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Profile

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

Presence

PHD Chamber covers 12 states in the country namely Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Delhi, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand and the Union Territory of Chandigarh.

PHD Chamber is headquartered in Delhi with regional offices in Bihar, Bhopal, Chandigarh, Dehradun, Jaipur, Jammu, Lucknow, Raipur and Shimla. PHD Chamber is globally connected through institutional linkages with over 60 important foreign Chambers of Commerce.

Membership Development

The Membership & Development Committee was reconstituted with Mr. Vishwa Nath as Chairman,

PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Mr. Vinod Karwa as Co-Chairman. The Committee discussed the measures needed to strengthen the membership base 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 30th November 2013 was 1490. During the year under review, 224 new members joined PHD Chamber, including 3 new patron and 17 new association members while 507 members resigned or were removed from the membership of PHD Chamber.

169 association- members of PHD Chamber represent over 45,000 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 events

annually including seminars, workshops, conferences and social networking events in its region of operation.

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. Many of its research reports have been widely covered by media and leading business newspapers. During the current year Research Bureau published 9 reports including Budget Analysis 2013-14, Resurgent Bihar, Life Ahead for Uttarakhand, India-Africa Bilateral Relations, Recommendations on Refuelling India's Growth Story, An analysis of power tariffs across India, Emerging Economic Scenario, The Indian Direct Selling Association Annual Survey 2011-12 and 2012-13. Currently, Research Bureau is working on Emerging Contours in the MSME sector of Uttarakhand, Emerging Contours in the MSME sector of India and Emerging channels of distribution- A survey based empirical study of FMCGs and direct selling segments.

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**



India today stands at an interesting stage with the state elections having taken a significant turn and national elections in the near future. With an annual average economic growth target of 8 percent as set out in the 12th Five Year Plan, India would continue to be an attractive economic destination exhibiting huge untapped business potential. Experts see India as a robust functioning democracy with an inbuilt ability to correct itself and move forward. Moreover, the idea of inclusive growth is finally gaining recognition in political as well as corporate circles.

The global financial crisis which restrained India's growth to 6.2 percent during FY 2011-12 moderated to 5 percent in FY 2012-13 and further to 4.6 percent in the first six months of FY 2012-13. Recently, we have begun to see visible signs of green shoots of economic recovery, spurring hopes that the slowdown may be bottoming out. The government and the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) forecast GDP growth to be in the range of 5-5.5% in the current fiscal year.

Asserting that the fundamentals of the Indian economy are strong, Hon'ble Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh said "We expect stronger growth in 2013-14 than in 2012-13. The second half of the year should see a distinct



turnaround, partly because of the good monsoon and partly because of the steps we have taken". He said that the government commitment is to get back to a sustainable growth rate of 8-9 per cent.

One substantial silver lining this year was the bountiful monsoon, which is likely to boost the agrarian economy to a 5% plus growth in FY 2013-14. I am also very hopeful that associated pick up in consumption, increase in GDP's share of fixed capital formation, healthy growth of exports, and robust power sector growth would lead to stronger GDP growth in the second half of the fiscal year. Having said this, we need to keep the global events—especially the tapering of the Federal Reserve's bond purchases and the imminent RBI policy—at the centre stage again. With the same thoughts resounding in the government, Finance Minister, P Chidambaram was recently quoted to have said, "I am absolutely confident that we can overcome this period of stress and return to high growth. In 2014-15, our growth will be close to six percent. In 2015-16, it will be close to seven percent and a year after we will be back to a much higher growth rate of around eight percent."

However, the services sector—contributing to 60 percent of GDP was a major letdown in the first six months of FY 2013-14. Our reform process has not taken adequate measures to liberalize labour markets. Large companies weathered the storm well, while SMEs were impacted by limited access to credit, high inflation and high interest rates. Access to timely and adequate credit is the most critical problem for the MSMEs sector in India. They need credit support not only for running their enterprises but also for expansion, modernization and up gradation of their business

units. Though this sector created employment of about 100 million people, manufacturing more than 6000 products, contributing about 45% to manufacturing output and about 40% of exports, directly and indirectly, yet less than 10% of the total bank credit finds its way into this sector.

CPI inflation has continued to remain at elevated levels, largely driven by high food and fuel prices. WPI inflation has also re-emerged at 7.5% for the month of November 2013. High levels of prices, especially vegetables, fruits, milk, eggs, etc; have been reflected in double digit rates of inflation. Despite various measures undertaken by RBI vis-à-vis tight monetary stance, inflation still remains unacceptably high. Going ahead, this must be tackled through improvement in the supply chain management and removing the bottlenecks to the storage of bumper agricultural crops and measures should be taken to stop wastage of agricultural produce by augmenting and modernizing storage capacities. About 35% of the total vegetable produce harvested at farms goes waste because of poor storage infrastructure and improper handling.

The cost of doing business is also very high in India. According to the Doing Business Report 2014, India ranks 134th in ease of doing business which is lower than China ranked at 96th position and also lower than ranks of neighbouring countries—Sri Lanka (85th position), Nepal (105th position), Pakistan (110th position) and Bangladesh (130th position). This needs urgent remedial measures including single window clearances to reduce transaction costs.

Insufficient and quality infrastructure has been a major constraint to economic growth and investment.

Urgent attention must be given to this including building good roads, modernizing transport facilities and port, enhancing capacity of power, communications, etc. Industrial projects worth over Rs 15 lakh crore are stalled for want of various clearances and other issues including availability of raw materials etc, according to data compiled by the Prime Minister's Project Monitoring Group (PMG). The Cabinet Committee on Investment, set up to fast-track large projects, has already cleared projects amounting to more than US\$ 64 billion in the past few months. There is a need for effective policy implementation for executing these projects. Once these projects get implemented in the months to come, they should have an all-round salutary effect. A healthy trend had been noticed in FDI particularly in sectors, such as construction, telecom, computer software & hardware, and pharmaceuticals. The rupee has also stabilized though it is still weak as compared to the previous year. Despite being an election year, the government has said that it is confident of meeting its fiscal deficit targets on the back of robust foreign direct investment flows and rising exports.

India has the advantage of a favorable demographic dividend as it possesses a young workforce and the challenge is to effectively train our 500 million work-force by 2022. Effective education and skill development hold the key to reaping the emerging demographic dividend. The education system should be aligned with needs of the industry to enhance employability of the youth. These measures would have a multidimensional effect on the economy, first, by educating and up-skilling work force, second, by creating employment opportunities, third, by reducing the level of poverty and finally by achieving optimum potential growth trajectories.



While there is an urgent need for reforms, we have a number of strengths that can be leveraged upon to stimulate growth. India is globally recognized in sectors such as electronics, pharmaceuticals and steel, as well as in ICT and space technologies. We need to create a competitive and stable environment that will result in the emergence of best solutions. A better financial system if implemented will finance the needed infrastructure and help the growth and expansion of every sector.

India is blessed with rich heritage, diverse culture and traditions, mesmerizing landscape, mountains, rivers, lakes, deserts, seas and magnificent architecture. Tourism should be an integral part of the economy. According to the World Tourism Organization, it is expected that India will become the leader in the tourism industry in South Asia, with about 8.9 million arrivals by the year 2020. Thus, this opportunity should be leveraged with greater encouragement for sports, medical and domestic tourism.

India's progress is the result of the remarkable role played by the States in achieving sustainable development and reducing poverty. The government lifted 137 million people out of poverty between 2005 and 2012 and reduced poverty to 22 percent of the population. We still need to lift our remaining 400 million people out of poverty. The States under PHD's jurisdiction have exhibited diverse potentials of sustained economic growth over the last few years and have made rapid strides in industrialization. A landmark agricultural revolution has transformed these States

from chronic dependence on food imports into a global agricultural exporter of food. Additionally, the recent expansion of the services sector in these States is indeed a major achievement. We, at the Chamber are encouraging the SMEs focusing on setting up of hubs of innovation and the role of States in enhancing the SMEs performance by facilitating land acquisition, investment incentives and financial inclusion is critical.

In the current scenario it is also necessary that bilateral, regional and international issues of common interest must reach broad consensus. Recognizing the importance of strengthening ties between the countries, Hon'ble Prime Minister, Dr. Manmohan Singh in his recent visit to China said that to build mutual trust between India and China, India agrees to enhance transparency and strengthen strategic communication at all levels, including shared neighbourhood. He also flagged India's interest in continued and expanded cooperation on trans-border rivers and institutionalized greater exchange of goods and services.

In his recent visit to 11th India-ASEAN Summit in Brunei Darussalam, Hon'ble Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh said that India seek to promote not only mutually beneficial bilateral relations, but also to work institutionally with regional partners and foster a climate that is conducive to stability, security and economic development in our region.

The Chamber has always strived to take knowledge to the grassroots so as to facilitate capacity building

among the different sectors of the economy. Through the process of free dialogue, Chamber has organized various events to take the latest technologies to farmers as well as identify emerging business opportunities in various states of India through seminars like Farm to Fork and so on.

The Chamber has made efforts to pioneer the cause of infrastructural development through various initiatives. Our unique endeavor to promote affordable housing through a series of conferences in association with the Ministry of Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation and fast tracking stalled reforms in the Infrastructure Conclave have received overwhelming response.

PHD Chamber has also promoted development in the states by organizing various exhibitions such as PITEX (Punjab International trade Expo) and promoted educational, social and skill development activities through seminars and training programmes in collaboration with KAS (Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung). The state of Uttarakhand suffered in the recent catastrophe and incurred heavy losses of lives and livelihood. In the hard time, we stood together with the people and contributed significantly in rebuilding the state.

Friends, the national elections are hardly five months away and this would be a challenging period for good economic management and reforms. A stable and competent government, which is growth and reform-oriented will certainly improve business confidence and support fresh investments and provide good governance.

Suman Jyoti Khaitan



Managing Committee

The Managing Committee of PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry for the year 2011-2012 continued to guide the activities of PHD Chamber till the Managing Committee for 2012-13 was elected at the 107th Annual General Meeting held on December 31, 2012 at New Delhi. The newly elected Managing Committee unanimously elected Mr. Suman Jyoti Khaitan as President, Mr. Sharad Jaipuria as Senior Vice President and Mr. Alok B Shriram as Vice President. The Immediate former President, Mr. Sandip Somany became 'ipso facto' member and 17 members were co-opted to the Managing Committee for the year 2012-13.

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 2012-13 is given in Annexure-A.

This Annual Report of PHD Chamber encompasses the period from December 2012 up to November 2013.

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 sectors, 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 / State Committees / Task Forces 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 and Task Forces

The State / Expert Committees and Task Forces constituted by the Managing Committee of PHD Chamber gave direction and guidance to the activities in specific fields. A list of the State / Expert Committees and Task Forces 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 90 Advisory Committees, Boards and Councils of Central and State Governments.



MANAGING COMMITTEE MEETINGS – GUEST SPEAKERS

Ms Krishna Tirath, Union Minister of State (IC), Ministry of Women & Child Development

Ms Krishna Tirath, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge), Ministry of Women & Child Development interacted with the Members of the Managing Committee, during its meeting held on January 16, 2013 at PHD House, New Delhi. The Minister highlighted on the problems faced by women entrepreneurs and on the issue of women's safety at workplace.

Mr. Yogesh Agarwal, Chairman, Pension Fund Regulatory & Development Authority

Mr. Yogesh Agarwal, Chairman, Pension Fund Regulatory & Development Authority interacted with the Members of the Managing Committee during its meeting held on February 20, 2013 at PHD House, New Delhi. Mr. Agarwal explained that the designed features of the New Pension System are self-sustainability, scalability, individual

choice low cost yet efficient.

Mr. TK Arun, Senior Editor, The Economic Times, New Delhi

Mr. T K Arun, Senior Editor, The Economic Times, New Delhi in his interaction with the Members of the Managing Committee on March 20, 2013 observed that, the present government at the centre would complete its full term and it would be far more action-oriented than it had been in the last two and a half years.

Mr. Basab Banerjee, Head – Standards & QA, National Skill Development Corporation

Mr. Basab Banerjee, Head – Standards & QA, National Skill Development Corporation addressed the Members of the Managing Committee during its meeting held on April 17, 2013. Mr. Banerjee informed that the government has framed an innovative approach by setting up Sector Skill Councils to transform the vocational skill sector in India.

Mr. Vinod Sharma, Political Editor, The Hindustan Times and Ms. Arati R Jerath, Senior Journalist

Mr. Vinod Sharma, Political Editor, The Hindustan Times and Ms. Arati R Jerath, Senior Journalist interacted with the Members of the Managing Committee during its meeting held on May 15, 2013 at PHD House, New Delhi.

H. E. Mr Pierre Vaesen, Ambassador of Belgium to India

H. E. Mr Pierre Vaesen, Ambassador of Belgium to India interacted with the Members of the Managing Committee during its meeting held on June 20, 2013 at PHD House, New Delhi.

Mr. Vinod Rai, Former Controller and Auditor General of India

Mr. Vinod Rai, Former Controller and Auditor General of India interacted with the Members of the Managing Committee during



its meeting held on July 17, 2013 at PHD House, New Delhi.

Mr Arvind Mayaram, Secretary, Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance

Mr Arvind Mayaram, Secretary, Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance interacted with the Members of the Managing Committee on "Making tough Economic Decisions and their rationale" on September 18, 2013 at PHD House, New Delhi.

Mr Ajay Shankar, Member Secretary, National Manufacturing Competitiveness Council

Mr Ajay Shankar, Member Secretary, National Manufacturing Competitiveness Council interacted with the Members of the Managing Committee on October 17, 2013 at PHD House, New Delhi.

Dr. Pronab Sen, Chairman, National Statistical Commission, Government of India

Dr. Pronab Sen, Chairman, National Statistical Commission, interacted with the Members of the Managing Committee on "Issues and Challenges to India's

Current Economic Scenario and Suggestions to Resume Growth" on November 21, 2013 at PHD House, New Delhi.

PHD Escorts Library

PHD Escorts Library, besides functioning as an industry information center, has also become a highly specialised study center for business executives, industrial establishments and management institutes and has continued to add specialised variety of books, journals and newspapers with a view to cater to the needs of the Secretariat, members and visitors.

The core collection of the Library consists of world business directories and gazettes of northern, central and eastern states, base files on various products, country profiles, Annual Reports of different Chambers and member companies of PHD Chamber, CDs of market surveys, etc. The Library subscribes to the publications of Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy, EPW, Economist and Harvard Business Review. The Library has bound volumes of PHD Chamber's Annual Reports and Monthly Bulletin for record and reference purposes.

Regional Office and State Offices

The Regional Office of PHD Chamber at Chandigarh and State Offices in Bhopal, Dehradun, Jaipur, Jammu, Lucknow, Patna, Raipur and Shimla continued to liaise with the respective State Governments and other agencies to cater to the needs of members of the region more effectively.

Media Relations

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

Publications

Publications on varied subjects such as important Labour Judgments, as also the State Profile of different States, served by the PHD Chamber, are available in the Secretariat, for use of members.

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.



Chief Ministers' Conclave & 107th Annual Session



Hon`ble President of India, Mr. Pranab Mukherjee was the Chief Guest at the inaugural session of the Chief Minister's Conclave and the 107th Annual Session of the Chamber with the theme of "Refuelling India's Growth" held on December 15, 2012.

President, Mr. Mukherjee congratulated the Chamber for its endeavour to build synergy between the Central, State Governments and the industries. The President presented awards to the best performing states based

on a study conducted by the PHD Chamber in the States covered by the Chamber. Bihar was given the award for the highest economic growth amongst the PHD States. Chhattisgarh was awarded for the lowest unemployment rate. Uttarakhand was bestowed for robust economic stability. Madhya Pradesh was conferred for the highest agricultural growth while Himachal Pradesh bagged the award for offering the most attractive investment destination. The President released a knowledge report on 'Policy and

Economic Snapshot of North and Central India' jointly authored by PHD Chamber and YES Bank.

The conclave also witnessed the presence of political stalwarts and chief ministers, like Dr. Raman Singh, Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh, Prof. Prem Kumar Dhumal, Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh, Mr. Vijay Bahuguna, Chief Minister of Uttarakhand, Mr. Sushil Kumar Modi, Deputy Chief Minister, Bihar, along with Ramakrishna Kusmaria, Agricultural Minister, Madhya Pradesh.



Interactive Session-Refuelling Growth

An interactive session on “Refuelling Growth” was moderated by Mr. Rangabashiam News Anchor, DDNews. He said that despite the global recession, the Indian Economy registered robust GDP growth, though the growth rate has slowed down recently. Mr. Ajit Sood, General Manager, SBI said that slowdown in major sectors took place due to lack of investment in big projects and thus large investments in agriculture/irrigation projects are urgently needed. Mr. Rajiv K Mishra, Executive Director, Power Trading Corporation India Limited opined that proactive planning is



required just like countries such as China. Mr. Tushar Pandey, President and Country Head, YES Bank

stated that institutional reforms are required in the agricultural sector.

Leaders' Vision –India 2022



The session on “Leaders' Vision - India 2022” was moderated by Mr. Rangabashiam, Anchor DD News. Ms. Yashodhara Raje Scindia,

Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha spoke about the Hindu Sanskar and Samundra Manthan. She said that there is Samudra Manthan

and restlessness in every sphere, whether politics, business and environment. Sardar Pratap Singh Bajwa, Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha said India was in the churning process. There is more awareness amongst the media and the people today and consolidated effort should be made towards the progress of the country. Mr. Hamdullah, Member of Parliament opined that it is very important for the nation to channelize the youth so that their skills, talent and positive traits are developed and all this can contribute to nation building.



Valedictory Session



The valedictory session was addressed by Mr. Nitin Gadkari, President of Bhartiya Janta Party, who addressed the challenges

faced by our country like rupee devaluation, decelerating infrastructure growth, unemployment and farmers' committing suicides.

He informed that BJP has prepared a reform road map for India for the period upto 2025 covering 58 sectors.

107th Annual General Meeting

The 107th Annual General Meeting of PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry was held on December 31, 2012 at PHD House, New Delhi.

At the AGM, names of members elected to the Managing Committee of PHD Chamber were announced. The Annual Report and Statement of Accounts for the

year 2011-2012 were adopted. Walker Chandio & Company was re-appointed as Auditors for the year 2012-2013.

Meeting with Mr. Pranab Mukherjee, Hon'ble President of India



A PHD Chamber delegation led by Mr. Suman Jyoti Khaitan, President, along with Mr. Sharad Jaipuria, Senior Vice President, Mr Mahesh Gupta, Chairman, Water and Solid Waste Management Committee, Mr. Saurabh Sanyal, Executive Director and Dr. Ranjeet Mehta, Senior Secretary met Mr. Pranab Mukherjee, Hon'ble President of India on May 16, 2013. The purpose of the meeting was to suggest initiatives for improving the investment climate of the country.

Meeting with Mr. Rahul Gandhi, Vice President of the Indian National Congress

A PHD Chamber delegation led by Mr. Suman Jyoti Khaitan, President, Dr. Raghupati Singhanian, Former President, Mr. Mahesh Gupta, Member, Managing Committee and the Secretariat team called-on Mr. Rahul Gandhi, Vice President of the Indian National Congress on December 6, 2013 to invite him for the Chamber's 108th Annual Session.



Economic Agenda of Political Parties - An Interactive Session with BJP



PHD Chamber organized an Interactive Session with BJP on -'Economic Agenda of Political Parties' on December 11, 2013 at PHD House, New Delhi.

Mr. Nitin Gadkari, Former President, BJP, Dr. Subramaniam Swamy, Janta Party and Mr. Murlidhar Rao, National Secretary General, BJP were the distinguished speakers at the event.



Mr. Nitin Gadkari, Former President, BJP requested industry to adopt colleges to skill people. He further said that priority should be given for the growth of the agricultural and rural sector. During his address, Dr. Subramanian Swamy said that India has the potential to achieve 12 percent growth and emphasized on the need to promote education and innovation.

Lecture on Management & Leadership-IV Wave by Swami Nikhileshwarananda, Head, Rama Krishna Mission



PHD Chamber organized a Lecture on 'Management & Leadership-IV Wave', delivered by Swami Nikhileshwarananda, Head, Rama Krishna Mission, Baroda on June 27, 2013 at PHD House, New Delhi.

Mr. Suman Jyoti Khaitan, President, PHD Chamber shared that the

Indian society is plagued with a lot of problems, like corruption, value erosion, etc. He also exhorted that religions and its leaders should introspect their role in the society and take corrective measures.

Swami Nikhileshwarananda, in his lecture on 'Management & Leadership-IV Wave', said that the

teachings of Swami Vivekananda are becoming increasingly relevant in the present day context. He highlighted that the western community is coming forward to embrace the Indian ethos and values as many of the management principles of the west have failed to yield any results.



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. Vijay Mehta / Mr. Ashish Agrawal
International Affairs Committee for Asia and Pacific	Mr. Gopal Jiwarajka
International Affairs Committee for Africa-Middle East	Ms. Poonam Sachdeva
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
Task Force on Exports	Mr. V C Jain / Mr. Ram Poddar

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.



Interactive Session with Delegation from University of Virginia, US



PHD Chamber organized an interactive session with a delegation of students and faculty professors from the University of Virginia on December 10, 2012

at PHD House, New Delhi. Dr. S P Sharma, Chief Economist, PHD Chamber gave a presentation on 'Opportunities and Challenges ahead for Businesses in India'.

He elucidated on the current economic scenario and future growth prospects of the country.

Call on by Minister Economic, Embassy of Japan

Mr. Tamaki Tsukada, Minister Economic and Mr. Kei Eda, First Secretary, Embassy of Japan called on Mr. Sandip Somany, President PHD Chamber on December 19, 2012 at PHD Chamber, New Delhi. The Japanese officials presented books on the Japanese economy, and management practices etc, on behalf of the Japan Chamber of Commerce and Industry to Mr. Somany and requested PHD Chamber's cooperation in furthering economic cooperation between India and Japan.

Mr. Somany highlighted that recent partnership deals between Indian and Japanese companies, like Ranbaxy-Diachi, Tata-Docomo



and Reliance Life-Nippon would lead to more collaborations

between MSMEs of both the countries.

Interactive Session with Delegation from Pakistan

PHD Chamber organized an interactive session with a delegation from Gujrat Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Pakistan on December 11, 2012 at PHD House, New Delhi. The delegation was led by Mr. Adnan Iqbal, President, Gujrat Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Pakistan, Mr. Naeem Anwar, Minister (Trade), High Commission of Pakistan and Mr. Muhammad Shafique Ur Rehman, Counselor(C&CA), High Commission of Pakistan where also present. Mr. Naeem Anwar



discussed issues hampering bilateral trade and the steps that

both the governments could take to increase two-way trade.

Call on by Ambassador of Sudan



H.E. Dr. Hasan Eisa Hassan El Talib, Ambassador of Sudan called on Mr. Sandip Somany, President, PHD Chamber on December 19, 2012. The objective of the visit was to seek the Chamber's cooperation in furthering economic cooperation between India and Sudan. The Ambassador said he would welcome Indian companies to invest in sectors such as oil and gas, precious minerals, gold, electricity generation and agriculture in Sudan.

Meeting with Minister of State for External Affairs

A PHD Chamber delegation led by President, Mr. Suman Jyoti Khaitan; Vice President, Mr. Alok B Shriram; Chairman, International Affairs Committee, Europe Mr. Ashish Agrawal; Secretary General, Ms. Susmita Shekar and Senior Secretary, Mr. Yogesh Srivastava met Ms. Preneet Kaur, Hon'ble Minister of State for External Affairs on February 7, 2013 at her office in New Delhi.





Meeting with delegation from Kano State, Nigeria

PHD Chamber organized a meeting with a delegation from Kano State, Nigeria on January 23, 2013 at PHD house, New Delhi. The delegation was led by Dr. Danburam Abubakar Nuhu, Commissioner for Commerce, Industry, Cooperatives and Tourism, Kano State, Nigeria and Mr. Ahmed Rabi'u, President, Kano State Chamber of Commerce, Industry, Mines and Agriculture.



Mr. Suman Jyoti Khaitain, President, PHD Chamber delivered the welcome address. Indian participants raised questions

regarding registration of Indian businesses in Nigeria, repatriation, distribution network, profit etc.

Interactive Session with Officials from Ras Al Khaimah (RAK) Free Trade Zone Authority, Government of UAE



The Chamber organized a number of interactive sessions and B2 meetings during the year with the officials from Ras Al Khaimah (RAK) Free Trade Zone Authority: February 8, April 9-11

and September 3-5, 2013 at PHD House, New Delhi. At the sessions, Mr. Bissoon Surnam, Head of India Office, RAK apprised industry of the opportunities available in the RAK free trade zone.

A short film on 'Seven Pearls of UAE' was also shown to the participants, highlighting the opportunities provided by the seven Emirates of the UAE.

Meeting with Belgian Luxembourg Business Association (BLBA)

HD Chamber organized a meeting with a delegation from BLBA on February 13, 2013 at PHD House. The visiting delegation was led by Mr. Antoine Delcourt, Counselor Economic Affairs at Embassy of Belgium and other senior Embassy officials.

Mr. Suman Jyoti Khaitan, President, PHD Chamber in his conversation focussed on bilateral cooperation between both the countries, tax regime and non-tariff barriers.



Ambassadors' Meet



PHD Chamber organized its annual event, the Ambassadors' Meet on March 15, 2013 at PHD House, New Delhi. Ms. Preneet Kaur, Hon'ble Minister of State, External Affairs was the Chief Guest while Mr. Naveen Jindal, Member

of Parliament was the Guest of Honour. The Meet provided members an excellent platform to build connections with the foreign diplomats. More than 80 diplomats including 20 Ambassadors/High Commissioners representing more

than 50 countries like US, Australia, China, Russia, Taiwan, Belarus, Bhutan, Bangladesh, Cyprus, Iran, Iraq, South Africa, Sweden, Turkey, Afghanistan, Luxembourg and Sri Lanka among others attended the event.



MoU between the PHD Chamber and VECCL, Australia



PHD Chamber and the Victorian Employers' Chamber, Australia signed a MoU on March 6, 2013 at PHD House, New Delhi.

The objective of the MoU is to develop institutional linkages between the two organizations to promote economic cooperation and trade.

Meeting with Delegation from Faisalabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Pakistan

PHD Chamber organized an interactive session with a delegation from Faisalabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Pakistan on April 3, 2013 at PHD House, New Delhi.

The delegation was led by Mr. Fiaz Ahmad, Former Senior Vice President & Executive Member, Faisalabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Faisalabad is the textile hub of Pakistan and items such as raw cotton, printing screens and dyes are imported from India. Mr. Ahmad expected



that the proposed changes in the trade and commerce between the visa policy are likely to augment both the countries.

Doing Business with Emerging Countries in Asia



The Economic Affairs Committee and International Affairs Committee, PHD Chamber jointly organized a roundtable on 'Doing Business with Emerging Countries in Asia' on May 7, 2013 at PHD

House, New Delhi.

Mr. Pinak Ranjan Chakravarty, Secretary (Economic Relations), Ministry of External Affairs graced the occasion as Chief Guest.

Mr. Suman Jyoti Khaitan, President, PHD Chamber, delivered the welcome address, while Mr. S K Sarkar, Chairman, Economic Affairs Committee gave the theme presentation.

Meeting with Former Governor, Abia State, Nigeria

PHD Chamber organized a meeting with Dr. Orji Uzor Kalu, Former Governor, Abia State, Nigeria on April 29, 2013 at PHD House, New Delhi. H.E. Mr. N V Amaku, High Commissioner of Nigeria to India graced the occasion.

Mr. Suman Jyoti Khaitan, President, PHD Chamber highlighted the significant increase in trade between the two countries.

H.E. Mr. N V Amaku, High Commissioner of Nigeria to India elucidated that there was huge scope for Indian investment in



sectors such as energy, aviation, mining, refineries, health, agriculture, textile, etc. in Nigeria. He shared that the Nigerian

Government did not charge tax for the first 5 years and adopted a flexible profit-repatriation policy.

Interactive Session on India- Kyrgyzstan Economic Cooperation

PHD Chamber organized an interactive session with Mr. Evgeny Kablukov, Charge d'Affaires, Embassy of the Kyrgyz Republic on May 30, 2013 at PHD House, New Delhi. Mr. Chetan Kajaria, Chairman, International Affairs Committee for CIS, PHD Chamber while welcoming Mr. Kablukov opined that bilateral trade between the two countries was significantly low and efforts needed to be made to identify specific sectors for cooperation.

Mr. Kablukov gave a succinct

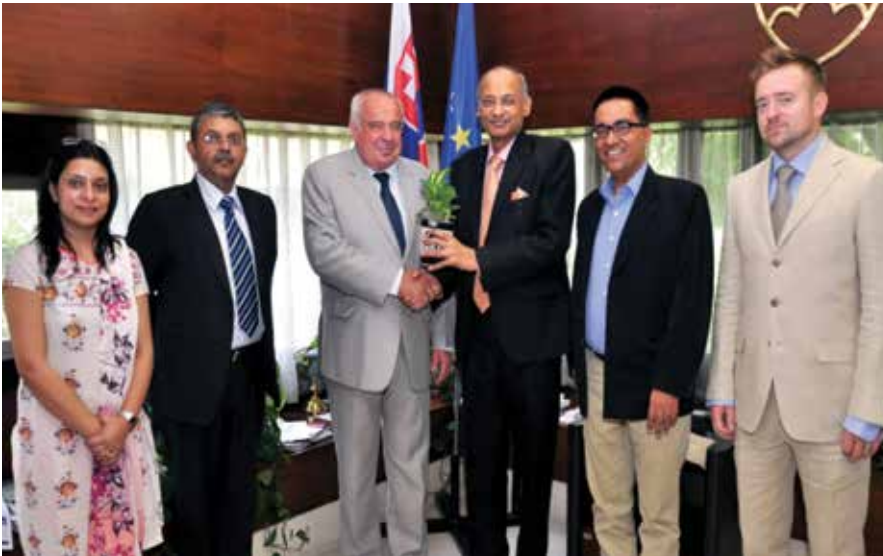


overview on Kyrgyzstan's economy and said that there was huge scope for bilateral cooperation in sectors

such as the hospitality, tourism, renewable energy, infrastructure, etc.



Meeting with Ambassador of the Slovak Republic in India



A PHD Chamber delegation led by Mr. Suman Jyoti Khaitan, President, Mr. Sharad Jaipuria, Senior Vice President, Mr. Saurabh Sanyal, Executive Director, Mr. Yogesh Srivastav, Senior Secretary, International Affairs – Europe, and Ms. Ananya Biswas Roy, Deputy Secretary met H.E Mr. Marian Tomasik, Ambassador of the Slovak Republic and Mr. Anton Matulcik, First Secretary, Economic and Commercial on May 20, 2013 to discuss possible areas of cooperation between the Chamber and the Embassy.

Meeting with High Commissioner of Canada in India

A PHD Chamber delegation led by Mr. Suman Jyoti Khaitan, President, Mr. Sharad Jaipuria, Senior Vice President, Mr. Saurabh Sanyal, Executive Director, Dr. Ranjeet Mehta, Senior Secretary and Mr. Yogesh Srivastav, Senior Secretary met H.E. Stewart Beck, High Commissioner of Canada in India and Ms. Sara Wilshaw, Minister (Commercial) Senior Trade Commissioner on May 22, 2013 at the Canadian High Commission, New Delhi.



Meeting with Head of UKTI



Mr. Sharad Jaipuria, Senior Vice President; Mr. Saurabh Sanyal, Executive Director; Dr. Ranjeet Mehta, Senior Secretary and Mr. Yogesh Srivastav, Senior Secretary from PHD Chamber met Mr Barry Lowen, Head of UK Trade and Investment in India and Ms. Eilidh Kennedy McLean, Deputy Head of Trade and Investment, Northern Region, India on May 22, 2013 at the British High Commission, New Delhi.

Meeting with Ambassador of Belgium to India

Mr. Suman Jyoti Khaitan, President, Mr. Sharad Jaipuria, Senior Vice President, Mr. Saurabh Sanyal, Executive Director and Mr. Yogesh Srivastav, Senior Secretary from PHD Chamber met H.E. Mr Pierre Vaesen, Ambassador of Belgium to India, as well as Mr. Christophe Van Overstraeten, First Secretary - Trade & Investment (Wallonia - Brussels Economic Representation); Mr. Jos De Clercq, First Secretary – Trade & Investment, Embassy of Belgium; and Mr. Antoine Delcourt, Counsellor Economic Affairs, Embassy of Belgium on May



22, 2013 at the Embassy of the Kingdom of Belgium, New Delhi to discuss bilateral cooperation issues.

Meeting with Union Minister of External Affairs

A PHD Chamber delegation led by Mr. Suman Jyoti Khaitan, President, Mr. Sharad Jaipuria, Senior Vice President, Mr. Rajiv Bhatnagar, Chairman, Defence Committee and Dr. Ranjeet Mehta, Senior Secretary met Mr Salman Khurshid, Hon'ble Union Minister of External Affairs on May 17, 2013 in New Delhi. The purpose of the meeting was to invite him for the conference on 'Opportunities in Emerging Economies' scheduled for July.



Meeting with H.E. Prof. Piotr Kłodkowski, the Ambassador of Poland



A PHD delegation led by Mr. Suman Jyoti Khaitan, President, Mr. Mohit Jain, Chairman, International Affairs Committee – Europe; Mr. Saurabh Sanyal, Executive Director and Mr. Yogesh Srivastav, Senior Secretary met H.E. Prof. Piotr Kłodkowski, Ambassador of the Republic of Poland and Mr. Sebastian Domzalski, First Secretary, and Mr. Zbigniew Magdziarz, Counselor, Trade & Investment Promotion on July 16, 2013 at New Delhi.



Interactive Session with Delegation from China



PHD Chamber organized an interactive session with a delegation from Zhejiang Province of China on May 20, 2013 at PHD House, New Delhi. The delegation led by Mr. Wu Jiaxi, Deputy Director, Zhejiang Economic and Information Technology Commission comprised of businessmen representing sectors such as telecom, IT, plastics, building materials, chemicals, white cement, moulds for auto spare parts, etc. Mr. Wu Jiaxi said that significant opportunities for bilateral cooperation existed in sectors such as infrastructure, IT etc.

Workshop on 'Maximum EXIM benefits through Efficient Utilization of FTP, Customs & Excise'

PHD Chamber organized a workshop on 'Maximum EXIM benefits through Efficient Utilisation of FTP, Customs & Excise' on June 6, 2013, at PHD House, New Delhi. Mr. D.K Singh, IAS, Additional Director General of Foreign Trade was the Chief Guest at the event. Mr. Vijay Mehta, Chairman, Foreign Trade and Investment Committee, PHD Chamber highlighted that India needed to focus on steps to bolster exports and overcome the increasing trade deficit.



Mr. Sanjay Baswal, Director, of the Foreign Trade Policy and Andees Consulting gave detailed presentations on basic provisions and incentive schemes.

Meeting with Ambassador of Cote D'Ivoire



A PHD Chamber led delegation led by Mr. Saurabh Sanyal, Executive Director, Ms. Shabnam Pareek, Secretary and Ms. Deepshika Sundaran, Senior Assistant Secretary called on H.E. Mr. Sainy Tiemele, Ambassador, Embassy of Cote D'Ivoire on August 14, 2013 at New Delhi.

Meeting with Indian Ambassador to Poland and Lithuania



Mr. Vijay Mehta, Chairman, Foreign Trade & Investment Committee, PHD Chamber visited Poland to participate in the '2nd Eastern Poland Business Forum Meet' held at Kiel' from June 12-14, 2013, organized by the Polish Information & Foreign Investment Agency.

Mr. Vijay Mehta utilized the opportunity to call on H.E. Ms. Monika Kapil Mohta, (IFS), Indian Ambassador to Poland and Lithuania in Warsaw and apprised her of the Chamber's activities.

Interactive Session with Business Delegation from Jhang Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Pakistan

PHD Chamber organized an interactive session with a business delegation from Jhang Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Pakistan on July 2, 2013 at PHD House, New Delhi. Mr. Imran Sohail, Former Vice President, Jhang Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Pakistan led the delegation. He expressed the hope that India would soon be granted the MFN status and travelling between India and Pakistan would become easy with the grant of multiple entry visas to multiple cities.



Mr. Alok B Shriram, Vice President, PHD Chamber said that business communities of both sides need to

address gaps such as uncertainty of payments, ambiguity over continuity of trade relations, etc.

Meeting with Ambassador of Vietnam



A PHD Chamber delegation led by Mr. Vijay Mehta, Chairman, Foreign Trade & Investment Committee, Mr. Saurabh Sanyal, Executive Director, Ms. Shabnam Pareek, Secretary and Dr. S P Sharma, Chief Economist called on H.E. Mr. Nguyen Thanh Tan, Ambassador of Vietnam, on August 27, 2013 at New Delhi, and updated the Chamber's objectives in promoting exports for Indian industries with Vietnam.



Seminar on Opportunities in the Agro-Processing Sector between India and South Africa

PHD Chamber in partnership with the South African High Commission organized a seminar on 'Opportunities in the Agro-Processing Sector between India and South Africa' on September 26, 2013. A delegation from South Africa representing various sectors in Agro-Processing such as fruit juice, olive oil, sun-dried tomatoes, etc, participated in the seminar.



Mr. Malose W Mogale, Deputy High Commissioner, South African High Commission stated that there had been successful

economic cooperation between India and South Africa in various international fora such as BRICS, G20, South-South Cooperation, and stressed on the need to

expedite the negotiations for the India-South African Customs Union (SACU) Preferential Trade Agreement.

Interactive Session on Opening New Markets-Focus CIS: Opportunities and Challenges

PHD Chamber organized an interactive session on 'Opening New Markets-Focus CIS: Opportunities and Challenges' with Mr. Ravi Kapoor, Joint Secretary, Department of Commerce on August 29, 2013 at PHD House, New Delhi.

Some important diplomats who attended the event included H.E. Mr. Parahat Hommadovich Durdyev, Ambassador, Embassy of Turkmenistan, Mr. Evgeny Kablukov, Charge d' Affaires, Embassy of Kyrgyz Republic, Mr. Massoad Rezvanian, Minister Counselor, Embassy of Iran, Mr. Gayrat Tairov, Counselor (Trade & Economic), Embassy of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Mr. Mikhail A. Rapota, Trade Commissioner, Trade Representation of the



Russian Federation, Mr. Alexander S Karyukin, Counselor (Finance), Embassy of the Russian Federation and many more.

Mr. Chetan Kajaria, Chairman, International Affairs Committee for CIS, PHD Chamber highlighted that CIS countries offer opportunities

in terms of growing markets, vast natural resources, political stability etc. Mr. Ravi Kapoor emphasized on the close proximity of India and the CIS countries and cited that this was a major advantage for boosting bilateral economic cooperation.

Interactive Session with High Commissioner of Pakistan

PHD Chamber organized an interactive session with H.E. Mr. Salman Bashir, High Commissioner of Pakistan in India on July 16, 2013 at PHD House, New Delhi. H.E. Mr. Salman Bashir confirmed that the Government of Pakistan accords high priority of improving relations with India. Mr. Alok B Shriram, Vice President, PHD Chamber said that both India and Pakistan had vast potential for economic cooperation and the diverse resources could be pooled for a broader regional corporation in Asia.



Meeting with Acting High Commissioner of Singapore



A PHD Chamber delegation called on Mr. Jonathan Tow, Acting High Commissioner of Singapore and Ms. Kah Mei Chan, First Secretary (Economics), Singapore High Commission on July 12, 2013 to discuss investment opportunities in the areas of urban development, water & waste management and skill development. The President suggested that Singapore could develop the health sector in India – by setting up of hospitals and designing training modules for nursing.

Meeting with Ambassador of Senegal

Mr. Saurabh Sanyal, Executive Director, Ms. Shabnam Pareek, Secretary, PHD Chamber and Ms. Deepshika Sundaran, Senior Assistant Secretary, PHD Chamber called on H.E. Mr. Amadou Moustapha Diouf, Ambassador, Embassy of Senegal on September 5, 2013. During the meeting, various prospects for bilateral trade and investment between India and Senegal were discussed.





Meeting with Senior Economic Advisor to the Government of the Emirate of Ras Al Khaimah (RAK), UAE and Chief Executive Officer of the Ras Al Khaimah Free Trade Zone Authority (RAK FTZ)

Foreign Trade and Investment Committee, PHD Chamber, organized a meeting with Mr. Peter J. Fort, Senior Economic Advisor to the Government of the Emirate of Ras Al Khaimah (RAK), UAE and Chief Executive Officer of the Ras Al Khaimah Free Trade Zone Authority (RAK FTZ) on October 3, 2013 at PHD House, New Delhi.



Mr. Peter Fort, spoke about the immense opportunities of bilateral cooperation between India and

UAE and the benefits offered by the Ras Al khaimah Free Trade Zone authority to the Indian businessmen.

Meeting with Ambassador of Gabon



H.E. Mr. Desire Koumba, Ambassador of Gabon and Mr. Remy Ndjokounda, Economic Counselor, Embassy of Gabon called on PHD Chamber on October 7, 2013. The Ambassador mentioned that the Government of Gabon was keen on increasing cooperation with India and that Gabon planned to shift from being an exporter of raw materials to a self sustaining economy.

Interactive session with delegation from Poland & MoU Signing

PHD Chamber organized an interactive session with a 12-member business delegation from Poland on October 9, 2013 at PHD House, New Delhi.

A MoU was signed between PHD Chamber and the Polish Chamber of Commerce to further strengthen business ties.



Meeting with Delegation from Taiwan

PHD Chamber organized a meeting with a delegation from Taiwan on October 11, 2013 at PHD House, New Delhi. The delegation was led by Ms. Mei-Hsueh Lin, Deputy Director General, Small and Medium Enterprise, Ministry of Economic Affairs, Taiwan. The Taiwanese delegation emphasized that they are keen to collaborate with India in sectors such as ICT, electronics, automobile components and machinery, where Taiwan enjoys a comparative advantage.



Meeting with Ambassador of Ethiopia



Mr. Saurabh Sanyal, Executive Director, Ms. Shabnam Pareek, Secretary and Mr. Abhishek Banwara, Senior Assistant Secretary, PHD Chamber called on H.E. Ms. Genet Zewide, Ambassador of Ethiopia on October 24, 2013.

The Ambassador mentioned that she was interested in meeting Indian businesses interested in Floriculture and Horticulture sectors.

Interactive Session with Delegation from Pakistan

PHD Chamber organized an interactive session with a delegation from the Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI), Pakistan on November 16, 2013 at PHD House, New Delhi. The delegation was led by Mr. Zubair Ahmed Malik, President, FPCCI. Mr. Naeem Anwar, Minister (Trade) and Mr. Syed Zirgham Raza, First Secretary (Trade) Pakistan High Commission in India were also present at the event. While welcoming the delegates, Mr. Suman Jyoti



Khaitan, President, PHD Chamber, shared his observations on the prospects of business cooperation between the two countries.



Interactive Session with Business Delegation from the TOMSK Region of Russia

PHD Chamber in collaboration with India-CIS Chamber of Commerce and Industry organized an interactive session with a business delegation from the TOMSK region of Russia on November 11, 2013 at PHD House, New Delhi. The delegation was led by Mr. Sergey Sakun, Vice President TOMSK Chamber of Commerce and Industry.



Ms. Mala Iyengar, Director, Department of Commerce,

Government of India said that the Government of India looks at the

entire CIS region as having great investment potential.

Delegation from Csongrad County Of Hungary



An industry delegation from Csongrad County of Hungary met PHD members including Mr Alok Shriram, Vice President on April 18, 2013.

Green energy remained the focus of the discussion, especially Geo-thermal energy and it was deliberated by the delegation that some parts of India have a good scope of Geo-thermal energy.

Interactive Session with Delegation from Lithuania and MOU Signing

PHD Chamber organized an interactive session with a delegation from Lithuania on November 13, 2013, at PHD House, New Delhi. The delegation was led by Mr. Linas Linkevičius, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania. H.E. Mr. Laimonas Talat-Kelpša, Ambassador of Lithuania in New Delhi, Mr. O P Lohia, Honorary Consul of Lithuania in Mumbai and other senior officials from Lithuania were also present.

A MoU was signed between PHD

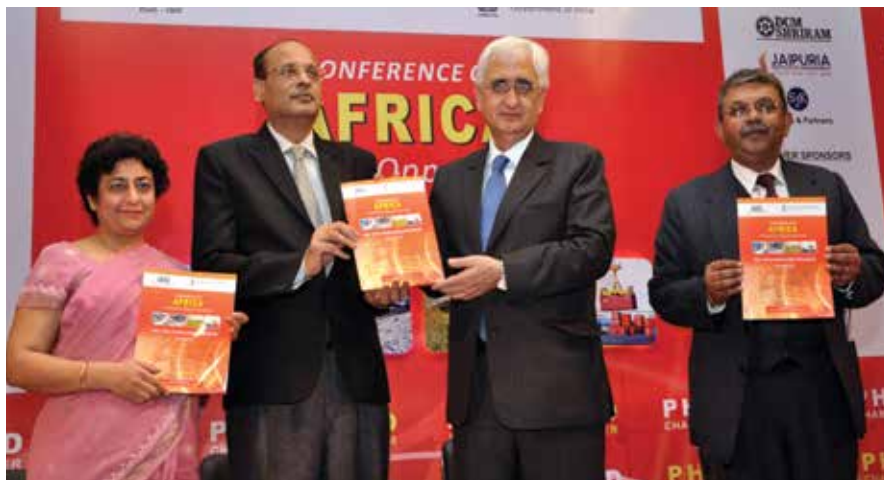


Chamber and The Association of Lithuanian Chambers Of

Commerce, Industry and Crafts to build a synergetic relationship.

Conference on Africa: A land of Opportunities

PHD Chamber with the support of the Ministry of External Affairs organized a Conference on “Africa: A land of Opportunities” on November 20, 2013, at PHD House, New Delhi. Over 60 diplomats, including 20 Ambassadors from 30 African countries participated in the event. Mr. D. S. Dhesi, Additional Secretary, Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry was the Chief Guest for the Inaugural Session. Addressing a Special Session, Mr. Salman Khurshid, Hon’ble Union Minister for External Affairs, Government of India said that India could offer a partnership model to Africa in order to increase its bilateral ties. He praised Africa for attracting significant FDI inflows despite slowdown in the world economy. Further, he said that as 62 percent of Africa’s



population is below the age of 35 and the country has a favourable demographic dividend which can be benefited by India in terms of providing expertise in the fields of knowledge and investment.

The Hon’able Minister also released a research report on “Africa-A land

of opportunities” authored by PHD Research Bureau of PHD Chamber. An exhibition held with participation by some African countries including Botswana, Burkina Faso, Egypt, Ethiopia, Gabon, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Rwanda and Uganda showcased information on their respective countries.

Seminar on Doing Business with Belgium - Your Gateway to Europe

PHD Chamber in association with the Belgium Luxembourg Business Association and the Embassy of Belgium in India organized a series of seminars in different cities on ‘Doing business with Belgium - Your gateway to Europe’. The seminars were organized to showcase the opportunities and attractiveness of doing business in Belgium. A 12-member Belgian delegation led by Mr. Pierre Vaesen, Ambassador of Belgium in New Delhi visited Chandigarh on May 7, 2013, Lucknow on July 8, 2013 and the seminar in Delhi was held on May 9, 2013. The visiting delegates from Brussels, Flanders, and Walloon focused on presenting what makes Belgium an ideal location for doing business,



not only with Belgium itself, but with the whole of the European Union. The delegation shared that sectors such as energy, chemicals, pharmaceuticals, life sciences, ICT, textile, aeronautics, were potential sectors, adding that Belgium, “gateway to the European Union”,

is known for its perfect location as a logistics and distribution hub and for its excellent rail and road infrastructure. Mr. Pierre Vaesen, Ambassador of Belgium invited Indian companies looking to invest in Belgium to take advantage of the new trade opportunities.



Interactive Session with the Sacred Heart University

PHD organized an interactive session in honour of Dr. Alfred Steinherr, Professor of Economics and Finance and Academic Director Sacred Heart University of Luxembourg, along with the MBA students from John F Welch College of Business on July 31, 2013 at New Delhi. The discussion focused primarily on cooperation in the field of education between India and Luxembourg.



Meeting with the Ambassador of the French Republic



A PHD Chamber delegation led by Mr. Suman Jyoti Khaitan, President along with Mr. Yogesh Srivastav, Senior Secretary met the Ambassador of the French Republic, His Excellency Mr. Francois Richier and Mr. Jean-Rene Cougard, Minister Counselor for Economic & Financial Affairs, Head of the Regional Economic Service for India and South Asia on June 14, 2013 at New Delhi.

Interactive Session with the Ambassador of Italy

An interactive session for industry members with the H.E Daniele Mancini, Ambassador of Italy was held on August 5, 2013 at PHD House, New Delhi.

Mr. Suman Jyoti Khaitan, President, PHD Chamber pointed out that diverse consumer markets in both the countries could offer immense opportunities for business. Olive oil, tourism, education, skill development, etc were a few key sectors where India could gain and thrive with the help of Italy.

H.E Mr. Mancini said that Italy



considers India to be a good partner of trade and encouraged G2G partnerships. He viewed

sectors such as agri-business, water and waste management of interest for Italian businesses.

Regional Development- States

Bihar

The Chamber took the first step to enter into the Eastern part of the country. In this context a State Committee for Bihar was formed under the Chairmanship of Mr. Satyajit Kumar Singh. The Committee had regular interactions with the Chief Minister, Ministers and concerned authorities at the highest level.

Bihar Investors Meet- 2013 'The Land with Immense Opportunities'

The Bihar Investors Meet-2013, 'The Land with Immense Opportunities' was organized by PHD Chamber on April 5, 2013 at Patna.

Chief Guest, Mr. Nitish Kumar, Chief Minister, Bihar said that the State offers a huge market of 10.5 crores people and urged industrialists and entrepreneurs to tap the immense investment opportunities provided in the State in sectors like food processing, leather, tourism, hospitality, construction, education and renewable energy.

Special Guest of Honor, Ms. Renu Kumari Kushwaha, Minister, Industry and Disaster Management, Bihar stated that investors should take initiatives for resolving energy crisis.





YOUNG MANAGERS SUMMIT

PHD Chamber organized a 'Young Managers' Summit' on September 27, 2013 at Patna.

The objective of this summit was to provide a platform to students of management and technical institutions and young managers to learn from the experiences of inspirational successful young leaders. Mr. Atul Sinha, MD, BELTRON was the Chief Guest for the summit while Mr. Praveen Kishore,



I.R.S, Managing Director, Bihar Medical Services and Infrastructure Corporation, Bihar was the Guest of Honour.

Women Entrepreneurs Conference 2013

The Women Entrepreneurs Conference 2013 was held on 31st October, 2013 at Patna. Dr. Renu Kumari Kushwaha, Hon'ble Minister, Deptt. of Industries, Govt. of Bihar. Was the Chief Guest. Ms. Rashmi Singh, Executive Director, Rashtriya Mahila Kosh and NRCW, Ministry of Women and Child Development, was the Special Guest and the Guests of Honour were Mr. Vijoy Prakash, IAS, Principal Secretary, Deptt. of Planning,



Govt. of Bihar and Mr. Satyajit Singh, Chairman, Bihar Committee of PHD Chamber moderated the event.

Chhattisgarh

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

Meeting with Governor, Chhattisgarh



Mr. Pradeep Tandon, Chairman, Chhattisgarh Committee met Mr. Shekhar Dutt, Governor of Chhattisgarh at Governors House, Raipur on December 20, 2012 and briefed him about the PHD Chamber's activities in the state of Chhattisgarh.

Conference on Role & Responsibility of VTPs

PHD Chamber in association with the Chhattisgarh State Skill Development Mission (CSSDM) organized a conference on 'Role & Responsibility of VTPs (Vocational Training Providers)' on January 11, 2013 at Raipur.

Chief Guest, Ms. Nidhi Chhibbar, Secretary, Technical Education, Chhattisgarh suggested that such programmes are required to be organized at district and divisional levels for the benefit of the youth.



Conference on Future Skill Needs and Skill Development



PHD Chamber in association with Chhattisgarh State Skill Development Mission (CSSDM) organized a one-day conference on 'Future Skill Needs and Skill Development' on July 17, 2013 at Raigarh.

The objective of the conference was to promote skill development initiatives in the state.

Workshop on Fault Diagnosis & How to resolve Vibration Problems in Large Rotating Machines

PHD Chamber in association with Academy for Integrated Management of Engineering and Safety (AIMES) organized a workshop on 'Fault Diagnosis & How to resolve Problems in Large Rotating Machines' on August 26-27, 2013 at Raipur.

Mr. R.G. Dwivedi, Regional Director, PHD Chamber discussed about the nature of vibrations and diagnosis of the problems.





Delhi & NCR

The Delhi & NCR Committee was reconstituted with Mr. Rajnish Goenka as Chairman and Mr. Dhiraj Dhar Gupta and Mr. Pradeep Multani 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.

Conference on 'Building Disaster Resilient Societies: Lessons from Japan'



PHD Chamber in collaboration with Global Forum for Disaster Reduction (GFDR) and Japan Foundation organized an international conference on 'Building Disaster Resilient Societies – Lessons from Japan',

February 22-23, 2013 at PHD House, New Delhi.

Mr. J.K.Bansal, Hon'ble Member, National Disaster Management Authority, in his inaugural address, spoke about the vulnerability of

both Japan and India to different natural and man-made disasters and highlighted the contribution of National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) in different phases on disasters.

Meeting with Chief Secretary, Govt. of NCT of Delhi

Mr. Rajnish Goenka, Chairman, Delhi & NCR Committee, Mr. Pradeep Multani, Co-Chairman, Delhi & NCR Committee and Mr. J.M Saksena, Director, PHD Chamber paid a courtesy call to Mr. D.M Spolia, IAS, Chief Secretary, Govt. of NCT of Delhi at his office on March 1, 2013. The Chief Secretary laid emphasis on the need for a comprehensive blueprint for industrial regeneration of Delhi.



Meeting with Lieutenant Governor of Delhi

Mr. Rajnish Goenka, Chairman, Delhi & NCR Committee and Mr. J.M Saksena, Director, PHD Chamber paid a courtesy call to Mr. Tejendra Khanna, Lieutenant Governor, Government of NCT of Delhi on April 4, 2013 at Raj Niwas, New Delhi.

The Lieutenant Governor apprised the PHD Chamber about the ongoing development work in the upper stream of Yamuna; policy



for adoption of monuments of Delhi and heritage conservation

and promotion oriented initiatives in the Shahjahanabad area.

Meeting with Chief Minister of Delhi



A PHD Chamber delegation called on Ms. Sheila Dikshit, Chief Minister, Govt. of NCT of Delhi on April 10, 2013 and July 2, 2013 at her residence in New Delhi. The meetings were held to discuss issues pertaining to the need for an effective single window for industry, conversion of plot use in industrial areas from industrial to commercial, matters pending with Delhi Pollution Control Committee and need for tree plantation and green cover in industrial estates in Delhi.

Interactive Session on Taxation Issues in NCT of Delhi

PHD Chamber organized an interactive session on 'Taxation Issues in NCT of Delhi' on May 16, 2013 at PHD House, New Delhi with a view to discuss major tax issues affecting industry, trade and commerce and services in Delhi. Assuring that the future interface between business entities and the government departments would be online to a large extent and only minimal physical/ human interface would remain, Mr. Prashant Goyal, Commissioner, VAT, Govt. of NCT



of Delhi assured that Delhi Govt. is committed towards simplification

of tax processes in Delhi to the best extent possible.



Interactive Session with Chief Minister of Delhi



PHD Chamber organized an interactive session with Ms. Sheila Dikshit, Chief Minister, Govt. of NCT of Delhi on July 10, 2013 at PHD House, New Delhi. The objective was to provide a forum to the stakeholders to resolve their issues pertaining to existing/

proposed industrial set-ups in Delhi. Ms. Sheila Dikshit, Chief Minister, Government of NCT of Delhi admitted that most of the industrial areas in Delhi are in a bad shape and industrialists face hardships due to multiplicity of agencies in Delhi. She announced

that Bhagidari scheme will commence in Delhi for the development of the industrial sector and a Committee shall be formed by the Government of NCT of Delhi comprising of industry representatives to address various hurdles faced by the industry.

Seminar on Emerging Trends in Product Selling: Opportunities and Challenges



PHD Chamber organized a seminar on 'Emerging Trends in Product Selling—Challenges and Opportunities' on November 18, 2013 at PHD House, New Delhi. Mr. Amit Yadav, IAS, Secretary, Industries, Govt. of NCT of Delhi was the Chief Guest at the seminar.

The objective of the seminar was to create awareness amongst the industry about opportunities, challenges and future prospects associated with Direct Selling and E-Commerce in India.

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.

SHIMLA MEGA MART

PHD Chamber in partnership with the Tourism Department of Himachal Pradesh organized a five-day mega event, Shimla Mega Mart, June 7-11, 2013 at Indira Gandhi Sports Complex, Shimla.

Mr. Sudripta Roy, IAS, Chief Secretary, Himachal Pradesh inaugurated the Expo.

The focus of the Expo this year was on home interiors, handicrafts, artefacts, electronic goods and appliances, fashion accessories, fabrics, onyx marbles etc. The tourism exhibition & mega mart,



third in the series, presented a great opportunity for the industry, entrepreneurs and corporates both domestic as well as from various South Asian Countries including Pakistan.

Call on meeting with Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh

PHD Chamber delegation led by Mr. Dhian Chand, Chairman, Himachal Pradesh Committee, Mr. Dalip Sharma, Regional Director and Mr. Sandeep Sharma, Executive Officer met Mr. Virbhadra Singh, Chief Minister Himachal Pradesh at his official residence 'Oak Over' on January 28, 2013.

The purpose of this meeting was to discuss about organizing a mega event on tourism, industrial Development and Infrastructure at Shimla.





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.

Meeting with Hon'ble Finance Minister, Government of Jammu

A PHD delegation led by Mr. Vikrant Kuthiala, Chairman, J&K Committee presented a Pre-Budget Memorandum to Mr. A. R. Rather, Hon'ble Finance Minister, Government of J&K on January 20, 2013. The Chamber stressed upon early implementation of power sector reforms and rationalization of water usage charges for Hydel Projects.



International Women's Day



The Jammu & Kashmir Committee of PHD Chamber in collaboration with Shiksha Niketan Higher Secondary School, Jeevan Nagar, Jammu commemorated the 'International Women's Day' on March 8, 2013 at Jammu. Ms. Sushma Chauhan, IAS, Additional Deputy Commissioner was the Chief Guest while Ms. Anita Sharma, KPS, Additional SP Crime Branch was the Guest of Honour.

Design Clinic Scheme for Empowering SMEs

PHD Chamber in association with the National Institute of Design conducted an orientation program, 'Design Clinic Scheme for Empowering SMEs' in Jammu and Kashmir on June 27, 2013 at Jammu. Chief Guest, Mr. Gulzar Ahmad Qureshi, Director, Industries & Commerce, Jammu said that there is a huge requirement of promoting entrepreneurs through the medium of design.



Madhya Pradesh

The Madhya Pradesh Committee was reconstituted with Mr. Anil Aggarwal as Chairman and Mr. Manish Kalani and Mr. C E Fernandes as Co-Chairmen. 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.

Enhancing Value Addition in Handloom - Export Opportunities & Challenges

PHD Chamber in association with the Ministry of Textiles and Madhya Pradesh Hastshilp Evam Hathkargha Vikas Nigam Limited organized a workshop on 'Enhancing Value Addition in Handloom -Export Opportunities and Challenges', December 7-8, 2012 at Bhopal Haat, Bhopal. The workshop aimed at increasing the awareness on export opportunities in handloom sector amongst the weavers.



Meeting with Chief Minister, Madhya Pradesh



A PHD Chamber delegation led by Mr. Anil Agrawal, Chairman, Madhya Pradesh Committee,

Ms. Susmita Shekhar, Secretary General and Mr. R G Dwivedi, Resident Director met Mr. Shivraj

Singh Chauhan, Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh on December 10, 2012 at Bhopal.



Efficient Operation & Maintenance of Industrial Boilers-Process & Captive Power

PHD Chamber Madhya Pradesh Committee in association with Essen Energy Technologies Private Limited organized a seminar on 'Efficient Operation and Maintenance of Industrial Boilers-Process & Captive Power' on December 22, 2012 at Indore.



Facilitating Role Model of Women Empowerment



PHD Chamber in association with Swami Vivekanand Library Bhopal organized a discussion on 'Facilitating Role Model of Women Empowerment' on International Women's Day, March 8, 2013 at Bhopal.

Successful women entrepreneurs shared their success stories in order to encourage women empowerment.

Conference on Future Skill needs in Food Processing Sector

PHD Chamber in association with Madhya Pradesh State Agro Industries Development Corporation Limited organized a conference on 'Future Skill needs in Food Processing Sector' on March 23, 2013 at Bhopal.

Mr. Anurag Shrivastav IAS, Commisioner-cum-Director Horticulture spoke on the funding schemes of the State Government for establishing a food processing unit and technical institutions for starting diploma courses in the sector.



IT Investor's Meet - Madhya Pradesh as the preferred IT destination



IT Committee and MP State Committee of PHD Chamber jointly organized an 'IT Investor's Meet - Madhya Pradesh - Focus Gwalior IT Park' on April 18, 2013 at PHD House, New Delhi. Mr. J Satyanarayana, Secretary, Department of Information & Technology was the Guest of Honour while Mr. Hari Ranjan Rao IAS, Secretary, Department of Information Technology, Madhya Pradesh was the Chief Guest.

Conference on The Biodiversity Act 2002 and Rules 2004 - Concerns and Issues

PHD Chamber in association with Madhya Pradesh State Biodiversity Board organized a conference on 'The Biodiversity Act 2002 and Rules 2004 - Concerns and Issues' on June 14, 2013 at Bhopal, with an objective to elaborate about the Biodiversity Act 2002 & Rules 2004. This conference explained the provision of benefit-sharing under which any person or Industry using bio-resources for commercial purposes to provide a certain amount as notified by the State Biodiversity Board. Mr. Anil Agrawal, Chairman, Madhya



Pradesh Committee, PHD Chamber expressed the concern of industries using bio resources with the implementation of the Bio-

diversity Act 2002 & Rules 2004' which includes imposition of two percent tax on turnover of industries.

Meeting with Chief Secretary, Madhya Pradesh

Mr. Anil Agrawal, Chairman, MP Committee PHD Chamber & Mr. R G Dwivedi, Regional Director, PHD Chamber met Mr. Antony JC Disa, IAS, newly appointed Chief Secretary, Government of MP on October 22, 2013 at Bhopal and congratulated him on his new job.





Workshop on Enhancing Value Addition in Handlooms Export Opportunities & Challenges

PHD Chamber in association with Madhya Pradesh Hastshilp Evam Hathkarga Vikas Nigam organized a workshop, July 20- 21, 2013 in Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh.

Mr. Anup Mishra, Honorable Minister, Medical Education, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh in his address reckoned that Madhya Pradesh Government will recreate the market of Government supply for weaving societies in the Police and Jail Department of the State.



Workshop on 'Opportunities & Challenges for First Generation Entrepreneurs (FGEs) to set up an Enterprise and Technology Upgradation'



PHD Chamber in association with MP Council of Science & Technology (MPCOST) and Bank of Baroda organized a workshop on 'Opportunities & Challenges for First Generation Entrepreneurs (FGEs) to set up an Enterprise and Technology Upgradation' in Bhopal on October 26, 2013.

Awareness Workshop on Quality Promotion

PHD Chamber in association with Madhya Pradesh Consultancy Organization Limited (MPCON), Quality Council of India (QCI) and Institute of Quality Management and Research (IQMR) organized a workshop on 'Quality Promotion' in Bhopal on October 8, 2013. The workshop was framed with a view to promote awareness about quality improvement within industries. Mr. Chandrashekhar Boratae, Principal Advisor, IQMR stated that PHD Chamber should take initiatives to act as a local resource



body for IQMR to facilitate quality management systems and training programs with an institutionalized

mechanism for entrepreneurs and engineers excelling in quality control management.

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.

Investor Awareness Program for Management Students ' Financial derivatives & Know-the BSE '



To make the investors more 'Stock market-Savvy' PHD Chamber and Bombay Stock Exchange(BSE) organized Investor Awareness workshop on February 7, 2013 at University Business school Punjab University, Chandigarh . The initiative aimed at creating awareness on raising equity capital, thus promoting financial inclusion and also facilitating development and enhancing the competitiveness of micro, small and medium enterprises.

Energy Efficiency : Leveraging Australian Capabilities

PHD Chamber in association with the Australian Trade Commission (Austrade) organized an interactive session on Energy Efficiency: Leveraging Australian capabilities on October 24, 2013 at PHD House, Chandigarh.

Australia is at the forefront of promoting energy efficiency practices that are environmentally responsible and resource efficient. To share their best practices and technologies, Minister Commercial from Australia, Ms. Nicola Watkinson, Senior Trade & Investment Commissioner,



South Asia interacted with Indian counterparts to explore business & investment opportunities available in India. She requested participants

to adopt all green and energy efficient means to project India on the world map as Net Zero Energy Efficient Designed country.



Union Budget Meet

PHD Chamber organized a Union Budget Meet on February 28, 2013 at PHD Chamber, Chandigarh. Mr. R K Saboo, Former President, Dr. Ashok Khanna, Former President, Mr. Amarjit Goyal, Senior Member, Managing Committee and Dr. Anshu Kataria, Convener, Sub Committee on Education, PHD Chamber were the distinguished panelists.



Seminar on 'The Engagement of Contract Labour – Is it a Legal or an HR Issue? – Lessons Learnt'



In order to analyze the implications of the present provisions of law and the obligations of Principal Employer under the Contract Labour (Regulation & Abolition) Act a seminar on "The Engagement of Contract Labour – Is it a Legal or an HR Issue? – Lessons Learnt" was organized by PHD Chamber on April 5, 2013 at PHD House, Chandigarh.

Seminar on 'Engaging Stakeholders: Youth and Inclusive Growth'

PHD Chamber organized a seminar on 'Engaging Stakeholders: Youth and Inclusive Growth' on August 29, 2013 at PHD House, Chandigarh.

Stressing on the need for inclusive growth for national development, Mr. Vineet Joshi, Assistant Media Advisor to Government of Punjab and Chief Parliamentary Secretary opined that the real challenge lies in creating not only more job opportunities but encouraging conducive laws also which would facilitate entrepreneurship. Mr



Dalip Sharma, Regional Director, PHD Chamber opined that the young India as the best resource which needs to be tapped.

Seminar on 'Disciplinary Proceedings under Labour Laws'



PHD Chamber organized a seminar on 'Disciplinary Proceedings under Labour Laws' on August 23, 2013 at PHD House, Chandigarh.

The one-day, highly interactive seminar covered employee relations and discipline management, including possible causes of indiscipline, advisory role and the legal role.

ISO 50001 Energy Management System

PHD Chamber and Punjab Energy Development Agency (PEDA) organized a two-day training workshop on 'ISO 50001 Energy Management System', November 12-13, 2013 at PHD House, Chandigarh. The training was organized to discuss the purpose and benefits of an energy management system and requirements of ISO 50001.



Mr. Balour Singh, Director, PEDA urged the industry to implement ISO 50001 energy management system to enhance

their competitiveness in domestic and global markets. He apprised the participants that the Ministry of Power, Ministry of New and

Renewable Energy and Bureau of Energy Efficiency are providing schemes for promoting the use of Green power.

Energy Efficient Appliances/ Products Expo 2013



Promoting renewable energy development leads to reducing energy costs, Green House Gas (GHG) emissions, lesser pollution levels and a healthier environment. Against this backdrop,

PHD Chamber in association with Punjab Energy Development Agency (PEDA) organized a two-day Energy Efficient Appliances/ Products Expo, 2013, February 17-18, 2013 at Ludhiana.



Archibuild 2013 : Architecture, Building Material and Technologies

A three-day exhibition on architecture, building materials and technologies titled 'Archibuild 2013' organized by PHD Chamber and Indian Institute of Architects (IIA) was inaugurated on September 27, 2013 Himachal Bhawan, Chandigarh.

Mr. K K Khandelwal, Principal Secretary to Chief Minister, Govt. of Haryana inaugurated the exhibition and interacted with the exhibitors while taking a round of the exhibition. The exhibited products included Acrylic Sheets, Adhesives, Air Conditioners, Aluminum Extrusions, Architectural Materials, Asbestos, Bathroom Fittings, Building Automation, Building Hardware, Building Software and Portals, Cables Cements, Centering Equipments, Ceramic Tiles, Civil Pre Casting, etc.

PHD Chamber and the Indian Institute of Architects (IIA) organized a unique event 'ArchiBuild 2013' on September 29, 2013 at Himachal Bhawan, Chandigarh. The theme of the



seminar was 'Architecture, Building Material and Technologies'. The seminar was organized to update participants on the latest trends, innovations and products in the construction industry, architecture & design and deliberate on the emerging technologies that would be beneficial for sustainable architecture both regionally and in conjunction to the nation.

In his inaugural address, the Chief

Guest, Architect, Mr. S D Sharma, a veteran architect, stated that science and technology are being involved in architecture in a great way these days. He said that in the present competitive scenario, the architects have to face tough competition not only from the foreign architects but the non-qualified architects as well, not to leave behind the competition among the qualified professional architects themselves.

Conference on 'Architecture at Crossroads'

A one-day seminar on 'Architecture at Crossroads' was organized on September 28, 2013 at Himachal Bhawan, Chandigarh to bring together policy makers, leading architects, planners, engineers, academicians and consultants on a common platform to discuss and deliberate on the emerging concerns of architecture with respect to the changing world, besides understanding and analyzing the challenges before modern cities in present times.



Architect, Mr. Surinder Bahga, Chairman, IIA- Publication Board,

Chandigarh – Punjab chapter moderated the technical session.

Seminar on 'Employees' Provident Fund Organization's Initiatives -Simplification Of EPF & MP Act—Schemes'



PHD Chamber organized a seminar on 'Employees' Provident Fund Organization's initiatives -Simplification of EPF & MP Act – Schemes' on May 10, 2013 at Chandigarh. Mr. Anil Swarup, Central Provident Fund Commissioner, Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) said that with the use of IT applications, the EPFO is making all out efforts to bring transparency and swiftness in all transactions taking place.

Interaction with H.E. Prof Piotr Ktodkowski, Ambassador, Embassy of the Republic of Poland

PHD Chamber organized an interaction session with H.E. Prof Piotr Ktodkowski, Ambassador, Embassy of the Republic of Poland on July 18, 2013 at PHD House, Chandigarh. Sharing that Poland is keen to augur strategic partnership with the food baskets of Punjab and Haryana, H.E. Prof Piotr Ktodkowski, Ambassador, said that the Republic of Poland looks forward to partner strategically with Punjab and Haryana in food processing and renewable energy sectors.



Painting Competition on Energy Conservation for School Students



To highlight the importance of 'Energy Conservation' and inculcate best energy saving habits amongst the budding generation, PHD Chamber in association with Punjab Energy Development Agency, PED A organized a Painting Competition on Energy Conservation at Indus World School, Ludhiana on February 17, 2013.



Interactive Session with Delegation from Taiwan

An interactive session with a delegation from Taiwan was organized by PHD Chamber on September 9, 2013 at Chandigarh. Sharing that Taiwan is keen to augur strategic partnership with the food basket of Punjab, Former Ambassador in India and leader of the delegation from Taiwan, Mr Wenchyi (Philip) Ong, said that there is a lot of scope for trade and investment with Punjab. "The Republic of Taiwan looks forward to partner strategically with Punjab in agro and food processing, solar power and infrastructure."



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.

Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for Mutual Co-operation

PHD Chamber and Indo Canada Chamber Of Commerce (ICCC) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for mutual co-operation on January 16, 2013 during a networking meet at Amritsar. Both the Chambers agreed that there should be maximum dissemination of information that could lead to further increase in bilateral trade with major thrust areas being education, infrastructure, food processing and energy.



Seminar on 'Strengthening the MSMEs'

PHD Chamber organized a seminar on "Strengthening the MSMEs" on May 20, 2013 at Pathankot. Chief Guest, Mr. I S Negi, General Manager, OIC, Reserve Bank of India said that state governments, banks, industry and all other stakeholders need to come forward and supplement each other for the growth of MSMEs

Seminar on Business Opportunities in Karnataka

PHD Chamber organized seminars on 'Business Opportunities in Karnataka' on May 24, 2013 at Chandigarh and on May 23, 2013 at Ludhiana. Sharing that Mysore, Belgaum, Hassan, Hubli-Dharwad and Mangalore constitute the new avenues for investment and growth, Mr. Maheshwar Rao, Commissioner for Industrial Development, Government of Karnataka invited industry to collaborate for expansion and joint ventures in Karnataka.



Seminar on MSME Clusters: Development & Financing



PHD Chamber and Export Import Bank of India jointly organized a seminar on MSME Clusters: Development & Financing on June 28, 2013 at Jalandhar. Indicating clusters to be an important aspect of strategic management, Mr. T V Rao, Director Eximus Centre, Export Import Bank of India, (EXIM Bank) Bangalore said that clusters are the most efficient means of capacity building leading to cost effectiveness and help to raise the productivity of industries.

Investor Awareness Seminar on Securities Market and the Common Man

To make the investor more 'Stock market-Savvy' PHD Chamber and National Stock Exchange Investor conducted Awareness Seminars on 'Securities Market and the Common Man' on July 13, 2013 Bathinda and on July 26, 2013 at Ludhiana. At the workshops, Mr Ankur Grover Manager, National Stock Exchange Limited in his presentation explained the importance of investment, benefits, rights and obligations of investors in the securities market. He also highlighted on the safety



measures to be taken by investors in the process on how to open trading and demat accounts and products available in the BSE.



Rajasthan

The Rajasthan Committee was reconstituted with Mr. Riju Jhunhunwala as Chairman along with Mr. K K Rathi and Mr. M L Gupta 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.

Budget Viewing Session

PHD Chamber organized a Budget Viewing Session on February 28, 2013 at Jaipur.

Professor S P Garg from Jaipuria Institute gave his expert views during the session. Mr. Sanjay Jain from Mahindra World City, Mr. Amrit Lal Sharma from Bhiwadi Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Dr. Firoza Bano, Chairperson, Rajlaxmi Bank also spoke on the occasion.



Renewable Energy in Rajasthan- Unleashing the Potential



The Renewable Energy and Environment Committee of PHD Chamber organized a round table conference on 'Renewable Energy in Rajasthan - Unleashing

the Potential' on April 25, 2013 at Jaipur. Chief Guest, Dr. Jitendra Singh, Hon'ble Minister of Energy and Non Conventional Energy Resources, Government

of Rajasthan, highlighted the achievements that Rajasthan had made in the power generation sector.

Seminar on Direct Selling at Jaipur

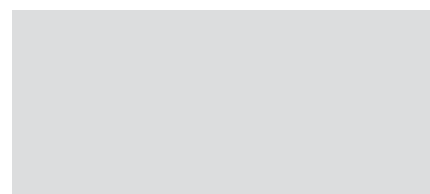
PHD Chamber organized a seminar on 'Direct Selling' on May 9, 2013 at Jaipur. The seminar focused on the concept, scope and challenges faced by entrepreneurs in direct selling, its future prospects and legal implications. Ms. Chavi Hemanth, Secretary General, IDSA mentioned that the scope and nature of the related guidelines needs to be improved and also that the state government should bring these statutory guidelines under an Act.



Luncheon meeting with the leading entrepreneurs of Rajasthan



A luncheon meeting was organized by Mr. Alok B Shriram, Vice President, PHD Chamber, with leading entrepreneurs of Rajasthan on July 9, 2013 at Hotel Rajputana, Jaipur.



Seminar on Women Safety and Security: Issues and Challenges

PHD Chamber in collaboration with Arch Institute of Design organized a seminar on 'Women Safety and Security: Issues and Challenges' on July 19, 2013 at Arch Institute, Malviya Nagar, Jaipur. Chief Guest, Professor Lad Kumari Jain, Chairperson, Rajasthan State Women stressed that women should fearlessly fight against all kinds of injustice and not allow themselves to be intimidated for fear of reputation and society, only then can true empowerment be achieved.





Investor Awareness Workshops

To make the investors more 'Stock market –Savvy', PHD Chamber and Bombay Stock Exchange organized Investor Awareness Workshops, August 12-14, 2013 at IIS University, Jaipuria Institute of Management, MNIT, Kautilya Institute of Technology and Engineering, Jaipur and Sangam University, Bhilwara; at the Indian Institute of Rural Management, Deepshikha Institute and Taxila Business School on September 23, 2013 and at Apex Institute of Management and Subodh Institute of Management, Jaipur on 24, September, 2013



respectively. At the workshops, Mr. Harbinder Singh Sokhi, Regional Manager, Investor Protection Fund (IPF), Bombay Stock Exchange

Limited explained the importance of investment, benefits, rights and obligations of investors in the securities market.

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.

Conference on 'Environmentally Responsible Industry & Beyond: Clean Ganga and Green Uttarakhand'

On the occasion of World Environment Day on June 5, 2013, PHD Chamber organized a conference on 'Environmentally Responsible Industry and Beyond: Clean Ganga and Green Uttarakhand' at Graphic Era Hill University, Dehradun.

The objective of the conference was to provide a platform to stakeholders to deliberate upon the future road map to be followed and responsibility of the industry towards clean and green environment with a special



focus on cleaning of River Ganga. Chief Guest, Mr. Pritam Singh Panwar, Hon'ble Minister for Urban Development, Government

of Uttarakhand commented that "Jan Andolan" is more important than Government schemes for environment protection.

2nd Governor's (Invitation) Gold Cup Golf Tournament, RBGC Nainital

The 2nd Governor's (Invitation) Gold Cup Golf Tournament was organized by PHD Uttarakhand Chapter on November 15- 16, 2013 at RBGC Nainital. The insignia of Governor's Gold Cup went to Mr. Nusrat Abbasi from Gorakhpur. This Gold Cup Trophy is a running trophy with a height of 2.5 feet from its heavy wooden base line. It weighs around 3.5 KG and now will adorn the Raj Bhawan Galleries of vintage possessions, enlivened with the winner's placard on it every year since 2012.



Investors' Education



PHD Chamber organized a series of 'Investor awareness seminars' in Dehradun, Haridwar, Rishikesh and Tehri on January 29-30, 31 and March 25, 2013 respectively.

The sessions covered different aspects of Stock Market activities, Trading and Settlement Systems, Debt Market, Dematerialization of shares, Risk Management, General Safeguard, Do's and Don'ts for the investors.

Seminar on New Companies Act 2013

Uttarakhand Committee, PHD Chamber in association with Indian Institute Of Corporate Affairs organized a seminar on 'New Companies Act 2013' on October 26, 2013 at Dehradun. Dr. Bhaskar Chatterjee, DG, IICA was the Guest of Honour. He has played a very important role in giving a final shape to the CSR related provisions of the Companies Act, 2013.





Post Budget Interactive Sessions: Implications of Union Budget 2013

The Uttarakhand Committee of PHD Chamber organized a post-budget interactive session: 'Implications of Union Budget 2013' on March 13, 2013 at Dehradun.

Chief Guest, Ms. Indira Hridayesh,

Hon'ble Finance Minister, Uttarakhand iterated the central government's commitment to make Uttarakhand a tourism state, utilize the natural resources for developmental process and remove infrastructural bottlenecks. She

acknowledged the generous financial support from the Centre and emphasized upon the need to utilize the same strategically and effectively to reach the targeted segments of the society.

Meeting with Hon'ble Chief Minister, Government of Uttarakhand

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Uttarakhand, Mr. Vijay Bahugana and his senior bureaucrats met a PHD Chamber delegation led by Mr. Suman Jyoti Khaitan, President, Mr. Sharad Jaipuria, Senior Vice-President, Mr. Alok Shriram, Vice-President, Mr. Rajiv Ghai, Co-Chairman, Uttarakhand Committee, Mr. Vipul Maheshwari, Chairman, Law & Justice Committee, Mr. Satish Girotra, Chairman, Sports & Culture Committee and Mr J.M Saksena, Director on January 28,



2013 at Uttarakhand Niwas, New Delhi. The delegation suggested

new industrial policies which are being framed for the State.

Uttar Pradesh

The Uttar Pradesh Committee was reconstituted with Dr. Lalit Khaitan as Chairman and Dr. R K Khandal, Mr. L K Jhunjhunwala and Mr. Gursaran Singh 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.

Let's Challenge the Future! Young Managers Summit-2013

The Young Manager's Summit 2013, aimed at discussing the state of technical education was organized by the PHD Chamber at Lucknow on February 27, 2013.

Minister of State for Science and Technology, Abhishek Mishra was the Chief Guest for the event.



Agro-tech Expo-2013

PHD Chamber organized the 9th Agrotech Expo-2013, February 16-18, 2013 at the Indian Institute of Sugarcane Research at Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh.

Chief Guests at the Expo included Mr. Tariq Anwar, Union Minister of State for Agriculture, Kunwar Anand Singh, Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture, Government of Uttar Pradesh, Dr. Sanjay Singh, Congress MP, Mr. Alok Ranjan, Agriculture Production Commissioner, Mr. Siraj Hussain, Secretary of Agriculture, Dr. R B Singh, Director of IARI, PUSA, Dr. M.J.Khan, President of Agriculture Today and Dr. S. Soloman, Director of IISR. Hon'ble Minister Tariq opined that



industries need to incorporate the latest Agro-Technologies to improve the agriculture sector in the State. Hon'ble Minister Kunwar Anand Singh said that the govern-

ment needs to frame policies to ensure prosperity for the populace and research and public dissemination of new techniques is required to educate the farmers.

Uttar Pradesh Infrastructure Summit 2013

The 'Uttar Pradesh: Infrastructure Summit 2013' on July 25, 2013 at Lucknow was jointly organized by PHD Chamber and Government of UP, Department of Housing & Urban Development with support from CREDAI.

Hon'ble State Minister of Science & Technology, Mr. Abhishek Mishra chaired the inaugural session on 'Urban Development' while Hon'ble Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, Mr. Akhilesh Yadav chaired the main session on 'Opportunities and Challenges in UP's infrastructure growth' wherein the Minister invited investors to set up industry in Uttar Pradesh.

About 600 people attended the program, which indicates the enthusiasm of entrepreneurship in the State.





Industrialist And Entrepreneurs Meet with Central Bank of India



PHD Chamber along with the Central Bank of India organized a workshop on 'Industrialist and Entrepreneurs Meet' on July 20, 2013 at PHD House, Lucknow. Chief Guest, Mr. M. V. Tanksale, Chairman & Managing Director, Central Bank of India said today's customer is highly demanding and tech savvy and thus the Bank needs to maintain high integrity, capacity in team building and transparency in dealing with its stakeholders for encouraging two-way communication.

Workshop on Industry-Academia Interaction for Strengthening Technical Education

PHD Chamber and HBTI, Kanpur jointly organized a workshop on 'Industry-Academia Interaction for Strengthening Technical Education' on August 30, 2013 at PHD Chamber, Lucknow. R. K. Khandal, Co-Chairman, Uttarakhand Committee stressed that the relationship between the academia and industry is of interactive,



collaborative, and participative other's role and contributions. nature spanning respect for each

Leadership and Management through Spiritual Wisdom

An international conference on Leadership and Management through Spiritual Wisdom was organized by the School of Management Sciences and Centre for Spiritualism and Human Enrichment in association with PHD Chamber, California State University, San Bernardino and Claflin University, from February 22-24, 2013 at the campus of



School of Management Sciences, Varanasi. Padmshri Prof. Geshe N Samten was the Chief Guest for the event.

Haryana

The Haryana Committee was reconstituted with Mr. Sanjay Somany as Chairman and Mr. Jasmohan Singh and Akshat Goenka as Co- Chairmen, which highlighted the problems faced by members through regular interactions with the Chief Minister, Ministers and concerned authorities at the highest level.

Economic Affairs

The Economic Affairs Committee was reconstituted with Mr. S K Sarkar as Chairman and Mr. Shyam Poddar and Mr. Akhil Bansal as Co-Chairmen. 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 2013-14



PHD Chamber organized a Budget viewing session on February 28, 2013 at PHD House, New Delhi. Dr. Charan Wadhwa, Chief Executive and Professor Emeritus, Honorary Research Professor, Centre for Policy Research; Professor B. Bhattacharyya, Former Dean, IIFT; Mr. Krishan Malhotra, Head-Direct Tax, Amarchand Mangaldas and Mr. Jagannadham Thunuguntla, Head of Research, SMC Global Securities were the distinguished speakers.

Seminar on Consumer Protection: Need for Awareness

PHD Chamber organized a seminar on 'Consumer Protection – Need for Awareness' on March 15, 2013 at PHD House, New Delhi.

Mr. DK Aggarwal, Chairman, Task Force on Commodity Exchanges, PHD Chamber stated that the Consumer Protection Amendment Bill, 2011 addresses the major concerns of the consumers. Mr. Shyam Poddar Co-Chairman, Economic Affairs Committee, PHD Chamber highlighted the need for



consumer protection in the service industry like banking and hotel which is growing in need with changing times.



Seminar on Refuelling India's Growth Story: Imperatives and Impediments



PHD Chamber organized a seminar on 'Refueling India's Growth Story: Imperatives and Impediments' on August 26, 2013 at PHD House, New Delhi. The objective of the seminar was to understand the roadblocks to India's Growth

Story and the Government's plan to bring India to high growth trajectory. Chief Guest, Dr. C Rangarajan, Chairman, Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister admitted that India is currently passing through a low growth phase

but the Indian economy has become more competitive as structural changes have occurred. Mr. Sharad Jaipuria, Senior Vice President, PHD Chamber highlighted the role of economic policies in scripting India's Growth Story.

Meeting with Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent Charge) Ministry of MSME

A PHD Chamber delegation led by Dr. J.S. Juneja, Chairman, Taskforce on MSMEs met Mr. K.H. Muniyappa Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent Charge) Ministry of MSME on September 11, 2013.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss issues related to Indian MSMEs and also invite Mr. K.H. Muniyappa to release PHD Chamber's Research Bureau Research study "Emerging Contours in the MSME Sector of India" during an upcoming conclave.

