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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Friends,

Welcome to the new world order!

Since the last time I spoke to you, the country and the world have gone through a massive upheaval. Unprecedented occurrences, something the mind could never have imagined, let alone conceived, are today a reality. We are under siege by the tiniest of micro-organisms known to humankind, the COVID-19 virus.

The novel Coronavirus pandemic, though having originated in China, has taken the entire world into its ambit. While every country is dealing with their own healthcare and socio-economic challenges, India has emerged as a shining example in this fight against COVID-19.

The nationwide lockdown implemented since 24th March has proven to be fairly effective in controlling the number of cases despite concerns of our massive population. As of me penning this note to you on May 3rd, we stand at a figure of forty thousand cases with a known recovery rate of 28%. Though it pains me to write this, our mortality rate is around 3%, which is significantly lower than in other COVID-19 impacted countries. I must emphasize here that India's health-care system has stood its ground under the immense pressure despite worries and concerns around our still developing public health system. Talks about flattening the curve hold centre stage as the government and all its ministries diligently work towards optimising allocation of available resources and planning the response adequately.

The Chamber appreciates the proactive measures undertaken by the government to contain the spread. Having said this, India's testing capacity has been a matter of concern and definitely needs to be bolstered. Here, our



Dr D K Aggarwal



start-up eco-systems in partnership with academia and research are playing a leading role in developing new testing strategies, affordable and accessible PPE as well as intensive care equipment including ventilators and also mobile apps for contact tracing and information dissemination. The Arogya Setu app aimed at proactively reaching out to and informing users regarding risks, best practices and relevant advisories pertaining to the containment of the virus developed by the National Informatics Centre is an excellent example of this collaboration.

As we are all aware, this battle is a difficult one with a much-debated trade-off between stopping transmission of the virus and safeguarding the economy. India has an estimated 40 million migrant workers. The announcement of the lockdown, though with the best intent, has caused sudden chaos with much uncertainty for the informal sector. Many migrant labourers found themselves without work and no means of commuting back to their hometowns. Though the government soon reached out with aid in the form of food and temporary shelter, panic had already spread by then. Unfortunately, the lockdown badly hurt the livelihoods of many people.

Further, industry has been severely affected, especially the MSMEs. SMEs are facing an enormous working capital crunch, manpower loss with almost no orders and uncertainty about their survival. Moreover, being mostly labour-intensive, small businesses are worried that the moment lockdown is over and intercity and inter-state mobility is allowed, labour might rush back to their native places, further worsening the labour situation. Further, supply of raw materials and fluctuation in prices might lead to higher costs. With no upcoming orders for the next quarter, it is going to be a big challenge for the MSMEs to pursue

their activities.

With the situation in mind, I commend the government's initiatives to contain the health and economic fallout, and the RBI for providing calibrated support in the form of policy rate cuts and regulatory forbearance. Allowances by banks to stall EMIs for term loans and increased liquidity by cutting down the Cash Reserve Ratio are efforts to mitigate the effects of the lockdown. The recent reform measures in terms of fiscal support of Rs. 1.70 lakh crores and Rs. 15,000 crores are intended for the build-up of health infrastructure are indeed noteworthy efforts. I am glad that the government has accepted the Chamber's recommendations, such as issuance of pending refunds of income-tax, GST and customs, thus providing immediate relief to business entities and individuals.

We welcome the government's decision to allow selected economic activities in a staggered manner in all zones – red, orange and green – based on the intensity of the spread of COVID-19. All these will go a long way in uplifting the sentiments of the stricken Indian industry and helping impacted workers to resume their livelihoods.

The Chamber urges the government to provide an increased stimulus relief package of Rs. 16 lakh crores, which is around 7% of GDP, to manage the impact of the pandemic on the economy. It is estimated that this infusion will help the economy to sustain a minimum growth of 4% in the current fiscal year 2020-21.


I must share that our PHD members have generously made a contribution of Rs. 1.2 crores to the PM CARES Fund, along with distributing lakhs of food packets, sanitizers, masks and other personal protective equipment to beneficiaries, through our two foundations, the Rural Health Foundation and the Family Welfare Foundation. Members have also extended help to various state governments and provided

critical care equipment including ventilators to hospitals and medical centres. I would like to thank all COVID-19 warriors including doctors, nurses, police personnel, sanitation workers, delivery boys and media which have continued to provide their services in these difficult times.

Rockefeller's advice, "I always tried to turn every disaster into an opportunity", should be taken to heart at this time to ensure countries emerge stronger by finding creative ways to do business and move towards more sustainable approaches. I must highlight here that COVID-19 has brought the use of technology into the fore and given a boost to online services in areas of education, medicine, etc.

It is but expected that there is going to be perceptible change in the global supply chains, and Indian industrialists and exporters should be looking to capture a significant share in world trade. Post COVID-19, giving the geopolitical situation, India could emerge as a favourable investment destination for foreign companies earlier doing business with China. We should be ready with strategies to welcome foreign companies across all sectors.

As individuals, nations and institutional structures slowly emerge from the paroxysm of the pandemic, values and supply chains will need to be realigned to cater to new ways of working and living. I hope that each one of us will play a pivotal role to save lives and livelihoods by ensuring better hygiene, healthcare, environmental sustainability and economic responsiveness, so that all may catapult us towards a better tomorrow. The PHD Chamber stands in complete solidarity with the Government and Industry and pledges to extend its wholehearted support in whatever means required to help the nation tide over the COVID-19 pandemic and emerge victorious.


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Mr Saurabh Sanyal, New Secretary General of PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry



PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry welcomes Mr. Saurabh Sanyal, as the new Secretary General. Mr. Sanyal took over as the new Secretary General on April 6, 2020 and this is his second stint serving as the Secretary General of the esteemed organization, where he served from May 2013 till October 2018.

Prior to taking over as the Secretary General of PHD Chamber, Mr. Sanyal was serving as Deputy Secretary General at ASSOCHAM from February 2019 till March 2020.

Mr. Saurabh Sanyal is a retired (Col) professional with over 39 years of diverse experience in Armed forces (Corps of Engineers) and the corporate sector. Mr Sanyal is a Mechanical Engineer and holds a post graduate degree from IIT Madras along with MSc. in Disaster Mitigation and MBA from IMT Gaziabad.

He has participated in many Counter Insurgency Operations- Rakshak, Parakram (Kargill), Bajrang and Rhino at J&K and Northeast. He is the recipient of the Chief of the Army Staff Commendation in 1994 while serving at Kupwara (J&K) and again in 2005 at Tezpur (Assam) for distinguished Service of the highest order. He is a keen sportsman and an avid golfer.

During his last stint with PHD Chamber, Mr. Sanyal, took various progressive measures for the growth of the Chamber and established new departments and committees to strengthen the policy advocacy role only at Centre and State level but also at international level such as he organized delegations to enhance India's trade and investments trajectory towards East Asian economies, African and Middle East countries.



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PHDCCI EDUCATION SUMMIT 2020

Inaugural Session-‘Transforming Education –

For making India, a \$5 trillion economy by 2024-25’

Dr. Jatinder Singh, Director and Dr. Ranjeet Mehta, Principal Director, PHDCCI; Dr. D N Pandey, Director, Jaipuria Institute of Management; Mr. Alexander Stedtfeld, Economic Counselor, Embassy of Germany; Dr. D K Aggarwal, President, PHDCCI; Mr. Peter Rimmele, Resident Representative to India, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS), Germany; Mr. Pradeep Multani, Vice President and Dr. Vishwa Mohan Bansal, Chairman, Education Committee, PHDCCI and Dr. Sushil Chandra, Scientist, Defense Research and Development Organization (DRDO)

In association with Konrad Adenauer Stiftung (KAS), Germany and under the aegis of its State Development Council and Education Committee, PHD Chamber organized the ‘PHDCCI Education Summit 2020’ on February 27, 2020 at Hotel Taj Mahal, New Delhi. The Summit highlighted the policy measures taken by the Indian Government since 2014 and their successful implementation in states which are now enabling in bridging the skill-gap of the workforce to align with the changing needs of the industry in India.

Through the focused deliberations, the Summit envisaged to support the government’s efforts to strengthen the knowledge ecosystem in India and make it a global hub for knowledge-centric activities to realize the dream of making India, a USD\$ 5 trillion economy by 2024-25.

Dr. D K Aggarwal, President, PHDCCI while appreciating KAS for supporting the Summit, highlighted the transformation of Industry 3.0 to Industry 4.0 over the last 20 years and its significance for the education ecosystem to achieve the USD 5 trillion economy by 2024-25; USD 10 trillion economy by 2030 and eventually a USD 20 trillion economy by 2050.

Mr. Pradeep Multani, Vice President, PHDCCI stressed on



Policy Session – I - ‘Education, Skill Development and Employability - Best Practices in States’

Dr. Jatinder Singh, Director, PHDCCI; Mr. Ambrish Sinha, CEO, MeritTrac Services; Mr. Rajan Sehgal, Co-chairman, Tourism Committee, PHDCCI; Mr. Sham Lal Goyal, ACS & Investment Commissioner, Govt. of Maharashtra; Col Anand Kumar Singh (Retd), CEO, Construction Skill Development Council of India, NSDC; Dr. Kamlesh Vyas, Partner, Deloitte and Mr. Debabrata Ghosh, Director, KPMG

the importance of education and reiterated that skill development programmes should be endorsed to meet the needs of the industry.

Mr. Peter Rimmele, Resident Representative to India, KAS, Germany, said that education plays a tremendous role in transforming the social ecosystem to achieve the ambitious goal of a USD 5 trillion economy. Highlighting that India is

having a demographic dividend of 500 million people which it should work to its advantage with quality education system, Mr. Rimmele remarked that education is not only creating manpower but to empower the citizens.

Mr. Alexander Stedtfeld, Economic Counsellor, Embassy of Germany, India cited the example of Germany and its success stories in building



Policy Session – II: ‘Creating Interface of Government, Industry and Academia for Making New Knowledge Eco-system in India’

Dr Namita Rajput, Principal (OSD), Sri Aurobindo College(E), University of Delhi; Dr Suvrokalal Dutta, Senior Adviser, Sharda University; Mr. Sunil K Marwah, CEO, Sector Skill Council for Food Processing, NSDC; Mr. Sahil Aggarwal, Co-chairman, Education Committee and Dr Vishwa Mohan Bansal, Chairman, Education Committee, PHDCCI; Mr. Devin Narang, Country Head India, Sindicatum Carbon Capital India Pvt. Ltd; Mr. Ajay Oberoi, Chief People Officer and Head L&D, IDBI, Federal Life Insurance; Mr. Krishan Gupta, Managing Director, Organic Wellness; Mr. Bhupendra Renjen, CEO, Global Nexus and Mr. Vivek Gupta, Co-founder and CEO, Storecheq

a quality education system by an efficient Public Private Partnership (PPP) model. Two-thirds of the young kids coming from schools after ten to twelve years of education opt for vocational training programs showing the changing trends in the education system, explained Mr. Alexander.

Dr D N Pandey, Director, Jaipuria Institute of Management expressed the need for transforming education in India to become a USD 5 trillion economy. While stating the recent IMF projection of India being the 5th largest economy in the world, he commented that the vision of Prime Minister, Mr. Narendra Modi to make

India a US\$ trillion economy by 2024-25, is a stretched but not an impossible target and we as citizens should celebrate even if we reach near the target.

Dr Sushil Chandra, Scientist G, INMAS, Defence Research and Development Organization said that India needs to build a world class eco-system in education to fulfill our vision of a US\$ 5 trillion economy. In today's time, when research is only limited to publications and books, it would be beneficial if these researches are converted into products as it will help contribute significantly with the vision of a US\$ 5 trillion economy by 2024-25,

said Dr Chandra.

Dr Vishwa Mohan Bansal, Chairman, Education Committee, PHDCCI in his vote of thanks to the eminent speakers stated that every student should be given an additional skill to make him/her a leader for tomorrow.

PHDCCI plans to come out with a comprehensive report based on the recommendations made at the Summit which will be shared with the concerned government departments, academia and media. The report will help in making the education sector in India inclusive and quality-driven.



WEBINAR ON PROBLEMS FACED BY INDUSTRY

The Delhi & NCR Chapter of PHD Chamber organized a Video Conference (VC) with the representatives of the Industry Associations in Delhi on April 10, 2020. The agenda of the Video Conference was to discuss the problems faced by industry in Delhi.

The VC was attended by Mr. Ajit Jaju, President, Builder Association of India; Mr. Ved Khurana, Secretary, Builder Association of India; Mr. Chetan Bhardwaj, General Manager, Indian Direct Selling Association; Mr. Rajan Sharma, President, Okhla Industrial Estate Association along

with Mr. Rakesh Gupta, Chairman, Delhi & NCR Committee and Mr. Saurabh Sanyal, Secretary General, PHDCCI.

Speakers spoke about the problems being faced by industry, specially by the MSMEs during the lockdown at Delhi & NCR and how the challenges can be overcome. Mr. Rakesh Gupta, Chairman, Delhi & NCR Committee, PHDCCI suggested to the speakers to send their points and representations so that the same can be complied and taken up with the competent authorities and the policy makers.



CONFERENCE ON NCLT & NCLAT: CONVERGENCE OF CORPORATE JURISDICTION

Ms. Sohale Gupta, Executive Officer, Ms. Shivani Gupta, Deputy Secretary and Ms. Babeeta Sharma, Secretary (Finance), PHDCCI; Mr. Satwinder Singh, Partner, Vaish Associates Advocates; Mr. Balvinder Singh, Hon'ble Technical Member, National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT); Mr. Vijay Jhalani, Co-chairman, Corporate Affairs Committee, PHDCCI and Mr. NPS Chawla, Associate Partner, Vaish Associates Advocates



The Corporate Affairs Committee of PHD Chamber organized a conference on NCLT & NCLAT: Convergence of Corporate Jurisdiction on February 25, 2020 at PHD House, New Delhi. Mr. Balvinder Singh, Hon'ble Technical Member, National Company Law Appellate Tribunal was the Guest of Honour at the conference.

Ms. Babeeta Sharma, Secretary (Finance), PHDCCI while moderating the session stated that NCLT and NCLAT have been active instruments and institutions for appeals under IBC, Companies Act and various other matters.

Mr. Naveen N D Gupta, Chairman, Corporate Affairs Committee, PHDCCI mentioned that the role of National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) has been growing multifaceted in the regulator and judiciary forum. He highlighted the latest developments in the new Companies Act that have played an enormous role in the NCLT. He stated that the merits of establishing NCLT and NCLAT include exclusive jurisdiction, decrease in multiplicity of litigation before courts and time efficiency with which the cases are heard and decisions passed.

Mr. Vijay Jhalani, Co-chairman,



Ms. Babeeta Sharma, Secretary (Finance), PHDCCI; Mr. Satwinder Singh, Partner, Vaish Associates Advocates; Mr. Naveen N D Gupta, Chairman, Corporate Affairs Committee, PHDCCI and Mr. Vijay Jhalani, Co-chairman, Corporate Affairs Committee, PHDCCI

Corporate Affairs Committee, PHDCCI elaborated on the role played by PHDCCI in creating awareness among industry stakeholders to collectively work. He mentioned that with time, it is being ensured that dispensation of justice and disposal of business matters by the court and authorities are in tune with the speed of business which is being transacted towards ease of doing business.

Mr. NPS Chawla, Associate Partner, Vaish Associates Advocates gave a presentation on "Minority Interest Protection and Claim against Oppression & Mismanagement – Latest Case Studies". He broadly

defined the meaning of oppression and mismanagement with detailed procedure of filing an application in this regard. While quoting the case study of Tata Mistry, he highlighted the various issues and parameters for waiver of applications.

Mr. Satwinder Singh, Partner, Vaish Associates Advocates gave a presentation on "Emerging Aspects in the Areas of Compromise and Arrangements, Takeover of Unlisted Companies and Reduction of Shares". He highlighted that recent amendment in section 230 of the Companies Act, 2013 along with the Companies (Compromises, Arrangements and

Amalgamations) Amendment Rules, 2020 and the National Company Law Tribunal (Amendment) Rules, 2020 will provide an additional avenue to the majority shareholders to buy out the minority shareholders of unlisted companies by approaching the Tribunal through the route of Scheme of Arrangement.

Guest of Honour, Mr. Balvinder Singh, Hon'ble Technical Member, National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT) in his special address stated that the main focus of an

organization to survive is its viability. While stressing upon the convergence of jurisdiction, he reiterated that strategic rules made by the institutions to encourage flow of ideas.

Mr. Singh also highlighted about the stages for Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code wherein he called the resolution process a tedious one and added that liquidation not only relies on factual practices. He highlighted that liquidation of a company under IBC is sometimes better than a resolution as it provides

opportunities for alternative use of its assets and adds value to the country. He suggested the need to look into all parameters during corporate insolvency, as there are some constraints during the process and the focus should not only be to maximize the value of stressed assets.

Mr. Vijay Jhalani, Co-chairman, Corporate Affairs Committee, PHDCCI delivered the vote-of- thanks to the Guest of Honour, Speakers, Associate Partners and participants for their gracious presence at the conference.

UNION MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY DISCUSSES GLOBAL DISRUPTIONS IN SUPPLY CHAINS AND THEIR IMPACT ON INDIA



A PHD Chamber delegation led by Dr D K Aggarwal, President participated in the meeting chaired by Mr. Som Prakash, Hon'ble Minister of State, Commerce and Industry, to discuss "Global Disruptions in Supply Chains and their impact on India" on March 12, 2020 at Udyog Bhavan, New Delhi. Industry chambers and trade associations present at the meeting discussed the impact of supply chain disruptions, caused by the spread of Corona Virus, on their respective businesses and trade. Pharmaceuticals, automobile and shipping industry among others have been adversely impacted whereas the Indian Spices industry has a tremendous trade opportunity lying ahead. PHD Chamber suggested



to the Minister to reduce Excise duties and VAT on petroleum, diesel and allied products by at least 25%, increase the working capital limits for the industry and reduce interest rates for easy accessibility of funds to the industry in these times to kick start growth and boost economic sentiments.

The Hon'ble Minister appreciated the valuable suggestions made by the Chamber and asked the delegation to submit the same in writing to the government.



URBAN TECHNOVATION SUMMIT 2020

Dr Yogesh Srivastav Principal Director; Mr. Manish Agarwal, Chairman PHD Housing and Urban Development Committee; Ms. D Thara (IAS), Joint Secretary MAHUA & National Mission Director (AMRUT); Dr D K Aggarwal, President, PHDCCI; Mr. Manoj Gaur, Managing Director, Gaursons Hi-Tech Infrastructure Pvt. Ltd. & Chairman UP Chapter, PHDCCI and Mr. Shankar A, COO-Strategic Consulting India & Srilanka JLL India Pvt Ltd.

The Housing and Urban Development Committee of PHD Chamber organized the Urban Technovation Summit 2020 on February 28, 2020 at PHD House, New Delhi on the theme of role of Technology and Innovation in Emerging Urban India. Ms. D Thara, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs graced the occasion as the Chief Guest.

Dr D K Aggarwal, President, PHD Chamber, while welcoming the august gathering, stated that urban population is estimated to increase by 40% till 2030. This rapid urbanization calls for New Age technology innovations like Artificial Intelligence, internet of things, block chains among others as new technology and innovations have the potential to transform the quality of life. He also mentioned the visionary target of creating 100 smart cities by the Modi Government to rejuvenate the infrastructure development of the country.

Mr. Manish Agarwal, Chairman, Housing & Urban Development Committee, PHD Chamber in his theme address highlighted the importance of technology in the growth of real estate sector in India. He stated that disrupting technologies like Artificial Intelligence, Big Data Analytics, Augmented and Virtual Reality are



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taking over the real estate industry and streamlining the way of doing businesses.

Mr. Manoj Gaur, Managing Director, Gaursons Hi-Tech Infrastructure Pvt. Ltd. & Chairman UP Chapter, PHD Chamber in his special address reiterated that technology and innovation should be adopted to improve quality of the product and reduce the cost of the project. Citing an example of Gaursons project in 2014-15, he said that more than 3 crore square feet infrastructure was built in four years with the help of advanced Hi-Tech technology.

The Summit provided a platform to all stakeholders of the real estate sector to come together and explore the viability of the role of technology and innovation for emerging Urban India for exponential transformation and growth of the real estate sector.

A knowledge paper – 'Technology led Innovation, Impact on Urban Development and Real Estate' prepared jointly by PHD Chamber and JLL was also released during the Summit. Dr Yogesh Shrivastav, Principal Director, PHD Chamber delivered the formal vote-of-thanks to the guests.



CONFERENCE ON VIVAD SE VISHWAS SCHEME

Dr S P Sharma, Chief Economist, PHD Chamber; Mr. Anil Kumar Chopra, Mentor, Direct Taxes Committee, PHD Chamber; Mr. Kamlesh C Varshney, JS(TPL – I), Central Board of Direct Taxes; Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, Senior Vice President, PHD Chamber; Mr. Mukul Bagla, Chairman, Direct Taxes Committee and Mr. Ravi Bhatia, Co-chairman, Direct Taxes Committee, PHD Chamber

PHD Chamber organized a conference on “Vivad Se Vishwas Scheme” on March 6, 2020 at PHD House, New Delhi. Mr. Kamlesh C Varshney, Joint Secretary (TPL – I), CBDT graced the occasion as Special Guest and addressed the delegates.

Mr. Kamlesh C Varshney, Joint Secretary (TPL – I), Central Board of Direct Taxes, said that the ‘Vivad Se Vishwas’ scheme is to facilitate taxpayers to settle their disputes with certainty. The scheme will benefit taxpayers by providing them peace of mind, certainty and savings on account of time and resources that would otherwise be spent on the long-drawn litigation process. He highlighted that Vivad Se Vishwas scheme will allow everyone to come forward and settle their disputes not only the existing ones but also disputes which are likely to arise. With the FAQs released by the Government, the payment of taxes under the Vivad Se Vishwas Scheme can be prepared by the taxpayers in advance. He apprised that the objective of the Government was to generate timely revenue on or before March 31, 2020.

Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, Senior Vice President, PHD Chamber in his welcome address mentioned that the ‘Vivad Se Vishwas’ scheme will benefit many taxpayers and significantly reduce litigation in the taxation system in the coming times. As the scheme will be able to generate revenues for the government in the coming times, the government should focus on broadening the scheme, which can



Dr S P Sharma, Chief Economist, PHD Chamber; Mr. Anil Kumar Chopra, Mentor, Direct Taxes Committee, PHD Chamber; Mr. Kamlesh C Varshney, JS(TPL – I), Central Board of Direct Taxes, Government of India; Mr. Mukul Bagla, Chairman, Direct Taxes Committee, PHD Chamber and Mr. Ravi Bhatia, Co-chairman, Direct Taxes Committee, PHD Chamber

help in generating more than Rs 2 lakh crores for the government, going ahead.

Mr. Anil Kumar Chopra, Mentor, Direct Taxes Committee, PHD Chamber said that the scheme aims to resolve 4,83,000 direct tax-related disputes pending in several appellate forums, namely, Commissioner (Appeals), Income Tax Appellate Tribunal (ITAT), High Court and Supreme Court. He requested the government to assign a designated person for a large number of taxpayers under the litigation cases so that they are able to take advantage of the scheme. He explained the concept of credit where the assessee settles TDS appeals or withdraws arbitration against order u/s 201 as deductor of TDS. He mentioned that in such cases, the deductee shall be allowed to claim credit of taxes in respect of which the deductor has availed dispute resolution under the

Vivad se Vishwas.

Mr. Mukul Bagla, Chairman, Direct Taxes Committee, PHD Chamber congratulated the government for the release of FAQs on ‘Vivad Se Vishwas’ scheme. He stated that the FAQs are very exhaustive for the taxpayers. He stated that under the Vivad se Vishwas, interest and penalty will be waived only in respect of the issue which is disputed in appeal and for which declaration is filed. Hence, for the undisputed issue, tax, interest and penalty shall be payable.

Mr. Ravi Bhatia, Co-chairman, Direct Taxes Committee, PHD Chamber in his vote-of-thanks said that this would help in reducing pending litigations and to some extent, the ease of doing business in India, so that assesses can focus their time, efforts and resources on business rather than fighting tax disputes.



7th PHD GLOBAL RAIL CONVENTION-2020 INDIAN RAILWAYS FUTURE GROWTH ON FAST TRACK

CMA Biswarup Basu Vice President, The Institute of Cost Accountants of India; Dr Ranjeet Mehta, Principal Director, PHDCCI; Mr Pradeep Kumar, IRSEE; Member (S&T), Railway Board; Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, Sr. Vice President, PHDCCI; Chief Guest- Hon'ble Chairman Railway Board; Ministry of Railways - Mr. Vinod Kumar Yadav (IRSEE); Dr D K Aggarwal, President PHDCCI; Mr Katsuo Matsumoto, Chief Representative of Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) India Office & Mr Veenu Jain, Chairman, PHD Railways Committee



PHD Chamber's Railways Committee organized its 7th PHD GLOBAL RAIL CONVENTION-2020; Indian Railways Future Growth on Fast Track on March 5, 2020 at PHD House, New Delhi.

Mr. Vinod Kumar Yadav, Hon'ble Chairman Railway Board, Ministry of Railways graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. The Inaugural Session was also graced by Mr. Katsuo Matsumoto; Chief Representative; JICA India Office; Mr Pradeep Kumar, IRSEE; Member (S&T), Railway Board; Dr D.K. Aggarwal, President, PHDCCI; Mr Sanjay Aggarwal, Sr. Vice President, PHDCCI; Mr Veenu Jain, Chairman, PHD Railways Committee & Dr Ranjeet Mehta, Principal Director, PHDCCI.

The Valedictory Session of the programme was graced by Mr. Fagga Singh Kulaste, Hon'ble Minister of State for Steel.

Mr. Vinod Kumar Yadav, (IRSEE), Chairman, Railway Board, Ministry of Railways appreciated the extensive work done by PHD Chamber for initiating suggestions for the growth and development in the India Railway ecosystem. He reiterated that

modernization gives an integrated approach for enhancing capacity of India railway ecosystem through multi-tracking railway connectivity across the country. Mr. Yadav further highlighted the restructuring of the Indian railways on freight loading, safety mechanism, digital transformation, up-gradation of railway networks, stations and infrastructure redevelopment of rail ecosystem. Indian railways has ramped up to electrical locomotives from diesel locomotives, he added.

Mr. Katsuo Matsumoto, Chief Representative of Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) India Office said that the Indian railway was an attractive destination for foreigners. He stressed upon the economic cooperation of the transport sector showing an upright graph of the visit of Indian Prime Minister, Mr. Narendra Modi in 2014.

Dr D K Aggarwal, President PHD welcomed the delegates at the 7th PHD GLOBAL RAIL CONVENTION-2020 and appreciated the Indian Railways for undertaking developmental initiatives and aiming to provide world-class train journey experience to

passengers by embracing technology and modernization advancements. The budgetary visionary objective of transforming Indian railway ecosystem and development of five new railway stations should be proposed through public-private partnership model to meet the resource crunch, said Dr Aggarwal.

Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, Senior Vice President, PHDCCI in his vote-of-thanks highlighted the progressive vision of momentous transformation in the rail ecosystem.

At the Valedictory session, Chief Guest, Mr. Fagga Singh Kulaste, Hon'ble Minister of State, Ministry of Steel deliberated the delegation on the pivotal role played by Indian Railways in enhancing the trade and economic growth of the country. The Minister stated that Indian Railways today is the second largest transportation network in the world and the sector is still progressing towards further growth and development.

A knowledge report made jointly by PHD Chamber and the Knowledge partner - The Institute of Cost Accountants of India was also released at the inaugural session.



Mr Ranjan Dhingra, Co-chairman, PHD Railways Committee; Dr Ranjeet Mehta, Principal Director, PHDCCI; Mr Venu Jain, Chairman, PHD Railways Committee; Dr D K Aggarwal, President PHDCCI; Mr. Faggan Singh Kulaste; Minister of State for Steel; Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, Sr. Vice President, PHDCCI & Mr Sandeep Aggarwal, Chairman, PHD Telecom Committee

A special presentation on “Opportunities for Railway Industry in the National High Speed Railways Project in India” was presented by Mr. Vijay Kumar, Director/RS, NHRCL.

The First Panel Discussion on - Modernization of Rail Signalling & Telecom Infrastructure was chaired by Mr. Pradeep Kumar, IRSSE, Member (S&T), Railway Board. The esteemed panellists were Mr Rajeev Sharma, Additional Member (Signal), Railway Board; Mr. Anshul Gupta; Principal Executive Director (Signal); Railway Board, Mr. Naresh Chand Goyal, IRTS, PED (Safety), Railway Board, Mr. Manish Agarwal, Head Rail Infrastructure, Siemens Mobility India, Mr. Bharat Salhotra, Managing Director, Ronmas INDIA Pvt. Ltd, Mr. Rasmi Ranjan Ray, Head of Rail Control Solutions, Bombardier Transportation and Mr Dhruv Aggarwal, Co-Chairman, PHD Railways Committee.

The Second Panel discussion on Indian Rail Infrastructure: Land Mark

Developments; Opportunities was moderated by Mr. Rajaji Meshram, Partner, E & Y. The esteemed panellists were Mr. Puneet Chawla, CMD Railtel; Mr. S.K. Lohia, MD, Indian Railway Stations Development Corporation- IRSDC; Mr. Subrat Nath, MD Talgo India; Mr. Sanjeev Kumar, Chief Operating Officer, Progress Rail India; Mr. K.K.Pahuja, President, Indian Stainless Steel Development Association; Mr. Harsh Dhingra, Management Consultant, Former Chief Country Representative, Bombardier Transportation India and Mr. Ranjan Dhingra, Co-chairman, PHD Railways Committee.

The last Panel Discussion on The Changing Transport Ecosystem - Seamless Transportation was chaired by Mr. N. Madhusudan Rao, Additional Member (Commercial), Railway Board. The esteemed panellists were Mr. Vivek Srivastava, Director-Operations & Business Development, DFCCIL; Mr. Bharat Joshi, Director ACTL & JKTl and CMA B.B. Goyal, The Institute of Cost

Accountants of India.

The following Industry organizations were felicitated for their contribution towards the growth of Indian Railways:

1. Outstanding Contribution in Rail Infrastructure and Civil Works – Ircon International Ltd.
2. Outstanding Contribution in Broadband Telecom & Connectivity Solutions- Railtel Corporation of India Ltd.
3. Outstanding Contribution in Integrated Engineering & Manufacturing for the Railway Industry - Bhilai Engineering Corporation Ltd.
4. Innovative Contribution in Railway Infrastructure Products- Progress Rail India
5. Innovative Contribution in Railway Engineering Products & Services- Laraon India Pvt. Ltd.



WEBINAR ON IMPACT OF PANDEMIC COVID-19 ON TRADE & INDUSTRY: WAY FORWARD

PHD Chamber organized a Webinar on the 'Impact of Pandemic COVID-19 on Trade & Industry: Way Forward' on April 6, 2020. Mr. Sanjay Chadha, Additional Secretary, Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce & Industry and H.E. Mr. Ashok Kantha, Former Ambassador of India to China interacted and answered the queries of members of PHD Chamber and various other industry stakeholders.

Mr. Sanjay Chadha, Additional Secretary, Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce & Industry said that the government is working for an economic relief package for trade and industry. He took note of all the issues and challenges faced by trade and industry and assured full-fledged support by the government for resuming economic activities and revitalizing trade and industry. He said that truck drivers have to be given priority during the lockdown period as they are the carriers of goods. The government is working towards resolving the issue of empty trucks stranded on roads and also the release of outstanding payments to the MSMEs. While appreciating PHD Chamber for its proactive participation in providing inputs and suggestions on the issues and challenges faced by the industry, he said the inputs will significantly help the government in formulating an economic package for the industry amid the spread of pandemic COVID-19 in the country.

H.E. Ashok Kantha, Former Ambassador of India to China while appreciating PHD Chamber for providing a platform to interact with its members, expressed his concern over the supply chain disruptions

faced by the Indian industry during these trying times.

He said that the immediate objective is to control the spread of pandemic COVID-19, resume economic activity and sustain India's economic growth.

Dr D K Aggarwal, President, PHD Chamber expressed his sincere thanks to Mr. Sanjay Chadha and H.E. Ashok Kantha for taking out time for the webinar. He appreciated the proactive measures undertaken by the government for addressing the issues of trade and industry, particularly the smooth movement of goods during the lockdown period. He also shared issues of movement of goods and labor, demurrage charges applicable on import of air cargo, release payments to the MSMEs and other vendors by the PSUs, among others. He suggested that import duty should be reduced by around 6-7% for basic raw materials to become competitive. He also suggested that an anti-dumping duty of 10-15% should be imposed on imports from China on products where India has core competencies and can boost local manufacturing.

Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, Senior Vice President, PHD Chamber talked about how to help trade and industry to move forward once the lockdown period is over. He requested for release of outstanding payments from Government departments and PSUs immediately to MSMEs within 7 days and that they should be asked to report the compliances to their controlling Ministers with any pending dues with reasons. At this juncture, it is crucial to ensure availability of sufficient funds to sectors such

as health and pharmaceuticals to mitigate the impact of pandemic COVID-19.

Mr. Pradeep Multani, Vice President, PHD Chamber mentioned about the need for having standard guidelines for payment of salaries and wages across all states for employees working from home. He said that workers should not take undue advantage of the lockdown period and should continue to provide their services in their respective sectors. This would help the industries to mitigate the impact of pandemic COVID-19 and effectively address the day-to-day issues.

Mr. R K Somany, Former President, PHD Chamber talked about the issue of stranded trucks carrying packed products such as sanitaryware. He said that non-movement of trucks will result in spoilt goods.

Mr. Sanjay Bhatia, Former President, PHD Chamber talked about the need of working capital term loans to be provided to the industry in the next few months.

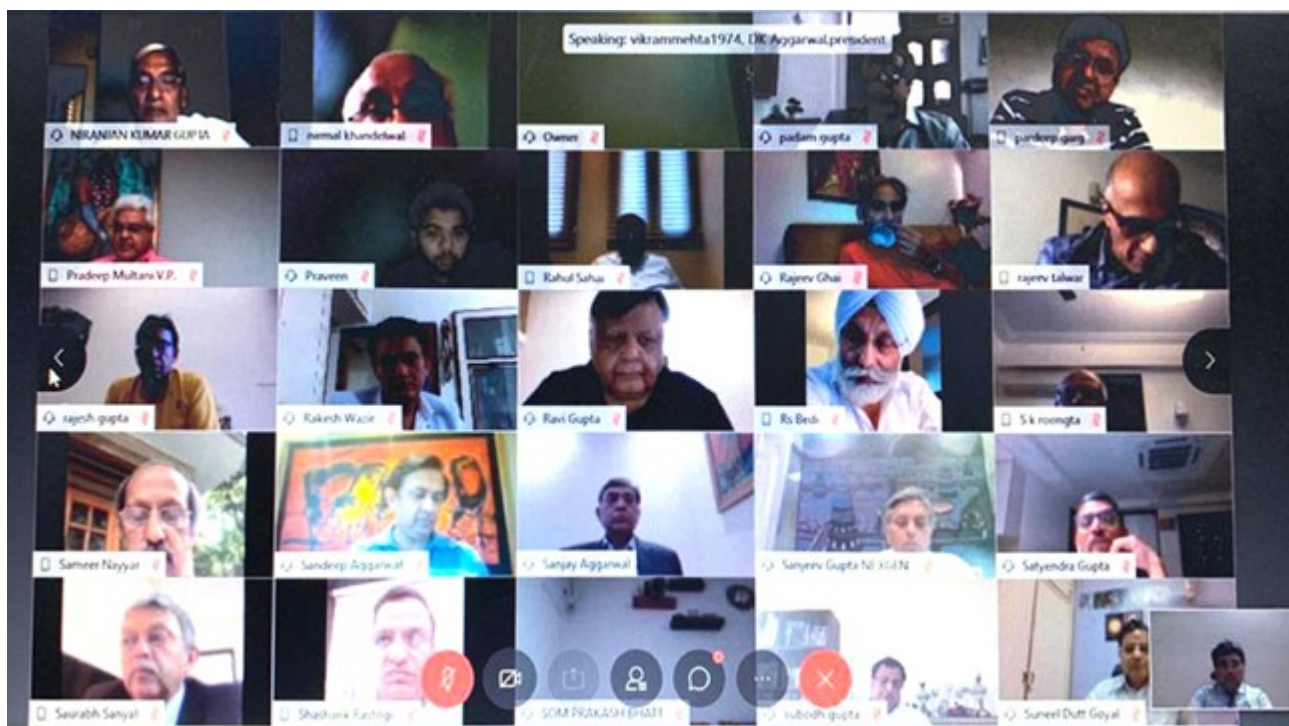
Mr. Gopal Jiwarajka, Former President, PHD Chamber appreciated the proactive measures undertaken by the government to support trade and industry due to the spread of pandemic COVID-19 and urged the government for its effective implementation at the ground level.

Mr. Saurabh Sanyal, Secretary-General, PHD Chamber, expressed his sincere thanks to Mr. Sanjay Chadha and H.E. Ashok Kantha for their participation in the webinar.

Dr S P Sharma, Chief Economist, PHD Chamber while moderating the webinar said that PHD Chamber is making representations to the government on issues and challenges faced by trade and industry amid the lockdown situation in the country.

The webinar witnessed participation of more than 150 people including members of PHD Chamber and other industry stakeholders including exporters, corporate houses, among others.





VIDEO CONFERENCE WITH HON'BLE COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY MINISTER, MR. PIYUSH GOYAL

Dr D K Aggarwal, President, Mr. Saurabh Sanyal, Secretary General, Dr S P Sharma, Chief Economist, PHD Chamber joined a video conference with the Hon'ble Commerce and Industry Minister, Mr. Piyush Goyal along with other industry chambers and associations on April 9, 2020.

President Dr D K Aggarwal discussed vital points with the Hon'ble Minister such as inclusion of NBFCs in the moratorium period announced by RBI, setting up of a District level Task Force to ensure seamless delivery of essential items and to remove hardships in the delivery mechanism, 100% waiver of demurrage charges applicable on import of air cargo and a stimulus package to industry sooner than later to revive the sentiments of industry. The Minister appreciated the relevant points made by the industry associations and deliberated on two



major points.

Firstly, he said that all organizations should register on the Arogya Setu app so that the government has the record of likely Covid cases if any specially among the workers, supervisors and managers.

Secondly, he advised that all organizations should work out a protocol of exiting the lockdown and getting back to work in the most safe manner following the advisories on COVID 19 given by the Health Ministry and WHO guidelines.



SRI SRI RAVI SHANKAR JI'S GUIDANCE TO HELP INDIA TO FIGHT AGAINST COVID-19

PHD Chamber organized a Webinar with spiritual guru, Sri Sri Ravi Shankar Ji, founder of Art of Living Foundation, on April 7, 2020. The session was attended by more than 1 million people from 12 countries around the world.

Dr D K Aggarwal, President, PHD Chamber expressed his gratitude and thanked Sri Sri Ravi Shankar Ji for his deliberations, which are certain to have a positive impact and improve the well-being of individuals globally.

We are facing a war like situation, caused by the spread of Covid-19, which is adversely impacting businesses and personal life of each individual across the globe. The presence, guidance and blessings of Sri Sri Ravi Shankarji is really important and essential during this time to ease out the stress faced by people.

Sri Sri Ravi Shankar Ji deliberated

on the seriousness of the situation and global environment and said it is a really sensitive time for the people and businesses and industry needs to be nurtured well to prevent the setback and recoup from the shock it has suffered.

Being leaders and CEOs of your respective organisations, now is the time for all of you to act as real leaders, in this crucial and trying times, by motivating and spreading positivity to all your employees and boosting their morale to fight against the negative environment that has engulfed our lives and work, said Sri Sri Ravi Shankar Ji.

There will be a lot of changes in the world and lives of people after COVID-19 is totally eradicated from the globe. The economy and industries, especially the Travel and Tourism sector, will witness significant

changes and it will take at least a year for the people to get back into their lives without any fear, said Sri Sri Ravi Shankar Ji.

Sri Sri Ravi Shankar Ji also advised all the viewers and participants to meditate every day for minimum 20 minutes, to enhance the positivity of the mind and the soul, increase mental strength, boost the immune system and stand strong against the spreading Covid-19 virus.

He also said that we should avoid use of any artificial sugar in food as it has a tendency to lower down the immune system, making the body more prone to infection and eat as much natural food as possible, during this time. Taking Such measures will help to get over with the void of negativity and heal through this phase.

“Stay Healthy, Stay Positive. Stay Safe”, said Sri Sri Ravi Shankar Ji.

A 20 minutes' live meditation session, under the guidance of Guru Ji, was conducted for all the viewers and participants. The session helped participants to get positivity, calmness and attain stronger mental health.

The suggestions and guidance given by Sri Sri Ravi Shankar Ji will go a long way in India's battle to fight against COVID-19.

WEBINAR ON CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK : BANKING & BUSINESS: WAY FORWARD

PHD Chamber in association with Resurgent India organized a webinar on 'Coronavirus Outbreak : Banking & Business: Way Forward to discuss the challenges of the Banking Sector and its impact on the businesses due to the COVID -19 on April 8, 2020.

Dr. D K Aggarwal, President, PHD Chamber in his welcome remarks introduced PHDCCI to the participants. Talking about today's situation due to the outbreak of Corona Virus, he explained the challenges and issues that are being faced by the Banking, Financial Services and other industries. He apprised about the initiatives taken by the Chamber and

about the representations sent to the Government. PHD Chamber has suggested a stimulus package of Rs 11 lakh crore from the Government to mitigate the impact of pandemic COVID-19 on economy, trade and Industry.

Dr Aggarwal pointed out that all NBFCs and some banks are not following the three months moratorium guidelines given by RBI. He said that all banks and NBFCs should follow the same. He further added that this moratorium should be for 6 months for providing relief to the industries and banks & NBFCs should come out strongly and extend their helping hand to the industries.

Mr. Jyoti Gadia, Co-chairman, BFSI Committee, PHD Chamber moderated the session and took the discussion into a fruitful direction.

Mr. Sidharth Rath, Managing Director, State Bank of Mauritius in his keynote address pointed out that Hospitality & Tourism industry is one of the most affected sector not only in India but also across the world. The need of the hour is that every industry has to reconsider the strategies to do business and prepare them to quickly come out of the current situation and to be back on the path. It all depends on the individual borrower's capability and how they are preparing themselves in terms of operating efficiency. Digital channels have provided real time information and it is playing a key role. He also mentioned that banks are ready to help each industrialist in this worst situation aroused by Covid-19.

The webinar was attended by more than 250 participants.



WEBINAR ON COVID-19: CONTRACTS, FORCE MAJEURE AND COMMERCIAL ASPECTS OF THE LAW IN LOCKDOWN

PHDCCI organized a Zoom Interactive Session on 'COVID-19: Contracts, Force Majeure and Commercial Aspects of the Law in Lockdown' on April 9, 2020. The objective of the interactive session was to understand the legal aspects on the future of commercial contracts in the nationwide lockdown situation arising due to the pandemic COVID-19 situation.

Keynote speaker, Justice Sanjeev Narula, Hon'ble Judge, Delhi High Court in his deliberation clearly stated

that the reliefs sought by parties under the doctrine of Force Majeure cannot be generalized and will be dealt by the courts of laws on a case-to-case basis, after thoroughly analyzing the basis of arguments. He also threw light on the current legal provisions available in the Indian Law, which relates to the current scenario, mainly the Doctrine of Contingent Contract and the Doctrine of Frustration.

Justice Narula cited examples of few case laws and emphasized that the law evolves according to the

situation and will evolve in the current situation as well to keep the balance between equity and justice.

Mr. Amir Z Singh Pasrich, Chairman, Law and Justice Committee, PHDCCI and the other session speakers deliberated on the issues and addressed the questions raised by the delegates.

Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, Senior Vice President, PHDCCI in his address emphasized on the problems that the industry might face in the form of increased number of litigations. He also enquired on the measures that the Government or the Hon'ble Courts might take in the form of abbreviated procedure for mediation and litigation arising out of the COVID-19 situation.

The online interactive session was attended by 500 delegates across the country and also by a few foreign delegates.

WEBINAR ON COVID-19: ARBITRATION, MEDIATION AND ONLINE DISPUTE RESOLUTION - OPPORTUNITIES & WAY FORWARD



The Arbitration & Dispute Resolution Cell of PHD Chamber organized an Interactive Session on COVID-19 "Arbitration, Mediation and Online Dispute Resolution (ODR) - Opportunities & Way Forward" on April 24, 2020.

Dr D K Aggarwal, President, PHDCCI welcomed Hon'ble Mr. Justice A K Sikri, Former Judge, Supreme Court of India & International Arbitrator and Hon'ble Mr. Justice K Kannan, Former Judge, Punjab & Haryana High Court & International Mediator and other distinguished speakers. Dr Aggarwal praised the Hon'ble Supreme Court and other High Courts for creating history by holding court proceedings through Video Conferencing.

Justice Sikri apprised the delegates from the Industry and Legal Fraternities about the current position of ODR in India, what India should learn from other countries for inducting the

ODR process into the Indian judicial system and what should be done to tackle the complications that pose concern in using the ODR procedures on a regular basis. He also emphasized on the urgent need for having an international level arbitration institution and PHDCCI alongwith other chambers of commerce should take the initiative.

Justice Kannan strongly stressed on the need for having a standalone legislation for mediation to ensure proper enforceability of awards through mediation. He also opined that mediation is the only way to provide an amicable justice to all, as it ensures justice to all rather than strongly sticking to what is totally right or wrong.

The Hon'ble Judges and other speakers that included Mr. Kirit S Javali, Member, PHDCCI ADR Cell and Partner, Jafa & Javali Advocates and

Mr. Ben Giarretta, Partner, Mishcon De Reya & International Arbitrator & Mediator were of the view that although ODR was present in the judicial systems all over the world but was not projected till we faced this Covid-19 situation. This can be seen as an opportunity to adapt this practice by proper training and promote and adopt ODR as a permanent feature of the judicial system.

Ms. Priya Hingorani, Chairperson, PHDCCI ADR Cell welcomed the delegates and introduced the speakers besides delivering the formal vote-of-thanks. The session was moderated by Ms. Lalit Mohini Bhat, Member, PHDCCI ADR Cell & Member, CI Arb.

Dr. Jatinder Singh, Director, PHDCCI initiated the session with his opening remarks. The session was well attended by over 800 participants.



INTERACTIVE VIDEO CONFERENCE WITH MINISTER OF FOOD, CIVIL SUPPLIES AND CONSUMER PROTECTION DEPARTMENT, PLANNING & STATISTICS AND CULTURE, GOVERNMENT OF CHHATTISGARH

Chhattisgarh which is located in the center of the country has successfully controlled the spread of this virus by stringently following all precautionary measures directed by WHO and Central Government stated Mr. Amarjeet Bhagat, Hon'ble Minister of Food, Civil Supplies and Consumers Protection & Planning & Statistics, Culture, Government of Chhattisgarh in an interactive Video conference organized by PHD Chamber on April 23, 2020.

The Hon'ble Minister thanked PHD Chamber for being at the forefront

and being supportive towards the Government in these critical times.

He highlighted that the Government was ensuring not a single person would remain hungry in the State by supplying two month's rations to all, even those who did not have a ration card. Despite the terrain of the State, ration and food supplies were reaching to all 12,308 PDS shops in the state.

"Our state is located in the heart of the country. We have the potential to grow ourselves and we welcome industries to set up their plants and factories and help them grow

profitably. We have also expanded ourselves in industries like healthcare, travel, aviation, and many more," said Mr. Amarjeet Bhagat.

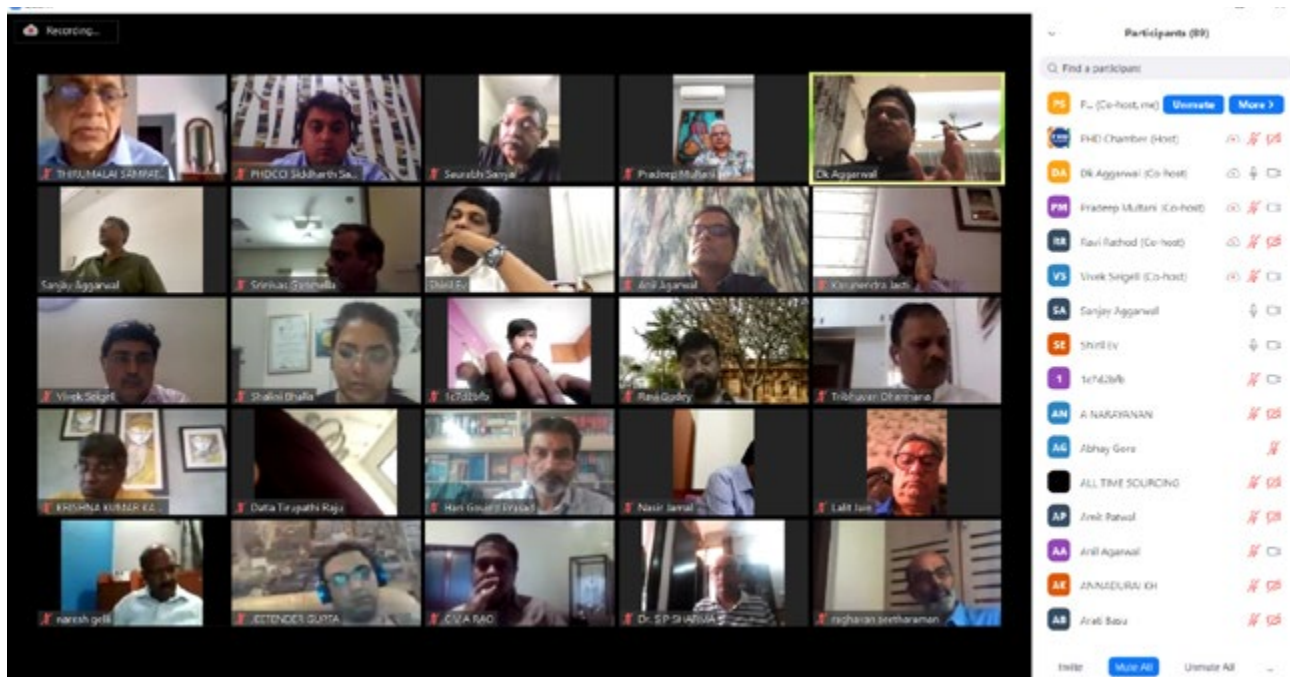
Mr. Amarjeet Bhagat took note of all the queries raised by the members and assured that they will be resolved at the earliest.

Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, Senior Vice President, PHD Chamber gave a warm welcome to Minister, Mr. Amarjeet Bhagat and complimented him for the steps taken by his government for the very apt handling the situation of food supply during COVID-19.

Mr. Saurabh Sanyal, Secretary General, PHD Chamber congratulated Mr. Amarjeet Bhagat for setting an example and hoped that other Indian states would learn from best practices adopted by the State in controlling the spread of this pandemic through 'Chhattisgarh model' of fighting COVID-19.

Mr. Shashank Rastogi, Chairman Chhattisgarh Chapter, PHD Chamber while welcoming the Minister shared the rigorous measures implemented by the Government of Chhattisgarh to contain the spread of COVID-19 in their state. The webinar was moderated by Dr Yogesh Srivastav, Principal Director, PHD Chamber.





INTERACTIVE VIDEO CONFERENCE ON CONNECTING WITH THE DECCAN: COLLATING ISSUES OF THE SOUTHERN INDUSTRIES DURING COVID-19



PHD Chamber organized an Interactive Video Conference on 'Connecting with the Deccan: Collating Issues of the Southern Industries during COVID-19' held on April 14, 2020.

On the occasion, Dr D. K. Aggarwal, President, Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, Senior Vice President, Mr. Pradeep Multani, Vice President, Mr. E. V. Shiril, Chairman-Kerala State Chapter, Mr. Saurabh Sanyal, Secretary General and Mr. Vivek Seigell, Principal Director, PHD Chamber were present. Mr. Karunendra S. Jasti, President, Federation of Telangana Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Mr. K Mallikarjuna Rao, President, Vizagapatam Chamber of Commerce and Industry; Mr. CVA Rao, President, Andhra Pradesh Chamber of Commerce and Industry; Mr. S Nagarajan, Former President, Southern India Electronic Industries Chamber, along with Managing

Committee industry members of several prominent Industry Associations of Southern India also joined the VC.

Dr D. K. Aggarwal in his address mentioned the initiatives that the PHD Chamber is taking to extend all possible support to Industry during these challenging times of Covid-19 outbreak. He also mentioned that PHD Chamber, through its members, has donated approximately Rs. 450 crores to the PM's Care fund for Covid-19.

Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal highlighted that the Chamber is working closely with the Government of India and submitting representations on challenges faced by industry.

Mr. Pradeep Multani threw light on the burden on the Industry of paying salaries and wages to the employees during these difficult times and mentioned that the Chamber has written letters to all the state governments requesting to take relief

measures to combat this issue for the Industry.

Mr. E V Shiril mentioned that the government needs to regularize the supply of essential goods. He stated that out of his company's 70 Jan Aushadi Stores only 20 are operational as they are facing difficulty in door-step delivery of various medicines on time.

This was followed by the addresses of the Presidents, Office Bearers and MC Members of the Chambers of Southern India where they shared their industry specific issues being faced by their members.

Mr. Saurabh Sanyal while delivering the vote-of-thanks assured the participating Chambers that their inputs will be sent to the concerned Government authorities in the form of representations.



INTERACTIVE SESSION WITH MR. NITIN GADKARI, HON'BLE MINISTER FOR MSMES

India's GDP, 49% of exports and offer around 11 crore job opportunities. The government is providing around Rs. 10,000 crores worth of funds for the MSMEs which will be released soon for better functioning of the MSMEs.

He further highlighted that till March 21, 2020, the government had restructured around 6 lakh MSMEs and will soon restructure additional 1 lakh MSMEs. The government was also working to make GST compliances easy for the MSMEs. He assured PHD Chamber that all the issues and concerns raised by industry would be sent to the Finance Ministry, PMO, RBI, among others and will be solved at the earliest.

Mr. Anil Khaitan, Mentor, MSME Mentoring and Guidance Centre and Former President, PHD Chamber raised the pending issue of implementation related to new definition of MSMEs on the basis of turnover and why banks don't pass on the interest cut benefits to the Industry. Replying to this, Minister Gadkari said that the guidelines would soon be prepared by the Finance Ministry.

Mr. Dev Parkash Goyal Co-chairman, MSME Committee, PHD Chamber in his interaction with the Minister said to encourage growth of industry, Capital Gains Tax clause applicable to housing sector should be extended to cover the industrial sector and fixed charges paid on electricity bill should be allowed as Tax input for all industries, small or big. He mentioned that taxes paid on fuel-gas/diesel used for industrial production should be allowed as Tax input.

PHD Chamber organized an interactive session with Mr. Nitin Gadkari, Hon'ble Minister for Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises on April 15, 2020. The objective of the webinar was to deliberate on issues faced by the MSMEs and arrive at the possible solutions so that timely steps could be taken by all concerned to make smooth transition to achieve normalcy.

Dr D K Aggarwal, President, PHD Chamber, while welcoming Mr. Nitin Gadkari, Hon'ble Union Minister for MSMEs and Road Transport, Highways & Shipping said that PHD Chamber stands in complete solidarity with the government and will extend full-fledged support to the government and its countrymen.

Dr D K Aggarwal mentioned about the supply disruptions faced by the MSME segment due to the COVID-19 outbreak. He recommended that the government should provide a stimulus package ranging between Rs.12-15 lakh crores to boost the confidence of industries.

He also mentioned that the Chamber would work hand-in-hand with MSME Ministry to ameliorate the hardships being faced by the MSMEs

and to prepare for the post COVID-19 situation when they would restart their enterprises.

Mr. Sanjay Agarwal, Sr. Vice President, PHD Chamber in his industry perspective said that payments of a large number of MSMEs for the supplies made during the pre COVID-19 period to the various government departments, PSUs and corporates are yet to be made. He requested that the government should order immediate release of such payments.

Mr. Pradeep Multani, Vice President, PHD Chamber mentioned that validity periods of all the existing statutory licences & certificates should be extended by at least one year without any additional payment. Further, all types of adverse actions against industries in general and MSMEs in particular should be put on hold.

Mr. Nitin Gadkari, Hon'ble Minister for Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises in his address appreciated PHD Chamber's diligent efforts for organizing the webinar to discuss the issues and challenges faced by the industry during these extremely difficult times. He said that MSMEs contribute around 29% of



Mr. Saurabh Sanyal, Secretary General, PHD Chamber in his vote-of-thanks said that Indian Industry in general and the MSME sector in particular is looking up to the government for support in these

trying times and expects quick implementation measures including the ones suggested above to limit the damage that COVID-19 is likely to cause to the national economy.

Dr Ranjeet Mehta, Principal

Director, PHD Chamber moderated the session.

The interactive session was attended by more than 250 participants from all over the country.

WEBINAR ON MOBILIZING THE LAST MILE DELIVERY & WAY FORWARD

The Retail Committee of PHD Chamber organized a webinar on 'Mobilizing the Last Mile Delivery & Way Forward' on April 15, 2020.

Speaking at the video conference, Mr. Saket Dalmia, Chairman, Retail Committee welcomed the esteemed speakers and participants and highlighted the vital role played by the last mile delivery and that cold chain becomes a major issue when related to Covid-19 crisis. Last mile delivery agent is so powerful that it assimilates the goods to bring the economies of scale, thereby overpowering beyond the Covid-19 situation. He also discussed the challenges faced by retailers.

Mr. Harshvarddhan Chauhan, Vice President (Marketing), Spencers Retail acknowledged that industries faced a problem to streamline the

supply chain. Nonetheless, partnering with aggregators like Uber, Rapido, Scootsy and Electric Mobility Company Zip for daily essentials enabled them to launch newer channels not only for millennials but also for senior and differently-abled citizens. Last Mile Delivery has enabled to reach millions of consumers and also practice the reverse supply chain.

Mr Sumit Sharma, Co-Founder, Gobolt reiterated that capacity planning is the main issue restricted for non-essential items. Shortages to the informal sector also aided the problem to the delivery. Last mile is the interface of B2B. He stressed that proper hygiene and challenges of supply chain Post-covid will need to be followed. People will become habitual and maintain social distancing norms and hygiene will become the mandatory part.

Mr. Chand Tiwari, Head- Buying & Merchandising, Big Basket said that delivery shortage is a major challenge. Once contactless delivery is done, they need to be extra careful about the delivery boys and sensitise them and maintain the safety standards along with quality standards.

Mr. Saurabh Sanyal, Secretary General, PHD Chamber stressed on the fact that E-Commerce is an opportunity and this will be the new normal. E-Rickshaws and three wheelers can be used for reaching out to the consumer. In addition, window delivery through drones can also be a way. Mr. Sanyal pointed out that in 700 districts in India, we can have virtual display stores, that can be an effective tool for making the deliveries.

Dr. Yogesh Srivastav, Principal Director-PHDCCI moderated the session and discussed the way forward post covid-19 and spoke on the major hurdles faced by industry. He further apprised the audience that during these trying times, such collaborations have led to enhancement of business strategies and alliances have indeed become a solution to mobilise the delivery.



COVID-19 IMPACT ON SKILLED WORKFORCE

An interactive video conference on 'COVID-19 Impact on Skilled Workforce' was organized by the Skill & Entrepreneurship Development Committee of PHD Chamber on April 17, 2020. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Vishal Jindal, Chairman PHD Skill & Education Committee, PHD Chamber.

During the meeting, the following issues were discussed: Challenges faced by industry due to labour and

workforce shortage and reverse migration due to COVID 19 crisis; How would skill training sector recover after the lockdown and proposed meetings of the sub-groups on policy advocacy, cluster development and work from home.

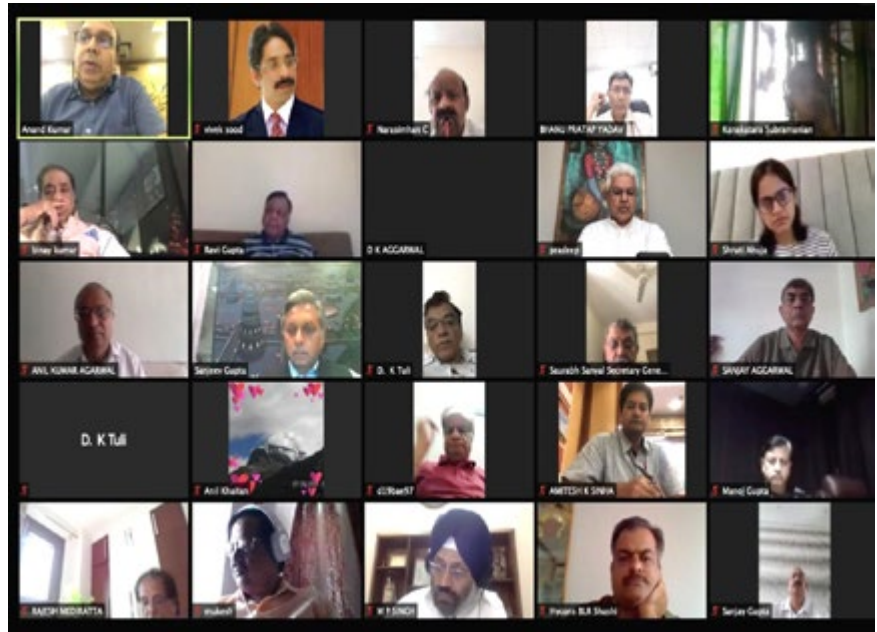
Members raised issues and challenges faced by the Skill Training companies and Industry due to the ongoing COVID-19 crisis. Members also discussed digital ways and revenue

models for organizing events and workshops during and post COVID-19.

Some of the key speakers included Dr Rubina Mittal, Co-chairperson, Skill & Education Committee along with Mr. Atul Anand, Co-chairperson, ASEAN, East Asia & Oceania Committee; Ms. Vertica Dwivedi, Co-chairperson of Women Entrepreneurship Committee, PHD Chamber; Mr. Vishal Chaudhary, Chairman, Jharkhand Chapter, PHD Chamber; Ms. Anju Bajaj, Special Invitee, Managing Committee Member and Mr. Shashank Rastogi, Chairman, Chhattisgarh Chapter, PHD Chamber.

The Webinar was moderated by Mr. Vivek Seigell, Principal Director, PHD Chamber and was attended by around 50 industry participants.

INTERACTIVE VIDEO CONFERENCE WITH SECRETARY & JOINT SECRETARIES, MNRE



PHD Chamber's Power, RE & AE Committee organized an interactive video conference with Mr. Anand Kumar, Secretary; Mr. Bhanu Pratap Yadav & Mr. Amitesh Sinha, Joint Secretaries of Ministry of New and Renewable Energy on April 16, 2020. Mr. Sanjeev Gupta, Chairman of the Committee moderated the Session and took up various issues being faced by the MSME sector.

Dr D K Aggarwal, President, PHD Chamber in his address complimented the Ministry for taking various

initiatives in the wake of COVID-19 and highlighted the significance of low carbon emission power generation.

Mr. Anand Kumar in his address informed that India will comfortably achieve its target of 175 GW RE generation capacity by 2022. He highlighted the major recent decisions taken by his Ministry, like allowing time extension in completion of RE power generation projects, upholding Must Run status for RE power, clearing dues of RE power generators pertaining to safeguard duties and GST, new

channels of financing, increasing RE equipment manufacturing in India and promoting exports.

Mr Sanjay Aggarwal, Senior Vice President in his closing remarks complimented the Secretary for use of technology and promptness in decision-making in these challenging times.

275 participants from all over India and countries like Norway and Denmark joined. PFC, PTC India, Kundan Group & PTC Financial Services were the sponsors.

WEBINAR ON HIGHER EDUCATION POST COVID-19: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

PHDCCI organized an interactive Video Conference Meet on 'Higher Education Post COVID-19: Challenges and Opportunities. The session was attended by 228 delegates.

Expert speakers who shared their views included Dr Mohit Gambhir, Innovation Director, Ministry of Human Resource Development; Mr. Anil Khaitan, Former President and Dr V M Bansal, Chairman, Education Committee, PHDCCI; Dr Kamlesh Vyas, Partner, Deloitte and Mr. Saurabh Jain, Vice President, Paytm.

Almost all the speakers opined that while colleges and universities are advancing in terms of digital education, conducting online classes and using innovative tools for education, there is a deep concern regarding practical learning as an aspect of education.

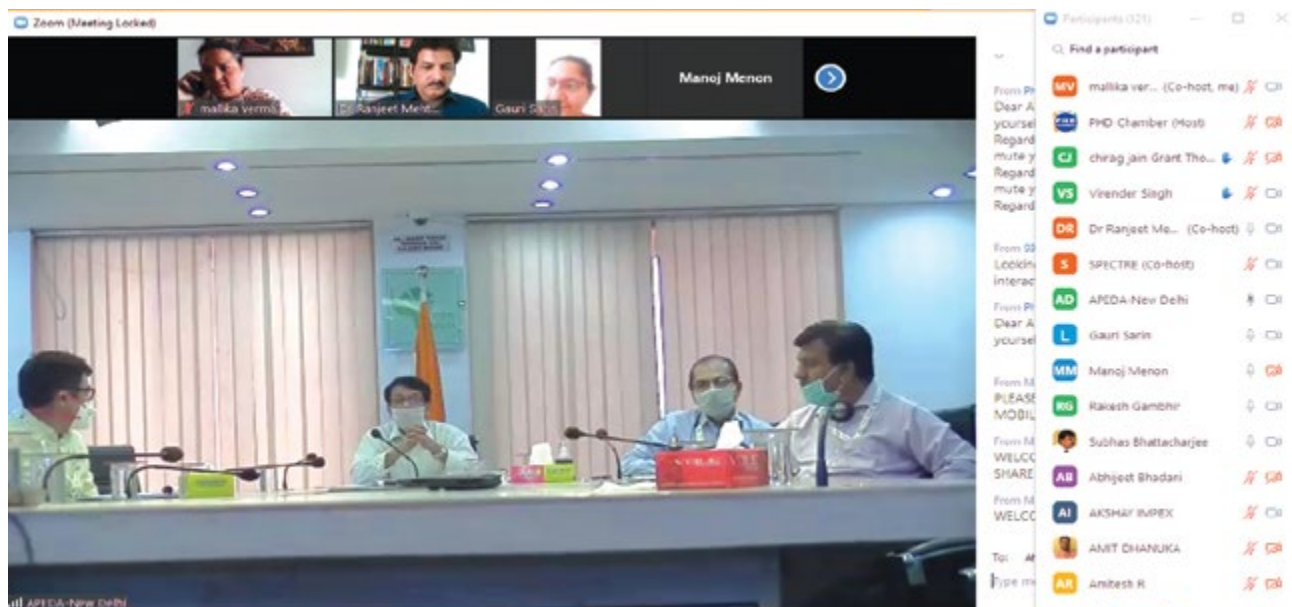
Coronavirus, without any warfare, is like a third world war, which has been hurled on the entire humanity. There is a need to see future opportunities in times when the world is going through a massive mental metamorphosis.

While everything is available

online, slowly and gradually there is a need of a decent blend of 80:20 or 70:30 kind of an education system which has components of both online and offline learning.

There is optimism that post this pandemic, there will be opening of new opportunities and developments in the Indian education system. Blended learning will dramatically increase, online education will be a strategic priority for every institution, online program management, existing and potential partnerships will be rethought, home schooling programs will increase which will allow parents to help in developing children's skills, as well as discovering their own children's potential and talent.

The world will experience a change in the education sector that will bring new opportunities and learning for students and educators. This will bring up new opportunities for the Startups.



VIDEO CONFERENCE ON “MANAGING CHALLENGES AND EXPORT OPPORTUNITIES OF AGRI AND PROCESSED FOODS DURING AND AFTER COVID-19 LOCKDOWN”

An interactive video conference on “Managing Challenges and Export Opportunities of Agri and Processed Foods During and After COVID-19 Lockdown” was organized by Agriculture and Food Processing Committee of PHD Chamber on April 17, 2020.

Mr. Pradeep Multani, Vice President, PHD Chamber, welcomed the speakers and deliberated on the issues and challenges faced by the food processing industry in general and more so in the present times of crisis. He suggested APEDA could engage with NMPB (National Medicinal Plants Board) and export medicinal plants and products at a

premium which can be a good source for increasing farmers' income by 4 to 5 times.

Key speaker, Mr. Paban Kumar Borthakur, Chairman, APEDA said it's time for India to convert the challenges into opportunities to position itself as a trusted food supplier to the world.

He narrated the difficulties faced by industry and exporters, such as shortage of labor, laboratory testing, phytosanitary certificates, packaging material, curfew passes, container shortage, courier service, freighter service, high freight, and foreign country documentation issues. He assured that APEDA is working round

the clock to resolve these issues for the smooth functioning of the industry.

Dr Tarun Bajaj, Director, Dr Sudhanshu, Secretary, Mr. U K Vats, GM, APEDA and Mr. Gaurav Sishodia, Head, Food Processing, Invest India shared the initiatives taken for mitigating the crisis in the food processing industry, primarily created by the spread of pandemic Covid -19.

The webinar was moderated by Dr Ranjeet Mehta, Principal Director - PHD Chamber and Ms. Mallika Verma, Director & Head of Department Agriculture and Food Processing Committee, PHD Chamber.



WEBINAR ON DEMYSTIFYING E-PASS PROCESS

PHDCCI along with Thinkthrough Consulting organized a Zoom interactive session on ‘Demystifying E-pass process’ introduced by Department of Consumer Affairs, Government of India on April 9, 2020. The objective of the interactive session was to understand nuances of online e-pass for mobility of essential service by the Consumer Affairs Ministry which has the potential to break down the bottlenecks and ensure smooth movement of goods in the supply chain.

Mr. Pradeep Multani, Vice President, PHDCCI deliberated on problems faced by industry at grass root levels. The session was conducted by Mr. Parul Soni, Founder and Global Managing Partner, Thinkthrough Consulting. The speaker gave a detailed presentation on the subject and also answered queries of the delegates who joined the online session. The online interactive online session was attended by over 95 delegates from various industries.

MANIFESTATION OF OUR THOUGHTS CREATES OUR REALITY, WE CREATE AND WHAT WE RADIATE, BRAHMA KUMARI SISTER SHIVANI

Due to Corona Virus pandemic, we all are surrounded by negative vibrations around us which is creating fear and anxiety within us. We need to understand that it's a global challenge and the response has to be collective by keeping our environment positive, said the eminent spiritual leader, Brahma Kumari Shivani in a video interactive session on "Reinventing self in current times" organized by PHD Chamber on April 17, 2020. The session witnessed a participation of more than 150 viewers from around the world.

The session commenced with a Bhajan Song sung by Dr Damini, Member - Brahma Kumaris. The bhajan song illuminated positive vibrations in the environment in the current times of anxiety and uncertainty.

Dr D K Aggarwal, President, PHD Chamber expressed his gratitude and thanked Sister Shivani for her presence during these times of Covid -19.

In terms of humanity, this is the worst pandemic in the past 100 years. There is a significant loss of lives of mankind, finances, and economy. We are uncertain about the extent of further loss this will cause, its sustainability and fast track recovery with which we need to bounce back, said Dr Aggarwal.

"So, we are here we stand with our minds and hearts open for it to be guided and enlightened by your kind self to help us all over come these crucial times and come out positive and victorious. We are hopeful that we will be able to find our path and the energy thorough your guidance," said Dr D K Aggarwal.

Sister Shivani said that while the air is getting pure but the emotional vibration around us is getting negative and full of stress. We shouldn't take this stress as normal as this will impact us in the long-term. This is a

global challenge that we are facing and we need to handle it collectively. We need to separate our minds from this situation and need to change our vocabulary to make our environment positive. We should pray and use positive words to our family, organization members and people around us.

Sister Shivani said that the time between 4-5 am is the best time to energize our mind and creativity. We should give one hour in the morning for our self and consume positive content. Before sleeping, for 15 minutes, we should internalize positive ideas and thoughts and not see any work-related email and messages as it compels our mind to stay overactive and reduce the possibility of proper rest. We should avoid watching television and mobile while having food and have a minimum intake of media daily, said Sister Shivani.

Understanding that we all are at home, Sister Shivani advised us to eat fresh and healthy homemade cooked and sattvik food and reduce the intake of non-veg food.

Raising concerns over that fact that while India ranks one on the mental health index, over the past one month there is a rise of 20% in mental health issues, more than 3 lakh cases of child abuse and an increase in the cases of domestic violence during the lockdown period. Suggesting that these issues add to the negative vibrations and it is our responsibility to be positive in ourselves and take care of our mental health, said Sister Shivani.

Employers should keep paying salaries without any deduction and constantly motivate their staff and employees because in bad times one should not make life hard for people. Employers should not forget that employees will ultimately pray for the success of the organization, said Sister

Shivani.

We need to constantly use affirmation during this crucial time by self chanting that I am power, I am peaceful, I am fearless, my body is perfect and healthy and will always be, I am safe and secure, my family is safe and secure, my organization is safe, every member of my organization is safe, my country is safe, my wealth is safe, said Sister Shivani.

Sister Shivani emphasized that every organization should circulate this affirmation so that their employees are in positive vibrations and should think that the coming year will be the best year for the organization.

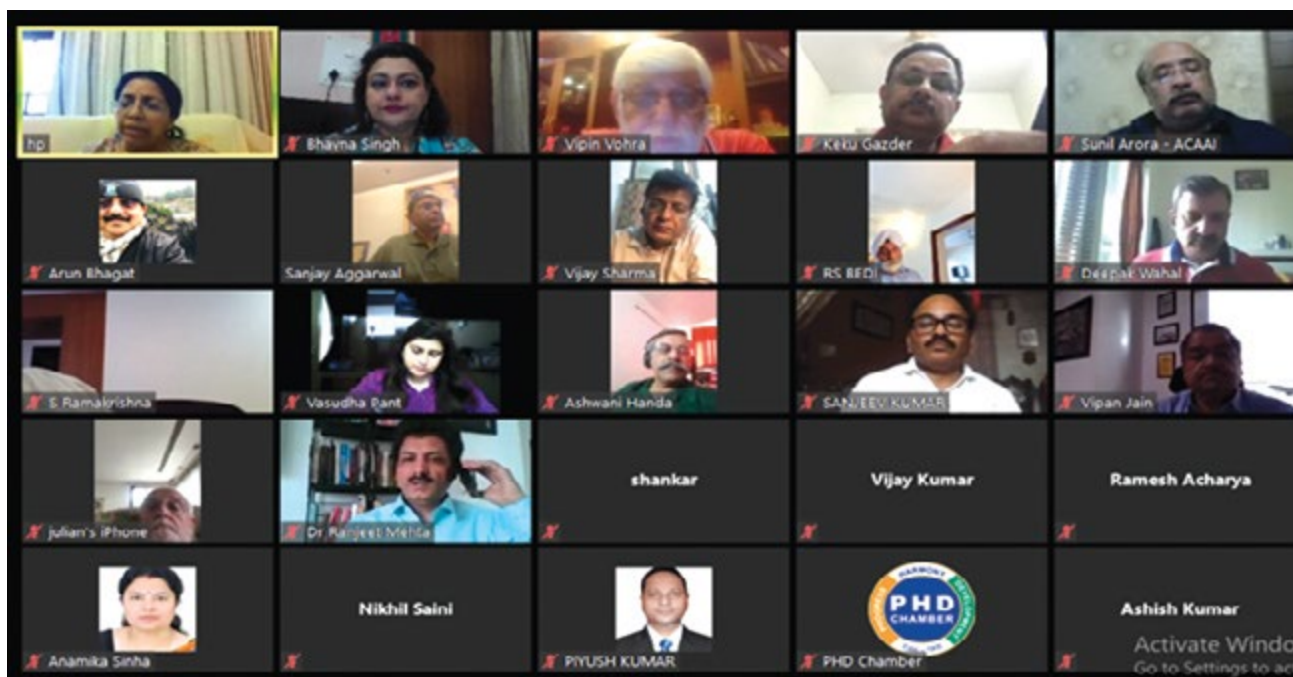
A 10 minutes' live meditation session, under the guidance of Sister Shivani was conducted, in which she reiterated the affirmation among all the meditating participants. The session helped participants to get positivity, calmness and attain stronger mental health.

Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, Senior Vice President, PHD Chamber delivered the vote-of-thanks to Sister Shivani and assured that her enlightening guidance will go a long way in helping us reinventing oneself during these times of crises of Covid -19 spread.

More than 10 participants from PHD Chamber interacted with Sister Shivani in the Webinar and asked their questions related to work and personal life which included our leadership, Dr D K Aggarwal, President, Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, Senior Vice President, and Mr. Pradeep Multani, Vice President, Mr. Gopal Jiwarijka, Former President, Ms. Aruna Oswal, Chairperson, Women Empowerment Committee, Mr. Saurabh Sanyal, Secretary-General, PHD Chamber and other senior PHD members and industry stalwarts, among others.

The session was moderated by Dr Ranjeet Mehta, Principal Director, PHD Chamber.





INTERACTIVE SESSION ON AIR CARGO SECTOR CURRENT SCENARIO & WAY FORWARD

The Civil Aviation Committee of PHD Chamber organized an interactive video conference with Ms. Vandana Aggarwal, IES, Economic Advisor, Ministry of Civil Aviation on April 14, 2020 regarding the Air, Cargo Sector -its Current Scenario, Issues arising due to COVID-19 & the Way Forward.

The VC was attended by Former Presidents of PHD Chamber, Senior PHD Members, Air Cargo Industry Association Heads, Airline representatives & Industry Stalwarts from the Air Freight, Logistics, manufacturing, shipping and other industries. Ms. Vandana Aggarwal, IES, Economic Advisor, Ministry of Civil Aviation shared that most of the major challenges being faced by industry are already been worked upon by the government. She also shared that exports are an integral part of our economy and via the Krishi Udaan Scheme, India has just taken a big step in current times by exporting via air freight the first batch of mangoes and we look forward to many more such flights. Ms. Aggarwal indicated

that DGCA has allowed the use of passenger planes as freighters till the lockdown is in place. She said that the Ministry and airlines are working in tandem to use passenger fleet to ferry cargo in current times, with priority being given to sectors such as healthcare & pharmaceuticals. Ms. Aggarwal informed that the Ministry of Civil Aviation has facilitated the transportation of essential medical items, via air trucks from the airport under the UDAAN scheme. She further informed that 225 commercial flights were operated under the scheme to supply essential items at various locations.

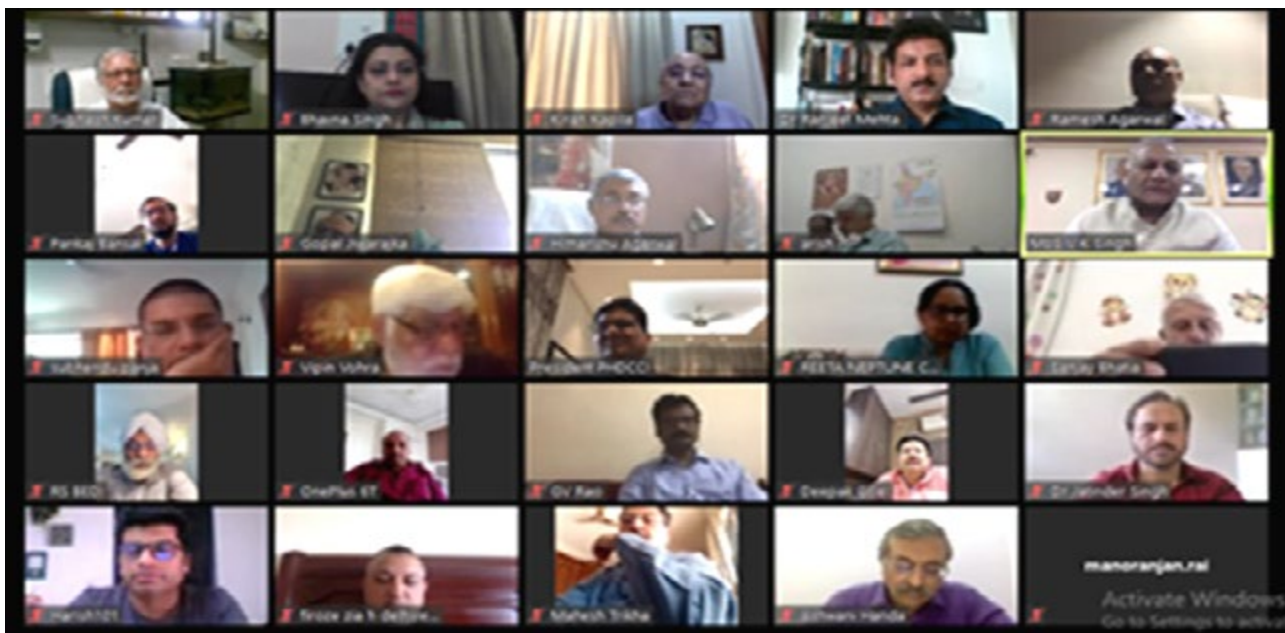
Ms. Aggarwal apprised that a request has been made to the government regarding package of concessions and financial benefits to be given to all the segments of the aviation sector so as to meet their fixed costs. Members and Industry stalwarts present were also asked to share solutions for revival of the Industry once the lockdown is lifted in a staggered and graded manner.

Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, Senior Vice President, PHD Chamber said that the Air transport sector has been badly hit by the current scenario and has borne the brunt of major losses. He shared that due to flight restrictions and bans across countries, passenger traffic has been badly hit as well as there being a major dip in the air cargo business.

While delivering his Industry Perspective, Mr. Arun Bhagat, Chairman, PHD Civil Aviation Committee also shared the current issues being faced by the industry. He said that a major concern is the constraint of space at airports, as due to reduced demurrage charges on imported goods, importers are not releasing the cargo, which is causing congestion. This was also mainly due to the lack of transport facilities being faced currently. He opined that despite the present scenario, the future is bright for the air cargo sector.

Dr. Ranjeet Mehta, Principal Director, PHDCCI, while moderating the session said that PHD Chamber shall play a proactive role in resolving the concerns of the industry.





AN INTERACTIVE SESSION WITH GENERAL DR V K SINGH (RETD.), MINISTER OF STATE, ROADS, TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS



PHD Chamber's Logistics Management Committee organized an interactive video conference with General Dr V K Singh (Retd.), Minister of State, Roads, Transport and Highways on April 13, 2020 regarding Logistics Issues due to COVID 19.

Hon'ble Minister, General Dr V K Singh (Retd.) appreciated the efforts of PHD Chamber in supporting the government and organizing this valuable webinar to discuss logistics issues arising due to Covid-19. "We need to accept that the present time is not normal and hence we need to act wisely and patiently in overcoming the hurdles caused by spread of Covid-19 and not take hasty decisions as the same will lead to difficult times which will be difficult to manage," said Dr V K Singh.

Dr V K Singh shared that the government has met with various industry bodies to come out with an economic revival plan. He said that the Hon'ble Prime Minister is concerned over the halt of economic activities and the government is doing its best to frame a model to restart the economic activities in the country

post the suggestions submitted. The Hon'ble Minister in his interaction said that most of the major challenges being faced by the logistics industry have already been worked upon and assured that the Ministry shall look into all the suggestions shared.

Dr D. K. Aggarwal, President PHD Chamber, while welcoming the Hon'ble Minister, General Dr V K Singh (Retd), assured him that the Chamber stands in complete support of the government in these crucial times of Covid-19 and shall extend all possible help to the government and the society, not only today but also post the lockdown is lifted, to care for humanity and revive the livelihood of Indian citizens.

Dr D. K. Aggarwal further opined that Truck Drivers are also Heroes, just like health workers who are at the forefront in the fight against COVID-19 and this should be communicated via the media to them. He appealed to the government to announce a Rs 50 lakh insurance package for all logistic workers, drivers and the support staff of supply value chain, as done for the doctors, nurses and frontline workers. This will instill the confidence in them

and motivate them to resume duties with no further apprehensions, said Dr Aggarwal.

Dr Aggarwal suggested that economic activities could be started in 400 districts which have not been impacted by Covid-19 with complete observation of precautions, underlined by WHO and the government. He urged the government to provide a relief package of at least 5% of the India's GDP which comes to a total of Rs 11 lakh crores out of which the government has already provided a stimulus package of Rs 1.7 lakhs.

While delivering the Industry Perspective, Mr. Ramesh Agarwal, Chairman, PHD Logistics Management Committee mentioned that there are transportation issues related to getting the labourers and truck drivers from their home towns to their place of work. He suggested issuance of passes to send trucks to bring them from their villages. The need was to motivate them and inform them about the government decisions at the ground level, in order to avoid disruptions in the Logistics Supply chain in the country.

Dr Ranjeet Mehta, Principal Director, PHDCCI, while moderating the session requested industry members to share their specific issues with the Chamber and assured that the Chamber shall play a proactive role in resolving their concerns.

It was the first PHD paid Video Conference with 60 paid delegates and 25 special invitees from the industry.

PANDEMIC COVID-19 -RELIEF MEASURES TAKEN UP BY THE GOVERNMENT IN INDIRECT TAXES

The Indirect Taxes Committee of PHD Chamber organized a Webinar on “Pandemic COVID-19 -Relief Measures taken up by the Government in Indirect Taxes” on April 10, 2020.

Mr. Pradeep Multani, Vice President, PHD Chamber appreciated the government for undertaking proactive measures to combat the impact of pandemic COVID-19 on trade and industry. He indicated that the government's move to issue pending income-tax refunds up to Rs.5 lakhs will benefit around 14 lakh taxpayers and also the decision to issue all pending GST and Custom refunds will further benefit around 1 lakh business entities.

Mr. N K Gupta, Chairman, Indirect Taxes Committee, PHD Chamber highlighted some of the key relief measures including last date for filing GSTR-3B extended till the last week of June 30, 2020 for those having an aggregate annual turnover of less than Rs. 5 crores with no interest, late fee, and penalty to be charged for any delayed payment made between March 20, 2020 and June 30, 2020. He suggested that the Government should rationalize the GST rate structure by merging the 18% tax slab with 12% tax slab to simplify GST and increase production.

Dr Gaurav Gupta, Co-chairman, Indirect Taxes Committee, PHD Chamber explained the concept of due date for filing GSTR-3B for April-Sept 2020 vide Notification No. 29/2020 – Central Tax dated 23 March 2020. He apprised that vide Notification no. 30/2020 it has been notified that for the months of February, March, April, May, June, July and August 2020 shall be applied in a cumulative manner and the return in FORM GSTR-3B for the tax period September 2020 shall be furnished with the cumulative adjustment of input tax credit for the said months.

Mr. Puneet Bansal, Managing

Partner, Nitya Tax Associates in his technical presentation on “Extension of time limits under Indirect Tax Laws amid COVID-19” highlighted that the Last date for furnishing of the Central Excise returns due in March, April and May 2020 has been extended to June 30, 2020. Wherever the last date for filing of appeal, refund applications etc., under the Central Excise Act, 1944, Customs Act 1962 and Service Tax and rules made thereunder is from March 20, 2020 to June 29, 2020, the same has been extended to June 30, 2020. He also highlighted that the date for making payment to avail of the benefit under Sabka Vishwas Legacy Dispute Resolution Scheme 2019 has been extended to June 30, 2020 thus giving more time to taxpayers to get their disputes resolved. He stated that in addition to the extension of time limits under the Taxation and Benami Acts as above, section 168A has got inserted in the CGST Act, 2017 empowering the government to extend due dates for various compliances inter-alia including statement of outward supplies, filing refund claims, filing appeals, etc. specified, prescribed or notified under the Act, on recommendations of the GST Council.

Mr. Shivam Mehta, Partner, Lakshmikumaran & Sridharan in his presentation on “Force Majeure-various issues during COVID-19 lockdown and GST implications” explained the Concept of Force Majeure. He said that as per Section 168A of the CGST Act 2017 (1) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, the Government may, on the recommendations of the Council, by notification, extend the time limit specified in, or prescribed or notified under, this Act in respect of actions which cannot be completed or complied with due to force majeure. (2) The power to issue notification under sub-section (1) shall include the power to give retrospective

effect to such notification from a date not earlier than the date of commencement of this Act.

Explanation.— For the purposes of this section, the expression “force majeure” means a case of war, epidemic, flood, drought, fire, cyclone, earthquake or any other calamity caused by nature or otherwise affecting the implementation of any of the provisions of this Act. He also discussed the disruption in supply chain due to pandemic lockdown, concept of Toleration and Penalty/ Damages, treatment of Cancellation Charges, treatment of Advance forfeited, treatment of amount paid as minimum commitment, sponsorship services for events, issues in Input Tax Credit, Goods Sold at Lower Price – desperate sale and refund issues with the help of Case Studies.

Mr. Rakesh Garg, Senior Partner, SSAR & Associates discussed the Implications of GST on Corporate Social Responsibility and Donation. He said that as per Section 135 of the Companies Act, 2013, inter alia, provides for companies having net worth of rupees five hundred crore or more or turnover of rupees one thousand crore or more or a net profit of rupees five crore or more in a financial year to spend at least 2% of the average net profits of last 3 years for the company's Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) policy. In case the said amount is not spent, the reasons for not doing so are to be disclosed in the Board's Report. Activities which may be included in the CSR policy by the companies are specified in schedule VII of the Companies Act, 2013. He stated that many times CSR and other charitable activities are done through Charitable Institutions or NGOs. All services of Charitable Institutions are not exempt. Exemption is given to the charitable trusts, only if the following conditions are satisfied. a) Entities must be registered u/s 12AA of Income-tax Act, and b) such services or activities by the entity are by way of Charitable activities, as defined.

Dr. S P Sharma, Chief Economist, PHD Chamber said that the reforms undertaken by the Government to contain the spread of COVID-19 in India are highly encouraging. He highlighted that all reforms undertaken by the Government amid COVID-19 under indirect taxes will help in easing the business environment in this difficult time.





INTERACTIVE VIDEO CONFERENCE WITH SPECIAL SECRETARY, LOGISTICS, DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE



PHD Chamber organized an interactive video conference with Mr. N. Sivasailam, IAS, Special Secretary, Logistics, Department of Commerce on April 02, 2020 regarding issues of the Logistics Sector during the COVID 19 Lockdown.

Logistics and transport services constitute an integral part of our country's supply chain. Evidently, the lockdown and blockade of State borders and clampdown orders imposed on transportation services to limit the impact of COVID 19 have restricted the scope of service delivery and has triggered challenges in the operational momentum across most of the critical industries.

Addressing the Industry representatives attending the video conference, Mr. N. Sivasailam, Special Secretary, Logistics, Department of Commerce shared the various measures being undertaken by the government to resolve issues

pertaining to the Logistics industry on an urgent basis. Mr. Sivasailam shared that facilitating the movement of drivers and their trucks carrying supplies, which are currently stuck on State Borders is important and the industry recommendation of allowing their movement across the country via an E-Pass system has already been sent to appropriate higher authorities for further approval. He also stated that the recommendation of allowing Railways, Airports & Sea-Ports to be given the authority to issue E-passes for the required manpower to facilitate goods movement, while keeping in mind the social distancing & health protocols has already been set in motion.

Mr. N. Sivasailam initiated the formation of Two Whatsapp Groups - One for the Air cargo & Internal Container Depots (ICD) industry & the second for the Pharmaceutical & Food Industry to address issues

being faced by the industry regarding logistics & transportation of essential & non-essential commodities arising due to the Covid -19 lockdown.

Mr. Ramesh Agarwal, Chairman, PHD Logistics Management Committee along with Mr. Pradeep Singal, Chairman, AITWA presented a synopsis of the challenges being faced and also the relief measures required by the Logistics Industry.

Mr. R S Bedi, Managing Committee Member, PHDCCI & Director, PS Bedi & Company shared some of the pertinent issues and recommendations to address the same.

Mr. Pradeep Multani, Vice President, PHD Chamber spoke on the challenges being faced by the Pharmaceutical industry in current times. Mr. Sivasailam assured him that the Pharmaceutical sector is a very important sector and he shall hand hold to solve all the issues and facilitate unhindered movement for it.

VIDEO CONFERENCE WITH DR V K SARASWAT, MEMBER, NITI AAYOG

PHD Chamber's Retail Committee organized an interactive session on 'Retail & Ecommerce Industry' with Dr. V. K Saraswat, Member, NITI Aayog, Government of India on April 17, 2020 to understand the challenges and way forward of the retail and E-Commerce sector.

Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, Senior Vice President, PHD Chamber welcomed Dr. V K Saraswat and appreciated the valuable contribution of NITI Aayog in nation building, which is providing help and assistance to the government.

Dr Saraswat while deliberating with the participants on the overview of the Indian retail and e-commerce industry, discussed the scenario of

the Retail and E-Commerce players of India and their growth in recent past which have been hit due to spread of Covid - 19.

Mr. Pradeep Multani, Vice President-PHD Chamber pointed out that the government is promoting Ayush and added that the industry and government should collaborate with each other so that the Covid-19 situation be brought under control.

Mr. Saket Dalmia, Chairman Retail Committee, PHD Chamber shared the issues and challenges faced by the industry while also suggesting relief measures to ensure smooth working of the industry in the country.

Mr. Saurabh Sanyal, Secretary General, PHD Chamber stressed on the fact that E- Commerce is an opportunity and this will be the new normal. This has created employment opportunities and also crystallized a special way out for reaching out to the consumers.

Dr Yogesh Srivastav, Principal Director, PHD Chamber, while moderating the session apprised the audience that the role of e-commerce in wholesale and retail trade needs a closer look.

The session witnessed a participation of 100 industry players and senior members of PHD Chamber.

MR DEV PRAKASH GOEL, CO-CHAIRMAN, MSME COMMITTEE FELICITATED AT THE WORLD MARKETING SUMMIT



Mr. Dev Prakash Goel, Co-chairman, MSME Committee, PHD Chamber and CMD of Madhu group – Conquerent received the coveted Kotler Award for Excellence at the World Marketing Summit held on February 29, 2020, at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.

The “Industry Achiever Excellence Award – Innovation in Power System” was presented to Mr. Dev Prakash Goel, Co-chairman, MSME Committee, PHD Chamber and CMD of Madhu group Conquerent on February 29, 2020 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. The Award was presented by Ms. Laura Ries on behalf of the team of Kotler Impact, Inc. and Mr. Philip Kotler, globally renowned as ‘Father of Marketing’. Past Awardees include Luminaries including Mr.

Narendra Modi, PM of India in the year 2019.

Mr Dev P. Goel is also a past recipient of the prestigious National Award 2013 for ‘Outstanding Entrepreneur’ conferred by the Ministry of MSME and also the ‘Distinguished Entrepreneurship Awards’ conferred by PHD Chamber in 2016. His organization Madhu Group – Conquerent is into design, Manufacturing and supply of Electrical Substation Equipments including

customised solutions for LV & MV Panels, Package Substation (PSS/CSS) and Earthling.

The unique vision of the World Marketing Summit is “creating a better world through Marketing” and these Awards acknowledge the achievements of Individuals & organizations with regard to Leadership, Enterprise, Innovation, Strategy, IR and Business Performance in creating formidable Value for the Organization and all the stakeholders.

WEBINAR ON LAW UNDER LOCKDOWN: LEGAL CONSEQUENCES OF COVID-19 ON EMPLOYMENT ARRANGEMENTS

The Law & Justice Committee of PHD Chamber organized an interactive session on “Law under Lockdown: Legal consequences of COVID-19 on Employment Arrangements” on April 20, 2020.

Dr D K Aggarwal, President, PHDCCI, welcomed the distinguished speakers - Justice V.K. Rao, Hon'ble Judge, Delhi High Court; Justice Rekha Palli, Hon'ble Judge, Delhi High Court; Mr. Peter Bartlett, Vice Chair, Legal Practice Division (LPD) Council, International Bar Association; Former Presidents, Managing Committee Members of PHDCCI and the industry captains. In his brief discourse, he put forward the major concerns that the industry is facing because of the unprecedented pandemic situation and showed his keenness to understand the various employment laws of India and their implications on the employer-employee relationship in the present crisis situation in the light of slowdown of business activities caused due to the lockdown. He raised the concerns of the industry regarding the implications of the circulars of the Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of Labour & Employment on wage payment of employees.

Mr. Peter Bartlett, Vice Chairman, Legal Practice Division (LPD) Council, International Bar Association also welcomed all the delegates and thanked PHD Chamber for giving him this opportunity to be a part of this epoch-making discussion. He briefly apprised about the measures Australia is taking to tackle this never seen before circumstances, as every part of the world including Australia is going through extraordinary periods and is in a situation of crisis. In future, the International Bar Association, Australia will look forward to increasing its working with India and is hopeful that the IBA will participate and work more with the PHD Chamber in coming times.

Justice V. K. Rao, Hon'ble Judge, Delhi High Court appreciated the efforts of PHDCCI for organizing this significant webinar. He was of the view that to better understand the employment arrangements, it is important to understand the employment scenario in India. After categorizing the types of employment, he stated that each of these are governed by separate employment rule and regulations which need to be followed and understood. Justice Rao also briefly spoke about the legalities of existence/non-existence of the Force Majeure Clause in the contract, and also explained when does the Frustration of Contract u/s 56 of the Indian Contract Act 1872 comes into picture when the Force Majeure clause is silent. He also expressed his views with regard to other concerns raised by the participants, viz. regular/contractual employees, liability of principal employer/contractor, issue of lay-off/retrenchment, etc.

Justice Rekha Palli, Hon'ble Judge, Delhi High Court appreciated the efforts of PHDCCI for organizing this pertinent session during the worst crisis after the second world war. Justice Palli elaborated the legal aspects of government notifications which are seen as a departure from its normal position by the industry. Justice Palli clearly indicated that these are not mere advisories, but are similar to an Order as Section 51 of Disaster Management Act 2005, is deemed to be invoked in the current situation and non-compliance of which will attract penalties and by invoking this notification all other labour-law related legal statutes in India are overridden. Extending her views further, she opined that these notifications / circulars indicate a moral and a statutory obligation on the part of employers to continue giving remunerations to its employees, but also indicated that in case of any dispute, the matter will be decided

on a case-to-case basis. Justice Palli assured that the courts will keep the balance between the interest of the employers as well as employees. On the issue of considering this lockdown period as a leave period, is not justified and such arguments cannot be accepted by the courts and on the issue of provisions related to part payments to the employees, she said that there is no such legal provision in Indian law.

Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, Senior Vice President, PHDCCI delivered the vote-of-thanks to the participants for their valuable inputs and also raised questions relating to the burden which the industry will be facing in the coming times, if the pandemic and its resultant lockdown continues for some more time.

Mr. Amir Z Singh Pasrich, Chairman Law and Justice Committee, PHDCCI, while moderating the session, raised the issues and challenges faced by the industry while also suggesting relief measures and steps to ensure smooth working of the industry in the country and thanked the distinguished speakers for giving their valuable time and associating with the Chamber in this webinar.

Dr Jatinder Singh, Director, PHDCCI initiated the session and said that on account of the MHA order, state-specific lockdown orders and the various Labour Department advisories, trimming headcounts or pay reductions during the lockdown period would be fraught with the risk of disputes, scrutiny and penal sanctions.

The webinar was well attended by over 1000 delegates from the Industry & Legal fraternities; Mr. Pradeep Multani, Vice President, PHDCCI; Former Presidents, PHDCCI; Managing Committee Members, PHDCCI and Mr. Saurabh Sanyal, Secretary General, PHDCCI.



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9.	Martin & Harris Laboratories Ltd.	5,00,000
10.	Instinct Green Infra Pvt Ltd.	1,00,000
11.	Mr. N K Gupta	1,00,000
12.	Mr. Shyam Poddar	1,00,000
13.	Mr. Sanjeev Ahuja	1,00,000
14.	VKC Foundation	1,00,000
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INTERACTIVE SESSION WITH DIRECTOR INDUSTRIES, CHANDIGARH

Chandigarh Chapter, PHDCCI organized an interactive session with Mr. H S Sandhu, Director Industries, Chandigarh on April 7, 2020 through a Webinar. PHDCCI was represented by Mr. Madhu Sudan Vij, Chairman, Mr. Vikram Sahgal, Immediate former Chairman and Mr. Suvrat Khanna, Co-chairman of Chandigarh Chapter, PHDCCI.

The objective of the session was to highlight the concerns of the Industry

during the Covid 19 lockdown.

During the discussions, Mr. Sandhu urged industry members to ensure payment of wages to the labourers and employees. Mr. Vij assured him on the same on behalf of PHD Members.

Further, Mr. Vij raised several issues including relief on fixed charges of power, water and property taxes, early release of the payments to MSME by UT government departments and MC, payment of wages through ESI,

bank interest waiver for 3 months and reduction of GST interest rate for a few months. Mr. Vij also shared the ground problem of fully paid labourers not returning to work, even for the production of essential services.

Over 25 members from various Industry associations of Chandigarh attended the interactive session. Post this webinar, a detailed representation was also submitted to Mr Sandhu on behalf of the Chamber.

INTERACTION WITH ACS INDUSTRIES, HARYANA

An interaction with Mr. TVSN Prasad, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary, Industries and Commerce, Haryana was organized by the Haryana State Chapter, PHDCCI on April 9, 2020 through video conferencing to discuss the issues being faced by the industry in the current lockdown situation. Dr Saket Kumar, IAS, Director, Industries and Commerce, Haryana, Mr. Anurag Aggarwal, IAS, MD, HSIIDC, other senior officials from the Industry Department and members of PHD Chamber participated in the session.

Dr Saket Kumar, Director, Industries and Commerce welcomed all the participants on behalf of the Industries Department, Haryana and Mr. TVSN Prasad, IAS, ACS, Industries and Commerce thanked PHD Chamber for organizing the interactive session.

While moderating the session, Mr.

Mohit Jain, Chairman, Haryana State Chapter, PHD Chamber suggested that Industry should start operations in a phased manner once the lockdown is lifted. He suggested that seamless movement of workers and transport of goods is very important for the industry to recover fast. Mr. Jain raised the following concerns and demands of Haryana industry:

- Government support to disburse employees salary;
- Challenges related to movement of Goods and Workers;
- Exemption of fixed charges on electricity and
- Extension in date of Statutory Compliances, etc.

Mr. Sanjay Bhatia, Former President, PHDCCI; Mr. Mohinder Gupta, Chairman Defence Committee, PHDCCI; Mr. Deepak Pahwa, MD, Bry

Air Ltd; Mr. Vikas Jain, Joint Managing Director, PMV Maltings and many industry members participated in the interaction.

Replying to the concerns raised by Mr. Vikas Jain and other industry leaders, Mr. Prasad mentioned that it is an unprecedented crisis and to handle the situation, we need to come out with innovative ways. He said that the Haryana government has given some relief to Industry on fixed charges on electricity and assured to take up the matter with Haryana Electricity Regulatory Commission for more support.

He agreed to extend all industry related licences for the lockdown period and give moratorium to all dues to the government by the industry during the current situation. Mr Prasad also addressed the concern related to movement of goods and workers and shared government plans to curb COVID 19.

Mr. Pranav Gupta, Former Chairman, Haryana State Chapter, PHD Chamber thanked the dignitaries from the government and Industry members for the interaction.





SENSITISING STUDENTS ABOUT SELF EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Ms. Kanchan Zutshi , Secretary, PHDCCI, Dr. Ankita Jain, Associate Professor, IIS (deemed to be university), Jaipur, Mr. D P Goel, Co-chairman MSME Committee, PHDCCI with Students

The PHD Chamber organized an interactive session on “Outreach program for students to create self-employment opportunities” with students of IIS (deemed university) Jaipur at Industrial Manufacturing unit of Madhu Group, Conquerent Control Systems Pvt Ltd, Manesar, on February 27, 2020 at Manesar, Haryana.

The objective of the program was to promote entrepreneurs and create self-employment opportunities among the students through Start-up India, Stand-up India and other MSME programmes including Intellectual Property Rights.

The students were taken around the plant to apprise them about the manufacturing activities. Mr. Dev Prakash Goel, Co-chairman, MSME Committee, PHD Chamber briefed the

students about the self-employment opportunities and how PHD-MSME Centre can provide guidance to potential entrepreneurs.

Dr Ankita Jain, Associate Professor, IIS (deemed university), Jaipur requested PHD Chamber and Conquerent to conduct a program at the University in the near future to guide them about entrepreneurship for the benefit of the students. Students took keen interest in understanding entrepreneurship and the practical side of an Industrial MSME Unit. The students were taken around the plant to apprise them about the manufacturing activities and they took a keen interest in understanding different aspects of starting and operating a manufacturing unit.

Ms. Kanchan Zutshi, Secretary MSME Committee, PHD Chamber

in her presentation said that there are just around 8 million female entrepreneurs, but the number of male entrepreneurs has crossed 50 million. She highlighted that governments at the central and state levels have launched various financial schemes for Women entrepreneurs, which could go a long way in boosting women entrepreneurship like Mudra Yojana Scheme, Mahila Udyam Nidhi Scheme by Small Industries Development Bank of India, Stand-up India, Govt E- Marketplace and Public Procurement.

Further, she apprised students about PHD Chamber’s MSME Mentoring & Guidance Centre which promotes and supports aspiring as well as established women entrepreneurs in India.



INTERACTION WITH HARYANA ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

PHD Chamber's Haryana State Chapter organized an interaction with Haryana Electricity Regulatory Commission (HERC) on April 22, 2020 through video conferencing to discuss concerns related to fixed charges and electricity tariffs in Haryana. Mr. DS Dhesi, Chairman, HERC, Mr. Pravindra Singh Chauhan, Member, HERC and Mr. Naresh Sardana, Member HERC participated in the interaction.

Mr. Pranav Gupta, Former Chairman, Haryana State Chapter welcomed the chief guests present during the interaction.

Moderating the session, Mr. Mohit Jain, Chairman, Haryana State

Chapter, PHD Chamber suggested that the fixed electricity charges should be waived off from March 1 to June 30, 2020 or till industry begins normal operations and bills should be on basis of actual consumption with extension in bill payment.

Mr. Mohinder Gupta, Chairman, Defence Committee, PHD Chamber mentioned that Haryana should also match the electricity tariff with the neighbouring state of Punjab and also suggested reducing the cross subsidy charges and additional charges on electricity for industrial consumers.

Mr. Dhesi while addressing the industry members said that the entire world is going through a difficult

time due to Covid-19 and a common approach at the national level is desirable. He acknowledged that waiving off of fixed electricity charges is the major demand of industry but this will depend on whether the distributor agrees to waive off the same and also on how much relief is decided by the state government. He said that a sympathetic approach will be taken to give maximum possible relief to industry.

Mr. Naresh Sardana informed that the due date for payment has already been extended by one month. Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Pravindra Singh Chauhan asked industry members whether power demand is expected to rise or fall after the lockdown ends.

Mr. Ashutosh Jain, Co-chairman, Haryana State Chapter, PHD Chairman while giving the concluding remarks thanked the Chairman & members of HERC for interacting with industry members and also assured to submit the required information to HERC.



INTERACTION WITH ACS HEALTH, HARYANA

PHD Chamber organized an interactive video conference with Mr. Rajeev Arora, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary, Health and Family Welfare, Haryana on April 18, 2020 regarding the possibility of opening of industry in various zones during the lockdown period. Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, Senior Vice President, PHDCCI and a number of members of PHD Chamber were also present during the session.

Mr. Pranav Gupta, Former Chairman, Haryana State Chapter, PHD Chamber welcomed Mr. Rajeev Arora and the industry members present during the interaction.

While moderating the session Mr. Mohit Jain, Chairman, Haryana State Chapter, PHD Chamber mentioned about the possibility of opening of industry in Haryana while containing the hot spots at the same time.

Mr. Jain raised the following concerns: Provision for opening of Industry in Faridabad and Gurgaon as both these districts contribute to a large part of the State's GDP; Clarity whether further medical insurance is required to be taken for employees who are already covered under ESI; Provision of full face covering with transparent cover/ PPE kit etc. by workers, not able to

maintain social distancing in industry and list of companies selling infrared thermometers etc.

Mr. Arora while speaking on the requirement of insurance of workers apprised Industry members that Haryana government has approached the Ministry of Labour for clarification in the matter and the information will be shared as soon as it is received from the Ministry.

He shared that gadgets like infrared thermometers are available on GEM portal and industry can procure from these vendors. He assured to provide a list of vendors.

Mr. Arora pointed out that it is a phased opening for the industry during lockdown and advised that the industry must adhere to all rules and norms, else government will be constrained to revoke the decision anytime. While concluding his address he thanked PHD Chamber for providing an opportunity to interact

VIDEO CONFERENCE ON RAILWAY PARCEL TRAINS FOR TIMELY DELIVERY OF GOODS

The Jammu Region Chapter of PHD Chamber organized an interactive Video Conference on April 18, 2020 at Jammu. Mr. Chetan Taneja, Senior Divisional Traffic Manager, Jammu, Pathankote Range spoke on Railways Parcel Trains, for timely delivery of goods during COVID-19 Crisis and thereafter as well, to understand the challenges and way forward.

Addressing the session, Mr. Taneja stressed that the Railway Department has begun to intensify its attention to work for this segment of transport for essential as well as general commodities. He urged that the Jammu & Kashmir Industry and Traders should avail this parcel train service for quick movement during the lock down period. The movement of parcel train is typically from point to point, and the parcel bogies for the destination can be loaded in a train.

He further stated that the schedule and live status of Parcel Trains running from Jammu to Delhi and all over the country are available on National Train Enquiry System (NTES) and these trains will have transit at Pathankot, Jalandhar, Ludhiana, Ambala, Panipat and Delhi. According to him, the Northern Railways can facilitate movement of goods across

India with the help in transit of goods from the suppliers to the respective Railway stations and also facilitate delivery of Goods to customers in coordination with respective State/ UT administration. The time tabled Cargo Parcel trains are being run to enable transport of goods across India & provide logistics support to the states, businesses, Industries as well as individuals during the Covid – 19 Lockdown and even their fares are less than what Railways Charge in normal circumstances.

Mr. Rakesh Wazir, Chairman, Jammu Chapter, PHD Chamber in his address said that Indian Railways are playing a vital role by resuming the Parcel Van Service to ensure uninterrupted flow of essential commodities to local markets and further added that the objective of the interactive session is to understand the Parcel Train Service for mobility to ensure the smooth movement of goods in the present crisis and in future also. He said that this initiative is expected to boost the availability of vital goods required for ordinary citizens, industry and agriculture during the corona virus outbreak because road transport is almost negligible and people are facing lot of problems.

Mr. Kuthiala, Co-chairman, PHD Chamber impressed upon the Zonal level Railway officers that this Parcel Train service should be continued post COVID-19 and with seamless connectivity from Udhampur to Banihal which will play a vital role in curbing the pollution level in the environment of J&K and will have purposeful utilisation.

Mr. Rahul Sahai, Chairman, Hotel Association, Katra, while speaking on the occasion said that this is some heartening initiative of Indian Railways and its contribution to India's efforts to fight the Economic and Health challenge. Mr Sahai added that delivery of the goods in industrial areas of Jammu should be at Bari Brahmana, Samba and Udhampur Railway stations so that communication to Jammu for receiving and booking commodities in the lockdown period be avoided.

Other issues raised during the interaction were safety of goods in parcels and need for goods insurance policy and Indian Railways should circulate the SOP of the policy to the concerned departments to make it easier to use for the shipper and consignee.

Ms Malika Verma, Director, PHD Chamber moderated the conference.





WORKSHOP ON AGRICULTURE MARKETING INFRASTRUCTURE (AMI)

The Kashmir Chapter of PHD Chamber in association with NABARD organized a workshop on Agriculture Marketing Infrastructure (AMI), a centrally sponsored scheme on March 10, 2020 at Hotel Radisson, Srinagar. The Scheme aims to develop agriculture marketing infrastructure including storage infrastructure in agriculture and allied sectors. The objective of the Scheme is to promote integrated value chains through minimal processing/value addition to make agricultural/horticultural produce more marketable. Under this scheme,

different types of units can be financed and there is a subsidy of 33% available through NABARD for Northeast and hilly areas including Jammu & Kashmir.

The workshop was attended by officials from the Nodal Agency, Directorate of Marketing & Inspection, Govt of India, beneficiary farmers (interested in setting up units under the Scheme), Financial institutions viz. J&K Bank, SBI, PNB, EDB and JKGB, Chartered Accountants (interested in DPR preparation), Departments of Agriculture, Horticulture & NABARD. The implementation of the Scheme is being monitored by NABARD at the

state and central level.

All the participants were provided guidance on setting up of grading, packing and storage units with financial assistance. Mr. S.K. Koul, Incharge DMI, J&K informed about the operational guidelines of the Scheme and impressed upon the participants to come forward to avail the benefits of the scheme. Mr. Qamar Javed, DGM NABARD, said that the scheme will boost the development of agriculture and horticulture sector in Kashmir and help in providing job opportunities to the youth in these units.



CREATING AWARENESS ON INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

Dr Ranjeet Mehta, Principal Director, PHD Chamber and Mr. Dev Prakash Goel Co-chair, MSME Committee, PHD Chamber presenting a memento to Prof (Dr) K.C Sunny, Vice-Chancellor, National University of Advanced Legal Studies. Also seen Mr. Mithilesh Kumar, Joint Secretary, PHD Chamber; Mr. Manoj Madhavan, Assistant Controller of Patents and Design, IP office, Chennai; Mr. E V Shril, Chairman, Kerala Chapter, PHD Chamber and Dr I G Rathish, IUCIPRS- CUSAT and Assistant Professor, Cochin University of Science



PHD Chamber under the aegis of the Office of the Controller General of Patents, Designs & Trade Marks, Ministry of Commerce and Industry organized an awareness Programme on “Importance of Intellectual Property Rights” on March 2, 2020 at National University of Advanced Legal Studies, Ernakulam, (Kochi).

The objective of the seminar was to spread information about IPR and its benefits for boosting the economy of the country and share technology, innovation and global best practices adopted by the developed countries.

In his introductory remarks, Dr Ranjeet Mehta, Principal Director, PHD Chamber cited alternative sources of income for music industry from IP licensing.

Chief Guest, Prof. (Dr) K.C Sunny, Vice-Chancellor, National University of Advanced Legal Studies (NUALS) discussed the importance of IPR in today's world and how it would help the entrepreneurs to grow in future. He also emphasized on the need for academia to accommodate changes in their curriculum to cater to the changing needs of the industry and highlighted steps taken by the University.



Participants

Mr. D P Goel, Co-chairman, MSME Committee, PHDCCI, welcomed the dignitaries and talked about IPR benefits available to the MSMEs. He highlighted the need to protect the creations by the MSMEs while cautioning about violating intellectual property rights of others.

Mr. Manoj Madhavan, Assistant Controller of Patents and Design, IP office, Chennai, mentioned the terminology related to IPRs. He explained the working of the Office of Controller General of Patents, Designs and Trademarks and how they are helping in filing for Intellectual Property Rights. He also elaborated upon the patenting system in India, throwing light on the various

amendments undertaken under the Patents Act.

Dr Athira P.S. Director, Centre for Intellectual Property Rights, National University of Advanced Legal Studies; Mr. Sandeep Agarwal, Director, Adastra IP and Dr I G Rathish, IUCIPRS- CUSAT and Assistant Professor, Cochin University of Science were the resource persons at the event and provided insights on management of various IP rights.

Mr. E V Shril, Chairman, Kerala Chapter, PHD Chamber delivered the vote-of-thanks to the guests.

More than 100 participants attended the programme and understood the basic of IPRs.



9TH INTERNATIONAL HERITAGE TOURISM CONCLAVE

Mr. Gunjan Rohatgi, Associate Director, Nielsen India; Mr. Rajan Sehgal, Co-chairman, Tourism Committee, PHDCCI; H.E. Mr. Radu Dobre, Ambassador of Romania; H.E. Mr. Dato Hidayat Abdul Hamid, High Commissioner of Malaysia; H.E. Mr. Sakir Ozkan Torunlar, Ambassador, Embassy of the Republic of Turkey and Dr Jatinder Singh, Director, PHDCCI

The Tourism Committee of PHD Chamber organized the 9th International Heritage Tourism Conclave on the theme 'Achieving SDG 11.4: Strengthen efforts to protect and safeguard the world's cultural and natural heritage' on March 13, 2020 at Taj Usha Kiran Palace, Gwalior. The programme was supported by the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India.

According to the UNWTO, 1.8 billion people are forecast to travel internationally in 2030 and much of this growth is being fuelled by an increasing desire and interest in discovering new and different cultures. Cultural heritage – both tangible and intangible are resources that need to be protected and carefully managed. Recent tourism studies show how best to develop these cultural heritage sites while protecting and preserving them for the long-term.

H.E. Mr. Sakir Ozkan Torunlar, Ambassador, Embassy of the Republic of Turkey; H.E. Mr. Radu Octavian Dobre, Ambassador, Embassy of Romania in India and H.E. Mr. Dato Hidayat Abdul Hamid, High Commissioner, High Commission of Malaysia were present at the programme and shared the heritage tourism potential of their respective countries.



Panel Discussion: Positioning India as world's top Heritage Tourism Destination: Prof. (Dr.) Alok Sharma, Director, IITM Gwalior; Mr. D. Venkatesan, Regional Director, India Tourism Mumbai; Ms. Sonia Meena (IAS), Additional Managing Director, Madhya Pradesh State Tourism Development Corporation; Mr. Aman Nath, Founder & Chairman, Neemrana Hotels and Dr H B Maheshwari Jaisai, Convenor – Madhya Pradesh State Chapter, INTAC

PHDCCI and its Knowledge Partner – Nielsen India jointly released a Knowledge Report titled 'Heritage Tourism in India and SDG 11.4: Stakeholders' Perspective'. The report gives a holistic view on heritage tourism across the world and in the country. The report provides ample scope and opportunities towards preservation of world's cultural and natural heritage.

While setting the theme of the Conclave, Mr. Rajan Sehgal, Co-

chairman, Tourism Committee, PHDCCI said, "We need forums like this to brainstorm what steps can be taken to correct the skewed balance of tourist traffic, where bulk of the foreign tourist arrivals is limited to a few prominent destinations. Some basic factors that are immediately apparent are of course, improving connectivity, providing a better overall experience and greater outreach programmes overseas to attract more visitors."



Delegates enjoying the Heritage Walk at Jai Vilas Palace, Gwalior

Panel Discussion on 'Positioning India as world's top Heritage Tourism Destination' was moderated by Mr. Aman Nath, Founder & Chairman, Neemrana Hotels, while the panelists included Ms. Sonia Meena (IAS), Additional Managing Director, Madhya Pradesh State Tourism Development Corporation; Mr. D. Venkatesan, Regional Director, India Tourism Mumbai; Dr H B Maheshwari Jaisal, Convenor – Madhya Pradesh State Chapter, Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage and Prof. (Dr) Alok Sharma, Director, Indian Institute of Tourism and Travel Management, Gwalior.

Heritage Tourism in India with 37 UNESCO World Heritage Sites and numerous other natural sites have immense potential that need repeat visits to cover all of them. The challenges are very demanding keeping in mind conservation and environmental protection. 'Adopt a Heritage Scheme' by Ministry of Tourism and Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) is one of the best practices to showcase our monuments and drive sustainable growth.

The panelists highlighted that the need of the hour is to have a clear vision and a well-defined execution

plan with the goal of sustainable development that provides conservation and growth, clean air, water, energy and heritage at large. Technology, documentation, capacity building and regulation are the way to go for sustainable development of heritage tourism.

A Heritage Walk was also organized during the programme for all the delegates to enjoy the heritage of Gwalior, not only as past, but as a living tradition. The Conclave was attended by over 100 delegates.



VIDEO CONFERENCE ON GOVERNMENT SCHEMES FOR MSMEs IN MP

PHD Chamber's MP Chapter organized a video conferencing on government schemes for MSMEs on April 11, 2020. Mr Nilesh Trivedi, Assistant Director, Ministry of MSMEs addressed the participants and enlightened them about the various schemes available for MSMEs and also informed the procedure to apply for them. Dr Yogesh Srivastav moderated the session and took the queries of the participants in the interactive session.

55 entrepreneurs from Bhopal, Delhi, Raipur and Mumbai participated and got their queries cleared. Mr Trivedi invited PHD Chamber's members to collaborate with his Department and organize more such programmes for helping the MSMEs upscale.



13th REGIONAL QUALITY CONCLAVE

Dr Jatinder Singh, Director PHDCCI; Mr. C K Biswas, CEO NBQP; Mr. Tusharkanti Behera, Hon'ble MOS, Independent Charge, Electronics & IT, Sports & Youth Services, Govt. of Odisha; Dr. Arun Kumar Panda (IAS) Secretary, MSME, Govt. of India; Mr. T. Ramchandru, (IAS retd), Former Principal Secretary, Department of industries, Govt of Odisha; Dr H P Kumar, Advisor PHDCCI & Former Chairman & Managing Director, National Small Industries Corporation (NSIC) and Mr. P. C. Nayak, GM, NSIC

PHD Chamber along with Quality Council of India jointly organized the 13th Regional Quality Conclave (RQC) on February 28, 2020 at Hotel Swosti Premium, Bhubaneswar on the theme "Sustainable Strategies for Make in India, Digital India and Smart Manufacturing."

The objective of this Conclave was to create awareness about sustainable strategies for smart manufacturing, deliberate on how organizations can continuously improve and innovate and share the technological advancement like Industry 4.0 and how digital transformation is important for accelerating business activities and importance of Smart Manufacturing.

Mr. Tusharkanti Behera, Hon'ble Minister of State, Independent Charge, Electronics & IT, Sports & Youth Services, Govt. of Odisha was

the Chief Guest while Dr Arun Kumar Panda (IAS) Secretary, MSME, Govt. of India; Mr. T. Ramchandru (IAS) and Mr. Hemant Sharma, Principal Secretary Department of Industries, Govt. of Odisha Former Principal Secretary, Department of Industries, Govt. of Odisha were the Guests of Honor. The inaugural address was delivered by Mr. C K Biswas, CEO NBQP.

Three technical sessions on Conventional to Smart Manufacturing, Digital Tools for the Future Businesses, Implementation and Design for Industry 4.0 were addressed by Dr S K Rath, Director (Personnel) Odisha Mining Corporation Ltd; Dr S K Sahoo, Director-In-charge, MSME DI, Bhubaneswar; Dr S K Kar, Chief of Quality, Consultancy and MSME Service Divn, Central Tool Room & Training Centre, Bhubaneswar; Dr

Suman Bhattacharya, Director, School of Career Advisory & Head, Next Gen Learning, KIIT University; Dr R N Behera, Former Director, NIC Bhubaneswar; Mr. Ashwini Rath, MD, Batoli Systems Pvt Ltd. Technology; Dr Anupam Gayen, Senior Branch Manager, NSIC, Bhubaneswar; Mr. Chinmyananda Padhi, Director, Udyate Technologies Pvt Ltd., Bhubaneswar; Mr. Sanjeev Mohapatra, Director, Anand Industrial Gases Pvt Ltd; Mr. Debabrta Dash, HR head TATA TS ALLOYS, Odisha; Mr. J K Rath, Chairman (FICCI & UCCI) MSME Committee Bhubaneswar & Director, Mechem Industries Pvt. Ltd., Bhubaneswar and Mr. Ashutosh Kumar, Mentor, Startup Fellowship.

About 200 business delegates from Odisha region participated in the interaction.





INDUSTRIAL WASTE AND WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT

Ms. Kanchan Zutshi, Secretary, Water & Solid Waste Management Committee and Mr. Gurmeet Singh Kular, Convener-Ludhiana Zone, Punjab State Chapter, PHD Chamber; Mr. Satwinder Singh Marwaha, Chairman, Punjab Pollution Control Board; Mr. Vikram Singh Mehta, Chairman, Water & Solid Waste Management Committee, PHD Chamber and Mr. Manoj K Sharma, Chief Operating Officer at National Federation of Farmer's Procurement Processing and Retailing Cooperatives of India Ltd.

PHD Chamber organized a seminar on 'Industrial Waste and Wastewater Management' on February 28, 2020 at Hotel Radisson, Ludhiana. Over 100 industrialists attended the seminar. The aim was to discuss the issues being faced in managing, reusing and recycling waste and wastewater in Ludhiana.

Mr. Vikram Singh Mehta, Chairman, PHDCCI Water and Solid Waste Management Committee, said that the Centre and state governments and various institutions in India, including the Planning Commission and the National Institute of Urban Affairs, have explained ways to deal with this subject. "Currently, waste management is one of the pressing issues that the Centre is dealing with under its flagship programmes of Smart City Mission and the Swachh Bharat Mission. The issue has been taken up by various ministries and institutions," he added.

Mr. R.S Sachdeva, Mentor, Punjab State Chapter, PHDCCI remarked that the state government and the Centre have spent Rs. 1550 crores in cleaning-up operations but the pollution level continues to rise. There is a need to ensure that the treatment plants set up by industrial units are operational

and that untreated waste is not dumped into the Buddha Nullah.

Chief Guest, Mr. Satwinder Singh Marwaha, Chairman, Punjab Pollution Control Board (PPCB), commented that over time, the focus on environment protection has declined and there has been a shift towards increasing agricultural production, food security and Industrialization. He said that technological development is the key to industrial growth and all stakeholders need to work together to protect the environment and give a better future to the younger generation. He apprised that the Punjab government has recently approved a Rs 650-crore project for the rejuvenation of the highly polluted Buddha Nullah in Ludhiana. Under the first phase, augmentation and refurbishment of the sewage treatment facility and dairy effluent treatment among other tasks would be carried out. The second phase will include the reuse of treated effluents besides landscaping and beautification along the drain. He requested the local industry, NGOs and religious and social organizations to carry out this project on a mission mode.

Mr. Sandeep Bahl, Senior Environmental Engineer, PPCB

said that the Board has requested industrialists to refurbish their effluent treatment plants with proper markings as per the proper design so that the prescribed standards of treatment can be achieved.

Mr. Gurmeet Singh Kular, Convener-Ludhiana Zone, Punjab State Chapter, PHD Chamber delivered the vote-of-thanks and urged the industrialists to pay more attention towards wastewater treatment.

Speakers included Mr. Manoj K Sharma, Chief Operating Officer at National Federation of Farmer's Procurement Processing and Retailing Cooperatives of India Ltd; Ms. Reena Chadha, AGM at Eco Laboratories and Consultants Pvt Ltd; Mr. Ashok Kumar, AGM, (sustainability) at URS Verification; Mr. Jagjit Singh Kochar, M.D, KBK Environ Infrastructure Ltd; Mr. Abhinav Sharma, MD at Dross Management System & Energy Solutions Private Limited and Ms. Shalini Goyal Bhalla, Founder, Women For India.

The speakers stated that the current situation can be improved by conducting water-wastewater audit and cleaning the Buddha Nullah by Korean nano bubble innovative technology.





RECENT DEVELOPMENTS, E-INVOICING & NEW RETURN FORMS UNDER GST

Advocate Pawan Kumar Pahwa, Chairman, Punjab Taxation Committee, PHD Chamber & Partner, Panacea Legal Services, Chandigarh; Mr. Ajay Mahajan, Convener-Jalandhar Zone, Punjab State Chapter, PHD Chamber; Mr. D S Garcha, AETC Jalandhar, Department of Excise and Taxation, Government of Punjab and CMA Harkesh Tara, Vice Chairman, Northern India Regional Council of The Institute of Cost Accountants of India

The Punjab State Chapter of PHD Chamber organized a seminar on 'Recent Developments, E-Invoicing & New Return Forms under GST' in association with The Institute of Cost Accountants of India, Tally and Webtel on February 19, 2020 at Hotel Ramada Encore, Jalandhar.

Mr. D S Garcha, AETC, Jalandhar, Department of Excise and Taxation, Government of Punjab said, "E-Invoicing is the new system through which business-to-business (B2B) transactions are authenticated electronically by GSTN". He viewed this as a major step towards the push for a digital economy and lauded that GSTN is improving every day and GST is digitized to a great extent.

While welcoming the participants, Mr. Ajay Mahajan, Convener-Jalandhar Zone, Punjab State Chapter, PHD Chamber said that GST has been a very noteworthy step in the history of Indirect Tax reforms in India. Despite teething troubles and confusion over GST implementation, the Government has crossed some crucial milestones with GST, he added.

CMA Harkesh Tara, Vice Chairman, Northern India Regional Council (NIRC)

of The Institute of Cost Accountants of India (ICAI) said, "E-invoice is the future means of electronic billing". He also added that it has been adopted by many governments internationally. It has been implemented in a staggering manner over a period of time, initially launched for B2B and B2G (business-to-government), he added.

Advocate Pawan Kumar Pahwa, Chairman, Punjab Taxation Committee, PHD Chamber & Partner, Panacea Legal Services, Chandigarh stated that in order to curb the practices of fake Input Tax Credit (ITC), the Government has come up with a new return system for real time matching of the ITC and is also introducing e-invoicing effective from April 2020. He further stated that PHD Chamber is committed to apprise trade and industry on the developments under the GST by organizing seminars, conferences and outreach programs to address the concerns of the industry.

CA Vishal Garg, Former Chairman, Northern India Regional Council (NIRC) of The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India made a comprehensive presentation on New Forms under GST-GST RET -1 (ANE-1

& ANE-2) and discussed issues under GST - GSTR- 9 & 9C.

CA Rajeev Khandelwal, Director, Webtel said E-invoice i.e uploading of B2B invoices on Government portal, is Mandatory w.e.f April 1, 2020 for turnover above Rs. 100 crores. This will help eliminate fake invoices and also be cost effective for businesses. This technology driven change requires changes in ERPs and use of integration facilities. Users also have to take care of various operational issues, he mentioned.

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.

Queries and various issues on GST were discussed at length during the interactive question and answer session. CMA Reetika, Chairperson, Jalandhar Chapter of the Institute of Cost Accountants of India (ICAI) delivered the vote-of-thanks to the guests.





11TH NATIONAL LIVESTOCK CHAMPIONSHIP & AGRI EXPO



Mr. S. Tript Rajinder Singh Bajwa, Rural Development & Panchayats, Animal Husbandry, Dairy Development & Fisheries, Higher Education and Languages Minister, Punjab inaugurating the 11th National Livestock Championship & Agri Expo on 27 February 2020 at Batala. Also seen in the pic are Mr. Raj Kamal Chaudhary, IAS Secretary, Animal Husbandry, Fisheries and Dairy Development, Government of Punjab along with other officials from the Department.

The 11th National Livestock Championship & Agri Expo was organized by PHD Chamber jointly with the Department of Animal Husbandry, Fisheries and Dairy Development, Government of Punjab from February 27- 2 March, 2020 at Batala, District Gurdaspur, Punjab .

Spread over a covered area of 582 sq.mts, the Expo provided the visitors a good exposure to latest agricultural farm implements, vet medicines, cattle feed, animal nutrients, milking machines, etc.

Mr. S. Tript Rajinder Singh Bajwa, Rural Development & Panchayats, Animal Husbandry, Dairy Development & Fisheries, Higher Education and Languages Minister, Punjab inaugurated the Expo on February 27, 2020.

Mr. Gurjit Singh Aujla, MP, Amritsar was the Chief Guest on February 28, 2020.

Mr. S. Tript Rajinder Singh Bajwa, Rural Development & Panchayats,



Mr. S. Tript Rajinder Singh Bajwa, Rural Development & Panchayats, Animal Husbandry, Dairy Development & Fisheries, Higher Education and Languages Minister, Punjab addressing the participants during National Livestock Championship & Agri Expo

Animal Husbandry, Dairy Development & Fisheries, Higher Education and Languages Minister, Punjab and Mr.S. Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa, Cooperation and Jail Minister, Punjab graced the Valedictory session on March 2, 2020.

The Department was also represented by Mr. Raj Kamal Chaudhary, IAS, Secretary, Animal Husbandry, Fisheries, and Dairy Development, Government of Punjab and Mr. Inderjit Singh, Director, Animal Husbandry, Government of Punjab.



Dignitaries seen on Dais on February 28, 2020 ie. Day 2 of the National Livestock Championship & Agri Expo

A string of seminars were organized wherein experts enlightened the participants about the latest scientific inventions and their usage. The seminars included deliberations on Animal Fodder & Diet, Opportunities in Dairy Farming Business, Scientific and Economic Goat Rearing; Role of Pig Farming in Crop Diversification; Prospects of Aqua-culture and Integrated Farming in Punjab; Preservation and Conservation of Indigenous Breeds; Dairy Farming as a Career and Future of Dairy Farming: Buffalo, Indigenous Cow and Exotic Cattle.

Milking Competition of Cows, Buffaloes and Goats, as well as Breed Competitions of Horses, Cattle, Buffaloes, Sheep, Goats, Pigs, Dogs, Poultry were conducted. Such Competitions encouraged owners to learn scientific and technical know-how in the care & management of their animals to enhance the milk yield and improve the breed quality of their animals.

Prizes worth Rs. 2 Cr were distributed to the winners of various Livestock Championships organized during the 5-day event.

More than 50 National and International companies including major brands like Cargill India, Paras Nutrition Pvt. Ltd., Inguran Sorting Technologies LIP; Nestle; National Meditek; Tinetapharma Pvt. Ltd.; Intas Pharmaceuticals limited; ALM Meat Plant; Federal Agro Industries Pvt. Ltd.; Provini Animal Nutrition India Pvt. Ltd.; Abbott Cold Storage Pvt. Ltd.; Genus Breeding India Pvt. Ltd.; Deheus India Pvt. Ltd., Animax Pharma Pvt. Ltd.; Vensun Technologies Pvt. Ltd.; Progressive Dairy Solution Ltd.; Brilliant Biopharma Pvt. Ltd.; Sunjin India Feeds Pvt. Ltd. and Tiwana Oil Mills Pvt. Ltd. participated in the Expo and showcased latest technology,



Mr. Gurjit Singh Aujla, MP, Amritsar addressing the participants on February 28, 2020



Champion Buffalo



Exhibition view

machines and products.

Besides, various related agencies like NABARD, MARKFED and MILKFED also participated in the 5-day Expo.

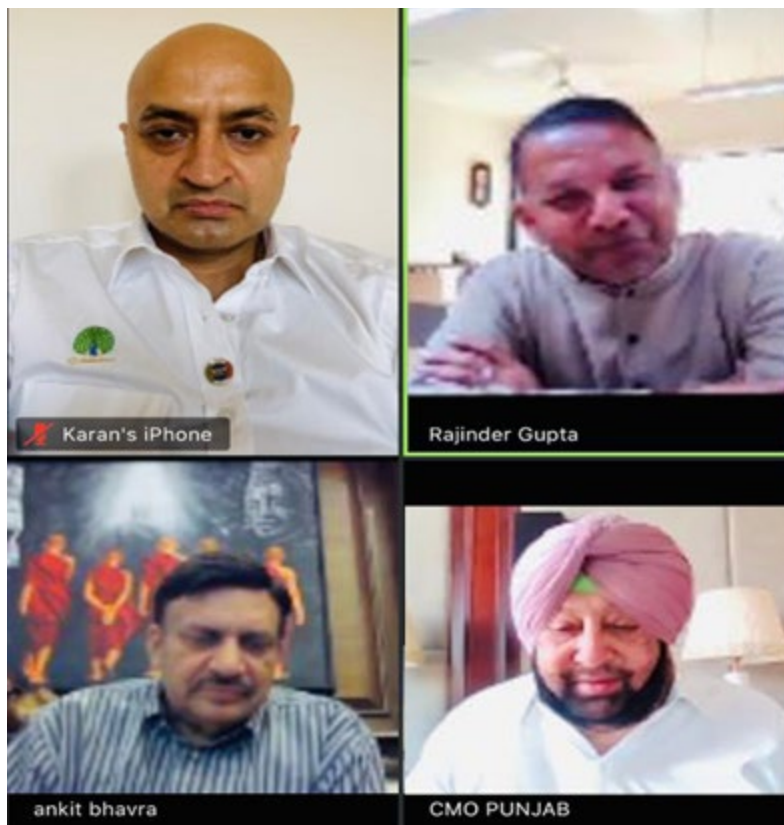
Various banks extending loan

facilities for development of animal husbandry, dairy and fisheries facilities like Punjab and Sind Bank, Allahabad Bank also marked their presence at the expo.

INTERACTIVE SESSION WITH HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER OF PUNJAB

Amid Covid-19 lockdown, Capt. Amarinder Singh, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Punjab via Video Conferencing interacted with Industry leaders on April 8, 2020 to discuss various suggestions to mitigate the problems faced by Industry.

PHD Chamber was represented by Mr. R S Sachdeva and Mr. Karan Gilhotra, Mentor and Chairman respectively of Punjab State Chapter.



The following recommendations were made :

- To provide Labour Welfare Fund to pay wages to labour as industry is facing a liquidity crunch.
- In view of the upcoming harvesting & sowing season, it was proposed that the agriculture related products like tractor parts, diesel engine parts and cycles should be added to the essential items list.
- Work of personnel and labour at dry ports and Concord should be made mandatory. Chandigarh airport should be opened for cargo transport.
- VAT, GST and other refunds should be expedited and banks should be asked to waive off interest on EMIs and increase the working capital limit by 25%.
- Twelve hour shift should be allowed in industries that have been allowed to work during the lockdown.
- For hotel industry, all charges for licences like bar licence should be waived off.
- Packing industry being integral to all essential industry should be given blanket permission while following Covid guidelines.
- For permitted industry, blanket passes should be given to managers so that they don't need to apply repeatedly.
- Waive GST charges for Startups who are manufacturing medical equipment.
- To clear all pending registrations with Transport authorities for BS 4 vehicles where the fee has been deposited with the Government by 31st March, as denial or delay in issuing of these RCs will add to further crisis.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister assured Industry members that the suggestions would be reviewed and suitable action would be taken.

WEBINAR ON BREAKING THE ECONOMIC CURIOSITY DURING COVID- 19

Punjab State Chapter of PHD Chamber and Global Shapers Community Chandigarh organized a Webinar on "Breaking the Economic Curiosity during Covid- 19"

on April 7, 2020."

Mr. R S Sachdeva, MD & CEO - Hitech Group & Mentor, Punjab State Chapter, PHD Chamber and Mr. Arun Nair K S, Analyst- Accenture, Curator-

Global Shapers Kochi shared the Industries Perspective on Covid-19 and Economic Impact of Covid - 19 on various sectors. CA Vansh Kataria shared insights in terms of bank loans and cash flow.

Mr. Param Kalra, Co-chairman, Punjab Startup Committee, PHD Chamber moderated the session.

Around 70 participants from Amritsar, Mohali, Jalandhar, Pathankot, Ludhiana, Noida, Kochi, Bangalore and Shimla attended the webinar.

WEBINAR WITH PRINCIPAL SECRETARY POWER, GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB AND CMD, PSPCL

Punjab State Chapter organized an interactive webinar with Mr. A Venu Prasad, IAS, Principal Secretary Power, Government of Punjab and Er. Baldev Singh Sran, CMD, PSPCL on April 9, 2020.

Mr. Karan Gilhotra, Chairman and Mr. Simarpreet Singh, Co-chairman respectively of Punjab State Chapter of PHD Chamber along with other industrialists welcomed the Principal

Secretary, Power and CMD, PSPCL and thanked them for sparing their valuable time to attend the webinar.

Some of the issues addressed included handling of fixed charges, two part tariff, payment of domestic and commercial bills, reduction of electricity duty and Infrastructure Development Fund, etc. CMD, PSPCL assured that the Power Department will extend all help and hand holding

to industry in this crisis situation.

Mr. R S Sachdeva, Mentor, Punjab State Chapter, PHD Chamber moderated and summed up the session thanking all the dignitaries.

Around 45 Industrialists from Amritsar, Derabassi, Fazilka, Faridkot, Ludhiana, Jalandhar, Kotkapura, Mohali and Patiala participated.

IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON OVERALL BUSINESS SCENARIO IN COMING TIMES AND SUPPORT FROM THE CHAMBER



PHD Chamber's Rajasthan Chapter conducted a video conference on "Impact of COVID-19 on Overall Business Scenario in Coming Times and Support from the Chamber" on April 9, 2020.

Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, Senior Vice President, Mr. Anil Khaitan, Former President, Mr. Digvijay Dhabriya, Chairman, Rajasthan Chapter, Mr. Suneel Dutt Goyal, Co-chairman, Rajasthan Chapter and Dr Yogesh Srivastav, Principal Director, PHD Chamber and 20 other PHD members participated in the deliberations.

Mr. Digvijay Dhabriya, Chairman, Rajasthan Chapter said that we are undergoing through the most difficult times of our lives and the

coming scenario can be more difficult. He suggested the following: the government should give a Rs. 11 lakh crore stimulus package to industry; 400 districts out of 700 districts should be resumed back with normal services and payments of loans, installments, E-bills, transportations and logistics problems should be relaxed and extended by the government.

Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, Senior Vice President, PHD Chamber in his address requested the Chairman and Co-chairman to frame suggestions which could be taken up with the State Government.

Mr. Suneel Dutt Goyal, Co-chairman, Rajasthan Chapter, PHD Chamber suggested that firstly

thermal tunnels should be installed in all public places like malls, cinema halls, restaurants, etc.

Secondly, labourers and workers who are still staying in shelter homes should be brought back with a pre-follow up of their proper arrangement of lodging and boarding.

PHD members, Mr. Ami Lal Meena, Mr. Shailesh Kackkar, Mr. Tarun, Mr. Virendra Shekhawat, Mr. Vikram Sharma, Mr. Mukesh, Mr. Ashish Singhal, Mr. Arvind, Mr. Sanjay Saxena, Mr. Sanjay Mantri, Mr. Mukesh Madhwani, Mr. Abhishek Singhal and several other members gave concrete suggestions on how businesses could ease out the Covid 19 situation.



UNLEASHING ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN INDIA: Opportunities and Challenges with special focus on Innovation

Mr. T. Senthil Siva Subramanian Head Institute Industry Interface Sharda Group of Institutions; Mr. T. R. Sharma, Director MSME DI, Agra; Dr Shailendra Singh, Director, Anand Engineering College, Agra; Dr H. P. Kumar, Advisor, PHDCCI; Prof. V. K. Sharma, Executive Vice President Sharda Group of Institutions and Mr. Mithilesh Kumar Joint Secretary PHDCCI



PHD Chamber in collaboration with Anand Engineering College, Agra (Sharda Group of Institutions) under the aegis of Ministry of MSMEs organized a seminar on 'Unleashing Entrepreneurship in India: Opportunities and Challenges with a special focus on Innovation' on February 10, 2020 at Anand Engineering College (Sharda Group of Institutions), Agra, UP.

The objective of the seminar was to create an environment conducive to entrepreneurship by knitting together all relevant players viz. support system institutions, governments and potential, Start ups and existing entrepreneurs.

Dr H.P. Kumar, Advisor PHDCCI (Former CMD NSIC) was the chief guest of the event while Mr. T.R. Sharma, Director – MSME-DI, Agra was the Guest of Honour.

The inaugural address was delivered by Dr Shailendra Singh, Director, Anand Engineering College, Agra who thanked PHDCCI for choosing Anand Engineering College (AEC), Agra for organizing the event. He shared the various initiatives

taken by AEC in the domain of entrepreneurship.

Prof. V. K. Sharma, Executive Vice President, Sharda Group of Institutions delivered the talk on entrepreneurship with live examples to motivate the students and guided the students to take the profession of entrepreneurship.

Dr H.P. Kumar shared his valuable insights on the opportunities and challenges in the field of entrepreneurship in India. He discussed about the various government initiatives like startup India and stand up India to promote the entrepreneurship and start-ups. He also shared the Government of India schemes like Prime Minister Entrepreneurship and Mudra. He emphasized to the students to choose the idea in the domain of Food processing, building & clothing, healthcare and education.

Mr. T. R. Sharma, Director MSME DI, Agra mentioned about the various incubation schemes that MSMEs offer for students especially funding of ideas. He also discussed different programs like cluster, lean

manufacturing, etc by MSMEs.

Mr. Mithilesh Kumar, Joint Secretary, PHD Chamber stated that Mentorship is the important factor of entrepreneurship through which young students will get guidance and directions for the start-ups. He also emphasized the importance of innovation which is the prime factor for the start-ups and entrepreneurship. He mentioned about the MSME Facilitation Centre and virtual incubation offered by PHDCCI and advised the students to avail the opportunity. He underlined that the vision of PHDCCI is to train nearly 10,000 students in the field of entrepreneurship.

Mr. T. Senthil, Head Institute Industry Interface Program of Sharda Group of Institutions delivered the vote-of-thanks to the guests. He said that the seminar on Entrepreneurship added values to the students of AEC and will pave the way for the students to start their own venture. He thanked the students of E-Cell whose remarkable contribution led the event to grand success.

Nearly 250-300 students of Anand Engineering College participated in the event.



PHD'S OUTREACH PROGRAMME ON UNLEASHING ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN INDIA: Opportunities and Challenges with special focus on Innovation

Mr Mithilesh Kumar, Joint Secretary, PHDCCI; Dr Alok Chauhan, Director, Meerut Institute of Technology, Meerut; Mr Anil Khaitan, Mentor MSME, former president PHDCCI, Dr H P Kumar, Former Chairman and Advisor, PHDCCI; Mr Dev Prakash Goel, Co-chair, MSME Committee PHDCCI; Mr Puneet Agarwal, Vice Chairman, Meerut Institute of Technology, Meerut

PHD Mentoring and Guidance Centre and MSME Committee of the Chamber in order to reach out to the young minds, aspiring for Entrepreneurship to sensitize them about how to imbibe entrepreneurship for self employment organised two interactive sessions on unleashing entrepreneurship opportunities with a special focus on Innovation on March 6, 2020 at Meerut Institute of Technology, Meerut and Meerut Institute of Engineering and Technology, Meerut respectively.

The objective of these outreach programmes was to provide indepth information on business entrepreneurship and the direction to move on the right path to understand the issues and challenges faced by the entrepreneurs.

Mr. Anil Khaitan, Former President, PHDCCI & Mentor, PHD MSME Mentoring and Guidance Centre was the chief guest who shared valuable insights and experience of entrepreneurship development among students.

Mr. Khaitan said that every budding entrepreneur must know how to tackle the pressure and give their 100% in every situation and should be flexible and open to new



Mr Anil Khaitan, Mentor MSME, former president PHDCCI addressing the audience





Students with faculty members

ideas is something that gives an edge to their business. This eventually brings a unique and refined product for the customers. If the path is too easy, entrepreneurs probably are on the wrong one. At the end of the day, they are like the captain of their teams. The captain of a team is a confident young entrepreneur at the helm of a successful start-up and when a cricket team plays, the whole country unites in support of the 11 men putting up their best show on the field. Every entrepreneur must build a team that the world can celebrate –with their team of business, Mr. Khaitan

explained.

Dr H P Kumar, Former Chairman and Advisor, PHDCCI shared valuable insights on entrepreneurship and how to make India a five trillion US\$ economy by 2024. He said breakthrough ideas are an essential driver of progress that benefits consumers, businesses, the economy and the nation as a whole. Innovation would need to play a crucial role if India has to achieve the ambitious goal of becoming a US\$ 5 trillion economy by 2024, added Mr. Kumar.

Mr. Dev Prakash Goel, Co-chair,

MSME Committee, PHDCCI shared the importance of knowledge, competence and discipline in life cycle of the entrepreneurship Journey. He said Invention is an important component but without commercialization of Invention, it cannot be termed as Innovation.

Dr Alok Chauhan, Director, Meerut Institute of Technology delivered the formal vote-of- thanks during the session.

About 800 Students attended the session with faculty members.

Dalmia Bharat Group's initiatives to fight against coronavirus

Dalmia Bharat Group, one of India's leading conglomerates, has donated a grand total of Rs 32.50 crore to the Centre, State Govt., NGO and Religious organisation as part of its endeavour to assist the government's massive efforts against COVID 19. Out of the total amount, Rs 26.60 crore has been donated to PM-Cares Fund and Rs 5.065 crore in various States where Dalmia Group has its plants.

"Both the centre and state governments have done an exceptional job to contain the outbreak of COVID in India. India's strength is its United citizens and loving hearts. We are doing our duty by making a small contribution to PM CARES and will whole heartedly do everything to support our PM and State CM's in their efforts to fight this virus," said Mr Puneet Dalmia, MD, Dalmia Bharat Group.

The Group has been addressing the daily needs of their contractual labourers by providing ration, grocery & accommodation to stranded labourers in Rajgangpur, Odisha & West Bengal (Medinipore) who are stuck due to the lockdown and stoppage of all transportation. The Group has also committed the use of playgrounds, guest houses and technical centres across all plants to the local authorities for using them as facilities for tackling Covand 19 cases. The canteens of the Dalmia Bharat factories across India are also being used to prepare food for local distribution in the regions.

The Group has disbursed salary ahead of schedule, the contractual labours are given bi-monthly payments so that they don't have to wait till the end of the month to buy essential commodities. The Group has also extended support to

masons & contractors on 17 camps in Sambalpur by distributing snacks & groceries. In Kapilas, they have distributed thousands of packets of food & vegetables in the tribal areas to stranded drivers, helpers, cleaners & security guards.

Dalmia Bharat is providing regular virtual sessions like Bhagavad Gita discourse, Online Yoga Sessions, Virtual Technical Trainings, educational programs, Mailer on Super food which boosts the immunity for employees to try at home, kids programs etc. to employees and their children to fight mental stress. A 24X7 Dalmia Support helpline has been started internally for all employees to ensure support at the time of need. Home-made Mask have also been provided to all the employees and sanitization & fumigation of offices and plants premises is being done to ensure safe workplace for the employees.



TOO SWEET FOR YOUR KID

Menace of Childhood Obesity and Diabetes across India



Summary:

- Diabetes is striking early-Indian kids as young as 9-10 years are suffering from an epidemic of type 1 diabetes and life-threatening morbid obesity.
- In 2019, Diabetes shot up from 30% to 45% all across affluent families and private school children.
- In the garb of love, parents are silently gifting their children the slow poison of death.
- Frequent urination, unexplained weight loss, blurred vision, increased thirst and sugar intake are symptoms of insulin deficiency and diabetes in children.
- Timely check-ups, proper diagnosis, follow-up with CDE, balanced diet & lifestyle modification can reduce risk factors and complications

Your child has a craving for sweets and sugar-loaded treats? Who doesn't?! It's hard to resist those sugary, attractive looking treats, advertised by our favourite celebrity or cartoon character? What the food industry has done with sweets is pretty clever but also misleading and downright unethical. Only recently has the world awakened to the fact that sugar has devastated many families and children. Indian kids have been served a platter of death by their overly indulgent parents with total disregard to physical activity, lifestyle and balanced diet. With 14.4 million children obese across India, 98 million people are at extreme risk of type 2 diabetes within the next decade (2030).

The Platter of Death

Pre-independence India had a dark and long history of hunger, malnutrition and drought and our grandparents and parents bore the brutal effects of these conditions. When it came to their progeny- our generation, they tried to give the best that they could, kind of overcompensating for all the deprivation that they had to go through. Out of all that love and affection, came the sweet poison, that has affected our children badly and the prevalence of diabetes has increased from 30% to 45% in affluent households.



Dr Suhela Kapoor
Neuroscientist &
Founder - Health Safe

Inherited Sweetness

All parents want to provide the best of education, clothes and food for their children. In their zeal to do so, they end up over-protecting and bubble-wrapping children from any hardships, thereby, creating an adverse lifestyle of physical inactivity, eating disorders and a sheltered cosy existence. They struggle hard every day to give them a life of luxury and abundance and also leave substantial assets in terms of inheritance. Are money and property, the only inheritance that they are gifting them?

Think again - A life of sloth, over indulgence and inactivity has turned them into virtual couch potatoes, prone to early onset of type-1 diabetes in adolescents. Where have those days gone when the child would carry their backpack on their own shoulders, swinging their Milton bottles, on their way back from the bus-stop to home in the afternoons?!

Even the World Health Organisation has termed India as one of the most diabetes prone countries

This also means that the risk of long-term chronic diseases associated with diabetes has increased for children affected by this disease.

So what next ?

Are we waiting for slow death to take its toll? Or is there anything we can do about it?

As a way forward, we need to Monitor, Prevent and Delay Onset of Diabetes.

To effectively Monitor the onset of diabetes, we need to look at patterns in a child's health and his daily behaviour. It is crucial to look for any and every symptom of insulin deficiency. These may include:

- Increased thirst and frequent urination
- Unexplained & sudden weight loss,
- Fatigue and increased hunger
- Fruity-smelling breath
- Blurred vision
- Hyperglycaemia
- Behavioural mood changes and irritability
- Genital yeast infection and rashes

If any of these symptoms are found in the child, it is best to consult a physician with complete family medical history. Often, children are a replica of their parents in more ways than one, especially in terms of their health. Everything they inherit during their early development years can be linked to their parental gene pool. Unlike type-2 diabetes, type-1 diabetes in childhood is genetic and poses an increased risk if the family has a



history of diabetes.

**Prevention is better than cure-
clichéd! Yet the time tested adage
still holds.**

Our children are the most precious and better part of our lives, so how are we going to prevent the occurrence of diabetes and protect them?

Well! In case of family history, intervention at the right time - at an early age healthy eating habits should be inculcated and doing regular exercise. One can coordinate with a Certified Diabetes Educator (CDE) to chart out a personalised diabetic care plan to reduce the risks factors and complications.

Advanced diabetes care with EHR

The world is changing for the better! With an increased level of awareness and an advancement in healthcare technologies like Artificial Intelligence, Blockchain and Big Data Analytics, we can now effectively monitor, prevent, or at the very least, delay the onset of diabetes with periodic medical check and blood tests like random blood sugar test, Glycated haemoglobin (A1C) test and Fasting blood sugar test.

Advancement in modern-day diabetes care solutions has enabled us to effectively monitor insulin levels and prescribe the right medicines. Through secure healthcare apps, unforeseen erratic change in insulin levels can be detected timely by parents. Course correction can be accurately implemented with a HIPAA compliant tech-platform and medication.

A great way are platforms providing Personalized health/ medical records(PHR) to save both time and effort on ineffective trials and provide doctors with an in-depth analysis of any pre-disposing factors, family history, genetics, metabolism conditions, etc. so as to help with quick & effective diagnosis and timely intervention.

The 21st century is LIT and Tech-savvy!

Since everything is about customization in technology, so why shouldn't health be personalized too? Every child is different and so are risks for each individual. And that demands personalized healthcare management. A well-coordinated personalized diabetes care plan formulated by a doctor and shared with the parent, pharmacists and pathologists can effectively reduce the risks. Isn't that how it should be for everyone?

And when it comes to the next generation, it is a necessity that patients have full control over their personal health records, stored in a Blockchain, with auto-transcribed reports of their conditions, treatment plans, medication history, diagnostic reports and also, artificial intelligence tools that notify them about health problems that they are likely to encounter in future.

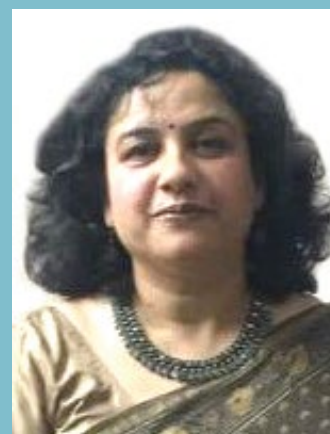
Living with fear of uncertainty, especially when it comes to health of our children is not acceptable. Benefits of EHR must be made available to all strata of society. It is not be a luxury or an entitlement to be afforded by the privileged only.



The Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak originated in a city of Wuhan in December, 2019. This virus spread from Wuhan to Italy and to Iran through the migrant labour. Gradually many other countries came into its grip from Spain to Singapore, from Switzerland to South Korea, from United States to Australia and from India to Japan engulfing 213 countries out of 240 member countries of the United Nations. It has impacted every aspect of life from work to work culture and from health to food culture. At present, 1.5 billion learners (at different levels) across 191 countries have got impacted because of temporary closure of educational institutions in an attempt to contain the spread of COVID-19. In some countries these closures have been going in for months. India recently ramped up its efforts to slow the spread of the COVID-19, by going for almost 40 days nationwide lockdown till May 3, 2020. The closure has presented an unprecedented challenge for all stakeholders in the education sector i.e. administrators, teachers, students, parents and care givers to ensure learning continuity, to check academic loss and also to bring semblance of normal life for all of them who are presently living in quarantine across India. Educational institutions, schools, colleges and universities are migrating to online learning platforms amidst COVID-19.

It is important to mention that India has one of the largest higher education systems in the world in terms of number of institutions and third largest (after China and the USA) in terms of student enrollments. India has the largest distance education (DE) systems in the world, second only to China. The expansion of online education had been happening in India even before the outbreak of COVID; therefore, remote learning or digital learning is not something new to India. But this pandemic has given a sudden shock to the education system and its stakeholders. The disruption caused by the fear of spread of virus and consequent closures of educational institutes forced them to move on to online learning. Teachers and students have been trying to communicate through apps, teaching management systems, colleges and universities are holding webinars and video conferences so that life appears to be normal as it was before and also to ensure that learning goes on. Fortunately, the educational institutions have been guiding and encouraging the teachers to start using online teaching platforms, which were created in recent past.

The traditional face-to face teaching system has taken a backseat during the quarantine



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period. Education system has been undergoing a gradual change due to greater use of technology such as Google Classroom, Google hangout and video based collaboration services like Webex, Zoom, Loom, Skype, Teams etc. and learning management systems. There are various ICT initiatives like SWAYAM, e-PG Pathshala, Massive Open Online courses(MOOCs) etc. of the Ministry of Human Resource Development, which students have been advised to capitalize on to continue their learning



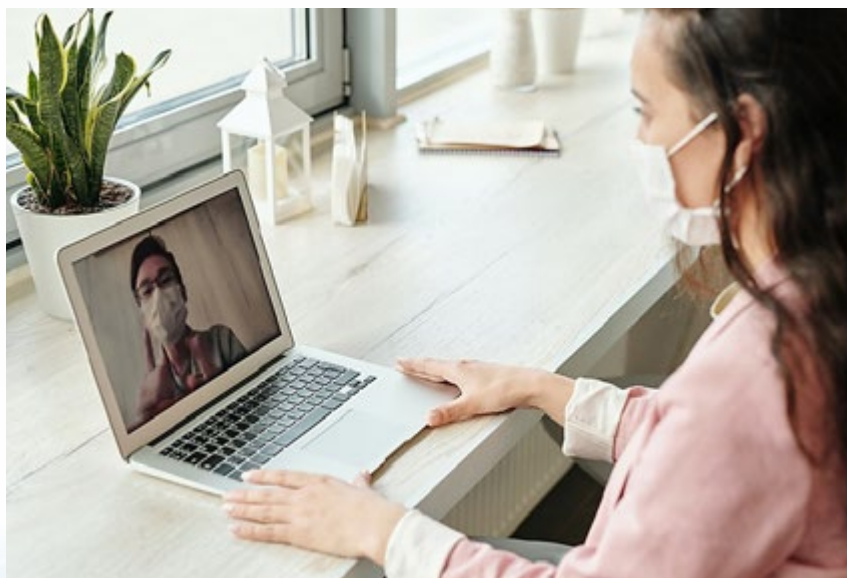
during COVID-19 based university closures. The Ministry of Human Resource Development has made its digital learning resources like MOOCs, tutorials, even virtual labs and digital library available to the students. There is no dearth of e-learning resources in India as the SWAYAM portal is one of the largest platforms in the world which hosts 1900 technical and non-technical courses. But the awareness, sensitization, motivation and participation of all the stakeholders is a must to ensure the learning outcomes in short and medium term.

In fact, viewed positively, this crisis has provided an opportunity to all stakeholders to build their skills and add to their qualifications. Economic chaos caused by COVID-19 is likely to lead to drying up of economic opportunities, however, educational startups and entrepreneurs involved in delivering online education will have bright prospects of growth. Undeniably, the days are not and will not be as structured (with remote learning) as they used to be in case of face-to face classes; therefore, responsibility lies with all stake holders including care givers and parents. There may be some problems in conducting assessments and tests too. But some apps (like socrative.com) offer solutions by making available platform for holding quizzes. There is a provision of timed tests online with little investment but issue pertaining to complete control over class and problem of funds might be there. For science students spoken tutorials, virtual labs and e-Yantras hold some promise given the fact the students will be guided by outstanding faculty from IITs. Virtual labs can work as replacement for in-person labs in times of crisis caused by disasters like COVID-19, when students are guided by trained faculty from reputed institutes. Therefore, training teachers to use digital learning management systems, planning and devising remote teaching plans supplemented by online assessment and examinations is need of the hour. In India, the problem of accessibility, availability and affordability of e-learning resource might be faced by disadvantaged groups of students. But the government has been trying to provide distant learning solutions through its portals free of cost

utilizing hi-tech, low-tech and no-tech approaches and also by making use of text messages to apps to All India Radio, FM channels, TV channels and digital platforms.

Higher public spending on IT and strengthening of existing digital infrastructure can play an important role in this transition phase. The presence of 627 million internet users in the country also gives a positive future outlook for online learning in India. Though many institutes in India have been trying to accommodate and enrich the educational experiences of differently abled persons by making special equipment and devices such as computers with screen reading

(who helped to eradicate small pox as a doctor working for WHO in 1970s) warned long back that “The threat of deadly new viruses is on the rise due to population growth, climate change and increased contact between humans and animals.” He believes that this is an ‘age of pandemics’. If his words are taken seriously then the policy makers with due participation of all stake holders must start thinking of contingency plans for higher education and formulating digital strategies. The time is to prepare response strategies for disasters like COVID. Therefore, this crisis has brought to the fore the need for rethinking on introducing centralized curriculum in the country. This is the



software, low-vision aids, scanners, mobility devices, etc. available to them but this is the time for laggard institutions to start planning for ramping up their services before the virus clears up.

It is quite clear from the foregoing that COVID -19 has put higher education in India at cross roads. Time has come when we have to make a choice. The choice will be between clinging to traditional style of teaching in classrooms or to move from traditional learning to remote learning during times of crisis. The latter can help in redefining the learning system in India. This has to happen now as infectious diseases like COVID-19 may not be a one-time phenomenon. Larry Brilliant, an American epidemiologist

time to forge partnerships between Ministries, with Public and Private sectors, with Chambers of Commerce and Industry to expand national, state and district level capacities to assure the remote provision of education. The new technical co-operation agreements for crisis sensitive planning need to be done at regional and international level to anticipate risks and act in advance to check the related costs too. But the legacy of COVID-19 depends on the response of the educators’ to a big question: Do they want to be part of faster adoption of new technologies, new processes in India’s education system? If yes, then for sure, this adversity is having the potential to put India on economic ascendancy in aftermath of COVID-19.





MEETING WITH CHIEF OF THE ARMY STAFF (COAS), INDIAN ARMY

A PHD Chamber delegation led by Dr D K Aggarwal, President and comprising of Mr. M K Gupta, Chairman, Defence & HLS Committee, Mr. Vivek Seigell, Principal Director and Mr. Nasir Jamal, Joint Secretary met the Chief of Army Staff, General Manoj Mukund Naravane, PVSM, AVSM, SM, VSM, ADC on March 5, 2020 New Delhi. The major points of discussion were the possible avenues of business for the Indian MSMEs in procurement of defence products by Indian Army under 'Make in India' program. The delegation also submitted a request for allowing Indian Defence MSMEs to use their facilities for testing the various defence products developed by MSMEs.

MEETING WITH ADDITIONAL SECRETARY, DEA, MINISTRY OF FINANCE

A PHDCCI delegation led by Dr D K Aggarwal, President and comprising of Mr Sanjay Aggarwal, Senior Vice President, Mr. Sanjeev Gupta, Chairman, Power, RE & AE Committee, Dr Yogesh Srivastav and Dr S P Sharma, Principal Director met Mr. Sameer Khare, Additional Secretary, Dept of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance on March 17, 2020 at New Delhi to seek the Ministry's support for tie-ups with Multilateral agencies for India Energy CEOs Conclave scheduled for May 2020.



MEETING WITH JOINT SECRETARY (LAC), MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

A PHD Chamber delegation led by Ms. Rashmi Chopra, Co-chairperson, International Affairs Committee for Americas and comprising of Mr. Niraj, Secretary and Ms. Nisha Tyagi, Deputy Secretary met Ms. Gloria Gangte, Joint Secretary (LAC), Ministry of External Affairs on March 5, 2020 at her office in New Delhi. The meeting was to invite the Joint Secretary for the GRULAC-INDIA BUSINESS TALK.



MEETING WITH RENOWNED STAND-UP COMEDIAN & BOLLYWOOD ACTOR

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. Mukesh Gupta, Chairman- Entertainment, Media & Art & Culture and Dr Yogesh Srivastav, Principal Director, had an interface with Mr. Raju Srivastava, Renowned Indian Stand-up Comedian and Bollywood Actor on March 6, 2020 at PHD House, New Delhi. The objective of the meeting was to share with him the activities of the Entertainment, Media & Art & Culture Committee of PHDCCI and also invite him to be an Honorary Member of the Committee.

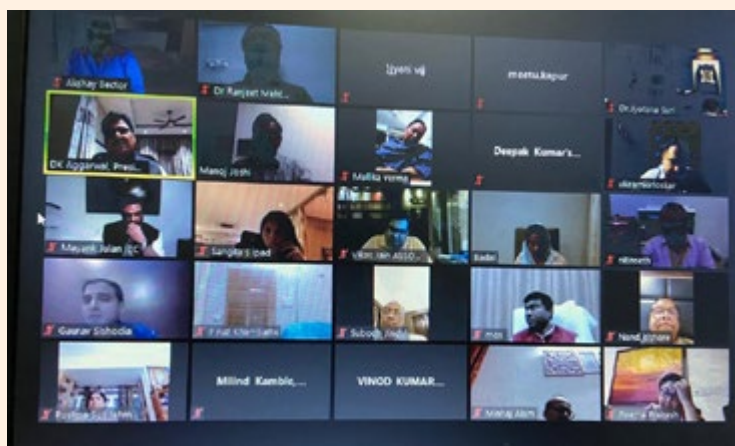


MEETING WITH FIRST SECRETARY, EMBASSY OF TUNISIA

A PHD Chamber delegation led by Mr. Nasir Zaidi, Chairman and comprising of Mr. Surinder Kalra, Co-chairman, International Affairs Committee for Gulf along with the Secretariat met Mr. Ali Meftahi, First Secretary, Embassy of Tunisia on March 12, 2020 at New Delhi. Mr. Zaidi apprised him about the role of the International Affairs Committee for Gulf, PHDCCI in bringing the business community of India and Tunisia to work in close cooperation for identifying business opportunities.

INTERACTIVE SESSION WITH MINISTER FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRY

Dr D K Aggarwal, President, PHDCCI interacted with Ms. Harsimrat Kaur Badal, Minister for Food Processing Industry, through video conferencing on April 8, 2020 on steps required for early revival of the economy and the food processing industry. Dr Aggarwal suggested steps that could contribute to early revival of the economy. Subsequently, a representation was sent to the Minister. Other industry chambers also participated in the video conferencing.



PHD FAMILY WELFARE FOUNDATION (PHDFWF)

PHDFWF'S PROGRAMMES

PHDFWF-FENA SKILL DEVELOPMENT CENTRE, OKHLA



A certificate distribution programme was organized at PHDFWF-Fena Skill Development centre in Okhla Phase-I on March 3, 2020. Senior officials from Fena Foundation & PHDFWF distributed 60 certificates to the trainees who had completed their training in beauty culture, tailoring & embroidery. Presently, 100 girls and women are availing training in fashion designing & beauty culture under this project. The centre is being supported by Fena Foundation.

HEALTH PROJECTS

PHDFWF-DSACS TARGET INTERVENTION PROJECT ON HIV/AIDS

A total of 274 ICTC, 210 RPR, 4 review meetings, 10 demand generation meetings, and 2 DIC meetings were conducted. 441 patients attended the STI clinic services, 19 PT, 16 STI and 388 RMC (Regular medical check-ups) patients were identified under this project during the month of February 2020. Two meetings were organised with project staff (ORWs and peers) and officials from PHDFWF for annual project evaluation and target achievement under this project.

PHDFWF- SETH MADANLALL PALRIWALA FOUNDATION MOBILE MEDICAL VAN

A total of 21 free health check-up camps were organized in different rural areas of Rajasthan, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and resettlement areas of Delhi. Free diagnostic care, clinical services and medicines were provided to the patients. Around 2390 patients benefitted from these camps during February 2020.



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 & Rajasthan adopted by Jaquar Group and skill development centres of PHDFWF in Delhi NCR. Free eye and dental check-up, dental screening, scaling & filling, distribution of medicines & spectacles were done to 906 patients during this period.



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

A Total of 17 free health check-up camps were organized in different villages of Haryana adopted by Jaquar Group. Free diagnostic care, clinical services and medicines were provided to the patients. Around 1050 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. 16 Free health check-up camps were organized in Okhla resettlement colonies, Priyanka Camp, Post Riots, Ali Village, Subash Camp, Taimoor Nagar, Nai Basti during the month of February 2020. A total 1602 patients benefitted from these camps.



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

14 free health check-up camps were organized in different villages of Bhiwadi, Rajasthan adopted by Jaquar Group during the month of February 2020. Free diagnostic care, clinical services and medicines were provided to the patients. A total 674 patients benefitted from these camps.



SKILL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

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 & mehendi, mobile repairing and computer education are being provided under the project. Currently, 120 students are availing the training at the centre. Apart from other activities, SHG meetings, awareness generation programmes, motivational talks and self defence trainings were organized under this project. International Women's Day was observed by the beneficiaries of the centre. All the women and girls participated in various activities related to the Women's Day during this month.



PHDFWF- L&T SKILL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING CENTRES IN FARIDABAD AND TUGLAKABAD



PHD Family Welfare Foundation has started two new skill development centers at Faridabad and Tughlakabad Pahari for beauty culture and tailoring courses with the financial support from Prayas Trust, L&T FBD. Total 80 trainees are availing training in beauty culture and tailoring in both the centres.

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

PHD FWF has been running a skill development training centre at Badli Ext., Rohini with financial support from Goyal M G Gases Pvt. Ltd. Presently 81 trainees are availing training in computer education, tailoring and beauty culture & adult education at the centre. One awareness programme, one health check-up camp and one eye & dental check- up camp were organized during February 2020 under the project.



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

PHD FWF 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 in the centre. Presently 72 trainees are availing training in computer education and beauty culture at the centre.

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

Presently, 128 trainees are obtaining training in beauty culture, tailoring, cooking and mobile repairing at this centre supported by Jaquar Foundation. Health check camps, eye & dental check-up camps and awareness programmes are also going on regular intervals under this project.





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 & hand weaving are being given in the centre. One awareness programme on women empowerment was organized during this period.

PHDFWF- WRG-JAQUAR SKILL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING AT RANGPURI PAHARI



PHDFWF in collaboration with Women's Rehabilitation Group (WRG), USA and Jaquar Foundation is running a skill development centre in Rangpuri Pahari resettlement colony, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi. The centre is providing training in computer education, tailoring & embroidery, beauty culture and nursing assistant. A total 65 trainees are availing training under the project. Awareness programme, motivational talks, health check-up camps, eye & dental check-up camps were held during the month of February 2020.



PHDFWF-ITE FOUNDATION TRUST-SKILL DEVELOPMENT CENTRE, NOIDA

Presently, 60 trainees are availing training on beauty culture & tailoring at this centre supported by ITE Foundation Trust at Noida. Health check-up camps, eye & dental check-up camps and awareness programmes were also organised during this month under the project.

PHDFWF DISTRIBUTES DRY FOOD PACKETS TO THE BENEFICIARIES & THE NEEDY DURING COVID-19

Due to pandemic Corona Virus disease and the lockdown of the Indian states till 14 April, 2020 the supply of essential things are not at the reach of rural and resettlement colonies of Delhi/NCR. Keeping this in mind PHD Family Welfare Foundation distributed food packets containing flour, rice, pulses, sugar, salt, tea leaves etc. worth Rs. 500/- each to the beneficiaries of skill development training centres and needy living in Vindopuri resettlement colonies, Gola Kuan, Okhla Phase 1, Sanjay Colony, Okhla Phase 2 and migrants living under Dwarka flyover, Vinodpuri, New Delhi with support from Former President & Managing Committee members of PHD Chamber, GB members of PHDFWF & Women & Child Sub Committee. The packets were distributed to the beneficiaries and the needy by maintaining the social distance and all the precautionary measures. PHDFWF is trying to help more beneficiaries with this initiative. PHDFWF will be distributing more packets to the beneficiaries & the needy living in resettlement colonies and remote village in Assam in the coming weeks.



PHD RURAL DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION (PHDRDF)

On 30th January 2020 WHO declared the outbreak of corona virus as Public Health Emergency of International Concern followed by declaring COVID-19 as pandemic on 11th March 2020 after seeing the alarming severity and spread of the disease and the alarming levels of inaction affecting globally including India. India has been on lockdown since the last week of March and many have been stranded in different parts of the country with the daily wagers, rag pickers, migrant workers and street food vendors being the most suffering people getting affected economically.

PHD Chamber of Commerce & Industry strongly believes in its social responsibility being an important part of business philosophy and is contributing through its social arm PHD Rural Development Foundation. PHDRDF has partnered with Coca Cola India and is distributing beverages to CRPF jawans, Police Personals on duty, gas distributors, DTC bus drivers, MCD workers, slum areas and migrant workers across different states including Kirti Nagar Industrial Area, Sangam Vihar, Khanpur, Narela, Patel Nagar, Vikaspuri in Delhi/NCR, Ludhiana, Sangrur and Jalandhar in Punjab, Uttar Pradesh and others. Members of PHDRDF with the support of PHD Chamber regional offices are reaching out to more than one lakh beneficiaries to distribute the beverages. PHDRDF also partnered with DCP District Dwarka, DCP South East Zone to distribute the beverages to 6380 police persons on duty at different police stations.

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 co-ordinator are present for each camp and are responsible for its success. Emphasis is given on generating awareness among the community on sanitation & hygiene, child & maternal health, waterborne diseases, communicable diseases and other geography-based medical problems.

PHDRDF-BSES YAMUNA POWER LIMITED



Doctor examining patient's blood pressure during health camp



ANM providing medicine to patients at Health camp



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. In this month, 9 health camps were organized in which 1273 patients benefited.

PHDRDF- DHAMPUR SUGAR MILLS LTD.



Patient being screened at the health camp

PHDRDF and Dhampur Sugar Mills Limited, Asmoli, have been working for the last three years towards providing health care services to less privileged community of nearby 9 villages and employees of Dhampur Sugar Mills Ltd., Asmoli through the project "FREE MOBILE HEALTH SERVICES". The patients were provided with free medical counseling, ECG, Blood Sugar, Haemoglobin test facility, free spectacles and medicines. During the month of March, Awareness Camps on precautions necessary for Caronavirus were conducted. 2768 employees were screened during 6 days and no person was found with any symptoms.

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 Sonapat, Haryana as a part of CSR project. The project will provide holistic health care services in three villages by conducting genetic health camps, eye care camps and women & child health care camps on a regular basis.

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 work of Sukkhal Khatt Wala check dam in progress

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 07 check dams in water-stressed regions of Ranchi District in Jharkhand state of India. 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 two check dams, namely, Kadru Chuwa Wala and Fauji Wala has been completed while construction work of Sukkhal Khatt Wala check dam is in progress.

PHDRDF - ASIAN HOTELS (EAST) LTD

PHDRDF and Asian Hotels (East) 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 has been completed. Rain was received at the dam site during the month of March for one day and the dam also received water after the first rainfall.



Construction work of Gool Bhata Wala check dam

PHDRDF - DR VIVEK AWASTY AND FAMILY



Gulak Wala Check Dam in Alwar, Rajasthan

Dr Awasty and Family and PHDRDF have partnered together to construct 'Satya Hari check dam (Gulak Wala)' in Hajipur Village, Alwar, Rajasthan. The check dam was constructed in memory of their Grand parents. This check dam will have water holding capacity of 2,40,000 cubic feet which will impact the lives of 4500 people. The check dam was inaugurated. by Ms. Indira Awasty, Ms. Radhika Bakshi and Mr. Vikram Awasty in the presence of the villagers. During the month of March, rainfall was received at the dam site and the dam received water after the first rainfall.

PHDRDF – MS. PUNAM CHOPRA AND FAMILY & 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 has water holding capacity of 1,55,040 cu ft which has impacted the lives of 4500 people for one village. The check dam was inaugurated by Ms. Punam Chopra in the presence of the community & the villagers on February 25, 2020. In the following month, the dam received water after its first rainfall.



Sankh Wala check dam in progress





Construction work of Samra Wala check dam in progress

PHDRDF - ROTARY CLUB OF DELHI MEGAPOLIS

PHDRDF and Rotary Club of Delhi Megapolis have partnered together to construct 'Samra Wala Check Dams' in Alwar, Rajasthan. Two check dams will be constructed with a combined water holding capacity of 2,012,500 cubic feet which will impact the lives of 6280 people. The construction work of the check dams is in progress.

PHDRDF SKILL DEVELOPMENT

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

PHDRDF-DOW AGROSCIENCES INDIA LTD.



Women from Rewari district attending the inauguration of the training program on 22nd February

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 which was the first leg of the program. The women are now more confident and independent after getting trained in the bee keeping training program. Training for 100 women at Bawal, Haryana has also started.



TRAINING PROGRAM WAS CONDUCTED FOR WOMEN FROM 8 VILLAGES IN THE DISTRICT OF REWARI, HARYANA

The second leg of the training program was conducted for women from 8 villages in the district of Rewari, Haryana. The training was conducted between February 22-25, 2020 for which the inauguration took place at the Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) Bawal, District – Rewari (Haryana) adjoining the Chaudhury Charan Singh Agricultural Regional Campus. DC Rewari, Mr. Yashendra Singh inaugurated the program in the presence of Sri BS Murthy, Horticulture Commissioner, GOI as the Chief Guest.

On completion of the training, these women were provided 5 bee hives each and tools free of cost. The programme aims at making these women as beacons who will motivate and support other women to start their own enterprises and thus get additional income and empower them. The bees will also help to increase pollination in the crops and thereby result in increased crop productivity.



Media clipping from the inauguration Sources: Dainik Bhaskar, Rewari edition February 2020

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

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. Certification distribution event has been planned for both the courses. Total 33 students in electrician and 40 students in computers have successfully completed their course. These students will be awarded with certificates. Out of these, a total 23 students have also passed third party assessment done by Shiksha Bharti. Students of electrician batches were also provided with placement links for their livelihood.



Students along with trainer and assessor from SHIKSHA BHARTI after their assessment

PHDRDF - DONALDSON INDIA FILTER SYSTEMS PRIVATE LIMITED



One of the Girl Making Masks

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 of 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. Almost all the passed out girls are earning through their learning. In the current Corona Virus outbreak, two of the girls are making masks in collaboration with one of the local hospital by which they are not only earning but helping to to make masks which are badly needed nowadays.

PHDRDF - THDC - SEWA

PHDRDF and THDC- SEWA have come together for a women empowerment and livelihood generation project through sanitary napkins manufacturing. The manufacturing unit of machinery and raw material for making sanitary napkins was established at Bhaniyawala, Jolly Grant, Dehradun. A women SHG comprising of 9 women have been trained in using the machine and production of sanitary napkins. Packet for the product has been finalized and now manufactured sanitary napkins are being packed in packets. Linkage for the marketing of the product is being established.



Sanitary napkin made by SHG women ready for launch

PHDRDF SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT

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

PHDRDF- DR AWASTY & FAMILY

Dr Awasty partnered with PHDRDF to take up school development activities in Govt. Upper Primary School, Dantli, Jamwaramgarh, Jaipur in Rajasthan. Activities to be undertaken in this project are such as providing benches for students, upgradation of Mid-Day Meal area, construction of platforms in assembly area, installation of swings and construction of new toilet block.

PHDRDF - AICF

PHDRDF and AICF have established a partnership to undertake the development activities in Govt Upper Primary School, Dantli in Jamwaramgarh block of Jaipur in Rajasthan. Current ongoing activities under this project are construction and refurbishment of toilets, whitewash of the building, educational wall art and various activities on WASH such as eco rally and hand washing sessions.

PHDRDF- FMS BATCH 1981



GUPS Sirsodi after completion of project

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, 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 completed. The aim of the project which is to facilitate students with better school infrastructure to the students has been successfully fulfilled. This is the second phase of development undertaken by FMS Batch. Due to the development done in the school, there is significant increase of around 15% in enrolments compared with the previous session. In the previous session, total number of enrolment was 54 and in current session it has increased by 8 students.

PHDRDF- HAGER FOUNDATION



Main gate of Govt. Upper Primary School Kala Kota, Sikar, Rajasthan



Whitewash in classroom of Govt. Upper Primary School Kala Kota, Sikar, Rajasthan

A project on “Quality education WASH in Schools” in Sikar, Rajasthan is being implemented for last four years with support from Hager Foundation, Germany. The buildings of the schools have been upgraded including refurbishing of roof and classrooms, midday meal area, sanitation and drinking water facility, playground, proper boundary wall with main gate

and BaLA. Two schools are being up-graded during this year while three schools are being maintained. This year, teachers were provided for Computers and Social Studies for the students to ensure better learning practices among them. Classes are running on a regular basis in both Govt. Sr. Secondary School Toda and Govt. Upper Primary School, Kalakota respectively. The health worker

ensures that basic hygiene is being maintained by the school children on a regular basis. Renovation work is in progress in Govt. Primary School Rai Singh Ki Dhani and Govt. Upper Primary School, Kalakota. Cleanliness drive and behavior change activities are being conducted regularly by the health workers in the schools. Regular Health Check-up camps were conducted in all the five schools.



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
46	Ceylon Chamber of Commerce	September 26, 2019



INTERNATIONAL

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
32	Bundelkhand University, Jhansi	September 13, 2018
33	Department of Management Studies, Kashmir University	September 24, 2018
34	Federation of Karnataka Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FKCCI)	December 15, 2018
35	DPSRU Innovation and Incubation Foundation (DIIF)	May 28, 2019
36	India Trade Promotion Organization (ITPO), Ministry of Commerce	June 10, 2019
37	Spike Advertising Pvt. Ltd.	November 26, 2019
38	National Productivity Council	January 2, 2020
39	New Delhi Institute of Management	January 2, 2020
40	Power2SME	January 7, 2020



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संकट से भी जुड़ा रहा है। कारोबारियों और सरकार के बीच बेहतर सम्बन्ध से हम कोरोना की लहर को जित सकते हैं। सरकार कारोबारियों की हर संभव मदद के लिए तैयार है। इंटरनेट पर वीडियो कॉन्फ्रेंसिंग के माध्यम से संवाद का यह कार्यक्रम वीरचंदी बैचर ऑफ़ कॉमर्स ने आयोजित किया था। जिसमें वीरचंदी बैचर के वृत्त बैचर बैचरमैन व गौड़ संस के मनोज गौड़ समेत जयपुरिया समूह के जय जयपुरिया, कनारिया टाउन के अरविंद कनारिया, जेड आरओ के मंगेश गुप्ता, जलौरा समूह के गोपाल जोषाकर, रीलोको खेतान के ललित खेतान, के एस गुजर मित

के एस के सुखनवासन व उर के अनेक उद्योगपति, प्रमुख कारोबारी व उद्योग समूहों के प्रतिनिधि मौजूद थे। वीरचंदी बैचर वृत्त बैचर के अमरीश खन्ना ने बताया कि इंटरनेट पर वीडियो के जरूरी वास्तविक संपर्क या कार्यक्रम से ज्यादा प्रभावी रहे। इसमें भारत के साथ-साथ बड़े संजय में ब्रिटेन, थाईलैंड, कनाडा व जपान जैसे देशों में रह रहे उद्योग प्रमुखों ने भी अपनी समस्याओं व सुझावों को साझा किया। सभी कारोबारी इस बात पर एकमत थे कि वैश्वीकरण से पहले बाजार को खोलें जाएँ। अन्त्या बिना बिना के उपायों से को संभाल नहीं होगा। साथ ही उर के औद्योगिक इलाकों में बंदी की वजह से जैव मूल्य का लोड रेट व अन्य मुक्त मुक्त कला व विकास के निर्माण में रुकावटें पैदा होकर रोजी-रोटी के आधार पर भुगतान लेने का अमुंरिष भी किया गया।

'Growth opportunities for MSMEs post corona'

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Post Covid-19, many things are going to change, including ways of doing business and contributing to the growth of the economy, said Union minister of state for external affairs, V. Muraleedharan. "Post Covid-19, there will be a lot of opportunities for growth for the MSME (micro, small and medium enterprises) sector," said Mr Muraleedharan in an interactive video conference organised by the PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI) in partnership with the India Office of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS).

"Ministry of external affairs has taken measures to promote the 3Ts, which

are trade, tourism, and technology, which will boost the economy and development of the country," he said.

The conference, "Impact of Covid-19 on the International Trade and Measures taken by the Government of India for the Indian Industry" witnessed a participation of more than 100 industry players and senior members of PHD Chamber all over the country, a PHDCCI communique said today.

Stating that the government is making efforts to help the businesses and livelihoods, Mr Muraleedharan advised everyone to understand the spirit of the lockdown, as many things are going to change in the coming future, including ways of doing business and contributing to the growth.

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Minister Bhagat interacts with industry stake holders

Staff Reporter
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COVID-19 has caused lots of disturbance in the country leading to a situation of lockdown in the country.

However, Chhatragadh has successfully controlled the spread of this deadly virus by stringently following all precautionary measures directed by World Health Organisation (WHO) and Central Government, said Amarjeet Bhagat, Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Protection Minister in a video conference organised by PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industries.

The session witnessed a participation of more than 100 industry stakeholders and senior members of PHD Chamber from Pan India. Minister Bhagat thanked PHD Chamber of Commerce for being at the forefront and supportive towards Government in the ongoing critical times. He invited PHD Chamber to pro-



Minister Amarjeet Bhagat interacting with stakeholders.

vide investments in processing units of State/foreign produce like tea, leaves, etc.

The Minister informed that Chhatragadh has taken all precautionary measures as directed by Central Government and WHO, and implementing measures of social distancing,

sanitation, and others to keep maximum people uninfected from this virus. He also highlighted that Government was ensuring not a single person remains hungry in State by supplying two month's ration to all, even to those who don't have a ration card. Despite the terrain of State, ration and food supplies were reaching to all 12,306 PDS shops across State.

"Our State is located in the heart of the country. We have the potential to grow ourselves and serve other countries to set up their plants and factories and help them grow profitably. We have also expanded ourselves in industries like healthcare, IT, etc."

The session was followed by the question and answer round in which many members made queries regarding the challenges they are facing in the ongoing hard times.

The Minister took note of all the queries and assured that they

will be resolved at the earliest. Earlier, senior Vice-President of PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industries Sanjay Aggarwal welcomed the Minister. He complimented the Minister for the steps taken by him for very ably handling the situation of food supply during COVID-19. He also appreciated the measures taken by State Government for controlling the spread of COVID-19.

Secretary General Suresh Singh said more calibrated monetary and fiscal stimulus measures are on the anvil to deal with the economic fallout from Covid-19 and the consequent lockdown. He expressed hope that a significant part of the economy will be functioning, if not everything, by May 3.

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More calibrated monetary, fiscal stimulus on the anvil: Principal economic adviser

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opened up in phases and efforts would be made to provide a cushion to the sectors hit hard by the lockdown through a series of measures from both fiscal and monetary sides.

Sanyal said the RBI has already announced two stimulus packages and Governor Shaktikanta Das has hinted at more measures in the future depending on requirement.

To mitigate hardships faced by the poor, he said, the government last month announced a staggering ₹1.70 trillion package to cushion the bottom of the pyramid by providing free food and ex-gratia.

"We are willing to spend. We will spend a lot. We do have resources particularly on the

monetary side but we will also make fiscal resources available... we will get a package sooner rather than later, which is already in preparation... we will do it in a calibrated way," he said while virtually addressing members of PHD Chamber.

Sanyal said the Indian model to tackle the problem has been appreciated the world over. "The world over people are now beginning to appreciate the approach we took. In fact, other countries are beginning to follow us. You have seen Singapore has gone back. So in many ways we are pioneers in this approach and well before the rest of the world would be out, the Indian economy will be opened," he said.

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Govt to roll out stimulus packages in a calibrated manner: Sanjeev Sanyal

NEW DELHI: The government will roll out relief measures in a calibrated manner to support businesses hit by Covid-19-induced lockdown, rather than in one big bang stimulus, an approach that has been followed by other nations, Finance Ministry's principal economic adviser Sanjeev Sanyal said Wednesday.

"We understand the gravity of the situation, but unlike other countries that have done one grand package, we are (in the process) of rolling them out. We have already done a few rounds... You will get a package sooner or later, which is already in preparation by the finance ministry and other ministries. And you will get more packages



as well. We will give them out in doses," Sanyal said in a video conference organized by PHD Chambers of Commerce.

Sanyal said that the finance ministry's first approach was to postpone year-end compliance and regulatory deadlines and make sure that the poor get food and some cash in hand, and take some steps towards cushioning the blow. The government is also working on large scale reforms

at the Centre as well as the state level, which will be introduced at a later stage, he said.

Since the imposition of the nationwide lockdown starting 25 March, the central bank and the government have taken slew of measures to help businesses tide over the crisis following the covid-19 lockdown.

Last month, the central bank had cut the repo rate, announced several measures to inject ₹3.74 trillion liquidity into the system and allowed banks and other financial institutions to allow a three-month moratorium on payment of installments on term loans to combat the disruption caused by the COVID-19 outbreak. AGENCIES

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The Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts (EPCH) has suggested strengthening 'Make in India' and leveraging online platform to help boost the handicraft industry and assist the sector face the challenges post COVID-19. "In the current scenario, which is unfolding day-by-day, we are in a tough situation of vulnerability, uncertainty, complexity, and ambiguity," said EPCH director general Rakesh Kumar, during an interactive Webinar on Gifts and Handicrafts Sector Export Promotion - Challenges Opportunities and way Forward post COVID-19, organised by the PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI).

"We know that the industry is facing a lot of issues, hardships and we are trying our

best to resolve them at the earliest for the smooth working of the industry. We are constantly in touch with the ministries and concerned departments."

Since handicraft has been the backbone of the Indian economy and society, the objective of the webinar was to discuss the impact on Moradabad and Saharanpur export, support facilities to local trade and industry from the local DIC centres and suggestions, and action plan for promoting quantum jump of handicraft export from India, a Chambers communique said.

Mr Kumar explained that in a nutshell, the issues are majorly on cash flow, material supply, production which is leading to a disruption in the industry due to the lockdown. Because of these problems, the industry is facing issues on the payment of

wages to the labourers and other staff. "Looking at the problems, we can estimate that April will be a tough time for this industry. Though the government has tried to support and has come out with plans and reliefs, they are not aligned with the current situation of the industry," he said.

In the post-COVID-19 scenario, the orders which have not been completed due to the lockdown, needs to be completed first. But one of the major concerns is that the industry has to ensure virus-free production, which will be safe for the country. So, the industry needs to be careful about the handling of material during shipment and transportation to overseas. Keeping this in mind, EPCH will soon issue health and safety standard procedures for the same, which the council has already started to work upon.

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