr. Singh. He also shared that policy of 100% FDI being allowed in rail infra will attract investment and latest technologies. Mr. Singh shared that Indian Railways is looking for Private partnerships & is in the process of revamping its PPP models & invited PHD Chamber to collaborate in its growth initiatives.

Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, President,

PHDCCI while sharing the contribution of PHD Chamber during the pandemic, opined that completion of mega rail infrastructure projects like the Dedicated Freight Corridors, Indian Railway Station re-development, National High Speed Rail project, Modernization, Electrification & Digitalization projects & other Passenger Amenities up-gradation projects with opportunities for private investment are of par importance in these challenging times. He also shared that the recently announced “Gati Shakti” project will be a game changer and the industry looks forward to being a part of the Rail Growth story.

CMA Biswarup Basu, President, ICAI shared the main pointers from the Knowledge Report prepared by ICAI & PHD jointly.

Mr. S.K Lohia, MD, Indian Railway Stations Development Corporation – IRSDC; Mr. V. G. Suresh Kumar, Chairman & Managing Director (Addl. Charge) & Director Projects, RITES Ltd. & Mr. Ved Prakash Dudedja, Vice

Chairman, Rail Land Development Authority-RLDA shared their projects & perspectives and opined that a collaborative approach with private investment will be a major driving force in the development of Indian Railways.

Special presentations by Mr. Nanduri Srinivas, Director OP & BD, DFCCIL on ‘Business Opportunities in DFCCIL’ and Mr. Anshul Gupta, General Manager, North East Frontier Railway on NFR projects were also shared.

Dr S.K. Chaudhary, Chair, PHD Railways Committee, shared the industry perspective to set the theme for further discussions for the convention. The session was moderated by Dr Jatinder Singh, Director, PHDCCI.

PHDCCI’s Rail Convention was supported by Jindal Steel & Power Ltd, Railtel Corporation Ltd., Funkwerk, Germany, Texmaco Rail & Engineering Ltd. & Laraon Engineers.



PM LAUNCHES INDIAN SPACE ASSOCIATION

Prime Minister, Mr. Narendra Modi launched the Indian Space Association (ISpA) on October 11, 2021 via video conferencing. Prime Minister said that the government’s approach to space reforms is based on 4 pillars. First, the freedom of innovation to the private sector. Second, the role of the government as an enabler. Third, preparing youth for the future. And fourth, to see the space sector as a resource for the progress of the common man. He remarked that for India, the space sector means better mapping, imaging and connectivity facilities for the common people. Also, the space sector means better speed from shipment to delivery for entrepreneurs, this also means better security and income for fishermen and better forecast of the natural calamity

The Prime Minister said that, during the last seven years, space technology has been converted into a tool of last-mile delivery and leakage-free, transparent governance. He gave examples of the use of geotagging in housing units for the poor, roads and infrastructure projects. Development projects are being monitored by satellite imaging. The space technology is being used in settlement of Fasal Bima Yojna claims, NAVIC system is helping fishermen, disaster management planning is also being carried out through this technology. In the 21st century, India will have to ensure that space plays an important role in uniting and connecting the world.

75TH AZADI KA AMRIT MAHOTSAV: GATA RAHE MERA DIL : 'PHD UTKRISHTATAA SAMMAAN' TO BOLLYWOOD ARTISTS & JOURNALISTS



PHD Chamber of Commerce & Industry organized Gata Rahe Mera Dil- a Musical Evening 'with the theme 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav' commemorating the 75th year of India's independence and 'PHD Utkrishtataa Sammaan' on September 17, 2021 at PHD House, New Delhi.

The occasion was graced by Mr. Mukesh Suryan, Mayor- South Delhi Municipal Corporation; Ms. Rakhee Gupta Bhandari, IAS, Resident Commissioner, Punjab & Mr. Rahul Bhandari, IAS, Secretary- Water Resources & Mission Director, Directorate of Ground Water Management (Department of Water Resources). The video message of Hon'ble Minister Mr. Piyush Goyal was also shared during the programme, where he appreciated PHDCCI for organizing the Event as he was unable to attend the programme due to last minute meetings outside Delhi.

Singers- Mr. Sudesh Bhosle, Ms Sunali & Mr. Roop Kumar Rathod, Mr. Papon , Ms. Shibani Kashyap and Mr. Danish Khan were felicitated with 'PHD Utkrishtataa Sammaan'.





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‘PHD Utkrishtataa Sammaan’ was also conferred to noted and worthy names from the field of media like Ms. Veenu Sandhu (Business Standard), Ms. Sonal Kalra (HT); Mr. Manash Bhuyan (PTI) and Ms. Poonam Pandey (Navbharat Times).



Officials present from PHD Chamber included Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, President; Mr Pradeep Multani, Senior Vice President; Mr. Saket Dalmia, Vice President and Former Presidents - Dr. D.K Aggarwal; Mr. Gopal Jiwarajka; Mr. Sharad Jaipuria & Dr. Mahesh Gupta.

On this occasion, Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal President and Mr. Mukesh

Gupta, Chair, Entertainment, Media, Art and Culture Committee said that PHD Chamber encourages industry and trade as well as art, culture and music and organizes a grand event every year.

It was telecast live on Youtube, Facebook & Sadhna TV and was viewed by lakhs of music lovers across the country.





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I am glad that the PHD Chamber is honouring the best talents from the media and the entertainment industry with Utkrishtata Samman. I congratulate all the artists and journalists who are being honoured today and hope that they'll continue to do such exemplary work in future too.

The Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav is our tribute to our freedom fighters and the freedom movement. Role of poets, writers,



Shri Piyush Goyal, Union Minister for Commerce & Industry, Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution and Textiles, Government of India

journalists, cultural artists is truly indispensable in making this movement a success.

Media and Entertainment is a sunrise sector for the Economy and is making significant strides and progress. PHD could also stand for Progress, Harmony and Development and that's what resonates with the new India under the able leadership of Prime Minister Sh. Narendra Modi. I am aware of the Chamber's long

history and the accumulated insights you have gathered over the last 116 years working for socio-economic development and capacity building, promotion of industry, trade, entrepreneurship all of these things truly distinguish the PHD Chamber. I am sure your chamber will continue to provide your expertise for the growth and development of businesses in the future.



PHD Chamber of Commerce & Industry organized Gata Rahe Mera Dil - a Musical Evening with the theme 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' commemorating the 75th year of India's independence and PHD उत्कृष्टता सम्मान at PHD House, New Delhi.

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Aggarwal, Gopal Jiwrajika; Sharad Jaipuria and Dr. Mahesh Gupta, Mukesh Gupta, Chairman - Entertainment, Media, Art and Culture Committee; Nandita Jain, Co-Chairperson, Arshad Shawi, Co-Chairman, Rakesh Gupta, Chairman, Parliamentary Forum; Saurabh Saoyal, Secretary General and Dr. Yogesh Srivastav, Assistant Secretary General.



The event was organized following all the covid protocols and social distancing norms.

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UNBOXING MANAGEMENT SECRETS WITH MUMBAI DABBAWALAS



The Young Business Leaders Forum of PHDCCI organized a webinar on “Unboxing Management Secrets with Mumbai Dabbawalas” with Mr. Vilas Shinde, Public Relations Manager, Mumbai Dabbawalas, on August 7, 2021.

Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, President, PHDCCI in his presidential remarks admired the Mumbai dabbawalas for their service which is known for its reliability and it’s a classic example of time management. He also applauded the fact of how the ‘un-organized’, decentralized workforce performs so beautifully in an environment that can charitably be described as unpredictable and challenging.

Mr. Pradeep Multani, Senior Vice President, PHDCCI praised Mumbai Dabbawalas for their selfless dedication and passion towards their work during COVID-19 without forming any union within the organization.

Mr. Saket Dalmia, Vice President, PHDCCI said that the serving attitude of Mumbai Dabbawalas, amid the competition of online food delivery applications and without any technological developments or marketing has made it survive for so long.

Ms. Aditi Pasari, Chair, YBLF in her welcome remarks narrated how the business of delivering tiffin boxes in Mumbai started in 1890, when the Parsi and British communities living in Mumbai were in the need of convenient tiffin delivery service. Mahadeo Bhavaji Bachche was the first dabbawala to start tiffin delivery service to a British man on request. This event increased the demand from all quarters. She mentioned that over 200,000 Mumbai office goers today get home-cooked food on time in their office through Mumbai Dabbawalas.

Mr. Vilas Shinde, Public Relations Manager, Mumbai Dabbawalas apprised about the history of Mumbai Dabbawalas which started in the year 1890 and now with 5,000 delivery men transports 200,000 lunch boxes daily. He said just two thoughts; “work is worship” and “customer is God” is driving the 125 year old institution. He said this is the culture and attitude with which 5000 dabbawalas work.

Mr. Shinde also added that since the inception there has never been any complaint or FIR against any dabbawala. He also mentioned that no dabbawala while on duty is allowed to drink alcohol and must wear a

white cap and if flouted the entire organization pays a fine.

He mentioned that their core service is Dabba delivery i.e. delivering home cooked food from your house to your work place but winning trust of the customer is utmost priority and all dabbawalas are trained in that manner. He also explained that it’s not as simple as it sounds, we battle with time and weather, but our day ends with an emotional satisfaction and happiness when we see the joy of the customer on receiving that dabba which is beyond financial remunerations. He also explained the coding system which initially was simple colour coding but now since Mumbai is widely spread metro with 3 local train routes, the coding has also evolved into alpha numeric characters.

Ms Ritika Aggarwal, Co-chair, YBLF delivered the vote-of- thanks to Mr. Vilas Shinde. She also thanked YBLF Annual sponsors Artify, Bry Air (Asia) Pvt Ltd., Gulshan Polyols Ltd. Instinct Infra and Power Ltd. and Multani Pharmaceuticals Ltd. for supporting the annual activities of YBLF. The program was moderated by Mr. Vivek Seigell, Assistant Secretary General, PHDCCI.



(L-R): Mr. Saket Dalmia, Vice President, PHDCCI; Mr. Bimal Jain, Chairman, Indirect Taxes Committee, PHDCCI; Mr. Abhishek Rastogi, Partner, Khaitan & Co.; Mr. Tushar Aggarwal, Partner, TATTVAM Advisors

(L-R): Mr. Deepak Suneja, Partner, NITYA Tax Associates; Ms. Krati Singh, Joint Partner, Lakshmikumaran & Sridharan and Dr S P Sharma, Chief Economist | DSG, PHDCCI

HOW TO PREPARE AND FACE AUDIT & ASSESSMENT BY GST DEPARTMENT

With an aim to discuss numerous issues arising out of Provisional Assessment, Critical Issues with legal Jurisprudence in provisional assessment, Implications of Audit by GST authority, Best Judgment Assessment by Tax Authority, Scrutiny of GST Return and to provide handholding to the taxpayers, the Indirect Taxes Committee of PHD Chamber organized a webinar on “How to Prepare and Face Audit & Assessment by GST Department” on August 25, 2021.

Mr. Saket Dalmia, Vice President, PHD Chamber stated that the key imperative of self-assessment is to put in place an effective system of scrutiny of returns, which forms a strong foundation for selection of cases for audit and subsequent enforcement activities. Audit by tax authorities is one of the important instruments for verification of correctness of returns furnished and to promote self-tax compliance by the registered person.

Mr. Bimal Jain, Chairman, Indirect Taxes Committee, PHD Chamber in his theme presentation stated that GST though Self-assessment include Provisional Assessment, Scrutiny of Returns, Assessment

of non-filers of GST returns, Best Judgment Assessment, Assessment of Unregistered Persons and Summary Assessment. Along with, there are provisions for GST Audit by the Department and Special Audit provisions by CA/ CMA, as nominated by the GST Commissioner. It is important for the trade to be tax compliant to face these Audit & Assessment by the GST Department but, also highlighted divergent litigative issues in various Audit & Assessment provisions.

Mr. Abhishek Rastogi, Partner, Khaitan & Co. felt that a self-assessment based on an assumption or on error of omission or commission is not a self-assessment. He said that Section 60 of CGST Act comes into effect if taxable person is unable to determine the value of goods or services or both or determine the rate of tax. The payment of tax on provisional basis may be allowed, if the taxable person executes a bond in such form as may be prescribed, and with such surety or security as the proper officer may deem fit, binding the taxable person for payment of the difference between the amount of tax as may be finally assessed and the

amount of tax provisionally assessed.

Mr. Tushar Aggarwal, Partner, TATTVAM Advisors said that Section 61 of CGST Act deals with the powers vested in the proper officer to scrutinize the returns filed by registered persons with a view to verifying the correctness of the return. A proper officer may scrutinize the GSTR 1/3B, if any discrepancies are noticed, he may issue a notice to the registered person under rule 99 in ASMT-10 informing him such discrepancies and seeking explanation thereto within such time, not exceeding 30 days from the date of service of notice or such further period as may be permitted.

Mr. Deepak Suneja, Partner, NITYA Tax Associates said that the audit by department can be initiated by giving 15 days prior intimation in Form GST ADT-01 to the registered person. The period of audit can be a financial year or part or multiples thereof. The audit is required to be completed within a period of 3 months from the date of commencement of the audit, which may be extended by the Commissioner for further period of 6 months.

Ms. Krati Singh, Joint Partner, Lakshmikumaran & Sridharan said that Non-compliance notice issued under



Section 46 paves the way for initiating the proceedings under section 62 of the CGST Act. A notice under section 46 is inescapable and compulsory for any action under section 62. If the assessee fails to furnish the return

within 15 days of issue of notice under section 46 then the Proper Officer may assess the tax liability in accordance with the provisions of Rule 100 and issue an assessment order. However, best judgment assessment should be

made on the basis of material available or material gathered by proper officer.

The webinar concluded with an extensive discussion with the participation of more than 500 delegates.



TAX ISSUES IN CIRP AND LIQUIDATION UNDER IBC

The Insolvency & Bankruptcy Committee, PHDCCI in association with UKCA and Partners, Madaan Law Offices and Missing Bridge, organized a webinar on 'Tax Issues in CIRP and Liquidation under IBC' on August 25, 2021. Mr. Sanjeev Ahuja, Chair, IBC Committee, PHDCCI delivered the welcome address.

Mr. V Lakshminarayan, Founder & Managing Partner, Lakshminarayan & Sridharan Attorneys delivered the Keynote Address. Mr. Lakshminarayan spoke about treatment of GST on sale of assets under liquidation, offences under GST Act, personal

criminal /civil liability of RP in case of non-compliance with the statutory provisions, practical challenges faced by RP during insolvency process, registration, input tax credit (ITC) and the way forward.

Mr. G P Madaan and Mr. Satwinder Singh, Co-chairs, IBC Committee, PHDCCI moderated the Q & A Session raising various crucial issues related to Direct Taxes under IBC. Other distinguished speakers in the session were Mr. Rohit Jain, Partner Vaish Associates, Advocates and Mr. Sameer Gogia, Director (Tax), Deloitte India. The session covered many pertinent points such as tax proceedings in

moratorium, provisions under IT Act with regard to carry forward of losses, fate of pending litigations/proceedings under CIRP and Liquidation, growing concerns in liquidation, tax liabilities/proceedings against the CD in relation to period prior to approval of the Resolution Plan.

Dr U K Chaudhary, Senior Advocate in his Valedictory Address covered various relevant issues, such as Haircut, Clean Slate and covered the subject of taxation from the code and direct and indirect tax laws in India from a legal perspective. He also gave his views on the previous and required amendments to be made for the benefit of all stakeholders.

Mr. Kuber Dewan, Co-chair, IBC Committee, PHDCCI delivered the vote-of-thanks to the guests. The session was moderated by Dr Jatinder Singh, Director, PHDCCI.



BORDER TOURISM IN NAGALAND KIPHIRE DISTRICT HAS THE POTENTIAL TO BECOME THE CENTRE FOR INTERNATIONAL TRADE & TOURISM

Intending to explore the tourism potential in the border districts of India and to create awareness about the lesser-known destinations across the country, PHD Chamber launched its Border Tourism Webinar Series. The 6th webinar in the series held on August 27, 2021 focused on the Kiphire district for the promotion of Border Tourism in Nagaland. The webinar was supported by the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India and Nagaland Tourism.

Mr. Vinod Zutshi (Retd. IAS), Former Secretary – Ministry of Tourism mentioned that the scope of Border Tourism is immense if promoted and marketed well as it gives an opportunity to see the neighbouring countries from our own motherland.

Talking about the potential of Border Tourism in Nagaland, Mr. Zutshi said that Nagaland is the land for inhabitant diversity of tribes with its unique culture and heritage. There are lots of villages in the border areas of Nagaland and especially Kiphire district which gives an overview of

the Indo-Myanmar border. He further suggested that the state tourism department can look at promoting Tribal Tourism as majority of travelers arrive during the Hornbill Festival.

He further said that the tourism board along with the district administrator need to work towards enhancement of road and air connectivity, up-gradation of tourist infrastructure and ease of access in terms of permissions. He also emphasized that there is a need to bust the misconception that Nagaland is an unsafe destination to travel to with lots of digital and social media campaigns.

While talking about the geographical strengths of Nagaland, Mr. T. Yanpvuthung Kikon (NCS), Joint Secretary – Tourism, Government of Nagaland, mentioned that festivals, nature, adventure and culture are the main aspects of tourism promotion in the state. He apprised that the state is providing incentives for tribal festivals and capitalizing on festivals to boost tourism. The district has abundant

varieties of natural attractions and it can be a potential hotspot for adventure, eco, cultural and rural tourism.

He also informed that the Tourism Department is developing trekking paths and adventure sports around Mount Saramati, which is the highest peak in Nagaland in Kiphire district. Considering the strategic location of the district, Kiphire has the potential to become the centre for international trade and tourism.

Mr. Nehjamang Simte, Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region, Government of India, highlighted that their Ministry has a North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme (NESIDS) sanctioned by the Government of India to focus on projects relating to infrastructure creation concerning water supply, power and connectivity and thereby enhancing tourism. He informed that as on date, in total 9 projects are on-going in the tourism sector in Nagaland.

Mr. Rama Kamaraju, Senior Consultant, NITI Aayog, informed that Kiphire district has performed extremely well over the last two years which has shown transformation in all parameters of the Aspirational Districts Programme (ADP). He emphasized that the potential of tourism is high in Nagaland especially for domestic and inbound tourists. He mentioned that NITI Aayog is confident that Kiphire district will be one of the most visited tourist destinations in the near future.

While giving an overview on the tourist attractions of Kiphire district, Ms. Ane Khieya (NCS), Extra Assistant Commissioner – Kiphire District, Government of Nagaland, shared that the district has immense potential for Border Tourism. However, major challenges exist in terms of road infrastructure, supporting services such as private hotels, economic backwardness, lack of tourism education amongst the locals and underdevelopment of cross-border trade. Capitalizing on the enormous Border Tourism potential in Kiphire, through the concerted and collaborative effort of all stakeholders i.e. the government, private industry and local communities will go a long way in contributing to the development of the border villages

and the district as a whole.

Mr. Nirmalya Choudhury, Chairman – North East States Chapter, Indian Association of Tour Operators, talked about the need for good road connectivity, accommodation and internet connectivity which will promote tourism in the state. He suggested that training of local youth should be facilitated as it will help them in becoming tourist guides thereby generating employment opportunities.

Mr. A David Solo, President, Nagaland Tourism Association, emphasized the need for promoting Village Tourism in the state as real Nagaland lies in the villages.

Highlighting the challenges of the hospitality sector in Nagaland, Mr. Seyiekhrielie Natso, Secretary, Nagaland Hotel and Restaurant Association, mentioned that hotels and restaurants are main stakeholders of tourism but economically it is not viable to have hotels in remote areas. Tourism in Nagaland is at a nascent stage and there is a need to develop road connectivity and homestays to facilitate tourism.

In his welcome address, Mr. Pradeep Multani, Senior Vice President, PHDCCI, mentioned that improving socio-economic status of

border districts, especially aspirational district is one of the main priorities of the Government of India. These districts, often rich in recreational, cultural and natural resources provide great potential for the development of Border Tourism.

Talking about the Focus State – Nagaland, he said that the state has been extremely successful in promoting the Hornbill Festival, which attracts Indian and foreign tourists alike.

Mr. Rajan Sehgal, Co-chairman – Tourism Committee, PHDCCI, said that over the years, Nagaland has been through a lot of ups and downs; but this has been a blessing in disguise for it has preserved the beauty, natural wealth and the overall sanity of the place. Today, as India's North-East is making rapid economic progress and carving out a corridor into South-East Asia, Nagaland is standing on the threshold of an economic boom.

The webinar was moderated by Dr Jatinder Singh, Director, PHDCCI and received participation from senior government officials, tour operators, hoteliers, tour guides, airline professionals, travel and hospitality associations and students from the tourism and hospitality institutes.



WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY

Dr Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare chaired an event to observe the World Mental Health Day on October 10, 2021 at the National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences (NIMHANS) Bengaluru. In his address, Dr. Mandaviya cautioned that Mental Health is a silent killer in the country like Diabetes: “While Diabetes becomes fatal because it often goes undetected, people with Mental Health do not come forward because of stigma.” He noted that change in our lifestyle and family structure as a prime culprit for the recent rise in mental health cases. He said, “Hospital is the final step. Family can spot early signs of distress in fellow members and seek help before the problem worsens. Similarly, teachers may spot behavioral changes in their pupils and offer solutions.” Dr. Mandaviya observed that Government and Society can function only in sync. More research needs to be done in Mental Health. The Minister emphasized that education oriented only towards marks do not help the nation. He exhorted the students to take up cases and opt for hands on learning in the healing of those requiring care. Yoga and Pranayama could help in dealing with stress and anxiety of the present world. “Even a morning walk in a green park elevates endorphin levels : World Mental Health Day: <https://youtu.be/kjnmTFcczPs>.”



L-R): Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, President, Mr. Anil K Chopra, Mentor, Direct Taxes Committee, Mr. Mukul Bagla, Chairman, Direct Taxes Committee, Mr. Ashish Ghosh, Co-chairman, Direct Taxes Committee and Mr. Ravi Bhatia, Co-chairman, Direct Taxes Committee, PHDCCI
 L-R: Mr. Prashant Kapoor, Partner- Deal Advisory, M&A and PE-Tax, KPMG; Mr. Suraj Malik, Partner- M&A Tax and Regulatory, BDO India LLP; Ms. Priyanka Duggal, Director, Deloitte Haskins & Sells LLP; Dr S P Sharma, Chief Economist | DSG, PHDCCI and Ms. Monika Shingari, Joint Secretary, PHDCCI

RECENT CHANGES IN TAX IMPLICATIONS OF RESTRUCTURING OF BUSINESS

The Direct Taxes Committee of PHD Chamber organized a webinar on ‘Recent Changes in Tax Implications of Restructuring of Business’ August 27, 2021.

Giving the presidential address, Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, President, PHD Chamber observed that it is extremely important for any Government to improve the tax administration in the country and to provide incentives to promote foreign investments, facilitate ease of doing business, as these form the pillar of an efficient tax system. This not only makes the economy robust, boosts investments but also makes the economy a highly competitive investment destination. He lauded the repeal of the retrospective taxation by the Government which will reiterate India’s commitment to honor the rule of law.

Mr. Anil K Chopra, Mentor, Direct Taxes Committee, PHDCCI observed that restructuring of any business depends on commercial, financial, regulatory in addition to taxation aspects, which form a very crucial part of any business restructuring. He

called for clarity in slump sale rules and synchronising valuation rules.

Mr. Mukul Bagla, Chairman, Direct Taxes Committee, PHDCCI highlighted that there is a high tax cost on repatriation of profits from a company to its shareholders prompting many promoters to convert their existing private and public limited companies into LLPs. Also, there had been in the past a considerable litigation around the availability of depreciation on goodwill with multiple contradictory rulings.

Mr. Prashant Kapoor, Partner-Deal Advisory, M&A and PE-Tax, KPMG made a comprehensive presentation on depreciation on goodwill and recent changes made in Finance Act, 2021. He explained the treatment of Goodwill prior to Finance Act, 2021. He observed that Goodwill claim was allowed even in case of tax neutral merger where no tax was paid by transferor. He observed that tax depreciation is not eligible on goodwill from FY 2020-21 onwards. He called for allowing depreciation claim for goodwill arising pursuant to non-tax neutral transactions.

Mr. Suraj Malik, Partner- M&A Tax and Regulatory, BDO India LLP made a comprehensive presentation on ‘Conversion of Companies into LLP’. He deliberated in detail the benefits & tax advantages of conversion into LLP & key provisions in Income Tax Act for conversion. He analyzed the various conditions for tax neutral conversion such as LLP recording assets at Fair Market Value (FMV); Capital contribution ratio and profit-sharing-ratio in case of a company having preference share capital; Shares held in name of Trust or minor or through HUF and Timeline for receiving the benefits / consideration from LLP at the time of conversion. Other key issues relating to Stamp Duty liability on the Conversion of Company into LLP; Conversion into LLP after demerger of an undertaking from a large company were also deliberated in details.

Ms. Priyanka Duggal, Director, Deloitte Haskins & Sells LLP made a comprehensive presentation on ‘Slump sale – Open issues and amendments by Finance Act, 2021’. She explained the concept of Slump Sale along with key amendments



in Slump Sale provisions made by Finance Act, 2021. She observed that careful review of the terms of the agreement should be made to ascertain whether a transaction can be classified as Slump sale versus an Itemized sale and accordingly the

taxability and implications of the transaction should be determined. She deliberated on interplay of Rule 11UAE and GAAR; Implications where FMV in slump sale turns out to be negative and Applicability of section 56(2)(x) on slump sale; among others.

Mr. Ashish Ghosh, Co-chairman, Direct Taxes Committee, PHDCCI conducted the open house session. Mr. Ravi Bhatia, Co-chairman, Direct Taxes Committee, PHDCCI provided the concluding remarks and delivered the vote-of- thanks to the guests.



LIQUIDATION UNDER IBC

The Insolvency & Bankruptcy Committee, PHDCCI in association with UKCA and Partners, Madaan Law Offices and Missing Bridge, organized a webinar on ‘Liquidation under IBC: Challenges before Acquirers of the Assets / Corporate Debtors’ on July 27, 2021.

Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, President, PHDCCI in his address said that the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code 2016 is a new legislation which is still evolving and therefore lacks clarity and needs more interpretation on major issues before Acquirers and CDs like priority of payments, difference between liquidation value and fair value of assets, concealment of facts and tax liabilities. He also opined that the Code has evolved to a great extent through various amendments over a period of time, but for it to

gain more prominence, a mixture of simplification and practicality will bring in major difference.

Keynote Speaker of the webinar, Dr U K Chaudhary, Senior Advocate, elucidated the delegates on the various challenges before the Acquirer and Corporate Debtors. He talked about the objectives of the Code and where it is lacking behind. Dr Chaudhary spoke about the confusion prevailing in the order of adjudicating authorities to decide whether a company is liquidating or is a going concern. He also expressed his concern regarding the unwanted delays due to appeals after order of adjudicating authorities. He also raised the issues faced by acquirers while taking over a company, which presumably is assets and liabilities, while it should only be assets.

Mr. Sanjeev Ahuja, Chair, IBC Committee, PHDCCI spoke about certain provisions u/s 33 and 35 regarding liquidation, clean slate, maximizing the value of assets, fixed timeline for resolution process and the expectations from the Code.

Mr. G P Madaan, Co-chair, IBC Committee, PHDCCI, elaborated the essence of Preamble of the Code, which only speaks about reorganization and restructuring, the word liquidation is missing, while in reality of the total number, almost 80% of companies go into liquidation while in only 20%, the resolution plan works.

Mr. Satwinder Singh, Co-chair, IBC Committee, PHDCCI briefly summed up the issues discussed. Mr. Kuber Dewan, Co-chair, IBC Committee, PHDCCI delivered the vote-of- thanks to the guests. The webinar was moderated by Dr Jatinder Singh, Director, PHDCCI.



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POST-PANDEMIC INDUSTRY OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES



The Industry Affairs Committee of PHD Chamber organized a webinar on ‘Post-Pandemic Industry Opportunities and Challenges’ on September 1, 2021.

Mr. Diwakar Nath Misra, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Commerce and Industry mentioned that India has become the ninth largest exporter of agricultural products. Despite all the odds, the country has managed to boost agricultural exports in this crisis due to blanket extensions and permissions given to exporters by the government. He opined that though there are certain challenges in India, however, the country as a whole has turned the corona pandemic crisis into an opportunity by becoming a reliable global food supplier. He further said that there was huge demand for Indian agriculture products at the global level. He stated that products like cereals, wheat and basmati rice, among others have been exported to certain countries for the first time. He informed that the Government is continuously working on removing the blockages for the smooth movement of exports.

Ms. Shubhrata Prakash, Director, Industry, Niti Aayog said that over the years, India’s top exports have consistently been mostly industrial goods. She underlined that there is a need for promoting exports of high-end technology, as well as high-value added products because there is a lot of space and lot of gap. As far as services are concerned, the top exported service categories for India are telecommunications, computer and information services. She further explained that in the services, there is a requirement of large exploration and product diversification, as well as market diversification. She said that the Government has undertaken several policy initiatives for speeding up industrial infrastructure by setting up industrial corridors for attracting investments and to boost manufacturing base which will have a spillover effect in terms of exports.

Ms. Chandrima Sinha, Vice President, Invest India, opined that as global companies are reviewing their supply chains, it is a great opportunity for India. The Government has undertaken strict evaluation of key growth sectors of India and is selecting

the best bidders and manufacturers under the schemes to extend benefits. She said that States are providing additional benefits to supplement or complement central Government’s schemes.

Dr Rajesh Chadha, Senior Fellow, Energy, Natural Resources & Sustainability Centre for Social and Economic Progress, stated that since the 2008 financial crisis, the share of global value chains (GVC) in global trade has decreased, so it is not post-pandemic phenomenon. The automation and digital technologies might disrupt the current GVC arrangement and create wider disparities across countries. However, these provide SMEs or MSMEs to play a more active role. Trade openness continues to remain in facilitating growth, as compared to import substitution. He explained that the critical minerals have highly complex global value chains, with a high degree of concentration, extracting and processing. He mentioned that India currently has a huge target for renewable energy, however this would require critical minerals.

Mr. Sandeep Agarwal, Chair, Industry Affairs Committee, PHD Chamber, in his theme presentation, mentioned that 90% of the industry today is experiencing supply issues. It has been observed that many containers are blocked on the Indian ports and shipments to India are not getting the priority. He requested the Government to enhance the availability of containers and ensure that the shipments regularly come to India, even if the Government has to work with the shipping lines to give them some incentive. He opined that US\$ 400 billion target for goods export is only possible with the support of the Government.

While appreciating the Hon'ble Prime Minister's announcement of Rs 100 lakh crore Gatishakti scheme to boost the economy, he said that the industry is waiting for the finer details of the schemes and projects thereunder. The Government has to keep on working towards easing the working capital availability for the industry. He suggested that Performance Bank Guarantee (PBG) should be replaced with an insurance

sort of scheme to facilitate industry, especially MSMEs.

Mr. Mohit Jain, Chair, MSME Committee, PHD Chamber, said that the second wave of COVID-19 has drastically impacted the economic and industrial activities. However, the meaningful and proactive reforms undertaken by the Government in last many quarters has pulled the economy from the extreme lows. He mentioned that the MSME sector exhibits its importance in promoting sustainable and inclusive development as well as generating large-scale employment. He opined that at the global level, the sentiment for India is currently very strong, especially due to the world's anti-China sentiment. A vast section of the large industry could move to India and if that happens, MSMEs could become ancillaries to them and benefit.

Mr. Deepak Pahwa, Former Chair, Industry Affairs Committee, PHD Chamber, mentioned that COVID-19 pandemic has penetrated the deepest core of human civilization and economy. He discussed about the areas of opportunities for India, including,

high end manufacturing, India being knowledge based manufacturing hub, automobile components supply chain, among others. He said that the right policies are crucial for ensuring industrial survival as this sector has a huge potential to turn a crisis into an opportunity for making India's position strong at the global level.

Mr. Vikram Agarwal, Co-chair, Industry Affairs Committee, PHD Chamber, delivered the vote-of-thanks to the dignitaries and stated that the meaningful and effective reform measures undertaken by the Government of India during the pandemic has the potential to bring a broad based economic recovery through enhanced demand, job creation, private investments, manufacturing competitiveness, and escalated exports, among others.

Dr S P Sharma, Chief Economist | DSG, PHD Chamber, moderated the session. The webinar concluded with an extensive discussion with a participation of around 100 participants.



GOVERNMENT ACCORDS “MAHARATNA” STATUS TO PFC

The government has accorded the 'Maharatna' status to the state-owned Power Finance Corporation Ltd (PFC), thus giving PFC greater operational and financial autonomy. PFC is the largest Infrastructure Finance Company, exclusively dedicated to Power Sector under the administrative control of the Ministry of Power. This new recognition will enable PFC to offer competitive financing for the power sector, which will go a long way in making available affordable & reliable 'Power For All 24x7'. The enhanced powers that come with Maharatna Status will also help PFC in pushing the Government's agenda of funding under the National Infrastructure Pipeline, national commitment of 40% green energy by 2030 and effective monitoring and implementation of the New Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme with an outlay of more than Rs.3 lakh crores. The grant of 'Maharatna' status to PFC will impart enhanced powers to the PFC Board while taking financial decisions.

PFC has received the Maharatna Status on the back of exceptional financial performance during the last 3 years. Despite COVID, PFC witnessed the highest ever annual sanctions and disbursements to the Power Sector and the highest ever profit in FY 2020-21. PFC played a significant role amid COVID by funding DISCOMs under the Liquidity Infusion Scheme to avert liquidity crisis in the Power Sector.



ADR / ODR & COMMERCIAL COURTS - HOW CAN THE SYSTEM BE MADE MORE EFFICIENT?



The Law and Justice Committee of PHDCCI organized a webinar on 'ADR / ODR and Commercial Courts. How can the System be made more efficient?' on September 4, 2021.

The session started with the Presidential Address by Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, President, PHDCCI, who spoke about the growing prominence of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) and post COVID its shifting trend to Online Dispute Resolution (ODR). He emphasized that the Indian judicial system is overburdened with a huge stack of pending cases before Indian courts and that the ADR and ODR mechanisms are the most promising tools that can share and reduce the burden of the Indian judiciary and improve the justice delivery system in our country.

Mr. Vineet Bhagat, Co-chair, Law & Justice Committee, PHDCCI moderated the session while Mr. Vaibhav Gaggar, Co-chair, Law & Justice Committee, PHDCCI introduced the distinguished speakers.

Mr. Arjun J Chaudhuri, Renowned Mediator while sharing his presentation, discussed many facts and issues, like delays in arbitral

proceedings, virtual examination of evidence, Arbitration agreements, importance of pre-litigation and pre-Arbitration mediation, etc.

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Navaniti Prasad Singh, Former Chief Justice, Kerala High Court started his address with the phrase Kal-Aaj-Kal of the Arbitration Act. Justice Singh opined that not much exercise was done by the legislature before enacting the law and this has unfortunately led to numerous amendments over these years. He stated that before enacting any law, one should have a clear vision, where the law was in the past, where it stands now and what are we expecting from it in future, then only it will serve the purpose. He pointed out several flaws in the Arbitration Act which need to be addressed by the legislature, like no timeline for appointment of Arbitrators, disqualification of Arbitrators, defined number of maximum cases handled by any Arbitrator, etc. He also emphasized on the urgency of mandating Mediation before Arbitration.

Hon'ble Mr. Justice J R Midha, Former Judge, Delhi High Court shared

his experience as a Judge during the COVID pandemic. He expressed his concern regarding the huge amount of time wasted in recording of the arguments. He opined that the counsel for the parties should be given a format to submit their pleadings based on the format of the judgement being passed.

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Kurian Joseph, Former Judge, Supreme Court of India in his Keynote address stressed mainly on the issue of pendency of cases and how to arrest this pendency. He advised that the Judges should take a stand for ADR and ODR. He also pointed out that over 50% of the Civil matters in the Supreme Court can be resolved through Mediation and that Mediation if promoted could be a game-changer. He also opined that ADR if used properly has the capability to reduce to a great extent if not eliminate Second Appeals.

Mr. Bhuvanesh Sehgal, Co-chair, Law & Justice Committee, PHDCCI delivered the summation remarks, while the vote-of- thanks to the participants was delivered by Dr Jatinder Singh, Director, PHDCCI.



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PHARMACOKINETICS AND PHARMACODYNAMICS OF AYURVEDA SYSTEM

The AYUSH Committee of PHD Chamber in association with the Ministry of AYUSH organized a webinar ‘Pharmacokinetics and Pharmacodynamics of Ayurveda system’ on August 19, 2021.

Prof. (Dr) Tanuja Manoj Nesari, Director, All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA) mentioned that Ayurvedic process of consuming drugs is scientific and defined as it focuses on the body and mind. It also focuses on good manufacturing practices, clinical and agricultural. She asserted that every step and parameters are very well taken care of in the process to determine and to ensure quality, safety of Drug delivery and play an integral role in Ayurveda. She highlighted that Industry needs to maintain its quality and standards in the Ayurvedic sector and understand the sensory, organic, and laboratory parameters of Ayurvedic medicines.

Padma Bhushan Vd. Devendera Triguna, President of AMAM, All India Ayurvedic Congress and Ayurveda Mahasammelan opined that the industry should make high-quality Ayurvedic medicines having high-quality herbs and good quality minerals and metals as this will help to uplift the position of Ayurveda and

move towards a healthy India.

Mr. Pradeep Multani, Senior Vice President, PHD Chamber deliberated about the importance of Ayurveda, Pharmacokinetics, and Pharmacodynamics in the movement of drugs in the body. He mentioned that modern pharmacology emphasizes the role of properties or chemical structure of drug molecules towards its pharmacokinetic and pharmacodynamic behavior over the constitutional component of individuals, therefore, the physiological & metabolic behavior of drugs inside the body depends upon its properties or chemical structure. He mentioned that modern and classical sciences should come together for bridging the gap amongst medical fraternities.

Mr. Arvind Varchaswi, Chair, AYUSH Committee, PHD Chamber & Managing Director, Sri Sri Tattva in his Industry remarks mentioned that Ayurveda is an ancient practice, it’s a modern concept that gives importance to the individual constitution (Prakriti) for pharmacokinetic & pharmacodynamics behavior of drug molecules inside the body. A drug’s effect may also be determined by the amount of time the drug is present

at the site of action. Simplifications of body processes are necessary to predict a drug’s behavior in the body. He suggested that one way to make these simplifications is to apply mathematical principles to the various processes.

Dr Subash Sahu, Associate Professor & Head, Department of Dravyaguna, Chaudhary Brahm Prakash Ayurved Charak Sansthan, Govt. of N.C.T. of Delhi in his presentation on ‘pharmacokinetic and pharmacodynamics of Ayurveda system’ discussed the concept of Pharmacology, principles, and mechanism of drug action. He mentioned that Ayurveda is a system with a holistic approach and its not disease-specific but patient-specific.

Dr Pradeep Kumar Dua, Scientist (C) Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) in his presentation explained the importance of pharmacokinetic and pharmacodynamics studies in Ayurveda. He also mentioned about the role of conventional drugs and ASU drugs. Dr Dua also talked about bioavailability of drug and shared important characteristics of common routes of Drug administration.

Mr. Jitender Sodhi, Co-chair, AYUSH Committee & Managing Director, AYUSH Herbs Pvt. Ltd. delivered the vote-of-thanks to the eminent guests.

The webinar was moderated by Mr. Vivek Seigell, Asst. Secretary General, PHD Chamber and Dr Ravi Rathod, Deputy Secretary, PHD Chamber. The webinar was sponsored by Ministry of AYUSH, Association of Manufacturers of Ayurvedic Medicine (AMAM) and AYUSH Herbs Private Limited.



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DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN AYUSH MEDICINE: ISSUES & CHALLENGES



The AYUSH Committee of PHD Chamber in association with Ministry of AYUSH organized a webinar on ‘Domestic and International trade in AYUSH medicine: Issues & Challenges’ on August 26, 2021.

While welcoming all the eminent dignitaries, Mr. Pradeep Multani, Senior Vice President, PHD Chamber said that having no FDI limits, this sector has massive potential for exponential growth, especially in times of public health crisis. Mr. Multani emphasized that there is an increase in popularity, usage, and exports of AYUSH products amidst the pandemic. AYUSH products are mostly organic by-products of plants and have low manufacturing costs as compared to allopathic drugs. As a result, the treatment methods and medicines have been able to reach the masses. The growing global interest in traditional medicine and herbal products has been driving growth in trade in related products. He underlined that with the surge in exports and growing international popularity of Ayurveda, there is a need for industry players to improve

their quality standards and cost competitiveness.

Mr. Arvind Varchaswi, Chair, AYUSH Committee, PHD Chamber & Managing Director, Sri Sri Tattva stated that the future of Ayurveda is looking fabulous as more and more players are entering the market with innovative products, quality packaging, and strategic marketing activities. He further added that the demand for AYUSH products and services has increased tremendously during COVID-19 pandemic. He accentuated that the spurt in exports of AYUSH products in recent years is a direct reflection of its growing popularity in many countries and hence trade and commerce in the AYUSH sector needs to be upscaled quickly in order to meet the growing demands from India and abroad.

Dr Manoj Nesari, Advisor, (Ay) Ministry of AYUSH appreciated the efforts of PHD Chamber for organizing various relevant programs with the industry. He asserted that it is important to bring the matter of education also along with the drugs & services to promote the Ayush system internationally.

Dr Nesari mentioned various problems where Industry can work on like developing products with specific target disease condition, second is TB as also one of the major problem where AYUSH has a major potential and industry really needs to work on that and third is Anti-microbial resistance where AYUSH industry has to work on products which can be given as standalone along with antibiotics.

Dr Vikas Punetha, Manager Regulatory Affairs, Amway India Enterprises Private Limited talked about the challenges like regulatory process, quality control and advocacy assistance. He emphasized the need to educate the masses about the usage and correct dosage of consumption of each Ayurvedic drug and the need to standardize the quality checks of raw materials of Ayurvedic products.

Dr Anurag Gupta, Manager, Regulatory Affairs, Shree Baidyanath Ayurved Bhawan Pvt Ltd. mentioned that there’s utmost need for spreading awareness about the various herbs available in the AYUSH sector domestically as well as globally which will help to increase its consumption

at the same time help to bust some myths about Ayurvedic medicines.

Mr. Ashish Dixit, Senior Manager, Regulatory Affairs, Dabur India Limited shared a brief presentation on issues and challenges of domestic and international trade in AYUSH medicines. He said that this pandemic has made the world realize the

importance of health, immunity and wellbeing. Ayurveda can be mainstream medical system with upsurge in credibility. He suggested that AYUSH export promotion council can play a key role and there is a need to streamline the registration process.

Mr. Jitender Sodhi, Co-chair, AYUSH Committee, PHD Chamber &

Managing Director, AYUSH Herbs Pvt. Ltd. delivered the vote-of-thanks to the dignitaries.

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E-CONFERENCE ON HARNESSING THE POWER OF COOPERATIVES

The HR & Industrial Relations Committee of PHDCCI organized E-Conference on ‘Harnessing the Power of Cooperatives’ on a virtual platform on September 2, 2021. The deliberations focused on the role of Cooperatives in India for making profound contributions in food security, poverty alleviation, management of natural resources and environment.

Welcoming the speakers & delegates, Mr. Saket Dalmia, Vice President, PHDCCI highlighted the overwhelming success of cooperatives like IFFCO, Amul, and NAFED in the realm of Social Inclusion, accompanied by the Digital, Livelihood and Financial Inclusion. He said that cooperatives

have the capacity to foster structural reforms and open up the economy with progressive commitments.

Mr. R P Singh, Chairman, HR & IR Committee, PHDCCI said that cooperatives in India have always been demanding a separate ministry for promotion and amendments through cooperative acts. The Union Government has taken the initiative of constituting a Ministry of Cooperation for strengthening the cooperative movement in India.

The eminent speakers at the sessions included Dr Suvro Kamal Dutta, Mentor, Development Sector Organisations; Mr. Tarun Bhargava, General Manager, IFFCO; Mr. Sunil

Kumar Singh, Additional Managing Director, NAFED; Mr. Sanjay Verma, Deputy Director, National Cooperative Union of India; Prof. (Dr.) K K Upadhyay, Professor & Chairperson – CSR & Sustainability, Birla Institute of Management Technology; Professor K. N. Bhatt, G B Pant Social Science Institute, Allahabad Central University and Prof. K K Sharma, Jawaharlal Nehru University.

Dr Jatinder Singh, Director, PHDCCI presented the summation remarks and vote-of- thanks to the guests.

The conference was sponsored by Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative Limited (IFFCO).

VIRTUAL INFRASTRUCTURE CONCLAVE-2021

The PHDCCI Infrastructure Development Committee organized the 'Virtual Infrastructure Conclave – 2021' on August 27, 2021. The objective of this conclave was to engage with all stakeholders to ensure that infrastructure development meets public expectations, build on a shared vision for long-term value creation in infrastructure among all stakeholders and ensures that public needs are being met.

Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, President, PHDCCI in his presidential address mentioned that major infrastructure development requires a substantial influx of investment capital. He further added that the present policies of the Indian Government seek to encourage investments in infrastructure sectors especially through asset monetization of Brownfield Infrastructure assets as a means to raise innovative and alternative financing for infrastructure projects in India.

Mr. Sudhir Hoshing, Chair, Infrastructure Development Committee, PHD Chamber in his industry perspective mentioned that creating new and upgrading existing infrastructure will be the key for raising India's competitiveness. He further added it will be critical for the success of 'Make in India' programme as manufacturing competitiveness critically depends on infrastructure.

Chief Guest, Mr. Awanish Kumar Awasthi, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary, Govt. of Uttar Pradesh and CEO, Uttar Pradesh Expressways Industrial Development Authority (UPEIDA) stated that the journey of building expressways in the state of Uttar Pradesh has been fantastic with incorporation of most advanced traffic management systems in the country with high-resolution cameras and other facilities which have smoothed the traffic flow and minimized accidents and led to increase in toll collection in spite of the pandemic. He further added that the focus of Government of Uttar Pradesh is now on the eastern corridor of the state and development of Ganga Expressway will make UP an express Pradesh.

Mr. P R Jaishankar, Managing Director, IIFCL in his Keynote Address mentioned that India's focus should be going towards self-reliance and 'Make in India', there has been an increase in interest and investments



in infrastructure projects which will help in the economic development of the country. He further suggested that the public and private sector can work together to make infrastructure projects viable by going for long-term financing options such as tunnel financing.

Mr. I K Pandey, Special Secretary and Director General (Road Development), Ministry of Road Transport and Highways while delivering his Special Address mentioned that the government has always given highest priority for the development of infrastructure with a target of developing highways in the coming years and building alternate mobility solutions. He mentioned that

the Ministry is focusing upon massive infrastructure expansion and up-gradation with the help of the 'Bharat Mala Pariyojana' and other schemes.

Mr. Ashish Wig, Mentor, PHDCCI Infrastructure Development Committee, PHDCCI in his concluding remarks mentioned that National Monetization Plan (NMP) and National Infrastructure Pipeline (NIP) are a progressive step and would be a game changer for the Indian Economy.

The inaugural session was followed by a Panel Discussion on 'Infrastructure Project Financing & How to reduce time and cost of Infrastructure Projects' and a technical session on 'Emerging Technologies & Technological Advancements in

Infrastructure Sector'.

The Panel Discussion was moderated by Mr. Ashish Wig, Mentor, PHDCCI Infrastructure Development Committee and the technical session was moderated by Mr. Himanshu Agarwal, Co-chair, PHDCCI Infrastructure Development Committee.

DLF Limited and Zydex Industries were the Sponsors and National Highway Builders Federation (NHBF) and Construction Equipment Rental Association (CERA) were the Supporting Partners for the Virtual Summit. The Conclave was moderated by Dr Jatinder Singh, Director, PHDCCI.



E-WORKSHOP ON FIXED TERM EMPLOYMENT AND CONTRACT LABOUR MANAGEMENT

The Industrial Relations & HR Committee of PHDCCI organized an E-Workshop on 'Fixed Term Employment and Contract Labour Management' on virtual platform on September 8, 2021.

Mr. R P Singh, Chairman, HR & IR Committee, PHDCCI shared that fixed term employment (FTE), gig jobs and flexi staffing are on increase since the outbreak of the pandemic as several organizations have re-calibrated their manpower requirements and expenditure. By giving an option of fixed-term employment in the new labour codes, there is flexibility to the

industry as it will mostly be used by businesses of short duration and of seasonal nature.

Eminent speakers at the workshop included Mr. Michael Dias, Managing Partner-Michael Dias & Associates; EFI Executive Committee Member and CBT Member EPFO and Mr. Mayank Dias, Assistant Secretary, Employers Association, Delhi.

In the technical session, speakers discussed in details the rationale of legislative importance of CLRA & FTE. CLRA is needed to regulate employment of contract labour in certain establishments and to

provide for its abolition in certain circumstances. The objective of the Act is to prevent exploitation of contract labour and also to introduce better conditions of work. A workman is deemed to be employed as Contract Labour when he is hired in connection with the work of an establishment by or through a Contractor.

The workshop was attended by HR IR Professionals, Plant heads, Accounts and Line Functionaries. Dr Jatinder Singh, Director, PHDCCI presented the summation remarks and vote of thanks.



INDIGENIZATION REQUIREMENTS OF INDIAN NAVY: OPPORTUNITIES FROM MSMES



The Defence & HLS Committee of PHDCCI organized an Industry interactive webinar on “Indigenization Requirements of Indian Navy: Opportunities from MSMEs” on September 3, 2021. The webinar focused on MSME opportunities with regards to the production of niche technology products for the Indian Naval Forces.

Rear Admiral R Vijay Sekhar, NM (Nausena Medal), Additional Chief of Materials (ACOM), Modernisation, Indian Navy highlighted that the production of auxiliaries like weapons, sensors and propulsion has been rather slow and the need of the hour is that industries invest their complete support in the indigenization of Indian Navy. He also mentioned that, the Indian Navy is committed to becoming completely self-reliant and the key to which lies in incorporation of new technology as well as active participation of MSMEs, start-ups and the academia.

Mr. Vikram Sahgal, Co-chair, PHDCCI Defence & HLS Committee delivered the welcome remarks. Mr. Sahgal mentioned that the Indian Navy has been in the forefront in indigenization of its platforms, systems, sensors and weapons. The modernization and enhancement of naval capabilities are an ongoing process.

Commander Deepak Kota, Commander Indigenization, Indian Navy gave an elaborate technical presentation. He mentioned that the fundamental concept of indigenization has three aspects: design, manufacture and system integration. He shared the various opportunities for MSMEs for collaborating with the Indian Navy.

Highlighting the industry perspective, Commander Bhaskar Sengupta, IN(Retd) General Manager(QA, IEP & VD), GRSE informed that there is a huge opportunity in outsourcing. The path ahead is all about exploring

partnerships and another scope for indigenization is with respect to ‘Magazine Fire Fighting System’.

Expressing the viewpoint of the producers, Mr. P Srinivas Raju, Managing Director, Jisnu Communications Pvt. Ltd. stated that, it is predominantly a very high niche product line and has a lot of challenge involved due to the environment where the product will be used and needs to have a lot of interface. Also, the speed of production as well as efficiency is a challenging factor. He expressed happiness to see the navy coming forward with their requirements and discuss with the industry about the developments.

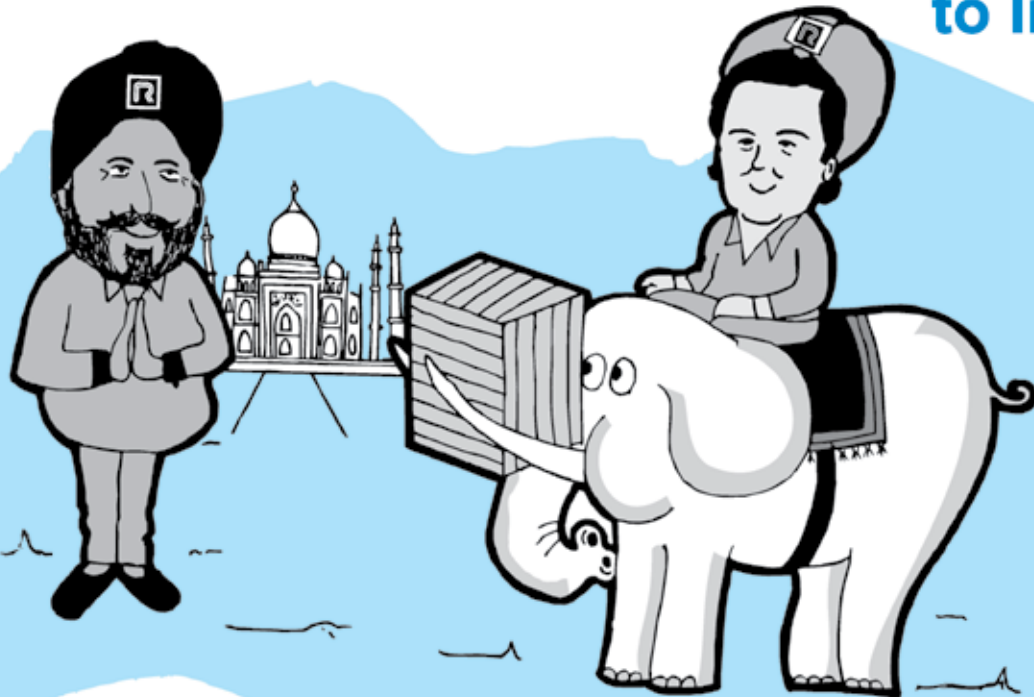
The webinar was moderated by Mr. Vivek Seigell, Assistant Secretary General, PHDCCI, while Mr. Vikram Sahgal, Co-chair, PHDCCI Defence & HLS Committee summed up the key takeaways from the deliberation of each speaker.



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BORDER TOURISM IN BIHAR BIHAR'S SITAMARHI HAS IMMENSE POTENTIAL FOR RELIGIOUS TOURISM IN SYNC WITH RAMAYANA CIRCUIT



PHD Chamber organized its 7th webinar under Border Tourism Webinar Series on September 7, 2021 focusing on Sitamarhi district for the promotion of Border Tourism in Bihar. The webinar was supported by the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India.

Mr. Taranjot Singh (IAS), Deputy Development Commissioner – Sitamarhi District, Government of Bihar, highlighted the tourist places and said that Sitamarhi district has huge potential for Religious Tourism as it forms an integral part of the Ramayana Circuit. He suggested that the Government should tie-up with private stakeholders to create a complete tourist package for increasing the number of tourists to the state while uplifting the socio-economic status of the local people. He further mentioned that a lot of work is being done to improve the connectivity; however, there is still a huge scope for development in terms of enhancing basic amenities, infrastructure, tourist lodges, meeting halls, etc.

Mr. Rama Kamaraju, Senior Consultant, NITI Aayog, said that the tourism aspects of the border districts

of India are phenomenal. Sitamarhi district is like a 'Punya Bhoomi' and shall be visited by thousands of tourists under the Ramayana Circuit. Bihar also has significant number of tribal population which is another USP. The state government can tie up with Tribal Co-operative Marketing Federation of India (TRIFED) for marketing the end-to-end products made by the tribals which can create excellent livelihood opportunities for them while showcasing their talent.

Sharing details on the initiatives taken by the Tourism Department, Mr. Pushkar Srivastava, Event Management Expert – Tourism, Government of Bihar, informed that they have come up with the concept of opening 'Dhabas' on all state and national highways. A 'Dhaba' complex will be constructed connecting tourist places such as Bodhgaya, Rajgir, Nalanda, Bagha National Park and Wildlife Sanctuary, Sitamarhi, Kaimur, among other places. Each complex will have quality eateries, restaurants, medical shops, parks, apart from basic amenities such as clean toilets. This will bring a significant volume of tourists to the Sitamarhi district and basic amenities in the area will flourish

as well.

Mr. Lajpat Rai, Chairman and Managing Director, Lotus Trans Travel, said that the Tourism Department stated that Bihar has huge potential for Buddhist Circuit since more than 600 million people follow Buddhism and another 100 million people follow 'New Buddhism', hence around 700 million people are already in queue as potential visitors.

Mr. Manvir Singh Thakur, General Manager, Oaks Bodhgaya, mentioned that their vision is to establish a connective infrastructure across the major Buddhist sites in and around Bihar. Even after having an international airport, there are only a few flights that are connected with international destinations. Also, there is a lot of room for growth in establishing direct rail connectivity across places like Rajgir and Kushinagar.

Highlighting the potential of the tourism sector in Bihar, Mr. Sanjay Sharma, Founder President, Tourism Association of Bihar, said that Bihar is a multi-faceted destination and has potential for not only Religious Tourism but also for MICE and leisure. He also informed that the Tourism

Department has appointed KPMG to create a roadmap for the development of tourism in the state.

In his welcome address, Mr. Pradeep Multani, Senior Vice President, PHDCCI, mentioned that Bihar has wide range of tourism attractions in the form of Religious Circuits, Heritage Circuits and Eco Circuits. The Department of Tourism, Government of Bihar has to work diligently to achieve its rightful place on the world tourism map, which has not been utilized to the fullest so far.

Mr. Anil Parashar, Chairman – Tourism Committee, PHDCCI, said that among all other Indian states, Bihar is most intimately linked to the life of Buddha, resulting in a trail of pilgrimages which have come to be known as the Buddhist Circuit. Efforts should be taken to market this circuit and promote domestic tourism to the state.

Mr. Satyajit Kumar Singh, Chair – Bihar Chapter, PHDCCI, suggested creating a Task Force with government and private stakeholders so as to

enhance the image of Bihar as a safe tourist destination.

Mr. Rajan Sehgal, Co-chairman – Tourism Committee, PHDCCI, delivered the vote-of-thanks to the dignitaries. The webinar was moderated by Dr Jatinder Singh, Director, PHDCCI and received participation from senior government officials, tour operators, hoteliers, tour guides, airline professionals, travel and hospitality associations and students from the tourism and hospitality institutes.



INNOVATION, INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS WITH SPECIAL FOCUS ON ENTREPRENEURSHIP

The PHDCCI IP Facilitation Centre (IPFC), New Delhi in association with Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla organized a webinar on “Innovation, Intellectual Property Rights with special focus on Entrepreneurship” on September 7, 2021. The objective of the webinar was to understand the issues and challenges faced by the entrepreneurs and impart knowledge on Intellectual Property Rights among the young generation.

The session was moderated by Dr Geetika Sood, (coordinator) Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla. Dr Raghuvinder Singh, Department of Law, Dean & Chairman Himachal

Pradesh University, Shimla in his remarks said that research scholars and students should understand the importance to protect the IPR in order to remain competitive and relevant in today’s knowledge-based economy.

Mr. D P Goel, Co-chair, MSME Committee, PHDCCI shared his entrepreneurial journey by giving few examples on how he has grown in his life. He also said that to be an entrepreneur you have to set up a goal and then work hard towards it and achieve it, whatever problems comes in your way.

Dr Mandira Roy, Executive Director, Aumirah IP briefed about the basic components of IPR. She

emphasized that since the inventor obtains the exclusive right to the invention, the inventor can exercise this right by preventing others from commercially using the patented invention thereby reducing the competition and thus establishing a place in the commercial market. She gave a presentation in which detailed information was given about Patents, Trademarks, Copyrights, GI and Design for economic development of the country.

The concluding remarks and vote-of-thanks to the panelists were given by Mr. Mithilesh Kumar, Joint Secretary PHDCCI .



L-R: Ms. Sumita Dawra, Additional Secretary, DPIIT, Ministry of Commerce and Industry; Prof (Dr) Ram Upendra Das, Head, Centre for Regional Trade; Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, President, PHD Chamber; Mr. Sivaramakrishnan Ganapathi, Managing Director, Gokaldas Exports Ltd.; L-R: Mr. Vishal Dhingra, Chair, Foreign Trade and Investment Committee and Mr. Vipin Vohra, Co-chair, Logistics Management Committee, Mr. Sanjay Beswal, Co-chair, Foreign Trade and Investment Committee and Mr. Saurabh Sanyal, Secretary General, PHD Chamber. L-R: Dr S P Sharma, Chief Economist | DSG, Mr. M.H. Khan, Associate Economist|DS, Mr. Ayush Garg, Research Officer and Ms. Bhavana Rai, Research Officer, PHD Chamber

WORKSHOP ON EXPLORING EXPORT OPPORTUNITIES: WAYS TO ACHIEVE USD 400 BILLION EXPORTS TARGET IN FY 2021-22

The Foreign Trade and Investment Committee of PHD Chamber organized a workshop on “Exploring export opportunities: Ways to achieve USD 400 billion exports Target in FY 2021-22” on September 9, 2021.

Ms. Sumita Dawra, Additional Secretary, DPIIT, Ministry of Commerce and Industry mentioned that the quality and global standards will help India to jump off into the world market. The use of technologies in India’s products and right perception of the country’s ecosystem can attract more investments. She further added that, despite facing numerous challenges in manufacturing and logistics, recent export growth has been more satisfying and shows that industry is better equipped to achieve the target of USD 400 billion merchandise exports. She mentioned that the Government has undertaken many initiatives to increase the export potential of India, wherein

PLI Scheme, National Single window System, Industrial Park Rating System, among others are providing opportunities for the manufacturing sector to accelerate exports and ease of doing business. In addition with one district one product scheme, small businesses are also getting onto the export bandwagon.

Prof (Dr.) Ram Upendra Das, Head, Centre for Regional Trade, while speaking at the technical session on ‘High Potential Products and High Potential Markets’, explained that in the complexity of trade, economic variables are fluctuating and integrating with the world. The objective of market access should be exploring neighboring countries first wherein India has existing FTAs and duty regimes or zero rating. He said that tapping the high purchasing power in neighbouring and developed countries will have immense scope for Indian exporters. Many products in these existing markets could be

the potential products after analyzing the existing FTAs. Trade in goods and services are equally important and interlinked with each other for capitalizing the benefits of the trade agreements.

Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, President, PHD Chamber, in his Presidential address, said that as the world recuperates from the pandemic, India has a huge opportunity to enhance its exports in the lowest possible time. The growth momentum of the FY 2021-22 must continue beyond the period, and we must target USD 2 trillion merchandise and services exports by the year 2030. To achieve this ambitious target, the costs of capital, logistics, land, labour, power and availability of land should be minimized. The policy makers should now focus more on making global value chains more open and rhetoric about reshoring production possibilities. He unveiled the PHD Research Bureau report on ‘Achieving

a higher exports growth trajectory: 75 potential products and markets', and said that USA, Canada, Germany, France, UK, Japan, UAE, China, Mexico, Australia, among others would be the major focused markets in the next 75 months to achieve the goods export target of USD 750 billion by 2027.

Mr. Sivaramakrishnan Ganapathi, Managing Director, Gokaldas Exports Ltd., mentioned that major markets driving global trade are just about recovering economically, with generous quantitative easing by respective Governments in starting their growth cycle, while countries on the supply side in Asia and elsewhere are still reeling from COVID induced infections. India's exports basket ranges from primary and resource based exports, like agricultural exports and minerals to low and medium technology manufacturing. India has bounced into services much faster than other countries and reducing the trade deficit of India's balance of payment account. India's export performance will depend upon diversification across destinations, products and services. There is an opportunity for Indian textile industries to grow and prosper in the world market as China has lost about 8% to 10% of the market share in the last five years due to higher cost of labor, aging population and trade restrictions imposed by the US that is rapidly changing the industry structure.

Mr. Vishal Dhingra, Chair, Foreign Trade and Investment Committee, PHD

Chamber, in his theme presentation said that due to the situation created by the COVID pandemic, it becomes important for India to have strong strides in manufacturing with an effective ease of doing business environment. He further stated that global value chains are re-connecting once again and GDP growth rates of India's major export destinations are projected high in 2021 as compared with last pandemic year of 2020. Thus, India holds a great opportunity to enhance the export growth trajectory to the next level and to achieve US \$ 400 billion merchandise export target set by the Government.

Mr. Vipin Vohra, Co-chair, Logistics Management Committee, PHD Chamber and Chairman, Continental Carriers Pvt. Ltd., discussed about the issues of logistics industry wherein container shortages and high freight charges are the major concerns. At this juncture, Government intervention is needed to clear the port congestions to boost exports. Furthermore, shipping lines are charging their own prices and the low-cost commodity exports becoming more vulnerable. There is a need for favourable framework for Indian companies to open offices abroad to bring down these high costs. To cut down the transportation cost around 5% to 10%, there is a need to create warehouses closer to the airports and seaports and changes in the existing warehouse policy is needed to increase exports. He suggested that to overcome the container shortages it is necessary

to start manufacturing containers domestically as this situation will prevail for a long time. Further, more and more trade facilitation will help to achieve the target of USD 400 billion.

Mr. Sanjay Beswal, Co-chair, Foreign Trade and Investment Committee, PHD Chamber, presented the factors that are influencing the Indian export policies such as logistics and infrastructure, international trade environment and WTO, production capacities, taxes and duties among others. He highlighted the various beneficiary schemes related to exports and imports like; Special Economic Zones (SEZs), EXIM bank interest equalisation scheme, Export Promotion Capital Goods (EPCG), Exports Credit Guarantee Corporation (ECGC) and others. He stated that incentives and duty remissions play an important role in the business.

Mr. Saurabh Sanyal, Secretary General, PHD Chamber, delivered the vote-of-thanks to the dignitaries.

Dr S P Sharma, Chief Economist| DSG, PHD Chamber while moderating the session said that India's continuous efforts for ease of doing business as well as other policy announcements by the government such as RoDTEP, PLI and single window clearing system among others are providing a great help for increasing and enhancing the export trajectory of India. He said that identification of 75 potential products and markets can be the key enablers for achieving the target of USD 750 billion exports in the next 75 months.



FINANCE MINISTER MS.NIRMALA SITHARAMAN ATTENDS 4TH G20 FINANCE MINISTERS AND CENTRAL BANK GOVERNORS (FMCBG) MEETING IN WASHINGTON D.C.

Finance Minister for Finance & Corporate Affairs Ms. Nirmala Sitharaman participated in the 4th G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors (FMCBG) Meeting under the Italian Presidency held on October 13, 2021 in Washington D.C. The meeting was the final FMCBG Meeting under the G20 Italian Presidency and saw discussions and agreements on various issues concerning global economic recovery, pandemic support to vulnerable countries, global health, climate action, international taxation and financial sector issues.

Ms. Sitharaman noted that for transitioning from crisis to recovery, one of the major challenges is ensuring equitable access to vaccines for all. The Finance Minister suggested that keeping up the support, building resilience, enhancing productivity and structural reforms should be our policy goals. The Finance Minister appreciated the role of G20 in rallying pandemic response and supporting vulnerable countries through debt relief measures and the new SDR allocation. The Finance Minister joined the G20 Ministers and Governors in agreeing on the need for strengthening efforts to counter climate change. Ms. Sitharaman emphasised that considering the varied policy spaces and different starting points of countries, the centrality of climate justice based on United Nations' Framework Convention on Climate Change and principles of Paris Agreement would be critical for taking forward discussions towards successful outcomes.



INDIA-NEPAL INVESTMENT & DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP SUMMIT 2021



PHDCCI's India-Nepal Centre hosted India-Nepal Investment & Development Partnership Summit 2021 on July 23, 2021.

Mr. Sushil Bhatta, CEO, Investment Board Nepal and Chief Guest/Keynote Speaker of the Summit said, "Nepal is on the path of generating economic prosperity by creating robust legal and policy framework aimed at providing a conducive business environment for the private sector. He laid stress on the energy and infrastructure as two main areas where Indian investment in Nepal has created a very positive developmental momentum in Nepal, and for making South Asia a "Growth Hub."

Amb Mr. K V Rajan, Chair, India-Nepal Centre, PHDCCI & India's Former Ambassador to Nepal reflected on the needs for closer cooperation with India and Nepal.

Mr. Nirvana Chaudhary, Chair, India-Nepal Centre (Nepal), PHDCCI-CNI has said that India continues to be the most important trade and development partner of Nepal.

Mr. Ram Prasad Subedi, Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of Nepal

in India said that India has been and will be a formidable investment and development partner of Nepal, and together, both countries should explore tapping the low-hanging fruits in Nepal. This will be a win-win situation for both countries.

Mr. Abhishek Upadhyay, First Secretary & Commercial Representative, Embassy of India in Nepal appreciated the pioneering works of SBI in Nepal and opening of its "Nepal Help Desk" that should help the businesses on both sides. He acknowledged a vital role of PHDCCI's India-Nepal Centre, CNI and IBN in fostering such business initiatives.

Mr. Anukool Bhatnagar, CGM, SBI & Former MD & CEO, Nepal SBI Bank Ltd. shared about the recently-launched "SBI Nepal Desk" with a mission to support businesses to expand in both countries. In a bid to strengthen the universe of bilateral business partnership, the SBI Nepal Desk that should cater the businesses as well as the Nepali Diaspora living in different parts of the country including in India's northern states.

Mr. Pradeep Multani, Senior Vice

President, PHDCCI said, "Indeed, in the wake of COVID-19 outbreak, lives and livelihoods have been adversely impacted in an unprecedented manner. As the crisis has global nature, India and Nepal are severely impacted as well with the crisis created by global pandemic. To mitigate the economic losses and ensure rebounding, PHDCCI's India-Nepal Centre has been relentlessly working and making positive outcomes for the greater common goods."

Mr. Anil Khaitan, Former President, PHDCCI stated, "For making a robust startup ecosystem, Nepal should work closely with industry counterparts in India where the startups are playing a major role in the economic development of the country. He said that PHDCCI can be a partner for making positive entrepreneurial changes and welcomes collaborations with counterparts like CNI."

The Summit was curated and coordinated by Mr Atul K Thakur, Nodal Coordinator, India-Nepal Centre, PHDCCI.



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EXCLUSIVE EVENING OF ARCHITECTURE AND INTERIORS TASKFORCE



The Architecture and Interiors Taskforce, PHDCCI organized its first Exclusive Evening in Hybrid mode for its members on September 16, 2021 at PHD House, New Delhi. The agenda of the meeting was to decide the roadmap ahead for Taskforce and exchange of ideas between the members.

Mr. Pradeep Multani, Senior Vice President, PHDCCI in his special remarks said that the Architecture & Interiors Taskforce holds significant importance. He said that PHDCCI is working towards the vision of Self

Reliant India and is facilitating its members to grow their businesses. He appealed to all the members to work together to make the Taskforce an outstanding one.

Mr. Saket Dalmia, Vice President, PHDCCI while setting the context for the meeting said that the taskforce will provide the right platform to the Architecture & Design Fraternity.

Mr. Anand Sharma, Founding member of the Taskforce briefed about the initiative on Re-Invigorating Urban Identity in Indian Cities. The

intention is to try and bring forth policy initiatives at the country level wherein this taskforce can introduce initiatives on infusing urban landscape with elements which defines that city.

Ms. Swanzal Kak Kapoor, Owner, Saka Studio and Mr. Alan Abraham, Abraham John Architects presented their views on improving the urban spaces.

Mr. Saurabh Sanyal, Secretary General, PHDCCI delivered the vote-of-thanks to the participants.

TEA & BANANA WASTE USED TO DEVELOP NON-TOXIC ACTIVATED CARBON

A team of scientists have used tea and banana waste to prepare non-toxic activated carbon, which is useful for several purposes like industrial pollution control, water purification, food and beverage processing, and odour removal. The newly developed process avoids usage of any toxic agent for synthesizing activated carbon, thus making the product cost-effective as well as non-toxic. The processing of tea generates a lot of waste, generally in the form of tea dust. This could be converted into useful substances. The structure of tea was favourable for conversion to high-quality activated carbon. N. C. Talukdar, Former Director, Institute of Advanced Study in Science and Technology (IASST), Guwahati, an autonomous institute of the Department of Science & Technology and Dr Devasish Chowdhury, Associate Professor, used banana plant extract as an alternative activating agent for the preparation of activated carbon from tea wastes. Oxygenated potassium compounds contained in the banana plant extract helps in activating the carbon prepared from tea waste. The banana plant extract used in the process was prepared in the traditional way and is known as Khar, which is an alkaline extract from the ashes of burnt dried banana peels. The most preferred banana for this is called 'Bheem Kol' in Assamese.

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to be different and new refineries will have to function, in accordance, to live up to the changing patterns of the growing demand.

Ms. Rukmani Riar Sihag, IAS, Executive Director, RIICO and Addl. Commissioner (Investment & NRIs), Bureau of Investment Promotion Rajasthan, highlighted that Rajasthan is at the threshold of turning into an important petrochemical and petroleum destination of the country. The state of Rajasthan is also a prominent location in the world map of hydrocarbon reserves and production, as the state has significant resources and potential in hydrocarbon under petroliferous basin. she said.

Highlighting the growth trajectory and overall capacity of Indian petrochemical industry, Mr. Rajeev Mathur, President- Oil & Gas, CAIRN INDIA, informed that, India, today is the world's 4th largest in terms of refining capacity after US, China and Russia. Indian Oil Corporation has the largest refinery in India with capacity of over 70 seventy million tons per annum.

Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, President, PHDCCI, in his presidential address stated that the refining industry is undergoing critical restructuring at present. The configurations are continuously changing due to stringent environmental regulations and stress on cleaner fuels.

Mr. Pawan Tibrawala, Co-chair, Hydrocarbon Committee, PHDCCI delivered the vote-of -thanks to the guests.

Dr Jatinder Singh, Director, PHDCCI moderated the sessions.

NATIONAL REFINING & PETROCHEMICAL CONCLAVE 2021

The Hydrocarbon Committee of PHDCCI organized a Virtual National Refining & Petrochemical Conclave 2021 on September 14, 2021.

Mr. Tarun Kapoor, IAS, Secretary,

Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas accentuated that, going forward, complete demand and requirement of the economy for petrochemicals will witness a major shift, for which India's refining configuration will have

CENTRE INFUSES FUNDS TO BOOST AGRICULTURE SECTOR

The government has infused Rs 1,31,000 crores to boost agriculture and allied sectors with special emphasis on becoming an export-oriented economy as India has tremendous potential to satiate global demand. The government is keen to uplift the agriculture community by providing financial as well as technological support under various schemes run by the central government. India is making remarkable progress in this field which has further improved its ranking in terms of exporting agriculture-based products. India now stands at the ninth position globally. The agriculture sector is now contributing over 20 per cent in India's GDP which is expected to grow further. Under the PM-KISAN Yojana so far nine instalments have been credited into the accounts of 11 crore farmers through direct benefit transfer. Further, there is a need for technological interventions like mechanised farming, branding, marketing, processing and value addition to farm products, so that farmers could get remunerative prices for their produce.



CONSUMER CONFIDENCE CONCLAVE 2021

The Consumer Affairs Committee of PHDCCI organized a Consumer Confidence Conclave 2021 on September 17, 2021.

Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, President, PHD Chamber said that consumer confidence can only be built when the consumer is assured about the quality of the product and the service given by e-commerce/online companies. The consumer from the small city and town is still not confident about opting for online shopping.

Chief Guest, Sadhvi Niranjana Jyoti, Minister of State, Ministry of Rural Development and Ministry Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution, said that our country is not a market, it's a family. There must be enough grievance redressal mechanisms available for our consumers and the ministry is working towards it. She pointed out that big players have been contributing to the growth of the economy but small players are also playing a crucial role. Small businesses provide opportunities for employment as well as the growth of the economy.

Guest of Honour, Ms. Nidhi Khare, Additional Secretary (Consumer Affairs), Department of Consumer Affairs, Ministry of Consumer Affairs,

Food and Public Distribution, said that the government is facilitating and making all efforts to ensure the growth of the economy and the compliance burden is reduced for the ease of doing business in the country. "When we talk about consumer rights, we are creating a situation where it should be a win-win for all stakeholders. Eventually, there should be systemic ways in which consumer rights can be protected and safeguarded. Under the new "Consumer Protection Act, we've added provisions to provide speedy justice to consumers".

She suggested that Consumer grievance officers should be readily available at market places. As more and more people are approaching e-commerce sites, the platforms need to strengthen their consumer grievance redressal systems.

Dr Aruna Sharma, Former Secretary, Government of India, said, "We must treat e-commerce as a platform at par with brick-and-mortar stores. The draft policy is leading to ambiguity and creating a lot of confusion in the market. For consumer protection, it must be mandated that e-commerce platforms should provide a robust framework for grievance redressal. E-commerce in India is no

longer just FMCG. We want MSMEs to take advantage of e-commerce platforms, reach consumers and also partake in exports."

Mr. Mark Fellin, Head Product Trust & Regulatory Compliance, Amazon, said, "Regulatory compliance and product integrity is a top priority of our team. Our ultimate goal is that when a customer is shopping on Amazon, he/she has the safest experience ever.

Prof. Bejon Misra, Chairman, Consumer Affairs Committee, PHDCCI, said that E-commerce has been a big platform that played a key and pivotal role that ensured that consumers are not denied products and services without compromising safety and security. It is predicted that we will see a 25-30% increase in e-commerce trade., said Mr. Bejon Misra.

Mr. Pradeep Multani, Senior Vice President, PHDCCI said that e-commerce policies are being made to protect consumer's interests. Consumers in smaller cities are displaying similar buying trends as those in metros.

Dr Yogesh Srivastav, Assistant Secretary General, PHDCCI moderated the session.





THE PHDCCI AVIATION SERIES -2021 CAREERS IN AVIATION & AIR CARGO



The Civil Aviation Committee of PHD Chamber organized an informative webinar – The “PHDCCI AVIATION SERIES -2021-CAREERS IN AVIATION & AIR CARGO & Programmes of Rajiv Gandhi National Aviation University” on September 13, 2021. The webinar provided a common platform to

share various avenues for career opportunities available in this vital sector, with a focus on specific job oriented programmes being offered by the Rajiv Gandhi National Aviation University (RGNAU).

Mr. Amber Dubey, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation & VC RGNAU. Mr. Dubey while underlining the

importance of the webinar advised the aspirants to focus on the relevance & importance of education and industry-relevant experience that they will gain on completion of the various job oriented courses being offered for students who are genuinely passionate about the aviation industry and are ready to put in the required hard work.

INDIAN ECONOMY IS RECOVERING FROM COVID-19 CRISIS BUT MORE NEEDS TO BE DONE: SAYS WORLD BANK

World Bank President, Mr. David Malpass indicated that the Indian economy that was hit hard by COVID-19 pandemic is now in recovery mode. Mr. Malpass said that India, which faces huge challenges of integrating more people into the formal sector economy and raising the earnings of the people, has made some progress but that’s not enough. “Indians were hard hit by the waves of COVID and that’s unfortunate. They responded with the huge production of vaccines and there’s been progress on the vaccination effort. But we have to recognize the hit that COVID caused on the Indian economy and especially on the informal sector of the Indian economy which is large,” Malpass said. The World Bank projected the Indian economy to grow at 8.3 per cent this year. Mr. Malpass also said India, like other nations, is now facing a supply chain disruption due to the COVID-19 and by the inflation that’s been rising in the world.

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EXPORT OPPORTUNITIES IN CHEMICAL SECTOR- POST PANDEMIC

The Gujarat Chapter of PHDCCI organized a webinar on 'Export Opportunities in Chemical Sector-Post Pandemic' on a virtual platform on July 28, 2021.

The webinar provided a platform for the Chemical Industry in Gujarat comprising of Dyes & Dyes Intermediates manufacturers, Salt Manufacturers, Detergent Manufacturers, among others to discuss the issues, challenges and the way forward for this sector.

Mr. Samir Kumar Biswas, Addl. Secy. (Chemicals), Department of Chemicals & Petro Chemicals, Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers in his address said that the Chemical Sector is a major backbone of Indian economy. He also reiterated on the fact that the manufacturers and exporters while building ties with Asian nations for exports, need to know the intricacies of doing business within the country to explore newer opportunities.

Mr. Dharmendra Kumar Madan, Director (Chemicals), Department of Chemicals & Petro Chemicals, Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers (Govt. of India) in his special address spoke on

the issues and challenges faced by the stakeholders in the Chemical industry and emphasized on the importance of having better facilitators to provide opportunities to the relevant stakeholders to be able to do ease of business within the boundaries of the country.

Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, President, PHDCCI in his presidential address provided an overview of the Chemical industry in India backed by facts and figures. He lauded the schemes of the Government in boosting domestic exports and production and urged the stakeholders to promote the 'Make in India' campaign to put a thrust on export opportunities.

Mr. Ashish Desai, Chair, Gujarat Chapter, PHDCCI opined that the export opportunities in India has numerous challenges, however, they can be resolved and catered to if the relevant stakeholders are provided support thereby boosting the economy.

Mr. Natubhai Patel, President of Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industry articulated on why the Chemical sector especially the

Dyestuff Manufacturers are the most affected due to the Pandemic and how the schemes of the Government can help them revive from the loss and automatically pave way for opportunities.

Mr. Jagdish Bhatia, Faculty & Consultant in Export Import gave a presentation on the status and trends in Chemical Exports and showcased the untapped markets wherein exporters and manufacturers can initiate discussions for relationships and boost their profits. He also stressed on the importance of schemes of the Government which can be beneficial for the economy.

Mr. Anil Jain, Chairman, Foreign Trade Committee, Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industry shared his knowledge on the hurdles faced by the Exporters in the Chemical Sector.

Mr. Saurabh Sanyal, Secretary General, PHDCCI delivered the Concluding Remarks and summed up the issues and challenges faced by the Chemical Sector.

Dr. Jatinder Singh, Director, PHDCCI moderated the session.





MEETING WITH UNION COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY MINISTER

PHD Chamber participated at a meeting chaired by Mr. Piyush Goyal, Union Commerce and Industry Minister on August 23, 2021 to discuss measures to enhance exports. Ms. Anupriya Patel, Union Minister of State for Health and Mr. Som Prakash, Union Minister of State for Commerce and Industry also participated in the meeting.

PHD Chamber was represented by Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, President; Mr. Saket Dalmia, Vice President and Mr. Saurabh Sanyal, Secretary General.

Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal highlighted the vital points for the enhancement of exports. He mentioned that the RoSCTL, PLI scheme, and RoDTEP schemes are effective government initiatives to encourage exports. President Mr. Aggarwal stated that a one-size-fits-all policy will not be effective for boosting India's exports. He suggested that to sustain a long-term export growth, a sector-specific strategy will be more effective. The NTBs, Quality control, and safeguard measures should be sector-specific as the need of every industry is different.

The BIS certification procedure should be streamlined. The Restoration of India's Generalised



System of Preferences (GSP) status is important as USA is a major market of India. The Buying agents/Consultants of foreign buyers are key intermediaries who facilitate MSME exports. The GST @ 18%, is adversely affecting not only Exports of services but also Exports of Goods from India. He further added that RoDTEP covers many products but a few products are still left out and urged the government to include the remaining products.

The advanced Authorization scheme is very complex and exporters are not able to avail the benefits due to the complexity of the procedures. This scheme should be simplified to avail

the benefits. The scarcity of containers and the high prices of freights are the major issues for exports growth.

Mr. Saket Dalmia, Vice President PHDCCI, mentioned that to boost exports in Global Markets especially where India has inherent strengths, Indian embassies abroad should actively engage themselves in arranging buyers-sellers meetings, arranging appointments with Ministries, distributors, regulatory authorities, among others. He further added that PHD Chamber is identifying 75 high potential exports products to access the foreign markets.





INDIAN BANKING SECTOR: RESILIENCE AND RESURRECTION

The Banking, Financial Services and Insurance Committee of PHD Chamber organized a webinar on 'Indian Banking Sector: Resilience and Resurrection' on September 9, 2021.

Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, President, PHD Chamber in his address observed that a robust and resilient banking sector is critical for ensuring continued growth, as well as avoid the cascading impact on the economy due to protracted stress in banking sector.

Mr. Jyoti Prakash Gadia, Chair, BFSI Committee, PHD Chamber observed that post the global financial crisis, financial regulators and decision makers globally have been focusing on improving the resilience of financial services industry. The banking industry should be well prepared to respond rapidly to emerging operational events to minimize the impact on the market participants and their customers.

Mr. Ajay Kanwal, Managing Director & CEO, Jana Small Finance

Bank observed that banks play a very important role in healthy economic growth. He said that the banking sector is prepared across multiple segments in making India a 5 trillion dollar economy, with banks being the bloodline for all corporates and MSMEs.

Mr. Shivan J. K., MD and CEO, Dhanlaxmi Bank talking on Role of Banks and NBFCs in reviving Growth/ New Schemes/ Initiatives to revive growth said that NBFCs are big clients of banks. Technologies are the forte of NBFCs and fintech companies and banks have acquired lot of technology and learn a lot to stay ahead of NBFCs in terms of technology.

Ms. Manju S. Bolakani, Chief General Manager, (CCG-II), State Bank of India deliberating on Challenges being faced by our Banks/ Financial Institutions for achieving growth said that Government of India and RBI have taken many reforms to achieve the growth we are witnessing today. The biggest challenge being faced

by the banking system today is the entrance of big techs like Amazon, Flipkart, Facebooks in banking. He underlined that regulating these fintech companies is a challenge and it is extremely important to regulate them as these companies are very fast in starting their operations and have high control on data.

Mr. Nidhu Saxena, General Manager - Retail Banking, MSME & Bancassurance Business, UCO Bank said the pandemic has badly impacted the MSMEs due to liquidity, cash flows and capital adequacy. The timely reforms taken by Government addressed many issues of MSMEs,

Mr. Bijay Murmura, Co-chair, BFSI Committee, PHDCCI delivered the vote-of- thanks to the guests.

Dr S P Sharma, Chief Economist and DSG, PHDCCI observed that the Indian economy and banking sector is robust and resilient as it has overcome the political/ financial shocks over a long period of time.



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PHD CAR DRIVE



The Sports & Youth Affairs committee of PHDCCI organized the PHD Car Drive on September 12, 2021 from PHD House, New Delhi.

The Car Drive had a higher fun quotient with a 'Treasure Hunt' activity designed to immerse participants in a thrilling, exciting, and challenging environment by having them drive cars to six different locations in South Delhi by scanning QR codes to solve riddles and unlock their destinations.

The event was 'Gender Neutral,' with a healthy turnout of PHDCCI members, CEOs, Directors and Entrepreneurs.

Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, President, PHDCCI, welcomed all the participants to the PHD Car Drive and thanked them for their participation. He urged all participants to enjoy the ride, drive safely, and respect their opponents by driving responsibly and adhering to all traffic laws and regulations.

Mr. Arshad Nizam Shawl, Chair, Sports & Youth Affairs Committee, PHDCCI, praised the participants for attending and supporting the Car



Drive and encouraged each of them to not only drive safely but also to keep the sporting spirits high by adhering to the technical rules of the game.

Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, President, PHDCCI, along with Mr. Pradeep Multani, Senior Vice President, PHDCCI; Mr. Saurabh Sanyal, Secretary General, PHDCCI; Mr. Arshad Nizam Shawl, Chair, Sports & Youth Affairs

Committee and Mr. Mahesh Goyal, Co-chair, Sports & Youth Affairs committee, flagged off the Car Drive from the PHD House.

The Car drive was sponsored and supported by Paramount Cables, Alliance Advertising, Lotus Herbals and Signature Blankets.



Mr. Supratim Bandyopadhyay, Chairman, PFRDA; Mr. Mohit Jain, Former President, Gurgaon Chamber of Commerce and Industry; Mr. Mono Phukon, General Manager, PFRDA; Ms. Preeti Chandrashekhar, India Business Leader - Health & Wealth and Fellow Actuary, Mercer; Mr. Sanil Nair, Senior Consultant, Mercer; Ms. Bahroze Kamdin, Partner, Deloitte Haskins & Sells LLP; Mr. S K Sethi, Senior Member, PHDCCI; Dr S P Sharma, Chief Economist /DSG PHD Chamber; Ms. Monika Shingari, Joint Secretary, PHDCCI and Ms. Neeta Prasad, Sr. Assistant Secretary.

SECURING RETIREMENT WITH NPS AND INSIGHTS FOR EMPLOYER



With the objective of deliberating in details & sensitize and create awareness on the National Pension System to enable all stakeholders avail the benefit of NPS, the Banking, Financial Services and Insurance Committee of PHD Chamber in association with PFRDA and Gurgaon Chamber of Commerce and Industry organized a webinar on ‘Securing Retirement with NPS and Insights for employer’ on September 14, 2021.

Mr. Mohit Jain, Former President, Gurgaon Chamber of Commerce and Industry observed that it is important to secure one’s retirement strategically in order to lead post retirement phase of life in a stress free manner. He emphasized that it is important that retirement planning is started early as retirement planning is an essential part of financial planning for leading a comfortable and dignified post retirement life. The NPS scheme allows individuals employed in public and private sectors to invest in low-risk equity funds with good returns.

Mr. Supratim Bandyopadhyay, Chairman, PFRDA in his keynote address observed that longevity of life span has increased in India. We need to adopt National Pension Scheme (NPS) for a better lifestyle after retirement that will help to cut inflation and will give an umbrella of benefits for the long term based on one’s flexibility of contribution. It has been adopted by almost all the states of the nation and a large portion of employees and citizens are a part of NPS. PFRDA has many superannuation plans which are regulated by IRDA. He observed that NPS provides flexibility, and at the same time provides tax exemption too along with other benefits.

Ms. Preeti Chandrashekhar, India Business Leader - Health & Wealth and Fellow Actuary, Mercer in her presentation on ‘Retirement Benefits Planning’ said that social security in India after retirement is low and under pressure. Life expectancy in India at the age of 60 years becomes 80 years. The three key things that are important in context of India, one

is there is no social security in most of the part, second there is very low coverage in respect of private pension arrangement and third is the flexibility of post retirement corpus.

Mr. Sanil Nair, Senior Consultant, Mercer deliberated in details on employer and employee perspective on retirement planning. .

Mr. Mono Phukon, General Manager, PFRDA made a presentation about the National Pension System – Product Features and Benefits for Corporates. He explained in details the features of NPS including – low cost, flexible, transparent, tax efficient; attractive returns among others. thout tax benefits. He observed that the National Pension System is better regulated under PFRDA.

Ms. Bahroze Kamdin, Partner, Deloitte Haskins & Sells LLP discussed the Tax incentives for investment in NPS and changes by the Finance Act 2020 and the rules framed there under.

Mr. S K Sethi, Senior Member, PHDCCI delivered the vote-of- thanks to the guests.




LAWS OF SUCCESSION IN INDIA: FAMILY OWNED BUSINESSES

The Law and Justice Committee of PHDCCI organized a webinar on ‘Laws of Succession in India: Family Owned Businesses’ virtually on September 18, 2021.

The session started with the Opening Remarks by Mr. Vineet Bhagat, Co-chair, Law and Justice Committee, PHDCCI followed by the Session and Speaker Introduction by Mr. Vaibhav Gaggar, Co-chair, Law and Justice Committee, PHDCCI.

In his Presidential Address, Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, President, PHDCCI deliberated on important issues pertaining to succession laws in India, succession planning and family businesses.

Chief Guest, Hon’ble Mr. Justice

Jayant Nath, Judge, Delhi High Court in his keynote address touched upon pertinent topics viz. Inheritance Laws, Litigations in family run businesses, Importance of properly executed Wills, Long span of litigations in family disputes, Testamentary Succession, Importance of Witnesses, Different Succession Laws for different religions in India and Importance of Mediation in settlement of succession disputes.

Ms. Pinky Anand, Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India, spoke about the issue of gender gap in succession plan, Hindu Succession Act and the amendment of the Act in 2005. She also talked about the secrecy maintained in formulating succession plans. Ms. Anand also discussed

certain important cases related to topic including that of Apollo, K K Birla Group and Murugappa Family.

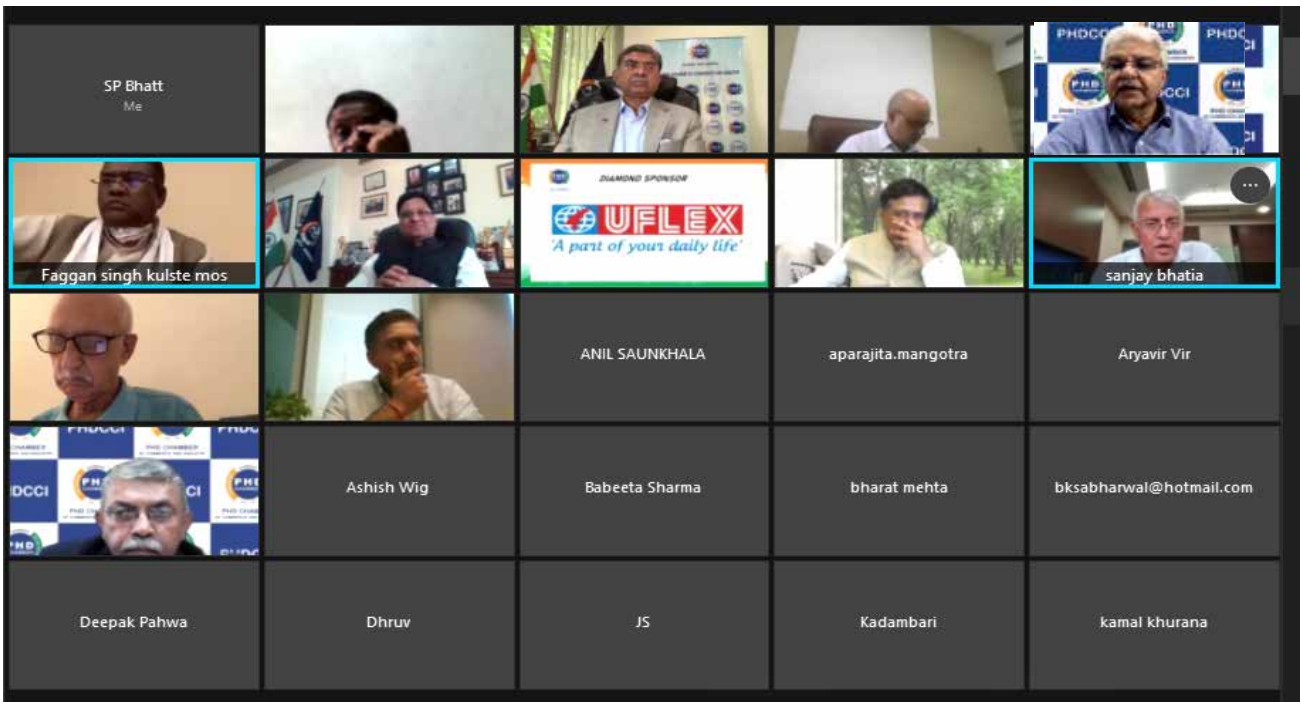
Mr. Guru Krishnakumar, Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India expressed his views on Cross Holdings by family members, Major Partition Issues, Complexities of Hindu Law, Importance to have a succession plan, Relevance of Family Arrangement, Succession Rights in Self Acquired Property viz-viz Ancestral Property, etc.

Mr. Vineet Bhagat, Co-chair, Law and Justice Committee, PHDCCI delivered the Summation Remarks. The session ended with the vote-of-thanks by Dr Jatinder Singh, Director, PHDCCI.

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INTERACTIVE SESSION WITH MINISTER OF STATE FOR STEEL & RURAL DEVELOPMENT



Mr. Faggan Singh Kulaste, Minister of State for Steel & Rural Development, Government of India (GoI) interacted with the members of the Managing Committee of PHDCCI on August 18, 2021 through video conferencing.

Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, President, PHDCCI welcomed Mr. Faggan Singh Kulaste, Minister of State for Steel & Rural Development, Government of India (GoI) and thanked him for sparing his precious time to interact with PHDCCI Managing Committee Members. The President introduced Mr. Faggan Singh Kulaste, Hon'ble Minister of State as a member of the 17th Lok Sabha (2019–2024) who represents the Mandla constituency of Madhya Pradesh in BJP. He has previously been a Member of 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 16th and 17th Lok Sabha. Since 1990, he has held various positions in the Government of India with various Ministries. Mr. Kulaste has been working for the

propagation of education in society and encouraging tribals to keep alive their cultural activities by forming several committees. He is also the Founder and Organizer of educational units and has been providing free education to the weaker sections of the society. He has also established Babalia Development Block for the upliftment of Adivasis and promotion of education.

Mr. Kulaste expressed his gratitude for the opportunity to interact with the Members on “Role of Rural India in the Economic Growth of the Country”. He highlighted that the contribution of rural India towards various sectors of society has led to economic development of the nation and agriculture sector will always be a backbone sector of the nation. The Minister stated that Prime Minister, Mr. Narendra Modi is committed to doubling farmers’ income in the times to come by introducing various schemes like Kisan Credit

Card, developments in horticulture, improving yield and farmland.

Mr. Faggan Singh Kulaste mentioned that our Prime Minister’s noble steps towards the distribution of dry grains to a large section of farmers signify India’s commitment towards farmers ensuring that food reaches every section of the society. This will help in the upliftment of farmers economically and domestically. The Minister asserted that the government is fully supporting the MSME sector and is doing every effort to uplift every sector of the industry.

The Minister answered all the queries raised by the members of Committee and assured supporting the Chamber’s nation-building and community development initiatives.

Mr. Pradeep Multani, Senior Vice President, PHDCCI delivered the vote-of- thanks to Mr. Kulaste.



MEETING WITH UNION MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY FOR SOFT LAUNCH OF NATIONAL SINGLE WINDOW SYSTEM

PHD Chamber participated in a meeting with Mr. Piyush Goyal, Union Commerce and Industry Minister for the Soft Launch of National Single Window System portal on September 22, 2021 at Hotel Ashoka, New Delhi.

PHD Chamber represented by Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, President; Mr. Dev Prakash Goel, Co-chair, MSME Committee and Dr SP Sharma, DSG joined in the physical meeting chaired by Mr. Piyush Goyal, Union Commerce and Industry Minister, along with Minister of State, Mr. Som Parkash, Union Minister of State for Commerce and Industry; Mr. Girdhar Armane, Secretary, DPIIT; Mr. Rajesh Verma, Secretary, Ministry of Commerce and Industry; Mr. Upendra Prasad Singh, Secretary, Ministry of Textiles and Ms. Sumita Dawra, Additional Secretary, DPIIT.

Minister Mr. Piyush Goyal, said that the National Single Window System is one among the many initiatives undertaken by the government wherein number of compliances has been removed to strengthen the economy. This initiative will help the MSMEs, Startups and investors to



gather information at a single point and become a game changer for attracting investments in India.

Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal appreciated the Ministry of Commerce and Industry for undertaking measures to enhance the growth of industrial productivity, increase competitiveness of the industrial eco-system and promote ease of doing business in the country.

The President mentioned that single window is in line with the Government's vision of Aatma Nirbhar Bharat. He further added that Single window system would provide end to end support, including pre-investment

requirements for the investors. The information related to land bank and industrial park rating system would be a major convenience for the investors. The document repository will reduce the duplication of submitting documents to different states and departments.

Mr. Som Prakash, Minister of State, Ministry of Commerce and industry, mentioned that India has made excellent progress in last few years and digital tools and technology provided a great help.





ROLE OF NEW AGE FINTECH SOLUTIONS IN ADDRESSING BUSINESS BANKING GAPS FOR MSME SECTOR

The MSME Committee of PHDCCI organized an interactive webinar on “Role of New Age Fintech solutions in addressing business banking gaps for MSME Sector” on August 25, 2021.

Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, President PHDCCI during his presidential address said that transaction value for the Indian fintech sector which was approximately \$33 billion in 2016 are growing at a five-year compound annual growth rate of 22%.

He also mentioned that there is an availability of technically skilled workforce and the presence of most parts of the financial services and technology ecosystem make Bengaluru and Mumbai the top two cities for FinTech companies.

The Special Remarks on ‘Industry Expectation from Fintech Sector’ was given by Mr. Joyti Prakash Gadia, Co-chair, MSME Committee, PHDCCI.

Mr. Mohit Jain, Chairperson, MSME Committee, PHDCCI said in India, FinTech has the potential to provide workable solutions to the problems faced by traditional financial institutions, such as low penetration, scarce credit history and cash driven transaction economy. If a collaborative participation from all the stakeholders, viz., regulators, market players and investors can be harnessed, Indian banking and financial services sector could be changed dramatically. FinTech service firms are currently redefining the way companies and consumers conduct transactions on a daily basis.

The first session was on Unlocking SME growth potential by integrating banking & business finance was discussed by Ms. Gunjan Kaur Jabbal-VP & Business Head (SME Banking), Open-Asia’s first Neo Banking Platform for SMEs and Startups. She said that

the benefits to banks of integrating non-financial services (NFS) can help mitigate these barriers into a SME banking proposition. Analysis of five SME banking models, in addition to previously published case studies and other resources, found that well-integrated NFS offers for MSMEs yield positive return on investment (ROI) within one to two years.

The second session was on ‘Digital Solutions for Contract Execution & Enforcement’ by Mr. Vineet K Sachdev, Co-Founder & CEO, IOUX.

The third session was on how the SMEs of India can get access to credit in post pandemic world easily by talked by Mr. Abhishek Kothari, Founder Partner, Flexiloan.

Mr. D P Goel Co-chair, MSME Committee, PHDCCI delivered the vote-of-thanks to the panellists.



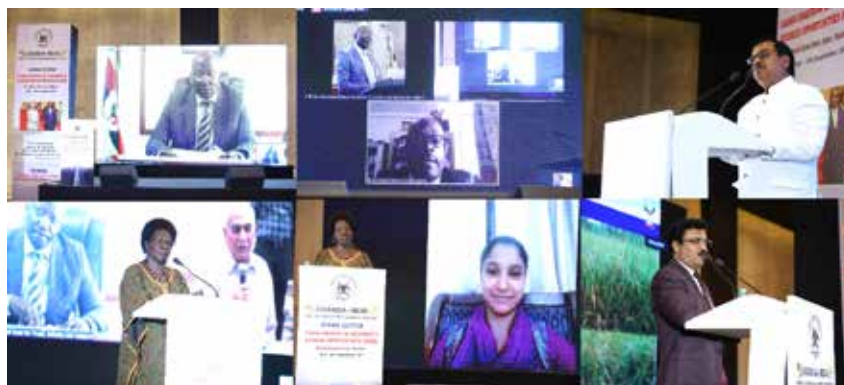
ROADSHOW ON INVESTMENT & BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES IN UGANDA

The Uganda High Commission in India with the support of International Affairs & Trade Fairs Division and Rajasthan State Chapter, PHDCCI organized a three day Hybrid Road Show from September 16 - 18, 2021 at Hotel Clarks Amer, Jaipur to discuss the immense investment and business opportunities and invite investors from India to encash the same in Uganda.

Ms. Grace Akello, High Commissioner of Uganda to India while welcoming the delegates for the Inaugural Session of the Road Show, dwelt light on the immense investment opportunities available in Uganda and assured that investors would be provided all help and facilitation by the Uganda High Commission in India.

Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, President, PHD Chamber assured that the Chamber would be willing to play a catalytic role in mobilizing investment by Indians in Uganda working in tandem with Uganda High Commission and provide necessary assistance and guidance to investors for ensuring increased investment between the two countries.

Guest of Honour, Mr. Yaduvendra Mathur, Former CMD, EXIM Bank and Special Secretary, Niti Aayog, shared his experience while working in that region and observed that Uganda offers a favorable eco system for trade



and investment by Indian investors in Uganda and investors should take advantage of it.

Chief Guest, Mr. Oryem Okello, Hon'ble Minister of State for International Cooperation, Government of Uganda in his virtual address informed that Indian investment is the priority of Uganda Government and investors would be provide all facilities and support so that their partnership in the development of different sectors could be ensured.

Day one witnessed virtual participation of several senior luminaries from Uganda Government.

The second day of Uganda Road Show on September 17, 2021 in Jaipur had detailed deliberations on the opportunities in manufacturing and SME sector and large number of investors evinced keen interest in making investments.

Mr. Gume Ngobi Fredrick, State Minister of Trade, Industry and Cooperatives, Government of Uganda in his virtual keynote address acknowledged the significant contribution of Indians in the growth and development of Uganda and informed that their contribution in the total tax collection is over 60%. He informed that Ease of Doing Business is at a very high level and there is a favorable eco system with a robust policy framework for the investors. It also offers opportunity for investors to access preferential markets of USA and EU countries. Investors can plough back the profits to their country without any difficulty and hassle, Mr. Fredrick informed.

Ms. Rukmani Riar Sihag, IAS, Executive Director, RIICO, Government of Rajasthan shared the investment policies of Government of Rajasthan and RIICO and offered to provide

RIICO's help in developing State-of-the Art, Industrial infrastructure in Uganda and developing policies for taking Uganda's industrial developments to the next level.

Senior officials from the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Cooperative, Government of Uganda namely Ms. Joyce B Onek, HOD, National Economic Cooperation and Dr Joshua Mutambi, Commissioner, Marketing Department informed that manufacturing and SME sectors have tremendous potential for new investment as 70% of manufacturing sector's requirement is imported and Uganda invites Indian investors to invest in different sectors.

Mr. Sanjiv Patel, President, Indian Association Uganda; Mr. K L Mina and Dr Vikas Jeff from Maharaj Vinayak Global University, Jaipur shared the experience of doing business in Uganda and assured investors that the investment and working conditions are highly safe in Uganda.

The Plastic Manufacturing sector and Pharma entrepreneurs present during the Road Show expressed keen desire to make investment in Uganda and suggested to mount trade delegations to move ahead.

On the last day of the three day "Uganda Road Show" on September 18, 2021 in Jaipur, large number of investors & stakeholders from Tourism, Film Making, Tours and Travels, Hotelier and other professionals had detailed deliberations on mutual cooperation in the field of Tourism and



Film making in Uganda and forging new partnerships.

Guest of Honour, Dr Lalit K Panwar, Former Tourism Secretary, complimented Uganda High Commission and PHD Chamber for organizing such initiatives after COVID which was the need of the hour & go a long way in promoting tourism between the two countries.

Mr. Nnam Alfred, Head of Public Diplomacy Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Mr. Eddy Kirya, Board Member and Director Marketing, Uganda Tourism Board, Government of Uganda through their virtual participation gave detailed presentations on the opportunities & USPs for film making and tourism sector in Uganda and robust policy framework for the benefit of interested investors.

Mr. Jitendra Singh Rathore, Royal Safari Tours, Jaisalmer; Mr. Deepak Mahaan, Senior Documentary Film Maker; Mr. Kuldeep Singh Chandela,

President, Hotel & Restaurant Association of Rajasthan; Mr. Khalid Hayat Khan, Rajasthan Association of Tour Operators; Mr. Mahendra Singh, President, Association of Domestic Tour Operators of India & Indian Association of Tour Operators and Mr. Somendra Harsh, Founder, Rajasthan International Film Festival shared their suggestions for accelerating mutual cooperation and new business engagements between two countries in the field of film making and tourism.

During the three day road show, many cultural performances by artists from Uganda depicting rich cultural heritage of Uganda.

Mr. Mohammad Kajala, Deputy High Commissioner, Uganda and Mr. Digvijay Dhabriya, Chair, PHD Chamber Rajasthan Chapter expressed satisfaction on the successful organization of the Road Show with the participation of large number of investors from different sectors for making investment in Uganda.





2ND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION ON DESTINATION CIS

The International Affairs & Trade Fairs Division of PHDCCI organized the 2nd International Conference and Exhibition on Destination CIS (Hybrid edition) themed as “Partnerships for Inclusive Growth” on September 20, 2021 at PHD House, New Delhi in collaboration with Tea Coffee Association.

Amb. Anil Wadhwa, Chair, PHDCCI Ambassadors’ Economic Forum in his introductory remarks mentioned that the CIS countries offer innumerable opportunities on account of rapidly growing markets due to high GDP

growth, vast natural resources, political stability, well educated workforce, etc.

Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, President, PHDCCI in his presidential address reflected upon the trade figures, India’s total trade with CIS countries stood at a total of USD 13.01 billion, out of which India’s export to CIS countries stood at USD 3.887 million and our imports from the region stood at USD 9.126 million.

H.E. Mr. Ashraf Farhad Shikhaliyev, Ambassador and Plenipotentiary, Embassy of the Republic of Azerbaijan

gave an overview on the business opportunities available in the Republic of Azerbaijan. He mentioned that according to the report by the World Economic Forum in terms of Governments long term strategy, Azerbaijan is on the 10th place and on the government’s political stability agenda which is very important for the investors, it is on the 11th place; this survey was done amongst 74 developing countries.

H.E. Mr. Andrei Rzhessky, Ambassador and Plenipotentiary, Embassy of the Republic of Belarus,

said that since the economies of the CIS countries began to change, the custom rules along with import and export rules have been simplified; the economic corporation between CIS countries has also increased. Now with a population of around 240 million and 3 trillion dollar economy, there are enormous opportunities for businesses.

H.E. Mr. Nurlan Zhalgasbayev, Ambassador, Embassy of the Republic of Kazakhstan highlighted that Kazakhstan is a country with rich historical past, a country of great opportunities seeking to become one of the most competitive economies in the world and has one of the most competitive tax regimes in the region.

Aiming to diversify its economy, Kazakhstan offers vast opportunities across various sectors. These include agriculture, petrochemistry, metallurgy, tourism, Energy including renewable energy, infrastructure, Transport & logistics, electronic machine, medical device, ICT, Education and pharmaceuticals.

H.E. Mr. Alok Ranjan Jha, Ambassador of India to Belarus gave an overview of the benefits of investment in Belarus and business

operation. He said Belarus is a strategic geographical location with direct access to EU markets. It has an attractive investment climate and favorable taxation policies and 6 free economic zones which will help attract investments and boost exports.

H.E. Mr. Asein Isaev, Ambassador, Embassy of Kyrgyz Republic mentioned that Kyrgyz Republic is a landlocked country located in the heart of Central Asia. It is the most important transit country in Central Asia. Free economic zones provide special customs privileges to exporting and importing companies.

Kyrgyz Republic creates favorable conditions for the development of tourism and business entries into the country and Indian business should take advantage of the opportunities.

H.E. Mr. Akhatov Dilshod Khamidovich, Ambassador, Embassy of Uzbekistan said Uzbekistan is a resource-rich, most populated country, strategically located in the heart of Central Asia. He highlighted current trends in investment in large-scale infrastructure projects. Uzbekistan has made significant strides to attract more international business and investment, overhauling

every facet of doing business in the country in an attempt to facilitate and increase foreign direct investment (FDI).

Mr. Murodbek Aslamzoda, Charge d’Affaires, Embassy of the Republic of Tajikistan spoke on positive reform dynamics & diverse investment opportunities. He mentioned that Tajikistan has a window of opportunity to start transitioning towards becoming a continental energy and trade hub, with access to huge markets.

Mr. Saurabh Sanyal, Secretary General, PHDCCI expressed his sincere gratitude to all the dignitaries present and mentioned that its the opportune time for the Indian businessmen to engage and work in a deeper cooperation for attracting incoming investments and sectors and areas for economic cooperation.

The session was moderated by Mr. Naveen Seth, ASG, PHDCCI and witnessed the participation of more than 150 Industry stalwarts from India and CIS Region. The session was followed by B2B meeting between both the nations



START-UPS SHOULD COME UP WITH INNOVATIVE AND OUT-OF-BOX SOLUTIONS TO THE PROBLEMS FACED BY THE ELDERLY

Vice President, Mr. Venkaiah Naidu urged India’s young start-ups to come up with innovative and out-of-box solutions to the everyday problems faced by the elderly. He said that taking care of the elderly should not be the responsibility of the government alone and each one of us should come forward and join this noble cause. Addressing the gathering after presenting the National Award-Vayoshreshtha Samman-2021, Vice President said that he would prefer to call our senior citizens as ‘elders’ rather than ‘older persons’. Vice President also launched the SACRED (Senior Able Citizens for Re-Employment in Dignity) portal to connect the senior citizens with job providers in the private sector. He said that more than 50% of senior citizens are active and therefore, it is very important to provide gainful employment opportunities to them for a happy, healthy, empowered and self-reliant life. Highlighting that our elders are the vast repository of experience and expertise, he urged the private sector to join the new portal and get benefitted from the skills and experience of our senior citizens.

It may be noted that the United Nations General Assembly had adopted a resolution to observe 1st October 1999 as the International Day of Older Persons and since then, the 1st day of October every year is celebrated as the International Day of Older Persons, worldwide. The theme for United Nations International Day of Older Persons 2021 is “Digital Equity for All Ages” which calls for meaningful participation in the digital world by older persons. In the time of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, more and more services are being offered online.



MOU SIGNING CEREMONY BETWEEN PHD CHAMBER AND APEEJAY STYA UNIVERSITY

PHD Chamber & School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Apeejay Stya University signed a MoU for sharing of knowledge and deepening of the industry-academia collaboration on August 25, 2021.

While welcoming participants, Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, President, PHDCCI briefed about the importance of Industry Academia teamwork to bridge the gap and strengthen the research and technology transfer based collaborative approach to develop required skills and create excellence.

Mr. Nishant Berlia, Chair, Pharmaceutical Manufacturing & Medical Devices Committee, PHDCCI and Co-Promoter, Apeejay Stya & Svrn Group (Martin & Harris Pvt. Ltd.) appreciated the efforts for joining hands together towards

bridging the skill gap and said that this industry academia collaboration will serve as a platform for sharing the knowledge and foster innovation.

Prof R S Dhankar, Vice Chancellor, Apeejay Stya University thanked PHD Chamber for providing the industry platform to their students and assured to organize various activities with PHD Chamber by inviting industry leaders to understand the challenges faced by the industry and how the academia can be a part of the research & development and technological advancement.

Dr Anupama Diwan, Dean, School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Apeejay Stya University said she's confident that the MoU will bring in new avenues and scope for PHD Chamber & Apeejay Stya University and will definitely create a fruitful result.

Dr N. Subramanian, Chair, Health Committee, PHDCCI & Medical Advisor, Indraprastha Apollo Hospitals (Joined Virtually) congratulated the efforts of PHD Chamber for inviting academia to share the knowledge and expertise in the R&D sector.

Prof Harvinder Popli, Co-chair, Health Committee, PHDCCI & Director SPS, Delhi Pharmaceuticals Science & Research University, Govt. of NCT of Delhi shared the importance of organizing various activities, bringing academia and industry together on one platform to share the knowledge and understand the industry challenges which can be tackled with the expertise of the academia.

Mr. Saurabh Sanyal, Secretary General, PHD Chamber delivered the vote-of-thanks to the dignitaries.





E-CONCLAVE ON INTELLIGENT CONNECTIVITY FOR BUSINESS GROWTH

The Innovation Committee of PHDCCI organized an E-Conclave on 'Intelligent Connectivity for Business Growth' on September 2, 2021 through virtual platform.

Mr. Deepak Pahwa, Chair, Innovation Committee, PHDCCI set the theme of the session by emphasizing that the data has become very significant today, not only for businesses but also for governments all across. He presented an innovative data management model – PPP (Pahwa Packman Pursuit) focussing on pillars of measurement, analysis actionable plan.

Mr. V.K. Mishra, Co-chair, Innovation Committee, PHDCCI asserted that for any business to prosper, companies need to keep a balance between the changing demand of consumers and technology and resources available for fulfilling those demands.

Mr. Anil Kumar Jain, CEO, NIXI, Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY) spoke at length about the relevance of the timely launch of digital India scheme on July 1, 2015 by Hon'ble PM and how it is boosting digital infrastructure, digital governance and digital access to everyone.

Dr A. K. Garg, Sr. Director, Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY) stressed on the digital adaptation across all sectors globally due to the pandemic and believed that India is a very strong player in the digital space.

Mr. H. K. Mishra, Sr. Vice President, Head- Region India & SAARC, Metro Teleworks gave a detailed presentation on advanced digital networks and data oriented businesses.

Technical session 'IoT for Creating Sustainable Tech for Smart Cities' was moderated by Mr. V K Mishra.

The eminent panellists included Ms. Purna Soni, Vice President, Invest India and Mr. Bhudeb Chakravarti, CEO, Muzaffarpur Smart City.

Eminent panellists of the session on 'Moving with the Times-Supporting Critical Infrastructures through IoT Solutions' included Ms. Charru Malhotra, Associate Professor (e-Governance and ICT), IIPA; Mr. Nate Srinath, Founder-Director, Inxee and Mr. R Ramanan, Former (First) Mission Director, Atal Innovation Mission, Additional Secy, Niti Aayog and Mr. Vinod Sood, Managing Director & Co-Founder, Hughes Systique Corporation.

The vote-of-thanks to the panellists was delivered by Dr Jatinder Singh, Director, PHDCCI.

E-Conclave was sponsored by New Delhi Institute of Management and Bry Asia.





WEBINAR ON HEALTHCARE ENTREPRENEURSHIP: LESSONS FROM COVID-19

Dhawan, Director, Centre for Biomedical Research, Lucknow gave a presentation on the challenges and opportunities in healthcare. He elaborated on the five verticals namely-surveillance, diagnostics, drugs, hospital assistive devices and supply chain on mitigating the risks posed by COVID-19.

Dr Taslimarif Saiyed, Director and CEO, Centre for Cellular and Molecular Platforms, Bengaluru stated in his Keynote address that Science Entrepreneurship is crucial for countries like India to build its own innovation for its own problems.

In her plenary address, Dr Poulomi Ganguly, CEO, SilverGenie gave a detailed presentation on lack of coordinated care and unorganized healthcare providers for the elderly in India and how early intervention is the need of the hour.

The session was moderated by Mr. Navin Kumar Gaur, Nodal Officer, DIIF. Dr Jatinder Singh, Director, PHDCCI delivered the vote-of - thanks to the guests.

Day2ofthewebinarstartedwiththe Plenary Address of Dr Anil Khandelwal, Managing Director - Yogicsecret Healthcare P Ltd., Managing Partner - Lantoms Advisors LLP followed up by a Panel Discussion on Mitigating Entrepreneurial Challenges Posed by COVID-19. Distinguished panelists included Mr. V.K. Mishra, Co-chair, Innovation Committee, PHDCCI and Director Lakshmi Energy and Foods Limited; Mr. Ankur Bansal, Co-chair, Innovation Committee, PHDCCI and Vice Chairman, New Delhi - Institute of Management; Dr Vandana Arora, Group Director, Lloyd Business School;



The Innovation Committee of PHDCCI organized a webinar on ‘Healthcare Entrepreneurship: Lessons from COVID 19’ on August 23 -24, 2021. This was the first of the three Webinar and Workshop Series on ‘Entrepreneurial Avenues in Healthcare and Allied Areas’.

On day 1, the session started with the Presidential Address of Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, President, PHDCCI. wherein he deliberated on the theme of the session and said “Healthcare industry has been one of the biggest attractions amongst all industries, giving a wide range of opportunities to entrepreneurs, and in this pandemic era, new avenues for healthcare entrepreneurs have opened up”.

Prof. R. K. Goyal, Vice Chancellor, DPSRU (Delhi Pharmaceutical Sciences and Research University) and Chairman, DIIF (DPSRU Innovation and Incubation Foundation) spoke about the transformation of DPSRU and also about its Startups focused Incubator Centre –DIIF.

Dr Harvinder Popli, Director, DIIF and Director, DPSRU in her presentation discussed the next wave of healthcare Innovation, challenges in healthcare industry and cloud transformation.

Dr Geeta Aggarwal, Interim CEO, DIIF shared a short brief on the Foundation.

Guest of Honour, Prof. Alok

Dr Ashutosh Pastor, Incubation Manager, IIT Delhi and Ms. Ruchi Singh, Founder Cerelia Nutritech Pvt Ltd.

Preparedness of students to be entrepreneurs, initiatives taken by the incubation centre's to mitigate the COVID impact in terms of inducting new start-ups and supporting them, New funding opportunities for start-ups working in COVID related areas and Government support to innovative solutions for COVID-19 were few of

the major themes discussed in the panel discussion.

The Session was moderated by Dr Jatinder Singh, Director, PHDCCI; Dr Geeta Aggarwal, Interim CEO, DIIF (DPSRU Innovation and Incubation Foundation) and Mr. Navin Kumar Gaur, Nodal Officer, DIIF.

Mr. Deepak Pahwa, Chair, Innovation Committee, PHDCCI and Managing Director, Bry -Air (Asia) Private Ltd. deliberated on the theme and mentioned that Innovative

healthcare entrepreneurship in India is very important for the sector to progress. To make it happen innovation will play a vital role in coming times so the entrepreneurs should aim for innovative technological advancement for their benefit and for the benefit of the society as a whole.

Dr. Harvinder Popli, Director, DIIF and Director, DPSRU gave summation remarks and the vote -of- thanks to the panellists.



WORKSHOP ON SUSTAINABLE SUPPLY CHAIN AND VALUE CHAIN REPORTING

The Education Committee of PHDCCI organized a virtual workshop on 'Sustainable Supply Chain and Value Chain Reporting' for Gail India Ltd. and its small and medium suppliers on August 17, 2021. The objective of the workshop was to sensitize the participants about important aspects of supply chain and sustainability, including areas of governance, policies, standards, certifications, BRSR etc. SEBI in

May 2021 introduced the Business Responsibility and Sustainability Reporting (BRSR) for listed entities to include sustainability in business reporting. In BRSR, the organization portrays its plan and performance in terms of sustainability, which is becomes a stakeholder to identify and assess sustainability-related risks and opportunities to take wise decisions.

The discussions centered on value chain reporting by companies

and how to encourage and ensure its hassle-free incorporation in BRSR. The workshop created awareness amongst Corporates and PSUs about Sustainability Goals, BRSR, Supply Chain and Value Chain.

The domain expert for the workshop was Mr. Inderjeet Singh, Director & Lead, ESG and Carbon Markets, Deloitte (India).

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BUSTING THE MYTH: GETTING VACCINATED IS A SAFER AND WISER DECISION

INTRODUCTION

Vaccines are antigenic preparation that trigger immune system of the recipient against specific infective agent or their toxin. Antigen is any substance (infectious microbe or other substance) against which body generates specific (immune) response by identifying it as foreign.

Human body has an ability to ward off damage or disease by preventing microbes from gaining access into the body and to help eliminate those that do gain access. This constitutional body defence is called innate immunity which is non-specific and includes external physical barriers and chemical barriers such as skin and mucous membrane, antimicrobial substances, natural killer cells, phagocytes, inflammation, and fever. The non-specific immunity is inadequate for protection against many cases where microbe breach innate immunity, causing disease.

It is commonly observed when a patient recovers from certain diseases he is left with a high degree of immunity against that specified microbe. This type of immunity acquired after clinical or sub-clinical infection or by administration of antigenic preparation (vaccine) is called acquired immunity. Acquired immunity is specific to specific microbe and also has memory so

that a second encounter of the antigen prompts an even more rapid and vigorous response. Acquired immunity involves T lymphocytes, B lymphocytes etc. Acquired immunity is also obtained passively by administration of antibodies produced in another body and from mother to foetus.

VACCINES IN HUMAN HEALTH

Vaccines contain attenuated or killed micro-organisms or antigenic fractions or substances produced by the same pathogenic organisms so that the preparation is harmless whilst retaining their antigenic efficiency. The first vaccine was developed in 1978. Since then vaccination has made an enormous contribution to global health. Today vaccination is the best means of preventing many infectious diseases. Under the Universal Immunization Programme (UIP), Government of India is providing immunization nationally against Diphtheria, Pertussis, Tetanus, Polio, Measles, Rubella, severe form of Childhood Tuberculosis, Hepatitis B and Meningitis & Pneumonia caused by Hemophilus Influenza type B. Under UIP immunization is given sub-nationally against Rotavirus diarrhoea, Pneumococcal Pneumonia and Japanese



Mr. Pradeep Multani
Senior Vice President, PHDCCI
and Chairman, Multani
Pharmaceuticals Ltd.

Encephalitis. Detail of UIP can be found online at

<https://nhm.gov.in/index1.php?lang=1&level=2&sublinkid=824&lid=220>.

Two major achievements of UIP are elimination of polio and maternal and neonatal tetanus elimination.

COVID-19 VACCINE

COVID-19 is viral infectious disease caused by SARS-CoV-2. Though no effective treatment is available, now several vaccines are available. In India, two vaccines



Covishield® (AstraZeneca's vaccine manufactured by Serum Institute of India) and Covaxin® (manufactured by Bharat Biotech Limited) were granted emergency use authorization (EUA) by the Central Drugs Standard Control Organization. Sputnik V has been granted EUA in April 2021. The detail of schedule, dose and all other relevant information are available online at https://www.mohfw.gov.in/covid_vaccination/vaccination/faqs.html#about-the-vaccine.

From 1798, when first vaccine was developed to now there are several safe and effective vaccines that prevent people from getting seriously ill or dying from COVID-19. Like any vaccine, COVID-19 vaccines can cause mild, short term side effects, such as a low-grade fever or pain or redness at the injection site. Most reactions to vaccines are mild and go away within a few days on their own. More serious or long-lasting side effects to vaccines are possible but extremely rare. Concerning safety, there are strict protections in place to help ensure the safety of all COVID-19 vaccines. Before receiving validation from WHO and national regulatory agencies, COVID-19 vaccines must undergo rigorous testing in clinical trials to prove that they meet internationally agreed benchmarks for safety and efficacy.



CONCLUSION

Getting vaccinated is safer and wiser decision in fight against COVID-19. Unlike most drugs, whose benefit is restricted to the individual who takes the drug, prophylactic vaccines have the potential for far-reaching effects that encompass health service utilisation, general health and wellbeing, cognitive development and, ultimately, economic productivity. Getting vaccinated is one part of managing COVID-19, in addition to the main preventive measures of staying at

least 1 metre away from others, covering a cough or sneeze in your elbow, frequently cleaning your hands, wearing a mask, and avoiding poorly ventilated rooms.

PHD Chamber has also taken multiple initiatives (in form of vaccination camps) to not only vaccinate its own employees but also the employees and their family members of the members companies. This has also helped the member companies to kick-start the working from offices/manufacturing units in line with the Government's guidelines.



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SBI-PHDCCI INDUSTRY ROUNDTABLE MEET

As economic rebounding is the need of the hour to brave a new world in post-pandemic times, the State Development Council (SDC), PHDCCI in association with the State Bank of India (SBI) started a new business outreach program series “SBI-PHDCCI Industry Roundtable Meet”. The second program in this series was organized on August 26, 2021 at Hotel Legend Sarovar Portico, Baddi, Himachal Pradesh and was supported by Himachal Pradesh State Chapter of PHDCCI. The Meet was organized to bring the industry stakeholders and exporters of Himachal Pradesh on a common business platform and discuss crucial aspects concerning businesses and project finance with a focus on MSMEs, large corporates and enhancing the export potential from the state.

The roundtable was attended by the key policymakers from SBI and industry to ideate the way forward for closer cooperation between SBI and industry entities of Himachal Pradesh to strengthen the business ecosystem.

Chief Guest, Mr. Anukool Bhatnagar, Chief General Manager, SBI, Chandigarh Local Headquarters reflected on the macroeconomic trends in the light of the pandemic and its adverse impacts on industry, especially on MSMEs and exports. He said that SBI is open for meeting the



financing requirements of Himachal Pradesh’s industries. To overcome the challenges of demand slump and rising cost of business, he suggested the industry to adapt to the new normal and brave it through their entrepreneurial zeal. He shared that through its Chandigarh Local Headquarters, SBI is catering to the banking needs of all segments of the customers and the bank is consistently on the progressive path both financially and through its outreach initiatives. Besides initiating various new initiatives in SBI’s Chandigarh circle to support all sizes of businesses, the SBI Nepal Desk is a new institutional initiative to serve the interests of people and businesses in both countries, he added.

In their presentations, Mr. O P Choudhary, Deputy General Manager (SMEs), SBI, Chandigarh Local Headquarter; Mr. Pawan Kumar, Deputy General Manager (B&O), Shimla, SBI and Mr. Jawahar Koul, RM (RBO), Solan, SBI highlighted the favourable offerings from SBI for MSMEs, exporters and farmers in Himachal Pradesh. The Session was moderated by Mr. Atul K Thakur, Deputy Secretary, State Development Council, PHDCCI. Mr. Dhian Chand, Mentor; Mr. Narender Bhardwaj, Co-chair and Mr. Sanjay Gupta, Co-chair, Himachal Pradesh State Chapter, PHDCCI presented industry’s perspectives from the state.





INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT OF LOGISTICS IN J&K

The Jammu & Kashmir Chapter of PHD Chamber organized a webinar on “Integrated development of Logistics in J&K” on July 30, 2021.

Chief Guest, Mr. Ranjan Prakash Thakur (IRTS), Principal Secretary, Industries and Commerce J&K Government stated that a lot of work is happening in the Logistic infrastructure development of J&K with major process reforms with deemed approval timelines under Best Single Window Clearance System of the country coming up in J&K and two inland Container depots and Dry port each in Jammu and Srinagar.

Mr. Thakur said that the entire logistic ecosystem of J&K is under major transformation with critical all weather train and road connectivity. He further added that legal lacunas for acquiring land for industrial and logistic development and change of

land use are flagged at a higher level and are being addressed on priority for all procedural issues. He apprised that there are investments coming from Japanese Companies in Jammu region.

Mr. Rahul Sahai, Chair, PHDCCI Jammu while moderating the session mentioned, that there is a need to get all the regulators and stakeholders together for ensuring seamless working and development of the logistics sector.

Mr. Sahai proposed that Transport Nagar, Jammu should be developed as the Model Logistics hub of J&K with existing automotive spare and repair market and Transport companies, which are presently operating in Transport Nagar. Mr. Sahai also stressed upon resolution of land title Gair Mumkin khads & passis and also raised issue of land locked near Army walls and suggested building

permissions be granted to lands which are not adjoining ammunition depots.

Mr. Pradeep Multani, Senior Vice President, PHDCCI in his presidential address praised the Principal Secretary for the various initiatives taken by UT government for development of Logistics Sector of J&K, Mr. Multani further added that it is believed that the improved logistics will uplift ways of doing business and be a game changer in the creation of Jobs in Jammu and Kashmir.

Mr. Vipin Vohra, Co-chair Logistics Committee, PHDCCI mentioned that logistics plays an important role for development of a region. He further stated that development of cold storage, ware houses, pack houses, Sort houses and Air freight stations and also reduction in transshipment costs are essential to develop the logistics sector of J&K.

Mr. Arun Gupta, President, Chamber of Commerce & Industry Jammu and Mr. Neeraj Anand National Vice President, CAIT talked about sufferings of people of Transport Nagar and requested Mr. Ranjan Prakash Thakur to visit the area.

Mr. Baldev Singh Raina, Chair, PHDCCI Kashmir, and Mr. Mushtaq Ahamd Chaya, Mentor, PHDCCI Kashmir while welcoming the speakers and participants, said that COVID-19 pandemic has impacted all businesses. Mr. Raina mentioned that J&K is fast changing and very vibrant in terms of development of industry and supported by the administration at all fronts. Mr. Chaya said that the Government has announced the Industrial Scheme that is expected to speed up the revival of the all sectors Mr. Rakesh Wazir, Mentor, PHDCCI Jammu praised the Principal Secretary for large scale reforms in Industrial Sector and thanked for unending support for the tourism industry and ease in doing business. Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, Co-chair, PHDCCI Jammu appreciated the Government to address the concerns related to logistics infrastructure and process barriers in a time bound manner.

Mr. Kuldeep Gupta Co-chair PHDCCI Jammu delivered the vote-of-thanks to the guests and informed that a formal MoU will be signed by PHDCCI and Industries Department and Logistics Committee of J&K for Logistics development of J&K.





INTERACTIVE MEETING WITH PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION ON HOME AFFAIRS

The J&K Chapter of PHDCCI had an interactive meeting with the Parliamentary Delegation on Home Affairs on August 18, 2021 at Srinagar. PHDCCI J&K was represented by Chair Mr. Baldev Singh Raina and Mentor, Mr. Mushtaq Ahmad Chaya. PHDCCI representation on issues concerning the industry in J&K were presented to Mr. Anand Sharma, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Home Affairs.

Mr. Rakesh Sinha, Member of the Committee appreciated the concerns raised by the PHDCCI Delegation and assured that they would raise all the pertinent issues with the Government of India.



US INDIA STRATEGIC AND PARTNERSHIP FORUM LAUDS INDIA'S ROLE IN GLOBAL MINIMUM CORPORATE TAX

Nearly 140 countries, including India signed up to a historic deal in October 2021 to ensure big companies pay a corporate tax rate of at least 15 per cent, as well as a fairer system of taxing profits where they are earned. The path breaking tax deal orchestrated by OECD is truly remarkable as it is expected to provide tax certainty, prevent double taxation and reduce compliance and litigation for multinational companies. The US India Strategic and Partnership Forum commends India's role and supportive stand on this far-reaching agreement which ensures a fair international tax system aligned to a digitalized and globalized world economy.



VIRTUAL MEETING WITH HON'BLE PRIME MINISTER OF INDIA – REPRESENTED BY PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, INDUSTRIES AND COMMERCE, GOI AND DIRECTOR, INDUSTRIES, KASHMIR



Mr. Baldev Singh Raina, Chair, PHDCCI Kashmir attended the virtual Meet on August 7, 2021 with Mr. Narendra Modi Hon'ble Prime Minister. The meeting was represented by Mr. Ranjan Prakash Thakur, Principal Secretary, Industries and Commerce and Director Industries, Kashmir, and other senior officials of Industry and EC members of PHDCCI Kashmir. The virtual meeting was a first of its kind initiative wherein the Prime Minister interacted with Heads of Indian Missions abroad and stakeholders of the trade & commerce sector via video conference. The Union Commerce Minister and External Affairs Minister were also present during the interaction.



INTERACTIVE MEETING WITH EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN, JAMMU & KASHMIR POWER CORPORATION LTD.

PHDCCI-Kashmir had an interactive meeting with Dr R P Singh, Executive Chair, Jammu & Kashmir Power Corporation Ltd. on September 15, 2021 at Srinagar. PHDCCI Kashmir was represented by Mr. Mushtaq Ahmad Chaya, Mentor and Regional Director along with Mr. Ashraf Mir and Mr. Zahoor Ahmad

Tramboo and Mr. Tariq Ghani, Hoteliers Club. The delegation was apprised by the Chairman to advise the general public for using power judiciously & stop power theft in their respective areas. It was assured that the Civil Society, Industry and Associations of Kashmir will work together with the government to minimize the

distribution losses and Chairman informed the delegation that the government is bound to provide 24X7 power supply. To achieve the target for demand, the government is executing various reform projects and is augmenting the power generation, transmission and distribution infrastructure of J&K on a large scale.



INTERACTIVE SESSION WITH MINISTER OF STATE FOR FINANCE, GOI



The Kashmir Chapter of PHD Chamber represented by Mr. Mushtaq Ahmad Chaya, Mentor and Mr Baldev Singh Raina, Chair had an interactive session on September 20, 2021 with Dr Bhagwat Kishanrao Karad, Minister of State for Finance Government of India. The meeting was organized and hosted by Mr. R K Chibber, Chairman & CMD J&K Bank Ltd.

The Kashmir Chapter advised the Minister that there is a need for combination of monetary, fiscal and financial market measures to help the businesses and people of J&K cope with the crisis.





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CONFERENCE ON PM FORMALIZATION OF MICRO FOOD PROCESSING ENTERPRISES SCHEME

The MP Chapter of PHD Chamber in association with MP State Agro Industries Development Corporation, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh organized a conference on PM Formalization of Micro Food Processing Enterprises Scheme (PMFME) on July 9, 2021 at Hotel Jehnuma Palace, Bhopal. The objective of the conference was to spread awareness about PMFME scheme among bankers and industries of the state so as to have their active participation in implementation of the scheme.

Mr. Pradeep Karambelkar, Chairman, Madhya Pradesh Chapter, PHD Chamber in his welcome address highlighted the importance of Micro Food Processing industries in revamping the rural economy and achieving Prime Minister's Vision of 'Atma Nirbhar Bharat'.

Chief Guest, Mr. Bharat Singh Kushwah, Minister, Horticulture & Food Processing and Narmada Valley Development, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh said that "India is fast moving towards becoming a Global Food Manufacturing Hub". He further added that, many special steps have been taken by the Central Government in this direction and a huge amount has been allocated for the food processing industry under the production based incentive scheme.

He apprised that the state government has come forward to

provide technical knowledge to the farmers to join the food processing business. The Minister assured that along with financial help, the knowledge of technical skills will also be provided to the farmers by the government.

Mr. Kushwah stated that, in the coming years, the Horticulture Department has set a target of setting up 10,500 micro food processing enterprises, that will provide employment to more than 80 thousand people.

Mr. Kushwaha also said that out of the food processing units that the government is going to set up, 262 units will be given help during the current financial year itself. The government is also making efforts to increase production and productivity under one district one product in the state, under which Gwalior district has been selected for potato production, Shivpuri for tomato and Sheopur for guava.

Special Guest, Ms. Kalpana Shrivastav (IAS), Principal Secretary, Horticulture and Food Processing, Madhya Pradesh, highlighted the possibilities of horticulture and food processing in the state. She stated that Madhya Pradesh is an ideal state for food processing industry because of its geographical location and conducive environment. She informed that various measures have been taken by the Central and State

Government to uplift the farmers of the country.

Mr. Manoj Kumar Agrawal, Commissioner, Horticulture and Food Processing, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh gave an overview of horticulture and food processing in Madhya Pradesh. He apprised that in line with Hon'ble PM's vision of 'Atm Nirbhar Bharat', the State Government has taken various initiatives to boost employment in this sector. Madhya Pradesh has many key advantages in the sector and thus, provides opportunities for ramping up production and supply.

Mr. Shrikant Banoth, (IAS), Managing Director, Madhya Pradesh State Agro Industries Development Corporation Ltd., explained about the Prime Minister's Formalization of Micro Food Processing Enterprises. He added that diverse agricultural climatic zones in Madhya Pradesh make it a great location to grow a wide range of varieties of fruits and green vegetables. He informed about the progress of PMFME scheme and the status of applications which are in process with banks.

Mr. Pradeep Karambelkar, Chairman, Madhya Pradesh Chapter, PHDCCI delivered the vote-of- thanks to the dignitaries and participants.

Mr. Anirudh Dubey, in charge of Madhya Pradesh Chapter, PHDCCI moderated the session.





ENERGY EFFICIENCY OPPORTUNITIES IN INDUSTRIES OF MANDIDEEP, MADHYA PRADESH

PHDCCI MP Chapter in association with MP URJA VIKAS NIGAM LTD. organized a webinar on 'Energy Efficiency Opportunities in industries of Mandideep, Madhya Pradesh' on July 27, 2021.

Dr Surendra Bajpai, Executive Engineer, Urja Vikas Nigam informed that the Madhya Pradesh Government has decided to implement Energy Efficiency Building Code in the state. Mr. Bajpai said that the Bureau of Energy Efficiency has launched various schemes to encourage industries for taking up steps to conserve and manage energy in their plants. Mr. Vajpayee added that being a state designated agency of BEE, MP Urja Vikas Nigam conducts various programs from time to time to spread awareness about energy efficiency.

Keynote speaker, Mr. RS Sharma, former Chairman and Managing Director of NTPC Ltd. and Jindal Power Ltd. said that apart from the traditional techniques being adopted for energy efficiency, new technology such as Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, Data Mining, are very

important to save energy in industries. He shared his experience on how he has brought new innovations and techniques in energy efficiency while working in organizations like NTPC, Jindal Power and Bajaj Power.

Mr. Manoj Modi, Chairman, Industrial Committee, Madhya Pradesh Chapter, PHDCCI suggested that in order to bring energy efficiency, the Government should make clusters of small industries and motivate them from time to time for energy efficiency as well as give financial motivation so that other Entrepreneurs will also be inspired. He said that the cost of efforts being made to bring energy efficiency should be shared by both the Government and the entrepreneurs.

Mr. Rajiv Agarwal, Chairman, Association of All Industries Mandideep, stated that energy efficiency is not only a financial responsibility but also a social and environmental responsibility, so we all should work for it because energy is used the most in industries, therefore industries should pay special attention to it.

Mr. Amit Singh Parihar, Program Manager, ISC said that under the national motors replacement program, industries can bring progress in their work efficiency by replacing old motors. For this, the Government is not only giving incentives but also honoring such entrepreneurs.

In the technical session, Mr. Praveen Vijayvargiya, General Manager, Aditya Birla Group, spoke on boilers and explained how to use variable frequency drives and other innovative technologies.

Mr. Manoj Saxena, Senior Deputy General Manager, TAFE Motors & Tractors apprised about the innovations and techniques being taken for energy efficiency in its plant, for which the state Government also rewarded them.

The program was conducted by Mr. Kunal Giani, Managing Director, Sarva Foam Pvt. Ltd., Member MP Chapter, PHDCCI. The welcome address was given by Mr. Pradeep Karmabelkar, Chair, MP Chapter, PHDCCI and the vote of thanks was delivered by Ms. Preeti Saluja, Co-chair, MP Chapter, PHDCCI.



MAKING MADHYA PRADESH AN EV STATE

The MP Chapter and Power, RE and AE Committee of PHDCCI in association with MP Urja Vikas Nigam Ltd., organized a webinar on ‘Making Madhya Pradesh an EV State’ on August 10, 2021.

Chief Guest, Mr. Nikunj Srivastava, IAS, Commissioner, Urban Administration and Development, MP, informed that the State Government had announced a policy for electric vehicles in 2019 and invited suggestions from the industry to make it better than other states. He further informed that 217 Charging stations have been given permission by the MP government so far.

Guest of Honor, Mr. Mukesh Jain IPS, Transport Commissioner, Madhya Pradesh, said that electric transport is a good option to protect the environment and reduce carbon emissions, and like other countries, vehicle emission norms should be strictly imposed so that citizens have to adopt EVs. He also stressed on quality and recycling policy for batteries.

A knowledge report prepared by PHD Chamber and ICRA was also unveiled during the programme while the presentation on the same was given by Mr. Shamsher Dewan, VP, ICRA.

Mr. Pradeep Multani, Senior Vice President, PHD Chamber in his address

praised the efforts being undertaken by the Madhya Pradesh Energy Development Corporation and other Departments on Electric Vehicles and stated that Madhya Pradesh is a fast developing state and is doing good work in environment protection and other areas.

Mr. Firoz Meshram, Chief Engineer, Madhya Pradesh Power Management Company apprised that in order to increase more participation in the charging infrastructure, there is a provision to give permission to EV charging operators in just 48 hours by MPPMCL.

Mr. Sanjeev Gupta, Chairman, Power and RE & AE Committee, PHD Chamber stated that Madhya Pradesh is the second most populous state of the country that has immense potential and an auto cluster already existing which could help in creating an ecosystem for EVs.

Dr Surendra Bajpai, Executive Engineer, Madhya Pradesh Urja Vikas Nigam while answering the questions of the participants in the technical session said that e-rickshaw has emerged as a better option for last point connectivity.

Mr. S Muralidharan, Chairman, E-mobility Market, suggested that there are many auto manufacturing units in the state and parts of charging stations in electric vehicles can be

made here, which will also reduce the cost and generate employment and new investment in the state.

Mr. Varun Chaturvedi, Founder, Volactic Charging, said that the government has taken a lot of effort to promote electric vehicles and if the government is giving some more incentives in it, then it will help companies to set up charging stations.

Other speakers in the Panel Discussion included Mr. Tushar Bhardwaj, CEO Solar Energy Technology and Mr. Sanyog Tiwari, CEO E-urja. The panel discussion was moderated by Mr. Ashish Modani, VP, ICRA.

Mr. Salil Gupta, Co-chair, Power, RE and AE Committee, PHD Chamber delivered his remarks before the Panel Discussion.

The program was conducted by Dr Yogesh Srivastava, Assistant Secretary General, PHD Chamber. Mr. Pradeep Karambelkar, Chair, Madhya Pradesh Chapter PHD Chamber delivered the vote-of-thanks at the inaugural session, while Ms. Preeti Saluja Co-chairperson, Madhya Pradesh Chapter PHD Chamber delivered the vote-of-thanks after the panel discussion.

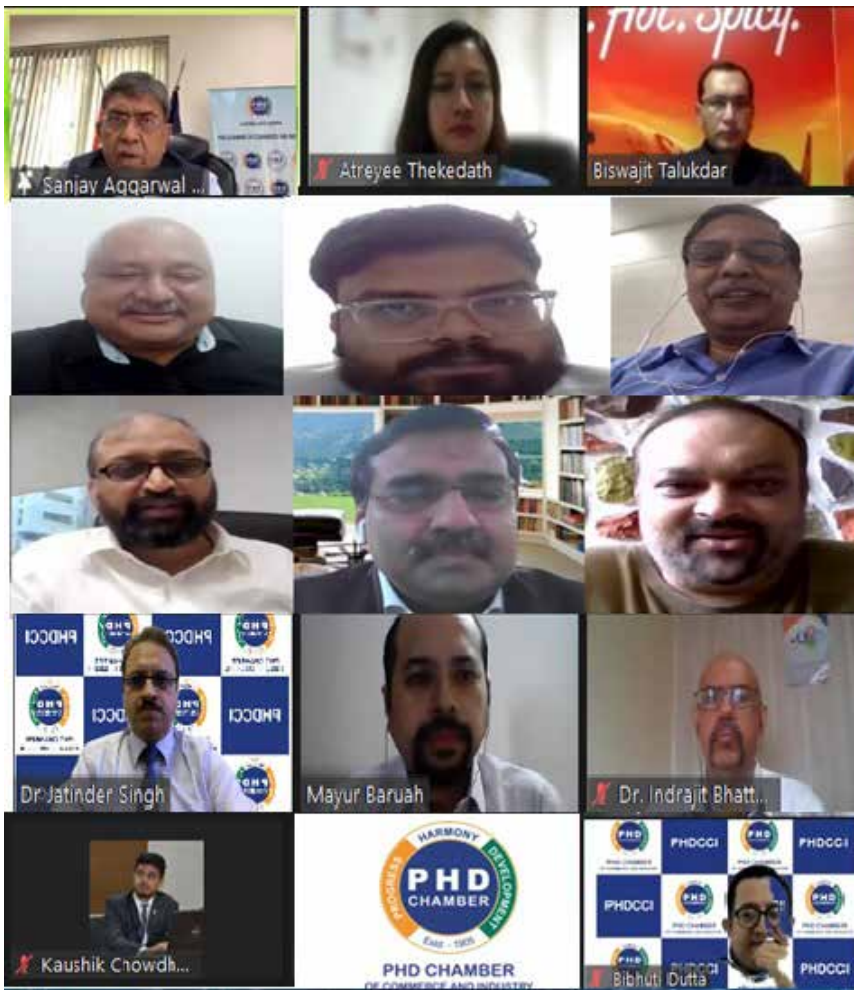
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E-CONCLAVE ON DIGITAL RISK MANAGEMENT AND CYBER SECURITY

The NER Chapter of PHD Chamber organized an E-Conclave on ‘Digital Risk Management and Cyber Security’, on July 30, 2021, in association with Bandhan Bank and PDM Enterprise.

Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, President, PHDCCI in his presidential address highlighted the need for cyber security strategy to protect sensitive information from high-profile security breaches.

Mr. Manoj Kumar Das, Chair, NER Chapter, PHDCCI deliberated on vulnerabilities, threats in the digital enterprise and tools and technologies for threat mitigation in the current threat landscape.

Mr. Ajay Data, Managing Director

of Data Group of Industries, gave a detailed presentation on Digital Risk Management and Cyber Security. He explained about the Trojans, malwares and viruses and how networks must be prepared to tackle harmful software that can come in from a wide range of devices like laptops, tablets, smartphones and server itself.

Mr. Subodh Sachan, CEO, STPINEXT INITIATIVES & Director, STPI-HQ, spoke about the importance of cyber security for growth of a digital economy. The current pandemic situation has accelerated the adoption of digital technologies, but it is important to understand the risks associated with it.

Dr Indrajit Bhattacharya, Director,

NABET, Quality Council of India gave a presentation on ‘Digital Risk Management and Cyber Security’ wherein he explained the role of QCI in cyber security. He cited a recent example of Pegasus attack and explained how snooping of individuals has become a threat to civil liberties.

Ms. Atreyee Boroohah Thekedath, Founder Director, Web.com (India) Pvt. Ltd., spoke about her software company. She stated that due to the pandemic and shifting towards digital world, lots of digital risks have come into play. She also stated that digital security audit by third party agencies is critical and might not be possible for the smaller organizations to go through it.

Mr. Biswajit Talukdar, Assistant General Manager (IT), Spice Jet Ltd., spoke about increasing cases of data breaches of various organizations and stated that in many cases, breaches happened due to internal disgruntled employees.

Mr. Rajeev Mamidanna, Managing Director, Synoptiq Infosolutions, gave a 360 degree overview of the cyber security system in the country. He spoke about the losses an organization has to go through after a data breach in their systems. In such scenario, he advised, to get themselves breached by paying a hacker rather than getting breached by an unknown.

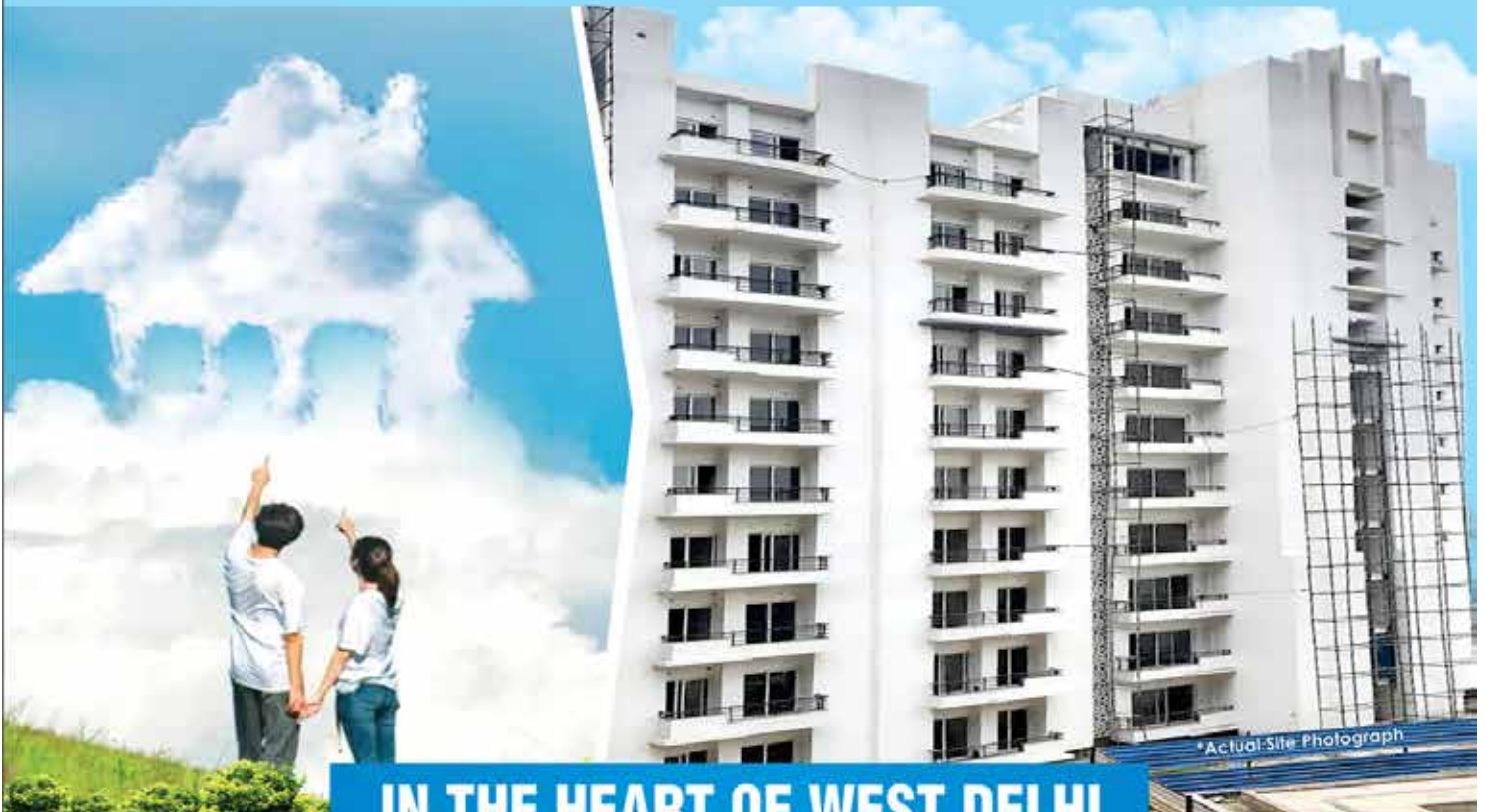
Mr. Samiran Santra, CEO & Director of DataSpace Security Pvt. Ltd., gave a presentation on how to secure business applications and websites and how hackers can hack those applications.

Mr. Sandeep Aggarwal, CEO, ProBizz Inc., stated that they are a company which is into IIoT and IoT for industrial applications. Data security becomes very essential for them as well for their clients, while developing their applications. He stated that while developing their applications, they always suggest their clients to use a separate server and always operate on a Local Area Network (LAN) and VPN.

Mr. Satya Deo Goyal, Co-chair, NER Chapter, PHD Chamber delivered the vote-of-thanks to the guests.

The e-Conclave was moderated by Dr Jatinder Singh, Director, PHDCCI and Mr. Bibhuti Dutta, Deputy Resident Director, NER, PHDCCI.

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VIRTUAL ELECTRIC VEHICLE SUMMIT

The NER Chapter of PHD Chamber organized a Virtual Electric Vehicle Summit on August 05, 2021, in association with Numaligarh Refinery Limited (NRL), Ram Electronics & Equipments and Prakriti Suraksha Parishad. The objective of the Virtual Summit was to initiate and move forward towards low-carbon transport ecosystem. The summit was designed as a national forum for manufactures, electronic industry, policy makers, innovators, researchers and strategists to bridge their collective strengths and exchange information, innovation and knowledge.

Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, President, PHDCCI in his presidential address highlighted that more steps are required to be taken to promote investments in Electric Vehicle

manufacturing in India to facilitate production of EVs, batteries and charging equipments. Intensive R&D, technology upgradation and innovations are required in this sector to make the adoption of EVs affordable and sustainable.

Mr. Manoj Kumar Das, Chair, NER Chapter, PHDCCI presented the theme address and deliberated on the lack of proper charging infrastructure as well as mobility and logistic factors.

In his keynote address, Prof. Ashish Verma, Associate Professor, Transportation Systems Engg. (TSE) & Convenor, IISc Sustainable Transportation Lab. (IST Lab.), Dept. of Civil Engg., Indian Institute of Science (IISc), gave a presentation on Electrical Vehicle Adoption Behaviour of Indian Consumers.

Ms. Ranjita Pegu, Proprietor, Ram Electronics and Equipments, gave a brief description of her association with electric vehicles. She, being one of the pioneers in bringing e-rickshaws to the North East, spoke about the difficulties faced in bringing automobile parts from Pune, as there were no assembling units to begin.

Mr. N. Mohan, Deputy General Manager, Head-EV Charging Infrastructure, Energy Efficient Services Ltd (EESL), stated that India's transition towards electric mobility is going to be revolutionary, which is expected to complete by 2030. This will complement towards Government's efforts to reduce the carbon footprint, which is expected to be reduced by 37% by 2030 if the targets are being achieved.

Dr Sanjive Narain, Managing Partner, Mercedes-Benz Axom Motors & Chairman/Managing Director, Prag News, stated that EV is the future for Indian automobile industry and gave a brief description on what impact the current automobile scenario is having on the environment.

Ms. Dabru Shikha Anand, Founder, DAS & DABRU and Associate Partner, spoke about EV Drive the Future, which is a media channel for covering the entire EV ecosystem in the country. She stressed on having a Government Policy for NER States, as they have for other states of India. She also stressed on the need for skill development in the region in EV. She stated that the Government must support the local manufacturers to come out and set up their own assembling/manufacturing units in the region.

Mr. Ramen Talukdar, Manager (Sales), Binod Nissan, Guwahati, also spoke about the benefits of EV to the environment. He also stressed on building up the infrastructure for the electric vehicles. Also, every petrol pump must have an EV charging point installed in their premises.

Mr. Satya Deo Goyal, Co-chair, NER Chapter, PHDCCI delivered the concluding remarks and vote-of-thanks to the guests.

The e-Conclave was moderated by Dr Jatinder Singh, Director, PHDCCI and Mr. Bibhuti Dutta, Deputy Resident Director, NER, PHDCCI.





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SBI-PHDCCI INDUSTRY ROUNDTABLE MEET

As economic rebounding is the need of the hour to brave a new world in post-pandemic times, The State Development Council of PHD Chamber and supported by Punjab State Chapter, PHDCCI in association with the State Bank of India (SBI), has started a new business outreach program series “SBI-PHDCCI Industry Roundtable Meet”. The first program of the Series was organized on August 24, 2021 at Hotel Regenta Central Klassik, Ludhiana, Punjab. The “SBI-PHDCCI Industry Roundtable Meet” was organized to bring the important industry stakeholders and exporters of Punjab on a common idea/business platform and discuss some of the most crucial aspects concerning businesses and project finance with a focus on Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), large corporates and enhancing the export potential from the state.

The Meet at Ludhiana was attended by key policymakers from SBI and industry stakeholders to ideate the way forward for closer cooperation between SBI and

industry entities in Punjab to support the economic fundamentals and strengthen the business ecosystem. The deliberation of the Meet is expected to help the state’s industry units to directly explore the financing and other banking services available with SBI in Punjab.

Chief Guest & Keynote Speaker, Mr. Anukool Bhatnagar, Chief General Manager, SBI, Chandigarh Local Headquarters reflected on the macroeconomic trends in the light of the pandemic and its adverse impacts on industry, especially on MSMEs and exports. He affirmed that SBI is open for meeting the financing requirements of Punjab’s industries (both MSMEs and large corporates), and assured the industry about SBI’s unwavering support for their businesses and Punjab’s development at large. To overcome the challenges of demand slump and rising cost of business, he suggested that the industry needs to adapt to the new normal and brave it through their entrepreneurial zeal. He shared that through its Chandigarh Local Headquarters, SBI

is catering to the banking needs of all segments of customers and the bank is consistently on the progressive path both financially and through its outreach initiatives. Besides initiating various new initiatives in SBI’s Chandigarh circle to support all sizes of businesses, the SBI Nepal Desk is a new institutional initiative to serve the interests of people and businesses in both countries.

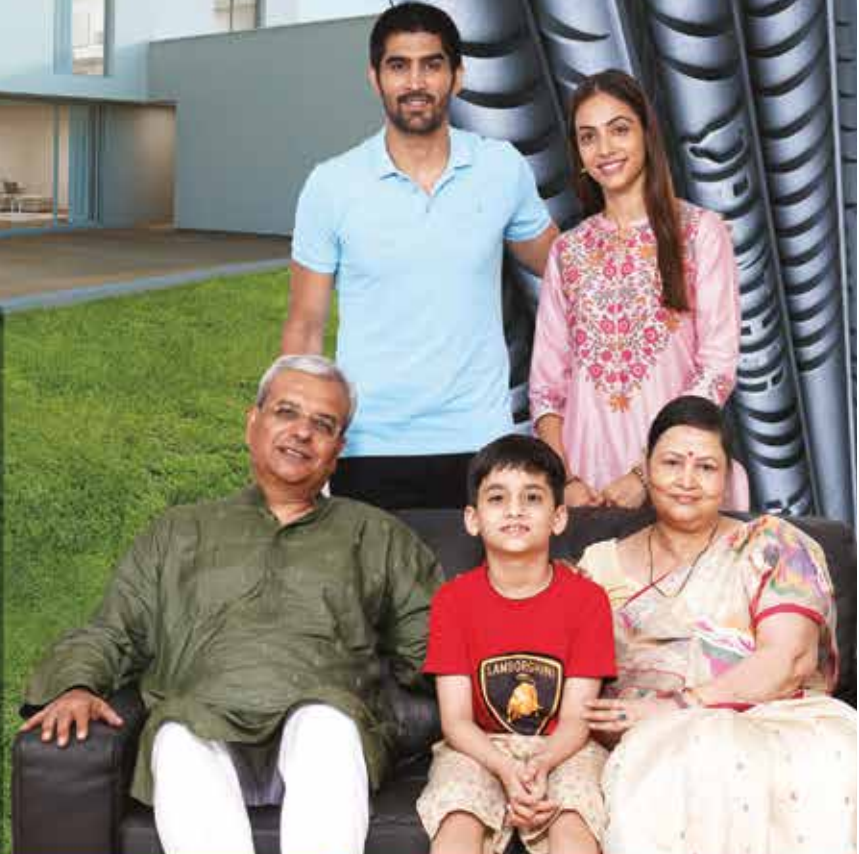
Mr. Sumit Phakka, General Manager (Network-I), SBI, Chandigarh Local Headquarter; Mr. O P Choudhary, Deputy General Manager (MSME), SBI, Chandigarh Local Headquarter and Mr. K K Singh, Deputy General Manager, B&O, Ludhiana, SBI, highlighted the favourable offerings from SBI for MSMEs, exporters and farmers in the state of Punjab. Mr. Vishal Garg, Co-Convener, Punjab Taxation Committee (Indirect Taxes), PHDCCI and Mr. Gurmeet Singh Kular, Convener-Ludhiana Zone, Punjab State Chapter were the other speakers.





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



The PHD Chamber IP Facilitation Centre (IPFC), Amritsar in association with the Ministry of MSME and Chaudhary Bansi Lal University, Bhiwani organized an interactive video conference on ‘Role of Intellectual Property (IP) in Innovation Management: Challenges & Prospects’ on August 13, 2021 to educate Startups about various types of Intellectual Property Rights and their importance in Innovation management.

Session moderator, Mr. Ajay Mahajan, Convener- Jalandhar Zone, Punjab State Chapter, PHDCCI & Proprietor, Uma international welcomed the distinguished speakers & participants and said that the main purpose of IPR should be to get commercial benefit from your creation.

In his keynote address, Prof. R.K Mittal, Vice-Chancellor, Chaudhary

Bansi Lal University, Bhiwani said that researchers put a lot of hard work in their innovations & IPR can help them getting incentives for their efforts. He suggested that IPR should be a part of the academic curriculum of Universities in India.

He said that countries like US & China protect their ideas & researches & they even generate revenue from their research work in the form of royalties. He said that the Faculty members and researchers in India are not fully aware of the procedure of filing IP and this session will help them to understand the process.

Mr. Sanjeev Chawla, Director, MSME-DI, Karnal opined that IPR should be taken as a business strategy. He added that students are future entrepreneurs and this session will help them in understanding the significance of IPR in their businesses.

Mr. Chawla informed that the Ministry of MSME provides financial support for IPR. For designing a patent, financial support of Rs. 1 lakh and Rs. 5 lakhs for international patent is available. For geographical indications, the support is Rs. 2 lakhs and for trademarks, Rs. 10,000 grant is given. He said that PHDCCI can act as a bridge between MSME DI and entrepreneurs of the region and with the help of PHDCCI, the entrepreneurs can avail benefits of various schemes of the government.

Ms. Geeta Gulati, Advocate, Trade Marks & Patent Attorney, Panchkula, stated that if someone has not protected his IP and is using it for commercialization, then there is a possibility that it can be stolen by someone within the organization or some competitor or even someone from a different country can steal the Idea if it is not protected. To avoid such complications, one should always protect his creation, she asserted.

She further said that Intellectual Property is of two types only. Either as a completely new creation or there can be an innovative modification in the already existing idea or product. She informed that companies like Apple & Microsoft improve their products time to time using latest innovations and charge their customers heavily for these innovations.

Dr Shweta Sen Thalwal, Founder, Integrum IP, Mohali gave a presentation on IP Management. She explained the process of registering IP and elaborated steps which include Search & Analysis, Drafting & Filing, Prosecution, Registration, Litigation and Maintenance & Renewal. She further elaborated on the need to protect IP and also suggested ways to protect the same.

She stated that one should always do a search before filing any kind of IP to avoid Infringements and also informed that an IP holder has the opportunity to license, franchise or sell the invention.

Dr Ritesh Gupta, Coordinator, Incubation Centre, Aryabhata Incubation Center, Chaudhary Bansi Lal University delivered the vote-of-thanks to the participants.

More than 80 participants including Startups, Faculty members and Students of Chaudhary Bansi Lal University, Bhiwani attended and benefited from the programme.

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MBPL GAS PIPELINE NETWORK IN RAJASTHAN

The PHDCCI Rajasthan Chapter organized a webinar on “MBPL Gas Pipeline Network in Rajasthan - Tremendous Investment Opportunities for Gas Based Industries” on August 20, 2021.

Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, President, PHDCCI informed that with the completion of Mehsana-Bhatinda Gas Pipeline Project (MBPL), Rajasthan will witness tremendous investment opportunities and will also make existing industries competitive.

Mr. Digvijay Dhabriya, Chair, PHDCCI-Rajasthan Chapter in his welcome address dwelt light on the features on the MBPL pipeline and informed that the pipeline would prove to be a boon to Rajasthan and give tremendous impetus to the industrialization of Rajasthan. He informed that out of the total 1381 KM long MBPL pipeline, 873 Km passes through 11 districts of Rajasthan, most of them are close to DMIC and rich in various raw materials and agri products. Leading City Gas Distribution

Companies (CGDs) have been given authorization for around 19 districts and the process is on for other GAs.

Chief Guest, Mr. Ashutosh Pednekar, IAS, MD, RIICO and Industry Secretary, Government of Rajasthan emphasized the importance of the gas pipeline infrastructure in the State for leveraging tremendous investment opportunities especially in ceramics & glass, food processing, minerals, textiles, pharma, etc. Mr. Pednekar informed that State Government and RIICO are working for developing Rajasthan as an Industrial Power House in the country and the availability of gas will help achieving this. RIICO is also prompting Horizontal Industrialization and would soon be developing around 100 new industrial areas across the State, some of them close to the gas pipeline, Mr. Pednekar informed.

Industry leaders representing prominent beneficiary sectors at the webinar were Mr. Bharat Somany, President, The All India Glass

Manufacturers Federation; Dr L K Sharma, President, Indian Ceramic Society; Dr Subodh Jindal, President, All India Food Processors Association and Mr. Nilesh Jetpariya, President, Morbi Ceramic Associations observed that with this pipeline tremendous investment opportunities would be generated in the State for many sectors. All of them requested gas companies to offer competitive price and flexible contract condition to the consumers.

Senior officials of GSPL Gasnet India Pvt Ltd (GIGL), The SPV created for implementing MBPL Project, CGDs namely Indraprastha Gas Ltd, Torrent Gas Ltd, AG&P Pratham, Gujarat Gas, Adani Gas and Rajasthan State Gas Ltd gave presentations on their preparedness and plans for supply of natural gas.

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

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PHDCCI RAJASTHAN MINING SUMMIT



The PHDCCI-Rajasthan Chapter organized a virtual “Rajasthan Mining Summit” on August 27, 2021 to discuss the huge mineral resources available in Rajasthan and their gainful exploitation by sustainable development of the mining sector.

Mr. Digvijay Dhabriya, Chair, PHDCCI-Rajasthan Chapter in his address dwelt light on the availability of huge minerals resources and tremendous contribution of the mining sector in the economic development of the State. The mining sector is poised for exponential growth and development and offers immense investment opportunities due to state government’s policies.

Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, President, PHDCCI highlighted the importance of the mining sector and informed that its contribution to the State’s GDP is over 4.4% providing huge employment opportunities throughout the State. Rajasthan is the leading mineral producing State in India and it contributes over 17% of the country’s total value of mineral production, one of the highest in the country. More than 57 varieties of minerals are exploited by Rajasthan significantly contributing to the industrial sector

of the country. The Steel sector of India depends on supply of limestone from Rajasthan, which is able to meet only 30% of their requirements and the rest is being imported, he said. He called upon Government of Rajasthan to increase the mining of Steel grade limestone and also the exploitation of huge reserves of iron ore for reducing imports by contributing to Atma Nirbharta Mission.

Mr. Akshaydeep Mathur, General Secretary, Federation of Mining Associations of Rajasthan informed that in India, the present per capita consumption of minerals is five tons. To take it to the level of developed countries which is 10 tons per person, the demand of minerals in the country would be around 6 billion tons as against total production of 2 billion tons at present. This indicated tremendous opportunities for the mining sector and Rajasthan can play a very important role in this. To encash these opportunities, there is a need for progressive policies, investor friendly regulatory framework and infusion for state-of-the-art cutting edge technologies and best mining practices, he added. Mr. Pradeep Kumar Agrawal, Additional Director, Geology, Department of Mines &

Geology, Government of Rajasthan informed that the Mining Department is proactively working for allotment of limestone blocks and up till now 11 blocks have been auctioned and process for 4 is underway. By the end of this fiscal year under the composite license scheme, Rajasthan would be able to allot around 50 blocks. Rajasthan has huge reserves of potash and efforts are being made to increase its gainful exploitation. Mr. Agrawal informed that to reduce freight on the supply of cement grade limestone and other minerals to steel plants efforts are being made to address this issue.

Other eminent speakers at the summit were Mr. M L Gupta, Chairman, MEAI-Jaipur; Mr. Mukaya Simubali, ED (Asia), AAC Mining Executors Group; Mr. Anil Sood, ED, South West Mining Ltd.; Mr. Piyush Bhart, Director, PwC; Ms. Sunita Mantri, CMD, Enkay Enviro Services; Mr. Mukul Rastogi, CEO, CDOS; Mr. Ravi Dhabhai, MD, R D Constructions and Mining Equipment; Mr. M L Lahoti and Mr. Sunil Bansal, General Secretary, The Rajasthan Solar Association.

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



INTERACTIVE SESSION WITH MINISTER, COMMERCE AND INDUSTRIES GOVERNMENT OF CHHATTISGARH

The Rajasthan Chapter of PHDCCI organized an interactive session with Mr. Kawasi Lakhma, Minister of Commerce and Industries, Government of Chhattisgarh, and the Industry Members on September 25, 2021 in Jaipur. The objective of the interactive session was to discuss business prospects and investment opportunities in Chhattisgarh with PHDCCI Rajasthan Chapter Members and other industrialists.

Mr. Digvijay Dhabaria, Chairman, PHDCCI Rajasthan Chapter, welcoming Mr. Kawasi Lakhma, the Minister and other officials of Chhattisgarh Government observed that the entrepreneurs from Rajasthan have proved their business acumen and entrepreneurial skills not only in Rajasthan but throughout India. Rajasthan would be motivated to explore investment opportunities in Chhattisgarh.

Mr. Kawasi Lakhma, Minister

Commerce and Industries, Government of Chhattisgarh highlighted about Chhattisgarh's strength. He also mentioned the key features of the Chhattisgarh Industrial Policy 2019-24 which focuses on inclusive economic growth. He also highlighted the focus areas of the State such as electronics & engineering, food processing, ethanol, gems and jewellery, forest produce, etc. He invited the members to Chhattisgarh to explore business opportunities by highlighting the State's conclusive business environment, reduced land rates and lease rent.

Mr. Manoj Kumar Pingua, IAS, Principal Secretary, Department of Commerce and Industry, Govt. of Chhattisgarh, stated that the State Government's vision is to have a first of its kind "State-of-the-Art" equipped Electronics Manufacturing Cluster in India at Nava Raipur. Nava Raipur is the 1st Smart Greenfield city of the

21st Century, so only non-polluting industries are allowed, he informed. Chhattisgarh State has unmatched potential and limitless opportunities, he added. He invited PHDCCI members to invest in Chhattisgarh and take maximum advantage of various schemes.

Mr. P. Arun Prasad, IFS, Managing Director, Chhattisgarh State Industrial Development Corporation Ltd (CSIDC) showed a video presentation related to investment opportunities in Chhattisgarh. He spoke about investment opportunities in different industrial sectors in Chhattisgarh and stated that under the leadership of Mr. Bhupesh Baghel, Chief Minister, Chhattisgarh has taken several steps over the years and has emerged as one of the most preferred investment destination in India.

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



AWARENESS WORKSHOP ON PROMOTION OF HORTICULTURE CROPS



The Uttar Pradesh Chapter of PHDCCI in collaboration with Arthur D Little India Pvt. Ltd., Lucknow organized an awareness workshop on 'Promotion of Horticulture Crops' on August 11, 2021 at Rahi Tourist Bunglow, Sarnath, Varanasi. The rationale of the awareness workshops was to educate the farmers and other stakeholders with the latest innovations and technological advancements in the field of horticulture.

Mr. Shree Prakash Singh, IAS (ret.), Former Secretary, Urban Development, Urban Employment & Poverty Alleviation, Minority Welfare, Government of Uttar Pradesh expressed that Uttar Pradesh holds a vast potential for the development of various horticulture crops as it has diverse climatic conditions for growing different categories of fruits and off-season vegetables in its different agro zones. Horticulture crops cover a wide variety of fruits, vegetables, tuber crops, mushrooms, floriculture,

medicinal and aromatic plants, spices, food processing and bee keeping.

Mr. Munna Yadav, Deputy Director, Department of Horticulture, Varanasi said that in the case of Uttar Pradesh, horticulture counts for a major contribution to the State's economy and creates employment opportunities in the State.

Mr. Rajeev Kumar Dwivedi, Marketing Officer, HOFED spoke about the achievements of Department of Horticulture and Food Processing, Uttar Pradesh in recent years. He emphasized that the department is implementing various schemes for farmers for fruits, vegetables, potato, flowers, spices, medicinal and aromatic plants, betel-vine development along with subsidiary enterprises like bee-keeping, mushroom production and food processing.

Dr Harekrishna, Senior Scientist, ICAR - IIVR, Varanasi gave a presentation on cultivation of mushroom and high-tech Nursery. He explained that mushroom cultivation

bring several benefits including its Nutritional value, Protein content, Medicinal value as Consumption of mushrooms slows down the spread and effect of several diseases.

Dr Anant Bahadur, Principal Scientist, ICAR-IIVR, Varanasi deliberated about the advantages of Polyhouse farming where dependency on rainfall for crop growing is reduced to a great level and makes the best use of land and water resources.

Mr. Shubham Rai, Deputy Director, APEDA, Varanasi spoke about the crucial role APEDA has to play in the Agriculture domain and acts as an Authority to administer and regulate the Single Window Clearance System relating to export documentation and levy of charges thereupon for facilitating the export of Perishable Agricultural /Horticulture Produce, promote simplified documentation processes and procedures in the export of the perishable agricultural produce of the State.

Dr Naveen Kumar Singh, Scientist, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Varanasi deliberated on the productive work and achievements of the Krishi Vigyan Kendra of Kallipur, Varanasi. He informed that the center is conducting 'On Farm Testing' for identifying technology in terms of location specific sustainable land use in the district.

Dr D K Verma, Secretary, Mandi Parishad, Varansi said that the State

Agricultural Produce Markets Board of Uttar Pradesh has been working for the planning, control and guidance of various activities and welfare schemes of market committees. He informed that the Board has played a very important role in effectively implementing various Acts to ensure that farmers get fair treatment and fair support price for their crops in order to increase their income.

Mr. Sandeep Kumar Gupta, District

Horticulture Officer, Varanasi stressed that all farmers who have attended this workshop should incorporate technical advices disseminated for controlling of pests and diseases including deficiency diseases in their crops and plants.

Mr. Jai Srivastava, Assistant Secretary, UP State Chapter, PHDCCI gave an overview of horticulture in Uttar Pradesh.

INDIA WILL BE WITHIN THE TOP 5 COUNTRIES GLOBALLY AND BE RECOGNIZED AS A GLOBAL BIO-MANUFACTURING HUB BY 2025.

Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology; Minister of State (Independent Charge) Earth Sciences; MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh said that India will be within the top 5 countries globally and be recognized as a Global Bio-manufacturing Hub by 2025. He said, India's Bio-Economy is on way to achieve 150-billion-dollar target from the current 70 billion-dollar. He was speaking after releasing the Genetic Version of Indian rice and chickpea (DNA panArray) developed by National Institute of Plant Genome Research (NIPGR). Dr Jitendra Singh said that the two DNA chips for rice and chickpea, IndRA and IndiCA are the first Pan-Genome genotyping arrays in these two crops and will tap the huge potential of Indian plant biodiversity and genomic diversity towards food and nutritional security of the Nation. Dr Jitendra Singh pointed out the various Missions to achieve the Bio-Hub Goal by 2025 like Mission mode programme in "Germplasm characterisation in major crop species, Developing high yielding, Climate-resilient, Disease resistant and Nutrient-rich crops towards the second green revolution, Applying gene editing technology for improving crop varieties, One Health Mission on AMR for livestock and zoonotic Diseases, National Nutrition Mission on Fortified and Functional Foods, Phytopharma Mission for development of affordable phyto-pharmaceutical drugs and Mission on Waste to Value Technologies.

Dr Jitendra Singh said, Genomics-assisted breeding is a rapidly emerging strategy for ensuring global food and nutrition security as well as for achieving future sustainable agriculture. He said, speed breeding technique shortens the breeding cycle by promoting quick growth and development and rapid generation advancement of crop plants. Speed breeding has been demonstrated in wheat, barley, chickpea, pea, canola and peanut in fully enclosed, controlled-environment growth chambers with supplementary environment, he added.





AI & IOT TO EMPOWER THE FUTURE

The Uttar Pradesh Chapter of PHD Chamber under the dynamic leadership of Dr. Lalit Khaitan, Chairman – UP Chapter, PHDCCI organized a virtual conference on “ROLE OF AI & IoT FOR EMPOWERING THE FUTURE” on August 13, 2021. The Virtual Conference was supported by Radico Khaitan Ltd.

In the Presidential Address, Mr. Sanjay Agarwal, President, PHDCCI said that India is one of the biggest consumers of data worldwide and AI systems provide businesses with a wide range of benefits.

Dr Lalit Khaitan, Chairman, UP Chapter, PHDCCI gave an industrial overview of UP said that in Uttar Pradesh, artificial intelligence has the potential to provide large incremental value to a wide range of sectors globally, and is expected to be the key source of competitive advantage for firms.

Chief Guest, Mr. Alok Kumar, Secretary to Chief Minister & Secretary to Technical & Vocational

Education, Government of Uttar Pradesh elaborated how AI has entered in almost all the areas of Life, be it Agriculture, Medical, Aerospace, etc. He said that Uttar Pradesh with the right AI-powered IoT approach, the State will become the top Industrial destination of the Country. He said that the State Government in collaboration with Software Technology Parks of India (STPI) is set to build the largest and full-fledged Incubation Centre of the country by December 2021 and shall facilitate and promote the budding startups of the State. Mr. Kumar also informed that the State will soon have a Centre of Excellence in Artificial Intelligence and Innovation-Driven Entrepreneurship (AIIDE) at Noida with the help of IIT Kanpur.

Mr. Pradeep Agarwal, Co-chair, UP Chapter, PHDCCI expressed that as new technology applications emerge where IoT works hand in hand with AI, the resulting innovations are proving how IoT can create new markets and

opportunities and dramatically change the competitive landscape.

Professor M K Dutta, Director, Center of Advanced Studies, Autonomous UP Government Institution, Dean PG Studies and Research at Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Technical University, Lucknow deliberated upon the significance of AI in today’s life.

Dr Nikhil Agarwal, CEO, Incubation Centre, IIT, Kanpur deliberated on how AI has become an integral part of our daily life.

Mr. Milind Raj, Scientist, Technology Expert & Researcher, CMD, Roboz.in Technologies & CTO, Monda Tech Solutions demonstrated some of the very innovative drones prepared by him which would be very useful in defence, agriculture, transportation and detecting climate.

Mr Saurabh Sanyal, Secretary General, PHDCCI, delivered the vote-of- thanks to all the participants.



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AWARENESS WORKSHOP ON PROMOTION OF HORTICULTURE CROPS

The Uttar Pradesh Chapter of PHDCCI in collaboration with Arthur D Little India Pvt. Ltd., Lucknow organized an Awareness Workshop on Promotion of Horticulture Crops on August 18, 2021 at Gandhi Sabhagar, Aayukt Parisar, Ayodhya.

Mr. Anuj Kumar Jha, District Magistrate, Ayodhya expressed that the farmers will be able to increase their income only if they will incorporate diversification in their produce, and also incorporate technology in the traditional ways of farming. He said that the State Government is committed to ensure timely release of subsidies directly to the farmers under various schemes of the Department. He encouraged potential mapping

amongst progressive farmers and cluster wise agriculture production in Ayodhya. He also advised to promote floriculture and guava production on the banks of Saryu River, Ayodhya, and also bee keeping by the farmers of the district.

Mr. Anjani Kumar Srivastava, Managing Director, HOFED informed that UP State Horticultural Co-operative Marketing Federation (HOFED) is an apex level co-operative institution in Horticulture sector of Uttar Pradesh and was established in the year 1992 with an objective to facilitate & promote co-operative marketing of fresh & processed horticultural products for the benefit of farmers and enhance their production. He also informed

that 'aadhunik samitis' (modern committees) are also being included in the National Horticulture Mission for maximum benefits to the farmers.

Dr. Yogesh Srivastav, ASG, PHDCCI underlined that proper coordination between the Industry and Government is very important for holistic growth of the horticulture sector.

Mr. Mukesh Singh, Senior Advisor, PHDCCI, UP Chapter & State Head, ADL, UP informed that technical assistance for qualitative production in Agriculture and Horticulture Crops is the major objective of the workshop to educate the farmers.

Ms. Geeta Trivedi, Deputy Director, Department of Horticulture, Ayodhya deliberated about the mission of Department of Horticulture, Uttar

Pradesh.

Dr A K Singh, Professor Horticulture, Acharya Nagendra Dev University of Agriculture & Technology (ANDUAT), Ayodhya spoke about the technological advancement and benefits of technology based farming. He said that over half of the population is agriculture driven in the State and nature hazards to the crops can be avoided by means on incorporating protected & polyhouse cultivation.

Dr Bhanu Pratap, Associate Professor, Department of Fruit Science, ANDUAT, Ayodhya gave a presentation on High Tech Nursery. He stressed on the significance of technology in agriculture and said that

technology can be used in different aspects of agriculture such as the application of herbicides, pesticides, fertilizers and improved seed.

Dr D Ram & Dr Umesh Chandra, Professors, Horticulture & Entomology, ANDUAT, Ayodhya deliberated upon mushroom cultivation and said that mushroom cultivation brings several benefits including its nutritional value, protein content and medicinal value as consumption of mushrooms slows down the spread and effect of several diseases. They also shed light upon the benefits of high-tech nurseries to grow hybrid horticulture crops in a protected environment.

Dr P K Singh, Scientist, KVK

Masodha, Ayodhya said that incorporating science and technology in the farming practices shall not only improve and increase the Agriculture / Horticulture production but shall also reward the crop growers better monetarily.

Mr. Bhushan Kumar, District Horticulture Officer, Ayodhya informed that the district is rich in producing many fruit crops like guava, banana, etc. and the same shall be strengthened by incorporating modern technologies in crop raising.

Mr. Atul Srivastava, Resident Director along with Mr. Jai Srivastava, Assistant Secretary, UP State Chapter, PHDCCI welcomed all the dignitaries.

UNION MINISTER DR JITENDRA SINGH SAYS, INDIA AND EUROPEAN UNION COLLABORATION REPRESENTS ASPIRATION OF 2 BILLION PEOPLE

Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology; Minister of State (Independent Charge) Earth Sciences; MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh said India and European Union (EU) collaboration represents aspiration of 2 billion people. Welcoming an EU delegation led by Ambassador Ugo Astuto, the Minister expressed happiness that the India-EU Science & Technology Agreement has been renewed recently for a period of five years..

Dr Jitendra Singh said, India-EU must deepen cooperation in the areas like Health, Agriculture, Water, Renewable Energy, biotechnology, Electric mobility, ICT, AI, Robotics and Environment. Dr Jitendra Singh noted that the European Union has recently launched "Horizon Europe (2021-2027)", which is a planned 7-year European Union scientific research initiative and the EU is approaching Indian scientific agencies for its participation in Horizon Europe. Dr Jitendra Singh noted with satisfaction that India is closely collaborating with the European Union in the mission innovation programme which is currently led by EU. At the same time India is engaged in development of platforms for high-level engagement of countries for clean energy transition, especially in the wake of climate change challenges, he added.

In his remarks, the EU Ambassador Ugo Astuto called for deepening people-to-people contact, apart from focusing on areas like clean energy, Genome Sequencing, Marine protected areas in Antarctica and Collaboration on research using high performance computing. The Ambassador also called for greater student exchange programme between India and EU and informed that 200 PhD and 80 higher scholars from India are pursuing scientific studies in the EU. Mr Astuto informed that in the area of Innovation, a pilot project on match making between Indian and EU Start-ups is underway. Both sides agreed that IPR, data sharing and materials/equipment transfer would be done as per relevant provisions in India-EU S&T Agreement and principles and policies of IPR. A joint panel will be created to draft the IPR and data sharing mechanisms.





AWARENESS WORKSHOP ON PROMOTION OF HORTICULTURE CROPS

The Uttar Pradesh Chapter of PHDCCI in collaboration with Arthur D Little India Pvt. Ltd., Lucknow organized an awareness workshop on ‘Promotion of Horticulture Crops’ on September 6, 2021 at PHD House, Lucknow.

Chief Guest, Mr. Shree Ram Chauhan, Hon’ble Minister of State (Independent Charge), Horticulture, Agriculture Marketing, Agriculture Foreign Trade, Agricultural Export, Uttar Pradesh indicated that the State Government and the Department of Horticulture & Food Processing are committed to facilitate the Horticulture Growers of the State by linking them with right buyers to reward them with the right cost of their crops. He said that PHD Chamber

is playing a very significant role as the Chamber, through its large number of Industry Members working in Horticulture and Food Processing Sector can buy these horticultural crops directly from the farmers eliminating the middlemen. He also informed that HOFED and Department of Horticulture & Food Processing, UP, 970 primary horticulture producing marketing cooperative committees & 13 Horticulture District Federations have been established in the State through which various horticultural promotional activities including buyer-seller meets, training workshops etc. can be leveraged by the farmers as well as the consumers.

Dr Lalit Khaitan, Chairman, UP State Chapter, PHDCCI said that

Uttar Pradesh is predominantly an agriculture driven State, and last year when the economy of the State was badly disrupted, agriculture was one sector which saved the State and contributed significantly in the State’s economy. He said that PHDCCI in collaboration with ADL, HOFED and Department of Horticulture & Food Processing aim to conduct these workshops across all the 75 districts of Uttar Pradesh so that farmers can be benefited by the latest advancements and technological innovations in this sector.

Mr. Anjani Kumar Srivastava, Managing Director, HOFED informed that UP State Horticultural Co-operative Marketing Federation (HOFED) is an apex level co-operative

institution in Horticulture sector of Uttar Pradesh and was established in the year 1992 with an objective to facilitate & promote co-operative marketing of fresh & processed horticultural products of the benefit of farmers and enhance production & procurement of fresh and processed horticultural products and promotion of horticultural co-operative societies.

Mr. Vijay Kumar Singh, Sabhapati, HOFED said that the Department of Horticulture and Food Processing, UP under the able lead of the Hon'ble Chief Minister is committed to work hand-in-hand with the farmers of the State and will ensure effective and timely processing of the subsidies and incentives to the applicants. He emphasized the need for training to the farmers in order to create awareness among the related stakeholders regarding conservation, protection and export of plant varieties by individuals or groups of FPOs.

Dr Yogesh Srivastav, ASG, PHDCCI said that Hon'ble Prime Minister together with the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh aim to double the farmers' income and are keen to effectively address the challenges of the farmers.

Mr. Mukesh Singh, Sr. Advisor, PHDCCI, UP Chapter & State Head, ADL, UP appreciated the marvelous efforts by the State Government under the dynamic lead of the Hon'ble Chief Minister through which the agriculture sector is constantly being lifted and boosted to a great level.

Mr. Alok Ranjan, former Chief Secretary, Uttar Pradesh Government & Sr. Advisor, ADL said that these types of workshops are very important for farmers as by implementing technology in their farming methods they can increase their horticulture produce and increase their income.

Mr. Baljit Singh, Deputy Director, Department of Horticulture, Kanpur

deliberated about the mission of the Department of Horticulture, Uttar Pradesh. He informed that the Department aims toward the development of fruits, green leafy vegetables, potatoes, spices, flowers and other horticulture crops in the State.

Dr S R Singh & Dr S K Shukla, Principal Scientists, ICAR-CISH, Lucknow gave an elaborate presentation on High Tech Nursery and stressed on the significance of technology in agriculture. They said that technology can be used in different aspects of agriculture such as the application of herbicide, pesticide, fertilizer and improved seed.

Mr. Ram Bali, Keet Visheshagya, Department of Horticulture & Food Processing, UP spoke about the benefits of beekeeping.



CBDT EXEMPTS CERTAIN NON-RESIDENTS, FOREIGN INVESTORS FROM FILING ITR FY21 ONWARDS

The Income Tax Department has exempted certain non-residents and foreign investors from filing Income Tax Return (ITR) from 2020-21 onwards, a move aimed at easing compliance burden. The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) said non-residents (corporates/ otherwise) who do not earn any income other than income from investment in 'specified fund', being Alternate Investment Fund Category III located in International Financial Services Centres (IFSC) or GIFT city shall not be required to file ITR. Further, eligible foreign investors (non-residents who operate in accordance with SEBI instructions), who during the fiscal year, have only transacted in capital asset like Global Depository Receipts, Rupee Denominated Bonds, derivatives or other notified securities, listed on recognized stock exchange in IFSC, have also been exempted from ITR filing. This is subject to the condition that the consideration for transfer of such asset is discharged in foreign currency and no other income is earned by such class of persons in India. However, in both the cases above, these classes of non-residents shall have to ensure that they are exempted from the requirement of obtaining PAN. PAN is not required if tax has been duly deducted on income of non-residents and remitted to the government by the 'specified fund'. Additionally, requisite details and documents like contact information, TIN and residential status declaration, are submitted by the non-resident to the 'specified fund'.



AWARENESS WORKSHOP ON PROMOTION OF HORTICULTURE CROPS



The Uttar Pradesh Chapter of PHDCCI in collaboration with Arthur D Little India Pvt. Ltd., Lucknow organized an awareness workshop on 'Promotion of Horticulture Crops' on September 16, 2021 at Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Bareilly.

Mr. Bahuran Lal Maurya, Member of Legislative Assembly, Vidhan Sabha, Bhojpur Constituency, Bareilly, Uttar Pradesh said that the State Government and the Department of Horticulture & Food Processing facilitate the Horticulture Growers of the State by linking them with the right buyers, with right cost for their crops.

Mr. Anjani Kr. Srivastava, Managing Director, HOFED informed that HOFED has several units in the State and more than 300 farmers' groups are directly linked to the Federation. He also informed that now the 'aadhunik samiti' (modern committees) are also being included in the National Horticulture Mission. He also stressed on the need for organized group wise marketing of the Horticulture produce by the farmers as farmers will be rewarded optimally and reasonably by marketing their produce together

instead of individually.

Mr. Amit Mehrishi, Director, Superior Industries, Ltd. said that Horticulture offers not only a wide range of options to the farmers for crop diversification, but also provides ample scope for sustaining large number of Agro-industries which generate huge employment opportunities. He also talked about the food surplus the State of Uttar Pradesh is constantly generating over the years and emphasized on getting the right buyer and right market for the crops of Horticulture growers of the State.

Mr. Brajesh Singh, President, Arthur D Little India said that through this type of workshops, PHD Chamber & ADL will try to connect farmers with industries also, so that farmers can sell their horticulture produce to the food processing organizations directly eliminating the middlemen and brokers.

Ms. Pooja, Deputy Director, Department of Horticulture, Bareilly deliberated about the mission of Department of Horticulture, Uttar Pradesh and informed that the Department aims towards the

development of fruits, green leafy vegetables, potatoes, spices, flowers and other horticulture crops in the State.

Mr. Ranjeet Singh, Expert, KVK, Bareilly gave a presentation on High Tech Nursery and stressed on the significance of technology in agriculture. He said that technology can be used in different aspects of agriculture such as the application of herbicide, pesticide, fertilizer, and improved seed.

Dr B P Singh, Principal Scientist & Head, KVK, Bareilly informed that over the years, technology has proved to be extremely useful in the agricultural sector through agricultural biotechnology.

Mr. Atul Srivastava, Resident Director, UP State Chapter, PHDCCI along with Mr. Jai Srivastava, Assistant Secretary, UP State Chapter, PHDCCI welcomed all the dignitaries. They informed about the activities of PHDCCI in the State of Uttar Pradesh and across the Nation.

The session was attended potential farmers, horticulturists, FPOs, SHGs, Gram Pradhans, DHOs and other agriculture stakeholders of the State.



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AWARENESS CAMPAIGN OF AROGYA VATIKA INITIATIVE BY NBT

The Uttar Pradesh Chapter of PHD Chamber in association with Navbharat Times (NB) organized an Awareness Campaign Highlighting Salient Features of Arogya Vatika initiative by NBT on September 18, 2021 at PHD House, Lucknow.

Chief Guest, Dr Dinesh Sharma, Deputy Chief Minister, Uttar Pradesh and other luminaries including Mr. Sudhir Misra, Resident Editor, Navbharat Times, Lucknow; Justice S C Verma, Purv Lok Aayukta; Justice A N Verma; Dr Rajesh Verma, Scientist, CIMAP; Dr R. A. Ram, Principal Scientist, CISH; Mr. Mukesh Singh, Sr. Advisor, UP State Chapter, PHDCCI

and senior officials from PHDCCI participated in the Campaign and planted tress post the seminar.

Mr. Saurabh Sanyal, SG, PHDCCI shed light upon the significance of plants in reducing air pollution.

Dr Yogesh Srivastav, ASG, PHDCCI assured the Minister of full support from Uttar Pradesh Chapter, PHDCCI to make sustainable Industrial developments in all the 75 Districts of UP with various meaningful programmes across states.

Experts shed light on the several benefits of medicinal plants and educated the Industry Members

about the features of adopting 'Arogya Vatika' initiative.

Mr. Mukesh Singh, Senior Advisor, UP Chapter & ADL welcomed all dignitaries and assured the UP Government that such initiative will be taken in future too.

The session had participation by more than 100 participants that included various Industry & Government Officials.



AWARENESS WORKSHOP ON PROMOTION OF HORTICULTURE CROPS

The Uttar Pradesh Chapter of PHDCCI in collaboration with Arthur D Little India Pvt. Ltd., Lucknow organized the awareness workshop on 'Promotion of Horticulture Crops' on September 22, 2021 at Yogiraj Baba Gambhir Nath Auditorium & Cultural Centre, Gorakhpur.

Chief Guest, Mr. Shree Ram Chauhan, Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent Charge), Horticulture, Agriculture Marketing, Agriculture Foreign Trade, Agricultural Export, Uttar Pradesh said that PHDCCI UP Chapter is doing exemplary work by organizing these workshops efficiently and these educative workshops will also be taken to several other districts covering the entire State. He said that the right cost is often not provided to the horticulture produce of farmers and this is why farmers need to sell their crops in more quantities in groups which will attract big buyers and industries working in this domain. He underlined that farmers should register themselves in FPOs

and HOFED for update on the latest technologies as well as sell their crops to right buyers. He also informed that though the State is leading in the production of Potato, Mango, Aonla, Guava, Banana etc. but it has huge potential to excel in the production of other crops as well. He said that 90% of the farmers in the State are small and marginal with small holdings and in the absence of the right buyer they often sell their produce in quarter or half price to rural industrialists which is why the earning of the farmers are compromised.

Mr. Anjani Kumar Srivastava, Managing Director, HOFED shed light on the integral role of marketing in the life cycle of horticulture crops. He said that farmers of the State are able to grow quality crops in good quantity but with the absence of right market they are not rewarded optimally. He opined that farmers will be greatly benefitted if they incorporate diversification in their produce, and update technology in their traditional ways of farming.

Mr. D K Verma, Deputy Director, Horticulture, Gorakhpur urged the farmers to heed the deliberations which will benefit them to improve their crops.

Mr. Atul Singh, Joint Director, Department of Horticulture & Food Processing, Basti talked about vision and mission of the Department of Horticulture and Food Processing, UP. He said that the Department is making continuous efforts by implementing various benefitting schemes for fruits, vegetables, potato, flowers, spices, medicinal and aromatic plants, betel-vine development along with subsidiary enterprises like bee-keeping, mushroom production and food processing.

Dr R C Chowdhary, Scientist, Participatory Rural Development Foundation, Gorakhpur deliberated on the several health benefits derived by golden sweet potato (sunehri shakarkand)..

Mr. Mukesh Singh, Senior Advisor, PHDCCI UP Chapter & State Head, ADL, UP said that technical assistance for qualitative production in the Agriculture and Horticulture Crops will be disseminated by experts during the session with which the farmers shall be enlightened to a great level. He also assured the farmers that PHDCCI along with ADL will continue organizing such workshops and spread the same across all 75 districts of UP with the help of Department of Horticulture & Food Processing, UP.

Mr. A K Tiwari, District Horticulture Officer, Gorakhpur urged the farmers to heed upon the deliberations and said that the same will benefit them to improve their crops.

Mr. Raju Singh, Expert, Beekeeping, Gorakhpur deliberated upon the several benefits of beekeeping and about the advantages of opting beekeeping as a successful career.

Dr Swatantra Singh, Expert, Mushroom Cultivation gave a presentation on several benefits of mushroom cultivation.

The interactive symposium had more than 270 participants comprising of enthusiastic progressive Horticulturist, Farmers, FPOs, SHGs Gram Pradhans, DHO, Government officials and other agriculture stakeholders of Uttar Pradesh.



MEETING WITH UNION MINISTER OF MSMEs



A PHD Chamber delegation led by Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, President PHDCCI and comprising of Mr. Mohit Jain, Chair MSME Committee, Dr H P Kumar, Former Chair NSIC and Advisor MSME and Mr. Saurabh Sanyal, Secretary General met Mr. Narayan Tatu Rane, Union Minister, Ministry of MSMEs on September 6, 2021 at New Delhi to congratulate him on taking the charge as Cabinet Minister and apprise him about the various initiatives of PHD Chamber in the MSME Sector.



MEETING WITH UNION MINISTER OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES



A PHD Chamber delegation led by Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, President along with Mr. Saurabh Sanyal, Secretary General, and the secretariat team met Mr. Pashupati Kumar Paras, Union Minister of Food Processing Industries on September 16, 2021 at New Delhi to congratulate him on taking the charge as Cabinet Minister and apprise him about the various initiatives of PHD Chamber in the Food Processing sector. The delegation discussed about potential collaborations between the Ministry of Food Processing Industries and PHD Chamber, especially taking initiatives at the States level.

MEETING WITH UNION MINISTER OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRY



A PHD Chamber delegation led by Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, President and comprising of Mr. R S Dixit, Co-chair, Food Processing Committee; Mr. Govind Suryavanshi, Mars Royal Canin and Mr. Saurabh Sanyal, Secretary General met Mr. Parshottam Rupala, Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairy on September 4, 2021 at New Delhi to congratulate him on taking charge as Cabinet Minister and apprise him about the various initiatives of PHD Chamber in the Livestock Sector.

MEETING WITH MINISTER OF STATE FOR CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND ENVIRONMENT, FOREST & CLIMATE CHANGE



A PHD Chamber delegation led by Dr J P Gupta, Chair, Environment Committee and comprising of Mr. Vivek Katoch, Co-chair, Direct Marketing Committee, Dr J S Sharma, Co-chair, Environment Committee, Mr. Anukul Agrawal, CEO, Vestige India, Mr. Ravi Prakash, Manager, Herbalife, Mr. Saurabh Sanyal, Secretary General, Mr. Vivek Seigell, Assistant Secretary General and Dr. Nasir Jamal, Joint Secretary met Mr. Ashwini Kumar Choubey, Minister of State for Consumer Affairs and Environment, Forest & Climate Change on September 2, 2021 to invite him for the 'International Climate Summit' and also for the webinar on 'Building Skilling Ecosystem in Direct Selling Industry: Requirements and Roadmap'.

MEETING WITH UNION MINISTER OF STATE FOR HOME AFFAIRS



A PHDCCI Defence and HLS Committee delegation led by Mr. Rudra Shriram, Co-chair and comprising of Mr. Saurabh Sanyal, Secretary General, PHDCCI; Mr. Vivek Seigell, Assistant Secretary General, Col Ramit Arora, Member and Dr Nasir Jamal, Joint Secretary met Mr. Ajay Kumar Mishra, Union Minister of State for Home Affairs on September 9, 2021 at New Delhi to apprise about the various PHDCCI initiatives in the defence and homeland security sector.

MEETING WITH UNION MINISTER OF STATE, MINISTRY OF AYUSH



A PHDCCI delegation led by Mr. Pradeep Multani, Senior Vice President along with Mr. Saurabh Sanyal, Secretary General and Mr. Vivek Seigell, Assistant Secretary General met Dr Mahendra Munjapara, Union Minister of State, Ministry of AYUSH on September 6, 2021 at New Delhi. The delegation invited the Minister for the AYUSH E-Mela.

MEETING WITH HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER, UTTARAKHAND



A PHDCCI Uttarakhand Chapter delegation led by Mr. Verendra Kalra, Chair and comprising of Mr. Madan Mohan Varsheny, Mr. Hemant Kochhar & Mr. J.S.Bisht Executive Member and Mr. Anil Taneja, Regional Director met Hon'ble Chief Minister, Mr. Pushkar Singh Dhami on September 5, 2021. Mr. Kalra submitted a report on 'Ease of Doing Business'.

MEETING WITH HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER, UTTARAKHAND



A PHDCCI Uttarakhand Chapter delegation led by Mr. Verendra Kalra, Chair and comprising of Mr. Rajeev Ghai, Co – chair, Mr. Pawan Agarwal, Mr. Sharat Goel & Mr. Devendra Agarwal, Executive Member and Mr. Anil Taneja, Regional Director as well as few representatives from the industry including UIWA, SEWA, BIA, RASSI, SMA met Hon'ble Chief Minister of Uttarakhand, Mr. Pushkar Singh Dhami on August 13, 2021. The delegation discussed industry related issues.

MEETING WITH MINISTER FOR HIGHER EDUCATION, GOVERNMENT OF UTTARAKHAND



A PHDCCI Uttarakhand Chapter delegation led by Mr. Rajeev Ghai, Co-chair and comprising of Mr. Sharat Goel, Mr. Yogendra Jindal & Mr. Devendra Agarwal, Executive Member of Uttarakhand along with Mr. Anil Taneja, Regional Director met Mr. Dhan Singh Rawat, Minister for Higher Education, Government of Uttarakhand on September 7, 2021.

MEETING WITH GOVERNOR OF JHARKHAND

A PHD Chamber, Chhattisgarh Chapter delegation comprising of Mr. Sumit Dubey, Resident Director and Mr. Gyanendra Pandey, Resident Officer met His Excellency, Mr. Ramesh Bais, former Union Minister of Chhattisgarh and newly appointed Governor of Jharkhand, on July 8, 2021 at his residence in Ranchi. The delegation while congratulating Mr. Bais on being appointed as the Governor of Jharkhand State, during the meeting, explained about the activities of the Chamber.



MEETING WITH MINISTER OF FOOD & CULTURE, GOVERNMENT OF CHHATTISGARH

Mr. Gyanendra Pandey, Resident Officer, PHDCCI Chhattisgarh Chapter met Minister of Food and Culture, Government of Chhattisgarh on August 7, 2021 at Raipur. Mr. Pandey discussed the conduct of 'Food Tech 2021' in December 2021 in Raipur.



MEETING WITH LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR J&K

A PHDCCI Kashmir Chapter delegation led by Mr Baldev Singh Raina, Chair, PHDCCI Kashmir along with the Secretariat team met Mr. Manoj Sinha, Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor on August 9, 2021 at Srinagar. The delegation invited the Hon'ble LG to inaugurate the Cold Chain Asia/Food Tech Asia/ Packtech Asia-three concurrent exhibitions/ International Conference at Srinagar.



KASHMIR YOUNG LEADERSHIP AWARD CEREMONY

Mr. Adnan Shah, Co-convenor, PHDCCI – Kashmir Young Business Leaders Forum was awarded by Mr. Manoj Sinha, Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor, at the Kashmir Young Leadership Award Ceremony on September 14, 2021 at Srinagar.



MEETING WITH MINISTER OF STATE FOR CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS



A PHDCCI Health Committee delegation led by Prof. Dr Harvinder Popli, Co-chair, Mr. Vivek Seigell, Assistant Secretary General and Dr Ravi Rathod, Deputy Secretary met Mr. Bhagwanth Khuba, Minister of State for Chemicals & Fertilizers on September 20, 2021 at New Delhi. The delegation congratulated the Hon'ble Minister for his new role in the Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers and apprised the Minister about the initiatives taken by the Chamber for the growth of Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Jan Aushadhi Kendras. The delegation invited the Minister to inaugurate Oxygen Generation Plant to be donated to Chest Clinic and T. B. Government Hospital in Delhi.

MEETING WITH PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, HOUSING & URBAN PLANNING, GOVT. OF UTTAR PRADESH



A PHDCCI Uttar Pradesh Chapter delegation comprising of Mr. Mukesh Singh, Head- UP, ADL & Senior Advisor, Dr Yogesh Srivastav, ASG and Mr. Raja Bundela, Vice Chair, Bundelkhand Development Board along with the Secretariat team of UP Chapter met Mr. Deepak Kumar, IAS, Principal Secretary Housing & Urban Planning, Govt. of Uttar Pradesh on September 7, 2021 at Lucknow. The meeting was to brief him about current & upcoming activities of PHDCCI in general and UP Chapter in particular.

MEETING WITH SECRETARY, INDUSTRIES & MANAGING DIRECTOR, RIICO, GOVERNMENT OF RAJASTHAN

Mr. Digvijay Dhabriya, Chairman PHDCCI-Rajasthan and Mr. R K Gupta, Resident Director, PHDCCI-Rajasthan met Mr. Ashutosh A T Pedenkar, IAS, Secretary, Industries & Managing Director, RIICO, Government of Rajasthan on August 10, 2021 at Udyog Bhawan, Jaipur. The Secretary was invited to grace the forthcoming webinar on 'Opportunities for gas based industries in Rajasthan.'



MEETING WITH SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

A PHD Chamber delegation led by Dr Sameer Gupta, Co-chair, Health Committee and comprising of Mr. Saurabh Sanyal, Secretary General, and Mr. Vivek Seigell, Asst. Secretary General met Mr. R. Subrahmanyam, Secretary, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, on September 13, 2021 at New Delhi. Dr Sameer Gupta highlighted some of the issues with regards to the assistive elder care centers and invited the Secretary for the the Webinar Series on Healthy Ageing.



MEETING WITH SECRETARY – MINISTRY OF TOURISM

A PHD Chamber delegation led by Mr. Rajan Sehgal, Co-chairman–Tourism Committee and Dr. Jatinder Singh, Assistant Secretary General met Mr. Arvind Singh (IAS), Secretary – Ministry of Tourism on September 20, 2021 at New Delhi. The objective of the meeting was to invite the Secretary Tourism for the of PHDCCI – 36th Ambassadors’ Meet and 4th PHDCCI Golf Tourism Conclave & Tournament.



MEETING WITH MEMBER OF PALIAMENT, LOK SABHA, AYODHYA



Dr Yogesh Srivastav, ASG PHDCCI and Mr. Mukesh Singh, Sr. Advisor, PHDCCI UP Chapter & State Head ADL, UP Chapter and Secretariat UP Chapter, PHDCCI along with Mr. Rama Sharan Tripathi, Bureau Chief, Danik Jagran, Ayodhya met Mr. Lallu Singh, Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha, Ayodhya on August 18, 2021 at New Delhi. The meeting was to brief the MP about the ‘Awareness Workshop on Promotion of Horticulture Crops’ organized by PHDCCI along with ADL in Ayodhya.

MEETING WITH DELHI TRAFFIC POLICE OFFICIALS

A PHDCCI delegation led by Mr. Sunil Malhotra, Co-chair, Delhi and NCR Committee, Mr. Sanjeev, Multani, Ayurveda along with the Secretariat and few members having units in Okhla Industrial Area organized an interactive meeting with Delhi Traffic Police officials on September 1, 2021 to resolve problems being faced by our members having units in Okhla Industrial Area.

Mr. Rajesh Kumar, Inspector, Nehru Place, Delhi Traffic Police, assured to solve all problems related to traffic in Okhla Industrial Area.



MEETING WITH PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO HARYANA CM

A PHDCCI Chandigarh Chapter delegation comprising of Mr. Anand Sharma, Chair, Architecture & Interiors Taskforce, PHDCCI along with Mr. Vivek Seigell, ASG, Ms. Madhu Pillai, Regional Director and Mr. Gurdarshan Aggarwal, DRD, PHDCCI Chandigarh office met Mr. V Umashankar, IAS, Principal Secretary to Haryana CM on September 9, 2021 at the Chandigarh Secretariat. The meeting was to brief him regarding PHDCCI Urban Pride Initiative which will focus on infusing urban elements in the city to define it and make it unique.



MEETING WITH JOINT SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF MSME

A PHDCCI delegation led by Mr. Saurabh Sanyal, Secretary General, and comprising of Mr. H P Kumar, Advisor, Mr. Vivek Seigell, Assistant Secretary General, Mr. Mithilesh Kumar, Secretary (MSME), and Mr. Nasir Jamal, Secretary (Defence & HLS) met Ms. Alka Arora, Joint Secretary, Ministry of MSME on September 23, 2021 at New Delhi to discuss the various avenues where PHDCCI can work together with the Ministry of MSME for the development of MSMEs across the country.



PHD Chamber had submitted the proposal for organizing the '2nd Defence and HLS Expo' with Ministry

of MSME especially targeting the MSMEs in defence and security space.

MEETING WITH MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT, J&K

A PHDCCI Kashmir Chapter delegation led by Mr Baldev Singh Raina, Chair, PHDCCI Kashmir attended a meeting on study Visit of Department Related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Commerce chaired by Mr. V. Vijayasai Reddy, Hon'ble Member of Parliament on August 24, 2021 at Srinagar. The PHDCCI urged the parliamentary delegation to recommend the Declaration of Whole Kashmir Valley as Special Economic Zone (SEZ), keeping in view the Export Potential of Handicrafts, Handloom, Carpets, Horticulture produce, Trout Fish, Saffron, Honey and other indigenous items, upgradation of basic infrastructure like roads, drainage, illumination and STP/ ETP and opening of SME Branch.



MEETING WITH MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT, J&K

A delegation of PHDCCI-Kashmir Chapter comprising of Mr. Bilal Kawoosa, Mahraj Krishan Bhat and PHDCCI Regional Director, Mr. Iqbal Fayaz Jan met Mr. Bhartruhari Mahtab, Chairperson, Parliamentary Department -related Standing Committee on Labour on August 23, 2021 in Srinagar. The delegation discussed various issues regarding labour, textiles & skill development Sectors in J&K.



MEETING WITH MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, GOI



A delegation of PHDCCI – Kashmir Chapter represented by Mentor Mr. Mushtaq Ahmad Chaya, Mr. Bilal Kawoosa, Convenor Industrial Affairs and Mr. Iqbal Fayaz Jan, Regional Director met Mr. Som Prakash, IAS (Retd.), Minister of State for Commerce and Industry, Department of Commerce, Government of India on September 16, 2021 at Srinagar and submitted a detailed representation for the revival and survival of Industries of J&K.

MEETING WITH UNION MINISTER OF MSME



A delegation of PHDCCI – Jammu Chapter headed by Chair, Mr. Rahul Sahai along with Mr. Kuldeep Gupta, Co-chair met Mr. Narayan Tatu Rane, Minister of MSME on September 16, 2021 and submitted a detailed memorandum for revival and survival of various economic and industrial and MSME sectors of J&K.

MEETING WITH UNION MINISTER IN PMO WITH INDEPENDENT CHARGE OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY



A PHDCCI Kashmir Chapter delegation led by Mentor, Mr. Mushtaq Ahamd Chaya, Chair along with Mr. Baldev Singh Raina Co-chair and members Mr. Showket Choudhary, Mr. Bilal Kawoosa, Ms. Shahana Fatima, Ms Qaiser Mir, Mr. Naseer Khan, Mr. Tariq Ghani, Mr. Musadiq Shah, and Mr. Iqbal Fayaz Jan, Regional Director met Dr Jitendra Singh Union Minister in PMO with Independent charge of Science and Technology on September 19, 2021 and submitted a detailed representation for the revival and survival of Industries of J&K.



MEETING WITH FORMER PRESIDENT OF PHDCCI MR SANJAY BHATIA, PRESENT CHAIR, PHD RURAL DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION AND MANAGING DIRECTOR, HINDUSTAN TIN WORKS LTD

PHDCCI-Kashmir Chapter Mentor, Mr Mushtaq Ahmad Chaya and Chair Kashmir Mr Baldev Singh Raina along with former Co-Chair Kashmir Mr Zahoor Ahmad Trambooo met Former President of PHDCCI Mr Sanjay Bhatia, Present Chair PHD Rural Development Foundation and Managing Director Hindustan Tin Works Ltd on September 12, 2021. The objective of this meeting was to brief him about current & upcoming activities of PHDCCI in Kashmir Chapter and future plans for self sustenance of PHDCCI J&K. .



MEETING WITH CMD, J&K BANK

A delegation of PHD Chamber Kashmir Chapter led by its Mr. Mushtaq Ahmed Chaya, Mentor and comprising of Mr. Baldev Singh Raina, Chair, Mr. Showkat Ahmed Chowdhary, Co-chair along with executive members as well as the secretariat met Mr. R K Chhibber, J&K Bank Chairman & MD along with his management team on September 18, 2021 at Srinagar to discuss mutually significant Issues. The delegation requested the Bank to delegate more powers to branches, support circumstantial defaulters, reduce procedural formalities and settle insurance claims timely besides further improving customer services at the branch level.

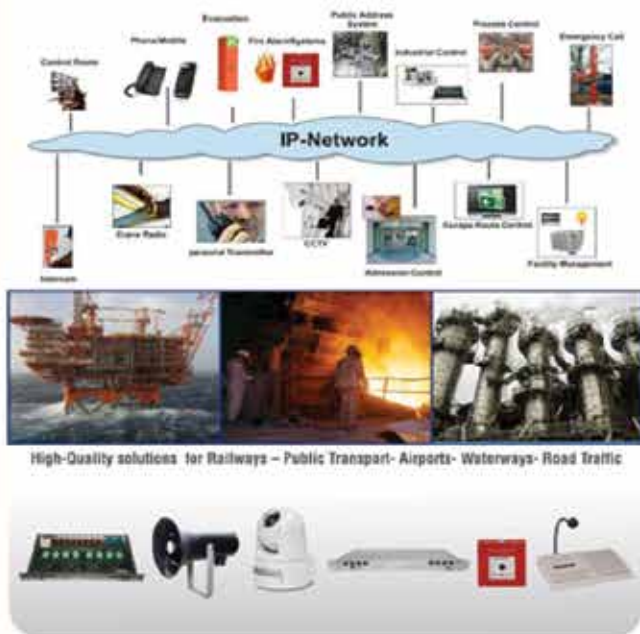


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PHD FAMILY WELFARE FOUNDATION (PHDFWF)

INAUGURATION OF PHDFWF - ROTARY CLUB OF DELHI PREMIER - JAQUAR FOUNDATION MOBILE MEDICAL VAN



PHD Family Welfare Foundation virtually inaugurated its 6th Mobile Medical Van on August 24, 2021, donated by Rotary Club of Delhi Premier and is being supported by Jaquar Foundation. The Mobile Medical Van was inaugurated by Mr. Saurabh Sanyal, Secretary General at PHD House and was virtually inaugurated in the presence of Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, President, PHDCCI,

Mr. Pradeep Multani, Senior Vice President PHDCCI, PHD Chamber's Former Presidents, Dr. Rajendra K. Somany & Mr. Alok B Shriram, Ms. Anuradha Goel, Chairperson, PHDFWF, Ms. Rashmi Singh, IAS, Director, Department of WCD, Ms. Aneesha Dalmia, Immediate Past President, Rotary Club of Premier, Mr. Kanwar Shamsher, CSR Head, Jaquar Foundation, Ms. Madhulika Mehta, Co-

Chairperson and Ms. Karuna Shriram Co-Chairperson, WC Committee. This mobile medical van of PHDFWF which will be dedicatedly used for health check-up camps for street & abandoned children residing in 101 child care institutions and orphanages being run by Department of Women & Child Development Govt. of NCT of Delhi.



CERTIFICATE DISTRIBUTION PROGRAMME FOR SELF DEFENCE TRAINING AT SMPF-PHDFWF SKILL DEVELOPMENT CENTER, DWARKAPURI, VIJAY ENCLAVE



On September 15, 2021, PHD Family Welfare Foundation organized a certificate distribution programme for 10 days of self-defence training at SMPF-PHDFWF skill development, Dwarkapuri, Vijay enclave. Ms Sashi and Ms Renu from Special Police Unit for Women & Children provided 10 days of training on self-defence to 40 trainees. Mr. Rajeev, Coach, SPUWAC and officer from PHDFWF were present on the occasion when the trainees got their certificates

PHDFWF CELEBRATED 75 YEARS OF INDEPENDENCE AND 35 YEARS OF WELFARE WORK OF FOUNDATION WITH RENOWNED MUSIC DIRECTOR & SINGER MR. SONU NIGAM



PHD Family Welfare Foundation celebrated the onset of 75 years of Independence and the completion of 35 years of Welfare work of the Foundation by organizing a virtual musical interaction with renowned music director & singer, Mr. Sonu Nigam, Mr. Agam Kumar Nigam & Ms. Meenal Nigam. PHD Chamber's

Former Presidents, Dr. Rajendra K. Somany & Dr. Raghupati Singhania spoke about the growth and journey of PHDCCI since its inception through video presentations. Mr. Sanjay Bhatia, Mr. Rajeev Talwar & Mr. Gopal Jiwaraajka, mesmerised everyone with their patriotic songs by bringing in the aura of Independence Day. Thereafter,

Mr. Sonu Nigam took us through his musical journey of 44 years, the influence of his parents in shaping up his career and delighting everyone with his evergreen songs. Mr. Saurabh Sanyal, Secretary General concluded the program by proposing the formal vote-of-thanks. The programme was witnessed live on Zoom and You tube.

CERTIFICATE DISTRIBUTION PROGRAMME AT L&T PRAYAS SKILL DEVELOPMENT CENTRE, PALLA, FARIDABAD



PHD Family Welfare Foundation provided certificates to 135 trainees for successfully completion of their respective courses on beauty culture, tailoring and computer education on September 14, 2021 at L&T Prayas Skill Development Centre, Palla, Faridabad. The certificates were distributed by the senior officials from PHDFWF.

PHDFWF CELEBRATED 75 YEARS OF INDEPENDENCE AT FWF CENTRES



PHD FWF's skill development centres celebrated 75th Independence Day with teachers and beneficiaries by singing and dancing on patriotic songs.

CERTIFICATE DISTRIBUTION AT PHDFWF JAQUAR SKILL DEVELOPMENT CENTRE, MANDI



PHD Family Welfare Foundation organized a certificate distribution program on August 10, 2021 at PHDFWF–Jaquar Skill Development Center, Mandi Gaon. The programme started with a welcome song by the beneficiaries. FWF head office team interacted with the beneficiaries their future plans on completing the certificate course. 116 certificates were distributed to the trainees who have completed their courses in tailoring & embroidery, mobile repairing, beauty culture and cooking.

PHDFWF OPENS A NEW SKILL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING CENTRE IN NARAYAN VIHAR, RAJASTHAN



PHDFWF started a new skill development training centre with support from Jaquar Foundation in Narayan Vihar, Rajasthan. Training in remedial classes for science and maths courses, computer education, adult education, beauty culture and tailoring are being provided to more than 80 rural women, girls and youth living in nearby areas.

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



PHDFWF has recognized 50 families in resettlement areas (where PHDFWF has a Skill Development unit) who have lost their only earning member of their families due to COVID or otherwise. PHDFWF supported 46 families in August 2021 by providing basic food expenditure with the support from Rotary Club of Delhi Premier, SPACE, Savera Association and other esteemed donors. PHDFWF will continue to assist these families for 4 to 6 months while they learn a course at one of the FWF centres. They will be able to support their family after they have completed their course. This can help them become self-sufficient and earn a living for their future. PHDFWF is on the lookout for more families like these.

PHDFWF ORGANISED FREE HEALTH CHECK UP CAMPS FOR DESTITUTE CHILDREN IN GOVT. RUN INSTITUTIONS AND SUPPORTING OTHER CHARITY ORPHANAGE HOMES



PHD Family Welfare Foundation in association with the Department of Women and Child Development, Govt of NCT Delhi with support from its donors have been supporting 101 children's homes across Delhi and other charity orphanages. In the month of August and September 2021, PHDFWF organized 25 camps and served 1916 children through Jaquar Dental & Eye mobile van and Rotary-Jaquar- Mobile Medical Van. PHDFWF with support from Rotary Club of Delhi Premier supported 11 non-Government orphanages by providing monthly grocery, medicines and other necessary items and nutritional food packets as per their requirements.

PHDFWF DISTRIBUTED DRY & FRESH FOOD TO MIGRANTS AND THE NEEDY



PHD Family Welfare Foundation with support from its esteemed donors has been distributing dry food packets containing 5 kg atta, pulses, sugar, tea leaves, soya chunks, biscuits, soap, other nutritious dry foods and face masks to migrants and helpless people living in resettlement colonies of Delhi/NCR. PHDFWF also distributed home-made poori sabji to the migrants and the needy living in resettlement colonies of Delhi, front of AIIMS & Safdarjung Hospital.

HEALTH CARE

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



PHD FWF-Jaquar mobile van conducted 32 health check-up camps and benefited 2416 patients in the month of August and September 2021. Free diagnostic facilities, medicines and KN 95 masks were also distributed to patients living in the villages of Harchandpur, Alipur, GarhiBazidpur and Dhaula of Gurugram.

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



In the month of August and September 2021, total 2017 patients benefited from 35 camps organized in five adopted villages of the Jaquar group in Bhiwadi, Rajasthan. PHDFWF- Jaquar MMV has been providing diagnostic services to patients while taking all essential precautions.

PHDFWF-SMPF MOBILE MEDICAL VAN

During the months of August and September 2021, 26 free health check-up camps were conducted, and 1368 patients took advantage from the camps. The PHDFWF-SMPF mobile van has been delivering free health care services to the poor in Delhi/NCR, including free diagnostic tests, clinical services, and distribution of free medications. Regular camps are being arranged while taking all precautions.



PHDFWF- TARGET INTERVENTION PROJECT ON HIV/AIDS



Since 2003, PHDFWF- Target Intervention Project (TI) supported by Delhi State AIDS Control Society (DSACS), Govt of NCT Delhi has been providing various Health/RCH services to the migrant workers in resettlement areas of Okhla. Project activities like 643-ICTC-CBS, 90-RPR, 400-RMC, 54-PT, 11-STI, 4- DIC, 8 review meetings, 8 demand generation meetings, etc. were conducted in the month of August and September 2021. 882 patients attended the clinic under the project during these months.

PHDFWF-AAOT MOBILE MEDICAL VAN

PHDFWF-AAOT mobile van conducted 25 health check-up camps in association with Holy Family Hospital and benefited 1160 patients living in Ali village, Naibasti, Priyanka Camp, Subhash Camp, New Delhi during the months of August and September 2021.

PHDFWF- JAQUAR FOUNDATION DENTAL AND EYE MOBILE VAN

During the month of August 2021, the PHDFWF-Jaquar Dental & Eye mobile van organised 13 general health check-up camps and benefitted 769 beneficiaries in various child care institutions and charitable orphanages in Delhi NCR. In the month of September, PHDFWF-Jaquar Dental & Eye mobile van conducted 19 Dental & Eye check-up camps and benefitted 1760 patients.



SKILL & VOCATIONAL TRAINING

PHDFWF - JAQUAR SKILL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING CENTRES, MANDI VILLAGE

With the help of the Jaquar Foundation, PHDFWF has been executing a skill development initiative in Mandi Gaon. Beauty culture, tailoring, mobile repairing, cooking, and masala making skills training are being provided to the local women and youth under the project. Currently, more than 115 trainees are receiving instruction at the centre with maintaining the covid protocols.



L&T PRAYAS SKILL DEVELOPMENT CENTRE, PALLA

Prayas Trust, L&T Faridabad is supporting PHD Family Welfare Foundation in implementing a skill development project in Palla, Faridabad. 35 local women and girls are availing training in computer education & tailoring and embroidery under the project. This will help the women and youth in earning a livelihood and become self-empowered after completion of their skill trainings.

PHDFWF-SMPF SKILL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING CENTRE, DWARKAPURI



PHDFWF-SMPF is running a skill development centre in Dwarkapuri by providing training in tailoring & embroidery, beauty culture & mehendi, mobile repairing and computer education to 129 trainees under the project. Other activities like exposure visits, awareness programmes and health camps were also being conducted side by side during the month of August 2021 under the projects with covid protocols.

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

This project is being supported by Jaquar Foundation since August 2020. Exposure visits, awareness sessions and health camps were also conducted routinely with covid protocols. During July 2021, 138 trainees are getting free skills training on nursing assistant, advance computer education, retail management and beauty culture in Aya Nagar & nearby areas at PHDFWF-NL Mehra Vocational Training centre.



PHDFWF-KAJARIA CERAMICS SKILL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING CENTRE, ASSAM



PHDFWF has been providing skill development training in hand weaving in Lakhimpur district of Assam. This centre is being supported by Kajaria Ceramics Ltd. Rural girls & women are getting free training to make themselves self-reliant under the project.



PHDFWF-JAQUAR SKILL DEVELOPMENT CENTRE, MATALWAS

Training in beauty culture and tailoring & embroidery courses are being provided to more than 77 rural women and girls living in nearby areas during the month of August 2021. PHDFWF is successfully running one skill development training centre in Matalwas, Bhiwadi, Rajasthan with extensive support of Jaquar Foundation.



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

PHDFWF has been implementing a skill development project in Badli Extn., Rohini with support from Goyal MG Gases. Presently, 77 trainees are undergoing various trainings in computer education, tailoring and beauty culture under the project during the month of July 2021.

HINDUSTAN TIN WORKS SKILL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING CENTRE, PRAHALADPUR

At the PHDFWF- Hindustan Tin Works Skill Centre at Prahaladpur, 51 beneficiaries are availing free training in computer education and beauty culture under the project. Other related informational sessions are conducted on regular interval basis under the project to upgrade the trainees.



PHDFWF-WRG SKILL DEVELOPMENT CENTRE, AYA NAGAR

At the centre, 72 trainees are availing training in tailoring & embroidery and computer education in Aya Nagar centre supported by Women Rehabilitation Group, USA. Awareness sessions and health camps were being conducted routinely under the project



PHDFWF-FENA SKILL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING CENTRE



A total of 38 trainees are undergoing training on tailoring and embroidery course at the PHDFWF-FENA skill development centre in Okhla. Awareness programme and health check up camps were also organized during this period under the project. Trainees were being engaged themselves and getting good income after completion of their training.



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PHD RURAL DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION (PHDRDF)

PHD Chamber of Commerce & Industry strongly believes in its social responsibility along with the economic development and PHD Rural Development Foundation, social arm of PHDCCI extends its supports in delivering the same. The projects in the areas of Healthcare, Education, Skill Development, Women Empowerment and Water Conservation are being undertaken with support of various donors across corporate, International Organizations, Individual donors and PSUs. The on-going projects will benefit more than 40000 beneficiaries across 08 states in India.

PHDRDF WATER MANAGEMENT

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

PHDRDF- HINDUSTAN TIN WORKS LIMITED



Pond beautification work has been completed



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



PHDRDF - COCA COLA INDIA FOUNDATION



Five check dam has been completed out of seven



PHDRDF and Coca Cola India Foundation have partnered together to promote sustainable solutions for water resource management with surface water conservation and ground water recharge, through construction of 07 check dams in water-stressed two blocks of Ranchi district – Kanke and Ratu in Jharkhand. The project will reach out to more than 15,000 people, creating a total water recharge capacity of 292,100 cubic meters. Good rainfall has been received in Jharkhand and water has been filled in the check dams established. This will help the farmers in the area with richer soil for irrigation.

PHDRDF- POLYPLEX CORPORATION LTD. AND DR RAJESH MALHOTRA



Firavwala Check has been completed

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

PHDRDF - KAJARIA CERAMICS LIMITED



Thakur wala check dam has been completed

PHDRDF with Kajaria Ceramics Limited have partnered together for establishment of one water harvesting structure 'Thakur wala Check Dam' in Kaaled Banada Ki Dhani, Samra, Alwar, Rajasthan with a length of 180 ft. The work towards establishment of check dam with a water holding capacity of 3,00,000 cubic feet has been completed.

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



Devrawala check dam has been completed

PHDRDF with Radico NV Distilleries Maharashtra Pvt. Ltd., Select City Walk and Mr. K S Mehta & Family have partnered together for establishment of one water harvesting structure 'Devra Wala Check Dam' in Thanagazi, Alwar, Rajasthan with a length of 320 ft. The check dam will have a water holding capacity of 4, 48, 000 cubic feet. This check dam will help augmentation of the water table and recharge the groundwater. The establishment work towards the check dam is completed.



PHDRDF- PTC INDIA FINANCIAL SERVICE LTD. & PTC FOUNDATION TRUST



Peel wala & Aalotwala check dam has been completed

PHDRDF with PTC India Financial Service Ltd. & PTC Foundation Trust have partnered together for establishment of four water harvesting structures & two Gabion

structure 'Aalotwala, Peel wala, Kund Bawadi Wala, Mandawari Wala & Amar Wala & Lanke Wala' in Rajgarh, Alwar, Rajasthan. The check dam will have a water holding capacity of 21, 67,500

cubic feet and help with augmentation of the water table and recharge the groundwater. The work towards establishment of the Aalotwala check dam has been completed.

PHDRDF-DHAMPUR SUGAR MILLS LTD.



Rain Water Harvesting work is under progress at Push Niketan School, Dhampur Sugar Mills Limited, Dhampur, Bijnor

PHDRDF has partnered with Dhampur Sugar Mills Ltd. for the year 2021-22 to implement project for "Rain water harvesting" structure to be established at Pushp Niketan School in Dhampur, Uttar Pradesh. Two recharge shafts with depth of 45 metres each will be established that will help collect 7,34,7000 litres of water which will further help in recharging the ground water table in a year. The work is under progress.

PHDRDF HEALTHCARE INTERVENTION AND SANITATION

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

PHDRDF-DHAMPUR SUGAR MILLS LTD.

PHDRDF has partnered with Dhampur Sugar Mills Ltd. for the year 2021-22 to implement project for “Free Mobile Health Services” to provide better healthcare facilities to less privileged and low-income group of the villages near the plant at Rajpura and Dhampur. The project will cater to more than 30,000 people in 20 villages of Dhampur and Rajpura, Bijnor and Sambhal districts respectively. On September 15, 2021 PHDRDF under the guidance of Mr. Sanjay Bhatia, Chair PHDRDF inaugurated the project by Mr. Sanjeev Ranjan, District Magistrate, Sambhal by flagging off the MMU in the presence of Mr. Randhir Singh, Head of Plant, DSM Rajpura; Mr. Kamlesh Awasthi, ADM; Mr. Ramkesh Dhama, SDM, Gunnaur; Dr Kadambari, CEO, PHDRDF and team of PHDRDF.



Mr. Sanjeev Ranjan, DM, Sambhal District with Mr Randhir Singh at the flag off ceremony in the left and Dr Kadambari felicitating Mr Ranjan

PHDRDF - HSIL

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



Mobile Health Van



PHDRDF - ROTARY CLUB OF ROORKEE



Mr. Saurabh Sanyal, Trustee, PHDRDF & Secretary General, PHDCCI at the flag off ceremony

PHDRDF has partnered with Rotary Club of Roorkee, Rotary International, Rotary District grant through SEWA- THDC, Rishikesh for a project “Mobile Medical Sehat Van” to provide health services to the villagers of 15 villages of Pratapnagar and Jakhanidhar block of Tehri, Gharwal. PHD Rural Development

Foundation under the guidance of Mr.Sanjay Bhatia, Chairman PHDRDF flagged off the Mobile Medical Van. The Mobile Medical Van was flagged off from PHD House on September 22, 2021 by Mr.Saurabh Sanyal, Trustee, PHDRDF in the presence of Mr. Naveen Seth, Dr SP Sharma, Ms. Babeeta, Dr Kadambari and other team members of

PHDRDF. The Mobile Medical Van will provide healthcare services through telemedicine to 15 remote villages of Tehri Garhwal in Uttarakhand. The project will provide access to super specialist doctors through the process of telemedicine consultations to the patients of NCD including Diabetes, Hypertension, Cardiac problem and/or oncology.

PHDRDF- NATIONAL SAFAI KARAMCHARIS FINANCE DEVELOPMENT & CORPORATION

PHDRDF empanelled with National Safai Karamchari Finance Development & Corporation (NSKFDC), Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment for the year 2021-22 to organize 15 health camps in 4 states (Uttar Pradesh, Odisha, Bihar and Gujarat). The camps are being organized with a team of three specialists in each camp. That includes one physician, one eye specialist and one gynaecologist along with paramedical staff. Facilities like testing of blood pressure, blood sugar, computerised eye testing, medicines will also be provided during the camps. Along with medicines, free spectacles have also been distributed at each location.



Medicine distribution at the health camp

PHDRDF SKILL DEVELOPMENT

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

PHDRDF- DONALDSON INDIA FILTER SYSTEMS PRIVATE LIMITED

PHDRDF and Donaldson India Filter Systems Pvt. Ltd. are running a “Skill Development Centre” for the past 5 years in Mohammadpur Gurjar, Sohna block, Gurugram. More than 450 girls has

been trained in beauty culture and stitching & tailoring so far. Most of the girls trained at Donaldson Skill Development Center have started earning with the skill they have been taught here. Currently, one batch of

20 candidates in each course have completed their course and one new batch consisting of 20 candidates in both courses has initiated from this month.

PHDRDF- DRI PVT. LTD.

PHDRDF and DRI Pvt. Ltd. came together to partner and provide training in Basic Computer Skills in DRI Udaan Skill Development Centre for computer training. With the completion of 4th batch, this phase of the project has been completed in basic computer skills. The Centre has been located in village Sidhrawali, Pataudi, Gurugram. A total of 76 candidates have been trained under this project. In the next phase of the same project, 45 youths will be trained.



Practical training session at DRI Udaan Skill Development Center for Computer Training

PHDRDF - DCM SHRIRAM INDUSTRIES



Sanitary Napkins being sold in Church at Ranikhet and in Local Market as well

PHDRDF and DCM Shriram Industries have initiated a women empowerment through entrepreneurship generation project through sanitary napkin manufacturing. ‘Urmila’, a Women Self-Help Group with 9 women has

been formed in Ranikhet in village Pantkotuli. The women at the Centre have been trained in sanitary napkins manufacturing and are into production of the product independently. The SHG groups have been getting orders from nearby areas and products are

being marketed in Delhi NCR for better reach. Currently, various marketing channels have been established in Uttarakhand, Delhi and Haryana to sell out the production. Local markets in Uttarakhand are also being explored for selling the product.

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Youths at the training session

PHDRDF SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT

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

PHDRDF - HSIL

PHDRDF and HSIL have partnered to develop sanitation facilities for girl students in five government schools of five villages in Bahadurgarh block, Jhajjar District, Haryana. Government schools that lack proper sanitation facilities for girls have been identified. Seven blocks of toilet; each consisting of toilet and urinals are being refurbished/ reconstructed in schools located in village Rohad, Dehkora, Mandothi, Asaudha and Kulasi. The project will benefit more than 752 students with access to



Newly constructed toilet block in Kulasi School

toilets leading to practice of safe and hygienic sanitation for better health.

PHDRDF- DONALDSON FILTERS INDIA PVT. LTD.

PHDRDF and Donaldson Filters India Pvt. Ltd. have come together for the partnership of a project titled 'School up gradation through providing support in computer lab establishment in Government Middle School, Naharpur, Kasan' in Haryana. A computer lab with eight computers was provided with electrical fittings. Electrical fittings also have been done in the school laboratory.



Electric Points Fitting in Naharpur School Being Done



PHDRDF- HINDUSTAN TIN WORKS LIMITED



Two new Girls toilet construction and boys toilet are under progress at GMS School, Dhaturi, Sonipat, Haryana.

PHDRDF and Hindustan Tin Works Limited have partnered together for construction of new girls toilet and refurbishment of boys toilet for a Government Upper Primary School in Dhaturi Village, Sonipat, Haryana, that is expected to benefit more than 250 students. The establishment of toilets in the school will help promote better health and hygiene practices amongst the students, leading to better health in the community. The work is under progress.



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Krishan Kalra, Former Secretary General, PHD Chamber

What would you call someone who drank a hundred bottles of Scotch? An alcoholic, a drunkard, or may be a dipsomaniac? Well I've just achieved that dubious distinction and I thought I was only a social drinker. But isn't that how it starts? They all say the same thing: "I don't really drink, only occasionally, only if there is company" blah blah blah. But then, reality is different. There is only one saving grace in my reaching this landmark. I've notched up my hundredth bottle in the span of 12 years, that's 144 months for those who mark time by salary slips. Seventy-five litres of the lethal stuff, 75,000 millilitres, 2,500 chhota pegs - give or take a few.

Many of my friends have given up drinking. "Only beer or wine", they proudly announce. Well, it's the same thing really. Decent beers have an alcohol content of 5 per cent (I'm leaving out the 10 per cent

and 18 per cent brands). So a bottle (650 ml) contains the same alcohol content as 80 ml of whisky - nearly one-and-a-half large pegs - which is usually 40 per cent in strength. And tell me, which self-respecting beer drinker will stop at one bottle? So, now you know the reason behind all those beer bellies! It's the same with wine. At 12-15 per cent alcohol, it's practically 'more deadly' than whisky. Two small glasses of the 'it-is-good-for-the-heart' red wine easily add up to 200 ml - more alcohol, ladies and gentlemen, than a large glass of whisky. Usually a bottle of wine will be split among two. So, by the time the pair are done, each would have imbibed the equivalent of nearly four small pegs of my favourite poison.

"Tedious calculations" the wine 'n' beer brigade will counter: "Civilised people stick to wine and beer only. Whisky is for boozers"

is their warning to humanity. I suppose they are too fuzzy to work out the intricacies of alcohol content. For some strange reason, several top restaurants in town used to serve only wine and beer: Never understood the logic. My own arithmetic is simple. I always pour whisky with a peg measure. A bottle of beer is equivalent to two small ones and a glass of wine one chotta. Gin, vodka, cognac are all counted likewise. And I write it down, every evening before I go to sleep. The daily figures are added at the end of the month. I have kept a meticulous record of every single month since 1990.

Someday my grandchildren will see this little notebook and understand how grandpa scored the only century of his life. May be I'll live to make it a double. May be I am already there - because this story was written in 2002!

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



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44	PTAK Warsaw Expo, Poland	September 12, 2019
45	Foreign Economic Relations Board of Turkey, Istanbul, Turkey	September 18, 2019
46	Ceylon Chamber of Commerce	September 26, 2019
47	Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Services of the Region of Fez-Meknes (CCISFM), Meknes, Morocco	October 9, 2019
48	Mongolian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Ulaanbataar, Mongolia	November 11, 2019
49	INDIA CHAMBER OF PERU	January 1, 2020
50	India China and America (ICA) Institute, USA (ICA)	July 2, 2020
51	India Myanmar Chamber of Commerce	August 17, 2020
52	Mongolia India Business Council (MIBC)	May 7, 2021

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1	Gujarat Chamber of Commerce	July 20, 2017
2	Sky Innovation Tech Labs Pvt. Ltd (Signcatch)	July 26, 2017
3	Pawan Hans Limited	October 11, 2017
4	The Federation of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry	November 20, 2017
5	Kalinga International Foundation (KIF)	December 15, 2017
6	Indian Society of Heating, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Engineers (ISHRAE)	December 21, 2017
7	Indian Printing, Packaging and Allied Machinery Manufacturers' Association	January 10, 2018
8	Federation of Karnataka Chamber of Commerce & Industry	February 3, 2018
9	SMERA Rating Limited	February 5, 2018
10	Oriental Bank of Commerce	March 26, 2018
11	Travel Agents Association of India	March 28, 2018
12	Rajasthan State Chapter and Kashmir State Chapter	March 29, 2018
13	Guru Nanak Dev University Amritsar Punjab	April 6, 2018
14	Government E- Marketplace	April 18, 2018
15	Technology Development Board (TDB)	April 25, 2018
16	Punjabi University, Patiala	April 25, 2018
17	Indian Yoga Association, New Delhi	April 29, 2018
18	BioNEST at Panjab University	May 10, 2018
19	iSTART, IT Department of the State Govt. of Rajasthan	May 11, 2018
20	Federation of Industry and Commerce of North Eastern Region (FINER)	May 15, 2018
21	Engineering Council of India	May 31, 2018
22	International Centre for Entrepreneurship and Technology (iCreate)	June 5, 2018
23	Indira Gandhi National Tribal University, Amarkantak (Madhya Pradesh)	June 29, 2018
24	The EBG Federation, New Delhi, India	July 12, 2018
25	Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU)	July 20, 2018
26	Global Compact Network India	July 20, 2018
27	OFB TECH Pvt. Ltd	July 30, 2018
28	Energy Efficiency Services Ltd	July 31, 2018
29	Southern India Chamber of Commerce And Industry (SICCI)	August 20, 2018
30	Uttar Pradesh Braj Teerth Vikas Parishad (UPBTVP)	August 31, 2018



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31	BIOAYURVEDA	September 10, 2018
32	Bundelkhand University, Jhansi	September 13, 2018
33	Department of Management Studies, Kashmir University	September 24, 2018
34	Federation of Karnataka Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FKCCI)	December 15, 2018
35	DPSRU Innovation and Incubation Foundation (DIIF)	May 28, 2019
36	India Trade Promotion Organization (ITPO), Ministry of Commerce	June 10, 2019
37	Spike Advertising Pvt. Ltd.	November 26, 2019
38	National Productivity Council	January 2, 2020
39	New Delhi Institute of Management	January 2, 2020
40	Power2SME	January 7, 2020
41	Centre for Excellence in Automation, Robotics & AI	June 4, 2020
42	Software Technology Park of India (STPI)	June 6, 2020
43	Cycling Federation of India	September 30, 2020
44	National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB) Ministry of AYUSH, Govt. of India	October 1, 2020
45	India Ratings and Research (Fitch Group)	December 30, 2020
46	CSIR-National Environmental Research Institute	January 7, 2021
47	Toy Association of India	January 15, 2021
48	Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)	February 16, 2021
49	Tele Medicine Centre at Indira Gandhi Hospital, New Delhi	July 27, 2021
50	Rotary Club of Delhi Central, BAPIO Training Academy (BTA) and Ujala Cygnus Healthcare Services	August 12, 2021
51	School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Apeejay Styra University	August 25, 2021



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Industry body urges govt to bring petrol products under GST ambit

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