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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Friends,

As the revered William E Gladstone once said, “Budgets are not merely affairs of arithmetic, but in a thousand ways go to the root of prosperity of individuals, the relation of classes and the strength of kingdoms”, the recently discussed 2020 budget positions India as an inclusive, rapidly growing and liberalized economy. We stand at the brink of being catapulted into the league of “newly developed” nations, on the strength of our economic performance and vibrant democracy.

The Chamber congratulates Finance Minister, Ms. Nirmala Sitharaman for showcasing the government’s unwavering commitment of elevating India to a five trillion dollar economy and a global economic powerhouse by 2025. For building an aspirational India, achieving economic development and nurturing a content society, dedicated physical and social infrastructure and technological efforts are required by the government for improving access to better healthcare, education, safe drinking water, sanitation, clean energy and livelihood opportunities.

As highlighted by the Finance Minister, it is reassuring to know that wealth creators will be duly awarded and recognized. The budget also signals growing synergies between corporate India, the government and new age innovators. Confidence building measures such as political stability, creating an investment friendly environment and



Dr D K Aggarwal

ease of conducting business are high points of the budget which are growth provoking and will further create demand and jobs in the economy.

During the last five years, India recorded a growth of 7.4% with inflation averaging around 4.5%, despite global uncertainties. January 2020 saw a rapid rise in manufacturing activities and production as a result of increasing consumer demand and hence more business orders. The HIS Markit India Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index jumped to 55.3 in January this year.

As per expectations, the estimated fiscal deficit target of 3.8 % of GDP for FY 2019-20 is not overly deviated and we look forward to the government maintaining its fiscal discipline over the next year. I opine that the year 2020 is likely to be one of economic rebound during which we would regain our dynamic growth trajectory.

Emphasising on capacity building and empowerment of marginalized sections of the society, the budget deserves high accolades for its focus on agriculture and rural development with a strong boost to double farmers' income by 2022. The 16 action points announced are geared to transform the farm sector towards prosperity. In this context, the Dhanya Laxmi Scheme primed to enhance participation of women in farming activities and the Krishi Udaan Scheme aimed at reducing food wastages are highly progressive initiatives.

It is encouraging to see the proposed investment of Rs. 100 lakh crores in the infrastructure sector spanning more than 6500 projects over the next five years and increase in capital expenditure helping private players to initiate new projects. This along with implementation of Rs. 103 lakh crore National Infrastructure

Pipeline has the potential to spur economic growth. The proposed spending of Rs. 1.7 trillion to improve connectivity via road, rail, air and waterways will boost the transport sector. Also, the decision to invest Rs. 4400 crores for improving air quality in cities under the National Climate Action Plan is a noteworthy initiative.

The Chamber welcomes the proactive role of the government in providing relief to the middle class by a simplified personal optional tax regime of lower rates with no exemptions. The increase in disposable income will propel savings and investments, thereby refueling demand in the coming times. However, I must comment here that the option to choose between the existing and the new tax regime without exemptions requires better understanding and clarification for the tax payers.

Industry welcomes the abolition of Dividend Distribution Tax, a long standing demand which primes to make India an attractive destination for investment. Further, tax relief for investment in sectors like energy, 100% tax concession to sovereign wealth funds on investment in infrastructure projects and tax incentives for startups will definitely encourage entrepreneurship. The incorporation of a Taxpayers Charter and the proposed Vivad Se Vishwas scheme to improve tax transparency and reduce litigations shall also help in ending tax payer harassments.

This Budget also augurs well for the growth of the MSME sector with NBFCs being allowed to extend invoice financing through TReDS and Rs. 1000 crore funds to help mid-sized companies in export development, R&D and technology upgrade. Further, providing Rs. 27,300 crores for FY 2020-21 for development and promotion of industry and commerce and the

proposed Investment Clearance Cell to provide entrepreneurs pre-investment advisory and facilitate clearances are all excellent sops.

Allocation of Rs. 69,000 crores for the healthcare sector with plans to expand the ongoing health schemes and open hospitals in tier-II and tier-III cities with wellness centres are commendable moves. The New Education Policy, likely to be announced soon, will help provide students of all sections of society to get quality and higher education. Other notable announcements are building of the National Mission on Quantum Technologies, Data centre parks, National gas fibre to the home, and IPR applications.

We were fortunate to have a fruitful interaction with the Hon'ble President of India, Mr. Ram Nath Kovind last month. A leadership delegation also met Mr. Bhagat Singh Koshyari, Governor of Maharashtra and Mr. Prahlad Singh Patel, Minister of State (I/C) for Tourism and Culture to discuss the state of the economy. The Chamber has been actively pursuing cross-sectional collaborations with the government, R&D organizations, private players, academic institutes, multilateral agencies and diplomatic missions to further strengthen our country's economic agendas.

I finally rest my pen with PM Modi's recent quote, "When every Indian takes a step forward, it results in India going ahead by a 130 core steps. And that's why, it is said "Charaivetee, charaivetee, charaivetee..." Keep walking, keep marching, keep advancing! Your endeavour should revolve around that Mantra." In continuation with this motto, we at the Chamber are working diligently and adopting a pro-business attitude to promote development in the country-- A Decade of the rise of a 'New and Vibrant India'.



Dr D K Aggarwal

President, PHDCCI



MEETING WITH HON'BLE PRESIDENT OF INDIA



A PHD Chamber delegation led by Dr D K Aggarwal, President and comprising of Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, Senior Vice President, Mr. Pradeep Multani, Vice President, Mr. Ashok Kajaria, Mr. Sharad Jaipuria & Mr. Gopal Jiwarajka, Former Presidents and Dr Yogesh Srivastav met Mr. Ram Nath Kovind, Hon'ble President of India on January 13, 2020 at Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi.

The objective of the meeting was to invite the Hon'ble President as Chief Guest for the 'PHD State Policy Conclave' to be held in March/April 2020 at Vigyan Bhawan. based on the convenient date of Hon'ble President. The PHD delegation also presented him his portrait made by Mr. Hariom Kuthwaria, PHD secretariat member, which he appreciated along with a photo album showing the legacy of 115 years of PHD Chamber covering major events since 1905.





PRESIDENT OF INDIA LAUNCHES THE PULSE POLIO PROGRAMME

Mr. Ram Nath Kovind, Hon'ble President of India launched the Pulse Polio Programme by administering polio drops to children on January 18, 2020 at Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi. Mr. Kovind launched the programme on the eve of the National Immunization Day.

Under this programme, over 17 crore children of less than five years of age across the country were administered polio drops. Polio booths were set up across all states. The programme was a part of immunization drive of the Central Government to eradicate polio from the country.





5TH PHD AIR CARGO SUMMIT-2019 Air Cargo Industry Transformation

Lamp Lighting-Inaugural Session

PHD Chamber's Civil Aviation Committee organized the 5th PHD Air Cargo Summit – 2019, themed –‘Air Cargo Industry Transformation -Future outlook’ on November 05, 2019 at PHD House, New Delhi.

Mr. Pradeep Singh Kharola, IAS, Hon'ble Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation graced the occasion as the Chief Guest.

Dr D K Aggarwal, President, PHD Chamber while welcoming the distinguished dignitaries shared that air cargo industry is poised to play a crucial role in India's economic development as more than one-third of the value of the goods traded globally are transported by air. Technologies like artificial intelligence and Internet of Things will help the Indian air cargo industry stay competitive, he added.

Dr John Joseph, Member (Tax Policy), Additional Charge: Member (IT, Legal & CV), Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs complimented PHDCCI for organizing the summit so that issues could be discussed and solutions found. He shared that a unique system called ICE DASH-Indian Customs EODB

Dashboard has just been launched for the purpose of clearance of passengers. Dr Joseph shared that on a national level, the dwell time could be checked and solutions found in case of any delay and this will help importers & exporters, while also creating a healthy competition among all the air cargo companies in the country.

Mr. Anuj Aggarwal, Chairman, Airports Authority of India shared the initiatives and future projects being undertaken by AAI Cargo Logistics and Allied Services, a wholly owned subsidiary of AAI. He shared the creation of State-of-the-Art facilities & separate infrastructure for Air Cargo handling at airports, especially for Tier II, Tier III cities and NER region along with handling of the air cargo operations.

While inaugurating the Summit, Mr. Pradeep Singh Kharola, IAS, Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation opined that the future growth in India is in the Services industry, mainly in the indirect services like Cargo services. Mr. Kharola shared the strengths and weakness of the industry based on a SWOT analysis. Rapid expansion of

airports & cargo facilities, including air connectivity in India were the biggest strengths. Based on the findings of a Global Competitive Index report, India is best in the world among 8 other countries amongst US & Japan in the Airport Connectivity Index.

Mr. Kharola shared the weakness of the Industry and the government's push towards finding solutions for overcoming them. The main concerns to be addressed are Infrastructure; Reforms in regulation processes & rules; Air Freight Stations process reform to ease congestion and reduction in dwell time. He also shared sectors strengths like ideal geographical location to become a major Cargo Transshipment Hub; ideal for hinterland operations – remote & mountainous regions and adaptation of new technology to improve efficiency.

The Secretary also underlined a series of measures needed to address the weaknesses and capitalize on the strengths. He opined that the easiest to start with would be process reforms, which would take 3-6 months, next would be changes in rules & regulations requiring at least one year to implement them and lastly policy and infrastructure changes.

Mr. Arun Bhagat, Chairman, PHD Civil Aviation Committee called for an urgent need to eliminate inefficient processes to make the Indian industry competitive. There is a need for skill





Mr. Ankit Garg, Auctus Advisors; Dr. Ranjeet Mehta, Principal Director, PHDCCI; Mr. Vipin Vohra, Co-chairman, PHD Civil Aviation Committee; Dr D.K. Aggarwal, President, PHDCCI; Mr. Pradeep Singh Kharola, IAS, Hon'ble Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation; Dr John Joseph, Member (Tax Policy), Additional Charge : Member (IT, Legal & CV), Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs; Mr. Anuj Aggarwal, Chairman-AAI and Mr. Arun Bhagat, Chairman, PHD Civil Aviation Committee.

development and higher investments in infrastructure so that the domestic air cargo industry could compete globally.

Mr. Vipin Vohra, Co-chairman, PHD Civil Aviation Committee shared recommendations for overcoming the major growth hurdles of the industry. Dr Ranjeet Mehta, Principal Director, PHDCCI delivered the vote-of-thanks to the guests.

A Knowledge Paper prepared by the Knowledge partner –Auctus Advisors was also released on the occasion by the dignitaries and Mr. Ankit Garg, Auctus Advisors.

To recognize the contribution and efforts of the industry stakeholders, PHD Chamber felicitated some key players on the occasion.

- Outstanding Contribution in Skilling for the Air Cargo Industry: AAI Cargo Logistics and Allied Services Company Limited;
- Overall Contribution by an Airfreight Forwarder: Continental Carriers Pvt Ltd.;
- Overall Contribution by an Airport in Air Cargo growth: GMR-DIAL;
- Outstanding Contribution in Technology for the Air Cargo & Logistics Industry - Softlink Global Ltd.;
- Overall Contribution by an Air Cargo Custom Broker: P.S. Atree & Company Pvt Ltd.;
- Outstanding Contribution in Information Technology Solutions for Air Cargo Industry : Hans Infomatic Pvt Ltd.;
- Outstanding Contribution by an Airfreight Forwarder: Jeena &



Panel Discussion 1. AIR CARGO INDUSTRY'S TRANSFORMATION:

Mr. Arun Bhagat, Chairman, PHD Civil Aviation Committee.; Mr.Keku Gazder, CEO, AAI Cargo Logistics and Allied Services; Mr Pratik Mehta-AGM, Cargo-Bangalore International Airport Ltd; Mr. Vipin Vohra, CMD , Continental Carriers; Ms Vandana Aggarwal, IES, Economic Advisor, Ministry of Civil Aviation ; Mr. Vijay Kumar, CEO, Express Industry Council of India (EICI); Mr. S. Ramakrishna Immediate Former Chairman, FFAI; Mr. Pratik Chandra Roy, Director of Global Travel & Transportation Solutions, Digistics™, Unisys and Mr. Ankit Garg, Principal , Auctus Advisors



Panel Discussion II- AIR CARGO INDUSTRY-FUTURE OUTLOOK:

Mr. Arun Bhagat, Chairman, PHD Civil Aviation Committee.; Mr Sunil Arora, President , ACAAI - The Air Cargo Agents Association Of India; Mr Amber Dubey, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation ; Mr. Vipin Vohra, CMD , Continental Carriers; Mr. Amit Maheshwari, CEO, Softlink Global; Mr P Balasubramaniam, Consultant, Air Cargo and Aviation Services, LSC ; Mr Vijay Sharma, Head Cargo-Commercial(Aero) , DIAL; Mr Parvinder Singh, Director, Hans Infomatic Pvt Ltd; Mr. Sanat Kaul, Chairman at International Foundation for Aviation Aerospace and Drones. (IFFAAD) and Capt. T. S. Ramanujam, Chief Executive Officer, Logistics Sector Skill Council

Company;

- Overall Contribution in Air Cargo Logistics : Safexpress Pvt Ltd. and
- Outstanding Contribution in Exhibition & Air Logistics: R. E. Rogers India Pvt. Ltd.

Mr. Arun Bhagat, Chairman, PHD Civil Aviation Committee in his concluding remarks assured the industry of PHDCCI's commitment towards making these mega plans envisaged for the Industry's growth a reality.

GLIMPSES OF THE SUMMIT





Padamshree Dr P.R. Krishna Kumar, CMD, Arya Viadya Pharmacy; Mr. Vivek Seigell, Principal Director, PHD Chamber; Dr K. Kanakavali, Director-General, Central Council for Research in Siddha, Chennai; Thiru S. Ganesh, IAS, Director, Indian Medicine and Homeopathy, Government of Tamil Nadu and Mr. E. V. Shiril, Chairman, Kerala Chapter, PHD Chamber

PHD Chamber in association with Ministry of AYUSH, Govt. of India and Department of AYUSH, State Govt. of Tamil Nadu organized the State Arogya Fair from December 13-15, 2019 at Codissia Trade Fair Complex, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu.

The eminent dignitaries present at the inaugural session were Thiru S. Ganesh, IAS, Director, Indian Medicine and Homeopathy, Government of Tamil Nadu; Dr K. Kanakavali, Director General, Central Council for Research in Siddha, Chennai; Padamshree Dr P.R. Krishna Kumar, CMD, Arya Viadya Pharmacy; Mr. E. V. Shiril, Chairman, Kerala Chapter, PHD Chamber and Mr. Vivek Seigell, Principal Director, PHD Chamber.

Padamshree Dr P.R. Krishna Kumar, CMD, Arya Viadya Pharmacy talked about the Ayurveda system of medicine. He appreciated the efforts of Ministry of AYUSH, PHD Chamber and State Govt. of Tamil Nadu for jointly organizing the Arogya Fair.

Mr. E. V. Shiril, Chairman, Kerala Chapter, PHD Chamber said that

Ayurveda or ayurvedic medicines are one of the oldest forms of treatment which traces its origin to India. In ancient times, this form of medicine was largely practised by vaidyas, the equivalent of modern-day doctors. Traditional medicines such as unani, siddha and homeopathy also were commonly practiced in the past.

Mr. Shiril also shared the figures by WHO wherein 80 % of the people in Asian and African countries use traditional medicines as their primary medical aid. India's wellness market is estimated at Rs. 490 billion, 40% of



Lamp Lighting Ceremony

the total Medical Treatment market. AYUSH industry has the potential to contribute positively to national health programme by providing traditionally and historically proven healthcare solutions.

Thiru S. Ganesh, IAS, Director, Indian Medicine and Homeopathy,

Government of Tamil Nadu thanked the Ministry of AYUSH and PHD Chamber for organizing the Arogya Fair at Coimbatore. He said that State Government of Tamil Nadu is also keen to promote the entire AYUSH System.

Dr K. Kanakavali, Director General, Central Council for Research in Siddha spoke about the current recognition of Siddha. He stated that the Council is constantly working on enhancement of quality of research for developing drugs with quality, safety and efficacy through well-established pre-clinical and clinical research facilities towards scientific validation of Siddha System of Medicine through clinical research, drug research, medicinal plants research, etc.

There were 53 exhibitors comprising of manufacturers of AYUSH Systems of medicine out of which 38 were private exhibitors and 15 stalls were from the State Government of Tamil Nadu wherein the State Government conducted free OPDs, free medicine distribution and various therapies. In AYUSH Pavilion, Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy (CCRH),



Central Council for Research in Siddha (CCRS), Central Council for Research in Unani Medicine (CCRUM), Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS) and Central Council for Research in Yoga & Naturopathy (CCRYN), National Medicinal Plant Board (NMPB) represented the Ministry of AYUSH. A stall of Sowa Rigpa- the traditional Tibetan system of Medicine under Ayurveda, also displayed their system of medicine and conducted free OPDs.

OPD Consultations of AYUSH system and medicine distribution were conducted by National Industry Players like Sri Sri Tattva, Vestige Marketing, Sandu Pharmaceutical and many more also displayed at the Arogya Fair.

The overall footfall was around 15,000 in three days at the Arogya Fair. A total of 3432 free OPDs were conducted during three days, of which 348 OPDs on the first day, 1146 OPDs on the second day and 1938 OPDs were held on the third day.

Lecture Sessions At Arogya Fair:

Multiple lectures were organized during the AROGYA Fair such as Siddha Lifestyle, Surgical Procedures in Ayurveda, Classical Regimental Unani Therapy, Homeopathy and its specialties, Yoga, Ayurveda and Naturopathy for Healthy Life, Fundamental of Unani Medicine and Efficiency of Homeopathy in Skin Diseases.

Seminars and Lectures Conducted by State Government of Tamil Nadu:

Seminars were conducted by technical experts from the AYUSH System of medicines.

The exhibitors included Sri Sri Tattva; Multani Pharmaceuticals Limited; Vestige Marketing Pvt. Ltd; Amrutanjan Health Care Ltd; The Arya Vaidhya Pharmacy (Coimbatore) Ltd;



Footfall during Arogya Fair



Footfall during Arogya Fair



Cupping therapy during Arogya Fair



Kairali Ayurvedic Products Pvt. Ltd; SKM Siddha And Ayurvedha Company India Pvt. Ltd; Accupressure Health Care System; DR. JRK'S Research And Pharmaceuticals Pvt. Ltd; Herbal Concepts Health Care (P) Ltd; Shree Herbal; Siddha Foods Tech; Sanjeevi Pharma; Sehat Skin And Hair Clinic Pvt. Ltd; GRENERA Nutrients Pvt. Ltd; RAJA Sidhaa Marundagam; PUNARNOVA Ayurveda; SANDU Pharmaceuticals Ltd; JAMMI Pharmaceuticals; AURA Nutraceuticals Ltd; HARSHVIN Healthcare Product; SRI SESA SAI Herbals; ASSA Equipments; Lakshmi Seva Sangamh and APEX Laboratories Private Limited.

Valedictory Session:

The Valedictory Session of the State AROGYA Fair was held on December 15, 2019 and the dignitaries present on the dais were Dr C. Dhaman, District Siddha Medical Officer, Govt. of Tamil Nadu; Mr. E. V. Shiril, Chairman, Kerala State Chapter and Mr. Vivek Seigell, Principal Director, PHD Chamber.

PHD Chamber felicitated certificates of participation to all the exhibitors, principals of government colleges, performers of cultural evening and technical experts of different AYUSH Systems.

GLIMPSES OF CULTURAL EVENING



Cultural Evening



GLIMPSES OF VALEDICTORY SESSION



The State Arogya Fair 2019 held from 13th-15th December, 2019 at Coimbatore was covered by 60 prominent newspapers and news channels of South India including 27 Pre-event and 33 during & post event coverages. The list is as follows:

S.No	Date	Publication	Page No.	Heading
1	12.12.2019	The Hindu	3	Arogya Fair
2	12.12.2019	Dina Boomi	5	PHD Chamber of Commerce to organize 3 day Arogya Fair
3	13.12.2019	Malayala Manorama	2	3 day Arogya Fair begins today
4	12.12.2019	Mathrubhumi	11	3 day Arogya Fair from tomorrow
5	12.12.2019	Deshabhimani	11	3 day Arogya Fair at Kovai
6	12.12.2019	Nam Dinamathi	5	3 day Arogya Fair at Kovai
7	12.12.2019	Makkal Kural	5	Indian Medicines Exhibition at Codissia from tomorrow
8	12.12.2019	Trinity Mirror	6	Three day Arogya Fair begins tomorrow at CODISSIA
9	12.12.2019	Afternoon	3	Arogya Fair 2019 to be held at CODISSIA
10	12.12.2019	Pirpagal	5	3 day Arogya Fair to be held at CODISSIA from tomorrow
11	11.12.2019	Malai Murasu	5	3 day Arogya Fair to be held at KOVAI CODISSIA from 13th
12	12.12.2019	Now Indiar Times	3	Arogya Exhibition begins tomorrow at KOVAI CODISSIA
13	13.12.2019	Dina Anjal	4	Arogya Exhibition at CODISSIA Avinashi Road Kovai
14	15.12.2019	Namadu Murasu	2	Arogya Fair conducted in Kovai
15	12.12.2019	Madurai Minutes	2	PHD Chamber of Commerce organizes 3 day Arogya Fair
16	13.12.2019	Makkal Mugam	2	PHD Chamber of Commerce organizes 3 day Arogya Fair
17	12.12.2019	Dina Parvai	2	PHD Chamber of Commerce organizes 3 day Arogya Fair
18	12.12.2019	Pore Puthiya Murasu	2	PHD Chamber of Commerce organizes 3 day Arogya Fair
19	12.12.2019	Tamil Sudar	7	PHD Chamber of Commerce organizes Arogya Fair at Kovai
20	13.12.2019	Tamil Anjal	3	Arogya Exhibition at CODISSIA Avinashi Road Kovai
21	12.12.2019	Minutes News	2	PHD Chamber of Commerce organizes 3 day Arogya Fair
22	13.12.2019	Tamilaka News	1	Arogya Exhibition begins today at KOVAI CODISSIA
23	12.12.2019	Ullatchi Murasu	4	3 day Arogya Fair at Kovai exhibits traditional medicines
24		The Kovai Mail		
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26		Media 360 News		
27	14.12.2019	The Hindu	3	Three-day Arogya Fair begins
28	14.12.2019	Dina Malar Kovai	1	Healthy Diet important to lead a healthy Life
29	14.12.2019	Dinakaran Kovai	16	Indian Medicines Exhibition and sales
30	14.12.2019	Dina Boomi	4	PHD Chamber of Commerce inaugurates 3 day Arogya Fair
31	17.12.2019	Tamil Sudar	6	Arogya Fair at Kovai Codissia
32	14.12.2019	Malayala Manorama	2	Arogya Fair Inaugurated
33	14.12.2019	Mathrubhumi	11	AYUSH Arogya Fair Inaugurated
34	15.12.2019	Trinity Mirror	6	Curtains down on 3 day Arogya Fair in Coimbatore
35	14.12.2019	Now Indiar Times	4	3 day Arogya Fair being conducted at CODISSIA
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A TALK ON SPIRITUAL INDIA

Mr. Pradeep Multani, Vice President, PHDCCI; Mr. Syed Shahnawaz Hussain, Former Union Minister & Spokesperson of BJP; Dr D K Aggarwal, President, PHDCCI and Brahma Kumari Shivani Didi during the lamp lighting ceremony



The Delhi & NCR Committee of PHD Chamber organized a Talk on 'Spiritual India' on January 6, 2020 at Constitution Club of India, New Delhi. Spiritual guru- Brahma Kumari Shivani Didi graced the occasion as the Chief Speaker and enlightened the guests on the right path to reduce stress and eliminate evils from society.

Mr. Syed Shahnawaz Hussain, Former Union Minister & Spokesperson of BJP also graced the occasion as a special guest.

Mr. Rakesh Gupta, Chairman, Delhi & NCR Committee, PHD Chamber, while welcoming the Spiritual leader, said if anyone wanted to be successful, they need spiritual guidance from Shivani Didi from time-to-time. What makes her discourses very useful is her ability to break down seemingly complex issues into a language the common man understands, he added.

Mr. Syed Shahnawaz Hussain thanked PHD Chamber for giving him an opportunity to hear Shivani Didi and hoped that her teachings will help calm down the uncertain environment

that has built up in the nation.

Brahma Kumari Shivani Didi in her address urged business and industry community to create 'No Anger Zones' in their respective units and offices, which will go a long way in eradicating anger from the society. Calling out the five emotions – kaam, krodh, lobh, moh and ahankar – as the enemy of mankind, the Spiritual Leader said if the human mind was guided to shun these and become a lover of peace, much of the stress and tension in the world will evaporate. The need of the hour was to take charge and do things within a person's powers rather than depend and wait for someone else to solve the problems the country faced, Shivani Didi asserted.

In an inspiring talk on Spiritual India, she said human beings were getting suppressed under the burden of expectations and urged people to turn into givers rather than seekers,

whether it was money, love, attention, and the like.

Dr D K Aggarwal, President PHD Chamber, while welcoming the inspiring thought leader, said it was in the fitness of things that PHD Chamber invited the Spiritual Leader to guide the stressed business and industry community to overcome the current challenges. He remarked that success comes to people who are happy and peaceful. PHD Chamber felt honored to have a person of such eminence to help the society through her simple, lucid and persuasive logic-driven universal teachings of life, added Dr Aggarwal.

Mr. Pradeep Multani, Vice President, PHD Chamber delivered the vote-of-thanks to Brahma Kumari Shivani Didi for her teachings.



Mr. Rakesh Gupta, Chairman - PHD Delhi and NCR Committee; Dr D K Aggarwal, President, PHDCCI and Mr. Mukesh Gupta, Chairman- PHD Entertainment, Media, Art & Culture Committee felicitating Brahma Kumari Shivani Didi



Dr D K Aggarwal, President, PHDCCI; Mr. Pradeep Multani, Vice President, PHDCCI and Brahma Kumari Shivani Didi



CONCLAVE ON IMPORTANT GST NOTIFICATIONS, CIRCULARS & JUDGEMENTS

Mr. Onkar Sharma, Advaita Legal; Mr. Lucky Ahuja, SKP Business Consulting LLP; Dr. S P Sharma, Chief Economist, PHD Chamber; Mr. Bimal Jain, Mentor, Indirect Taxes Committee, PHD Chamber; Mr. Pradeep Multani, Vice President, PHD Chamber; Mr. N K Gupta, Chairman, Indirect Taxes Committee, PHD Chamber; Dr. Gaurav Gupta, Co-chairman, Indirect Taxes Committee, PHD Chamber and Mr. Puneet Bansal, Nitya Tax Associates.

The Indirect Taxes Committee of PHD Chamber organized a Conclave on 'Important GST Notifications, Circulars & Judgements – Key Challenges & Way Forward' on December 19, 2019 at PHD House, New Delhi. Mr. Pradeep Multani, Vice President, PHD Chamber graced the occasion with his welcome remarks.

Mr. Pradeep Multani, Vice President, PHD Chamber in his welcome address said that an efficient taxation system is an instrument of social and economic engineering for any economy due to its significant contribution to the national exchequer. He stated that to further improve ease of doing business, PHDCCI seeks more simplification in GST regime going forward.

Mr. N K Gupta, Chairman, Indirect Taxes Committee, PHD Chamber said that GST fundamentally changed the indirect taxation in India and the Goods & Services Tax Network (GSTN) is the IT backbone under the GST regime. He further explained the critical analysis of Notification No. 49/2019 central tax

dated 09/10/2019.

Mr. Bimal Jain, Mentor, Indirect Taxes Committee, PHD Chamber highlighted that all taxpayers registered under GST are eligible to shift any balance available in the electronic cash ledger using Form GST PMT-09. He added that at present Form GST PMT-09 is not live on the GST Portal, however, as soon as the form goes live, a taxpayer will be able



Mr. Pradeep Multani, Vice President, PHD Chamber addressing the audience

to use the same.

Dr. Gaurav Gupta, Co-chairman, Indirect Taxes Committee, PHD

Chamber mentioned that the issues in Form GST TRAN 1 and TRAN 2 should be taken by the government at priority. He discussed Notification No. 22/2019- Central Tax (Rate) where by CBIC notified certain services under Reverse Charge Method u/s 9(3) of the CGST Act. Mr. Lucky Ahuja, Senior Manager, SKP Business Consulting LLP in his detailed presentation on "Analysis of Important GST Notification" stated that a registered person cannot be more than below:- 1) 100% of eligible ITC appearing in GSTR-2A and 2) 20% of eligible ITC appearing in GSTR-2A in respect of invoices/debit notes not reflecting in GSTR-2A and 3) Total of 1 & 2 should not exceed total of ITC available as per actual invoices received during the tax period.

Mr. Puneet Bansal, Managing Partner, Nitya Tax Associates highlighted that as per Section 168(1) of the CGST Act, The Board may, if it considers it necessary or expedient for the purpose of uniformity in the implementation of this Act, issue such orders, instructions





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or directions to the central tax officers as it may deem fit.

Mr. Onkar Sharma, Senior Associate, Advaita Legal in his presentation on “Important Judgements under the GST Law – Critical analysis & challenges”

discussed the uncertain state of Appellate Tribunals under GST in which Government intervention is needed such as transition of cesses credit to GST regime, credit related disputes, current judicial position on arrests under GST, GST on ‘Government

services’ like mining leases and telecom licenses and advance rulings and judicial precedents.

Dr S P Sharma, Chief Economist, PHD Chamber said that more simplification is required under GST to promote ease of doing business.

MEETING WITH HON'BLE COMMERCE & INDUSTRY MINISTER



Mr. Piyush Goyal, Hon'ble Commerce & Industry Minister, interacting with the participants

PHD Chamber was invited by Invest India, Ministry of Commerce and Industry to a meeting with Mr. Piyush Goyal, Hon'ble Commerce & Industry Minister on January 6, 2020 at Udyog Bhawan, New Delhi to discuss policy issues and suggestions with respect to the MSME Sector. Other Industry Chambers/ Associations including CII, FICCI, ASSOCHAM and few other Regional Industry bodies were also invited for the meeting.

Dr H P Kumar, Advisor, PHD Chamber and Former Chairman and Managing Director, NSIC; Mr. Sameer Nayyar, Chairperson, MSME Committee, PHD Chamber and Mr. Dev Prakash Goel, Co-chairperson, MSME Committee, PHD Chamber

represented PHD Chamber and presented issues concerning MSMEs which require the Government's intervention.

Dr H. P Kumar, Advisor, PHDCCI, recommended stringent regulations to be introduced for dishonor of cheques against the issuers of such cheques in addition to the existing provisions. He also suggested that concessions to PSUs/ Large Companies who join TReDS (Trade Receivables Discounting System) to facilitate discounting of bills of MSMEs be considered, for example – they can be allowed additional funding by Mr. Sameer Nayyar, Chairperson, MSME Committee, PHD Chamber proposed that MSMEs which provide high

level of employment should be given financial incentives or specific tax rebates.

Mr. Dev Prakash Goel, Co-chairperson, MSME Committee, PHD Chamber recommended that Section 54 of the income Tax Act for granting exemption on investment of Capital Gain should be expanded to include all investments made in industry/ businesses out of any kind of Capital Gain.

The Hon'ble Minister, Mr. Piyush Goyal assured that the Ministry would seriously look into the issues put forth by industry for the overall development of the MSME Sector.



SEMINAR ON FORENSIC AUDIT AND FRAUD DETECTION

Ms. Kanwaljeet Kaur, Managing Director, KAPP Edge Solutions Pvt. Ltd; Ms. Babeeta Sharma, Secretary, PHDCCI; Mr. Naveen N D Gupta, Chairman, Corporate Affairs Committee, PHDCCI; Dr Navrang Saini, Whole Time Member, Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India; Dr D K Aggarwal, President, PHDCCI; Mr. Vijay Jhalani, Co-chairman, Corporate Affairs Committee, PHDCCI and Mr. Abhishek Tripathi, Executive Director, Grant Thornton India LLP.

The Corporate Affairs Committee of PHD Chamber organized a seminar on 'Forensic Audit and Fraud Detection' on December 20, 2019 at PHD House, New Delhi.

Ms. Babeeta Sharma, Secretary (Finance), PHDCCI moderated the session and stated that early detection and prevention of frauds have become the buzz word in India Inc. that is making all efforts to comply with an assortment of regulatory bodies.

Mr. Naveen N D Gupta, Chairman, Corporate Affairs Committee, PHDCCI in his theme address mentioned that the recent frauds in the corporate sector have led to slowdown in growth. He stated that for building a new India, the corporate sector as an engine of growth must work jointly with regulators to ensure a fraud-free journey. He mentioned that ever since the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code came into force, 67 companies have gone into liquidation. He pointed out that the Code has helped in improving the recoveries from liquidation and reached 42 percent from 26 percent.

Dr D K Aggarwal, President, PHDCCI in his welcome address highlighted that corporate frauds starting from Satyam in 2007 have shaken the corporate sector and frauds are increasing at the rate of 40 percent. He remarked that in India, every third company is facing internal or external fraud and around

41 percent of companies report cases of data frauds on a regular basis. He suggested that frauds can be prevented if companies pay heed to the complaints from their clients and employees timely.

Guest of Honour, Dr Navrang Saini, Whole Time Member, Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India in his special address stressed on the importance of steadfast adherence to rules, regulations and procedures by the auditors and forensic auditors. He stated that in the frauds ranging from Satyam to Karvy, the role of auditors has always come into question and if audit had taken place properly, frauds would not have occurred. Non-adherence to certain principles and accounting procedures often lead to scams and auditors must go through them very thoroughly, cautioned Mr. Navrang.

Referring to the regulatory ecosystem in the country, Dr Saini said this was further strengthened with the enactment of Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code in 2016. He stated that now banks don't have to chase the corporate debtors, but corporates must also try their best not to be declared as NPAs. Dr Saini suggested that more can be accomplished if different regulators are connected, for example if the banks are connected to regulators, frauds could be detected and prevented timely with ease.

Ms. Kanwaljeet Kaur, Managing Director, KAPP Edge Solutions Pvt Ltd in her presentation on "Implementing a Fraud Risk Management Program" talked about the seven methods to conduct a fraud risk assessment and presented a sample of Governing Risk and Compliance best practices scorecard and anti-fraud analytical tests.

Mr. Abhishek Tripathi, Executive Director, Grant Thornton India LLP in his presentation on "Digital Forensics – Overview & Introduction" highlighted the tools and approach of computer forensics, methodology and offerings under forensic data analytics, network analysis, E-mail review and analysis and development of "Exhibits" with examples.

Mr. Amit Goyal, Director, EY India gave a presentation on "Developing the Forensic Report and Related Exhibits". He highlighted the recent cases of global frauds and talked about the various types of forensic reports with basics and techniques of report writing.

Mr. Vijay Jhalani, Co-chairman, Corporate Affairs Committee, PHDCCI delivered the vote-of-thanks to the guests and Associate Partners.

The seminar concluded with an extensive discussion and Q & A Session with an overwhelming response from the participants.



PHD CHAMBER PARTICIPATION IN THE NEPAL 5P 2019



Ambassador Mr. Manjeev Singh Puri interacting with the Indian Exhibitors at the VIP Lounge

PHD Chamber organized a National Level participation from India at the Nepal 5P from December 20- 22, 2019 at Bhrikuti Mandap, Kathmandu, Nepal. Over 150 companies participated in this international trade fair to present a wide range of products. The India Pavilion at the Nepal 5P saw the largest participation consisting of over 90 Indian companies. Exhibitors from China, Taiwan, Germany, Italy and Nepal also participated in the fair.



The Indian exhibitors showcased a wide variety of products at the India Pavilion, mainly from printing, packaging and plastic industry sector.

The Expo was formally opened by H.E. Mr. Manjeev Singh Puri, Ambassador of India in Nepal in the presence of Indian exhibitors and Nepalese visitors. Mr. Rakesh Kumar Sangrai, Secretary, PHD Chamber was also present during the ribbon cutting



Ambassador Mr. Manjeev Singh Puri formally inaugurating the exhibition by ribbon cutting in the presence of the Indian exhibitors and local dignitaries.

ceremony of the India Pavilion.

Ambassador Mr. Manjeev Singh Puri toured the exhibition and met the Indian exhibitors at their stalls.

Nepal 5P comprises of five industry focused phenomenal trade fair shimmering with unprecedented export opportunities. It is a new format showcasing cross industry concepts and technologies to a dynamic rapidly

growing business environment. Nepal is one of the fastest growing markets in the SAARC region and India is the biggest supplier of machineries and raw materials to Nepal. The Nepalese buyers appreciated the range of the Indian products. As per the feedback from exhibitors, they received good leads. The exhibitors are hopeful that these leads are likely to materialise to over Rs. 50 crores of business.



Ambassador Mr. Manjeev Singh Puri receiving the PHDCCI Memento from Mr. Rakesh Kumar Sangrai, Secretary, PHD Chamber at the inauguration of the India Pavilion. Also seen Dr Ajay Kumar, Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of India, Nepal



Ambassador Mr. Manjeev Singh Puri toured the exhibition and met all Indian exhibitors at their booths



PHD & TEMA MEDIA INTERACTION ON NEW TELECOM & ELECTRONICS TECHNOLOGIES AND CURTAIN RAISER OF TELECOM SUMMIT 2020

The Telecom Committee of PHD Chamber and Telecom Equipment Manufacturers Association (TEMA) jointly organized a Media interaction on New Telecom and Electronics Technologies and a Curtain Raiser of the Telecom Summit 2020 with the theme '5G Technology: Forging Ahead into a Smarter India' on January 9, 2020 at India International Centre, New Delhi.

Dr D K Aggarwal, President, PHDCCI invited all the stakeholders to the Telecom Summit, being held at a time when India is poised to make a leap into newer digital technological frontiers. He said that by next year, 5G will be a reality and has the potential to transform the world and have an impact on how organizations think, work and serve their customers and new innovations will flourish.

He underlined that the objective of the Telecom Summit was to suggest concrete ideas on how best to position India as a globally synchronized participant in the design, development and manufacturing of 5G based technologies, products and applications. He said that 5G can give India, with its proven prowess in IT, an

edge and an opportunity to become a manufacturing hub of the world.

Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, Senior Vice President, PHDCCI said that India should buy 5G technology and ensure local manufacturing through licensing as it would enable domestic telecom equipment manufacturing companies to develop and flourish. He said that PHD Telecom Summit 2020 will discuss the impact of 5G on the social development of the country, issues, challenges and opportunities.

Mr. Sandeep Aggarwal, Chairman, Telecom Committee, PHDCCI said that the industry welcomes the government's move to bring in 5G but has received suggestions that it can be brought in when technology, usage and solutions are more mature to get better valuations in the auction. Meanwhile, 5G waves may continue to be given since AGR and SUC will anyway be payable by the operators.

He also apprised the media that PHD Chamber has submitted a list of six suggestions for the Union Budget on the Telecom sector that included deferring 5G auctions by three years as it would give the government proper valuation for 5G Spectrum. The

suggestions also included declaration of sales of telecom equipment as deemed export (as more than 90 percent of telecom equipment is currently imported), setting up Telecom Finance Corporation and declaration of broadband as a utility.

To create greater awareness of the technology, Dr. D.K Aggarwal along with Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, Mr. Sandeep Aggarwal, Prof NK Goyal and Dr. Yogesh Srivastav also launched a portal: 'KNOW 5G & 6G – NOT NO BUT KNOW'.

Prof N.K Goyal, Chairman E TEMA, also expressed his views on the 5G technology and explained its need, standards and trails that have been taking place on 5G around the world. He also briefed about the portal 'KNOW 5G & 6G' and how it will benefit the stakeholders of the telecom industry.

The media interaction was successful and was attended by renowned media houses, magazines, senior Government officials and stakeholders of the industry.





PRESIDENT OF PHD CHAMBER ATTENDS THE GLOBAL SUMMIT



The Institute of Cost Accountants of India organized the Global Summit from January 9-11, 2020 at Hotel The Ashok, New Delhi. The theme of the summit was “Mission 5 Trillion – CMA as a Cryogenic Force” that aligns with the goal set by Hon’ble Prime Minister of India to achieve the USD 5 Trillion Economy by 2024. Dr D K Aggarwal, President, PHD Chamber was the key speaker at the Session on “Mission 5 Trillion Strategies” on January 9, 2020.

The President appreciated the reforms intent of the government and hoped for a rebound in economic growth in 2020. He underlined a seven pronged strategy to achieve the Vision of US\$5 trillion by 2024-25 that will require more than 9% annual growth rate. Dr Aggarwal emphasized that the first measure that is needed at this juncture is to ensure macro-economic growth and stability. The strategy has

to be demand revival as it is imperative for fuelling production activities apart from enhancing competitiveness to promote industrial growth in the economy.



The next engine of growth is that investments need to be boosted through sustained policy reforms for the growth of businesses. The focus must be on effective Ease of

Doing Business at ground level to stimulate domestic as well as foreign investments in the economy. The most important reform needed in this regard is to ensure single window clearances of all the government departments in a time bound manner. The third strategy is to boost liquidity in the economy to provide easy access to capital. The fourth strategy should be to kick-start the exports growth trajectory. Dr Aggarwal suggested that exporters’ competitiveness should be enhanced with a few instant measures. Further, he also added that the MSME exporters must be fully exempted from tax on their export earnings as this will enhance the exporters’ motivation and strengthen their competitiveness in the global markets. The fifth strategy must be to enhance the agricultural productivity as our country is predominantly an agrarian society. He mentioned that the sixth strategy should be to build

state of the art infrastructure to support growth in all sectors. The seventh strategy to achieve the dream vision of the Hon’ble Prime Minister is to undertake social development as the growth of the masses would promote all inclusive growth that will push the economy into higher echelons of development in the coming times.

Dr Aggarwal explained that the seven pronged strategy would facilitate the economy to grow to a size of US\$ 5 trillion economy. However, the economic reforms undertaken by the government need to create synchronization and complementarities in the business and manufacturing processes.



SERIES ON CAPACITY BUILDING FOR INDEPENDENT DIRECTORS: Steps Towards Effective Corporate Governance

Ms. Babeeta Sharma, Secretary (Finance), PHDCCI; Mr. Sidheshwar Bhalla, Partner & Leader, Governance Risk & Compliance, Mazars India; Mr. G P Verma, Assistant General Manager, Bank of Baroda and Mr. Vijay Jhalani, Co-chairman, Corporate Affairs Committee, PHDCCI

The Corporate Affairs Committee of PHD Chamber organized a Series on “Capacity Building for Independent Directors: Step towards effective Corporate Governance” on January 17-18, 2020 at PHD House, New Delhi.

On January 17, 2020

Ms. Babeeta Sharma, Secretary (Finance), PHDCCI while moderating the session stated that the process of examination and maintenance of databank introduced by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) will be a single-window platform where companies looking for independent directors can meet those willing to serve on their boards.

Mr. Vijay Jhalani, Co-chairman, Corporate Affairs Committee, PHDCCI in his welcome address pointed out that the spate of scams in the corporate sector have brought the role of Independent Directors and auditors under pressure to prevent frauds from taking place. He said that the government's step to set standards for eligibility for being an independent director is a welcome

development. He highlighted that Independent Directors must question the management in the interests of transparency and effective functioning of the company.

Mr. G P Verma, Assistant General Manager, Bank of Baroda in his address highlighted that such programmes are essential for understanding the current day requirements in matters of compliance and corporate governance that help to reduce exposure to risks.

Mr. Sidheshwar Bhalla, Partner & Leader, Governance Risk & Compliance, Mazars India gave a presentation on “Corporate Governance & Role of Board Members”. Mr. Bhalla highlighted the need for a greater vigil at all levels in the organization to prevent frauds from taking place. He pointed out the role of internal auditors and Independent Directors on the Board of Governors of a company has gained considerable significance and accountability than ever before.

He further highlighted that successor planning for different roles in the company, establishing sound Management Information Systems,

efficient internal audit mechanisms and establishing a risk management policy hold the key to improving corporate governance in a company. The role of the board is crucial in building the company for which the board should carefully choose the relevant committees.

Mr. Dipti Lavya Swain, Partner, Hemant Sahai Associates gave a presentation on “Deep Insights in Companies Act, 2013”. He outlined the recent amendments to the Companies Act and the various changes in the corporate governance architecture to guide businessmen and industrialists on fraud management risk by strengthening different management systems in their organizations. He deliberated upon issues like due diligence before joining a board, managing CSR, mergers and amalgamations, oppression and mismanagement, penalties and compounding of offences and secretarial audit and compliances.

On January 18, 2020

Ms. Babeeta Sharma, Secretary (Finance), PHDCCI while moderating the session stated that the programme for Independent Directors will enhance knowledge and awareness about their roles and responsibilities,



functioning and skills as Independent Directors.

Mr. Naveen N D Gupta, Chairman, Corporate Affairs Committee, PHDCCI in his welcome address emphasized that Independent Directors on board of companies must adopt a practical approach and question the management if they find anything amiss to protect the interests of the shareholders. He opined that the recent spate of frauds and corporate debacles could have been prevented if there was strong corporate governance.

Mr. Vijay Jhalani, Co-chairman, Corporate Affairs Committee, PHDCCI in his theme address remarked that the recent amendments portray progressive steps towards evolving corporate governance standards in India and the qualification requirement for being an Independent Director been very open-ended and opens the gate for almost anyone to become one.

Mr. Pramod Jain, Partner, Lunawat & Co. gave a presentation on “Understanding Critical Issues in Financial Statements.” He said that Independent Directors need not be subject experts but should have the ability to question the management if they have any doubts while looking at the balance sheets, financial statements and auditor’s reports. Independent Directors must check if all the disclosures and compliance requirements have been adhered to or not. He urged them not to accept any financial statement that does not contain notes to account for which is a very important document.

Mr. Jain reiterated the need for checking out adverse comments made to the management. He mentioned that now days in cases of frauds, Independent Directors are held equally responsible and thus must be very careful in examining all the documents and ask for specific information when in doubt.

Mr. Prashant Saran, Senior Consultant, Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co. and Former Whole time Member, SEBI gave a presentation on “Role of Board & Independent Directors in Compliance with Listing Obligation and Disclosure Requirements (LODR), 2019”. He stated that Independent Directors are liable for acts of omission or



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commission if it has occurred with their knowledge, attributable through the Board process or with their consent and connivance. He advised that Independent Directors must attend all meetings, get trained from professionals and get their concerns addressed by the Board and should

also inform the Board if they lose their independence at any point of time.

Ms. Babeeta Sharma, Secretary (Finance), PHDCCI delivered the vote-of-thanks to the Sponsors, Speakers, Associate Partners and Participants for their gracious presence at the event.





INTERACTIVE SESSION WITH SENIOR GOVERNMENT FUNCTIONARIES

Mr. Rajeev Talwar, Immediate Former President, PHDCCI; Mr. Pradeep Multani, Vice President, PHDCCI; Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, Senior Vice President, PHDCCI; Dr D K Aggarwal, President, PHDCCI; Mr. Ajay Shankar, Former Secretary of DIPP; Mr. Amit Yadav, Director General, Directorate General of Foreign Trade and Mr. Vivek Seigell, Principal Director, PHDCCI

Mr. Ajay Shankar, Former Secretary of DIPP and Mr. Amit Yadav, Director General, Directorate General of Foreign Trade interacted with the Managing Committee members of PHD Chamber on December 18, 2019 at PHD House, New Delhi.

Dr D K Aggarwal, President, PHD Chamber welcomed Mr. Ajay Shankar, Former Secretary of DIPP and Mr. Amit Yadav, Director General, Directorate General of Foreign Trade for sparing their precious time to interact with the Managing Committee members of PHDCCI. Dr Aggarwal introduced the guest speakers to the members.

Mr. Ajay Shankar, an Indian Administrative Service Officer retired as Secretary, Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion in 2009. Presently, Mr. Shankar is the Distinguished Fellow, Director General's Office of The Energy and Resource Institute (TERI). As Member Secretary of the National Manufacturing Competitiveness Council, he played a crucial role in putting together the stimulus packages at the time of global economic crisis of 2008 which enabled the Indian economy to recover in a short time and grow at over 8 percent. He has also been the Chairman of the National Productivity Council and of the Quality Council of India. While working at the Ministry of Power, he played a key role in enactment of the

Electricity Act, 2003, Rules and policies under it.

Mr. Amit Yadav, a 1991 batch of IAS Officer of UT Cadre is Director General, Directorate General of Foreign Trade, Ministry of Commerce & Industry since October, 2019. Earlier, he was Joint Secretary in the Department of Telecom, Ministry of Communications. Mr. Yadav has also served as a Commissioner in the East Delhi Municipal Corporation and Secretary, Government of NCT of Delhi.

Addressing the Managing Committee Members of PHDCCI, the Guest Speakers expressed their gratitude for the opportunity to interact with the members and shared their perspectives on "Capturing Economic Slowdown".

Mr. Ajay Shankar highlighted that currently India is going through difficult times and therefore considering a much broader time horizon to talk about the economy could be useful. He talked about few issues and corresponding suggestions that could be undertaken immediately to revive the economy.

He opined that the topic of real exchange rate is of paramount importance, however it has not been given much consideration till now. He mentioned that the second important factor is the "unusually high interest rate". He compared the interest rate in India to around

2% interest rate prevalent in peer countries and negative interest rate in few developed countries. He further stated that the construction and real estate sector is the third important aspect that needs to be looked upon, going forward.

He further recommended that the growth in the auto sector must be revived. He opined that as India moves towards BS6 (Bharat Stage), the Government must work to replace BS3 vehicles by giving Goods & Service Tax rebate of around 50% on scrapping of old vehicles.

He further stated that India has done good work in creating an ecosystem for start-ups and to take it to its full potential, there is a need for increased public expenditure. He opined that plug-n-play facilities for the start-ups are of prime importance at this stage as real estate and high prices are huge constraints for the development of start-ups in India.

Mr. Shankar suggested that Government procurement needs to be scaled up development of the economy. As India is moving towards solar ecosystem, the demand for solar panels is huge; however, most of the solar panels are currently being imported from China.

Mr. Amit Yadav recommended that the Government should focus on "Make in India" and scale up Government procurement. In



addition, he talked about the importance of brand value of national companies and stressed on the need to preserve them.

Mr. Yadav said that the new foreign trade policy will regulate foreign trade more effectively. He stated that recently many of the MEI schemes which got struck will come in a new avatar soon with provision of remission of duties. He stressed that the foreign trade contribution to GDP is 40 percent which comes to only US\$ 1.1 trillion of the economy and expressed concern as this contribution is declining over a period of time.

He suggested that incentives should be given to different sectors with a special focus on the services sector to boost their performance in foreign trade. He also suggested bringing more sectors into the foreign trade for export and import, keeping in mind the infrastructure and start-



Mr. Ajay Shankar, Former Secretary of DIPP; Dr D K Aggarwal, President, PHDCCI and Mr. Amit Yadav, Director General, Directorate General of Foreign Trade

ups policy of India. He stated that as per WTO policy, exports should be free from all taxes, however in India, only IGST provision is being followed.

Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, Senior Vice President, PHDCCI delivered the vote-of-thanks to the guest speakers.



PHD CHAMBER SIGNS MoU WITH POWER2SME

Ms. Kanchan Zutshi, Secretary, PHD Chamber; Dr Ranjeet Mehta, Principal Director, PHD Chamber; Mr. Pradeep Multani, Vice President, PHD Chamber; Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, Senior Vice President, PHD Chamber; Mr. Anil Khaitan, Former President, PHD Chamber; Dr D K Aggarwal, President, PHD Chamber; Mr. R Narayan, Founder and CEO Power2SME Private Limited; Dr H P Kumar, Advisor, PHD Chamber; Mr. Sameer Nayyar, Chairman MSME Committee, PHD Chamber; Mr. Dev Prakash Goyal, Co- chairman, MSME Committee, PHD Chamber; Ms. Anju Bajaj, Former Chairman, MSME Committee, PHDCCI and Mr. Mithilesh Kumar, Joint Secretary, PHD Chamber

A Memorandum of understanding (MoU) was signed between PHD Chamber and Power2SME on January 7, 2020 at PHD House, New Delhi to facilitate both organizations to help Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) to avail raw materials and credit on competent terms. Dr D K Aggarwal President, PHD Chamber and Mr. R Narayan, Founder and CEO, Power2SME Private Limited signed the MoU on behalf of PHD Chamber and

Power2SME respectively.

Dr D K Aggarwal, President, PHD Chamber said that the Chamber would work together with Power2SME to plan various communication and marketing initiatives for specific solutions and offerings that may bring value to the member companies.

Mr. R Narayan, Founder and CEO, Power2SME said that the MSME sector is the backbone of India's industrial landscape and Power2SME is

committed to addressing the business challenges faced by MSMEs in India by way of providing inputs and services at competent terms.

Mr. Anil Khaitan, Former President of the Chamber and Mentor, PHD MSME Mentoring and Guidance Centre said that this initiative would provide an opportunity for the MSME sector by creating a platform for them to have an option to obtain materials and credit at reasonable terms.



MEET DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS, JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY

Mr. Naveen Seth, Principal Director PHDCCI;
Mr. Pradeep Multani, Vice President-PHDCCI;
Mr. Hugh Sullivan, Director of International Programs, Johns Hopkins University, United States; Mr. Benjamin Link, Executive Manager, Johns Hopkins Alliance and Ms. Rashmi Chopra, Co-chairperson, PHDCCI Americas Committee

The International Affairs Committee for Americas, PHD Chamber organized an interactive session with Mr. Hugh Sullivan, Director of International Programs, Johns Hopkins University, US on January 14, 2020 at PHD House, New Delhi. Over 40 members of the Chamber from the Education sector participated in the interaction. Johns Hopkins University sees an increased engagement with India and Indian institutions in future.

Mr. Hugh Sullivan, Director International Programs, Johns Hopkins University said that the University had set up a foundation in India, in association with a private company, to facilitate research work.

Mr. Sullivan stated that Cross-disciplinary initiatives and collaborations are the need of the hour as resources needed for such research are useful for the humanity. He invited Indian research and academic bodies as well as business entities to collaborate with the University.

Indian students form the second biggest foreign student community on the campus and India is becoming an important research area for the students of the University, Mr. Sullivan apprised. Ties with India are

not new to Johns Hopkins University as a student of the University had become the Health Minister of India in 1952, and at present, an alumnus of the University is the CEO of Ayushman Bharat, Mr. Sullivan added.

Today there are nine academic divisions at the University that include medical, nursing, advanced international studies, a music conservatory and a business school.



Mr. Pradeep Multani, Vice President, PHD Chamber, welcoming Mr. Hugh Sullivan, Director of International Programs, Johns Hopkins University, US

Citing an example, he pointed out that a new discipline was the study of engineering sciences to create new technologies for medical and health care.

Mr. Benjamin Link, Executive Manager at Johns Hopkins Alliance

for a Healthier World which is one of the four signature initiatives in cross-disciplinary studies, outlined the multi-disciplinary research carried out by the Centre in collaboration with faculties of different disciplines.

The Alliance for a Healthier World will be hosting a workshop on air pollution in collaboration with International Institute for Health Management Research in Jaipur, Mr Link informed. This is an example of the multi-disciplinary approach wherein faculties from different areas will brainstorm for ideas on how to reduce air pollution in Delhi, Mr. Link added.

Mr. Pradeep Multani, Vice President, PHD Chamber, welcoming Mr. Sullivan said, in the changing scenario where Indian students were aspiring to become global citizens and joining the global workforce, there was a greater need for ease of access to global information and global education to Indian students. He said that the interaction with the Director and his colleagues would provide an excellent opportunity for PHD Chamber members to learn more about the education system in the United States.

Ms. Rashmi Chopra, Co-chairperson, International Affairs Committee for Americas, PHD Chamber delivered the vote-of-thanks to the speakers.





THE CLASH OF TITANS CONFERENCE ON COMPETITION LAW & IPR

Dr Jatinder Singh, Director, PHDCCI; Dr Sanjeev Gemawat, Co-chairman, Law & Justice Committee, PHDCCI; Dr D K Aggarwal, President, PHDCCI; Mr. Ashok Kumar Gupta (IAS), Chairman, Competition Commission of India; Mr. Amir Z Singh Pasrich, Chairman, Law & Justice Committee, and Mr. Daksh Ahluwalia, Co-chairman, Law & Justice Committee, PHDCCI

The Law & Justice Committee of PHD Chamber organized 'The Clash of Titans – Conference on Competition Laws & IPRs' on January 11, 2020 at PHD House, New Delhi. Mr. Ashok Kumar Gupta (IAS), Chairman, Competition Commission of India was the Chief Guest at the conference.

Dr D K Aggarwal, President, PHDCCI welcomed Mr. Ashok Kumar Gupta (IAS), Chairman, Competition Commission of India. Dr Aggarwal raised issues of predatory pricing and deep discounting and their effect on the survival of Retail and Kirana Stores and the future of people dependent on these stores. He also thanked the Competition Commission of India for ensuring healthy competition in the market and ensuring that there is no monopoly creation.

Mr. Ashok Kumar Gupta, Chairman, Competition Commission of India is a 1981 Batch IAS officer, joined the Competition Commission of India as Chairperson in November, 2018 with more than 36 years of wide ranging experience under Government of India and Government of Tamil Nadu.

While discussing the objectives of the Competition Laws and IPRs separately, both serve the goal of promoting innovation; IPR by providing ex-ante incentive to innovate while competition laws by curbing anti-competitive use of IPRs. He elaborated the interrelation

between Competition Laws and IPRs and the role of CCI in maintaining the balance between them.

He further elaborated that one of the major responsibility of CCI includes protecting the process of competition in the market for consumer welfare while preserving an economic environment in which innovations can flourish. He further stated that CCI is of the view that exercising of IPRs will require imposition of certain restrictions on the license.

He opined that IP licensing helps IP owners to commercialize its IP. The IP laws allows access to IP protected technology on innovators and the players engaged in the development of the technology. In certain instances, the conditions imposed on the IP owner licensee can restrict competition. It is essentially a responsibility test that a Competition Authority undertakes to assess any impugned license term; in these circumstances a case-by-case approach is followed.

He clarified that Competition Laws only comes into force when IPRs go beyond their boundary resulting in an anti-competitive effect.

On Standardization, he opined that ownership of IPR, essential to standardization called the Standard Essential Patents confers market powers which can be abused exploitatively. The fair reasonable and non-discriminatory (FRAND)

commitments are the ones which ensure the Standard Essential Patents are accessible to the users on fair, reasonable and non-discriminatory terms, explained Mr. Gupta.

He also shared that e-Commerce is on the rise both in India and globally and mentioned that e-commerce in India is expected to become US\$ 200 billion by 2020 from the present US\$ 38.5 billion.

He further stated that Competition Laws should not try and append the economics that drive the market. However, timely detection and appropriate intervention to correct anti-competitive practices is of importance in these markets so that the market remains contestable, opined Mr. Gupta.

Briefly discussing the key observations of the 'Market Study on E-commerce in India: Key Findings and Observations', he stated that the study confirmed that online commerce is gaining importance, it has increased R & D, is comparison friendly, has considerably increased price transparency and price competition, lower search cost for the customers and has provided a wide array of options to choose from.

He underlined that e-commerce is a new sector and CCI is of the view that time should be given to the players to put their house in order and there is a need to study and understand the sector. One size to fit all criteria



cannot be applicable in this sector.

The CCI chairman also clearly stated that policy is not under the CCI's domain and it is the concerned Ministry which looks after policy issues.

Mr. Amir Z Singh Pasrich, Chairman, Law & Justice Committee, PHDCCI and Managing Partner, I.L.A Pasrich & Company moderated the plenary session and the first session besides giving his views on the discussion topics. Dr Sanjeev Gemawat, Co-chairman, Law & Justice Committee, PHDCCI & Executive Director (Legal) and Group Company Secretary, Dalmia Bharat Group moderated the second session of the conference.

In the session on 'Retail Vs. E-Commerce - Competition Law Issues: Finding Common Ground and the Way Forward,' eminent speakers included Mr. Praveen Khandelwal, Secretary General, Confederation of All India Traders; Mr. Navodit Mehra, Sr. Vice President (Legal), Sterlite Power and Mr. Pavan Duggal, World Renowned Cyber Law Specialist shared their views on the issues of clash and co-existence of the two sectors.



Dr. D K Aggarwal, President PHDCCI felicitating the Chief Guest Mr. Ashok Kumar Gupta, Chairman, Competition Commission of India; Dr Sanjeev Gemawat, Co-chairman, Law & Justice Committee, PHDCCI; Mr. Amir Z Singh Pasrich, Chairman, Law & Justice Committee, PHDCCI and Mr. Daksh Ahluwalia, Co-chairman, Law & Justice Committee

In the session on 'Intellectual Property Rights Vs. Competition Law: Emerging issues in Telecom and Pharma Sectors,' notable speakers, included Mr. M M Sharma, Head-Competition Law and Policy, Vaish Associates; Ms. Girija K Varma, Legal Counsel, Girija Law; Mr. Govind Vijay, Deputy General Counsel, HT Media and Ms. Deeksha Manchanda,

Counsel-Competition Law, Chandhiok and Mahajan. The speakers threw light on the legal technicalities of the two similar yet not so complementing legislations.

The conference ended with Dr Jatinder Singh, Director, PHDCCI delivering the vote-of- thanks to the guests.



NORTHERN RAILWAY VENDORS MEET



Dr H P Kumar, Advisor, PHD Chamber and Former Chairman and Managing Director, NSIC addressing the meet

In a significant move to show-case greater business opportunities in the Railways, Northern Railways organized a Vendor Development meet on January 8, 2020 at National Rail Museum, New Delhi in which more than 200 MSMEs participated. During the meet, Northern Railways also made a presentation about their improved policies on "ease of doing business". Industry Chambers/ Associations, CII, FICCI, DICCI, PHDCCI and few other Regional Industry bodies were also invited. The objective of this event

was to facilitate development of new vendors as well as enhancing product range of existing vendors.

Dr H. P. Kumar, Advisor, PHD Chamber and Former CMD, NSIC represented PHD Chamber and spoke about the expectations of the MSME Sector about accessing the Stores Purchase Programme of Railways. He pointed out that as per the Government of India's Public Procurement Policy effective from April 1, 2012, all the Central Ministries, PSUs and other Government

organizations must procure a minimum of 25% of their annual requirements from the MSMEs. He exhorted Railway authorities to provide exemptions from Bid and Earnest money requirement and expand the network of quality testing labs to ease the procurement process. Dr Kumar also offered that PHD Chamber would be willing to collaborate with Railways in conducting more such Vendor meets for the benefit of MSMEs in the country.



UNLEASHING ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN INDIA

Mr. Anil Khaitan, Former President, PHDCCI felicitating Prof. Bhagawati Prasad Sharma, Vice-Chancellor, Gautam Buddha University during the seminar

Mr. Ramesh Kumar, Supreme Court Advocate, made a presentation on the various facets and aspects of IPRs and underscored the importance of knowing these for entrepreneurs. Dr H P Kumar, Advisor, PHD Chamber and Former Chairman NSIC, outlined the Start-Up ecosystem existing in India and urged the student community to consider entrepreneurship as an option because the country will not be in a position to create jobs for all students coming out of colleges and universities.

Today there is an environment favourable for entrepreneurs with greater ease of doing business, he opined. There are benefits for firms registering under Start-Up India programme and also there are facilities for companies registering under MSME Udyog Adhaar Scheme. Registration for both can be done on a laptop from home, Mr. Kumar apprised.

The event ended with Mr. D P Goel, Co- chairman, MSME Committee, PHDCCI delivering the vote-of-thanks to the guests.

PHDChamber in collaboration with the Gautam Buddha University, Greater Noida under the aegis of Ministry of Micro Small and Medium Enterprises organized a seminar on “Unleashing Entrepreneurship in India: Opportunities and Challenges with special focus on IPR” on January 22, 2020 at Gautam Buddha University, Greater Noida (Uttar Pradesh). The objective of the seminar was to reach out to the young minds, aspiring for and to understand the issues and challenges faced by the entrepreneurs.

Mr. Sameer Nayyar, Chairman, MSME Committee, PHD Chamber, gave an overview of economic development since Independence and said that economic reforms of 1991 brought Indian traditional companies in direct competition with MNCs but this also made Indian entrepreneurs explore new avenues and businesses.

Prof. Bhagawati Prasad Sharma, Vice-Chancellor, Gautam Buddha University stressed the need for innovations and securing IPRs for success. The more patents we have, the more success Indian companies will have in India and in international markets, he asserted. He explained that Entrepreneurship depends on innovations and unless we have Indian products and Indian brands, Indian companies will not thrive. If you have an idea, patent it, he advised the students and urged them to participate in the next ideas contest that will be held by the University soon. The University will help the winners by facilitating funding for

their projects, Prof Sharma added.

Mr. Anil Khaitan, Former President, PHDCCI stated that the power of an idea that is scalable and innovative has a great chance of success in the market place if the young entrepreneur develops the three Ps – passion, perseverance and patience. He also advised the students representing young India that these three qualities will stand them in good stead for success in anything they chose to do in life.

During the event, Mr. Panneer Selvam, Principal Director, MSME Tech Development Centre, Government of India said that money was not a problem in starting a new business in the country anymore. He informed that the MSME Ministry gives upto Rs 15 lakh for a business idea – either an innovative product or a process – if accepted as a grant for students and urged them to make use of the facility. There are 18 government ministries that are encouraging Start-Ups, he added.



Mr Sameer Nayyar, Chairman, MSME Committee, PHD Chamber; Mr. Ramesh Kumar, Supreme Court Advocate; Mr. Bachchu Singh, Registrar, Gautam Buddha University; Mr. Panneer Selvam, Principal Director, MSME Tech Development Centre, Government of India; Prof. Bhagawati Prasad Sharma, Vice-Chancellor, Gautam Buddha University; Mr. Anil Khaitan, Former President, PHDCCI; Dr H P Kumar, Advisor, PHD Chamber and Former Chairman NSIC and Mr. D P Goel, Co- chairman, MSME Committee, PHDCCI





SEMINAR ON SEXUAL HARASSMENT AT WORKPLACE AND VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Dr Jatinder Singh, Director, PHDCCI; Ms. Renu Sharma, President, B & S Foundation; Ms. Rekha Sharma, Chairperson, National Commission for Women; Mr. Ravi Wig, Former President PHDCCI, Mentor HR & IR Committee, PHDCCI and Mr. Jasbir Singh Bajaj (IAS Retd.)

The HR IR Committee of PHD Chamber organized a seminar on “Sexual Harassment at Workplace and Violence against Women” on January 16, 2020 at PHD House, New Delhi. The chief guest of the seminar was Ms. Rekha Sharma, Chairperson, National Commission for Women (NCW). The seminar was enriched with the presence of Mr. Ravi Wig, Past President & Mentor HR IR Committee; Dr D N Mulay (Retd. IFS), Member- National Human Rights Commission; Mr. Jasbir Singh Bajaj (IAS Retd.) and Ms. Renu Sharma, President, B & S Foundation.

The deliberations centered on following key points:

- NCW has urged the Government to strengthen the composition of the Internal Committees in organizations with more outside members so that they can function more freely;
- NCW has also recommended that women employees should get six

months instead of three months as at present for filing complaints ;

- Harness the Power of Gender Neutrality in the Workplace to create an evolved and inclusive work culture and
- Mentor and coach teams through videos and brainstorming sessions to define a gender neutral workplace.

Other distinguished speakers included- Ms. Sumita Kapil, Advocate, Supreme Court of India; Ms. Prabha Rao (IPS), Retd. Director- General of Police; Mr. Ambrish Ranjan, Head- Compliance & Corporate Affairs, Asort.com; Mr. Ashok Seth, Northern Regional Chairman- Gem Jewellery Export Promotion Council; Ms. Mamta Bargoyary, CEO – FXB India Suraksha; Mr. Aseem Nath Tripathi, Vice President -HR Vestige Marketing Pvt. Ltd.; Dr V. Rajyalakshmi, Department of Social Science- Janki Devi Memorial College, DU; Mr. Jose Abraham, Advocate - Supreme Court of India; Ms. Srishti

Dheer, President - Alchemist Asset Reconstruction Company Ltd.; Ms. Anju Pandey- UN Women; Mr. Anup Banerjee, Fashion Choreographer; Ms. Shruti Goel, Programme Head - Kat Katha NGO; Ms. Jyoti Zongluju, Advocate- Delhi High Court; Ms. Chavi Hemanth, Founder- EBS India Inc. and Dr Jatinder Singh, Director, PHDCCI.

The speakers deliberated on providing concrete guidance to the Internal Committee so that the sanctity of inquest conducted by it is preserved. Mr. Ravi Wig, Former President, PHD Chamber, suggested strengthening of laws relating to women’s safety and prevention of sexual harassment in consultation with a cross-section of the people. He stressed on strict implementation of existing laws without any delays in the legal process.

The seminar was attended by more than 100 participants including HR Heads and compliance officers of different industries.

4TH GLOBAL FILM TOURISM CONCLAVE

‘Experience the potential of Cinematic Tourism’



Dr. Jatinder Singh, Director, PHDCCI; Mr. Rajan Sehgal and Mr. Kishore Kaya, Co-chairmen – Tourism Committee, PHDCCI; H.E. Mr. Radu Dobre, Ambassador of Romania; Dr. D K Aggarwal, President, PHDCCI; Ms. Madhu Kaya, Owner, Welcom Hotel The Savoy Mussoorie; H.E. Ms. Eleonora Dimitrova, Ambassador, Embassy of the Republic of Bulgaria; Mr. Vinod Zutshi (Retd. IAS), Former Secretary, Tourism and Dr. Ranjeet Mehta, Principal Director, PHDCCI



The Tourism Committee of PHD Chamber organized the 4th edition of Global Film Tourism Conclave with the theme ‘Experience the potential of Cinematic Tourism’ on January 21, 2020 at Novotel Mumbai Juhu Beach. The programme was supported by the Ministry of Tourism while Producers Guild of India was the Synergy Partner for the programme.

The inaugural session of the Conclave saw the presence of H.E. Ms. Eleonora Dimitrova, Ambassador, Embassy of the Republic of Bulgaria; H.E. Mr. Radu Dobre, Ambassador of Romania; Mr. Vinod Zutshi (Retd. IAS), Former Secretary, Tourism; Dr D K Aggarwal, President, PHDCCI; Mr. Rajan Sehgal and Mr. Kishore Kaya, Co-chairmen, Tourism Committee, Dr Ranjeet Mehta, Principal Director and Dr Jatinder Singh, Director, PHDCCI.

Dr D K Aggarwal, President, PHDCCI, said, “PHD Chamber and Ernst & Young have jointly released a report, which states that Film Tourism has a scope to generate US\$ 3 billion by 2022 in India as there is potential for up to 1 million film tourists to visit the country by 2022. However, to achieve this potential, there is an urgent need



Mr. Ramesh Taurani, Producer and Managing Director of Tips Industries being felicitated by Dr DK Aggarwal, President, PHDCCI during the GFTC 2020

to simplify, incentivize and promote this segment. All state governments must consider setting up of online portals for single window clearance facility.”

H.E. Ms. Eleonora Dimitrova, Ambassador of the Republic of Bulgaria and H.E. Mr. Radu Dobre, Ambassador of Romania gave a detailed presentation on the locations and incentive schemes for film shootings in their respective countries.

Mr. Vinod Zutshi (Retd. IAS),

Former Secretary, Tourism spoke about the initiatives of the Ministry of Tourism and various state governments for promoting Film Tourism. He said that the Government of India has also approved execution of MoUs with various countries to foster bilateral cooperation through Film Tourism.

Leading Indian Filmmaker known for blockbuster movie Gadar-Ek Prem Katha – Mr. Anil Sharma and noted Producer and Managing Director



of Tips Industries – Mr. Ramesh Taurani who has produced movies like Race, Race 2, Race 3, Entertainment and many others, were felicitated during the Conclave for their contribution towards Indian Cinema. They requested to curb the lengthy process of approvals and permissions to shoot in India and urged the state tourism boards to come out with industry friendly film policies.

Mr. Rajan Sehgal and Mr. Kishore Kaya, Co-chairmen, Tourism Committee, PHDDCI also shared their perspective in promoting Film Tourism while having synergies between Production Houses, Film Commissions and State Tourism Boards.

There was also an Exhibition Platform for destinations to showcase locations, tax incentives and other services.

Dr Jatinder Singh, Director, PHDDCI, delivered the formal vote-of-thanks to the guests.



Mr. Anil Sharma, Indian Filmmaker known for blockbuster movie Gadar-Ek Prem Katha, being felicitated by Dr DK Aggarwal, President, PHDDCI during the GFTC

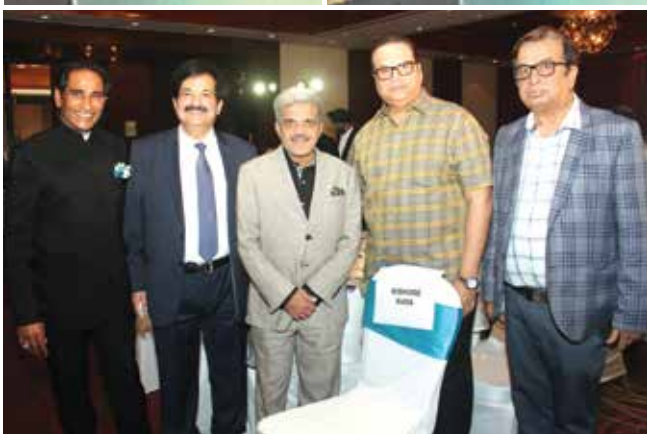


Mr. Vikramjit Roy, Head- Film Facilitation Office, National Film Development Corporation; Mr. D. Venkatesan, Regional Director, India Tourism Mumbai; Mr. Uday Singh, India Representative, Motion Picture Association; and Ms. Rakasree Basu, Producer, Frames Per Second Films, during the Panel Discussion 'Filming in India: A world of opportunities'



Mr. Mohit Batra, Country Head, Scandinavian Tourist Board; Mr. Damian Irzyk, Consul General, Consulate General of the Republic of Poland in Mumbai; Mr. Kulmeet Makkar, CEO, Producers Guild of India; Mr. John Wilson, India Head, Czech Tourism; and Mr. Sanjiv Kishinchandani, Executive Producer, Rajkumar Hirani Films, during the Panel Discussion 'Impact of Destination Marketing and Promotion through Films'

Glimpses of 4TH Global Film Tourism Conclave





TELECOM SUMMIT 2020

5G Technology: Forging Ahead into a Smarter India

Mr. Sarvesh Singh, Chairman & Managing Director, Bharat Broadband Network Limited (BBNL); Prof. N K Goyal, Chairman E TEMA; Dr Yogesh Srivastav, Principal Director, PHDCCI; Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, Sr. Vice President, PHDCCI; Dr R S Sharma, Chairman-Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI); Ms. Anita Praveen, IAS, Additional Secretary-Telecom, Department of Telecommunications, Ministry of Communications, Mr. Sandeep Aggarwal, Chairman, PHD Telecom Committee; Mr. Alok Mukherjee, Co Chairman, PHD Telecom Committee; Mr. Ajit Pai, Advisor, NITI Aayog and Mr. Ashish Jain, President & Business Head-Telecom, Polycab India Limited.

The Telecom Committee of PHD Chamber organized a Telecom Summit 2020 with the theme '5G Technology: Forging Ahead into a Smarter India' on January 21, 2020 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.

Dr RS Sharma, Chairman-Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) and Ms. Anita Praveen, IAS, Additional Secretary-Telecom, Department of Telecommunications, Ministry of Communications graced the inaugural session.

Mr. Ajit Pai, Advisor, NITI Aayog; Mr. Bharat Bhatia, President- ITU APT India; Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, Sr. Vice President, PHDCCI; Mr. Sandeep Aggarwal, Chairman - PHD Telecom Committee; Mr. Alok Mukherjee, Co chairman- PHD Telecom Committee shared their views on 5G. Dr Yogesh Srivastav, Principal Director, PHDCCI and Prof. N K Goyal, Chairman E TEMA moderated the inaugural session and panel discussions respectively.

Dr R. S Sharma Chairman-Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) stated that innovative investment solutions are needed for financing the adoption of 5G technology that will have a multitude of applications

and users. He also said that 5G is important for strategic reasons and called for unbundling of infrastructure and investments for different services in the telecom sector. He added that this could be one way of distributing investments needed for 5G technology and could help the private telecom sector cope with the investment needs that are going to be huge.

Dr Sharma also added that it must be kept in mind that telecom players cannot be the only ones investing alone in the country's quest for 5G technology that will have multiple applications – machine to machine communications, Internet of Things, manufacturing to name a few. Batting for 5G, he opined that technology was nothing short of a quantum jump and India cannot afford to lag behind in the technology curve. He opined that sharing of passive common infrastructure is an innovation of India, which China and US are now adopting and sharing of active infrastructure should also be done and the operators need to be made aware of the benefits to them, to the government and to the users. He also said that for pragmatic and strategic reasons, India should embrace 5G and there is

a need to blend regulations, policies and business interests to make the whole thing a win-win situation for all the stakeholders.

Dr Sharma also added that India has the technical capability to use technology in ways more than the ones for which they were designed. There was huge interest in some technologies developed in India – like payment platform UPI and digital identity infrastructure – Aadhaar card - was created. He indicated that India is capable of development of all technologies.

Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, Senior Vice President, PHDCCI welcomed the distinguished guests on the dais and called for allowing domestic line of credit to the fund stressed telecom operators to buy PMI compliant telecom equipment. He also urged the government to treat telecom equipment sales as deemed exports.

Mr. Aggarwal also suggested the setting up of Telecom Financial Fund to help the telecom operators, who at present are struggling with AGR issues. He hoped that the government would take steps that will enable the telecom operators stay healthy and





Delegates during the Telecom Summit 2020

that the government should consider waiving off penalties and interests on dues of the telcos.

Mr. Sandeep Aggarwal, Chairman, PHD Telecom Committee noted that Rs 3.25 lakh crore is to be invested in telecommunications infrastructure by the government in the near future, which forms 3 percent of the Rs 102 lakh crore infrastructure investments planned over the next five years. On the technology issue, Mr. Aggarwal stressed that 5G was needed and its technology should be bought instead of products. ITI, C-DOT can be used to invest in higher technology, optical fibre and chip manufacturing, he further suggested. He also added that foreign companies must be allowed access to Indian markets only on the condition that they sell technology

and allow manufacture of licensed telecom equipments in India.

Mr. Ajit Pai, Advisor, NITI Aayog pointed out that from the economic perspective, telecom sector was very important and for telecommunications sector, 5G is very crucial as its impact will be in the manufacturing sector as well. The new technology is an enabler of next generation of technologies. He also added that asset monetization could be one aspect that the telecom players could consider. The government is open to suggestions from different quarters and most definitely from the industry players, he added.

Panel Discussion: 'Impact of 5G technology: Issues, Challenges and Opportunities' witnessed the participation of Mr. Ashish Jain,

President & Business Head-Telecom, Polycab India Limited; Mr. Sarvesh Singh, Chairman & Managing Director, Bharat Broadband Network Limited (BBNL); Mr. Tilak Raj Dua, Director General, Tower and Infrastructure Providers Association (TAIPA); Mr. Satya N Gupta, Chairman - India & BIMSTEC ASIA & Bluetown (India) Pvt. Ltd; Mr. Michael Qiu, Chairman, MCM Telecom Equipment Pvt Ltd and Mr. R.K. Pathak, Department of Telecommunications.

The programme was well attended by the senior officials of DoT, BSNL, BBNL, Telecom regulatory bodies, telecom operators, manufacturers and stakeholders of the industry.

Government invites bid for sale of Air India

In a fresh move towards disinvestment of Air India, the government issued preliminary information memorandum for 100 percent stake sale in Air India. Air India, which has a debt burden of more than Rs 50,000 crores has been making loss for long and as part of revival efforts, the government has decided on disinvestment. The government has set March 17 as the deadline for submitting the Expression of Interest. According to the bid document, Air India would also sell 100 per cent stake in Air India Express and 50 per cent shareholding in joint venture AISATS, as part of the strategic disinvestment. Management control of the airline would also be transferred to the successful bidder. Air India has also interests in Air India Engineering Services, Air India Air Transport Services, Airline Allied Services and Hotel Corporation of India. These entities are in the process of being transferred to a separate company — Air India Assets Holding Ltd (AIAHL) — and would not be a part of the proposed transaction. According to the document, a debt of Rs 23,286.5 crores would remain with Air India and Air India Express at the time of closing of the disinvestment. The remaining debt would be allocated to AIAHL. EY is the transaction advisor for Air India disinvestment process.



INTERACTIVE SESSION AND B2B MEETINGS WITH BUSINESS DELEGATION FROM CZECH REPUBLIC

Mr. Milan Tous, Head of Commercial & Economic Section, Embassy of the Czech Republic; Mr. Radek Špicar, Vice-President, Confederation of Industry of the Czech Republic; Dr Yogesh Srivastav, Principal Director, PHDCCI; Dr D K Aggarwal, President, PHDCCI; Ms. Martina Tauberová, Hon'ble Deputy Minister, Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic; Mr. Purrshottam Bhaggeria, Chairman, International Affairs Committee for Europe & CIS, PHDCCI; Mr. Vikram Gera, Co-chairman, International Affairs Committee for Europe & CIS; Mr. Rajesh Gupta, Co-chairman, Mineral and Metals Committee, PHDCCI and Mr. Naveen Seth, Principal Director, PHDCCI

The International Affairs Committee for Europe & CIS, PHDCCI organized an interactive session and B2B meetings with the Business Delegation from Czech Republic on January 15, 2020 at PHD House, New Delhi.

PHD Chamber's leadership while welcoming the foreign business delegation comprising of Mr. Tomáš Petříček, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic, Ms. Martina Tabuerova, Deputy Minister, Industry and Trade, Czech Republic, Mr. Radek Špicar, Vice President, Confederation of Industry of the Czech Republic and H.E. Milan Hovorka, Ambassador of the Czech Republic to India said that the scope for mutual collaboration between the two countries was immense and poised to expand on the strength of the changing economic environment in the country today. India and the Czech Republic have had a long history of bilateral relations. The economic partnership between India and the Czech Republic grew to USD 688 million in 2018-19.

Dr Aggarwal, President mentioned about the relaxation of FDI norms and the dynamic policies of the government would enable the two sides to expand business cooperation. He also called for a focused and sector-specific

approach which can help India and the Czech business ventures to establish joint ventures and technology transfers. The President mentioned that India was poised and on course to become a USD 5 trillion economy by 2025 and a USD 10 trillion economy by 2030 and eventually a USD 20 trillion by 2050. He invited Czech companies to look at the country as an investment destination as PHD Chamber will offer every help possible support to the Czech investors.

He spoke about the thriving sectors of bilateral cooperation that include engineering, especially in auto parts,

pharmaceuticals, biotechnology and nanotechnology, science, and technology, which offer opportunities for the flow of trade and investment.

Mr. Tomáš Petříček, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic, traced the traditional ties between the two nations and said that the Czech Republic wanted to become a strategic partner of India and work jointly for its economic development.

Mr. Petricek, who led a business delegation comprising representatives from aviation, defence, aerospace, shipments, pharmaceuticals, real estate, and automobiles, said both countries share common values of democracy and believed commonly on issues like climate change and are looking for new opportunities and partnerships. He hoped that trade, investment, and business relations would grow in the future.

Ms. Martina Tabuerova, Deputy Minister, Industry and Trade, Czech Republic, said that trade between the two countries was growing over the years, and at present valued at \$ 1.5 billion. She said that there are many Czech companies already engaged in India, and cited the example of Skoda in the automobiles sector. Skoda was selling 70,000 cars in the Indian market.



Dr D K Aggarwal, President, PHDCCI felicitating Mr. Tomáš Petříček, Hon'ble Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic

spares, textile machinery, machine tools, information technology, medical equipment, chemicals and





INTERACTIVE SESSION AND B2B MEETING ON INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN QATAR FREE ZONES AUTHORITY

Mr. Jatin Nagpal, Deputy Secretary, Mr. Abhishek Banwara, Joint Secretary and Mr. Niraj, Secretary, PHDCCI; Mr. Abhijit Jadeja, Nine North Consulting; Mr. Naveen Seth, Principal Director, Mr. Nasir Zaidi, Chairman, International Affairs Committee for Gulf and Mr. Pradeep Multani, Vice President, PHDCCI; Mr. Wilson Chan, Director-Markets, Qatar Free Zones Authority; Mr. Mohd. Shahid Alam, Deputy Secretary (Gulf), Ministry of External Affairs; Mr. Abdul Salaam, Qatar Free Zones Authority and Mr. Surinder Kalra, Co-chairman, International Affairs Committee for Gulf, PHDCCI



The International Affairs Committee for Gulf, PHD Chamber with the support of Qatar Free Zones Authority (QFZA) organized an Interactive session and B2B meeting on the investment opportunities in Qatar Free Zones Authority, January 13- 14, 2020 at PHD House, New Delhi.

Welcoming Mr. Wilson Chan, Director Markets, QFZA; Mr. Pradeep Multani, Vice President, PHD Chamber, expressed happiness over the growing trade and bilateral relations between the two countries, on the back of substantial engagements at the government level. The bilateral relations got strengthened after the visits of His Highness Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, Emir of the State of Qatar to India in 2015, and Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi's visit to Qatar in 2016. Several MoUs were signed between the two countries during the Prime Minister's visit.

Tracing the business ties between the two countries to decades, Mr. Multani said at present, 20 Indian

companies were engaged in Doha in as diverse fields as aviation, IT, infrastructure, oil, and gas. Trade between the two countries was growing at 9 per cent, informed Mr. Multani.

The session also had the presence of Mr. Nasir Zaidi, Chairman, Gulf Committee, PHD Chamber; Mohd Shahid Alam, Deputy Secretary (Gulf), MEA, GoI; Mr. Abdul Salaam Sheikh, Business Development- India Market, QFZA and Mr. Surinder Kalra, Co-chairman, Gulf Committee, PHD Chamber.

Mr. Chan gave a detailed presentation on the opportunities available and what QFZA has to offer to the members of PHDCCI. He mentioned Qatar, the Gulf nation that sits at the intersection of Asia, Africa, and Europe, promises a hassle-free investment environment with advantages that business people the world over dream of – sound infrastructure, excellent ease of doing business and an investment-friendly administration. Mr. Chan urged Indian

investors to consider the advantages his country and more specifically the Free Zones offers – zero corporate tax for 20 years, no individual tax, 100 percent foreign ownership, No GST or VAT and no customs duties.

Presently, Qatar was focusing on three areas – logistics, downstream chemicals, and emerging technology sectors of IT, AI, ICT, drone technologies, renewable energies, and the like. The Free Zone Authority will line up such startups with venture capital funds so that all can grow together. Qatar has two Free Zones – The Airport Free Zone at RasBuFontas in an area of 4 sq km and the Port Free Zone at Umm Alhoul spread over 32 km, informed Mr. Chan. He mentioned it is possible to shift an entire factory from Delhi and relocate to the Free Zone as there are no restrictions even on the movement of labour.

Over 15 companies participated and around 25 interactions happened during the course of the day.

DR MAHESH GUPTA, FORMER PRESIDENT, PHDCCI & CEO KENT RO FELICITATED ON UP DIWAS



Dr Mahesh Gupta, Chairman, KENT RO Systems Ltd. and Former President, PHD Chamber received special recognition by Ms. Anandiben Patel, Governor of Uttar Pradesh for his tremendous contributions in the development of Uttar Pradesh at the UP Diwas Inauguration ceremony held on January 24, 2020 in Lucknow.

The recognition award was presented to Dr Mahesh Gupta by Ms. Anandiben Patel, Governor of Uttar Pradesh in the presence of Yogi Adityanath, Chief Minister,

Uttar Pradesh and Dr Dinesh Sharma, Deputy Chief Minister, Uttar Pradesh, as well as various other dignitaries.

While receiving the recognition, Dr Mahesh Gupta, said, “I feel greatly honoured with this gesture and receiving recognition from the Governor of Uttar Pradesh, Anandiben Patel. It is a great feeling and proud privilege for me for being recognized by the government of Uttar Pradesh and get honored in the presence of a dynamic leader of the state, Hon’ble Chief Minister, Shri Yogi Adityanath Ji. It is an amalgamation of our

persistent quality and eternal passion for offering purity. It’s a great pleasure to be acknowledged for what we are doing. We hope to take the growth baton forward and continue to set higher standards in the development of Uttar Pradesh.”

Dr Gupta is a first-generation entrepreneur who entered into the healthcare segment and launched the first domestic RO water purifier. In recognition of his contribution to the water purification industry, he is also known as the ‘PURE WATER MAN of India’.



CONFERENCE ON ARBITRATION NORMS FOR INFRASTRUCTURE SECTOR

Dr Ranjeet Mehta, Principal Director, PHDCCI; Mr. Ashish Mohan Wig, Chairman, Infrastructure Development Committee, PHDCCI; Mr. Rajveer S Verma, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Law & Justice; Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, Senior Vice President, PHDCCI; Mr. Mahendra Khandelwal, Additional Govt. Advocate; Ms. Priya Hingorani, Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India & Chairperson-Arbitration & Dispute Resolution Cell, PHDCCI and Mr. Alok Krishna Agarwal, Founder, Sheldon Law Firm & Co-chairman-Arbitration & Dispute Resolution Cell, PHDCCI

The Infrastructure Development Committee, PHDCCI successfully organized its annual conference on 'Arbitration Norms for Infrastructure Sector' on January 08, 2020 at PHD House, New Delhi.

Mr. Rajveer S. Verma, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Law and Justice graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. Mr. Verma, outlined the vision of Government of India to make India a hub for International Arbitration. He shared that the recent amendments to the 'Arbitration and Conciliation Amendment Act 2019' and 'New Delhi International Arbitration Centre Act, 2019' are two such steps in this direction. He opined that arbitration has emerged as a speedy, efficient and a cost effective method of dispute resolution for commercial disputes.

Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, Senior Vice President, PHD Chamber in his welcome remarks, elaborated on the current arbitration scenario and urged the government to take necessary steps required to make the arbitration process less time consuming, more cost effective and productive. He further added that the Arbitration and Conciliation Amendment Act, 2019 and New Delhi International Arbitration Centre Act, 2019 have provided an efficient, swift and effective dispute resolution mechanism in the

INAUGURAL SESSION



Dr Ranjeet Mehta, Principal Director, PHDCCI; Mr. Ashish Mohan Wig, Chairman, Infrastructure Development Committee, PHDCCI; Mr. Rajveer S Verma, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Law & Justice, Govt. of India; Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, Senior Vice President, PHDCCI and Ms. Priya Hingorani, Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India & Chairperson-Arbitration & Dispute Resolution Cell, PHDCCI

PANEL DISCUSSION – I : DRAFTING OF ARBITRATION AGREEMENTS W.R.T. THE INFRASTRUCTURE / CONSTRUCTION SPACE



Dr R.J.R. Kasibhatla, Deputy Legal Adviser, Department of Legal Affairs, Ministry of Law & Justice, Government of India; Dr Sanjeev Gemawat, Executive Director (Legal) and Group Company Secretary, Dalmia Bharat Group; Mr. Ashish Mohan Wig, Chairman, Infrastructure Development Committee, PHDCCI; Dr. Subhash C Gupta, Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India and Mr. Rocky Ravinder Gupta, Managing Partner, UnitedJuris

infrastructure sector and have gone a long way in enhancing the investor sentiments and further encouraging foreign investor participation into the sector, giving India's infrastructure sector a push towards higher growth.

Mr. Ashish Wig, Chairman, Infrastructure Development Committee, PHD Chamber, while delivering the Industry perspective shared that there is a need for competent arbitrators and efficient infrastructure to support effective arbitration in India.

The Conference provided an extremely beneficial platform for the Industry's business plans in India and helped in identifying the challenges & deliberate the feasible solutions for all the stakeholders with a mission to help infrastructure sector achieve greater success and contribute in building better policies relating to Arbitration Norms in Infrastructure Sector while taking the Nation forward towards a better tomorrow.

PANEL DISCUSSION-II : THE ARBITRATION AND CONCILIATION AMENDMENT ACT 2019 AND NEW DELHI INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION CENTRE ACT, 2019



Mr. Vasanth Rajasekaran, Partner, Phoenix Legal; Dr Sridhar Mothe, General Manager-Contracts, NCC Ltd; Mr. Ashish Mohan Wig, Chairman, Infrastructure Development Committee, PHDCCI and Mr. Alok Krishna Agarwal, Founder, Sheldon Law Firm & Co-chairman-Arbitration & Dispute Resolution Cell, PHDCCI






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NATIONAL SEMINAR ON MEDICINAL AND AROMATIC PLANTS-PRODUCTION

Mr. Pravir Krishna, MD, TRIFED; Mr. N K Aggarwal, Chairman, Agribusiness Committee, PHDCCI; Mr. Shripad Yesso Naik, Minister for AYUSH and Minister of State for Defense; Mr. Pradeep Multani, Vice President, PHDCCI; Dr S Eswara Reddy, Jt. Drug Controller of India and Dr Bala Prasad, Retd. Special Secretary, Ministry of Panchayati Raj & former CEO, NMPB



PHD Chamber organized the National Seminar on “Medicinal and Aromatic Plants-Production Challenges and Processing Opportunities- Way Forward” on January 15, 2020 at PHD House, New Delhi.

Mr. Shripad Yesso Naik, Minister for AYUSH and Minister of State for Defense was the Chief Guest. The Minister complimented PHD Chamber for organizing the seminar on production challenges and marketing opportunities as AYUSH holds the potential to a healthier and clean India. Mr. Pravir Krishna, MD, TRIFED, and Dr S Eswara Reddy, Jt. Drug Controller of India who were the Guests of Honour, talked about the need for linking the tribal communities to tertiary markets and improving infrastructure for quality testing and setting standards for Medicinal plants and their products.

Other eminent speakers included Dr Bala Prasad, Retd. Special Secretary, Ministry of Panchayati Raj & former CEO, NMPB; Dr N. P. Yadav, Principal Scientist, CSIR-CIMAP and Dr Sanjay Kumar, Director, CSIR- IHB



Felicitations Ceremony of Chief Guest, Mr. Shripad Yesso Naik, Minister for AYUSH and Minister of State for Defense; Mr. N K Aggarwal, Chairman, Agribusiness Committee and Mr. Pradeep Multani, Vice President, PHDCCI

(Palampur); Dr Anup Kalra, AYURVET Ltd.; Mr. Janak Rawal, Director, Rawal Med herbs Consultants LLP; Dr Blossom Kochhar, MD, Blossom Kochhar Beauty Products Pvt. Ltd.; Mr. Iytha Mallikarjun, President, Fair Trade Forum of India; Mr. Jaideep Gandhi, LDG International and Member

FAFAI; Mr. Virender Singh, Pidilite Technologies; Dr Manish Das, Principal Scientist- Horticulture Sciences, ICAR; Mr. Tushar Pandey, Head of Financial Services & Policy, DeHaat; Dr C S Sharma, Deputy Director, QCI and Mr. Umakant Pandey, Sectoral Head, HCL Foundation.



View of the delegates

Mr. Pradeep Multani, Vice President, PHDCCI, delivered the welcome remarks wherein he stated that farmers can improve their income by leveraging the various schemes of the Government of India and cultivating the Medicinal & Aromatic Plants (MAPs) and producing quality produce which can fetch them higher income in national and international market. He also requested the Department of AYUSH to treat MAPs as independent commodities and not as Minor forest produce or a non-timber forest produce.

Mr. N K Aggarwal, Chairman, Agribusiness Committee, PHDCCI, concluded the event with his vision for MAP sector and stated that there are numerous opportunities in this field starting from development of new varieties, cultivation, processing and marketing. The need of the hour is to spread scientific knowledge and awareness regarding processing technology, packaging, storing and value addition, he added. He emphasized on developing SOPs, quality standards use of Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) by processing industries and need for training and skilling of farmers involved in collection and cultivation.



View of the exhibition

The deliberations during the subsequent plenary sessions of the seminar covered challenges in production, quality & standard issues and opportunities in processing & value addition, packaging and marketing of medicinal and aromatic plants sector in India. Other important topics discussed during the seminar were contribution of MAP sector towards India's economy, how farmers' income can be enhanced by leveraging the various schemes of the Government of India and cultivation of MAPs, contract farming,

establishment of market linkages, facilitating entrepreneurship in the sector, promoting processing and value addition of MAPs etc. for various uses like cosmetics and cuisines, as well as wellness and health.

A small exhibition was also organized at the seminar to portray the usefulness of medicinal and aromatic plants. The exhibitors included Central Council for Research in Unani Medicine, Central Council for Research in Homeopathy, NAFED, Blossom Kochhar Pvt Ltd, AYURVET Ltd. and Udyogini.



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Mr. Mohit Jain, Chairman, Haryana State Chapter, PHDCCI handing over the representation to Mr. Manohar Lal Khattar, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Haryana

PRE-BUDGET CONSULTATION MEETING WITH CHIEF MINISTER OF HARYANA

The Government of Haryana under the Chairmanship of Mr. Manohar Lal Khattar, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Haryana organized a Pre-Budget consultation meeting on January 8, 2020 at Gurugram. The objective of the meeting was to take suggestions on improving the service industry in order to boost the economy of the State. Stakeholders from different industrial associations and leading service industries participated in the meeting.

Mr. TVSN Prasad, IAS, ACS, Industries and Commerce while moderating the session, mentioned that the Hon'ble Prime Minister has set a target of growing the country's GDP to 5 trillion dollar by 2024. He apprised that in order to do so, Haryana also has to contribute and double its GDP from 100 billion dollars to 200 billion dollars in the next 5 years.

A PHD Chamber delegation led by Mr. Mohit Jain, Chairman, Haryana State Chapter participated in the meeting. Mr. Jain shared suggestions to improve Tourism, Education and IT sector. He suggested that there are many tourist destinations in Haryana that need infrastructure improvement in terms of accessible roads, water and power supply, street lighting, solid waste disposal, medical facilities, communications and landscaping in order to make destinations appealing and attractive to tourists. Tourism has the potential

to contribute significantly to the economy of the State and provide ample job opportunities to the youth of Haryana.

Mr. Jain while speaking on the education sector mentioned that the State Government should focus on developing the Education Hub on the lines of Cyber cities to facilitate the growth of the education sector. He also apprised about the need for skilling youth in the IT sector considering the scope and manpower requirement in the sector.

The Chief Minister mentioned that the Haryana Government is keen to grow the economy of the State and provide employment to the unemployed youth of Haryana in

the Private/Government sectors. The Government is running an ambitious skill development program and is the only State in the country with a University on Skill Development, added Mr. Khattar. He appreciated the suggestions from the stakeholders and ensured all possible support from the State Government to the industry.

The meeting was coordinated by Swaran Jyanti Haryana Institute of Fiscal Management (SJHIFM). Mr. Vikas Gupta, IAS, Director General, SJHIFM, delivered the vote-of-thanks to the Chief Minister and the dignitaries for sharing their valuable suggestions.



Esteemed Delegates

Outreach Program for Students to sensitise them about Self Employment Opportunities



To promote entrepreneurs and create self-employment opportunities among the Students of Universities and Professional Management and Engineering Institutes, PHD Chamber MSME Desk launched an outreach programme to sensitise the students about Self Employment Opportunities through Start up India, Stand up India and other MSME programmes including Intellectual Property Rights. In this series, PHD Chamber organized an interactive session with students

of the Institute of Management Studies, Noida on January 13, 2020 by facilitating their visit to an industrial manufacturing unit of Madhu Group ConQuerent Campus, Manesar, Haryana.

The students took a keen interest in understanding entrepreneurship and the practical side of an Industrial MSME Unit. Students were taken around the plant to apprise them about the manufacturing activities and in understanding different aspects of starting and operating a

manufacturing unit.

Mr. Dev Prakash Goel, Co-chairperson, MSME Committee, PHD Chamber briefed the students about self-employment opportunities and how PHD-MSME Centre is helping the potential entrepreneurs by providing them guidance and support for setting up new enterprises. He said that the youth unemployment issue is a major concern for many countries as it negatively affects the welfare of young people and potentially the rest of the economy as well.



AWARENESS SEMINAR ON THE IMPORTANCE OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Ms. Kanchan Zutshi, Secretary, PHDCCI; Mr. Rakesh Wazir, Chairman, Jammu Chapter, PHDCCI; Prof. Ashok Aima, Vice Chancellor, Central University of Jammu; Dr Ranjeet Mehta, Principal Director, PHDCCI and Ms. Rewa Bhardwaj, Examiner of Controller General of Patents & Designs from IPO New Delhi

The Women Entrepreneurs Committee of PHD Chamber in association with the Office of the Controller General of Patents, Designs & Trade marks, Ministry of Commerce and Industry and University Innovation Club, Central University of Jammu organized an awareness seminar on the Importance of Intellectual Property Rights on January 24, 2020 at the Central University of Jammu.

Dr Ranjeet Mehta, Principal Director PHDCCI delivered the welcome address wherein he elaborated the importance of IPR by citing examples of TIPS and Venus Music and how they are earning through YouTube and other channel streaming.

Mr. Rakesh Wazir, Chairman of Jammu Chapter, PHDCCI in his key note address impressed upon the participants that this is the era where we have to think of innovative ideas

and get our ideas patented. Mr. Wazir mentioned the creative ideas of Oyo, Radisson, McDonald, etc and how they are earning without owning any property and are leading Industrial Revolution 4.0 in India. Mr. Wazir stressed that the industry and academia need to interact and create a conducive atmosphere for sustainable human resource for industry, by thinking out-of-box ideas and get the future generation accommodated to earn their livelihood.

Prof Ashok Aima, Vice-Chancellor Central University thanked PHD Chamber and Director General Patents for sensitizing Jammu University regarding IPRs. He remarked that the innovative ideas and era of entrepreneurship has changed the scenario of imparting education and earning one's livelihood is beyond having a secured job to earning manifold.

The speakers interacted with the participants and stated that to promote IP culture, it is very important that the faculty should come forward and help the students by providing awareness of IPR and further help them by connecting with experts for availing IPs for their innovations.

Ms. Kanchan Zutshi, Secretary, PHDCCI in her vote-of-thanks to the guests said that Intellectual Property Rights is an important driving force for the economic, cultural and social development that contributes to the enrichment of the society through new and useful goods and services and tech information. She further highlighted that the growth of an economy also has a close linkage with the knowledge generated in universities as technical professionals, scientists and researchers trained in these knowledge centers contribute to the nation's competency level and competitiveness.



A glimpse of the Speakers with Faculty Members

VISIT NEPAL 2020 CONCLAVE



Ambassador H.E. Mr. Nilambar Acharya, Nepal's Ambassador addressing the delegates

India-Nepal Centre and State Development Council of PHD Chamber in association with the Embassy of Nepal organized “Visit Nepal 2020 Conclave” on December 23, 2019 at Hotel The Park, Bengaluru in order to explore trade and investment opportunities with a focus on Tourism in Nepal. The Conclave hosted the official launch of Government of Nepal’s “Visit Nepal 2020 Campaign” and discussions of key decision-makers and stakeholders from the government and industry, for positioning “Visit Nepal 2020” to attract the visitors and investments from Southern India to Nepal.

While delivering the keynote speech, Nepal’s Ambassador H. E. Mr. Nilambar Acharya called for tourism and investment promotion in Nepal and further strengthening of India-Nepal economic relations.

Amb Mr. K V Rajan, Chairman, India-Nepal Centre, PHDCCI chaired the inaugural session and highlighted the importance of tourism as a major sector for Nepal, keeping both economic and socio-cultural considerations. He added that “endowed with favorable natural conditions, tourism in Nepal is all set to gain a new height with ‘Visit Nepal 2020’, a meaningful campaign started by the Government of Nepal.”

The vision for “Visit Nepal

2020 Campaign” reflects Nepal’s unwavering commitment to improve its competitiveness through investment, innovation, infrastructure development, regulatory reforms, new product offerings, environment & wildlife conservation and ensuring greater level of efficiency in service standards with the aim to develop tourism and economy in Nepal. Significantly, the government declared 2020 as the Visit Nepal Year with a goal to achieve two million arrivals and daily spend over US\$ 75.

Remarkably, “Visit Nepal 2020 Campaign” is being positioned as a Lifetime Experience in a bid to establish Nepal as one of the world’s most unique experimental and lifetime value destinations. As per the government estimate, in 2018, Nepal received 11, 73, 072 international tourists excluding domestic travelers. The numbers of Indian travellers were the highest. The total share of FDI for tourism in Nepal was 11.47 percent at Rs 23,855.50 million. The hospitality sector has shown immense promise with several international hotel chains having already entered or in the process of entering the market.

The Visit Nepal Year 2020 is set to achieve the government agenda to recognize and accelerate the development of the potential of the tourism industry in the years to come

even as the government creates ease of doing business for investors’ and stakeholders’ with incentives and subsidy provisions, supportive policies, political stability and sound governance.

PHD Chamber, through its 1,30,00 members – and through its counterparts such as Federation of Karnataka Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FKCCI), Bangalore Chamber of Industry and Commerce (BCIC), India Association of Tour Operators (IATO), Travel Agents Association of India (TAII) and South India Hotel and Restaurant Association (SIHRA), ensured an outreach for this Campaign to over a half-million industry entities.

The key participants at the Conclave were Ambassador H. E. Mr. Nilambar Acharya, Ambassador, Embassy of Nepal, India; Ms. Nita Pokhrel Aryal, Minister (Economic), Embassy of Nepal, India; Mr. Tirtha Poudel, Counsellor (Economic), Embassy of Nepal, India; Amb Mr. K V Rajan, Chairman, India-Nepal Centre, PHDCCI; Mr. K N Ramesh, Director, Department of Tourism, Government of Karnataka; Mr. Anukool Bhatnagar, MD, Nepal SBI Ltd.; Mr. C R Janardhana, President, Federation of Karnataka Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FKCCI); Mr. Devesh Agarwal, President, Bangalore Chamber of Industry and Commerce





The Conclave hosted the voices of the policy-makers from the government and industry

(BCIC); Mr. S Mahalingaiah, Chairman (Karnataka State Chapter), India Association of Tour Operators (IATO); Mr. Niranjana S Bhargava, Honorary Secretary, Travel Agents Association

of India (TAAI); Mr. Bikas Rauniyar, Executive Director, Interstate Multi-Modal Transport (Pvt) Ltd.; Dr Ranjeet Mehta, Principal Director, PHDCCI; Mr. Atul K Thakur, Deputy Secretary

& Nodal Coordinator, SDC/India-Nepal Centre; Mr. Aditya Tripathi, Joint Secretary, PHDCCI and Mr. Jaison Chacko, Joint Secretary, PHDCCI.



The Conclave concluded with a Government-Industry Roundtable Meeting and paved the way for economic cooperation on line of “Visit Nepal 2020 Campaign”



PITEX-2019 Unveiling of Plaque by Punjab CM

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Punjab, Capt. Amarinder Singh seen unveiling PITEX 2019 plaque. Also seen: Dr Ranjeet Mehta, Principal Director, PHDCCI; Mr. Karan Avtar Singh, Chief Secretary of Punjab; Mr. R. S. Sachdeva, Mentor, Punjab State Chapter, PHDCCI; Mr. Karan Gilhotra, Chairman, Punjab State Chapter, PHDCCI; Dr D K Aggarwal, President, PHDCCI; Mr. Simarpreet Singh, Co-chairman of Punjab State Chapter, PHDCCI; Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, Sr. Vice President, PHDCCI; Dr Ashok Khanna, Former President, PHDCCI; Mr. Sunder Sham Arora, Hon'ble Minister for Industries & Commerce, Govt. of Punjab and Mr. R.K.Saboo, Former President, PHDCCI

The Punjab State Chapter of PHD Chamber organized a Curtain Raiser at CM House in Chandigarh, Punjab on December 10, 2019 for PITEX-2019 wherein Capt. Amarinder Singh, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Punjab, unveiled the official logo and brochure for the 14th edition of Punjab International Trade Expo- 2019 (PITEX) organized by PHD Chamber from December 12 – 16, 2019 at Amritsar.

Capt. Amarinder Singh appealed to the industrialists to expand their businesses and to increase their investments in the State. He assured that the State Government will fully cooperate with the industry. He further elaborated that in the recent industrial policy implemented by the State Government, due care has been taken to consider all sections belonging to industries. He added that the present scenario in the State is favorable for capital investments, therefore industrialists have a big opportunity to expand their business and create employment opportunities for the youth in the State.

The Minister wished PITEX-2019, Amritsar immense success and also promised all support to the proposed edition of PITEX at Ludhiana in March 2020.

Thanking the Chief Minister, Dr D K Aggarwal, President, PHDCCI

briefed about the activities of PHD Chamber for the promotion of trade and industry and integrated economic development in the country with a special focus on MSMEs. He said that PITEX is part of PHD Chamber's effort to promote industrialization and trade. He further added that the Chamber organizes regular programs for the benefit of industry on varied subjects.

Mr. Karan Gilhotra, Chairman, Punjab State Chapter, PHDCCI stated that PITEX was being organized annually at Amritsar for the last 13 years and announced that in the year 2020, the Chamber will also organize PITEX at Ludhiana.

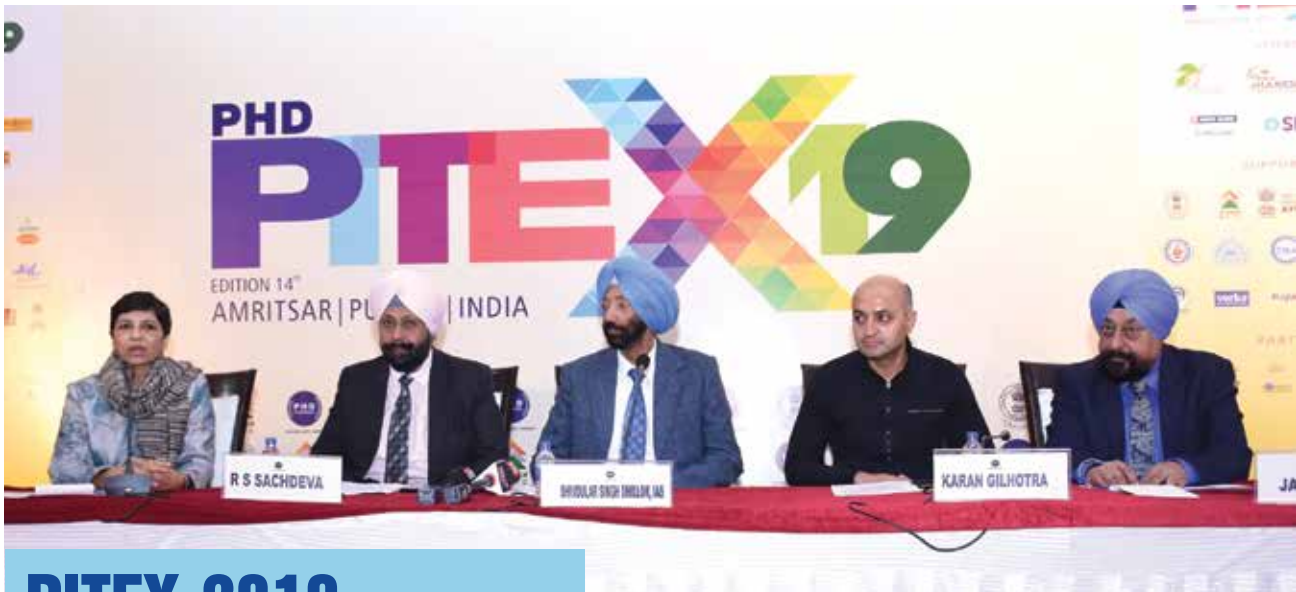
Mr. R. S. Sachdeva, Mentor, Punjab State Chapter, PHDCCI expressed

his gratitude for the support and cooperation extended by the Punjab Government for organizing PITEX and said that the number of participation from the neighboring States and overseas has increased considerably over the years.

Eminent dignitaries present included Mr. Suresh Kumar, Chief Principal Secretary to CM; Mr. Karan Avtar Singh, Chief Secretary of Punjab; Ms. Vini Mahajan, Additional Chief Secretary, Industries & Commerce; Mr. R.K. Saboo and Dr Ashok Khanna, Former Presidents of PHD Chamber; Mr. Simarpreet Singh, Co-chairman of Punjab State Chapter, PHDCCI and Dr Ranjeet Mehta, Principal Director, PHDCCI.



Hon'ble Chief Minister of Punjab, Capt. Amarinder Singh addressing Senior Government officials and PHD Chamber's Secretariat



PITEX-2019 Pre-Event Press Conference

Ms. Madhu Pillai, Regional Director, PHDCCI; Mr. R. S. Sachdeva, Mentor, Punjab State Chapter, PHDCCI; Mr. Shivdular Singh Dhillon, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar; Mr. Karan Gilhotra, Chairman, Punjab State Chapter, PHDCCI and Mr. Jaideep Singh, Convener- Amritsar Zone, Punjab State Chapter, PHDCCI

A Pre-Event Press Conference to formally announce the 14th edition of Punjab International Trade Expo (PITEX-2019) was held on December 11, 2019 at Amritsar. Mr. Shivdular Singh Dhillon, Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar; Mr. R S Sachdeva, Mentor, Punjab State Chapter, Mr. Karan Gilhotra, Chairman, Punjab State Chapter, Mr. Jaideep Singh, Convener, Amritsar, Punjab State Chapter and Ms. Madhu Pillai, Regional Director, PHDCCI addressed the Media on the occasion.

Mr. Shivdular Singh Dhillon, Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar said that PITEX-2019 will strengthen the industrial ties among the participating countries and will also improve the graph of Amritsar in Industry and Commerce. He further said that the mega event hosted by the Punjab Government for the last 13 years, has built its unique image not only in Punjab but also abroad and people eagerly await for this Trade Fair every year. The Deputy Commissioner said that it is a proud moment for Amritsar and Punjab that such a big International Trade Expo is happening in Amritsar and requested people to visit in big numbers.

Mr. R S Sachdeva informed that PITEX-2019, a 5-day event scheduled from December 12-16, 2019 will be inaugurated on December 12, 2019 by Mr. Sunder Sham Arora, Hon'ble Industries & Commerce Minister of Punjab. He lamented that Pakistani exhibitors who had been participating in PITEX regularly till 2015 and were very popular among the visitors, have not applied for visas due to repeated rejection of their applications.

Ms. Madhu Pillai informed that over 400 exhibitors from all over India and abroad are participating in PITEX this year. Overseas participation is from Turkey, Afghanistan Egypt and Thailand. Prominent corporates, Punjab Government PSUs, Central Government Departments and States like J&K, M.P., Jharkhand and North Eastern States will be participating in the mega event.



Mr. Shivdular Singh Dhillon, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar addressing media officials. Also seen: Ms. Madhu Pillai, Regional Director, Mr. R. S. Sachdeva, Mentor, Punjab State Chapter, Mr. Karan Gilhotra, Chairman, Punjab State Chapter and Mr. Jaideep Singh, Convener- Amritsar Zone, Punjab State Chapter, PHDCCI.



PITEX-2019 Inaugural Session

Mr. Sunder Sham Arora, Hon'ble Minister for Industries & Commerce, Govt. of Punjab lighting the lamp during the Inaugural Ceremony of PITEX 2019. Also seen: Mr. Shivdular Singh Dhillon, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar; Mr. Simarpreet Singh, Co- chairman, Punjab State Chapter, PHDCCI; Mr. J P S Bindra, Chief General Manager, NABARD; Dr D K Aggarwal, President, Mr. R. S. Sachdeva, Mentor, Punjab State Chapter, Mr. Jaideep Singh, Convener- Amritsar Zone, Punjab State Chapter and Mr. Karan Gilhotra, Chairman, Punjab State Chapter, PHDCCI.



The 14th edition of Punjab International Trade Expo (PITEX-2019) was held from December 12-16, 2019 at Amritsar. Punjab was the HOST STATE for the mega event. Mr. Sunder Sham Arora, Hon'ble Industries and Commerce Minister, Government of Punjab inaugurated the Expo on December 12, 2019 at Ranjit Avenue, Amritsar.

Mr. Sunder Sham Arora appreciated PHD Chamber for organizing such a mega event and said that such events should be expanded. He informed that during the tenure of the Punjab Government led by Chief Minister, Capt. Amarinder Singh, an investment of over Rs. 50,403 crores has been made in the State leading to employment opportunities for nearly 1.7 lakh people of the State. He further said that the Punjab Government organized the 'Invest Punjab Meet' recently with a view to promote capital investments in the State and create a better environment for industrialists.

He stated that the auction in industrial centers like Channala (Kurali), Naya Nangal, Ludhiana, Pathankot, Patiala and Bathinda, witnessed good response and investors have also shown interest in other cities like Amritsar, Tanda and Govindwal Sahib. This auction

will meet the long-pending demand of industrialists to allot residential plots in industrial areas which will be expanded in future.

The Minister also added that to promote Startup Culture in Punjab, it has been decided to set up a dedicated MSME Marketing Cell with a Rs 100 crore Startup Fund. Through

MSME Cell, the competent, small and medium industrial units of Punjab will strengthen their business relations with neighboring states. He informed that the government has decided to set up the fund in collaboration with IKG Punjab Technical University, Jalandhar.

Dr. D K Aggarwal, President PHD



Mr. Sunder Sham Arora, Hon'ble Minister for Industries & Commerce, Government of Punjab inaugurating PITEX 2019. Also seen - Dr Ranjeet Mehta, Principal Director, PHDCCI; Dr. D K Aggarwal, President, PHDCCI; Mr. Karan Gilhotra, Chairman, Punjab State Chapter, PHDCCI; Mr. Shivdular Singh Dhillon, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar and Mr. R. S. Sachdeva, Mentor, Punjab State Chapter, PHDCCI.

Chamber in his welcome address said that PHD Chamber makes significant contribution to the economic development of the country by acting as a bridge between industries and government. Dr Aggarwal further added that PITEX offers a unique platform to national and international businesses to showcase their products as well as enhance their network and also offers equal opportunity for big Corporates, MSMEs and Artisans to promote their products and services before large number of national and international visitors. He underlined that PITEX shall be incredibly important for new businesses as it will be a great opportunity for them to get noticed as the event will introduce them to hundreds of potential customers and will find their target audience under one roof.

The President further explained that the current economic slowdown is an ideal time for industry to showcase its presence at the expo as the industry is very much in a position to reinforce its tenacity, strength and collaborative nature. In fact, in tough market conditions, it becomes all the more imperative for all businesses to show greater visibility, strong fundamentals and continuation of businesses. Dr Aggarwal described PITEX-2019 as an ideal platform for exhibitors to nurture the trust and confidence across the supply chain.



Mr. D K Aggarwal, President, PHDCCI addressing the delegates during the Inaugural Ceremony of PITEX 2019. Also seen: Dr Ranjeet Mehta, Principal Director, PHDCCI; Mr. Shivdular Singh Dhillon, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar; Chief Guest, Mr. Sunder Sham Arora, Hon'ble Minister for Industries & Commerce, Govt. of Punjab; Mr. Karan Gilhotra, Chairman, Punjab State Chapter and Mr. R. S. Sachdeva, Mentor, Punjab State Chapter, PHDCCI; Mr. JPS Bindra, Chief General Manager, NABARD and Mr. Jaideep Singh, Convener- Amritsar Zone, Punjab State Chapter, PHDCCI.



Dr D K Aggarwal, President, PHDCCI felicitating Mr. Sunder Sham Arora, Hon'ble Minister for Industries & Commerce, Govt. of Punjab during Inaugural Ceremony of PITEX 2019. Also seen - Mr. Shivdular Singh Dhillon, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar; Mr. Karan Gilhotra, Chairman, Punjab State Chapter, PHDCCI and Mr. R. S. Sachdeva, Mentor, Punjab State Chapter, PHDCCI.



Participants during inaugural ceremony of PITEX 2019

Mr. Shivdular Singh Dhillon, Deputy Commissioner of Amritsar, said that PITEX has now become the identity of Punjab and the district administration is extending all possible support for the event.

Mr. Karan Gilhotra, Chairman of the Punjab State Chapter, PHD Chamber thanked the visiting guests

& dignitaries and informed that PITEX, which was started in 2005, is being expanded every year and the number of people visiting the mega event is also increasing continuously.

Prominent industry members and dignitaries from in and around Amritsar attended the inaugural ceremony.



SEMINAR ON TOURISM Fuelling Growth and Goodwill

Chief Guest, Mr. Rana Gurmit Singh Sodhi, Hon'ble Minister for Sports & Youth Service, NRI Affairs, Govt. of Punjab addressing delegates during Seminar on Tourism. Also seen: Mr. Lakhmir Singh, PCS, Additional Director, Department of Tourism and Cultural Affairs, Govt. of Punjab; Mr. Karan Gilhotra, Chairman, Punjab State Chapter, PHDCCI; Dr Sukhchain Singh Gill, IPS, Commissioner of Police, Amritsar; Mr. Shivdular Singh Dhillon, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar; Mr. Iliya Dekov, Counsellor – Head of Trade & Economic Affairs, Embassy of the Republic of Bulgaria; Dr Ranjeet Mehta, Principal Director, PHDCCI and Mr. R. S. Sachdeva, Mentor, Punjab State Chapter, PHDCCI

The Punjab State Chapter, PHDCCI organized a seminar on 'Tourism: Fuelling Growth and Goodwill' on December 13, 2019 at Amritsar concurrently with PITEEX-2019. Mr. Rana Gurmit Singh Sodhi, Hon'ble Minister, Sports and Youth Affairs, Government of Punjab was the chief guest on the occasion. Mr. Lakhmir Singh, PCS, Additional Director, Department of Punjab Tourism and Cultural Affairs also joined the programme.

The Minister said that Tourism is getting a boost in the State because of zero tolerance policy against crimes on women and children. He further informed that the Punjab Government is bringing out a lucrative policy for the state's Sports Industry and the target is to take the Sports industry to Rs 14,000 crores from the current Rs 1,400 crores. He further explained that this Policy will directly benefit the industry in Jalandhar, Amritsar, Mohali and Patiala as well as help in employment generation in these areas. He hoped that Tourism, Sports Manufacturing Industry and Film Tourism would become new growth engines of the State.

Mr. Sodhi appealed to the industrialists to open new avenues for jobs while expanding their businesses in the State. He assured that the Punjab Government is ready to provide every possible support to them and



Mr. Harkirat Singh, Owner, Citrus County Farm Stay & Firdaus; Mr. Vikramjit Singh Sodhi, Trustee – Chairman, Anandpur Sahib Heritage Foundation; Mr. Lakhmir Singh, PCS, Additional Director, Department of Tourism and Cultural Affairs, Govt. of Punjab; Mr. R S Sachdeva, Mentor, Punjab State Chapter, PHD Chamber; Mr. Gurjeet S. Sekhon, Chairman Punjab Chapter, Travel Agent Association of India- TAAI; Mr. Pankaj Singh, Co- Founder, Wishlife Research and Evaluations; Mr. Manmeet Singh, Chairman, Punjab Northern India, Indian Association of Tour Operators (IATO) and Mr. Karanvir Singh Sibia, Chairman, Sangrur Heritage Preservation Society

mentioned that the required changes have been made in the industrial policy as per the industry's needs. He also apprised that the Government has signed an agreement with UK and Canada to open Common Skill Development Centres in Punjab and the project will commence next year. As per the agreement, international experts will train the youth of Punjab as per international demand and infrastructure will be supported by the Punjab Government.

Mr. Lakhmir Singh said that with the increased demand of Punjab-oriented roles and songs in Bollywood, the State Government has decided to set up a film city near Chandigarh. He

informed that the State has witnessed 27% and 30% increase in domestic and international tourists respectively in the last two years. He added that there are ample opportunities in the field of medical tourism and religious tourism as well and destinations like Virasat e Khalsa in Amritsar and the upcoming Exhibition Centre at Kartarpur Sahib are world class and can attract tourists from India and abroad.

Earlier, Mr. Karan Gilhotra, Chairman, Punjab State Chapter, PHDCCI, in his welcome address, said that Punjab has immense untapped economic potential in the Tourism Sector as the State abounds in religious, historical and heritage

places and has rich culinary assets. Rural tourism is another sector which needs to be developed fully. He cautioned that unplanned and uncontrolled tourism can have a negative effect on the environment and prove detrimental in the long run. Therefore, it is equally important to take care of ecological sustainability while developing tourism, he further underlined.

Dr Ranjeet Mehta, Principal Director, PHD Chamber delivered the formal vote-of-thanks to the dignitaries.

NGO VISIT

The Punjab State Chapter of PHD Chamber organized a visit of about 40 students of a local NGO – Mission Deep Educational Trust on December 13, 2019 to visit PITEK 2019 at Amritsar. Mission Deep Educational Trust is engaged in providing education to the underprivileged girl students.

The objective of the visit was to enlighten children about the products and culture of different States participating in the Trade Expo. Children were taken around the Expo and gifts provided by Mr. Jaideep Singh, Convenor, Amritsar Zone, PHDCCI were also distributed to the students.



Mr. Jaideep Singh, Convenor- Amritsar Zone, Punjab State Chapter, PHDCCI; Ms. Madhu Pillai, Regional Director and Ms. Rimneet Kaur, Deputy Resident Director, PHDCCI seen with Students of Mission Deep Educational Trust during their visit to PITEK 2019



Mr. Jaideep Singh, Convenor- Amritsar Zone, Punjab State Chapter, PHDCCI and Ms. Rimneet Kaur, Deputy Resident Director, PHDCCI with Students of Mission Deep Educational Trust during their visit to PITEK 2019 on December 13, 2019

Health Talk

The Punjab State Chapter of PHD Chamber in association with Amandeep Group of Hospitals, Amritsar organized a Health Talk on December 14, 2019 during PITEK 2019 at Amritsar.

Mr. G S Kular, Convener-Ludhiana zone, Punjab State Chapter, PHD Chamber welcomed the participants and mentioned that Heart diseases account for nearly one-third of all deaths worldwide.

Dr Rohit Bedi, Cardiologist, Cardiology Department, Amandeep Medicity, Amritsar apprised participants on the causes, symptoms, prevention and treatment of Heart diseases and the various latest techniques being used to treat Cardiovascular diseases.

Dr Parampreet Singh, MS Orthopedics, Director and Chief



Mr. G S Kular, Convener- Ludhiana Zone, Punjab State Chapter, PHDCCI addressing the delegates Also seen - Dr Parampreet Singh, MS Orthopedics, Director and Chief Orthopedic Surgeon & Joint Replacement Surgeon, Amandeep Group of Hospitals, Amritsar; Mr. Atul Sharma, Head Corporate Marketing, Amandeep Group of Hospitals, Amritsar and Dr Rohit Bedi, Cardiology Department, Amandeep Group of Hospitals, Amritsar

Orthopedic Surgeon & Joint Replacement Surgeon - Amandeep Group of Hospitals, Amritsar made a detailed presentation on the recent advances in Knee Replacement surgery including latest robotic Knee

Replacement Surgery during the programme.

Mr. Atul Sharma, Head Corporate Marketing, Amandeep Group of Hospitals, Amritsar moderated the session.



WALKATHON Walk for Healthy Bones and Joints

Mr. Shivdular Singh Dhillon Flagged off Walkathon - Walk for Healthy Bones and Joints' organized by PHD Chamber jointly with Amandeep Group of Hospitals at Amritsar on December 14, 2019 during PITEX-2019

A Walkathon to spread the message 'Walk for Healthy Bones and Joints' was organized by the Punjab State Chapter, PHDCCI jointly with Amandeep Group of Hospitals at Amritsar on December 14, 2019 during PITEX-2019 at Amritsar. The Walkathon was flagged off by the Deputy Commissioner, Mr. Shivdular Singh Dhillon from Company Bagh and ended at PITEX-2019 venue at Ranjit Avenue, Amritsar.

Large number of students from Amandeep College of Nursing and Guru Harkrishan Public School along with representatives of various Organizations of Amritsar city participated in the walkathon.

Addressing the participants at the Flag Off ceremony, Mr. Shivdular Singh Dhillon lauded PHD Chamber for organizing such a useful event and said that such events should be held regularly.

Dr Amandeep Kaur, CEO of Amandeep Group of Hospitals and Dr. Avtar Singh, Chief Orthopedic and Joint Replacement Surgeon said that now a days weakness of bones in people is a common problem due to changing life style and eating habits. They emphasized that regular walks can prevent such problems.

Thanking the participants and the management of Amandeep Group of Hospitals for the support, Mr. Jaideep Singh, Convenor, Amritsar, Punjab State Chapter of PHDCCI assured that PHD Chamber will organize similar events in future as well.



Students from Amandeep College of Nursing and Guru Harkrishan Public School seen during Walkathon - Walk for Healthy Bones and Joints' organized by PHD Chamber jointly with Amandeep Group of Hospitals at Amritsar on December 14, 2019 during PITEX-2019



Students from Amandeep College of Nursing and Guru Harkrishan Public School seen at PITEX 2019 venue on December 14 2019 at Ranjit Avenue, Amritsar.



PITEX-2019 Valedictory Function

Mr. R. S. Sachdeva, Mentor, Punjab State Chapter, PHDCCI and Mr. Karan Gilhotra, Chairman, Punjab State Chapter, PHDCCI felicitating Mr. Som Parkash, Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Commerce & Industries during Valedictory Session of PITEX 2019

The Valedictory Session of PITEX-2019 was held on December 15, 2019 although the Fair concluded on December 16, 2019. Mr. Som Parkash, Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Commerce & Industry was the Chief Guest for the occasion. The Minister took a round of the exhibition and congratulated PHD Chamber for the successful execution of the mega event.

Hon'ble Minister, Mr. Som Parkash said that trade and industry play an important part in the economic development of any country and mega events like PITEX contribute significantly in this direction. Mr. Som Parkash further said that the cost of logistics in India is 30-40 percent higher as compared to international standards and reducing it is a big challenge. He informed that the Government plans to invest Rs. 100 lakh crores for the improvement of basic infrastructure for logistics. He urged industry to expand their businesses by availing the Central Government schemes and generate employment opportunities for the youth. He said that economic slowdown is global and not limited only to India.

The Hon'ble Minister distributed

awards to exhibitors under different categories. Mr. Som Parkash released the official poster of PITEX-2020 – Ludhiana edition.

Mr. Karan Gilhotra, Chairman of Punjab State Chapter, PHDCCI informed that the Ludhiana edition of PITEX will be organized in March, 2020.



Mr. Som Parkash, Hon'ble Minister of State for Commerce & Industries, Govt. of India addressing the audience during Valedictory Session of PITEX 2019

Mr. Sibin C, IAS, Director, Industries and Commerce, Govt. of Punjab informed that with the initiation of Central Government's one focal point scheme, Punjab has identified 19 district focal points across the State and nearly Rs 200 crores is being

invested to revamp infrastructure in each focal point. He apprised that for empowering the industry, the State Government is giving Rs. 2500 Crores subsidy on annual basis whereas only Rs. 2300 crores is meant for power subsidy. The Government has specifically directed the district administration to meet their problems for timely solutions.

In his welcome address, Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, Senior Vice President, PHD Chamber suggested that the Punjab Government should implement 'one district one product policy' in the State on the pattern of 'one district one product policy' of Uttar Pradesh.

Other dignitaries present included Mr. Anil Joshi, former Local Government Minister, Punjab; Mr. Tarun Chug, All India BJP Secretary; Mr. Rajinder Mohan Singh Chhina, Former Chairman, SSI Punjab and Mr. Ram Chawla, District General Secretary, BJP.

Prominent attendees from PHD Chamber included Mr. R S Sachdeva, Mentor, Punjab State Chapter, PHDCCI; Mr. Jaideep Singh, Convenor, Amritsar and Presidents of local Industry Associations.





PHD POLO CONCLAVE & TOURNAMENT

Dr Jatinder Singh, Director, PHDCCI; Col Vikram Rathore, Arjuna Awardee from Rajasthan Polo Club; Ms. Priya Hingorani, Co-chairperson, Sports & Youth Affairs Committee, PHDCCI; Mr. Jack Chen, Dy Ambassador, Taipei Economic & Culture Centre in India; Mr. Mircea Vizuru, Economic Secretary, Embassy of Romania; Dr D K Aggarwal, President; Mr. Anil Khaitan, Former President; Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, Sr Vice President; Mr. Digvijay Dhabriya, Chairman, Rajasthan State Chapter; Mr. Suneel Dutt Goyal, Co- chairman, Rajasthan Chapter and Dr Yogesh Srivastav, Principal Director, PHDCCI

The PHD Rajasthan Chapter along with PHD Sports & Youth Affairs Committee organized the first PHD Polo Conclave & Tournament on January 23, 2020 at Pollywood Polo Academy, Jaipur.

Dr D K Aggarwal, President PHD Chamber underlined that the objective of PHD Conclave and Tournament was to promote Polo as a sport in India and to deliberate about the importance and opportunities in the sport which originated from India. Dr Aggarwal said people now look at sports as a yearlong activity with serious investments and marketing spends. He added that in addition to economic growth, it generates employment directly and indirectly. He added that in future Polo would also become huge and with broadcast rights, team sponsorships, gate receipts and merchandise sales.

Mr. Ashok Chandna, State Minister (Independent Charge), Youth Affairs & Sports Dept. (Independent Charge), Skill, Employment & Entrepreneurship Dept. (Independent Charge), Transport Dept., Soldier Welfare Dept., Government of Rajasthan, participated in this Tournament as a player and emphasized the need of creating synergy between corporates and the government.

Col Vikram Rathore representing Rajasthan Polo Club emphasized the youngsters to take active participation in sports. Mr. Mircea Vizuru, Economic Secretary, Embassy of Romania in New Delhi; Mr Jack Chen, Deputy Ambassador, Taipei Economic & Culture Centre in India and Mr. Carlos Muscari, Cultural & Sports Attaché of Argentina Embassy in India also shared their views and their historic connect with India.

Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, Senior Vice President, PHDCCI said that Rajasthan has produced many polo players who have done exceedingly well and brought medals for India.

Mr. Digvijay Dhabriya, Chairman, Rajasthan State Chapter PHDCCI assured the audience that Polywood Polo Academy will promote 365 days polo in Rajasthan and shared his theme – “Polo for All”. Mr. Suneel Goyal, Co-chair Rajasthan Chapter thanked everyone for sparing their valuable time to be a part of this important initiative.

Ms. Priya Hingorani, Co-chairperson, Sports & Youth Affairs Committee, PHDCCI said that such conclaves and tournaments will be promoted periodically at PHD platform.

Mr. Anil Khaitan, Former President,

PHDCCI shared his views on the corporate role in promoting Polo.

The session was moderated by Dr Jatinder Singh, Director, Sports Committee, PHDCCI while Dr Yogesh Srivastav, Principal Director, PHDCCI delivered the formal vote- of- thanks to the guests.

DLF Dynasty and SMC Ploywood contested for the winning title. DLF Dynasty defeated SMC Ploywood by 10 goals to 9 goals.



A view of the Polo match in progress





Dr D K Aggarwal, President, PHD Chamber presenting a memento to Mr. Mircea Vizuru, Economic Secretary, Embassy of Romania



Dr D K Aggarwal, President, PHD Chamber presenting a memento to Mr. Jack Chen, Dy Ambassador, Taipei Economic & Culture Centre in India



Dr D K Aggarwal, President, PHD Chamber presenting a memento to Mr. Carlos Muscari, Cultural & Sports Attaché of Argentina Embassy in India



Dr D K Aggarwal, President, PHD Chamber felicitating Mr. Ashok Chandna, State Minister (IC), Youth Affairs & Sports Dept. (IC), Skill, Employment & Entrepreneurship Dept. (IC), Transport Dept., Soldier Welfare Dept., Government of Rajasthan. (Other from R to L) Ms. Priya Hingorani, Co-chairperson, Sports & Youth Affairs Committee and Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, Sr Vice President



Dr D K Aggarwal, President, PHD Chamber presenting the trophy to the Captain of the winning team, DLF Dynasty; Mr. Digvijay Dhabriya, Chairman, Rajasthan State Chapter, PHD Chamber. Mr. Suneel Dutt Goyal, Co-chairman, Rajasthan Chapter; Dr Yogesh Srivastav, Principal Director, PHD Chamber; Mr Carlos Muscari, Cultural & Sports Attaché of Argentina Embassy in India; Mr. Mircea Vizuru, Economic Secretary, Embassy of Romania; Mr. Jack Chen, Dy Ambassador, Taipei Economic & Culture Centre in India; Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, Sr Vice President; Mr. Anil Khaitan, Former President; Ms. Priya Hingorani, Co-chairperson, Sports & Youth Affairs Committee and Dr Jatinder Singh, Director, PHD Chamber.



A view of section of delegates at the PHD Polo Conclave



A view of the Polo match in progress

11TH REGIONAL QUALITY CONCLAVE, RUDRAPUR, UTTARAKHAND

Chief Guest Mr. Fagga Singh Khulaste, Union Minister of State, Ministry of Steel addressing the Conclave



PHD Chamber jointly with the Quality Council of India organized the 11th Regional Quality Conclave (RQC) on December 20, 2019 at The Radisson Blue, Rudrapur, Uttarakhand. The theme of the conclave was 'Advanced Manufacturing with Quality, Innovation & Technology Interventions'. The objective of the Conclave was to highlight the importance of best practices of quality and manufacturing in industries as critical change agents for sustainable growth.

The Conclave had four interesting sessions on Mapping Organization's Route to Quality; Digital Transformation for Smart Manufacturing; Leadership and Engagement Strategies for Sustaining Innovation and Quality Culture, Upskilling for Advanced Manufacturing.

Chief Guest Mr. Fagga Singh

Khulaste, Union Minister of State, Ministry of Steel, said the Government is committed to improve the quality of manufacturing sector. The government would co-ordinate with organizations like PHDCCI and QCI to make the manufacturing sector aware about the importance of innovation, good quality products and services, added the Minister.

Sessions of the Conclave were addressed by Dr Neeraj Kharwal (IAS), District Magistrate Udham Singh Nagar, Govt. of Uttarakhand; Mr. Avik Mitra, Principal Advisor, QCI; Mr. S.C. Nautiyal, Director Industry, Govt. of Uttarakhand; Ms. Nitika Khandelwal (IAS) Addl Director Uttarakhand Skill Development Mission, Govt. of Uttarakhand; Mr. Anal Vijay Singh, Plant Head TATA Motors Rudrapur; Mr. Prakash Ranjan, Manager SCM, The Vending Company; Mr. R.S Pillai, Associate Vice Chairman SIIDCUL Industry Welfare Society, Rudrapur;

Mr. Ashok Singh Vice President, Mahindra & Mahindra; Mr. Anurag Verma, GM – Supplier Quality, TATA Motors; Mr. Anil Mohgaonkar, Vice President, Bajaj Auto Ltd; Mr. Suman Kumar Jha, GM Corporate Quality Corporate Assurance, Patanjali Ayurved Ltd; Ms. Smita Agarwal, Deputy Director, Uttarakhand Skill Development Mission, Govt. of Uttarakhand; Mr. Kunal K Ganguly, Associate Professor Operations Management & Decision Sciences, IIM Kashipur; Mr. Arun Sharma, Manufacturing Upskilling Expert, Founder & CEO, SubMasteryEdtech (P) Ltd; Mr. Chinmay Roy, Head Technical Services, Tata Motors and Mr. Bharat Bhushan, Industry Consultant & Advisor, National Council member, Bharat Niti.

The Conclave saw the presence of around 200 delegates from different sectors of the Manufacturing Industry and was a huge success.



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MEETING WITH MINISTER OF STATE (I/C) FOR TOURISM AND CULTURE

A PHD Chamber delegation led by Dr D K Aggarwal, President and comprising of Ms. Radha Bhatia, Chairperson, Tourism Committee and Mr. Naveen Seth, Principal Director met Mr. Prahlad Singh Patel, Minister of State (I/C) for Tourism and Culture on January 8, 2020 at New Delhi. The objective of the meeting was to invite the Minister for the 9th International Heritage Tourism Conclave scheduled for February 2020 at Madhya Pradesh.

MEETING WITH CHAIRMAN AND MANAGING DIRECTOR, TELECOMMUNICATIONS CONSULTANTS INDIA LIMITED

A PHD Chamber delegation led by Mr. Sandeep Aggarwal, Chairman, Telecom Committee along with Dr Yogesh Srivastav, Principal Director and the secretariat team met Mr. Rajiv Gupta, CMD, Telecommunications Consultants India Limited on January 7, 2020 at his office in New Delhi. The meeting was to invite him for the Telecom Summit 2020 on 5G 'Technology Forging Ahead into a Smarter India' held on January 21, 2020 along with TEMA at New Delhi.



MEETING WITH DIRECTOR GENERAL, DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF HYDROCARBONS

A PHD Chamber delegation comprising of Dr Ranjeet Mehta, Principal Director and Ms. Ankita Gupta, Deputy Secretary met Mr. S.C.L. DAS, Director General, Directorate General Hydrocarbons, on January 9, 2020 at his office in Noida. The meeting was to invite him for the 'Natural Oil and Gas Conclave 2020', held on January 29, 2020.

MEETING WITH JOINT SECRETARY & CVO, MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS

A PHD Chamber delegation comprising of Mr. Subodh Kumar Jain & Mr. Pawan K. Tibrawalla, Co -chairmen, Hydrocarbons Committee, Dr Ranjeet Mehta, Principal Director and Ms. Ankita Gupta, Deputy Secretary met Mr. Amar Nath, Joint Secretary & CVO, Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas on January 10, 2020 at New Delhi. The meeting was to invite him as the key speaker for the 'National Oil and Gas Conclave 2020' held on January 29, 2020.



MEETING WITH CHAIRMAN AND MANAGING DIRECTOR, BSNL

A PHD Chamber delegation led by Mr. Sandeep Aggarwal, Chairman, Telecom Committee along with the secretariat team met Mr. Pravin Kumar Purwar, CMD of BSNL on January 15, 2020 at his office in New Delhi. The objective of the meeting was to invite him for the Telecom Summit 2020 held on January 21, 2020 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.



MEETING WITH DIRECTOR (ENTERPRISE BUSINESS), BSNL

A PHD Chamber delegation led by Mr. Sandeep Aggarwal, Chairman, Telecom Committee along with the secretariat team met Mr. B.L Varshney, Director (Enterprise Business), BSNL on January 15, 2020 at his office in New Delhi. The meeting was to invite him for the Telecom Summit 2020 held on 21 January 2020 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.



MEETING WITH CHIEF SECRETARY, GOVERNMENT OF RAJASTHAN

M r. Digvijay Dhabriya, Chairman and Mr. Suneel Dutt Goyal, Co-chairman, Rajasthan Chapter, PHD Chamber met Mr. D.B. Gupta, IAS, Chief Secretary, Govt. of Rajasthan on January 16, 2020 at Civil Secretariat, Jaipur. The meeting was to invite him for the “PHD POLO Conclave & Tournament” held on January 23, 2020.

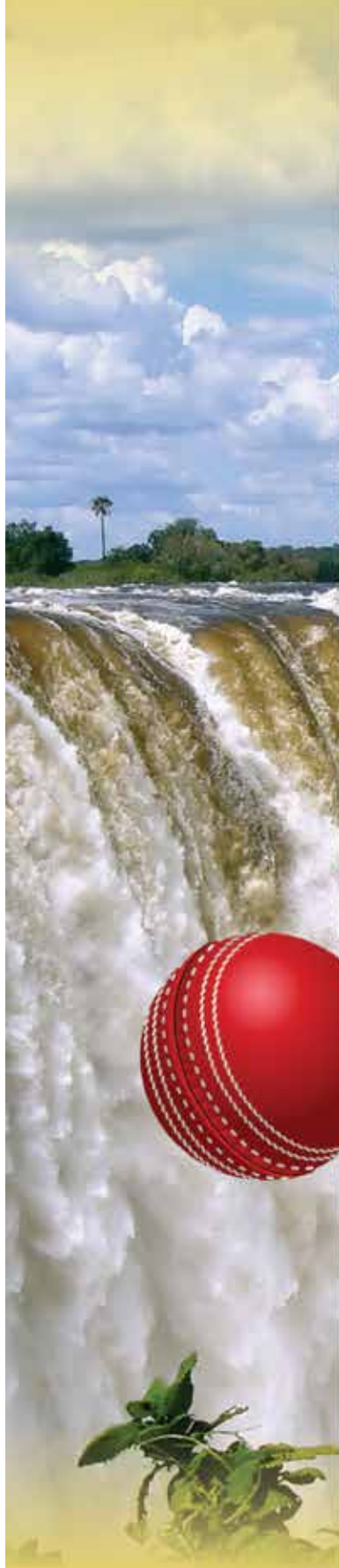


MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR OF CZECH REPUBLIC TO INDIA

H .E. Mr. Milan Hovorka, Ambassador of Czech Republic to India called on Dr D K Aggarwal, President, and Mr. Pradeep Multani, Vice President, PHDCCI on January 2, 2020 at PHD House, New Delhi to discuss the possibility of hosting an interaction and B2B meeting of the members of the Chamber with the visiting business delegation from Czech Republic led by Hon’ble Mr. Thomas Petricek, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic on January 15, 2020 at PHD House.

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INTERACTIVE MEET WITH INDUSTRY MEMBERS

Dr D K Aggarwal, President, PHDCCI and Mr. Peter Rimmele, Resident Representative to India, KAS felicitating Mr. CM Krishna, Former Honorary Advisor, PHD-KAS. Also seen Mr. Pradeep Multani, Vice President, PHDCCI and Mr. Naveen Seth, Principal Director, PHDCCI



To celebrate 30 years of successful association of PHD Chamber and KAS, PHD Chamber organized an interactive meet with Industry Members on December 18, 2019 at PHD House, New Delhi.

Dr D K Aggarwal, President and Mr. Pradeep Multani, Vice President, PHDCCI, graced the occasion and acknowledged the fruitful outcomes of PHD-KAS Project. Dr Aggarwal especially mentioned about the successful era of cooperation between PHD - KAS and the growth of the MSME sector which is the prime focus of the project. The training

programs organized by PHD Chamber and KAS played an instrumental role in spearheading the development of the MSME sector and paved the way for high, inclusive and sustainable growth of the sector.

The session was also attended by representatives from KAS that included Mr. Peter Rimmele, Resident Representative India, Mr. Pankaj Madan, Deputy Head and Mr. Manu Emmanuel Mani, Head Finance & Administration. Mr. Rimmele emphasized that future cooperation between PHDCCI and KAS will also

be fruitful and this would mean a larger policy advocacy and a new perspective.

Mr. C M Krishna, Former Honorary Advisor of PHDCCI and PHD-KAS Project was also felicitated during the programme for his remarkable contribution of 20 years to the Project.

The session was also attended by faculty members/academia, industry members of the Chamber and delegates.



Eminent speakers during Trade Meet with Exporters and Financial Institutes

TRADE MEET WITH EXPORTERS AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTES



The Punjab State Chapter of PHD Chamber under the PHD-KAS Project organized a 'Trade Meet with Exporters and Financial Institutes' on December 9, 2019 at Hotel Radisson BLU, Ludhiana to address the issues of the exporters.

Mr. Mukul Bansal, Chairman Punjab Banking & Financial Services, Punjab State Chapter, PHD Chamber in his opening remarks mentioned that the Government has announced various export promotion measures and incentives for promoting exports.

Mr. G.S Kular, Convener- Ludhiana Zone, Punjab State Chapter, PHD Chamber welcomed the delegates and said such Trade Meets for exporters are very much required in present times to discuss issues related to export promotion.

Mr. Ashok Kumar Bhushan, Assistant DGFT, Director General of Foreign Trade in his presentation explained Merchandise Export from

India Scheme (MEIS). Under the MEIS Scheme, certain rewards and incentives are given to exporters at specified rates which vary from product to product and from country to country.

Mr. Bal Mukand, Branch Head, Export Credit Guarantee Corporation of India (ECGC) gave a presentation about the Policy Risks covered for exporters.

Mr. Jatinder Pal Singh, Cluster Head, HDFC Bank gave a presentation about the benefits of export credit, customized pre- and post-shipment credit solutions in rupees or foreign currencies to decrease working capital cycle and improve cash flow.

Mr. Munish Goyal, Area Sales Manager – Trade Forex, HDFC described the various promotional schemes for the MSMEs and appealed to industry to approach them while availing these schemes.

Mr. Anand Prakash Jha, Branch Head & Associate Director-Chandigarh, Care Ratings Ltd. discussed the various benefits and schemes of Care SME Ratings. He elaborated that CARE offers a range of high-quality services to all the stakeholders in the capital market. A good rating may help an entity to establish comfort & confidence with customers, suppliers, collaborators, lenders, etc and this in turn will facilitate the better SMEs to differentiate themselves from others.

Mr. Rakesh Khurana, Senior Manager SME-Northern Region National Stock Exchange of India Ltd. described the benefits of listing SMEs on the National Stock Exchange and mentioned that small industries can also register themselves on NSE.

The Trade Meet concluded with Mr. K K Seth, Chairman, FICO Ludhiana delivering the vote-of-thanks to the delegates.

MSME CONCLAVE

Mr. Vinod Kumar Jain, Convener, Rohtak, Haryana State Chapter; Mr. Rajesh Vaid, GM, DIC, Rohtak; Mr. Sanjay Kumar, RM, SBI; Mr. Rakesh Vaid, Assistant Director, MSME DI; Mr. Lokesh Jain, Chairman, MSME Committee, Haryana and Mr. Gurdarshan Aggarwal, Deputy Resident Director, PHD Chamber



PHD Chamber under the PHD-KAS Cooperation Project organized a MSME Conclave on December 10, 2019 at Hotel SYS, Rohtak. Mr. Gurdarshan Aggarwal, Deputy Resident Director, PHD Chamber welcomed the dignitaries and said that the Chamber also has an MSME Facilitation Centre at New Delhi and Chandigarh offices to provide all the required information to the MSMEs.

Mr. Sanjay Kumar, RM, SBI gave a presentation on different funding schemes of SBI and also spoke about the various initiatives of the bank for industry and apprised that SBI is

offering loans to Industry at lucrative rates.

Mr. Rajesh Khara, GM, DIC, Rohtak gave a presentation about the various schemes of Haryana Government to promote industry in the state and emphasized the schemes for the promotion of exports in the state.

Mr. Rakesh Vaid, Assistant Director, MSME DI described the various promotional schemes for the MSMEs and requested industry to approach them in case of any issues while availing these schemes.

Mr. Royal Benjimen, Associate Manager, Bombay Stock Exchange

described the benefits of listing SMEs on the Bombay Stock Exchange and mentioned that small industries. Mr. Naveen Joshi, Regional Manager, GeM explained the benefits of listing MSMEs on the GeM portal. He mentioned that the Central Government has a clear mandate of promoting MSMEs and at least 25 percent of procurement through GeM has to be done from MSMEs only.

Mr. Vinod Kumar Jain, Convener, Rohtak, Haryana PHD Chamber delivered the vote-of-thanks to the guests.

FINTECH FINANCING AND DATA INTEGRATION

The Banking, Financial Services and Insurance (BFSI) Committee, PHD Chamber along with KAS organized an interactive session on Fintech Financing and Data Integration on December 23, 2019 at PHD House, New Delhi.

The objective of the interactive session was to discuss how to reduce costs and improve quality of financial services by faster adoption of Fintech Financing and Data Integration and share good practices and lessons.

Mr. Vinod Jain, Chairman, BFSI Committee, PHDCCI briefed on how the BFSI Committee is working for progress of the Fintech sector.



Ms. Babeeta Sharma, Secretary, Finance & BFSI Committee, PHDCCI; Mr. Kshitij Puri, Co-Founder, MD & CEO, Zip Loan; Mr. Vinod Jain, Chairman, BFSI Committee, PHDCCI; Mr. Kamalendu Bali, Vice President, Business Solutions, Concentrix; Mr. Rajiv Panthary, Director & Business Head SME, Northern Arc Capital; Mr. Gautam Jain, SVP, Global Liquidity & Cash Management, HSBC Ltd, India and Mr. Vaibhav Jain, Chartered Accountant, GST Consultant & Registered Value

Mr. Jyoti Prakash Gadia, Co-chairman, BFSI Committee, PHDCCI in his theme address focused on intelligent use of Data Analytics.

Mr. Kamalendu Bali, Vice President, Business Solutions, Concentrix, delivered the special address, in which he explained how Data and Identity will become the future of modern banking. Mr. Gautam Jain, SVP, Global Liquidity & Cash Management, HSBC Ltd, India, talked about data integration & challenges. Mr. Kshitij

Puri, Co-Founder, MD & CEO, Zip Loan deliberated upon the role of Fintech in modern business model. Mr. Rajiv Panthary, Director & Business Head, SME, Northern Arc Capital discussed the fintech lending model in details.

Mr. Vaibhav Jain, Chartered Accountant, GST Consultant & Registered Valuer, delivered the vote-of-thanks to the guests. Ms. Babeeta Sharma, Secretary, Finance & BFSI Committee, PHDCCI moderated the interactive session.

TRADE MEET WITH EXPORTERS AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTES



Mr. Kuldeep Singh, Branch Manager, Export Credit Guarantee Corporation of India Ltd; Mr. Tushar Jain, Working Committee Member, Engineering Export Promotion Council; Mr. Ajay Mahajan, Convener- Jalandhar Zone, Punjab State Chapter, PHD Chamber; Mr. Shalender Girdhar, Cluster Head, Jalandhar City Cluster, Ludhiana Circle Axis Bank Limited and Mr. Nipan Bansal, FCA, DISA

The Punjab State Chapter of PHD Chamber under the PHD-KAS Project organized a 'Trade Meet with Exporters and Financial Institutes' on December 4, 2019 at Hotel President, Jalandhar to address the issues and concerns of the exporters.

Mr. Opinder Singh, Deputy Director, Engineering Export Promotion Council (EEPC India) mentioned that exporters are facing various issues. Exporters and importers may face heavy penalties and loss of business if these issues are not responded within the given time line.

Mr. Ajay Mahajan, Convener, Jalandhar Zone, Punjab State Chapter, PHD Chamber while welcoming the esteemed delegates pointed out that the Chamber has been organizing such programs at various locations in Punjab for the benefit of industry members.

Mr. Kuldeep Singh, Branch Manager, Export Credit Guarantee Corporation of India (ECGC) Ltd explained the benefits of various schemes for the exporters, like Export Credit Insurance Scheme for exporters and bankers, shared Risks covered under ST – Policy and updated participants on Risk and Buyer assessment and Country risk

rating.

Mr. Shalender Girdhar, Cluster Head, Jalandhar City Cluster, Ludhiana Circle Axis Bank Ltd. apprised the exporters of various facilities being offered by the bank like EEFC account in different currencies, advising services for hedging of exchange risk and capital account transactions and digital solutions for processing trade and Forex transactions.

Mr. Tarun Kumar, Regional Sales Manager, Tally made a detailed presentation on Tally-ERP 9 software and elaborated how it generates GST invoices and transactions as per the GST format.

India's FTAs need to be reviewed

PHD Chamber appreciates the government's decision to review all the existing Foreign Trade Agreements (FTAs) with its various FTA partner countries and groups, as a step towards protection of domestic industries and traders, and enhancing the export growth in the economy. There has been a growing concern in different quarters including the industry that the benefits for India have been very limited from the FTAs that the country has signed and implemented so far. FTAs have to be signed keeping two things in mind, mutually reciprocal terms and focusing on products and services with maximum export potential. India is a fairly open economy with overall trade (exports plus imports) as a percentage of GDP at around 43% in 2018. Indian exports have gradually found their way into new markets and the export sector has moved up the value chain, India has viewed FTAs as an important tool to enhance its trade and investment, and signed a number of trade agreements with various countries or groups. Although FTAs are instrumental in creating seamless trade blocs that can aid trade and economic growth, there exist genuine concerns of trade asymmetry as India's exports to FTA countries have not outperformed overall export growth or exports to rest of the world. The major FTAs that India has signed and implemented so far include South Asia Free Trade Agreement (SAFTA), India – ASEAN Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement (CECA), India – Korea Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) and India – Japan Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (JEPA).



FINANCING MSMEs Growth Engines of Indian Economy

Mr. Rajesh Khandelwal, Branch Incharge, SIDBI, Varanasi; Ms. Anuradha Goel, Resident Director, UP Chapter, PHD Chamber; Mr. Umesh Kumar Singh, Joint Commissioner, DIC, Varanasi; Mr. V K Verma, Deputy Director, MSME DI, Varanasi and Mr. S. B Tarai, Chief Manager, Punjab National Bank, Varanasi with participants

The Uttar Pradesh Chapter of PHD Chamber under the PHD-KAS organized a seminar on 'Financing MSMEs - Growth Engines of Indian Economy' on December 20, 2019 at Radisson, Varanasi in the presence of several entrepreneurs, start-ups and artisans. The rationale of the seminar was to disseminate various schemes and policies of the Central as well as the State Government and banks and to discuss about various credit facilities, guidelines and procedures for financing available for MSMEs, start-ups and artisans in Uttar Pradesh.

Ms. Anuradha Goel, Resident Director, UP Chapter, PHD Chamber delivered the welcome remarks and

said that in the face of emerging challenges and the need to strengthen global outreach, it has become imperative for the MSME sector to demonstrate greater competitiveness and position themselves strategically along the value chain.

In his keynote address, Chief Guest, Mr. Umesh Kumar Singh, Joint Commissioner, DIC, Varanasi spoke on the various schemes of the State Government for the industry and addressed issues of the industry members.

Mr. V K Verma, Deputy Director, MSME Development Institute, Varanasi briefed about the various fiscal incentives and schemes under the Ministry of MSMEs such as PMEGP,

ASPIRE, SFURTI, etc for the benefit of MSMEs.

Mr. S B Tarai, Chief Manager, Punjab National Bank, Varanasi and Mr. Rajiv Gupta, Senior Manager, Punjab National Bank, Varanasi shared information on policy guidelines for servicing and lending to MSMEs. He also said that the Bank's aim is to provide end-to-end support for all the business requirements of MSMEs.

Mr. Rajesh Khandelwal, Branch In-charge, SIDBI Varanasi gave a presentation on various initiatives of SIDBI such as RLS, STAR, SPEED and others for the promotion of MSME Sector in the State of Uttar Pradesh with specific reference to Varanasi.



Commerce & Industry Minister to chair National Startup Advisory Council

The Central Government has notified the structure of the National Startup Advisory Council to advise the Government on measures needed to build a strong ecosystem for nurturing innovation and startups in the country to drive sustainable economic growth and generate large-scale employment opportunities. The Council will suggest measures to foster a culture of innovation amongst citizens and students in particular, promote innovation in all sectors of economy, including semi-urban and rural areas, support creative and innovative ideas through incubation and research and development to transform them into valuable products, solutions to improve productivity and efficiency and create an environment of absorption of innovation in industry. The Commerce & Industry Minister would chair the National Startup Advisory Council.



SMALL BUSINESS LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

Mr. Suvrat Khanna, Co-chairman, Chandigarh Chapter, PHDCCI & Director, Khanna Watches Ltd.; Mr. Partap Krishan Aggarwal, Founder and Managing Director, IDS Infotech; Mr. Madhu Sudan Vij, Chairman, Chandigarh Chapter, PHDCCI & CEO, Modern Automobiles; Mr. H. S. Sandhu, PCS, Director, Department of Industries & Secretary, State Transport Authority, Chandigarh Administration; Mr. Upinder Singh Dhingra, Manager, Advisory Services, Ernst Young LLP and Mr. Arunabh Sinha, Founder, UClean

Under the KAS-PHD project, the Chandigarh Chapter of PHD Chamber organized the “Small Business Leadership Summit” on December 20, 2019 at PHD Chamber, Chandigarh.

The aim of the programme was to provide a platform to industrialists to brainstorm on the problems faced by small scale industries for their better future. Schemes by the government for MSMEs, implementable information on business scalability, fund raising, managing investor relationships and business opportunities in the sun rise sector of electric mobility were discussed during the programme.

Mr. H S Sandhu, Director, Department of Industries, Chandigarh Administration discussed the challenges faced by the

manufacturers. He announced that to resolve manufacturing units issues and problems, an industrial cluster will soon be established in Chandigarh industrial area. He also assured that the problems discussed will be solved with a single window system.

Mr. Madhu Sudan Vij, Chairman, Chandigarh Chapter, PHDCCI apprised that for the growth of entrepreneurs, the Indian Government is working on implementing rationale reforms to build a strong support system.

Mr. Gaurav Sharma, Technical Expert-Innovation Promotion in MSMEs, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH shared that the global economy which is driven by multiple factors can disrupt the local markets anytime. To keep the nation's economy on track,

governments have to act fast and find out the way to resolve it, Mr. Sharma added.

Mr. Arunabh Sinha, Founder, UClean introduced himself as an established start-up and discussed the right approach of doing business and shared some tested business practices for business sustainability.

The programme was organized for the EV manufactures, operators and component manufacturers to gain a perspective on arising challenges and opportunities to come up with innovative solutions.

Mr. Suvrat Khanna, Co-chairman, Chandigarh Chapter delivered the vote-of-thanks to the guests. Over 100 entrepreneurs from Tricity attended the programme.

GOI releases State Energy Efficiency Index 2019

Mr. Raj Kumar Singh, Minister of State (IC) for Power and New & Renewable Energy and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship released a ‘State Energy Efficiency Index 2019’ in January 2020, which tracks the progress of Energy Efficiency (EE) initiatives in 36 states and union territories based on 97 significant indicators. The index, developed by the Bureau of Energy Efficiency in association with Alliance for an Energy Efficient Economy will help states contribute towards national goals on energy security and climate action by helping drive EE policies and program implementation at the state and local level, tracking progress in managing the states’ and India’s energy footprint and institutionalising the data capture and monitoring of EE activities by states. The State Energy Efficiency Index 2019 incorporates qualitative, quantitative and outcome-based indicators to assess energy efficiency initiatives, programs and outcomes in five distinct sectors – buildings, industry, municipalities, transport, agriculture, and DISCOMs. The required data was collected from the concerned state departments such as DISCOMs, Urban Development departments and other departments with the help of State Designated Agencies. Under four categories based on TPES, Haryana, Kerala, Karnataka, Maharastra, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Puducherry and Chandigarh have been evaluated as progressive states/UTs in the State Energy Efficiency Index 2019.



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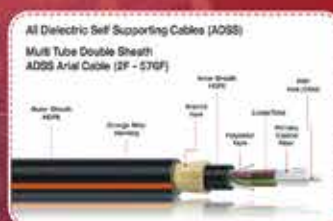
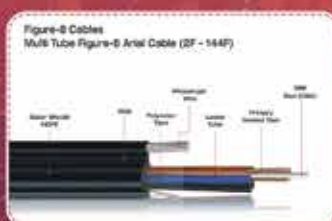
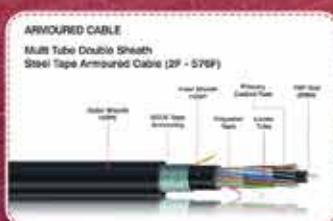


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State (Package)	Total Scope	Work Done	Total Scope - GP	GP Lit
Gujarat (Package-B, Saurashtra)	17,000 Kms	12,000 Kms	3,767	2,400
Bihar (Package B3)	3,633 Kms	3,268 Kms	1,012	896



PHD FAMILY WELFARE FOUNDATION (PHDFWF)



PHDFWF HUNAR UNLIMITED-FIT INDIA 2020

The PHD Family Welfare Foundation organized a “Hunar Unlimited-FIT INDIA 2020” with the support of Sonalika Social Development Society on January 17, 2020 at Lakshmipat Singhania Auditorium, PHD House, New Delhi. This was in sync with the Hon’ble Prime Minister’s ‘Fit India Campaign’. The inaugural lamp was lit by Ms. Yogita Singh, Vice President, BJP, Delhi & Member and Committee on Minimum Wages, Ministry of Labour; Dr D K Aggarwal, President, PHD Chamber; Mr. Pradeep Multani, Vice President, PHD Chamber; Ms. Surbhi Mittal, Sonalika Social Development Society and Ms. Anuradha Goel, Chairperson, PHDFWF. The student beneficiaries from different Skill Development Training Centers of PHDFWF and Sonalika Social Development Society performed a dance, skit, yoga, sang songs and poems. The programme was followed by a musical performance ‘Six Seasons of Krishna’ by music exponent, Ms. Vidhi Sharma and her team of artists and motivational talk by Mr. Praveen Teotia, Shaurya Chakra winner and former Marine commando. The performance by the FWF beneficiaries and Ms. Vidhi Sharma enthralled an audience of more than 270.





PHDFWF'S MOTIVATIONAL TALK



A Motivational Talk was organized at Jaquar Skill Development Training Centre, Mandi Village by Mr. R.S. Dalmia, Founder member of Ramkrishna Jaidayal Dalmia Seva Sansthan in the gracious presence of Ms. Anuradha Goel, Chairperson and GB members of PHDFWF and the beneficiaries. Mr. Dalmia interacted with the beneficiaries and asked them of their interests and benefits they are getting from the Centre. He also discussed various social issues and how an individual can contribute to nation building. Some of the ways discussed were cleanliness, say no to plastic, plantation and reduce wastages of food and water.

COMMUNITY EVENT OF PHDFWF-DSACS TARGET INTERVENTION PROJECT ON HIV/AIDS

The PHDFWF organized a Community Event on December 30, 2019 at Tehkhand village, Okhla under target intervention project on prevention of HIV/AIDS. A specialized health camp was also organized which was attended by Officers and Doctors from PHDFWF and more than 100 beneficiaries participated in the programme. Regular activities that included 34 new registrations, 252 ICTC, 185 RPR, 4 review meetings were also conducted in the month of December 2019. A total of 408 patients attended the STI clinic services, 12 STI and 447 RMC (Regular medical check-ups) patients were identified during December under this project. The project has been running since 2003 with continuing support from DSACS, Govt. of NCT, Delhi.



PHDFWF- JAQUAR FOUNDATION DENTAL AND EYE MOBILE VAN



A total of 15 free dental & eye check-up camps were organized in different villages of Gurugram and Bhiwadi adopted by the Jaquar Group during December, 2019. Free eye and dental check-up, dental screening, scaling & filling and distribution of medicines were provided to 1024 patients during the month of December 2019.

SMPF SKILL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING CENTRE, VINODPURI

PHDFWF has been running a Skill Development Training Centre in Vinodpuri in association with Seth Madanlall Palriwala Foundation since 2012. Training in tailoring & embroidery, beauty culture & henna, mobile repairing and computer education are being provided under this project. Currently, 133 students are availing the training at the centre. Apart from other activities, regular SHG meeting and awareness generation programmes on health & sanitation were organized under this project.





PHDFWF-GOYAL MG GASES PVT. LTD. - ARUNA ABHEY OSWAL -SKILL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING CENTRE, BADLI EXT., ROHINI

PHDFWF has been running a Skill Development Training Centre at Badli Ext., Rohini with financial support from Goyal M G Gases Pvt. Ltd & Shree Charitable Trust. Presently, 85 trainees are availing training in computer education, tailoring and beauty culture & adult education at the centre.

HINDUSTAN TIN WORKS SKILL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING CENTRE, LAL KUAN, BADARPUR

PHDFWF has been running A Skill Development Training Centre in Lal Kuan, Badarpur with financial support from Hindustan Tin Works Ltd. Training in computer education & beauty culture is being provided at the centre. Presently, 72 trainees are availing training in computer education and beauty culture at the centre.



PHDFWF- SETH MADANLALL PALRIWALA FOUNDATION MOBILE MEDICAL VAN



During December 2019, 16 free health check-up camps were organized in different rural areas of Rajasthan, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and slums of Delhi. Free diagnostic care, clinical services and medicines were provided to the patients. A total of 2058 patients benefitted from these camps.

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

A total of 20 free health check-up camps were organized in different villages of Haryana adopted by the Jaquar Group in the month of December 2019. Free diagnostic care, clinical services and medicines were provided to the patients. A total of 1289 patients benefitted from these camps.



PHDFWF - JAQUAR SKILL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING COURSES (MANDI, CHATTARPUR)



Beauty culture, tailoring, cooking and mobile repairing training are being provided at the centre in Mandi, Chattarpur. Presently 128 trainees are obtaining training at this centre supported by the Jaquar Foundation. One awareness generation programme was organized in this centre during the month of December 2019.

PHDFWF-JAQUAR SKILL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING AT RANGPURI PAHARI

PHDFWF in collaboration with Jaquar Foundation is running a Skill Development Centre at Rangpuri Pahari. The courses that are currently running at the centres are beauty culture and nursing assistant. Presently, 31 students are availing training at the centre.



PHDFWF-FENA SKILL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING CENTRE



Presently, 67 girls and women are undergoing training in tailoring and beauty culture at Tekhand village, Okhla Phase-I under the project. The centre is being supported by the Fena Foundation. One free health check up camp was also organized by PHDFWF where free distribution of medicines and free diagnostic facilities were provided at the centre.

PHDFWF-KAJARIA CERAMICS LTD. SKILL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING CENTRES IN ASSAM

PHDFWF has been running a Skill Development Training Centre with financial support from Kajaria Ceramics Limited in Lakhimpur district of Assam. Training in knitting and hand weaving are being provided in the Centre.

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



A total of 16 free health check-up camps were organized in different villages of Bhiwadi, Rajasthan adopted by Jaquar Group during the month of December 2019. Free diagnostic care, clinical services and medicines were provided to the patients. A total of 889 patients benefitted from these camps.

PHDFWF-ARUNA ABHEY OSWAL TRUST –MOBILE MEDICAL VAN

PHDFWF is running a mobile medical van in association with Holy Family Hospital donated by Aruna Abhey Oswal Trust. A total of 14 Free health check-up camps were organized at Okhla resettlement colonies, Priyanka Camp, Chesair Home, Ali Village, Subash Camp, Taimoor Nagar and Nai Basti during the month of December 2019. A total of 889 patients benefitted from these camps.



PHDFWF-ITE FOUNDATION TRUST-SKILL DEVELOPMENT CENTRE, NOIDA

Presently, 60 trainees are enrolled in tailoring and beauty culture at the centre. The trainees are making different embroidery designs on fabrics and earning their livelihood.

India joins WEF's Reskilling Revolution initiative as Founding Member

India has joined as a founding member of the World Economic Forum's (WEF) Reskilling Revolution, an initiative to provide one billion people with better education, skills and jobs by 2030. According to WEF, almost twice as many jobs can be created as lost by the Fourth Industrial Revolution. The world faces a challenge in preparing the work-force for that. By 2022 – 42% of core skills required to perform existing jobs are expected to change. In addition to high-tech skills, specialized interpersonal skills will be in high demand, including skills related to sales, human resources, care and education. Further, by just 2022, the WEF estimates 133 million new jobs in major economies will be created to meet the demands of the Fourth Industrial Revolution. The goal of the Reskilling Revolution platform is to build social cohesion and ensure people have pathways to social mobility. The founding countries joining the initiative are Brazil, France, India, Pakistan, the Russian Federation, the United Arab Emirates and the United States.



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PHD RURAL DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION (PHDRDF)

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

PHDRDF MEETING OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND GOVERNING BODY MEMBERS



Board of Trustees and Governing Body members Meeting

On December 24, 2019, PHDRDF held its Board of Trustees and Governing Body Meeting. The meeting was attended by Board of Trustees and Governing Body members including Dr DK Aggarwal, President, PHDCCI; Mr. Sanjay Bhatia, Chairman, PHDRDF; Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, Senior Vice President, PHDCCI along with other members. The Board reviewed work done by PHDRDF and provided their suggestions on the way forward.



PHDRDF WATER MANAGEMENT

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

PHDRDF - COCA COLA FOUNDATION



Construction of Kadru Chuwa Wala Check dam under progress in Kanke Block, Ranchi district, Jharkhand

Construction of Fauji Wala Check dam under progress in Kanke Block, Ranchi district, Jharkhand

PHDRDF and Coca Cola Foundation have partnered together to promote sustainable solutions for water resource management with surface water conservation and ground water recharge, through construction of seven check dams in water-stressed regions of Ranchi District in Jharkhand. The project aims towards increasing the ground water table and thereby improving access to water for agriculture and domestic use in two blocks of Ranchi District – Kanke and Ratu where the ground water has been over-exploited. The project will reach out to more than 15,000 people, creating a total water recharge capacity of 292,100 cubic meters. The construction work of three check dams, namely, Sukkhal Khatt Wala, Kadru Chuwa Wala and Fauji Wala in Kanke block is under progress.



Board of Trustees and Governing Body members Meeting

PHDRDF – MS. POONAM CHOPRA, FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Ms. Poonam Chopra, Family and Friends have partnered with PHDRDF to construct 'Sankh Wala check dam' in Hajipur Village, Lapala Ki Dhani in Alwar, Rajasthan. This check dam will have water holding capacity of 1,55,040 cu ft which will impact the lives of 4500 people of one village. The construction work of the check dam has been completed.

PHDRDF – ASIAN HOTELS (WEST) LTD

PHDRDF and Asian Hotels (West) Ltd. have partnered together to construct 'Gool Bhata Wala check dam' in Hajipur Village, Alwar, Rajasthan. This check dam will have water holding capacity of 3,08,000 cubic feet which will impact the lives of 4500 people. The construction work of the check dam is in progress.



Construction work of Gool Bhata Wala Check dam under progress in Alwar, Rajasthan



Construction work of Satya Hari Check dam under progress in Alwar, Rajasthan

PHDRDF – DR AWASTHI AND FAMILY

Dr Awasthi and Family and PHDRDF have partnered together to construct 'Satya Hari check dam (Gulak Wala)' in Hajipur Village, Alwar, Rajasthan. This check dam will have water holding capacity of 2,40,000 cubic feet which will impact the lives of 4500 people. The construction work of the check dam is in progress.



PHDRDF HEALTHCARE INTERVENTION AND SANITATION

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

Doctor, ANM, Lab Technician and project coordinator are present for each camp and are responsible for its success. Emphasis is given on generating awareness among the

community on sanitation & hygiene, child & maternal health, waterborne diseases, communicable diseases and other geography based medical problems.



Complete picture of toilet block at Kapasera Border

PHDRDF- KADIMI TOOLS MANF. CO.PVT LTD

PHDRDF and KADIMI have partnered to implement a project titled “Infrastructure Development and Access to Sanitation & Hygiene”. The project consists of construction of two public toilets along with installation of five dustbins for community use. Five dustbins have been installed at different locations within the community in Dundahera. The construction of community toilet at Kapasera Border – Foot over bridge has been duly completed. Water and electricity connection have been supplied. The Inauguration will take place soon. The above activities have been initiated to instil healthy hygiene practices amongst the community people and those residing in nearby areas.

PHDRDF-BSES YAMUNA POWER LIMITED



Doctor examining women and children at Health camp in Delhi



Doctor examining Blood Pressure of an elderly person at Health camp in Delhi

PHDRDF and BSES- BYPL have been working for the last four years towards providing health care services to the less privileged community across Delhi. BSES Yamuna Power Ltd. collaborated with PHDRDF for another one year to implement a Mobile Health project in Central and East Delhi. The objective of the project is to provide basic health care services to the low-income residential cluster of East and Central Delhi. During January till date, 13 health camps were organized in which 1692 patients benefited.

PHDRDF- DHAMPUR SUGAR MILLS LTD.



Eye testing being held during Eye Care Camp in Asmoli, Uttar Pradesh



Doctor examining patients at Health camp in Asmoli, Uttar Pradesh

PHDRDF and Dhampur Sugar Mills Limited, Asmoli, have been working for the last two years towards providing health care services to the less privileged community. Dhampur Sugar Mills Limited, Asmoli, Uttar Pradesh collaborated with PHDRDF for another one year for the project “FREE MOBILE HEALTH SERVICES” in Asmoli across 09 villages near Dhampur Sugar Mills. The patients were provided with free medical counseling, ECG, Blood Sugar, Hemoglobin test facility, free spectacles and medicines. During January till date, 11 generic health camps and one eye care camp (benefitting 111 patients) were organized in which 1064 patients benefited.



Doctor examining patient at Women and Child Care camp in Sonipat, Haryana

PHDRDF- HINDUSTAN TIN WORKS LTD

PHDRDF with support from Hindustan Tin Works Ltd (HTWL) initiated a project on Mobile Healthcare Camp across three villages in Sonipat, Haryana as a part of CSR. The project will provide holistic health care service in three villages by conducting genetic health camps, eye care camps and women & child health care camp on a regular basis. In a month, a total of 5 health camps (3 Generic and 2 Women and Child Health Camps) were organized in three villages in which 371 patients from generic and 203 patients from women and child care camp benefitted.

PHDRDF SKILL DEVELOPMENT

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

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



Students of the Electrician Course during Third Party Assessment Event



Students undergoing Computer training class under Dri Pvt. Ltd. project

PHDRDF with support from BRY –Air (Asia) Pvt Ltd and DRI Pvt Ltd have started two Skill Development courses i.e. Electrician and Computer training in Jatauli Village of Pataudi block of Gurugram, Haryana. Besides their core subjects, soft skills and English communication skills are also taught to the students. The project for Electrician course was completed with its two consecutive batches. During December 2019, a third party assessment by Shiksha Bharti has been conducted for students of these two batches. The second batch of computer training was completed in December. Mobilisation for students for the new batch is in progress.



Students of the Skill development Centre undergoing Theory Class

PHDRDF- DONALDSON INDIA FILTER SYSTEMS PRIVATE LIMITED

PHDRDF in collaboration with Donaldson Filters India Pvt Ltd is running a “Skill Development Centre” since the last 3 years in village Mohammadpur Gurjar, Sohna block, Gurugram. A new MoU between PHDRDF & Donaldson India Filter Systems Private Limited was signed for FY 2019-20. Two batches consisting of 20 girls in each batch for Cutting & Tailoring and Beauty Culture courses have been completed. The girls learning at the Centre are happy and more confident than before. Currently, mobilisation for new batches has been done and one batch each in both the courses was started in January.

PHDRDF-DOW AGROSCIENCES INDIA LTD

Dow Agro Sciences India Ltd has partnered with PHDRDF to implement a project for empowering rural women by training them on “Beekeeping” as a supplementary source of income. An estimate of 200 women will be trained in bee keeping and harvesting honey and allied products like – royal jelly, bee wax, bee pollen etc. Five Bee boxes each were distributed to 100 women. The training project in Maharashtra has been successfully completed. The women are now more confident and independent after getting trained in the bee keeping training program.

PHDRDF-THDC- SEWA

PHDRDF and THDC-SEWA have come together for a Women Empowerment and Livelihood Generation project through manufacturing of sanitary napkins. The manufacturing unit Machinery and Raw material for making sanitary napkins has been established at Bhaniyawala, Joly Grant, Dehradun. A women SHG comprising of 9 women have been trained in using the machine and production of sanitary napkins. Designing of the sanitary napkin packet has been finalized and now printing of these packets is in progress. A savings bank account of “Sehaj” Self Help Group has been opened.

PHDRDF SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT

PHDRDF has been actively working towards improving quality and standard of school education and literacy by supporting the existing Government schools in different states.



Front view of renovated Govt. Upper Primary School, Sirsodi, Jaipur, Rajasthan

PHDRDF- FMS BATCH 1981

PHDRDF and FMS Batch of 1979-81 (University of Delhi) have partnered to take up School development activities in Govt. Upper Primary School, Sirsodi, Jaipur, Rajasthan. In this phase of development, activities such as levelling of ground, refurbishment of one classroom, refurbishment and up-gradation of school main gate and installation of slide and see saw in the playground have been undertaken. Also, the school is located in the foothills of the Aravali range due to which there was uneven ground in the school premises making it difficult to use. Therefore, the ground has been levelled in upper and lower portions to make space available for children to play. Thus, the aim of the project is to facilitate students with better school infrastructure.

PHDRDF- HAGER FOUNDATION

A project on “WASH and Quality education in five Government Schools in Sikar, Rajasthan” is being implemented for the last four years with support from Hager Foundation. The schools buildings have been up-graded including refurbishing of classrooms, mid-day meal area, sanitation and drinking water facility, playground, proper boundary wall with gate and BaLA. The health worker ensures that basic menstrual hygiene is being maintained by the school girls on a regular basis.

The Computer and English speaking classes are being regularly organized in the schools. New teachers have been appointed for the students to ensure better learning practices among them. Renovation work is in progress in Rai Singh Ki Dhani. Cleanliness drive and behavior change activities are being regularly conducted by the health workers in the schools.



Health worker checking nails of a student under the cleanliness drive in school



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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS / MEETINGS OF PHDCCI

S. No.	Programme Title	Date	Time	Venue
1	Bio Asia 2020	17 to 19 February 2020	9.30 am	Hyderabad
2	Meeting of Managing Committee	19 February 2020	4.00 pm	PHD House, New Delhi
3	Retail Supply Chain Summit 2020	20 February 2020	10.00 am	PHD House, New Delhi
4	International Conference of Cardiovascular Sciences- 2020 (ICCS-2020)	21 to 23 February 2020	9.30 am to 5.00 pm	DPSRU, New Delhi
5	PHD-FWF Astitva Samman	22 February 2020	6.15 pm	PHD House, New Delhi
6	"4th India-China Technology Transfer, Collaborative Innovation and Investment Conference 2020 & B2B"	24 February 2020	9.00 am	Hotel Le Meridien, New Delhi
7	Nepal Chamber Expo	25 to 29 February 2020	10.00 am	Kathmandu, Nepal
8	Conference on Regulations & Legislations and its impact on Ease on Doing Business	26 February 2020	10.30 am	PHD House, New Delhi
9	PHDCCI Education Summit 2020	27 February 2020	10.00 am	Hotel Taj Mahal, Mansingh Road, New Delhi
10	National Livestock Championship & Agri Expo-2020	27 February to 2 March 2020	10.00 am	PUDA Colony, Batala, Punjab
11	Urban Technovation Summit 2020	28 February 2020	10.00 am	PHD House, New Delhi
12	National Seminar on "Understanding Importance of Public Procurement Policy"	28 February 2020	10.00 am	Shillong, Meghalaya
13	Conference and Photo Exhibition on Indo-Mongolia Relations	28 February 2020	5.00 pm	Modi Hall, PHD House, New Delhi
14	Warsaw Pack 2020 5th International Trade Fair of Packaging Materials and Technology	3 to 5 March 2020	10.00 am	Warsaw, Poland
15	7th PHD Global Rail Convention-2020 Indian Railways Future Growth on Fast Track	5 March 2020	9.30 am	PHD House, New Delhi
16	5th International Healthcare Conference by Voice of Healthcare	5 to 6 March 2020	9.30 am	Mumbai, Maharashtra
17	Conclave on "Analyses & Issues in Place of Supply for goods and services with Export of Goods & Services"	12 March 2020	10.00 am	PHD House, New Delhi
18	9th International Heritage Tourism Conclave	13 March 2020	3.00 pm	Taj Usha Kiran Palace, Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh



INTERNATIONAL

S No.	Name of the MoU	Date of Signing
1	Dubai Exports (DE)	January 29, 2017
2	Confederation of Nepalese Industries (CNI)	August 10, 2017
3	Management Association of Nepal	August 10, 2017
4	CAB International, United Kingdom	August 21, 2017
5	BALKAN Indian Business Association, Indian Chapter, New Delhi	October 16, 2017
6	Kuwait Chamber of Commerce & Industry	October 23, 2017
7	Indian Chamber of Commerce in Slovak Republic	November 10, 2017
8	Hungarian Chamber of Commerce and Industry	November 20, 2017
9	AL HILAL Publishing and Marketing Group, Bahrain	November 21, 2017
10	FICCI (Philippines) Inc.	January 26, 2018
11	Eurasian Peoples' Assembly, Moscow, Russia	February 28, 2018
12	Alborz Chamber of Commerce, Industries, Mines and Agriculture (ACCIMA)	March 8, 2018
13	Tehran Chamber of Commerce, Industries, Mines and Agriculture (TCCIMA)	March 8, 2018
14	Private Sector Foundation Uganda (PSFU)	March 8, 2018
15	PHD Chamber & Ghana National Chamber of Commerce & Industry	March 12, 2018
16	National Confederation of Entrepreneurs (Employers) Organizations of Azerbaijan Republic	March 13, 2018
17	Azerbaijan Export & Investment Promotion Foundation Baku, Azerbaijan	March 13, 2018
18	The Azerbaijan Republic Chamber of Commerce and Industry BAKU, Azerbaijan	March 14, 2018
19	TAIPEI World Trade Centre	April 17, 2018
20	The Chamber of Commerce & Industry of the Republic of Moldova	May 7, 2018
21	The Netherlands India Chamber of Commerce and Trade	May 24, 2018
22	Government of Andijan City, Republic of Uzbekistan	May 26, 2018
23	F6S Network Limited, United Kingdom	June 5, 2018
24	Kenya National Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Nairobi, Kenya (KNCCI)	June 11, 2018
25	Private Sector Federation, Rwanda	July 24, 2018
26	Confederation of Nepalese Industries(CNI)	August 1, 2018
27	India – New Zealand Business Council (INBC)	September 5, 2018
28	Bulgarian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Bulgaria	September 5, 2018
29	Global CEO Club, SEOUL, South Korea	September 7, 2018
30	Association of Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises and Crafts of the Czech Republic	September 7, 2018
31	Bucharest Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Romania	September 19, 2018
32	Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Cote D'ivoire	September 21, 2018
33	Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Antananarivo, Madagascar	September 28, 2018
34	Chamber of Commerce & Industry Anosy, Madagascar	September 28, 2018
35	VOKA Chamber of Commerce and Industry Flemish-Brabant	February 12, 2019
36	BMB Trade Group LLC, Tashkent, Uzbekistan	April 8, 2019
37	PTAK Warsaw Expo, Poland	May 24, 2019
38	Georgian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GCCl)	July 3, 2019
39	Singapore Chamber of Commerce & Industry (SCCI)	July 26, 2019
40	India Thai Chamber of Commerce (ITCC)	August 20, 2019
41	ASEAN Trade Promotion Association, Thailand (ATPA)	August 20, 2019
42	Vietnam Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Vietnam (VCCI)	August 22, 2019
43	Indian Business Chamber in Vietnam (INCHAM)	August 22, 2019
44	PTAK Warsaw Expo, Poland	September 12, 2019
45	Foreign Economic Relations Board of Turkey, Istanbul, Turkey	September 18, 2019



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46	Ceylon Chamber of Commerce	September 26, 2019
47	Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Services of the Region of Fez-Meknes (CCISFM), Meknes, Morocco	October 9, 2019
48	Mongolian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Ulaanbataar, Mongolia	November 11, 2019
49	INDIA CHAMBER OF PERU	January 1, 2020

DOMESTIC

S No.	Name of the MoU	Date of Signing
1	Gujarat Chamber of Commerce	July 20, 2017
2	Sky Innovation Tech Labs Pvt. Ltd (Signcatch)	July 26, 2017
3	Pawan Hans Limited	October 11, 2017
4	The Federation of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry	November 20, 2017
5	Kalinga International Foundation (KIF)	December 15, 2017
6	Indian Society of Heating, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Engineers (ISHRAE)	December 21, 2017
7	Indian Printing, Packaging and Allied Machinery Manufacturers' Association	January 10, 2018
8	Federation of Karnataka Chamber of Commerce & Industry	February 3, 2018
9	SMERA Rating Limited	February 5, 2018
10	Oriental Bank of Commerce	March 26, 2018
11	Travel Agents Association of India	March 28, 2018
12	Rajasthan State Chapter and Kashmir State Chapter	March 29, 2018
13	Guru Nanak Dev University Amritsar Punjab	April 6, 2018
14	Government E- Marketplace	April 18, 2018
15	Technology Development Board (TDB)	April 25, 2018
16	Punjabi University, Patiala	April 25, 2018
17	Indian Yoga Association, New Delhi	April 29, 2018
18	BioNEST at Panjab University	May 10, 2018
19	iSTART, IT Department of the State Govt. of Rajasthan	May 11, 2018
20	Federation of Industry and Commerce of North Eastern Region(FINER)	May 15, 2018
21	Engineering Council of India	May 31, 2018
22	International Centre for Entrepreneurship and Technology (iCreate)	June 5, 2018
23	Indira Gandhi National Tribal University, Amarkantak (Madhya Pradesh)	June 29, 2018
24	The EBG Federation, New Delhi, India	July 12, 2018
25	Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU)	July 20, 2018
26	Global Compact Network India	July 20, 2018
27	OFB TECH Pvt. Ltd	July 30, 2018
28	Energy Efficiency Services Ltd	July 31, 2018
29	Southern India Chamber of Commerce And Industry (SICCI)	August 20, 2018
30	Uttar Pradesh Braj Teerth Vikas Parishad (UPBTVP)	August 31, 2018
31	BIOAYURVEDA	September 10, 2018
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36	India Trade Promotion Organization (ITPO), Ministry of Commerce	June 10, 2019
37	New Delhi Institute of Management	January 2, 2020
38	Power2SME	January 7, 2020



Govt must unleash bold reforms to achieve 6-6.5% growth in FY21, say experts, industry

NEW DELHI: Attaining a GDP growth rate of 6 to 6.5 per cent in 2020-21 as projected by the Economic Survey will be "challenging" and the government needs to prioritise growth while unleashing bolder policy measures to achieve it, experts and industry bodies said on Friday.

India's economic growth is expected to "strongly rebound" to 6-6.5 per cent in 2020-21 from 5 per cent estimated in the current fiscal, said the Economic Survey 2019-20

tabled in Parliament on Friday by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, adding that the government has the capacity to expedite reforms.

"The 6-6.5 per cent growth projected by the Economic Survey for 2020-21, is a target that is achievable with the right dose of reforms and public investments," CII Director General Chandrasiri Banerjee said.

The chamber said as the Economic Survey is a precursor to the Union Budget, it expects some of the bold reforms highlighting trust, entrepreneurship and primacy of the market to be reflected in the Budget announcements.

Leader Economic Advisory Services at PwC India Ramesh Banerjee said attaining the projected growth rate of 6-6.5 per cent will be challenging.

"The demand cycle is yet to pick up in India. Global growth including India is likely to be significantly impacted by the coronavirus factor taking cues from history of impacts from the SARS outbreak," he noted.

Economist at Deloitte India Ramesh Majumdar said the Survey projects growth revival in FY 2021 but suggests that the government may have to incur expansionary policy to support growth.

"As has been argued earlier, the government has to prioritise growth. Once the momentum picks up, the government can take action to consolidate its expenses," Majumdar observed.

Tech Mahindra MD & CEO CP Gurnani said India needs to be persistent with the technology push through initiatives like 5G rollout that will enable the use of big data, artificial intelligence and machine learning to give necessary impetus to the digital economy and other growth areas that encompass sustainable development.

Assocham President Niranjan Hirani said it strongly advocates that the Central government needs to announce bolder policy and fiscal measures to recover from "sharp economic downturn and imminent market scenario".

"The prognosis undertaken in the Economic Survey released today highlights the ground reality and gives insights into what the economy has achieved over the last one year. The growth is estimated to pick up to 6.0-6.5 per cent in the fiscal year (2020-21) on back of expeditious implementation of reforms," PwC President Sangita Ravly said.

Going ahead, we look forward to a pragmatic Budget which focuses on enhancing consumption demand and investments to refuel economic growth trajectory, PHDCCI President D K Aggarwal said.

"Realising economic growth targets and attaining national aspirations call for not just renewed focus and investment in key sectors like infrastructure and rural empowerment, but also on establishing and enabling a climate of trust," said Hites

George, Partner and National Head - Infrastructure, Government and Healthcare, KPMG in India.

"Considering the difficulties in proposing and implementing the budget 2020 at this juncture budgetary policy has to create more trust and enabling environment for investors, keeping revenues stable and boosting demand through public investment and spending," said Raktim Chatterjee, Founder & CEO, Expertise Business.

The Millennium Post, New Delhi, February 1, 2020

Economic Survey inspiring : pro-business policies will rebound the economic growth trajectory: PHD Chamber

New Delhi, Dr D K Aggarwal, President, PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry while appreciating the Economic Survey 2019-20 said that Economic Survey is providing a clear direction in the economic thought process of the government and its determination to achieve a US\$5 trillion economy. The Economic Survey 2019-20 pegs India's growth at 6-6.5% in FY2021 with growth revival expected from second half of FY2021. Government's commitment to carry the reform process forward indicates that the robust growth trajectory is not far away. The focus on maintaining consistency in policy making speaks volume on government's agenda to rejuvenate economic growth of the country, said Dr Aggarwal. The vision of the Economic Survey on strengthening the invisible hand of the market and supporting it with a hand of trust is in consonance with the idea of creating strong frameworks for enhancing the economic growth trajectory, said Dr D K Aggarwal. The strengthening the invisible hand of markets with pro-business policies and minimum government intervention would go a long way to build confidence of the policy makers, investors and the consumers, said Dr D K Aggarwal. The vision of the government on the banking sector in proportion to the size of the economy is appreciable and forward looking as banking sector is a backbone of any economy, said Dr Aggarwal. The Economic Survey suggests increasing exports by specialising at large scale in labour intensive sectors, focussing on enabling assembling operations at mammoth scale in network products and exporting primarily to markets in rich countries. These steps are highly appreciable as enhancing exports trajectory would facilitate in rejuvenating economic growth, said Dr Aggarwal. The survey recognizes the contribution of each and every unit that can make a big difference at the aggregate level as the Survey notes that a 10 per cent increase in registration of new firms in a district yields a 1.8 % increase in Gross Domestic Product, said Dr Aggarwal.

The Economic Survey suggests that with the integration of Assemblage in India for the World in to Make in India, the share of exports can be raised to about 3.5 % by 2025 and 6 % by 2030 and more than 8 crore jobs can be created by 2030, said Dr D K Aggarwal. At this juncture, bold and flexible reforms in land and labour would be crucial to attract domestic and foreign investors and create employment opportunities for millions of growing young workforce, said Dr Aggarwal. The transmission of the policy rate cut by the banking sector in terms of reduced lending rates would be crucial to boost liquidity and induce demand in the country, added Dr Aggarwal. The Economic Survey highlights the report of the Task Force on National Infrastructure Pipeline released recently which projects total infrastructure investment of Rs. 102 lakh crore during the period FY 2020 to 2025 in India, said Dr D K Aggarwal. Increased expenditure of the government to enhance consumption demand along with implementation of Rs 102 lakh crore National Infrastructure Pipeline (NIP) has the potential to push economic growth trajectory to more than 8% in the next 3 years, said Dr D K Aggarwal. The Survey notes the various reasons for lower growth of agricultural productivity such as lower level of mechanization, skewed pattern of regional distribution of agricultural credit, among others. For doubling farmers' income, a properly designed market support scheme for agricultural produce and dismantling of barriers to markets for farmers must be pursued, said Dr Aggarwal.

APMC should be dismantled and e-NAM should become the vehicle for farmers' produce across the states, added Dr Aggarwal. We appreciate the performance of social sector schemes of the Government particularly the women empowerment, said Dr D K Aggarwal. It is inspiring to know that total formal employment in the economy increased from 8 % in 2011-12 to around 10% in 2017-18, said Dr Aggarwal. We are elated to know that the reforms measures of the government have started bearing fruit as the share of regular wage/salaried employees has increased by 5 percentage points (23%) with a significant jump of around 2.6 crore new jobs in this category, said Dr D K Aggarwal. The Economic Survey notes that the expenditure on social services (health, education and others) by the Centre and States as a proportion of GDP increased from 6.2 % in 2014-15 to 7.7% in 2019-20 (BoE). Going ahead, we expect further increase in health and education expenditure to the level of 10% of GDP by 2022, said Dr D K Aggarwal. A robust analysis of current skill gaps to promote effective skill development should be undertaken to create more and more employment opportunities for the growing workforce in the country, said Dr Aggarwal. At judiciary reforms front, vacancies of judges should be filled up in order to speed up the justice delivery system, said Dr Aggarwal.

The Focus News, New Delhi, February 1, 2020

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The Amar Ujala, New Delhi, February 2, 2020

Pro-business policies will rebound the economic growth trajectory: PHD Chamber

Raipur, Feb 01:

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The Central Chronicle, Raipur, February 2, 2020

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बजट में निर्यातकों, बैंकिंग प्रणाली, घरेलू एवं विदेशी निवेशकों और एमएसएमई को राहत दी जाए। इससे देश में मजबूत आर्थिक वातावरण तैयार होगा।



आयकर दरों पर टास्क फोर्स की सिफारिश को लागू किए जाने की उम्मीद है। इससे लोगों की आय में वृद्धि होगी।

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The Hindustan, New Delhi, February 1, 2020

Budget will boost incomes and enhance purchasing power: PHD Chamber



New Delhi, Dr D K Aggarwal, President, PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry has congratulated Mrs Nirmala Sitharaman, Hon'ble Finance Minister for presenting a dynamic budget and meeting aspirations of all sections of the society for the improvement of standards of living, in a press statement issued. The focus of the Budget on the Agriculture sector with pinpointed 16 action points to double farmers' income by 2022 is highly encouraging. The focus on agriculture will create tremendous demand in the economy, boost manufacturing and services sector activities and rebound the economic growth trajectory of the country, said Dr D K Aggarwal. The three themes of aspiration, development and compassion would become the pillars of strong and sustainable growth of the country, said Dr Aggarwal. Aspirational India will facilitate in providing a better standard of living to the people, said Dr Aggarwal. The focus on economic development is the need of the hour to rejuvenate the growth momentum of the country, he said. The sub-theme of caring and compassion is essential to ensure sustainable growth, going forward, he added. Schemes such as Dhanlaxshmi scheme, Krishi Udaan Scheme will certainly change the sentiments of the agriculture sector from distress to prosperity, added Dr Aggarwal. The Dhanya Laxmi Scheme will enhance the participation of women in the agriculture sector. The Krishi Udaan Scheme would help in reducing wastages in the food sector thereby facilitating farmers in enhancing their farm income, said Dr Aggarwal. Focus on the New Education Policy in the coming times will improve the outreach of the education to the needy people, said Dr D K Aggarwal. The increase in the allocation on education to 4.7% is in line with the expectations and we expect this to be increased further to 10% in the coming times, said Dr Aggarwal. The fiscal deficit at 3.5% of GDP in FY21 is also in line with the expectations as we look forward to government remaining strict to maintain fiscal consolidation at this level, said Dr D K Aggarwal. The exemption from income tax for people with income of upto Rs 5 lakhs and rationalization of taxes to 10% for people with income between Rs 5 lakh to Rs 7.5 lakh, 15% income tax rate for income between 7.5-10 lakhs, 20% income tax rate for income between 10-12.5 lakhs and 25% income tax rate for income between 12.5-15 lakhs are encouraging and are expected to boost the demand in the economy, said Dr D K Aggarwal. The abolition of DDT, a long standing demand of the industry, is highly encouraging as it will further make India an attractive destination for investment, said Dr Aggarwal. Overall the budget is growth provoking and welfare inducing. We look forward to continuation of reforms, going forward, said Dr D K Aggarwal.

The Focus News, New Delhi, February 2, 2020

उद्योग जगत ने किया बजट का स्वागत

नई दिल्ली, 1 फरवरी (एजेंसियां)। उद्योग जगत ने वित्त वर्ष 2020-21 के आम बजट का स्वागत करते हुए इसे खानदार बताया और कहा कि इससे बाजार में चुंजी का प्रवाह बढ़ेगा और जनता की आकांक्षाएँ पूरी होने के अलावा अर्थव्यवस्था को रफ्तार मिलेगी।

भारतीय उद्योग एवं वाणिज्य महासंघ (फिक्की) की अध्यक्ष संगीता रेड्डी ने कहा कि बजट 2020 से भारत सशक्त होगा और उद्योगों को मजबूती मिलेगी। संसद में पेश किए गए वित्त वर्ष

- बजट 2020 से भारत सशक्त होगा और उद्योगों को मजबूती मिलेगी : फिक्की
- बजट आय व खरीद क्षमता को बढ़ाने वाला : अग्रवाल

2020-21 के आम बजट में केंद्रीय वित्त मंत्री निर्मला सीतारमण ने मौजूदा चुनौतियों का पूरा ध्यान रखा है। सरकार का प्रयास सहाय्य है और भारतीय अर्थव्यवस्था को मजबूती देने के कई उपायों की घोषणा की गई है।

उन्होंने कहा कि सरकार को आम आदमी के हाथ में अधिक से अधिक धन देने की व्यवस्था करनी चाहिए जिससे उसकी खरीद क्षमता में इजाफा हो और मांग से औद्योगिक उत्पादन की गति मिल सके।

पीएचडी चैंबर ऑफ कॉमर्स के अध्यक्ष डी के अग्रवाल ने कहा कि यह बजट आय और खरीद क्षमता को बढ़ाने वाला है। उन्होंने कहा कि यह एक खानदार बजट है जिसमें समाज के सभी वर्गों का ध्यान रखा गया है। किसानों की आय वर्ष 2022 तक दुगुनी के बनने के लिए कृषि पर विशेष ध्यान दिया गया है। इससे देश में खबरदस्त मांग पैदा होगी और औद्योगिक उत्पादन को मजबूती मिलेगी। अतिरिक्त आय के स्तर में बदलाव से आम आदमी के हाथ में ज्यादा पैसा होगा और मांग में इजाफा होगा।

The Deshbandhu, New Delhi, February 2, 2020

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सहाय्य है और भारतीय अर्थव्यवस्था को मजबूती देने के कई उपायों की घोषणा की गई है। उन्होंने कहा कि सरकार को आम आदमी के हाथ में अधिक से अधिक धन देने की व्यवस्था करनी चाहिए जिससे उसकी खरीद क्षमता में इजाफा हो और मांग से औद्योगिक उत्पादन की गति मिल सके। पीएचडी चैंबर ऑफ कॉमर्स के अध्यक्ष डी के अग्रवाल ने कहा कि यह बजट आय और खरीद क्षमता को बढ़ाने वाला है। उन्होंने कहा कि यह एक खानदार बजट है जिसमें समाज के सभी वर्गों का ध्यान रखा गया है। किसानों की आय वर्ष 2022 तक दुगुनी के बनने के लिए कृषि पर विशेष ध्यान दिया गया है। इससे देश में खबरदस्त मांग पैदा होगी और औद्योगिक उत्पादन को मजबूती मिलेगी। अतिरिक्त आय के स्तर में बदलाव से आम आदमी के हाथ में ज्यादा पैसा होगा और मांग में इजाफा होगा।

भारतीय उद्योग परिषद के महासंदेशक चंदनीत बनर्जी ने आम बजट से निवेशकों और उद्योग जगत में सकारात्मक संदेश जाएगा। उन्होंने कहा कि कंपनी कानून की समीक्षा की घोषणा से उद्योगजगत में विश्वास पैदा होगा। 'विश्वास से विश्वास' योजना से किसानों का निपटारा होगा और उद्योगों में भरपूर बढ़ेगा।

The Naya India, New Delhi, February 2, 2020



धन लक्ष्मी योजना, कृषि उद्धान योजना किसानों की बेहतरी में सहायक साबित होंगी। बजट से बड़ा बदलाव होगा।

डीके अग्रवाल, प्रेसिडेंट, पीएचडी चैंबर ऑफ कॉमर्स

The Dainik Jagran, New Delhi, February 2, 2020

पीएचडी ने किया आम

बजट का स्वागत

नई दिल्ली (एसएनबी)। पीएचडी चैंबर ऑफ कॉमर्स ने आम बजट का स्वागत करते हुए कहा है कि वर्ष 2022 तक किसानों की आय दुगुनी करने के लिए 16 सूत्रीय कार्य योजना के साथ कृषि क्षेत्र पर बजट का ध्यान अत्यधिक उत्साहजनक है।

चैंबर के अध्यक्ष डा. डीके अग्रवाल ने कहा कि कृषि पर ध्यान केंद्रित करने से अर्थव्यवस्था में खबरदस्त मांग पैदा होगी, निर्माण और सर्विस क्षेत्र की गतिविधियों को बढ़ावा मिलेगा और देश की आर्थिक वृद्धि दर में तेजी आएगी। आकांक्षा विकास और सहायता के तीन विषय देश के मजबूत और स्थायी विकास के आधार बनेंगे।

डा.अग्रवाल ने कहा कि लगातार विकसित होता भारत लोगों को बेहतर जीवन स्तर प्रदान करने में सुविधा प्रदान करेगा। बजट से आय बढ़ेगी और आम लोगों की खरीद क्षमता भी।

The Rashtriya Sahara, New Delhi, February 2, 2020



PHDCCI Contribution to Indian Economy Unique, Says Dr Manmohan Singh, Prime Minister of India



Inaugurating the Centenary Celebrations of PHDCCI on March 21, 2005 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi, Dr Manmohan Singh, the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India paid tribute to the generations of businessmen who had been part of this Chamber and who helped in the country's transition from an agrarian and colonial economy to a modern industrial economy. The Prime Minister highlighted the role played by this premier Chamber in giving a voice to the needs and aspirations of businesses in this region.

PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry has the unique honour of being the first of the so-called "provincial" chambers of commerce and industry, wholly created by local Indian enterprise, said Dr Manmohan Singh. This is a testimony to the pioneering role of indigenous business in the northern part of India. Dr Manmohan Singh appreciated the fact that PHDCCI has chosen to give a new but special meaning to the letters P H and D in its name: Progress, Harmony and Development. All three are inter-related variables, together they constitute the paradigm of development that the government would like to pursue.

Prime Minister highlighted that the country is now at a stage where the critical bottleneck is infrastructure physical as well as human. We need to pay attention in a sustained manner in addressing the infrastructure deficit.

Releasing the PHDCCI Centenary Volume 'Preserving the Spirit of 100 Years', Prime Minister expressed confidence that the next hundred years would be even better and more memorable for the Chamber.

Mr. K N Memani, President, PHDCCI, assured the Prime Minister of full support in giving economic reforms a human face. "Our members will work wholeheartedly with the government in making India a strong economic power house in the coming years", Mr. Memani said.

Visualizing the next 15 years, Mr. Memani felt that India would be an economically independent and self-respecting country having freedom to access knowledge and be innovative. His vision also encompasses an India where industry and competition would provide challenges for everyone to realize their full potential.



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