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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As we step into the New Year 2022, I take this opportunity to wish our members a Joyful, Safe and Prosperous New Year. We look forward to a year of hope and prosperity after the pandemic related challenges we faced in the last two years. As Victor Hugo once said, "Even the darkest night will end and the sun will rise", the New Year has arrived with exciting opportunities to focus on new priorities, build on new strengths and embolden our resolutions to work towards for a healthier and more developed economy.

Being the 'Voice of Industry and Trade', the PHD Chamber has been focusing in the past few months on several cohesive strategies for India's sustained economic expansion and is advocating new recommendations to the government. These transformations are being driven by India's technological expertise, accelerated adoption of digitalization, invigorating entrepreneurial spirit and disruptive start-up culture, the aspects of the Indian business landscape that the Chamber well recognizes and appreciates. I concur with Prime Minister, Mr. Modi's recent assertion that India needs to plan innovative strategies for streamlining sectors such as healthcare, education, agriculture and MSMEs in order to improve the standards of living of the people. This has been fittingly been quoted by Former Secretary General of UN, Ban-Ki-moon, "Saving our planet, lifting people out of poverty, advancing economic growth... these are one and the same fight. We must connect the dots between climate change, water scarcity, energy shortages, global health, food security and women's empowerment. Solutions to one problem must be solutions for all."

Further, as we move forward to celebrate India's, "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav" in its 75th year of independence, I would like to compliment our Prime Minister for steadily steering our economy in an excellent manner during the pandemic, with global companies wanting to invest in India.

On the vitalized economic front, GDP is estimated to grow by 9.2 percent during 2021-22 as compared to a decline of 7.3 percent in 2020-21. PHDCCI's Economy GPS Index during April-December 2021 was estimated at 117 versus 85.8 for the corresponding period of previous year. The farm sector remains strong (with impressive progress of Rabi sowing) forecasting to grow at 3.9 percent on the back of a good monsoon in the current year. Manufacturing and construction are estimated to grow in double digits due to strengthening demand and surge in new businesses. However, Indian services companies reported

mutated growth of sales and business activity in December 2021 and the sector is estimated to grow by 8.2 percent in FY 2021-22. On the other hand, India's merchandise exports are on their way to touch the US\$ 400 billion target set for the current fiscal year, as exports during April-December 2021 have already totaled US\$ 300 billion.

Going ahead, I would like to point out that the Omicron variant of coronavirus hitting the world including India, may impact growth. Several state governments have already imposed restrictions on public mobility and taken containment actions with the Central government having announced closing of government and private offices and stringent guidelines for international travel.

The Union Budget 2022-23 is being presented at this very crucial time with third wave of the pandemic almost on the brink of surging. The Chamber in its pre-budget memorandum to the Finance Minister has recommended that the budget should focus on ease of doing business, reduce cost of doing business and create a level playing field for Indian industry & trade. Industry opines that measures should be taken to ensure stability in the tax regime and lower tax rates (including GST rates) as that would lead to better revenues and higher compliances. Also, corporate tax of 25 percent should be extended to proprietorships, partnerships & limited liability partnerships. There is also an urgent need to help MSME entrepreneurs with hassle free credit and easing of regulatory burden. Also, export income of MSMEs should be made tax free for 3 years. Further, as raw material prices have increased significantly in the past one year and impacting production possibilities, the Chamber suggests that Basic Customs Duty on inputs be reduced as this will promote cost competitiveness for manufacturers. I opine that the budget needs to take measures for refueling demand, enhancing private investments and creating more jobs.

With the rising number of Omicron virus cases, I am sure that health will continue to be at the centre of the government's attention and more resources would be allocated for health infrastructure as most poor don't have the resources to access quality healthcare. Here, I strongly recommend that people should get their vaccinations completed and follow COVID appropriate behaviour of maintaining social distancing, wearing masks and washing hands frequently.

We appreciate the government for setting up a COVID-19 help desk at the Department of Commerce and the Directorate General of

Foreign Trade offices to monitor the status of exports and imports and the difficulties being faced by trade stakeholders in view of the pandemic.

The Chamber continues to play a proactive role of deliberating with policymakers on important issues concerning the economy. Our five-day Punjab International Trade Expo (PITEX) held in December witnessed participation of different states as well as many countries and saw a footfall of two lakh visitors. The State Policy Conclave 2021- 'Role of states in making Aatmanirbhar Bharat' saw the participation of several Chief Ministers, Union Ministers, Ambassadors, Industry Leaders, Bureaucrats and Corporates.

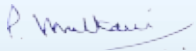
We at the Chamber would like to acknowledge the excellent contributions made by our Former Presidents to the growth of this prestigious 116 year old organization during their helm as Presidents. As a special thanks to them, we are publishing their profiles in our monthly Bulletin 'India Inc.' beginning this issue under the heading, "Our Shining Luminaries showing the way forward towards a New Age India."

As the world renowned artist, Pablo Picasso once said, "Our goals can only be reached through a vehicle of a plan, in which we must fervently believe, and upon which we must vigorously act. There is no other route to success", we at the Chamber are determined to continue working in close tandem with the government, to help fast track the country's economic growth while supporting in the fight against the Corona pandemic. We envision and behold that Indian Industry will continue to develop new innovative solutions as the country embarks towards greater Progress, Harmony and Development.

Finally on the eve of 73rd Republic Day of our nation, I extend my heartiest greetings and remember our brave leaders whose hard work and dedication helped us to take the nation forward. Today, the mantra of 'Nation First' is becoming the spirit of every citizen. We will do everything to preserve our heritage, our ethos and our treasure. I am confident that India will lead global growth in this decade as the economy opens up fully, after the COVID -19 pandemic.

Meanwhile, Stay Safe, Stay Healthy and Happy New Year 2022 to all of you once again!

God Bless Us All !


Pradeep Multani
President, PHDCCI

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Mr. Pradeep Multani a visionary and renowned name in Ayush Sector, is spearheading the company as a Chairman for last 30 years and now rendering his services as Chairman Emeritus. He was instrumental in setting up state-of-art WHO-GMP certified manufacturing plant at Haridwar, Uttarakhand.

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The PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry would like to commend and acknowledge the excellent contributions made by our Former Presidents to the growth of this prestigious 116 year old organization during their helm as Presidents. Their tenure stands tall as a lighthouse, constantly guiding us at the Chamber in our vision to become the country's leading Apex Chamber.

This section is a special tribute to our Former Presidents who with their visionary leadership contributed to several landmark achievements, thus establishing the Chamber as a vibrant, proactive service organization. As a special thank you, we are going to publish profiles of our Former Presidents year wise in our monthly Bulletin 'India Inc.':



DR RAJENDRA K SOMANY
FORMER PRESIDENT, PHDCCI
(1989-90)

Dr Rajendra K Somany is the Chairman and Managing Director of HSIL Limited (Formerly Hindustan Sanitaryware & Industries Ltd) - a high profile brand leader in the sanitaryware field. It was during his tenure that the Chamber entered into a co-operation project with Konrad Adenauer Foundation of Germany which grew to the Entrepreneurship Training wing of the Chamber. This wing was responsible for bringing several startups and early stage enterprises under the umbrella of the Chamber.

Dr Somany’s expertise in sanitaryware won him the prestigious fellowship by the Institute of Ceramics, U.K and life fellowship of All India Management Association. He is presently the convener of the Domestic Sanitary Appliances & Accessories Sub-committee and Senior Fellow Member of India Green Building Council. Dr. Somany has served on many Federations and Chambers of Commerce as President and was instrumental in forming the Indian Council of Ceramic Tiles and Sanitaryware, Indian Plumbing Skills Council and also is the founder Chairman of Indian Council of Sanitaryware Manufacturers Association.

Dr Somany has been honoured with many awards, including Udyog Ratna Award by the Haryana Government; Vishwakarma Award by Indian Plumbing Association; World Confederation of Business as Excellence in Business Leadership Award; Life-time Achievement Honor by Washrooms and Beyond and World Consulting and Research Corporation; Life-time Achievement Award by PHD Chamber and APTECH; India’s Most Admired Brand’s event hosted by White Page International; Trailblazer of Sanitaryware Excellence Award at World Business Conclave and many more. His autobiography titled “Bringing the Rainbow-The Hindware Story” is a wonderful and inspiring read.



MR. RAJENDRA K SABOO
FORMER PRESIDENT, PHDCCI
(1994-95)

Mr. Rajendra K Saboo is Chairman Emeritus of Saboo Business Group which includes KDDL Limited, a leading manufacturer of watch components and ETHOS, a nation-wide biggest watch retail boutique chain. Based in Chandigarh, he is currently a member of the Administrator’s Advisory Council of Chandigarh Government Administration and is also President of the Managing Committee of Chandigarh Centre.

As the Chamber’s President, he spearheaded several international delegations to South Korea, Vietnam and Taiwan, thus expanding the Chamber’s good will to many countries.

Mr. Saboo is involved in numerous educational and cultural activities and was nominated as Institute Body Member of the Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education & Research, Chandigarh in 2020. He is the Chairman of a leading school, Bhavan Vidyalaya in Chandigarh. He continues to be active in the Child Welfare Council, Rotary Blood Bank Resource Centre and Society for Rehabilitation of the Mentally Challenged. He was bestowed TRF’s “Polio Plus Pioneer Award” and also Nigeria Polio Eradication Champion 2020 Award for his active participation in Rotary’s priority program Eradication of Polio since 1981.

During COVID-19 pandemic, he was responsible for providing PPE kits to several hospitals, and also organized drives for distributing dry rations to needy people, cooked food to children as a part of their mid-day meal and smartphones to needy children to contribute to their online education. In 2020, he initiated an inspiring Organ donation project to help save the lives of many. He is associated with the highest spiritual body Ramakrishna Mission. A true Karma Yogi indeed!

Dr Lalit Kumar Malhotra is the Ex. Chairman & Managing Director of CHL Limited (Owner of Hotel The Surya, New Delhi). He is currently the Chairman of CHL International, Tajikistan and Director of Malbros Holdings Private. He also holds the position of Chairman of India- CIS Business Promotion Council-ASSOCHAM and Director of Rotary Club of Delhi Garden City.

With the bifurcation of USSR and formation of various countries under CIS, Dr Malhotra, supported in facilitating bilateral relations between India and Tajikistan. He was appointed as Honorary Consul of Tajikistan for India in 1994 and continued till they opened their Embassy in New Delhi in 2003. He is also Secretary for Indo-Kuwait NRI Forum. He is the member of many Philanthropic Social Societies and Clubs including President & Chairman of Mataji Melan Devi Society (Regd.), a Charitable Trust and also the President of Swami Ram Tirath Mission, Dehradun. A true Philanthropist indeed!



DR LALIT KUMAR MALHOTRA
 FORMER PRESIDENT, PHDCCI
 (2007-08)

Mr. Ashok Kajaria has an unparalleled reputation in the realm of artisanal tiles in India. With a Post Graduate degree in Engineering from the University of California, in 1969, Mr. Kajaria founded Kajaria Ceramics, the largest ceramic and vitrified tile manufacturing company in India, the 8th largest in the world. Under Mr. Kajaria's aegis, the company crossed a turnover of Rs. 2,800 crore in fiscal year 2020-21. The magazine man at the helm of the indomitable ceramic giant believes that infusing zeal in the work force while emphasizing innovation and customer satisfaction are the cornerstones of the Kajaria's success story.

In 2013, Mr Kajaria was named among the Top 100 CEOs of India by Business Today. He has held several important industry positions including Chairman of the Indian Council of Ceramic Tile and Sanitaryware. He is currently a member of the executive committee of FICCI.

Committed to the philosophy that the corporate sector should play a proactive role in promoting inclusive growth, Mr. Kajaria is keenly involved with the various philanthropic arms of the company, providing structure and focus to social outreach initiatives. He extended much needed support during the COVID-19 pandemic, via CSR activities.

Mr Kajaria says that he derives his motivation from "the joy in work and family life. As they say, if you enjoy what you are doing, you do not work a single day in your life! This is what drives me."



MR. ASHOK KAJARIA
 FORMER PRESIDENT, PHDCCI
 (2009-10)



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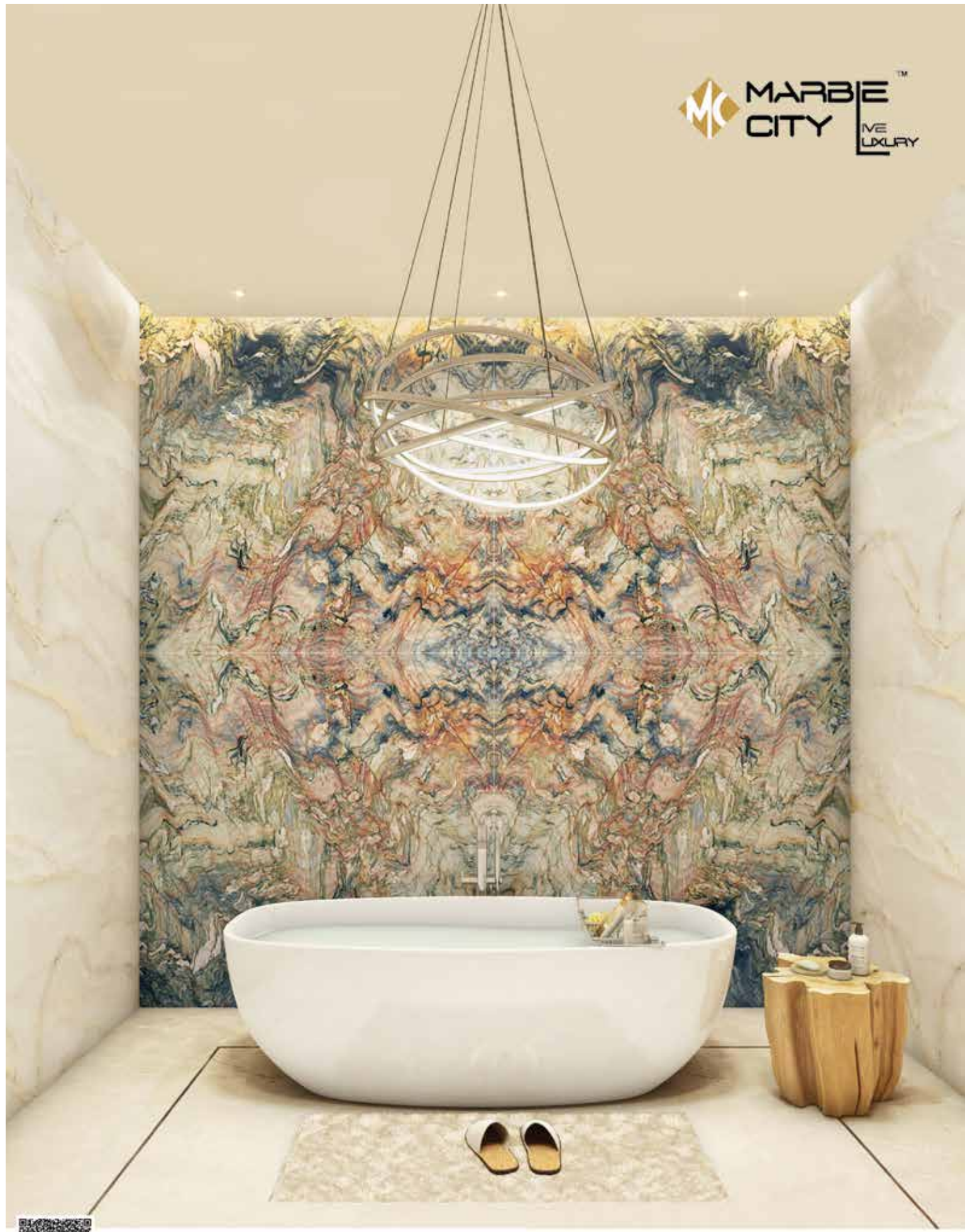
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STATES' POLICY CONCLAVE 2021 ROLE OF STATES' IN MAKING ATMANIRBHAR BHARAT (SELF-RELIANT INDIA)



PHD Chamber under the aegis of its State Development Council (SDC) and in Partnership with the India Office of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS) and supported by Invest India, the Government of Madhya Pradesh and the Government of Chhattisgarh, organized the States' Policy Conclave 2021 in hybrid mode on December 7, 2021 at Hotel Le-Meridien, New Delhi.

Inaugural Session

Mr. Ajay Bhatt, Minister of State for Defence & Tourism was the Chief Guest for the "Inaugural Session" at the Conclave.

A PHDCCI Report "States' Policy Conclave 2021: Role of States' in Making Atmanirbhar Bharat (Self-reliant India)" was released during the Conclave on the macroeconomic resilience of the States' in the pandemic times for FY 2019-20 and FY 2020-21 on the basis of broad macroeconomic parameters of the States. The report brings together the profiles of the socio-economic developments of all Indian States, ease of doing business in States, startup ecosystem of States, macroeconomic resilience of the States and highlights





the suggestive measures for the growth and development of the States. Addressing the conclave, Mr. Pradeep Multani, President, PHDCCI said that Gujarat tops the position as most resilient State in FY2020-21 and maintained its highest position among the top 10 States as Gujarat was also at the top in FY 2019-20.

Karnataka has emerged as the second most resilient State, whose position has improved from 4th rank in FY 2019-20 to 2nd rank in FY 2020-21. Similarly, Odisha has improved from 7th position in top 10 most resilient States in FY 2019-20 to 3rd position in FY 2020-21. Maharashtra, NCT Delhi, Telangana, West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh are the other strong States in top 10 resilient States in FY 2020-21.

Mr. Ajay Bhatt, Minister of State for Defence & Tourism along with Mr. Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Chief Minister, Madhya Pradesh; Mr. Bhupesh Baghel, Chief Minister, Chhattisgarh; Mr. Sanjay Kumar Jha, Minister for Water Resource Development & Information and Public Relations Department, Government of Bihar; Dr Amar Patnaik, Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha & Member, Parliamentary Standing Committee on Finance graced the occasion as the Guests of Honour. Mr. Peter Rimmel, Resident Representative to India, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS) addressed



the inaugural session. The session was chaired by Mr. Rajeev Talwar, Former President, PHDCCI.

Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, Immediate Past President, PHDCCI in his welcome address delivered the concluding remarks in the Inaugural Session. Mr.



Saket Dalmia, Senior Vice President, PHDCCI delivered the vote-of-thanks in the “Inaugural Session” and also delivered the “Welcome Address” in the “State Partnership Session” of the Conclave.

Partnership Session

Mr. Peter Rimmele, Resident Representative to India, Konrad Adenauer Stiftung (KAS), Germany stated that in the midst of every crisis lies great opportunity. The need for breaking down monopolies and strengthening the supply chain is the need of the hour.

Mr. Rajeev Talwar, Former President, PHDCCI & Session Chair shared that the policies by all the states in the country would be instrumental in making India self-reliant or Atmanirbhar. He said India needs to look beyond the US\$ 5 trillion economy status and should try to become a US\$ 20 trillion by year 2050. He added that India needs to keep a target of becoming among the top 3 super-powers among with the US and China.

Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, Immediate past president, PHDCCI assured that PHDCCI as a National Apex Chamber would continue to provide support to the government in making India a US\$ 5 trillion economy.

Mr. Ajay Bhatt, Minister of State for Defence & Tourism said that India has eliminated all the bottlenecks in the defence manufacturing sector. Opening the defence sector has led to increased transparency and efficiency. Transacting with states has become easier now due to the ease of doing business measures taken by the individual states now. The central government is setting up two defence



corridors at Uttar Pradesh and Tamil Nadu. He also added that around 200 defence products which were earlier imported from other countries are now reserved for manufacturers from India and would give a huge boost to

the local industries. He also informed that the country is exporting defence products to around 75 countries at present.

Mr. Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Chief Minister, Madhya Pradesh said that



Madhya Pradesh has come out with several policy changes to boost the local businesses. He explained that the state has been stressing on sectors like infrastructure, good governance, health, and education and connectivity—and has thus made the environment conducive for attracting investments. Explaining the Udyam Kranti Yojana, he stated that while the state has been taking steps to attract large companies, they have taken initiatives to make the business ecosystem conducive for even the micro, small and medium business units.

He said that Madhya Pradesh is fast becoming hubs for several industries like pharmaceuticals and garments. The industrial growth in the state has increased to almost 49 percent, land allotment has gone up by 33 percent, investments in the state have gone up by 67 percent and the employment opportunities have grown to the tune of 39 percent. The state government is stressing on initiatives like ‘Ek Zilla, Ek Utpad’ through which opportunities are created for districts which are popular for particular products by increasing investments there. This increases entrepreneurship and job opportunities in those districts.” He also shared that the MP government has set up an initiative through which any person can set up his own business in 30 days as well as a single window clearance for all approvals.

Mr. Bhupesh Baghel, Chief Minister, Chhattisgarh informed that under the ‘Gram Swaraj Yojana’, the Chhattisgarh Government has taken several measures to boost village-level businesses. These initiatives have borne fruit and the government has managed to generate huge employment opportunities with around 80,000 women getting jobs. He apprised that the government is also working on projects to generate power from animal manure and manufacture traditional paints and this would give employment to farmers. A lot of forest produce from Chhattisgarh is sold online today, he added further.

Mr. Sanjay Kumar Jha, Minister of WRD & IPRD, Government of Bihar stated that due to the prudent planning of the state government, they have achieved double-digit growth. He shared that the state gets round the clock power, has



transparent governance, and has improved its ease of doing business ratings. He added that “The state has 95 percent pukka or permanent roads leading to national highways. There is 100 percent electrification in the state. The state government has also been focusing on increasing their green cover and in the last 16 years, the green cover has gone up from 9

percent to 17 percent. Today, Bihar is among the top four states which provides clean drinking water to its people. The state government spends around Rs 35,000 crore on education in all 38 districts.”

Dr Amar Patnaik, Member of Parliament, Raja Sabha, & Member, Parliamentary Standing Committee



on Finance shared that Odisha has achieved leadership position in several segments like women empowerment and disaster management.

Dr Badri Narayan Gopalkrishnan, Head-Trade & Commerce, Niti Aayog said that due to the government initiatives, the products and services manufactured are not just made for India but also made for the World. Niti Aayog is working on various policies to help increase exports and ensure Free Trade Agreements with many countries. There is a need to reduce barriers which will help in reducing the cost of intermediate inputs, based on tariff reductions.

Addressing the State Partnership Session: **Strengthening Centre & States Camaraderie for Enhancing Investment, Economic Competitiveness and Export Potential**, Chief Guest, Ms. Meenakshi Lekhi, Minister of State for External Affairs & Culture said that India managed to convert COVID-19 crises into opportunities for its businesses and expanding its local brands at global level. She further shared that under the able leadership of Prime Minister, Mr. Narendra Modi, India was not only able to produce the vaccine, but export it to neighbouring countries, too. The central government understood the problems faced by the states and worked on them. She added, "If we want to grow, all states should replicate the vision given by the centre to make India a US\$ 5 trillion economy."

Mr. Dushyant Thakor, Vice President, Invest India moderated the State Partnership Session.

Mr. Rishi Garg, Executive Director, MP Industrial Development Corporation (MPIDC), Government of Madhya Pradesh explained that Madhya Pradesh would be a strategic location for doing ease of business as the state's main focus is to develop sectors like infrastructure and connectivity. He added, that to boost the industrial sector, the state is also developing sectors like Automobile and Engineering, Textile & Garmens, Pharmaceuticals, Agribusiness & Food Processing and IT/ITes & ESDM. The state government has ensured a single window system to cater to the needs of the investors—right from allocation

of land to approvals of incentives, acting as a one-stop solution for any business/industry.

Mr. Manoj Pingua, Principal Secretary, Department of Commerce & Industries, Government of Chhattisgarh shared how the state of Chhattisgarh is a power capital of India and it provides a powerful platform for sustainable development and growth. He said that, the state government has come up with a new industrial policy which will create a positive environment for capital investment in the state. The state has officially got three serving airports, which makes it easy to connect with any city within 90 minutes. Chhattisgarh was the first state to sign a MoU for the country's first ethanol plant to be set up in the state under the Public-Private Partnership model.

Ms. Kalpana Srivastava, Principal Secretary, Department of Horticulture & Food Processing, Government of Madhya Pradesh explained that the state has a major potential in horticulture export and is also a major producer of food grains. The state government also provides a supportive infrastructure and value for chain development under the One-District One Product scheme.

Mr. Sham Lal Goyal, Maharashtra, Additional Chief Secretary & Resident Commissioner, Government of Maharashtra shared that to ease the doing of business, Maharashtra has created Maitri Platform, a single window system where they have solved the problems of 3 lakh visitors.

Mr. Ranjan Prakash Thakur, Principal Secretary, Department of Industries, Commerce & Civil Aviation, Government of Union territory of Jammu & Kashmir, shared that, unlike in the past, today one can own land in Jammu & Kashmir and can invest. The new policy provides adequate incentives and best packages for the investors.

Mr. Sheo Shekhar Shukla, Principal Secretary, Department of Culture, Tourism and Public Relations, Government of Madhya Pradesh highlighted Madhya Pradesh's rich cultural and tourism legacy and how the state attracts as a major destination for greater engagements with the industry.

Mr. Vivek Pandey, Secretary-cum-Commissioner (Industries), Government of NCT of Delhi shared his perspectives on the progressive industrial policies with focus on sustainable and inclusive development.

International Outreach Session: India and the World: Enhancing Economic Partnership & Cooperation

Amb Mr. Manjeev Singh Puri; India's Former Ambassador to Nepal, EU, Belgium and Luxembourg chaired the International Outreach Session with the speakers: H.E. Mr. Ram Prasad Subedi, Chargé D'Affaires ad Interim, Embassy of Nepal in India; H.E. Mr. Jason Hall, High Commissioner of Jamaica in India and H.E. Mr. David Pine, High Commissioner of New Zealand in India.

International Outreach Session hosted the pertinent perspectives from the eminent diplomats on India's commitment for enhancing the economic partnership and cooperation in the world. The diplomats assured to continue working with India and further deepening their countries' economic partnership and cooperation with India.

Policy Session: Braving a New Post-Pandemic World: The Way Ahead for India Growth Story

Mr. Atul K Thakur, Joint Secretary, State Development Council, PHDCCI moderated the Session and the speakers were: Mr. Anukool Bhatnagar, Chief General Manager, Chandigarh Local Head Office, SBI; Dr Aruna Sharma, Development Economist & Former Secretary, Ministry of Steel, Government of India; Mr. Bishal Thapa, India Director, Collaborative Labeling and Appliance Standards Program (CLASP); Ms. Riya Sinha, Research Associate (Foreign Policy & Security), Centre for Social and Economic Progress; Dr Niranjana Sahoo, Senior Fellow, Observer Research Foundation and Mr. Utkarsh Amitabh, CEO, Network Capital; WEF Global Shaper & Writer, Harvard Business Review.

Mr. Naveen Seth, Assistant Secretary General, International Affairs & Trade Fair Division delivered the final vote-of-thanks to the delegates.





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L-R Mr. Vinod Zutshi (Retd. IAS), Former Secretary– Ministry of Tourism; Mr. Subhasish Panda (IAS), Principal Secretary– Tourism, Government of Himachal Pradesh; Mr. Neeraj Kumar (IAS), Deputy Commissioner– Lahaul & Spiti District, Government of Himachal Pradesh; Mr. Abinash Manghani, CEO, WelcomHeritage Hotels; Mr. Pawan S. Jain, Chair– Tourism & Hospitality Committee, PHDCCI; Mr. Umesh Kapur, Director, Grand Travel Planners; Mr. Rajan Sehgal, Co-chair– Tourism & Hospitality Committee and Dr Yogesh Srivastav, Assistant Secretary General, PHDCCI

BORDER TOURISM IN HIMACHAL PRADESH

PHD Chamber organized its 13th webinar under the Border Tourism Webinar Series on December 3, 2021 focusing on Lahaul & Spiti districts for the promotion of Border Tourism in Himachal Pradesh. The webinar was supported by the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India.

Mr. Vinod Zutshi (Retd. IAS), Former Secretary, Ministry of Tourism said that the Tourism Board along with the district administrator needs to work towards enhancement of roads, air connectivity and up-gradation of tourist infrastructure. Access to Himachal Pradesh through air mode of transport, especially heliports is much needed for smoother tourism transportation and accessibility. He further added that there's a need for separate government schemes focused on development of tourist infrastructure in the border districts.

Mr. Subhasish Panda (IAS), Principal Secretary, Tourism, Government of Himachal Pradesh, informed that Himachal Pradesh is slowly recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic with around 45 lakh tourists visiting the state in 2021. He informed that Tourism remains a key contributor to Himachal's economy with its current share of approximately 7% to the state's GDP and the State

Government is in the process of taking its second loan from the Asian Development Bank worth Rs. 2100 crores for developing infrastructure to create new destinations. He also informed that heliport services in Shimla district are likely to start soon.

While giving an overview on the Lahaul & Spiti district, Mr. Neeraj Kumar (IAS), Deputy Commissioner– Lahaul & Spiti District, Government of Himachal Pradesh, informed that Lahaul Valley has become one of the most popular tourist destinations of Himachal, due to its easy approach after the opening of the Atal Tunnel. He stated that the Spiti Valley boasts of a rich Tibetan Buddhism influence; it is also home to numerous scenic monasteries such as Tabo, Dhankar, Komic and the famous attraction, Ki Monastery. He further mentioned that villages bordering China shall be earmarked for development of hinterland by establishing dual purpose villages i.e. both for security as well as tourism and trade.

Mr. Abinash Manghani, CEO, WelcomHeritage Hotels, stated that the establishment of new airports and heliports in Himachal Pradesh will provide an immense push to the state's tourism and tourism-related businesses. Further, the uptick in tourism by infrastructure development

Tourism remains a key contributor to Himachal Pradesh's economy with its current share of approximately 7% to the state GDP, says Principal Secretary – Tourism.

will bring about a significant change in the economic profile of Himachal Pradesh, he added.

Mr. Umesh Kapur, Director, Grand Travel Planners, highlighted the need for accreditation in order to establish quality check and standardization across tourist destinations and accommodations that will consequently lead to higher quality of tourist experience.

Mr. Pawan S. Jain, Chair– Tourism & Hospitality Committee, PHDCCI, described Himachal Pradesh as one of the most popular and easily accessible hill states of India. People from all parts of the country and world visit this beautiful State to enjoy its natural beauty.

Mr. Rajan Sehgal, Co-chair– Tourism & Hospitality Committee, PHDCCI, delivered the vote-of-thanks to the guests. The webinar was moderated by Dr Yogesh Srivastav, ASG, PHDCCI.



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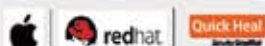


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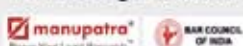
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(From L to R): Mr. Pradeep Multani, President, PHDCCI; Brahma Kumari Shivani Didi; Mr. Saket Dalmia, Senior Vice President, PHDCCI; Mr. Ashok Khanna and Mr. Anil Khaitan, Former Presidents, PHDCCI; Mr. Rakesh Gupta, Chair- Parliamentary Forum, PHDCCI; Mr. Mukesh Gupta, Chair- Entertainment, Media, Art & Culture Committee, PHDCCI; Mr. Saurabh Sanyal, Secretary General, PHDCCI and Dr Yogesh Srivastav, Assistant Secretary General, PHDCCI

THE BEGINNING OF THE NEW YEAR WITH BRAHMA KUMARI SHIVANI DIDI

The Parliamentary Forum of PHDCCI organized a webinar on The beginning of the new year with Spiritual Guru, 'Brahma Kumari Shivani Didi' on January 3, 2022.

The session was also graced by Mr. Pradeep Multani, President, Mr. Saket Dalmia, Senior Vice President, Mr. Ashok Khanna and Mr. Anil Khaitan, Former Presidents, Mr. Rakesh Gupta, Chair- Parliamentary Forum and Mr. Mukesh Gupta, Chair- Entertainment, Media, Art & Culture Committee, PHDCCI.

While welcoming the inspiring thought leader, BK Shivani, Mr. Pradeep Multani, President, PHDCCI, stated that that PHDCCI invited the Spiritual Leader to guide the stressed business community to overcome current challenges. He opined that success comes to

people who are happy and peaceful. PHDCCI is honored and lucky to have a person of such eminence to help the society through her simple, lucid and persuasive logic-driven universal teachings of life, added Mr. Multani.

Mr. Rakesh Gupta, Chair-Parliamentary Forum, PHDCCI, said that if anyone wants to be successful, he/she needs the spiritual guidance from Shivani Didi from time to time. What makes her discourses useful is her ability to break down seemingly complex issues into a language the common man understands, he added.

Brahma Kumari Shivani Didi enlightened the guests on the right path to reduce stress and eliminate evils from society. She asserted that it is time to change the definition of normal; and to lead a happy life, one should change food habits

and sleeping patterns. One should inculcate those things which give positive vibes to lead a happy and a more focused life, she further advised.

Didi also spoke about the emotional diet one should take. Calling out the five emotions- Kaam, Krodh, Lobh, Moh and Ahankar as the enemy of mankind, the spiritual leader highlighted that if the human mind was guided to shun these and become a lover of peace, much of the stress and tension in the world will evaporate.

Mr. Saurabh Sanyal, Secretary General, PHDCCI delivered the vote-of-thanks to Shivani didi and the session was moderated by Dr Yogesh Srivastav, Assistant Secretary General, PHDCCI.

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INTEGRATION OF UNANI MEDICINE IN HEALTHCARE DELIVERY SYSTEM



Addressing a webinar on ‘Integration of Unani Medicine in Healthcare Delivery System’ on December 2, 2021, Mr. Pradeep Multani, President, PHD Chamber, stated that, Unani System of Medicine, with its own recognized practitioners, hospitals and educational and research institutions, forms an integral part of the national healthcare delivery system. The Unani System has an exceptional potential to become a Global Healthcare System and needs to be strengthened worldwide.

Special Guest, Padma Bhushan Vaidya Devendra Triguna, Patron of AMAM, President of All India Ayurvedic Congress and Ayurveda Mahasammelan mentioned that UNANI has its roots deeply embedded in India’s history and culture. Today UNANI medicine holds the same place in popularity worldwide, as Ayurveda. It is very important that the full potential of Unani medicines is unlocked. This can be achieved by spreading awareness that will consequently lead to rise in UNANI medicine sector.

Chief Guest, Prof. Asim Ali Khan, Advisor (Unani) Director General, CCRUM, Ministry of AYUSH said

that, over the years Unani medicine has achieved a lot but there is scope for more improvement in terms of awareness and utilization of Unani medicine both domestically and internationally. He pointed out that AYUSH medicines have scientifically proven to show remarkable results in curing various health related issues. He underlined that integration of Unani medicine is a way forward with focus on factors such as quality control, sustainable availability, education and flexibility.

Dr Rajiv Rai, Chair, AYUSH Committee, PHDCCI & Head Research, Dabur India Limited said that, Unani system of medicine is a great healing art as well as science as it treats a person as a whole – body, mind and soul. He emphasized the need for better training programs and research systems which will help students to understand the Unani system of medicine.

Dr Mohammad Khalid, Assistant Drug Controller, Govt. of NCT of Delhi explained about the objectives of integration such as prevention, early diagnosis, treatment management and reducing complications of drug dependency. He further informed that

WHO has recognized the Unani system of medicine as an alternative medicine to cater to the healthcare needs of the world’s population.

Dr Santosh Joshi, Co-chair, AYUSH Committee PHDCCI & Senior General Manager, Hammad Laboratories India shared a presentation about the strength of Unani system of medicine. He mentioned that Unani system is considered as safe, affordable and commonly available to the masses. Dr Joshi also highlighted about the various initiatives taken by Hammad India in various clinical trials on Unani medicines during the COVID-19 period.

Dr Ghazala Javed, Research Officer, (Unani) Scientist-IV, CCRUM, Ministry of AYUSH explained the core objectives of CCRUM’s fundamental research programme that are to provide scientific basis to fundamentals of Unani system of medicine. Mr. Jitender Sodhi, Co-chair, AYUSH Committee PHDCCI & Managing Director, AYUSH Herbs Pvt. Ltd. delivered the vote-of-thanks to the dignitaries and sponsors.

The session was moderated by Dr Nasir Jamal, Secretary, PHDCCI.



AYURVEDA PARV 2021

All India Ayurvedic Congress (AIAC) in association with the Ministry of AYUSH organized 'Ayurveda Parv 2021, November 26-28, 2021 at Constitution Club, New Delhi.

Eminent guests present on the dias were Mr. Vaidya Rajesh Kotecha, Secretary, Ministry of AYUSH; Padma Bhushan & Padma Shree Vaidya Devendra Triguna ji, Patron of AMAM and President of All India Ayurvedic Congress and Ayurveda Mahasammelan; Mr. Vaidya Jayant Deopujari, Chairman, National Commission for Indian System of Medicine (NCISM), Ministry of AYUSH; Dr Manoj Nesari, Advisor, Ministry of AYUSH; Mr. Pradeep Multani, President, PHD Chamber & Chairman, Multani Pharmaceuticals Limited and Dr Durga Prasad, Senior General Manager, Marketing, Dabur India Limited.



An Exhibition was also held during the 'Ayurveda Parv 2021' wherein more than 25 companies participated & showcased their products that included Aimil Pharmaceuticals Ltd., Multani Pharmaceuticals Ltd., Sukinn Healthcare India, Shree Dhootapapeshwar Limited, Auliya Herbals and many more.

INDIA'S GDP GROWTH ESTIMATED AT 9.2% IN FY 2022

According to National Statistical Office, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, Real GDP or GDP at Constant Prices (2011-12) in the year 2021-22 is estimated at Rs. 147.54 lakh crore, as against the Provisional Estimate of GDP for the year 2020-21 of ₹135.13 lakh crore. The growth in real GDP during 2021-22 is estimated at 9.2 per cent as compared to the contraction of 7.3 per cent in 2020-21. Real GVA at Basic Prices is estimated at Rs. 135.22 lakh crore in 2021-22, as against Rs. 124.53 lakh crore in 2020-21, showing a growth of 8.6 percent.

Nominal GDP or GDP at Current Prices in the year 2021-22 is estimated at Rs. 232.15 lakh crore, as against the Provisional Estimate of GDP for the year 2020-21 of Rs. 197.46 lakh crore. The growth in nominal GDP during 2021-22 is estimated at 17.6 per cent. Nominal GVA at Basic Prices is estimated at Rs.210.37 lakh crore in 2021-22, as against Rs. 179.15 lakh crore in 2020-21, showing a growth of 17.4 percent.



INDO-UK ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION ON CAPACITY BUILDING TO ADDRESS HEALTHCARE CHALLENGES



PHDCCI in association with Ujala Cygnus Group of Hospitals & BAPIO Training Academy organized the Indo-UK Roundtable discussion on “Capacity Building to Address Healthcare Challenges” on December 11, 2021.

Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, Immediate Former President, PHDCCI in his welcome remarks said that the burden of providing healthcare in rural areas falls largely on local doctors who are already ill-equipped and on community healthcare workers like ASHAs who have very little medical training to tackle complex issues. He further emphasized that considering the prevailing scenario, the need of the hour is to build the capacities of the existing healthcare workforce, equipping them with the skills and knowledge to provide quality healthcare at the local level.

Dr Shuchin Bajaj, Founder-Director, Ujala Cygnus Group of Hospitals & General Secretary, Chevening Alumni India described that Capacity building in healthcare is the development of knowledge, skills, commitment,

The discussion highlighted the growing need for capacity building to address the challenges faced by the healthcare industry. India has a large pool of MBBS doctors, who are working as Resident Medical doctors, largely in corporate hospitals with neither structured training nor with much hope of career progression. Bapio Training Academy, an arm length body of BAPIO (British Association of Physicians Of Indian Origin), one of the largest organizations representing doctors from Indian Origin have in collaboration with UK Universities and Indian Institutions started structured training programs in different specialties, 2 years of training in India and 2 years in the UK to provide necessary competencies to these MBBS doctors to become fully qualified physicians and contribute to India on their return. But the capacity in the UK is limited and there is a need to set up training in India only to achieve the above vision. Towards this purpose, Ujala Cygnus and BAPIO will collaborate to set up a three years training program for the MBBS graduates, leading to the award of a Master’s Degree from the University of South Wales and also to clearing the MRCP exam. The students will also spend four months in the UK, working as observers in the NHS.

structures, systems and leadership to enable effective health promotion. This can be achieved only when we strengthen our capacity to act within programs and develop the capacity of the health system to respond to the emerging issues that affect health.

Prof. Parag Singhal, Executive Director, BTA mentioned that as part

of the ongoing drive under the Indo UK collaboration, BTA is best placed, having expertise in training to liaise with UK and Indian Universities/ Institutions to set up a new training pathway for those doctors, giving an opportunity to up-skill them, create a career pathway and thus skilled workforce which will be well equipped to address the challenges.



Dr R.C. Singh, Controller of Examinations, Sharda University; Prof Avinash Kumar, Head IPR Cell, Sharda University; Mr. Ashok Kumar Singh, Registrar, Sharda University; Dr Sibaram Khara, Vice Chancellor, Sharda University and Mr. Saurabh Sanyal Secretary General, PHD Chamber exchanging the MoU; Dr Bhuvnesh Kumar, Dean, Research and Distinguished Professor; Dr Parma Nand, Dean Academic Affairs, Sharda University; Mr. D P Goel Co-chair, PHDCCI MSME Committee; Mr. Naveen Seth, Asst Secretary General; Dr H P Kumar, Advisor, PHDCCU MSME; Mr. Mithilesh Kumar, Secretary, PHDCCI; Dr (Prof.) Anubha Vashisht, School of Humanities & Social Sciences, Sharda University and Dr. Sally Lukose, School of Allied Health Sciences, Sharda University

MOU BETWEEN PHDCCI AND SHARDA UNIVERSITY

PHD Chamber and Sharda University, Greater Noida signed a MoU to facilitate and strengthen ties between industry and academia on December 8, 2021 at Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh.

The MoU was exchanged between Dr Sibaram Khara, Vice Chancellor, Sharda University and Mr. Saurabh Sanyal, Secretary General, PHD Chamber.

Dr Sibaram Khara, Vice Chancellor, Sharda University, said an academic institution of higher learning, is dedicated to excellence in teaching and research. He mentioned that Sharda University with its 14 schools of studies, has, over the years, emerged as a globally reputed University.

Mr. Saurabh Sanyal, Secretary General, PHD Chamber, apprised him about the various activities and

initiatives taken by PHD Chamber for the overall development of the MSME Sector. He asserted that regular industry- academia connects will increase the awareness of students about industry demands and work culture.

The MoU shall provide Sharda University ready access to industries under the umbrella of PHD Chamber in a more formal and organized manner. It will also facilitate practical exposure to faculty and students by giving them the opportunity to participate in industry-led sessions, webinars, seminars, workshops events, internships and placements and strengthening research and entrepreneurship in the country.



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The Government has secured the approval of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) for export of Indian mangoes to USA in the new season. Consumers in the United States would now have access to excellent quality mangoes from India. Export of Indian mangoes has been restricted by the USA since 2020 as USDA inspectors were unable to visit India for inspection of irradiation facility due restrictions imposed on international travel because of Covid-19 pandemic. Recently, in pursuant to the 12th India – USA Trade Policy Forum (TPF) meeting held on November 23, 2021, the USDA have signed a framework agreement for implementing the 2 Vs 2 Agri market access issues. Under the agreement, India and the US would follow joint protocol on irradiation for India’s mango exports and pomegranate exports to the US and import of cherries and Alfalfa hay from the US. As part of the mutual agreement, India will be able to export mangoes to the USA in the mango season commencing with the Alphonso variety of mangoes by March onwards.

Export of mangoes in 2022 may surpass the figures of 2019-20. The USDA approval would pave the way for exports from traditional mango production belts such as Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. The Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority said that this would also provide an opportunity for the export of other delicious varieties of mangoes from North and East India such as Langra, Chausa, Dushehri, Fazli, etc from Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and West Bengal.



5th VIRTUAL AWARENESS PROGRAMME ON INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS WITH POONA COLLEGE OF PHARMACY



PHDCCI Intellectual Property Rights Facilitation Centre (IPFC), New Delhi in collaboration with the Office of the Controller General of Patents, Designs & Trademarks, Ministry of Commerce and Industry organized the 5th Virtual Awareness Programme on “Intellectual Property Rights” on December 9, 2021 with Poona College of Pharmacy, Erandwane, Bharati Vidyapeeth (Deemed University).

The objective of the webinar was to promote Intellectual Property awareness among students and to encourage research in the emerging arena of Intellectual property. In his introductory remarks, Mr. D P Goel, Co-chairman, MSME Committee, PHDCCI apprised about the activities of PHD Chamber.

Dr Hemant Kumar Jain, Professor, Department of QA, Poona College of Pharmacy, Erandwane, Bharati Vidyapeeth moderated the webinar. Dr Atmaram Pawar, Principal and Professor of Pharmaceutics, Poona College of Pharmacy, Erandwane, Bharati Vidyapeeth said that as the focus is on innovation, research and creation, it’s extremely important to foster a creative and innovative spirit among students.

Guest of Honor, Dr H P Kumar, Former Chairman, NSIC & Advisor MSME, PHDCCI mentioned that IPR is a really important tool nowadays for everyone. He said that Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) Awareness is critical to shaping an environment that is conducive to fostering creativity & innovation in the country.

Mr. Surajit Paul, Examiner of Patents & Designs, Electrical Group, IPO Delhi, Department for Promotion of Industry & Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce & Industry, explained that Intellectual property protection is critical to fostering innovation as without the protection of ideas as well as businesses, individuals would not reap the full benefits of their inventions and would focus less on research and development. He detailed out information on Patents, Trademarks, Copyright, GI, and Design.

Ms. Bhawna Sharma, Head – Patents & Designs, Singhania & Partners LLP. mentioned that “Cultivate a culture of innovation in Educational Sector” is important. She explained that innovation in education includes an emphasis on teamwork, interdisciplinary study, individuality, and hands-on learning. Innovation is driven by curiosity, creativity,

and a never-ending commitment to excellence.

Mr. Akash Dudhwa, Project Manager - IP Prosecution, Sagacious IP said that Trademark plays an important role in promoting the goods and provides information about the quality of the product. He said India is a hugely competitive market for business and company owners, where there are vast numbers of new yet identical brands/products that keep emerging every day. Here, protecting your brand becomes necessary to prevent anybody else from taking the advantage of your name or brand.

Dr Mandira Roy, Executive Director, Aumirah IP briefed about the basic components of IPR. She said that IP is a tool that manages all activities you are doing with knowledge.

Ms. Reema Sahni, Senior Project Manager, Innovation - Technology Transfer Office Foundation for Innovation & Technology Transfer, IIT Delhi mentioned the nuances of Technology Transfer and Key Insights in Academic Technology Transfer.

Mr. Mithilesh Kumar, Secretary PHDCCI delivered the vote-of- thanks to the panelists.



L to R: Dr S P Sharma, Chief Economist I DSG, PHD Chamber; Mr. Saurabh Sanyal, Secretary General, PHD Chamber; Mr. Bimal Jain, Chair, Indirect Taxes Committee, PHD Chamber; Mr. Pradeep Multani, President, PHD Chamber; Mr. Pawan Arora, Co-chair, Indirect Taxes Committee, PHD Chamber and Mr. Dharnendra K. Rana, Partner, Nitya Tax Associates



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BURNING ISSUES IN SUMMON, SEARCH, SEIZURE AND ARREST UNDER GST

The Indirect Taxes Committee of PHD Chamber organized a Seminar on “Burning Issues in Summon, Search, Seizure and Arrest under GST” on December 10, 2021 at PHD House, New Delhi.

Welcoming the delegates, Mr. Pradeep Multani, President, PHD Chamber stated that the provisions for Search, Seizure and Arrest are basically provided to protect the interests of the genuine tax payers and as a deterrent for tax evasion. He explained that the introduction of GST represents not just a change in the indirect tax regime, but also a business transformation. He opined that focus is required on enhancing ease of doing business, reducing cost of doing

business, creating a level playing field and ensuring timely justice.

Mr. Bimal Jain, Chairman, Indirect Taxes Committee, PHD Chamber, stated that the GST Authorities are issuing summons in a casual manner and directly at the level of CEO and CFO of the companies. He opined that the summons must be issued as a last resort and GST authorities should refrain from calling on information as documentation is already provided by companies online. Further, he highlighted that arrest provisions should be used as an exception and custodial interrogation should not be violative of Article 21 of Right to Life and Personal Liberty. Even recovery and provisional attachment

provisions are to be used only when there is genuine reason to protect Government revenues and should not be used in regular and mechanical manner.

Mr. Pawan Arora, Co-chair, Indirect Taxes Committee, PHD Chamber & Partner at Athena Law Associates, stated that the administration structure post GST was supposed to be based on the principle of pooled sovereignty, mutual co-operation, cross reporting and meaningful control. It is a very settled proposition of law that the intent/rationale of the lawmakers is never to mitigate the rights of the taxpayer and cause unnecessary and unwanted trouble to them. He opined that only a vigilant approach can save the day.

Mr. Dharnendra K. Rana, Partner, Nitya Tax Associates explained the Legal Jurisprudence on Search and Seizure & the Constitutional validity of Search, Seizure and Arrest provisions under GST He further mentioned the provisions, consequences of non-appearance and guidelines for issue of summons under the power of summon (section 70).

Mr. Shivam Mehta, Partner, Lakshmikumaran & Sridharan made a comprehensive presentation on Prosecution including bailable and non-bailable offences, Constitutional validity of arrest provisions and penalties. He explained that the Commissioner must specify the offences made cognizable and non-bailable when he has “reason to believe” that any person has committed any of the acts punishable under Section 132(1)(a) to 132(1)(d) for more than Rs 500 lakhs.

Ms. Geetika Shrivastava, Executive Partner, TATTVAM Advisor in her presentation discussed the provisional attachment of property or bank account; rights & responsibilities during search proceedings and payment during investigations. She further explained legal provisions under GST Law and pendency of proceedings under specified sections.

Dr S P Sharma, Chief Economist | DSG, PHD Chamber delivered the vote-of- thanks to the dignitaries. The Seminar was moderated by Mr. Nanda Gangadhar Mishra, Joint Secretary, PHD Chamber.





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LATEST CHANGES IN GST EFFECTIVE FROM JANUARY 1, 2022

Welcoming the delegates, Mr. Pradeep Multani, President, PHD Chamber, at the webinar on “Latest Changes in GST Effective from January 1, 2022” held on December 30, 2021 appreciated the Government for implementing some of the amendments to the Central Goods and Services Tax (CGST) Act from January 1, 2022. These amendments will tighten the indirect tax system and also help in strengthening the

recovery of taxes from businesses, besides making eligibility criteria for tax credits stricter.

Mr. Bimal Jain, Chairman, Indirect Taxes Committee, PHD Chamber highlighted the following changes viz. Registered persons can't file GSTR-1 if not furnished GSTR-3B for the preceding month, GST leviable on services provided by Club or Association to its members

retrospectively w.e.f. July 01, 2017, GST ITC available to Recipient only when supplier pay and file GSTR 1, which matches with GSTR 2B, Recovery of self-assessed tax without notices if there is difference between GSTR 1 and GSTR 3B, the Commissioner can pass Order for Provisional Attachment of property/ bank account of taxable or any person to protect Government revenues, Minimum Pre-deposit of 25% for filing appeal against e-way bills violations, GST Department can collect data from any person under GST, etc.

Mr. Pawan Arora, Co-chair, Indirect Taxes Committee, PHD Chamber & Partner at Athena Law Associates, presented the presentation on changes of works contract services to Governmental Authority or Government Entity, detention of goods & conveyances in transit & confiscation-section 129 & 130, no more inverted duty structure in footwear and textiles sector, GST on job-work related to dyeing and printing of textile hiked and GST on e-commerce operators.

Dr S P Sharma, Chief Economist | DSG, PHD Chamber stated that fiscal deficit is better than anticipated. Earlier the Government anticipated 6.8% fiscal deficit and has improved by 20 basis point on the back of various reforms and simplification and collection of GST.

The webinar was moderated by Dr S P Sharma, Chief Economist | DSG, PHD Chamber.

PM SALUTES PEOPLE ASSOCIATED WITH VACCINATION DRIVE ON COMPLETION OF 1 YEAR OF VACCINE DRIVE

Prime Minister, PM Narendra Modi has saluted each and every individual who is associated with the vaccination drive on completion of 1 year of vaccine drive. The Prime Minister has lauded the role of doctors, nurses and healthcare workers for vaccination drive. He also said that India's vaccination programme has added great strength to the fight against COVID-19. The vaccination programme has added great strength to the fight against COVID-19. It has led to saving lives and thus protecting livelihoods. At the same time, the role of our doctors, nurses and healthcare workers is exceptional. “When we see glimpses of people being vaccinated in remote areas, or our healthcare workers taking the vaccines there, our hearts and minds are filled with pride. India's approach to fighting the pandemic will always remain science based. We are also augmenting health infrastructure to ensure our fellow citizens get proper care. Let us keep following all COVID-19 related protocols and overcome the pandemic.”

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INTERNATIONAL PROCESS SAFETY CONFERENCE 2021



The Environment Committee of PHD Chamber co-organized the 5th edition of International Process Safety Conference (INPSC) 2021 with The Energy & Climate Initiatives Society (ENCIS) on December 16, 2021 at Hotel Le Meridien, New Delhi. INPSC 2021 aimed to provide a unique forum for practitioners to update their knowledge, interact with subject experts from India and abroad, showcase their practical knowledge and technological advances in all aspects of Process Safety. The Theme for this year's INPSC 2021 was 'Next Generation Safety Excellence'.

Mr. Saurabh Sanyal, Secretary General, PHD Chamber in his welcome address mentioned that the conference aims to tackle the most prevalent issues facing the global process safety industry and achieve country wide excellence in safety standards.

Dr J.P Gupta, Chair, Environment Committee, PHD Chamber and Chair, Governing Council, INPSC 2021 highlighted the urgent need of running quantitative analysis across all industries regardless of their size and respective sector.

Mr. Sturle Harald Pedersen, Chair, Greenstat India mentioned that global energy transformation is the current



reality for which the promotion of Sustainable Growth as well as Green Energy is crucial. This will also create various employment opportunities while being a major contributor to India's economic growth and promoting overall social welfare.

Mr. Srinivasan Ramabhadran, Managing Director- Asia Pacific, Dupont Sustainable Solutions informed about the Four Key Factors that prevent lessons from being learned from previous accidents: Distance - Parties are unconsciously feeling less affected by events a long way away; Culture - Preventing lessons from being implemented effectively; Tunnel Vision - Not realizing wider relevance of lessons; Time - Lessons are learned, but then forgotten or solutions are insufficiently robust.

Mr. Anurag Sharma, Director, (onshore), ONGC mentioned that the Oil and Natural Gas, the main driving factors of India's Economy works 24x7. International Process Safety Conference Hence, he called for a robust framework and well-principled company culture which is crucial that promotes a responsible mindset and behaviors amongst everyone.

Mr. Arun Mittal, Executive Director, OISD opined that by the virtue of rigorous external safety audits for assessing the process safety measures being practiced by industries, a uniform level of accountability can be established.

Mr. Ajay Dixit, GGM (D), Chief HSE, ONCG Ltd. highlighted that a principled leadership with a determination which prioritizes safety over targets is much needed.



Dr Chitra Rajagopal, Former DS and DG (R&M) , DRDO highlighted that, training with a top-down approach targeting organization in a holistic way is needed and focusing on areas such as detailed ORA Reports, safety analysis and accidental investigation amongst other focus areas with respect to safety.

Mr. Sai Subramanian, Director - HSEQ, Cairn Oil & Gas, Vedanta Ltd. mentioned that, we must meticulously focus on eradication of the "un-safe" culture that breeds from continuing ignorance with respect to supposedly 'minor' hazards.

Mr. P.R. Dixit, VP & Head HSEF, Nayra Energy Limited highlighted that, safety is purity and world class safety norms can be achieved without gaps if

purity is ensured rigorously. He further mentioned that proper leadership and governance for safety is crucial to process safety management.

INPSC 2021 was attended by 200+ attendees from over 100 global organizations. Technical sessions were organized on Leadership, Culture and Management of Change for a Sustainable Future; Process Safety Management - Case Studies & Innovations; Safety in Gas Production, Transportation, Storage & Distribution; Digital Transformation - PSM @ IoT, Big Data & AI; Operational Excellence - Asset Integrity, Reliability & Zero Incidents and Dynamic Risk Assessment, Management & Mitigation.



UPDATE ON INDIA'S FOREIGN TRADE

India's merchandise exports in December 2021 were USD 37.81 Billion, as compared to USD 27.22 Billion in December 2020, exhibiting a positive growth of 38.91 per cent. As compared to December 2019, exports in December 2021 exhibited a positive growth of 39.47 per cent. Merchandise imports in December 2021 were USD 59.48 Billion, which is an increase of 38.55 per cent over imports of USD 42.93 Billion in December 2020. Imports in December 2021 have registered a positive growth of 50.24 per cent in comparison to December 2019. The merchandise trade balance for December 2021 was estimated at USD (-) 21.68 Billion as against USD (-) 15.72 Billion in December 2020, which is a decline of (-) 37.92 per cent. As compared to December 2019 (USD (-) 12.49 Billion), trade balance in December 2021 exhibited a negative growth of (-) 73.61 per cent.



DISCUSSION ON THE DRAFT MEDIATION BILL

Addressing the ‘Discussion on the Draft Mediation Bill’ on December 18, 2021, Mr. Pradeep Multani, President, PHDCCI spoke on various aspects of the bill including Pre-litigation Mediation, Online Mediation, etc. besides pointing out the importance of Mediation in the current scenario and why a full-fledged legislation is required in this context.

Ms. Priya Hingorani, Chair, Law & Justice Committee, PHDCCI in her theme address shared the nuances of the bill and how this is going to help businesses.

Mr. Sudhanshu Batra, Senior Advocate and Mediator spoke about the history of Mediation and also, whether to have a separate Mediation Act or not, the positives and negatives, once the law comes into existence, Mediation Settlement Agreement, Constitution of Mediation Council, Confidentiality aspect and Exclusions mentioned in the draft bill.

Mr. Sriram Panchu, Senior Advocate, Mediator and Arbitrator touched upon many pertinent subjects such as benefits of Mediation, its recognition through the proposed legislation, Pre-Institution Mediation, Settlement Agreement, Community

Mediation and recognition of ODR. He also showed his concern on how in the bill, putting the International Mediation in the part dealing with Domestic Mediation could have negative impacts on India in becoming the Global Mediation Hub, as it will shy away the benefits of the Singapore Convention on enforceability of Mediation Settlement Agreement.

Dr Aman Hingorani, Advocate, Arbitrator and Mediator mainly spoke on the lacunas in the bill and suggested changes to make it more effective and stakeholder friendly. He was also of the view that since confusion between Conciliation and Mediation has now been dealt with and both are now recognized as one, there was no need to bring a separate legislation for Mediation, rather the existing Conciliation Act should have been necessarily altered. He was of the opinion that mandating Pre-Litigation Mediation will take away the basic Constitutional Right of people to approach any court of law.

Chief Guest Mr. Sushil Kumar Modi, Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha in his special address spoke about various legal institutions, from Lok Adalats to Banking Ombudsman, etc. He also covered the issue of enforcement

of Agreements, establishment of Mediation Council of India, Domestic and International Mediation and the benefits of mandating Pre-Litigation Mediation. He also discussed the various existing legislations forming the basis of Mediation law, like the Industrial Disputes Act, Code of Civil Procedure, Consumer Protection Act and Companies Act, etc. He assured that he will try to get the bill to be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Law & Justice before being tabled in the Parliament and sought a whitepaper on suggestions regarding the draft bill from PHDCCI.

Guest of Honour, Mr. Sujeet Kumar, Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha spoke about the huge pendency of cases, lack of judges, status of Enforceability of Contracts in India, low EoDB ranking of India in the World Bank Report and on how Mediation as a tool can play an important role to deal with these issues. He also touched upon the importance of empowering Panchayats and the benefits of Online Mediation. He ensured his full support to get the suggestions given by PHDCCI members incorporated in the draft bill in Rajya Sabha.

The session and the Q & A were moderated by Ms. Lalit Mohini Bhat, Co-chair, Law & Justice Committee, PHDCCI and Mr. Kirit S Javali, Co-chair, Law & Justice Committee, PHDCCI.

Dr Jatinder Singh, Assistant Secretary General, PHDCCI delivered the vote-of thanks to the dignitaries.





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 Second Row: From Left to Right: Mr. Rohit Jain, Partner, Vaish Associates; Mr. Mukul Bagla, Chair, Direct Taxes Committee, PHD Chamber; Mr. Sachit Jolly, Co-chair, Direct Taxes Committee, PHD Chamber
 Third Row: From Left to Right: Ms. Pallavi Dinodia Gupta, Co-chair, Direct Taxes Committee, PHD Chamber; Dr S P Sharma, Chief Economist I DSG, PHD Chamber and Mr. Nanda Gangadhar Mishra, Joint Secretary, PHD Chamber



RE-ASSESSMENT PROCEEDINGS U/S 148 OF THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961

While addressing the delegates, Mr. Pradeep Multani, President, PHD Chamber at the Webinar on “ReAssessment Proceedings u/s 148 of the Income Tax Act, 1961” on December 23, 2021 stated that the provisions of section 148 of the income tax act pertain to opening of old coffins in respect of old transactions and causes lot of heartburn and agony to the tax payer. He said that a lot of changes have been made regarding provisions for reassessment in the recent past and lot of judicial pronouncements have been passed recently changing the framework in which the reassessment is to be done in the future.

Mr. Mukul Bagla, Chair, Direct Taxes Committee, PHD Chamber, stated that various aspects of Income Tax Act 1961 u/s 148 without any laydown had passed in the favor of assessee in the High Court. He mentioned that the assessee can file the writ petition and that shall be retrospective effect of the challenge and also the legality to open the cases. He said that as per Section 148 of the Income Tax Act, 1961, the Income Tax Department has the power to reassess an individual’s previously filed income tax returns. Also, the Assessing Officer could pick your income tax return for reassessment subject to some pre-defined criteria by sending a notice under section 148 for income Escaping Assessment.

Mr. Sachit Jolly, Co-chair, Direct Taxes Committee, PHD Chamber & Partner at DMD Advocates discussed various judgments of the high courts and its impact. He further informed that the Supreme Court extended all the limitations during the Covid period for the benefits of revenue and assesses. He also discussed limitation of 3 years and 10 years, jurisdictional requirements of invoking the 10 year limitation and effect of the CBDT circular dated December 10, 2021.

Mr. Ved Jain, Advocate, Past President ICAI, discussed about the recent judgment of Hon’ble Delhi High court quashing Notices u/s 148 of the Income Tax Act and its repercussion on ongoing assessments. In a major relief for about 1.33 lakh taxpayers, who had got notices for the reassessment of their returns from FY14 till date, Delhi High Court quashed 1,353 such notices issued by the Income Tax Department under Section 148, apprised Mr. Jain. He further mentioned that the notices were issued by the Tax Department under this section for reopening of assessment on the allegation that income has escaped assessment as the taxpayers did not declare correct income in their tax return filed for various assessment years starting from assessment year 2013-14.

Mr. Deepak Chopra, Senior Partner, AZB & Partner, said that re-Assessment has been a major contributor to the lawyers and the number of litigations has increased in the courts for reassessment. He mentioned that the credibility of the officer to initiate the proceeding can be questioned as reassessment period was reduced to 4 years from 6 years and in case of foreign assets is 16 years, but now foreign assets is no longer there.

Mr. Rohit Jain, Partner, Vaish Associates stated that the taxpayer and tax litigant has two options - either file a writ petition which is covered by Delhi High Court and get the notices quash and second option will be contested before the assessing officer, the chances of the assessing officer depending on whether he will accept this position or not will depend on department filling the SLP. He further mentioned that taxpayer need to do analysis of which assessment year the litigation pertains to the notices writ were issued for assessment year

2013-14 to 2017-18, for the year 2013-14 and 2014-15 were totally out and the limitation are over so rather than taking through an appellate process it would be a more quicker process to resolve by way of filling the writ petition.

Dr S P Sharma, Chief Economist | DSG, PHD Chamber, stated that moving forwards to achieve the USD 5 trillion economy in the next 4 to 5 years

with so many reforms undertaken by the Government during last several years, therefore looking forward to more simplicity in the taxation system.

Ms. Pallavi Dinodia Gupta, Co-chair, Direct Taxes Committee, PHD Chamber & Partner at S.R. Dinodia and Co. LLP delivered the concluding remarks and vote of thanks and also moderated the webinar. She also discussed about the change in regime from erstwhile 153A

to new section 148, potential practical challenges under the new regime and grandfathering of searches conducted prior to 31.03.2021.

The webinar was moderated by Dr S P Sharma, Chief Economist | DSG, PHD Chamber and concluded with an extensive discussion of more than 2 hours with the participation of more than 450 delegates.



E-MASTER CLASS ON PREVENTION OF SEXUAL HARASSMENT AT WORKPLACE (POSH)

The Industrial Relations & HR Committee of PHDCCI organized the ‘E- Master class on Prevention of Sexual Harassment at Workplace (POSH)’ on December 27, 2021 on a virtual platform.

The Sexual Harassment at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013, commonly referred to as the PoSH Act is an Indian law enacted with the objective of making workplaces safer for not only women but for all genders by preventing, prohibiting and redressing acts of sexual harassment at the workplace.

The session focused on Gender Sensitization, Essence of the POSH Law, Inclusivity & Diversity, Secure & Productive Workspace Compliance, Governance & Reputation, Risk Mitigation, Constituents of Internal Committee & Annual Report and Prevention of Unintended,

Inappropriate Behaviour.

Mr. Jeetender Gupta, Co-chair, HR IR Committee, PHDCCI in his welcome address stressed that organizations should have proper, efficient internal complaint committee (ICC) to look after the sexual harassment incidents within the company. He further said that proper communication among employees and periodic seminars/sessions should be held to educate the employees on this issue.

Mr. Ashish Mohan Wig, Co-chair, HR IR Committee, PHDCCI said that focus should also be on creating awareness among households as well as informal workers as they may face harassment in domestic services. They should also be sensitized about the redressal mechanism from time to time.

The domain expert, Ms. Raavi Birbal, Advocate, Supreme Court of

India deliberated about the acts and motives of sexual harassment. Physical contact & advances, unwelcomed physical, verbal, non-verbal conduct, showing pornography, sexual remarks or demand all come under sexual harassment. Any Establishment having 10 or more employees is required to constitute an internal complaint committee (ICC). It is required to consist of a minimum of four members: A Presiding Officer who has to be a woman employed at a senior level at the workplace. She has to be from amongst the employees. She also discussed in details about Members of ICC, comprehensive enquiry procedures, preparation of enquiry report, disciplinary actions and duties of employer.

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



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KALINGA LITERARY FESTIVAL 2021



India-Nepal Centre (INC) and State Development Council of PHD Chamber in association with the Embassy of Nepal in India, participated at the Kalinga Literary Festival 2021 as “Industry Partner,” December 10-12, 2021 at Hotel Swosti Premium, Bhubaneswar. PHDCCI hosted the “Country Partner Session-Nepal” on theme, “Reimagining South Asia: Nepal as Knowledge, Culture & Investment Destination.” Embassy of Nepal in India was an exclusive “Country Partner” of KLF 2021.

The Country Partner Session’s Keynote Speaker was H.E. Mr. Ram Prasad Subedi, Chargé D’Affaires, Embassy of Nepal in India and the Distinguished Panelists were Amb Mr. K V Rajan, India’s Former Ambassador to Nepal and Chair, India-Nepal Centre, PHDCCI & Editor/Author, The Ambassador’s Club; Amb Ranjit Rae, India’s Former Ambassador to Nepal & Author, Kathmandu Dilemma: Resetting India-Nepal Ties and Mr. Yugal Kishore Joshi, Director-Jal Jeevan Mission, MoJS, GoI & Author. The Session was moderated by Mr. Atul K Thakur, Nodal Coordinator, India-Nepal Centre, PHDCCI.

The well-attended Session (both physically and virtually) was hailed



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India, the hub of the South Asian publishing market, was growing like never before till the global pandemic COVID-19 disrupted the world in an unprecedented manner. In an estimate, the South Asian publishing industry’s total annual business was to the tune of US \$2.5 billion in pre-Covid times. The books in English made up almost a quarter of this modest but encouraging sum, and India remained a favored destination for sub-continental writers. The writers, trade publishers and distributors from Nepal have been the vital stakeholders of a turnaround witnessed by the India publishing market—now it is time that Kathmandu is presented and branded as the next major publishing destination in South Asia. The Nepali writing scene is booming, there have been many remarkable publications from or about Nepal in the last few years—and the local publishing market is also well-prepared now to script new success stories beyond borders.



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PM INVITES PARTICIPATION FOR 'PARIKSHA PE CHARCHA 2022'

The Prime Minister, Mr. Narendra Modi has tweeted about 'Pariksha Pe Charcha 2022' and has asked for the registration. He said that it gives him an opportunity to connect with our dynamic youth, understand their challenges and aspirations better. The Prime Minister tweeted:

"Exams are approaching and so is 'Pariksha Pe Charcha 2022.' Let's talk stress-free exams and once again support our brave #ExamWarriors, their parents and teachers. I urge you all to register for this year's #PPC2022. Personally, 'Pariksha Pe Charcha' is a fantastic learning experience. I get the opportunity to connect with our dynamic youth, understand their challenges and aspirations better. It also gives the opportunity to discover the emerging trends in the world of education. #PPC2022."



India-Nepal Business Expo & Summit 2021 inaugurated at Chitwan, Nepal on December 17 2021, Policymakers Voiced for Enhancing Bilateral Economic Cooperation



INDIA-NEPAL BUSINESS EXPO & SUMMIT 2021

In order to further enhance the business ties as well as promote an overall collective sense of unity, the PHD Chamber under the aegis of its India-Nepal Centre and South Asia Committee of International Affairs & Trade Fairs Division organized the 'India-Nepal Business Expo & Summit 2021', December 17-19, 2021 at Chitwan International Expo Centre, Bharatpur, Nepal.

The Three-Days India-Nepal Business Expo & Summit 2021 was formally inaugurated on December 17, where the policymakers voiced for enhancing bilateral economic cooperation between the two friendly countries with a history of complementarities. Mr. Sushil Bhatta, CEO, Investment Board Nepal emphasized the merit of timely project completion and realization of investment commitment as the major factors for deepening the economic

cooperation. Citing the Indian hydroelectricity project Arun-3 as a success story, he reassured the Indian investors for smooth investment facilitation in Nepal. He added that the business entities interested to do business in Nepal should concentrate on Project development & management, coordination, collaboration and partnership. He called for participation of prospective and existing Indian investors.

Mr. Abhishek Upadhyay, First Secretary & Commercial Representative, Embassy of India in Nepal presented a comprehensive account of India's commitment and proactive action for further deepening the economic engagements with Nepal. Dwelling on Nepal's trade deficit, he pointed to governmental interventions as the most important determinant for further positive momentum. He suggested the Indian

businesses of all sizes to do business in Nepal with advantages like cost, access, familiarity and improved ease of doing business.

Moderated by Mr. Atul K Thakur, Nodal Coordinator, India-Nepal Centre, PHDCCI, the Summit witnessed the presence of speakers Mr. Dipak Kumar De, MD & CEO, Nepal SBI Bank Ltd; Mr. Pranav Poddar, Co-chair, International Affairs Committee for South Asia, PHDCCI; Mr. Trilochan Kandel, President, Association of Chitwan Industries; Major General Binoj Basnyat, Strategic Analyst & Columnist and Mr. Sunil K.C., Vice President, Nepal-India Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Chairman, Asia Corporation.

Mr. Rakesh Sangrai, Senior Secretary, PHDCCI while summing up the proceedings, suggested that the Government of Nepal and leading industry bodies of Nepal should promote export oriented goods in India by organizing Nepal Expos in India and assured all the local support from PHDCCI.

With the support of the Government of India, Embassy of India in Nepal, Investment Board Nepal, Confederation of Nepalese

Industries, Association of Chitwan Industries and the other prominent institutional stakeholders, the deliberations through the Expo and Summit will significantly support the businesses in both India and Nepal. The said initiative is also important from the point of view of growing investments and business interests of Indian businesses in Nepal.

Remarkably, India is the largest trading partner of Nepal. Total bilateral trade in 2020-21 reached US\$ 7511.62 Million. In 2019-20, while Nepal's exports to India stood at US\$ 711.61 Million, India's exports to Nepal were US\$ 7,160.35 Million. The figures reflect well on the unique and strong economic ties between India and Nepal. As the economic rebounding is critically important for both India and Nepal in the post-pandemic times, PHDCCI's Nepal initiatives are in tandem with that for streamlining the businesses and further tracing the growth path for industries.

NEPAL BEGINS HYDROPOWER EXPORT TO INDIA

In November 2021, India decided to purchase electricity from electricity. Nepal will export 39 MW of electricity to India under the Indian Energy Exchange (IEX). The India-Nepal Power Trade Agreement was signed in 2014 during Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Nepal. Nepal is the first of India's neighbors to participate in the IEX. This is a huge turnaround for the Nepali energy sector, which met more than half of its electricity needs through imports from India during peak demand in 2019. Nepal became a power surplus country after the 456 MW Upper Tamakoshi Hydropower Project came into operation in July 2021. With this, Nepal's hydroelectricity production has reached 1,900 MW. Meanwhile, the peak-hour demand stands at around 1,500MW only. On top of that, 172 projects have secured generation licenses and construction is ongoing for a total capacity of 4,642 MW. Therefore, the supply will outpace the local demand even further in the coming years.

The timing for the start of India-Nepal trade in hydroelectric power could not have been better for both countries. This seems to have created a natural synergy between the two countries. Without export, Nepal's excess power would have gone to waste. Nepal has a theoretical potential of producing 83 GW of hydroelectricity. The region is energy-starved; Nepal is surrounded by expanding energy markets, including India, Tibet, and Bangladesh. Environmentalists view this as a positive step for both Nepal and India as it could contribute to a reduction in carbon emissions. India has committed to carbon neutrality by 2070.





SEMINAR ON OBESITY THE 'CURSE'- HOW DO WE NEGATE?



With a view to spread relevant knowledge and share dialogues of expertise on the persistent health concerns pertaining to 'Obesity' and 'Overweight' as well as other related issues that pose a major threat to physical wellbeing, PHDCCI conducted a seminar titled: "Obesity the 'Curse'-How do we Negate?" on December 20, 2021 at the PHD House, New Delhi in a hybrid mode.

Mr. Pradeep Multani, President, PHDCCI in his presidential address informed about the alarming situations in today's world with relation to health concerns. He explained that obesity is the most common consequence of over nutrition and has long-term negative health consequences. An increased prevalence of obesity is linked to health risks for numerous non-communicable diseases (NCDs), including cardiovascular diseases, diabetes, and some cancers. Overweight and obesity are the fifth leading risk of deaths, resulting in

around 2.8 million deaths of adults globally every year, he further added.

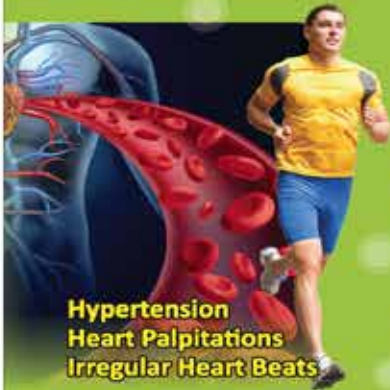
Prof. (Dr.) Ranjan Sudan, Professor of Surgery, Duke University informed about the contributing factors that lead to medical cases of overweight and obesity as well as the medical techniques of Bariatric Surgery. He also informed about the use of robots in the process of Bariatric Surgeries, its advantages such as precision, lesser loss of blood and lower level of post-operative complexities.

Dr Harsh Mahajan, Chair, Hospital & Diagnostics Committee, PHDCCI highlighted on the need for spreading awareness amongst people and severity of health issues such as obesity, along with precautionary steps that must be taken in order to avoid it, such as following a mindful daily diet and regular exercising. He thanked Mr. Pradeep Multani, President, PHDCCI for his continued work towards promoting better healthcare and wellness.

Talking about the adverse impacts of obesity and overweight, Dr Deep Goel, Co-chair, Hospital & Diagnostics Committee, PHDCCI mentioned that, both overweight & obesity are a national health epidemic. He further added that obesity is a greater trigger for health problems and health care spending than smoking or drinking therefore only medical treatment should not be considered as a remedy, rather a healthier lifestyle must be adapted.

Dr G S Grewal, President, Delhi Medical Association discussed the need for addressing the issues of obesity well before it becomes a medical case and leads to more harmful disease such as diabetes. He further underlined the stark need for sustained campaigns for spreading awareness as well as identification of challenges in order to be able to calibrate our collective health and wellness routines.

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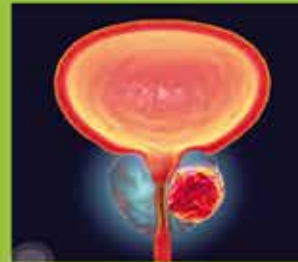
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USE OF MERCURY AND ITS COMPOUNDS IN ASU SECTOR - ISSUES & CHALLENGES



The AYUSH Committee, PHDCCI organized a webinar on ‘Use of Mercury and its compounds in ASU Sector- Issues & Challenges’ on December 21, 2021. The webinar was graced with the presence of Chief Guest, Dr Manoj Nesari, Advisor, Ministry of AYUSH, Govt. of India.

While welcoming the dignitaries, Mr. Pradeep Multani, President, PHDCCI, said that the importance of Non-toxic Mercury compound i.e. Mercury Sulfide in manufacturing of Rasa Aushadhis in Ayurved medicine cannot be stressed more. Its contribution to therapeutic efficacy of Ayurved medicine is well patronized and documented in various clinical evidence and authoritative texts. He further stressed that the medicines which contain Mercury Sulfide are essential medicines of Ayurved Science and their continued supply to Ayurved practice is important.

Guest of Honour, Dr Anupam Srivastava, Director, Rashtriya Ayurveda Vidyapeeth, Ministry of AYUSH, Govt. of India mentioned that mercury is considered the most toxic heavy metal in the environment. He further informed that Mercury occurs

abundantly in the environment, primarily as minerals cinnabar and metacinnabar, and as impurities in other minerals. He further mentioned about the various research activities conducted by the Ministry of AYUSH about formulation of the mercury.

Dr Rajiv Rai, Chair, AYUSH Committee, PHDCCI, & Head Research, Dabur India Limited, briefed about the Minamata Convention which obliges governments to take a range of actions, including addressing mercury emissions to air and to phase-out certain mercury-containing products. He further shared that from 2025 onward there will be no production of Chlor - Alkali as well as mercury and from 2032, the mining plant of the mercury will be closed posing a major challenge for the AYUSH industry.

Mr. Jitender Sodhi, Co-chair, AYUSH Committee, PHDCCI & Managing Director, AYUSH Herbs Pvt. Ltd. apprised that the main uses of mercury are in dental amalgam and thermometers. He mentioned that mercury is a major toxic metal which contains sulfide and used in Chinese traditional medicines as an ingredient in various remedies.

Dr Santosh Joshi, Co-chair, AYUSH Committee, PHDCCI & Sr. General Manager, Hamdard Laboratories India mentioned that though Mercury is a toxic element, it is being safely used in the AYUSH system since long. Dr Joshi said that the associated risk of mercury can be controlled by various proactive steps like proper quality control by the industry, Risk management plan and education of Clinicians & industry. He further said that after detoxification of mercury, its therapeutic use is not harmful and not hazardous. Dr Joshi also assured that Unani Industry is committed for safe and efficacious use of Mercury.

Dr J. L. N. Sastry, Executive Director, Dabur India Limited, mentioned various reasons for mercury ban which includes illegal use, mercury mafia, pollution, organic mercury which cause minimata disease & other deadly neurological symptoms. While mentioning about the Artisanal and small scale gold mining (ASGM), Dr Sastry said that ASGM is the single largest intentional source of use of mercury pollution in the world. He highlighted that Mercury is the main pillar for Indian Alchemy / Rasa Sastra in Ayurveda

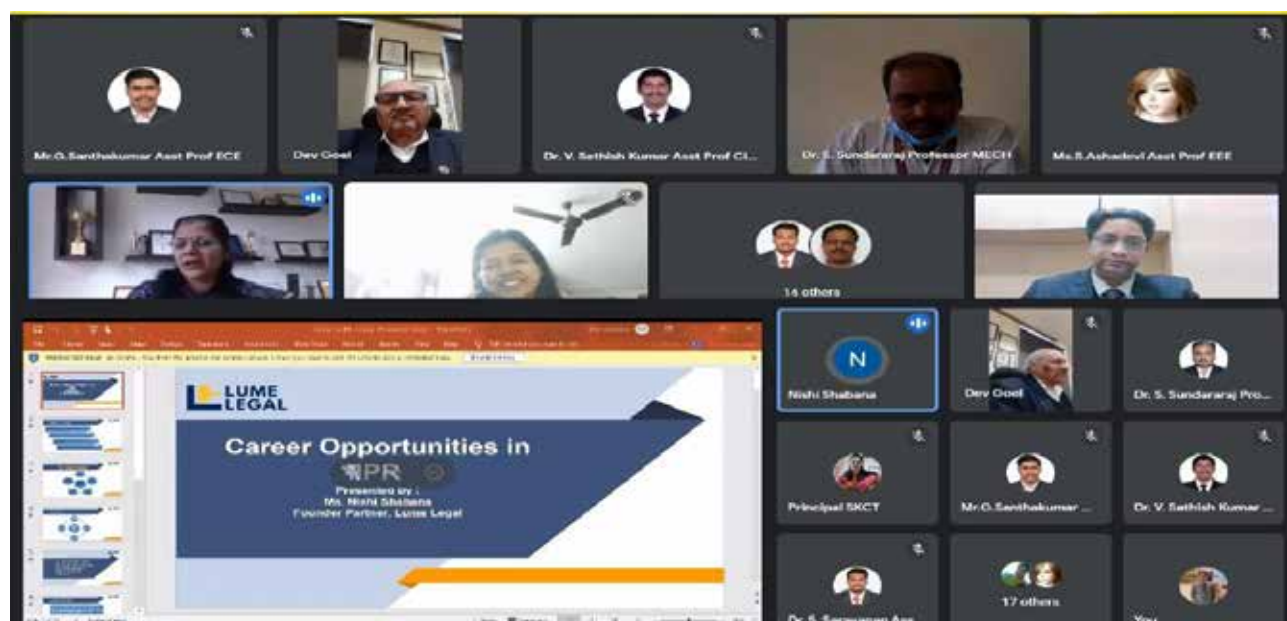
and the Ministry of Commerce should make special note for mercury used by AYUSH industry. He also urged the Ministry of AYUSH to join hands with TKDL/CSIR in making easy access to mercury.

Dr C.K. Katiyar, Chief Executive Officer, (Technical) Emami Limited, said that mercury is the base of Rasa Sastra which is the last official division to classical Ayurveda. Dr Katiyar informed about various action points to satisfy Pre-Informed

Consent (PIC) to DGFT which includes mercury management plan proposal finalization & approval, infrastructure up-gradation & equipment procurement, documentation & training and inclusion of mercury in hazardous waste from Pollution Control Board and obtaining NOC / CTO/CCA. Dr Katiyar also urged the Ministry of AYUSH for exemption of mercury under traditional use and to convince the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change.

Mr. Vivek Seigell, ASG, PHDCCI delivered the vote-of-thanks to all the dignitaries and sponsors for their continuous support in organizing these interactive webinars.

The webinar was sponsored by Association of Manufacturers of Ayurvedic Medicine (AMAM) and AYUSH Herbs Private Limited and was attended by more than 90 delegates from the Industry and academia.



MAKING A CAREER IN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

The PHD Intellectual Property Facilitation Centre, New Delhi in association with Sri Krishna College of Technology, Kovaipudur, Coimbatore (Tamil Nadu) organized a webinar on “Making a Career in Intellectual Property Rights’ on December 23, 2021. The objective of the webinar was to understand the myriad opportunities available in the field of IPR Law and how one plans for a career in them. Dr S. Sundararaj, Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering, Sri Krishna College of Technology, Kovaipudur, Coimbatore

moderated the session.

Dr V Sreevidya, Principal Incharge, SKCT delivered the Presidential Address and said SKCT is a vibrant institute of higher education established in 1985 promoted by Sri Krishna Institutions. She informed that the college is accredited with A Grade by NAAC and eligible undergraduate programs are accredited by the National Board of Accreditation (NBA), New Delhi. The college offers 8 undergraduate programmes and 6 postgraduate programmes

in Engineering, Technology, and Management Studies.

Mr. D. P. Goel, Co-chair, MSME Committee, PHDCCI, New Delhi shared his entrepreneurial journey and also highlighted how conducive is the Indian ecosystem for the new startups. He also pondered on the various new job opportunities available for the youth in the era of fourth industrial revolution.

Ms. Nishi Shabana, Founder, Lume Legal was the key speaker during the occasion. She said with businesses increasingly driven by innovation, rising awareness of IP Rights and a conscious push by the Government to develop and protect IP (start-ups are getting grants and subsidies to build IP assets), the demand for IP lawyers is steadily going up.

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



AWARENESS PROGRAMME ON INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS



The PHDCCI Intellectual Property Rights Facilitation Centre (IPFC) New Delhi in collaboration with the Office of the Controller General of Patents, Designs & Trademarks, Ministry of Commerce and Industry organized the 6th Virtual Awareness Programme on “Intellectual Property Rights” on December 22, 2021 with NIT, Hamirpur (HP).

Mr. D P Goel, Co-chair, MSME Committee, PHDCCI in his introductory remarks apprised about the activities of PHD Chamber. Dr Pamita Awasthi, Associate Professor, Department of Chemistry, NIT, Hamirpur (HP) & Nodal Officer, Incubation Centre under CM Startup Programme, NIT Hamirpur (HP) moderated the webinar.

Professor Lalit Kumar Awasthi, Director, NIT, Hamirpur (HP) stated that as the focus on innovation, research, and creation increases, it is extremely important to foster a creative and innovative spirit among students. He also mentioned that the recent National Education Policy (NEP-2020) has put a major thrust

on incorporating skill development, ability enhancement, and a tech-driven approach in teaching-learning processes along with innovation and creativity.

Dr H P Kumar, Former Chairman, NSIC & Advisor MSME, PHDCCI was the Guest of Honor of the webinar. He said that Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) Awareness is critical to shaping an environment that is conducive to fostering creativity & innovation in the country. One of the key focus areas is children in schools, as it is essential to nurture creativity and the ability to innovate from a young age.

Mr. Vipin Kumar, Examiner of Patents and Designs, Electrical Group, IPO Delhi Department for Promotion of Industry & Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce & Industry said that Intellectual Property Protection is critical to fostering innovation. Without the protection of ideas, businesses and individuals would not reap the full benefits of their inventions and would focus less on research and development, he added.

Dr Shweta Sharma, Project Manager– Patent Drafting & Prosecution, Sagacious IP spoke on the “Importance of Intellectual Property Rights for Startups and Academicians.” She mentioned that innovation in education includes an emphasis on teamwork, interdisciplinary study, individuality, and hands-on learning.

Ms. Nishi Shabana, Founder Partner, Lume Legal addressed the session on “Brand Creation & Protection”. She said Trademark plays an important role in promoting goods and provides information about the quality of the product. India is a hugely competitive market for business and company owners, where there are vast numbers of new yet identical brands/products that keep emerging every day. Here, protecting your brand becomes necessary to prevent anybody else from taking the advantage of your name or brand.

Dr Mandira Roy, Executive Director, Aumirah IP said that IP is a tool that manages all activities you are doing with knowledge. She also apprised that technology transfer personnel evaluate and manage invention portfolios, oversee patent prosecution, negotiate licensing agreements and periodically review cooperative research agreements.

Mr. Mithilesh Kumar, Secretary, PHDCCI delivered the vote-of-thanks to the panelists.

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RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS ANALYSIS OF REGULATIONS INCLUDING OTHER RECENT SEBI NOTIFICATIONS



The Corporate Affairs Committee of PHDCCI organized a webinar on 'Related Party Transactions - Analysis of Regulations Including other Recent SEBI Notifications' on December 23, 2021.

The webinar was graced with the presence of Mr. Sumant Chadha, Chair, Corporate Affairs Committee; Mrs. Ranjana Agarwal; Mr. P K Rustagi and Mr. Sanjay Khanna, Co-Chairs, Corporate Affairs Committee; Mr. Vivek Seigell, Asst Secretary General, PHDCCI. Other eminent speakers were Dr. K S Ravichandran, Managing Partner, KSR & Co LLP; Mr. Sameet Gambhir, Vice President (Corp Law) & Co. Secy, DCM Shriram Ltd and Mr. Saurav Kumar, Partner, IndusLaw.

Mr. Pradeep Multani, President, PHDCCI while welcoming the panelists, discussed the definition of related party transactions and said that related party disclosures are a critical component of a company's financial statements. He also highlighted that SEBI has come out with disclosure requirements to be placed by listed entities.

Mr. Sumant Chadha, Chair, Corporate Affairs Committee, PHDCCI highlighted that related-party transactions can include sales, leases, service agreements and loan agreements which are not necessarily illegal.

Mr. P K Rustagi, Co-chair, Corporate Affairs Committee, PHDCCI in his theme address said that there have been innumerable rules and regulations for governing related party transactions, both under the Companies Act 2013 and also by SEBI. SEBI has independent set of regulations to govern such transactions which are very stringent. He added that SEBI has also widened the definition of Related Party Transactions.

Dr K S Ravichandran, Managing Partner, KSR & Co LLP discussed the Menace of Meddling with Governance through Related Party Transactions. He also highlighted the role of governance structure relating to RPTs, which is a 15 point structure.

Mr. Saurav Kumar, Partner, IndusLaw discussed about the

Interplay of related party transactions between Companies Act and SEBI Listing Regulations. He also highlighted the directors' liability under the Companies Act.

Mr. Sameet Gambhir, Vice President (Corp Law) & Co. Secy, DCM Shriram Ltd. threw light on latest Circulars of SEBI on Related Party Transactions. He also discussed the revised definition of related party transaction and the new provisions related to subsidiary companies under Regulation 23.

Ms. Ranjana Aggarwal, Co-chair, Corporate Affairs Committee, PHDCCI highlighted the role of Audit committee for ascertaining the related party transactions which is important for good corporate governance.

Mr. Sanjay Khanna, Co-chair, Corporate Affairs Committee, PHDCCI delivered the vote-of- thanks to the speakers, sponsors and delegates.

Mr. Vivek Seigell, ASG, PHDCCI moderated the webinar which was well attended by more than 160 delegates with intensive Q and A Session.



ELECTRIC VEHICLES – THE FUTURE OF TRANSPORT

The Power, RE & AE Committee of PHDCCI organized a webinar on ‘Electric Vehicles: Future of Transport’ on December 24, 2021.

Mr. Salil Gupta, Chairman, Power, RE & AE Committee delivered the welcome address and spoke about the significance of EVs for India and that focused government approach coupled with coordination among the efforts at the city, state and central level as well as industry and the civil society were the key for India becoming an EV nation.

Mr. Shamsher Dewan, Vice President & Group Head, ICRA Ltd. gave an overview of the growth of EV market in India and abroad. He also spoke about the FAME I & II schemes of Government of India and how they have contributed to the EV ecosystem.

Mr. Arindam Lahiri, CEO, Automobile Skills Development Council, spoke about the importance

of skill development for EV manufacturing in India and initiatives of his organization in bridging the skill gaps.

Dr Shankar Venugopal, Vice President, Mahindra & Mahindra, highlighted the innovations taking place in the transportation sector and informed that not only EVs but connected and autonomous vehicles and shared mobility would bring about a paradigm shift in the transportation sector. He informed that M & M would soon launch an affordable electric tractor in the Indian market.

Mr. Himanshu Patel, CEO & Founder, Triton Electric Vehicle, LLC, USA, informed that they will be launching their made in India Electric Semi-Trucks in India by mid 2022. Comparing the US and Indian EV markets, he informed that while in US, EVs were considered a luxury product, in India EVs were being considered

for their environmental benefits. He said that creation of charging infrastructure on the highways was essential for adoption of EVs in the commercial transport.

Mr. Preetesh Singh, Manager - Automotive Industrial Consulting Group, NRI Consulting and Solutions India narrated the steps which needed to be taken for becoming Atmanirbhar in EV Tech & manufacturing.

Ms. Sahana L., GIZ, gave a presentation on Development of robust EV charging infrastructure in India.

Mr. Saurabh Sanyal, SG, PHDCCI, delivered the opening remarks in the technical session on “Making India an EV Nation : Becoming Atmanirbhar in EV Technology & Manufacturing”.

Dr Yogesh Srivastav, ASG, PHDCCI moderated the Inaugural Session while Mr. Punit Chaudhry, Secretary, PHDCCI, delivered the vote-of-thanks in the technical session.

The webinar was attended by 90 participants from India and abroad which was organized as a part of the EV India Expo organized by India Exhibition Services.





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WEBINAR ON THE SALT INDUSTRY: INDIAN SALT EXPORTS – POTENTIAL AND CHALLENGES

The Gujarat State Chapter of PHDCCI, jointly with Indian Salt Manufacturers Association, Ahmedabad organized a webinar on the Salt Industry – “Indian Salt Exports – Potential and Challenges” on December 30, 2021.

Chief Guest, Mr. Raghu Chakrapani, Deputy Salt Commissioner, Gol appreciated the suggestion of organizing Training Programs for Skill Development for stake holders in the Salt Industry. He said that with new areas of salt fields being added soon, India’s salt production is in for better output and the government is very keen on hand holding of the Salt Industry to ensure that salt production continues to rise along with the exports.

While welcoming the guests for the webinar, Mr. Pradeep Multani, President, PHDCCI said that if India has to become a 5 trillion USD economy, every business in India needs to grow. Mentioning about the salt industry, he said that just being the 3rd largest producer of salt is not enough, its share of exports in the global market needs to go high. He suggested that salt producers and salt exporters need to develop smart strategies to enhance India’s share of exports.

Mr. Ashish Desai, Chair, Gujarat State Chapter, PHDCCI said that salt is a very important commodity and it needs special attention from the Government and for this infrastructure of ports needs to improve and have better facilitation in allotment of land for salt production.

Mr. Jagdish Bhatia, Exim Consultant & Trainer mentioned that people are looking for products for exports, which has high profit, low investment, constant high demand, and easily available, which is salt. He informed that the government is offering Duty Drawback for Exporters to Manufacturers to the tune of 0.15%. He further said that India stands 5th in the list of top salt exporting countries and India’s salt exports are rising by 13% in the last 5 years. He opined that India has a great potential for salt exports in the world and salt manufacturers need to brace themselves to the competition from other salt exporting countries.

Mr. Bharat Raval, President, Indian Salt Manufacturers Association, Ahmedabad said that the coming two decades are very crucial for the salt Industry in terms of manufacture, consumption and logistics. He informed that De-Icing is an emerging

sector in colder countries and the application would increase every year. He highlighted that the size of salt field is a big concern affecting quality of salt produce. He also stated that salt should not be considered as mining, but it should be considered as farm produce. He also suggested that there should be a very clear “Salt Act” which would provide focus and priority to the salt sector. Indian salt industry has become modernized and mechanized to meet the world quality standards and poised to become a major global player in the World Salt Trade.

Mentioning about the logistics part, Mr. Samir J Shah, JBS Group of Companies said that it’s simple but not easy. Logistics for salt needs support. A low value, very essential commodity, with varied usages has unlimited unpredictable needs. Much needs to be done to make salt logistics predictable. Technology, transparency, human angle – all need to be worked on. He explained that Salt exports from India suffer because salt buyers do not show much sensitivity towards volatility in the global logistics chain which may not stabilize till 2023.

The webinar was moderated by Mr. Dharmendra Joshi, Advisor, Gujarat State Chapter, PHDCCI.





IMPACT OF DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION ON SMALL TO MEDIUM SIZED ENTERPRISES



Haryana State Chapter and MSME Committee of PHD Chamber in association with Amazon Internet Services Private Limited organized the 6th Webinar on "Impact of Digital Transformation on Small to Medium Sized Enterprises" on December 15, 2021 to explore ways to bring the power of digitalization to SMBs.

In his welcome Address, Mr. Pranav Gupta, Chair, Haryana State Chapter, PHDCCI mentioned that in the present scenario, operating digitally is the only way to stay in business. It is no longer an option but a necessity. He underlined that Digital technology can help businesses expand and also reach out to remote markets lacking infrastructure. "Platform firms" are dominating markets even more, he added.

Mr. D P Goel, Co-chair, MSME Committee PHDCCI, stated that the COVID-19 pandemic continued to be the key driver for cloud adoption as enterprises continued their investments in cloud infrastructure and software to improve the resiliency of their business operations and equip them to tackle successive waves of the pandemic.

Dr H P Kumar, Former CMD, NSIC & Advisor MSME, shared the difficulties and challenges faced by MSMEs on digitalization.

Mr. B A Naveen, National Business Development Leader, AWS, Training and Certification, Amazon Internet Services Pvt. Ltd. shared Amazon's Vision on scaling cloud skilling programs to learners and organizations and digitization of

Indian SMEs at a mass scale. He also mentioned the benefits of Amazon Modules and benefits of working on Amazon platform that can help SMBs to achieve growth and scale their businesses.

He also shared three major barriers that prevent adoption of Cloud Native Services at scale by small to medium SMB customers that comprise of perceived technical complexity in understanding cloud; lack of expertise required for implementation; cloud adoption and associated business continuity costs.

Mr. Varun Gupta, Convener, Haryana MSME Committee, PHD Chamber moderated the session and also delivered the vote-of-thanks to the guests.



POTENTIAL NORTH EAST - AN AGRI EXPORT BUSINESS MEET BETWEEN NORTH EASTERN REGION OF INDIA AND BANGLADESH

The NER Chapter of PHD Chamber organized the 'POTENTIAL NORTH EAST- An Agri Export Business Meet', between North Eastern Region of India and Bangladesh, in association with Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) and IDFC First Bank Ltd. on December 09, 2021 at Guwahati.

Mr. Bhaskar J. Gogoi, Co-chair (NER), PHDCCI in his welcome address thanked APEDA and IDFC First Bank Ltd. for giving PHDCCI the opportunity to organize this important Business Meet, which will help the agri-entrepreneurs of both North Eastern States and Bangladesh.

Ms. Sunita Rai, Assistant General Manager, Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) gave a brief overview about APEDA. She briefed on the agricultural exports from the North East to Bangladesh.

Dr Anirban Choudhury, Nodal Officer- Assam, Agri Clinic & Agri Business Centre (AC&ABC) (Under Ministry of Agriculture and Farmer's Welfare, Govt. of India), gave a presentation on Schemes under AC&ABC and how to avail them.

Mr. Sasi Kumar, ITS, Additional DGFT, Directorate General of Foreign Trade gave a description on Export Documentations.

Mr. Varun Yadav, IRS, Assistant Commissioner, Customs, Ministry of Finance stated that Customs Department have always been known for revenue collection but in the North East the Department focuses on facilitation. He also detailed the complete custom clearance procedure.

Dr Shah Md. Tanvir Monsur, Hon'ble Assistant High Commissioner of Bangladesh to Guwahati, described about the agricultural as well as the export and import scenario of Bangladesh. He also stated that India has been their largest trading partner since the last two decades, the volume of imports from India is much more than exports to India. He stated that even though there is huge quantity of exports from India, Bangladesh has done pretty well in the field of agriculture and are now ranked third in terms of rice production and vegetables as well as fourth largest in terms of mango production in the world.

Mr. Atul Bora, Minister, Agriculture, Horticulture, Animal

Husbandry & Veterinary, Govt. of Assam, in his inaugural address stated that the North East Region (NER) is among the most endowed region in terms of natural resources. Tea and rice varieties of the State such as Joha, Komal and Bora besides horticultural crops and spices, could earn substantial income for the farmers. He also stated that bilateral trade between India and Bangladesh covers more than one-fourth of the total regional trade. India has been the largest trading partner of Bangladesh for over last two decades and a remarkable growth in India's two-way trade with Bangladesh has resulted in robust growth of all the economies in South Asia. He also described how the waterway from Chittagong and Mongla ports to Guwahati as also the road-linking of Dhaka through Mancachar-Begunbari and Sylhet through Sutarkandi of Karimganj holds a lot of potential in facilitating agricultural exports from Assam to Bangladesh. He also gave a brief description on the Exports and Logistics Policy of the Govt. of Assam.

Dr Archana Nath, Consultant, Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) narrated the role of APEDA in Export promotion and the various schemes under APEDA.



Mr. Pranjal Deka, Technical Officer, Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI), Govt. of India spoke on Licensing & Registration System under the Food Safety & Standards Act 2006.

Mr. Pradeep Baitha, Regional Head, EXIM Bank India, gave a presentation on India Exim Bank's

Financing programs and their new initiatives.

Mr. Soubhik Sengupta, Regional Head- Trade in Eastern India, IDFC First Bank Ltd., explained about different schemes of their bank facilitating exports.

Ms. Arandati Paul, Mentor, Shasiang Village Organization,

Meghalaya, gave a presentation on Empowering Women Tribal Farmers of North Eastern India. She spoke about how the women farmers of the Shasiang Village of Meghalaya are cultivating organic turmeric.

Mr. Bibhuti Dutta, Deputy Resident Director, NER Chapter, delivered the concluding remarks and vote-of-thanks to the guests.

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Mr. U S Ahuja, President, CICU Ludhiana & CMD, New Swan Group addressing the participants; Also seen L-R: Mr. R K Parmar, Deputy Director, MSME DI-Ludhiana, Ministry of MSME; Mr. Jaswinder Bhogal, Vice-President, Farmparts Company; Mr. S.B Singh, Convener, MSME Committee, Punjab State Chapter, PHDCCI, Dr J K Sharma, Convener, IPFC Steering Committee, PHDCCI and Dr Shweta Sen Thalwal, Founder, Integrum IP, Mohali.

INTERACTIVE SESSION ON LEVERAGING INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS FOR MSMEs

The Punjab State Chapter of PHD Chamber in association with the Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises and Chamber of Industrial & Commercial Undertakings (CICU) organized an interactive session on 'Leveraging Intellectual Property Rights for MSMEs' on December 29, 2021 to educate MSMEs on the benefits of registering Intellectual Property and how to encash IPR for competitive advantage.

In his welcome address, Mr. U S Ahuja, President, CICU Ludhiana & CMD, New Swan Group mentioned that in this competitive world, entrepreneurs & business fraternity need to understand the importance of filing IP to protect their business ideas. Well protected IP can help position the business as a leader in the market place and increase revenues.

Mr. R K Parmar, Deputy Director, MSME DI-Ludhiana, Ministry of MSMEs apprised participants about the various Government Schemes for IPR promotion. He advised entrepreneurs to approach PHDCCI's IPFC Centres in Amritsar and Chandigarh for IPR related information and services.

Dr J K Sharma, Convener, IPFC Steering Committee, PHDCCI &



Director - Research, Industry Interface & Innovation, CT University informed that to help MSMEs and Startups in the region, PHDCCI has set up an IP Facilitation Centre at Amritsar under the aegis of Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises and is providing all IP related services like Trademarks, Patents, Copyrights, Designs and Geographical Indication to Industry members.

Dr Shweta Sen Thalwal, Founder, Integrum IP, Mohali made a presentation on encashing IPR for competitive advantage. She also explained Self - commercialization,

Licensing and Direct sale of Technology to a prospective buyer are the best ways to commercialize any IP.

Mr. Pankaj Sharma, General Secretary, CICU Ludhiana mentioned that protecting innovations is very important and should be encouraged for long-term success of the business.

Mr. S B Singh, Convener-MSME Committee, Punjab State Chapter, PHDCCI & CEO, Taaran Industries, Ludhiana delivered the vote-of-thanks to the eminent speakers and the participants.

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PUNJAB INTERNATIONAL TRADE EXPO (PITEX-2021)



L-R: Mr. Naveen Seth, Assistant Secretary General, PHDCCI; Mr. R. S. Sachdeva, Chair, Punjab State Chapter, PHDCCI; Mr. Gurpreet Singh Khaira, Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar; Mr. Karan Gilhotra, Co-chair, Punjab State Chapter, PHDCCI and Mr. Jaideep Singh, Convener- Amritsar Zone, Punjab State Chapter, PHDCCI

A PRE-EVENT PRESS CONFERENCE



PHDCCI organized the 15th edition of Punjab International Trade Expo (PITEX-2021), December 2-6, 2021 at Amritsar. Punjab was the HOST STATE for the mega event.

Addressing the Pre-Event Press Conference for PITEX 2021 on December 1, 2021 at PITEX ground, Amritsar, Mr. Gurpreet Singh Khaira, Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar apprised that Mr. O.P. Soni, Deputy Chief Minister, Punjab is going to inaugurate the five-day long international trade expo on December 2, 2021 and Mr. Gurkirat Singh, Industries and Commerce Minister, Punjab will be the special guest on this occasion.

Talking to Media, Mr. R. S. Sachdeva, Chair, Punjab State

Chapter, PHD Chamber informed that apart from national and international participation, various departments of the Punjab Government like Markfed, Punjab Tourism, Punjab Agro Industry Corporation, Punjab State Cooperative Milk Federation, PEDDA, Amritsar Development Authority, Punjab Small Industry and Export Corporation, Punjab Cooperative Bank, PUNSUP, Punjab State Warehousing Corporation, Mandi Board and many others would also be participating.

Mr. Karan Gilhotra, Co-chair, Punjab State Chapter, PHD Chamber informed that this edition of PITEX is themed on Tourism to explore the potential in the state and there would be an experience sharing on rural

entrepreneurship and farm tourism.

Mr. Jaideep Singh, Convener, Amritsar, PHD Chamber stated that participation from Egypt, Turkey, Iran, Thailand and Afghanistan will also be marked by the presence of traders from Jammu and Kashmir, West Bengal, Rajasthan, Haryana and Uttarakhand.

Mr. Naveen Seth, Assistant Secretary General, PHD Chamber informed that 450 stalls have been set up in eight hangars with utmost safety and surveillance. PITEX is expecting around 2 lakhs visitors in this edition.



Mr. O.P Soni, Deputy Chief Minister, Punjab inaugurating PITEX 2021. Also seen in the pic are Mr. Gurpreet Singh Khaira, Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar; Mr. Tejveer Singh, PSIC, Government of Punjab; Mr. Karan Gilhotra, Co-chair, Punjab State Chapter, PHDCCI and Mr. R. S. Sachdeva, Chair, Punjab State Chapter, PHDCCI.

INAUGURAL SESSION ON TOURISM

While addressing the industrialists at the 15th five-day Punjab International Trade Expo (PITEX) held on December 2, 2021 organized by PHD Chamber in collaboration with Punjab Government Mr. O.P Soni, Deputy Chief Minister, Punjab appealed to the industrialists to expand and establish new industries in Punjab as the State Government is fully committed to provide all kinds of facilities to the industry.

He said that during the last four and a half years in Punjab, rigorous efforts have been made to provide a better environment for the industry by making strategic policies favorable to them. He apprised that such favorable policies have fetched an investment of Rs one lakh crore to the state, so far. Due to the fact, not only industrial infrastructure has been strengthened but employment opportunities have also increased, he added.

Further, congratulating the team of PHD Chamber for organizing PITEX on the theme of Tourism, the Deputy Chief Minister said that Punjab has immense potential for tourism. Amritsar being a Holy City has developed as a tourist destination for the people visiting Punjab.

Mr. Tejveer Singh, Principal Secretary, Industries and Commerce, Punjab mentioned that the state is



Mr.O.P Soni, Deputy Chief Minister Punjab seen lighting the lamp during Inaugural Ceremony of PITEX 2021. Also seen from L-R are Mr. Sanjay Kumar, IAS, Special Chief Secretary, Department of Tourism, Punjab; Mr. R. S. Sachdeva, Chair, Punjab State Chapter and Mr. Saurabh Sanyal, SG,PHDCCI; Mr. Gurpreet Singh Khaira, Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar; Mr. Tejveer Singh, PSIC, Government of Punjab; Mr. Karan Gilhotra, Co-Chair, Punjab State Chapter, Mr. Jaideep Singh, Convener- Amritsar Zone, Punjab State Chapter and Mr. G S Kular, Former Convener-Ludhiana Zone, Punjab State Chapter, PHDCCI

now considered as one of the leading industrial state as 3500 new industries have been established recently and 52% of the industry has signed MoUs with the Punjab Government. He also mentioned that because of PITEX, Punjab got huge growth in tourism as it is a big opportunity to showcase the State's cultural identity.

Welcoming the dignitaries on the occasion, Mr. Saurabh Sanyal,

Secretary General, PHD Chamber stated that last year, India's tourism sector contributed 39 million jobs, which was 8 percent of the total employment in the country. There is a huge potential in the tourism sector which is expected to create 53 million jobs by 2029, he added.

Mr. Gurpreet Singh Khaira, Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar mentioned that making such an event successful



Mr. Saurabh Sanyal, SG, PHDCCI ; Mr. R. S. Sachdeva, Chair, Punjab State Chapter, Mr. Karan Gilhotra, Co-chair, Punjab State Chapter felicitating Mr. O.P. Soni, Deputy Chief Minister, Punjab during Inaugural Ceremony of PITE X. Also seen in the pic are Mr. Tejveer Singh, PSIC, Government of Punjab and Mr. Sanjay Kumar, IAS, Special Chief Secretary, Department of Tourism, Punjab.

during the Corona period is a big challenge for the administration.

Mr. R.S Sachdeva, Chair, Punjab

State Chapter, PHDCCI; Mr. Karan Gilhotra, Mr.Sanjiv Singh and Mr. Ajay Mahajan, Co-chairs, Punjab

State Chapter, PHDCCI presented a report on the work being done by the Chamber in Punjab.

INDUSTRY ROUNDTABLE ON TOURISM

The Punjab State Chapter of PHD Chamber organized an 'Industry Roundtable on Tourism' on December 2, 2021 at Amritsar immediately after the inaugural session of PITE X 2021.

Chief Guest, Mr. Sanjay Kumar, IAS, Special Chief Secretary, Department of Cultural Affairs, Archives, Archaeology & Museums, Government of Punjab shared the State's Vision on Punjab Tourism highlighting opportunities and challenges of the sector. He pointed out that Punjab has number of heritage places of historical importance while connectivity of Delhi- Katra road has not only increased the number of tourists but also new trends are emerging in this area. He underlined that Cultural tourism should be promoted and efforts were being made to establish Amritsar on the International map. Punjab is also growing rapidly in the field of medical tourism, he stated.

Earlier, welcoming the dignitaries and participants, Mr. R S Sachdeva, Chair, Punjab State Chapter, PHDCCI mentioned that Punjab has great opportunities in the field of Tourism as the State has a strong base of cultural and historically significant places that draw travelers to experience them. It has the plethora of traditional skills,



Chief Guest, Mr. Sanjay Kumar, IAS, Special Chief Secretary, Department of Cultural Affairs, Archives, Archaeology & Museums, Government of Punjab addressing delegates

arts, handicrafts and culinary delights to overwhelm the Tourists.

Mr. Karan Gilhotra, Co-chair, Punjab State Chapter, PHDCCI said that tourism holds high potential to contribute significantly in the GDP (State Gross Domestic Product). He opined that development of tourism infrastructure would create immense employment opportunities for the young workforce in the State.

Mr. Harkirat Singh, Convener, Tourism Committee, Punjab State Chapter, PHDCCI & Owner, Citrus County Farms Stays talked about

scope of Rural Entrepreneurship & Farm Tourism in the State of Punjab. He mentioned that foreign tourists are now getting attracted towards Village and Farm tourism and advocated that this should be promoted in a professional way. This would provide employment to rural youth as well as improve their lifestyle as well.

Mr. Harbir Singh Randhawa, Historian shared his perspective on Projection of Punjab to high end travellers. He emphasized on promoting Punjab in different forums to promote Tourism. He mentioned

we need to capture and highlight new emerging areas-our Wetlands, Farm Tourism, Border Tourism, Water Tourism, Museums & Forts and capitalize on the strengths of Punjab while Ms. Shoba Mohan, Founder, Rare India gave the sector perspective on Tourism. She mentioned the need to promote Punjab on social media in

a big way as Punjab has a rich history, every promo should carry a story to promote the same.

Mr. Manmeet Singh, Chairman, Indian Association of Tour Operators, (IATO), PB ADTOI, Northern India and Mr. Piyush Kapoor, General Secretary, Amritsar Hotel & Restaurant Association shared suggestions to

boost tourism in the state of Punjab by training guides and improving staff training in hotels and hospitality Industry.

Mr. Ajay Mahajan, Co-chair, Punjab State Chapter, PHDCCI moderated the session and thanked all dignitaries and industrialists present on the occasion.

NAVIGATING MSMEs IN CHALLENGING TIMES: ISSUES & WAY FORWARD

The Punjab State Chapter of PHD Chamber organized a session on ‘Navigating MSMEs in Challenging Times: Issues & Way Forward’ on December 3, 2021 i.e. day 2 of PITEX 21 to brainstorm and evolve the way forward and navigate MSMEs in Punjab towards a healthy and sustainable growth trajectory.

Mr. R S Sachdeva, Chair, Punjab State Chapter, PHDCCI while delivering the welcome address stated that PHD Chamber has been pushing the agenda of the industry and we are getting very good support from the State Government.

Chief Guest, Mr. Rajat Aggarwal, IAS, CEO, Invest Punjab stated that Punjab Government has formulated a lucrative industrial policy for the State and a large number of industries are coming to the State. He apprised that the Punjab Government has launched several schemes to strengthen the MSME sector. He stated that Chief Minister, Mr. Charanjit Singh Channi believes that strengthening the MSME sector will not only increase employment opportunities but also provide indirect employment.

Mr. Virinder Sharma, Director, MSME DI, Ministry of MSME made a detailed presentation on the Government of India’s schemes to support MSMEs in the country.

Mr. Upinder Singh Dhingra, Senior Manager, E&Y shared key challenges



Mr. R S Sachdeva, Chair, Punjab State Chapter, PHDCCI addressing the participants during session on Navigating MSMEs in Challenging Times. Also seen from L-R are Mr. Naveen Seth, Assistant Secretary General, PHDCCI; Mr. Upinder Singh Dhingra, Senior Manager, E&Y; Mr. Rajat Aggarwal, IAS, CEO, Invest Punjab; Mr. Virinder Sharma, Director, MSME DI, Ministry of MSME, Government of India and Mr. Ashish Arora, Assistant Vice President, HDFC Bank.

faced by MSMEs due to impact of COVID-19. He made a detailed presentation covering the state government’s initiatives to promote MSMEs and recommendations for accelerating MSMEs in the State.

Mr. Ashish Arora, Assistant Vice President, HDFC Bank and Mr. Sameer Sareen, Cluster Head, HDFC Bank made a presentation on ‘Banking Solutions for MSMEs in Post-Covid Times’.

Mr. Balwinder Pal Singh, Joint Director, Industries Department, Punjab said that the Punjab Government is always striving to bring about better changes in the industrial policy to facilitate the industrialists and provide a favorable environment.

Mr. Kamal Dalmia, Chairman, Focal Point Industries Association, Amritsar; Mr. P L Seth, State President, Punjab Pradesh Beopar Mandal; Mr. Rajiv Khanna, General Secretary, Textile Manufacturing Association, Amritsar; Mr. Sanjiv Singh, MD, Gilard Electronics Pvt. Ltd, Mohali and Mr. Ashok Sethi, Director, Punjab Rice Millers Association shared issues of concern faced by their respective associations with the Government officials present on the occasion.

Mr. Naveen Seth, Assistant Secretary General, PHDCCI moderated the session and expressed gratitude to the guests for attending the program.



EXPORTERS' CONCLAVE 2021 - EXPORT VISION PUNJAB

On the third day of PITEK 2021, a conclave was held on the theme, 'Export Vision Punjab,' to address the issues of concerns of the exporters and create a district wise roadmap to boost exports from Punjab.

In his welcome address, Mr. R S Sachdeva, Chair, Punjab State Chapter, PHDCCI mentioned that due to COVID-19, export numbers are trending to be lower. Total merchandise exports from Punjab stood at US\$ 5.61 billion in FY20 and US\$ 5.29 billion in FY21. He appealed to Government officials to offer support to exporters as they need some handholding to wade through these troubled times.

Mr. Suvidh Shah, ITS, Joint DGFT said that in the present situation, it is necessary that India should become self-reliant in the field of exports. He underlined that work is in process on many schemes to make India self-reliant and industrialists should try to reduce India's dependence on other countries.

Mr. Vishav Bandhu, Deputy Director, Policy Implementation Unit, Government of Punjab stated that special efforts are being made to ensure that the benefits of the



L-R Mr. P K Bhardwaj, General Manager, NABARD; Mr Sandeep Rishi, IAS, Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Amritsar, Mr. R S Sachdeva, Chair, Punjab State Chapter, PHDCCI; Mr. Jaideep Singh, Convener-Amritsar Zone, Punjab State Chapter, PHDCCI; Mr. Suvidh Shah, ITS, Joint DGFT, Government of India; Mr. Vishav Bandhu, Deputy Director, Policy Implementation Unit, Government of Punjab and Mr. Kuldeep Singh, Branch Manager, ECGC during Exporters' Conclave 2021: Export Vision Punjab

schemes of the Punjab Government reach to as many industries as possible.

Mr. P K Bhardwaj, General Manager, NABARD, mentioned that industrialists play an important role in strengthening the economy of Punjab. He apprised on the enabling role played by NABARD through varied interventions in agriculture production for exporters, infrastructure logistics, credit support, mobilisation, capacity building and marketing. Ms. Arpita Bhattacharjee, Dy. General Manager, NABARD gave detailed information on NABARD schemes for boosting Agri exports from Punjab.

Mr. Kuldeep Singh, Branch Manager, ECGC shared about Risk management cover and schemes for promotion of exports. Mr. Dinesh Sekhri, Vice President, HDFC Bank spoke on the benefits to exporters provided by HDFC Bank. Mr. Mukesh Sethi, Deputy GM, Punjab National Bank spoke on the financial support extended to exporters by the Punjab National Bank.

The session was moderated by Mr. Ajay Mahajan, Co-chair, Punjab State Chapter, PHD Chamber and was attended by about 100 exporters representing various industries from all over Punjab.



INTERACTION WITH PRESIDENT, PUNJAB PRADESH CONGRESS COMMITTEE

Mr. Navjot Singh Sidhu, President, Punjab Pradesh Congress Committee visited PITEK on the third day of PITEK 2021 and interacted with participants and media. He stated that PITEK has contributed in a big way in projecting Punjab as a preferred industrial state. Industrialists appealed to the Government of Punjab to restart Indo Pak trade as it will boost the economy of both the countries.

Mr. R S Sachdeva, Chair, Punjab State Chapter, PHD Chamber and Mr. Naveen Seth, Assistant Secretary General, PHD Chamber while addressing the Press Conference raised the demand of the industry to



Mr. Navjot Singh Sidhu, President, Punjab Pradesh Congress Committee addressing the Media on December 4, 2021 at Amritsar. Also seen are Mr. Gurpreet Singh Khaira, Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar and Mr. R.S Sachdeva, Chair, Punjab State Chapter, PHDCCI.

restart Indo-Pak trade.

Mr. R S Sachdeva stated that industries and trade partners should be allowed to visit across the borders as there is huge demand for Indian products in Pakistan and vice versa. He said that the Government should allocate funds for the proposed Exhibition Centre at Amritsar and the Exhibition centre should be taken out of the PPP model. It is a long

pending demand of the industry and the foundation stone should be laid by the current government. Further, he also mentioned that many state governments have waived off Road Tax on e-vehicles to promote electronic vehicles whereas Punjab Government is still charging Road Tax on e-vehicles. He appealed to the Government of Punjab to waive off Road Tax on E Vehicles as it will help

in addressing the huge concern of pollution in the state.

Mr. Naveen Seth, Assistant Secretary General, PHD Chamber stated that in 2017 a Reverse Buyer Seller meet of SAARC countries was organized successfully and PHDCCI will take it up with Ministry of Commerce, Government of India for organizing the same during PITEX 22.

NGO VISIT TO PITEX

The Punjab State Chapter, PHDCCI organized the visit of about 40 students of a local NGO – Mission Deep Educational Trust to PITEX on December 4, 2021. This NGO is engaged in providing education to the underprivileged girl students. The objective of the visit was to enlighten children about the products and culture of different States participating in the Trade Expo.

The Children were taken around the Exhibition. Gifts provided by Mr. Jaideep Singh, Convenor, Amritsar Zone, Punjab State Chapter, PHDCCI were also distributed to the students.



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VALEDICTORY SESSION



Mr. S. Charanjit Singh Channi, Chief Minister, Punjab addressing the audience during Valedictory Session of PITEX 2021

The Valedictory session of PITEX-2021 was held on December 6, 2021. In a bid to boost the State's economy, Mr. S. Charanjit Singh Channi, Chief Minister, Punjab mentioned that he would soon write to the Government of India besides seeking appointment with the Union Home Minister, Mr. Amit Shah to flag the issue for opening trade with the neighboring country of Pakistan.

According to the major demand of PHD Chamber, CM Punjab announced that the foundation stone of a convention centre for PITEX over an

area of 10 acres would be laid within the week to enable the organization to carry out diverse range of activities to promote trade and industry in the region in a big way.

Mr. S. Charanjit Singh Channi, Chief Minister, Punjab questioned if trade can be carried by the sea route then why not the same is permitted through land route as it would propel enormous opportunities of economic prosperity.

Likewise, he also said that a digital single window system would be put in place shortly to ensure all kinds of

requisite permissions from a unified platform to the industrialists in a seamless manner. He further stated that this move would also enable them to apply for permissions from their homes to almost removing the user interface with the officials thus increasing transparency.

Listing the achievements of his government, the CM Punjab divulged that the State Government has withdrawn 40000 VAT related cases registered against the traders, abolishing the institutional tax, made the Right to Business Act, 2020





Mr. Karan Gilhotra, Chair, Punjab State Chapter, PHDCCI and Mr. Jaideep Singh, Convener-Amritsar Zone, Punjab State Chapter, PHDCCI felicitating Mr. S. Charanjit Singh Channi, Chief Minister, Punjab during Valedictory Session of PITE X 2021

applicable, done away with the need to obtain CLU in case of extension of factories and industrial areas and reduced 50 percent fixed charges thus giving huge respite to the industrial sector. Bringing down the number of 14 mobile squads to 4 thus ending inspector raj, up-gradation of focal points at a cost of Rs. 150 crore, One Time Settlement (OTS) scheme for disputed cases besides a film city project are already on the anvil in Chandigarh to be developed over an area of 200 acres.

The Chief Minister further informed that they are also planning to introduce a curriculum in the educational institutions in line with the demands of the industrial sector with

sharpened focus on skill development.

Citing the huge potential of Amritsar in religious tourism, CM Punjab expressed satisfaction that Punjab has been ranked No. 1 in terms of infrastructure development in the tourism sector. He also lauded PITE X for its yeoman's service in offering a big platform to the businessmen of the state and ensuring presence of five countries viz. Iran, Egypt, Afghanistan, Turkey and Thailand in the Expo. CM Punjab also visited exhibition stalls and presented the 'Best Outdoor stall' award to Sonalika while JAL Company bagged the 'Best Indoor Stall' award.

Mr. Navjot Singh Sidhu, President, PCC also underlined the significance

of cross border trade. Describing Amritsar as the biggest market of Asia, he said that it would open new vistas of prosperity for Punjab as trade and business activities would be carried out with 34 countries. Underscoring the need to give fillip to MSMEs (small traders), the PCC President said that our focus must be on enabling the youth to be job creators instead of job seekers.

Mr. Karan Gilhotra, Co-chair, Punjab State Chapter, PHDCCI thanked the district administration for rendering all possible assistance for organizing PITE X-21 successfully. He informed that the Ludhiana edition of PITE X will be organized in March, 2022.



Mr. S. Charanjit Singh Channi, Chief Minister, Punjab felicitating Awardees during Valedictory Session of PITE X 2021



POST-COVID ERA INDUSTRIAL TRAINING SCENARIO & WAY FORWARD - EMBRACING THE NEW OPPORTUNITIES



The PHDCCI-Rajasthan Chapter organized a webinar on “Post COVID Era Industrial Training Scenario & Way Forward-Embracing the New Opportunities” on December 24, 2021.

Mr. Digvijay Dhabriya, Chair, PHDCCI-Rajasthan Chapter in his welcome address narrated the effect of COVID-19 in personal and social lifestyles and its adverse impact on trade and businesses. Mr. Dhabriya stated that some of the changes in thought process and business practices seem to be of irreversible nature and going to stay for long. He observed that it is high time to identify proper training needs for different sectors to effectively cope-up with & embrace the changes in Post-COVID Era and convert them into new

opportunities.

Mr. Vivek Seigell, Assistant Secretary General, PHDCCI quoting Shakespeare informed that Human Beings hardly use 2% of their brain capacity in their day-to-day life leaving huge untapped capacities which can be gainfully used through proper training for increasing productivity, innovation, technological development, etc.

In his key note address, Mr. Vikram Sharma, Founder & CEO, Mystic Brains Pvt. Ltd., a renowned trainer and motivational speaker underlined the importance of training in resolving day-to-day issues and increasing productivity of working hours in trade and businesses. He stated that COVID has introduced many new normals like importance of technological development and

its adoption, increasing digitization, market disruptions, changes in supply chain scenario, flexibility, adaptability, self-management, work from home culture, stress management, etc. which can be easily managed and addressed by proper training inputs. “Change in psychology changes Physiology” and this tendency can be effectively used through proper training to increase productivity, problem solving and embracing the change in businesses, Mr. Sharma explained.

Mr. Sumer Singh Shekhawat, Co-chair, PHDCCI-Rajasthan Chapter delivered the vote-of- thanks to the eminent speakers and participants.



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DIGITIZATION IS CHANGING SMEs AND THEIR OPPORTUNITIES

The Uttarakhand State Chapter and MSME Committee of PHD Chamber in association with Amazon Internet Services Private Limited organized the 5th Webinar on ‘Digitization is Changing SMEs and their Opportunities’ on December 7, 2021 to explore ways to bring the power of digitalization to SMBs.

In his welcome address, Mr. Hemant Kochhar, Chair, Uttarakhand State Chapter, PHDCCI mentioned that in the present scenario, operating digitally is the only way to stay in business as it is no longer an option but a necessity. He stated that Digital technology can help businesses expand and also reach out to remote markets lacking infrastructure. He pointed out that “Platform firms” are

dominating markets even more as we are already seeing Amazon and other platforms getting bigger and stronger as brick-and-mortar stores are unable to compete.

Mr. D P Goel, Co-chair, MSME Committee PHDCCI, stated that the COVID-19 pandemic continued to be the key driver of cloud adoption as enterprises continue their investments in cloud infrastructure, platforms, and software to improve the resiliency of their business operations and equip them to tackle successive waves of the pandemic.

Dr H P Kumar, Former CMD, NSIC & Advisor MSME shared the difficulties and challenges faced by the MSMEs on digitalization.

Mr Sanjay Singh, Business Development Lead (Training & Certification), Amazon Internet Services Private Limited shared Amazon’s Vision on scaling cloud skilling programs to learners and organizations and digitization of Indian SMEs at a mass scale. He also mentioned the benefits of Amazon Modules and benefits of working on Amazon platform that can help SMBs to achieve growth and scale their businesses.

The session was moderated by Mr Rajeev Vaid, Uttarakhand State Chapter, PHDCCI. The programme concluded with vote-of-thanks delivered by Mr. Sameer Nayar, Co-chair, MSME Committee, PHDCCI .



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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 December 27, 2021 at Maharani Laxmi Bai Government Para Medical College, Jhansi.

Chief Guest, Mr. Shree Ram Chauhan, Minister of State (IC), Horticulture, Agriculture Marketing, Agriculture Foreign Trade & Export, Uttar Pradesh appreciated the presence of farmers during the session and informed that the State Government through the Department of Horticulture & Food Processing is committed to facilitate the farmers in every possible way in order to double their income and improve their livelihood. He suggested that small and marginal farmers should associate themselves with FPOs and sell their produce in groups instead of individually to urban areas

where they can get fair price of their products. He also said that with rising population and reducing land area, farmers should adopt high-tech nurseries and poly-houses instead of traditional cultivation methods so as to produce better and more crops. He concluded by saying that PHDCCI, ADL & HOFED are doing exemplary work by organizing such educative and meaningful workshops and the same shall be taken in each district of the State to obtain maximum results.

Mr. Jawahar Lal Rajput, MLA - BJP, Garautha, Jhansi gave a holistic perspective of growth and changing scenario of Horticulture farming in Bundelkhand and Jhansi. He appreciated the efforts of the State Government and the Department of Horticulture and Food Processing towards facilitating the farmers of the State with every possible way to enhance their income and livelihood. He requested farmers should use organic fertilizers instead of synthetic

fertilizers so as to reduce their costs and better their produce and should incorporate maximum use of water sprinklers to grow the desired crops in abundant quantities.

Mr. Shailesh Kumar, IAS, CDO, Jhansi expressed happiness that farmers today are getting aware about the importance of right way of cultivation especially in the region of Jhansi and Bundelkhand. He informed that the farmers in Jhansi are adopting Organic Farming which is an alternative farming system for prosperity of farmers. Not only does Organic Farming build healthy soil but it also helps combat serious soil, water and climatic change issues, he added.

Mr. Vinay Kumar Yadav, Deputy Director, Horticulture, Jhansi spoke on the importance of selection of right crops by farmers in Jhansi to fetch them maximum income and said that willingness to learn amongst the farmers in Jhansi is growing day-by-day. He talked upon high-tech nursery and shed light upon the benefits of infusing technologies and latest equipment in farming. He spoke about 'Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sichayi Yojna' (PMKSY) and the importance of this scheme in water deficit areas like Jhansi and Bundelkhand.

Mr. Shailendra Suman, Incharge - Marketing, HOFED shed light upon the role of HOFED in efficient marketing of farmer crops rewarding them with huge financial returns. He talked about various schemes and subsidies run by the department for the benefit of the farmers and elaborated the MIDH scheme in details.

Mr. Shyam Bihar Gupta, Expert, Organic Farming, Jhansi deliberated upon the several benefits of Organic Farming, which relies upon crop rotations, use of crop residues, animal manures, legumes, green manures, off-farm organic wastes, bio fertilizers, mechanical cultivation, mineral bearing rocks and aspects of biological control to maintain soil productivity to supply plant nutrients and to control insects, weeds and other pests.

The interactive symposium was attended by more than 700 participants comprising of progressive Horticulturists, Farmers, FPOs, SHGs Gram Pradhans, DHO, Government officials and other agriculture stakeholders of Uttar Pradesh.





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Dr Vinit Kumar, Deputy Director, Horticulture - Meerut, Government of Uttar Pradesh emphasized on the good things done by the Department amid the testing times of the pandemic. He said that the right selection of crops as per the changing needs and trends is very important for a farmer to reap maximum cost benefits out of them, and hence it's

important that the farmer should keep himself adept with the current market needs. He mentioned that the right cost is often not provided to the horticulture produce of the farmers when they have low quantity of produce and have to sell their crops to mediators. He further explained that is why farmers need to sell their crops in large quantities and in groups through FPOs, SHGs, etc. which shall not only fetch them right cost but also expose them to bigger markets.

Mr. Shailendra Suman, Marketing In-charge, HOFED shed light upon various schemes and subsidies run by the Department for the benefit of the farmers.

Dr Babita Singh, Director, Agribusiness Committee, PHDCCI gave a holistic perspective of growth and changing scenario of Horticulture in India. She said that it is imperative to improve the quality of the produce and the same will not only enable the Indian farmers to compete with the imported products more effectively but also gear them to sell their produce in the international market. She explained the benefits of Horticulture Budget, National Horticulture Mission, Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture Scheme, High-tech Horticulture and Cluster approach in details.

Dr Ashish Tyagi, Scientist, KVK, Meerut said that farmers today are getting aware about the importance of right way of cultivation, as his educative YouTube channel which was started last year has more than 50,000 subscribers now. He talked upon high-tech nursery in details and shed light upon the benefits of infusing technologies and latest equipment in farming.

Dr Naveen Chandra, Scientist, KVK, Meerut deliberated upon mushroom cultivation and shed light upon various benefits of mushrooms.

Dr Chandra Shekhar, Expert, Beekeeping, Meerut deliberated upon the several benefits of beekeeping and about the advantages of opting beekeeping as a successful career.

Mr. Gampal Singh, DHO, Meerut informed about the vision and mission of the Department of Horticulture and Food Processing, Uttar Pradesh. 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. He concluded by emphasizing on multitasking by farmers and said that the need of the hour is of – one-man-many-tasks and the same can leverage many benefits to the farmers for their betterment.

The session was moderated by Mr. Atul Srivastava, Resident Director, UP State Chapter, PHDCCI who also took questionnaires from the farmers to the panelists.





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GOVERNMENT SCHEMES TO START NEW BUSINESS

The Uttar Pradesh Chapter of PHD Chamber in association with Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI), Lucknow and Indian Institute of Information Technology (IIIT), Lucknow organized a Virtual Session on “Government Schemes to Start New Business” on

December 21, 2021.

Dr Bindu Singh, Assistant Professor & Incharge, Incubation Centre, IIIT Lucknow gave an overview of IIIT, Lucknow and also shared the mission, vision and goal of her institution with the participants.

Mr. Rakesh Kumar, Assistant Director, Ministry of MSME – DI, Kanpur gave an overview of MSME Sector of the country. He also described the process of registering the MSMEs under MSME Udyam Aadhar Portal. He also briefed about the export scenario of Uttar Pradesh.

Mr. Atul Srivastava, Resident Director, UP Chapter, PHDCCI moderated the entire session.

Mr. Rishi Raj Tandon, Director, Saptrishi Infosystems Pvt. Ltd. delivered the vote-of-thanks to all the speakers and participants.



INDIA TO OVERTAKE JAPAN AS ASIA’S 2ND LARGEST ECONOMY BY 2030

According to IHS Markit, India is likely to overtake Japan as Asia’s second-largest economy by 2030 when its GDP is also projected to surpass that of Germany and the UK to rank as world’s No.3. Currently, India is the sixth-largest economy in the world, behind the US, China, Japan, Germany and the UK. “India’s nominal GDP measured in USD terms is forecast to rise from USD 2.7 trillion in 2021 to USD 8.4 trillion by 2030,” IHS Markit Ltd said. “This rapid pace of economic expansion would result in the size of Indian GDP exceeding Japanese GDP by 2030, making India the second-largest economy in the Asia-Pacific region.” By 2030, the Indian economy would also be larger in size than the largest Western European economies of Germany, France and the UK.

The long-term outlook for the Indian economy is supported by a number of key growth drivers. “An important positive factor for India is its large and fast-growing middle class, which is helping to drive consumer spending,” IHS Markit said, forecasting that the country’s consumption expenditure will double from USD 1.5 trillion in 2020 to USD 3 trillion by 2030.

For the full fiscal year 2021-22 (April 2021 to March 2022), India’s real GDP growth rate is projected to be 8.2 per cent, rebounding from the severe contraction of 7.3 per cent year-on-year in 2020-21, IHS Markit said. The Indian economy is forecast to continue growing strongly in the 2022-23 fiscal year, at a pace of 6.7 per cent. The rapidly growing domestic consumer market as well as its large industrial sector have made India an increasingly important investment destination for a wide range of multinationals in many sectors, including manufacturing, infrastructure and services. The digital transformation of India that is currently underway is expected to accelerate the growth of e-commerce, changing the retail consumer market landscape over the next decade.

“This is attracting leading global multinationals in technology and e-commerce to the Indian market,” according to the report. “By 2030, 1.1 billion Indians will have internet access, more than doubling from the estimated 500 million internet users in 2020.”

“The large increase in FDI inflows to India that has been evident over the past five years is also continuing with strong momentum in 2020 and 2021,” it said. Being one of the world’s fastest-growing economies will make India one of the most important long-term growth markets for multinationals in a wide range of industries, including manufacturing industries such as autos, electronics and chemicals, and services industries such as banking, insurance, asset management, healthcare and information technology.



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Meeting with Union Minister of State for Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution



A PHDCCI delegation led by Mr. Pradeep Multani, President and comprising of Mr. Sharad Jaipuria, Past President; Dr J P Gupta, Chair, Environment Committee; Mr. Mahender Rustagi, Co-chair, Environment Committee and Mr. Naveen Seth, ASG met Mr. Ashwini Kumar Choubey, Union Minister of State for Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution on December 11, 2021 at his office in New Delhi.

Mr. Multani discussed various industry issues like BIO DIVERSITY ACT 2002; EPR for Plastic Packaging Waste; Plastic Waste Management (Amendment) Rules, August 2021. The



Minister informed that his Ministry has already issued a Notification on E-waste collection targets for FY 2021-22 under the EPR provision of the E-Waste (management) Rules 2016,

in wake of COVID 19 pandemic and his Ministry has decided to reduce the targets of e-waste collection from 50% to 40% for the current FY 2021-22.

Meeting with Deputy CM, Haryana

A PHD Chamber delegation led by Mr. Pranav Gupta, Chair, Haryana State Chapter and comprising of Mr. Saurabh Sanyal, Secretary General; Mr. Naveen Seth, Assistant Secretary General; Ms. Madhu Pillai, Regional Director and Mr. Gurdarshan Aggarwal, Additional Resident Director met Mr. Dushyant Chautala, Deputy Chief Minister, Haryana on December 20, 2021 at Chandigarh. Mr. Gupta proposed to organize an Investment Summit in association with Haryana Government to attract new investments in the state.



Meeting with Secretary Ministry of AYUSH

A PHDCCI delegation led by Mr. Pradeep Multani, President and comprising of Dr Santosh Joshi, Co-chair, AYUSH Committee and Sr. General Manager, Hamdard Laboratories India and Mr. Vivek Seigell, Asst. Secretary General, met Mr. Vaidya Rajesh Kotecha, Secretary, Ministry of AYUSH on December 21, 2021 at AYUSH Bhawan, New Delhi. The delegation invited Mr. Kotecha for an interactive hybrid program with all the stalwarts of AYUSH Industry in the month of January 2022.



Meeting with Secretary, Ministry of Tourism



A PHD Chamber delegation led by Mr. Pawan S. Jain, Chair- Tourism & Hospitality Committee and comprising of Mr. Rajan Sehgal, Co-chair- Tourism & Hospitality Committee; Mr. Saurabh Sanyal, Secretary General and Dr Yogesh Srivastav, Assistant Secretary General met Mr. Arvind Singh (IAS), Secretary, Ministry of Tourism on December 10, 2021 at New Delhi. The objective of the meeting was to apprise the Secretary about the new leadership and also seek his inputs on the upcoming projects of the Tourism & Hospitality Committee of PHDCCI.

Meeting with Principal Secretary, Urban Development and Housing Department, Government of Rajasthan

Mr. Digvijay Dhabriya, Chair and Mr. R K Gupta, Resident Director, PHDCCI-Rajasthan Chapter met Mr. Kunji Lal Meena, IAS, Principal Secretary, Urban Development and Housing Department, Government of Rajasthan on December 17, 2021 at the Civil Secretariat, Jaipur. The objective of the meeting was to invite him to the forthcoming “PHDCCI Architecture Conclave” scheduled for January 15, 2022.



Meeting with Principal Secretary, Social Justice & Empowerment Department, Government of Rajasthan



Mr. Digvijay Dhabriya, Chair and Mr. R K Gupta, Resident Director, PHDCCI-Rajasthan Chapter met Dr Samit Sharma, IAS, Principal Secretary, Social Justice & Empowerment Department, Government of Rajasthan on December 14, 2021 at Civil Secretariat, Jaipur. The objective of the meeting was to connect with different programs and initiatives of Social Justice and Empowerment Department dedicated towards educational and socio-economic development of the weaker sections of the society.

Meeting with ACS, Agriculture and Farmer's Welfare, Haryana

PHD Chamber delegation led by Mr. Pranav Gupta, Chair Haryana State Chapter and comprising of Mr. Saurabh Sanyal, Secretary General; Mr. Naveen Seth, Assistant Secretary General; Ms. Madhu Pillai, Regional Director; Mr. Pradeep Rattan, Resident Director and Mr. Gurdarshan Aggarwal, Additional Resident Director met Dr Sumita Misra, IAS, ACS, Agriculture and Farmer's Welfare, Government of Haryana on December 20, 2021 at her office in Chandigarh. Mr. Gupta mentioned that the Chamber has an expert committee on Agriculture and has organized two Agri Leadership



Summits with Government of Haryana and would be interested to organize similar events with the State Government.

Meeting with Additional Director General, Ministry of Tourism

PHD Chamber delegation led by Mr. Pawan S. Jain, Chair, Tourism & Hospitality Committee and comprising of Mr. Rajan Sehgal, Co-chair-Tourism & Hospitality Committee; Mr. Saurabh Sanyal, Secretary General; Dr Yogesh Srivastav, Assistant Secretary General and Ms. Sulagna Ghosh met Ms. Rupinder Brar (IRS), Additional Director General, Ministry of Tourism on December 10, 2021 at New Delhi. The objective of the meeting was to seek her inputs on Border Tourism Webinar Series.





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The PHD Family Welfare Foundation celebrated its 35 years of welfare work on December 14, 2021 in PHD Auditorium at PHD House, New Delhi. The inaugural lamp was lit by Mr. Pradeep Multani, President PHDCCI; Mr. Saket Dalmia, Sr VP, PHDCCI; Mr. Rajesh Mehra, Director and Promoter,

Jaquar Group; Ms. Anuradha Goel, Chairperson PHDFWF and Mr. Saurabh Sanyal, Secretary General, PHDCCI. PHDFWF also felicitated its esteemed donors and supporters for their continuous support to the Foundation. The programme was followed by a musical evening of old Hindi music by nationally renowned Ms. Kavita Murti

Deshpande, Mr. Sagar Kendurkar and team from Mumbai. The beneficiaries from FWF skill development centres also performed welcome dance and desh bhakti geet. The programme was attended by former presidents & managing committee members of PHDCCI, Board members of FWF and other distinguished guests.



PHD FAMILY WELFARE FOUNDATION HAS STARTED A MONTH LONG WINTER CAMP



PHD Family Welfare Foundation has started a month long winter camp from December 24, 2021 with support from L&T Prayas Trust.

The camp is organized every year to promote skill development among students through creative learning methods. Some of the classes include

brainstorming activities such as virtual tour, a read aloud, yoga sessions for better mental and physical health.

PHD FAMILY WELFARE FOUNDATION ORGANIZED A CERTIFICATE DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM AT PHD FAMILY WELFARE FOUNDATION SKILL DEVELOPMENT CENTER, AYA NAGAR, NEW DELHI



The PHD Family Welfare Foundation organized a certificate distribution program on December 16, 2021 at PHDFWF-NL Mehra Vocational Training Center, Aya Nagar, New Delhi. Mr. Kanwar Shamsher, Head CSR, Jaquar Foundation; Mr. Vishal Tejpal, Mr. Ankush and other officials from

Jaquar foundation along with Ms. Anuradha Goel, Chairperson, PHD FWF; Ms. Sangita Dutta Das, CEO, PHDFWF and senior officials from PHDFWF distributed 120 certificates to the beneficiaries who have completed their courses in retail management, advance computer, beauty culture and electrician. The beneficiary students

performed a welcome song and a dance. Trainers of Aya Nagar were appreciated by the dignitaries on the dais for their marvelous efforts. Head CSR, Jaquar Foundation motivated all the girls to enroll in electrician courses. Snacks and beverages were distributed to all the beneficiaries after the programme.

PHDFWF DISTRIBUTED NUTRITIONAL FOOD TO WINTER CAMP CHILDREN AND ONE MONTH DRY RATION TO THEIR FAMILIES



PHDFWF distributed nutritional food to 50 winter camp children and one-month dry food ration to their families in the areas of Palla, Faridabad and Okhla. The nutritional food which contains peanuts, milk, Bournvita/Horlicks, chana, frooti, biscuits, etc. will be given every week to children for one month. The dry food ration contains pulses, rice, flour, tea leaves, sugar, soya chunks, cooking oil, salt, spices, which has been given once for a month.

HEALTH CARE

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



In December 2021, 1180 patients were benefited from 21 camps organized in five adopted villages by the Jaquar group in Bhiwadi, Rajasthan. The mobile van has been providing diagnostic services and free medicines to patients.

PHDFWF-SMPF MOBILE MEDICAL VAN

During the month of December 2021, 16 free health check-up camps were conducted, and 1482 patients benefited 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 the distribution of free medications. Regular camps are being arranged while taking all precautions.



PHDFWF-ROTARY PREMIER-JAQUAR ORGANISED FREE HEALTH CHECK UP CAMPS FOR DESTITUTE CHILDREN RESIDING IN CHILD CARE INSTITUTIONS



The PHD Family Welfare Foundation in association with Department of Women and Child Development, Govt. of NCT of Delhi with support from its donors has been supporting 101 children's homes across Delhi. In the month of November 2021, PHDFWF organized 11 camps and served 509 children through the Mobile Medical Van.

PHDFWF- JAQUAR FOUNDATION DENTAL AND EYE MOBILE VAN



PHDFWF-Jaquar Eye & Dental van organized 13 free check-up camps and benefitted 521 patients in the month of December 2021. Regular free eye and dental check-up, dental screening, scaling & filling, diagnostic care, clinical services medicines and spectacles were distributed during these camps.

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



PHDFWF-Jaquar mobile van conducted 18 health check-up camps that benefitted 1100 patients in the month of December, 2021. Free diagnostic facilities, medicines and KN95 masks were also distributed to patients living in the villages of Harchandpur, Alipur, Garhi Bazidpur and Dhaula of Gurugram under this project.



PHDFWF-AAOT MOBILE MEDICAL VAN

PHDFWF-AAOT mobile van conducted 16 health check-up camps in association with Holy Family Hospital and benefitted 945 patients living in Ali village, Naibasti, Priyanka Camp, Subhash Camp and New Delhi during the month of December 2021.



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 of Delhi has been providing various Health/RCH services to the migrant workers in resettlement areas of Okhla. Project activities like 50-ICTC-CBS, 52-RPR, 433-RMC, 30-PT, 7-STI, 0- DIC, 4 review meetings, etc. were conducted in the month of December 2021. A total of 470 patients attended the clinic under the project during this month.

PHDFWF-JAQUAR FOUNDATION MOBILE MEDICAL VAN (BHACHAU, GUJARAT)



During the month of December 2021, 48 free health check-up camps were organized and 2080 patients were benefited from the camps. The mobile van distributed free health care services including free diagnostic facilities, clinical services, and free medications to disadvantaged communities in 11 adopted villages of Jaquar in Bhachau, Gujarat.

COVID RELIEF WORK

SUPPORT FROM SAVERA ASSOCIATION TO FAMILIES WHO HAVE LOST THEIR SOLE EARNING MEMBER



PHD Family Welfare Foundation with the aid from Savera Association is expanding its support to families who have lost their sole bread earner during COVID-19 pandemic. The monthly ration package included 10 kg of wheat flour,

10 kg rice, 5 kg different pulses, 5 kg sugar, 3 liters of cooking oil, spices, bournvita, suji, Maida, chips, besan, rusk, and other biscuits, namkeen, bedsheets along with pillow covers, etc. Also included sanitary items such as brooms, sanitary napkins,

toilet cleaner, mop, washing powder, washing bars, candles, soaps, sanitizers, KN-95 masks, etc. PHDFWF have supported 5 families who have lost their bread earner due to COVID-19 in December 2021.

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



PHDFWF is supporting 55 families in resettlement regions (where PHDFWF has a Skill Development unit) who have lost their family's sole earner owing to Covid or other causes. With support from its esteemed donors, PHDFWF is providing monthly ration and other necessary items during the coming months and simultaneously they are learning skill training in the FWF centres so that after completing their respective courses they will be able to support their families and become self-sufficient.

SKILL & VOCATIONAL TRAINING

PHDFWF - JAQUAR SKILL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING CENTRES, BHACHAU, GUJARAT



With the help of the Jaquar Foundation, PHDFWF has been executing a skill development initiative in Bhachau,

Gujrat. Beauty Culture, Computer education, Tailoring, tutorial classes and Local craft skills training are being provided to the local women and

youth under the project. Currently, more than 180 trainees are receiving training in their respective courses.

HINDUSTAN TIN WORKS SKILL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING CENTRE, PRAHALADPUR



At the PHDFWF- Hindustan Tin Works skill centre at Prahaladpur, 68 beneficiaries are availing free training in computer education and beauty culture under the project. Other related informational sessions are being conducted on a regular interval basis under the project to upgrade the trainees.

PHDFWF - JAQUAR SKILL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING CENTRES, MANDI VILLAGE



Presently, 115 trainees are receiving training in their respective courses. 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.



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

PHDFWF has been implementing a skill development project in Badli Extn., Rohini with the support from Goyal MG Gases. Presently, 85 trainees are undergoing various trainings on Computer education, Tailoring and Beauty culture under the project during the month of December, 2021.



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 this month of December 2021 under the project.

L&T PRAYAS SKILL DEVELOPMENT CENTRE, PALLA, FARIDABAD



Prayas Trust, L&T Faridabad is supporting PHD Family Welfare Foundation is implementing a skill development project in Palla,

Faridabad. Currently, 83 local women and girls are availing training in computer education & tailoring and embroidery during this month 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-HSIL NEW SKILL DEVELOPMENT CENTRE, ALLA MOHALLA, OKHLA

PHD Family Welfare Foundation with support from HSIL Ltd. started a new skill development centre in Alla Mohalla, Okhla. In the month of December 2021, 70 local women and girls enrolled and are attending their training in computer education & tailoring under the project.



PHDFWF-JAQUAR SKILL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING CENTRES, SIKRA, GUJARAT



PHDFWF has been running a skill development initiative in Sikra, Gujarat with the support of Jaguar Foundation. Beauty Culture, Tailoring & Computer education are being provided to the local women and youth under the project. Currently, more than 120 trainees are receiving training in their respective courses.

PHDFWF - KAJARIA CERAMICS SKILL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING CENTRE, ASSAM

PHDFWF has been providing skill development training in hand weaving at Lakhimpur district of Assam. This centre is being supported by Kajaria Ceramics Ltd. Rural girls & women are getting free training to make them self-reliant under the project.



PHDFWF-FENA SKILL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING CENTRE

At the PHDFWF-FENA skill development centre in Okhla, 43 trainees are undergoing training in tailoring and embroidery. During this time, the project also held an awareness campaign and health check-up camps. After completing their course, trainees were self-employed and earning a good living.



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

This project is being supported by Jaquar Foundation since August 2020. During December 2021, 138 trainees are availing free skills training on nursing assistant, advance computer education, retail management, electrician and beauty culture at the Aya Nagar centre. Exposure visits and health camps are also conducted routinely with Covid protocols.

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 December 2021. PHDFWF is successfully running

one skill development training centre in Matalwas, Bhivadi, and Rajasthan with the extensive support of Jaquar Foundation.



PHDFWF-WRG SKILL DEVELOPMENT CENTRE, AYA NAGAR

In the Aya Nagar centre, supported by Women Rehabilitation Group, USA, 72 trainees are receiving training on tailoring and embroidery as well as computer education. During November 2021, one awareness program and health camps were also conducted under the project.



PHDFWF-JAQUAR SKILL DEVELOPMENT CENTRE, NARAYAN VIHAR, RAJASTHAN



PHDFWF is running a skill development training centre with support from Jaquar Foundation

in Narayan Vihar, Rajasthan. A total of 196 women & girls are attending their regular classes on computer

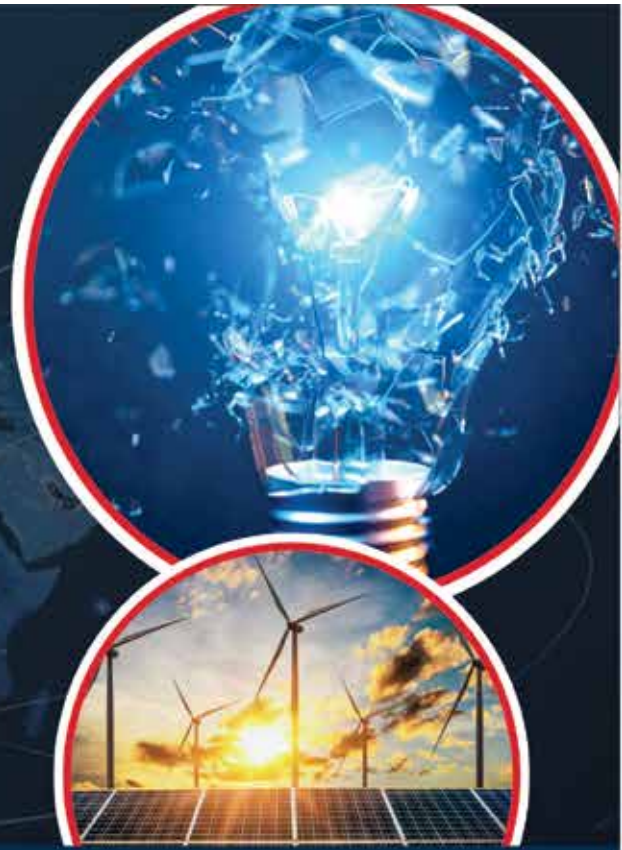
education, Tutorial classes for science & maths, beauty culture and tailoring during the month of December 2021 under the project.



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PHD RURAL DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION (PHDRDF)

PHD Chamber of Commerce & Industry strongly believes in its social responsibility along with economic development and PHD Rural Development Foundation, social arm of PHD Chamber of Commerce & Industry extends its support in delivering the same. The projects in the areas of Healthcare, Education, Skill Development, Entrepreneurship Development, Livelihood and Water Conservation are being undertaken with patronage of various donors across corporates, International Organizations, Individual donors and PSUs.

PHDRDF-GOVERNING BODY MEETING



PHDRDF held its Governing Body Meeting for the third quarter of the financial year 2021-22 on December 8, 2021. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Sanjay Bhatia, Chairman, PHDRDF and joined by Mr. Pradeep Multani, President; Mr. Saket Dalmia, Senior Vice President; Mr. Saurabh Sanyal, Secretary General and other Governing body members including Mr. DK Aggarwal, Mr. KS Mehta, Mr. Rajeev Talwar, Mr Arun Kataruka, Mr. Ranjan Dhingra and Mr. Atul Dev. The Board reviewed the progress of PHDRDF during the three quarters of FY 2021-22 and discussed the way forward.



PHDRDF HEALTHCARE INTERVENTION AND SANITATION

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

PHDRDF - TALWANDI SABO POWER LTD.

PHDRDF has partnered with TSPL for Community Health Project-SEHAT (Safe and Effective Health Action by TSPL) at Mansa, Punjab. As a part of the project, PHDRDF will manage and administer healthcare services at PHC Behniwal including OPD and clinical laboratory. Healthcare services will also be provided at village level through Mobile health camps across 7 nearby villages of Mansa District, Punjab.



Team from PHDRDF with TSPL representatives at PHC Behniwal, Mansa, Punjab

PHDRDF - DHAMPUR SUGAR MILLS LTD. - ASMOLI

PHDRDF has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Dhampur Sugar Mills Ltd. to implement project “Free Mobile Health Camp Services” at 28 villages for three factory locations i.e. Asmoli, Meerganj and Mansoorpur during the year 2022. During the project period, a total of 271 health camps including generic, women & child care and eye care camps will be organized. The project will provide health care services through a well-equipped technology assisted mobile medical van with testing devices like ECG, blood test facilities like haemoglobin, blood sugar supported by a qualified medical team. Along with medicines, free spectacles will also be distributed during the eye care camps. The focus of the project will be to provide health care services to women population in these remote villages.

PHDRDF - ROTARY CLUB OF ROORKEE, MIDTOWN



NCD Health camps at TehriGarhwal, Uttarakhand

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 people residing in 15 villages of Pratapnagar and Jakhanidhar block of Tehri, Gharwal through specialised Non-Communicable Disease camps. During the period, 20 NCD camps and 5 tele-consultation camps were organized wherein more than 1800 patients have been treated.



PHDRDF – HSIL LIMITED



PHDRDF has partnered with HSIL Ltd. for a project titled “Mobile Health Services”. Two Force Motor Ambulances have been provided by HSIL Ltd. to organize free health camps in nearby areas of Bahadurgarh and Kaharani in Haryana and Rajasthan respectively. Health care services are being provided to the people through a well-equipped technology assisted mobile medical van with testing devices like ECG, blood test facilities like haemoglobin, blood sugar and supported by a qualified medical team. During the month of December, 7 health camps have been organized so far in 7 nearby locations of Bahadurgarh. More than 700 patients were treated during these camps.

PHDRDF - GE POWER SYSTEMS INDIA PRIVATE LTD.

PHDRDF have partnered together with GE Power Systems India Pvt. Ltd. to upgrade the Primary Health Centre & Community Health Centre at Sanand block, Ahmedabad district in Gujarat. These health centres will be upgraded by providing medical equipment and furniture which will help cater to patients with better facilities and help in providing better treatment.

PHDRDF-DHAMPUR SUGAR MILLS LTD.- DHAMPUR



Pictures from the health camp conducted at Dhampur & Rajpura

PHDRDF has partnered with Dhampur Sugar Mills Ltd., Dhampur to implement project for “Free Mobile Health Services” to provide better healthcare facilities to less privileged and low-income groups of more than 30,000 people in 20 nearby villages of their plant at Rajpura and Dhampur. In the month of December, 24 health camps were organized in 24 villages of Dhampur and Rajpura, more than 2400 patients were treated.

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 programmes 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



Community Mobilisation



Stitching & Tailoring in progress



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 have been trained in beauty culture and stitching & tailoring courses. Currently, 40 students are undergoing training in beauty culture, stitching & tailoring.



Basic Computer Skills Training Centre at Village Sidhrawali, Pataudi, Gurugram

PHDRDF-DRI PVT. LTD.

PHDRDF and DRI Pvt. Ltd. have come together to partner and provide training in Basic Computer Skills. The Centre located in village Sidhrawali, Pataudi, Gurugram is currently training 45 students. Training is being provided on basic computer skills like MS Office, internet, typing, etc.

PHDRDF - DCM SHRIRAM INDUSTRIES



PHDRDF and DCM Shriram Industries have initiated women empowerment through an entrepreneurship generation project in sanitary napkin manufacturing.

'Urmila', a Women Self-Help Group with 9 women has been formed at Ranikhet in village Pantkotuli. The women at the Centre have been trained in sanitary napkin 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 a better reach.

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



PHDRDF and Bry-Air Asia are continuing their partnership for the third phase of Bry-Air Udaan Skill Development Centre for an electrician course at Sidhrawali village, Haryana. So far, 73 youths have been trained and been accredited by third party evaluation agency. Currently, more than 30 youths are undergoing training.



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 on need and technologies for water conservation.

PHDRDF-ROTARY CLUB OF DELHI CENTRAL





PHDRDF and Rotary Club of Delhi Central in association with the Rotary Club of Cama Place have partnered together to promote sustainable solutions for water resource management with surface water conservation and ground water recharge, through establishment of 51 small water harvesting structures

in one water-stressed block of Alwar district – Umrain in Rajasthan. On December 19, 2021 Bhumi Pujan for an anicut was organized by the team of 18 Rotarians from the two clubs- Rotary Club of Delhi Central led by Rotarian Harvinder Popli, President RC Delhi Central and Rotary Club of Cama Place led by Rotarian Rajnish Virmani

with major contribution from Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, RC Delhi Central and Immediate Former President PHDCCI. Dr Kadambari, CEO PHDRDF; Mr. Brajmohan, Manager, Water Resource Management; other team members from the Head Office, field team along with villagers were present in large number.

PHDRDF- GE POWER INDIA LTD.

PHDRDF with partnership of GE Power India Limited have come together to rejuvenate and clean the existing pond in the Village RozaJalapur , Dadri Block, Gautam Budh Nagar district, Uttar Pradesh, India and help revive the water body. The clean water in the pond will lead to an increase in the groundwater table and provide an improved access to water with reduction in possibility of water-borne diseases in the vicinity.



PHDRDF - DHAMPUR SUGAR MILLS LTD.



Two recharge shafts with depth of 45 m each are being established that will collect 7,347,000 litre of water

PHDRDF has partnered with Dhampur Sugar Mills Ltd. for the year 2021-22 to implement a project for ‘Rain Water Harvesting’ structure to be established at Pushp Niketan School in Dhampur, Uttar Pradesh. Two recharge shafts with a depth of 45 metres each are being established that will help collect 7,347,000 litres of water. This will further help in recharging the ground water table in a year.

PHDRDF - COCA COLA INDIA FOUNDATION

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 two water-stressed blocks of Ranchi district – Kanke and Ratu in Jharkhand. These check dams will create a total water recharge capacity of 292,100 cubic meters and reach out to more than 15,000 people. This will help the farmers in the area with a richer soil for irrigation purposes.

PHDRDF - PTC INDIA FINANCIAL SERVICE LTD. & PTC FOUNDATION TRUST



MandawariWala Check dam



KundBawadiWala Check Dam

PHDRDF with PTC India Financial Service Ltd. & PTC Foundation Trust have partnered together for establishment of four water harvesting structures & two gabion structures 'Aalotwala, Peel wala,

KundBawadiwala, Mandawariwala & Amarwala & lankewala' in Rajgarh, Alwar, Rajasthan. The check dams 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 Mandawariwala Check Dam and KundBawadiWala is undergoing with active community participation.

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 - HINDUSTAN TIN WORKS LIMITED



PHDRDF and Hindustan Tin Works Limited have come together to establish RCC roof casting on a room of 'Junior Pathshala School' in Noida. This will enable the school to use the room as a classroom and will allow them to accommodate more students. Casting of roof along with constructing two more concrete columns are being taken as project activities. Currently, both columns have been constructed and the work towards shuttering has been completed to cast the RCC roof.

PHDRDF - HSIL

PHDRDF and HSIL have partnered to develop sanitation facility for girl students in five government schools of Bahadurgarh block, Jhajjar District, Haryana. Seven toilet blocks, each consisting of toilet and urinals are being established in the government schools located in village Rohad, Dehkora, Mandothi, Asaudha and Kulasi. More than 752 students will benefit from this project.

PHDRDF - GE POWER INDIA LTD.

PHDRDF and GE Power India Ltd. have partnered together to establish computer laboratory and provide 30 computers in 5 government schools with an objective to support computer literacy among the school children. As part of the project, workshop on basic computer literacy with focus on cyber-crime will also be imparted to the students of five government schools in different locations around Gautam Budh Nagar in Uttar Pradesh.

PHDRDF - ONGC



Provision of Capital Items at Government High School, Pataudi

PHDRDF and ONGC have partnered together to improve the physical infrastructure in Modern Library at Government High School, Village Pahari, Pataudi, Gurugram. On December 18, 2021, a handing over ceremony was organized at the school. At the inauguration-cum-handover ceremony, capital items such as Split ACs, Desktop Computers, Printer, Projectors, Almirahs, Plastic chairs and sound amplifiers were handed over by Dr Kadambari CEO, PHDRDF to Principal, Mr. Mahabir Singh in the presence of School Management Committee, Panchayat Committee members and Sarpanch of Pahari. The project will benefit about 300 students of this school.

PHDRDF - GE POWER SYSTEMS INDIA PRIVATE LTD.



Existing toilet blocks in one of the proposed schools at Nuh, Haryana

PHDRDF have partnered together with GE Power Systems India Pvt. Ltd. to establish five toilet blocks in government schools at Nuh, Haryana. The district Nuh is also one of the aspirational districts as listed by Niti Aayog. The project will also conduct WASH activities with the students through behaviour change communication with an objective to bring change in hygienic practices to stay healthy.





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NEW DELHI INTERNATIONAL ARBITRAL INSTITUTION (NIAI)

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When two or more polymers are blended together often times they are not compatible with each other. Thus, the resulting blend has insufficient properties for most end uses.

Uflex has developed a special

processing additive which can bring all these material to a coupling bond so that they can be melted on a single temperature. These are block copolymers, both blocks being compatible with one of the phases. These molecules tend to concentrate at the interfaces and stabilize them thus allowing finer dispersion of mutually incompatible pairs. It promotes interfacial adhesion between pairs of polymer which are otherwise immiscible, it also stabilizes its morphology.

Development of 2 stage extruder screw:

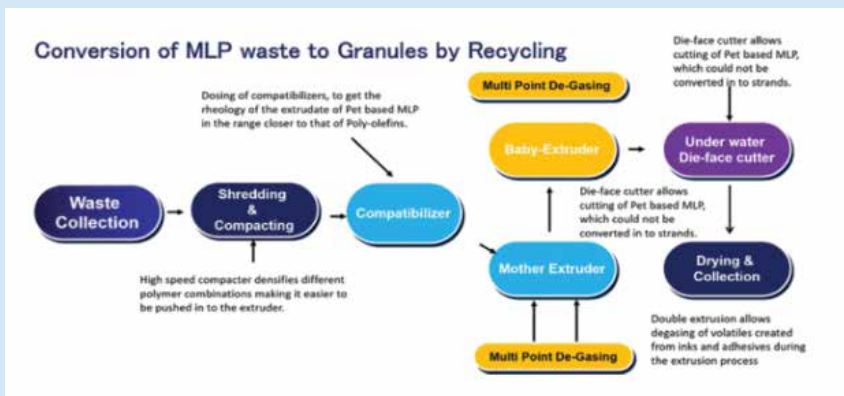
The extruder screw is the heart of the machine. Uflex has developed special two stage screws The first works as a conventional screw by feeding, melting, and conveying the polymer forward. The second screw does the same, except it is melt-fed by the first screw. This arrangement also provide devolatilization zones where the melt pressure is completely dissipated, so that volatiles can be extracted from the barrel.

Granulation face cutting technology

The hot granulation of thermoplastic materials is carried out directly on the extrusion surface, consisting of a die with several holes, on which acts a cutting device with blades. This device has the particularity of being able to vary and adjust the contact pressure of the blades on the surface of the die. Uflex has perfected a Die face cutting technology working on vertical axis which offers the advantage of a non-deviated flow of the melted material between the extruder and the die, with a consequent reduction in the loss of pressure at equal capacity, and elimination of the stagnation points of the finished product with uniform bulk density.



The 4-stage Improvisation which makes MLP Recyclable



Degassing of Volatile Materials – Inks, Solvents, Adhesives & Moisture.

The degassing process is critical after a mixing section. Degassing enhances the homogeneity, physical appearance and cross-sectional uniformity of the extruded material.

Uflex has identified and provided the multi stage novel arrangement facilitating the escape of entrapped gases. The reduction in post-extrusion volatile content resulting from the inclusion of this arrangement, increases process efficacy and product quality.

End-Products:

The recycled plastic granules from the MLP waste, can be used in the injection moulding applications such as flower-pots, wastebaskets, tumblers, core plugs, road dividers, pallets, low-cost furniture, park benches and other daily use utility items.

There is a great deal of misconception, on plastic being the mere culprit to cause harm to the

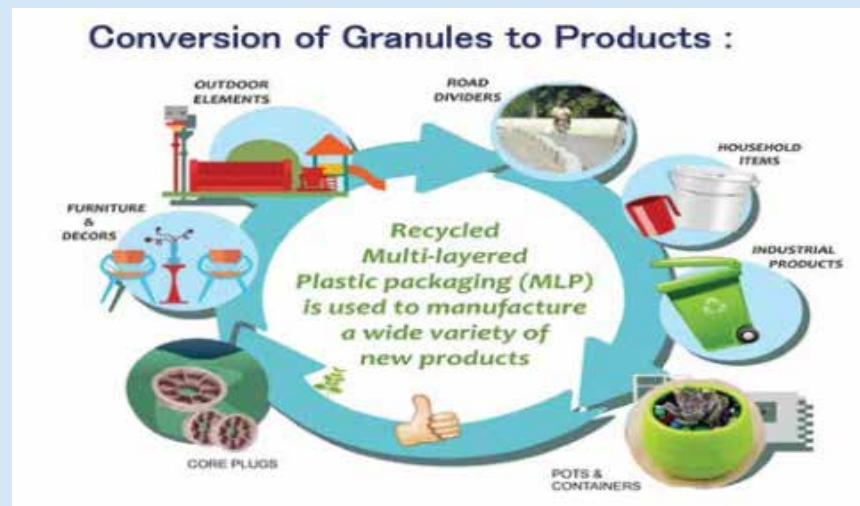
environment by choking the gutters, affecting the Marine life and harming the birds and animals which consume the littered plastics floating around both on the land and sea. But actually it is our littering habit which is actually causing the harm. The absence of proper collection, segregation and recycling infrastructure is the root

cause and not the packaging itself.

Globally billions of dollars are lost to the economy through failing to properly recycle Multi-layer plastics each year. Finding this solution represents a huge opportunity. We at Uflex believe that our commitment to making 100% of our packaging recyclable will support the long-term growth the global economy.

Uflex is contemplating all flexible packaging manufacturers to set up recycling units where Uflex will support these initiatives including providing necessary technology support and manpower training.

Demonising and Vilification of Plastic Packaging, disregarding its contribution to the issue of food wastage and making food available to the remote corners of the world, has to STOP.



A GREEN ROUTE

To succeed with necessary and rapid technology transfer and development, increased global cooperation is needed. No single country can complete the entire value chain for hydrogen and thus there is a need for cooperation among countries to secure markets and make green energy available at the earliest opportunity.

This is a moment of a tryst with destiny. Mother Earth, after millions of years of producing fossil fuels, is bidding farewell and shifting to the sun to meet her energy needs.

Hydrogen is the most abundant element in the universe; it could be a key component in the global transition to net zero greenhouse gas emissions. Hydrogen can play a vital role in utilizing excess production of renewable energy from Solar and Wind to produce Green Hydrogen on-site for storage or as distributed energy.

On the one hand, this will improve financial viability of existing renewable energy assets and on the other, make available green hydrogen at an economic price. Hydrogen has the clear potential to transform our large dependence on fossil-based energy to low carbon and green energy to facilitate the process of decarbonization for our net zero transition.

India is beautifully positioned to take a lead in the global Green H₂ economy, due to her position on Renewable Energy. Today, India has 141 GW of installed capacity of RE making it the fourth largest installed capacity globally ~ fourth largest for wind and fifth largest for solar.

India has also set for itself the

world's largest RE expansion plan to achieve 175 GW by 2022 and 450 GW by 2030 in installed capacity. The RE installed capacity has seen a 226 per cent increase in the last five years. India's RE sector has already received investments worth \$70 billion in the last seven years and delivered additional business prospects worth \$20 billion for the next decade.

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The 'International Hydrogen Alliance' would also help transform a large investment-enabling environment into a global hydrogen ecosystem. Not only would partner countries benefit immensely but would accelerate and fast track global transition to a hydrogen economy worldwide.

In the same manner as the highly successful 'International Solar Alliance' proposed and initiated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in 2015, ahead of COP 21 at Paris, the Indian government piloted the initiation and development of an International Hydrogen Alliance. Such an alliance would bring different countries ~ the key global stakeholders ~ on one platform to facilitate international cooperation to fast-track hydrogen energy transition through aligned policies, shared plans, wider sharing of technical knowledge through technology transfer and collaborations, global capacity



Dr. J. P. Gupta
Chair Environment Committee
PHDCCI

building for sharing and balancing demand and supply-side matrix and the most important, creating a large investment environment for creating a structured global hydrogen economy.

It is extremely important that India declares its national mission to develop India-centric cost-effective technologies and knowhow for production, storage and application of Green Hydrogen. This can be achieved through R&D as well as adaptation of developing technologies to Indian conditions. Hydrogen knowhow and equipment suppliers are booked for two to three years. India must therefore be self-reliant in Green Hydrogen Production Technologies, treating it on war footing as a National Mission.

On the call of our Prime Minister, Indian-made Covid vaccines were made available in a record time of 12 months. India became self-reliant in nuclear technologies within record time, when sanctions were imposed by



the West. We in India are fully capable of achieving the same traction for developing hydrogen production and storage knowhow. The technologies needed for green hydrogen are a bottleneck in unleashing the hydrogen economy.

Globally, technology providers are few and unable to supply the market fast enough. The existing technology needs rapid deployment and in parallel there is a need to develop new technology and stimulate competition between the actors. India's ambitions to becoming self-reliant in Hydrogen calls for domestic manufacture of efficient and cost-effective electrolyzers, development of fuel-cells, R&D and adaption of compression technologies, whole range of storage solutions, cost-effective safety and handling technologies, on-site production for hydrogen dispensing and of course a range of applications.

The challenges linked to green hydrogen ~ infrastructure needs, design, technological development, workforce, and off take/markets ~ offer both limitations and a potential competitive advantage for India. For example, the infrastructure used for gas distribution is an opportunity more than a limitation if one allows a "smooth transition" ~ hydrogen mixed with natural gas.

Further, many large industrial players have indicated that they have started developing electrolyser technologies and capacities, and also fuel-cells and batteries, enabling India to become self-reliant on essential technologies needed to manage the green shift. Combined with increased investment, government support, engineering advancements and a skilled workforce, India also holds

a competitive advantage linked to its IT sector and global position on digitalization.

Artificial intelligence solutions will be vital in enabling the transition to green hydrogen and will play a critical role in the global decarbonisation effort by decreasing capital and operating expenses. India hosts several world-leading R&D institutions that play a vital role in societal developments and transformations.

The complexities linked to a green shift call for a strong cooperation between governmental bodies, industries, and R&D Institutes. It also calls for advanced international cooperation. To facilitate this domestic and international cooperation, it is suggested to set up a number of Centres of Excellences ~ Hydrogen (CoE-H) throughout the country. These centres would be instrumental in creating requisite critical mass for holistic development of a hydrogen economy in the country.

For emerging hydrogen industries and widespread use in society, new knowledge methods and technologies are required to achieve tolerable levels of safety. Compliance with applicable international, national and regional regulations, codes and standards (RCS) will facilitate a better understanding of the safety-related properties of hydrogen. The safety-related properties of hydrogen and the characteristic operating conditions of technical systems for producing, storing transporting and using hydrogen imply that fires and explosions represent a significant hazard for people, installations and the environment.

These centres can partner with the best foreign R&D centers, and hence

also facilitate bilateral cooperation in hydrogen-related fields. The CoE-Hs' should be based around pilot/demo hydrogen plants, allowing on-site R&D and technology testing and development. International co-operation would allow the exchange of personnel and capacity building.

The CoE-Hs' should offer masters and PhDs in related areas. Training of manpower in production, storage and transportation of hydrogen is a must. A minimum of 100,000 trained and skilled manpower is needed, to be trained through virtual reality and augmented reality. The Centers of Excellence (CoEs) attached to universities should focus on Masters and PhDs programmes; decentralization of renewable energy production; hydrogen production technologies with respect to scale of production; hydrogen storage systems; hydrogen transport and applications; hydrogen safety in production, storage, transportation and dispensing; IIT and digitalization of RE systems.

There are several obvious reasons, both economically and morally, why it will pay off, in the long run, to have a clear, proactive attitude towards both the development and implementation of Hydrogen Value Chains in India. With this, the country will gain an advantage by becoming less dependent on other countries that have technological expertise, systems and technologies. Producing Green Hydrogen in India can become cost-effective, which will not only guarantee energy security but also gradually ensure self-sufficiency and savings of billions of dollars in oil imports.



WHY THE IMPORTANCE OF TERM LIFE INSURANCE IS INCREASING?

S. K. Sethi, Founder & Chief Executive Officer, Insurance Foundation of India

Till 2005 the products available in Life Insurance had the features which took care of retirement era and it was more of a savings product .

In present times, Term Insurance is being sold at an attractive premium, where the risk aspect of a human being is covered. The objective is that in the event of mis-happening, the amount received from Insurer is used to pay for housing loan, car loan and of course available to the survivors for continuing with their life.

The least what you can do, therefore, is to secure your family's financial future by buying a term life insurance policy. Besides, do not overlook benefits of life insurance during your lifetime, especially if you are young.

Some compelling reasons for buying a life insurance policy are:

- Looking after the survivors even after one is gone
- Dealing with debt
- Buying term insurance is cheaper
- It can take care of business Liability
- A tool for forced savings
- Better to buy today – Insurers may not issue policy when a critical illness is diagnosed .
- It provides peace of mind

What Are the Benefits of Group Term Life Insurance Schemes to Employers?

- Group term life insurance policies are beneficial to employers just as much as they benefit the employees.
- Group term life insurance policies in India are more economical than individual term insurance policies purchased by individuals.
- Company books it as an expense.
- Keeps attrition level in the company lower.
- Improves morale of the employees and higher productivity.

What Are the Benefits of a Group Term Insurance Plan to Employees?

Following are the benefits of a group term insurance plan to employees:

- Employees are assured of financial assistance being extended to their families in the unfortunate event of their demise, critical illness, etc.
- Employees can benefit from the inconvenience of medical tests be done away with until their free cover limits.
- The premiums paid by their employers are not treated as perquisites.
- The payments made to nominees are exempt from tax under Section 10(10D).
- Easy administration by way of simple documentation.
- Can be customized to meet niche needs of the employees enrolled.
- Offers security to the family of the insured.
- Safeguards the insured's financial interest.

Features of Group Term Life Insurance Plans

Group term life insurance schemes have a lot of attractive features which make them ideal for employee benefit packages. Following are few of the many features of group life insurance schemes:

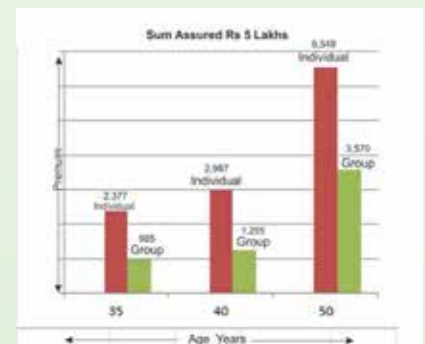
- Members can be added at any point of the year
- A pre-decided sum assured is paid to the beneficiary of the insured in the event of death
- Add on covers are provided as riders that insure for critical illnesses, accidental deaths, disabilities, etc.
- Application process is quick and easy
- The minimum size of the group is 50 members. Even a group smaller than this can also be considered

- Terminal illness is provided as a built-in benefit
- Much cheaper than individual policy cover
- Employees can enjoy the benefits they are entitled to while maintaining a healthy and strong connect with the employers

Frequently Asked Questions about Group Life Insurance Policies and in retail single policy.

- 1. What is the minimum age for enrolling into a group term life insurance plan?**
The minimum age for enrolling into a group term life insurance plan or in individual term insurance plan is 18 years of age.
- 2. What is the maximum age to enroll into a group term life insurance plan?**
The maximum age to enroll into a single term policy is 65 years but in group life insurance plan is 69 years.
- 3. What is the tenure of a group term life insurance plan?**
The tenure of a group term life insurance policy is 1 year. Can be renewed after keeping in view the claims ratio during the year.

Premium comparative Individual VS Group Shows near to 55% savings for employee



* Premiums are indicative. Subject to change.



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OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

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In addition to issuing the Non Preferential Certificate of Origin, the Chamber also Attests/Certifies commercial documents for Export Oriented Companies and issues Visa recommendation letter to member companies.

The Chamber is also empaneled to issue digital Certificate of Origin (e-CoO) through the online portal launched by the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT), Government of India. The e-portal is uniquely designed to provide seamless issuance of e-COO to export houses at the comfort of their office or home while reducing the transaction cost.

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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
52	Rotary District 3011	October 26, 2021
53	Sharda University	December 8, 2021



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THE ECONOMIC TIMES

Cos Caution against Hasty Reaction to Omicron, Seek Uniform Policy

THE AIM Avoid disruption to lives and livelihoods, ensure growth doesn't slow down

Our Bureau

New Delhi: India has on Thursday urged the Centre to follow a uniform policy across the country as all entry points to address concerns about the Omicron variant of coronavirus and cautioned against any knee-jerk reaction that could impact livelihoods.

"We caution against any knee-jerk reactions which will only cause panic and disrupt lives and livelihoods without any meaningful gain," said Dity Shankar, president of industry body FICCI. Any decision at a state, city or municipal level would have a cascading effect, he said.

Industry bodies such as FICCI, Assotech and PHDCCI are apprehensive of state-level restrictions that could stifle the economic recovery seen after the second wave of the pandemic.

Any knee-jerk reaction like lockdowns or stringent restrictions on entry, they feel, could significantly slow down economic growth, which stood at 6.4% in the second quarter ended September.

Cautious Approach

SHANKAR SAYS knee-jerk reaction not needed. **IF REQUIRED, GO FOR** tightly locked lockdowns. **CALL FOR A** uniform policy across India.

TO PREVENT slowdown of economic growth. **ENSURES** labour market does not disrupt. **WANTS** no impact on consumer sentiments.

The industry response comes even as the country decried its first reconfirmed case of Omicron in Karnataka on Thursday and to the woe of Maharashtra government ordering mandatory seven-day institutional quarantine for all inter-national passengers from "at-risk" countries. The state amended the guidelines on Thursday after infection by the Centre, and has created a new ultra-risk category of six African countries. Only passengers from these countries will now be sent to seven-day is-

olation quarantine. Domestic passengers have to provide proof of double vaccination or RT-PCR test negative report. Cautioning against divergent restrictions across states, industry bodies said if imposed, they will disrupt the labour market, leading to scarcity of workers in industrial hubs on one hand and increased pressure on demand for

work in rural India on the other. First and imposing local restrictions, if needed, "Given the need to isolate lives and livelihoods, economic activity should be calibrated to priority cases and restrictions, if warranted, must be highly localized," Shankar said.

PHDCCI has urged the central government to step up screening processes and testing facilities at the international airports to curb potential invasion of the Omicron variant into various parts of the country. "At the same time all the state governments should work in tandem with the central government to ensure the safety of every citizen irrespective of state boundaries," it president Preeti Deep Mulani said.

"Being extra vigilant, ensuring all Covid protocols and precautionary hygiene measures are strictly followed, is the urgent need of the hour," he said. Assotech said the country is now better prepared to handle the situation on the back of large-scale vaccination and better health infrastructure.

Business Standard

GST Council likely to meet early January



They say especially those in the 5 or 12 per cent bracket whose input materials are taxed higher need correction. "Some pharmaceutical products and tractors still come under the inverted duty structure," said Ajmer Singh Bisla, senior advisor-indirect taxation, Confederation of Indian Industries. While

the case of apparels and per pair in the case of footwear. While experts hailed the move, a section of the clothing industry decried it, saying that only a small group of the sector had an inverted duty structure.

Though there were reports that the GoM had met on November 27 to finalise its report based on the fitment committee's recommendations, the official quoted above said the report on rate rationalisation is yet to be

A couple of weeks ago, industry body PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry had urged the GST Council to rationalise rates, stating that the current rates are not in sync with the demand creation and employment generation in the country.



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International Trade Fair for processing and packaging industry launched



Ahmedabad, The Institute of Packaging Machinery Manufacturers of India (IPMMI), PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI) and Messe Muenchen India will co-organize PackMach Asia Expo in Mumbai from 7th to 9th December 2022. The trade fair will be co-located with drink technology India and World Tea and Coffee Expo. PackMach Asia Expo is a dedicated trade fair for the packaging and processing sector. It will target industries with packaging requirements such as food, bakery, confectionery, pharmaceuticals, non-food, cosmetics and industrial goods industries. The Indian packaging industry is the fifth largest sector in India's economy, and the packaging market in the country is expected to reach \$204.81 billion by 2025, registering a CAGR of 26.7% from 2020 to 2025. Stressing on the need for such exhibitions, Dr. Sharayu Sawant, President, IPMMI, said: "The IPMMI promotes its members' interests and represents the micro-level stakeholders before the Government and various Ministries related to the industry.

Economy needs continued handholding to ease uncertainty over Omicron: PHDCCI

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There is a need to continuously hand-hold the economy as the uncertainty caused by the looming impact of the Omicron variant of coronavirus has impacted some of the lead economic and business indicators in November, industry body PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI) said on Monday. Of the nine lead economic and business indicators of Quick Economic Trends (QET) tracked by the industry body, six have shown an improvement in November, compared with seven out of 10 indicators showing an uptrend in October. November data for railway freight is not available yet. Unemployment, the exchange rate, manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI), goods and services tax (GST) collections, exports and e-way bills registered growth in November 2021. However, the Senses, passenger vehicle sales, and the country's foreign exchange reserves have shown



Pradeep Multani, president, PHDCCI

decline in the month, indicating that the emerging pandemic situation could slow things down again in the absence of proper mitigation strategies. "The Indian economy was very resilient and we expect a double-digit gross domestic product (GDP) growth in 2021-22 on the back of effective policy measures undertaken by the government, still we have to mitigate the uncertainty caused by the looming impact of omicron variant," said Pradeep Multani, president, PHDCCI. Exports registered a growth of 27%, increasing from \$23.6 billion in November 2020 to \$30 billion in November 2021, according to PHDCCI's QET. GST collections registered a year-on-year (y-o-y) growth of 27% from just above 11.04 trillion in November 2020 to more than 11.31 trillion in November 2021. E-way bills

grew 5.9% y-o-y from 57.7 million in November 2020 to 61.1 million in November 2021. Unemployment declined from 7.8% in October 2021 to 7% in November 2021. The exchange rate appreciated by 0.6% from average of 74.9 INR/USD in October 2021 to 74.45 INR/USD in November 2021. Manufacturing PMI increased by 3% from 55.9 points in October 2021 to 57.6 points in November 2021. However, foreign reserves registered a decline of 1%, from \$642 billion in October 2021 to \$638 billion in November 2021. The Senses (monthly average) declined by 2% from 60.422 in October 2021 to 59.416 in November 2021. Passenger vehicle sales registered a decline of 10% from 2.64,898 units in November 2020 to 215,626 in November 2021. Supply side issues are impacting production possibilities and reducing price cost margins of producers, Multani said. There is a need to address high commodity prices and raw material shortage to aid consumption and private investment in the country, he said.

The Indian EXPRESS

Cap PIT rate at 15% sans exemptions: PHD Chamber

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New Delhi, December 1

TO WIDEN THE tax base and tax to GDP ratio, Industry body PHDCCI on Wednesday suggested capping the personal income tax rates at 15% with no exemptions.

In a pre-budget interaction with revenue secretary Tarun

Rajal, the industry body also suggested that the corporate tax rate be halved to 15% for MSME firms working as proprietorship/partnerships.

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Currently, PIT rate varies from 5% to 30% depending on income slabs (with or without exemptions).

"It will be hassle free for the individuals to pay the taxes as it will reduce the paper work significantly and increase the tax base in the economy," PHDCCI said.

The industry body also suggested rationalisation of the GST rates into three major slabs of 5%, 10% and 15% along with a few six goods in the slab of 28%. The items in category of 12% rate should be reduced to 10% and items in the category of 18% rate should be reduced to 15% and the items in 0 and 3% category should be kept as it is. There should be minimum items in the category of 5% Goods which is taxed @28%.

The GST Council, headed by Union finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman, takes decisions with regard to GST rate changes.

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low 103. That was an incremental improvement of 23 positions from the rank of 126 in the Doing Business Report 2021. The department of Justice says on its website, the government has been aggressively pursuing reforms to create an effective, efficient, transparent and robust contract enforcement regime, and several rounds of meetings have been held with law firms, corporate bodies, chambers of commerce and industry to work in an integrated manner along with the judicial fraternity to improve the quality and efficiency of commercial courts.

Alternative resolution such as negotiation, mediation and arbitration.

Another key interest for business is to get quicker access to land for setting up facilities. With the efforts by the government in its previous term to make land acquisition easier for setting up new facilities by legislative amendments not having taken off,

business in India, will not be felt, explained Vikar of Lumiere Law Partners.

Several industry representatives said that while steps taken so far have resulted in big improvements, reducing compliance costs is also important. "Although procedural requirements have been relatively reduced and the communication between government departments has become transparent and hassle free, the cost aspect still requires further relaxation," said Pradeep Multani, president of the industry chamber PHDCCI. Cost of compli-

Federal policy think tank Niti Aayog is advocating online dispute resolution, which could improve the ease of dispute resolution

the effort is to provide a plug-and-play set up to entrepreneurs with the basic infrastructure and all the clearances to start businesses. Vijayasarathy said judicial reforms, easier land availability for entrepreneurs and implementing labour codes passed by

ance, as well as logistics, power and credit, needs to be addressed to strengthen the ease of doing business environment, he said. Also, improving will need to be eliminated with the effective single window system at the state level, he said.

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Budget likely to extend credit facility for MSMEs

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NEW DELHI: The government could extend its ₹4.5 lakh crore sovereign-guaranteed credit facility for small businesses to the next fiscal year as the pandemic is not yet over and the scheme has been successful in providing liquidity support to over 10 million enterprises, protecting about 54.5 million jobs, people aware of the development said.



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The Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS), which ends on March 31, 2022, could be extended in the next financial year as several small firms, particularly in the services sector, still need such liquid-

corpus was ₹3 lakh crore, which was raised to ₹4.5 lakh crore in June this year after the second Covid wave when finance minis-

PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI) president Pradeep Multani said ECLGS with a sovereign guarantee has been the "saviour of a large number of enterprises" facing challenges related to financial liquidity, demand crunch, debt repayments, and meeting their fixed expenses such as electricity, rent and wages. "While the overall pace of implementation of the ECLGS scheme has been good... but as we understand from the available figures, out of ₹4.5 lakh crore, loans worth ₹2.90 lakh crore have been sanctioned so far. It is, therefore, desirable that the validity of the scheme should be extended," he said.



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उद्देश्य / Objective:

- Term loans to Export oriented MSMEs for expansion, modernisation, diversification, technology / capacity upgradation, product R&D, etc., by investment in land and building, machinery and equipment, etc.

प्रमुख विशेषताएं / Key Features:

- Attractive RoI
- 20% promoters' contribution (30% for greenfield units)
- Facility of TL/FCTL available
- Technical Assistance for mentorship support, equity support, etc.
- Upto 25 bps performance / milestone linked interest incentive.

पात्रता / Eligibility:

- New units- Promoters having sufficient experience in the proposed line of business and major projected revenue from exports. For units co-funded by technocrats from premier institutions (like IIT, IIM, IISc, NIT, etc.) sufficient experience in the proposed line of business shall not be insisted upon.
- Existing units- Fundamentally strong export oriented small and mid-sized companies with satisfactory financials.
- Standard Norms apply (CIBIL / CMR, due diligence checks, etc.)

लक्ष्य समूह / Target Group:

- Future export champions with high potential
- Units having unique technology, products or processes
- High export potential sectors, i.e. Automobiles, Aerospace & Defence, Chemicals, Food Processing, IT & ITes, Pharmaceuticals, Precision engineering, Textiles and allied sectors, etc.

ऋण राशि / Loan Amount:

- Need based financial assistance, subject to maximum of 80% of the project cost.
- Joint financing with EXIM Bank available.

ब्याज दर और चुकौती / Interest Rate and Repayment:

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