



Post Event Report

Standalone Session on 'Geo-Political Spill-overs and Indian Economy' with Dr. M. D. Patra, Deputy Governor, Reserve Bank of India

Held on Friday, 24th June 2022 at LPS Auditorium, PHD House

PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry organized a **Standalone Session on 'Geo-Political Spill-overs and Indian Economy'** with Dr. M. D. Patra, Deputy Governor, Reserve Bank of India, on 24th June 2022, at LPS Auditorium, PHD House, New Delhi.

Dr. M D Patra, Deputy Governor, Reserve Bank of India, presented the keynote address as the Chief Guest of the Standalone Session. **Mr Pradeep Multani**, President, PHDCCI, presented presidential remarks. **Mr Saket Dalmia**, Sr. Vice President, PHDCCI, gave the formal vote of thanks. **Mr Sanjay Aggarwal**, Immediate Former President, PHDCCI, also graced the Session with his presence. **Mr Saurabh Sanyal**, Secretary General, PHDCCI, gave the opening remarks and **Dr S P Sharma**, Chief Economist | DSG, PHDCCI, moderated the session. The Session also witnessed an interesting Question & Answer Session.

Dr. Patra, Deputy Governor, Reserve Bank of India, said that the world has been overwhelmed by the fallout of the geo-political conflict. It threatens to snuff out the recovery that has been hesitantly making its way through the pandemic and India's economic prospects are also challenged by these developments. According to Dr Patra, the escalation of geo-political tensions into war from late February 2022 delivered a brutal blow to the global economy, battered as it was throughout 2021 by the pandemic, supply chain and logistics disruptions. He added that it resulted in elevated inflation, and bouts of financial market turbulence triggered by diverging paths of monetary policy normalization. He revealed that at that time, countries were unsure and started to tighten their monetary policies. He informed that India till that time had a more relaxed view and was free of the inflation surge, but since then the global economic outlook has become suddenly overcast with the economic costs of the war and retaliatory sanctions. Emerging markets are bearing the brunt of this, despite being innocent bystanders.

Dr. Patra added that due to these factors there has been volatility in the financial markets, and surges in prices of commodities especially energy, metal, and fertilizers. Like other emerging markets in the World, India too faces major risks, the immediate ones being soaring crude prices and tightening financial conditions. Speaking on the measures taken by the RBI, Dr. Patra informed that the monetary policy would continue to be guided by its primary mandate of price stability under the medium term while also ensuring a strong and sustained economic recovery. He explained that the Reserve Bank remains steadfast in its commitment to safeguard trust and confidence in the domestic financial system as we rebuild the foundations of strong and sustainable growth with macro-economic stability.

Mr. Pradeep Multani, President, PHDCCI, in his presidential remarks, mentioned that the industry appreciates the consistent work undertaken by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) in improving the macro-economic environment in the country. He stated that the extensive and innovative measures announced by the RBI to mitigate the daunting impact of the COVID 19 pandemic and to support the economy amid the recent geo-political development are highly encouraging. He explained that the surge in the international crude oil prices had resulted in the increase in inflation both in the wholesale price index and the CPI. He also informed that though the RBI's decision to increase the repo rate would increase the cost of doing business, the decision was in sync with its efforts to tackle persistently elevated inflation.

Mr. Saket Dalmia, Sr. Vice President, PHDCCI, while giving the vote of thanks mentioned that the industry looks up to the RBI to help them navigate through these difficult times. While appreciating Dr M D Partra for his insightful address, Mr Dalmia said that it reflected that RBI is highly reactive, communicative, sensitive, open and bold in its decisions.

Mr Saurabh Sanyal, Secretary General, PHDCCI, gave the opening remarks and welcomed the chief guest. He opined that the implications of the global economic developments have to be adequately addressed so that the economic growth trajectory of the Indian economy remains intact. He appreciated the Reserve Bank of India for rejuvenating the Indian economy.

Dr. S P Sharma, Chief Economist | DSG, PHDCCI, moderated the session and said that it is highly inspiring and encouraging that India is the fastest moving economy among the major economies, despite so many global headwinds, due to the support of Reserve Bank of India and Government of India.

The programme concluded with an extensive discussion of 2 hours with more than 250 delegates participating physically and more than 100 delegates participating virtually.

Glimpse of the Standalone Session on 'Geo-Political Spill-overs and Indian Economy'



Top Photo: From Left to Right: Dr. M D Patra, Deputy Governor, Reserve Bank of India; **Dr. S P Sharma**, Chief Economist | DSG, PHDCCI; **Mr Sanjay Aggarwal**, Immediate Former President, PHDCCI; **Mr Pradeep Multani**, President, PHDCCI; **Mr Saket Dalmia**, Sr. Vice President, PHDCCI; **Mr Saurabh Sanyal**, Secretary General, PHDCCI

Please find appended the youtube link of the Session for your kind reference.

<https://youtu.be/yguKUXYOJrY>

The speech of Dr. M D Patra, Deputy Governor, Reserve Bank of India can be accessed at:

<https://rbidocs.rbi.org.in/rdocs/Speeches/PDFs/GEOPOLITICALSPILLOVERS8569698468AA4F0F8E57A66D058BB3F6.PDF>



Warm Regards,

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