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I am happy to know that the PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry is organizing its 110th Annual Session on November 28, 2015 at New Delhi.

Since its inception in 1905, PHD Chamber has contributed immensely to the development of industry, especially small and medium enterprises hailing from various states.

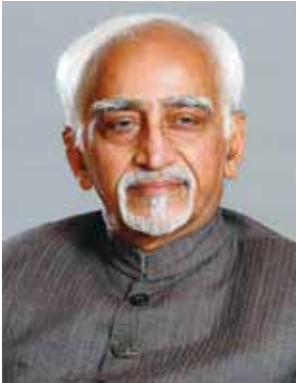
I am happy to note that PHD Chamber has opened its office this year in Guwahati to serve all eight states of the North Eastern Region. The Government and the private sector need to collaborate and take the lead in providing solutions to the development challenges of the North Eastern Region. As multiple avenues for growth and development emerge, it is of paramount importance that this region embarks on a vibrant journey, as a collective identity, to realize the dreams of a better future. This vision can be realized only through the combined effort of all stakeholders.

I extend warm greetings and felicitations to all those associated with the PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry and wish them success in their future endeavours.



(Pranab Mukherjee)

New Delhi
November 4, 2015



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The Hon'ble Vice President of India is happy to learn that the PHID Chamber of Commerce and Industry is organizing its 110th Annual Session with the theme 'Transforming India: Together We Can & Together We will' on November 28, 2015 at Hotel Le Meridian, New Delhi.

The Vice President extends his greetings and congratulations to the organizers and the participants and wishes the event all success.

(Anshuman Gaur)

New Delhi
6th November, 2015.



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On this occasion, best wishes to the PHD Chamber and the participants.

(Chandresh Sona)
Deputy Secretary

23 November, 2015
New Delhi

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Profile

Established in 1905, PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry has completed 110 glorious years. It is a proactive and dynamic multi-state apex organization working at the grass roots level with strong national and international linkages. PHD Chamber acts as a catalyst in the promotion of industry, trade and entrepreneurship.

Presence

PHD Chamber's presence is spread in almost all parts of the country. Headquartered in Delhi, the Chamber has its regional offices in Bihar, Bhopal, Chandigarh, Dehradun (Garhwal), Kashipur (Kumaon), Jaipur, Jammu, Srinagar, Lucknow, Raipur, Shimla, Ranchi and Guwahati. PHD Chamber is globally connected through institutional linkages with over 66 important foreign Chambers of Commerce.

Membership Development

The Membership & Development Committee was reconstituted with Mr. Ashish Agrawal as Chairman and Mr. Padam Kumar Gupta as Co-Chairman. The Committee discussed the measures needed to strengthen the membership base

PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry

as also to keep up the interests of members in the activities of PHD Chamber. The total number of members of PHD Chamber as on November, 2015 was 1864 including Rajasthan Chapter members. During the year under review, 207 new members joined PHD Chamber, including 6 new patron and 28 new association members while 136 members resigned or were removed from the membership of PHD Chamber.

Our 217 association- members represent over 48000 industrial, service and trade enterprises. A list of association members is given in Annexure 'C

Functions

PHD Chamber is engaged in organizing more than 400 conferences and seminars annually including workshops and social networking events in almost parts of the country. Besides, PHD

Chamber is represented on Central and State Advisory Committees / Consultative Boards. Both Central and State Governments consult PHD Chamber before announcing or formulating any major economic / industrial policy. With the in-house expertise, PHD Chamber gives business advice to Indian companies on various aspects of business including national and regional economic and industry related issues, corporate affairs, taxation, finance and banking, capital markets, MSMEs, infrastructure and energy, hydrocarbon, labour and industrial relations, health, human resources and skill development, tourism, agri-business and environment among others.

Services

Certification and Attestation Services: PHD Chamber is authorized by the Government of India to issue certificates of origin (non-preferential) to Indian



exporters. PHD Chamber also attests commercial documents of various types. Recommendation letters for visas for business promotion to foreign diplomatic missions in India are also issued for representatives of member companies.

Research and Policy Papers: PHD Research Bureau is the research arm of the PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry to review the economic situation and policy developments at sub-national, national and international levels and comment on them in order to update the members from time to time, to present suitable memoranda to the government as and when required, to prepare State Profiles and to conduct thematic research studies on various socio-economic and business developments and to make recommendations to the government.

The Research Bureau has been accurately forecasting various lead economic indicators at the micro as well as macro level. Recently, the Bureau forecasted the rupee scenario as well as exports scenario, among others that were very well received by the government and other stakeholders. Many of its

research reports have been widely covered by media and leading business newspapers.

During the current year Research Bureau published 10 reports including Exploring Prospects for Make in India and Made in India, SEZs in India: Criss-cross concerns, India-USA Economic Relations, Druzhba Dosti: India's Trade Opportunities with Russian Economy on the eve of Union Budget, Budget Analysis 2015-16, Impact of Labour Reforms on Industry in Rajasthan: A survey study, Haryana: Bolstering Industrialization, Progressive Uttar Pradesh: Building Uttar Pradesh of Tomorrow and Progress of Make in India: Glass Half Full.

Currently, the Research Bureau is in the process of conducting a Survey Study on Indian Direct Selling Industry, Research Report on Grown Diamonds, Study on Determinants of Real Estate, Feasibility Study on Infrastructure and Study on Progressive States of India.

Capacity Building: PHD Chamber organizes focused entrepreneurial development training programmes in co-operation with the Konrad Adenauer Foundation of Germany in various states.

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The President Writes



Friends,

India has emerged as one of the fastest growing major economies of the world with IMF rightly describing India as “among the few bright spots in the global economy.” This is despite the current global economic scenario being grim due to slowing down of all major economies. India is seeming to assume the position of a center of enormous economic and demographic potential at the global level. The Indian economy has gained momentum with GDP growth up at 7.5 percent in the current year along with decline in inflation rate, lowering of current account deficit and rise in foreign investment. With rise in foreign exchange reserves and booming capital markets, India has emerged as an extremely attractive investment destination in the world. We received US\$ 30.8 Billion FDI inflows in the first half of calendar year 2015. India is enjoying the benefits of falling commodity prices and a consequent pick-up in public expenditure.

I compliment the present government for having initiated a number of investor friendly reforms that have spurred India's growth momentum. The Modi government's vision is to transform India from a US\$ 2 trillion economy to US\$20 trillion economy by 2022. Government programs like 'Make in India', 'Skill India Mission,' 'Digital India for empowerment of citizens' as well as fast-tracking of infrastructure projects are likely to accelerate economic development. In the past one year, the government



announced a host of measures to improve ease of doing business, streamline taxation and liberalize FDI policy. The government also addressed structural challenges, including those concerning sanitation, healthcare and urbanization through a systematic approach. As a result of these initiatives, India moved up to the 130th spot in World Bank's 'Ease of Doing Business' report out of 189 countries. The Prime Minister's target of breaking into the top 50 is tough but achievable in a reasonable period of time if we take on some of the key issues.

The government has improved the business sentiment by boosting investors' confidence. FDI limits have been enhanced and railway projects opened to the private sector. Higher FDI in insurance and passage of coal bills have been notable legislative successes. Recent announcement of FDI reforms in as many as 15 sectors has been a positive endeavour to rationalize the process of foreign investments through the automatic route. These FDI reforms will benefit sectors such as agriculture and animal husbandry, plantation, defence, broadcasting, civil aviation, banking, construction and manufacturing.

I would like to commend the government's thrust on accelerating infrastructure development, especially transport infrastructure. Ports have witnessed a growth of five percent despite a global fall in trade volume. The pace of award of new highway works has increased from 8.7 km per day in Fiscal 2013-14 to 23.4 km per day. The 'Housing for All' program of building twenty million urban houses and thirty million rural houses deserves a special mention as it will generate jobs for unskilled, semi-skilled and the poor. India's huge infrastructure

gap can be bridged by more public-private partnerships.

The government's strides in allocating more resources to Indian states by providing higher tax funds to the states as per the 14th Finance Commission marked the start of a collaborative relationship. Ranking the states based on the ease of doing business has spurred inter-state competition and is indeed a noteworthy development. The centre has incentivised states to legislate on labour and land issues to attract higher investments. This leads to a strengthening of the 'Federal Competitiveness' concept.

The Prime Minister's visits especially to Japan, China, Korea, US, Canada, UAE and his recent visit to the United Kingdom will not only strengthen relations with these countries but will also enhance FDI. The government is also firming up an export strategy focused on Africa and has offered a US\$10 billion credit line to Africa. The participation in the ASEAN event at Kuala Lumpur will ensure a growing economic status of India in the world.

Going ahead, I must applaud the Reserve Bank of India's initiatives on financial sector, including the focus on world's largest financial inclusion program- a transformational achievement as this will enable the poor to make and receive electronic payments. Already more than 190 million new bank accounts have been opened under the initiative.

Nevertheless, banking sector is facing challenges. The public sector banks, accounting for 70 percent of outstanding loans, are weighed down with bad debts. Credit growth is still feeble. I hope the recent cuts in the Reserve Bank of India's interest rate would be fully passed on in lower bank-lending

rates. Nevertheless, cheaper money is finding its way to borrowers via bond funds, with property and gold prices dropping heavily.

There is a modest pick-up in the growth in the first half of 2015-16 benefited from soft commodity prices, disinflation, and comfortable liquidity conditions, some de-clogging of stalled projects and higher capital expenditure by the central government. India's projected growth model is currently also concentrating on the services sector. The services sector touched an eight-month high in October 2015 driven by a significant rise in new business orders. The Purchaser's Managing Index for September 2015 showed improved manufacturing activity in the second quarter of fiscal year 2015-16 at 52.1 compared to 51.8 in the first quarter. Technology adoption, including adding more internet and mobile users will help the services sector boom. Industrial growth for the cumulative period of April-September 2015 grew by 4 percent as compared to 2.9 percent in the corresponding period of the previous year. These green shoots are in dire need of protection, care and support in the face of global economic turbulence.

The drive to 'Make in India' is starting to show some results, albeit patchy. There is a need to help and support the MSME sector by improving 'Ease of doing Business' and reducing 'Inspector Raj' by doing away with discretionary powers. Our Chamber has given the DIPP a detailed grass roots level report of over 450 points which if implemented will lead to a substantive improvement resulting in MSME's increasing Economic Activity and consequently job creation. MSME sector has the largest potential to create jobs fast and at minimum capital cost.



The Defence sector has opened its doors to Private Players. The defence Procurement Policy is skewed towards large players. We strongly advocate that a level playing field can be created in many areas of comparatively lower technology and standard products where MSME can easily produce the goods. They are held back by a series of financial and other barriers. If these are done away with, we can have a very robust industry with 10,000 defence manufacturing facilities which will ultimately be exporters to the world.

I am concerned that India's exports have registered a negative growth at 17.5 percent for the consecutive eleven month in October 2015 and facing major challenges of slowdown in the global market and a sharp decline in demand from China. On this backdrop, Ministry of Commerce and Industry recently announced support for export of various products and included some additional items under the Merchandise Exports from India Scheme. However, the rate of support has generally been reduced. There is a need for lower borrowing costs along with fiscal incentives to the exporters to explore untapped markets such as Africa and Latin America. Interest subvention is a positive step.

Agriculture being a pre-eminent sector of the economy, a number of structural reforms have been initiated to enhance production. I earnestly commend the efforts

taken towards better farming technology including measures to improve soil fertility through the Soil Health Card and support the organic farming scheme. Food grain production is expected to be higher than last year, reflecting actions taken to contain the adverse effects of rain deficiency through timely advisories and regular monitoring of seed and fertilizer availability. I am hopeful that the farm sector in India will achieve the targeted four percent growth rate in the coming years due to increased investments in agricultural infrastructure and increasing the use of genetically modified crops to improve yield.

There is a rise in some food prices lifting retail inflation in September after it had hit a record low in the previous month. Inflation is expected to remain low due to falling global commodity prices and by government's actions such as invocation of price stabilization fund and creation of buffer stocks to manage supply. I must congratulate the Reserve Bank of India for taking steps for maintaining price stability in the economy. Consumer price index inflation is likely to average 6 percent by January 2016 and 5 percent by 2017.

I am of the view that early resolution of the deadlock on land acquisition, enactment of GST, review of Companies Act, 2013 and a bankruptcy code would provide a strong impetus to investment climate in the country. I must say

that Indian industry is waiting for a transparent and predictable tax regime including lowering of tax rates as part of an "enabling environment" for business. Strengthening the pace of financial inclusion, better-directed spending in social sectors such as education, health and skill-development would be equally significant steps towards achieving the goal of sustainable development to generate economic growth, achieve social justice and strengthen governance.

As rightly quoted by RBI Governor, Raghuram Rajan "A good job is the best form of inclusion. Rather than assuming the poor need an increasing array of handouts, they should be empowered to equip themselves and their children to become effective contributors to the economy---." Given India's size and scale, India can provide ample opportunities for increasingly young, middle class and aspirational India to realize its limitless potential. The Chamber pledges its full support to the Government in successfully implementing its economic policies. Having said this, the Chamber also expects to see more reforms and not just execution but better and faster execution.

Let us resolve to work for making India an 'engine of global economic growth and ensuring prosperity to each and every citizen'.



Managing Committee

The Managing Committee of PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry for the year 2013-2014 continued to guide the activities of PHD Chamber till the Managing Committee for 2014-15 was elected at the 109th Annual General Meeting held on December 20, 2014 at New Delhi.

The newly elected Managing Committee unanimously elected Mr. Alok B. Shriram as President, Dr. Mahesh Gupta as Senior Vice President and Mr. Gopal Jiwaraajka as Vice President. The Immediate former President, Mr. Sharad Jaipuria became 'ipso facto' member and 14 members were co-opted to the Managing Committee for the year 2014 -15. Former Chairmen / Presidents of PHD Chamber, senior industrialists, eminent persons having vast experience of different trade, industry and services sectors were associated as Special Invitees to the meetings of the Managing Committee. The list of the Managing Committee for the year 2014-15 is given in Annexure-A.

This Annual Report of PHD Chamber encompasses the period from December 2014 up to November 2015.

General / Organization

Meetings

12 meetings of the Managing Committee were held during the period under reporting. Besides considering the issues relevant to the functioning of PHD Chamber, the Managing Committee, at its meetings, also discussed important topical subjects concerning trade, industry and services sectors. Union Ministers/ senior government officials of the various departments concerning trade, industry and services sector, eminent economists and experts were invited to address the members of the Managing Committee of PHD Chamber.

The President, accompanied by Senior Vice-President / Vice President / Chairmen / Co-Chairmen of the concerned Expert and State Committees also called on several Union Ministers, Chief Ministers and senior Central and State Government officials and submitted perspectives of PHD Chamber on issues concerning trade, industry and services sectors.

Expert & State Committees

The State and Expert Committees constituted by the Managing Committee of PHD Chamber gave direction and guidance to the activities in specific fields. A list of the State and Expert Committees is given in Annexure-B.

Representation on Committees, Boards and Councils of Central and State Governments

Problems and policy issues concerning trade, industry and services sectors were also taken up through representatives of PHD Chamber on more than 100 Advisory Committees, Boards and Councils of Central and State Governments.



MANAGING COMMITTEE MEETINGS – GUEST SPEAKERS

Mr. T K Arun, Editor, Opinion, The Economic Times

Mr. T K Arun, Editor, Opinion, The Economic Times interacted with the Members of the Managing Committee on February 18, 2015. In his address, Mr. Arun expressed that in the Indian budget, the total government's spending is only around 14 percent of GDP whereas in other countries such as Britain, the Government's spending is around 44 percent of GDP.

Mr. Siddharth, IAS, DG, Directorate General of Supplies and Disposal, GOI

Mr. Siddharth, Director General, Directorate General of Supplies & Disposals, Department of Commerce interacted with the Members of the Managing Committee on March 18, 2015. Mr. Siddharth explained the role of DGS&D as the Central Procurement Agency in the country. He emphasised on the detailed exercise conducted by the organization in laying down the specifications of the product and its quality parameters and inspection protocols which go well beyond a mere e-tendering process to select L1 suppliers for awarding the contracts.

Mr. Maroof Raza, Consultant - cum - Strategic Affairs Expert, Times Now

Mr. Maroof Raza, Consultant-cum-Strategic Affairs Expert, Times Now Commerce interacted with the Members of the Managing Committee on April 15, 2015. Mr. Maroof Raza, in his address talked about the turmoil in Yemen and its implications on India. He spoke about Operation Raahat which led to the evacuation of over 5,600 persons, including 4,640 Indians and about 960 foreign nationals from 41 countries. India's response to the crisis in Yemen has been both competent and convincing taking into account the safety of the citizens and collaboration with third parties. While talking about international terrorism and India's position, he mentioned that ISIS is only a terrorist organization which generates funds by selling oil.

Mr. Manish Sisodia, Deputy Chief Minister, Govt. of NCT of Delhi

Mr. Manish Sisodia, Deputy Chief Minister, Government of NCT of Delhi interacted with the Members of the Managing Committee on June 17, 2015. Mr. Manish Sisodia during his address asserted that the AAP government would put up a firmer mechanism soon for

removing the age old Inspector Raj to enable industry to function smoothly and with minimum intervention from authorities in the government. Elaborating on the issue of eliminating the Inspector Raj in Delhi, Mr. Sisodia also shared that the government was also renewing the tendering process to enable Delhi and its industries to import foreign technologies to catapult the growth of the industry.

Mr. Anil Swarup, Coal Secretary, Government of India

Mr. Anil Swarup, Coal Secretary, Government of India interacted with the Members of the Managing Committee on July 15, 2015. Mr. Anil Swarup in his address proclaimed that India would become coal surplus by 2017 as it has begun to grow at a resounding rate of 12.3 percent and thus is poised to double its coal production by 2020. Mr. Swarup informed that in the last few months, the Coal India Limited (CIL) has acquired 2,000 hectares of land for coal mining by obtaining 41 environment clearances and almost each month CIL is adding one coal mine. He further informed that during coal block auctions, the process was transparent and there was constant dialogue with the industry.



Ms. Darja Bavdaz Kuret, Ambassador, Embassy of Slovenia and Ms. Indrani Bagchi, Senior Diplomatic Editor, The Times of India

Her Excellency Ms. Darja Bavdaz Kuret, Ambassador, Embassy of Slovenia and Ms Indrani Bagchi, Senior Diplomatic Editor, The Times of India interacted with the Members of the Managing Committee on August 19, 2015. Her Excellency Ms Darja Bavdaz Kuret, Ambassador, Embassy of Slovenia in her overview gave a snapshot of the country. She explained the advantages of Slovenia which makes it a favorable destination for investment like quality work force, infrastructure and easy access to neighboring countries in Europe through excellent transport corridors. Ms Indrani Bagchi elaborated on India's current Foreign Policy and how it was shaping India's relations with different countries across the world.

Mr. Ram Tirath, Member and Special Secretary, Central Board of Excise and Customs (CBEC)

Mr. Ram Tirath, Member and Special Secretary, Central Board of Excise and Customs (CBEC), Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance, interacted with the Members of the Managing Committee on September 16, 2015. Mr. Ram Tirath stated that the World Bank report is one of the relevant parameters for measuring 'Ease of Doing Business' and India needs to cover a lot of ground as it is ranked at 142 out of 189 economies according to the latest report. Mr. Tirath mentioned that India needs to introspect and cited 4 major causes for low ranking namely-complicated legislations, inadequate focus on taxpayers services, below par capacity building and lack of clarity. Mr. Tirath emphasized on the need for Digitization and Information Technology which would help in reducing the complexity of the processes.

Prof. Manoj Pant, Centre For International Trade And Development, School Of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University

Prof. Manoj Pant, Centre for International Trade and Development, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University interacted with the Members of the Managing committee on October 21, 2015. Prof Pant spoke on recent developments in India's International Economic Relations with special reference to Prime Minister's visit to US and the impact of the FTAs on the Industry and Economy vis-à-vis the International Dynamics.

Regional Office and State Offices

The Regional Office of PHD Chamber at Chandigarh and State Offices in Bhopal (MP), Dehradun (Uttarakhand), Kashipur (Uttarakhand), Jaipur (Rajasthan), Jammu (J&K), Srinagar (J&K), Lucknow (UP), Patna (Bihar), Raipur (Chhattisgarh), Ranchi (Jharkhand) and Shimla (HP) continued to liaise with the respective State Governments and other agencies to cater to the needs of members

of the region more effectively. A representative office in Guwahati (Assam) has also come up this year for the North Eastern Region.

Media Relations

The activities of PHD Chamber were extensively covered by the print and electronic media.

Bulletin

The monthly bulletin of PHD Chamber continued to provide

useful information to the members on economic developments, business opportunities, exhibitions / trade fairs, seminars and workshops in India and abroad, government policies, economic indicators, issues discussed in the Parliament, country profiles, articles on different subjects, activities of PHD Chamber etc. The bulletin can be read online on the Chamber's website.



109th Annual Session



The 109th Annual Session of the PHD Chamber along with the Excellence Awards Ceremony was held at Hotel Le Meridien on December 20, 2014. The theme for the 109th Annual Session was 'New India —Way Forward'. Hon'ble Union Minister of Road Transport, Highways & Shipping, Mr. Nitin Gadkari was the Chief Guest for the Inaugural Session and the Excellence Awards Ceremony.

Mr. Nitin Gadkari, Union Minister of Road Transport, Highways & Shipping in his keynote address emphasized that infrastructure was key to the development of New India. He acknowledged that

higher costs were a hindrance to the growth of infrastructure in India. He agreed that there was need to reduce interest rates and said that he would shortly meet the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) Governor and seek RBI's directives for all leading commercial banks to facilitate project finance at concessional rates.

Mr. Sharad Jaipuria, President, PHD Chamber in his welcome address opined that under Hon'ble Prime Minister, Mr. Narendra Modi's dynamic leadership and his astute administrative skills, India is likely to regain the growth momentum and achieve the goal of a strong,



sustainable and an all-inclusive growth in the economy.



PHD Annual Awards For Excellence 2014



Mr. Nitin Gadkari, Union Minister of Road Transport, Highways & Shipping was gracious enough to confer upon the Excellence Awards to the finalists under categories namely: Good Corporate Citizen Award awarded to Steel Authority of India Limited; Distinguished Entrepreneurship Award bestowed to Mr. Pushvinderjit Singh, MD, Tynor Orthotics (P) Ltd; Outstanding Businesswoman Award conferred to Ms. Samta

Khanna, MD, VNS. Accessories Private Ltd; Award for Outstanding Contribution to Social Welfare to National Safai Karamchari Finance and Development Corporation; Award for Excellence in Skill Development went to Mr. Hari Shankar Singhania, Elastomer & Tyre Research Institute and Lifetime Achievement Award was bestowed to Mr. P R S Oberoi, Executive Chairman, EIH Limited.

The Chamber also bestowed awards to distinguished MSMEs. Mr. Jugal Kishore Baid, Partner, Vitromed Healthcare received the Distinguished Entrepreneurship Award for MSME while Yamuna Cable Accessories Private Limited received the Outstanding Achiever for Exports Award for MSME. The Jury was chaired by Hon'ble Dr. Justice A. S. Anand along with other eminent personalities.

Session on “Energising India’s Power Sector”



The session on ‘Energising India’s Power Sector’ was addressed by Mr. Piyush Goyal, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for

Power, Coal and New & Renewable Energy. Mr. Sidharth Zarabi, Executive Editor, Bloomberg TV India moderated the session.

Mr. Sharad Jaipuria, President, PHD Chamber in his welcome remarks emphasized the need to revitalize cash strapped discoms along with



the implementation of 'National Clean Energy Fund' in order to rejuvenate the distribution sector.

Hon'ble Minister, Mr. Goyal in his opening remarks emphasized that his Ministry's mission is to deliver power to every home in the country 24x7. He reassured that

his Ministry is trying its level best to bring down power tariffs and ensure that the country will be free of diesel generators and inverters. He stated that the supply of good quality affordable power to every home is the utmost priority of his Ministry.

Mr. Kuljit Singh Partner – Power & Utilities, Transaction Advisory Services, Ernst & Young stated that private developers have fulfilled all their promises but the government has failed to deliver on fuel supply which has culminated in power shortages.

Session on 'Making India a Global Manufacturing Hub'



The interactive session on 'Making India a Global Manufacturing Hub' was moderated by Mr. S Rangabashyam, Anchor, DD News and the Deputy Registrar, Delhi University. Distinguished panelists for the session were Mr. Rajeev Kher, Commerce Secretary, Mr. Anil Swarup, Coal Secretary and Mr. Subir Gokarn, Director Research, Brookings India and Former Deputy Governor, Reserve Bank of India.

Mr. Sharad Jaipuria, President, PHD Chamber in his address emphasized that the manufacturing sector is of immense importance for the growth of the Indian economy. He appreciated the new government's 'Make in India' initiative, which intends to facilitate investment, foster innovation and build world-class manufacturing infrastructure.

Mr. Subir Vithal Gokarn suggested making manufacturing a homogenous entity to make it more productive. He shared that addressing labour issues and improving livelihoods will result in increasing productivity. Mr. Gokarn further emphasized that India would have to combine all the inputs and move in a direction to provide a competitive environment for its industry to grow, keeping in mind the current scenario, wherein the process of manufacturing is moving away from labour intensity. Many companies are becoming largely automated and require less but highly specialized and skilled labour.

Mr. Anil Swarup, Secretary, Ministry of Coal shared that the most important issue is ease of doing business, which should be

transparent and comfortable to increase the interests of the private sector.

Mr. Rajeev Kher, Commerce Secretary opined that we cannot become a manufacturing hub on our own and we need to be a part of the global system to succeed. To become a manufacturing hub, we need to become leaders in a complementing array of services. Thus we need to gain impetus for manufacturing via the domestic market.

Mr. Alok B Sriram, Senior Vice President, PHD Chamber and Mr. Mahesh Gupta, Vice President, PHD Chamber also shared that industry needs to work together, have better labour laws, get rid of redundant laws and implement the innovative initiatives.



Special Session with Salman Khurshid, Senior Leader, Indian National Congress



A special session was held with Mr. Salman Khurshid, Senior Leader, Indian National Congress and former Minister for External Affairs. Mr. Salman Khurshid advocated that people have to work hard to ensure that political party falls in line and seeks

measures to redress issues of national sovereignty or security of the economy. He reiterated that the Government needs to address these challenges with the mutual consent and collaborative alliances by the central and the state governments. He stressed

on the fact that responsibility will come with accountability and therefore we need to define the duty of the political parties. Mr. Khurshid emphasized on issues of essence like the right to education, employment, health and wellness and right to intellectual property.

Luminaries at PHD Chamber's 109th Annual Session



PHD Chamber's Former Presidents with the New Leadership of 2015 at the Felicitation Dinner hosted by Mr. Alok B. Shriram on 20th December 2014 at ITC Maurya Hotel, New Delhi



Meeting with Hon'ble President of India



A PHD Chamber delegation led by Mr. Alok B. Shriram, President, Mr. Mahesh Gupta, Senior Vice President, Mr. Gopal Jiwarajka, Vice President, Mr. Salil Bhandari, Past President, Mr. Saurabh Sanyal, Executive Director and Dr. Ranjeet Mehta, Director met Mr. Pranab Mukherjee, Hon'ble President of India on January 16, 2015 at Rashtrapati Bhavan to apprise the Hon'ble President of India about the activities of the Chamber. The Annual Report 2014-15 of the PHD Chamber was also presented. The Hon'ble President appreciated PHD Chamber's efforts and initiatives and wished success for its future endeavours.

Meeting with Hon'ble Vice President of India



A PHD Chamber delegation led by Mr. Alok B. Shriram, President, Mr. Mahesh Gupta, Senior Vice President and Mr. Gopal Jiwarajka, Vice President met Hon'ble Vice President of India, Mr. Hamid M. Ansari on January 16, 2015 at his office to discuss PHD Chamber's thrust on 'Skill India for Global Competitiveness' and strategies to achieve the target of skilling the Indian youth. Mr. Alok B. Shriram requested the Hon'ble Vice President to inaugurate the conference on the above issue.



PM's Visit to Exhibition of India-Africa Forum Summit



PHD Chamber partnered with the Government of India to showcase India's contribution in economic development of Africa in the Infrastructure and Healthcare sectors in a Business Exhibition organized at the Third Edition of India-Africa Forum Summit, October 27-29, 2015. The Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Mr. Narendra Modi visited the Exhibition on October 29, 2015. The Hon'ble Prime Minister was escorted to the PHD Chamber pavilion by Mr. Alok B. Shriram, President, PHD Chamber.

Meeting with US President, Mr. Barrack Obama



Mr. Alok B. Sriram, President, PHD Chamber met Mr. Barrack Obama, US President, at the Presidential Banquet hosted by the Hon'ble President of India, Mr. Pranab Mukherjee at the Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi on January 25, 2015 in honour of Mr. Obama who was Chief Guest for the 66th Republic Day celebrations in India.

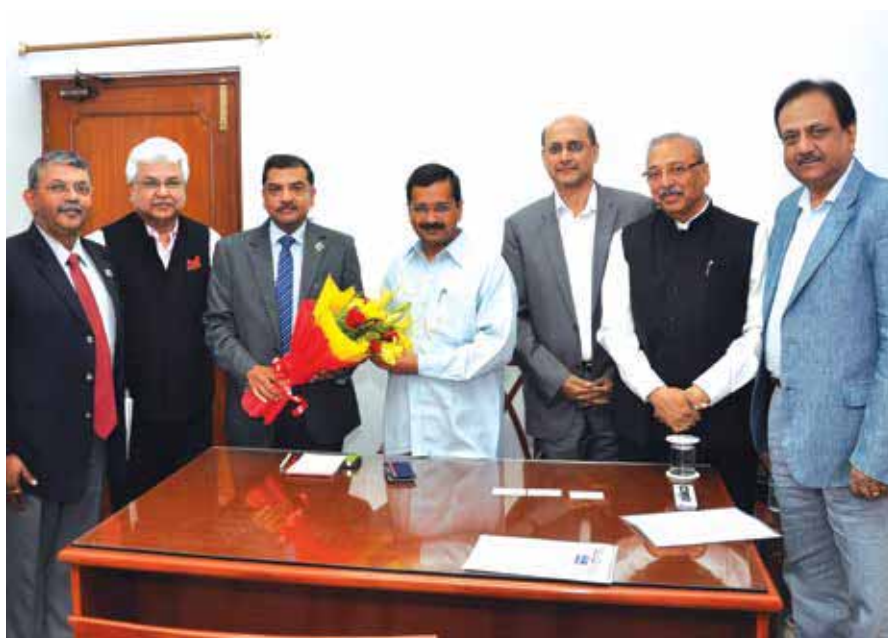


Meeting with Mr. Arun Jaitley, Hon'ble Minister of Finance



A PHD Chamber delegation led by Mr. Alok B. Shriram, President, Mr. Mahesh Gupta, Senior Vice President, Dr. Raghupati Singhanian, Former President, Mr. Sumanjyoti Khaitan, Former President, Mr. Saurabh Sanyal, Secretary General, and Dr. S. P. Sharma, Chief Economist, PHD Chamber met Mr. Arun Jaitley, Hon'ble Minister of Finance on September 8, 2015 at Ministry of Finance, New Delhi.

Meeting with Hon'ble Chief Minister of Delhi



A delegation of PHD Chamber under the leadership of Mr. Alok B. Shriram called on Mr. Arvind Kejriwal, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Delhi on October 26, 2015 at his residence. Other members who were present were Dr. Mahesh Gupta, Senior Vice President, Mr. Gopal Jiwarajka, Vice President, Mr. Rajnish Goenka, Chairman, Delhi Committee, Mr. Pradeep Multani, Chairman, Committee on AYUSH along with the secretarial team. Mr. Shriram informed Mr. Kejriwal that the Chamber had prepared and submitted a Comprehensive report on Ease of Doing Business in India to the Central Government.



Meeting with Vice President, Indian National Congress



A PHD Chamber delegation led by Mr Alok B Shriram, President, Dr. Mahesh Gupta, Senior Vice President, Mr. Gopal Jiwarajka, Vice President and the Secretariat team called on Mr. Rahul Gandhi, Vice President, Indian National Congress at his residence on November 13, 2015 to discuss industry and trade issues.

Celebrations of Mr. I P Anand's Centenary Year

PHD Chamber celebrated Mr. I P Anand's centenary year on June 14, 2015 at Hotel Lodhi, New Delhi where many Members of Managing Committee of the Chamber, his family and friends were present during the celebrations. Mr. Alok B. Shriram shared that Mr. I P Anand, a living legend in the field of industry, development, education and social causes was an eminent part of our Chamber as Chairman during two occasions, years 1959-1960 and 1967-68. The President along with members shared their experiences on the occasion which were indeed sentimental and thought provoking. In recognition of his



outstanding contribution for more than 75 years to the Chamber, the

Chamber presented a Citation for 'Selfless Service' to Mr. I P Anand.



INTERNATIONAL

The International Affairs Committee continued to focus its activities on promotion of foreign trade and investment with emphasis on specific geographical regions of the world. Under the aegis of the International Affairs Committee, the following committees were reconstituted.

Name of the Committee	Chairman/Co-Chairman
Foreign Trade and Investment Committee	Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal / Mr. Sanjay Beswal, Mr. Surinder Kumar Kalra
International Affairs Committee for Asia and Oceania	Mr. Avinash Jain/ Mr. Sanjeev Ahuja
International Affairs Committee for Middle East	Mr. V. C. Jain
International Affairs Committee for Africa	Mr. Sanjeev Sardana/ Mr. Ranjeet Chaturvedi
International Affairs Committee for Americas-North	Mr. Deepak Pahwa
International Affairs Committee for Americas-South	Mr. Pradeep Tyle
International Affairs Committee for CIS	Mr. Chetan Kajaria
International Affairs Committee for Europe	Mr. Mohit Jain / Mr. Jaspal Singh Sawhney

The above committees, besides deliberating on policy issues of relevance to foreign trade and investment, organized a wide range of activities including meetings with visiting business delegations/dignitaries, Ambassadors/High Commissioners of foreign countries in India and interactions on business opportunities overseas, among others. The Union Ministry of Commerce and Industry, on several occasions, sought the views of PHD Chamber on important issues, especially Regional Trade Agreements/Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreements being signed by India and the Foreign Trade Policy, among others, which were submitted by PHD Chamber to the government.



Business Exhibition during the third Edition of the India-Africa Forum Summit



strengths and capabilities and India-Africa cooperation in several sectors such as agriculture, infrastructure & energy, healthcare, and science and technology.

The Minister of State for External Affairs Gen. (Dr.) V.K. Singh (Retd.) inaugurated the Exhibition on October 27, 2015. He was accompanied by Ms. Fatima Haram Acyl, Commissioner for Trade and Industry of the African Union Commission.

The Third Edition of the India-Africa Forum Summit organized by the Government of India, October 26 – 29, 2015 at the Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium, New Delhi, brought together leaders and representatives of 54 African countries in order to showcase the multi-dimensional India-Africa partnership.

PHD Chamber partnered with the Government of India and availed

this opportunity to showcase India's contribution in economic development of Africa in the Infrastructure and Healthcare sectors in a Business Exhibition organized on the sidelines of the Summit. There were 26 stalls at the Infrastructure Pavilion and 13 stalls at the Healthcare Pavilion, where several Indian companies exhibited their business interests. The exhibition was a thematic presentation on India's

The Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Mr. Narendra Modi visited the Exhibition on October 29, 2015. He was accompanied by H.E. Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma, Chairperson of the African Union Commission and H.E. Mr. Robert Gabriel Mugabe, President of Zimbabwe. The Hon'ble Prime Minister was escorted to the PHD Chamber pavilion by Mr. Alok B. Shriram, President, PHD Chamber.





India-Africa Business Forum



Coinciding with the third edition of the India-Africa Forum Summit, an India-Africa Business Forum was organized on October 28, 2015, at Hotel Le Meridien, New Delhi.

Ms. Sushma Swaraj, Hon'ble Minister for External Affairs inaugurated the seminar and addressed the participants at the inaugural session.

The seminar attracted a large number of African dignitaries and top businessmen from across Africa and India to discuss areas of cooperation in various sectors, namely Agriculture & food processing, Infrastructure, Energy, Healthcare & Pharmaceuticals and Science, Technology and Innovation. At this seminar, PHD Chamber organized a Special Sector Focus session on 'Delivering Affordable Healthcare Solutions for Africa'.

Eminent speakers at the Session included Mr. Omar Sey, Hon'ble Minister of Health, Republic of the Gambia, Ms. Charity Mwiya, Company Secretary & Manager-Mem-

ber Services, Namibia Chamber of Commerce and Industry (NCCI), Ms. Hirut Zemen, Director General, Business Diplomacy Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ethiopia, Mr. Sanjeev Vashishta, Chief Executive Officer, SRL Limited, Dr.

Anupam Sibal, Group Medical Director, Apollo Hospitals Group and Dr. Naresh Trehan, Chairman & Managing Director, Medanta – The Medicity. The session was moderated by Ms. Sanchita Sharma, Health Editor, The Hindustan Times.





Interactive Session with The Right Hon. Sir Anerood Jugnauth, GCSK, KCMG, QC, Prime Minister of the Republic of Mauritius



PHD Chamber organized an interactive session with The Right Hon. Sir Anerood Jugnauth, GCSK, KCMG, QC, Prime Minister of the Republic of Mauritius on October 30, 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi.

Mr. Alok B. Shriram, President, PHD Chamber, said that India and Mauritius shared a historically cor-

dial relation and it was time to elevate their economic relationship as well. He stressed that India requires huge investments across various sectors and Mauritius being India's top source of FDI becomes an important partner of India. He suggested that India and Mauritius should promote tourism and cultural exchanges to build long-lasting relationships.

Mr. Ken Poonoosamy, Managing Director, Board of Investment, Mauritius presented attributes of the Mauritius economy. He said that as 70 percent of the Mauritian population is of Indian origin, there exist strong bonds of kinship between India and Mauritius that should be converted into strong economic ties as well.

The Right Hon. Sir Anerood Jugnauth, GCSK, KCMG, QC, Prime Minister of the Republic of Mauritius informed about opening a branch office of the Board of Investment of Mauritius at the Mauritius High Commission in New Delhi. The Hon'ble Prime Minister spoke about his Government's efforts in making Mauritius an aviation hub which will provide a vital link between Asia and Africa. He called upon the Indian industry to help Mauritius increase its manufacturing base as it aspires to take its manufacturing basket to the level of over 25 percent of its GDP.





Interactive Session with Delegation from Morocco

A delegation from The Moroccan Centre for Export Promotion (Maroc Export) called on Mr. Alok B. Shriram, President, PHD Chamber on October 23, 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi. Ms. Zahra Maafiri, Managing Director, Maroc Export highlighted that infrastructure, especially affordable housing can be a key area of cooperation between India and Morocco.



Signing of Memorandum of Understanding on Mutual Cooperation between the Moroccan Centre For Export Promotion (Maroc Export) and PHD Chamber



The Moroccan Centre for Export Promotion (Maroc Export) organized an informal get together on October 27, 2015 at Kempinski Ambience Hotel, New Delhi, wherein a MoU was signed between The Moroccan Centre For Export Promotion (Maroc Export) and PHD Chamber. Ms. Zahra Maafiri, Managing Director, Maroc Export signed the MoU on behalf of Maroc Export and Mr. Saurabh Sanyal, Secretary General, PHD Chamber on behalf of PHD Chamber.

Meeting with Ambassador of the Democratic Republic of Congo



Mr. Alok B. Shriram, President, PHD Chamber and Mr. Saurabh Sanyal, Secretary General, PHD Chamber called on H.E. Mr. Francois Balumuene, Ambassador of the Democratic Republic of Congo to India, on February 23, 2015. Mr. Kasongo Musenga, Second Counsellor (Consular & Press), Embassy of Democratic Republic of the Congo, and Ms. Aarushi Gautam, Assistant Secretary (International Affairs), PHD Chamber were also present at the meeting.



Meeting with Delegation from Kenya



PHD Chamber organized a meeting with a delegation from Kenya on January 28, 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi. The delegation was led by Ms. Susan Chepkoech Kikwai, Deputy Governor, Kericho County, Kenya and Ms. Jolly Chepkirui Cheruiyot, Minister for ICT, Kericho County. Mr. John Kipkoech

Too, Member of Kericho County Assembly, Ms. Hellen Chekurui Ngeno, Minister for Health, Kericho County, Ms. Emily Chepkoech, Member of Kericho County Assembly and Ms. Grace Chepchirchir Sinei, PA to Deputy Governor.

Ms. Susan Chepkoech Kikwai gave

a brief overview about Kericho County and the business opportunities available there. Ms. Kikwai expressed interest in associating with PHD Chamber and collaborating with industry members in sectors such as healthcare, water, ICT, infrastructure, skill development and youth empowerment.

Meeting with Ambassador of Zimbabwe

H.E. Mr. Maxwell Ranga, Ambassador of Zimbabwe to India, along with Mr. Witness Ngwenya, Counselor called on Mr. Sanjeev Sardana, Chairman, International Affairs Committee for Africa, Mr. Saurabh Sanyal, Secretary General, Ms. Shabnam Pareek, Secretary and Ms. Aarushi Gautam, Assistant Secretary, PHD Chamber on March 10, 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss areas of cooperation between the two nations.





Interactive Session with High Commissioner of the Kingdom of Lesotho

The International Affairs Committee for Africa, PHD Chamber organized an interactive session with H. E. Mr. Bothata Tsikoane, High Commissioner of the Kingdom of Lesotho and Ms. Boopane Masoebe, First Secretary on May 28, 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi.

Dr. J. S. Juneja, Former Chairman, International Affairs Committee for Africa, PHD Chamber spoke about the growing importance of the African region as one of the fastest growing regions of the world that could provide ample opportunities to investors worldwide. H. E. Mr. Bothata Tsikoane, High Commissioner



of the Kingdom of Lesotho said that Lesotho's strategic location, peaceful business climate, qualified and English speaking labour and available infrastructure makes it a preferred destination for trade and investment. He spoke on the

numerous incentives offered by the Government of Lesotho to foreign investors which include tax incentives, ease in getting permits and licenses, investment facilitation amongst others.

Interactive Session on Business Opportunities in Malawi



The International Affairs Committee for Africa, PHD Chamber organized an interactive session on 'Business Opportunities in Malawi' on August 4, 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi. Mr. Patrick Mphepo, Charge d' Affaires and Mr. Alfred Vilili, Trade Counselor, addressed the participants at the session.

Mr. Patrick Mphepo, Charge

d' Affaires, High Commission of the Republic of Malawi, New Delhi, said that Malawi's abundant natural resources and a politically stable environment along with policy reforms and government openness makes it an attractive destination for trade and investment. Mr. Mphepo also shared a few projects available for the Indian Industry for investment over the next five years, including

areas of increasing irrigation capacity, revitalizing power infrastructure and improving market access. Mr. Saurabh Sanyal, Secretary General, PHD Chamber reiterated that the signing of the Investment Promotion and Protection Agreement and Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement would make implementation of projects easier and also provide a fillip to the two economies.



Visit to Rwanda



Mr. Sanjeev Sardana, Chairman, International Affairs Committee for Africa, PHD Chamber & Managing Director, Yamuna Power & Infrastructure Ltd., visited Rwanda, on behalf of the Chamber, June 29--July 1, 2015. He met several officials from the Rwanda Development Board as well as some private companies to discuss investment opportunities available in Rwanda. During his discussions, a few potential sectors were identified for economic cooperation that included infrastructure, power transmission and distribution, healthcare, ICT and education.

Meeting with Delegation from Kenya

PHD Chamber organized a meeting with a delegation from Kenya on August 5, 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi. The delegation comprised of Dr. Elizabeth Ndumia, CEO, Dunberry Consultants Ltd. and Mr. Kenneth Kamau, Practicing Advocate in President's office in Kenya. Mr. Sanjeev Sardana, Chairman, International Affairs Committee for Africa, PHD Chamber briefed them about the 'Conference on Africa: A Land of Opportunities', that the Chamber has been organizing for the past two years, with the support of the Ministry of External Affairs.



Mr. Kamau gave a brief overview about the abundant opportunities

available in the African continent, and in particular Kenya. He urged the Chamber to exploit the opportunities available in Kenya.

Meeting with Ambassador of Ethiopia to India

Mr. Alok B. Shriram, President, PHD Chamber called on H.E. Ms. Gennet Zewide, Ambassador of Ethiopia to India on January 23, 2015 at her office. Mr. Alok B. Shriram sought the Ambassador's views on trade and investment relations between India and Ethiopia. The Ambassador briefed about the plethora of opportunities available in Africa, including Ethiopia. He pointed out that agro processing, healthcare, pharmaceuticals, textiles, leather, mining, sugar and other labour-intensive sectors are some of the prospective sectors.



9th Indian Trade Fair, Sri Lanka



PHD Chamber coordinated participation of Indian companies at the 9th Indian Trade Fair at Sri Lanka Exhibition and Convention Centre, Colombo, Sri Lanka, May 7-9, 2015. 50 companies from various sectors exhibited products at the Fair and participated in the B2B meetings. Mr. Alok B. Shriram, President, PHD Chamber participated in the high level trade fair.

Mr. Champika Premadasa, Deputy Minister of Commerce & Industry, Govt. of Sri Lanka inaugurated the event. Hon'ble Minister said that the Fair aimed to enhance the friendship and economic cooperation between India & Sri Lanka reminding the legacy of social, cultural, political, economic & trade relations between India & Sri Lanka which was 2,500 years old. Mr. Arindam Bagchi, Acting High Commissioner of India in Sri Lanka, congratulated PHD



Chamber and expressed hope that with new governments in both the countries, economic ties would be further strengthened.

Mr. Alok Shriram hoped there would be further strengthening of economic cooperation between both the countries. Prominent Indian companies

which participated included Kent RO Systems; Luminous Power Technologies Private Limited; Indofil Industries Limited; Dharampal Satyapal Limited; Usha International Limited; Somany Ceramics Limited; Tamil Nadu Newsprint & Papers Limited; Industrial Boilers Limited; Buhler India Private Limited, to name a few.



PHD Chamber's participation in the 9th Asian International Trade & Tourism Expo 2015 at Dhaka



PHD Chamber, with the support of the Department of Commerce, Government of India, under the MAI Scheme, organized Indian participation in the 9th Asian International Trade & Tourism Expo 2015, June 10-14, 2015 in Dhaka, Bangladesh. Mr. Gopal Jiwarajka, Vice President, PHD Chamber at-

tended the inaugural ceremony of the Exhibition. During the visit, Mr. Jiwarajka called on Mr. Nabhash Chandra Mandal, Executive Member, Board of Investment, Government of Bangladesh. Mr. Mandal informed that FDI is encouraged in all industries in Bangladesh except those in the reserved sector

and there are no restrictions to foreign investments in terms of equity participation. The thrust sectors include - agro-based and food-processing, textiles, jute, computer software and ICT, pharmaceuticals, leather and leather products, furniture, fisheries, shipbuilding, tourism, plastics, auto components, etc.

PHD Chamber's Meeting with High Commissioner of India to Bangladesh

During the Dhaka visit, Mr. Jiwarajka called on Mr. Pankaj Saran, High Commissioner of India to Bangladesh and Mr. Bijay Selvaraj, First Secretary (Commerce). The High Commissioner informed that India shares a complex relationship with Bangladesh that has matured over the years. He observed that private businesses on both sides have an important role to play. He emphasized that projects of Indian companies were doing well and there are vast opportunities even though entry maybe somewhat difficult. The High Commissioner stressed on the need to improve the trade



infrastructure at the Petrapole-Benapole border to encourage trade,

since 80 percent of the trade is through this border route.



PHD Chamber's Delegation to China – Shanghai, Xian and Beijing



A high powered business delegation was mounted to China, September 9-15, 2015 under the esteemed leadership of Mr. Alok B. Shriram, President PHD Chamber. The delegation was accompanied by the members of the Chamber and entrepreneurs including: Dr. Harish Kumar Ahuja, Mr. Surinder Kumar Kalra, Mr. D.N. Sharma, Mr. Anurag Sharma, Mr. Saurabh Sanyal and Dr. S.P. Sharma. The delegation visited the cities of Shanghai, Xian and Beijing. A series of fruitful events and business meetings marked the success of the delegation.

On September 10, 2015, the delegation's first meeting was held at the office of the Consulate General of India where various B2B meetings with manufacturing companies from agri, food and nuts, automobiles, chemicals,

electronics, engineering, paper and plywood, textiles and clothing, trade and finance took place. The delegation also visited the turbine plant of Shanghai Electric Group Co. Ltd.

A number of Chinese companies participated in the mutual

exchange of knowledge and prospective business collaborations in the times to come. Both sides also agreed and assured to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with an objective to promote trade, technical and economic cooperation between China and India.





PHD Chamber Participation in the 32nd China International Gifts, Premium & Houseware Exhibition in Beijing



PHD Chamber organized a National Level Participation from India at the 32nd China Beijing International Gifts, Premium & Houseware Exhibition, September 14-17, 2015 at China International Exhibition Center, Beijing. Over 1500 exhibitors participated in the exhibition that included participation of more than 100 companies from seven countries. About 60,000 trade visitors visited the exhibition.

The delegation attended the inauguration of the 32nd China Beijing Gift Premium and Houseware Exhibition on September 14, 2015. India Pavilion was the largest national participation at the exhibition. 50 Indian companies showcased a wide variety of products at the India Pavilion. The products displayed were artwares of aluminium, brass,

iron and wood; leather furniture & hard goods; miniature paintings & wood crafts; shopping hand bags of jute, hand bags of cotton, gift & shopping bags, carry bags, cosmetic and wine bags; stoles, scarves, jewellery and footwear; cushion covers; rugs & carpets, made up bags; metal furniture

items, candle stands; hand embroidered home furnishings and home decorations; gifts and souvenirs; wooden chess set, chess board, wooden games and puzzles like cribbage, solitaire and magnetic travel games; carpets and shawls, etc.





Interactive Session with Senior Officials of China Fortune Land Development Company Limited



The International Affairs Committee for Asia, PHD Chamber organized an interactive session with senior officials of China Fortune Land Development Co., Ltd (CFLD), China on September 7, 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi.

The delegation constituted of Mr. Zhao Hongjing, Vice President,

China Fortune Land Development Co., Ltd. & President, Overseas Business Division, CFLD; Dr. Yang Zhe, Vice President, Overseas Business Division, CFLD, General Manager, Strategy and Business Development Center, Overseas Business Division, CFLD & Mr. Lin Mengwei, Senior Manager, Strategy and Business

Development Center, Overseas Business Division, CFLD & Chief Representative of India, Overseas Business Division, CFLD.

Mr. Alok B. Shriram President, PHD Chamber apprised the delegation about the Chamber's activities. Dr. Yang gave an insight to the China Fortune Land Development Co., Ltd (CFLD).

Interactive Session with Delegation from China

PHD Chamber organized an interactive session with a delegation from China on September 11, 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi. The delegates included Chen Gaogang, Chairman, Qingyuan Aofeng Decorative Building Materials Co. Ltd.; Zheng Zefeng, Chairman, Enping Mingyuan Education Group; Gao Changcheng, Chairman, Guangzhou Baiyun District Chunlei Education Group; Yang Fengyi, CFO, Guangzhou Huazheng Bangtai Investment Group and Hunag Qiang, General Manager, Guangzhou Huazheng Bangtai Investment Group.



Mr. Atul Prakash Anand, Member, Managing Committee, PHD Chamber while welcoming the delegation apprised them the Chamber's initiatives to promote

trade and economic cooperation between India and other economies in the world and in particular, Chamber's special focus on Asia.



Meeting with Ambassador of Japan

PHD Chamber in recent months has initiated to build bilateral trade and commerce relationship with Japan on behalf of Chamber's members.

On October 12, 2015, Mr. Alok B. Shriram met H.E. The Ambassador of Japan, San Takeshi Yagi accompanied by officials from Indo-Japan Consultants Private Ltd including San Tatsuo Nishimoto, Senior Advisor, Mr. Deepak Vasdev, Managing Director and Mr. Himanshu Gaur, Advisor. The Chamber was represented by Mr. Saurabh Sanyal, Secretary General and Mr. Debjit Talapatra, Director. Ambassador, San Takeshi Yagi appreciated the venture



undertaken by PHD Chamber with Indo-Japan Consultants Pvt. Ltd. and assured his support to promote trade. In keeping with the requirement of proper linkage creation, PHD Chamber recently

signed a two-year MoU with Indo-Japan Consultants Private Ltd. which has base in India as well as in Tokyo. Towards this objective, a Japan Desk is being opened at the Chamber.





Brainstorming Session to Identify Specific Issues on Impediments to Trade with Pakistan

PHD Chamber organized a brainstorming session to identify specific issues on impediments to trade with Pakistan on December 15, 2014 at PHD House, New Delhi.

Muhammad Irfan Tarar, Minister (Trade), High Commission of Pakistan, New Delhi was present at the session. Mr. Ravi Wig, Past President, PHD Chamber chaired the session. Dr. Nisha Taneja, Professor, Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations was also present.

Almost all participants felt that the biggest hindrance to trade between India and Pakistan is the difficult visa regime. It involves



mandatory police reporting and registering in the destined cities being with a cap of four cities in one visit. Moreover infrastructure bottlenecks, lack of dedicated cargo terminals, restrictions involving in trans-shipment of cargo, issues

of containerization, restriction on tradable goods through Wagah border, amongst others were the other factors hindering trade between the two countries.

Interactive Session with a Delegation from Taiwan



The International Affairs Committee for Asia and Pacific, PHD Chamber organized an interactive session with a delegation from Taiwan on 'Investment Opportunities in India' on January 13, 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi.

The delegation was led by Dr.

Tyzz-Jiun Duh, Minister, Executive Yuan, along with Mr. Shih-Chao Cho, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Economic Affairs, Government of Taiwan and business leaders. Mr. Pradeep Kumar Rawat, Joint Secretary (EA), Ministry of External Affairs also participated in the interaction. The business delegation represented various

sectors including electronics, textiles, shipbuilding, IT, steel, and automobile components.

Mr. Alok B. Shriram, President, PHD Chamber stressed on the fact India and Taiwan can learn from each other's expertise and synergize their relative strengths to build a long lasting relationship. Amb. Chung- Kwang Tien, Representative, Economic and Cultural Centre wished for fruitful friendship between India and Taiwan. Mr. Shih-Chao Cho, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Economic Affairs, Government of Taiwan urged the Taiwanese delegates to engage in more business partnerships with their Indian counterparts.



Regional Chambers of Commerce Roundtable on Enhancing India-Pakistan Trade

Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER) organized a Regional Chambers of Commerce Roundtable on 'Enhancing India-Pakistan Trade' on February 23, 2015 in Colombo, Sri Lanka. Representatives of various Chambers, business leaders, former government officials and logistics companies from India and Pakistan were invited to attend the roundtable.

Mr. Ravi Wig, Former President and Ms. Shabnam Pareek, Secretary (International Affairs) represented the PHD Chamber. Mr. Ravi Wig highlighted that to realise the full potential of India-Pakistan trade,



it is important to replace our political-based approach by an economic-based approach.

The cumbersome procedures at border posts, infrastructure

bottlenecks, lack of dedicated cargo terminals, restrictions involved in trans-shipment of cargo were identified as problems hampering the smooth flow of bilateral trade.

Interactive Session with delegation from Faisalabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FCCI), Pakistan

PHD Chamber organized an interactive session with a delegation from Faisalabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FCCI), Pakistan on March 17, 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi. Guest of Honour, Mr. P. Muralidhar Rao, National General Secretary, Bharatiya Janata Party stressed on the need to strengthen the SAARC bloc which was not being used effectively to work together.

Mr. Ravi Wig, Past President, PHD Chamber, highlighted that mutual development is the best way to bridge differences between the two countries.

Mr. Rizwan Ashraf, President,



Faisalabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Pakistan highlighted the importance of the Chambers of Commerce in facilitating trade by removing bottlenecks.

Mr. S. R. Sharma, General Manager, Punjab National Bank suggested granting banking licenses to facilitate easy trade.



Meeting with the President, The National Chamber of Commerce, Sri Lanka



Mr. Alok B. Shriram, President and Mr. Saurabh Sanyal, Secretary-General, PHD Chamber met Mr. Thilaka Godmanna, President, The National Chamber of Commerce of Sri Lanka at Colombo on May 7, 2015 to discuss areas of collaboration between the two Chambers.

Meeting with Ambassador of China to India

Mr. Alok B Shriram, President along with Mr. Mahesh Gupta, Senior Vice President, Mr. Saurabh Sanyal, Secretary General, Dr. S P Sharma, Director and Chief Economist, Ms. Shabnam Pareek, Secretary (International Affairs) and Ms. Tripta Dhawan, Art of Living called on H.E. Mr. Le Yucheng, Ambassador of China to India on July 22, 2015 to discuss bilateral relations between the two nations. Mr. Shriram informed the Ambassador about the Chamber's participation in India Pavilion at the 32nd Gift, Premium & Houseware Show at Beijing and also about the proposed visit of



Chamber's high-level delegation to China. The Ambassador felt that it is important for the Chamber to

develop sustaining partnerships with provincial chambers and business associations.

Meeting with Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of India, Bangkok



Mr. Saurabh Sanyal, Secretary General, PHD Chamber during his visit to Thailand International Exhibitions & Events Forum 2015 (TIEEF) under the theme of Business in Thailand: Your Borderless Business Potentials, called on Mr. G. Balasubramanian, Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of India, Bangkok, on January 23, 2015 at Bangkok. Mr. G. Balasubramanian emphasized the need to visit Thailand and have B2B meetings in order to explore the innumerable business opportunities there.



Meeting with Trade Commissioner, New Zealand High Commission

Mr. Alok B. Shriram, President, Ms. Shabnam Pareek, Secretary, International Affairs and Ms. Aarushi Gautam, Assistant Secretary, PHD Chamber called on Mr. Richard White, Trade Commissioner, New Zealand Trade & Enterprise, New Zealand High Commission, New Delhi on February 12, 2015 at his office. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the various areas of collaboration between the two countries.



Meeting with Ambassador of Japan in India



A PHD Chamber delegation led by Mr. Alok B Shriram, President, along with Mr. Gopal Jiwarajka, Vice-President, Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, Chairman, Foreign Trade and Investment Committee and the secretariat team called on H.E. Mr. Takeshi Yagi, Ambassador of Japan in India on February 16, 2015. The President sought the Ambassador's support in linking up with apex business organizations of Japan in order to develop business ties between MSMEs of both the countries.

Meeting with High Commissioner of Pakistan

A PHD Chamber delegation led by Mr. Mahesh Gupta, Senior Vice-President and the Secretariat officials called on Mr. Abdul Basit, High Commissioner of Pakistan on August 19, 2015 at New Delhi. The Vice President sought the High Commissioner's support for the Reverse Buyers Seller Meet to be held during PITEX 2015 and India Show to be organized in Islamabad during February 2016.





Call on by Trade Commissioner, New Zealand High Commission

Ms Jane Cunliffe, Trade Commissioner, New Zealand Trade & Enterprise, New Zealand High Commission called on Mr. Saurabh Sanyal, Secretary General, PHD Chamber on July 28, 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi. Ms. Neera Arora, Business Development Manager, New Zealand Trade & Enterprise, New Zealand High Commission, Ms. Esther Guy-Meakin, Second Secretary (Trade and Economic), New Zealand High Commission, Chamber were also present during the meeting.



Ms. Cunliffe talked about New Zealand's expertise in renewable energy sector and technology transfer. Mr. Saurabh Sanyal informed that a series of roadshows would be organised by the Chamber in the renewable energy sector in February 2016.

Launch of Turkish Indian-Chambers of Commerce and Industry, New Delhi Chapter



Mr. Alok B. Shriram, President, PHD Chamber was present at the launch of the New Delhi Chapter of the Turkish Indian-Chambers of Commerce and Industry (TICCI) held at The Lalit, New Delhi on March 10, 2015. On this prestigious occasion, Mr. Shriram extended warm wishes to the entire team of TICCI and highlighted the robust bilateral and economic relations that existed between India and Turkey in recent years.

Referring to the MoU signed by PHD Chamber and TICCI last year, Mr. Shriram emphasized on the collective need to work together and act as a facilitator in order to provide due impetus in harnessing the long-standing economic ties between both the nations.



Meeting with H.E. Mr. G. Ganbold, Ambassador of Mongolia



Mr. Saurabh Sanyal, Secretary General, Ms. Shabnam Pareek, Secretary, International Affairs and Ms. Komple Sharma, Executive Officer, PHD Chamber called on H.E. Mr. G. Ganbold, Ambassador of Mongolia on October 14, 2015 at New Delhi. The objective of the meeting was to discuss business opportunities between India and Mongolia.

Meeting with President, The National Chamber of Commerce of Sri Lanka



Mr. Thilak Godamanna, President, The National Chamber of Commerce of Sri Lanka called on Mr. Alok B. Shriram, President, Mr. Sanjeev Ahuja, Co-Chairman, International Affairs Committee for Asia and Oceania and the secretariat team on October 23, 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi. Mr. Shriram apprised him about the Chamber's participation in the Indian Trade Fair held in May 2015 at Colombo. Mr. Godamanna highlighted that there are numerous business opportunities in Sri Lanka for Indian businesses. E-commerce was considered to be a major sector of cooperation between the two countries.



India Pavilion at 9TH FACIT@INTRADE EXPO, Menara, MATRADE, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia



PHD Chamber coordinated participation of Indian companies at the FACIT@INTRADEEXPO at Menara, MATRADE, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, November 4-7, 2015. Around 50 companies from various sectors participated at the Expo. The event was organized by the Malaysia External Trade Development Corporation (MATRADE) and STYLO International.

FACIT@INTRADE and Malaysia Fashion Week (MFW) 2015 was inaugurated by Minister II of International Trade and Industry YB Dato' Seri Ong Ka Chuan Govt. of Malaysia Mr. Vijay Chaudhary, Director and Mr. Kamal Khurana, Joint Secretary, PHD Chamber were present at the inaugural session on November 4, 2015.

Hon'ble Minister stated that the fair

would enhance the friendship and economic cooperation between Malaysia and neighbouring countries. FACIT@INTRADE and MFW 2015 showcased India, Korea, Indonesia, Thailand, Sri Lanka, China, Singapore and Myanmar. Unique products like traditional brocade, textiles, apparels and accessories were displayed at the Expo.

Prominent Indian companies which participated included: The Real Deal, KA Jewels, APJ Handicrafts, Gad Fashions, Sini Fashion and Accessories, Vijay International Limited, Magalam Designer Jewellery, DAKS India, Bhansali Exports, Khadi and Village Industry Board, Jammu and Kashmir to name a few. A large number of B2B meetings were organized during the event and the exhibitors received an overwhelming response with most of them having appointed distributors or likely to be finalised in near future.





Oman India Business Meet

A PHD Chamber delegation met senior business delegation from Oman on August 14, 2015 at Taj Mahal Hotel, New Delhi. The meeting focused on strengthening investment ties and exploring new business and trade opportunities between both the nations. Business leaders discussed collaboration in sectors such as infrastructure, construction, textiles and garments, machinery and equipment, electrical and electronic items, chemicals, iron and steel products along with



traditional items like tea, coffee, seafood, spices, rice, meat products and

Meeting with Business Delegation from Turkey, Azerbaijan and Kazakhstan on 'Solar Energy, Tourism, IT and Software Technology'



The International Affairs Committee – Europe, PHD Chamber hosted a business delegation from the countries of Turkey – Azerbaijan and Kazakhstan on April 24, 2015 at PHD House. The delegation was led by Mr. Sarraf Nazarov, Director, Silkway Businessman Union, and by Mr. Mehmet Ali Şeker, Vice-President, Turkish India Chambers of Commerce and Industry. The discussion, which was led by Mr. Mahesh Gupta, Senior Vice-President focused on ways to explore business and joint collaboration opportunities in sectors such as solar energy, tourism, IT and software technology.



7th International Exhibition 'Spring-Summer Fair' St. Petersburg, Russia



PHD Chamber participated in the 7th International Exhibition "Spring-Summer Fair," April, 16-19, 2015 at St. Petersburg.

A spectacular exhibition, more than 550 companies from 12 countries presented a wide range of products for the summer season. For the first time, the National Exposition of India was presented at the Fair. Russian buyers and visitors eagerly purchased and placed orders for Indian jewelry, original

accessories with traditional Indian motifs, carpets and handmade furniture, Oriental spices, tea, coffee, rice and other goods.

On April 16, 2015, the PHD Chamber's delegation visiting Russia inaugurated the India Pavilion of the Expo at St. Petersburg. Mr. A.K. Dan Counsel- General of India at St. Petersburg was the Chief Guest at the inaugural function. Mr. Pleg Shost, Director-General of Farexpo delivered the welcome ad-

dress. Mr. Mahesh Gupta, Senior Vice-President, PHD Chamber and leader of the delegation addressed leading Russian business houses and guests at the inaugural session. A Special 'India Culture Day' was held on April 17, 2015.

The Fair was a real feast for the visitors. A few companies did well on-the-spot business and received trade orders worth Rs. 8-10 crores. About 48,205 people visited the four day expo.





PHD Chamber Business Mission to St. Petersburg and Moscow, Russia



In order to further enhance trade and investment opportunities and promote India as a favourable investment destination, a high-level business delegation from PHD Chamber visited Russia, April 16- 20, 2015, co-inciding with the Summer Fair at St. Petersburg. The delegation was led by Mr. Mahesh Gupta, Senior Vice-President and accompanied by Mr. Sharad Jaipuria, Immediate Past President, Mr. Sanjay Agarwal, Chairman, Foreign Trade & Investment Committee, Mr. Sanjay Beswal, Co- Chairman, Foreign Trade & Investment Committee, Mr. V.K. Bansal, Co- Chairman, CSR Committee and Mr. Saurabh Sanyal, Secretary General.

The delegation attended a number of business meetings with senior representatives of



Russian companies wherein Indian delegates were able to explore business opportunities available in the niche sectors of Russia.

The delegation met with officials from St. Petersburg Chamber of Commerce and Industry

and government departments, conducted meetings with Indian Consulate in St. Petersburg along with interactive sessions with industrialists, TUSCON and Indian Business Alliance at Moscow and B2B meetings with officials from Embassy in Moscow.



Interactive Session with US-India Economic Ties: The Next Ten Years

The International Affairs Committee on Americas (North) PHD Chamber organized an interactive session with Mr. Richard Rossow of Wadhvani Chair in US India Policy Studies, Centre for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) on December 11, 2014.

Mr. Richard M Rossow opined that with Modi government in India and Obama Administration in US intensifying their focus on enhanced trade relations between the two nations, bilateral trade is likely to reach greater heights in a decade or so.



Mr. Alok B. Shriram, Senior Vice-President, PHD Chamber hoped that with increasing political and economic ties between India and

US, the two largest democracies will take their economic and trade relations at a peak level that it deserves to reach by 2025.

Interactive Session on 'Expand Your Business in North America: An Interaction with Washington State Government'



PHD Chamber's International Affairs Committee- Americas (North) in association with the Washington State Government

and the US Embassy in India organized an interactive session on February 25, 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi.

In his welcome address, Mr. Alok B. Shriram, President, PHD Chamber emphasized on fostering closer commercial ties between the 'Natural Allies'. Mr. Deepak Pahwa, Chairman of International Affairs Committee - Americas (North) urged the business fraternity to explore the potentials in the western coastal state of US.

While delivering her key note address, Ms. Mary Trimarco, Assistant Director, Business Services Division, Washington State, made a presentation about the prospects of fostering the bilateral trade and commercial ties with India.



Interactive Session with Business Delegation from Canada

The International Affairs Division – Americas North PHD Chamber in collaboration with the Indo Canada Chamber of Commerce (ICCC) organized an interactive session with a business delegation from Canada on January 13, 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi. The delegation included industry leaders, SMEs, Members of Parliament and Provincial Parliaments, Senators.

Mr. Tony Chawla, Vice President, ICCC stated that fresh investments in India in the area of energy, entrepreneurial development, electronics, ICT and ship building is expected from Canada especially in view of the Prime Minister's



announcement of 'Make in India' vision. Mr. Deepak Pahwa, Chairman, International Affairs Committee- Americas North, PHD

Chamber urged the delegates to make use of the economic climate in India for investment and for promoting bilateral trade.

Meeting with High Commissioner, Canada



A PHD Chamber delegation led by Mr. Alok B. Shriram, President along with Mr. Deepak Pahwa, Chairman, International Affairs Committee – Americas, Mr. V. N. Dalmia, Chairman, Dalmia Continental Private Limited, Mr. Rajnish Goenka, Chairman and Managing Director, Tobu Cycles Private Limited and Mr. Atul Anand, Chairman, Vipat Investments Private Limited called on H.E. Mr. Nadir Patel, High Commissioner, Canada on May 18, 2015 at New Delhi. The discussion focused on the recent visit by Indian Prime Minister to Canada and ways to enhance bilateral ties between the two nations.



Interaction with High Commissioner, Canada



The International Affairs Committee – Americas (North) PHD organized an interactive session on June 29, 2015 with H.E. Mr. Nadir Patel, High Commissioner of Canada. Ms. Rosaline Kwan, Acting Minister (Commercial) including senior officials from the Canada High Commission.

During the interaction, Mr. Nadir Patel highlighted that the SME sector of Canada contributes to as much as up to 70 percent of the Canadian economy and stressed that the bilateral relations between India and Canada were now at its peak. The discussion focused on exploring new joint business opportunities between



Canada and India in the areas of agriculture & food processing, building of smart cities, removing of trade barriers and re-launching the air-linkages between both the countries.

Meeting with Ambassador, Embassy of Brazil Republic



Mr. Alok B. Shriram, President, PHD Chamber met H.E. Mr. Carlos Sergio Sobral Duarte, Ambassador, Embassy of Brazil Republic April 10, 2015 at the Embassy of Brazil to discuss areas of cooperation between the two countries, such as tourism, energy, etc. The Ambassador agreed to increase trade between the two countries especially in the context of a positive economic environment created by the Modi government.



International Conference on “Smart Cities: Exploring New Business Opportunities”



The International Affairs Committee – Americas (North) PHD Chamber organized an International Conference on “Smart Cities: Exploring New Business Opportunities” on October 20, 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi.

Mr. Gopal Jiwarajka, Vice President, PHD Chamber lauded the spirit of

the Canadian corporations that are likely to host partnership with their Indian counterparts in order to construct smart cities and further assist India to improve upon its existing urban infrastructure. Mr Brian Parrot, Minister (Commercial) High Commission of Canada in India stated that India and Canada are closely working to finalize the comprehensive

economic partnership agreement and are further in the advanced stage of concluding the foreign investments protection agreement to enable the two countries to cooperate in host of areas including building smart cities in India with the latter’s engineering and designing capabilities and expertise.

Meeting with Ambassador, Embassy of the Republic of Slovenia

A meeting with H.E. Darja Bavdaž Kuret, Ambassador, Embassy of the Republic of Slovenia in India was organized on July 27, 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi. Mr. Alok B. Shriram, President, Mr. Saurabh Sanyal, Secretary General, Mr. Ashwariya Kumar Doval, Secretary, International Affairs and Ms. Mojca Hrovatic, Minister Plenipotentiary – Economic Affairs, Embassy of the Republic of Slovenia in India were present at the meeting. The discussion focused on



exploring new opportunities of collaboration especially in the areas of clean technology, waste management and innovation.



Interactive Session on Indo-CIS Cooperation: Takeaways from Prime Minister's Recent Visit to CIS

PHD Chamber organized an interactive session with Mr. Shambhu S. Kumaran, Joint Secretary (Eurasia), Ministry of External Affairs on 'Indo-CIS Cooperation: Takeaways from Prime Minister's Recent Visit to CIS' on August 11, 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi.

Mr. Chetan Kajaria, Chairman, International Affairs Committee for CIS, PHD Chamber highlighted that in the wake of changing global dynamics, India is looking for non-traditional markets and CIS region, being one of the fastest growing regions of the world is a preferred destination for India. Cumbersome visa



procedures involved with the CIS region and lack of the presence of the Indian business community in that region were real barriers. He suggested Indian industry to mount business delegations to CIS.

H.E. Mr. Jalolov Mirzosharif, Ambassador, Embassy of the Republic of Tajikistan felt that there was no substantial presence of Indian businesses in this region since Indian businessmen have a high risk aversion.

Interactive Session with a Parliamentary Delegation from Romania

PHD Chamber's International Affairs Committee on Europe organized an interactive session with a delegation from the Romanian Parliament on December 11, 2014. The delegation was led by H.E. Mr. Valeriu Stefan Zgonea, President of the Chamber of Deputies, Romania.

Mr. Zgonea said that the ticklish issue of easing Romania's visa system for Indian businessmen for their longer stay in the country would be resolved soon. He further stated that the focus of



Romania is towards strengthening and developing trade and economic relations with India, so that their two-way trade increases from the existing level of US\$1

billion. President PHD Chamber, Mr. Sharad Jaipuria informed that PHD Chamber would mount a delegation to Romania to explore business opportunities.



Meeting with Ambassador, Embassy of Slovak Republic



Mr. Alok B. Shriram, President, Mr. Saurabh Sanyal, Secretary General and Mr. Ashwariya Kumar Doval, Secretary (International Affairs), PHD Chamber met H.E. Mr. Zigmund Bertok, Ambassador, Embassy of Slovak Republic on January 19, 2015 to discuss the areas of cooperation between the two countries.

Interactive Session on Doing Business in Bavaria

Bavaria is one of the strongest economic regions in Europe where Indian companies have already made their presence. To highlight the favorable investment climate in Bavaria for the promotion of business and trade in the region, PHD Chamber's International Affairs Committee – Europe organized an interactive session on 'Doing Business in Bavaria (Germany)' on February 4, 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi.

Mr. Alok B. Shriram, President, PHD Chamber emphasized on the need to make business climate more conducive between India and Bavaria in order to deepen bilateral economic ties.

Dr. Corinna Fricke, Minister, Head of Economic Commercial Division,



Embassy of Federal Republic of Germany announced that a industry delegation would visit India in late November to promote 'Make in India' drive in areas of automobiles, renewable energy, bio-tech and other MSME segments. Mr. John Kottayil, Executive Director,

Invest in Bavaria addressed the issue of fostering partnerships between India and Bavaria and ways by which the business fraternity in India could leverage the high-end technology and infrastructure available in Bavaria.



Meeting with Ambassador, Embassy of Switzerland in India



A PHD Chamber delegation led by Mr. Alok B. Shriram, President, Mr. Mohit Kumar Jain, Chairman, International Affairs Committee – Europe, Mr. Ashwariya Kumar Doval, Secretary (International Affairs) and Mr. Sooraj Aurora, Executive Officer met H.E. Mr. Linus von Castelmur, Ambassador, Embassy of Switzerland in India on April 16, 2015 at the Swiss Embassy to discuss ways to enhance business and trade relations between the two countries.

Interaction with the Delegation from Switzerland, Ministry of Commerce

An interactive session was held with a delegation from the Ministry of Commerce, Switzerland at PHD House on May 13, 2015. The discussion was led by Mr. Alok B. Shriram President and Mr. Saurabh Sanyal, Secretary General, PHD Chamber. The Swiss delegation was led by Ms. Livia Leu, Ambassador, Head Bilateral Economic Relations, State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO) Federal Department of Economic Affairs, Education and Research (EAER). The discussion focused on exploring new business opportunities in India, FTAs between India and Switzerland, and the joint collaboration opportunities in the areas of technology and defence between both the countries.





Meeting with Ambassador, Embassy of the Republic of Poland



A PHD Chamber delegation led by Mr. Mohit Kumar Jain, Chairman, International Affairs Committee – Europe, Mr. Ashwariya Kumar Doval, Secretary, Ms. Vineeta Mehra, Senior Assistant Secretary, Mr. Sooraj Aurora, Executive Officer met H.E. Mr. Tomasz Lukaszuk, Ambassador, Embassy of the Republic of Poland in India on May 7, 2015. The discussion focused on how to enhance business and trade relations between Poland and India in the areas of agriculture, coal mining, transportation and defense.

Interactive Meeting with Ambassador, Embassy of Hungary in India



The Embassy of Hungary hosted an interactive meeting between H.E. Mr. Bus Szilveszter, Ambassador, Embassy of Hungary in India and PHD Chamber's senior staff on May 8, 2015 to discuss various business opportunities available in Hungary.



Meeting with Ambassador, Embassy of France



A PHD Chamber delegation led by Mr. Gopal Jiwarajka, Vice-President, Mr. Mohit Kumar Jain, Chairman, International Affairs Committee – Europe, Mr. Ashwariya Kumar Doval, Secretary and Mr. Sooraj Aurora, Executive Officer met H.E. Mr. Francois Richier, Ambassador, Embassy of France in India on May 7, 2015. The discussion focused on how to enhance business and trade relations along with nuclear program cooperation between France and India.

Meeting with Ambassador, Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Iran



A PHD Chamber delegation led by Mr. Alok. B. Shriram, President, Mr. Saurabh Sanyal, Secretary General, Mr. P.K Jain, Chairman & Managing Director, The Malt Company (I) Ltd and Jatinder Singh, Senior Secretary, International Affairs Committee on Middle East met H.E Mr. Gholamreza Ansari, Ambassador, Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Iran on August 21, 2015. The meeting focused on strengthening investment ties and exploring new business opportunities between both the nations. The Ambassador spoke about the immense opportunities in sectors such as healthcare, infrastructure, food processing, manufacturing, agro products amongst others.



Regional Development- States

Bihar

The State Committee for Bihar was formed under the Chairmanship of Mr. Satyajit Kumar Singh and Mr. Satyendra Tomar as Co-Chairman. The Committee had regular interactions with the Chief Minister, Ministers and concerned authorities at the highest level.

Bihar Education Summit 2015 'Reforming the Education Landscape & Strategies for the Future'



With the objective of bringing all the stakeholders and policy makers at a common platform to discuss the future of education in Bihar, the Bihar Committee of PHD Chamber organized 'Bihar Education Summit 2015' on February 2015 at Patna. Chief Guest, Padamshri Bindeshwar Pathak, Founder,

Sulabh International gave an insight on the importance of education in our society.

Guest of Honour, Dr. Abhishek Mishra, Minister of Vocational Education and Skill Development, Govt. of Uttar Pradesh said, "Education doesn't only mean

to learn formulae and theorems. Rather education should define our behavior".

Mr. Ashok Ganguly, Former Chairman of CBSE defined four pillars of education as four P's. These four pillars are Plan, People, Process and Product.



Indo-Pakistani Lifestyle Exhibition & Food Festival



The Bihar Chapter of PHD Chamber in association with The Planners, Lucknow & Lahore and supported by the Department of Industries, Govt. of Bihar organized the Indo-Pakistani Lifestyle Exhibition & Food Festival with the theme 'Aman ke saat rang,' June 6-10, 2015 at Patna.

Hon'ble Minister, Mr. Shyam Rajak, Department of Industries, Govt. of Bihar appreciated the efforts of PHD Chamber for bringing the two nations closer through the medium of art, culture and food.

Ms. Iqbal Bano, Vice-President of Women Chamber of Commerce

and Industry, Peshawar said that she was very excited to visit Bihar as an exhibitor and was looking forward to make trade connections so that Indo-Pak trade relationship grows stronger.

Many exhibitors from Pakistan and India took part in the exhibition to develop trade links with Bihar. Apart from designer and formal clothes for men and women, furniture, footwear and jewellery items were also on display at the expo. The main attractions at the exhibition were therapeutic oil, home decorative items, Pakistani suits and antique clocks. Visitors were delighted to have an opportunity to buy from wide ranging bouquets of exhibited products from Pakistan and at the same time treat their taste buds with lip – smacking and tantalizing Pakistani cuisines.

National Conference on Venture Capital in Agribusiness in Bihar

PHD Chamber organized a national conference on 'Venture Capital in Agribusiness in Bihar' on July 31, 2015 at Patna.

Mr. Satyajit Singh, Chairman, PHD Chamber, Bihar said that venture capital investments in the state are required and entrepreneurs have to make special efforts through the medium of innovative and progressive projects.

Chief Guest, Mr. Sushil Kumar Modi, Deputy CM said that huge potential exists in the State for the growth of Agri-Horticulture based

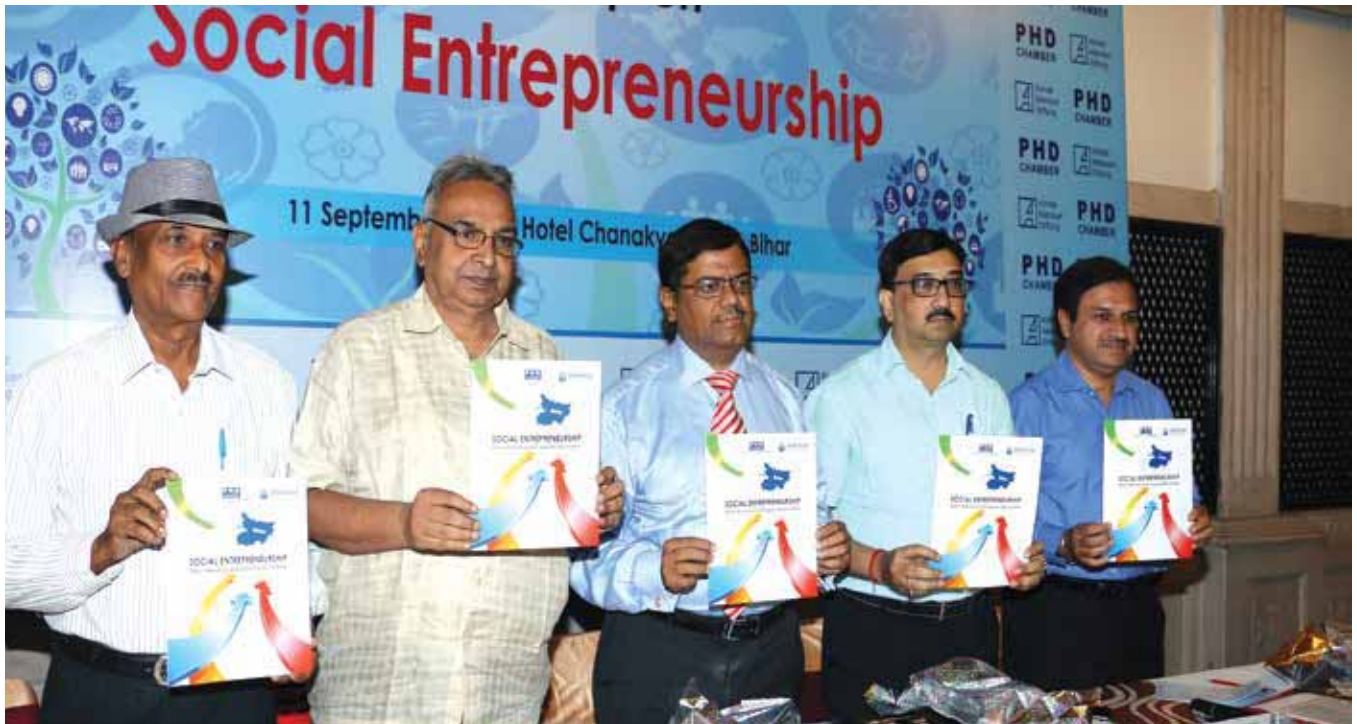


Industries. He urged venture capitalists and entrepreneurs to explore the possibility of

establishing industries based on the agri-horticulture produce of Bihar.



Workshop on Social Entrepreneurship



The Bihar Committee and CSR Committee of PHD Chamber under its PHD-KAS Cooperation Project organized a workshop on 'Social Entrepreneurship' on September 11, 2015, at Patna. Mr. Manoj Kumar Verma, Regional Director, Reserve Bank of India emphasized on the need for optimum level of promotion of social entrepreneurship in Bihar in order to build leadership, organizational and negotiation skills.



Chhattisgarh

The Chhattisgarh State Committee was constituted under the Chairmanship of Mr. Veenu Jain. The Committee had regular interactions with the authorities of the State government for resolving the problems faced by members.

Report Chhattisgarh Committee Seminar on 'Facilitating MSMEs for Progressive Chhattisgarh'



PHD Chamber in association with Small Industries Development Bank of India and United Bank of India organized a seminar on 'Facilitating MSMEs for Progressive Chhattisgarh' on March 27, 2015 at Raipur.

Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) gave presentations on their schemes for promoting the MSMEs. Mr. Biju John, Vice Chancellor, MATS University commented that the government, policy makers and the financial



institutions should make policies to promote and encourage the MSME sector. Mr. Rajeev, Deputy Director, MSME Development

Institute, Raipur spoke on project identification, viability of different projects and financial schemes for new entrepreneurs.



Industrial Visit to Jindal Steel & Power Limited, Raipur



The Deputy High Commissioner of South Africa, Mr. M. Mogale and his political and economic officers visited Jindal Steel & Power Limited on April 1, 2015. The visit was organized by PHD Chamber's Chhattisgarh Committee.

Workshop on 'Freshness of 21st Century Entrepreneurship'



The Chhattisgarh Committee of PHD Chamber and Lemon School of Entrepreneurship jointly organized a workshop on 'The Freshness of

21st Century Entrepreneurship' at Vrindavan Hall at Raipur on May 27, 2015.

Mr. Deepak Menaria, Founder & Chief Idea Farmer of LEMON School of Entrepreneurship and Dr. Rajeev Roy, Chief Gardener, Lemon School of Entrepreneurship listed out 11 new set of rules for entrepreneurship. These were No Age Bar, No Money Bar, No Geography Bar, Its Volumes, Innovation Experimentation Technology, Crazyness is Welcome, Customer & Beneficiary, Power of Communication and Stranger Funding.



Meeting with Hon'ble Chief Minister, Chhattisgarh



A PHD Chamber delegation under the leadership of Mr. Alok B. Shriram and comprising of Mr. Pradeep Tandon, Former Chairman, Chhattisgarh Committee, Mr. Saurabh Sanyal, Secretary General

and the Secretariat team called on Dr. Raman Singh, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Chhattisgarh on June 27, 2015 at Raipur. The Chief Minister mentioned the government's intent to tie-up with industries in

the food processing sector. He also mentioned that a specific area in Naya Raipur has been earmarked for investment in IT, ITes and electronics.

Meeting with Chief Secretary, Government of Chhattisgarh

A PHD Chamber delegation under the leadership of Mr. Alok B. Shriram and the Secretariat team met Mr. Vivek Dhand, Chief Secretary, Government of Chhattisgarh on June 27, 2015 at Raipur. Mr. Shriram requested the Chief Secretary to allot a plot of land to construct an office for PHD Chamber at Naya Raipur. The Chief Secretary directed the Chamber to contact the Departments of Commerce, Industries & Mining for the land request.





Meeting with Chief Secretary, Government of Chhattisgarh



Mr. Debjit Talapatra, Director and Mr. R G Dwivedi, Regional Director, PHD Chamber met Mr. Vivek Dhand, Chief Secretary, Government of Chhattisgarh on July 13, 2015 at Mantralaya, Raipur to seek the Government's support for future endeavours of the Chamber in the state of Chhattisgarh.

Meeting with Additional Chief Secretary, Agriculture, Government of Chhattisgarh



A PHD Chamber delegation led by Mr. Alok B. Shriram, President, Mr. Saurabh Sanyal, Secretary General, Mr. Pradeep Tandon, Immediate Former Chairman, Chhattisgarh Committee and Mr.

R.G. Dwivedi, Regional Director met Mr. Ajay Singh, IAS Additional Chief Secretary Agriculture and Mr. Humanshu Gupta, IPS, Commissioner cum Director, Technical Education, Government

of Chhattisgarh on June 27, 2015 at Mantralaya, Raipur to seek the Governments' support for future endeavors of the Chamber in the state of Chhattisgarh.



Investment Opportunities in the Food Processing Industry in Chhattisgarh



PHD Chamber organized an event 'Investment opportunities in the Food Processing Industry in Chhattisgarh' on August 20, 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi. As an extended partnering arm of the Chhattisgarh State, the Chamber's main objective was to organize this event for inviting investors in the food and food processing sector. Chief Guest, Mr. Amar Agrawal, Minister for Commerce and Industries and

Public Enterprises, Commercial Taxes, Urban Administration and Development, Government of Chhattisgarh, narrated the state's multi advantage factors. He said that the state govt. is open to offer land to industry in the state.

Guest Honor, Mr. Subodh Kumar Singh, Secretary to Hon'ble Chief Minister elaborated on the benefits of investment in the state.

Mr. Chhagan Lal Mundhra, Chairman of Chhattisgarh State Industrial Development Corporation Ltd., commented that Chhattisgarh is likely to emerge as one of the best investment destinations in the country. Mr. Kartikeya Goel, Director, Directorate of Industries, Govt. of Chhattisgarh spoke on the state's prospects in the food processing industry in terms of tax incentives.

Meeting with Secretary to Chief Minister & Secretary, Department of Commerce and Industries, Mining, Govt. of Chhattisgarh

A PHD Chamber delegation led by Mr. Alok B. Shriram, President, Mr. Saurabh Sanyal, Secretary General and Mr. Pradeep Tandon, Immediate Past Chairman, Chhattisgarh Committee met Mr. Subodh Kumar Singh, IAS, Secretary to Hon'ble Chief Minister & Secretary, Department of Commerce and Industries, Mining, Government of Chhattisgarh on June 27, 2015 at Naya Raipur to discuss issues related to industries in the region.





Chandigarh

The Chandigarh Committee was reconstituted with Mr. Vikram Sahgal as Chairman and Mr. Madhu Sudan Vij as Co-Chairman. The Committee was actively associated in organizing seminars / workshops / conferences on different subjects concerning industry, trade and service sectors.

Interactive Session on Business Risk Assessment

PHD Chamber in association with BSI India organized an interactive session on 'Business Risk Assessment' on December 24, 2014 at PHD House, Chandigarh. The session was organized to apprise delegates of the principles and practices of Business Risk Management outlined in ISO 31000 and ISO 22301 standards.

Eminent speaker, Mr. Venkataram Arabolu, Managing Director, BSI India explained the seven golden rules of 'Risk Management' and discussed 11 fundamentals of Risk Management framework



model. He stressed on making risk management an integral part of

organization's decision making process.

Meeting with Home Secretary, Chandigarh



Mr. Vikram Sahgal, Chairman and Mr. M.S. Vij, Co-Chairman, Chandigarh Committee, PHD Chamber met Mr. Anurag Aggarwal, IAS, Home Secretary, UT Administration-Chandigarh on March 17, 2015 at Chandigarh to discuss issues concerning Chandigarh including MSME Act; turning Chandigarh into a SEZ to boost exports; setting up of a Common Effluent Treatment Plant in Chandigarh; redefining of a single window system and a defined policy for transfer of ownership of industrial plots.



The Pakistan Show

PHD Chamber in collaboration with Rawalpindi Chamber of Commerce and Industry organized 'The Pakistan Show,' March 26-30, 2015 at Himachal Bhawan, Chandigarh.

Ms. Poonam Sharma, Mayor, UT Chandigarh while inaugurating the show, appreciated the quality of exhibits. She stated that this was a unique endeavor of both the Chambers of Commerce and Industry, adding that such efforts as this go a long way in promoting not only business-to-business but people-to-people connect also.

Mr. Khursheed Barlas Chairman, Regional Trade Council, Rawalpindi Chamber of Commerce and Industry stated that the Pak Show would help bring the two Punjab together and the interests of both the countries for boosting and enhancing not only bilateral trade



but people-to-people connect also.

Ms. Upinder Kaur, Mayor, MC, Panchkula also visited the show on the inaugural day.

The five day event registered around 60,000 footfall with over 70 exhibitors selling everything from garments to jewellery and other accessories, to home décor handicrafts.

Launch of SPEAK (Society for Promotion of Ethical and Affordable Healthcare)



PHD Chambers supported the launch of SPEAK (Society for Promotion of Ethical and Affordable Healthcare) and its website www.speakforhealthyindia.com on May 10, 2015 PHD House, Chandigarh. Ms. Poonam Sharma, Mayor, Chandigarh launched the website. .



Delhi & NCR

The Delhi & NCR Committee was reconstituted with Mr. Rajnish Goenka as Chairman. The Committee highlighted the problems faced by members through regular interactions with the Chief Minister and the concerned authorities at the highest level.

Interactive Session on Taxation Issues in NCT of Delhi



The Delhi & NCR Committee of PHD Chamber organized an interactive session on Taxation Issues in NCT of Delhi on December 10, 2014 at PHD House, New Delhi.

Mr. Sanjeev Khirwar, IAS, Commissioner (VAT), Department of Trade and Taxes and Mr. Neeraj Semwal, IAS, Commissioner (Excise, Entertainment & Luxury Taxes), Govt. of NCT of Delhi, along with a team of senior department officials interacted with industry members on issues related to industry, trade and service taxes in Delhi. Mr. J. K. Mittal, Chairman, Indirect Taxes Committee, PHD Chamber urged that exports should be exempted from VAT.



Meeting with Minister of Communications and Information Technology

Mr. Rajnish Goenka, Chairman, Delhi-NCR Committee, PHD Chamber met Hon'ble Union Minister of Communications and Information Technology, Mr. Ravi Shankar Prasad on June 13, 2015 for apprising him about the challenges faced by the MSME Industry in Delhi/NCR region.



Meeting with Minister of State for Finance



A PHD Chamber delegation led by Mr. Rajnish Goenka, Chairman, Delhi-NCR Committee and Ms. Reefat Rasool, Deputy Secretary met Mr. Jayanth Sinha, Minister of State for Finance, Government of India on June 19, 2015 to invite him for the 'Smart Transportation Infra Summit & Expo 2015.'



Meeting with Commissioner of Police, Delhi Police

Mr. Rajnish Goenka, Chairman, Delhi-NCR Committee and Mr. Rajiv Mathur, Secretary, PHD Chamber met Mr. B S Bassi, IPS, Commissioner of Police, Delhi Police on June 12, 2015 to invite him as Guest of Honour for the 'Smart Transportation Infra Summit & Expo 2015.'



Meeting with Special Commissioner of Police Traffic



Mr. Rajnish Goenka, Chairman, Delhi-NCR Committee, Mr. Atul Anand, Co – Chairman, ICT Committee and Mr. Rajiv Mathur, Secretary, PHD Chamber met Mr. Muktesh Chander, IPS, Special Commissioner of Police Traffic, Delhi on June 12, 2015 to invite him as Guest of Honour for the 'Smart Transportation Infra Summit & Expo 2015.'

Meeting with Executive Director, Association of State Board Transport

A PHD Chamber delegation led by Mr. Atul Anand, Co – Chairman ICT Committee, Mr. Rajnish Goenka, Chairman, Delhi-NCR Committee and Mr. Rajiv Mathur, Secretary, Delhi NCR Committee met Mr. P.S Anand Rao, Executive Director, Association of State Board Transport Undertake on June 17, 2015 to invite him for the 'Smart Transportation Infra Summit & Expo 2015.'





Smart Transportation Infra, Summit & Expo 2015



The Delhi NCR Committee of PHD Chamber organized the 'Smart Transportation Infra Summit & Expo 2015' July 3-4, 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi. The theme of the summit was 'Making Make in India happen in Traffic Industry.'

Hon'ble Union Minister for Road Transport & Highways, Mr. Nitin Gadkari, in his keynote address, informed that Manesar to Dhaula Kuan metro rail project would be approved shortly by his Ministry.

The Minister disclosed that the NDA government was exploring possibilities to introduce Electric Buses and Car services in the hilly states of the country, replacing their existing transportation system to make India free from diesel and petro pollution.

Guest of Honor, Transport Minister of Himachal Pradesh, Mr. G. S. Bali urged Mr. Gadkari to sanction rope ways and similar transport arrangements for the hilly state

of Himachal Pradesh. While inaugurating the second day of the Summit, Transport Minister of Government of NCT of Delhi, Mr. Gopal Rai said that the Govt. of NCT of Delhi will soon come out with re-tendering documents to buy 1380 new CNG buses. He stated that his government was also exploring possibilities to introduce comfort taxi, comfort mini-bus and battery-run buses for Delhites as an alternate mode of transport.





Haryana

The Haryana Committee was reconstituted with Mr. Vikram Kapur as Chairman and Mr. Pranav Gupta as Co-Chairman, which highlighted the problems faced by members through regular interactions with the Chief Minister, Ministers and concerned authorities at the highest level.

Agri Leadership Summit, 2015



PHD Chamber jointly with the Government of Haryana organized an 'Agri Leadership Summit, 2015' March 13-15, 2015 at Gurgaon, Haryana.

The summit saw a conglomeration of leading agri, agri-processing and food-processing industrialists of Haryana attending the Agri Leaders' Meet. Industry leaders interacted with Chief Minister, Mr. Manohar Lal, Agri Minister, Mr. Om Prakash Dhankar and many other senior politicians during the summit.

A Kissan Sammelan and an incentivizing function was also held on the second day of the event. Chief Guest, Chaudhry Birender Singh, Minister for Rural Development, gave away prizes and awards to the leading Murrah, Hariana and Sahiwal breeders besides fish farmers. Dr. Sanjeev Balyan, Minister of State for Agri,

Mr. Om Parkash Dhankar, Agri Minister, Haryana and Mr. Bikram Singh Yadav, Minister of State for Co-operation (IC) were also present.

At the closing ceremony, a prize distribution was held. Mr. Kaptan Singh Solanki, Governor of Haryana and Mr. Ananth Kumar, Minister for Chemicals and Fertilizers were the Guests of Honour.

Mr. Mohanji Bhai Kalyanji Bhai Kundariya, Minister of State for Agriculture, Mr. Krishan Pal Gujjar, Mr. Om Parkash Dhankar, Agri Minister, Haryana, and Mr. Bikram Singh Yadav, Minister of State, for Co-operation (IC), Haryana graced the felicitation function. The Chief Minister launched the "Haryana Fresh" logo, a brand name for the agri product line of Haryana.





Interaction with IFS officers

PHD Chamber organized an interactive meet with officials of the Indian Foreign Service on June 11, 2015 at PHD House, Chandigarh. Mr. Karan Yadav, Ms. Sunayna Gahlot and Ms. Renu Khandelwal, IFS, Ministry of External Affairs were the speakers at the occasion.





Himachal Pradesh

The Himachal Pradesh Committee was reconstituted under the Chairmanship of Mr. Dhian Chand. The Committee highlighted the problems faced by members through regular interactions with the Chief Minister, Ministers and concerned authorities at the higher levels.

Meeting with Chief Minister, Himachal Pradesh



A PHD Chamber delegation led by Mr. Alok B Shriram, President, Mr. Rajiv Bhatnagar, Chairman, Defence Committee, Mr. Saurabh Sanyal, Secretary General and Mr. Shubham Jain, Executive Officer met Mr. Virbhadra Singh, Chief Minister, Government of Himachal Pradesh on February 2, 2015 at his residence, New Delhi to invite him as the Chief Guest for the event, 'Investment Opportunities at Himachal Pradesh'.

Workshop on 'Transform to Perform'

PHD Chamber in association with Baddi University of Emerging Sciences and Technology organized a workshop on 'Transform to Perform' on April 16, 2015 at Baddi University, Himachal Pradesh. Expert faculty member, Dr. Rajeev Puri, Pune based international personality profiler with Thomas Profiling, Sweden delved on the use of modern management concepts.





Meeting with Governor, Himachal Pradesh



Mr. Dhian Chand, Chairman, H.P. Committee, Mr. Sandeep Sharma, Resident Officer, Mr. Suresh Kumar Sharma, Resident Director, Shimla Office, PHD Chamber met H.E. Acharya Dev Vrat, Governor Himachal Pradesh at Shimla on September 11, 2015.

Interactive Session on 'Compliance of Labour Laws to Avoid Penal Provisions'

PHD Chamber, Chandigarh and the IR & HR Committee of the Chamber organized an interactive session on 'Compliance of Labour Laws to Avoid Penal Provisions' on October 8, 2015 at Baddi to enlighten the industry members on the latest provisions of Labour Laws. Mr. C. M. Bhasin, former Chief Inspector of Factories, Government of NCT of Delhi enlightened the participants on the various provisions of the Factories Act 1948, and informed that safety and well-being of workers is the prime responsibility of the company.





Jammu and Kashmir

The Jammu and Kashmir Committee was reconstituted with Mr. Vikrant Kuthiala as Chairman and Mr. Mushtaq Ahmed Chaya as Co-Chairman. The Committee highlighted the problems faced by members through regular interactions with the Chief Minister, Ministers and concerned authorities at the highest level.

Jammu & Kashmir Green Banking Conference

PHD Chamber organized a conference on 'Jammu & Kashmir Green Banking' on February 4, 2015 at Jammu. Chief Guest, Mr. Shankar A. Pande, Chief General Manager, NABARD said that Green Banking promotes environmental friendly practices while reducing carbon footprint from banking activities. He highlighted the various green initiatives undertaken by NABARD for the promotion of sustainable development in the country.



Mr. Vikrant Kuthiala, Chairman, J & K Committee, in his welcome address suggested that the RBI and

the Indian Government should play a proactive role in promoting green banking through financial

incentives, so that all Indian banks adopt green banking as a business model.

Meeting with Managing Director, Jammu & Kashmir State Power Development Corporation Ltd

A PHD Chamber delegation led by Mr. Alok B Shriram, President and the secretariat team called on Mr. Mehraj Ahmad Kakroo, Managing Director, Jammu & Kashmir State Power Development Corporation Ltd. on February 14, 2015 at Jammu.





2nd Shri Ram Sahai Memorial Lecture

PHD Chamber in association with the Indian Institute of Public Administration, Jammu organized the 2nd Shri Ram Sahai Memorial Lecture at Jammu on February 13, 2015. The theme for this year's lecture was "Make in India: The Industry Perspective".

Mr. Alok B. Shriram pointed out that infrastructure deficit poses a problem in conducting business and thus improvement in the system requires concerted efforts.

Chief Guest, Mr. Khurshid Ahmed Ganai, (IAS) Financial Commissioner, Industries and Commerce, Govt. of J&K pointed



out that the 'Make in India' concept is likely to lead to a quantum jump in India's exports. Mr. Vikrant Kuthiala, Chairman of J&K Committee, PHD Chamber

paid tribute to late Shri Ram Sahai, who had worked relentlessly for the development of the industry in the state.

Conference on Energy Sustainability in Jammu & Kashmir Through Renewables



PHD Chamber in collaboration with Jammu & Kashmir Power Development Corporation Limited and the Department of Economics, Jammu University, organized a conference on 'Energy Sustainability in Jammu & Kashmir through Renewables' on March 24, 2015 at Jammu University.

Chief Guest, Dr. Nirmal Singh, Deputy Chief Minister and Minister of Power Development, Govt. of Jammu & Kashmir assured that the new government is committed to make the Power Department more efficient and transparent. Guest of Honour, Mr. Saurabh Bhagat IAS, Secretary, Dept. of Science and

Technology and IT, Government of J&K shared that the state has the second highest potential for generating renewable in the country which could contribute to 17 percent of the total energy generated in the country.



Meeting with Minister for Finance, Labour, Employment & Culture, Government of Jammu and Kashmir

A PHD Chamber delegation led by Mr. Vikrant Kuthiala, Chairman, J & K Committee, Mr. Kuldeep Gupta, Mr. Rahul Sahai and Mr. Deepak Daftri, Members of the J & K Committee called on Dr. Haseeb A Drabu, Hon'ble Minister for Finance, Labour, Employment & Culture, J & K Government on April 20, 2015 at Jammu Secretariat.



Meeting with Minister for Industry & Commerce, Government of Jammu and Kashmir



A PHD Chamber delegation led by Mr. Vikrant Kuthiala, Chairman, J & K Committee, Mr. Kuldeep Gupta, Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, Mr. Anil Gupta, Mr. Deepak Daftari and Mr. Rahul Sahai, Members of the J & K Committee called on Mr. Chander Prakash Ganga, Hon'ble Minister for Industry & Commerce, Government of J & K on April 15, 2015 at Jammu Secretariat to discuss issues concerning the industry such as inadequate power supply, ease of doing business in the state and infrastructure development.

Meeting with Chief Minister, Jammu and Kashmir

A PHD Chamber delegation under the leadership of Mr. Mushtaq A. Chaya, Co-Chairman, J & K Committee and Mr. Zahoor Ahmad Tramboo, Executive Member, Mr. Iqbal Fayaz Jan, Resident Officer called on Mr. Mufti Mohammad Sayeed, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Govt of J & K on July 29, 2015 at Srinagar to invite him to be the Chief Guest for Global Conclave: 'Emerging Kashmir – Beyond Boundaries'.





Meeting with Minister for Public Works, Floriculture, Gardens & Parks, J&K



A PHD Chamber delegation led by Mr. Atul P Anand, Co-Chairman, ICT Committee, Mr. Mushtaq Ahmad Chaya, Co-Chairman, J&K Committee, Mr. Shahzada Saleem

Bhat, Executive Member, J&K Committee and Mr. Iqbal Fayaz Jan, Resident Officer, J&K Committee met Mr. Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari, Hon'ble Minister for

Public Works, Floriculture, Gardens & Parks, Govt. of J&K on July 22, 2015 at Srinagar. The delegation apprised the Hon'ble Minister about the proposal to organize a Food Processing Summit at J & K.

Meeting with Ambassador of Thailand at Srinagar



A delegation of Executive Committee of State Chapter Kashmir, PHD Chamber headed by its Co-Chairman, Mr.

Mushtaq Ahmad Chaya met H.E. Ambassador of Thailand, Mr. Chalit Manityakul at Srinagar on October 19, 2015. The discussion focused

on the development of tourism and trade between Thailand and India and Kashmir in particular.



1st Global Conclave: Emerging Kashmir - Beyond Boundaries



PHD Chamber in association with the Directorate of Tourism, Government of Jammu & Kashmir organized the 1st Global Conclave: 'Emerging Kashmir - Beyond Boundaries' at Srinagar on August 27, 2015. Telangana was the Partner State of the Conclave.

Dr. Nirmal Kumar Singh, Deputy Chief Minister of Jammu & Kashmir Govt. inaugurated the Global Conclave. Eminent guests who participated in the inaugural session were Dr. Haseeb Drabu,

Minister for Finance, Labour & Employment and Culture, Govt. of J & K., Mr. Chander Parkash Ganga, Minister for Industries & Commerce, Govt. of J & K, Mr. Khurshid Ahmad Ganai IAS, Principal Secretary, Department of Industries and Commerce, Govt. of J & K, Mr. Farooq Ahmad Shah IAS, Secretary Tourism, Govt. of J & K, Mr. B. Venkatesham IAS, Secretary, Youth Advancement, Tourism & Culture Department, Govt. of Telangana along with the leadership of PHD Chamber.

Dr. Nirmal Kumar Singh, emphasized that all efforts would be directed towards enabling Jammu & Kashmir to make a mark in industry on the global map.

Mr. Chander Parkash Ganga, Minister for Industries & Commerce, Govt. of J & K reiterated the commitment of the government in offering a facilitative environment in the state for the development of the tourism industry.

Meeting with Secretary, IT, Technical Education, Youth Services & Sports, J&K

A PHD Chamber delegation led by Mr. Atul P Anand, Co-Chairman, ICT Committee, Mr. Mushtaq Ahmad Chaya, Co-Chairman, J&K Committee, Mr. Shahzada Saleem Bhat, Executive Member, J&K Committee and Mr. Iqbal Fayaz Jan, Resident Officer, J&K Committee met Mr. Hirdesh Kumar (IAS), Secretary, IT, Technical Education, Youth Services & Sports and Mr. Mohd. Shafi Dar, Deputy Secretary, IT Technical Education, Government of J&K on July 22, 2015 at Srinagar.





Jharkhand

The Jharkhand Committee was reconstituted with Mr. Deepak Rungta as Chairman and Mr. Pawan Bajaj as Co-Chairman. The Committee highlighted the problems faced by members through regular interactions with the Chief Minister, Ministers and concerned authorities at the highest level.

All-India Invitational Football Tournament 2015



The Jharkhand Committee of PHD Chamber supported the All-India Invitational Football Tournament 2015 organized by All India Football Association held at Ranchi's Morabadi Football Stadium, March 17- 27, 2015. Mr. Arun Kumar Khemka, Member, Jharkhand State Committee, along with Mr. Rana Banerjee, Resident Director, PHD Chamber represented at the semi-finals match.



Madhya Pradesh

The Madhya Pradesh Committee was reconstituted with Mr. Ashwani Arora as Chairman and Mr. Subhash Vithaldas and Mr. Shreyaskar Choudhary as Co-Chairman. The Committee was actively engaged in highlighting the problems faced by trade and industry to the concerned authorities in the state government and also made significant contribution towards policy formulation at the state level.

IPR Awareness Programme- Expanding IP Regime



PHD Chamber organized a two-days 'IPR Awareness Programme-Expanding IP Regime' in association with the Controller General of Patents, Design and Trade Marks, November 27-28, 2014 at Bhopal. Chief Guest, Mr. Anthony Jc De Sa (IAS), Chief

Secretary, Government of Madhya Pradesh said that there is a great need to spread awareness on the subject so that copyrights, patents and trademarks can be well differentiated and used effectively. Dr K. S. Kardam, Senior Joint Controller of Patent

& Design, Intellectual Property Office informed that an expert group under the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion has been constituted to advise the government on best practices to be followed in dealing with IPRs.



Workshop on Organizational Skills- Employees makes Organizations, Manage Both

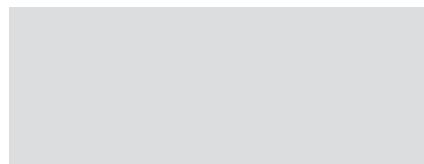


With the objective to develop a better working environment in the culture of our industries, PHD Chamber in association with Business Standard organized a workshop on 'Organizational Skills- Employees make Organizations, Manage Both' at the Centre for Entrepreneurship development Madhya Pradesh (CEDMAP) on January 6, 2015. Commander Arvind Laxmeshwar, Head, Raise Solution, Bhopal (business development and management expert) emphasized on redefining cultures in organizations through making amendments in HR recruitment policies and functions. Mr. Jitendra Saxena, Director, Radharaman Institute, Bhopal discussed in detail about the problems confronted by employees and employers in organizations today.

Meeting with Commissioner, Tribal Development, Madhya Pradesh



Mr. R G Dwivedi, Resident Director and Mr. Vinay Dalal, Member, PHD Chamber met Mr. Umakant Umrao, IAS, Commissioner, Tribal Development Govt. of Madhya Pradesh at Satpura Bhawan, Bhopal on December 22, 2014 to discuss the future activities of the Chamber.





Workshop on 'Export documentation for Entrepreneurs in Handicrafts and Handloom Sector'

PHD Chamber's Madhya Pradesh Committee in association with Madhya Pradesh Hastshilp Evam Hathkarga Vikas Nigam organized a three-day workshop on 'Export Documentation for Entrepreneurs in Handicrafts and Handloom Sector' on January 20- 22, 2015 at Centre for Entrepreneurship Development Madhya Pradesh (CEDMAP), Indore.

Mr. R. G. Dwivedi, Regional Director, PHD Chamber, MPCG Committees recommended the weavers to acquaint themselves with E-networking, IT, documentation and paperwork in order to increase their efficiency to



compete in the global market.

Dr. A K Singh, Export Consultant spoke on exports mechanism and procedures followed in India. Mr. Devendra Kumar Dubge, Vice –

President, Commercial, Mantram Techofab Private Limited, Indore, emphasized on methodology for identification of right of the consumer.

Meeting with Managing Director, Madhya Pradesh Energy Development Corporation Limited



Mr. R G Dwivedi, Regional Director, MP&CG and Mr. Anil Agarwal, Past Chairman, MP Committee, PHD Chamber called on Ms. Gauri Singh, IAS, Managing Director, Madhya Pradesh Energy Development Corporation Limited at her office on January 7 2015 to discuss the scope for organizing events with the Corporation.



PHD Chamber Members felicitated by FMPCCI



An Outstanding Achievement Award Ceremony was organized by the Federation of Madhya Pradesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FMPCCI) on March 21, 2015 to felicitate eminent industry members of Madhya Pradesh for their outstanding contribution in industry. Mr. Shivraj Singh Chauhan, Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh honored seven prominent members of PHD Chamber.

Meeting with Hon'ble Minister of Commerce, Industries and Employment



A PHD Chamber delegation led by Ms. Priyanka Mittal, Co Chairperson, Agribusiness Committee and Director, KRBL Limited, Mr. Ravi Prakash Bansal, Member and Managing Director, B.P. Food

Products Private Limited met Ms. Yashodhara Raje Scindia, Hon'ble Minister of Commerce, Industries and Employment, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh on May 22, 2015 at her residence Scindia Villa, New

Delhi. The delegation apprised the Minister about the various activities of PHD Chamber in the state of Madhya Pradesh.



Report on Taiwan Machinery Catalogue Show-2015



PHD Chamber in association with Taiwan Association of Machinery Industry (TAMI) organized a two-days 'Machinery Catalogue Show,' May 3-4, 2015, at Hotel Amer Palace, Bhopal.

Mr. John Chen, Vice President, Taiwan Association of Machinery Industry highlighted that the quality of Taiwan's machinery is exceptionally high and the price is very reasonable as compared to the US or Europe.

Meeting with Secretary, Ministry of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises



A PHD Chamber delegation led by Mr. Alok B. Shriram, President, Mr. Anil Khaitan, Chairman, Industry Affairs Committee and the Secretariat team met Mr. Rajan S. Katoch, Secretary, Ministry of Heavy Industries and

Public Enterprises on February 26, 2015 at New Delhi. Mr Alok B. Shriram, President apprised Mr Katoch about PHD Chamber and its activities. The Secretary opined that a collaboration could be considered between the Chamber

and PSUs in Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh for imparting the skill development agenda and also to consider facilitation of the ancillary manufacturing units attached to large PSUs of these States.



Workshop on Corporate Management & Business Development

PHD Chamber in association with the Madhya Pradesh State Forest Development Corporation Ltd., Bhopal organized a workshop on 'Corporate Management & Business Development' on August 5, 2015 at Bhopal.

Mr. R. N. Saxena, IFS, Managing Director of Madhya Pradesh State Forest Development Corporation elaborated that corporate management is the process of administrating and directing a company. Dr Jatinder Singh,



Senior Secretary, PHD Chamber HRD practices and CSR activities by deliberated on corporate ethics, stating examples.

Conference on Good Governance for transforming India-Role of State



PHD Chamber in association with the State Bank of India and Bhopal Management Association organized a conference on 'Good Governance for transforming India-Role of State' in Bhopal on August 18, 2015.

Mr. Anil Madhav Dave, Member of Parliament of Rajya Sabha said that suggestions for good governance from the government or private sector should come from those who are practicing it and getting productive results.



Meeting with Director of Madhya Pradesh Council for Vocational Education & Training (MPCVET)



Mr. Saurabh Sanyal, Secretary General, PHD Chamber honoured Mr. M. Sibi Chakravarthy IAS, Director of Madhya Pradesh Council for Vocational Education & Training who visited PHD Chamber, New Delhi on August 20, 2015. Mr. Chakravarthy proposed to organize events in association with the Chamber in future.

Sensitization Workshop on 'CSR in Heritage Conservation'

PHD Chamber in association with Indian Nation Trust for Art and Culture Heritage (INTACH) and City Managers Association (CMA), Bhopal organized a Sensitization Workshop on CSR in heritage conservation on September 29, 2015 at Bhopal.

Chief Guest, Mr. Lal Singh Arya, State Minister for Urban Development, Government of Madhya Pradesh committed that the State Government with support of corporate houses would take initiatives for heritage conservation in Madhya Pradesh.

Mr. M. M. Upadhyay IAS (Retd.) State Patron, INTACH, Madhya Pradesh highlighted the existing policies on CSR, including the



provision of two percent of net profit of industries to be spent mandatorily on CSR activities including heritage conservation and restoration. Mr. K K

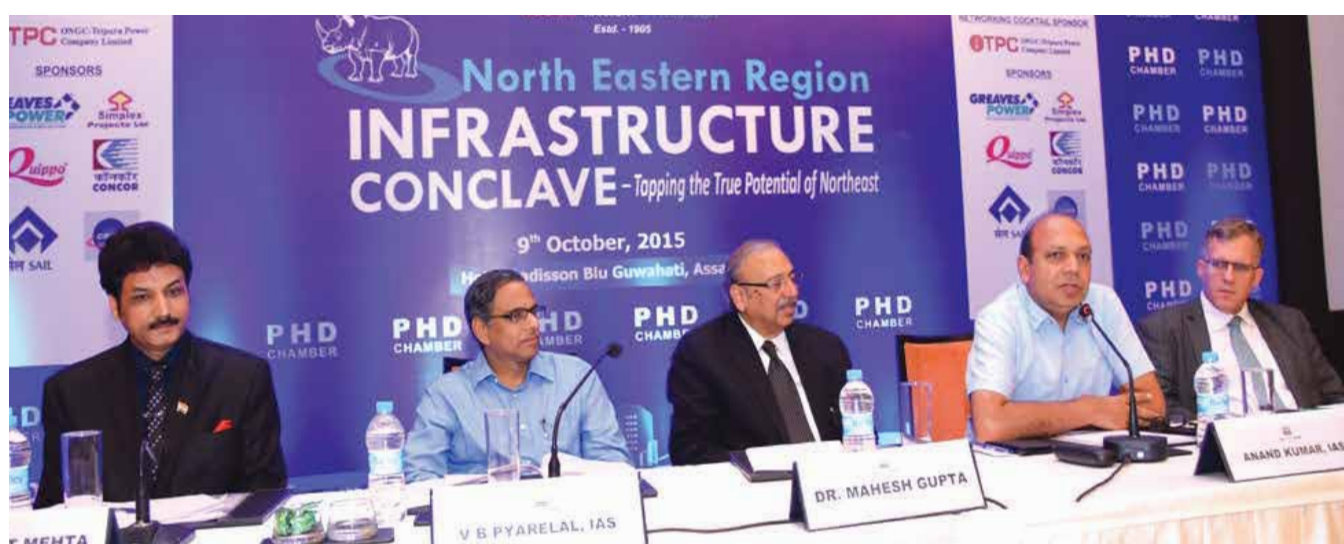
Mohammad, Director, Aga Khan Foundation Hyderabad urged the corporates, PSUs and industries with profit more than five crores to undertake CSR in heritage as a priority.



North Eastern Region

The North Eastern Region Committee was constituted with Mr. Sudarshan Mundhra as Chairman. The Committee had regular interactions with the state government authorities in recent months.

NER Infrastructure Conclave 2015- Tapping the True Potential of Northeast



PHD Chamber organized the 'NER Infrastructure Conclave-2015'- Tapping the True Potential of Northeast on October 9, 2015 at Hotel Radisson Blu, Guwahati.

Chief Guest, Mr. V.B. Pyarelal, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary (Power), Government of Assam indicated that Assam is fairly committed towards the development of infrastructure and has announced initiatives for encouraging investment in the power sector in the state.

Guest of Honour, Mr. Anand Kumar, IAS, Managing Director, National Highways Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited, Ministry of Road Transport and Highways informed the participants that 19 roads and highway projects in Assam would be completed by 2020 involving a total investment of Rs.100 million. He also mentioned that the Corporation has been trying to engage local contractors for roads and highways construction in the Northeast so that employment



and business opportunities arise for local population.



Conference on 'Key Challenges in Highways Construction in the NE Region and Use of Innovative Technologies & Materials'



PHD Chamber in association with National Highway Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited, Ministry of Road Transport and Highways organized a two-day conference on 'Key Challenges in Highways Construction in the NE Region and Use of Innovative Technologies & Materials' June 30 & July 1, 2015 at Guwahati, Assam. Coinciding with the conference, an expo was also held to showcase various innovative and appropriate technologies that can be used to accelerate the pace of highways construction.

Chief Guest, Mr. Nitin Gadkari, Hon'ble Union Minister for Road Transport & Highways and Shipping indicated that the Centre would spend Rs. 20,000 crores in building roads in the North Eastern states in this fiscal year. The Minister urged the state governments to expedite the land acquisition and forest land clearances for fast implementation of work orders. Mr. Anand Kumar, IAS, Managing Director, The National Highways & Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd said that the conference would impart knowledge about various

modes of contracting and procedure reforms to remove the impediments to increase the pace of infrastructure development.

Mr. Sarbanada Sonawal, Union Minister of State for Youth Affairs & Sports (I/C); Dr. Mukul Sangma, Chief Minister of Meghalaya; Ms. Ajanta Niyog, Minister PWD, Assam; Mr. Y. Vikheho Swu, PWD Minister of Nagaland, Mr. Vijay Chhibber, IAS, Secretary, Ministry of Road Transport and Highways and Chairman, NHIDCL and Mr. Sanjay Jaju, Director were also present at the inaugural session.



Agri+ Culture Conclave – The New Age Engine for Tourism & Economic Development



PHD Chamber's Culture & Sports Committee organized the 1st Agri+ Culture Conclave: The New Age Engine for Tourism & Economic Development on May 22, 2015 at Gangtok, Sikkim. The conclave, the first of its kind at grassroots level with international, local and state participation focused on the Conservation and Preservation of Agri+Culture Landscapes and Heritages for sustainable development of the state.

Chief Guest, Hon'ble Governor of Sikkim, Mr. Shriniwas Patil termed the conclave as 'historic' while describing the importance of agriculture in India. The Governor opined that our varied cultural practises have a deep influence on agriculture, with all the major Indian festivals also being mainly based on agri seasons.



Mr. Somnath Poudyal, Hon'ble Minister, Agriculture, Food Security and Horticulture and Cash Crops Dept. Govt. of Sikkim; H.E. Oleksandr Shevchenko, Ambassador of Ukraine, Mr. Bogdan Pandelica, Secretary

of State, Ministry of Economy, Commerce & Tourism, Govt. of Romania, HE Radu Octavian Dobre, Charge d' Affaires, Embassy of Romania to India and Ms. Rinchen Ongmu, IAS, Chief Secretary, Govt of Sikkim also graced the occasion.



Punjab

The Punjab Committee was reconstituted with Mr. Rajiv Bali as Chairman and Mr. R S Sachdeva as Co-Chairman. The Committee had regular interactions with the state government authorities for resolving the problems faced by the members from time to time.

LIVESTOCK EXPO 2015

PHD Chamber jointly with the Government of Punjab at Sri Muktsar Sahib (Punjab) organized a five-day Livestock Expo and 7th National Livestock Championship, January 8–12, 2015. The Expo was an extension to the annual National Livestock Championship by the Department of Animal Husbandry, Fisheries and Dairy Development held on the auspicious occasion of Maghi Mela. Hon'ble Animal Husbandry Minister, Punjab, Mr. Gulzar Singh Ranike inaugurated the Expo.



Conference on Financing India's Global Trade



PHD Chamber in association with Export-Import Bank of India organized a conference on 'Financing India's Global Trade' at PHD House, Chandigarh on February 3, 2015.

Mr. Alok B Shriram, President, PHD Chamber in his opening

address highlighted the crucial role played by the banking sector in facilitating international trade by providing financial solutions to corporates and MSMEs. Mr. Sanjeev Gupta, Chairman, Banking Committee suggested that export credit should be brought under the ambit of priority sector lending

and framing a suitable interest subvention policy for long-term export credit would provide cost effective credit to boost exports. Ms. Rashmi Fuazdar, Regional Director, Reserve Bank of India provided insights into international trade financing across regions and economy.



Interactive session with Founder, President & CEO-Mainstreet Equity Corp. (Canada) and Founder & CEO- EB5 BRICS LLP, U.S.



PHD Chamber, Chandigarh in association with TIE Punjab organized an interactive session with Mr. Bob Dhillon, Founder, President & CEO-Mainstreet Equity Corp. (Canada) and Mr. Vivek Tandon, Founder & CEO- EB5 BRICS LLP, U.S. Mr. Bob Dhillon shared his views on how an entrepreneur could set up business in Canada and the challenges faced by entrepreneurs. Mr. Tandon's primary focus was educating investors and would-be immigrants about U.S. Immigrant Investor Visa Program, also known as "EB-5".

Interactive session with Dean of the Faculty of Business Administration

PHD Chamber organized an interactive session with Dr. Bahrams Dadgostar, Dean of the Faculty of Business Administration at Lakehead on January 9, 2015 at PHD House, Chandigarh to explore various areas of collaborations between universities the Indian and the Lakehead University.



Business Leadership Series Mentor Workshop on 'Growing Money on Trees & More For Less'



PHD Chamber in association with India SME forum organized a 'Business Leadership Series-Mentor Workshop on Growing Money On Trees and More For Less' for small and medium enterprises on January 20, 2015 at Chandigarh.



Indo-Pak International Trade Expo, IPEX, 2015

PHD Chamber organized the second edition of Indo-Pak International Trade Expo, (IPEX), 2015, February 26-March 2, 2015 at Jalandhar. Mr. Mahesh Inder Singh Grewal, Advisor to Chief Minister, Punjab inaugurated the five-day event. The expo was spread over an area of 1100 sqms with 45 stalls from Pakistan and 65 stalls from India. The exhibits ranged from Pakistani onyx marble, textiles, dry fruits from Kabul, Kashmiri Carpets, Jaipur jewellery, home appliances, wellness and healthcare products, high-end leather bags and crockery and quilts, besides



wrought iron furniture and artificial flowers among others. The event witnessed a footfall of more than 70,000 people.

Seminar on 'Letters of Credit, Incoterms and Foreign Trade'



PHD Chamber and International Chamber of Commerce in association with State Bank of India organized a seminar on 'Letters of Credit, Incoterms and Foreign Trade' on March 10 at Ludhiana and March 11-15, 2015 at PHD House, Chandigarh. Mr. K Parameswaran, Corporate Advisor and a leading Trade expert in Finance was the resource person at the events.

Mr. Narayanan Sadanandan, GM, State Bank of India remarked that SBI, the best trade finance bank for the last three years believes in the importance of spreading best practices among all concerned.



IPR Awareness Program- Expanding IP Regime



PHD Chamber organized a two-day conference on 'IPR Awareness Programme- Expanding IP Regime' in association with the Controller General of Patents, Design and Trade Marks, March 25- 26, 2015 at PHD House, Chandigarh.

Chief Guest, Mr. K.A.P. Sinha (IAS), Secretary, Punjab State Council for Science and Technology, Govt. of Punjab said that there is a great need to sensitize the MSMEs towards Intellectual Property Rights and subsequently to spread awareness on the subject so that copyright, patent, trademark could be well-differentiated and used effectively. Mr. Anil Kahitan, Chairman, Industry Affairs Committee, PHD Chamber said that India has a well-developed national framework for creation and protection of IPR's.

Interactive Session with Commercial Attaché, US Embassy



To enhance bilateral trade and investments between US and North India, PHD Chamber organized an interactive session with Mr. Jonathan Ward, Commercial Attaché, Embassy of US on April

22, 2015 at Chandigarh. Mr. Jonathan Ward stated that there is a lot of scope for bilateral trade and investment in defense, aviation, renewables besides health and education. Highlighting Defence sector as a major pillar of India-U.S. strategic partnership, Mr. R.S. Sachdeva, Co-Chairman, Punjab Committee, PHD Chamber pointed to the renewal of 'New Framework for India- U.S. Defence Relations' this year that has resulted in intensification in defence trade, collaboration and cooperation in maritime security.

Interactive Session with Ambassador, Embassy of the Republic of Poland



PHD Chamber organized an interactive session with H.E. Tomasz Lukaszuk, Ambassador, Embassy of the Republic of Poland on April 9, 2015 at Chandigarh to enhance bilateral trade and investments ties between India and Poland. Sharing that Poland is keen to augur strategic partnerships with the food baskets of Punjab and Haryana by way of investments in food processing, the Ambassador stated that there is a lot of scope for trade and investment with Punjab and Haryana.

Workshop on E- Waste Management - Challenges, Prospects and Strategies



PHD Chamber in association with the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change and with the support of CICU, organized a workshop on 'E-Waste Management - Challenges, Prospects and strategies' on May 19, 2015 at CICU, Ludhiana.

Dr. N.J Singh Co-Chairman, Environment Committee, PHD emphasised on the role of all stakeholders in E-waste management to come together for

ensuring safe disposal of E-Waste for sustainable development. Mr. Gurmeet Singh Kular, Zonal Head, PHD Chamber, Ludhiana shared information on global E-Waste practices of other countries.

Mr. S.P Garg, Senior Environment Engineer, Punjab Pollution Control Board, briefed the participants about the rules applicable to the producers of electrical and electronic equipments, the consumers, collection centres,

dismantlers and recyclers handling e-waste. Dr. Lakshmi Raghupathy, Former Director, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change said that an important aspect in the process of compliance of any rule is the creation of awareness among the stakeholders on the various aspects of products, including requirements for the environmentally sound management of the product at the end of life.



Workshop on Hazardous Waste Management

PHD Chamber in association with Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change and with the support of CICU organized a workshop on 'Hazardous Waste Management', May 20-21, 2015 at CICU Complex, Ludhiana.

Mr. Avtar Singh, President CICU & Upkar Singh Ahuja, General Secretary outlined the measures taken by industry to control pollution. Mr. Gurmeet Singh Kular, Zonal Convener, PHD Chamber underlined that exponential growth in chemical industries has led to release of huge



quantity of wastes, potentially hazardous to the environment and living organism including humans. Mr. Manpreet Singh, IAS, Chairman Punjab Pollution Control Board said

that Ludhiana is the biggest hub of production in Punjab and now it is the need of the hour to understand and resolve the situation of hazardous wastes in Ludhiana.

Launch of FOREX HELPLINE



The live webcast of launch of Forex Helpline at PHD House, Delhi was arranged at PHD House, Chandigarh on May 5, 2015. Around 35 industry representatives including members of Mohali Industries Association, Derabassi Industries Association, Laru Industries Association, Chamber of Chandigarh Industries, Chandigarh Industries Association and Industries Association Chandigarh participated in the event.

Interactive Session on 'Skilling India for Global Competitiveness: Plugging the Skill Gap

Coinciding with the World Youth Skilling Day, Regional Office Chandigarh organized an interactive session on the theme 'Skilling India for Global Competitiveness: Plugging the Skill Gap' on July 15, 2015.

Panelists included Mr. Anil Kumar, IAS, Principal Secretary, Industrial Training, Haryana, Mr. Rakesh Verma, IAS, Secretary, Industrial Training & Technical Education, Punjab and Mr. Vivek Atray, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, Panchkula.





The Pakistan Show, 2015

PHD Chamber jointly with Rawalpindi Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Pakistan organized a five day event, 'The Pakistan Show' 2015, May 21-25, 2015 at Trillium Mall, Amritsar.

Minister Trade, Pakistan High Commission in Delhi, Muhammad Irfan Tarar and Industry and Commerce Minister, Punjab, Mr. Madan Mohan Mittal formally inaugurated the Show. Both the Ministers appreciated the quality of exhibits. Mr. Madan Mohan Mittal said that only such efforts as this could go a long way in promoting business-to-business as well as people-to-people connect. The 5-day event, said the visiting



Pakistani traders, is like a bridge between the two Punjab. The designer lehngas, anarkali suits, gems, jewellery, and juttis were a

big hit with the visitors, specially the youngsters. The polka, kundan, and oxidized jewellery sold like hot cakes.

Water Conservation and Management - Every Drop Matters



PHD Chamber and Konrad Adenauer Foundation in association with Indian Institute of Architects, Kent RO Systems Ltd., Jupiter Aqua Lines Ltd., Jaquar Group and JK Cement Ltd. organized a conference on 'Water Conservation and Management - Every Drop Matters' on August 19,

2015 at PHD House, Chandigarh.

Chief Guest, Mr. Vijay Kumar Dev, IAS, Advisor to the Administrator stated that an integrated approach is required for efficient management of water. He said to stop wastage of potable water, tertiary treated water should be

used for irrigation of lawns and other auxiliary purposes

A Product Display/ Exhibition was also organized to involve stakeholders in the water conservation movement, showcasing the latest water efficient products and technologies.



Meeting with Delegation from PUM Netherlands



A delegation of PUM Netherlands comprising Mr. Jacques Eijkens, Country Coordinator Mr. K. R. Jain, Representative, called on Dr. Praveen Rathee, Regional Director on October 15, 2015 at PHD House, Chandigarh. PUM Netherlands is a Non-Profit Organization and their mission is to provide voluntary business advice and technical assistance to entrepreneurs in emerging markets to help them to improve their business performance.

Seminar on “Upscaling Energy Efficiency and Sustainable Practices in Agriculture Sector”



A two-day seminar on ‘Upscaling Energy Efficiency and Sustainable Practices in Agriculture Sector’ was organized by PHD Chamber in association with Petroleum Conservation Research Association (PCRA) and Punjab Agricultural University (PAU), November 3-4, 2015 at PAU, Ludhiana.

Chief Guest, Dr. Baldev Singh Dhillon, Vice-Chancellor, PAU

observed that “energy conservation is the need of the hour.” He emphasized on proper selection of farm machinery and its appropriate use on custom hiring basis by the farmers can play a key role in efficient use of energy. Highlighting the priority areas of research like conservation agriculture, paddy straw management, etc. he mentioned that the University aims at reducing input costs and

enhancing the income of the farmers. Guest of Honour, Dr B.S. Pathak, former United Nations Development Program Consultant stated that, “Energy crops like sugarcane, maize, sweet sorghum, etc. need land, water and fertilizers and can only be grown at the cost of food crops.” Focus on energy conservation, diversification and mechanization is essential for the ag sector.



Rajasthan

The Rajasthan Committee was reconstituted with Mr. G. S. Singhvi as Chairman along with Mr. M L Gupta and Mr. Arun Palawat as Co-Chairmen. Besides highlighting the problem areas of the members, the Committee also emphasised the need for tapping the vast potential of the state, especially highlighting new and emerging investment opportunities and focused upon sector-specific development initiatives required to place the State on a high growth trajectory.

Rajasthan Power Conclave -2015



PHD Chamber in association with CNFC Media organized 'Rajasthan Power Conclave 2015' on February 12, 2015 at Jaipur.

A white paper on India solar and wind energy by CRISIL and PHD Chamber was released on the

occasion by Mr. Sanjay Malhotra, Principal Secretary (Energy), Government of Rajasthan. Mr. Malhotra said that the Rajasthan government is encouraging public private partnership in power transmission. Mr. B. K. Dosi, Managing Director, Rajasthan

Renewable Energy Corporation Limited said that the state government is committed to create a sustainable and commercially viable power distribution system to address the climate change concerns.

Meeting with Minister, PHED & Ground Water, Government of Rajasthan

Mr. Rituraj Tiwari, Resident Director, Rajasthan State Committee met Ms. Klrn Maheshwari, Minister, PHED & Ground Water, Government of Rajasthan on June 8, 2015 at Jaipur to invite her as Chief Guest for a conference on 'Clean Water for All'.





Meeting with Principal Secretary, Industries Department, Government of Rajasthan



A PHD Chamber delegation led by Mr. Mahesh Gupta, Senior Vice-President, Mr. M.L. Gupta, Co-Chairman and Mr. Rituraj Tiwari, Resident Director, Rajasthan Committee, Dr. J. P. Gupta, Advisor, Corporate Affairs, Mr. Adarsh Mahipal Gupta, Managing Director, Autolite Industries Limited and Mr. Ajay Kumar Data, Managing Director, DATA Infosys Limited met Ms. Veenu Gupta, Principal Secretary, Industries Department, Government of Rajasthan on June 2, 2015 to discuss investment opportunities in the state of Rajasthan.

Conference on 'Clean Water for All'

PHD Chamber in association with KENT RO Systems Limited and DCB Bank organized a conference on 'Clean Water for All' on June 18, 2015 at PHD House, Jaipur.

Mr. Mahesh Gupta, CMD, KENT RO Systems Limited and Senior Vice-President, PHD Chamber said that Kent will soon launch a low priced, Rs. 1500 purifier for the masses.

Chief Guest, Ms. Kiran Maheshwari, Minister, PHED & Ground Water Department said that the state government is taking every step for supplying clean water and needs support of corporates for this endeavour along with cooperation of the general public.



Guest of Honor, Mr. Dinesh Kumar, IAS, Secretary, PHED Department and Ground Water said that the

government is serious about conservation and judicious use of drinking water.



Rajasthan Green Banking Summit



PHD Chamber in collaboration with the National Bank of Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) & State Bank of India (SBI) organized the 'Rajasthan Green Banking Summit – 2015' on May 22, 2015 at PHD House, Jaipur.

Chief Guest, Mr. A K Jain, Managing Director, Rajasthan Electronics and Instruments Limited said that banks should come forward to finance green energy projects and promote paperless digital banking. He urged banks to set up green power projects and

promote its usage among its clients in a given industrial area. Guest of Honor, Dr. Rajender Singh, Chief General Manager, NABARD asserted that there is a dire need of green energy sources in rural areas where traditional power is not available.

Business Brunch Meet

PHD Chamber in association with Blue Ocean Group organized a 'Business Brunch Meet' on June 21, 2015 at PHD House, Jaipur. The aim of the meet was to provide businessmen and entrepreneurs an informal platform to network, corroborate and understand business models of each other. Mr. Surendra Rajpurohit, Managing Director, Blue Ocean Group said that this great initiative of PHD Chamber will help bridge gaps between demand and supply in the longer-run.





Investor Awareness Program with Kotak Securities

PHD Chamber in association with Kotak Securities and NSE organized an 'Investor Awareness Meet' on June 26, 2015 at PHD House, Jaipur. The aim of the meet was to create awareness among public about stock market and share trading. Keynote speaker, Mr. Shrikant Chouhan, Senior Vice-President, Kotak Securities Limited said that the history and brand image of a company is very important for investing in the stock market.



Mr. Sunil Dutt Goyal, Former Vice-President, Jaipur Stock Exchange

in his address said that investors should not put all their eggs in one basket and have a diversified portfolio.

Seminar on Decoding The Amended (Cost Records & Audit) Rules, 2014

PHD Chamber in association with the Institute of Cost Accountants of India (ICAI) organized a seminar on 'Decoding the Amended Companies (Cost Records & Audit) Rules, 2014' on June 21, 2015 at Jaipur. The day-long seminar had technical sessions on 'Practical Aspects of Maintenance of Cost Records and Cost Audit', 'Practical Aspects of Cost Audit Report' including 'Performance Appraisal Report' and a session on 'Providing clarifications with regards to amended Rules, 2014.'



Meeting with Commissioner, Agriculture Department, Government of Rajasthan



Mr. Vivek Seigell, Senior Director and Mr. Rituraj Tiwari, Resident Director, Rajasthan State Committee, PHD Chamber met Mr. Kuldeep Ranka, IAS, Commissioner, Agriculture Department, Government of Rajasthan on August 7, 2015 at Jaipur to discuss demonstration centres for Agro and Geo Textiles.



Conference on: Housing for All



PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry in association with Suncity Projects, Bank of Baroda and Punjab National Bank organized a conference on 'Housing for All' on September 19 at Jaipur.

Chief Guest, Mr Ashok Jain, Additional Chief Secretary Urban

Development and Housing Department, Government of Rajasthan said that the state government is keen to achieve the target of providing 'Housing for All' in the state. Partnership of private builders is required to achieve this goal. Guest of Honour, Mr. Varun Aggarwal, Director, Suncity

Projects said that the government should do more handholding for a meaningful and fruitful alliance. Mr. Praveen Jain, Chief Town Planner, Govt. of Rajasthan, said that while implementing this scheme, the state government should keep town planning in view.

Conference on: MSME –The Growth Engine



PHD Chamber in association with Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) and Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) organized a conference on "MSME –The Growth Engine" on September 24, 2015 at

PHD House, Jaipur. Chief Guest, Mr. Rajeeva Swarup, Principal Secretary, said that state government is going to soon announce the MSME policy in the state. Guest of Honor, Mr. Vivek K Malhotra, General Manager,

SIDBI said that the bank is dedicated to the growth of MSME sector. Mr. Ishu Tayal, Regional Incharge, Bombay Stock Exchange said that more and more MSME units should get listed.



Meeting with Secretary Revenue, Finance Department, Government of Rajasthan

Mr. Sharad Jaipuria, Former President, PHD Chamber met Mr. Alok, IAS, Secretary Revenue, Finance Department, Government of Rajasthan on August 18, 2015 at Jaipur to familiarize him about PHD Chamber's activities and explore future opportunities of association.



International Convention on Climate Change & Water



PHD Chamber in association with Suresh Gyan Vihar University organized an International Convention on 'Climate Change & Water,' October 16-17, 2015 at Suresh Gyan Vihar University, Jaipur. Chief Guest, Dr. Kiran Bedi asked people to conserve the environment and stop pollution.

Meeting with Principal Secretary, Industries Department, Government of Rajasthan

Mr. Alok B. Shriram, President, PHD Chamber met Ms. Veenu Gupta, Principal Secretary, Industries Department, Government of Rajasthan on October 19, 2015 to discuss investment opportunities available in the state of Rajasthan.





Uttar Pradesh

The Uttar Pradesh Committee was reconstituted with Dr. Lalit Khaitan as Chairman and Mr. Rajnish Chopra and Mr. Saurabh Pandey as Co-Chairmen. The Committee highlighted the problems faced by members through regular interactions with the Chief Minister, Ministers and concerned authorities at the highest level.

Agri Horti Tech Uttar Pradesh 2015



Uttar Pradesh Committee, PHD Chamber along with Radeecal Communications organized a three-day international exhibition on agriculture, horticulture and farm technology with the support of the Uttar Pradesh government.

The exhibition namely, 'Agri Horti Tech Uttar Pradesh 2015' was inaugurated by Hon'ble Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, Mr.

Akhilesh Yadav on January 22, 2015 at Lucknow. He requested PHD Chamber to organize this kind of exhibition twice a year in the state.

More than 176 stalls comprising of corporates, private and public banks, NABARD and companies from allied sectors of dairy, floriculture and sericulture, displayed their products in the

expo. The partnering State of Bihar Government was a top draw. Exhibitors from Italy, Israel and Australia participated in the exhibition.

Chief Guest for the valedictory ceremony, Mr. Abhishek Mishra Vocational and Skill Development Minister, Govt. of Uttar Pradesh felicitated exhibitors for their best performance in various categories.



School Excellence Awards 2014-15 (U P Edition)



School Excellence Awards 2014-15 (UP Edition) is an initiative taken for the development and progress of schools. PHD Chamber jointly with Eduace Services conducted

the awards ceremony at Lucknow to acknowledge the contribution of schooling community in building the future of India. The primary purpose of the award

is to uplift the schooling system in Uttar Pradesh` based on their excellence in categories such as use of technology and modern education.

National CSR Summit on Literacy and Education 2015



The National CSR Summit on Literacy and Education 2015 was organized by the DEVI Sansthan on March 2, 2015 at CMS at Lucknow. The theme of this summit was to

discuss the role of CSR and how it could address the problem of illiteracy. District Magistrate, Mr. Raj Shekhar, opined that for our city to become completely literate,

a platform like Global Dream is required. He also said that each one should take part in this literacy mission so that it could turn into a people's movement..



Panel Discussion on Union Budget 2015-16

Uttar Pradesh Committee of PHD Chamber in association with Lucknow Management Association organized a 'Panel Discussion on Union Budget 2015-16' on March 24, 2015 at PHD House, Lucknow.



AMAN KE SAAT RANG An Indo-Pakistani Ethno Fusion Trade Fair & Food Festival



The Uttar Pradesh Committee of PHD Chamber in association with The Planners, Lucknow and Lahore, supported by UP Tourism organized an Indo-Pakistani Ethno Fusion Trade Fair & Food Festival with the theme set as 'Aman Ke Saat Rang,' April 2- , 2015 at Lucknow. Hon'ble Chief Minister of UP, Mr. Akhilesh Yadav along with his

wife, Ms. Dimple Yadav, MP from Kannauj visited the expo on April 5, 2015. The Chief Minister appreciated the efforts made by PHD Chamber for organizing the expo.

More than 55 exhibitors from Pakistan participated in the exhibition to showcase their products. A large variety of exhibits were on display

which included garments, artifacts, handmade materials, jewellerys, home furnishing, Rili (an art of ancient Sindh), therapeutic oil, life-sized lions made of marbles and hand-crafted wooden furniture. Apart from Pakistani goods, furniture from Chandigarh, marble arts from Rajasthan and garments from Delhi were also exhibited.



National Seminar on Leading Organizations to Sustainable Growth



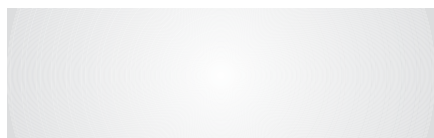
SMS, Lucknow in association with PHD Chamber organized the National Seminar on 'Leading Organisations to Sustainable Growth,' February 27– 28, 2015. Mr. Deepak Chawla, (Senior Exec-

utive), Vice-President (HR) – Reliance highlighted the critical role of Human Resources in National Development. Chief Guest of the valedictory session, Mr. Rajiv Kumar, IAS, Principal Secretary, De-

partment of Personnel & Training, Government of Uttar Pradesh emphasized that there is no dearth of talent but the need of hour is to show them a right path.

Meeting on School Excellence Awards

The Uttar Pradesh Committee of PHD Chamber in association with Eduace Services organized a meeting with consultants and invigilators of School Excellence Awards on April 16, 2015 at PHD House, Gomti Nagar, Lucknow.





Award Ceremony for Felicitating Mothers on the Occasion of International Mothers Day



The Uttar Pradesh Committee of the PHD Chamber organized an award function to felicitate the mothers who could be an inspiration for all the women in the society on the occasion of

International Mothers Day on May 10, 2015 at PHD House, Lucknow.

PHD Chamber awarded 24 mothers during the ceremony.

Ms. Aradhana Mishra, Member of Legislative Assembly, Govt .of Uttar Pradesh was the Chief Guest for the occasion.

Taiwan Machinery Catalogue Show

PHD Chamber, Lucknow in association with Taiwan Association of Machinery Industry organized a three-day Taiwan Machinery Catalogue Show, April 28- 30, 2015 at PHD House, Gomti Nagar, Lucknow.

Mr. Satyendra Singh Tomar, Chief Managing Director, Purple Seas Private Limited inaugurated the show.

Mr. G. J. Le,e, Director, Economic Division, Taipei Economic and Cultural Center in New Delhi stated



that the Machinery Catalogue Exhibition planned to strengthen Taiwan and India's economic and

industrial manufacturers mutual cooperation.



Free Health Check-up Camp on the Occasion of International Mothers Day

Uttar Pradesh Committee of PHD Chamber organized a Health-Check-up Camp on the occasion of International Mothers Day on May 10, 2015 at PHD House, Lucknow. The Camp provided free medical consultation as well as pathological tests for mothers.

Schwabe India distributed free medicines to the visitors while Ammway India distributed nutrition product and toothpaste to the visitors free-of-cost.



School Excellence Awards 2014-15 (UP Edition)



PHD Chamber and EduAce Services, supported by Mangalayatan University, jointly organized the Grand Award Ceremony of School Excellence Awards 2014-15 (UP Edition) on May 7, 2015 at Lucknow. The awards ceremony acknowledged the contribution of schooling community in building the future of India.

Chief Guest of the ceremony was Dr. Abhishek Mishra, Vocational and Skill Development Minister, Govt. of UP while Guest of Honor was Mr. Raj Shekhar, District Magistrate, Lucknow Govt. of Uttar Pradesh.



2nd Green Banking Summit - Environment and Banking: Issues & Solutions through Innovations



The Uttar Pradesh Committee of PHD Chamber in association with the Reserve Bank of India organized the '2nd Green Banking Summit' on the theme "Environment and Banking: Issues & Solutions through Innovations" on June 18, 2015 at Hotel Taj Vivanta, Lucknow.

The aim of the summit was to bring all banks & financial institutions from public and private sector on the same platform and to unite with industry representatives to discuss the issue of deforestation in the city, paperless banking as well as technological up-gradation.

Chief Guest, Ms. Supriya Pattnaik, Regional Director, Reserve Bank of India (RBI), highlighted the initiatives taken by RBI on the lines of Green Policy. Mr. Karnam Sekar, Deputy Managing Director, State Bank of India talked about the parity between ecology, environment and development.

Conference on 'Green Buildings & Building Rating Systems'



PHD Chamber in association with the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy organized a

conference on 'Green Buildings & Building Rating Systems' on July 16, 2015 at PHD House, Lucknow.

The objective of the conference was to impart knowledge on Green Building concepts, GRIHA rating system, share best practices in Green Buildings and exhibit Green Building Products, Technologies and Services.

Chief Guest, Mr. Raj Shekhar, District Magistrate, Lucknow, said that the focus on green building and environment conservation techniques is the need of the hour particularly in a fast developing city like Lucknow.



Next Generation Infrastructure Summit 2015



The Uttar Pradesh Committee of PHD Chamber in association with the Government of Uttar Pradesh and supported by Radico Khaitan, Proplarity Group and Kent RO organized a summit on 'Next Generation Infrastructure' under the theme- Building Uttar Pradesh of Tomorrow on August 6, 2015 at Lucknow. Dr. Russell A Stamets, Director, JCSS Global Consulting,

London said that infrastructure development is a priority and the challenge is leveraging a tsunami of capital which is private, held up by lack of investable projects.

Chief Guest, Mr. Akhilesh Yadav, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Govt. of Uttar Pradesh highlighted that the government had ramped up its power generation abilities, taken

measures to plug line losses and given a strong boost to the solar power sector in the state. Hon'ble Chief Minister verbalized that the State government has been making efforts to improve infrastructure in the state through various mega projects which are underway and assured that all projects would be completed before the state Vidhan Sabha elections.



PHD Chamber Celebrates Teachers Day at Lucknow



The Uttar Pradesh Committee of PHD Chamber on the occasion of 'Teachers Day' felicitated 10 shortlisted teachers at GD Goenka School, Ansal, Golf City, Lucknow on September 5, 2015. Chief Guest, Mr. Raj Shekhar, District Magistrate of Lucknow felicitated 10 teachers and conferred the PHD, Excellence Awards for Teaching to them comprising of a specially designed trophy. The Chief Guest said that teachers are the DNA of students' personality and encouraged teachers and students to respect and learn for excellence in life.

Aman Ke Saat Rang An Indo Pakistani Lifestyle exhibition



The Uttar Pradesh Committee of PHD Chamber in association with The Planners and Uttar Pradesh Tourism, organized an Expo, 'Aman Ke Saat Rang,' October 9- 18, 2015 at Indira Gandhi Pratisthan, Lucknow which proved that Indian as well as Pakistani artisans and businessmen are ambassadors of mutual harmony and trade development.

Mr. Raj Shekhar, District Magistrate, Lucknow inaugurated the Expo which was also attended by Mr. Surabhi Ranjan, Social Activist and wife of Mr. Alok Ranjan, Chief Secretary, Govt. Uttar Pradesh as well as Mr. Amrit Abhijat, Principal Secretary (Tourism), Govt. of Uttar Pradesh. The expo saw a footfall of about 10000 visitors every day. Participants from Pakistan have a high regard for India as their ancestral homes or connections of their previous generations. Craftsmen, artisans, merchants and team of chiefs of both the countries did not leave any stone unturned to win the hearts of the visitors.



Uttarakhand

The Uttarakhand Committee was reconstituted with Mr. S P Kochhar as Chairman and Mr. Verendra Kalra as Co-Chairman (Garhwal Region) and Mr. Rajeev Ghai, Co-Chairman (Kumaon Region). The Committee highlighted the problems faced by members through regular interactions with the Chief Minister, Ministers and concerned authorities at the highest level.

Financing Stimulus to MSME Growth in Uttarakhand



PHD Chamber in collaboration with SIIDCUL and with the support of National Stock Exchange-EMERGE organized a seminar on 'MSME Financing' at Rudrapur, Uttarakhand on December 3, 2014. The seminar showcased the commitment of the stakeholders in promoting greater finance for MSMEs, and looking for innovative ways to overcome the current challenges.

Mr. Rajeev Ghai, Co-Chairman, PHD Uttarakhand said that given the size of the market, the financial sector plays a significant role in expanding its reach to the underserved segments of the society.

Chief Guest, Ms. Indira Hirdayesh, Hon'ble Finance Minister, Government of Uttarakhand shared the vision of introducing the new MSME policy to enable inclusive growth

and economic development of the hilly regions. She stated that the government is planning to set up a financial institution for facilitating MSME financing and help micro and small entrepreneurs.

Mr. S.C. Notiyal Additional Director, Government of Uttarakhand discussed the various schemes available at the central and state level.



Seminar on Direct Selling



PHD Chamber organized a seminar on 'Direct Selling' on January 9, 2015 at Dehradun, Uttarakhand. In his welcome address, Mr. S.P. Kochhar, Chairman, PHD Chamber Uttarakhand stated that the direct selling sector suffers due to multiplicity of regulatory mechanisms which results in a

complicated policy framework.

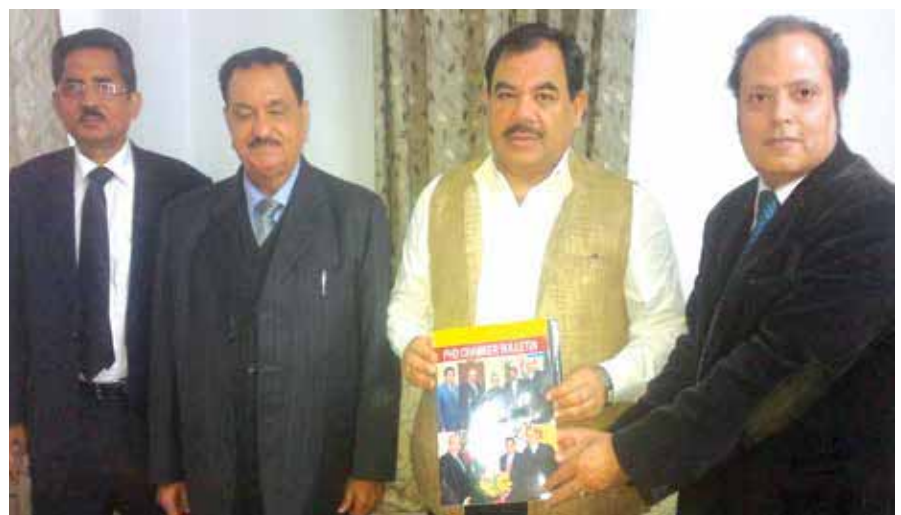
Chief Guest, Ms. Indira Hirdayesh, Finance Minister, Uttarakhand pointed out that the direct selling industry provides employment opportunities to the general masses and thus there was a great need for regulating the industry in

the interests of consumers.

Other eminent experts at the session included: Mr. Rajat Banerji, Vice Chairman, IDSA and also National Head for Corporate Affairs, Amway India and Dr. N. K. Pant, Joint Secretary Legislations, Government of Uttarakhand.

Meeting with Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture, Horticulture, Food Processing and Medical Education, Uttarakhand

Dr. M. C. Pant, VC, Medical Education University, Uttarakhand, Mr. S. P. Kochhar, Chairman and Mr. Anil Taneja, Resident Director, PHD Chamber, Uttarakhand met Mr. Harak Singh Rawat, Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture, Horticulture, Food Processing & Medical Education, Government of Uttarakhand at Dehradun on February 21, 2015 to discuss ways to promote the Horticulture & Food Processing industry.



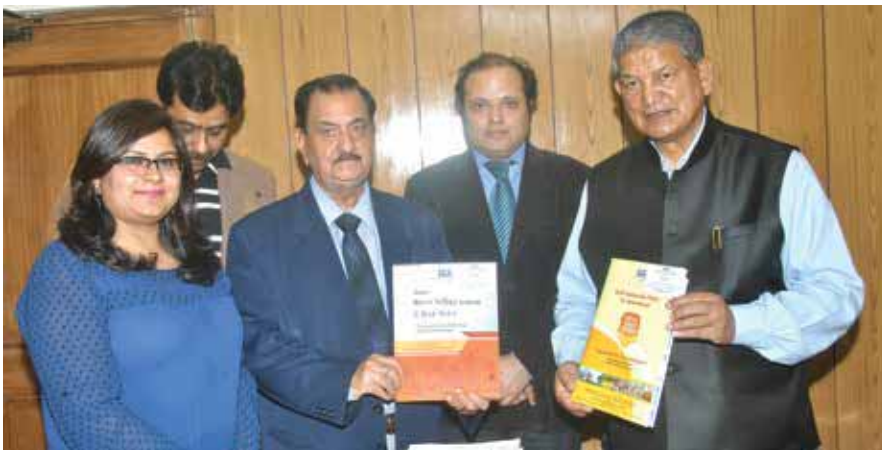


Meeting with Hon'ble Minister for MSMEs, Government of Uttarakhand

Mr. Anil Taneja, Resident Director and Mr. S.P. Kochhar, Chairman, PHD Chamber, Uttarakhand called on Mr. H.C. Durgapal, Hon'ble Minister for MSME, Govt. of Uttarakhand on February 6, 2015 to discuss the government's newly declared MSME policy.



Meeting with Chief Minister, Govt. Of Uttarakhand



Ms. Alka Gurnani, Amway India, Mr. Anil Jaggi, Member, Mr. S. P. Kochhar Chairman, Uttarakhand and Mr. Anil Taneja Resident Director, PHD Chamber met Mr. N.Ravi Shanker, Chief Secretary, Govt. of Uttarakhand on March 2015 at to submit a draft copy of the Eco Tourism Policy and guidelines for Direct Selling Industry.

Meeting with Chief Secretary, Govt. of Uttarakhand

Ms. Alka Gurnani, Amway India, Mr. Anil Jaggi, Member, Mr. S.P.Kochhar Chairman, Uttarakhand and Mr. Anil Taneja Resident Director PHD Chamber met Mr. N.Ravi Shanker, Chief Secretary, Govt. of Uttarakhand at Dehradun on March 2015 to submit a draft copy of the suggested guidelines for Direct Selling Industry.





Seminar on Financing Stimulus to MSME Growth in Uttarakhand

The Uttarakhand Chapter of PHD Chamber in collaboration with the Department of MSME, Govt. of Uttarakhand and Bhagwanpur Industry Association organized a seminar on 'Financing Stimulus to MSME Growth in Uttarakhand' on March 10, 2015 at Bhagwanpur, Roorkee.

Chief Guest, Mr. H. C. Durgapal, Hon'ble Minister for MSME, Government of Uttarakhand apprised the delegates that the main objective of the state government was to enable inclusive growth and economic development of the hilly regions through the growth of MSMEs. He indicated that the new MSME policy of the state government focused on encouraging



entrepreneurship and self-employment. Mr. S.C. Nautiyal Additional Director (Industry), Government of Uttarakhand outlined the new MSME policy and the special incentives being provided to industry by the Uttarakhand government.

Mr. J.C.Jain, Patron Member, PHD Chamber outlined the significant role of the financial sector in expanding the reach of the underserved segment in an enabling environment, facilitating sustainable growth.

Round Table on CSR Initiatives in Uttarakhand



The Uttarakhand Committee of PHD Chamber organized a round table discussion on CSR Initiatives on May 26, 2015 at Dehradun. Chief Guest, Mr. N. Ravi Shanker, Chief Secretary, Govt. of Uttarakhand, acknowledged the developmental initiatives undertaken by various business houses in Uttarakhand under their CSR framework. He further urged the corporates to focus on sustainable development programs.

Mr. S. Raju, Additional Chief Secretary, Government of Uttarakhand suggested that CSR activities should be done in consultation with state government or by taking the government into confidence to make it impactful and sustainable.



Round Table Discussion with Member Railway Board



PHD Chamber's Uttarakhand Chapter initiated talks on issues concerning railway infrastructure in the state with officials of the Ministry of Railways on the occasion of the visit of Dr. Suresh Prabhu, Union Railway Minister at Haridwar on April 6, 2015. In response, a panel of railway authorities led by Mr. A.S. Upadhyay, Advisor, Traffic Transport (M) – Member Railway Board held a roundtable with the Chamber members on June 3, 2015 at Dehradun. Mr. S. P Kochhar, Chairman, PHD Chamber Uttarakhand Chapter stated that Railways can be instrumental in filling the existing gaps in the infrastructure sector and connectivity can serve as a vehicle for inclusive growth and socio-economic development of the country. A copy of the representation of the members was submitted to the Railway officials.

Meeting with Minister of Health, Medical & Science and Technology, Government of Uttarakhand



A PHD Chamber delegation led by Mr. Rajeev Ghai, Co-Chairman, Uttarakhand Committee, Mr. Jagdish Pahwa, Member, Mr. Anil Taneja, Resident Director and Mr. Ashwani Chhabra, Promoter, Himalaya Food Park, Kashipur met Mr. Surender Singh Negi, Minister of Health, Medical & Science and Technology, Govt. of Uttarakhand at Dehradun on June 16, 2015 to submit a representation on proposed alterations in the procurement policy of the Health Department.



Meeting with Hon'ble Chief Minister, Government of Uttarakhand



Mr. Ashwani Chabra, Promotor, Himalyan Food Park Kashipur, Mr. Ranjit Rawat, Advisor Industry Govt. of Uttarakhand; Mr. Verendra Kalra, Co-Chairman, Uttarakhand

Committee, Mr. Rajiv Ghai, Co-Chairman, Uttarakhand Committee, Mr. S.P. Kochhar, Chairman, Uttarakhand Committee, Mr. Sunil Gulati, Memberr, Mr. Jagdish

Pahwa, Member and Mr. Anil Taneja, Regional Director, Uttarakhand, PHD Chamber met Mr. Harish Rawat, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Government of Uttarakhand on July 23, 2015 at Dehradun.

Meeting with Chief Secretary, Government of Uttarakhand



The Secretariat of PHD Chamber Uttarakhand welcomed Mr. Rakesh Sharma, the newly appointed Chief Secretary, Government of Uttarakhand on August 6, 2015 at Dehradun.



Conference on Environmentally Responsible Industry & Beyond Kashipur

PHD Chamber organized a conference on 'Environmentally Responsible Industry & Beyond' in collaboration with the Department of Forests & Environment, Government of Uttarakhand on August 27, 2015 at Kashipur. PHD Chamber has set up an extension of Dehradun office for Kumaun region at Kashipur under the leadership of Mr. Rajiv Ghai as Co-Chairman, Uttarakhand.

Hon'ble Chief Minister, Mr. Harish Rawat stated that the Government will facilitate the development of the state which is evident from the fact that a balanced small and micro hydel policy has been announced to address the challenge of electricity constraints. Under the new MSME policy, industry has been provided free electricity and other capital and operational subsidies for the development of the hills which should motivate entrepreneurs to come forward with projects in



sectors such as agri-based business, medicinal plants, food processing and Eco-Tourism Policy.

Mr. Rakesh Sharma, Chief Secretary, Uttarakhand apprised that some very constructive decisions have been taken to improve the connectivity by expansion of Pant Nagar Airport and by investing

crores of rupees in helicopter services. Mr. Mahesh Gupta, Senior Vice-President, PHD Chamber said that responsible corporate policies for the environmental concern should be encouraged and the spirit of clean and green environment by adopting modern technology and use of massive alternative renewable energy sources should be imbibed.





State Development Council

The State Development Council Committee was reconstituted with Mr. Salil Bhandari as Chairman. This Committee acts as an interface between the Chamber and the various states.

F 3 Carnival – Going Global for Bathukamma – An Interaction with Media



The Government of Telangana came forward to partner with PHD Chamber to brand Bathukamma – one of its major festivals - as a leading Tourism Carnival of the country under the brand of F 3 Carnival (Female, Flower, Festival). A media meet was organized on October

15, 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi where Mr. B. Venkatesham, Secretary, Department of Youth Advancement, Tourism, & Culture, Government of Telangana unveiled a road map for taking Bathukamma Festival to the global map and would make the Bathukamma as a

pan India festival.

Ms. Anuradha Goel, Chairperson, PHD Family Welfare Foundation complimented the state Government of Telangana for their innovative ways of promoting the vibrant festival of Bathukamma.



An Interactive Session on F 3 Carnival – Going Global for Bathukamma and the Opportunities for Tourism Industry



PHD Chamber organized an Interactive Session on F3 Carnival – Going Global for Bathukamma and the Opportunities for Tourism Industry on October 16, 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi, to familiarize the tourism sector stakeholders on the opportunities emerging out of the F 3 Carnival.

Mr. B. Venkatesham, Secretary, Department of Youth Advancement, Tourism, & Culture, Government of Telangana informed that the state government has decided to extend promotional and premium incentives in terms of subsidies and concessional financing to undertake the task of promoting the state for tourism in particular and investment in general.





Curtain Raiser of F 3 Carnival – Going Global for Bathukamma



At the Curtain Raiser of F 3 Carnival – Going Global for Bathukamma held on October 16, 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi, Chief Guest, Mr. Sirikonda Madhusudhana Chary, Hon'ble Speaker, Legislative Assembly of Telangana complimented PHD Chamber for joining hands with the state Government of Telangana for promoting its festivals and tourism potentials as well as for organizing the Curtain Raiser in a grand manner, within a very limited time frame.

Mr. Gopal Jiwarajka, Vice President, PHD Chamber said that Bathukamma festival symbolizes Telangana's cultural identity and exalts the inherent relationship between earth, water and the human being.

Mr. B. Venkatesham complimented PHD Chamber for its diligence, sincerity and grand execution of the Curtain Raiser event. He assured to extend his support to the Chamber for opening its future office at Hyderabad.





Economic Affairs

The Economic Affairs Committee was reconstituted with Mr. Prabhat Jain as Chairman and Mr. Akhil Bansal as Co-Chairman. The Committee deliberated on a number of important economic issues and assisted PHD Chamber in formulation of its views on issues relating to the economy.

Budget Viewing Session 2015-16



PHD Chamber organized a budget viewing session on February 28, 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi. Eminent speakers at the session were Dr. Subir Gokarn, Director-Research, Brookings India, Ms. Sudha Pillai, Former Member-Secretary, Planning

Commission, Dr. Ram Upendra Das, Professor, Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS) and Dr. Atmanand, Dean and Professor of Economics & Energy, MDI. Mr. Alok B Shriram, President, Mr. Mahesh Gupta, Senior Vice-

President, Mr. Gopal Jiwarajka, Vice-President, Mr. Prabhat Jain, Chairman and Mr. Akhil Bansal, Co-Chairman, Economic Affairs Committee were the panelists from PHD Chamber.



Seminar on 'Progress of Make in India: The way forward for scripting India's growth story'



The Economic Affairs Committee, PHD Chamber organised a seminar on "Progress of Make in India: The way forward for scripting India's growth story" on September 23, 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi. The seminar was organized with an objective to gauge the facilitation in the business environment since the launch of Make in India, during the last one year.

Mr. Mahesh Gupta, Sr Vice President, PHD Chamber, highlighted the role of "Make in India" in increasing the competitiveness of the manufacturing sector.

Mr. Prabhat Jain, Chairman, Economic Affairs Committee, PHD Chamber, in his theme presentation

said that Skilling India, educating India, conducive environment for businesses, liberalization of the manufacturing sector, simplifying compliance and regulations are the measures that need to be adopted to boost manufacturing sector.

Chief Guest, Mr. Ajay Shankar, Chairman, Expert Committee on Pre-investment clearances, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Former Secretary, Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion (DIPP) and Former Member Secretary, National Manufacturing Competitiveness Council (NMCC), highlighted the need and significance to first invest in labour intensive manufacturing sector and then in the high-tech sectors.

Creation of investor friendly infrastructure along with job growth were some other priorities enunciated by him.

Prof. B. B. Bhattacharya, eminent Economist & Former Vice Chancellor, JNU, suggested that India should follow the South Korean model where small and medium industries must be developed first as land and labour is not a major hurdle in their development and later linkages with large industries should be promoted.

Dr. Dietrich Kebschull, Chairman, IGEP Foundation, highlighted the role of foreign investment in "Make in India".



PHD Research Bureau

PHD Research Bureau, the research arm of the PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry was constituted in 2010 with an objective to review the economic situation and policy developments at sub-national, national and international levels and comment on them in order to update the members from time to time, to present suitable memoranda to the government as and when required, to prepare State Profiles and to conduct thematic research studies on various socio-economic and business developments. The Research Bureau has been instrumental in forecasting various lead economic indicators national and sub-national level.

Report of PHD Research Bureau launched at the Exhibition at Vibrant Gujarat Summit



PHD Chamber released a research report on 'Exploring Prospects for Make in India and Made in India: A Study' conducted in collaboration with WTC Services Council, India on January 12, 2015 at the exhibition of Vibrant Gujarat Summit. Dr. S.P. Sharma, Chief Economist & Director-Research and Ms. Megha Kaul, Senior Research Officer represented

the Chamber. The study was released by Ms. Mariette Mulaire, Head, WTC Winnipeg, Canada, Mr. Scott Wang, Vice President, Asia Pacific, World Trade Centers Association, Ms. Khair Ull Nissa Sheikh, Director, WTC Services India and Dr. S P Sharma, Chief Economist & Director- Research, PHD Chamber.

The study focuses on the structure and growth of manufacturing sector in India and the operational issues faced by sector with regard to infrastructure facilitation, availability of credit, access to capital, availability of land, identification of new markets, environmental clearances, simplification of taxation, etc.



Seminar on SEZs in India: Criss-Cross Concerns



PHD Chamber organized a seminar on 'SEZs in India: Criss-Cross Concerns' on February 5, 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi. PHD Research Bureau released a survey on SEZs on the occasion. The study assesses the overall efficiency and issues related to SEZs and developer's expectations with regard to policy measures.

Mr. S.K Samal, Joint DGFT,

Directorate General of Foreign Trade appreciated the study by calling it a 'ready reckonor' for the stakeholders of SEZs in India. He asserted that SEZs policy in India has helped in improvising the various economic indicators. Dr. Rakesh Mohan Joshi, Professor, Indian Institute of Foreign Trade gave a comparative overview of the SEZs model in India and China. He explained that, SEZs in China are government owned and

thus developing a SEZ in China is not a major problem while in India, because of the involvement of several entities like private, public, trusts etc. setting up of SEZ encounters various bottlenecks. Mr. Shreedhar Pothukuchi, Vice President, GMR Group said that setting up of large SEZs in India face several challenges pertaining to finance, land, infrastructure and regulations.

Meeting with Minister of Science and Technology and Earth Sciences



Mr. Saurabh Sanyal, Secretary General, Dr. J P Gupta, Advisor, Dr. S P Sharma, Chief Economist and Ms. Megha Kaul, Senior Research Officer, PHD Chamber met Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Minister of Science and Technology and Earth Sciences on March 26, 2015 at New Delhi. Mr. Sanyal apprised the Minister about the Research Project allocated by the Department of Science & Technology to the Chamber.



Meeting with Chief Minister of Haryana



A PHD Chamber delegation led by Alok B. Shriram, President, Mr. Gopal Jiwarajka, Vice-President and senior members including Mr. P. K. Jain, Former President, Mr. Rudra Shriram, Executive, DCM

Shriram, Mr. Saurabh Sanyal, Secretary General and Dr. SP Sharma, Chief Economist met Mr. Manohar Lal Khattar, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Haryana on July 5, 2015 and released a report on 'State Profile

of Haryana: Bolstering Industrialization' prepared by PHD Research Bureau. The report analyses the impact of various policy measures on the economic growth and development of the state.

Brainstorming Session on Ease of Doing Business with Mr. Arun Singh, National General Secretary, BJP



PHD Chamber organized a Brainstorming Session on Ease of Doing Business with Mr. Arun Singh, National General Secretary, BJP and Mr. Mahesh Sharma, Senior Member, BJP on August 13, 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi.

Mr. Alok B Shriram, President, PHD Chamber asserted that political interference at the local level is very discouraging for industries. Mr. Mahesh Gupta, Senior Vice-President, PHD Chamber, said that the Government should change its

attitude towards the industrialists and start giving more importance to those who pay more tax and invest money. Mr. Gopal Jiwarajka, Vice President, PHD Chamber, said that the government has to search for ways to reach at the ground level.

Mr. Arun Singh, National General Secretary, BJP stated that not only procedure of approvals needs to be simplified but environment in which industry works needs to be made industry friendly. Mr. Mahesh Sharma, Senior Leader, BJP said that he was elated to get so many suggestions from the industrialists and would take it forward to the concerned ministries.



Seminar on 'Druzhba-Dosti: India's Trade Opportunities'



PHD Chamber organized the seminar on 'Druzhba-Dosti: India's Trade Opportunities with Russia' on April 22, 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi. A study titled 'Druzhba-Dosti: India's Trade Opportunities with Russia' prepared by PHD Chamber Research Bureau was released during the seminar.

Chief Guest, Mr. Shambhu S. Kumaran, Joint Secretary (Eurasia), Ministry of External Affairs, asserted

that India's engagement with Russia is going through a transformational stage, from a system that was largely state driven to a system that is market driven.

Mr. Evgeniy A. Korshunov, Deputy Trade Representative, Embassy of Russian Federation in India highlighted the prospects of India-Russia relations in economic, trade and scientific cooperation and pointed out that the promotion and

protection of investments is needed to boost trade between the two countries.

Mr. Gopal Jivrajka, Vice President, PHD Chamber presented welcome remarks and highlighted that India and Russia share a special and privileged strategic partnership which has been built on the strong foundation of mutual trust, bilateral understanding and unique people-to-people affinities.



Industry Affairs

The Industry Affairs Committee was reconstituted with Mr. Anil Khaitan as Chairman and Mr. Ram Poddar as Co-Chairman. The Committee deliberated on a number of important industrial issues and assisted the PHD Chamber in formulation of its views on issues relating to the economy.

PHD Manufacturing Signature Series 2015 - Zed Effect



PHD Chamber organized a conference on 'PHD manufacturing Signature Series 2015- Zed Effect' on February 19, 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi.

Mr. Naveen Jindal, Chairman, Jindal Steel and Power Ltd demanded transparent sectoral policies from the

government, particularly for steel, coal and mines so that no ambiguity prevails and business is conducted with ease. In his welcome address, Mr. Alok B Shriram, President, PHD Chamber highlighted that India's manufacturing sector could reach US\$ one trillion by 2025. Chief Guest, Mr. Narendra Singh Tomar,

Hon'ble Union Minister of Steel and Mines indicated that the Ministry of Steel is making necessary provisions in the law to involve private sector in the exploration of mines and minerals and also empowering them to compensate the cost involved in exploration.



Seminar on Geo Textiles: A Big Untapped Opportunity

PHD Chamber organized a seminar on 'Geo Textiles: A Big Untapped Opportunity' on September 22, 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi. Chief Guest, Ms. Kiran Soni Gupta, Textile Commissioner emphasized that the government is likely to make it mandatory the uses of geo and technical textiles in sectors such as construction of roads, ports, airports, canals, dams as also in defence and railways in the required belts of the country to propagate their applications as also restrict such imports in order to enhance domestic production to give fillip to Prime Minister's 'Make in India' drive.



Mr. Anil Khaitan, Chairman, Industry Affairs Committee, PHD Chamber announced that PHD Chamber would shortly open up a Start-ups Cell in the Chamber to support, fund

and guide the young entrepreneurs in the field of their choice and technical and geo textiles would certainly be a part of it.

Meeting with Union Minister of Steel & Mines



A PHD Chamber delegation led by Mr. Alok B. Shriram, President, Mr. Anil Khaitan, Chairman, Industry Affairs Committee, Mr. Saurabh Sanyal, Secretary General and Mr. Vivek Seigell, Senior Secretary met Mr. Narendra Singh Tomar, Union Minister of Steel and Mines on January 20, 2015 at his office to invite him as Chief Guest for the event 'PHD Manufacturing Signature Series 2015: The Zed Effect'.

Meeting with Union Minister of Chemicals and Fertilizers

A PHD Chamber delegation led by Mr. Saurabh Sanyal, Secretary General, Mr. Nishant Berlia, Chairman, Health Committee, Mr. Anil Khaitan, Chairman, Industry Affairs Committee and Mr. Vivek Seigell, Senior Secretary met Mr. Ananth Kumar, Hon'ble Union Minister of Chemicals and Fertilizers on March 19, 2015 to invite him as Chief Guest at a conference on health issues.





Meeting with Secretary, Ministry of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises

A PHD Chamber delegation led by Mr. Alok B. Shriram, President, Mr. Anil Khaitan, Chairman, Industry Affairs Committee and the Secretariat team met Mr. Rajan S. Katoch, Secretary, Ministry of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises on February 26, 2015 at New Delhi. The Secretary indicated that a linkage could be considered between the Chamber and PSUs in M.P. and Chhattisgarh, for imparting a relevant skill development



agenda and also to consider facilitation of the ancillary manufactur-

ing units attached to large PSUs of these States.

Meeting with Ex- Member Secretary, National Manufacturing Competitiveness Council (NMCC)



A PHD Chamber delegation led by Mr. Anil Khaitan, Chairman, Industry Affairs Committee and the Secretariat team called on Mr. Ajay Shankar, Chairperson, Ex- Member Secretary, National Manufacturing Competitiveness Council (NMCC) and Chairman, Expert Committee on 'Improving the Ease of Doing Business in India'; on May 15, 2015 at New Delhi to discuss issues concerning industry.

Meeting with Secretary of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution



A PHD Chamber delegation led by Mr. Anil Khaitan, Chairman, Industry Affairs Committee and the Secretariat team met Mr. Kes-hav Desiraju, Secretary, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution on February 20, 2015 at Krishi Bhawan. The objective of the meeting was to invite him to be the Guest of Honour for the Conclave on 'E-Commerce Promise: Empowering Consumers' and apprise him about the Project on 'Santusht Grahak' submitted by the Chamber to the Ministry for its support.



Interactive Session with Chairman, Expert Committee



PHD Chamber's Core Group on Ease of Doing Business interacted with Mr. Ajay Shankar, IAS, Chairman, Expert Committee to examine the possibility of replacing the multiple prior permissions with pre-existing regulatory mechanism for improving the Ease of Doing Business on June 5, 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi. Mr. Alok B.

Shriram, President, Mr. Mahesh Gupta, Senior Vice President, Mr. Anil Khaitan, Chairman, Industry Affairs Committee, Dr. Raghupati Singhania, Mr. Ram Poddar, Mr. Gopal Saxena, Mr. Gursharan Singh, Mr. Ravi Wig, Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, Mr. Vishwa Nath, Mr. S K Sarkar and the Secretariat team attended the meeting. Mr. Ajay

Shankar said that the industry needs to prepare an inventory of prior permissions and clearances which are required for various businesses at the Centre, State and the Municipal level giving the time period it takes and then divide them into various buckets of power, land, labour etc.

Meeting with Secretary, Ministry of Mines



A PHD Chamber delegation led by Mr. Alok B. Shriram, President, Mr. Saket Dalmia, Chairman, YBLF, Mr. Manish Kharbanda, Business Head, Mines, Jindal Steel and Power Limited and Secretariat team called on Mr. Balvender Kumar, Secretary, Ministry of Mines on July 13, 2015 at New Delhi. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss challenges facing the mining sector and ways to strengthen the sector.



Meeting with Secretary, Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP)



A PHD Chamber delegation led by Mr. Alok B. Shriram, President, PHD Chamber, members and the secretariat team met Mr. Amitabh Kant, Secretary, DIPP, Ministry of Commerce, on August 31, 2015 to submit the first draft of the report on 'Ease of Doing Business' and invite him for the session 'In Conversation with 'Mr. Amitabh Kant and Mr. Ajay Shankar'.

In Conversation with Mr. Amitabh Kant and Mr. Ajay Shankar



PHD Chamber organized 'In conversation with Mr. Amitabh Kant and Mr. Ajay Shankar' on October 1, 2015 at Hotel Shangri-la, New Delhi to discuss the government's initiative to make India a business-friendly destination and its future course of action. The session was moderated by Mr. Anil Khaitan, Chairman, Industry Affairs Committee, PHD Chamber.

Mr. Alok B. Shriram, President, PHD Chamber highlighted that today India is one of the world's

most attractive investment destinations. With the opening up of FDI in several sectors and relaxation of norms, a vast number of foreign players are now competing for a greater role in the Indian market.

Mr. Amitabh Kant, Secretary, DIPP said that the government was committed to make India as the easiest and the simplest place to transact business as both its bureaucracy and polity has begun to shed the regulatory mindsets that

were permitted and encouraged to build over the last six decades to achieve the desired objectives. While congratulating PHD Chamber for the sterling work in preparing the 'Ease of Doing Business' report, Mr. Ajay Shankar, Chairman, Expert Committee emphasized that our major challenge is to change our mindsets, simplifying the regulatory framework and aspire to be best in the world in the next three years, consequences of which will lead to growth and new start-ups.



Banking and Financial Services

The Banking and Financial Services Committee, PHD Chamber was reconstituted under the Chairpersons of Mr. Sanjeev Gupta for Banking. Mr. M. K. Doogar, Mr. Suresh Vyas and Mr. Ashish Agrawal are the Co-chairpersons of the Banking Committee. The Committee provides a platform for interface between Industry and the banking and financial services sector.

Conference on Financing India's Global Trade



PHD Chamber in association with Export Import Bank of India organized a conference on 'Financing India's Global Trade' at PHD House, Chandigarh on February 3, 2015.

Mr. Alok B. Shriram, President, PHD Chamber highlighted the crucial role played by the banking sector in facilitating international trade by providing financial solutions to corporates and MSMEs at various stages of the international trade cycle through a wide range of products and services. Mr. Vikram

Sahgal, Chairman, Chandigarh Committee, PHD Chamber emphasized on the role of the MSME sector and highlighted its contribution to trade.

Mr. Sanjeev Gupta, Chairman, Banking Committee, PHD Chamber suggested that export credit should be brought under the ambit of priority sector lending and a suitable interest subvention policy for long-term export credit should be framed to provide cost effective credit to boost exports. Mr. N. Shankar,

Executive Director, Export-Import Bank of India emphasized on the need of exports and the role played in balancing trade imbalances considering that India imports nearly 80 percent of its energy requirements followed by gems & jewelry and technology.

Ms. Rashmi Fuazdar, Regional Director, Reserve Bank of India in her key note address urged the bankers to be transparent in their dealings with their clients.



Meeting with CEO & MD, Industrial Finance Corporation of India (IFCI)

Mr. Sanjeev Gupta, Chairman and Mr. Ashish Agrawal, Co-Chairman, Banking Committee, Ms. Babita Sharma, Joint Secretary and Mr. Amit Tripathi, Senior Assistant Secretary, PHD Chamber called on Mr. Malay Mukherjee, CEO & MD, Industrial Finance Corporation of India (IFCI), on March 16, 2015 at New Delhi. The objective of the meeting was to seek guidance in shaping up PHD Chamber's agenda and for organizing relevant programs in association with IFCI.



Meeting with Managing Director & CEO Oriental Bank of Commerce



Mr. Sanjeev Gupta, Chairman, Banking Committee and Mr. Amit Tripathi, Senior Assistant Secretary, PHD Chamber met Mr. Animesh Chauhan, Managing Director & CEO, Oriental Bank of Commerce on June 26, 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi to deliberate on organizing programs in association with the Oriental Bank of Commerce.



Meeting with Executive Director (with additional charge of MD & CEO) Punjab National Bank

Mr. Sanjeev Gupta, Chairman, Ms. Babeeta Sharma, Secretary and Mr. Amit Tripathi, Senior Assistant Secretary, Banking Committee, PHD Chamber called on Mr. Gauri Shankar, Executive Director (additional charge of MD & CEO) Punjab National Bank on July 23, 2015 at PNB Head office, New Delhi to seek guidance in organizing relevant programs in association with the Punjab National Bank.





Meeting with Chairman & Managing Director, Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Ltd (IREDA)

Mr. Sanjeev Gupta, Chairman, Banking Committee and Mr. Amit Tripathi, Senior Assistant Secretary, PHD Chamber met Mr. Kuljit Singh Popli, Chairman & Managing Director, Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Ltd on Jan 14, 2015 at New Delhi. The objective of the meeting was to deliberate on financial sector reforms and seek guidance in organizing relevant programs in association with IREDA.



An Industry Interaction over Lunch with the Industrial Finance Corporation of India (IFCI)



PHD Chamber organized a Power Lunch with Industrial Finance Corporation of India (IFCI) 'An Industry Interaction over Lunch with the Institution Leadership' on July 1, 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi.

Mr. Alok B Shriram, President, PHD Chamber in his welcome address commended the government's commitment in putting in place building blocks needed to raise

India's potential growth to become a manufacturing hub of the world and improve the quality of life of each and every Indian.

Mr. Malay Mukherjee, Chief Executive Officer & Managing Director, IFCI Limited inaugurated the video conferencing initiative of PHD Chamber. In his key note address, Mr. Malay Mukherjee informed that IFCI is vying for support of ADB in the form of

credit enhancement guarantee to enable it to raise about Rs. 5,000 crores during the current year through long-term bonds at low cost. He stated that the proceeds of such bonds could be deployed for infrastructure development in the country. He said that there is a continuing and an immediate need of specialised financial institutions in the country for supporting investment programs aligned to the developmental goals of the country.



Meeting with Union Minister of MSMEs

A PHD Chamber delegation led by Mr. Alok B. Shriram, President, Mr. Sanjeev Gupta, Chairman, Banking Committee, Mr. Vishwa Nath, Chairman, Committee on MSMEs, Dr. J. P. Gupta, Advisor – Corporate Affairs and the Secretariat team met Mr. Kalraj Mishra, Union Minister of MSMEs, on May 18, 2015 at Udyog Bhawan, New Delhi. The objective of the meeting was to request the Minister to inaugurate PHD Chamber's 'MSME Innovative Financing Summit 2015'.



Summit on Financing India's Growth: Way Forward



PHD Chamber organized a summit on 'Financing India's Growth: Way Forward' on September 9, 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi. Mr. S.S. Mundra, Deputy Governor, Reserve Bank of India inaugurated the summit.

Mr. Alok B Shriram, President, PHD Chamber advocated that to strengthen growth amid global uncertainty, reforms are needed at various levels across centre, state and local governments as reforms will herald an era of high value investments, infrastructure

growth, job-creation, skill development and economic prosperity. Mr. Sanjeev Gupta, Chairman, Banking Committee, PHD Chamber highlighted that the banking sector has been hand-holding the entrepreneurs of India through "crests & troughs" of their business. Mr. Yaduvendra Mathur, Chairman & Managing Director, Export Import Bank of India stressed on revival of institutions that would extensively support developmental finances. Chief Guest, Mr. S. S. Mundra Deputy Governor, Reserve Bank of India

advised that finances to fund long-term mega infrastructure projects should be arranged through market sources and pumping good equity in them by their promoters themselves instead of the DFI route. He said directives would be issued soon to ensure deepening of bond markets to raise capital for long-term infrastructure projects. A bankruptcy code is also required to bring about a sound discipline for borrowers for obtaining humongous size of capital from financial institutions which also covers their risk factors.



Insurance

The Insurance Committee, PHD Chamber was reconstituted under the Chairmanship of Mr. Yogesh Lohiya and Mr. S. K. Sethi as Co-chairpersons of the Insurance Committee. The Committee provides a platform for interface between Industry and the Insurance sector.

Interactive Session on 'Insurance Marketing Firms'



The Insurance Committee of PHD Chamber organized an interactive session on 'Insurance Marketing Firms' on April 15, 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi. The objective of the interactive session was to sensitize stakeholders of the insurance sector about the recently introduced Insurance Marketing Firms, dwell upon the opportunities and challenges it offers and discuss its role in increasing insurance penetration in the presence of the members of the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority (IRDA).

Chief Guest, Mr. M. Ramaprasad, Member (Non-Life), IRDA in his address announced that Insurance Marketing Firms (IMFs) will have legal sanctions to undertake multi-level tasks of not only selling various non-life insurance products but also multiple instruments belonging to the capital market, mutual funds, pension funds as well products of postal departments. He clarified that each IMF would have to sell 50 percent of insurance products, especially in the non-life segment of their total sales volume so that

the objective of enlarging the marketing of insurance products in urban townships, districts and rural India could be attained.

Guest of Honour, Mr. Randip Singh Jagpal, Senior Joint Director, IRDA, observed that the new guidelines and policies of IRDA would not only help to accelerate the share of insurance premium in the country but also extend this facility to every nook and corner of India.



Seminar on 'Financial Risks and Liability Insurance'



PHD Chamber's Insurance Committee organized a seminar on 'Financial Risks and liability Insurance' on June 3, 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi. The objective of the seminar was to sensitize insurance sector stakeholders about the need for liability insurance designed to offer specific protection against third party claims.

Mr. Alok B. Shriram, President

of PHD Chamber inaugurated the seminar while the key note address was delivered by Chief Guest, Mr. Praveen Gupta, CEO & MD, Raheja QBE General Insurance Co. Limited. Mr. Yogesh Lohiya, Chairman, Insurance Committee, PHD Chamber delivered the theme address while Mr. S K Sethi, Co-Chairman, PHD Chamber proposed the formal vote-of-thanks to the participants. Special Guest for the occasion, Ms. Uttara Vaid

founder of Uttara Vaid Advisory highlighted the importance of liability insurance document for all export assignments.

The seminar highlighted on the issue of Directors' and Officers' (D&O) Liability focusing that D&O policy offers coverage for the liability faced by directors' and officers' of the company. Such a policy also covers their personal liability and not of the company's.



Forex Affairs

The Forex Affairs Committee, PHD Chamber was reconstituted under the Chairmanship of Mr. Shyam Poddar and Mr. Ambuj Jain as Co-chairpersons of the Forex Affairs Committee. The Committee provides a platform for Industry on Forex Exchange.

Seminar on Growth Prospects of the Indian Economy



PHD Chamber organized a seminar on 'Growth Prospects of the Indian Economy' on December 2, 2014 at PHD House, New Delhi. Eminent speakers at the session were Prof Dr. B. B. Bhattacharya, Eminent Economist

and Former Vice Chancellor, Jawaharlal Nehru University; Dr. Pronab Sen, Chairman, National Statistical Commission; Ms. Sudha Pillai, Former Member Secretary, Planning Commission; Dr. Nilotpal Goswami, Principal Director

(Customs) CAG and Dr. Tamanna Chaturvedi Trade Consultant, IIFT Director and Mr. Shayam Poddar, Chairman, Forex Committee. PHD Chamber.



Meeting with Regional Special Director, Enforcement Directorate



A PHD Chamber delegation led by Mr. Shyam Poddar, Chairman, Forex Committee, Mr. Saurabh Sanyal, Secretary General and Dr. S. P. Sharma, Chief Economist -Director Research met Mr. Karnal Singh, IPS, Regional Special Director, Enforcement Directorate on March 23, 2015 at New Delhi. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss various developments in the foreign exchange market and suggest inputs for amendments on the Foreign Exchange Management Act and Prevention of Money Laundering Act.

PHD Chamber launches FOREX HELPLINE



With an objective to facilitate the businesses in their day-to-day regulatory developments in the foreign exchange markets, PHD Chamber launched a FOREX HELPLINE on May 5, 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi.

Mr. Alok B. Shriram, President, PHD Chamber said that foreign exchange market in India has developed significantly in the post-reforms era following the transition from a pegged exchange rate

regime to a market determined exchange rate regime in 1993 and the subsequent adoption of current account convertibility in 1994. Mr. Shyam Poddar, Chairman, FOREX Committee, PHD Chamber stated that Forex Helpline would act as a medium to get clarification on FEMA issues and would be a bridge between querists and the respondents. The helpline would update members, particularly MSMEs, about any global and domestic developments in the

forex regulatory environment.

While launching PHD Chamber's FOREX Helpline, Chief Guest, Ms. Vandana Khare, General Manager, Foreign Exchange Department, Reserve Bank of India appreciated the efforts of PHD Chamber for launching the Helpline and termed it as a revolution and a unique venture, much needed in the dynamic foreign exchange environment.



Retail, E-Commerce & FMCG

The Retail, E-Commerce & FMCG Committee, PHD Chamber was constituted under the Chairmanship of Mr. Anil Rajput and Mr. Neeraj Ghei as Co-Chairman of the Retail, E-Commerce & FMCG Committee. The Committee provides a platform for Industry on Retail, E-Commerce & FMCG Sector.

Meeting with Deputy Chief Minister, Government Of NCT Of Delhi



A PHD Chamber delegation led by Mr. Anil Rajput, Chairman, Ms. Neeraj Ghei, Co-Chairman, Mr. Rajiv Ohri, Mr. Pawan Kaul and Mr. Kabir Advani, Members,

Retail, e-Commerce & FMCG Committee, Mr. Rajiv Mathur, Secretary and Mr. Shubham Jain, Executive Officer met Mr. Manish Sisodia, Deputy Chief Minister,

Government Of NCT Of Delhi on April 1, 2015 at his office to invite him for an interactive session with industry members.



Meeting with Member Secretary, Empowered Committee of State Finance Ministers



A PHD Chamber delegation led by Mr. Anil Rajput, Chairman, Mr. Pawan Kaul, Member, Retail, e-Commerce & FMCG Committee, Mr. Rajiv Mathur, Secretary and Ms. Harsimran Kaur, Assistant Secretary met Mr. Satish Chandra, Member Secretary, Empowered Committee of State Finance Ministers on March 27, 2015 at his office to discuss the contentious issues related to GST.

Interactive session on 'Ease of Doing Business and the Government Policy'



PHD Chamber organized an interactive session on 'Ease of Doing Business and the Government Policy' at PHD House, New Delhi on May 28, 2015.

A white paper on 'Ease of Doing Business and Promoting Entrepreneurship' prepared by the Retail, E-commerce and FMCG Committee, PHD Chamber was presented to Mr. Atul Chaturvedi, Joint Secretary, Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP) for his due consideration. The special feature of the interactive session focused on the general consciousness of the

Government in taking India's rank to the top 50th position in terms of ease of doing business, according to the World Bank ranking.

Mr. Alok B. Shriram, President, PHD Chamber talked about replacing the archaic, opaque and dysfunctional regulations with rational and transparent laws and creating new supportive structures that aid business efficiency, enabling the entire dispute resolution process and implementation of GST at the earliest. Mr. Anil Rajput, Chairman, Retail, E-commerce & FMCG Committee, PHD Chamber mentioned that

the major challenge for the implementing agency at the state level is total integration and policy implementation.

Mr. Atul Chaturvedi, Joint Secretary, DIPP, Ministry of Commerce & Industry emphasized that the government is working on four principles for Ease of Doing Business, which include: create processes from manual to online, minimum number of touch points, prepare a checklist and adhere to the timeline/deadlines and eliminate the archaic laws /legal requirements /license.



Taxation

Direct Taxes

The Direct Taxes Committee was reconstituted with Mr. Anil Kumar Chopra as Chairman and Mr. Dinesh Agarwal, Mr. Mukul Bagla as Co-Chairmen. Besides formulating the Pre and Post Budget memoranda of PHD Chamber, the Committee organized seminars, workshops, interactive sessions and made representations to the government from time-to-time to highlight the areas of hardships confronted by members and suggest suitable alternatives.

Tax Deduction at Source: Issues, Problems and Recent Developments



PHD Chamber organized its annual conference on Tax Deduction at Source: Issues, Problems and Recent Developments on December 9, 2014 at PHD House, New Delhi.

Senior Government Officials including Ms. Promila Bhardwaj, DGIT (Systems); Ms. Anuja Sarangi, CIT (TDS); Mr. Nitin Gupta, DIT (International Taxation); Mr. Ravi

Agarwal, CIT (Systems CPC-TDS); Mr. Satpal Gulati, Additional CIT (Systems CPC-TDS); Mr. Ved Prakash, JCIT (TDS - Range 49); Mr. Amit Jain, JCIT - Range 75 and Mr. Gagan Sood, JCIT - Range 76 interacted with the participants.

Other eminent speakers who addressed on the various nuances of TDS provisions included Mr. Divya Baweja, Ms. Poorva Prakash,

Mr. Sameer Gogia and Mr. Santdas G. Wadhvani from Deloitte Haskins Ltd., Mr. Mukul Bagla, O P Bagla & Co., Mr. Sandeep Nagpal, Nangia & Co.; Mr. Ashwini Taneja, Corporate Professional Pvt. Ltd.; Mr. V P Gupta, V P Gupta & Co; Ms. Gouri Puri, Amarchand Mangaldas; Mr. Manish Kapur, BSR & Co. and Mr. Gaurav Jain, Vaish Associates.



Post Budget Interactive Session on Implications of Union Budget 2015

The Direct & Indirect Taxes Committee of PHD Chamber organized a post-budget interactive session on 'Implications of Union Budget 2015' on March 5, 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi. The session was also attended by senior tax officials from the Ministry of Finance.

Chief Guest, Mr. Shaktikanta Das, Secretary (Revenue), Ministry of Finance shared that the Union Budget mainly addressed macro-economic issues with the objective of creating additional fiscal space and boosting infrastructure spending in the country. Ms. Anita Kapur, Chairperson, CBDT highlighted that the Union Budget has removed certain



provisions which were litigation prone. Mr. Kaushal Srivastava, Chairman, CBEC indicated that the

Government's objective of 'Make in India' has provided a fillip through the Union Budget.

Workshop on 'Section 14A and Rule 8D: Interpretation & Practical Tax Issues'



The Direct Taxes Committee of PHD Chamber organized a workshop on 'Section 14A and Rule 8D: Interpretation & Practical Tax Issues' on May 6, 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi. Mr. Dheeraj Bhatnagar, CIT (Appeals)

highlighted the legal position as existed prior to Section 14A and discussed the various sub-sections of Section 14A. Mr. K. G. Bansal, Advocate made a comprehensive presentation on Section 14A - provision, jurisprudence and

related matters. Mr. Mukul Bagla Co- Chairman, Direct Taxes Committee, PHD Chamber made a presentation on disallowance under Section 14A.



International Tax Conference Global Tax Issues & Recent Developments



PHD Chamber organized a two-day International Tax Conference on 'Global Tax Issues and Recent Developments,' August 21-22, 2015 at Hotel Oberoi, New Delhi. The objective was to analyze and debate on Indian tax laws for more effective and efficient tax regime that would facilitate and promote FDI and cross-border trade. Significant issues in international taxation including Transfer Pricing, BEPS & Exchange of Information; Cross border Investments including Mergers & Acquisitions and Choice of Jurisdiction; Treaty override and to make India a preferred destination were debated by leading tax experts. The Black Money Act was also deliberated.

Welcoming the delegates, Mr. Alok B. Shriram, President, PHD Chamber shared simple, transparent, non-adversarial tax

regime, bereft of complexities and ambiguities would go a long way in strengthening the business environment and restoring the faith of foreign investors in India's growth story. Mr. Anil K Chopra, Chairman, Direct Taxes Committee, PHD Chamber in his theme address highlighted that the government should use the Black Money Act both as a source of revenue and also as a deterrent for tax evaders.

Chief Guest, Mr. Shaktikanta Das, Secretary (Revenue) shared that the governments' focus is on unleashing measures aimed at encouraging growth and at the same time providing an enabling environment for the domestic and international investments to flourish. Mr. Das stated that black money law has to be stringent as the government has a huge task to

fight the menace of black money.

Guest of Honor, Ms. Anita Kapur, Chairperson, CBDT reiterated the commitment of the government for a fair and just tax regime so that India's tax basket is widened and broad based for growth and equity. Guest of Honor, Mr. G. C. Gupta, Vice President, Income Tax Appellate Tribunal felt that much attention should be given for finding out ways to reduce the vast pending litigation relating to Transfer Pricing and International Tax matters.

Mr. Mahesh Gupta, Senior Vice-President, PHD Chamber shared that India needs to strike the right balance between checking tax avoidance and making the tax environment more facilitative compared to other jurisdictions competing for investments.



Workshop on Income Computation and Disclosure Standards: Analysis, Implications & Way Forward



The Direct Taxes Committee of PHD Chamber organized a workshop on 'Income Computation and Disclosure Standards: (ICDS) Analysis, Implications & Way Forward' on October 15, 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi. Mr. Anil K Chopra, Chairman, Direct Taxes

Committee PHD Chamber urged the members to send their issues which the Chamber could take up with the Government for necessary clarifications/ improvements. Mr S. C. Vasudeva, Managing Partner, S C Vasudeva & Co. spoke on

ICDS relating to Accounting Policies; Valuation of Inventories & Construction Contracts. Mr. Sameer Gogia, Director, Deloitte Haskins & Sells LLP explained the applicability of ICDS on Tangible Fixed Assets.

Meeting with Secretary (Revenue), Ministry of Finance



A PHD Chamber delegation led by Mr. Alok B. Shriram, President and comprising of Mr. Gopal Jiwarajka, Vice President, Mr. Anil K Chopra, Chairman, Direct Taxes Committee, Mr. Bimal Jain, Chairman, Indirect Taxes Committee, Mr. Saurabh

Sanyal, Secretary General and Mr. Vijay Choudhry, Director (Finance) met Dr. Hasmukh Adhia, Secretary (Revenue), Ministry of Finance on October 7, 2015 at Ministry of Finance. Ms. Anita Kapur, Chairperson, CBDT and Mr.

V S Krishnan, Member – Service Tax, CBEC were also present at the meeting. The Chamber gave suggestions on 'New and Innovative Tax Policy Ideas for achieving higher investments & growth'.



Meeting with the Hon'ble Union Minister of Finance on General Anti Avoidance Rules (GAAR)

PHD Chamber was invited at a meeting convened by Mr. Arun Jaitley, Hon'ble Minister of Finance on January 27, 2015 at North Block to discuss the GAAR provisions. A PHD Chamber delegation led by Mr Alok B Shriram, President, Mr Mahesh Gupta, Senior Vice President and Mr Anil K Chopra, Chairman, Direct Taxes Committee attended the meeting. Senior government officials who also attended the meeting included Mr. Jayant Sinha, Hon'ble Minister of State for Finance; Mr. Rajiv Mehrishi, Finance Secretary; Mr. Shaktikanta Das, Secretary (Revenue); Ms. Anita Kapur, Chairperson, CBDT and Ms. Rani Singh Nair, Member (L & C) among others.

Meeting with Hon'ble Finance Minister on New ITR Forms

A PHD Chamber delegation consisting of Mr. Mahesh Gupta, Senior Vice President; Mr. Gopal S. Jiwrajka, Vice President and Mr. Anil K Chopra, Chairman, Direct Taxes Committee met Mr. Arun Jaitley, Hon'ble Finance Minister, Government of India in respect of New Income Tax Return Forms on April 24, 2015 at North Block, Ministry of Finance.

PHD Chamber welcomed attempts for further simplification of Income Tax Return (ITR) Forms to make it user friendly so that the tax compliance increases manifold. The Chamber demanded that the details on foreign travels undertaken by the assesses should not be asked through creating cumbersome columns. The Chamber also urged that in case of Foreign Trusts, the details may be sought in respect of Specific Trusts and should not apply to discretionary beneficiary in case of a Discretionary Trust.

Hearing on MAT Issues

Mr Anil K Chopra, Chairman and Mr Dinesh Agarwal, Co Chairman, Direct Taxes Committee, PHD Chamber attended a hearing convened by Justice A. P. Shah heading the Committee on Direct Tax Matters on July 3 2015 at Law Commission of India.

PHD Chamber represented on the issue of levy of Minimum Alternate Tax (MAT) on FIIs for the period prior to 1st April 2015. Numerous provisions and case laws were cited to deliberate on the subject matter.



Indirect Taxes

The Indirect Taxes Committee was reconstituted with Mr. Bimal Jain as Chairman and Mr. N K Gupta as Co-Chairmen. Besides formulating the Pre and Post Budget memoranda of PHD Chamber, the Committee organized seminars, workshops, interactive sessions and made representations to the government from time to time, to highlight the areas of hardships confronted by members and suggest suitable alternatives.

Works Contract Provisions under the Service Tax & VAT

The seventh workshop for the fiscal year 2014-15 under the series on Indirect Taxes on the theme 'Works Contract Provisions under the Service Tax & VAT' was organized on December 17, 2014 at PHD House, New Delhi.

Mr. Puneet Agrawal, Athena Law Associates in his presentation on Works Contract/ Constructions under the Delhi and Haryana VAT system deliberated on issues relating to developer's liability of VAT and Service Tax on sale of flats; contractor's liability for payment of VAT and developer's liability under the



JDA or collaboration agreement. Mr. Vineet Bhatia, President, Delhi VAT Bar Association spoke on the practical aspects of taxability of works contractors, builders, developers and collaborators under

VAT. CA Ashok Batra, Ashok Batra and Associates explained the various issues in Works Contract under Real Estate/ Construction Industry through illustrative case studies.

Workshop on Adjudication and Appellate Procedure - How to reply Show Cause Notice and Appeal filing



The eighth workshop for the fiscal year 2014-15 on the series on Indirect Taxes was organized on the theme 'Adjudication and Appellate Procedure - How to

reply Show Cause Notice and Appeal filing' on January 15, 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi.

Mr. B L Narasimhan, Lakshmikumaran & Sridharan, highlighted the relevant legal provisions with regard to issuance of Show Cause Notices. Mr. Sujit Ghosh, Advocate made a presentation on Adjudication of Show Cause Notices. Mr. Bimal Jain, Chairman, Indirect Taxes Committee, PHD Chamber made a comprehensive presentation on Appellate proceedings.



Workshop Series on Indirect Taxes-Excise and Customs Important Issues and Procedures under Excise & Customs



The last workshop on the series on Indirect Taxes was organized on the theme 'Important Issues and Procedures under Excise & Customs' on February 6, 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi. Mr. Bimal Jain, A2Z Taxcorp LLP and Chairman, Indirect Taxes Committee and Mr. N K Gupta, S S Kothari Mehta & Co. and Co-Chairman, Indirect Taxes Committee, PHD Chamber; Mr. S K Pahwa, Advocate; Mr. Rachit Jain, Lakshmikumaran & Sridharan and Mr. Jatin Arora, Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu India Private Limited

interacted with the participants.

Mr. S.K Pahwa explained in detail the procedure of job work under the central excise laws and highlighted the various valuation issues where the jobs worker/ raw material supplier/ principal manufacturer is liable for duty payment. Mr. N K Gupta made a presentation on valuation and procedures under the Central Excise. Mr. N K Gupta, Executive Director, S S Kothari Mehta & Co. and Co-Chairman, Indirect Taxes Committee, PHD Chamber made

a presentation on valuation and procedures under the Central Excise.

Mr. Rachit Jain, Lakshmikumaran & Sridharan spoke about the concept of SAD (Special Additional Duty) refund.

Mr. Jatin Arora, Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu India Private Limited in his presentation on 'Import/Export of Goods' highlighted the concept of foreign trade policy and its importance in the Indian economy.

Seminar on Goods & Services Tax: Transition Issues and Roadmap Ahead

PHD Chamber jointly with Gurgaon Chamber and Belgian Luxembourg Business Association (BLBA) organized a seminar on 'Goods & Services Tax: Transition Issues and Roadmap Ahead' on February 20, 2015 at Gurgaon.

Mr. Rajiv Dhawan, President, BLBA observed that industry has been pushing hard for the implementation of GST. Mr. Bimal Jain, A2Z Taxcorp LLP and Chairman, Indirect Taxes Committee, PHD Chamber highlighted the need



and importance of GST in the country. Mr. B.L. Narasimhan, Lakshmikumaran & Sridharan

spoke on the major bottlenecks and compliance issues under the GST.



Seminar on 'Goods & Services Tax and Significant Changes In Union Budget 2015-16'

PHD Chamber organized a seminar on 'Goods & Services Tax and Significant Changes in Union Budget 2015-16' on April 10, 2015 at PHD House, Jaipur.

Chief Guest, Mr. Vaibhav Galriya IAS, Commissioner- Commercial Taxes, Jaipur shared the state government's views. Mr. Satya Poddar, well-known GST expert and partner, tax and regulatory services, Ernst & Young was the Guest of Honor. Eminent tax



experts, including Mr. Bimal Jain, A2Z Taxcorp LLP and Chairman, Indirect Taxes Committee and Mr. N K Gupta, S. S. Kothari Mehta

& Co. and Co-Chairman, Indirect Taxes Committee, PHD Chamber shared their views on GST.

Workshop Series on Indirect Taxes 2015-16

With a view to educate and sensitize the industry on the various facets of Indirect Taxation, the Indirect Taxes Committee of PHD Chamber organized a series of workshops spread over the Fiscal Year 2015-16. The

government is planning to usher Goods & Services Tax from April 2016. The industry is skeptical about how the plethora of Indirect Taxes will subsume in GST and how the contentious issues still prevalent under the different

indirect tax laws will be settled under the new regime of GST. The Indirect Taxes Committee at PHD Chamber is attempting to bridge a gap between the Government and Industry by raising issues and providing constructive suggestions for a smooth transition to GST.

Workshop on Union Budget 2015-Detailed Discussion on Clause by Clause Changes in Excise, Service Tax and Customs

The first workshop on the series on Indirect Taxes for the current fiscal Year, was organized on the theme 'Union Budget 2015-Detailed Discussion on Clause by Clause Changes in Excise, Service Tax and Customs' on April 17, 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi.

Mr. N. K. Gupta, S. S. Kothari Mehta & Co. and Co-Chairman, Indirect Taxes Committee, PHD Chamber made a presentation on Changes in Central Excise and Customs Duty vide Union Budget 2015. Mr. Bimal Jain, A2Z Taxcorp



LLP and Chairman, Indirect Taxes Committee, PHD Chamber made a presentation on Changes in Service Tax Vide Union Budget 2015'. Mr.

Shivam Mehta, Lakshmikumaran & Sridharan highlighted the 'Changes in CENVAT Credit Rules, 2004 vide Union Budget 2015.



Workshop on Ushering in GST & Highlights of 122nd Constitutional Amendment Bill, 2014

The second workshop on Indirect Taxes which focused on the theme 'Ushering in GST & Highlights of 122nd Constitutional Amendment Bill, 2014. Goods & Services Tax and Highlights of 122nd Constitutional Amendment Bill, 2014' was held on May 15, 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi.

Mr. N. K. Gupta, Co-Chairman, Indirect Taxes Committee, gave a brief overview of Goods & Services Tax. Mr. Bimal Jain, Chairman, Indirect Taxes Committee, PHD Chamber made a comprehensive presentation on 'Introduction to GST: Basic Overview, Needs



and Importance'. Mr. J. K Mittal, Advocate spoke on the 122nd Constitution Amendment Bill, 2014. Mr. Sujit Ghosh, Partner, Advaita Legal made a presentation on GST – Chargeability on Services viz-a-viz Goods. Mr. B.L

Narasimhan & Shivam Mehta discussed the level of industry preparedness; non harmonization of tax rates as per Constitutional Amendment Bill, 2014 and issues relating to area based incentives in central excise and sales tax laws.

National Conference on Service Tax: Negative List, Declared Services, Exemption and Service Tax Rules, 1994-Issues and Way Forward



To analyse significant changes in Service Tax, PHD Chamber organized the third workshop on Indirect Taxes with the focus on 'Service Tax: Negative List, Declared Services, Exemption and Service Tax Rules, 1994 – Issues and Way forward and their Relevance in GST Regime' on June 19, 2015 at

PHD House, New Delhi.

Mr. S. V. Singh, Principal Commissioner, Service Tax shared his views on functioning of the Service Tax Commissionerate and urged the members to address their concerns to the appropriate authorities for early resolution.

Mr. Gautam Bhattacharya, Commissioner, Service Tax urged the industry to be pro-active in sharing their inputs on policy documentation.

Mr. Bimal Jain, Chairman, Indirect Taxes Committee, PHD Chamber made a comprehensive presentation on 'Recent Changes in Service Tax'. Mr. Nikhil Suri, Ernst & Young in his presentation gave an overview of Service Tax. on Payment of Service Tax. CA Ashok Batra, A K Batra & Associates made a presentation. Mr. N. Mathivanan, Lakshmikumaran & Sridharan made a presentation on "Significant changes in Service Tax by Finance Act, 2015: Issues & Implication for Industry".



Seminar on New Foreign Trade Policy: Boosting Exports vis-à-vis Tax policies And Way forward GST



PHD Chamber jointly with RSA Legal organized a seminar on 'New Foreign Trade Policy: Boosting Exports vis-à-vis Tax policies and Way forward GST' on April 23, 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi. Welcoming the delegates, Mr N.K Gupta, Co-Chairman, Indirect

Taxes Committee, PHD Chamber shared that the Government must remove unnecessary bottlenecks for facilitating trade by the industry.

Mr. S C Jain Managing Partner, RSA Legal Solutions made a

presentation on Merchandise Export from India Scheme (MEIS) and incentives to give a fillip to 'Make in India'. He felt that these anomalies should be suitably addressed for the success of 'Make in India' concept announced in the Foreign Trade Policy 2015-2020.

Workshop Series on Indirect Taxes Mega Exemption under Service Tax and Point of Taxation Rules, 2011 – Its relevance in GST Regime

The fourth workshop in the series on Indirect Taxes was organized on the theme 'Mega Exemption under Service Tax and Point of Taxation Rules, 2011 – Its relevance in GST Regime' on July 17, 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi. Welcoming the delegates, Mr. Bimal Jain, Chairman, Indirect Taxes Committee, PHD Chamber felt that there are a number of issues emanating under mega exemption and point of taxation rules that need to be suitably dealt within the proposed GST regime.

Mr. N. K. Gupta, S.S. Kothari Mehta & Co. and Co- Chairman, Indirect



Taxes Committee, PHD Chamber gave an overview about GST by sharing its meaning according to Article 366 clause (12A) and issues

related to GST model covering the Inter-State/Intra-State supply of Goods & Services.



Place of Provision of Service Rules, 2012 – Export & Import of Services – Rules for Chargeability of GST by both Centre and States

The fifth workshop in the above series was organized on the theme Place of Provision of Service Rules, 2012 – Export & Import of Services – Its relevance in GST Regime on August 27, 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi.

Senior Tax experts who addressed and interacted with the participants at the workshop included Mr. J.K Mittal, Advocate; Mr. Bimal Jain, Chairman, Indirect Taxes Committee, PHD Chamber; Mr. Vikas Garg, Director, Deloitte; Mr. Shivam Mehta, Jt. Partner, Lakshmikumaran & Sridharan.

Mr. Bimal Jain explained in detail the basis of taxability of services



under section 66 of the Finance Act. Mr. Vikas Garg, Deloitte discussed about the implications of recent amendment made in the definition of 'Intermediary.' Mr. Garg explained some key

area of concerns related to Salary Reimbursements, Service Tax on compensation and Payment by Indian Company to its foreign branch.

Works Contract under the Service Tax & VAT and other issues of Double Taxation and Transition Issues with Way Forward in GST



The sixth workshop in the above series was organized on the theme 'Works Contract under Service Tax & VAT and other issues

of Double Taxation and Transition Issues with Way Forward in GST' on September 18, 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi. Senior tax

experts at the workshop included Mr. Bimal Jain, Chairman and Mr. N.K. Gupta Co-Chairman, Indirect Taxes Committee, PHD Chamber; Mr. V. Sivasubramanian Lakshmikumaran & Sridharan; Mr. Puneet Agarwal, Athena law Associates; Mr. Sujit Ghosh, Adavita Legal and Mr. Narendra Pati, Khaitan & Co. Mr. N.K Gupta shared that contract for sale for work and labour is a matter of litigation and can be amicably resolved with the GST legislation in place. Mr. V. Sivasubramanian made a presentation on "Real Estate/ Construction Industry under the Service Tax".



Workshop on Recent Judicial Landmark Decisions- Service Tax, Customs & Excise



The seventh workshop in the above series was organized on the theme 'Recent Judicial Landmark Decisions- Service Tax, Customs & Excise' on October 16, 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi. Senior

Tax experts who addressed and interacted with the participants at the workshop included Mr. J. K. Mittal, Advocate; Mr. S. C. Jain, RSA Legal Solutions; Mr. B. L. Narasimhan & Mr. Shivam Mehta,

Lakshmikumaran & Sridharan and Mr. N. K. Gupta Co-Chairman, Indirect Taxes Committee, PHD Chamber.

Meeting with High Level Committee on Tax Laws

Mr. Bimal Jain, Chairman, Indirect Taxes Committee, PHD Chamber represented before the High Level Committee on Tax Laws on August 31, 2015 at Hotel Janpath, New Delhi.

The meeting was chaired by Mr.

Ashok K. Lahiri, Chairman of High Level Committee on Tax Laws. A number of issues relating to Education Cess and Secondary and Higher Education Cess; Application of Rule 4 of the POT Rules vis-à-vis Section 67A of the Finance Act; Rate in case of Reverse Charge;

Application of Rule 7 of the POT Rules vis-à-vis Section 67A of the Finance Act; Rule 5 of the POT Rules vis-à-vis Section 66B of the Finance Act; and Reimbursement of Expenses were deliberated at the meeting for resolution by trade and industry.



Capital Markets

The Capital Market Committee was reconstituted with Mr. Prithvi Haldea as the Chairman and Mr. R Balachander, Mr. Nehal Vora and Ms. Neena Prasad as Co-Chairmen. The Committee continued to highlight the problems of trade and industry.

Seminar on 'Energizing SME Exchanges, ITP and Dissemination Board Platforms'

PHD Chamber organized a seminar on 'Energizing SME Exchanges, ITP and Dissemination Board Platforms' on January 14, 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi. Mr. Alok B. Shriram, President, PHD Chamber complimented SEBI for its pro-active approach for balancing the interests of large and retail investors in the capital market in general and SME Exchanges in particular. Chief Guest, Mr. Rajeev Kumar Agarwal, Wholtime Member, Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) elaborated that the Finance



Minister had allocated Rs.100 billion for funding SMEs and other splinter groups. He reiterated the

commitment of SEBI to protect the retail investors and promote trading in SME exchanges.

Seminar on 'The IPO Market-Regulatory Perspective' and 'Assessing Proposed Changes by OECD in Corporate Governance Principles'



PHD Chamber organized a seminar on 'The IPO Market-Regulatory Perspective' and 'Assessing Proposed Changes by OECD in Corporate Governance Principles'

on March 30, 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi. Mr. Mahesh Gupta, Senior Vice-President, PHD Chamber highlighted the changes introduced by SEBI in

the regulations governing Initial Public Offers aiming at healthier development of the Primary Capital Market. Chief Guest, Mr. Prashant Saran, Wholtime Member, Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) highlighted on the e-IPO mechanism, through which investment in public offerings could be done online without signing any physical documents. He informed that SEBI board has approved the proposal to use secondary market infrastructure for public issuance called e-IPOs and revamp insider trading norms to prevent the menace.



Interactive Session with Chairman, Securities and Exchange Board of India on Start-up and SME IPOs

PHD Chamber organized an interactive session with Mr. U.K. Sinha, Chairman, Securities and Exchange Board of India on 'Start-up and SME IPOs' on October 12, 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi.

Mr. U. K. Sinha, said that the regulator is trying its best to create a conducive climate for start-ups and will ensure that they raise money domestically through markets rather than from overseas markets such as Singapore and the US.





Corporate Affairs

The Corporate Affairs Committee was reconstituted with Dr. Lalit Bhasin as the Chairman and Dr. S Chandrasekaran, Mr. P K Rustagi as the Co-Chairmen, with the objective of highlighting the problems of trade and industry relating to corporate laws to the concerned authorities and also to present views on new legislation.

National Seminar on Foreign Exchange Management Act - Recent Issues and Developments

PHD Chamber organized a national seminar on 'Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA) – Recent Issues and Developments' on December 17, 2014 at PHD House, New Delhi.

Chief Guest, Ms. Madhu Dwivedi, Assistant General Manager, Reserve Bank of India explained the Online Payment Gateway Service Providers, Asian Clearing Union Mechanism – Indo - Iran trade, Third party payments for export/import transactions and Merchantile trade-revised guidelines. Ms. Shivpriya Nanda, Partner, J Sagar Associates gave an overview of FEMA and FDI guidelines and also elaborated on the investment policy. Mr.



Lalit Kumar, Partner, J Sagar Associates gave a presentation on 'Outbound Investment Policy' and 'Remittances under FEMA.' Mr. Daksh Ahluwalia, Senior Associate, J Sagar Associates

spoke on International Finance, Foreign Currency Convertible Bonds and Foreign Currency Exchangeable Bonds.

Conference on Internal Auditors Partners in Good Governance

PHD Chamber organized a conference on 'Internal Auditors - Partners in Good Governance' in association with the Institute of Internal Auditors, Delhi Chapter on February 13, 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi. The conference provided a comprehensive overview of the latest developments on the governance front and its

applicability for internal auditors.

Ms. Archana Nigam, Additional Controller General of Accounts was the Chief Guest at the conference. Highly renowned technocrats and reputed experts from academia and industry graced the event including Mr. Hal Garyn, VP Professional Practice, IIA Inc., Dr. S Chandrasekaran,

Co-Chairman, Corporate Affairs Committee, PHD Chamber, Dr. Vinayshil Gautam, Senior Advisory, KPMG & 1stDean, IIM-K and Mr Sumant Chadha, Senior Partner, T.R. Chadha & Co.

The three technical sessions on PSU/ Government, Manufacturing and Services were addressed by eminent industry experts.



Seminar on Decoding the Amended Companies (Cost Records & Audit) Rules, 2014



PHD Chamber in association with the Institute of Cost Accountants of India (ICAI) organized a seminar on 'Decoding the Amended Companies (Cost Records & Audit) Rules, 2014' on February 25,

2015 at PHD House, New Delhi. In the first technical session, CMA Kunal Banerjee, Past President, ICAI spoke on the applicability of cost records and its maintenance and gave an overview of the CRA

Forms. In the second technical session, CMA Chandra Wadhwa, Past President, ICAI gave information on 'Cost Audit including Performance Appraisal Report'.

Interactive Session on Role of Professionals in Promoting Economic Cooperation among Countries

PHD Chamber organized an interactive session on 'Role of Professionals in Promoting Economic Cooperation among Countries' on March 3, 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi.

Chief Guest, Mr. Huen Wong, of Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson, President Elect of Inter Pacific Bar Association commented that lawyers play a strong role in promoting economic cooperation amongst countries and stressed upon the need of an open legal market free from restrictions and stringent regulations. He discussed



the Legal System of Hong Kong with the delegates. He opined that the legal profession across the globe has to ensure that we

work together to strengthen the profession and relationships amongst countries for years to come.



12 Weeks Workshop on Companies Act 2013 (Covering the Act, Rules & Circulars)

The Corporate Affairs Committee of PHD Chamber conducted 12 weeks workshops on Companies Act 2013 (covering the Act, Rules & Circulars) every Friday of the week which commenced on March 13, 2015 and concluded on June 5, 2015.

First Workshop on Related Party Transactions



The first workshop on the series of Companies Act, 2013 with the focus on 'Related Party Transactions' was held on March 13, 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi. Chief Guest, Mr. A K Chaturvedi, Regional Director

(Northern Region), Ministry of Corporate Affairs explained that the Companies Act, 2013 has unveiled a new era in the Indian corporate sector. Section 188 of the Act that deals with 'Related Party Transactions' is meant to

ensure that the affairs of a company are being managed in a fair and transparent manner placing the onus on board of directors to review, approve and explain such transactions to shareholders and seek their approval.

Second Workshop on Loans, Investment & Guarantees

The second workshop on Companies Act 2013 with the focus on 'Loans, Investment & Guarantees' was held on March 20, 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi.

Mr. Sandip Khetan, Partner (Assurance, Financial Accounting Advisory Services), S R Batliboi & Co LLP gave a practical insight of provisions involved in section 185 and 186 of the Companies Act 2013. He discussed about Acceptance of Deposits covering



Section 73 – 76 of the Act. Mr. Divyanshu Pandey, Partner, J. Sagar Associates gave an overview of sections 77, 179, 180 and 185 of

Companies Act 2013. He discussed about Corporate Authorisations, Charge Creation and Perfection and Loans to Directors.



Third Workshop on Accounts and Audit



The third workshop on the series Companies Act 2013 with the focus on the theme, 'Accounts and Audit' was held on March 27, 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi.

Mr. Munish Saraogi, Founder Partner, M K Saraogi & Co. analyzed Sections 129-131 of the Companies Act 2013 and

the transition provisions of Depreciation Accounting and the Applicability of Accounting Standards (2015) along with rules. Mr. S C Vasudeva, Partner, S C Vasudeva & Co. discussed the provisions related to audit and auditors along with the procedure of appointment, manner of selection, rotation, removal and

resignation of auditors along with their eligibility, qualification and disqualification. Mr. Sanjay Vasudeva, Partner, S C Vasudeva & Co. explained the provisions relating to remuneration, powers and duties of auditors and auditing standards.

Fourth Workshop on Board Report



The fourth workshop on the series of Companies Act 2013 covering the theme 'Board Report' was held on April 10, 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi. Mr. Rajendra Chopra, Deputy Company Secretary, Bharti Airtel Limited gave an overview of the provisions relating to applicability and disclosure requirement in the Board Report. Mr. Pankaj Tewari, Associate Director-Risk Advisory Services, PricewaterhouseCoopers analyzed the new disclosures under the Board Report and also discussed secretarial audit, CSR, fraud, risk management and nomination and remuneration policy, related party transactions, business process evaluation, etc.



Fifth Workshop on Annual Report



The fifth workshop on the series of Companies Act 2013 covering the theme 'Annual Report' was held on April 17, 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi. Mr. I C Kamboj, Associate Vice-President - Legal & Company Secretary, Hero Motocorp Limited gave an in-depth analysis of the contents of the Annual Report with special emphasis on Notice of Meetings, Directors' Report, Management Discussion & Analysis, Corporate Governance Report, Secretarial Auditor's Report and CSR Report.

Sixth Workshop on Meetings

The sixth workshop on the series of Companies Act 2013 under the theme 'On meetings' was held on April 24, 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi. Keynote speaker, Mr. S Sudhakar, Vice President - Corporate Secretarial, Reliance Industries Limited covered the provisions involved in Section 173 - 184 of the Companies Act, 2013. Ms. Avanti T. Chandele, Partner, UKCA and Partners spoke on Sections 185-195 of Companies Act 2013.



Seventh Workshop on Raising of Capital, Debentures and Acceptance of Deposits



The seventh workshop on the series of Companies Act 2013 under the theme 'Raising of Capital, Debentures and Acceptance of Deposits' was held on May 1, 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi. Key note speaker, Mr. Lalit Kumar, Partner, J. Sagar Associates gave an overview of Capital & Fund Raising and also highlighted the provisions involved in Public Offer & Process of Private Placement.



He spoke on Shares Capital, Debentures, Preference Shares and shares with differential rights.

Mr. Sandip Khetan, Partner S R

Batliboi & Co LLP in his presentation on 'Acceptance of Deposits' gave an in-depth analysis of Sections 73-76 of the Companies 2013 along with the Companies (Acceptance of Deposits) Rules,

2014 ("Deposit Rules"), which lay down the provisions regarding the acceptance of deposits by companies.

Eighth Workshop on Investigation and Fraud

The eighth workshop on the series Companies Act 2013 covering the theme 'Investigation and Fraud' was held on May 8, 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi. Mr. U. S. Dutt, Advisor Fraud Investigation & Dispute Services, Ernst & Young LLP gave the overview of Fraud and Investigation with respect to the Companies Act, 2013.



Mr. Nilimesh Baruah, Director - Serious Fraud Investigation Office gave an overview about the

functioning and role of Serious Fraud Investigation Office. He highlighted the exclusive

definition of Fraud as per Section 447 of the Act, 2013.

Ninth Workshop on Annual Return



The ninth workshop on the series of Companies Act 2013 covering the theme 'Annual Return' was held

on May 15, 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi. Dr. S Chandrasekaran Senior Partner, Chandrasekaran

Associates & Co-Chairman, Corporate Affairs Committee, PHD Chamber threw light on the role of Company Secretaries in Practice with respect to preparation and filing of Annual Return of Companies. He elaborated form MGT- 8 which pertains to certification of Annual Return by Company Secretary in Practice. Mr. Ashok Tyagi Proprietor, Ashok Tyagi Company Secretaries gave the overview of Annual Returns and the provisions related to it as per the Section 92(1) of the Act, 2013. He talked about the penalties under the act for the failures made by professionals in preparation of Annual Return.



Tenth Workshop on Key Managerial Personnel (KMP) & Managerial Remuneration



The tenth workshop on the series of Companies Act 2013 which focused on 'Key Managerial Personnel (KMP) & Managerial Remuneration' was held on May 22, 2015 at PHD House, New

Delhi. Dr. K. S. Ravichandran, Partner, KSR & Co. LLP and Mr. Pankaj Tewari, Associate Director – Risk Advisory Services, PwC were the eminent speakers at the workshop. Dr. K S Ravichandran

dealt with the provisions relating to managerial remuneration while Mr. Pankaj Tewari covered the provisions relating to the appointment of Key Management Personnel.

Eleventh Workshop on Shareholder's Voting Rights – Postal Ballot and E-Voting

The eleventh workshop on the series of Companies Act 2013 which focused on 'Shareholders Voting rights – Postal Ballot and E-Voting' was held on May 29, 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi.

Mr. Pramod Rai, Deputy Company Secretary, Nestle India Limited gave an overview of 'Shareholder's Voting Rights- E-voting and Postal Ballot' and the laws governing the same.





Twelfth Workshop on Board Process, Evaluation and Performance of Directors



The twelfth and the concluding workshop on the Companies Act 2013 which focused on 'Board Process, Evaluation and Performance of Directors' was held on June 5,

2015 at PHD House, New Delhi.

Mr. M Damodaran Chairperson, Excellence Enablers Private Limited and Former Chairman, SEBI, in his

address discussed the law relating to evaluation and performance of Directors and various issues associated with it. He stressed that evaluation of the Board should be seen as an opportunity rather than as a threat that can add value and not look at it as a tick-the-box exercise. Mr. Pavan Kumar Vijay, Managing Director, Corporate Professionals India dealt with the statutory provisions relating to Board Process. He highlighted that developing evaluation parameters and the process to achieve this simple objective is complex. The same size does not fit all.

Meeting with Secretary, Ministry of Corporate Affairs

A PHD Chamber delegation led by Dr. Mahesh Gupta, Senior Vice-President; Dr S Chandrasekaran, Co-Chairman, Corporate Affairs Committee, Mr. Saurabh Sanyal, Secretary General, Mr. Vijay Chaudhry, Director (Finance) and Ms. Kirti Sharma, Executive Officer met Mr. Tapan Ray, Secretary, Ministry of Corporate Affairs on September 17, 2015.



Seminar on "Secretarial Standards - Analysis & Implications"



PHD Chamber organized a seminar on 'Secretarial Standards - Analysis & Implications' on September 2, 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi. Mr. Rajendra Chopra, Senior Vice President & Company Secretary, Bharti Airtel Ltd and Mr. Pankaj Tewari, Director – Risk Advisory Services, Price WaterhouseCoopers and Mr. Rajendra Chopra, Senior Vice President & Company Secretary, Bharti Airtel Ltd were the speakers at the seminar.



Defence

The Defence Committee was reconstituted under the Chairmanship of Mr. Rajiv Bhatnagar and Mr. R. S. Bedi as Co-Chairman with the objective of addressing the concerns of industry with the Government authorities.

Seminar on Strategic Infrastructure Protection 'Safeguarding Coastal and Offshore Assets in the Littoral'



A seminar on 'Strategic Infrastructure Protection' organized by the National Maritime Foundation and IMR in association with PHD Chamber with focus on the theme 'Supporting Industry Association' was held on December 9, 2014 at New Delhi. Chief Guest, Vice Admiral, Anurag Thapliyal, AVSM, DG Coast Guard addressed on the importance and the need for

protecting littoral assets.

Dr. Vijay Sakhuja, Director-National Maritime Foundation spoke on how global perception about protection of strategic maritime infrastructure has changed dramatically over a period of time. Maj. R S Bedi (Retd.), Senior Member- Defence Committee, PHD Chamber shared his perspective on how

transnational threats, including narco-terrorism, gun running, sea piracy, immigration control and assistance during natural disasters, have spawned a multitude of additional "out of area" operational roles for regional navies, which have dramatically increased the maritime security challenges of the South Asian region.



PHD Chamber signs a MoU with Army Welfare Placement Organization

On December 16 2014, the Defence Committee of PHD Chamber signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Army Welfare Placement Organization for conducting workshops on hiring of Ex-Servicemen

in the corporate sector. The Defence Committee believes that there is a need and commitment required towards generating opportunities and nurturing dreams for re-employment/ entrepreneurship

for the Ex-servicemen within the corporate sector wherein they can garnish young talents. AWPO is also preparing to provide manpower for orientation purposes to the industry free of cost.

Seminar on 3rd Night Vision India 2015



The Centre for Joint Warfare Studies in collaboration with PHD Chamber organized a seminar on '3rd Night Vision India 2015,' January 21-22, 2015 at New Delhi. At the inaugural session, Brig R. S. Bedi, Member, Managing Committee, PHD Chamber shared the industry perspective on the theme Night Vision. Others speakers at the inaugural included Maj. Gen. K B Kapoor, VSM, Director, Centre for Joint Warfare Studies, Lt. Gen. G S Katoch and Lt Gen Sanjay Kulkarni, Director General Infantry, Army HQ.

Meeting with the Ambassador and Defence Attache, Israel Embassy

A meeting was held with H.E. Daniel Carmon, Ambassador and Col. Zeev Mivtzari, Defence Attaché Embassy of Israel on October 21, 2015 at Israel Embassy. The delegation from PHD Chamber was led by Maj R S Bedi Co-Chairman, Defence Committee

and comprised of Brig HPS Bedi Advisor Defence Committee, Commodore Gurpreet Singh Oberoi, Member, PHD Chamber and Mr. Sahil Goswami Assistant Secretary Defence Committee PHD Chamber. The purpose of the call

on meeting with the Ambassador was to apprise and invite him as an Inaugural Session Speaker in the forthcoming "The Defence Make in India Summit 2015" to be held on December 8, 2015.



10th International show on 'Make in India' in Aerospace, Defence, Civil Aviation, Airport infrastructure and Defence Engineering



The 10th biennial edition of International Aerospace and Defence Exhibition – Aero India 2015, February 18-22, 2015 – got off to a magnificent start at Air Force Station, Yelahanka in Bengaluru on February 18, 2015. Prime Minister, Mr. Narendra Modi formally inaugurated the event under the 'Make in India' theme. PHD Chamber for the first time participated in the Asia's Premier Air Show 'Aero India 2015' which was

represented by Mr. Mahesh Gupta, Senior Vice President, PHD Chamber and Chairmen and members of Defence, Civil Aviation, Media and Entertainment Committees as well.

A series of sessions were conducted by PHD Chamber. The session on 'Cyber Security' was inaugurated by Dr. Arvind Gupta, IFS Deputy National Security Adviser. Eminent speakers in this session were Prof N. Balakrishnan, Professor Indian

Institute of Science, Bangalore who talked about Social Media Analytics and National Security. Dr. G Athithan, Outstanding Scientist, Director, Scientific Analysis Group, DRDO, Ministry of Defence shared his perspective on Securing over Cyber Space; Mr. Daniel C. Clegg, Legal Attaché, FBI, US Embassy talked about conducting cross border investigations and how are technology, privacy, and public security on a collision course,

CBRNe India Protection 2015 Conference and Exhibition

CENJOWS in association with PHD Chamber as the supporting industry association organized a conference on 'CBRNe India Protection 2015,' March 12-13, 2015 at DRDO Bhawan, New Delhi. In the inaugural address, Maj Gen KB Kapoor, VSM, (Retd), Director, CENJOWS spoke on the paradigms of CBRN threat. Maj Gen Vijay Singh VSM, Additional Director-General, Military Training talked about the repercussions of CBRNe and how it is a threat to the people. Eminent speakers like Brig AK Sahni, Prof & Head, Department of Microbiology, AFMC, Pune, Dr. TM Kotresh, Scientist G, DEBEL



addressed areas of Detection of Threats, Research and Development for CBRNe Protection. A special talk by Maj Gen Bipin Puri, ACIDS (Medical), HQ Integrated Defence Staff took place followed by a session

on 'Threat Assessment and Counter Measures' which was addressed by Brig PP Malhotra, Deputy Director General, CBRN Cell, Perspective Planning Directorate, Army HQ with other industry experts.



Meeting with Minister of Home Affairs



Mr. Alok B. Shriram, President, Mr. Rajiv Bhatnagar, Chairman, Defence Committee, Mr. Saurabh Sanyal, Secretary General and Brig. H P S

Bedi, VSM (Retd), Advisor, Defence Committee, PHD Chamber met Mr. Rajnath Singh, Hon'ble Minister of Home Affairs on February 28, 2015

to invite him as Chief Guest for the '3rd India Homeland Security Conference'.

Meeting with Special Secretary, Ministry of Defence, Department of Defence Production



Mr. Alok B. Shriram, President, Mr. Mahesh Gupta, Senior Vice-President and Mr. Bimal Sareen, Senior Member of Managing Committee and Defence Committee, PHD Chamber met Mr. Ashok Kumar Gupta, Special Secretary, Ministry of Defence, Department of Defence Production on March 24, 2015 at New Delhi to request inclusion of PHD Chamber in task forces, study groups and review of policy matters of the Ministry of Defence.

Meeting with Secretary, Ministry of Defence

Mr. Mahesh Gupta, Senior Vice-President and Brig. HPS Bedi, VSM (Retd.), Advisor, Defence

Committee, PHD Chamber called on Mr. R K Mathur IAS, Defence Secretary, Ministry of Defence on

March 18, 2015 to discuss issues related to SMEs in the defense sector.



Meeting with Minister of Defence



A PHD Chamber delegation led by Mr. Alok B. Shriram, President, Mr. Rajiv Bhatnagar, Chairman and Maj. R S Bedi, Co-Chairman, Defence Committee, Mr. Bimal Sareen, Senior

Member of Managing Committee and Defence Committee, Mr. Sandeep Arya, Member and Mr. Saurabh Sanyal, Secretary General met Mr. Manohar Parrikar, Hon'ble

Minister of Defence on April 14, 2015 at New Delhi to invite him as Chief Guest for a seminar on 'Defence Manufacturing – Make In India.'

Air Defence India 2015



CENJOWS jointly with PHD Chamber as the Industry Association Partner organized a seminar-cum-exhibition on 'Air Defence India 2015,' May 14-15, 2015 at DRDO, New Delhi. The aim of the seminar was to obtain inputs for preparation of a

road map for modernization of the Army and Air Defence and appraise the industry regarding the Army's requirements.

The inaugural session saw presence of Maj Gen KB Kapoor, VSM (Retd)

Director, CENJOWS, Lt Gen (Dr.) VK Saxena, PVSM, AVSM, VSM, DG Army Air Defence, Mr. Sandeep Arya, Member, Defence Committee, PHD Chamber and Former IAF Chief Air Marshal AY Tipnis.



Meeting with AWPO to sign MOU with PHD Chamber



A MoU on cooperation between the two parties (Maj. Gen. Deepak Sapra, MD, AWPO and PHD Leadership) was signed for the purpose of organizing workshops and events on hiring of ex-servicemen in corporates on December 18, 2014 at PHD House, New Delhi.

Meeting with Member, National Disaster Management Authority

Brig HPS Bedi, VSM (Retired), Advisor-Defence Committee, National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) on March 16, 2015 to understand the working of NDMA and how PHD Chamber can collaborate in bringing about awareness on various topical issues through joint industry dialogues and research.

National Seminar on Military Logistics: Challenges and Way Forward



The Centre for Land Warfare Studies (CLAWS) in association with PHD Chamber as the supporting industry association organized a national seminar on 'Military Logistics: Challenges and Way Forward' on July 03, 2015 at the Manekshaw Center, New Delhi. The seminar had three sessions including: Defence Procurements, Incorporating Best Practices; Restructuring and Integrating Logistics for Self contained Theatres – The Structure for Future Logistics and Infrastructural Needs for an Operationally Optimised and Efficient Logistics System.



Military Simulation and Robotics India 2015 + Strategic Electronics Session

PHD Chamber in association with CENJOWS and IMR organized a two-day seminar and exhibition on 'Military Simulation & Robotics' with a dedicated session on Strategic Electronics on July 23-24, 2015 at DRDO Bhavan, New Delhi.

Maj Gen B. S. Sandhu highlighted upon the state-of-the-art techniques being adopted by the Army for meeting the operational demand in times of peace and war. Lt Gen P.R. Shankar highlighted the use of basic simulation techniques which caters to around 70 percent of the demand in the three forces. The session for two days were categorized



into 'Emerging Technologies and R&D; Simulators, Virtual Reality; Wargaming' and 'Military Robotic Systems and Strategic Electronics Enablers.' Mr. Tsunemasa Teramoto,

Counselor (Economic and Development) Embassy of Japan focused on strategic electronics in Japan.

Meeting with Minister for Civil Aviation

Mr. Rajiv Bhatnagar, Chairman, Defence Committee, Maj. R S Bedi, Co-Chairman-Defence Committee, Maj. Ravi Arora, IMR; Brig. H P S Bedi, VSM (Retd), Advisor, Defence Committee and Mr Sahil Goswami, Assistant Secretary, PHD Chamber met Mr. Ashok Gajapathi Raju Pusapati, Hon'ble Minister for Civil Aviation on August 19, 2015 to invite him to be the Chief Guest for the 'UV India 2015 Conference and Exhibition' held on September 8, 2015 at New Delhi.



Meeting with Additional Secretary (DP), Ministry of Defence



Mr. Rajiv Bhatnagar, Chairman, Defence Committee; Maj R. S. Bedi Co-Chairman-Defence Committee and the Secretariat team, PHD Chamber met Ms. Surina Rajan, Additional Secretary (DP), Ministry of Defence on September 2, 2015 at New Delhi to apprise her about the activities of Defence Committee of PHD Chamber.



UV INDIA 2015 Civil & Military

UV India 2015 Civil and Military seminar-cum-exhibition was organized by CENJOWS and IMR jointly with PHD Chamber as the Industry Association Partner, September 7-8, 2015 New Delhi.

Maj Gen Kapoor, VSM (Retd) VSM (Retd) Director, CENJOWS said that successful utilization of UAVs in internal security operations and regular use in No-War-No-Peace scenario on the India-Pakistan and India-China borders everyday, coupled with India's aviation industry boom, is expected to provide UAV development programs the necessary foundation to succeed in the immediate future.



Maj Gen B C Khanduri, AVSM (Retd) said that UV is a great means to strengthen the forces and should be emphasized upon in times to come to stand against the world powers. Maj R. S. Bedi in his address said

that the introduction of "Make in India" campaign by the Government has led to the commencement of production of various defence equipments due to surging FDI in the defense sector.

Meeting with Defence Attache, Embassy of Japan



Captain Gurpreet Singh Oberoi, Bhilai Engineering Corporation; Maj. R S Bedi Co-Chairman Defence Committee, Mr. Bimal Sareen, Sr. Member Defence Committee, Brig. HPS Bedi, Advisor Defence Committee, PHD Chamber met Col Yoshifumi INOUE, Defence Attaché Embassy of Japan on September 29, 2015 at his office, New Delhi to apprise him about PHD Chamber's activities related to Defence and to understand how PHD can act as an interface between the Japanese and Indian defence companies.

Meeting with the Ambassador and Defence Attache, Israel Embassy

A meeting was held with H.E. Daniel Carmon, Ambassador and Col. Zeev Mivtzari, Defence Attaché Embassy of Israel. The delegation from PHD Chamber was led by Maj R S Bedi Co-Chairman, Defence Committee and comprised of Brig HPS Bedi

Advisor Defence Committee, Commodore Gurpreet Singh Oberoi, Member, PHD Chamber and Mr. Sahil Goswami Assistant Secretary Defence Committee PHD Chamber. The purpose of the meeting with the Ambassador was to apprise and

invite him as an Inaugural Session Speaker in the forthcoming "The Defence Make in India Summit 2015" to be held on December 8, 2015.



Education

PHD Chamber constituted the Education Committee with Mr. Amit Gupta as Chairman and Mr. Vineet Gupta and Dr. Rubina Mittal as Co-Chairmen. The objective of the Committee is to focus on issues of critical relevance to the much needed growth in education sector in the country. The Committee also decided to engage with the Central and State Governments in the discussion on key policy decisions and the challenges and the opportunities in the education sector in India.

4th National Summit on Institutionalizing Academia-Industry Interface to make the dream of 'Make in India' a Reality



The Education Committee of PHD Chamber organized a National Summit on 'Institutionalizing Academia-Industry Interface' to make the dream of 'Make in India' a reality at PHD House, New Delhi on December 16, 2014.

Mr. Amarjeet Sinha, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Human Resource Development and Prof. Dinesh Singh, Vice Chancellor, Delhi University were the Guests of Honor. The inaugural session focused on 'General

Manufacturing'. The second session focused on 'Construction and Real Estate Development Services' while the third session focused on 'Healthcare and Pharmaceutical Industry.'



Indian Education Congress 2015

Franchise India in association with PHD Chamber, the industry partner organized the 'Indian Education Congress 2015' at Faridabad, June 10-11, 2015. About 500 delegates attended the convention. With rapidly changing education scenario, there is a need for innovative technologies that could reach out to every school both in urban and rural areas. The conference strived to find out solutions, best practices observed and trainings required to impart best quality education. The technical sessions focused on 'Role of Technology in Education



Sector,' 'Skill Development,' 'Future Schools,' 'Investment opportunities in Indian Education

Sector,' 'Impacts of Digitization on Education' and 'Role of Corporate Social Responsibility in Education'.

Meeting with Secretary, Department of School Education and Literacy, MHRD

A PHD Chamber delegation led by Mr. Alok B. Shriram, President, PHD Chamber, Mr. Amit Gupta, Chairman, Education Committee and Dr. Jatinder Singh, Senior Secretary met Dr. Subhash Chandra

Khuntia, Secretary, Department of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of Human Resources and Development on June 26, 2015 at New Delhi. The discussion centered around the Chamber's focus

on skill development programs and agenda about introducing skill education at the school and college level.

2nd National Workshop on Citation Analysis, Impact Factor, Patent and Copyright for Maximizing Research Impact

The Education Committee of PHD Chamber organized the 2nd National Workshop on Citation Analysis, Impact Factor, Patent and Copyright for Maximizing Research Impact on February 27, 2015.

Dr. Ramesh Gaur, University Librarian, Jawaharlal Nehru University talked about the Bibliographic, Plagism, and integrity of research publications. He also conveyed his thoughts about various issues related to copy rights and patents issues.

Dr. Rupamanjari Ghosh Director, School of Natural Sciences and Dean



of Research & Graduate Studies, Shiv Nadar University made her comments about Understanding the Research Impact Indicators

related to scientific world. She also suggested following Flipped classroom concept in the classes at the university level.



Technology Enriched Instruction (TEI) Workshop

The Education Committee of PHD Chamber organized a one-day Technology Enriched Instruction (TEI) Workshop in collaboration with Microsoft for skill development of various teaching faculties from esteemed Colleges of Delhi at International Management Institute (IMI) Institute, New Delhi on March 18, 2015. A similar workshop was organized at College of Engineering, Pune on March 20, 2015. The workshop was designed by speakers from the US. Dr. Elizabeth Langran Associate Professor of Education at Marymount University in Arlington, VA and Dr. Steve Purcell who is working as a Dean of the



College of Education at James Madison University shared their learning about various innovative

technologies which could be used inside the classroom for making it student interactive and interesting.

Technology Enriched Instruction (TEI) Workshop



The Education Committee of PHD Chamber organized a one-day workshop on Technology Enriched Instruction (TEI) in collaboration with Microsoft India Pvt Ltd on September 30, 2015 at PHD

House, New Delhi. The workshop aimed at developing different skills sets online using internet as a platform. The workshop was designed by speakers from Learning Links Foundation, New

Delhi. All the participants were provided with a Microsoft Faculty Fellow status and a certificate from Microsoft and the Society for Information Technology and Teacher Education.



Acharya Mahapragya Memorial Lecture “Role of Yoga & Meditation in Corporate Life”



The Education Committee of PHD Chamber organized the Acharya Mahapragya Memorial Lecture on October 4, 2015 on the theme – ‘Role of Yoga & Meditation in Corporate life.’ A special early morning session on ‘Preksha

Dhyana’ was conducted by renowned instructor, Mr. Kailash Chandra Jain, Principal Director General, Income Tax (HRD). Prekshā Dhyāna is the combination of the knowledge from our

ancient religious books, modern science and self-experience. Muni Shri Jayant Kumar ji emphasized the significance of Yoga and Meditation to purify the hearts and minds of human beings.

Panel discussion on ‘Reimagining the Future’



A Panel discussion on ‘Reimagining the Future’ was organized under the aegis of PHD Chamber on October 30, 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi. Eminent speakers included Mr. Richard Rahul Verma, US Ambassador to India; Mr. Mitch Daniels, Purdue University President and former Governor of Indiana; Dr. Suresh Garimella, Purdue University

Goodson Distinguished Professor of Mechanical Engineering and Executive Vice President for Research and Partnerships and Mr. Anupam Jalote, CEO, Greenoil Energy Sciences Pvt. Ltd.

H.E. Richard Rahul Verma urged India to release regulatory grip over its higher education system to enable leading universities and

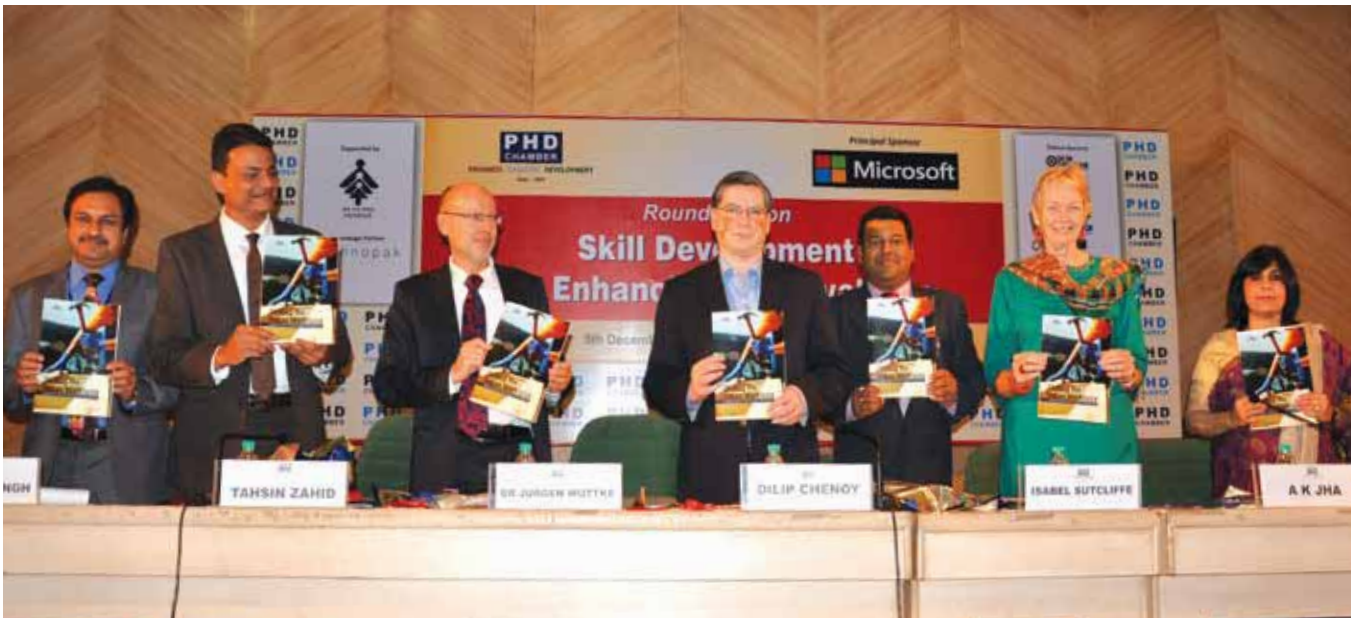
institutes of academic excellence in US and other parts of the globe to open up their campuses in India to cement Indo-US partnership in the field of higher education. Mr. Mitch Daniels, Purdue University President and Former Governor of Indiana said that ethics should be made one of the subjects mandatory in the syllabi of management education in India.



Skill Development

The Skill Development Committee was re-constituted with Mr. Gopal K. Saxena as Chairman and Mr. Atul Anand, Mr. Tahsin Zahid as Co-Chairman.

Roundtable on Skill Development for Enhancing Employability



The Skill Development Committee of PHD Chamber in collaboration with Microsoft organized a roundtable on 'Skill Development for Enhancing Employability' on December 5, 2014 at PHD House.

Chief Guest, Mr. Dilip Chenoy emphasized on the importance of willingness and execution of skilling to satisfy the needs of the

employees and the employers. He suggested the need for assessment and certification for which PHD Chamber has to take the lead in being an industry association. A whitepaper on 'Skilling the Indian Workforce' prepared by Technopak was released on the occasion.

Ms. Isabel Sutcliffe spoke about the role of industry and employers and

the importance of linkage between industries with education. Dr. Jurgens Wuttke shared the German dual principal model which has resulted in high standards and competitiveness among the companies. Dr. Vinnie Jauhari shared statistics recommended that accreditation system in India needs to be strengthened.



Workshop on Work-Life Balance

The Skill Development Committee of PHD Chamber organized a workshop on Work-Life Balance on February 20, 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi. Mr. Bhagwat Yagnik, Management Consultant and Prof. S S. Dubey, Principal Facilitator and Seminar Leader emphasized on the idea that all new age individuals find it extremely difficult to strike a right work-life balance and in the process struggle in their day to day life, career leading to breakdown, burnouts or emotional upheaval. The workshop gave a right approach to make them happy and satisfied without sacrificing their career goals.



North Eastern Region Conclave on Skill Development, Employability and Entrepreneurship



To create a conducive environment for the growth of entrepreneurship and employability in the North Eastern Region, PHD Chamber organized the 'North Eastern Skill Development Conclave' on January 29, 2015 at Hotel Radisson Blu, Guwahati. The conclave addressed issues of concern pertaining to

shortages of middle level technical and supervisory skills in the NER States. Mr. A. K. Jha, Director General, National Institute of Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development asserted that it is necessary to reorient the training systems towards improving its capability to supply the requisite

skills in the medium and long-term, and introduce greater flexibility in the training system. Mr. Manoj K Das, Director, IIE Guwahati said that this is the most opportune time to bring vocational training in India at par with international standards for higher mobility.



Foundation Day - Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship

Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship, Guwahati celebrated its Foundation Day on April 1, 2015. Mr. Alok B. Shriram, President, PHD Chamber was the chief guest for the occasion.

He shared his views on different aspects of entrepreneurship emphasizing on the importance of North-East having potential for entrepreneurial growth and suggested ways to improve the entrepreneurship status of the region. To commemorate the occasion of the Foundation Day, a unique initiative of installing the



Time Capsule was undertaken to archive the events, activities and achievements of IIE over the past

two decades which was followed by a cultural show.

Meeting with Secretary, Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship



A PHD Chamber delegation led by Mr. Alok B. Shriram, President and Mr. Atul P. Anand, Co-Chairman, Skill Development Committee met Mr. Sunil Arora, Secretary, Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship on August 1, 2015 in New Delhi. Mr. Shriram briefed the Secretary Arora about the initiatives taken by PHD Chamber in the direction of Skill Development, while Mr. Atul P. Anand, shared his concerns on the 'Udaan Scheme.'

Seminar on Skilling India for Global Competitiveness

The Skill Development Committee along with Rajasthan Committee of PHD Chamber and KAS organized a seminar on 'Skilling India for Global Competitiveness' on July 10, 2015 at PHD House, Jaipur. The rationale of the seminar was to deliberate on the concept of making India the skill capital of the world.

Mr. Gaurav Goyal (IAS), Managing Director, Rajasthan Skill and Livelihoods Development Corporation (RSLDC) deliberated on the innovative strategies to promote



and facilitate large-scale livelihoods for the poor and vulnerable people. He cited many successful industrial linkages with the RSLDC projects

across the state of Rajasthan and urged industry to train students as per the needs and demands of the work.



Agri Business and Food Processing

The Agri Business and Food Processing Committee was re-constituted with Mr. N M Kejriwal as Chairman and Ms. Priyanka Mittal as Co-Chairperson. During the year, the Committee organized events and meetings to highlight the need for development of agro processing sector particularly in view of the vast potential, both in the domestic and international markets. The emphasis was also on food safety and quality.

Meeting with Union Minister for Agriculture

A PHD Chamber delegation led by Mr. Alok B. Shriram, President, Mr. N M Kejriwal, Chairman, Agri Business Committee, Mr. S K Sarkar, Chairman, Innovation Committee, Ms. Priyanka Mittal, Co-Chairperson and Mr. Durgesh C Sharma, Director met Mr. Radha Mohan Singh, Hon'ble Union Minister for Agriculture on July 14, 2015 at New Delhi to invite him as Chief Guest for the 'Horticulture Conclave 2015: Harnessing the Potential to drive the Rural Economy'.



Meeting with Secretary, Department of Food and Public Distribution, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution



A PHD Chamber delegation led by Mr. Alok B. Shriram, President, Mr. Saurabh Sanyal, Secretary General and Mr. Durgesh C. Sharma, Director met Ms. Vrinda Sarup, IAS, Secretary, Department of Food and Public Distribution, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution on June 16, 2015 at New Delhi to apprise the Secretary about the initiatives taken by the Agribusiness and Logistics Committees in agriculture, food processing, supply chain and warehousing sectors.



Meeting with CEO, FSSAI

A PHD Chamber delegation led by Dr. Jasvir Singh, Member, Agribusiness Committee, Mr. Durgesh C Sharma, Director and Ms. Nirupama Sharma, Deputy Secretary met Mr. Y.S Malik, CEO, Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) to apprise him about the activities undertaken by the Expert Committee on Agribusiness. The delegation discussed issues related to compliance with Food Safety Laws.



National Conference on Indian Seed Industry- Challenges & The Way Forward



PHD Chamber organized a national conference on 'Indian Seed Industry- Challenges and the Way Forward' on March 30, 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi. Dr. Atanu Purakayastha, Additional Chief

Secretary & OSD, Govt. of West Bengal recommended adopting innovative technologies for the seed industry to boost productivity for meeting the demand of the burgeoning population in India. Mr.

R K Singh, Joint Secretary (Seed), Ministry of Agriculture indicated that his Ministry would enact the new seed legislation to suit the modern requirements of the neo and emerging agriculture sector.

Meeting with Hon'ble Union Minister for Food Processing Industries

A PHD Chamber delegation led by Mr. Alok B. Shriram, President, Mr. Gopal S. Jiwrajka, Vice-President, Mr. Mahesh Gupta, Senior Vice-President and the secretariat team met Ms. Harsimrat Kaur Badal, Hon'ble Union Minister of Food Processing Industries on January 9, 2015 at New Delhi.





Conference on 'Make in India – Madhya Pradesh: An Investment Destination for Food Processing Sector'

PHD Chamber organized a conference on 'Make in India – Madhya Pradesh: An Investment Destination for Food Processing Sector' on July 3, 2015, at Indore.

Chief Guest, Hon'ble Minister of State for Food Processing Industries, Sadhvi Nirajan Jyoti stated that Madhya Pradesh has created a conducive atmosphere for industries, particularly for food processing and the state has been successful in increasing agricultural production with its policies and by providing uninterrupted supply of power and water. She informed the delegates that the Union Government has provided Rs. 10



lakhs loan for food processing units and asked them to take advantage of the scheme.

Guest of Honor, Ms. Kusum Singh Mehdele, Hon'ble Minister of State for Animal Husbandry, Horticulture

& Food Processing, Government of Madhya Pradesh stated that State Government has launched a 'Make in MP' drive similar to 'Make in India' which would create opportunities for investors and increase employment in the State.

Seminar on Agriculture Insurance in India



PHD Chamber organized a seminar on 'Agriculture Insurance in India: Challenges and the Way Forward' on July 24, 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi. Mr. Alok B. Shriram, President, PHD Chamber in his welcome address emphasized

on crop insurance and said it not only provides financial security to the farmers but it also gives income protection to the farmers by insuring production and market risks. Chief Guest, Mr. Mohanbhai Kundariya, Hon'ble Minister of State

for Agriculture focused on the need to explore possibilities of exchange of ideas between the government and private insurance players to develop an effective, integrated and affordable insurance package for farmers.



Meeting with Chairman-cum-Managing Director, Agriculture Insurance Company of India Limited

A PHD Chamber delegation led by Mr. S.K. Sethi, Co-Chairman, Insurance Committee, Mr. Durgesh C Sharma, Director, Ms. Neeta Prasad, Assistant Secretary met Mr. Plappallil J Joseph, Chairman-cum-Managing Director, Agriculture Insurance Company of India Limited on July 9, 2015 at New Delhi to invite him as special guest for the event on 'Agriculture Insurance in India, Challenges and the Way Ahead.'



Seminar on GOODS & SERVICES TAX Implications on Agriculture Food Processing and Allied Industry



PHD Chamber organized a seminar on 'GOODS & SERVICES TAX: Implications on Agriculture Food Processing and Allied Industry' on August 7, 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi.

Mr. Bimal Jain, Chairman, Indirect Taxes Committee, PHD Chamber discussed the overall tax scenario

including GST. Mr. N.K Gupta, Co-Chairman, Indirect Taxes Committee, PHD Chamber spoke about the contribution of agri in terms of GDP and employment opportunities. Mr. Bipin Sapra, Ernst and Young underlined policy issues of levying GST on agriculture. He opined that one percent additional tax is a huge

burden on the industry which would also be borne by the agri sector which will increase the cost of agricultural produce. Mr. N. Mathivanan, Laksmikumaran & Sridharan suggested mapping of supply and procurement process and review of long-term contracts both - on supply and procurement side along with the GST impact.



National Seminar on Promotion of Agri and Horti Exports from India

The Expert Committee on Agribusiness of PHD Chamber organized a national seminar on 'Promotion of Agri and Horti Exports from India' on September 2, 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi. The seminar was organized with the support of Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) and the Ministry of Commerce.



Chief Guest, Mr. Santosh Sarangi, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Commerce suggested a cluster approach with proper marketing tie-up with support of APEDA, Horticulture Department and industry.

Seminar on Vertical Farming Challenges and the Opportunities



The Expert Committee on Agribusiness, PHD Chamber organized a seminar on 'Vertical Farming: Challenges and the Opportunities' on November 4, 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi.

Mr. Alok B. Shriram, President, PHD Chamber asserted that India has prodigious opportunities for the industry sector and thus the available resources need to be utilized to the fullest extent possible. Mr. N.M. Kejriwal, Chairman,

Agribusiness Committee, PHD Chamber advocated that better understanding amongst research, industry, government and the farmers must exist for the adoption of such technologies for sustainable and inclusive growth.

Dr. H. P. Singh, Ex Horticulture Commissioner, Ex DDG - Horticulture, ICAR, Ex Vice-Chancellor, RAU, Pusa, Bihar highlighted that with increase in population and decrease in land and water resources, target should

be on producing more output with lesser use of resources. He focused on the micro-irrigation process which now has been accepted by most of the states as it plays an important role in production against weather vagaries. Mr. Richard Stoner, Chief Technology Officer and Director, Living Greens Farm Inc, Faribault, Minnesota suggested "beyond technologies" to be used which ensures more efficiency than green house technology.



Roundtable Interaction on Innovative Protected Cultivation Technologies

The Expert Committee on Agribusiness, PHD Chamber organized a roundtable interaction on 'Innovative Protected Cultivation Technologies' on September 14, 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi.

Mr. Stayanarayan B Rathi, President, Maha Seedsmen Association accentuated that farmers must be motivated to adopt new technologies, especially greenhouse technologies which ensures better productivity and production even during off-season with artificial temperature generation appropriate for the crop. He stressed that seed and flower companies should



promote such technologies on the basis of research. Mr. Richard Vollebregt, President, Cravo Equipment Ltd. explained the

retractable roof systems that has greatly enhanced the productivity of the crops in various countries as well as in India.

3rd International Conference & Exhibition - India Farm 2 Fork 2015



PHD Chamber in association with the Ministry of Food Processing Industries organized the 3rd International Conference & Exhibition on India FARM 2 FORK 2015: Making India Globally Competitive... November 19-20 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi. Ms. Harsimrat Kaur Badal, Hon'ble Union Minister for Food Processing Industries inaugurated the conference.

Dr. Mahesh Gupta, Senior Vice President, PHD Chamber shared that India has a large untapped

potential of agriculture and food processing which could play a pivotal role in connecting this advantage to the economic returns to the country. Mr. N.M Kejriwal, Chairman, Agribusiness Committee, PHD Chamber advocated for coordination amongst research, industry, government and farmers for adoption of latest technologies for growth of the food processing sector. Ms. Priyanka Mittal, Co Chairperson, Agribusiness Committee, PHD Chamber, focused on the requirement of aligning

with the government's vision on Skill Development, Innovative technologies, Make in India and Branding of Indian food creations across the world.

Senior officials from the Ministry of Food Processing Industries, Dr. K Alagusundaram, Deputy Director General, Indian Council of Agricultural Research and Dr. Tarun Bajaj, General Manager, APEDA deliberated on policies in the food processing sector.



Health

The Health Committee was constituted under the Chairmanship of Mr. Nishant V Berlia and Mr. Himanshu Baid as Co-Chairman.

Meeting with Minister of Health and Family Welfare



A PHD Chamber delegation led by Mr. Mahesh Gupta, Senior Vice-President, Mr. Nishant Berlia, Chairman and Mr. Himanshu Baid, Co- Chairman, Health Committee, Mr. J. P. Gupta, Advisor, Mr. Anil Khaitan, Member and Mr.

Vivek Seigell, Senior Secretary met Mr. Jagat Prakash Nadda, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare on April 1, 2015 at his office to invite him for the scheduled 'Health Conference'. The delegation presented a Vision

2020 document for the pharmaceutical and medical device sector for which the Minister indicated that a core group from the Ministry would be constituted to interact with members.



Meeting with Drugs Controller General of India

A PHD Chamber delegation led by Mr. Anil Khaitan, Member, Managing Committee along with Mr. Vivek Seigell, Senior Secretary met Dr. G N Singh, Drugs Controller General of India on January 20, 2015 at his office to discuss issues such as patient safety, third party certifications for medical devices as currently being done abroad and setting up of academia industry linkages towards pharmaceutical and medical devices.



Meeting with Secretary, Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry for Chemicals and Fertilizers



A PHD Chamber delegation led by Mr. Alok B. Shriram, President along with Mr. Nishant Berlia, Chairman, Health Committee and the Secretariat team called on Dr. V K Subburaj, Secretary, Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of State of Chemicals and Fertilizers on July 15, 2015 at New Delhi. The delegation invited the Secretary as a Special Guest for the National Conference on 'Pharma Exports: API Challenges'.

Meeting with High Commissioner of Democratic Socialist of Republic of Sri Lanka

A PHD Chamber delegation led by Mr. Saurabh Sanyal, Secretary General, Mr. Vivek Seigell, Director and Mr. Deepak Pawar, Executive Officer met H.E. Prof. Sudharshan Seneviratne, High Commissioner of the Democratic Socialist of Republic of Sri Lanka on July 14, 2015, at New Delhi to invite him as Special Guest for the inaugural session of the National Conference of Pharma Exports: API Challenges.





Summit on 'India: The Future Global Healthcare Hub'



The Foreign Trade & Investment Committee and Health Committee of PHD Chamber jointly organized a summit on 'India: The Future Global Healthcare Hub', with the support of the Ministry of External Affairs on May 1, 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi.

Chief Guest, H.E. Ms. Gennet Zewide complimented the Indian Healthcare sector on its becoming one of the preferred medical destinations for patients around the world. She pointed out to the lack of a formal body that can eliminate the hassles linked with intermediaries and medical brokers.

Technical Session-I on 'Care

and Concern Areas for Foreign Patients' was addressed by Ambassadors and diplomats. H.E. Mr. Ernest Rwamucyo, High Commissioner of Rwanda; H.E. Mr. El Hadj Ibou Boye, Ambassador of Senegal; H.E. Mr. Mawxell Ranga, Ambassador of Zimbabwe; Mr. Mongy Aly Mohamed Badr, Minister, Economic & Commercial Bureau, Embassy of Egypt; and Mr. Syed Zirgham Raza, First Secretary (Trade), High Commission of Pakistan- elaborated on areas of cooperation between India and their respective country in the healthcare sector.

Several representatives from healthcare industry - Dr. Avnish Kumar Seth, Director, Fortis

Organ Retrieval and Transplant and Gastroenterology and Hepatobiliary Sciences; Dr. H. Jauhri, Senior Consultant, Renal Transplantation Department, Gangaram Hospital; Dr. H. S. Chabbra, Medical Director, Indian Spinal Injuries Centre and Mr. Navneet Bali, Unit Director, Rockland Hospital – deliberated upon the strengths of Indian healthcare sector and the challenges and opportunities for India to become a healthcare hub.

H.E. Prof. Sudharshan Seneviratne, High Commissioner of Sri Lanka in his valedictory address pointed out that one can draw a lot about the concepts of healthy living and cleanliness from ancient times.



Meeting with Minister of State for Chemicals and Fertilizers



A PHD Chamber delegation led by Mr. Alok B Shriram, President along with Mr. Anil Khaitan, Chairman, Industry Affairs Committee, Mr. Himanshu Baid, Co-Chairman, Health Committee and the Secretariat team called on Mr. Hansraj Gangaram Ahir, Hon'ble Minister of State of Chemicals and Fertilizers on June 18, 2015 at New Delhi to invite him as Guest of Honor for the National Conference on 'Pharma Exports : API Challenges.'

National Conference on 'Industry Preparedness for Radiological Safety'



PHD Chamber in collaboration with Centre for Disaster Risk and Safety and UK-India Bilateral Expert Knowledge Exchange Network on Radiological Safety and Security organized a conference on 'Industry Preparedness for Radiological Safety' on June 9, 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi.

Chief Guest, Ms. Meenakshi Lekhi, Member of Parliament, in her inaugural address emphasised on using the latest technology in smoke detectors as they contain alpha particles which ionises the air. She stressed upon the importance of isotopic materials used by industries and various

type of radioactive materials used in instruments.

Guest of Honour, Mr. Satish Uphadhyay, BJP Delhi President talked about the importance of preparedness for the disasters.



Meeting with Charge d'Affairs, Embassy of Tunisia



Mr. Saurabh Sanyal, Secretary General and Mr. Vivek Seigell, Director, PHD Chamber met Mr. Boujdaria Jamel, Charge d' Affairs, Embassy of Tunisia on July 21, 2015 at the Embassy of Tunisia, New Delhi. The objective of the meeting was to invite him as Special Guest for the National Conference on 'Pharma Exports: API Challenges.'

National Conference on Pharma Exports: API Challenges



PHD Chamber in association with the Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers organized a conference on 'Pharma Exports: API Challenges' on July 24, 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi.

Chief Guest, Mr. Hansraj Gangaram Ahir, Hon'ble Minister of State, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers, in his inaugural address announced that the industry would be consulted on pricing along with National Pharmaceuticals Pricing Authority. He highlighted that the government is going

to implement key points from the Katoch Committee's report. He also indicated that in the proposed Active Pharmaceuticals Ingredients (API) policy, the issue of API imports from China would be adequately addressed and all the legitimate issues and concerns of the Pharmaceutical Industry would be taken into consideration.

Guest of Honour, Dr. V. K. Subburaj, Secretary, Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers highlighted on the need of

developing cost-effective generic drugs. He shared that the Department of Pharmaceuticals is planning to set up a National Bulk Drug Research Centre. H.E Sudharshan Seneviratne, High Commissioner of Sri Lanka stressed on the importance of potential base, social material, technological, communication and financial basis available in Sri Lanka. Mr. Boujdarel Jamel, Charge d' Affairs, Embassy of Tunisia indicated that there is a huge scope for Indian companies in Tunisia as it offers a dynamic and investment friendly climate.



Meeting with Director General of Health Services, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare



A PHD Chamber delegation led by Mr. Nishant V. Berlia, Chairman, Health Committee and Mr. Vivek Seigell, Director met Dr. (Prof.) Jagdish Prasad, DGHS, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare on August 25, 2015 at New Delhi.

Conference on 'Pharmacology: R&D for Minimizing ADRs and Role of Pharmacists'



PHD Chamber in association with Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Chemical and Fertilizers organized a conference on 'Pharmacology: R&D for Minimizing ADRs and Role of Pharmacists' on September 23, 2015, PHD House, New Delhi.

Secretary of the Department

of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers, Dr. V. K. Subburaj stressed the need for a foolproof system that can restrict, curb and even eliminate causes leading to Adverse Drug Reactions (ADRs) as their reporting is hushed up or avoided to protect the reputation of hospitals and doctors. He also pointed out that

in the next 10 years the number of pharma manufacturing units will rise by six times from the current level of 12,000 units and it becomes all the more important for India to see that while its drugs manufacturing and their exports registered a manifold increase with no suspicion in their content and quality.



Meeting with Drugs Controller General of India

A PHD Chamber delegation led by Mr. Nishant Berlia, Chairman, Health Committee, PHD Chamber and the secretariat team called on Dr. G N Singh, Drugs Controller General of India on June 5, 2015 at FDA Bhawan to present recommendations of Due Diligence of E- Pharmacy Model.



Meeting with President, Medical Council of India, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare



A PHD Chamber delegation led by Mr. Nishant V. Berlia, Chairman, Health Committee, PHD Chamber and Mr. Vivek Seigell, Director, PHD Chamber met Dr. Jayshree Mehta, President, Medical Council of India, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare on August 26, 2015 at her office in New Delhi.

Meeting with the Dr V .K. Subburaj, Secretary, Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry for Chemicals and Fertilizers

A PHD Chamber delegation led by Mr. Vivek Seigell, Director, PHD Chamber along with Mr Sameer Kant Ahuja, Senior Assistant Secretary, PHD Chamber met Dr. V K Subburaj, Secretary, Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of State of Chemicals and Fertilizers on August 31, 2015 at Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.





Meeting with Special Secretary and Financial Advisor, Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry for Chemicals and Fertilizers

A PHD Chamber delegation led by Mr. Saurabh Sanyal, Secretary General, Mr. Vivek Seigell, Director and Mr. Sameer Kant Ahuja, Senior Assistant Secretary met Mr. Rajeev Yadav, Special Secretary and Financial Advisor, Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of State of Chemicals and Fertilizers on 26th August 26, 2015 at New Delhi.



'Celebrating Age!' 2015



The Health Committee of PHD Chamber and Vision India organized a two-day Program on 'Celebrating Age!' 2015 on September 5-6, 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi wherein talks by eminent Doctors, Geriatricians was delivered and Yoga and Laughter Yoga sessions were also organized. Exclusive workshop was designed to showcase activities that the elderly can participate to enrich the golden eventide of their lives.

Meeting with Secretary, Department of Health & Family Welfare, Ministry Of Health & Family Welfare

A PHD Chamber delegation of the Secretariat team and Team Indian Cancer Society called on Mr. Bhanu Pratap Sharma, Secretary, Department of Health & Family Welfare, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare on September 24, 2015 at New Delhi.

The delegation invited the Secretary to address the National Conference on 'Cancer – The Looming Threat & Perils of Wilful Ignorance.'





Meeting with Minister of Science & Technology and Earth Sciences

A PHD Chamber delegation led by Mr. Nishant V. Berlia, Chairman, Health Committee, along with Mr. Himanshu Baid, Co-Chairman, Health Committee, Mr. Vivek Seigell, Director and Mr. Sameer Kant Ahuja, Senior Assistant Secretary and Ms. Jyotsna Govil and Ms. Rupinder Kaur, Indian Cancer Society called on Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Minister of Science & Technology and Earth Sciences on October 8, 2015 at New Delhi.



Interactive breakfast meeting with Ambassador of Mexico to India and Senior Advisor to the Federal Commissioner, COFEPRIS



A PHD Chamber delegation led by Mr. Nishant V. Berlia, Chairman, Health Committee, along with Mr. Himanshu Baid, Co-Chairman, Health Committee, Mr. Vivek Seigell, Director and Mr. Sameer Kant Ahuja, Senior Assistant

Secretary met Her Excellency Ms. Melba Pria, Ambassador of Mexico to India and Mr. Jorge Antonio Romero, Senior Advisor to the Federal Commissioner, COFEPRIS on October 9, 2015 at a breakfast meeting at

the residence of Ambassador of Mexico, New Delhi. The delegation discussed issues which the Indian Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices companies are facing while trading with Mexico.



Conference on 'Cancer- Looming Threats and Perils of Wilful Ignorance!'



PHD Chamber in association with Indian Cancer Society organized a conference on 'CANCER- LOOMING THREATS AND PERILS OF WILFUL IGNORANCE!' on October 16, 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi.

Dr. G. K. Rath, Chief of Institute Rotary Cancer Hospital, All India

Institute of Medical Sciences revealed that 80 percent of the cancer is curable with preventive measures and if detected in time, suitable medical treatment should be given to the targeted patients.

Scientist 'G' & Head (NCD), Indian Council of Medical Research, Dr. D. K. Shukla observed that the

ICMR has intensified its efforts to conduct voluminous research for causes of cancer and is working hard to spread awakening among the masses so that the mortality rate on account of cancer falls down substantially and people become aware of them and mend their ways and life style as well.

Meeting with Minister of State for Chemicals & Fertilizers, Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers



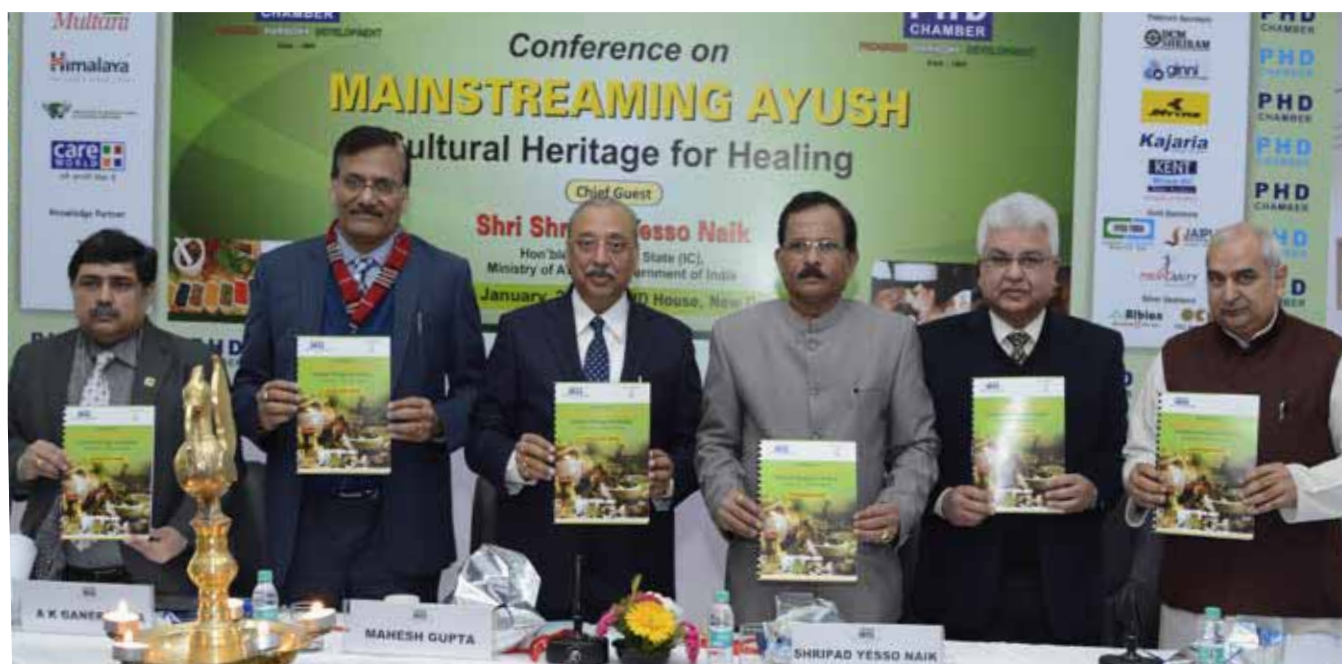
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AYUSH

The AYUSH Committee was constituted under the Chairmanship of Mr. Pradeep Multani and Dr. J. L. N. Sastry as Co-Chairmen.

National Conference on 'Mainstreaming AYUSH; Cultural Heritage for Healing'



To discuss issues related to the wider acceptability of the AYUSH / Alternative medicine treatment, PHD Chamber jointly with the Ministry of AYUSH organized a national conference on 'Mainstreaming AYUSH; Cultural Heritage for Healing' on January 16, 2015 at PHD House,

New Delhi. Chief Guest, Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent Charge), Ministry of AYUSH, Mr. Shripad Yesso Naik indicated that fresh standards are being worked out to ensure best quality of AYUSH products. The Minister also announced the proposal of

setting up an independent Drug Controller for AYUSH. The technical session focussed on issues related to Mainstreaming AYUSH in the current health scenario of the nation.

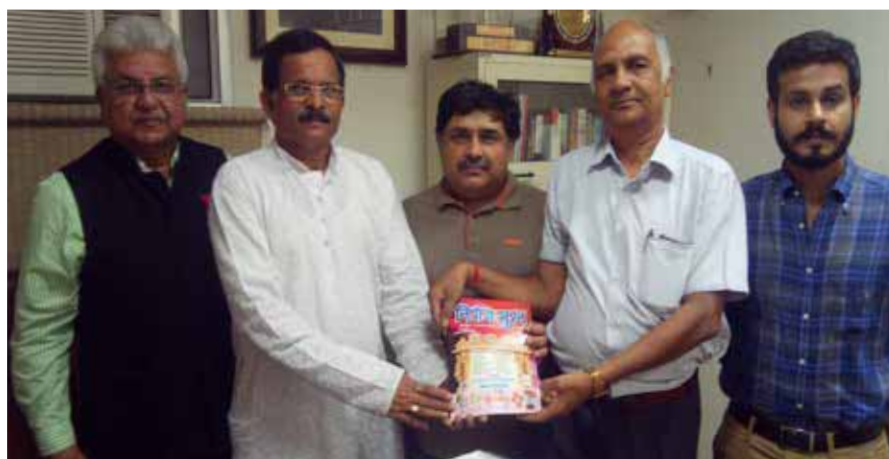


Meeting with Minister of State (IC), Ministry of AYUSH



A PHD Chamber delegation led by Mr. Alok B. Shriram, President, Mr. Pradeep Multani, Chairman, AYUSH Committee and the Secretariat team called on Mr. Shripad Yesso Naik, Minister of State (IC) Ministry of AYUSH on February 26, 2015 at New Delhi. The purpose of the meeting was to submit recommendations of the conference on 'Mainstreaming AYUSH-Cultural Heritage for Healing'.

Meeting with Minister of State (Independent Charge), Ministry of AYUSH



A PHD Chamber delegation led by Mr. Pradeep Multani, Chairman, Committee on AYUSH along with Mr. Vivek Seigell, Director; Mr. Purshottam Vijayvargiya, Nirog Sukh Magazine; Mr. Suraj Multani, Multani Pharmaceuticals met Mr. Shripad Yesso Naik, Minister of State (Independent Charge), Ministry of AYUSH on October 11, 2015 at his residence, New Delhi.



Summit on 'India: The Future Global Healthcare Hub'



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H.E. Prof. Sudharshan Seneviratne, High Commissioner of Sri Lanka in his valedictory address pointed out that one can draw a lot about the concepts of healthy living and cleanliness from ancient times.



Infrastructure

The Committee on Roads, Ports and Other Infrastructure was constituted with Mr. Sudarshan Mundhra as Chairman and Mr. Manas Agarwal as Co-Chairman.

Seminar on 'Infrastructure Projects: Financing in India'



The Roads, Ports & Other Infrastructure Committee of PHD Chamber organized a seminar on 'Infrastructure Projects Financing in India' on December 11, 2014. A report jointly prepared by PHD Chamber and CRISIL was released on the occasion. Dr. Pawan Singh, Director, PTC India Financial

Services Limited stated that 21 percent of the infrastructure funding comes from banks. He added that external commercial borrowings have a lot of potential to finance infrastructure projects but due to various restrictions the project developers find it difficult to access international borrowing.

Mr. Sridhar C, Director, CRISIL Ratings estimated that Rs.26 trillion of investments between 2014-19 from multiple sources would have to be generated to finance the entire infrastructure needs of the Indian economy.

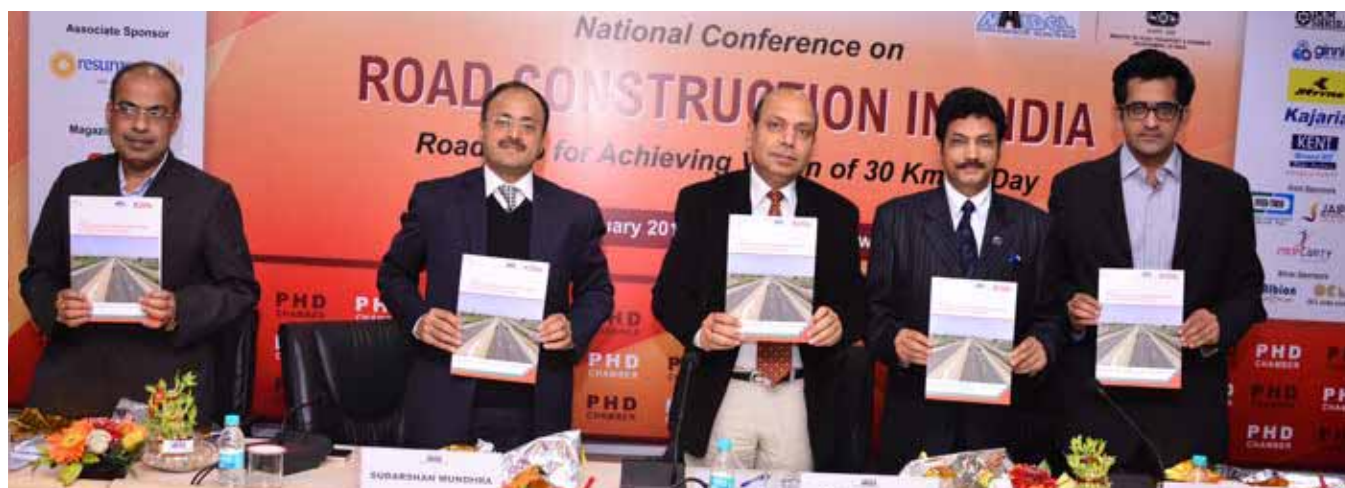


Meeting with Chairman National Highway Authority of India

Mr. Sudarshan Mundra, Chairman, Roads, Ports and Other Committee and Dr. Ranjeet Mehta, Director, PHD Chamber met Mr. R P Singh, Chairman, National Highway Authority of India on January 14, 2015 at New Delhi. The purpose of the meeting was to invite him for the 'National Conference on Road Construction in India'.



National Conference on Road Construction in India – Roadmap for Achieving Vision of 30 Kms



The Roads, Ports & Other Infrastructure Committee of PHD Chamber organized a National Conference on 'Road Construction in India – Roadmap for Achieving Vision of 30 Kms' on February 12, 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi

Chief Guest, Mr. Anand Kumar, IAS, Managing Director, National

Highways and Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited informed that tenders have already been issued for Arunachal Pradesh and Jammu & Kashmir and fresh tenders would also be rewarded for roads and highways projects on which the building works have discontinued due to negligence arising on part of

contractors and sub-contractors.

Mr. Sudarshan Mundhra, Chairman, Roads, Ports & Other Infrastructure Committee, PHD Chamber urged the policymakers to legalize the pattern of subcontracting within the framework of the contract.



Meeting with Minister of Road Transport and Highways



A PHD Chamber delegation by Mr. Ravi Wig, Former President and the Secretariat team called on Mr. Nitin Gadkari, Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways on January 16, 2015 at Transport Bhawan, New Delhi. The purpose of the meeting was to invite him as Chief Guest for the 'National Conference on Road Construction in India.'

Multimodal Transportation Conclave-2015



PHD Chamber organized a 'Multimodal Transportation Conclave-2015' on May 21, 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi.

In his inaugural address, Chief Guest, Mr. Amitabh Verma, IAS, Chairman, Inland Waterways Authority of India, Ministry of Shipping informed the

participants that a consortium of leading financial institutions both domestic and overseas is being conceived to part-finance close to 101 inland waterways to facilitate faster and economic cargo movement across India.

Guest of Honour, H.E. Mr. Jan Luykx, Ambassador of Belgium to

India pointed out that Belgium which is the key international player in multimodal transportation is keen to form alliances with its Indian counterparts as a few of its players have already made alliances with India to enable it put in effective multimodal transportation in India.

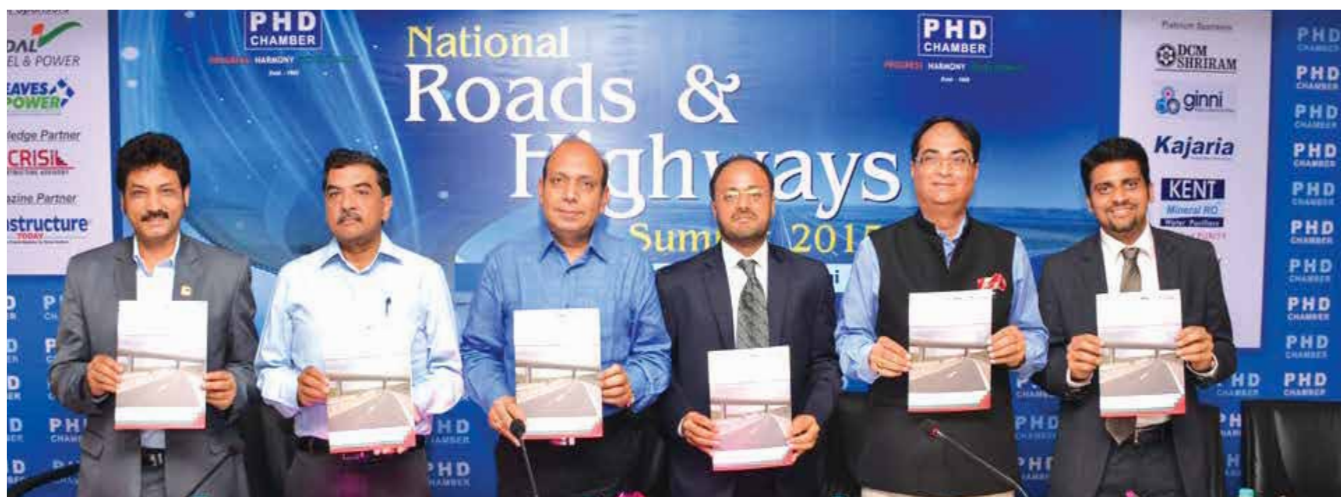


Meeting with Managing Director, National Highways Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (NHIDCL)



A PHD Chamber delegation led by Mr. Manas Agarwal, Co-Chairman, Roads, Ports and Other Infrastructure Committee, Dr. Ranjeet Mehta, Director and Mr. Varun Bhardwaj, Senior Assistant Secretary met Mr. Anand Kumar, IAS, Managing Director, National Highways Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited on June 27, 2015 at his office at PTI Building, New Delhi to invite him as Guest of Honour for the 'National Roads & Highways Summit 2015.'

National Roads & Highways Summit 2015



PHD Chamber organized the 'National Roads & Highways Summit-2015' on July 23, 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi.

Chief Guest, Mr. Anand Kumar, IAS, Managing Director,

National Highways Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited, Ministry of Road Transport and Highways is his inaugural address informed the participants that present format of Detailed Project Reports, based on which

roads and highways projects are implemented in the northern eastern region will be altered to make sure that no variations are seen in projects after their execution.



Railways

The Railways Committee was reconstituted under the Chairmanship of Mr. Sandeep Aggarwal and Mr. Manjeet Narwan and Mr. Bharat Joshi as Co-Chairmen.

Meeting with Minister of Railways



A PHD Chamber delegation led by Mr. Mahesh Gupta, Senior Vice-President, Mr. Gopal Jiwarajka, Vice-President, Mr. Sandeep Aggarwal, Chairman and Mr. Manjeet Narwan, Co-Chairman, PHD Railways Committee and the secretariat team met Hon'ble Minister of Railways, Dr. Suresh Prabhu at Rail Bhavan, New Delhi on February 12, 2015 to invite him as the Chief Guest for 'PHD GLOBAL RAIL CONVENTION-2015-Indian Railways: On the Fast Track.'



Meeting with Minister of State for Railways



A PHD Chamber delegation comprising of Mr. Saurabh Sanyal, Secretary General, Mr. Sandeep Aggarwal, Chairman and Mr. Yogesh Srivastav, Director-PHD Railways Committee met Minister of State for Railways, Mr. Manoj Sinha on March 18, 2015 to invite him as Guest of Honour for 'PHD GLOBAL RAIL CONVENTION-2015-Indian Railways: On the Fast Track.'

Meeting with Chairman, Railway Board, Ministry of Railways

A PHD Chamber delegation led by Mr. Mahesh Gupta, Senior Vice-President, Mr. Gopal Jiwarajka, Vice-President, Mr. Sandeep Aggarwal, Chairman and Mr. Manjeet Narwan, Co-Chairman, PHD Railways Committee and the secretariat team met Chairman, Railway Board, Mr. A.K. Mittal, at New Delhi on February 12, 2015 to invite him as Guest of Honour for 'PHD GLOBAL RAIL CONVENTION-2015-Indian Railways: On the Fast Track.'



Meeting with Chief Spokesperson, Ministry of Railways



Mr. Yogesh Srivastav, Director and Mr. Sandeep Aggarwal, Chairman, Railways Committee, PHD Chamber met Mr. Anil K. Saxena, Additional Director General-PR and Chief Spokesperson, Ministry of Railways on January 7, 2015 at his office to hand over the copy of the recommendations made during the Chamber's recent event, PHD Rail Infrastructure Summit-2014: New Initiatives-Climate for Growth.



PHD GLOBAL RAIL CONVENTION-2015 Indian Railways: On the Fast Track



The Railway Committee of PHD Chamber organized PHD Global Rail Convention 2015 – ‘Indian Railways: On The Fast Track’ on March 27, 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi.

Union Minister for Railways, Dr. Suresh Prabhu categorically ruled out privatization of railways. It wanted railways to approach the World Bank for financial assistance for its uplift, modernization, capacity expansion including the

decongestion of Indian railways.

Minister of State for Railways, Mr. Manoj Sinha said that railways have developed a clean course for short, medium and long-term investments and accordingly will execute the projects defined. Chairman Railway Board, Mr. A K Mittal pointed out that railways would succeed in fitting 17500 bio toilets in the railways network of Rajdhani & Shatabadi in FY 2015-16.

Business Forum with the Czech Railway Industry

The Railway Committee of PHD Chamber organized a Business Forum with the Czech Railway Industry on May 11, 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi. Chief Guest, H.E. Mr. Miloslav Stasek, Ambassador of the Czech Republic said that based on the recent ambitious Railway Budget, Czech Republic is open to investments in the railway industry in India with joint ventures and technology transfers. Ms. Marie VopAlenska, Director General, Association of Czech Railway Industry shared details about Czech companies and areas of future collaboration.





Energy

The Energy Committee was reconstituted with Mr. Bimal Sareen as Chairman and Dr. Harish K Ahuja and Mr. R. C. Agarwala as Co-Chairmen. The Committee continued its endeavours to promote the development of energy and power sector.

National Conference on Power Transmission and Distribution



The Energy Committee of PHD Chamber organized a National Conference on 'Power Transmission and Distribution' on July 8, 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi.

Guest of Honor, Mr. V. K. Agrawal, Executive Director, NLDC, Power

System Operation Corporation apprised the participants of the SAARC grid phenomenon. Mr. Reji Kumar Pillai President & CEO, India Smart Grid Forum discussed the market mechanisms and grid technologies, required to achieve the objective of the National Smart

Grid Mission.

Mr. Alok B. Shriram, President, PHD Chamber emphasized on the need for greater investments in the transmission and distribution sector through private sector participation.



National Conference on Energy Efficiency and Conservation



The Energy Committee of PHD Chamber organized a National Conference on 'Energy Efficiency and Conservation' on March 11, 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi.

highlighted that the government is trying to create massive infrastructure for power as there is an urgent need to maximize efficiency in the energy sector.

Cell, Department of Science & Technology emphasized on the research and development facilities of various research centres in a bid to accomplish the targets for emission mitigations under its climatic change programs.

Dr. Milind Wakdikar, Advisor, Ministry of Earth Sciences

Dr. Sanjay Bajpai, Associate Head, Technology Mission

Interactive Business Session with Czech Delegation in Energy & Renewable Energy Sector



The Energy Committee of PHD Chamber organized an interactive Business Session with Czech Delegation in Energy & Renewable Energy Sector on October 13, 2015 at New Delhi. Chief Guest, Mr.

Milan Hovorka, Ambassador of the Czech Republic in India, said that bilateral trade between India and Czech Republic is likely to reach US\$ 3 billion in the next two years from the current US\$1.3 billion. Czech

Republic is trying its best to clinch a nuclear power agreement with India among other areas of cooperation in steel, pharma and technical sectors.



Renewable Energy

The Renewable Energy Committee was reconstituted with Dr. Harish K Ahuja as Chairman and Mr. S. K. Padhi as Co-Chairmen. The Committee continued its endeavours to promote the development of energy and power sector.

National Conference on Renewable Energy Potential in India - Clear Roadmap to attract investments



The Renewable Energy Committee of PHD Chamber organized a national conference on 'Renewable Energy Potential in India – Clear Roadmap to attract investment' on January 15, 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi.

In his inaugural address, Chief Guest, Mr. Upendra Tripathy, IAS, Secretary, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy apprised the delegates that his Ministry had

evolved guidelines which allowed all power producers in private and public sector to generate 10 percent of solar power of their total installed capacities to lighten the smart cities following directives from the highest of the polity.

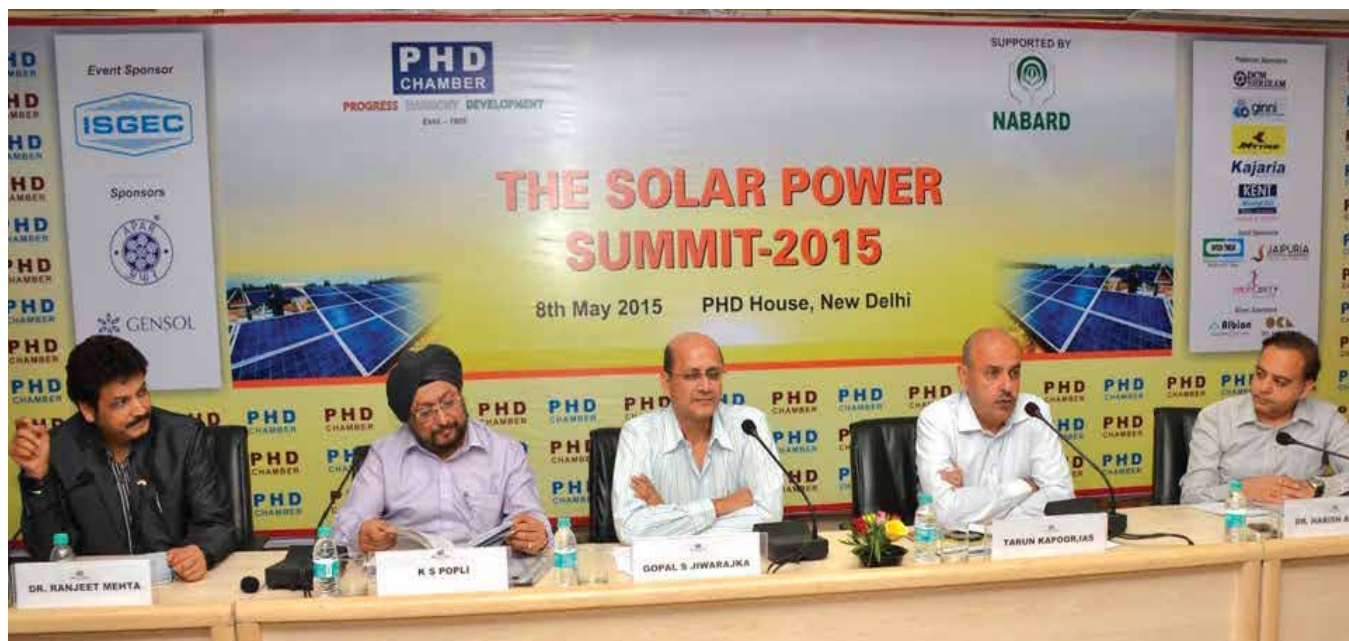
In his welcome address, Dr. Harish Ahuja, Chairman, Renewable Energy Committee urged the government to increase the rate of interest to about 9-10 percent

so that better rates can be offered to the discoms by the renewable energy developers.

This conference had two technical sessions that deliberated in depth on financing and technological advancements in the renewable energy sector. These two sessions were addressed by distinguished speakers from the Indian Government, Germany, World Bank as well as private sector.



The Solar Power Summit-2015



The Renewable Energy Committee of PHD Chamber organized 'The Solar Power Summit-2015' on May 8, 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi. Chief Guest, Mr. Tarun Kapoor Joint Secretary, Ministry of New and renewable energy highlighted

that the government has approved an amount of Rs 5,000 crores for raising tax free bonds to fund and sustain its solar initiatives through various agencies. Guest of Honor, Mr. K.S. Popli, CMD, Indian Renewable Energy Development

Agency (IREDA) stated that his organization has already earmarked an amount of Rs.30 crores to lend the farmers to propagate solar power generation through various means including roof top solar empanelment.

Plug-and-Play mode Solar Parks in India- Opportunities and Way Forward



The Renewable Energy Committee of PHD Chamber organized a conference on 'Plug-and-Play mode Solar Parks in India- Opportunities and Way Forward' on September 15, 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi.

Chief Guest, Mr. Upendra Tripathy said that the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy will gradually develop 'A New Solar or Renewable Zone Policy' in due course in which the accountability and responsibility

for land acquisition will be laid with the developers of proposed zones and that the Centre will have no role in the land acquisition process.

Guest of Honor, Dr. Ashvini Kumar, Managing Director and Director Solar, Solar Energy Corporation of India mentioned that harnessing of renewable sources has been progressing in India at a modest pace and now this pace has begun to grow thicker as the days are advancing in view of its potential and perennality.



Water Resource and Solid Waste Management

The Water Resource & Solid Waste Management Committee was constituted with Mr. Gopal Agarwal as Chairman and Mr. Varun Gupta as Co-Chairman to focus on the various issues relating to Water and Solid Waste Management.

National Conference on Waste Management

The Water & Solid Waste Management Committee of PHD Chamber organized a National Conference on 'Waste Management' on March 3, 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi.

Chief Guest, Dr. D S Shyni Consultant- Sanitation & Waste Management, Ministry of Drinking Water & Sanitation spoke on the need of providing access to toilet facilities to all and to make India Open Defecation Free by 2019.

MD. Mohsin Alam, Commissioner of Income Tax, urged corporates to keep their premises clean and healthy cleanliness through Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan. Mr. Amit



Yadav, Commssioner, Municipal Corporation mentioned that the integrated plant of East Delhi after becoming operational, would address the environmental issues including the ecological concerns

as necessary precautions have been taken care of involving best of the technologies for successful operation of the plant.



Seminar on 'Clean & Safe Drinking Water in India'



The Water and Solid Waste Management Committee of PHD Chamber organized a seminar on 'Clean & Safe Drinking Water in India' on May 14, 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi. Chief Guest, Mr. Ashwin Pandya, Chairman

of Central Water Commission, highlighted that the government has begun an exercise instituting water regulatory authorities across the country and to this effect guidelines are being prepared for all states and other such entities.

He emphasised on the need for a new water policy to regulate, distribute and recycle the water, be it ground water, surface water and other forms of water.

Business Promotion Seminar in Water Sector between Czech and Indian Companies

The Water and Solid Waste Management Committee of PHD Chamber organized a 'Business Promotion seminar in Water Sector between Czech and Indian Companies' on September 8, 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi.

Chief Guest, H.E. Mr. Milan Hovorka, Ambassador (Designate), Embassy of the Czech Republic spoke about the sustainability in partnership between India and Czech Republic in multiple areas of trade and economics. Dr. Mahesh Gupta, Senior-Vice



President, PHD Chamber stated that India was desperately looking for leading global companies to cleanse its rivers. He welcomed

the move of the Czech Republic as it is a country that has such technologies and processes at its disposal.



Housing and Urban Development

The reconstituted Housing and Urban Development Committee with Mr. Rajeev Talwar as Chairman and Mr. Ashish Mohan Wig and Mr. Manish Agarwal as Co-Chairmen focused on various issues relating to urban development including real estate.

Meeting with Minister of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation



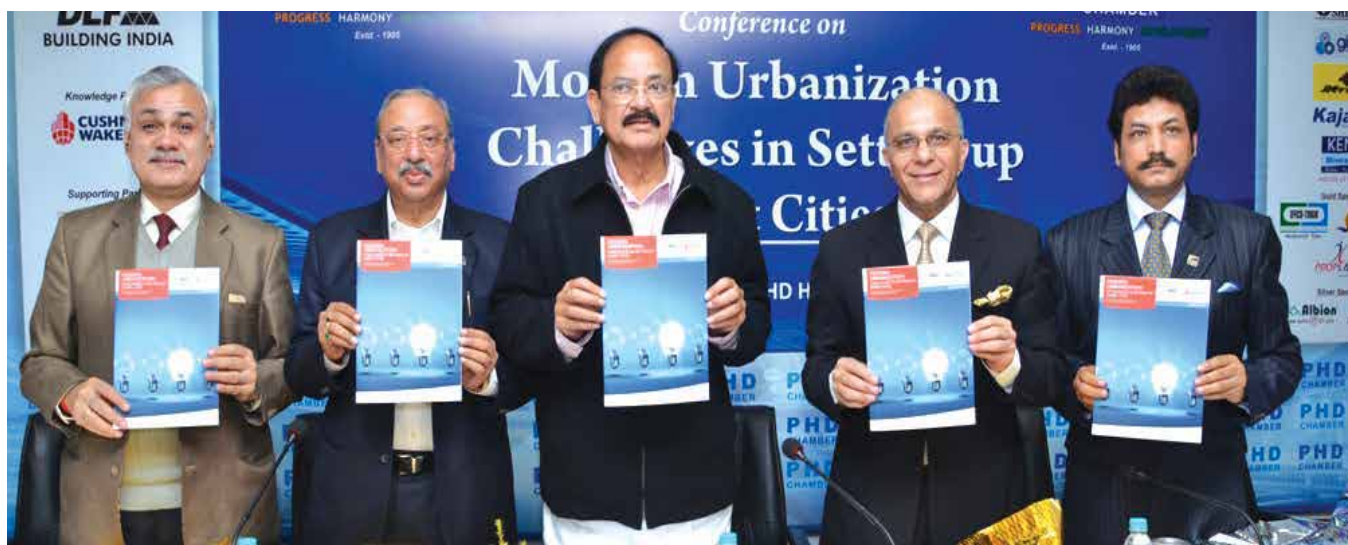
Mr. Rajeev Talwar, Chairman, Housing & Urban Development Committee, Mr Saurabh Sanyal, Executive Director and Dr. Ranjeet Mehta, Director, PHD Chamber

met Mr. Venkaiah Naidu, Hon'ble Minister of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation on January 16, 2015 at New Delhi to invite him as the Chief Guest for the conference

on 'Modern Urbanization Challenges in Setting up Smart Cities.'



National Conference on Modern Urbanization Challenges in Setting up Smart Cities



The Housing & Urban Development Committee of PHD Chamber organized a national conference on 'Modern Urbanization Challenges in Setting up Smart Cities' on January 22, 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi.

Chief Guest, Mr. Venkaiah Naidu, Hon'ble Union Minister of Urban

Development, Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation apprised the delegates that the government has directed banks to accord priority to housing finance and lower the interest rates. The Hon'ble Minister also highlighted the role of PPPs in solid waste management, development of green buildings, solar panels and rain water

harvesting for the development of urban infrastructure. Guest of Honor, Mr. Durga Shankar Mishra, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Urban Development detailed the objective of the government to develop smart cities in the country through focused approach of redevelopment, retrofitting and green development.

Meeting with Union Minister of Urban Development and Minister of Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation



Mr. Rajeev Talwar, Chairman, Housing & Urban Development Committee and Dr. Ranjeet Mehta, Director, PHD Chamber met Mr. Venkaiah Naidu, Hon'ble Union Minister of Urban Development and Minister of Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation on June 11, 2015 at New Delhi. The purpose of the meeting was to submit recommendations for creation of housing sock in India and to invite the Minister for the Conference on 'Smart Cities & Urban Transformation'.



Conference on Creation of Housing Stock in India: A Realistic View



The Housing & Urban Development Committee of PHD Chamber organized a conference on 'Creation of Housing Stock in India: A Realistic View' on May 27, 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi. Chief Guest, Mr. Balvinder Kumar, IAS, Vice Chairman, Delhi Development Authority stated that

policies related to land pooling, transit oriented development and re-development will govern the future of development of housing in Delhi. He disclosed that notifications to execute the Land Pool Policy as well as transit oriented development measures to build a new Delhi and rehabilitate its 600 slum areas are on the cards.

Mr. Rajeev Talwar, Chairman, Housing & Urban Development Committee, PHD Chamber enumerated the challenges faced by the real estate developers in delivering housing for all.

Conference on Smart Cities & Urban Transformation



The Housing & Urban Development Committee of PHD Chamber organized a conference on 'Smart Cities & Urban Transformation' on August 11, 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi.

Chief Guest, Mr. Madhusudhan Prasad, IAS, Secretary, Ministry of Urban Development stated

that policy measures for Stage I of Smart Cities has been finalized and the list of top 100 cities which will compete for Stage II will be announced soon. Mr. Prasad further stated that Special Purpose Vehicles would be floated to implement Stage-II planning process of Smart Cities with the Central Government contributing Rs.100 crores for each

proposed Smart City with similar contributions coming from States and the UTs concerned. Mr. Mahesh Gupta, Senior Vice-President, PHD Chamber asserted that it would be a huge challenge for the government to realize the dream of aspirational India that would put its money in such projects for comforts.



Environment

The Environment Committee was reconstituted with Mr. Ashish Rakheja as Chairman and Dr. N J Singh as Co-Chairman. The Committee focused on various issues related to India's environment.

Meeting with Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change



A PHD Chamber delegation led by Mr. Alok. B. Shriram, President, Mr. Sharad Jaipuria, Immediate Former President and Mr. Saurabh

Sanyal, Secretary General met Mr. Ashok Lavasa (IAS), Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change on February 5,

2015 at New Delhi to discuss the challenges of environment and climate change.

Meeting with Minister of Environment, Forests & Climate Change

A PHD Chamber delegation led by Mr. Mahesh Gupta, Senior Vice-President, Mr. J. P. Gupta, Adviser, Mr. Saurabh Sanyal, Secretary-General, Mr. Ashish Rakheja, Chairman, Environment Committee and the secretariat

team met Mr. Prakash Javadekar, Hon'ble Minister of Environment, Forests & Climate Change on March 9, 2015 at Parliament House, New Delhi. Mr. Mahesh Gupta apprised the Minister of the problems faced by industry to construct a

New Industrial Building and the financial hardships in complying with the given directions to install online effluent quality monitoring system at the final outlet of the Effluent Treatment Plant.



WATER DIGEST WATER AWARDS 2014-15



The Water Digest Water Awards were set-up in 2006 to honour distinguished work carried out by various companies in order to save and conserve water. This year, the Water Digest Water Awards 2014-15 was organized in association with PHD Chamber on March 24, 2015 at New Delhi. The award ceremony was supported by UNESCO and the Ministry of Water Resources.

Guest of Honour, Mr. Alok B.

Shriram, President, PHD Chamber stated that India with the world's second largest population is putting increasing strain on water resources as the number of people grows. He informed that PHD Rural Development Foundation has taken several initiatives to harness water in rural areas and create reservoirs. About 160 water-harvesting projects have already been completed in different villages of Rajasthan and seven projects are in progress.

Workshop on E-Waste Management - Challenges, Prospects and Strategies



PHD Chamber in association with Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change organized a workshop on 'E-Waste Management - Challenges, Prospects and Strategies' on June 15, 2015 at Srinagar.

Mr. Zahoor Ahmad Tramboo, Executive Member, J&K, PHD

Chamber stressed on the need to establish systems & infrastructure for reprocessing e-waste. Mr. Suresh Chugh (IFS), Director, Department of Environment, Ecology & Remote mentioned that e-waste collection, exchange and recycling centres should be encouraged in partnership with private entrepreneurs and

manufacturers. Dr. Lakshmi Raghupathy, Former Director, Ministry of Environment & Forest opined that awareness is essential regarding the hazardous constituents present in the equipments as well as the safe handling and disposal of the product after its use.



Workshop on Hazardous Waste Management



PHD Chamber in association with the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change and with the support of CICU organized a workshop on 'Hazardous Waste Management' on May 20-21, 2015 at CICU Complex, Ludhiana.

Mr. Avtar Singh, President CICU & Upkar Singh Ahuja, General Secretary outlined the measures taken by industry to control pollution. Mr. Manpreet Singh, IAS, Chairman Punjab Pollution Control Board said that Ludhiana

is the biggest hub of production in Punjab and now it is the need of the hour to analyze the situation of hazardous wastes in Ludhiana.

Workshop on E- Waste Management - Challenges, Prospects and Strategies

PHD Chamber in association with the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change and with the support of CICU, organized a workshop on 'E-Waste Management - Challenges, Prospects and strategies' on May 19, 2015 at CICU, Ludhiana.

Dr. N.J Singh Co-Chairman, Environment Committee, PHD emphasised on the role of all stakeholders in E-waste management to come together for ensuring safe disposal of E-Waste for sustainable development. Mr. Gurmeet Singh Kular, Zonal Head,



PHD Chamber, Ludhiana shared information on global E-Waste practices of other countries. Mr. S.P. Garg, Senior Environment Engineer, Punjab Pollution Control Board, briefed the participants

about the rules applicable to the producers of electrical and electronic equipments, the consumers, collection centres, dismantlers and recyclers handling e-waste.



Workshop on Hazardous Waste Management

PHD Chamber in association with Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change organized a workshop on 'Hazardous Waste Management,' June 16-17, 2015 at Srinagar. Mr. Abdul Razak (IFS) Chairman, Jammu & Kashmir State Pollution Control Board in his address mentioned that 15000 MT Hazardous Waste is generated in State of Jammu & Kashmir. .



Dr. A. K Pandit, Former Director, Centre of Research for Development Kashmir University explained how the lakes have turned into

dumping sites for solid wastes with obsolete STP and drainage system in the city. Mr. Tufail Ahmad Matoo (KAS), Commissioner, Srinagar

Municipality raised voice against those things which are directly affecting the environment and ecology.

Conference on 'Green Buildings & Building Rating Systems'



PHD Chamber in association with the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy organized a conference on 'Green Buildings & Building Rating Systems' on July 16, 2015 at PHD House, Lucknow.

The objective of the conference was to impart knowledge on Green Building concepts, GRIHA rating system, share best practices and promote business opportunities for Green Building

products & technologies. Dr. N. J. Singh, Co-Chairman, Environment Committee, PHD Chamber in his theme presentation emphasized on the importance of developing Green Buildings towards sustainable development.

Chief Guest, Mr. Raj Shekhar, District Magistrate, Lucknow, said that the focus on green building and environment conservation techniques is the need of the hour particularly in a fast developing city like Lucknow.



Conference on “Green Building & Building Rating Systems”



PHD Chamber in association with Ministry of New and Renewable Energy organized a conference

on “Green Buildings and Building Rating Systems” on September 23, 2015 at Raipur. Mr. Ashish

Rakheja, Chairman, Environment Committee, PHD Chamber threw light on different aspects of green buildings.

Chief Guest, Mr. Sanjay Shukla, Secretary, Housing and Environment, Government of Chhattisgarh, emphasized on the adoption of principles of green building and builders’ interest in the process. Mr. Sanjeev Jain, Chief Engineer, CREDA compared the Energy Performance Index between India and other developed countries.

Site Visit Report On Zero Waste Project at GPRA Complex, New Delhi

A delegation of PHD Chamber led by Mr. Ashish Rakheja, Chairman, Environment Committee, PHD Chamber and comprising of 18 Members and the Secretariat team visited the Zero Waste Project at GPRA Complex, New Moti Bagh, New Delhi. Zero Waste Project is a unique model of decentralized Solid Waste Management with support of the Ministry of Urban Development and National Building Construction Corporation. GPRA Complex is a 110 acres complex with over 1000 families residing



in the complex. The average waste treated at the complex is 1.5 tons

of household and 1 ton of green & horticultural waste everyday.



Civil Aviation

The Civil Aviation Committee under Mr. K Narayana Rao as Chairman and Mr. Bhupesh Joshi and Mr. Ramesh Marwah as Co-Chairman Committee on the various issues relating to Civil Aviation.

Meeting with Union Minister of Civil Aviation



A PHD Chamber delegation led by Mr. Alok B. Shriram, President, Mr. Gopal Jiwarajka, Vice President, Mr. Vijay Mehta, Chairman, Tourism Committee, Mr. Saurabh

Sanyal, Executive Director, Mr. Bhupesh Joshi, Member, Civil Aviation Committee and CEO, Club One Air and Mr. Yogesh Srivastav, Director met Mr. Ashok Gajapathi

Raju Pusapati, Union Minister of Civil Aviation on January 13, 2015 at New Delhi to discuss the challenges of the Civil Aviation sector.



Meeting with Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation

A PHD Chamber delegation led by Mr. Gopal Jiwarajka, Vice-President, Mr. Saurabh Sanyal, Executive Director, Mr. Bhupesh Joshi, Member, Civil Aviation Committee and CEO, Club One Air, Mr. Yogesh Srivastav, Director and Ms. Bhavna Singh, Deputy Secretary met Mr. V. Somasundaran, IAS, Secretary, Civil Aviation, Ministry of Civil Aviation on January 13, 2015 to invite him as Guest of Honour for the PHD-GMR Aviation Summit-2015-“Wings for Indian Aviation”.



PHD-GMR Aviation Summit, 2015



PHD Chamber's Civil Aviation Committee organized the PHD-GMR Aviation Summit- 2015 'Wings for Indian Aviation' on January 30, 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi. Mr. Gopal Jiwarajka, Vice-President, PHD Chamber opined that investment in Indian Air Transport is essential for the industry.

Mr. Balwinder Singh Bhullar, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation said that Ministry of Civil Aviation is currently revising the proposed Civil Aviation Policy in collaboration with the industry and state governments.

Mr. Alok Shekhar, Secretary, Airports Economic Regulatory

Authority of India pointed out that initiatives are being taken to enhance air connectivity with smaller towns and hinterlands.

Ambassador of Turkey to India, Dr. Burak Akcapar offered Turkey's expertise in Civil Aviation to India to help achieve its 'Make in India' vision.



Meeting with Hon'ble Union Minister of Civil Aviation

A PHD Chamber delegation led by Mr. K. Narayana Rao, Chairman, Civil Aviation Committee, Mr. Mukesh Gupta, Chairman, Entertainment & Media Committee, Mr. Bhupesh Joshi, Co-Chairman, Civil Aviation Committee, Mr. Yogesh Srivastav, Director, PHD Chamber, Ms Bhavna Singh, Deputy Secretary and Mr Narender Jakhar, Executive Officer, PHD Chamber met Mr. Ashok Gajapati Raju Pusapati, the Hon'ble Union Minister of Civil Aviation on September 23, 2015 to invite him to be the Chief Guest for the PHD Air Cargo Summit-2015 "Towards New Horizons".



PHD Air Cargo Summit- 2015 - Towards New Horizons



PHD Chamber's Civil Aviation Committee organized the PHD Air Cargo Summit- 2015 - "Towards New Horizons" on November 20, 2015. Dr. Mahesh Gupta, Sr. Vice President, PHD Chamber opined that the customs clearances relating to cargo should be made faster in order to enable the industry to grow in a smooth way. Hon'ble Union Minister for Civil Aviation, Mr. Ashok Gajapati Raju Pusapati urged all the stakeholders in the sector to forward their suggestions to the government for the new aviation policy, enabling them to make a comprehensive and inclusive policy with a life of 3 to 5 years. Hon'ble Ambassador of the Czech Republic Mr. Milan Hovorka offered his country's expertise to improve the existing civil aviation infrastructure including airports in India, while also requesting for re-launch of direct flight between Czech and India.



Hydrocarbons Committee

The Chamber has formed Hydrocarbons Committee under the Chairmanship of Mr. Subodh Kumar Jain as Chairman with Mr. Dilip Khanna and Mr. Rajeev Mathur as Co-Chairman with objective of keeping PHD Chamber's members fully abreast of the development in this important sector.

Interactive Business Session with Delegation from Houston, USA, in Oil, Gas, Construction and Engineering Sector



The Hydrocarbons Committee of PHD Chamber organized an 'Interactive Business Session with Delegation from Houston, USA, in Oil, Gas, Construction and Engineering Sector' on April 24, 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi.

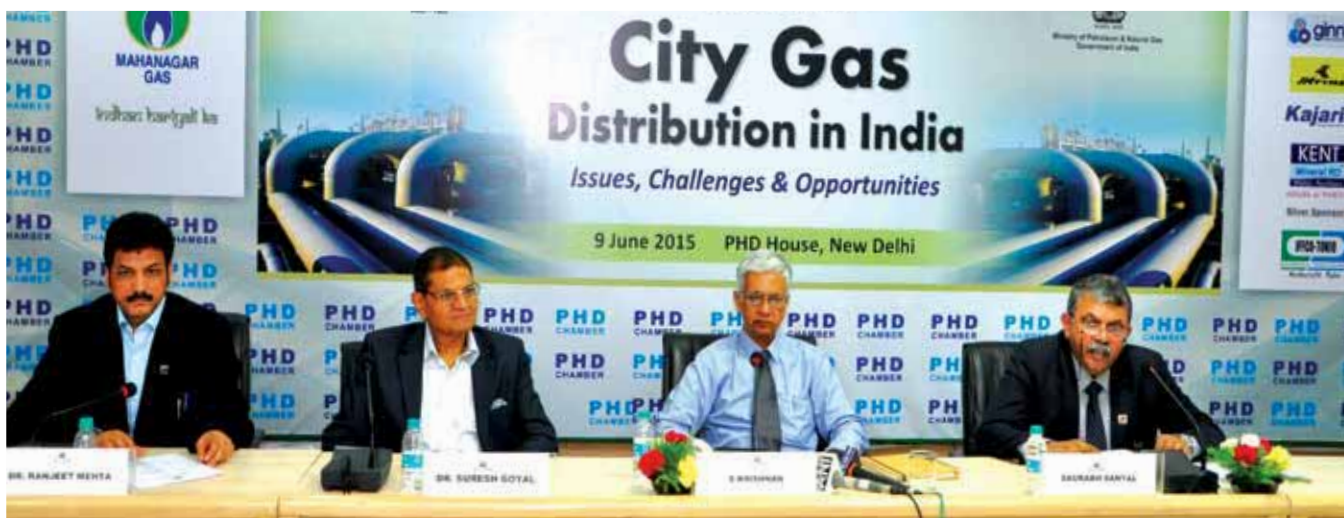
The delegation was led by the Mayor, City of Houston, Ms. Annise D. Parker and comprised of over 30 companies from sectors like energy, oil, gas and construction.

Honourable Mayor spoke on

the growing bilateral economic engagement between Houston –India that forms a crucial component of the rapidly expanding and multi-faceted relations between India and the U.S.



Conference on City Gas Distribution in India- Issues, Challenges & Opportunities



The Hydrocarbons Committee of PHD Chamber organized a conference on 'City Gas Distribution in India – Issues, Challenges & Opportunities' on June 9, 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi.

Chief Guest, Mr. S. Krishnan, Chairperson, Petroleum & Natural

Gas Regulatory Board) highlighted the various opportunities available in the energy sector. Dr. Suresh Goyal, Chairman, CSR Committee and Senior Member, Managing Committee, PHD Chamber emphasized that with the assurance of gas supply, CGD sales are expected to pick up in FY 2015-16.

At the technical session, eminent speakers from the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas, Mahanagar Gas Limited, Indraprastha Gas Limited & GAIL (India) deliberated on the gas supply outlook, regulatory perspective and impact of long-term contracts.



Industrial Relations & HR

The Industrial Relations & HR Committee was reconstituted with Mr. Ravi Wig as Chairman with Mr. Bharat Singh Mehta and Mr. R P Singh as Co-Chairmen. The Committee continued to espouse the cause of the industry at various fora.

Employees' Provident Fund Organization's Initiatives Simplification of EPF & MP Act & the Schemes Framed There under



The Industrial Relations & Human Resource Committee of PHD Chamber organized a seminar on 'Employees' Provident Fund Organization's Initiatives – Simplification of EPF & MP Act & the Schemes Framed Thereunder'

on February 5, 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi. Mr. Rajesh Bansal, Additional Central PF Commissioner, EPFO informed that the Government is in the process of finalizing the amendments to the existing EPF & MP Act.

Mr. Ravi Wig, Member of Board of Trustees, EPFO during his address informed that consensus has already been evolved within the government for bringing in place "a single contribution facility" for the construction workers.



Seminar on 'Risk Management'

The Industrial Relations & Human Resource Committee of PHD Chamber organized a seminar on 'Risk Management' on March 25, 2015 at PHD House New Delhi.

The objective of the seminar was to educate the participants about ways to mitigate business risks. The seminar was addressed by Ms. Yukti Arora (Director) and Mr. Yogesh Gupta (Partner) of S. S. Kothari Mehta & Co and Mr. Jayant Sood, Head Corporate, Indo Rama Synthetics.



Seminar on 'Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace - Prevention & Redressal'



The Industrial Relations & Human Resource Committee of PHD Chamber jointly with T&T Law firm organized a seminar on 'Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace - Prevention & Redressal' on January 16, 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi. The seminar was addressed by experts from T&T Law Firm, namely Principal Associates, Ms. Namrata Wadhawan and Mr. Vivek Kishore.

Law On Sexual Harrassment - its Compliance and Implication For Industry



(NEF) organized a seminar on 'Law on Sexual Harrassment-Its Compliance and Implication for Indsutry' on March 19, 2015 at Gurgaon. The seminar aimed to educate the participants about the obligations of employers to implement the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013.

Ms. Namrata Wadhawan and Mr. Vivek Kishore, Principal Associates from T&T Law Firm addressed the seminar.

The Industrial Relations & Human Resources (IR & HR) Committee of PHD Chamber jointly with the National Employers' Federation



Seminar on 'Compliance of Labour Legislations – Issues of Concern'



The Industrial Relations & Human Relations Committee of the Chamber jointly with National Employers' Federation organized a seminar on 'Compliance of Labour Laws – Issues of Concern' on June 5, 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi.

Mr. Alok B. Shriram, President, PHD Chamber suggested that while working for amendments in labour laws, ease of doing business

and generation of employment should be given a priority.

Mr. Ravi Wig, Chairman, IR & HR Committee suggested that a special law is needed for social security of workers in the unorganised sector.

Chief Guest, Mr. Shankar Aggarwal, Secretary, Ministry of Labour & Employment stated that

the Government needs to create 10 million jobs every year and this target cannot be achieved unless we encourage industry to set up labour intensive units.

Guest of Honour, Mr. P. P. Mitra, Chief Labour Commissioner (Central) in his address stated that we have to create an atmosphere of trust where both parties can work together.

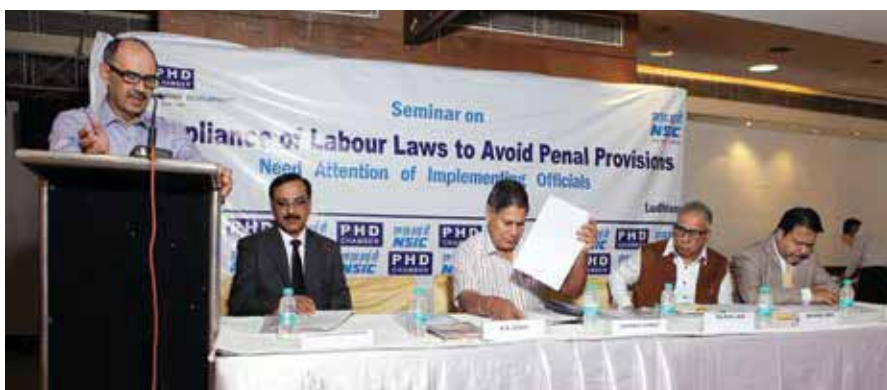
Interactive session with President, Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh

The Industrial Relations & Human Resource Committee of PHD Chamber organized an interactive session with Mr. Baij Nath Rai, President, Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh on July 22, 2015 at

PHD House, New Delhi. The objective of the interactive session was to apprise Mr. Rai on issues relating to labour legislation so that there may be some consensus when such issues are

discussed at tripartite meetings chaired by the Union Labour Minister. Mr. Ravi Wig, Past President & Chairman, IR & HR Committee PHD Chamber chaired the program.

Compliance of Labour Laws to Avoid Penal Provisions- Need Attention of Implementing Officials



The Industrial Relations & Human Resource Committee of PHD Chamber organized a seminar on 'Compliance of Labour Laws to Avoid Penal Provisions - Need Attention of Implementing Officials' on July 31, 2015 at Ludhiana. Mr. Satnam Singh, Deputy Labour Commissioner, Government of Punjab was the Chief Guest at the Seminar.



Compliance of Labour Laws to Avoid Penal Provisions



PHD Chamber jointly with the Gurgaon Chamber organized a seminar on 'Compliance of Labour Laws to Avoid Penal Provisions - Need Attention of Implementing Officials' on September 23, 2015 at Gurgaon. The objective of the seminar was to create

awareness amongst members for implementation of the labour laws. Chief Guest, Mr. R. C. Bidhan, Additional Labour Commissioner spoke on the various steps taken by the Govt. of Haryana towards ease of doing business. These include implementation of IT

Plan so that all forms and returns are sent online, with minimum interaction with the officials of the Department, online registration of factories and renewal of licenses with minimum inspection with prior intimation.

Seminar on "Assisting MSMEs in Compliance of Social Security Laws" and "Contract Labour – Is it a Legal or HR Issue"



The Industrial Relations & Human Resource Committee of PHD Chamber jointly with Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung organized a seminar on 'Assisting MSMEs in Compliance of Social Security

Laws' and 'Contract Labour – Is it a Legal or HR Issue' on October 20, 2015 at Bhopal. Mr. Ravi Wig, Past President, PHD Chamber appreciated the initiatives taken by the EPFO and narrated

the difficulties being faced by various industries including the construction industry in extension of EPF & ESI Act to the construction workers.

Chief Guest, Mr. M. K. Varshney, Principal Secretary Labour, Government of Madhya Pradesh apprised that his Government is in the forefront in implementing the policy of 'Ease of Doing Business'. He further stated that the State made amendments in the 17 Central Acts and many State Acts towards reforms which would be in the interest of workers.

Mr. K.L. Taneja, Additional CPFC was the guest of honor from EFPO.



Law and Justice

The Committee on Law and Justice was reconstituted with Mr. Vipul Maheshwari as Chairman with Mr. Aseem Chawla, Ms. Priya Hingorani and Mr. S. Ramaswamy as Co-Chairperson. Besides creating awareness about the various laws governing trade and industry, the Committee continued to take up the areas of concern in legal profession with the relevant authorities.

Seminar on 'Foreign Collaboration – Issues and Recent Development'



PHD Chamber organized a seminar on 'Foreign Collaboration – Issues and Recent Development' on April 17, 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi. Mr. Vipul Maheshwari, Chairman, Law & Justice Committee, PHD Chamber said that foreign collaboration has

become an integral part of the Trade Policy. Mr. Tabrez Ahmad, Secretary General, Organization of Pharmaceutical Producers of India In his special address said that a recent Reserve Bank of India survey shows that maximum number of foreign collaborations

happened in India. Mr. Sudhanshu Pandey, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, said that India is now re-emerging as a thriving destination for foreign investors across the globe.



Interactive session on 'Laws Relating to Negotiable Instruments - Practical Difficulties Post Supreme Court verdicts on 138 N.I. Act'

PHD Chamber organized an interactive session on 'Laws Relating to Negotiable Instruments - Practical Difficulties Post Supreme Court verdicts on 138 N.I. Act' on January 16, 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi.

Mr. Vipul Maheshwari, Chairman, Law & Justice Committee, PHD Chamber said that this judgment has brought certainty on the issue of territorial jurisdiction which in many situations has been abused. Mr. Vikas Pahwa, Senior Advocate,



Supreme Court of India said that the judgment has given the jurisdiction power to the drawee's

bank to decide whether the cheque will be dishonoured or not.

Panel Discussion on 'Corporate Criminal Liabilities – The Recent Amendments'



PHD Chamber organized a panel discussion on 'Corporate Criminal Liabilities – The Recent Amendments', on July 14, 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi. Chief Guest, Mr. P K Malhotra, Secretary, Department of Legal Affairs, Ministry of Law & Justice informed that the government was bringing down the number of central tribunals to 10-11 against its present strength of 35 so that efficient and faster dispensation of justice is administered to resolve the corporate criminal disputes.

Meeting with Minister of Law & Justice

A PHD Chamber delegation led by Mr. Mahesh Gupta, Senior Vice President, Mr. Vipul Maheshwari, Chairman Law & Justice Committee, Mr. S. Ramaswamy, Co-Chairman Law & Justice Committee and Ms. Priya Hingorani, Co-Chairman Law & Justice Committee and the Secretariat team met Mr. D V Sadananda Gowda, Hon'ble Minister of Law & Justice on June 30, 2015 at New Delhi to discuss the legal issues affecting the industry.





Culture & Sports

PHD Chamber reconstituted a Culture & Sports Committee with Mr. Satish Girotra as Chairman and Ms. Raj Kumari Aggarwal, Ms. Anjum Chopra and Ms. Neelam Pratap Singh as Co-Chairperson.

PHD Art & Craft Cultural Exhibition-Inspiring Change Showcasing the Rich Cultural Heritage across borders (Art, Craft, Music & Dance) & celebrating The International Women's Day



To showcase the myriad shades of the rich artistic and cultural heritage, PHD Chamber's Culture & Sports Committee organized an exquisite exhibition of art, craft & creativity, March 11-14, 2015. PHD Chamber via the medium of art & craft, celebrated 'The International Women's Day' (March 8, 2015), saluting the artistic achievements of women. The exhibition provided a platform to showcase the CSR initiatives by organizations/NGOs involved in using art & craft as a means of employment for the underprivileged women and using the talent of differently-abled women and children.

Chief Guest, Mr. Lov Verma, Secretary, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment said that under the new education bill, educational institutions would have to provide for a minimum of 3 percent of reservation for disabled persons and those not adhering to this directive would be subjected to severe penalties and even imprisonment. Former Secretary, Govt of India, Ms. Stuti Kacker, IAS and Founder, Dastkari Haat Samiti and Ms. Jaya Jaitley also shared their views and experiences on the occasion.



Meeting with Minister of State for Youth Affairs and Sports(IC)

A PHD Chamber delegation led by Mr. Satish Girotra, Chairman-Culture & Sports Committee and Mr. Mukesh Gupta, Chairman-Entertainment & Media Committee, Mr. Yogesh Srivastav, Director, Ms. Bhavna Singh, Deputy Secretary and Mr. Narender Jakhar, Executive Officer met Mr. Sarbananda Sonowal, Hon'ble Minister of State for Youth Affairs and Sports (IC) on July 17, 2015 at New Delhi.



PHD Global Sports Convention -2015-“SPORTS FOR ALL”- The Paradigm Shift Celebrating the International Youth Day



PHD Chamber's Culture & Sports Committee organized The PHD Global Sports Convention-2015 "SPORTS FOR ALL"-The Paradigm Shift on August 12, 2015 dedicated to globally promoting the broad dissemination of the Sport and also celebrating the International Youth Day. Mr. Rajeev Gupta, Secretary (Youth Affairs),

Department of Youth Affairs shared that the Department of Youth Affairs has a mandate to bring forth all-round development of the Youth of India, in order to realize their full potential. Mr. Lov Verma, Secretary, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities urged everyone to take

maximum inspiration from them and join hands in making their transition from being Disabled to being Super-Abled.

Mr. Ravindra Gupta, Mayor of North delhi municipal Corporation also shared his views at the Convention.



Sports & Culture CORPORATE BRIDGE TOURNAMENT – 2015

The Culture & Sports Committee of PHD Chamber organized the Chamber's CORPORATE BRIDGE TOURNAMENT – 2015 on November 1, 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi. Dr. Mahesh Gupta, Senior Vice President, PHD Chamber welcomed the players.

Around 140 players from industry, bureaucrats, diplomats and professionals participated in the tournament. Mr. P. K. Rajgarhia, Former President, PHD Chamber gave away the prizes to the winners and also thanked the event management team for successfully organizing the tournament.

PHD Chamber's Golf Tournament – 2015



The (Culture & Sports Committee) of PHD Chamber organized its annual flagship Golf Tournament on November 07, 2015 at 6.30 a.m. at Outab Golf Course, Lado Sarai, New Delhi. Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor of Delhi, Mr. Najeeb Jung inaugurated the tournament in the august presence of Mr. B.S. Bassi, Commissioner of Police, Delhi Mr. S.N. Shrivastava, Special Commissioner of Police, Delhi, PHD Chamber's leadership, Managing Committee Members; Government Secretaries and Senior Government officials; Diplomats and several acknowledged business leaders.



Tourism Committee

The Tourism Committee was reconstituted under the Chairmanship of Mr. Vijay Mehta. The Committee continued to highlight the need for tapping the vast potential of tourism in the northern region with private sector participation, and the significance of tourism in the overall economic growth.

Meeting with Minister of Tourism



A PHD Chamber delegation led by Mr. Mahesh Gupta, Senior Vice President, Mr. Vijay Mehta, Chairman, Tourism Committee and Mr. Mukesh Gupta, Chairman, Entertainment and Media

Committee, Mr. Yogesh Srivastav, Director, Ms. Manisha Singh, Deputy Secretary and Mr. Varun Gogia, Assistant Secretary met Dr. Mahesh Sharma, Hon'ble Minister of State for Tourism, Culture and

Civil Aviation on June 29, 2015 to invite him as Chief Guest for the 'Medical and Wellness Tourism Summit 2015.'



4th India Heritage Tourism Conclave



PHD Chamber organized the '4th India Heritage Tourism Conclave' on February 20, 2015 at the Lalit, New Delhi. The theme 'Global Contribution in Building India Heritage' witnessed speakers from different regions of the country.

Guest of Honour, Dr. Lalit K Panwar,

IAS, Secretary, Ministry of Tourism inaugurated the seminar. Besides, His Excellency Dr. Sabit Subasic, Ambassador, Embassy of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Mr. S.M. Khan, Director-General, Registrar of Newspapers for India and CMA Rakesh Singh, Past President, ICAI-CMA Institute of Cost Accountants

of India also graced the meeting.

Mr. Anand Kumar, IAS, Managing Director, National Highways and Infrastructure Development Corporation delivered his expert views on the heritage tourism in India on this occasion.

Meeting with Minister of Tourism, Government of Sikkim

Mr. Vijay Mehta, Chairman, Tourism Committee, Mr. Yogesh Srivastav, Director and Ms. Manisha Singh, Deputy Secretary PHD Chamber met Mr. Ugen T Gyatso, Minister of Tourism, Govt. of Sikkim and Mr. C Zhangpo Bhutia, IAS, Secretary, Department of Tourism, Govt. of Sikkim on June 29, 2015 to discuss the program on 'Cultural Ethos of North East – For the Growth of Tourism.' An exclusive report on AGRI + CULTURE Conclave was also shared during the meeting.





Meeting with Secretary - Tourism, Government of Sikkim



Mr. Yogesh Srivastav, Director and Ms. Manisha Singh, Deputy Secretary, Tourism Committee, PHD Chamber met Mr. C Zhangpo Bhutia, IAS, Secretary, Department of Tourism, Govt of Sikkim on June 30, 2015 at New Delhi to discuss the program on 'Cultural Ethos of North East – For the Growth of Tourism.' An exclusive report on AGRI + CULTURE Conclave was also shared during the meeting.

Meeting with Minister of Tourism & Culture (Independent Charge)

Mr. Saurabh Sanyal, Secretary General, Mr. Vijay Mehta, Chairman of Tourism Committee, Mr. Yogesh Srivastav, Director and Ms. Manisha Singh, Deputy Secretary, Tourism Committee, PHD Chamber met Dr. Mahesh Sharma, Hon'ble Minister of Tourism, Culture and Civil Aviation (Independent Charge) on August 19, 2015 at New Delhi to invite him as Chief Guest for the 'Medical and Wellness Tourism Summit 2015'.



Meeting with Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer, Delhi Tourism & Transportation Development Corporation



Mr. Mukesh Gupta, Chairman, Entertainment and Media Committee, Mr. Yogesh Srivastav, Director and Ms. Manisha Singh, Deputy Secretary, Tourism Committee, PHD Chamber met Mr. Z. U. Siddiqui, IAS, Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer of Delhi Tourism & Transportation Development Corporation on August 18, 2015 at New Delhi to invite him for the 'Medical and Wellness Tourism Summit 2015'.



Medical & Wellness Tourism Summit 2015 – Destination Brand India



PHD Chamber organized the 'Medical & Wellness Tourism Summit 2015 - Destination Brand India' on August 27, 2015 at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi.

Chief Guest, Minister of State for Tourism and Culture (Independent Charge) & Civil Aviation, Dr. Mahesh Sharma shared that the

need of the hour is to have a holistic approach and consolidate all the parameters of general tourism for this niche sector. He invited PHD Chamber and the relevant private stakeholders to help in promoting this sector.

Mr. Girish Shankar, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Tourism

stated that the government and the private industry in India need to work in collaboration to compete with the Asian markets in the tourism sector. Speaking on the occasion, Mr. A. K. Ganeriwala, IFS, Joint Secretary, Ministry of AYUSH shared that their Ministry has initiated a mission to promote Ayurveda and Yoga worldwide.

Meeting with Secretary, Ministry of Tourism

Mr. Saurabh Sanyal, Secretary General, Mr. Mukesh Gupta, Chairman – Entertainment & Media Committee, Mr. Yogesh Srivastav, Director, and Ms. Manisha Singh, Deputy Secretary, Tourism Committee, PHD Chamber met Mr. Vinod Zutshi, IAS, Secretary - Ministry of Tourism, at New Delhi on September 22, 2015 to invite him as Chief Guest for the program 'Conference on Spiritual Tourism for Sustainable Development: India: The Land of Gods.'





Conference on Spiritual Tourism for Sustainable Development 'India: The Land of Gods'



PHD Chamber organized a conference on 'Spiritual Tourism for Sustainable Development: India – The Land of Gods' on October 29, 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi.

His Eminence Drukpa Thuksey Rinpoche, Spiritual Master-Drukpa Lineage opined that at times when religious intolerance has peaked up, what is needed is love and compassion in action by humanity. Spiritual observations

were also made by Dr. Mansingh and Sjöham Babaji.

Dignitaries at the inaugural session recommended that a 'Skill Council' be set up under jurisdiction of National Skill Development Council so that branding of spiritual pockets, locations and sites in India could be undertaken to attract tourists for their spiritual upliftment from across the globe. The global perspective on spiritual tourism

was also shared by H.E. Jorge Cardenas Robles, Ambassador, Embassy of Bolivia, H.E. Petko Doykov, Ambassador, Embassy of the Republic of Bulgaria, Mr. Radu Octavian Dobre, Charge D'Affairs, Embassy of Romania apart from other speakers including Dr. Subhash Goyal, President, IATO, Dr. Arvind Alok, Chairman, Buddhist Monuments Development Council and Mr. G. G. Saxena, MD, Delhi Tourism and Transportation Development Corporation Limited.



Entertainment & Media

PHD Chamber constituted an Entertainment Committee under the Chairmanship of Mr. Mukesh Gupta along with Mr. Manmeet Singh Rattan as Co-Chairman.

Meeting with Secretary, Ministry of Communications & IT



Mr. Mukesh Gupta, Chairman and Ms. Manisha Singh, Deputy Secretary of Entertainment & Media Committee, PHD Chamber met Mr. Rakesh Garg, IAS, Secretary, Ministry of Communications & IT, Department of Communications on May 12, 2015 at New Delhi.

Meeting with Luxembourg Ambassador

A PHD Chamber delegation led by Mr. Mukesh Gupta, Chairman of Entertainment and Media Committee, Mr. Yogesh Srivastav, Director, and Ms. Manisha Singh, Deputy Secretary, met H.E. Mr. Sam SCHREINER, Ambassador and Ms. Laure Huberty, Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of Luxembourg in New Delhi on April 1, 2015 and discussed business opportunities in sectors such as tourism, entertainment, media, film tourism and film making in Luxembourg.





“Adabi Cocktail” A Memorable Treat for Lovers of Music, Poetry and Art



The Entertainment & Media Committee of PHD Chamber in association with Graphis Ads organized ‘Adabi Cocktail’ – A Memorable treat for lovers of Music, Poetry and Art to felicitate the league of living legends of music, art and poetry on June 14, 2015 at Constitutional Club,

New Delhi. The event witnessed a rare confluence of literature, art and music based on the works of Padam Shree Mr. Nida Fazli. Chief Guest, Mr. Mahesh Sharma, Minister for Tourism and Culture lauded the concept of bringing the three genres of expressions on a single platform.

Prominent personalities present on the occasion were Mr. Tom Alter, Mr. Jazim Sharma, Gold Medalist in music/participant of Sa-Re-Ga-Ma; Ms. Malti Joshi, a prominent Ghazal Singer, Ms. Parul Mishra, a participant of Sa-Re-Ga-Ma and Mr. Arun Bali, Prominent Bollywood Actor.

World Telecommunications Day (Telecommunication and ICTs: Drivers of Innovation)

PHDChamber organized the ‘World Telecommunications Day’ –the theme being ‘Telecommunication and ICTs: Drivers of Innovation’ on May 15, 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi.

The inaugural session witnessed the presence of Mr. John M. McCaslin, Minister Counselor For Commercial Affairs, U.S. Commercial Service, US Embassy to New Delhi; Mr. N. Parameswaran, Principal Advisor (NSL) Telecom Regulatory Authority of India; Mr. Sandeep Marwah, Chairman, Marwah Studios and Member Entertainment & Media Committee, PHD Chamber;



Mr. N K Goyal, President, Communication Multimedia and Infrastructure Association of India, Mr. Gopal Jiwarajka, Vice President, Mr. Mukesh Gupta,

Chairman - Entertainment and Media Committee and Mr. Manmeet Singh Rattan, Co Chairman - Entertainment & Media Committee, PHD Chamber.



Innovation

The Committee on Innovation was constituted under the Chairmanship of Mr. S K Sarkar.

North Eastern Region MSME Conclave 2015 Enhancing Innovative Capacities of MSMEs: Role of Banks, Financial Institutions and Training Providers



The Innovation Committee of PHD Chamber organized the 'North Eastern Region MSME Conclave - Enhancing Innovative Capacities of MSMEs' at Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship at Guwahati on January 30, 2015.

Chief Guest, Hon'ble Union Minister for MSMEs, Mr. Kalraj

Mishra emphasized on the importance of MSMEs in the 'Make in India' campaign. According to him, MSMEs can become a harbinger for realizing the dream of 'Make in India'.

At the inaugural session, eminent speakers such as Mr. Ravindra Nath, CMD, National Small Industries

Corporation Ltd, Mr. Manoj K Das, Director, IIE, Guwahati and Mr. A K Jha, Director General, NIESBUD highlighted the issues of enhancing innovative capacities of the MSME sector. The second session focused on 'Innovative Financing Strategies' and 'Skill Development for MSME Growth'.



Workshop on Information Technology: Value Claiming or Value Creating



The Innovation Committee of PHD Chamber organized a workshop on 'Information Technology: Value Claiming or Value Creating' on May 7, 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi. Key

speakers included Mr. S. K. Sarkar, Chairman, Innovation Committee, PHD Chamber; Mr. Anshul Dureja, MD & Chief Enablement Officer, Creating Values Private Limited; Mr. Pravin L. Agrawal, IFS, Director, Department of Heavy Industries; Mr. Mayank Srivastava, MD & General Manager, Software ONE India Private Limited; Mr. Atul Gupta, Partner, KPMG, India; Dr. Neena Pahuja, Director General, ERNET India; Mr. Prateek Garg, Entrepreneur, Founder & CEO, Progressive Infotech (P) Limited and Dr. Jatinder Singh, Senior Secretary, PHD Chamber.

National Conference on Accelerating Industrial Growth • Science • Technology • Innovation



PHD Chamber organized a national conference on 'Accelerating Industrial Growth with the theme Science, Technology & Innovation' on September 30, 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi. Mr. Alok B. Shriram, President, PHD Chamber stated that promoting entrepreneurship and

competitiveness of micro, small and medium enterprises can be a major differentiator in 'Make in India' as it would help absorb both educated and uneducated workforce in a productive way.

Mr. Pradeep Khanna, CEO, Global Mindset talked about new

innovations emerging in business. For example, Ola Cab and evolving e-commerce are such platforms that personify with disruptive technologies as these have transformed business transactions in the four wheeler segment as well as in retail trading.



International Food Innovation 2015 Science, Technology and Innovation for Sustainable Food Production



PHD Chamber organized a two-day International Food Innovation Expo-cum-Summit on the theme 'Science, Technology & Innovation for Sustainable Food Production' September 17- 18, 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi.

Chief Guest, Mr. Asim Ahmed Khan, Hon'ble Minister, Food & Supply, Government of Delhi welcomed the budding scientists and researchers for developing new research and innovations in the food industry. Ms. Carolina Vasquez, Trade Commissioner, Embassy of Chile and Mr. Scott S Sindelar, Counselor for Agricultural Affairs, US Embassy also presented the innovations used in their respective countries.





Committee on Commodity Exchanges

The Committee on Commodity Exchange was constituted with Mr. D K Agarwal as Chairman and Mr. B K Sabharwal as Co-Chairman with the objective to take forward the commodity market and its instruments.

Seminar on 'Our Role in Current Indian Scenario'



PHD Chamber in association with Commodity Participants Association of India organized a seminar on 'Our Role in Current Indian Scenario' on January 13, 2015 at FICCI Auditorium, New Delhi. Mr. Alok B. Shriram, President, PHD Chamber took pride in sharing that India is progressing in terms of technology, transparency and trading activity. He stressed

that commodity trading in India requires an aggressive growth plan with innovative ideas with liberal policies for boosting commodity trading.

Chief Guest, Mr. Jayant Sinha, Minister of State for Finance stated that the BJP government is focused on 'minimum government with maximum governance' and

believes in empowerment, not empty entitlement. He suggested that India needs to create one million jobs per year. He called for increasing tax compliance to enable the government to contain the rising fiscal deficit. He concluded that tax compliance should be fully comprehensive so that the government is able to equip all its citizens to earn a better livelihood.



Seminar on Agri Commodities – Supply Chain Management

PHD Chamber organized a seminar on 'Agri Commodities – Supply Chain Management' on January 16, 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi. Mr. D K Aggarwal, Chairman, Task Force on Commodity Exchanges, PHD Chamber in his welcome address highlighted that over the past eight years collateral management services have brought about a transformation by allowing banks to almost ignore the borrower's financial strength and rely solely upon the warehouse receipts issued by the agency.



Guest of Honour, Mr. K. K. Taneja, Zonal Head, Central Bank of India shared that banks have been providing agricultural finance for the last 110 years and it has not come in light with the advent of

warehouse receipts. The presence of risk and volatility due to weak balance sheet is the main reason of weak financing. He stressed upon the need for warranty and dispute management mechanism for the

easy working of the system. He also suggested that standardization of documents and introducing E-platform in this mechanism would lead to successful implementation of the system.

The Image of Indian Products in the European Market - Steps for Improvements



PHD Chamber in association with Business Social Compliance Initiative (BSCI) and Indo-German Export Promotion Foundation (IGEP) organized a roundtable on 'The Image of Indian Products in the European Market - Steps for Improvements' on July 29, 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi. Mr. Gopal S. Jiwrajka, Vice-President,

PHD Chamber referred to the importance of European Union for India's merchandise export. Dr. Dietrich Kebschull, BSCI – India Representative and Chairman - IGEP Foundation referred to the role played by BSCI in spreading the message of social compliance all over the country. Chief Guest, Mr. V. Somasundaran, Secretary,

Ministry for Women and Child Development mentioned that India has already developed a 'Code of Conduct' for businesses and more than 100 companies have adopted this code. Guest of Honor, Mr. Subash Kapoor, Vice-Chairman, Council for Leather Exports mentioned that 30 percent of the people employed by leather industry are women and that child/forced labour is not to be found in this sector. Guest of Honor, Dr. Coen Kompier, International Labour Organization suggested that there should be no distinction between regular and contract workers and each factory must form a Complaints Committee to deal with harassment of women in the workplace.



Logistics Management

The Committee on Logistics Management was reconstituted with Mr. R S Bedi as Chairman and Mr. Sudhanshu Pachisia as Co-Chairman.

National Conference on Cold Chain -Technical Guidelines & Standards



PHD Chamber in association with National Centre for Cold Chain Development (NCCD), Government of India organized a 'National Conference on Cold Chain - Technical Guidelines & Standards' on January 29, 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi.

Chief Guest, Mr. Sanjeev Chopra, IAS, Joint Secretary, MIDH and International Cooperation and MD,

NCCD, Department of Agriculture and Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture stated that transparency and easier financial transactions were required in cold chain sector. The main thrust of the government is on giving a better price to the farmers for their produce.

Mr. R.S. Bedi, Chairman, Committee on Logistics Management, PHD Chamber stated that the cold chain

industry in India is still in its nascent stage and its growth is hampered due to lack of logistical support and infrastructure facilities. Mr. Pawanexh Kohli, CEO & Chief Advisor, NCCD apprised that a Rs. 5,000 crores Warehousing Infrastructure Fund had been set up by the NABARD in October 2014 to finance the cold chains under priority sector lending.



National Conference on India's Supply Chain Management-Opportunities & Way Forward



PHD Chamber organized a 'National Conference on India's Supply Chain Management-Opportunities & Way forward' on March 19, 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi.

Chief Guest, Dr. C.V. Ananda Bose, IAS (Retd.), Chairman, Central Warehousing Corporation and Central Railside Warehouse

Company Limited stated that an efficient supply chain should focus on managing people, resources and information that deal with the movement of a product or service from a supplier to a customer efficiently.

Mr. R.S. Bedi, Chairman, Committee on Logistics Management, PHD Chamber

stated that designing an optimal supply chain configuration that can meet the expected growth rates is a challenging task, especially in India. He suggested that companies could meet most challenges with a sound supply chain strategy, with IT as the key enabler.

Meeting with Secretary, Department of Food and Public Distribution, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution

A PHD Chamber delegation led by Mr. Alok B. Shriram, President, Mr. Saurabh Sanyal, Secretary General and Mr. Durgesh C. Sharma, Director met Ms. Vrinda Sarup, IAS, Secretary, Department of Food and Public Distribution, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution on June 16, 2015 at her office at New Delhi to apprise the Secretary about the initiatives taken by the Agribusiness and Logistics Committees.





Conference On Warehousing Management: Minimizing Losses – Maximizing Growth



The Expert Committee on Logistics Management, PHD Chamber organized a Conference on 'Warehousing Management: Minimizing Losses – Maximizing Growth' on September 11, 2015, PHD House, New Delhi. Chief Guest, Ms. Vrinda Sarup, IAS Secretary, Department of Food and Public Distribution, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution mentioned that development in the warehousing sector is being pursued to

transform the nation from food deficit to food rich nation. Besides, to ensure returns to the farmer, provision of Minimum Support prices is provided so that subsidized food grain can be provided. In addition to this, efforts are being undertaken to identify new states with high production and areas where warehousing capacities may be created. In sync with these, many capacities have been created and many are in construction stage. The Ministry is also initiating

to change the type of silos and create bulk storages across countries to have international level technologies. Mr. R S Bedi, Chairman, Logistics Management Committee, PHD Chamber in the theme presentation highlighted the challenges like infrastructure and unskilled labour and urged the need for augmentation of appropriate modern warehousing capacity.



Women & Child Development

The Committee on Women & Child Development was constituted with Ms. Anuradha Goel as Chairperson; Dr. Rashmi Singh as Co-Chairperson.

Book Reading on 'Walk in C Minor' - An Allegory on Leadership



PHD Chamber's Women and Child Development Committee organized a Book Reading and Discussion on "Walk in C Minor"- An Allegory on Leadership by Ms.

Peggy Mohan on March 24, 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi. Walk in C minor is an allegorical tale: of a vision, of holding a team together, of leadership, of finding

the strength to assert one's voice. Ultimately, it is the story of a dreamer for great things come from strong dreams.



Art & Craft Cultural Exhibition Inspiring Change



To showcase the myriad shades of the rich artistic and cultural heritage, PHD Chamber organized an exquisite exhibition of art, craft & creativity, March 11-14, 2015.

The exhibition jointly organized by PHD Chamber's Women & Child Development Committee and Culture & Sports Committee

aimed to empower women and the craftsmen. The expo was an amalgamation of innovative and exquisite crafts and aimed at creating awareness about the dying Indian handicrafts industry. PHD Chamber via the medium of art & crafts celebrated the International Women's Day (March 8, 2015), saluting the

artistic achievements of women. The exhibition provided a platform to showcase the CSR initiatives by organizations/NGOs involved in using art & crafts as the means of employment for the underprivileged women, thereby giving a thrust to women and child development.

Meeting with Hon'ble Union Minister of Social Justice & Empowerment



A PHD Chamber delegation led by Mr. Alok B. Shriram, President, PHD Chamber and the Secretariat team called on Mr. Thaawar Chand

Gehlot, Hon'ble Union Minister of Social Justice & Empowerment on June 19, 2015 at New Delhi. Hon'ble Minister Mr. Thaawar

Chand Gehlot was apprised about the activities of the PHD Chamber and the two foundations.



Workshop on Gender Sensitization



The Gender Committee (sub-committee) of the WCD Committee of the PHD Chamber organized the gender sensitization workshop

on July 8, 2015 at Jonapur Training Centre, PHDFWF. The Committee comprises of Ms. Divya Shriram, Ms. Leena Agarwal, Ms. Aruna

Oswal, Ms. Charu Wali Khanna and Ms. Nirmala Fenn along with Ms. Anuradha Goel, Chairperson, WCD Committee and PHDFWF.

An Interactive Session with Nobel Laureate “Shri Kailash Satyarthi” on Child Rights and Issues



The Women and Child Development Committee, PHD Chamber, PHD Family Welfare Foundation, and the Young Business Leaders Forum of PHD Chamber organized an

interaction session with Nobel Peace Prize Winner, Mr. Kailash Satyarthi on 'Child Rights and Issues' on July 13, 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi. Mr. Kailash

Satyarthi, the Noble Peace Prize Winner & Founder of Bachpan Bachao Aandolan inaugurated the program by lamp lighting.



Meeting with Cabinet Minister, Ministry of Women and Child Development



A PHD Chamber delegation led by Ms. Anuradha Goel, Chairperson, Women and Child Development Committee and Ms. Meera Goyal, Governing Board

Member, PHDFWF, Mr Saurabh Sanyal, Secretary General met Ms. Maneka Sanjay Gandhi, Cabinet Minister for Women and Child Development on August 3,

2015 at New Delhi. Ms. Maneka Gandhi advised PHDFWF to launch innovative and useful projects for the betterment of women.

Meeting with Cabinet Minister, Ministry of Women and Child Development



The Women and Child Development Committee, PHD Chamber organized a conference on "Women Entrepreneurs and their role in MAKE IN INDIA" on October 12, 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi. Distinguished speakers present were Ms. Pooja Jain,

Managing Director, Luxor Writing Instruments; Ms. Vidhi Singhania, Fashion Designer, Vidhi's Woven Couture; Ms. Kavitha Varadaraj, Managing Director, Premier Cotton Textiles; Ms. Seema Singh, General Manager, Bharatiya Mahila Bank Ltd and Mr. Jaydip Sinha,

Managing Director, Madison Street Capital India Pvt. Ltd.

The discussion mainly focused on financing issues where women as an entrepreneur faces problems in sourcing finance for establishing their enterprises.



Committee on MSMEs

The Committee on MSMEs was re-constituted with Mr. Vishwa Nath as Chairman and Ms. Anju Bajaj as Co-Chairperson with the objective of addressing the concerns of micro, small and medium enterprises in India and help them to enhance their competitiveness in the marketplace.

Meeting with Secretary, Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises

PHD Chamber was invited for a pre-budget proposal meeting held under the Chairmanship of Mr. Madhav Lal, Secretary, Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises on December 8, 2014 at New Delhi. Mr. Vishwanath,

Chairman Task Force on MSMEs, PHD Chamber suggested that Excise Exemption Limit for MSME should be enhanced to a minimum of Rs 3 crores during fiscal year 2014-15 and Minimum Alternative Tax should be reduced from

current 18.5% to 7%. He opined that implementation of Delayed Payment Act should be strictly implemented and monitored since the working capital constraints hamper the functioning of the MSMEs.

Meeting with Minister of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises

A PHD Chamber delegation led by Mr. Vishwa Nath, Chairman, MSME Committee and the Secretariat team met Mr. Kalraj Mishra, Hon'ble Minister of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises on February 6, 2015 at New Delhi to invite him for inaugurating PHD Chamber's IPR Centre at Lucknow.



Meeting with Minister of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises



A PHD Chamber delegation led by Mr. Alok B. Shriram, President, Mr. Sanjeev Gupta, Chairman, Banking Committee, Mr. Vishwa Nath, Chairman, Committee on MSMEs, Dr. J. P. Gupta, Advisor – Corporate Affairs and the secretariat team met Mr. Kalraj Mishra, Union Minister of MSMEs on May 18, 2015 at New Delhi. The objective of the meeting was to request the Minister to inaugurate PHD Chamber's MSME Innovative Financing Summit 2015.



Meeting with Secretary, Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises



A PHD Chamber delegation led by Mr. Vishwa Nath, Chairman MSME Committee and the Secretariat

team called on Dr. Anup K. Pujari, Secretary, Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises on July

17, 2015 at New Delhi to invite him to inaugurate PHD Chamber's IPR Centre at Lucknow.

Seminar on Energy Efficiency Technologies for Brassware Cluster



A seminar on 'Enhancing Competitiveness through Energy Efficiency' was organized by PHD Chamber in association with the Indian Industry Association, Moradabad on January 28, 2015 at Moradabad, Uttar Pradesh.

Mr. Vishwa Nath, Chairman, MSME Committee, Task Force on MSMEs, PHD Chamber said that energy efficiency directly implies to increase profitability and results in tangible benefits in the long-run.

Mr. Pradeep Kumar, Director, MSME Institute Agra informed the participants about the various incentive schemes for the promotion of the use of renewable energy in the state of Uttar Pradesh for the benefit of industrial units.



Design Awareness Seminar for Ply Wood Industry

PHD Chamber in association with the National Institute of Design organized a seminar on 'Design Awareness for Ply Wood Industry' on March 13, 2015 at Yamuna Nagar, Haryana.

Ms. Anju Bajaj, Co- Chairperson, PHD Chamber underlined that the objective of the workshop was to enhance plywood industry competitiveness and productivity with the help of design intervention.



Ms. Bindoo Ranjan, Project Co-ordinator, Design Clinic Scheme for MSMEs, National Institute of Design spoke about the evolution of design process and

how one can benefit from it. Mr. Raj Chawla, President of Haryana Chamber of Commerce (Yamuna Nagar Chapter) emphasized that innovation and cost pruning hold

the key to meeting the global challenges of rising demand for products from developed countries.

Design Awareness Seminar for Brick Manufacturing Industry



PHD Chamber and National Institute of Design (NID), Ahmedabad jointly organized a 'Design Awareness Seminar for Brick Manufacturing Cluster of Jammu' on May 14, 2015 at Barnai. The seminar for the brick manufacturing cluster was aimed at understanding the importance of design for

improving products, processes, communication and many important aspects of business. Chief Guest, Mr. Abdul Rasheed, Director, Department of Industry and Commerce, Government of Jammu encouraged the participants to adopt innovation and new technologies so that MSMEs can run their business in

a more profitable and sustainable manner. Guest of Honour, Mr. Vikram Gupta, General Manager, SIDCO, Jammu appreciated PHD Chamber and NID for taking the initiative of organizing the seminar with an objective to improve the competitiveness and efficiency of the brick cluster in Jammu.



Seminar on 'Design Awareness for Plywood Industry'



PHD Chamber in association with the National Institute of Design (NID) organized a seminar on Design Awareness for Plywood Industry on May 13, 2015 at Entrepreneurship Development Institute, (EDI), Jammu.

Chief Guest, Mr. Virinder Sharma,

Director, MSME Development Institute, Jammu while emphasizing on the significance of design-thinking and innovation for the plywood industry asserted that innovation and cost-pruning hold the key to meeting the global challenge of rising demand from developed countries

and competition from other emerging economies. Mr. Zahoor Ahmad, Assistant Provident Fund Commissioner, Jammu was the Guest of Honor at the seminar. Prof. L K Das from IIT Delhi in his presentation spoke about the evolution of design process and how one can benefit from it.

Seminar on 'Empowering and Reinventing MSMEs'



PHD Chamber organized a seminar on 'Empowering and Reinventing MSMEs' on June 13, 2015 at Srinagar.

Mr. Mushtaq A. Chaya, Co-Chairman, J&K Committee, PHD Chamber highlighted that Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) sector has emerged as an

extremely vibrant and energetic sector of the Indian economy over the last five decades.

Mr. Chander Prakash Ganga, Hon`ble Minister for Industries & Commerce, J&K congratulated PHD Chamber for organizing the design awareness seminar for MSMEs as innovation and

cost pruning hold the key for meeting the global challenge of rising demand for products from developed countries. Ms. Bindoo Ranjan, Coordinator, Design Clinic Scheme for MSMEs, National Institute of Design Ahmedabad spoke on the design process and how industries can benefit from it.



Design Awareness Workshop for Stainless Steel Industry



PHD Chamber had organized a five day 'Design Awareness Workshop for Stainless Steel Industry' from October 6-10, 2015 at HSIIDC Office Complex, Kundli (Haryana). Mr. D. K. Tyagi Assistant Director, MSME – Development Institute,

Karnal stated that Ministry has taken several steps to support steel clusters such as common facility which was very much appreciated.

Mr. Pawan Kansal, President, Kundli Stainless Industry

Association pointed out that stainless utensils units require various small components like handles, knobs, hardware, plastics components, tooling, etc which are produced by specialized micro and small industries.

Interactive Session on 'Importance of Intellectual Property Rights'



PHD Chamber organized a session on 'Importance of Intellectual Property Rights' on October 8, 2015 at Gautam Buddha University Greater Noida. Dr. K.B Thakur, Former Additional Chief, National Manufacturing

Competitiveness Council, Govt. of India said that total R & D spends in India is much lower than global benchmarks and there is a need to create a push mechanism for larger industry participation in R & D. He highlighted that Public

Procurement is a big lever for the Centre which can be leveraged to promote domestic Industry and also it is very important to create a process to define prioritized areas and technologies for enhanced focus.



Electronics & Engineering Goods

The Committee on Electronics & Engineering Goods was re-constituted under the chairmanship of Mr. R. P. Jhalani.

India Engineering 2020



PHD Chamber organized an inaugural conference at India Engineering 2020 at WIN India Expo on December 10, 2014.

Chief Guest, Mr. G. M. Siddeshwara, Hon'ble Minister of State, Ministry of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises stated that the next 10 years would be crucial for the Indian engineering

industry as it gears up to meet the rapidly rising domestic demand and also establish its presence as an important player in the global engineering arena. Guest of Honour, H.E. Mr. Michael Steiner, Ambassador of Germany to India said that the combined turnover of SMEs in Germany exceeds the turnover of DAX (Deutscher Aktienindex -German stock index)

hence the importance of small scale industries cannot be refuted.

About 350 exhibitors from domestic and international manufacturing and engineering sectors with dedicated pavilions from Germany, Italy, Korea, China and Taiwan participated in the expo.



Meeting with Secretary, Department of Electronics and Information Technology



A PHD Chamber delegation led by Mr. Gopal Jiwarajka, Vice-President, PHD Chamber, Mr. R. P. Jhalani, Chairman, Committee on Electronics and Engineering Goods, Mr. Saurabh Sanyal, Secretary General and Mr. Vivek Seigell, Director met Mr. Ram Sewak Sharma, Secretary, Department of Electronics and Information Technology (DEITY) on July 10, 2015 at New Delhi to discuss issues pertaining to the Electronics Industry in India.

Seminar on Make in India: Electronics – Substituting Surmounting Imports for Industrial Growth



The Electronics & Engineering Goods Committee of PHD Chamber organized a seminar on 'Make in India: Electronics - Substituting Surmounting Imports for Industrial Growth' on December 3, 2014, at PHD House, New Delhi.

Chief Guest, Mr. Ajay Shankar, Former Member Secretary, National Manufacturing Competitiveness

Council, said that the Electronic Fund can be a game changer. He emphasized that focus needs to be on adding value to our products so as to attract investors and availability to critical information that can be used for making an informed decision.

Mr. R. P. Jhalani, Chairman, Committee on Electronics &

Engineering Goods of the Chamber talked about Electronic System Design and Manufacturing sector in India and welcomed the initiative taken by DeitY to bring about a more transparent and conducive environment for small businesses. The technical and panel discussion saw a host of speakers from both the academia and the industry.



Design Awareness Workshop on Home Appliances Cluster



PHD Chamber in collaboration with the National Institute of Design (Ahmedabad) and the Ministry of MSMEs organized a five-day design awareness workshop for the Home Appliances Industry of Ambala, Haryana, March 30-April 3, 2015 at Ambala.

Eminent speakers at the

workshop were Mr. Avinash Sinha, Design Expert–NID; Mr. Ajay Aggarwal, President, Mixi Manufacturers Association, Ambala, Mr. Vipin Sarin, Director, Maffick Instruments, Ambala, Mr. Vishavjit Aggarwal, Partner, Nayna Engineering, Ambala and Mr. Vivek Seigell, Senior Secretary, PHD Chamber. Mr. Vivek Seigell acquainted the industrial units about the scheme under which the units can develop new products whereby the MSME Ministry offers 60 percent subsidy for developing new products. Mr. Avinash Sinha opined that one can design a reliable tested guaranteed product at a competitive price so that the product brand value increases.

Conference on Make in India: Bright Prospects of LED Manufacturing



PHD Chamber in association with the Department of Electronics and Information Technology (DEITY), Ministry of Communications and IT organized a conference on 'Make in India: Bright Prospects of LED Manufacturing' on August 14, 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi. Mr. D K Nayyar, Deputy Director General – Standards, Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) delivered a special address at the inaugural

session. Mr. Alok B. Shriram, President, PHD Chamber stated that the use of LED products can greatly reduce the burden for the government.

Dr. Ajay Kumar, Additional Secretary, Department of Electronics and Information Technology (DEITY), Ministry of Communications and Information Technology stressed that India must not limit itself

to foreign designed LEDs but must focus on designing LEDs in India, specific to requirements of the Indian consumer. Mr. R. P. Jhalani, Chairman, Committee on Electronics and Engineering Goods, PHD Chamber suggested that the government needs to promote technology in rural areas where the concept of LED lighting has not completely set in.



Meeting with Mr. Rakesh Garg, Secretary, Department of Telecommunications and Department of Electronics and Information Technology (DEITY)

A PHD Chamber delegation led by Mr. R P Jhalani, Chairman, Committee on Electronics and Engineering Goods and Mr. Vivek Seigell, Director, PHD Chamber called on Mr. Rakesh Garg, Secretary, Department of Telecommunications and Department of Electronics Information Technology (DEITY) [Additional Charge], Ministry of Communications and IT, on August, 13, 2015 at Sanchar Bhawan, New Delhi. Mr. Rakesh Garg asked for inputs and suggestions from PHD Chamber for growth of domestic manufacturing in Electronics Sector in India. The delegation



invited Mr. Garg for the Conference of LED Manufacturing' as a Chief Guest on 'Make in India: Bright Prospects

Meeting with Secretary, Department of Electronics and Information Technology (DEITY), Ministry of Communications and IT



A PHD Chamber delegation led by Mr. Gopal Jiwarajka, Vice President, Mr. R. P. Jhalani, Chairman, Committee on Electronics and Engineering Goods, Mr. Atul Anand, Co –Chairman, ICT Committee and the secretariat team called on Mr. J. S. Deepak, Secretary, Department of Electronics and Information Technology (DEITY), Ministry of Communications and IT on September 17, 2015 at New Delhi. The delegation sought extensive cooperation between DEITY and PHD Chamber.



Young Business Leaders Forum

The Young Business Leaders Forum was constituted under the Chairmanship of Mr. Saket Dalmia and Kanika Shriram as Co-Chairmen.

Workshop on 'Failure is WOW – The only way to grow!'



PHD Chamber organized a workshop on 'Failure is WOW – The only way to grow!' on December 18, 2014 at PHD House, New Delhi. In his welcome address, Mr. Alok B Shriram, Senior Vice-President,

PHD Chamber stated that no one can guarantee that losses will not come knocking at your door, so the best thing to do is to prepare yourself well. Keynote speaker, Mr. Sushant Kalra, Founder Director,

Parwarish Institute of Parenting shared that the objective behind organizing this workshop was to transform the way we relate to our own failures in life and those of the team.



Interactive Session on 'Meeting the Need for the Next Generation of Leaders'



PHD Chamber's Young Business Leaders Forum (YBLF) organized an interactive session on 'Management Education Today: Meeting the Need for the Next Generation of Leaders' with Mr. Robert F. Bruner, Dean, Darden

School of Business, University of Virginia on March 9, 2015. Ms. Kanika Shriram, Chairperson, YBLF chaired the event. Mr. Bruner, a distinguished professor at the Darden School and author of several books on management

interacted with the members of the YBLF. Mr. Bruner made a presentation on Darden School's Global MBA program for Executives, which prepares individuals to manage business in an international setting.

CEO Talk Series - Interactive Session with MD, Volvo India

The Young Business Leaders Forum (YBLF) organized an interactive session on 'Building India: A Shared Responsibility' with Mr. Kamal Bali, Managing Director, Volvo India Pvt Ltd. on August 21, 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi, in association with BMD Pvt Ltd.

Mr. Bali expressed his views on how the Indian economy's future can be built through shared responsibility of the 'government' and the 'people'. He highlighted that we all are living in a VUCA (Volatile, Uncertain, Complex and Ambiguous) world where stocks, currencies, commodity prices



are volatile and unpredictable. He further added that given this volatile and unpredictable economic and industrial scenario,

quality, productivity, cost control, delivery and innovation are the key to success.



Mumbai Dabbawalas 'An Entrepreneurial Success Story'



The Young Business Leaders Forum (YBLF) organized a talk by Mr. Subhash Talekar and Mr. Arvind Talekar on Mumbai Dabbawalas 'An Entrepreneurial Success Story' on August 28, 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi. Mr. Subhash Talekar, whose grandfather founded the

Mumbai Dabbawalas, made a detailed presentation on the service delivery of Mumbai Dabbawalas. PHD Chamber's President, Mr. Alok B. Shriram appreciated the commendable performance of the Mumbai Dabbawalas. The talk was also attended by Chamber's

leadership that included Mr. Gopal S. Jiwarajika, Vice President, Mr. Saket Dalmia, Chairman and Ms. Kanika Shriram, Co-Chairman, YBLF and Mr. Saurabh Sanyal, Secretary General.

Interaction with Ambassador, Embassy of Luxembourg



The members of Young Business Leaders Forum (YBLF) were invited and hosted by H.E. Mr. Sam Schreiner, Ambassador and Ms. Laure Huberty, Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of Luxembourg

in India. The YBLF delegation was led by Mr. Pranav Poddar, Member, YBLF (Director, Synergy Envirionics Ltd). Mr. Schreiner highlighted Luxembourg as a strategic destination for setting up

business due to its stable socio-political environment that acts as an added advantage for the global companies operating in Luxembourg.



Second Meeting of Young Business Leaders Forum (2015-16)

The Second Meeting of the Young Business Leaders Forum was held on September 11, 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Saket Dalmia and co-chaired by Ms. Kanika Shriram. The Forum (YBLF) felicitated Dr. Mahesh Gupta, Senior Vice President, PHD Chamber for being conferred with honorary doctorate degree by Sri Sri University in Odisha for his exemplary work in the provision of clean drinking water across the country. Dr. Mahesh Gupta encouraged the Forum to align itself with the social initiatives of Government of India such as "Swachh Bharat Mission" and elaborated how the Forum could



align with these missions by taking small steps which will eventually lead to a bigger cause in national interest.

CEO Talk Series- Interactive Session with Managing Director, Bajaj Finserv Limited



The Young Business Leaders Forum (YBLF) organized an interactive session on 'Managing Business in Our New India' with Mr Sanjiv Bajaj, Managing Director, Bajaj Finserv Limited on October 6, 2015 at PHD House, New

Delhi. Mr. Sanjiv Bajaj advised corporate fraternity to observe all precautions to retain their reputation and maintain a track record of impeccable integrity to sustain their business operations and take no risks. He stated

that some leading corporations have recently suffered credibility loss by installing devices in their products that cheated not only the shareholders of the company but lost its market size and brought a disgrace to the company.



Interactive meeting with IKEA



The Young Business Leaders Forum (YBLF) organized an interactive session with IKEA on October 8, 2015 at IKEA office, Gurgaon. The

YBLF delegation was led by Ms. Kanika Shriram, Co-Chairperson, YBLF. The deliberations also focused on how YBLF and its

members could partner with IKEA for manufacturing and sourcing purposes.



CSR

The Committee on CSR was reconstituted under the Chairman of Dr. Suresh Goyal and Mr. Vinod Bansal as Co-Chairman with the objective to put together campaign of CSR activities done by the industries and to share it with all stakeholders including government.

Certificate Training Program on Strategies for Result-Oriented CSR

A certificate training program on 'Strategies for Result Oriented CSR' was organized by PHD Chamber, jointly with Indian Social Responsibility Network (ISRN) and the MSME Forum on December 18, 2014 at PHD Chamber, New Delhi. The program was inaugurated by

Mr. Jayant Sinha, Hon'ble Minister of State, Ministry of Finance, Dr. Vinay Sahsrabuddhe, National Vice President, BJP and Vice Chairperson, ISRN and Ms. Lalitha Kumarmanglam, Chairperson, National Commission for Women. Mr. Jayant Sinha, Hon'ble Minister

of State, Ministry of Finance spoke on the challenges of the government, how CSR can be implemented successfully and Certificate Training Program on Strategies for Result-Oriented CSR and how he visualizes the CSR concept going ahead in country.

Global CSR Summit: Giving Back to Society



PHD Chamber's Task Force on CSR organized a Global CSR Summit with the theme 'Giving back to society' at Udaipur on December 23, 2014. About 100 delegates, comprising of CSR Heads, academicians and corporate

honchos discussed trends of philanthropy in the light of societal and economical challenges and focused on connecting the link between the ideas of Giving back to Society with respect to CSR both in India and at the international level.

Ms. Roma Balwani, Group Head - CSR, Corporate Communications, Sustainability, Vedanta Group was the key note speaker for the Summit.



A Talk on CSR



With a thought of imparting technical knowledge about Corporate Social Responsibility, the CSR Committee of PHD Chamber organized 'A Talk on Corporate Social Responsibility' on February 18, 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi. Mr. Prashant Mukund Das, Vice President Operations at ISKCON Food Relief Foundation & Director Strategy of ISKCON and Prof. Ramesh Bhat, Professor, IIM Ahmedabad were the main speakers at the event.

Indian Sanitation Summit

PHD Chamber's CSR Committee in collaboration with India CSR organized a national level India Sanitation Summit with a theme: Sanitation for all – Toilet First at PHD House on February 6, 2015. The main objective of organizing this summit was to highlight various issues related to toilet and sanitation, health, education, women empowerment and behavioral change for wider social good.

Chief Guest, Mr. H. K. Patil Hon'ble Minister for Rural Development and Panchayat Raj, Govt. of Karnataka spoke about the new plan of introducing 'Right to Sanitation' in the state of Karnataka. His focus was on construction of toilets in certain regions of the state especially in school premises so



that it would not result in reduced attendance of girls in schools. Dr. Suresh Goyal, Chairman CSR Committee, PHD Chamber stated that in order to improve the quality of health of people, it is very

important to have clean sanitation conditions. To spread awareness NGOs, Corporate Foundations and academic institutions should also show concern in this endeavor.



Round Table on Strategic Role of NGOs in CSR Intervention

"Some companies have the understanding and are sensitized about Corporate Social Responsibility but most of them are still trying to get in terms with the legislation on CSR in the Companies Act 2013", said Dr. Kiran Bedi, Founder, Navjyoti India Foundation, while addressing a Round Table on Strategic Role of NGOs in CSR Intervention in PHD Chamber on July 30, 2015.



Dr. Kiran Bedi requested PHD Chamber to come up with a directory of NGOs working in specific domains, a web portal and next program in continuity with this Round Table, where Corporates can deliberate upon

the problems they are facing in channelizing their CSR funds for sustainable collaboration with NGOs. Dr. Suresh Goyal, Chairman, CSR Committee, PHD Chamber urged Corporates and

NGOs to synergize and work in perfect harmony with each other. Dr. Amod K. Kanth, General Secretary, Prayas Juvenile Aid Centre (JAC) Society, chaired the technical session.

Seminar on Transforming Social Enterprises Creating Strategic linkages between Farmers, Businesses and Techno-managerial Agencies through CSR



The CSR Committee of PHD Chamber organized a seminar on 'Transforming Social Enterprises: Creating strategic linkages between farmers, businesses and techno-managerial agencies through CSR' on September 4, 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi.

Mr. Yogesh Lohiya, Managing

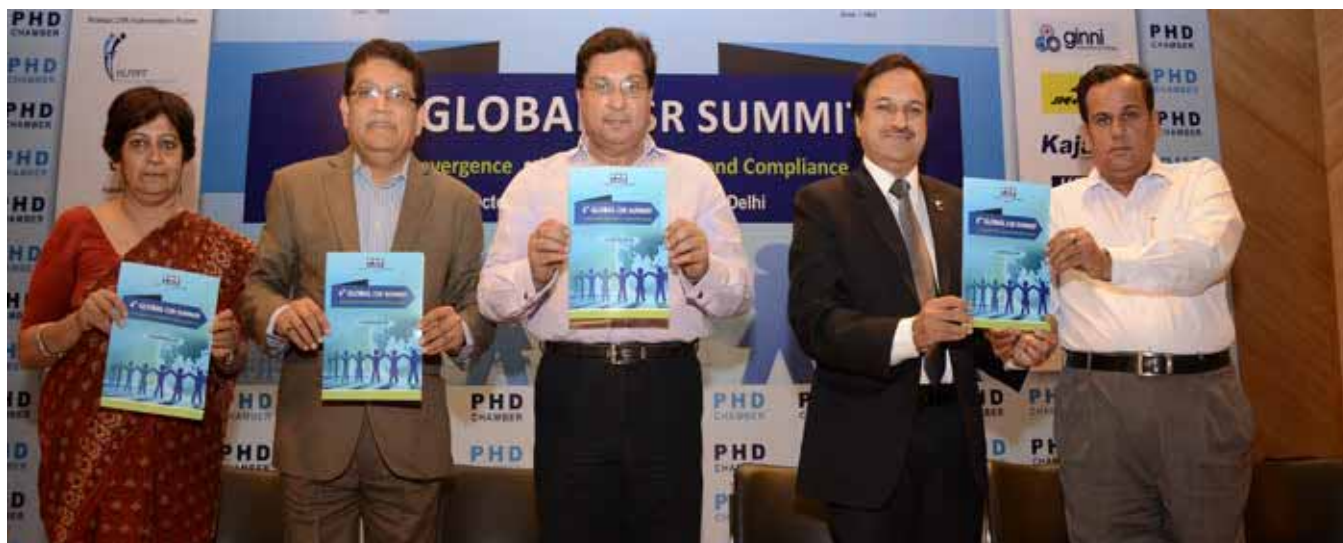
Director & CEO, IFFCO Tokio General Insurance Co. Ltd. inaugurated the seminar. Dr. Balvir Talwar, General Manager-CSR-Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd., Mr. Laxmi Prakash Semwal, Chairman and Mr. Jagdamba Samiti (SJS) were the distinguished speakers who deliberated at the inaugural session.

Mr. Lohiya congratulated PHD Chamber for giving a leading platform to the seminar on Transforming Social Enterprises as this issue plays an important role in connecting local industries with the larger market by up-skilling and upgrading them. Dr. Suresh Goyal, Chairman, CSR Committee, PHD Chamber stated that "Social Entrepreneurship has already found a place in the recently announced National Skill and Entrepreneurship Development Policy and with the directive of a mandatory two percent spend on CSR, it is an opportunity for all the business houses and social enterprises to synergize for a sustainable collaborative partnership."



4th Global CSR Summit

• Convergence • Innovation • Beyond Compliance



The 4th Global CSR Summit was organized by PHD Chamber on October 8, 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi on the theme 'Convergence, Innovation, Beyond Compliance'. Mr. Alok B. Shriram, President, PHD Chamber unveiled the initiatives being taken

by PHD Chamber and the two foundations, namely PHD Family Welfare Foundation and PHD Rural Development Foundation in executing integrated family welfare and rural development projects for the marginalized community. Chief Guest, Mr. A. K.

Pavadia Advisor, Inter-State Council Secretariat & Additional Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs said that convergence means when all the CSR activities are linked with the national development goals like Swachh Bharat Abhiyan and also to the international goals.

Consultation on National Day for Disaster Reduction “Strengthening Multi-Stakeholder Coordination for Mainstreaming DRR”

A Consultation on National Day for Disaster Reduction was organized under the aegis of PHD Chamber on October 29, 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi in collaboration with National Institute of Disaster Management, Sphere India and its member agencies and BBC Media Action. Dr. Anil Gupta, Head, Division of Policy Planning, NIDM, stated that 'for catering Disaster Risk Reduction, local neighborhood disaster management approach is utmost essential and the need of



the hour is to mitigate the risks and vulnerability, which will improve

the sustainable infrastructure and livelihood of the people.



Interactive Session with Mr. Arvind Kejriwal, Hon'ble CM of Govt. of NCT Delhi



An interactive session with Mr. Arvind Kejriwal, Hon'ble CM of Government of NCT Delhi was organized under the aegis of PHD Chamber on November 16, 2015. The session was envisaged to bring together Corporate leaders, government representatives, implementing agencies and business experts to identify the practical doable solutions for the problems stakeholders are facing at the ground level in availing

cost effective quality health care in public health sector and to brainstorm a way forward to integrate CSR into core business values.

Mr. Arvind Kejriwal appealed to the industry to liberally come forward to adopt Mohalla Clinics that the Delhi government intends to put up in 1,000 numbers and take advantage of CSR initiative. The Mohalla Clinics will be a great

facilitator to provide health care to Aam Aadmi in Delhi.

Minister of Health, Government of NCT of Delhi, Mr. Satyendra Jain appealed to the industry to liberally come forward to adopt Mohalla Clinics in different financial models ranging from 1 lac to 20,000 lacs. The Mohalla Clinics will be a great facilitator to reduce rush in the already choked hospitals.



Membership Development

The Membership Development Committee was reconstituted under the Chairmanship of Mr. Ashish Agarwal and Mr. Padam Kumar Gupta as Co-Chairman with the objective to put together campaign of CSR activities done by the industries to share it with all stakeholders including government.

1st National Competition for Budding Managers 2015



PHD Chamber organized the '1st National Competition for Budding Manager 2015' on November 6, 2015 at New Delhi. In the backdrop of globalizing corporate culture, competitive environment

and leaps of advancements in information technology, this year's National Competition for Budding Managers, the first in its series posed an apt challenge for the young students.

Chief Guest, Mr. Lov Verma, IAS, Secretary, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment emphasized the need for more such competitions in the near future and also shared the global perspective with respect to tourism in India. Mr. P. P. Srivastav, Former Member, North Eastern Council & Former Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs opined that this theme was very relevant at present times and India can become a global power house in tourism if we focus on our advantages.





Student – Industry Interface Towards New Horizons



The Membership Development Committee & Entertainment & Media Committee of PHD Chamber has organized a Student – Industry Interface Towards New Horizons in association with Sacred Heart University, Luxembourg on July 28, 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi. The Luxembourg Campus provides the opportunity for working professionals to obtain an MBA or refresh their skills with a professional certificate program. Dr. Alfred Steinherr led a group of

25 MBA students for the industry interface program. Dr. Steinherr, is Professor of Economics and Finance, and Academic Director of the Luxembourg campus.

Mr Mukesh Gupta, Chairman, Entertainment & Media Committee, PHD Chamber in his welcome remarks highlighted the PHD Chamber activities in the area of media and entertainment. Ms Laura Huberty, Deputy Head, Embassy of Luxembourg thanked

PHD Chamber for organizing this interface. Mr Manoj Kumar, Managing Partner, Hamurabi & Solomon highlighted the Indian Law. Dr Steinherr, Prof. of Economic and Finance, Sacred Heart University, Luxembourg requested for exchange of students for higher education in the area of law, finance, economics. etc.

About 65 MBA students attended the convention.



Foreign Trade and Investment

The Foreign Trade and Investment Committee was reconstituted under the Chairmanship of Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal with Mr. Sanjay Beswal and Mr. Surinder Kalra as Co-Chairman with the objective to promote trade and industry and help exporters to boost their exports.

Interactive Session with RAK Free Trade Zone Authority, Govt. of UAE



The Chamber organized interactive sessions and B2B meetings with the officials from Ras Al Khaimah (RAK) Free Trade Zone Authority, Govt. of UAE, January 22-24, 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi. Mr. Bissoon Surnam, Senior Advisor and his team Mr. Abhilash Nair and Ms. Fouzia Khan, RAK FTZ India Liaison Office participated in the interactive session. Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, Chairman, Foreign Trade and Investment Committee, PHD Chamber, highlighted that India's growing and competent manufacturing and MSME segment can contribute in strengthening bilateral economic cooperation between the two regions.

Mr. Surnam apprised that the RAK Free Trade Zone offered a unique opportunity for Indian businessmen particularly in New Delhi and the neighboring business centers to plan overseas ventures.



Summit on 'India: The Future Global Healthcare Hub'



The Foreign Trade & Investment Committee and Health Committee of PHD Chamber jointly organized a summit on 'India: The Future

Global Healthcare Hub', with the support of the Ministry of External Affairs on May 1, 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi.

H.E. Ms. Gennet Zewide, Ambassador, Embassy of Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia was the Chief Guest at the inaugural session while H.E. Prof. Sudharshan Seneviratne, High Commissioner of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka was the Chief Guest at the valedictory session.

Around 150 representatives from the industry, including 20 diplomats, participated in the event.

Open House Session with DGFT Team on the New Foreign Trade Policy (2015-2020)



The Foreign Trade and Investment Committee, PHD Chamber organized an 'Open House Session' with Mr. Pravir Kumar, Director General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) and his team on the New Foreign Trade Policy (2015-2020) on April 13, 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi. He was accompanied by Mr.

D.K. Singh and Mr. Jaikant Singh, Additional DGFTs. Mr. Alok B. Shriram, President, PHD Chamber highlighted that the government needs to instill confidence amongst exporters by creating a hassle-free business environment by strengthening infrastructure facilities and by ensuring adequate

financial support. Mr. Pravir Kumar, Director General of Foreign Trade, Government of India in his address said that the new policy aims at promoting diversification, boosting manufacturing, rationalizing imports and having hassle-free processes and procedures in place.



Seminar on 'FDI: Opportunities and Challenges'



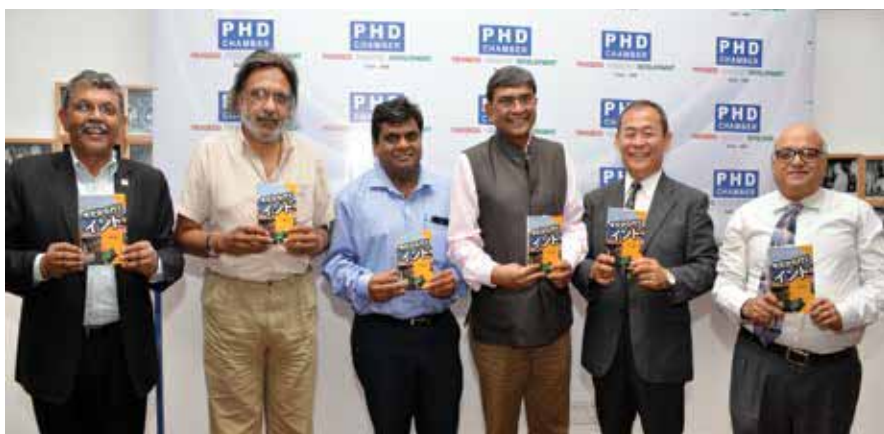
The Foreign Trade and Investment Committee, PHD Chamber organized a seminar on 'FDI: Opportunities & Challenges' on July 10, 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi.

Chief Guest, Mr. Ajay Shankar spoke about the common nature of domestic and foreign

investments. He said that an increase in domestic investment would imply an increase in foreign investment and vice versa. Guest of Honour, Dr. Subir Gokarn, Former Deputy Governor, RBI and Director Research, Brookings India while addressing the participants about the current FDI scenario in India gave emphasis on the forces

that are shaping the prospects for investments in India. The Inaugural Session was presided over by Mr. Alok B. Shriram, President, PHD Chamber. Mr. Shriram spoke on the importance of FDI for India and how it has been instrumental in providing stimulus to the Indian economy.

Interaction with Director, Bharat Japan Business Support Institute Co. Ltd., Japan



PHD Chamber organized an interaction with Mr. Takayuki Hirano, Director, Bharat Japan

Business Support Institute Co. Ltd., Japan on August 4, 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi.

Mr. Saurabh Sanyal while welcoming Mr. Hirano mentioned that he was the first overseas member of the Chamber. He had recently authored a book titled, "Now is the Right Time to go to India" emphasizing on the importance of Indo-Japanese relations. Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, Chairman, Foreign Trade and Investment Committee, PHD Chamber, in his welcome address highlighted that this is the opportune time for the business communities of both the nations to explore opportunities for bilateral economic cooperation.



AMBASSADORS' MEET - Fostering International Economic Cooperation



PHD Chamber organized its Ambassadors' Meet, an annual Reception-cum-Informal Get-Together with the Ambassadors / High Commissioners/ Economic and Commercial Counsellors and Senior Diplomats of various countries in India, on March 28, 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi.

interaction between industry and the diplomatic community.

Mr. Alok B. Shriram, President, PHD Chamber reiterated the government's renewed focus on building cordial and inclusive ties with the countries of South Asia and the special focus being

accorded to the African continent.

This year, over 80 diplomats including Ambassadors / High Commissioners/ Economic and Commercial Counsellors / Senior Diplomats representing more than 45 countries of attended the event.

Chief Guest, Ms. Sujata Mehta, Secretary (ER&DPA), Ministry of External Affairs appreciated the Chamber's unique event to engage with diplomats to thank them for their endeavours in taking forward the economic political, social and cultural ties between our countries. She said that for the expansion of economic activities, the Government of India is putting its best foot forward. She mentioned that events like the 'Ambassadors' Meet', provide an excellent opportunity for informal





PHD Chamber Foundations

PHD FAMILY WELFARE FOUNDATION (PHDFWF)

PHD Chamber has always worked towards building a nation where economic and social equity benefits all segments of society. It is with this fundamental philosophy “In Community’s Life and Part of It”, that PHD Family Welfare Foundation was established in 1981. Since then, PHDFWF has been continuously working towards strengthening the socio-economic status of the underprivileged communities.

PHD Chamber’s Family Welfare Foundation has been actively implementing different community development projects for the last two and half decades in the slum and rural areas in the field of health and family welfare, skill development training programs for poor women and youth, Self Help Groups, mobile medical care, primary health centre, sanitation facilities for girls in village schools, target intervention on prevention of STD/HIV/AIDS, Polio eradication, support & care for people living with disabilities, female foeticide, adult education, self-defence training, free English learning classes for poor youth, etc.

Geographical Area of Operation: PHDFWF operates in the States of Rajasthan, Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarkhand, Himachal Pradesh, Odisha & Delhi.

HEALTH CARE

PHDFWF-Seth Madanlall Palriwala Foundation Mobile Medical Van

During the year, 139 free health check-up camps were organized in the slums of Delhi, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan and Uttarakhand and 12,862 patients were examined during this period. Free diagnostic care, clinical services and medicines were also distributed to the patients.





PHDFWF-Target Intervention Project on HIV/AIDS

This project has been running in association with Delhi State AIDS Control Society for the last 11 years. During this period, 2290 patients attended STD clinic and 41 STI cases were treated. 163 Group meetings, 5 nukkad natak on awareness on HIV/STD were organized at different hotspots. 11885 patients for ICTC and 812 for RPR were tested. 40 review meetings and one community event was also organized on March 30, 2015 at Tekhand village, Okhla Phase-I. One full day training program on awareness on STD/HIV/AIDS was organized



on May 12 2015 at PHD House for the outreach workers, peer educators and staff of PHDFWF-TI

project. Special trainers from Delhi State AIDS Control Society (DSACS) conducted the programme.

PHDFWF Free Cancer Detection Camps



PHD Family Welfare Foundation with financial support from Sunil Healthcare Ltd., Aruna Abhey Oswal Trust and Winsome Foundation organized free Cancer Detection Camps on April 8 & 10, 2015 at PHDFWF-RMK Integrated Resource Centre, Rohini and on July 16, 2015 at

Tekhand village, Okhla Phase-I and on September 29, 2015 at Vinodpuri resettlement colony in association with Indian Cancer Society. The Foundation organized the camps to create awareness among slum dwellers about basic understanding of the dreadful disease. Specialised doctors like

Oncologist, Gynaecologist & ENT Specialist examined the patients. On the spot investigations like blood test, ENT check up, X-Ray etc. were also conducted. 260 men & women above 20 years benefited from the camps.



PHDFWF-Medanta Free Health Check-up Camps

PHDFWF in association with Medanta, the Medicity organized two free health check-up camps on May 27, 2015 at the PHD House, New Delhi and on August 30, 2015 at Janakpuri, Delhi during this period. Free consultations on Obesity & Weight Management, Eye Check-up, Cardiac Disease, Neurology, Headache, Respiratory/ Lungs Diseases and Breast Cancer Diseases and free Checkup Facilities for Blood Pressure, E.C.G., Blood Sugar, Echocardiography, Cholesterol, Mammography, and Pulmonary Function Testing (PFT) were also provided in the camps. More than 370 patients benefited from both the camps.



SKILL BUILDING

PHDFWF- Rashtriya Mahila Kosh Project

Training in computer education, tailoring and beauty culture course are being provided at the Centre. 301 trainees have completed their courses and received certificates and presently 125 trainees are undergoing training in different skills at the Centre. During this period ten SHG meetings and twelve health awareness programs were organized in slum areas and the centres. Four self-defence training to the local girls & women were also organized during this period where 58 girls & women benefited from these trainings.



PHDFWF-Seth Madanlall Palriwala Foundation Skill Development Project

Training in tailoring and embroidery, beauty culture, mehendi application, English speaking and nursing assistance is being provided at the Centre. Eight awareness generation programs and ten SHGs meetings were conducted during this period.



PHDFWF-New Zealand High Commission Project in Uttar Pradesh

PHDFWF has been awarded a third project by the New Zealand High Commission for setting up a skill building project at Barsu village near Khatauli, Uttar Pradesh. The project is providing training in computer education, tailoring and adult education to the local girls, women and youth at the Centre. 16 awareness generation programs on different social and health issues, vermi and nedap compost, soil conservation, nukkad nataks were organized during this period under this project on a regular basis.



PHDFWF-Hindustan Tin Works Ltd. Skill Development Project



This project is being run by PHDFWF in association with Hindustan Tin Works Limited. Total 270 trainees have availed training in tailoring, computer education and beauty culture at the Centre. A good number of these trainees have already been employed in different places or are self-employed and earning their livelihood from their residence itself. Awareness generation programs on different issues with social and health concerns were organized during this period. Presently 75 trainees are undergoing training at the Centre.



PHDFWF-Fena Skill Development Project

The PHDFWF with financial assistance from Fena Foundation is providing training in tailoring and beauty culture at the Centre at Tekhand Village, Okhla Phase-I. 130 girls and women already completed their courses and presently 142 trainees are undergoing training in the Centre.



PHDFWF-Priyadarshini Skill Development Training Centre



Presently 72 women and youth are undergoing training in computer education, tailoring and beauty culture at Bhmbasti, Jonapur Centre. The project is being supported by Priyadarshini.

PHDFWF-Transport Corporation of India Skill Development Training Centre

The project is being supported by the Transport Corporation of India Skill Development Training Centre. At the Centre, 64 women and youth are undergoing training in computer education, beauty culture and tailoring.





PHDFWF Painting & Mehendi Course



The PHDFWF has been providing training in painting and mehendi for women and girls at the Okhla centre for the last five years. Currently 12 trainees are availing training at the Centre and already 240 students have completed their courses.

COHESIVE INTERFACE

Meeting with Hon'ble Cabinet Minister, Ministry of Women and Child Development

Ms. Anuradha Goel, Chairperson, PHDFWF and Women and Child Development Committee, Mr. Saurabh Sanyal, Secretary General, PHD Chamber, Ms. Meera Goyal, Senior member of the Foundation along with secretariat team met Ms. Maneka Sanjay Gandhi, Hon'ble Cabinet Minister for Women and Child Development on August 3, 2015 at New Delhi. The Chairperson briefed the Minister about the activities of the Foundation and Women and Child Development Committee.



The Minister acknowledged the initiatives taken by the Chamber for the welfare of the society. She also urged the Chamber to

launch more innovative and useful projects for the betterment of the women and girl thus improving the society and the Nation as a whole.

Meeting with Dr. Najma A Heptulla, Union Minister for Minority Affairs, GOI

Mr. Alok B Shriram, President, PHD Chamber, Ms. Anuradha Goel, Chairperson, PHD Family Welfare Foundation, Mr. Saurabh Sanyal, Secretary General, PHD Chamber, Mrs. Teevra Sharma, Senior Exec-Officer, PHDFWF met Dr. Najma A Heptulla, Union Minister for Minority Affairs on January 28, 2015.

The President and the Chairperson briefed the Minister about core activities of the Chamber and its



Foundations. Dr. Heptulla evinced keen interest in the welfare and

development projects being implemented by the Foundation.



Meeting with Mrs. Vijaylaxmi Joshi, Secretary, Ministry of Drinking Water & Sanitation

Mrs. Anuradha Goel, Chairperson, PHDFWF and the secretariat team of PHDFWF called on Ms. Vijaylaxmi Joshi, Secretary, Ministry of Drinking Water & Sanitation, GOI on July 23, 2015 to discuss the activities of the PHDFWF on sanitation and other welfare activities being undertaken. The Secretary evinced keen interest in associating with the PHD Chamber to create awareness on 'Swachh Bharat Abhiyan' through its eminent members in their respective industrial areas.



An Interactive Session with Nobel Laureate, Mr. Kailash Satyarthi on Child Rights and Issues



PHDFWF, WCD Committee and YBLF of PHD Chamber organized an interactive session with the Nobel Peace Prize Winner Mr. Kailash Satyarthi on "Child Rights and Issues" on July 13, 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi. Mr. Kailash Satyarthi inaugurated the program by lighting the lamp in the gracious presence of Mr. Alok B. Shriram, President, PHD Chamber, Mr. Mahesh Gupta, Senior Vice President, PHD Chamber, Ms. Anuradha Goel, Chairperson, PHDFWF & WCD Committee, Mr. Saket Dalmia, Chairperson, YBLF, PHD Chamber, Ms. Kanika Shriram, Co- Chairperson, YBLF, PHD Chamber, Mr. Saurabh Sanyal, Secretary General, PHD Chamber and other distinguished members of PHD Chamber and PHDFWF in the interactive session. About 450 people attended the program and benefited from the enlightening views of Mr. Satyarthi.



PHDFWF-SMPF-MoU SIGNING



A Memorandum of Understanding was signed on July 30, 2015 between Seth Madanlal Palriwala Foundation, PHDFWF, Navjyoti India Foundation and Sapna for Mobile Medical Van Project, Skill Development Project living in Slums of Delhi, Water Harvesting Project, Upscaling Human Capital,

and Remedial Education Project for the year 2015-16. Dr Kiran Bedi, IPS (Retd.), Mr Mahesh Gupta, Senior Vice President, PHD Chamber, Ms. Anuradha Goel, Chairperson PHDFWF Ms. S.D Palriwala, Ms Suman Gupta, Trustee, SMPF, Mr Rajendra Lakhota, Ms. Kavita Lakhota, Ms. Rajni Palriwala, Mr.

R.R.P Singh, Secretary, Sapna, Mr Saurabh Sanyal, Secretary General, PHD Chamber and other senior members of the PHDFWF, SMPF, NIF and Sapna were present on the occasion. 70 people attended the programme.

EDUCATION

PHDFWF Free English Learning Centers

PHDFWF in association with AAM Foundation has been running English learning centers in resettlement areas of Okhla slums, Vinodpuri and Pandavnagar in Delhi since 2011. Currently 520 students are availing free training in working English through computers at these centers. Already 3240 students have completed their course.





PHDFWF Non- formal education

The PHDFWF plays a very vital role in the rural & slum areas by providing Non formal education to children who are either not enrolled or are drop-outs from school. It is an alternative to formal primary education for children in the age group between 5 and 14 years who cannot afford formal primary educational system to strengthen their fundamental knowledge and shape their future destiny.



PHDFWF Adult Education Centres



The Foundation has been running three adult education training centres in villages of Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and Okhla slums in Delhi. The objective is to impart basic education specially to those who have not had the advantage of proper education and to develop oral communication skills to lead a better and fuller life.

SELF HELP GROUP (SHGS)

The Foundation has already formed 16 Self Help Groups under different projects. Training & finance management, linkages the members with banks and market places and try to empower women through income generation training programs like pickle making, phenyl making, candle making, mushroom cultivation, saree embroidery etc. are being organized for their livelihood.





WATER HARVESTING INITIATIVES

Observation of World Disability Day by PHDFWF



To honour and appreciate the splendid talent of children with special abilities PHD Family Welfare Foundation in association with Department of Disability Affairs, Government of India organized the World Disability Day "Together For Better World For All: Including Persons with Disabilities" on December 6, 2014 at the PHD House New Delhi. Around 50 children from NIVH, Dehradun and Delhi based NGOs presented a program of Sufi music and dance.

Distribution of Wheel Chairs at Vinodpuri Centre

PHDFWF in association with Punjab National Bank-Prerna donated ten wheel chairs to differently abled person on 3rd March 2015 at the SMPF Skill Building Centre at Vinodpuri. These supporting tools will make them become self dependent and instill sense of self confidence. Senior official from PNB, FWF staff and local people were present on the occasion.



Distribution of Wheel Chairs to Differently Abled Persons



PHDFWF in association with Punjab National Bank-Prerna donated three wheel chairs, five rickshaws to differently abled persons and two tailoring machines to a poor girl and a woman on the occasion of Independence Day on August 15, 2015 at the corporate office PNB, New Delhi. Ms. Usha Ananthasubramanian, MD & CEO, PNB hoisted the flag in the auspicious presence of Mr. K. S. Mehta, Mentor PHDFWF and members of PNB Prerna and PHDFWF.



HEALTH TALKS

Health Talk on 'Wellness and Nutrition'

PHDFWF organised a Health Talk on 'Wellness and Nutrition' by Tapasya Mundhra on February 26, 2015. The programme was moderated by Ms. Seima Jindal Jajodia. The talk aimed to bring peoples' lives towards a good and healthy course and how healthy food can do wonders if taken wisely. She also provided customized solutions to overcome certain health issues which could produce magical results in a small time. The session was followed by question answer session. 85 participants benefited from the talk.



PHDFWF-Medanta Health Awareness Talk



PHDFWF in association with Medanta, the Medicity organised a free health awareness talk on "Obesity & Weight Management" and "Prevention of EYE Problems at Early Stage" by Dr. Sandeep Malhotra, Director GL and Bariatric Surgery, Medanta and Dr. Sudipto Pakrasi, Chairman Ophthalmology, Medanta respectively. About 158 people benefitted from the talks.

Health talk on Aches & Pain: Back & Knee

PHDFWF organized a health talk on 'Aches & Pain: Back & Knee' by Dr. Mathew Varghese an Orthopaedic Surgeon of international repute, the Head of Department of Orthopaedics and former Director, St. Stephen's Hospital, Delhi on July 2, 2015 at PHD House, New Delhi. Mr. Alok B Shriram, President, PHD Chamber delivered the welcome address in the presence of Ms. Anuradha Goel, Chairperson, PHDFWF and other members of PHDFWF



and PHDCCI-WCD Committee. More than 100 people attended and benefitted from the programme.



Observation of International Yoga Day

PHDFWF in association with SAF celebrated The 'International Yoga Day' on Stress Reduction & Wellness Through Yoga & Ayurveda by Yogi Dr. Amrit Raj and Vaidyaratnam Dr. Rakesh Agarwal on June 23, 2015, at PHD House, New Delhi in gracious presence of Mr. Gopal S Jiwrajka, Vice President, PHD Chamber, Ms. Kiran Walia, Ex-Minister of Education, Social Welfare Women & Child Development, Government of NCT Delhi, Ms. Anuradha Goel, Chairperson, PHDFWF, Mr. Saurabh Sanyal, Secretary General, PHD Chamber and other members of PHDFWF and SAF. More than 150 people benefited from this programme.

Workshop on Gender Sensitisation

PHDFWF and Women & Child Development Committee jointly organized a workshop on 'Gender Sensitisation' on July 8, 2015 at the Jonapur Skill Development Centre. Members of Gender Committee provided training on different policies, rights, treatment, discrimination and equal opportunity for modifying community behavior to the local women and girls. More than 75 women and girls benefited from the program.



Observation of World AIDS Day

The FWF staff and peer group participated World AIDS Day on December 1, 2014 at the Talkatora Stadium in New Delhi organized by the National AIDS Control Organisation, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and UNDP. Mr. Jagat Prakash Nanda, Hon'ble Minister of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India was the Chief Guest of the programme.

SANITATION PROGRAMME

The PHDFWF constructed toilet facilities for girls in government schools and community centres in the rural areas to provide dignity to the girl child and to overcome the hindrance in the education of poor. It aims at promotion of better health and hygiene in schools and the communities.





RESOURCE MOBILISATION PROGRAMMES

Musical Ballet on 'Krishna'



The Foundation organized a Musical Ballet 'Krishna' on September 1, 2015 presented by Shriram Bharatiya Kala Kendra at the Kamani Auditorium. Mr. Alok B. Shriram, President, PHD Chamber, Mr. Gopal Jiwarajka, Vice President, PHD Chamber, Ms. Anuradha Goel, Chairperson, PHDFWF and Past Presidents as well as eminent members of PHD Chamber and PHDFWF were present on the occasion among others. Prof. Kiran Walia, former Minister, Govt. NCT of Delhi, Dr. Anjali Ela Menon, Female Artists, were also among the dignitaries present on the occasion. About 440 participants attended the program.

Musical Event - Nitin Mukesh Night



PHDFWF organized a 'Musical Night' by well known singer Nitin Mukesh on March 19, 2015 at the Kamani Auditorium, New Delhi in association with Samagam. Mr. Alok B. Shriram, President, PHD Chamber and Mr. Gopal Jiwarajka, Vice President, PHD Chamber, Ms. Anuradha Goel, Chairperson, PHDFWF, Ms. Karuna Shriram, Ms. Neetu Jiwarajka, Mr. Saurabh Sanyal, Secretary General, PHD Chamber, Past Presidents along with eminent members of PHD Chamber & PHDFWF were present on the occasion. More than 600 persons enjoyed the program.



SPECIAL FOCUS IN DISASTER & EMERGENCY SITUATIONS

Dispatch of relief material to the victims of Nepal Earthquake



As the powerful and deadliest earthquake hit Nepal, killed more than 7000 people and caused massive destruction, PHD Chamber has sent relief material like medicines, food items, utensils, blankets, water etc. through NDMA, Government of India for the earthquake victims. Members and employees of PHD Chamber and PHD Family Welfare Foundation contributed the relief materials in cash and kind. Mr. Alok B Shriram, President, PHD Chamber flagged off three trucks loaded with relief materials on May 8, 2015 from the PHD House, New Delhi in gracious presence of Mr. Gopal Jiwarajka, Vice president, PHD Chamber and Mr. Saurabh Sanyal, Secretary General, PHD Chamber.

Distribution of quilts, mattresses & blankets at J & K and Delhi



In view of harsh winter season, the PHDFWF distributed warm clothing, mattresses, quilts & blankets to the victims of J & K rain disaster during December 2014. Mr. Jaswant Rai, Former Chairman, PHDFWF distributed blankets to the needy persons at the PHD Chamber.



Self-Defence Training programme



PHDFWF organized eight Self-Defence Training Programs for 10 days each by specially trained personnel from Delhi Police Women's Unit for women and girls living in slum areas and resettlement colonies of Jonapur, Rohini, Vinodpuri and Okhla during the period under review. In the wake of rising crimes against women, the objective of these training programs is to teach them basic self-defence techniques to protect themselves under all circumstances and lead a safer life.



PHD RURAL DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION (PHDRDF)

PHD Chamber has always worked towards building a nation where economic and social equity benefits all segments of society. It is with this fundamental philosophy “In Community’s Life and Part of It”, that PHD Rural Development Foundation was established in 1981. Since then, PHDRDF has been continuously working towards strengthening the socio-economic status of the underprivileged communities by providing greater access of basic services.

Activities during 2015

“Empower Villages, Empower India” - with this motto, PHD Rural Development Foundation (PHDRDF), with support from its donors including Corporate India, Public Sector Undertakings and International bodies, has been working towards providing greater access to basic human needs and facilities, such as cleanliness, for example the “Swachh Bharat Mission” initiated by our Prime Minister in September 2014 to provide sanitation facilities or working towards training and capacity building of youth under “Skill India Campaign”. PHDRDF believes in inclusive growth to facilitate creation of a value based empowered society particularly in rural areas through continuous and purposeful engagement with all stakeholders in the social development sector. We strive to achieve sustainable development in all spheres of life, including education, healthcare & sanitation, livelihood and rain water harvesting.



PHDRDF & HEALTHCARE

PHDRDF has been actively involved in healthcare activities and conducting more than 90 Mobile health camps every month at different locations across various states in association with Corporates and PSUs. This program provides free medical consultancy and medicines to the less privileged communities at their doorstep through a dedicated & qualified team of doctors, ANM (Auxiliary Nurse and Midwife) and lab technicians and generates awareness on key health issues like Child & Maternal Health, Hygiene & Sanitation, Drug Addiction, Malaria, HIV/AIDS and Adolescence health, to name a few areas.



BHEL Health Camps & Awareness Campaigns



PHDRDF in partnership with BHEL has been conducting generic mobile health camps at their four plant locations – Goindwal (Punjab), Haridwar (Uttarakhand), Jagdishpur (UP) and Bhopal (Madhya Pradesh). This year 205 generic health camps were successfully conducted in Goindwal which benefitted around 19,500 patients. About 230 generic health camps were conducted in Haridwar which benefitted more than 15,500 patients. In Jagdishpur, more than 16,000 patients were benefitted through 216 camps. In Bhopal,



85 generic health camps were held and benefitted around 5,300 patients. PHDRDF also conducted Free Hepatitis 'B' Vaccination

programme in Haridwar and more than 600 children were vaccinated.

PMV Maltings Pvt. Ltd



PHDRDF along with PMV Maltings Pvt Ltd., a leading producer of premium quality malt, undertook healthcare campaigns in Pataudi (Rajasthan) and Kashipur (Uttarakhand). 22 generic health camps have been conducted under this project which has benefitted 2,500 people. Awareness sessions on anemia were conducted in Government schools especially for the girl students.



BSES Yamuna Power Limited (BYPL)



PHDRDF with support from BSES Yamuna Power Limited (BYPL) is conducting free health camps in the low income settlements (LIS) of outer Delhi. In the first phase of the intervention, PHDRDF conducted 50 mobile health camps. In the second phase a two- day mega camp was held where 625 people benefitted. In the third phase, 20 health camps per month are being conducted with an outreach to more than 2000 patients each month.

HPL Additives Limited



HPL Additives Limited (HPLA) has partnered with PHDRDF to implement generic health care camps as a CSR initiative in FY 2014-15. Continuing the partnership, this year a Woman and Child Health Care Centre was set up across three villages – Dhatir, Sikanderpur and Saroorpur in Faridabad, Haryana. Regular generic health camps and awareness camps are also being organised in the above three villages reaching out to about 1500 people each month. Health kits were distributed during awareness camps.

Skippers Electricals (India) Ltd.

A one day health care campaign was conducted which benefited around 160 indigent people with support of Skipper Electricals.

Kadimi Tools Mfg. Co. (P) Ltd.

Kadimi Tools in association with PHDRDF is implementing healthcare activities under CSR in two villages viz. Dharuhera and Kapashera in Gurgaon. 10 Generic health camps/ awareness camps were conducted from July 2015 onwards reaching out to more than 1000 people.





PHDRDF & WATER HARVESTING

PHDRDF is a pioneer in constructing water harvesting structures, like a) check dams to recharge ground water level, b) installation of lift irrigation systems to improve ease of access to water in farmlands and c) revival of existing water structures like village ponds. PHDRDF has constructed around 180 water harvesting structures so far across Rajasthan and Haryana. This year alone PHDRDF has completed 17 water harvesting structures and installed five lift irrigation systems. These projects will significantly improve the socio economic conditions of the farmers with increased potential of personal disposable income, and improved living standard.

Lift Irrigation System Installation



Five Lift Irrigation Systems (LIS) was installed for four check dams built by PHDRDF with support from various donors. This intervention provided the farmers easy and timely access to the water reservoir enabling them to irrigate their farm lands and thereby increasing their agricultural yield.

Rotary India Water Conservation Trust

- PHDRDF completed the construction of Lal Kuan Joshi Wala Check dam in Alwar Rajasthan with support of RIWCT (Rotary India Water Conservation Trust). The dam aims to reach out to 500 beneficiaries by recharging the water table in the locality.
- Construction of a water reservoir – Baba Chand Chak Nath Wala, was done with the support of Rotary International at Pataudi, Haryana. 45 Rotarians from three countries i.e. Germany, France and India volunteered for Shram Daan three days during the construction process. The reservoir will provide safe water to more than 1600 direct beneficiaries across the villages and will be utilised for irrigation and dairy purpose.
- PHDRDF with support of Rotary Club of Delhi South Central constructed three Check Dams - Dola Bhata, Mandir Wala and Tatla Wala in Sikar, Rajasthan. The dam aims to provide water to more than 2000 beneficiaries across 6 villages by recharging the water table in the locality. The dams were inaugurated in the presence of Rotary members and handed over to the community.
- With the support of Hager Foundation (Germany) and Mr. Philippe Dangelser (Rotarian from France) , PHDRDF constructed two check dams in Sikar, Rajasthan – Saidalawala and Babawala, which will benefit 5000 villagers. The team also distributed stationery kits among school children in Government schools in Sikar.





- Two check dams– Binjari Wala and Onda Wala in Sikar and Alwar, Rajasthan respectively are being constructed with support of Eau Sans Frontières Internationale, France and Mr. Philippe Dangelser. These will benefit around 2500 villagers post completion.



- PHDRDF in presence of Rtn Sushil Gupta, Rtn Atul Dev, Rtn Ranjan Dhingra, Rtn Philippe Dangelser and members of Hager Foundation released a booklet titled 'Conserving Water in the Dry Lands of Rajasthan and Haryana' which enlisted the 58 water harvesting structures built by PHDRDF in partnership with RIWCT.

HSIL Limited

PHDRDF partnered with HSIL on February 12, 2015 and constructed two Check Dams - Pandawala and Nariyawala at Khotidarifa and Guwarahar respectively in Alwar District of Rajasthan and benefit more than 1500 people by recharging the ground water and conserving the surface water.



Trianz India Ltd & Hindustan Tin India Ltd



PHDRDF with support from Trianz India Ltd & Hindustan Tin India Ltd constructed the Beena Wala Check Dam in Alwar, Rajasthan. The dam will provide water to 1625 beneficiaries by recharging the water table in the locality.



Embassy of Japan



PHDRDF constructed a 700 ft long Check Dam with water holding capacity of 16 Lacs cu.mt in Mohammadabas Village of Firozpur Jhirka block in Haryana in partnership with the Embassy of Japan. Mr. Shinichi Higuchi First Secretary of the Embassy of Japan said, "this is the longest check dam that they have supported so far and it plays a significant role in strengthening the friendship of India and Japan."

S.S.Kothari & Co. and Hindustan Tin Works Ltd.

PHDRDF with joint support of S.S.Kothari & Co. and Hindustan Tin Works Ltd. constructed a check dam at Jodhli Wala in Sikar District of Rajasthan. The dam aims to provide water of 517 beneficiaries by recharging the water table in the locality.



Dhanuka Agritech Limited



A MoU was signed between PHDRDF and Dhanuka Agritech limited for constructing two water check dams at Mainpura ki Dhani and Sankotra in Neemla Tehsil, Jaipur, and Rajasthan. The construction is in progress and after completion the project will benefit approximately 2150 people.



Ananda – The Coca Cola India Foundation

PHDRDF and The Coca Cola Foundation signed an MoU for constructing one check dam in Jugalpura, Sikar district Rajasthan. The dam will benefit 6,500 people of 4 villages after its completion. The Coca-Cola India Foundation, works towards sustainable development and inclusive growth so that it can contribute to a strong and resolute India enabling the common man to better his or her life.

Oriental Carbon Chemicals Limited

PHDRDF in partnership with OCCL has installed two hand pumps in Loharo Ki Dhani Village, Surajpura, and Haryana.

PHDRDF & SKILL DEVELOPMENT

PHDRDF has been undertaking skill development programs like stitching & tailoring, computer training, language skills, soft skills etc. with various corporates from time to time to enable the less privileged to be financially self sufficient. During this year PHDRDF partnered with Everest India Ltd, a leading building solution company to implement Project Swayamshakti - a computer training programme for boys and girls in Bhagwanpur Block, Roorkee and Uttarakhand and successfully trained 150 individuals in computer skills.



PHDRDF & Women Empowerment



PHDRDF has been working extensively to mobilise women Self Help Groups and empowering them with need based skills for an alternate source of income. In the state of Rajasthan PHDRDF has mobilised and formed 5 Self Help Groups consisting of 51 women in Alwar, Rajasthan. These groups are working in the area of Animal Husbandry, Craftwork, Milk and Dairy products. The women in these groups are now self reliant, contributing to their and the group's economic sustainability.



PHDRDF & Sanitation

PHDRDF in partnership with corporates and PSU's constructed more than 25 toilet blocks and raised awareness among school children under **Swachh Bharat – Swachh Vidyalaya Abiyan**.

Oriental Carbon Chemicals Limited



PHDRDF with the support of Oriental Carbon Chemicals constructed 2 toilet blocks (two seated toilets in one block) for girls in government schools in Dharuhera, Haryana.

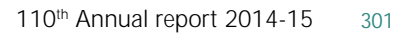
HPL Additives



PHDRDF in partnership with HPL Additives constructed 4 toilets for girls (two in each school) in Government Senior Secondary school in Gaunchi, and Government High School Samaypur in Ballabgarh, Haryana.

Wood Group PSN India Pvt. Ltd.

PHDRDF partnered with Wood Group PSN India Pvt. Ltd. and constructed 4 toilets in govt. primary school of Bandhwari, and Govt. Primary School of Shikhopur in Haryana.



Ramesh Adige

Chairman,

PHD Rural Development Foundation



PHD-KAS COOPERATION PROJECT

The birth of the Cooperation Project took place in the year 1990 coincided with the Government of India adapting policy of liberalization, privatization and globalization. Last two decades and a half has witnessed tremendous changes in the business scenario. Many myths about how business is conducted have been debunked by the happenings of the decades.

The year 2015 marked the 26th year of successful cooperation between PHD Chamber and Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung of Germany in the field of competency building in small and medium enterprises.

The first programme organised in May 1988 in collaboration with the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung was on 'Role of SMEs in Export Development'. Started with a small beginning, the Project has gone a long way in meeting the demands and needs of small and medium enterprises in North India. Since the inception of this programme, the project has organised more than 1250 programmes and exposed around 36,000 entrepreneurs and executives.

About 200 member organizations of PHD Chamber and people from smaller towns also participate in the workshops every year.





During this long journey of the Project, we have tried to meet the needs of the industry concerning their managerial competencies and skill building. The project is a living example as to what collaboration between two democracies, like India and Germany can achieve.

We believe that small and medium enterprises are the backbone of any economy and a vibrant, small and medium sector is the most important indicator of the health of a nation's economy. The project is trying to make this segment of industry a vibrant and effective segment of our economy.

India's dynamic development policy 'Make in India' through skill, scale and speed demands that a unified approach is adopted by improving the qualitative excellence of existing manpower through new inputs of softer skills which act as accelerating process in the growth of SMEs has been the main concern of PHD-KAS Project.

PHD-KAS has been singularly effective in impacting knowledge-deficient smaller organizations by developing a level of leader managers below the founder-entrepreneurs. This augurs well for Indian industry especially when we are refocusing on Make in India as a major strategic initiative to strengthen India as a manufacturing hub. There is a skill gap between what is required and what is available. PHD-KAS fills that need very well in its sphere of influence.





ANNEXURE - A

PHD CHAMBER MANAGING COMMITTEE FOR 2014-2015

OFFICE BEARERS

Mr. Alok B. Shriram	President - PHD Chamber & Deputy Managing Director DCM Shriram Industries Ltd.
Dr. Mahesh Gupta	Sr. Vice President - PHD Chamber & Chairman & Managing Director Kent RO Systems Ltd.
Mr. Gopal Jiwarajka	Vice President - PHD Chamber & Chairman & Managing Director Salora International Ltd.
Mr. Sharad Jaipuria	Immediate Former President - PHD Chamber & Chairman & Managing Director Ginni International Ltd.

PATRON MEMBERS

Mr. Vikram Agarwal	Prakash Industries Limited
Mr. Sanjeev Ahuja	IIA Technologies PTE Ltd.
Mr. Sandeep Arya	Amtrak Technologies Pvt Ltd.
Mr. Rakesh Bakshi	RRB Energy Ltd
Mr. Kamal Bali	Volvo India Pvt. Ltd.
Mr. Prabhat Singh	Petronet LNG Limited
Mr. Akhil Bansal	KPMG india
Mr. Uma Shankar Bhartia	India Glycols Ltd
Mr. Rajnish Chopra	Safety Controls & Devices
Mr. R. H. Dalmia	OCL India Limited
Mr. Atul Gautam	Oriental Bank of Commerce
Mr. Rajesh Kumar Gupta	Dharampal Satyapal Ltd.
Mr. Subodh Kumar Jain	South Asia Gas Enterprise Pvt Ltd. (SAGE)

Ms. Pooja Jain	Luxor Writing Instruments Pvt Ltd (Luxor Group)
Mr. Jinesh Chand Jain	Texplas (India) Pvt Ltd.
Mr. Pradeep Kumar Jain	Parsvnath Developers Ltd
Mr. Avinash Jain	Arise India Ltd.
Mr. Saumya Vardhan Kanoria	Kanoria Chemicals & Industries Limited
Mr. Vikram Kapur	Atlas Cycles (Haryana) Ltd
Mr. Ajay Katyal	Amira Pure Foods Pvt. Ltd.
Mr. Anil Kumar Khaitan	Sunil Healthcare Limited
Dr. Lalit Khaitan	Radico Khaitan Ltd.
Mr. Vinay Kumar	Energo Engineering Projects Ltd.
Mr. Samir Kumar Modi	Indofil Industries Limited
Mr. Anil Monga	Emmsons International Ltd.
Mr. Deepak Pahwa	Bry-Air (Asia) Private Ltd
Mr. Vijay Pal	IFCI Limited
Mr. Anil Rajput	ITC Ltd
Mr. S. A. Ramesh Rangan	State Bank of Patiala
Mr. K. Narayana Rao	Delhi International Airports Pvt. Ltd.
Mr. Venkat Rao	Omaxe Ltd
Mr. R. P. Singh	Indian Farmers Fertiliser Co-Operative Ltd.
Mr. Rajeev Talwar	DLF Ltd
Mr. Satish K. Goel	Goel Syndicate Bank
Mr. B. C. Tripathi	GAIL (India) Limited
Mr. Pradeep Tyle	Uflex Limited



ELECTED MEMBERS

Mr. Shekhar Agarwal	Maral Overseas Ltd.	Mr. Vivek Gupta	Delton Cables Limited
Mr. Rajesh Kumar Agarwal	Krishi Rasayan Exports Pvt. Ltd.	Mr. Mohit Kumar Jain	The Malt Company (I) Pvt. Ltd
Mr. Manish Agarwal	Satya Developers Pvt Ltd	Mr. Prabhat Jain	Sarla Holdings Private Limited
Mr. D. K. Aggarwal	SMC Investments and Advisors Ltd.	Mr. V. C. Jain	Seer (India)
Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal	Paramount Communications Ltd.	Mr. Chetan Kajaria	Kajaria Ceramics Ltd.
Mr. Ashish Agrawal	J R Laddha Financial Services (P) Ltd.	Mr. N. M. Kejriwal	Kejriwal Enterprises
Mr. Ashish Bagrodia	Winsome Textile Industries Ltd	Mr. Jagesh K. Khaitan	Kuantum Papers Ltd.
Mr. Himanshu Baid	Poly Medicure Ltd.	Mr. Yogesh Lohiya	IFFCO Tokio General Insurance Co. Ltd.
Mr. Rajiv Bali	Mount Shivalik Breweries Ltd	Mr. Vipul Maheshwari	Maheshwari & Co
Mr. Shyam Bang	Jubilant Life Sciences Ltd.	Mr. Vijay Mehta	Mefcom Capital Markets Ltd.
Mr. Vinod Kumar Bansal	Ficus Securities P Ltd.	Mr. V. K. Mishra	Lakshmi Energy and Foods Limited
Mr. R. S. Bedi	P S Bedi & Company Pvt Ltd	Mr. Abhishek Modi	Win-Medicare Private Limited (Modi Group of Industries)
Mr. Raghav Chandra	Regent Energy Ltd.	Mr. S. Das Mundhra	Simplex Projects Limited
Mr. Rummy Chhabra	Metro Tyres Limited	Mr. Vishwa Nath	Nath Bros Exim International Ltd.
Mr. Mukund Choudhary	Spentex Industries Ltd	Mr. Deepak Rathi	K L Rathi Steels Ltd.
Mr. Anurag Dalmia	GHCL Ltd.	Mr. K. K. Rathi	Rathi Bars Ltd.
Mr. Saket Dalmia	P G Industry Ltd	Mr. R S Sachdeva	HTech Industries Ltd / Hitech Lights Limited
Mr. M. K. Doogar	Doogar & Associates Chartered Accountants	Mr. Sanjeev Sardana	Yamuna Power and Infrastructure Ltd.
Mr. Satish Girotra	S Girotra Consultants (P) Ltd	Mr. Bimal Sareen	Avaana
Mr. Rajnish Goenka	Tobu Cycles Pvt. Ltd.	Mr. S. K. Sarkar	Sarkar & Associates
Dr. Suresh Goyal	Goyal MG Gases Pvt. Ltd	Mr. Jasmohan Singh	Frick India Limited
Mr. M. L. Gupta	Everest Industries Ltd.	Mr. Gursharan Singh	Raunaq Automotive Components Ltd.
Mr. N. P. Gupta	The Indure Private Ltd.	Mr. Manoj Singhal	M M Auto Industries Ltd.
Mr. Mohinder Lal Gupta	Vinko Auto Industries Ltd.	Mr. G. S. Singhvi	Hindustan Fibres Ltd.
Mr. Sanjeev Gupta	Nexgen Financial Solutions Pvt. Ltd.	Mr. Ashish Mohan Wig	Wig Brothers (India) Pvt Ltd
CA Padam Kumar Gupta	Padam Dinesh & Co.		



CO-OPTED MEMBERS

Mr. Gopal K. Agarwal	Vogue Commercial Company Ltd.
Mr. Atul Anand	Vipat Investments Pvt. Ltd.
Mr. Rajiv Bhatnagar	Vyoneeshrose Bank Technologies P Ltd.
Mr. Dhian Chand	Kufri Hotels Pvt. Ltd.
Mrs. Neeraj Ghei	Select Infrastructure Pvt. Ltd.
Mr. Mukesh Gupta	Graphisads Private Limited
Mr. Suyog Jain	Vardhman Chemtech Ltd.
Mr. Vikas Jain	The Malt Company (I) Pvt. Ltd
Mr. Shishir Jaipuria	Ginni Filaments Ltd
Mr. L. K. Jhunjhunwala	K M Sugar Mills Ltd.
Mr. Vikram Singh Mehta	S S Kothari Mehta & Co.
Mr. Bharat Mehta	H R Synergy
Mr. Shyam Poddar	Forex Capital Services Pvt. Ltd.
Mr. S. K. Roongta	Talwandi Sabo Power Ltd.

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Mr. Satish Bagrodia	Winsome Textile Industries Ltd.
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Mr. Sanjay Bhatia	Hindustan Tin Works Ltd
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Mr. P. K. Jain	The Malt Company (I) Ltd
Mr. Ashok Kajaria	Kajaria Ceramics Ltd

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Dr. Lalit Malhotra	Hotel The Suryaa
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Mr. K. N. Memani	H T Consultancy Services Pvt. Ltd.
Mr. K. K. Modi	Modi Enterprises
Mr. P. K. Rajgarhia	Perfectpac Ltd
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Mr. R. K. Saboo	KDDL Limited
Dr. Raghupati Singhania	J K Tyre & Industries Ltd.
Dr. K. P. Singh	DLF Group
Mr. R. K. Somany	HSIL Limited
Mr. Sandip Somany	HSIL Limited
Mr. Ravi Wig	Wig Brothers (India) Pvt Ltd.

SPECIAL INVITEES

(WHO HAVE COMPLETED 15 YEARS ON MANAGING COMMITTEE)

Mr. Arun Anand	Urusvati and Habitat Centre Pvt Ltd.
Mr. V. N. Dalmia	Dalmia Continental Pvt. Ltd.
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Mr. D. K. Kapur	Sonali Private Limited
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Mr. Shyam Bagri	Bagrrys India Ltd.
Mrs. Anju Bajaj	P 'n' A Industries
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Mr. Vinod Chandiok	Grant Thornton Advisory Pvt. Ltd.
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Mr. Varun Tyagi	Mineralia Impex Pvt Ltd.
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Mr. Pawan Bajaj	Shakambari Builders Pvt Ltd.
Mr. R. Balachander	Ernst & Young LLP
Mr. Nishant V. Berlia	Martin & Harris Pvt. Ltd. (Apeejay Styra & Svan Group)
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Mr. Ranjeet Chaturvedi	Seftech India Private Limited
Mr. Aseem Chawla	MPC Legal, Solicitors & Advocates
Mr. Rajeev Ghai	Ghai Industrial Timbers
Mr. Pranav Gupta	Parabolic Drugs Ltd.



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Mr. Manjeet Narwan	Texmaco Rail & Engineering Ltd.
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Mr. S. K. Padhi	Goyal MG Gases Pvt. Ltd (Goyal Group)
Mr. Saurabh Kumar Pandey	Proplarity Infrastructure Pvt. Ltd.
Mr. S. Ramaswamy	Corporate Office Centre
Mr. Manmeet Singh Rattan	Big Shows Entertainment Pvt. Ltd.
Mr. Deepak Rungta	Anindita Steels Limited
Mr. Pawan Kumar Rustagi	J K Tyre & Industries Ltd
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ANNEXURE - B

CHAIRMEN AND CO-CHAIRMEN OF EXPERT AND STATE COMMITTEES FOR 2014-2015

State/Expert Committee

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Chandigarh Committee
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U P Committee
Uttarakhand Committee
Agri Business and
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Arun Palawat
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Rajeev Ghai (Kumaon)
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Capital Market Committee	Prithvi Haldea	R. Balachander Nehal Vora Neena Prasad
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Culture & Sports Committee	Satish Girotra	Raj Kumari Aggarwal Anjum Chopra Neelam Pratap Singh Rudy
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Direct Taxes Committee	Anil Chopra	Dinesh Aggarwal Mukul Bagla
Economic Affairs Committee	Prabhat Jain	Akhil Bansal
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Energy Committee	Bimal Sareen	R. C. Agarwala Dr. Harish K. Ahuja
Entertainment & Media Committee	Mukesh Gupta	Manmeet Singh Rattan
Environment Committee	Ashish Rakheja	Dr. N. J. Singh
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Tourism Committee	Vijay Mehta	
Committee on CSR	Dr. Suresh Goyal	Vinod Bansal
Committee on Logistics Management	R. S. Bedi	Sudhanshu Pachisia
Committee on MSMEs	Vishwa Nath	Anju Bajaj
Committee on Commodity Exchange	D. K. Aggarwal	B. K. Sabharwal
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Committee on Electronics & Engineering Goods	R P Jhalani	
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ANNEXURE - C

ASSOCIATION MEMBERS OF PHD CHAMBER

AAS

Academy for Integrated Management & Engineering Safety

ADMERIT College

AISECT University

Ajay Kumar Garg Institute of Management

All India Asian Educational Foundation

All India Cold Storage Association

All India Distillers' Association

All India Federation of Master Printers

All India Federation of Plastics Industries

All India Flat Tape Manufacturers Association

All India Induction Furnaces Association

All India Rubber Industries Association

All India Steel Rerollers Association

All India Transporters Welfare Association

Alwar Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Alzheimer's & Related Disorders Society of India - Delhi Chapter

Ambalika Institute of Management & Technology

American Chamber of Commerce in India

Amity University

Apeejay Institute of Technology School of Management & Computer Sciences

Apeejay School of Management

Arcade Business College

Aroh Foundation

Asian Society of Film and Television

Association of Certified Realtors of India (Regd)

Association of Industries Dewas (MP)

Association of National Exchanges Members of India

Association of Private Airport Operator (APAO)

Association of Private Detectives and Investigators

Automotive Tyre Manufacturers Association

Baba Farid Vidyak Society

Baddi Barotiwala Nalagarh Industries Association

Bahadurgarh Chamber of Commerce & Industry

Bawana Chamber of Industries

Bhagwanpur Industries Association

Bhiwadi Manufacturers Association

Builders Association of India

Building Materials & Technology Promotion Council

Central Association of Private Security Industry

Central UP Chamber of Commerce & Industry

Centre for Entrepreneurship Development Madhya Pradesh

Centre for Research and Industrial Staff Performance (CRISP)

Chamber of Commerce and Industry (Regd) Jammu



Chamber of Industrial & Commercial Undertakings
Chemicals & Petrochemicals Manufacturers Asson.
Chhattisgarh Laghu & Sahayak Udyog
Child Fund India
CIMAGE Collage
Coal Preparation Society of India
Commodity Participants Association of India
Community Friendly Movement
Consumer Electronics & Appliances Manufacturers Association(CEAMA)
Delhi Factory Owner's Federation
Delhi Hindustani Merchantile Association (Regd)
Delhi Outdoor Advertisers Association
Delhi Printers Association
Delhi Society for the Welfare of Special Children
Desh Bhagat Group of Institutes
Developers & Builders Forum
DLF Industries Association
Eastern UP Chamber of Commerce & Industry
Education Promotion Society for India
Electric Lamp and Component Manufacturers' Association of India
EMPI Business School
Eternal University, Baru Sahib
Faridabad Chamber of Commerce & Industry
Faridabad Small Industries Association
Federation of Punjab Small Industries Asson.
Flexible Packaging Entrepreneurs Welfare Association (Regd)
Fortune Institute of International Business
Geeta Institute of Management & Technology Kanipla (Khurukshetra)
Global Knowledge Network Society

Graphic Era Hills University
Gurgaon Chamber of Commerce & Industry
Gurgaon Industrial Association
Handloom Exports Manufacturers Association Panipat (Regd.)
Healthcare Federation of India
Helpline Twenty First Century
Himachal Pradesh Chamber of Commerce & Industry
Himalaya Power Producers Association
Hoshiarpur Chamber of Commerce and Industries
Hotel & Restaurant Association of Northern India
Hydrocarbon Education & Research Society
I P D College
Icare Eye Hospital & Post Graduate Institute
IMT - Centre for Distance Learning
India Energy Forum
Indian Agro & Recycled Papers Mills Association
Indian Auto LPG Coalition (IAC)
Indian Beverage Association
Indian Cancer Society
Indian Cellular Association
Indian Centre for CSR
Indian Confectionery Manufacturers Association
Indian Council of Ceramic Tiles & Sanitaryware
Indian Cycle & Rickshaw Tyre Manufacturers Association
Indian Direct Selling Association
Indian Institute of Finance
Indian Outdoor Advertising Association
Indian Paper Manufacturers Association
Indian Printing Packaging & Allied Machinery Manufacturers Association
Indian Transformer Manufacturers Association



Indian Vanaspati Producers Association
 Indian Wind Energy Association
 Indo American Chamber of Commerce
 Industries Association of Chandigarh
 Institute for Integrated Learning in Management
 Institute of Information Technology & Management
 Institute of Management Education
 Institute of Management Studies
 Institute of Management Studies Noida
 Institute of Marketing & Management
 Insurance Foundation of India
 International Copper Association India
 Jagan Institute of Management Studies (JIMS)
 Jaipur Rugs Foundation
 Jaipuria Institute of Management
 Jaipuria Institute of Management
 Janhit Foundation
 Jeen Foundation (Himalayan University)
 Jewellery Design & Technology Institute (A division of BKN Education Society)
 Jharkhand Small Industries Association
 JK Lakshmipat University
 Kalptaru Society
 Kashmir Silk Producers Cooperation Ltd
 Kautilya Institute of Engineering & Technology and School of Management
 Khaitan Welfare Foundation
 Kumaun Garhwal Chamber of Commerce & Industry
 Lalru Industry Association (Regd)
 Leather Cloth and Plastics Manufacturers Association
 Lingayas University
 Lok Rujhan & Manav Vikas Shod Sansathan
 Mahakaleshwar Society for Propagation of

Entrepreneurship
 Manomay Shiksha Evam Samaj Kalayan Samiti
 Manufacturers Association of Information Technology
 Maulana Azad National Institute of Technology
 Megasoft Education Society
 MES Builders Association of India (Regd)
 Millennium Business & Entrepreneurship Resource Group
 MIT School of Telecom Management
 Mitaan Sewa Samiti
 Mohali Industries Association
 Naraina Industries Association
 National Institute of Technical Teachers Training & Research
 National Restaurant Association of India
 National Rural Development Societ - "Gaurav"
 Natural Resource Management & Common Wealth
 New Delhi Traders Association
 Nims University
 Northern India Steamer Agents Association
 Northern India Textile Mills Association
 Northern India Textile Research Association
 Northern Mathura Industries Association
 Observer Research Foundation
 Okhla Factory Owners Association (Regd)
 Okhla Industrial Area CEPT Society (Regd)
 Okhla Industrial Estate Association
 Palriwala Educational Research & Training Society
 Patiala Chamber of Industries
 Petroleum Federation of India
 Plastindia Foundation
 Population Services International
 Pratyusha



Priyamvada Birla Community College
Public Health Foundation of India
R R Institute of Modern Technology
Rampur Chamber of Commerce
Rayat & Bahra Group of Institutes
Rediscover Educational Foundation
RNB Global University
Rohtak Industries Association
Rubber Skill Development Centre
Salwan Education Trust
Sardar Ajeet Singh Memorial College
School of Management Sciences Varanasi
Sharda University
Shoolini University of Biotechnology & Management Sciences
Shri Balmaan Memorial Foundation
Shri Ram Murti Smarak Trust
Shri Ram Welfare Foundation
Shri Vaishnav Vidyapeeth Trust
Silicobyte ITE
Singhania University
SM Finishing School
Small Scale Steel Re-Rollers Association
South Delhi Homeopathic Association
Sri Bhagwan Mahaveer Jain Educational and Cultural Society
Sri Sharada Institute of Indian Management Research Foundation

Surya Foundation
Swami Ambrish Chetanya Sewa Samiti
Tecnia Institute of Advanced Studies
The Ambala Scientific Instruments Mfr. Association
The Central UP Chamber of Commerce & Industry Society (Regd)
The Delhi Stock Exchange Association Ltd.
The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI)
The Gandhidham Chamber of Commerce & Industry
The Hotel & Restaurant Equipment Manufacturers Asso. Of India
The Indus Entrepreneurs, New Delhi
The Institute of Company Secretaries at India
The Institute of International Auditors -Delhi
The Technological Institute of Textile & Sciences
The Textile Manufacturers Association
The Tobacco Institute of India
Udaipur Chamber of Commerce & Industry
Universal Group of Institutions, Lalru
UP Distillers Association (UPDA)
URLA Industries Association
Uttar Pradesh Swavitt Poshit Mahavidyalaya Association
Uttarakhand Industrial Welfare Association
Vidya Rattan Group
World Development Foundation
Yamuna Nagar - Jagadhri Chamber of Industry & Commerce

- Babu Banarsi Das Institute of Technology
- Global Taxpayers Trust
- Sityog Educational Welfare Society



ANNEXURE - D

LIST OF GLOBAL MOU PARTNERS

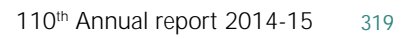
1.	Dhaka Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Bangladesh	(11.03.1984)
2.	Dubai Chamber of Commerce, United Arab Emirates	(.12.1984)
3.	CCPIT Shanghai Sub-Council, China	(01.04.1985)
4.	CCPIT Jiangsu Sub-Council, China	(01.04.1985)
5.	CCPIT Guangdong Province Sub-Council, China	(03.04.1985)
6.	Abu Dhabi Chamber of Commerce & Industry, United Arab Emirates	(10.07.1985)
7.	Amman Chamber of Commerce, Jordan	(30.03.1986)
8.	Athens Chamber of Commerce, Greece	(24.02.1987)
9.	Qatar Chamber of Commerce, Qatar	(22.04.1992)
10.	Chamber of Commerce & Industry of Romania, Romania	(23.01.1993)
11.	Belarusian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Belarus	(27.05.1993)
12.	Moscow Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Russian Federation	(24.05.1993)
13.	Johannesburg Chamber of Commerce & Industry, South Africa	(20.09.1993)
14.	Durban Chamber of Commerce and Industry, South Africa	(23.09.1993)
15.	Singapore Confederation of Industries, Singapore	(10.01.1994)
16.	Federation of Egyptian Chambers of Commerce, Egypt	(30.06.1994)
17.	Oman Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Oman	(06.07.1994)
18.	Birmingham Chamber of Commerce & Industry, United Kingdom	(26.04.1995)
	Birmingham Chamber of Commerce & Industry, United Kingdom	(12.10.1988)
19.	Taipei World Trade Centre, Taiwan, R.O.C.	(30.08.1995)
20.	Northern Ireland Chamber of Commerce & Industry, United Kingdom	(22.01.1996)
21.	Rededication of the State of Ohio Protocol, United States of America	(10.04.1996)
	The State of Ohio, United States of America	(09.02.1987)
22.	Saint Petersburg Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Russian Federation	(.03.1997)
		(16.04.2015)



23.	Tianjin Scientific and Technical Exchange Centre with Foreign Countries, China	(26.03.1997)
24.	Lahore Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Pakistan Lahore Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Pakistan	(30.07.1997) (09.11.1982)
25.	China Xi'an Municipal Bureau of Foreign Trade and Economic Co-operation, China	(29.08.1997)
26.	CCPIT Kunming Sub-Council, China	(31.03.1999)
27.	African Diplomatic Missions in India	(23.11.2000)
28.	Madrid Official Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Spain	(14.02.2001)
29.	Indian Chamber of Commerce Hong Kong, China	(30.07.2001)
30.	CCPIT Beijing Sub-Council, China	(07.08.2001)
31.	Malaysian Associated Indian Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Malaysia	(09.08.2001)
32.	Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the Kyrgyz Republic, Kyrgyzstan	(21.05.2002)
33.	Federation of Industries of the State of Sao Paulo (FIESP), Brazil	(14.10.2002)
34.	Federation of Industries of the State of Parana (FIEP), Brazil	(16.10.2002)
35.	Federação das Câmeras de Comercio Exterior (FCCE), Brazil	(17.10.2002)
36.	Mexican Council for Foreign Trade (COMCE), Mexico	(21.10.2002)
37.	World Trade Center Cleveland, United States of Americas	(24.10.2002)
38.	Tampere Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Finland	(24.01.2003)
39.	Private Sector Development Association (PSDA), Zambia	(25.04.2003)
40.	Karachi Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Pakistan Karachi Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Pakistan Karachi Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Pakistan	(25.02.2004) (02.08.1997) (14.11.1982)
41.	Gujranwala Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Pakistan	(02.04.2004)
42.	Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Pakistan	(05.11.2004)
43.	Voka - Chamber of Commerce and Industry Antwerp-Waasland, Belgium	(28.04.2005)
44.	CCPIT Sichuan Sub-Council, China	(24.05.2006)
45.	Indo-Arab Chamber of Commerce and Industries, Mumbai, India	(06.06.2007)
46.	Birgunj Chamber of Commerce and Industries, Nepal	(26.10.2007)
47.	Kuopio Chamber of Commerce, Finland	(13.11.2007)
48.	Indian Chamber of Commerce, Milan, Italy	(29.02.2008)
49.	The State of Hidalgo, Mexico	(19.05.2008)
50.	Colombian Association of Small and Medium Enterprise (ACOPÍ)	(15.09.2008)
51.	Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the Voronezh Region, Russia	(26.11.2008)
52.	Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the Saratov Region, Russia	(26.11.2008)



53.	Association of Small & Medium Size Enterprises and Surinam-India Trade Promotion Organisation	(27.11.2008)
54.	India China Trade Centre, New Delhi	(18.04.2009)
55.	Cebu Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Philippines	(25.11.2009)
56.	Chamber of Commerce, Uzbekistan	(19.01.2011)
57.	Indo-Italian Enterprise Centre (Comune di Legnago)	(09.05.2011)
58.	Union Camere Emilia Romagna, Italy & Indo Italian Chamber of Commerce & Industry	(06.12.2011)
59.	Faisalabad Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Pakistan	(26.06.2012)
60.	Islamabad Women Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Pakistan	(10.09.2012)
61.	Victorian Employers' Chamber of Commerce and Industry (VECCI)	(06.03.2013)
62.	Polish Chamber of Commerce, Poland	(09.10.2013)
63.	The Association of Lithuanian Chambers Of Commerce, Industry and Crafts	(13.11.2013)
64.	Turkish Indian Chamber of Commerce & Industry, (YS)	(11.09.2014)
65.	Marmara Federation of Business Life Associations (MARIFED), (YS)	(11.09.2014)
66.	The Moroccan Centre for Export Promotion (Maroc Export)	(27.10.2015)





Notes