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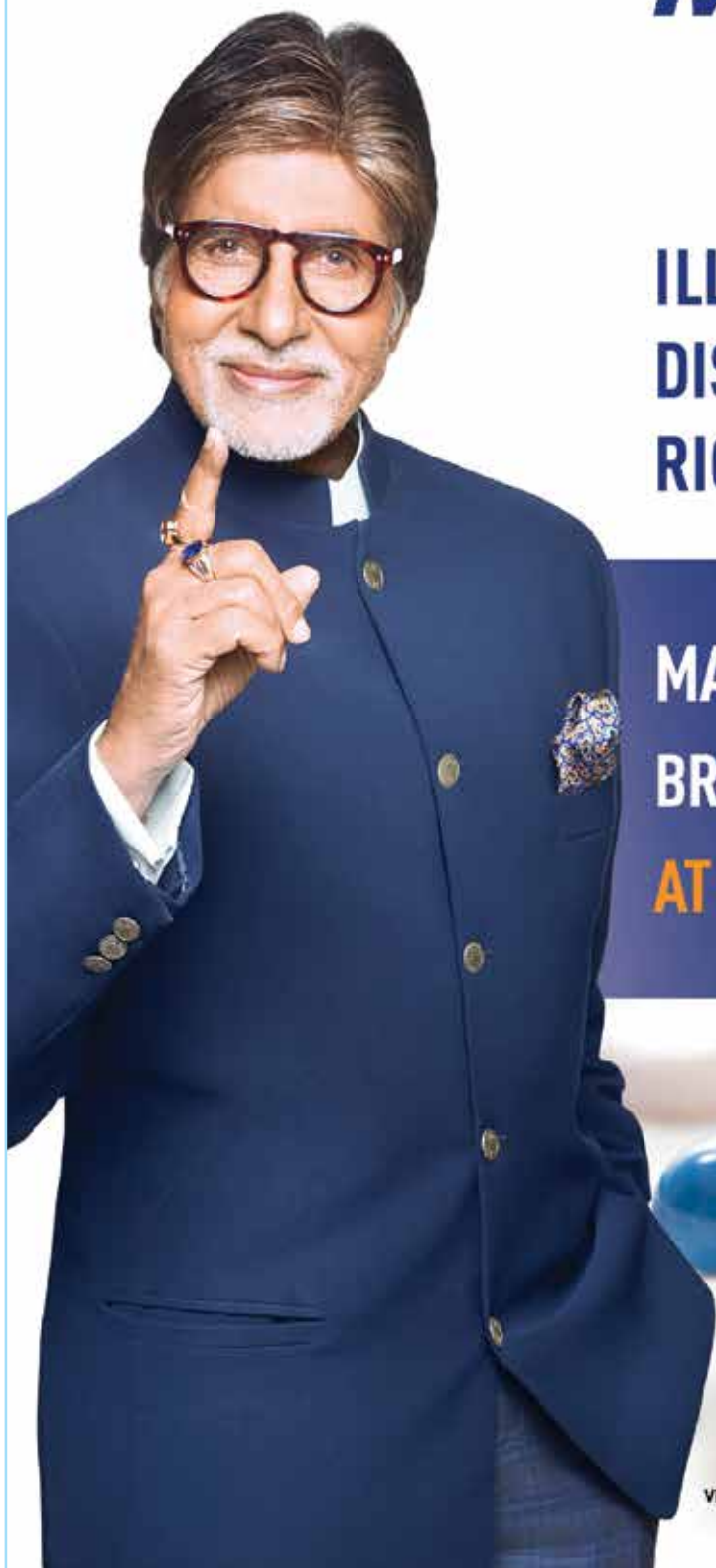
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President's *Message*



HEMANT JAIN
PRESIDENT



As we now look ahead to the Chamber's 120th Annual Session on "India's Rise as Trusted Global Partner" and the Annual Awards for Excellence Ceremony on October 9, 2025, I convey my grateful thanks to our members, partners, and stakeholders who have stood with us throughout this remarkable journey. I warmly invite all of you to join us in this historic celebration.

As my tenure as President of this prestigious 120-year-old institution draws to a close, I look back with pride at the year gone by—the achievements we have shared, the challenges we have navigated, and the path we have set together for the future. It has been a deeply stimulating period, marked by meaningful engagement with government, industry, and trade, and by collective accomplishments that reinforce the Chamber's enduring legacy of service to the nation.

This year held particular significance as we celebrated 120 years of the Chamber's journey—an institution that has stood shoulder to shoulder with the nation through every transformative epoch: from the colonial struggle to independence, from liberalization to globalization, and now into the promising era of

Viksit Bharat 2047. As Prime Minister Narendra Modi so aptly remarked, "The world is looking at India with hope and confidence. We have the ability to work with everyone, for everyone." This spirit of inclusivity and partnership reflects not only India's rise but also the ethos that defines our Chamber.

Over more than a century, the Chamber has remained a steadfast partner in India's growth story—advocating reforms, guiding industry, and strengthening dialogue with government. We remain indebted to our past Presidents, whose vision and leadership built the foundations of this institution. Celebrating 120 years is not only about honoring our legacy but also about recommitting ourselves to the future, with renewed resolve to support India's transformation into a developed nation by 2047.

During my tenure, I have seen how the Chamber embodies its guiding philosophy of VOICE—Value Creation, Opportunity, Innovation, Collaboration, and Engagement. We have served as a trusted bridge between government and industry, contributing insights that helped shape policy across taxation, trade, infrastructure, defense manufacturing, and agriculture, with many of our recommendations reflected in successive Union Budgets.

We are living in extraordinary times. The global economy and geopolitics are shifting at unprecedented speed, yet India continues to emerge as a pillar of stability and growth—one of the world's fastest-growing economies and a trusted partner on the global stage. India's resilience is anchored by strong domestic demand, moderating inflation, and

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

timely policy interventions. At the same time, our innovation story is positioning us as a leader in digital transformation, green technology, and inclusive development.

The numbers speak for themselves. GDP grew by 7.8% in the first quarter of FY 2025-26, the fastest pace in a year. A timely monsoon supported kharif sowing, while retail inflation moderated, with CPI easing to 2.07% in August 2025—comfortably within the Reserve Bank of India's tolerance band. Manufacturing activity surged to a 17-year high, with the HSBC PMI rising to 59.3 in August 2025, while services activity also expanded, with the Services PMI climbing to an 11-month high of 60.5 in July 2025. High-frequency indicators further affirm this strength: e-way bill generation reached record levels, GST collections remained buoyant, toll collections steady, and digital payments grew at double-digit rates in both value and volume.

Yet global headwinds persist, notably the 50% US tariffs on Indian exports. India is responding proactively with FTAs signed with Australia, the UAE, Mauritius and EFTA, and talks advancing with Peru, Chile, and Mexico. These steps will diversify markets, boost competitiveness, and support resilient export growth.

We also welcome the Next Generation GST reforms, which simplify the structure into two principal rates—5% and 18%—with a higher 40% rate for luxury and sin goods. Reducing GST on essentials such as shampoo, toothpaste, and hair oil to 5% will directly benefit consumers, while exempting health and life insurance from GST is a progressive, people-centric step that strengthens social security. For MSMEs and low-risk businesses, streamlined registration processes mark another important reform.

These measures are expected to ease inflationary pressures, correct inverted duty structures, and lower input costs for exporters and MSMEs. By unlocking working capital, strengthening supply chains, and

enhancing competitiveness, these reforms will stimulate demand, raise revenues for states, and drive inclusive growth.

Central to India's rise are its MSMEs, which contribute nearly one-third of GDP and employ more than 110 million people. Recognizing their importance, the Chamber has been at the forefront of strengthening this ecosystem. We have organized seminars and workshops on compliance and certifications, facilitated buyer-seller meets connecting MSMEs with international investors, and created platforms for dialogue with policymakers to ensure their concerns are heard. We have also strongly advocated for greater access to finance, urging the RBI to expand credit flows, issue financial help cards for micro enterprises at nominal interest rates, and promote digital uniformity in documentation.

Sustainability has been another defining theme. India's leadership in initiatives such as the International Solar Alliance and Mission LiFE reflects a firm commitment to green growth. At PHDCCI, we have aligned our mission accordingly—promoting ESG adoption, renewable energy, decarbonisation, and circular economy practices. Through climate dialogues at home and abroad, we have ensured that industry voices are represented in shaping a greener future, consistent with India's pledge to achieve net zero emissions by 2040.

Innovation and digital transformation remain central to our agenda. From supporting startups through incubation partnerships to organizing conclaves on cybersecurity and AI for MSMEs, we have worked to position Indian industry for the future. We have also digitized the Chamber's services and incorporated AI into our internal operations to enhance transparency, accessibility, and efficiency for our members.

Our engagement with the Government of India has deepened further this year. Last month, I had the privilege of leading delegations for high-level consultations with

Union Ministers, including Mr. Amit Shah, Hon'ble Minister of Home Affairs and Cooperation; Mr. Rajnath Singh, Hon'ble Minister of Defence; Mr. Jyotiraditya Scindia, Hon'ble Minister of Communications and Development of North Eastern Region; and Mr. Ashwini Vaishnaw, Hon'ble Minister of Minority Affairs and Parliamentary Affairs. We also met with the Chief Ministers of Delhi and Uttarakhand. These dialogues reaffirm PHDCCI's role as a partner in shaping reforms, strengthening rural development, and advancing connectivity and infrastructure.

Furthering our global footprint, business delegations visited South Africa, Malaysia, and Singapore last month, while the Chamber also hosted interactive meetings with Ambassadors and High Commissioners from many countries. These exchanges have opened new avenues for trade and investment, explored sector-specific collaborations, and reinforced India's position as a trusted global partner.

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Finally, let us carry forward the Chamber's enduring legacy of Progress, Harmony, and Development into a new era—one that not only strengthens India but also contributes to a more sustainable and prosperous world. In doing so, we reaffirm our collective resolve to advance the mission of Viksit Bharat 2047 with unity, courage, and determination, guided by Mahatma Gandhi's timeless wisdom: "The future depends on what you do today."



Hemant Jain

President, PHDCCI



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INTERACTION WITH HON'BLE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS AND COOPERATION

A PHDCCI delegation led by Mr. Hemant Jain, President, along with Mr. Sanjeev Agarwal, Immediate Past President, Dr Ranjeet Mehta, CEO & Secretary General, and Mr. Suresh Chandra Joshi, Joint Secretary met Mr. Amit Shah, Hon'ble Union Minister of Home Affairs and Minister of Cooperation on August 21, 2025.

The delegation extended an invitation to the Hon'ble Minister to be the Chief Guest at PHDCCI's Annual Session on "India's Rise as a Trusted Global Partner," scheduled to be held on October 9, 2025. This year's Annual Session carries special significance as it marks 120 years of the Chamber's historic journey.

The Hon'ble Minister responded positively and assured the delegation of his presence at this landmark event.

Earlier, the Hon'ble Minister highlighted that 2025 represents a defining phase for Indian industry. Under the visionary leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister, Mr. Narendra Modi, the policy ecosystem has been strategically designed to enhance the size and scale of Indian industries.

He further emphasized that the government's proactive policies are enabling India to emerge as a global leader across diverse sectors — from green

technologies to electric vehicles — in the coming years. Holistic development, he noted, has been accelerated through government initiatives ensuring basic amenities for over 60 crore people.

The Hon'ble Minister also commended PHDCCI's active role in promoting sustainable and inclusive growth, reinforcing the collective resolve to advance the mission of Viksit Bharat @2047.

He encouraged PHDCCI to continue offering constructive suggestions and assured that the Government would respond with prompt and effective action.

"India grew 7.8 % in Q1 despite global economic challenges: India's rapid progress is infusing new energy and is propelling the country swiftly towards becoming the third-largest economy in the world."

- Prime Minister, Mr. Narendra Modi -



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5TH INTERNATIONAL CLIMATE SUMMIT 2025: CORN REVOLUTION

The Environment and Climate Change Committee, PHDCCI organized the 5th International Climate Summit – Corn Revolution: Leading to Ethanol, Ethylene, SAF, Bio-Plastics, Hydrogen & e-Methanol on August 29, 2025 at Hotel Le Meridien, New Delhi.

Mr. Nitin Jairam Gadkari, Hon'ble Minister of Road Transport & Highways in his inaugural address said that climate change is an important subject for human community. He further highlighted that the society's three important pillars are Ethics, Economy and Ecology & Environment. Ecology & Environment are very important and because of air pollution, we all are facing health issues. He further apprised that 40% of India's pollution comes from the transport sector. He further mentioned that biofuels can reduce the country's massive fossil fuel imports and tackle air pollution. Our farmers can change this by turning agriculture into energy, through biofuels like ethanol. He also highlighted that ethanol boost has helped the corn farmers to earn better price for their produce and mentioned that farmers will not just grow food



but also fuel for aviation, construction, equipment and vehicles. Today, because corn is being converted into ethanol, farmers are earning more. Incomes in rural areas have grown by nearly Rs 50,000 crore.

Mr. Hemant Jain, President, PHDCCI in his address apprised that over the years, the International Climate Summit has evolved into a powerful annual platform for advancing India's climate and energy agenda. He mentioned that bioenergy plays a vital role in India's transition towards a sustainable energy future as it reduces dependence on imported fossil fuels by providing renewable, domestic, and decentralized sources of energy.



Mr. Wagner Albuquerque de Almeida, Global Director, Manufacturing, Agribusiness and Forestry, IFC (World Bank Group), emphasized that unlocking private sector in energy transition is the need of the hour. He further mentioned that bio-economy transitions are not just about climate action but also about job creation, prosperity, and community empowerment.

Dr Sadesh Sookraj, Global Decarbonization Advisor, International Finance Corporation, (IFC) Washington, highlighted the role of corn in enabling a circular economy from water positivity to bio-fertilizer generation, reducing both greenhouse emissions and fertilizer imports.

Adding to the dialogue, Mr. Femi Akinrebiyo, Global Manager Circular & Agriculture Economy, IFC described corn as a "cornerstone for a new industrial revolution," with potential applications ranging from ethanol and sustainable aviation fuel to bioplastics and Green Hydrogen. He mentioned that reducing carbon footprints is important to achieve the net zero target.

Dr J.P. Gupta, Chair, Environment & Climate Change Committee, PHDCCI, in his keynote address apprised the participants that India is witnessing the Corn Revolution which will lead to food security, energy security and decarbonisation. Ethanol is emerging as the most preferred pathway not only for energy



security but also for the production of chemicals. He mentioned that India can be self-reliant in energy sector by producing ethanol from dent corn.

Dr Ranjeet Mehta, CEO & Secretary General, PHDCCI, emphasized that mixing bioenergy to energy basket is the right solution.

The Inaugural Session was followed by a Plenary Session in which eminent dignitaries including Ms. Padma Jaiswal, IAS, Secretary, Union Territory of Puducherry; Mr. Om Pathak, Chairman, DPSG Society; Dr. H.S. Jat, Director, IIMR; Dr. SSV Ramakumar, CTO & EVP, AM Green; Mr. Ravi Gupta, Chief General Manager (Alternative Energy) at Indian Oil Corporation Limited;

Ms. Becky Thomas, Director at Dr Bansi Dhar Institute (Gurugram); Mr. Rajaram Pangavhane (Patil), Founder President, Brahma Valley Group of Institutions, Nashik and Mr. Kamal Goel, Managing Director & CEO, Priserve Infrastructure Pvt. Ltd. gave their views in the Summit.

The Plenary Session was followed by thought provoking technical sessions which focused on the role of corn in advancing the global bio-economy. These included Corn Revolution, Seed & Supply Chain; 2G Ethanol, Ethylene, SAF, Bioplastics, Hydrogen, E-Methanol & Process Safety and Lifestyle for Environment / Decarbonisation Carbon Economy / Skill Development/ Financing.



INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON AI IN EDUCATION TO ADVANCE VISION OF VIKSIT BHARAT@2047

The Education Committee of PHDCCI in collaboration with Paris-headquartered OECD and Association of Indian Universities (AIU) organized an international conference on 'AI in Education for Viksit Bharat @2047', August 1-2, 2025 at PHD House, New Delhi.

Chief Guest, Mr. Ashish Sood, Minister of Education, Home and Power, Government of NCT of Delhi in his address stated that AI should empower teachers, not replace them. He emphasized that AI must free teachers from repetitive tasks so that they can focus on inspiring, mentoring, and guiding students.

During his presidential address, Mr. Hemant Jain, President, PHDCCI urged the educational sector to embrace AI as a strategic tool, much like how computers transformed the workplace. He emphasized that "Every industrial transformation is preceded by an educational transformation," and also noted that PHDCCI is actively incorporating AI into its own internal operations.

Dr Ranjeet Mehta, CEO & Secretary General, PHDCCI underscored education's vital



role in national development, stating, "A well-educated child becomes a capable professional and responsible citizen. That's why we proudly place education at the center of our development efforts." Dr Mehta also stressed that AI is now a critical tool for people-centric progress, not just a futuristic concept.

Mr. Shreevats Jaipuria, Chair, Education Committee, PHDCCI emphasized that AI will not replace teachers. He highlighted that teachers who use AI will empower the next generation and outlined the growing importance of personalized learning, real-time analytics, and inclusive digital infrastructure.

Mr. Himanshu Gupta, Secretary, CBSE echoed these sentiments, stating, "Let AI manage the routine so teachers can focus on building human connections, something no machine can replicate."

Prof T G Sitharam, Chairman, All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) shared that AICTE declared 2025 as the 'Year of AI in Education'. He emphasized that "there's nothing artificial about this intelligence, it's here, it's real and it's reshaping the way students engage with knowledge." He also advocated for a quick transition to student-centric and experiential learning.

Dr Stéphan Vincent Lancrin, Senior Analyst and Deputy Head,

Directorate of Education, OECD highlighted India's role in "setting a global benchmark by fostering collaboration across government, academia and industry to build inclusive and ethical AI ecosystems in education."

A series of impactful keynote addresses followed, including sessions by Mr. Rajeev Makhni, Technology Journalist & Managing Editor, NDTV; Dr Anjee Prakash, Chairperson, Learning Links Foundation; Mr. Rahul Aggarwal, Director, St. Mark's Group of Schools, New Delhi; Dr Shiva Kakkar, Vice President, Artificial Intelligence Jaipuria Institute of Management; Prof Ramkumar Rajendran, Assistant Professor, IIT Bombay; Dr Rajul K. Gajjar, Vice Chancellor, Gujarat Technological University and Dr (Ms.) Pankaj Mittal, Secretary General, AIU.

Ms. Sonali Jain, Co-chair, Education Committee, PHDCCI in



her vote-of-thanks emphasized that "AI must enhance, not diminish the human touch in education."

Mr. Prashant Jain, Co-chair, Education Committee, PHDCCI at the valedictory session expressed his thanks to all the speakers, delegates, participants, and partners for their support in making the summit a success.

On the second day of the conference, a workshop titled 'Empowering Educators', curated specifically for school and college teachers, curriculum developers

and education practitioners was held. Led by Dr Stéphan Vincent Lancrin, the workshop saw participation from 100 educators, offered hands-on sessions on AI basics, generative AI tools, classroom applications and ethical use.

More than 250 representatives of universities, schools and industry participated in the international conference on AI in education. The conference was supported by Jaipuria Institute of Management, Pathways World Schools and Learning Links Foundation.

1ST MEETING OF STRATEGIC ADVISORY FORUM FOR EXCELLENCE

The first meeting of SAFE (Strategic Advisory Forum for Excellence) was held on August 7, 2025 at Hotel Oberoi, New Delhi. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Hemant Jain, President of PHDCCI. Other dignitaries present included Mr. Rajeev Juneja, Senior Vice President, PHDCCI; Mr. Anil Gupta, Vice President, PHDCCI; Mr. Amitabh Kant, Former G20 Sherpa & Former CEO, NITI Aayog; Mr. Raghav Chandra, Former Secretary, Government of India; Mr. Laxmikumaran, Founder & Managing Partner, Lakshmikumaran & Sridharan Attorneys and Ms. Nivruiti Rai, CEO & Managing Director, Invest India.

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INTERACTION WITH REVENUE SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF FINANCE

A PHDCCI delegation led by Mr. Hemant Jain, President along with Mr. Mukul Bagla, Chair, Direct Tax Committee, Mr. Pramod Rai, Chair, Indirect Tax Committee, and Ms. Babeeta Sharma, Senior Secretary met Mr. Arvind Shrivastava, Revenue Secretary, Ministry of Finance on August 12, 2025. The delegation held a discussion on several key issues concerning industry and taxation.

Mr. Hemant Jain apprised the Revenue Secretary of the pressing pain points faced by industry, emphasizing the need for decriminalization of GST offenses to minimize harassment of trade. He also highlighted the importance of reducing GST rates on industrial inputs sourced from the unorganized sector to curb the menace of fake Input Tax Credit frauds.

Mr. Pramod Rai suggested that since all GST-related documents are available on the portal and audits are record-based, GST audits should be made faceless.

He also proposed introducing reasonable additional modes of communication for notices and orders beyond their mere uploading on the portal, and raised related concerns on customs.

Mr. Mukul Bagla presented several recommendations on direct taxes. These included: fast-tracking faceless appeals by introducing a statutory time limit for disposal and permitting physical hearings before the Commissioner of Income Tax (Appeals) in exceptional cases; taxing buyback proceeds as capital gains instead of deemed dividend income, with deduction for the cost of shares; expediting rectification of errors at CPC by empowering jurisdictional officers or creating a dedicated CPC team; allowing more time to revise or file belated returns; restricting re-opening of cases after search and survey only to years supported by incriminating evidence; and rationalizing taxation of virtual digital assets by adjusting transactions where losses are incurred.

The Revenue Secretary appreciated the suggestions and responded positively. He agreed that faceless GST audits are feasible given the portal-based availability of records, eliminating the need for visits to registered premises. He also acknowledged the issue of reckless issuance of notices and emphasized the need for more reasonable modes of communication beyond uploading on the portal. On the direct tax front, he informed that additional officers are being deployed to expedite appeal orders and that close monitoring is in place to ensure faster disposal of cases.

He further assured that other suggestions would be examined for action wherever necessary.

The meeting concluded with the Direct Tax Committee of PHDCCI extending an invitation to Mr. Shrivastava to be the Chief Guest at the International Tax Conference proposed to be held in September 2025.



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GLOBAL SUMMIT ON SUSTAINABILITY 2025

The Global Summit on Sustainability 2025 was held on August 22, 2025, at Hotel Le Meridien, New Delhi, bringing together policymakers, industry leaders, and sustainability experts to deliberate on decarbonisation pathways for hard-to-abate sectors including Oil & Gas, Steel, and Cement. The summit was supported by the Ministry of Heavy Industries, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Invest India, with TERI as the Knowledge Partner.

Guest of Honour, Mr. Ashish Khanna, Director General, International Solar Alliance (ISA), highlighted the vast opportunities for MSMEs in India's solar journey and overseas markets. He spoke about the PM-KUSUM scheme, under which 700 MW of solar power installations have already been completed and an additional 10,000 MW is being planned. He emphasized that solar rooftops, solar pumps, and related technologies offer significant

opportunities for MSMEs in India as well as in African countries.

Guest of Honour, Mr. Sanjeev Bhatia, Executive Director, Indraprastha Gas Limited (IGL), reaffirmed IGL's commitment to achieving net-zero emissions by 2040, ahead of India's 2070 target. He underscored city gas distribution, CBG plants, LNG adoption, and hydrogen blending as key drivers for enabling cleaner and more sustainable urban growth.

Chief Guest, Mr. Narayanasa K. Bhandage, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha, stressed that "India's Net-Zero cannot be achieved without bold, collaborative action from the hard-to-abate sectors."

Mr. Karthikeyan K, Vice President, Invest India, underscored that green manufacturing and decisive decarbonisation are now imperative. He drew attention to government initiatives such as the India Investment Grid and Project Monitoring Portal, as well as

innovations in carbon capture and green hydrogen, as positive signals for sustainable growth.

Dr Bhaskar Chatterjee, Former DG, Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs and Advisor, PHDCCI Sustainability Committee, called for urgent technological innovation, fossil fuel transition, and supply chain decarbonisation to accelerate the journey towards net-zero.

Mr. Hemant Jain, President, PHDCCI, in his welcome address, emphasized that sustainability is not merely an environmental agenda but a moral imperative for both industry and society at large.

Mr. Vikram Jain, Co-chair, Sustainability Committee, PHDCCI, highlighted India's progress on sustainability while urging greater responsibility from hard-to-abate sectors. He pointed to solutions such as cleaner fuels, recycling, hydrogen-based processes, carbon capture, and innovation as crucial pathways.



Dr Ranjeet Mehta, CEO & Secretary General, PHDCCI, in his vote-of-thanks at the inaugural session, underlined the importance of synergy between industry, technology, policy, and finance. The session was moderated by Dr Jatinder Singh, Deputy Secretary General, PHDCCI.

The summit featured three technical plenary sessions focused on sectoral pathways:

Plenary Session 1: Cementing Net-Zero – Pathways to Carbon Neutrality discussed CCUS technologies, low-CO₂ cement, and policy incentives to balance sectoral growth with carbon neutrality.

Plenary Session 2: Green Steel for a Green Economy – India's Net-Zero Roadmap focused on green

hydrogen, investments, trade dynamics, and addressing the risk of stranded assets in India's steel transition.

Plenary Session 3: Greening the Barrel – Sustainability Roadmap for India's Oil & Gas Sector explored hydrogen integration, methane reduction, circular economy models, and sustainable finance instruments to align the sector with national net-zero goals.

An interactive session titled “Perspectives from Industry Implementers and Solution Innovators,” conducted by TERI and moderated by Mr. R. R. Rashmi, Former Special Secretary, MoEFCC & Distinguished Fellow, TERI, featured insights from industry leaders including LanzaTech, BHEL, Tata

Steel, GAIL, EnTrust Power, Dalmia Cement, and JSPL. Discussions emphasized innovation, financing, and collaboration as critical enablers of climate action.

The Valedictory Session, chaired by Prof. Ajay Mathur, IIT Delhi, featured closing remarks by Mr. Ratnesh Jha, Executive Director, UNGC Network India, and Dr Ashok Kumar, Deputy Director General, BEE. They underscored the urgency of corporate responsibility, energy efficiency, and global cooperation to accelerate India's Net-Zero transition.

The summit was partnered by the International Solar Alliance (Associate Partner), Solar Ancillary Manufacturers' Association, and Indraprastha Gas Limited.



Roohmantic: PHDCCI'S 2ND GLOBAL SPIRITUAL TOURISM CONCLAVE

Spiritual Tourism is India's soft power, roadmap unveiled at Roohmantic

Ujjain is the center of India's religious, cultural and spiritual energy and the source of this eternal force is none other than Baba Mahakal himself, declared Madhya Pradesh's Chief Minister, Dr Mohan Yadav, while inaugurating Roohmantic: PHDCCI's 2nd Global Spiritual Tourism Conclave in Ujjain. The conclave was organized by PHDCCI

on August 27, 2025 in Ujjain in collaboration with the Ministry of Tourism and the Madhya Pradesh Tourism Board.

Dr Yadav said Baba Mahakal's divine presence has made Ujjain a global destination symbolising India's living traditions. "Our temples are not only places of devotion, they are foundations

of democracy. With projects like the Mahakal Lok Corridor, Omkareshwar, Chitrakoot and Amarkantak developments and preparations for Simhastha 2028, we are building a model where devotion and development walk together. This conclave is a platform to showcase India's heritage and forge global partnerships for spiritual tourism."



The conclave convened more than 300 delegates including policymakers, spiritual leaders, industry stakeholders and temple administrators for in-depth deliberations on positioning India as the world's leading hub of spiritual tourism.

Union Minister of Tourism and Culture, Mr. Gajendra Singh Shekhawat hailed Ujjain's spiritual heritage as a beacon for global tourism. Highlighting the Modi government's push, the Minister noted, "Tourist inflow to Ujjain has surged so dramatically that the numbers once seen in a year

now arrive in just a week. There is healthy competition among states and Madhya Pradesh, the Heart of Incredible India, has even surpassed Rajasthan in tourism growth. Today, India is undergoing a cultural renaissance, with the young generation taking pride in our traditions instead of aspiring only for the West. This resurgence will power India to soon become the world's third-largest economy."

Delivering the keynote address, Mr. Dhira Gaura Das, Spiritual Leader, ISKCON Ujjain, remarked, "Cities around the world are built with purpose – Las Vegas

for entertainment, Mumbai for business and Ujjain for spirituality. With state-of-the-art facilities, Ujjain is fast emerging as one of the world's leading pilgrimage centers. Spiritual tourism already contributes 2.5% to India's GDP and with vision and planning, this can grow much further."

Delivering the theme address, Mr. Anil Parashar, Chair, Tourism Committee, PHDCCI, said, "Spiritual tourism is one of the largest collective movements in the world. Over 1.4 billion pilgrim visits took place in India in 2022 alone, accounting for nearly two-



thirds of all domestic tourism. With Simhastha 2028 preparations underway – new bridges, roads and ghats, Ujjain is poised to be a global hub of spiritual tourism.”

Mr. Sheo Shekhar Shukla (IAS), Principal Secretary, Tourism, Government of Madhya Pradesh, said, “Madhya Pradesh hosted 130 million tourists in 2024, a 20% annual rise. Ujjain alone attracted 70 million devotees. With Mahakal Lok, Omkareshwar’s Shankaracharya statue, Janapav and Amarkantak projects, Madhya Pradesh is scripting a new chapter in cultural tourism. From riverfront revival to heritage conservation and crowd management systems, our goal is to make every pilgrimage safe, accessible and memorable. Collaboration between temple trusts, government and industry is central to this mission.”

Mr. Sanjeev Agrawal, Chair, MP Chapter, PHDCCI, remarked, “In recent years, we have seen transformational projects such as the Mahakal Corridor place our state on the global map. With partnerships forged here today, Madhya Pradesh is poised to become a benchmark of sustainable and inclusive spiritual tourism.”

In his opening remarks, Dr Ranjeet Mehta, CEO & Secretary

General, PHDCCI, said, “India’s spiritual tourism is an economic and cultural powerhouse. Under the leadership of Chief Minister, PHDCCI is ready to work with the state government to explore every opportunity in the tourism sector.”

Mr. Rajan Sehgal, Co-chair, Tourism Committee, PHDCCI, remarked, “This conclave has brought together an extraordinary confluence of leaders from government, spiritual institutions and industry. Together, we must carry forward India’s eternal role as the land of spirituality.”

The inaugural session witnessed the release of the PHDCCI-KPMG Report on Spiritual Tourism, ‘Faith & Flow: Navigating Crowds in India’s Sacred Spaces’, which analyses the economic impact of pilgrim flows, identifies opportunities for technology & wellness integration and recommends models of sustainable pilgrim management.

A closed-door Government-Industry roundtable chaired by Chief Minister, Dr Yadav with Union Minister, Mr. Shekhawat, featured corporates, temple trusts, wellness experts, tech companies, hospitality leaders and aviation players. Investment announcements included Sage Group’s Medicity projects in Bhopal and Indore, Radisson Hotels’ expansion in

Ujjain, Sri Mandir’s digital pilgrim services and Indigo Airlines’ plan to increase flight frequency ahead of Simhastha 2028.

A knowledge-sharing session connected Mahakal Temple administrators and district collectors of MP with Mela Authority of Prayagraj and temple heads of Tirupati and Shirdi, exchanging best practices on crowd management, sanitation and technology, paving the way for a collaborative framework of temple management across India.

The day-long deliberations featured diverse sessions: Temple Economies: Where Faith Meets Livelihood; Mind, Body & Soul: Wellness as the New Spiritual Frontier; Divine in the Digital – Spirituality 2.0 and Guardians of the Sacred Axis – The Jyotirlinga Circuit.

The day concluded with delegates visiting Shri Mahakaleshwar Jyotirlinga, experiencing Ujjain’s spiritual essence.

The conclave was supported by E-Factor Experiences, Sri Mandir App, IRCTC, Mann Fleet Partners, KPMG, ADTOI, FHRAI, IATO and TAAI.



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SAFETY & FIRE SUMMIT 2025

The Safety & Fire Summit 2025, organized by the PHDCCI Safety & Fire Taskforce was held on August 28, 2025 at PHD House, New Delhi. The summit focused on strengthening India's safety ecosystem, particularly fire safety and industrial risk management as the country's industrial and infrastructure sectors continue to grow rapidly.

In his keynote address, Mr. Hemant Sapra, Chair of Taskforce on Safety & Fire, PHDCCI and Global President, Karam KS Group set the tone for the summit by highlighting that safety is not a mere regulatory obligation but the very foundation on which resilient industries and sustainable societies are built. He urged organizations to embed safety deeply into their leadership mindset and daily operations. He outlined the PHDCCI Taskforce's four strategic pillars: Road Safety, Occupational Safety, Safety Education, and Digitalization of Safety, thus calling for accelerated adoption of technology-driven solutions such as AI, IoT-based hazard detection, and smart evacuation systems.

Following this, Mr. Devendra Gill, Executive Director, Delhi Metro Rail Corporation addressed the critical issue of road safety and called for integrated efforts combining better engineering standards, stringent law enforcement, enhanced emergency response systems, and large-scale public awareness to drastically reduce road accidents.



Mr. Nagendra Shekhar, Snr. AVP, CMG Head, BRBL stressed that a culture of complacency or overconfidence, especially among experienced workers, remains the greatest risk factor, underscoring the need for continuous training, leadership commitment, and behavioral change initiatives.

Maj. Gen. B. Mohapatra, ADG, DQA (EE), New Delhi introduced participants to a range of cutting-edge firefighting technologies that are revolutionizing emergency response. He detailed innovations such as fire-resistant fabrics made from Kevlar, Nomex, and aluminized materials which provide superior protection without compromising mobility or comfort. Maj. Gen. Mohapatra showcased smart helmets equipped with Augmented Reality Technology, thermal imaging, and 3D simulation capabilities, allowing firefighters to operate efficiently in smoke-obscured environments. He also highlighted the growing

deployment of firefighting drones and robots capable of accessing dangerous or hard-to-reach areas.

A panel discussion moderated by Mr. R.C. Sharma, Former Director, Delhi Fire Services titled "Workplace Safety Beyond Compliance - Creating a People-First Culture" emphasized embedding safety as a core organizational value rather than a mere legal formality.

Mr. S.P. Garg, former Executive Director of GAIL, shared alarming global workplace fatality data from the ILO and stressed behavior-based safety as a cornerstone for reducing incidents, highlighting GAIL's successful use of behavioral interventions and observer programs. Col. Harpreet Singh (Retd.), Indian Army, a fire safety expert shared insights from his military experience and highlighted challenges faced by MSMEs, including lack of training, poor SOPs, and unsafe chemical storage practices. He advocated for practical fire safety planning,

community engagement, and a no-victimization policy to encourage whistleblower reporting.

Dr Rajesh Arora, Senior Manager, Delhi Transco Ltd., spoke on electrical safety, emphasizing preventive maintenance, adherence to the latest CEA 2023 regulations, and the adoption of the “Seven Golden Rules of Safety.”

Mr. R.B. Singh, MD, Tri-Parulex Fire Protection System, addressed rising fire risks in urban and industrial infrastructure, advocating for eco-friendly fire suppression systems such as Water Mist and Nitrogen Injection Fire Prevention Systems. Mr. Z.A. Mohd, Technical Trainer, Karam KS Group, introduced the Swiss Cheese Model of fire safety, advocating a multi-layered defense framework supported by digital technologies such as AI-based smoke detection, thermography, drones, and digital inspections to ensure robust prevention and rapid emergency response.

The summit also highlighted the importance of technology-driven risk management with



insights from Mr. Sanjeev Paruthi, TSM of The Safety Master, who showcased AI, IoT, robotics, and Building Information Modeling as transformative tools for predictive fire prevention and smart evacuation. Mr. Jaimin Patel, Assistant Director at NABCB (QCI), underscored the critical role of accreditation in enhancing fire safety audits, compliance, and preparedness, aligning inspections with NBC, IS, and ISO standards to

ensure credibility and continuous improvement.

Dr Jatinder Singh, Deputy Secretary General, PHDCCI delivered the vote-of thanks to the guests.

The summit was made possible through the dedicated support of key partners including KARAM KS Group, Quality Council of India, Hindustan Agriculture Legacy Food Products, and SAMA.

AWARENESS SESSION ON EMPLOYMENT LINKED INCENTIVE SCHEME

PHDCCI's HR & IR Committee and Punjab Chapter organized an awareness session on the Employment Linked Incentive (ELI) Scheme on July 31, 2025, at Hyatt Regency, Amritsar.

Mr. Ashish Wig, Chair, HR & IR Committee, PHDCCI, set the context for the discussion. The objective of the session was to disseminate information on the ELI Scheme, an initiative of the Government of India aimed at promoting formal employment and supporting sustainable workforce development.



Chief Guest, Mr. Rajiv Bisht, Additional Central Provident Fund Commissioner (Punjab & Himachal Pradesh), EPFO provided valuable insights and clarified key aspects of the ELI scheme.

A technical session followed, where senior EPFO officials shared domain-specific guidance and addressed queries of the participants, enhancing their understanding of the scheme's benefits and implementation mechanisms.



GOA COOPERATIVE SUMMIT 2025: SAHKAR SE SAMRIDDHI

PHDCCI organized the Goa Cooperative Summit 2025, themed “Sahkar se Samriddhi – Catalyzing Goa’s Cooperative Potential”, on September 4, 2025 at the Goa Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GCCCI), setting the tone for collaborative action to strengthen Goa’s cooperative sector as a driver of sustainable and inclusive growth. The summit brought together policy leaders, industry experts, cooperative practitioners, and financial institutions to chart a roadmap for leveraging Goa’s unique strengths in fisheries, tourism, agriculture, and rural entrepreneurship.

Ms. Pratima G. Dhond, President, GCCCI in her welcome address highlighted that Goa’s 5,500 cooperative societies in housing, agriculture, dairy, fisheries, and banking remain key pillars of grassroots livelihoods. She mentioned that cooperatives are not just about business, they are about people, trust, and

shared prosperity. By embracing digitalization, sustainable fisheries, eco-tourism, and community-led enterprises, Goa can position itself as a model of cooperative-driven growth.

Mr. Ashutosh Apte, Registrar of Cooperative Societies, Government of Goa, outlined a vision for making cooperatives the backbone of Goa’s future development. He announced ambitious targets for 2025, including ensuring “no Panchayat is left uncovered by cooperatives”, promoting multi-purpose societies, and integrating IT interventions for transparency and efficiency. He also shared innovative ideas such as Sahkar Taxi services, salt pan revitalization, and tapping Goa’s potential in pharma raw materials and non-traditional exports.

Mr. Sandeep Dharkar, General Manager, NABARD, emphasized that PACS and rural cooperatives could become hubs of innovation if technology adoption is scaled up and youth are actively engaged.

Mr. Prabhakar Jha, Regional Director, RBI Panaji, encouraged cooperatives to adopt quality certifications, compliance practices, and export-readiness standards, noting Goa’s cooperatives can access global markets by strengthening supply chains and traceability systems.

Dr. Jatinder Singh, Deputy Secretary General, PHDCCI, reiterated the Chamber’s commitment to supporting cooperative-led prosperity in Goa and across India, emphasizing that cooperatives are a social enterprise rooted in equity, inclusivity, and sustainable development.

Mr. Vishwas Kadam, DGM, NABARD, presented NABARD’s role in supporting cooperative-led tourism and financial services through technology, grants, and institutional development.

Mr. Vikram Singh, Director, Unati Multipurpose Cooperative Society, shared Unati’s success in organic farming, digitalization,



and certification as key drivers of cooperative growth. He supported strategic eco-tourism models and the Sahkar Taxi policy to empower rural communities as service providers.

Dr Dataram Dessai, Chairman, Savoir Verem Vikas Seva Society Ltd., and Mr. Sanjay Amonkar, Director General, GCCI, also highlighted the significance of cooperatives in India and specifically in Goa. Dr Dessai emphasized digitalization as vital for governance, transparency, and efficient loan recovery in cooperatives, showcasing Goa's pioneering efforts in system audits and real-time transaction monitoring as best practices.

Mr. Pratik Gholap, AGM, NABARD, presented PACS computerization as a game-changer, integrating

Aadhaar, UPI, and digital platforms to enhance transparency, efficiency, and financial inclusion.

Mr. Ulhas Phaldessai, Ex-Chairman, Goa Cooperative Bank Ltd., advocated diversification and blockchain integration to improve cooperative performance and accountability.

Mr. Ashish Malviya, Regional Head, Union Bank, highlighted digital transformation as essential for modern cooperatives, emphasizing API-based integration and cloud services that enable small cooperatives to access financial services via digital onboarding.

Ms. Pallavi Salgaocar, Director, Bicholim Urban Co-operative Bank in her presentation on Urban Co-operative Banks in Goa,

discussed their opportunities and challenges in financial inclusion, regulatory compliance, and digital adoption to enhance the sector's competitiveness.

Mr. Rupesh K. Pandey, Senior Secretary, PHDCCI, as the moderator, highlighted the global expansion of Indian cooperatives and their role in India's US \$5 trillion economy vision. He announced 2025 as the International Year of Cooperatives, stressing the need for multi-purpose cooperative models to ensure sustainable livelihoods.

The program was supported by Unati Multipurpose Cooperative Society and Hindustan Agriculture Legacy Food Products, with the Goa Chamber of Commerce & Industry as the Event Partner.

PRIME MINISTER'S SPEECH AT THE 25TH SCO SUMMIT

Prime Minister, Mr. Narendra Modi expressed gratitude to President Xi Jinping, President of the People's Republic of China for hosting the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Summit in Tianjin on August 31, 2025. Mr. Modi outlined India's engagement around three pillars: Security, Connectivity, and Opportunity.

Security: He emphasized the shared threat of terrorism, separatism, and extremism, citing India's initiatives through SCO-RATS against Al-Qaeda and its affiliates, and the need to oppose terror financing and double standards on terrorism. The recent Pahalgam attack was cited as a reminder of terrorism's human cost and the importance of global solidarity.

Connectivity: He stressed that infrastructure and trade linkages, such as Chabahar Port and the International North-South Transport Corridor, should respect sovereignty and territorial integrity to build trust and meaningful development.

Opportunity: India seeks to expand SCO cooperation beyond governments to people, youth, scholars, start-ups, and cultural dialogue. He proposed a Civilizational Dialogue Forum to share art, literature, and traditions, reflecting India's reform-driven motto of Reform, Perform, and Transform and inviting collaboration in its development journey.

The PM welcomed SCO reforms addressing organized crime, drug trafficking, and cybersecurity and encouraged members to cooperate on UN reform and broader global multilateralism, emphasizing inclusivity for the Global South. He concluded by wishing success to Kyrgyzstan as the next SCO Chair.



INDIA-UK BUSINESS CONCLAVE: INVESTMENT ROADSHOW

At PHDCCI'S India-UK Business Conclave: Investment Roadshow held on July 31, 2025, at Hyatt Regency, Amritsar, Chief Guest, Mr. Sanjeev Arora, Hon'ble Minister of Industries and Commerce, Investment Promotion, and NRI Affairs, Govt. of Punjab in his keynote address reaffirmed the state's commitment to attracting global investment. He was quoted to have said, "Punjab offers a stable, transparent, and business-friendly environment. We are developing industrial parks, logistics hubs, and skill development centers to meet the evolving needs of future-ready industries. We invite UK investors to join us in building a robust, diversified, and inclusive economy."

Mr. Harjinder Kang, His Majesty's Trade Commissioner for South Asia and British Deputy High Commissioner for Western India, in his address, emphasized the transformative potential of the newly signed India-UK Free Trade

Agreement (FTA). He encouraged regional stakeholders to tap into the vast opportunities created by the FTA for mutual growth and collaboration. He pointed out that it took four years to complete the FTA process.

Ms. Sakshi Sawhney, IAS, Deputy Commissioner of Amritsar in her address positioned Amritsar as the gateway to Punjab. She highlighted the city's strategic geographic location, world-class infrastructure, and thriving tourism economy, along with its emerging strengths in logistics, warehousing, and agro-industrial clusters.

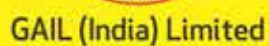
Mr. Sandeep Aggarwal, Senior Managing Committee Member, PHDCCI emphasized the strong potential of India as a collaborative partner with the UK. As tariff structures evolve and trade protocols streamline, sectors across Punjab, from textile exporters to agri-food processors, stand to

gain unprecedented access to UK's markets. Yet, many entrepreneurs are still seeking clarity on which sectors are prioritized and how to navigate the updated trade landscape effectively, he said.

CA Jaideep Singh, Convener of the Amritsar Zone, Punjab State Chapter, PHDCCI said that the business conclave will serve as a catalyst for further collaboration and growth in bilateral trade relations between India and the UK.

Mr. Ashish Kapoor, Head of Inward Investment—North India, Department for Business and Trade, British High Commission, shared a presentation on 'Setting up a presence in the UK'.

Dr. Jatinder Singh, Deputy Secretary General, PHDCCI moderated the session and shared the importance of FTA between India and the UK.



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ART & CULTURE CONCLAVE 2025 : CELEBRATING HERITAGE, MUSIC & CULTURE

At the PHDCCI's Art & Culture Conclave 2025 held on September 12, 2025 eminent personalities from government, art, music, academia, and industry had meaningful discussions and soulful performances, showcasing India's vibrant cultural legacy while envisioning its future.

Ms. Shalini S Sharma, Assistant Secretary General, PHDCCI, while introducing the Chief Guest, Ms. Rashmi Singh, IAS, Secretary, WCD & Art & Culture, Govt. of NCT Delhi highlighted that PHDCCI, being the only chamber in India with a dedicated Art & Culture Committee, is committed to building an economic framework for heritage preservation.

Mr. Chhatrapati Ranjit Rai, Chair, PHDCCI Art & Culture Committee, emphasized the universal nature of art, drawing references from Ajanta and Ellora cave paintings. He urged the integration of art history into school curricula and stressed the connection between music, mythology, and traditions. Ms. Anuradha Goyal, Chair, PHD



Family Welfare Foundation, praised the conclave's vision and stressed the importance of nurturing artistic appreciation among youth. She also highlighted the Foundation's 32 skill development centers where art, music, and dance form a part of holistic learning.

In her keynote address, Ms. Rashmi Singh lauded the conclave's themes of sustaining art and strengthening India's creative economy. She announced the creation of heritage clubs in

schools and called for collaboration between government, academia, and cultural institutions. She further emphasized community engagement through parks, heritage sites, and public spaces.

Two enriching panels added depth to the discussions: Beyond the Canvas – The Ecosystem of Art & Galleries, moderated by Mr. Kishore Singh, Author and Former Head of Exhibitions & Publications, Delhi Art Gallery, explored inclusivity, accessibility, and community



participation in the art world. The session featured Ms. Ranjana Steinruecke, Director, Galerie Mirchandani + Steinruecke; Ms. Payal Kapoor, Owner and Director, Arushi Arts and Ms. Vandana Kalra, Art Writer & Critic, Indian Express; The Economics Behind Classical Music Concerts, moderated by Ms.

Suanshu Khurana, Senior Assistant Editor, Indian Express, featured Pt. Vishwanath, Eminent Hindustani Classical Vocalist; Mr. Sanjeev Bhargava, Founder & Festival Director, Seher, New Delhi and Ms. Rashmi Malik, Director, Spic Macay. The discussions examined innovative ways to sustain classical

music, highlighting CSR and creative collaborations.

The conclave concluded with a soulful Ghazal and Sufi performance by Javed Khan Kalawant, joined by Ranjit Rai, leaving the audience immersed in cultural pride.

SONIPAT B2B MARKET LINKAGE FORUM-2025

The Power Committee, PHDCCI, in collaboration with L&T-SuFin organized a knowledge sharing session “Sonipat B2B Market Linkage Forum 2025” on August 12, 2025 at Rai, Sonipat.

The event was supported by Rai Industries Association, Kundli Industries Association and Small Scale Industrial Manufacturers Association. This initiative aimed to provide MSMEs in Sonipat with insights into the evolving B2B e-commerce landscape and how they could utilise this technology for growing their businesses.

Ms. Soumya Pathak, Regional Lead –North, L&T-SuFin, explained the various features and benefits of using L & T SuFin B2B platform for both -industrial buyers and sellers.

In her presentation, she highlighted the unique features of the L&T-SuFin portal which will enable MSMEs in becoming more competitive and digitally enabled facilitating them to outreach new markets with innovative financing solutions.

Mr. Rakesh Chhabra, President, Rai Industries Association and Mr. Naveen Kaushik, President, MSME Industries Welfare Association, Barhi, called upon MSMEs of Sonipat to take advantage of e-Commerce and B2B Portals for their growth.

Ms. Gayatri Sharma, Director, PHDCCI, in her opening remarks



stated that B2B e-commerce offers a world of opportunities and advised entrepreneurs from Sonipat to also utilise this technology to emerge as a sourcing destination.

Mr. Punit Chaudhry, Secretary, PHDCCI, moderated the Session. The Session was attended by 65 entrepreneurs from the Sonipat region.

BUSINESS DELEGATION TO SOUTH AFRICA

The PHDCCI Business Delegation embarked on a strategic multi-city visit to the Republic of South Africa, July 20-25, 2025 to enhance bilateral trade, investment, and industrial cooperation. The visit spanning Pretoria, Johannesburg, Durban, and Cape Town included high-level interactions with government officials, chambers of commerce, investment promotion agencies, and local businesses. The delegation aimed to strengthen institutional linkages, explore sector-specific collaborations, and promote India–South Africa economic ties across emerging and traditional sectors, including IT, innovation, manufacturing, infrastructure, agriculture, and fintech.

Meeting with Pretoria Chamber of Commerce, Ms. Sarah Mabotsa, Member of the Mayoral Committee for Economic Development and Spatial Planning, and Mr. NK Osinathi N Joko, Strategic COO. The discussions focused on strengthening India–South Africa economic ties through collaboration in sectors such as agriculture, agri-business, education, IT, and skill development. Representing PHDCCI, Mr. Kunal Singhal, Chair – International Affairs Committee for Africa, and Mr. Abhishek Banwara, Senior Secretary – International Affairs Division emphasized the Chamber's commitment to deepening India–South Africa ties and stressed on innovation, knowledge exchange, and investment-led cooperation.

Meeting with Mr. Dean Hoff, Director Department of Trade, Industry and Competition. Key sectors discussed included aerospace, ICT, advanced manufacturing, and renewable energy. PHDCCI reiterated its commitment to fostering partnerships and collaboration.

Participated in the India Entrepreneurs Forum organized by the Consulate General of India, Johannesburg. Consul General, Mr. Mahesh Kumar commended PHDCCI's role in advancing India–Africa ties. Mr. Kunal Singhal presented insights on electronics, smart manufacturing, and energy efficiency.

The Delegation to South Africa was hosted for an Interactive session and B2B meetings by KZN International Business Association (KIBA). The session was supported by MINARA Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Durban, South Africa, and Tamil Business Warriors in Durban. Mr. Omie Singh, President, KIBA appreciated PHDCCI's efforts in promoting bilateral economic cooperation between India and South Africa and collaborating in key sectors such as manufacturing, technology, healthcare, and agro-processing.



Meeting with Dr Thelma John David, Consul General of India in Durban. The discussion focused on enhancing India's global outreach and highlighted key collaboration in areas including IT & ITES, FMCG, food processing, and large-scale farming.

Meeting with Wesgro, Cape Town: The officials presented investment opportunities in the Western Cape across sectors like the green economy, life sciences, food & beverages, and green manufacturing. Mr. Kunal Singhal and Mr. Abhishek Banwara from PHDCCI emphasized the importance of sub-national partnerships, innovation, and business collaboration.

Meeting with Mr. Alderman James Vos, Mayoral Committee Member for Economic Growth, wherein the delegates highlighted investment opportunities in sectors like tourism, job creation, and market access. Mr. Lance Greyling (Director: Economic Development & Investment), Mr. Bruce Raw (Chief Strategy Officer, Green Cape), and Mr. Quentin Pavitt (Group Ecosystem Manager, UVU Africa) also presented key sectoral collaboration opportunities.

Meeting with Mr. John Lawson, CEO, Cape Chamber of Commerce in Cape Town. The discussion highlighted investment opportunities in areas such as tourism, job creation, and market access.

Meeting with Mr. Jan Ludik, CEO of Traderoot Technologies in Cape Town emphasized the importance of fintech collaboration and technology-led solutions for deepening India-South Africa economic ties. He encouraged Indian businesses to explore opportunities in South Africa's evolving digital economy. Mr. Kunal Singhal and Mr. Abhishek Banwara of PHDCCI highlighted the Chamber's focus on sub-national partnerships and fintech-led cooperation.

The High Level Business Delegation to South Africa concluded with a series of productive engagements that reaffirmed the mutual commitment of both Indian and South African stakeholders to deepen economic relations and facilitate sustainable, long-term partnerships. PHDCCI remains committed to nurturing such bilateral engagements that promote inclusive growth, regional cooperation, and global connectivity across sectors of mutual interest.





INTERACTIVE SESSION ON CYBER HYGIENE FOR MSMEs

The PHDCCI New-age Business Committee and Task Force on Digital Security jointly organized an Interactive Session on Cyber Hygiene for MSMEs on August 29, 2025, under the theme 'Strengthening Digital Security, Building Trust, and Ensuring Resilience'. The interactive session brought together industry leaders, policymakers, and cyber security experts to deliberate on the growing importance of safeguarding small businesses in an increasingly digital economy.

Delivering the keynote address, Dr Sanjay Bahl, Director General, CERT-In, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology underlined that MSMEs are custodians of sensitive data ranging from customer information to supplier and employee records. A single cyber-attack, he cautioned, could disrupt supply chains and erode trust. He highlighted CERT-In's role in issuing advisories, coordinating incident response, and building capacity through training and awareness tailored for MSMEs.

Dr Jagannath Sahoo, CISO, Gujarat Fluorochemicals Ltd., emphasized that cybercrime is

the fastest-growing "business" worldwide and that smartphones today store more data than ever before, making daily cyber hygiene indispensable. Prof. N.K. Goyal, Chairman Emeritus, TEMA, President CMAI, President CSAI Cyber Security Association of India, compared digital safety to physical security, stressing the importance of adopting preventive measures rather than waiting for regulations.

Mr. Vinod Kumar Gupta, Scientist E and Team Lead, Cyber Security: TSOC Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT), Ministry of Comm & IT observed that MSMEs remain vulnerable to outdated malware like WannaCry due to poor practices such as skipping updates and not backing up data. He shared that C-DOT is working on affordable, indigenous security tools to support small businesses. Mr. Deepak Kumar, DC, Indian Cybercrime Coordination Centre (I4C), Ministry of Home Affairs highlighted that India's national cybercrime helpline 1930 and cybercrime portal have already saved Rs. 6,000 crores and protected 18 lakh citizens, though over 7,000 new cases are reported daily.

Dr Neha Berlia, Chair, Task Force on Digital Security, PHDCCI, stressed that cyber hygiene is now a critical business requirement, as global buyers increasingly seek assurance of secure practices. She urged MSMEs to integrate simple routines such as strong passwords, timely software updates, and data backups.

The session also featured a panel discussion on Cyber Security Trends moderated by Mr. Nitin Kalra, Founder & CEO, Bluparrot Ventures Pvt. Ltd., with insights from experts including Prof. (Dr) Charru Malhotra (IIPA); Mr. Lokesh Aggarwal (ApexaiQ); Prof. (Dr) Smruti Ranjan Sarangi (IIT Delhi); and Mr. Vijayant Gaur (CSAI). This was followed by a Masterclass on Cyber Security by Mr. Lokesh Aggarwal, offering practical, low-cost strategies to enhance cyber resilience.

Concluding the session, Dr Jatinder Singh, Deputy Secretary General, PHDCCI, urged MSMEs to adopt quick and effective measures such as multi-factor authentication, regular backups, and invoice verification to ensure immediate protection against threats.

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SEMINAR ON RAISING CAPITAL THROUGH IPOs

The Capital Market & Commodity Market Committee, PHDCCI organized a seminar on Raising Capital through IPOs on August 13, 2025 at PHD House, New Delhi. Mr. Deep Mani Shah, Chief General Manager, Securities and Exchange Board of India joined as Chief Guest at the Seminar. He said that more than Rs. 1.6 lakh crores was raised through the IPOs in the year 2024. Despite the geo-political developments, the Indian stock markets have performed consistently. He said SEBI encourages small companies/ SMEs to grow, as these are the backbone of our Indian economy. He said that the SMEs should eventually move to the mainboard IPOs post registering growth and SEBI is fully committed to serve the SMEs. He urged the Merchant Bankers and Advisors to lend a supporting hand to the SMEs as these are the ones who need support to thrive.

Mr. Saket Dalmia, Former President, PHDCCI encouraged the SMEs to approach the market in a disciplined manner with confidence as India is shining bright and it's time for our entrepreneurs to show their calibre in the capital markets.

Mr. B K Sabharwal, Chair, Capital Market & Commodity Market Committee, PHDCCI in his opening remarks said that Initial



Public Offering is not just a financial milestone; it is a transformative journey that brings visibility, credibility, and new opportunities. He said both NSE & BSE have witnessed huge surge in volumes in both mainboard IPOs and SME IPOs over the years.

Mr. Manick Wadhwa, Director – Strategy, SKI Capital Services Ltd. in his presentation on the Key Learnings in IPO Markets provided a brief overview of the Indian Capital markets and the Investment Assessment Flow. He said that SMEs have raised around Rs. 4800 crores from the markets. The most important trend in SME IPO space is the creation of liquidity. There have been around 142 SME IPOs in 2025 and 46 in mainboard IPOs. More than 50% of the companies in the SME space have been trading in green. It is important for the investors to understand the

segment and analyse the market trends before investing in the SME IPO to manage risk.

Mr. Abhinav Gupta, President – Corporate Strategy, Share India said that more than 1200 applications for IPOs have been put in place since the launch of SME IPO guidelines by SEBI 2012. More than Rs. 28500 crores have been raised through SME IPOs since 2012. He said that Gujarat & Maharashtra are presently leading in terms of the SME IPOs, whereas the share of Delhi, UP among other Northern States are still low in numbers. He highlighted the various schemes of the Central/ State Governments to empower the SMEs for future growth.

Ms. Parvathi Moorthy, Associate Vice President – SME Business Development, National Stock Exchange of India Ltd. shared the

NSE's perspective on the IPO space. She shared the evolution of the SME IPO since its launch in 2012. Investors are investing their savings money into financial markets. She said more than 65% of the listings are coming through cities such as Mumbai, Delhi and Ahmedabad. There is a need to dive deeper into smaller towns and cities to create awareness and build trust of SMEs to enter the markets. She shared that even the suppliers to the mid-size businesses are venturing into the markets as they need liquidity. The Indian consumption story is based on the niche business models, strong corporate governance framework and consistency in financial performance.

Mr. Kunal Saraogi, SEBI Registered Research Analyst & Investor said that there have been more than 20 crore demat accounts now in India and more than Rs. 27000 crores are invested in SIPs every month. The Government and Regulators have played a tremendous role in reposing the faith of investors. Retail investors now feel safe to invest in the stock markets. He expressed concern of risk of asset bubble forming and issue of valuation as the number of companies and shares traded remain similar year after year.

Mr. Narinder Wadhwa, Co-chair, Capital Market & Commodity Market Committee, PHDCCI gave the concluding remarks. He said the emerging sectors in India need risk

capital which is facilitated through exchanges. There is a huge demand of funds for the new entrants and there is enough liquidity in the market to cater to such demands. It is important to leverage the capital markets judiciously to fuel business growth.

Mr. Mohit Luthra, ASG, PHDCCI initiated the event and expressed gratitude towards the speakers.

The seminar was supported by NSE India Ltd., as the Exchange Partner and Share India & SKI Capital Pvt. Ltd., as Partners to the event. It was attended by more than 120 delegates including merchant bankers, investors, SMEs & professionals and had useful deliberations.

PHDCCI SIGNS MOU WITH NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, CALICUT



PHDCCI signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the National Institute of Technology (NIT,) Calicut on September 1, 2025 at PHD House, New Delhi. The MoU was signed in the presence of Dr Ranjeet Mehta, CEO and Secretary General, PHDCCI, and Mr. Mithilesh Kumar, Senior Secretary, Centre for Sustainability, PHDCCI, representing PHDCCI, along with Dr Murali K P, Chairperson, CIIR, NIT Calicut, and Mr. Narender Mehta, President, NIT Calicut Alumni Association, Delhi Chapter, representing



NIT Calicut. The purpose of this MoU is to establish a framework for mutual cooperation to enhance Industry-Academia Interface through joint initiatives, resource sharing, and collaborative efforts.



ACCELERATING INNOVATION IN ELECTRONICS PRODUCTS & SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT



PHDCCI, in association with Dassault Systèmes and Vias3D, organized a Conference on “Accelerating Innovation in Electronics Products & Systems Development” on August 8, 2025 at New Delhi. The event brought together industry experts and delegates to explore cutting-edge trends and solutions in electronics innovation.

Representing Dassault Systèmes, Mr. Ankur Sharma, SIMULIA India Sales Director, spoke on “Electronics in Transition: Trends Shaping the Future”, sharing how PHDCCI initiatives, supported by partners like Vias3D, can strengthen India’s electronics manufacturing ecosystem.

Mr. Raghavendra Banchhor, Senior Solution Consultant, Vias3D

gave a presentation on “Engineering Convergence: The Business Impact of MODSIM” and “Simulation Driven Electro-Mechanical Equipment and Systems Design”. He highlighted the role of PHDCCI-led platforms in enabling industries to meet electromagnetic, structural, and thermal compliance.

Mr. Yogesh Solunkhe, Solution Consultant, EMAG, addressed on “Powering the Future: Enhancing Battery Performance through Simulation”, underlining that through forums like PHDCCI conferences, industry can accelerate R&D in next-gen energy solutions.

Further, Mr. Abis Zaidi, ENOVIA, India Sales Director, Dassault Systèmes, discussed “Orchestrating

Success: Project Management for Complex Electronics Programs”, emphasising how partnerships with PHDCCI can drive operational excellence in electronics projects.

In his closing remarks, Mr. Bhavesh Kumar, Managing Director, DVias3D, commended PHDCCI for facilitating such industry-relevant sessions and reiterated the need for continuous innovation to maintain India’s global standing.

Dr Nasir Jamal, Director, PHDCCI, while welcoming the dignitaries, stressed that with electronics transforming industries at an unprecedented pace, PHDCCI aims to act as a catalyst for innovation, collaboration, and global competitiveness.

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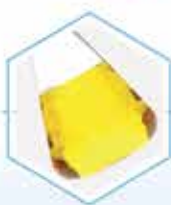
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PHDCCI NATIONAL YOUNG CHEF COMPETITION - NORTH ZONE

The North Zone round of the PHDCCI National Young Chef Competition (NYCC) was conducted on August 6, 2025 at Dr. Ambedkar Institute of Hotel Management, Chandigarh. The event brought together 11 leading hospitality institutes from across North India, competing in a live culinary challenge under the theme 'Celebrating Indian Culinary Heritage: Blending Tradition with Innovation'.

Participating institutes included: Ashok Institute of Hospitality & Tourism Management, New Delhi; Chandigarh Institute of Hotel Management; Dr. Ambedkar Institute of Hotel Management, Chandigarh; Indian Culinary Institute, Noida; IHM Gurdaspur; IHM Hamirpur; IHM Kufri; IHM Lucknow; IHM Pusa; International Institute of Culinary Arts, New Delhi; and The Lalit Suri Hospitality School, Haryana.

The jury panel was chaired by Chef Anil Grover, Certified WorldChefs Judge and included Chef Nand Lal Sharma, Deputy General Manager, Himachal Pradesh Tourism Development Corporation; Chef Sanjiv Verma, Chef & Partner, Pashtun Restaurant;



and Chef Deepak Sarkar, Executive Chef, Hyatt Regency Chandigarh.

The event was graced by Chef Manjit Gill, President, Indian Federation of Culinary Associations (IFCA) and Chef Sudhir Sibal, Founder Member, IFCA.

Two teams were selected to advance to the Grand Finale scheduled in New Delhi for January 2026, while one team was declared

runner-up:

- North Zone Finalist 1 – IHM Pusa, New Delhi
- North Zone Finalist 2 – IHM Kufri
- Runner-Up – Indian Culinary Institute, Noida

In parallel, a Career Sensitization Workshop was organized for Class 11 and 12 students from THSC-empaneled



schools. The session featured a career talk by Mr. Abhishek Anand, Vice President – Assessment and Certification, THSC.

NYCC is supported by a consortium of industry partners

including TATA Consumer Products; Nestle Professional; Cremica Food Industries Ltd.; Venus Industries Ltd.; Hospitality & Kitchen Solutions; Wagh Bakri Tea Group; Welbilt India (Merrychef &

Convotherm); McCain Foods; Mann Fleet Partners; Chefs Unlimited; Purchasing Professional Forum – India and Hospitality Purchasing Managers Forum.

INTERACTIVE SESSION WITH MAURITIUS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE INDUSTRY

The International Affairs and Trade Fairs Division of PHDCCI organized an interactive session with Dr Drishtysingh Ramdenee, Secretary General of Mauritius Chamber of Commerce Industry (MCCI) on August 29, 2025 at PHD House, New Delhi.

Dr Suresh Handa, Founder & Managing Director, Symphony Capital Limited, Mauritius and Mr. V Parmar, Director, Wind Power Ltd., Mauritius were also present on the occasion.

Dr Ranjeet Mehta, CEO & SG, PHDCCI welcomed the delegation and emphasized that both Chambers should work closely to enhance trade between the two nations.

Mr. Naveen Seth, Deputy Secretary General, PHDCCI highlighted the immense potential for Indian industries in Africa with a



key focus on Mauritius and assured full cooperation from PHDCCI in strengthening economic and commercial ties between India and Mauritius.

Dr Drishty Singh Ramdenee, Secretary General, MCCI, appreciated PHDCCI's initiative and underscored Mauritius' growing trade and investment opportunities. He highlighted key

sectors for collaboration including Financial Services, ICT, Renewable Energy, Tourism & Hospitality, Blue Economy, and Agro-Processing. He encouraged Indian businesses to explore partnerships in Mauritius and assured support from MCCI in facilitating engagements.

The delegates from India and Mauritius had specific B2B meetings during the session.



EMPOWERING MSMEs: RISK READY TO NAVIGATE MARKET UNCERTAINTY

PHDCCI's Research Bureau organized a Roundtable on "Empowering MSMEs: Risk Ready to Navigate Market Uncertainty" on September 9, 2025, PHDCCI, New Delhi.

Mr. Ateesh Kumar Singh, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, Government of India graced the roundtable as the Chief Guest along with distinguished panel of speakers: Dr Rajan Sudesh Ratna, Deputy Head and Senior Economic Affairs Officer, United Nations ESCAP; Dr Murali Kallummal, Head of Administration (CRIT) and Professor (CWS), Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, CRIT, Centre for WTO Studies; and Mr. Narinder Wadhwa, Co-chair, Capital Market & Commodity Market Committee, PHDCCI. The discussions focused on strengthening MSME resilience amid global and domestic market uncertainties.

Mr. Ateesh Kumar Singh urged industry stakeholders to actively provide inputs that can contribute towards building MSME resilience.



Dr Ratna shared pointed strategies to enhance MSME adaptability in uncertain times. Dr Kallummal emphasized the need for a new sectoral definition of MSMEs, improved data availability of informal sector enterprises, and a robust interface between MSMEs and HS Codes to better guide India's FTA negotiations. Mr. Wadhwa provided valuable insights on navigating geopolitical and market challenges, including US tariffs and exchange-based funding

opportunities for MSMEs.

Dr Jatinder Singh, Deputy Secretary General, PHDCCI, welcomed the delegates, while Mr. Sanat Kumar, Chief Economist, PHDCCI moderated the roundtable.

The event was supported by the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises and witnessed enthusiastic participation from MSMEs across diverse sectors, PHDCCI members, and media representatives.



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CONFERENCE ON FAMILY TRUST AND BUSINESS SUCCESSION PLANNING

The Direct tax Committee - PHDCCI organised a Conference on Family Trust and Business Succession Planning on August 7, 2025, at PHD House, New Delhi.

Mr. Mukul Bagla, Chair of Direct Taxes Committee, PHDCCI welcomed the speakers and delegates. In his welcome address, he said that Family trusts are no longer optional—they're essential. As families grow, so does the need to protect generational wealth. He emphasized the importance of structured mechanisms like family trusts to safeguard assets and ensure smooth succession. Open conversations and awareness within families are key to preserving both values and wealth across generations.

Mr. Sandeep Bhuraria, Partner Zeus Law shared insights on the legal risks under Section 53 of the Transfer of Property Act and Section 66 of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code. He emphasized the importance of understanding the core elements of a trust as defined in the Section. A settlor is who transfers the property, a trustee who manages it, a beneficiary for whose benefit it



exists, and importantly, a clearly identified trust property. He emphasised that in a landscape of increasing legal scrutiny, getting these fundamentals rights is not just compliance—it's protection.

Dr Rakesh Gupta, Co-chair of Direct Taxes Committee, PHDCCI said that trusts have long been debated in the context of taxation. While historically used for tax planning—and often under scrutiny—their role in long-term financial and estate planning is now gaining well-deserved recognition. He explained that every trust begins with a settlor, who must be legally competent, and a trustee who manages the assets.

Ms. Pallavi Dinodia, Co-chair of Direct Tax Committee, PHDCCI shared valuable perspectives on the recent SEBI guidelines designed

to ensure transparency and prevent misuse in share transfers within promoter groups, while still facilitating legitimate restructuring. She emphasized that expert guidance from trustees and lawyers is essential in drafting trust deeds and explained about tax implications and the impact of recent judicial precedents.

Mr. Suyash Raj Nahata, Co-chair of Direct Tax Committee, PHDCCI discussed case studies involving discretionary trusts and the application of Section 164(1) of the Income-Tax Act, 1961. Mr. Suyash explained how such scenarios attract taxation at the maximum marginal rate and how judicial precedents have interpreted "indeterminacy" in this context.

Mr. Gagan Kumar Advocate, Krishnomics Legal discussed the importance of succession planning, ways to structure effective succession planning and addressing tax challenges.

Ms. Babeeta Sharma, Senior Secretary, PHDCCI, moderated the session, while Ms. Minakshi Srivastava, Deputy Secretary, PHDCCI coordinated the conference.

DECARBONIZING INDIAN STEEL

STRATEGIES FOR A CBAM-COMPLIANT FUTURE

PHDCCI Centre for Sustainability & Carbon Market Forum organized a thought-provoking webinar on “Decarbonizing Indian Steel: Strategies for a CBAM-Compliant Future” on August 12, 2025. Mr. Mithilesh Kumar, Senior Secretary, Carbon Market Forum & Centre for Sustainability, PHDCCI delivered the welcome remarks, emphasizing the urgency for Indian steel producers to align with global decarbonization trends.

Mr. Shubham Thakur – Climate Policy Analyst & Corporate Sustainability Expert explained the EU CBAM mechanism, its covered sectors, and operational framework and discussed how CBAM will reshape business models, trade flows, and market competitiveness. This includes shared opportunities for Indian and global businesses, including leveraging low-carbon



technologies and exploring green steel markets.

Mr. Nimesh Bhattad – Founder & CEO of CleanCarbon.ai, outlined key challenges in Measurement, Reporting, and Verification for CBAM compliance. He presented technological solutions like digital MRV systems, AI-powered analytics, and IoT-enabled monitoring.

Mr. Nirmalaya Deb – Editor in chief at Big Mint gave an overview of India's iron and steel sector, its carbon footprint, and analyzed the potential economic and operational impacts of CBAM on Indian steel exporters, renewable energy integration, and product diversification to mitigate risks.

PRESS CONFERENCE ON RELEASE OF WHITE PAPER ON THE IMPACT OF TRUMP TARIFFS ON INDIA

PHDCCI released a "White paper on Impact of Trump Tariffs on India" on August 6, 2025, during a Press Conference.

The study reveals that tariffs will affect approximately USD 8.1 billion worth of India's exports to the US, constituting just 1.87% of India's global merchandise exports. The overall impact on India's economy remains manageable.

The projected GDP impact is negligible at 0.19%. Nevertheless, India continues to maintain its



status as the fastest-growing major economy, with a steady GDP growth rate of 6.4%, according to the IMF's July 2025 update.

India's electronics exports, growing at 50.7% CAGR (FY2021-25), demonstrate the strength of its manufacturing competitiveness.

The sectoral impact analysis highlights that Engineering Goods are the most affected, with an estimated impact of US\$ 1.8 billion, followed by Electronic Goods (US\$ 1.4 billion), Pharmaceuticals (US\$ 986 million), Gems & Jewellery (US\$ 932 million), and the Ready-made Garments (US\$ 500 million).

PHDCCI recommends a four-pronged strategy: Market Penetration, Product Development, Market Development, and Diversification.



ENHANCING PHARMACEUTICAL QUALITY ASSURANCE THROUGH GOOD MANUFACTURING PRACTICES

PHDCCI's Health Committee, in association with the Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers organized a conference on "Enhancing Pharmaceutical Quality Assurance through Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP)" and a special session on the Revamped Pharmaceutical Technology Upgradation Assistance Scheme (RPTUAS) on August 8, 2025 in Chennai.

Mr. J. Jayaseelan, President, IPA, Tamil Nadu State in his welcome address emphasised the need for robust GMP adherence to enhance India's credibility in global pharma markets.

Mr. Jatin Nagpal, Joint Secretary, PHDCCI highlighted industry-government collaboration for strengthening quality assurance frameworks.

Mr. S. Gurubharathi, Deputy Director of Drugs Control, TN spoke on state-level enforcement, capacity building, and industry support in GMP compliance.

Dr K. M. Srinivasan, Deputy Drugs Controller (India), CDSCO, South Zone shared regulatory updates and clarified expectations for WHO-GMP certification.



The technical session on WHO-GMP CoPP via ONDLS Portal was addressed by Mr. Mukesh K Singh, Principal Technical Officer, CDAC Noida. He demonstrated the Online National Drugs Licensing System, explaining its paperless process, nationwide rollout, and how it simplifies WHO-GMP & CoPP submissions while improving transparency.

Mr. C. VKD Prabhu, GM, SIDBI in his presentation on RPTUAS Scheme outlined the revamped scheme's funding support for technology upgrades, eligibility criteria, and how MSMEs can leverage it for GMP compliance.

The panel discussion on Foundations & Strategies for Effective GMP Implementation

was addressed by Thiru. N.C. Ravichandran, Assistant Director of Drugs Control, Chengalpattu Zone; Mr. Sanjay Dasmohapatra, President - Technical and Operations, Medopharm, Chennai and Dr Tom Puthiaparampil, Country Head - Syner-G BioPharma Group. The panel shared best practices for quality assurance, process validation, and documentation, and discussed overcoming challenges like resource limitations and technical complexities to ensure consistent, high-quality production.

Ms. Aditi Bhardwaj, Deputy Secretary, PHDCCI delivered the formal vote-of-thanks to the participants.



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PHDCCI BUSINESS DELEGATION TO SINGAPORE & MALAYSIA

Mr. Anuj Khanna, Co-chair, Housing & Urban Development Committee, PHDCCI & Founder, TNRIC Services Private Limited led a Multi-Sector Business Delegation to Singapore and Malaysia from August 25-29, 2025. The delegation aimed to strengthen bilateral trade relations, explore growth opportunities, and foster partnerships between Indian and Singapore & Malaysian businesses.

Day 1: The delegation commenced its visit meeting with Mr. Shilipi Chowdhary, Group CEO, & Mr. Antoine Bracq, Managing Director, Head of Investment Advisory of Lighthouse Canton Pte Ltd. (financial institution in Singapore). The discussions focused on setting up alliances with Singapore companies and identified growth opportunities for Indian businesses and explored avenues in Singapore.



The delegation had a closed-door meeting with Mr. Prasson Mukherjee, Vice Chairman, SBF International Action Committee & Chairman, Universal Success Enterprises Ltd., Singapore, organized by SBF. The discussion focused on possibilities for Indian companies in Singapore and how Singapore-based companies could collaborate with Indian companies in different sectors.

Mr. Anuj Khanna, Co-chair, Housing & Urban Development, Committee, PHDCCI thanked Mr. Prasson Mukherjee, Vice Chairman, SBF International Action Committee & Ms. Samantha Teo, Executive Director, SBF for organizing the meeting and shared how PHDCCI helps their members in terms of collaboration and also had in-depth talks about various investment options that are mostly targeted at the Indian market.

Met with Dr T Chandroo, Chairman & CEO, Modern Montessori International at Singapore.

Day 2: Met with Ms. Himani Negi & Mr. Niwas Nallasamy, Partners, Multipolitan Pte. Ltd. at Singapore.

Met with H.E. Dr. Shilpak Ambule, High Commissioner of India in Singapore. The High Commissioner suggested the delegation to collaborate with EDB for a visit to free trade zones, which include seaports such as Jurong Port, Pasir Panjang Terminal, and Keppel Distripark, and air freight zones like the Changi Airport Cargo Terminal Complex and the Airport Logistics Park of Singapore that could provide business options for Indian businesses.



Mr. Anuj Khanna, Co-chair, Housing & Urban Development, PHDCCI, outlined the numerous areas of collaboration between the two countries, including real estate, designing, architecture, education, IT/ITES, project management, business development, advisory consultancy, and finance, among others.

The delegation attended a program on 'The Future is Autonomous: Trends in Business AI and Agentic Models Reshaping Enterprises' at Pan Pacific at Singapore. PHDCCI business members engaged in insightful interactions with key speakers and esteemed delegates at the event.

Met with Mr. T Mogan, Board Director, Singapore Indian Chamber of Commerce & Industry and Ms. Jamuna Rani Govindaraju, Executive Director, SICCI at



Singapore. Ms. Jamuna opened the discussions by welcoming the delegation and emphasizing Singapore's dynamic business environment and the synergy between SICCI, government authorities, and industry stakeholders. She underscored the growing mutual trust and deepening cooperation between India and Singapore. Highlighting the emergence of new economies and opportunities, she called on both chambers to collaborate more closely to benefit their members and leverage evolving prospects.

Day 3: The delegation visited Singapore Management University

Day 4: Visited the Malaysia International Construction & Infrastructure Technology Exhibition (MBAM OneBuild 2025) at Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre.

Met with Mr. Mohd Azamanizam Bin Baharon, President,

PERDASAMA and Mr. Tajul Ariffin Jamaluddin, Deputy Director, SME Corp in Kuala Lumpur.

Met with Mr. Nivas Ragavan, President, and Ms. Mohana Mona, Honorary Secretary General of Kuala Lumpur & Selangor Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry.

Day 5 : Met with Mr. Lee Han Ling, Executive Director, Malaysian International Chamber of Commerce & Industry (MICCI) and Ms. Mag Ng, Secretary General of the Malaysian Consortium of Mid-Tier Companies at Kuala Lumpur. Mr. Ling emphasized MICCI's pivotal role in attracting international markets and highlighted the growing importance of the digital economy.

Met with High Commissioner of India to Malaysia at Kuala Lumpur. H.E. Mr. B.N. Reddy. His Excellency emphasized the enduring and dynamic relationship between

India and Malaysia.

He noted that recent advancements in bilateral trade and cultural exchange have initiated a new, more robust phase of cooperation. His Excellency elaborated on the vast and diverse opportunities available for Indian enterprises in Malaysia, particularly in sectors such as digital technology, real estate, infrastructure, green energy, IT/ITES, packaging, and project management.

Mr. Anuj Khanna, Co-chair of Housing & Urban Development, Committee, PHDCCI, formally thanked the High Commissioner for his invaluable insights. Mr. Khanna reaffirmed the delegation's commitment to exploring a wide range of cooperation areas, including but not limited to real estate, housing, IT/ITES, green energy, software development, data management and project financing.



DATA PROTECTION, CYBER SECURITY & LEGAL TECH: GLOBAL TRENDS & LOCAL ISSUES

The Corporate Affairs Committee, PHDCCI organized a Seminar on Data Protection, Cyber Security & Legal Tech: Global Trends & Local Issues on August 22, 2025 at PHD House, New Delhi. The Seminar was a part of the Knowledge Series on Corporate Affairs 2025-26.

Dr Charru Malhotra, Professor, Indian Institute of Public Administration in a Special Address on Digital Transformation in Governance provided an overview of the digital landscape and penetration of digital initiatives within the country. She said that India has the most expensive digital system with more than 1.3 billion Aadhar IDs in 2024. Our digilocker holds more than 6.7 billion documents of 1.3 crore Indians. India is promoting technological advancement through key missions and schemes including the India AI Mission, the India Semiconductor Mission to boost semiconductor manufacturing, and the National Quantum Mission for next-generation technologies. The Next-Generation Incubation Scheme supports startups, while the Samridh Scheme fosters digital product adoption.

She said that it is important to protect one's data and we should be conscious to share information at a click.

Mr. Sameet Gambhir, Chair, Corporate Affairs Committee, PHDCCI said that the importance of data in today's evolving world cannot be undermined. The world's eco-system is developing around the digital infrastructure. It is important to know the rights of data consumer and data principal. India has come a long way since the Supreme Court judgement that Right to Privacy is a fundamental right.

Ms. Payal Dayal, Partner, Sarthak Law Advocates in her presentation on Digital Personal Data Protection (DPDP) Law In India: Framework & Evolving Challenges, pointed out that in the age of digital transformation, personal data has emerged as the currency of the growing economy.

Mr. Abhishek Singh, Senior Associate, Lakshmikumaran & Sridharan spoke on the Practical Insights, Open Issues & Way Forward w.r.t. the DPDP Law in India.

Mr. Siddharth Gupta, Partner, Trilegal deliberated on Cyber

Security and Data Privacy: Navigating Cross-Industry Threats & Managing Real-Time Defences. He said that there have been instances of cyber-attack in the past underlying the urgent need to safeguard data. Even the largest organizations with global networks are vulnerable to cyber-attacks which could lead to massive financial losses.

Mr. Rishi Kapoor, Co-chair, Corporate Affairs Committee, PHDCCI proposed the vote-of-thanks to the participants.

Mr. Mohit Luthra, ASG, PHDCCI provided the opening remarks and moderated the session.

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RESIDENTIAL WORKSHOPS ON CORPORATE RESTRUCTURING & IBC AND BOARD GOVERNANCE



PHDCCI organized a three-day Residential Workshop on Corporate Restructuring & Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) and Board Governance, September 4-6, 2025 at Windflower Resorts & Spa, Goa. The workshop brought together industry leaders, experts, and professionals to exchange insights, learn best practices, and strengthen corporate governance and restructuring mechanisms.

At the introductory networking session, participants and distinguished speakers provided a brief overview of the topics to be discussed during the workshop.

On September 5, the workshop featured full-day concurrent

sessions; Track 1: Corporate Restructuring & IBC, focusing on evolving frameworks and strategies for corporate revival and compliance with IBC provisions; Track 2: Board Governance, emphasizing leadership, accountability, and ethical practices in corporate management.

On September 6, two insightful sessions were conducted followed by participants visiting the Mahalsa Temple and explored Panaji's local markets.

The event witnessed active participation from leading organizations, including SAIL, NHPC, IIFCL, Tripura State Electricity Corporation, NBCC, IFFCO, MMTC,

TANTRANSCO, POWERGRID, Tata Power, and Petronet MHB, with a total of 31 participants attending.

Distinguished speakers who enriched the sessions with their knowledge and expertise included: Mr. G. P. Madaan, Chair, NCLT & IBC Committee and Mr. Karan Mehra, Co-Chair, NCLT & IBC Committee, PHDCCI; Mr. Harish Taneja, Managing Attorney, HT Legal; Mr. Pankaj Agarwal, Managing Partner, Pankaj Agarwal & Associates and Mr. Vividh Tandon, Founder & Independent Legal Counsel, Law Chambers of Vividh S. Tandon.



GLOBAL TRADE AND INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE INDIAN INDUSTRY (GTI) IN IRAQ

The International Affairs and Trade Fairs Division of PHDCCI organized an Interactive Session on “Global Trade and Investment Opportunities for the Indian Industry (GTI) in Iraq” with Mr. Nazar Mirjan Al-Assadi, Charge d’Affaires, Embassy of Iraq to India, on September 3, 2025 at PHD House, New Delhi.

Mr. Naveen Seth, Deputy Secretary General, PHDCCI, welcomed the Iraqi dignitaries and highlighted Iraq’s immense potential in sectors such as IT, healthcare, education, and energy, and assured cooperation from PHDCCI in building stronger commercial and economic bridges between the two countries.

Mr. Nazar Mirjan Al-Assadi, Charge d’Affaires, Embassy of Iraq, appreciated PHDCCI’s initiative and underscored that India-Iraq relations go far beyond trade and politics, being deeply rooted in shared culture, family values, and personal bonds. He fondly recalled the influence of Indian films of the

1970s on his youth, noting how they shaped his perception of India, and spoke warmly of the friendships and connections he has built with Indians over the years. “Our ties are not only about business or politics,” he remarked, “they are about family values, shared culture, and a bond that feels personal.”

He indicated that Iraq is one of India’s biggest oil partners, a relationship that continues to anchor bilateral ties. But beyond oil, he stressed that Indian products such as rice, tea, medicines, and electronics have become an integral part of everyday life in Iraq. He encouraged more Indian enterprises to explore the Iraqi market directly, rather than leaving the opportunities largely to global firms, and urged them to see the prospects first-hand.

Mr. Al-Assadi also shared Iraq’s remarkable story of resilience, describing how the nation has moved beyond years of conflict and is now focusing on reconstruction with renewed energy and

optimism. He proudly highlighted the rise of women leaders in the country, pointing out that 30% of parliamentarians are now women—well above the official quota and a clear sign of Iraq’s commitment to inclusivity and reform.

The highlight of his address was the announcement of Iraq’s First Annual Investment Forum, scheduled for September 27-28, 2025 in Baghdad. He explained that the forum would bring together opportunities across diverse sectors including energy, infrastructure, healthcare, agriculture, and transport, offering a platform for Indian companies to explore partnerships. He assured that Iraq would extend every possible support to Indian investors—from visas to investment facilitation—making clear that the country is determined to welcome India as a key partner in its growth. “Iraq is opening its doors wide. We are looking east, and India has a special place in this vision,” he concluded with conviction.



INTERACTION WITH IRTS, ADVISER (E-MOBILITY), NITI AAYOG

A PHDCCI delegation headed by Mr. Sharuk Passi, Chair, Task Force on EVs along with Mr. Sachin Jha, Co-chair, Mr. Anirudh Arun, CEO, Reflex Mobility; Mr. Rajiv Rao, Business Head, GFCL EV Products. Ltd.; Mr. Anand Mahale, Head - Corporate Strategy & Diversity, GFCL EV Products. Ltd.; Mr. Shobit Ghai, Senior Manager, Tata Motors; Mr. Bhavesh Ahuja, Partner, E & Y; Mr. Santosh Kumar, Pascos; Ms. Gayatri Sharma, Director and Mr. Punit Chaudhry, Secretary, met with Mr. Sudhendu J Sinha, IRTS, Adviser (e-Mobility), NITI Aayog on August 19, 2025 to discuss challenges being faced by

OEMs/EV manufacturers, EV Fleet Operators and Battery Chemical manufacturers.

The delegation suggested several measures to accelerate the adoption of EVs. The delegation recommended that registration charges on EVs be subsidized or waived, and that subsidies on the purchase of four-wheeler EVs be uniformly implemented across all States. The delegation also highlighted the slow pace of private sector companies in transitioning to EV fleets for employee transportation and urged the Government to issue advisories

or mandates to promote e-mobility.

Responding to the points raised, Mr. Sudhendu Sinha shared an overview of various initiatives being undertaken by the Government, particularly in Delhi, to make the capital a world-class city. He informed that 2,400 e-buses are already operational on Delhi roads, while smaller 9-metre-long e-buses with 23 seats under the DEVI scheme have been introduced. Initiatives are also underway to educate school children about EV adoption, and BHEL has been tasked with developing a charging infrastructure platform.

SESSION WITH RWANDA PRIVATE SECTOR FEDERATION

At the interactive session with Mr. Stephen Ruzibiza, CEO of the Rwanda Private Sector Federation held on 29, August, 2025 at PHD House, New Delhi, Mr. Ruzibiza, CEO, outlined Rwanda's robust growth trajectory and highlighted priority sectors such as Infrastructure & Construction, ICT & Innovation, Renewable Energy, Tourism & Hospitality, Agro-Processing, and Financial Services as high-potential areas for collaboration with Indian businesses.





CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMME FOR THE TOY INDUSTRY

On August 19, 2025, PHDCCI, in collaboration with the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) and the Toy Association of India, organized a Capacity Building Program at PHD House in New Delhi. The program's goal was to empower toy manufacturers, MSMEs, exporters, and other industry stakeholders with the knowledge needed to navigate critical areas such as regulatory compliance, safety standards, and export preparedness.

Mr. Naveen Seth, Deputy Secretary General, PHDCCI, opened the program by welcoming the speakers and highlighting PHDCCI's efforts to support the toy industry and MSMEs through policy advocacy and capacity-building.

Mr. Ajay Aggarwal, President, Toy Association of India urged BIS to onboard more of India's 10,000+ toy manufacturers, noting that only 1,600 are currently registered.

Mr. R. R. Singh, Senior Director, BIS, expressed the Bureau's commitment to realizing the Prime Minister's "Make in India" vision of establishing India as a global hub for high-quality toys.

Mr. Nishant Anand, Head – IAAS, Bureau Veritas Consumer Products Services offered Bureau Veritas' support to help Indian manufacturers build capabilities and enhance the global acceptance of their products.



Mr. Mohammad Isharar Ali, Director, DPIIT highlighted the government's initiatives to strengthen the domestic toy manufacturing ecosystem.

Mr. A. K. Tamaria, Joint Director, Office of DC, Ministry of MSMEs said that the Micro and Small Enterprises Cluster Development Programme can help toy clusters access shared resources, reduce production costs, and improve quality, thereby increasing their competitiveness in both domestic and international markets.

Mr. Ramprasad R., Joint Director, NABL / Quality Council of India, spoke about the vital role of NABL-accredited laboratories in ensuring internationally accepted testing results.

Mr. Sachin Singh Naruka, Deputy Director, BIS, shared insights on the implementation of toy quality standards in India and urged manufacturers to adopt BIS certification support mechanisms.

Mr. Dilip Singh, Head – Hardlines, Connectivity and Products, SGS India, noted that India's contribution to global toy exports is still limited. He stressed that to be globally competitive, manufacturers must focus on design innovation, safety, and adhere to international quality standards.

Mr. Om Prakash Vishwakarma, Head – Hardlines (Toys & Footwear, Non-Textiles), Bureau Veritas Consumer Products Services (India) Pvt. Ltd., provided a perspective on the role of testing and certification in meeting global safety and quality benchmarks.

Mr. Sandeep Bhardwaj, Assistant General Manager, TÜV Rheinland (India) Pvt. Ltd., detailed the various types of toy testing and compliance requirements for the EU (EN71), UK, and Gulf regions.

Mr. Rakesh Sangrai, Director, PHDCCI moderated the programme.

GLOBAL ART & PAINTING COMPETITION 2025

PHDCCI organized a Global Art & Painting Competition 2025 – “शौर्य की गाथा, रंगों के संग” in collaboration with The World Art Design – Art & Design Institute on August 17, 2025 at PHD House, New Delhi. The Global Art & Painting Competition 2025 on the theme “Saga of Valor, Through the Colors” was a grand celebration of creativity, culture, and artistic brilliance.

The event was graced by distinguished dignitaries: Chief Guest, Prof. Paramjeet Singh, Eminent Printmaker & Painter, Former Principal of College of Art, Delhi, and Former Chairman of AIFACS and Guests of Honour, Ms. Anuradha Goel, Chairperson, PHD Family Welfare Foundation and Padmashri Shovana Narayan, Kathak Guru & SNA Awardee.

With over 100 enthusiastic participants from schools, colleges, and design institutes across the region, the competition showcased extraordinary talent across different age categories (5–30 years).

We were privileged to have an eminent panel of artists jury members including Ramonkar; Dalip Chandolia; Mahua Sinha; K. Vishwanathan, and Hariom Kuthwaria, who brought their artistic expertise to the evaluation process.



INTERACTION WITH VICE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF ZIMBABWE

A PHDCCI delegation interacted with Hon'ble General (Retd.) Dr C.G.D.N. Chiwenga, Hon'ble Vice President of Zimbabwe, and H.E. Ms. Stella Nkomo, Ambassador, Embassy of Zimbabwe, New Delhi, along with Ministers of various Departments on August 29, 2025 at New Delhi.

Mr. Akhil Jain, Co-chair, International Affairs Committee for Africa of PHDCCI, emphasized the importance of industry-led cooperation between India and Zimbabwe. He also assured PHDCCI's commitment to supporting Indian and Zimbabwean

enterprises in forging meaningful linkages.

Mr. Dalip Chopra, Co-chair International Affairs Committee-Africa, PHDCCI highlighted opportunities for collaboration in the healthcare sector, which could enhance trade and investment.

Hon'ble General (Retd.) Dr C.G.D.N. Chiwenga, Hon'ble Vice President of Zimbabwe highlighted Zimbabwe's focus on attracting foreign investment in sectors including agriculture, mining, pharmaceuticals, infrastructure, and IT and assured support to



PHDCCI in facilitating Indian businesses to explore trade and investment opportunities in the country.

ROAD SHOW ON WATER VOYAGE NORTHEAST

PHDCCI as the Industry Partner along with The Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI), under the aegis of the Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways (MoPSW), organized the road show on “Water Voyage Northeast” themed “Navigating the Future — Sustainable Tourism & Ferry Integration Across Waterways” at Hotel Taj Vivanta, Guwahati on September 02, 2025. This road show was a prelude to the forthcoming India Maritime Week 2025 scheduled from October 27-31, 2025 in Mumbai.

Mr. Sarbananda Sonowal, Hon’ble Minister of Ports, Shipping & Waterways was the Chief Guest of the programme, which was also graced by Mr. Jogen Mohan, Hon’ble Minister (Transport), Assam.

Mr. T.K. Ramachandran, Secretary, MoPSW, outlined the Ministry’s roadmap to strengthen inland waterways and establish a sustainable river-cruise and ferry ecosystem. He emphasized six enabling pillars—infrastructure development, ease of doing business, fiscal and policy support, integration with tourism assets, a skilled workforce with robust safety standards, and sustainability—as essential to unlocking the full potential of India’s waterways.

Mr. Jogen Mohan, Hon’ble Minister (Transport), Assam, in his address, highlighted the potential of Assam’s rivers, particularly the Brahmaputra and Barak, as corridors of commerce, culture, and connectivity. He underlined initiatives for developing water metros in Guwahati, expanding cruise tourism, and building eco-sensitive infrastructure, while emphasizing that such efforts will create livelihoods and preserve the state’s rich cultural heritage.



Short films on river-cruise tourism produced by IPA and IWAI were screened during the road show.

Mr. Sarbananda Sonowal, Hon’ble Minister of Ports, Shipping & Waterways, set out the government’s roadmap for a green, resilient and growth-oriented maritime ecosystem ahead of India Maritime Week 2025. The Hon’ble Minister said that Prime Minister, Mr. Narendra Modi will deliver the keynote address at the Global Maritime CEO Forum during India Maritime Week 2025, scheduled in Mumbai from October 27-31, 2025. The event is expected to see participation from over 100 countries and more than 100,000 stakeholders.

Mr. Sarbananda Sonowal unveiled a Rs 250-crore project to build two luxury cruise ships for the Brahmaputra, being constructed at Hooghly Cochin Shipyard in Howrah. Scheduled to be launched in 2027, the ships are part of the Cruise Bharat Mission, which aims to expand river tourism and develop 100 river cruise terminals nationwide. He said Assam is poised to emerge as a global river cruise destination, citing Forbes’ recent ranking of the Ganga cruise among the world’s top 10. Mr. Sonowal further outlined that over Rs 1,000 crore is being invested in the Northeast’s inland waterways, including a Rs 239-crore ship repair facility at Pandu (ready by 2026), a direct road link from NH-27 to Pandu Port, and new tourist jetties at

Guijan, Neamati, Bishwanath Ghat and Silghat. A Rs. 188 crore Centre of Excellence is also coming up in Dibrugarh to train 5,000 maritime professionals. “The Brahmaputra is not just a river, it is our lifeline and by developing cruise terminals, ship repair facilities, and skill centres, we are unlocking its full potential,” said the Hon’ble Minister.

Mr. Ashutosh Gautam, Member (Technical), IWAI, emphasised that rivers are strategic lifelines

for connectivity, commerce, and culture. He stressed the need for collaboration across government, industry, and communities, with sustainability as the guiding principle, and urged collective efforts to make the Northeast a model for water-based transport and tourism.

Mr. Sunil Kumar Singh, Chairman in Charge, IWAI; Mr. Satinder Kumar Bhalla-ITS-Secretary, North Eastern Council;

Mr. Gyanendra Dev Tripathi, IAS, Principal-Secretary-Transport Department, Government of Assam & senior officials from the North Eastern States addressed the gathering, underlining collaborative opportunities for the Northeast to integrate sustainable ferry services, river-cruise tourism and community-centric development into the broader national maritime vision.

UNLOCKING INDIA’S POTENTIAL: INCLUSIVE PORT-LED DEVELOPMENT

As a precursor to the upcoming India Maritime Week 2025, Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port, Kolkata (SMPK), under the aegis of the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Government of India, and with PHDCCI as the Industry Partner, organized a Roadshow-cum-Trade Facilitation Program on the theme “Unlocking India’s Potential: Inclusive Port-led Development” on August 22, 2025, in Kolkata.

Chief Guest, Mr. Shantanu Thakur, Hon’ble Minister of State, Ports, Shipping and Waterways, reaffirmed the Government’s commitment to positioning India as a major global maritime player. He emphasized strengthening port infrastructure, boosting investments in logistics and shipping, and advancing inland waterways and coastal economic zones.

Mr. Rathendra Raman, Chairman, SMP Kolkata, in his welcome address, highlighted the port’s legacy as India’s oldest operational port and its growing role as a hub for regional connectivity and trade. He stressed the importance of sustainable growth, green port initiatives, and inclusive port-led development that generates employment, empowers



communities, and ensures balanced regional progress.

Senior port leaders including Mr. Unmesh Sharad Wagh, Chairperson-in-Charge, Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority (JNPT); Mr. Adesh Titarmare, Deputy Chairperson, Mumbai Port Authority; and Mr. Samrat Rahi, Deputy Chairperson, SMP Kolkata shared insights on port-led industrialisation, port-based SEZs, and the shipbuilding and ship repair ecosystem.

Representing PHDCCI, Mr. Vinod Dugar, Chair, West Bengal Chapter, PHDCCI and Chairperson, RDB Group, contributed to the panel discussion on “Unlocking India’s Future – Inclusive Port-led Industrialisation.” He underscored

the vast potential of port-led industries in Eastern India, particularly around Kolkata and Haldia, citing opportunities for investment, industrial growth, and job creation. The session also featured perspectives from industry leaders representing SAIL Rourkela, Tata Steel, Cochin Shipyard, and Century Ply.

The roadshow witnessed active participation from over 300 stakeholders, including senior government officials, industry leaders, and maritime experts. As part of a nationwide series leading up to India Maritime Week 2025, the event was supported by Grant Thornton as Knowledge Partner and PHDCCI as Industry Partner.

ROADSHOW - INDIA MARITIME WEEK 2025 (4TH EDITION)

The Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW), Government of India is organising a mega flagship programme, 'The India Maritime Week 2025 (4th Edition)'; from October 27- 31, 2025 at NESCO Exhibition Centre, Mumbai.

As a prelude to this main event, various Road shows in different states are being organized as curtain raisers to the main event.

PHDCCI as the Industry Partner for the Road Shows organized two landmark Roadshows in Mumbai with the collaboration of Mumbai Port Authority (MbPA) and the Indian Ports Association (IPA) under the aegis of the Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways (MoPSW) on August 18, 2025 at Aurika Hotel, Mumbai.

The Roadshows focused on two critical themes: The First Road Show was on -Regional Engines of Maritime Growth- Unlocking State Potential for National Maritime Progress & The Second Roadshow was on - Tourism Avenues-Waterways to Wonder: Unlocking Cruise Tourism.

Regional Engines of Maritime Growth

Chief Guest, Mr. Sushil Mansing Khopde, Additional Director General of Shipping emphasised the importance of centre-state coordination, shipbuilding clusters, seafarer welfare, and regional port development through PPP models.

Capt. Praveen S. Khara, Chief Port Officer, Maharashtra Maritime Board underlined the state's initiatives in port-led industrialisation, coastal tourism, and smart port transformation.

Dr Jatinder Singh, Deputy Secretary General, PHDCCI stressed the need to align state-level



initiatives with national maritime programmes, highlighting opportunities in green shipping, coastal economic zones, and skill development.

Tourism Avenues- Waterways to Wonder: Unlocking Cruise Tourism

Unlocking Cruise Tourism was graced by Mr. Vijay Kumar, Chairperson, Inland Waterways Authority of India, who emphasised on expanding river cruise infrastructure and making India a global cruise tourism hub.

Mr. Adesh Titarmare, IAS, Deputy Chairperson, MbPA highlighted government measures such as rationalized tariffs, guaranteed berths, and upgraded terminals.

Mr. Vikas Narwal, MD, Indian Ports Association outlined the regulatory reforms and fiscal

incentives being undertaken, while Mr. Pradeep P, CEO, Maharashtra Maritime Board presented details of the heritage cruise circuits across Maharashtra.

Mr. Neelesh Gatne, MD, Maharashtra Tourism Development Corporation showcased the curated cruise excursions and tourism opportunities.

Subsequently, two panel discussions with industry stalwarts from the cruise industry were held showcasing steps to make India a Cruise tourism attraction.

Looking ahead, India Maritime Week 2025 will serve as India's premier platform to highlight progress in ports, shipping, cruise tourism, and inland waterways, while catalyzing policy innovation, investments, and partnerships towards a sustainable maritime future.

GLOBAL TRADE AND INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE INDIAN INDUSTRY

The International Affairs and Trade Fairs Division of PHDCCI organized Interactive Sessions on “Global Trade and Investment Opportunities” for the Indian Industry .

ETHIOPIA

Interaction with H.E. Ambassador Molalign Asfaw, Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of Ethiopia to India, on August 26, 2025, at PHD House, New Delhi.

Mr. Naveen Seth, Deputy Secretary General, PHDCCI, welcomed the Ambassador and highlighted Ethiopia's potential for Indian industries while reaffirming PHDCCI's commitment to strengthening bilateral economic ties.

H.E. Mr. Molalign Asfaw underscored Ethiopia's growing trade and investment opportunities, identifying key sectors such as agriculture, textiles,



leather, pharmaceuticals, IT & ICT, infrastructure, and renewable energy. He encouraged Indian businesses to explore partnerships and assured Embassy's support in facilitating engagements.

Dr Subhash Goyal, Chairman, STIC Holidays & GSA Ethiopian Airlines, emphasized the scope for collaboration in tourism, aviation, and hospitality sectors, recognizing them as key drivers of bilateral growth.

AUSTRIA

Interaction with Mr. Hans-Joerg Hoertnagl, Commercial Counsellor & Trade Commissioner, Commercial Section, Embassy of Austria, New Delhi, on August 1, 2025 at PHD House, New Delhi.

Mr. Naveen Seth, Deputy Secretary General, PHDCCI provided an overview of PHDCCI's engagements in promoting bilateral trade and investment. He highlighted the huge potential for Indian industries and assured full cooperation from PHDCCI in enhancing economic and commercial ties between India and Austria.

Mr. Hans-Joerg Hoertnagl in his keynote address appreciated PHDCCI's efforts and emphasized



Austria's robust trade and investment ecosystem. He highlighted the strong potential for collaboration in sectors such as electronic goods, apparels, textiles, footwear, rubber articles, vehicles & railway parts, electrical machinery, IT & ICT and mechanical appliances. He also encouraged deeper bilateral engagement between the

Indian and Austrian industries.

The session was also graced by Mr. Ajay Aggarwal, President, Toy Association of India, and Mr. Rajan Sehgal, Co-chair, Tourism Committee, PHDCCI, who shared their sectoral insights and emphasized areas of mutual collaboration.



START-UPS SHAPING THE ECONOMY AND LEADING THE NEXT WAVE OF INNOVATION

PHDCCI organized an interactive session on “Start-ups Shaping the Economy and Leading the Next Wave of Innovation” on August 22, 2025 at Le Méridien, Gurugram.

Mr. Yadu Kumar Yadav, Deputy Director, National Productivity Council, DPIIT, Ministry of Commerce and Industry underlined India's vision of becoming Viksit Bharat by 2047. He emphasized that achieving this goal would require the integration of workplaces with advanced technologies such as AI, IoT and Industry 4.0. He elaborated on the government's flagship Udyami Bharat 4.0 initiative, designed to connect startups, solution providers, and MSMEs to scale smart, affordable, and implementable Industry 4.0 practices.

He also highlighted the Bharat 4.0 – Digital Readiness Assessment Tool, developed by NPC, which evaluates a company's preparedness for Industry 4.0 adoption and guides them with structured roadmaps. Stressing that incremental improvements can lead to large-scale transformation, he called for greater collaboration between the government, startups, and industry to modernize manufacturing and enhance India's global competitiveness.

Mr. Vivek Agarwala, Chair, Industry Affairs & EODB Committee, PHDCCI, pointed out how startups have transformed the daily lives of millions, citing Unified Payments Interface as a powerful example of innovation at scale.

Mr. Anurag Khandelwal, Partner, Price Waterhouse, Chartered Accountants LLP, described startups as engines of economic growth, technological innovation, and social transformation. He pointed out that beyond fintech and consumer services, social sector startups are redefining healthcare, education, and access to essential services for underserved communities. Telemedicine, AI-driven diagnostics, edtech platforms and inclusive financial products are helping bridge critical gaps in society while remaining commercially viable.

Mr. Shivam Shahi, Co-founder & COO, Blue Tokai Coffee Roasters, reflected on building a premium home-grown coffee brand in a paradoxical market where India is one of the world's largest coffee producer but has low domestic consumption.

Mr. Yash Raj Akashi, Co-chair, Taskforce of Startup Committee, PHDCCI, urged a shift in mindset within the ecosystem, cautioning against celebrating quick exits and funding rounds over long-

term value creation. He expressed concern over the dominance of foreign capital in India's startup landscape and called for greater domestic investment to ensure that the benefits of growth remain within the country.

Mr. Asad Hussain, Founder, Odds Fitness, stressed that startups must be driven by a strong sense of purpose and passion.

Dr Jatinder Singh, Deputy Secretary General, PHDCCI, drew attention to the need for smart capital as a primary concern for startups, while also stressing that regulatory compliance continues to pose challenges despite improvements in the ease of doing business.

The Knowledge Session on “Navigating the Startup Ecosystem: A Journey of Challenges, Opportunities, and Technological Revolution” was addressed by Mr. Amarjeet Makhija, Partner, PwC.

The Panel Discussion on ‘Startup Winning Stakeholders’ Trust; was moderated by Mr. Amit Peswani, Partner, Price Waterhouse Chartered Accountants LLP. Panelists included Mr. Mohit Jain, Founder, Miraggio; Ms. Rekhaatri, MD and CEO, Ikargos; Mr. Bharat Venishetti, CFO, Acevector (Snapdeal) and Mr. Asad Hussain, Founder, Odds Fitness.



VISAKHAPATNAM B2B MARKET LINKAGE FORUM-2025

The Minerals & Metals Committee, PHDCCI, in collaboration with L&T-SuFin organized a knowledge sharing session “Visakhapatnam B2B Market Linkage Forum 2025” on September 2, 2025 at Visakhapatnam. The event was supported by Vizagapatnam Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Vizag Industrial Scan. This initiative aimed to provide MSMEs in Visakhapatnam with insights into the evolving B2B e-commerce landscape and how they could utilise this technology for growing their businesses.

Mr. Sudarsan Swamy Mangalagiri, President, Vizagapatnam Chamber of Commerce & Industry & Co-chair, Andhra Pradesh Chapter, PHDCCI in his address said that e-Commerce was no longer optional but essential as it was transforming global trade and opening new doors for Vizag’s entrepreneurs. This digital leap empowers entrepreneurs to market their products to cities like Delhi and Mumbai—or even countries like the US, UK, and UAE—without ever leaving Vizag. e-Commerce is not just about selling but it also fuels job creation across Digital

marketing, Logistics and delivery networks, Payment systems, Customer service, App and web development. This makes it one of the most inclusive and dynamic sectors for youth employment and innovation.

Mr. Mangalagiri indicated that initiatives like Digital India, Startup India, and the upcoming infrastructure projects like Fintech Valley, IT parks, and the Andhra Pradesh Skill Development Corporation—all are creating the right environment for e-Commerce to thrive, making Vizag a model city for digital commerce.

Mr. Srinadh Chittoori, Chairman (Vizag Zone), A P Chambers in his address said that by adopting e-Commerce, entrepreneurs can become more competitive and digitally enabled. B2B e-commerce offers a world of opportunities, and this session will serve as a catalyst for MSMEs to adopt new-age solutions.

Mr. Arun M., Regional Lead – South, L&T-SuFin, explained the various features and benefits of using L & T SuFin B2B platform for both -industrial buyers and sellers. In his detailed presentation, he

highlighted the unique features of the L&T-SuFin portal which will enable MSMEs in becoming more competitive and digitally enabled facilitating them to outreach new markets with innovative financing solutions.

Dr B. K. Sahu, Senior Regional Manager, National Research Development Corporation addressed the delegates on “Significance of Innovations and Digitisation for SMEs”. In his presentation, he termed enhanced efficiency, cost reduction, improved competitiveness, innovation capability and adaptability to changes as advantages of e-commerce adoption by SMEs. He gave an example of a local product – Araku coffee from Vizag which can benefit from e-commerce and complimented entrepreneurs from Vizag for being quick learners.

Ms. Gayatri Sharma, Director, PHDCCI, in her opening remarks stated that B2B e-commerce offers a world of opportunities and advised entrepreneurs from Visakhapatnam to also utilize this technology to emerge as a sourcing destination.

Mr Punit Chaudhry, Secretary, PHDCCI moderated the Session.



FOSTERING EASE OF DOING BUSINESS AND INNOVATION IN AGROCHEMICAL & PLASTIC VALUE CHAINS

The Chemicals and Plastic Committee of PHDCCI organized an Industry Roundtable Meet on the theme “Fostering Ease of Doing Business and Innovation in Agrochemical & Plastic Value Chains” on September 4, 2025 at New Delhi. The program brought together senior government officials, industry leaders, policy makers, and domain experts to engage in meaningful discussions on current challenges, opportunities, and future directions in the agrochemical and plastic sectors.

The event was graced by distinguished dignitaries. Mr. N. R. Meena, Senior Joint Controller of Patents, Designs & Trade Marks as the Chief Guest, while Dr J.P. Singh, Additional Plant Protection Adviser, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers’ Welfare was present as the Guest of Honour. Dr Subhash Chand, Secretary, Central Insecticides Board and Registration Committee joined as a special invitee.

Mr. N. K. Aggarwal, Chair, Chemicals and Plastic Committee, PHDCCI, while welcoming the dignitaries cited how India has made significant progress in business reforms and the chemicals and plastics sector continues to face regulatory, compliance, and



infrastructural hurdles that must be addressed in a time-bound manner. Mr. Salil Singhal, Chairman Emeritus of PI Industries, emphasized how the “ease of doing business” in India remains a complex challenge that demands not just policy

reforms but also conscious and sustained efforts from both industry players and the government. Mr. Manuj M. Gupta, Co-chair of the Committee, brought attention to the pressing issues of the plastic sector, particularly the urgent need

for policy-level interventions in recycling, waste management, and circular economy adoption.

The program also featured insights from allied organizations. Mr. N. K. Arora, Secretary of KAKV Foundation, apprised participants of the Foundation's initiatives and how its collaboration with PHDCCI is helping to create a roadmap for the overall improvement of the agriculture sector.

Prof. Vasant Gandhi, Member of the Governing Council of KAKV in his special address, underscored that the true essence of improving ease of doing business lies in working at the grassroots with farmers, empowering them

through innovation, awareness, and supportive policies.

The deliberations focused on industry pain points wherein experts highlighted how lengthy and complex compliance procedures remain one of the biggest bottlenecks to growth. Legal and IPR specialists also drew attention to the importance of protecting intellectual property in agriculture and allied sectors, emphasizing that IPR protection for agricultural produce is not just timely but crucial for promoting innovation and competitiveness.

The roundtable witnessed active participation from policy heads and representatives of

leading organizations such as Crystal Crop Protection Ltd., Dhanuka Agritech Ltd., Syngenta, Bayer Crop Sciences; FMC Corporation along with industry associations including CropLife India and Agro Chemical Federation of India. The discussions were moderated by Ms. Gayatri Sharma, Director, PHDCCI and she reaffirmed PHDCCI's commitment to act as a bridge between industry and government, driving reforms and innovations that can strengthen India's agrochemical and plastic value chains while promoting sustainability, farmers' welfare and economic growth.

CONFERENCE ON NAVIGATING IP RIGHTS IN THE DIGITAL ERA

PHDCCI's Law & Justice Committee, in collaboration with Ensaphe Law Group, hosted a conference on Navigating IP Rights in the Digital Era at PHD House, New Delhi on August 30, 2025. The event brought together Hon'ble Judges of the Delhi High Court, senior advocates, general counsels, and industry leaders for a vibrant exchange between the Bar, the Bench, and corporate stakeholders.

The key themes discussed included Copyright challenges in the digital age & AI implications; Trademark enforcement on e-commerce & social media platforms; Latest trends in comparative advertising & celebrity mark protection and Valuation of IP & patents in M&A, fundraising & licensing. The deliberations highlighted practical issues faced by courts, industry perspectives, and evolving trends shaping India's IP landscape.





WATER SUSTAINABILITY SUMMIT 2025

PHDCCI Centre for Sustainability & Carbon Market Forum in association with Water Today organized the Water Sustainability Summit 2025 on August 21, 2025 at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi. The Summit aimed to convene policymakers, industry leaders, environmental experts, CSR professionals, and technology providers to explore innovative solutions for industrial water management and community water resilience.

The summit was inaugurated by Ms. Debashree Mukherjee, IAS Secretary, DoWR, RD & GR, Ministry of Jal Shakti. Ms. Mukherjee in her inaugural address spoke on India's water priorities, regulatory reforms, and policy initiatives.

She urged for smarter use of water in agriculture, which today consumes nearly 83% of India's supply. "If farming becomes more water-efficient, we can free up resources for industry, recharge our groundwater, and safeguard our villages and towns.

Ms. Ramya Narayan, Editor, Water Today Magazine highlighted the role of industry-media collaboration in water awareness.

Mr. Mithilesh Kumar, Senior Secretary & Head, Carbon Market Forum & Centre for Sustainability,



PHDCCI spoke on the importance of water sustainability and moderated the inaugural session.

Session 1: Understanding the Regulatory Landscape – Water Compliance Frameworks for Industry was moderated by Er. Qazi Syed Wamiq Ali, Technical Expert – Water Management, NIUA.

Guest of Honour, Mr. Pratul Saxena, Member Secretary, CGWA highlighted groundwater regulations, compliance obligations, and sustainable extraction norms.

Mr. Pratul Saxena, Member Secretary, CWGA shared insights into sustainable practices, corporate responsibility, and the role of public-private partnerships, inspiring collaborative approaches to water stewardship.

Dr Nupur Bhadur, Director, TERI spoke on national water standards, sustainable governance

frameworks, and industry adaptation.

Prof. (Dr) Manuj Bhardwaj, Former WTO & UN Official, Dhirubhai Ambani University gave a global perspective on water laws, international treaties, and compliance frameworks.

Mr. Manish Singh, Partner, The Precept-Law Offices focused on legal frameworks, reporting obligations, and industrial water compliance strategies.

Session 2: Digital Transformation in Water Management was moderated by Mr. Ankit Kumar, Manager – Water Conservation, Harit Programme, HCL Foundation.

Mr. Madhukar Swayambhu, TED Speaker, Water Hero shared insights on AI, IoT, and predictive analytics for water monitoring and leak detection.

Ms. Usha Subramanian, Country President, India – Grundfos Pumps discussed smart pumping solutions, digital water audits, and technology for industrial efficiency.

Session 3: Water Circularity & Resource Efficiency – Recycling, Reuse, and ZLD was addressed by Mr. Arvind Kumar, President, India Water Foundation, wherein he emphasized on best practices



in water reuse, recycling, and community adoption models.

Mr. Sanjay Kumar Garg, Director, Aryav Ecofriendly Resources Pvt. Ltd. highlighted on advanced wastewater treatment technologies.

Mr. Manish Gandhi, Executive VP, Ion Exchange India Ltd. presented strategies for industrial Zero Liquid Discharge and its compliance implications.

Prof. Lalit K Vashistha, Founder & CEO, Diva Envitec Pvt. Ltd. addressed cost, operational challenges, and feasibility of ZLD adoption.

Session 4: CSR as a Catalyst for Water Sustainability. Ms. Poonam Pandit, Founder, Pristine Planet moderated the session. This was addressed by Mr. Vikas Bhatia, Executive Director – Finance & ESG, Varun Beverages Ltd. He shared CSR initiatives on watershed management, rainwater harvesting, and water recharge projects.

Ms. Rupali Agarwal, Head CSR, Knorr-Bremse India focused on community partnerships for sustainable water access.

Dr Nidhi Pundir, President &

Director, HCL Foundation spoke on WASH programs, groundwater recharge, and CSR's role in building resilience.

Mr. Neelkanth Mishra, Founder & CEO, Jaljeevika discussed aquatic livelihoods, NGO collaborations, and financing water sustainability.

The summit featured panel discussions, case study presentations, and interactive sessions that emphasized the importance of resilience, innovation, and cross-sector collaboration.

IBC (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2025

The NCLT & IBC Committee of PHDCCI organized a discussion on IBC (Amendment) Bill, 2025 on August 23, 2025 at PHD House, New Delhi. The discussion featured insights from distinguished speakers, including Ms. Ajanta Gupta, Consultant, IBBI; Mr. GP Madaan, Chair, NCLT & IBC Committee and Mr. Abhishek Anand and Mr. Apoorv Jain, Co-chairs, PHDCCI. The discussion was highly interactive, with participants asking questions, and sharing their views w.r.t IBC (Amendment) Bill, 2025.





EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES IN PACS

As part of the International Year of Cooperatives, the Ministry of Cooperation, NABARD, and the PHDCCI jointly hosted a National Workshop on Emerging Technologies in Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) on July 1, 2025 at PHD House, New Delhi. The event drew participation from 122 PACS members across 12 states, reflecting the growing momentum for cooperative digitization and modernization.

Dr Ashish Kumar Bhutani, Secretary, Ministry of Cooperation, underlined the vital role of PACS, which today number over 1.08 lakh, serving 14 crore rural members. He emphasized the government's Rs. 3,000 crore scheme to digitize 80,000 PACS, enabling them to evolve into multi-functional hubs under the vision of "Sahkar se Samridhhi".

Mr. Vineet Nahata, Chair, Task Force on Cooperatives, PHDCCI and Director, Power Gilt, stressed on the collective power of cooperatives in achieving inclusive and sustainable growth, applauding the Ministry and NABARD's partnership in shaping actionable outcomes.



Dr. Ranjeet Mehta, CEO and Secretary General, PHDCCI, reiterated the Chamber's commitment to driving digital transformation and rural economic development.

Mr. G.S.Rawat, Deputy Managing Director, NABARD, reaffirmed NABARD's role in funding, policy guidance, and capacity-building while highlighting the need to shift from basic computerization to digital service delivery.

Key Highlights of the Workshop included: Live demos of PACS Unite ERP; Launch of an AI integration framework for PACS; Panel discussions on digital transformation, trust-building, and multi-functional PACS; Showcasing PACS success stories across states and Actionable recommendations to be submitted to the Ministry and State Governments.

The session on 'Building Foundations for PACS Digitization' focused on CSC-PACS integration for rural services, broadband and cybersecurity, digital audits, people-centric tech pilots, and positioning PACS as Agri-Rural Hubs aligned with Viksit Bharat 2047. The esteemed speakers included Mr. B.K. Singh (CSC e-Governance), Mr. G.S. Rawat (DMD, NABARD), Mr. Deepak Thawre (Commissioner cum RCS, Maharashtra), Dr Sapna Poti (PSA Office), Dr Neelam Patel (Senior advisor, NITI Aayog), and Mr. Shashikant Singh (Partner, PwC).

The Session on Technology-Led Transformation of PACS Operations showcased satellite data applications, AI-driven crop forecasting, cloud dashboards, and Tamil Nadu's Agristack-enabled digital crop loan model. Distinguished speakers included Mr. Nikhil Toshniwal (Chief Digital Officer, DeHaat); Mr. Thiru K. Nanthakumar, IAS (Registrar of Cooperative Societies, Tamil Nadu); Mr. Aditya Shah (Agri-tech Expert); Mr. Guna Nand Shukla (Director, PwC) and Mr. K. Vijay Kumar (Managing Director, Intellect Informatics).

The session on Financial Innovation, Trust & Cooperative Identity emphasised on digital credit platforms, PACS as fintech enablers, storage-linked lending, cooperative identity, and offline-first tech for digitization. Distinguished speakers included Ms. Shweta Satya (Deputy Secretary-Credit, MoA&FW); Mr. Anil Kumar (Founder & CEO, Samunnati); Mr. Anand Chandra (Co-founder &



Executive Director, Arya Collateral); Mr. Jyoti Swaroop, (Co-Chair, Task Force on Cooperatives, PHDCCI and Founder & Director, Unati Cooperative; Ms. Babila Rakwal (J&K Govt) and Mr. K. Nanthakumar (Tamil Nadu).

The workshop concluded with a call for collaborative convergence—uniting government, cooperatives, agri-tech innovators, and industry to make PACS digitally empowered agents of inclusive rural prosperity.

The event was held with NABARD as Event Partner, PwC India as Knowledge Partner, and Unati as Associate Partner. The programme concluded with a formal vote-of-thanks by Dr Jatinder Singh, Deputy Secretary General, PHDCCI, who acknowledged the collective contributions of dignitaries, speakers, partners, and participants in making the workshop impactful and solution-driven.



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2ND EDITION OF IT CONCLAVE

Chief Guest, Mr. Nishant Kumar Yadav, IAS, Secretary Industries and DC Chandigarh speaking at the 2nd edition of IT Conclave at Hotel Taj, Chandigarh on August 29, 2025 stated that IT industry has contributed 200 billion dollar of exports from India and is the biggest employment provider. He also stated that Chandigarh has an IT Park which is growing fast and the Administration will support it in a best possible way for the growth of IT/ITes sector in the city.

Mr. Madhu Sudan Vij, Chair, Chandigarh Chapter, PHDCCI in his welcome address stated that this conclave aimed to spark discussions, collaborations, and ideas to empower our digital future.

Mr. Harjeet Singh, Group Chair and CEO, Cerebrent and Event Chair, shared that AI is no longer just a futuristic idea but a catalyst reshaping industries, businesses, and governance. Chandigarh, with its thriving IT ecosystem and strong base of start-ups and MSMEs, is well-positioned to harness these opportunities.

Mr. Anupam Shrivastava, Managing Director, Accenture in his keynote address stated that as we embrace the boundless potential of Artificial Intelligence, we must also reflect on its ethical dimensions. Our responsibility is to ensure that AI remains transparent, fair, and human-centric.

Mr. Suvrat Khanna, Co-chair, Chandigarh Chapter, PHDCCI while giving the vote of thanks, mentioned as we stand at this crossroads, our responsibility is to innovate with responsibility and harness AI not just for efficiency, but for building a smarter, fairer, and more sustainable future.



Ms. Bharti Sood, Regional Director, PHDCCI in her opening remarks stated that AI is no longer just a buzzword – it is a force reshaping economies, industries, and daily life.

A session on 'Risks and Rewards of Agentic AI' was moderated by Mr. Partap K Aggarwal, Founder and CEO, IDS Infotech Ltd. He stated that Agentic AI represents a powerful leap in technology—systems that can reason, act, and adapt autonomously. Ms. Anubhooiti Bhatnagar Director, Capgemini, Mr. Puneet Jindal CEO @ Labellerr AI and Mr. Aman Mundra, Founder & CEO Welzin.ai joined as panelists during the session.

The second session on 'Impact of AI and topics like Impact on Workforce Skilling and Jobs,

Business, Enterprises, Social and Cultural' was moderated by Mr. Gaurav Budhiraja, Director, Data Science and Advance Analytics, AI & ML, Digital Strategy & Transformation, Tech Mahindra. Ms. Poonam Masand, Senior Director at Genpact; Mr. Sachin Jain, Director Technology, Altruist Technologies and Mr. Mohneesh Ranade, Chief Delivery Officer, Road Athena Solutions joined as panelists.

The third session focusing on Central Bank Digital Currencies, Blockchain Use Cases & Challenges was moderated by Mr. Lalit Bansal, Director and Co-Founder, RevInfotech Inc. Mr. Anuj Kumar Garg, Vice President, Zebpay; Mr. Vikram R Singh, Founder and CEO Antier Solutions and Dr Ajay Singh, Founder and CEO MetaBoxify joined as panelists.



RAISING AND ACCELERATING MSME PROGRAMME SERIES

The Chandigarh Chapter of PHDCCI organized the first program on 'Raising and Accelerating MSMEs' of the series in association with Industries Department of Chandigarh on August 20, 2025 at PHD House Chandigarh. The objective of the event was to apprise industry about the various incentive schemes promoted by the Government of India and to handhold MSMEs to take up to the next level.

Mr Madhu Sudan Vij, Chair, Chandigarh Chapter, PHDCCI in his welcome address mentioned that the MSME sector is the backbone of India's industrial landscape and the Government of India has launched the RAMP scheme with the objective of strengthening MSMEs, enhancing their competitiveness, and facilitating their integration into global value chains.

While giving the industry perspective, Mr. Suvrat Khanna, Co-chair, Chandigarh Chapter PHDCCI mentioned that the RAMP scheme comes at a very crucial time, when MSMEs today face multiple challenges –access to credit and need for technology up-gradation.

Mr. Lokesh Jain, Regional Convener of MSME Committee PHDCCI apprised about the MSEFC Facilitation Desk and also that the State Government is facilitating MSMEs to recover their pending payments through MSEFC



Facilitation desk and MSMEs should come forward to avail the services.

Chief Guest, Mr. Nishant Kumar Yadav, IAS, Secretary Industries Chandigarh stated that Chandigarh is known as City beautiful and first planned city in India. He further indicated that 55,000 MSMEs are registered with the Ministry of MSMEs, with one lakh MSMEs operating from Chandigarh.

Mr. Deepak Sharma, Trainer GeM explained the benefits of registering on Gem portal and benefits of Gem Chat bot.

Mr. Samad, DGM SIDBI explained about the credit linked subsidy scheme for Technology up-gradation. He mentioned SIDBI is offering funding at a subsidized rate for the purchase of new machinery under the scheme and MSME from any industry can avail the benefit.

Mr. Akhil, Digital Technology Expert apprised about the benefits of digital marketing for MSMEs. He mentioned one can design

the marketing campaign as per their market and budget is also pocket friendly. The returns are much better than other sorts of advertising mediums.

Mr. Parv Arora, Convener Power and Renewable Energy Committee, PHDCCI gave the benefits of green energy, mentioning that MSME can reduce its energy expense by installing Solar power plants.

Mr. Vivek Mittal, AGM, SBI spoke about the funding schemes by SBI for MSMEs, like SBI Asset Backed Loan, Business Rule Engine, Surya Shakti Solar Finance and Electronic Dealer Finance Scheme .

Ms. Bharti Sood, Regional Director, PHDCCI moderated the sessions.

Mr. Shiv Shankar Co-Convener, Regional Banking and Financial Services, PHDCCI proposed the formal vote-of-thanks to the participants for attending the program.



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POULTRY ENTREPRENEURSHIP TRAINING PROGRAMS: EMPOWERING YOUTH FOR SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOODS

PHDCCI in association with Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI), and Animal Husbandry Department conducted three-day Poultry Entrepreneurship Training Programs For Empowering Youth for Sustainable Livelihoods, in various districts of Jammu and Kashmir.

Bandipora July 29-31, 2025

The valedictory ceremony, was graced by Dr Sheikh Muhammad Younis, Chief Animal Husbandry Officer, Bandipora, with participants receiving certificates in recognition of their dedication to acquiring modern poultry farming techniques.

The training brought together esteemed experts and industry leaders to conduct the training program. The program aimed to equip educated yet unemployed youth with scientific knowledge and hands-on skills in modern poultry farming, enabling them to pursue it as a viable and sustainable livelihood option. The overwhelming response from local youth highlighted the growing interest in poultry entrepreneurship as a means of economic self-reliance.



Ganderbal: August 4-6, 2025.

The valedictory ceremony was graced by Dr Muzaffar Ahmad, Chief Animal Husbandry Officer, Ganderbal, along with Dr Sheikh Abrar Hassan, LDO Ganderbal, where participants were awarded certificates in recognition of their dedication to acquiring modern poultry farming techniques.

By bridging knowledge gaps and facilitating access to resources and markets, the program seeks to catalyze a new wave of agri-entrepreneurs in the region, contributing to self-sufficiency in poultry trade.

Baramulla: August 11-13, 2025.

The poultry management sessions were conducted by Dr Afaq Amin Najar, Dr Zubair Mir, Dr Ishfaq Ahmad Bhat, and Dr Sahil Tariq, while poultry business management sessions were delivered by Mr. Bilal Ahmad, Mr. Shahid Khan, and Er. Iqbal Fayaz Jan. Across all four districts, around 200 youth received in-depth, hands-on training covering both technical aspects of poultry farming and entrepreneurial management skills.



PHDCCI representatives reiterated the organization's commitment to taking poultry entrepreneurship to the next level by equipping Kashmir's youth with modern technologies, market insights, and practical business acumen. This initiative is part of a broader vision to enable the self-sufficiency of Kashmiri youth by creating sustainable income opportunities.



THE IMPORTANCE OF HR IN MSMEs

PHDCCI, Rajasthan State Chapter in association with SimplyHR Solutions LLP organized a Program on “The Importance of HR in MSMEs” on August 28, 2025 at Jaipur.

Chief Guest, Mr. Pradeep Ojha, Joint Director & HOO, MSME-DFO, Jaipur, Ministry of MSME, Government of India speaking on the occasion underlined the importance of HR for MSMEs for increasing their competitive edge and sustainable development. He informed the stakeholders present in the program about the various schemes for MSMEs for skill development, quality improvement, increasing market

access, technology up-gradation and about opening of State-of-Art Technology Development Centre near Jaipur. He called upon MSMEs to adopt latest available best practices in HR and automation tools in the field for smooth operation of their units.

Mr. Saurabh Khandelwal, Co-founder, SimplyHR Solutions LLP gave a detailed account of HR framework and functions for any organization to manage the employee life cycle from entry to exit and dwelt light on the transition & evolution of HR from conventional to state-of-art best practices with automation and technological intervention. Good HR practices

binds the entire organizational team keeping their motivation high, generating conducive and happy work environment, attraction of best talents, retention of employees with loyalty, resulting in better productivity, contributing to sustainable growth of the business, he added.

Mr. Saurabh Saxena, Co-founder, SimplyHR Solutions LLP informed about the latest trends in HR automation, simplifying the workplace for seamless employee experience and business growth along with case studies.

Mr. R K Gupta, Resident Director, PHDCCI, Rajasthan State Chapter moderated the program.

PHDCCI-RAJASTHAN CHAPTER ORGANIZED INDUSTRY IMMERSION PROGRAMS



The Management Students and faculty members of Jaipuria Institute of Management visited the “Centre for Development of Stones (CDOS)”, a Centre of Excellence for stone sector promoted by the Government of India and Government of Rajasthan at Jaipur on August 5, 2025.



The students and faculty of Jaipuria Institute of Management visited Imperial Engineers Pvt. Ltd. on August 18, 2025. Imperial Engineers Pvt. Ltd. an esteemed member of PHDCCI-Rajasthan Chapter has setup a state-of-art engineering unit engaged in the manufacturer of shock absorbers near Jaipur.



BIKANER DEVELOPMENT DIALOGUE

PHDCCI-Rajasthan Chapter, in association with Bikaner Zila Udyog Sangh, organized the “Bikaner Development Dialogue” on August 20, 2025 at Bikaner.

The Development Dialogue initiative is designed to provide a unique platform across districts and Tier-2 cities of Rajasthan to deliberate on opportunities in natural resources, tourism, heritage, arts & crafts, skilled manpower, and other unique strengths of the region. It aims to bring together the local administration, government departments, trade bodies, entrepreneurs, and other stakeholders to identify new avenues for industrial growth and sustainable development. The insights and recommendations emerging from the dialogue will form the future agenda for PHDCCI and local trade bodies in driving actionable initiatives.

Chief Guest, Mr. Vishram Meena, IAS, Divisional Commissioner, Bikaner, lauded PHDCCI's efforts and expressed confidence that the initiative would inspire local entrepreneurs and youth to harness available resources, attract new investments, generate employment, and accelerate Bikaner's development. He assured full government support for subsequent initiatives based on the dialogue's outcomes.



Ms. Manju Nain Godara, General Manager, DIC, Bikaner, highlighted the various schemes of the Industries Department to support youth in setting up new enterprises.

Mr. S. P. Sharma, Unit Head, RIICO, Bikaner, shared information on upcoming industrial areas and reiterated RIICO's commitment to facilitating industrial growth.

Mr. Tarun Bhatnagar, Assistant Director, MSME-DFO, Government of India, outlined MSME schemes for testing labs, quality enhancement, technology upgradation, and trade exhibitions in Bikaner.

Discussions identified tourism segments such as Desert, Village, Border, Food, Mining, and Film Tourism, along with the revival of Bikaner's renowned Dhulmera Red Sandstone, promotion of heritage properties including palaces and

havelis, and growth opportunities in wool, ceramics, dairy, and food processing.

Mr. Dwarka Prasad Pachisia, President, Bikaner Zila Udyog Sangh, extended full support to PHDCCI for organizing the “Bikaner Film Festival” in 2026 to promote filmmaking, tourism, and career opportunities for local youth.

Leading entrepreneurs of Bikaner also shared their vision for the city's development. Concluding the event, Mr. R. K. Gupta, Resident Director, PHDCCI, Rajasthan State Chapter, assured the Divisional Commissioner and stakeholders that PHDCCI, with the support of local administration and Bikaner Zila Udyog Sangh, will take forward the suggestions and outcomes of the dialogue into actionable programs.

ROADSHOW FOR PHARMA MANUFACTURING UNITS

PHDCCI's Uttarakhand State Chapter organized a Roadshow on August 13, 2025 at Haridwar for pharma manufacturing units, in association with the Haridwar Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association, to promote the upcoming Uttarakhand Pharma & Healthcare Conclave & Samman 2025.

The interactive session saw enthusiastic participation from industry representatives, focusing on opportunities for networking, collaboration, and showcasing Uttarakhand's strengths in the pharma and healthcare sectors.

Opening remarks were delivered by Mr. Sumeet Agrawal,



Managing Director, Agrawal Drugs Pvt. Ltd., followed by introductory remarks from Mr. Nikhil Goel, Director, Akme Biotec. The event witnessed the participation of more than 20 units.

Mr. Ritesh Singh, Deputy Resident Director, PHDCCI Uttarakhand State Chapter delivered the formal vote-of-thanks to the participants.



PHDCCI NEW MEMBERS AUGUST 2025

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INDUSTRY MEMBERS' MEET

The UP State Chapter, PHDCCI organized an Industry Members' Meet at PHD House, Lucknow on August 5, 2025. Led by Mr. Rajesh Nigam, Co-chair, UP State Chapter, PHDCCI, the meeting brought together over 50 senior industry members and stakeholders. The meet served as a platform for strategic networking, knowledge exchange, and capacity building, with a strong focus on empowering the industrial community of Uttar Pradesh through financial awareness and investment readiness.

A Special Session on Financial Literacy was conducted by CS Shruti Sharma, Incharge – National Stock Exchange (Lucknow,



Regulatory Department. She shared insightful perspectives on financial planning, compliance, and regional investment strategies, especially tailored for MSMEs and growing businesses.

Delivering the vote of thanks, Mr. Atul Srivastava, Regional

Director, Uttar Pradesh State Chapter, PHDCCI reiterated the Chamber's commitment to building a financially literate, investment-ready, and future-forward industrial ecosystem in Uttar Pradesh.

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MEETING WITH HON'BLE MINISTER OF DEFENCE



A PHDCCI delegation led by Mr. Hemant Jain , President along with Ms. Sonali Jain, Co-chair, Education Committee, Dr Ranjeet Mehta, CEO & Secretary General and Mr. Suresh Chandra Joshi, Joint Secretary, PHDCCI met Mr. Rajnath Singh, Hon'ble Defence Minister on September 5, 2025. he delegation focused on 120 years of PHDCCI's journey & key issues of industry.

MEETING WITH HON'BLE MINISTER FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION



A PHDCCI delegation led by Mr. Hemant Jain, President, along with Dr Ranjeet Mehta, CEO & Secretary General, PHDCCI and Mr. Suresh Chandra Joshi, Joint Secretary met Mr. Jyotiraditya Scindia, Hon'ble Minister for Communications and Development of North Eastern Region on August 1, 2025. The delegation held a meaningful discussion on key issues concerning the industry, with a focus on facilitating growth, addressing sectoral challenges, and enhancing industry-government collaboration. The Hon'ble Minister appreciated the initiatives of PHDCCI and assured continued support for strengthening India's industrial ecosystem.

MEETING WITH HON'BLE MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS, INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY



A PHDCCI delegation led by Mr. Hemant Jain, President along with Dr Ranjeet Mehta, CEO & Secretary General, PHDCCI and Mr. Suresh Chandra Joshi, Joint Secretary met with Mr. Ashwini Vaishnaw, Hon'ble Minister of Railways, Information and Broadcasting and Electronics and Information Technology on August 6, 2025. The discussion focused on key industry issues and invited him to grace PHDCCI's 120th Annual Session.

MEETING WITH HON'BLE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS



A PHDCCI delegation led by Mr. Hemant Jain, President along with Dr Ranjeet Mehta, CEO & Secretary General and Ms. Sonali Jain, Co-chair, Education Committee met Mr. Kiren Rijju, Hon'ble Minister of Minority Affairs and Parliamentary Affairs on August 13, 2025 to extend a formal invitation to grace the Chamber's landmark 120th Annual Session Mr. Rijju warmly accepted the invitation and consented to address the Annual Session which will bring together eminent policymakers, industry leaders, diplomats, and thought leaders to celebrate PHDCCI's 120-year legacy and discuss India's role as a trusted global partner.

MEETING WITH HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER, GOVERNMENT OF NCT OF DELHI



A PHDCCI delegation led by Mr. Hemant Jain, President along with Dr Ranjeet Mehta, CEO & Secretary General; Ms. Sonali Jain, Co-chair, Education Committee and Mr Suresh Chandra Joshi, Joint Secretary, PHDCCI met Ms. Rekha Gupta, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Government of NCT of Delhi on August 18, 2025 to extend an invitation to grace the Chamber's landmark 120th Annual Session. The meeting highlighted PHDCCI's 120-year legacy, the significance of this milestone event, and the Chamber's commitment to fostering partnerships for India's growth story.

MEETING WITH HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER OF UTTARAKHAND



A PHDCCI delegation led by Mr. Hemant Jain, President, PHDCCI, Mr. Rajeev Agarwal, Co-chair, Capital Market Committee along with Dr Ranjeet Mehta, CEO & Secretary General met Mr. Pushkar Singh Dhami, Hon'ble Chief Minister on August 23, 2025 and discussed the various initiatives of PHDCCI towards strengthening industry, trade, and sustainable development in the state, while exploring new avenues of partnership to further boost economic growth and entrepreneurship.



MEETING WITH SPECIAL SECRETARY, COMMERCE SECRETARY (DESIGNATE)



A PHDCCI delegation led by Mr. Hemant Jain, President along with and Dr Ranjeet Mehta, CEO & Secretary General met Mr. Rajesh Agarwal, Special Secretary, Commerce (Commerce Secretary designate) on September 4, 2025 and discussed key issues concerning trade and commerce, including US tariffs.

MEETING WITH SECRETARY, WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPEMENT, AND GANGA REJUVENATION, MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI



A PHDCCI delegation led Mr. Mahendra Rustagi, Co-chair, Environment and Climate Change Committee; Dr Ranjeet Mehta, CEO & Secretary General along with Ms. Kanchan Zutshi, Director met Ms. Debashree Mukherjee, IAS, Secretary, Department of Water Resources, River Development, and Ganga Rejuvenation, Ministry of Jal Shakti on August 14, 2025 at New Delhi.

MEETING WITH SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF COOPERATION



A PHDCCI delegation of Taskforce on Cooperatives, comprising of Mr. Vineet Nahata, Chair; Mr. Jyoti Saroop; Dr Jatinder Singh, Deputy Secretary General and Mr. Rupesh K. Pandey, Senior Secretary met Dr Ashish Kumar Bhutani, Secretary, and Mr. Siddharth Jain, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Cooperation on August 12, 2025 at New Delhi.



MEETING WITH SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES



A PHDCCI delegation comprising Mr. K. K. Gupta (CA), Founder; Mr. Tarun Kumar, CEO, KKGA Par Excellence Pvt. Ltd.; Ms. Babeeta Sharma, Senior Secretary; Mr. Sanat Kumar, Chief Economist and Mr. Sanjay Ahuja, Joint Secretary met Mr. S. C. L. Das, Secretary, and Ms. Mercy Epao, Joint Secretary, Ministry of MSME, on August 26, 2025 at New Delhi.

MEETING WITH MEMBER (JUDICIAL), NCLAT



A PHDCCI delegation of NCLT & IBC Committee comprising of Mr. G.P. Madaan, Chair, Mr. Abhishek Anand, Co-chair and Ms. Ambika, Executive Officer met with Hon'ble Mr. Justice Rakesh Kumar Jain, Member (Judicial), NCLAT on August 28, 2025 at New Delhi.

MEETING WITH PARBAT MEMBER (LEGISLATION) CBDT



A PHDCCI delegation led by Mr. Mukul Bagla, Chair, Direct Tax Committee along with Mr. Suyash Raj Nahata, Co-chair, Direct Tax Committee; Ms. Babeeta Sharma, Senior Secretary, and Ms. Minakshi Srivastava, Deputy Secretary met Mr. Ramesh Narain Parbat Member (Legislation) CBDT on September 4, 2025.

MEETING WITH DIRECTOR, MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY



A PHDCCI delegation led by Mr. Sanjeev Gupta, Co-chair, Task Force on Infrastructure Finance, along with Ms. Babeeta Sharma, Senior Secretary and Mr. Sanjay Ahuja, Joint Secretary met Ms. Suman Chandra, Director, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy on August 1, 2025 at New Delhi.



MEETING WITH PRINCIPAL COMMISSIONER OF INCOME TAX - CENTRAL 1,



A PHDCCI delegation led by Mr. Sunil Kumar Bhansali, Co-chair, Direct Tax Committee along with Ms. Babeeta Sharma, Senior Secretary and Ms. Minakshi Srivastava, Deputy Secretary met Mr. Raman Chopra, Principal Commissioner of Income Tax - Central 1, New Delhi on September 1, 2025.

MEETING WITH JOINT SECRETARY (TPL-II)



A PHDCCI delegation comprising of Mr. Sunil Kumar Bhansali, and Ms. Pallavi Dinodia, Co-chairs, Direct Tax Committee along with Ms. Babeeta Sharma, Senior Secretary and Ms. Minakshi Srivastava, Deputy Secretary met Mr Pankaj Jindal, Joint Secretary (TPL-II) on September 1, 2025 at New Delhi.

MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR OF ARGENTINA TO INDIA



A PHDCCI delegation comprising Mr. Nishant Berlia, Chair, International Affairs Committee for Americas along with Mr. Vivek Seigell, Senior Vice President-Corporate Affairs, Apeejay Stya Svrn Group; Mr. Naveen Seth, Deputy Secretary General and Mr. Niraj, Director - International Affairs met H.E. Mr. Mariano Agustín Caucino, Ambassador of Argentina to India on August 27, 2025 at New Delhi.

MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR OF PERU TO INDIA



A PHDCCI delegation comprising of Mr. Ajay Aggarwal, Co-chair, International Affairs Committee for Americas, Mr. Vivek Seigell, Senior Vice President, Apeejay Stya Svrn Group, Mr. Naveen Seth, Deputy Secretary General and Mr. Niraj, Director, International Affairs met with H.E. Mr. Javier Paulinich, Ambassador of Peru to India on August 13, 2025 at New Delhi.

MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR OF THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC TO INDIA



A PHDCCI delegation comprising Mr. Ajay Aggarwal, Co-chair, International Affairs Committee for Americas, Mr. Vivek Seigell, Senior Vice President, Apeejay Stya Svan Group, Mr. Naveen Seth, Deputy Secretary General, and Mr. Niraj, Director, International Affairs, met H.E. Mr. Francisco Comprés Hernandez, Ambassador of the Dominican Republic to India, on August 13, 2025, in New Delhi.

MEETING WITH JOINT SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF AYUSH



A PHDCCI AYUSH Committee delegation led by Dr Santosh Joshi, Chair along with Dr Puneet Dhawan, Co-chair; Dr Himanshu Tiwari, President Technical, Karma Ayurveda; Dr Nasir Jamal, Director and Mr. Amit Patwal, Deputy Secretary met Ms. Monalisa Dash, Joint Secretary, Ministry of AYUSH on September 10, 2025.

MEETING WITH MINISTER OF STATE FOR SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP



A PHDCCI delegation led by Mr. Satyendra Choudhary, Convener- Mohali Zone, Startup and Entrepreneurship Forum and Dr Ati Priye, Convener- Ludhiana Zone and Entrepreneurship Forum participated in a meeting with Mr. Jayant Chaudhary, Minister for State for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship on August 29, 2025 at Mohali.

MEETING WITH MINISTER FOR HEALTH, EDUCATION & COOPERATIVE, UTTARAKHAND



A PHDCCI delegation from Uttarakhand State Chapter led by Mr. Hemant Kochhar, Chair, along with Mr. Vinit Gupta, Co-chair; Mr. Preetam Singh Lingwal CEO, G Wellth Foods & Beverages Pvt. Ltd.; Mr. Ritesh Singh, Deputy Resident Director and the secretariat team met Dr Dhan Singh Rawat, Minister of Health, Education & Cooperative, Government of Uttarakhand on August 2, 2025 in Dehradun.



**MEETING WITH H.E. MR. REUVEN
AZAR, AMBASSADOR, EMBASSY
OF ISRAEL TO INDIA**



**MEETING WITH H.E. MS. PRADEEPA
MAHISHINI COLONNE, HIGH
COMMISSIONER OF SRI LANKA**



**MEETING WITH H.E. DR SHANKAR
PRASAD SHARMA, AMBASSADOR,
REPUBLIC OF NEPAL**



**MEETING WITH MS. CLAUDIA
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HEAD OF MISSION, EMBASSY OF
MEXICO**



**MEETING WITH H.E. MS.
JACQUELINE MUKANGIRA, HIGH
COMMISSIONER OF RWANDA**



**MEETING WITH MR. NAZAR
MIRJAN AL-ASSADI, CHARGE
D'AFFAIRES, EMBASSY OF IRAQ**





MEETING WITH MINISTER FOR FOOD, CIVIL SUPPLIES & CONSUMER AFFAIRS, TRANSPORT, S&T, IT, YOUTH SERVICES & SPORTS, GOVT. OF J&K



A PHDCCI delegation of Kashmir State Chapter led by Mr. A.P. Vicky Shaw, Chairman, along with Co-chair, Mr. Himayu Wani and Mr. Iqbal Fayaz Jan, Deputy Director met Mr. Satish Sharma, Minister for Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Transport, Science & Technology, Information Technology, Youth Services & Sports, ARI & Training on August 8, 2025 at Srinagar.

MEETING WITH MINISTER, INDUSTRIES & COMMERCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY, GOVT. OF PUNJAB



A PHDCCI delegation of Punjab State Chapter led by Mr. Karan Gilhotra, Chair, along with Ms. Bharti Sood, Regional Director and Ms. Punya Bhatia, Resident Executive met Mr. Sanjeev Arora, Hon'ble Minister of Industries & Commerce, Investment Promotion, Power & NRI Affairs, Government of Punjab and Mr. K K Yadav, IAS, Administrative Secretary, Industries & Commerce, Government of Punjab on August 28, 2025 at Chandigarh.

MEETING WITH SECRETARY, ENGINEERING AND EDUCATION, CHANDIGARH ADMINISTRATION



A PHDCCI delegation led by Mr. Suvrat Khanna, Co-chair, Chandigarh Chapter along with Ms. Bharti Sood, Regional Director and Ms. Punya Bhatia, Resident Executive met Ms. Purna Puri, IAS, Secretary, Engineering and Education, Chandigarh Administration on August 13, 2025 at Chandigarh.

MEETING WITH PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, AGRICULTURE PRODUCTION, GOVT. OF J&K



A PHDCCI delegation of Kashmir State Chapter led by Mr. A P Vicky Shaw, Chair, along with Mr. Himayu Wani, Co-chair, Mr. Nasir Rather, Agribusiness Co-Convenor and Mr. Iqbal Fayaz Jan, Deputy Director met Mr. Shailendra Kumar, IAS Principal Secretary to the Agriculture Production Department, Government of Jammu & Kashmir on August 7, 2025.



MEETING WITH FINANCE SECRETARY, CHANDIGARH ADMINISTRATION



A PHDCCI delegation of Chandigarh Chapter led by Mr. Suvrat Khanna, Co-chair along with Ms. Bharti Sood, Regional Director and Ms. Punya Bhatia, Resident Executive met Mr. Diprava Lakra, IAS, Finance Secretary, Chandigarh Administration on August 27, 2025 at Chandigarh.

MEETING WITH HOME SECRETARY, CHANDIGARH ADMINISTRATION



A PHDCCI delegation of Chandigarh Chapter led by Mr. Suvrat Khanna, Co-chair along with Ms. Bharti Sood, Regional Director and Ms. Punya Bhatia, Resident Executive met Mr. Mandip Singh Brar, IAS, Home Secretary, Chandigarh Administration on August 27, 2025 at Chandigarh.

MEETING WITH PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, LABOUR DEPARTMENT, GOVT. OF UTTAR PRADESH



A PHDCCI delegation of UP State Chapter comprising of Mr. Rajesh Nigam and Mr. Vivek Agarwala, Co-chairs; Mr. Atul Srivastava, Regional Director along with Mr. Kaushik Fuloria, Resident Manager & Mr. Amresh Rastogi, Assistant Secretary met Dr M.K. Shanmuga Sundaram, IAS, Principal Secretary, Labour Department, Government of Uttar Pradesh on August 18, 2025 at Lucknow.

MEETING WITH SECRETARY, INDUSTRIES AND DEPUTY COMMISSIONER, CHANDIGARH



A PHDCCI delegation led by Mr. Suvrat Khanna, Co-chair, Chandigarh Chapter; Adv. Lokesh Jain, Co-Chair, Haryana State Chapter along with Ms. Bharti Sood, Regional Director and Ms. Punya Bhatia, Resident Executive, PHDCCI met Mr. Nishant Kumar Yadav, IAS, Secretary, Department of Industries and Deputy Commissioner, Chandigarh on August 13, 2025, at Chandigarh.

MEETING WITH CHIEF COMMISSIONER, CENTRAL GST (MADHYA PRADESH & CHHATTISGARH)



A PHDCCI delegation of Madhya Pradesh State Chapter, comprising Mr. Manoj Modi, Co-chair; Ms. Ishita Modi, Executive Director, Alesco Surgical Pharma Pvt. Ltd., and Member, Madhya Pradesh State Chapter; and Mr. Anirudh Dubey, Resident Manager met Mr. Manas Mohanty, Chief Commissioner, Central GST (Madhya Pradesh & Chhattisgarh) at his office on August 22, 2025.

MEETING WITH CONSUL (POLITICAL), CONSULATE-GENERAL OF THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE



A PHDCCI delegation of Chhattisgarh State Chapter comprising of Mr. Pradeep Tandon, Chair; Mr. Prateek Singh, Co-chair; Mr. Nikhil Agrawal, Member; and Mr. Sumit Dubey, Resident Director interacted with Mr. Jerome Wong, Consul (Political), Consulate-General of the Republic of Singapore at Raipur on August 19, 2025.

MEETING WITH ADVISOR TO HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER, GOVERNMENT OF J&K



A PHDCCI delegation of Kashmir State Chapter led by Mr. Vicky, Chairman, Mr. Himayu, Co-chairman along with esteemed members Mr. Bilal Kawoosa; Mr. Shahid Khan; Ms. Madeena Mir; Mr. Sajad Shah and Mr. Iqbal Fayaz Jan met Mr. Nasir Aslam Wani, Hon'ble Advisor to the Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir at the Gupkar on August 20, 2025.

MEETING WITH HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER OF CHHATTISGARH



A PHDCCI delegation of Chhattisgarh State Chapter comprising Mr. Pradeep Tandon, Chair, along with Mr. Bharat Bajaj, Co-chair and Mr. Sumit Dubey, Resident Director met Mr. Vishnu Deo Sai, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh on September 9, 2025 at Raipur. Mr. O.P. Choudhary, Finance Minister, Government of Chhattisgarh and Mr. Shyam Bihari Jaiswal, Minister for Health & Family Welfare, Government of Chhattisgarh also joined the meeting.



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PHD RURAL DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION (PHDRDF)

PHD Rural Development Foundation, the social arm of PHDCCI actively works in the field of Healthcare, Education, Skill Development, Water Conservation, Agriculture and Integrated Village development.



KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- ❖ Total 39 OPDs, 74 MMUs, 5 Gyna OPDs and Generic Health Camps were organized in **Uttar Pradesh** and **Haryana** with support of 03 partners namely Times of India, Dhampur Sugar Mills and Dharpal Satyapal Limited. A total of 7009 patients including 4205 females, around 2100 males and 704 children were treated and got medical services and provided with free medicines & counselling. Along with this a Generic Camp and OPD specialized Gyna OPD were also organized in which 197 females benefitted.
- ❖ **Donaldson India Filter Systems Pvt. Ltd.** supports 03 projects benefiting over 50,000 people. First project is to clean and maintain 10 existing wells in Mehrauli area to be used for drinking water for the community out of which 9 wells have been completed. Besides this support in re-establishment of Primary Health Center, in Bhondsi, Sohna is being implemented. Third project is on skill development in Sohna, Gurugram. In this project, skill training is being provided for two courses i.e. Stitching and Beauty Culture. Currently 20 students from each course have successfully completed the course. Many girls are earning through the skill after completion of training.
- ❖ **PHDRDF and Olam Food Ingredients India Pvt. Ltd.** has come together for a project named 'Dignity- Sanitation Facility for Girls' in Schools. Through this project new toilet blocks are being constructed in 4 Government Schools in Chandgad Tehsil of Kolhapur, Maharashtra. This project will benefit more than 670 students of 4 schools.
- ❖ **Vedanta Sesa Goa** has joined hands with PHDRDF to implement a project named 'RuTAGE Smart Village Center (RSVC)' at two locations i.e. Pilgaon in North Goa and Bheemasamudra in Chitradurga District of Karnataka. The objective of this project is to enable last-mile technology delivery and capacity building in rural communities, with a focus on improving productivity, sustainability, and livelihoods across sectors such as agriculture, horticulture, homestays, and rural enterprises. This project will benefit around 3600 population of both locations.
- ❖ Under Rotary led **Partners for Water and Better Harvest in India**, PHDRDF has distributed 22,500 fruit plants including Amla, Lemon, Guava, Mausambi, Chiku to 185 farmers from the program villages like Bhawni, Neemla, Sankotra, Kaled, Samra, Dangarwada and Thali.
- ❖ These activities are being under CSR initiative by KEI Industries Limited, sponsored by Rotary Club of Delhi Premier and co-sponsored by Delhi Premier Rotary Service Foundation.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Ground Breaking Ceremony of Rejuvenation of Piplai Wala Community Pond



GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY
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REJUVENATION OF PIPLAI WALA COMMUNITY POND
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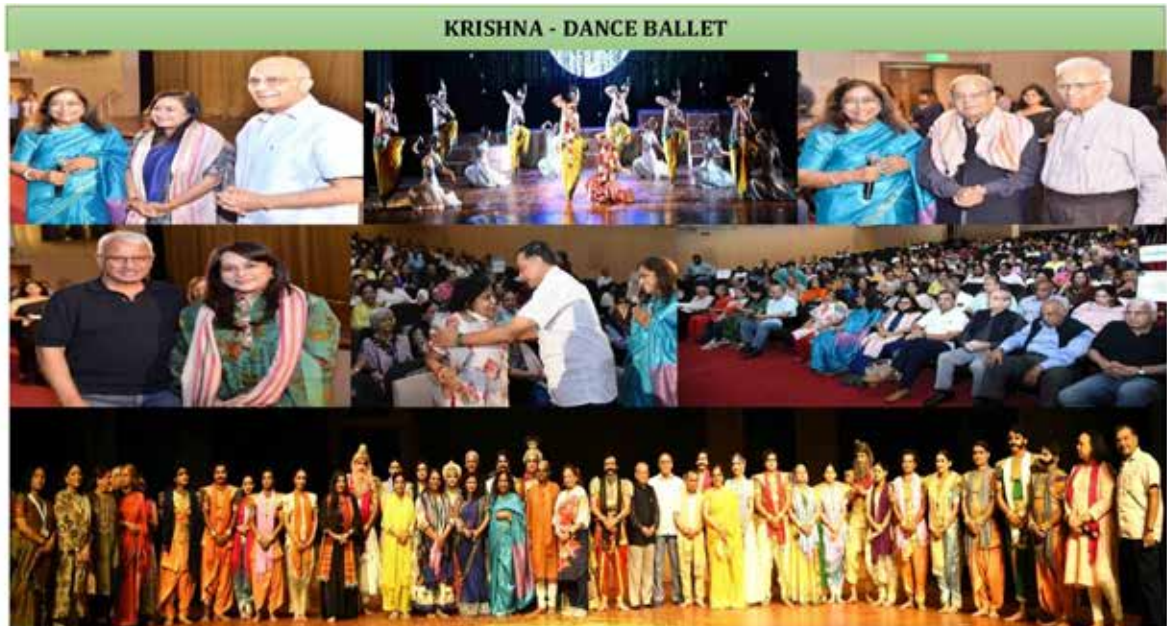
The PHD Rural Development Foundation (PHDRDF) organized a **Ground Breaking Ceremony** for the rejuvenation of the **Piplai Wala Community Pond** in the village of **Piplai, Thanagazi, Alwar, Rajasthan**.

The initiative is being undertaken in **memory of Late Mr. & Ms. J.S. Mehta and Late Mr. & Ms. S.S. Kothari**, with sponsorship extended by **Mr. Vikram Mehta and Mr. K.S. Mehta**. The project reflects the commitment of the family towards sustainable rural development and environmental conservation.

PHDRDF, as the implementing organization, aims to restore the pond to improve water availability, strengthen community resources, and ensure long-term benefits for the residents of Piplai and nearby areas.

Partners/ Donors

PHD FAMILY WELFARE FOUNDATION (PHDFWF)



PHD Family Welfare Foundation organized *Krishna – Dance Ballet* by Shriram Bharatiya Kala Kendra on August 14, 2025 at Kamani Auditorium, New Delhi in association with Jaquar Foundation. The mesmerising performance beautifully portrayed the life and teachings of Shri Krishna, leaving the audience spiritually enriched. The evening was graced by distinguished guests including Dr Rashmi Singh, IAS, Secretary (Art, Culture & Languages Department), Govt. of NCT of Delhi, Ms. Shobha Deepak Singh, Former Presidents of PHDCCI, Managing Committee members, GB members of PHDFWF, and Mr. Shamsher Kanwar, CSR Head, Jaquar Foundation. Ms. Anuradha Goel, Chairperson, PHDFWF warmly welcomed the guests. The event was a perfect blend of art, culture and devotion. Beneficiary students of PHDFWF also got the opportunity to witness the ballet as an educational trip. The programme concluded with felicitations to the artists and a standing ovation from the packed hall, making the evening truly memorable.

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SEIZING THE CORN REVOLUTION: INDIA'S WINDOW TO SECURE THE BIOFUEL ECONOMY



Dr Jatinder Singh
Deputy Secretary General
PHDCCI

Maize has long been recognized as a staple food and an essential feed for poultry and livestock. In India, demand for maize is driven primarily by the poultry industry, resulting in a consistent and growing market. Now, with the government's E20 order mandating 20% ethanol blending by 2025 and 30% by 2029-30, maize has become central to the country's energy security strategy. This shift sets the stage for a Corn Revolution, a movement that aligns agriculture with renewable energy and sustainability.

Unlike sweet corn that is consumed as food, dent corn offers a distinct advantage for the energy sector. With 70-75% starch content, dent corn produces 425-450 liters of ethanol per ton, making it one of the most efficient crops for biofuel production. Globally, dent corn accounts for 95% of corn grown in the United States, powering more than 200 biorefineries and yielding high-value byproducts such as corn oil and protein meal. The use of dent corn for ethanol production could free up food grains, such as rice and wheat,

that are currently being diverted for fuel, while also reducing dependence on imports of corn oil and protein meal. This shift could provide farmers with better returns, ensure food security, and transform dent corn into a true fuel crop deserving parity with crude oil.



Ethanol lies at the heart of India's decarbonisation journey. It reduces greenhouse gas emissions by up to 80% compared to petrol and saves nearly three tons of carbon per ton of ethylene produced compared to traditional naphtha crackers. Beyond being a fuel, ethanol is a versatile feedstock that supports the production of bio-

ethylene, sustainable aviation fuel (SAF), bioplastics, hydrogen, and e-methanol. In this way, ethanol not only reduces vehicle emissions but also helps decarbonize entire industries, from aviation to packaging. Every liter of ethanol produced serves as both an energy source and a carbon asset, reinforcing India's transition to a carbon-neutral economy.

The integration of bio-ethanol and bio-ethylene into petrochemical supply chains has far-reaching benefits. Ethanol can be converted into bio-ethylene, serving as a low-carbon alternative to the petrochemical industry. From bioplastics used in packaging to specialty chemicals and synthetic aviation fuels, ethanol-derived products reduce dependence on fossil-based feedstocks. This supports India's "Lifestyle for Environment" (LiFE) mission by enabling cleaner energy, greener materials, and more sustainable consumption patterns.

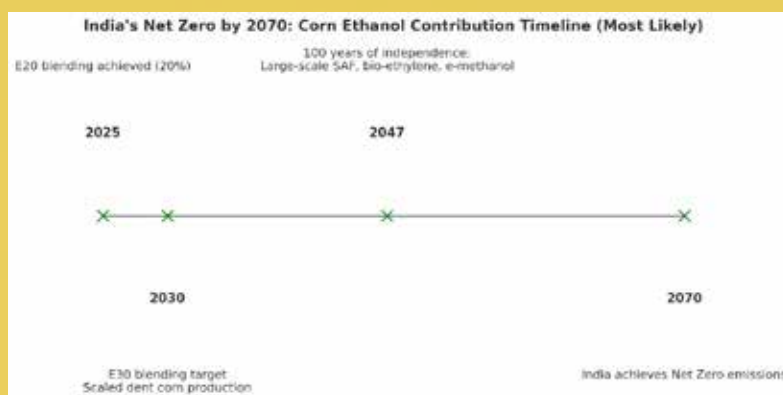
Aligned with the LiFE mission, the Corn Revolution also directly advances the United Nations

Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). It supports SDG 7 (Affordable and Clean Energy) by promoting renewable energy, SDG 13 (Climate Action) by reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and SDG 2 (Zero Hunger) by ensuring food security through smarter crop allocation. Additionally, it drives SDG 8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth) by creating rural jobs and new green industries, while contributing to SDG 12 (Responsible Consumption and Production) by encouraging bioplastics and circular economy practices. By linking national energy security with global development goals, India positions itself as both a regional leader and a responsible international partner.

For such a transformation to succeed, seed and supply chain infrastructure must be strengthened. High-yield dent corn hybrids, efficient procurement systems, and strong farmer incentives are necessary to ensure consistent production and process safety. Expanding biorefineries introduces industrial risks, making strict process safety standards essential for environmental protection and operational reliability. Together, robust supply chains and safety measures will create a stable foundation for India's biofuel expansion.

The National Policy on Biofuels allows grain-based ethanol, creating new opportunities for corn. Financing through government incentives, green bonds, and international collaborations can de-risk investments, especially in the early stages. India's oil import bill is projected to surpass USD 100 billion, and ethanol blending could save as much as USD 4 billion annually in foreign exchange. This shift not only improves energy security but also boosts rural incomes and reduces forex outflows.

Startups are emerging as critical players in India's Corn Revolution and biofuel sector, bringing agility, innovation, and fresh capital to an industry traditionally dominated by large corporations and state-owned enterprises. They are pioneering advanced technologies such as precision farming tools for dent corn cultivation, AI-driven supply



chain platforms to link farmers directly with distilleries, and process optimization solutions to improve ethanol yields while ensuring process safety. Many are also venturing into second-generation (2G) ethanol by converting agricultural residues into fuel and developing integrated biorefineries capable of producing not only bio-ethanol but also bio-ethylene, SAF, hydrogen, e-methanol, and bioplastics. Beyond technology, startups play a vital role in financing models, leveraging green bonds, carbon credits, and ESG-linked investments to de-risk projects and attract global investors. By focusing on scalable solutions that empower farmers, reduce dependence on imports, and align with the Lifestyle for Environment (LiFE) mission, startups are helping to accelerate India's transition toward a sustainable, low-carbon economy while carving out new opportunities in the global carbon economy.

The benefits of a Corn Revolution extend deeply into the rural economy. Farmers cultivating dent corn can expect higher remuneration than from traditional crops, alongside opportunities to supply corn oil and protein meal that currently rely on imports. Diversified income streams through fuel, feed, and food co-products stabilize farm incomes and create resilience in the rural economy. This agricultural diversification also helps manage crop surpluses, stabilizing commodity prices while enhancing food security.

Scaling dent corn production is therefore essential to meet the rising demand while safeguarding food supply. An integrated approach combining corn ethanol, 2G ethanol,

SAF, hydrogen, e-methanol, and bioplastics will build a resilient and low-carbon economy. With the right balance of farmer participation, financing, process safety, and international partnerships, the Corn Revolution can secure India's energy independence, boost rural prosperity, and drive the country toward net-zero emissions.

India's pledge to achieve Net Zero by 2070 sets a clear long-term direction for its energy transition, and corn-based ethanol will play a crucial role in enabling this journey. By replacing fossil fuels with bio-ethanol and expanding into bio-ethylene, India can steadily decarbonize high-emission sectors, such as transportation, aviation, and petrochemicals, through the use of SAF, hydrogen, and e-methanol. This shift not only addresses near-term goals, such as E20 blending, but also aligns with the broader roadmap of reducing cumulative carbon emissions over the coming decades. The Corn Revolution, therefore, is not an isolated policy move—it is a cornerstone of India's pathway to achieving its net-zero vision, creating a bridge between its present agricultural strengths and future climate commitments.

India stands at the threshold of this transformation today. Dent corn is more than just a crop—it is the foundation of a biofuel economy that supports energy security, industrial growth, environmental sustainability, and farmer empowerment. By leading a Corn Revolution, India can position itself at the forefront of global biofuel leadership while realizing its vision of a Lifestyle for the environment.

COVERAGE IMPRINTS

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COLLABORATION—PHDCCI

In a significant interaction aimed at strengthening public-private collaboration in the infrastructure sector, the leadership of the PHDCCI met with Nitin Gadkari, M/o Road Transport & Highways. The delegation, led by H.Jain, President, & Dr. R Mehta, SG, held detailed discussions with the Minister on key issues pertaining to India's transport & logistics ecosystem, including the need for accelerated green mobility solutions, and greater industry engagement in highway & expressway projects.



The Business Guardian

US tariffs to hit \$8.1 bn of Indian exports; impact manageable- PHDCCI



THE TIMES OF INDIA

India GDP growth data Highlights:
Indian economy grows at 7.8% in Q1 FY 2025-26; beats estimates

India's economy has maintained a resilient growth trajectory, with real GDP increasing by 7.8% in Q1 FY 2025-26. In nominal terms, GDP grew by 8.8% highlighting India's steady pace towards Viksit Bharat @2047

Hernant Jain, President, PHDCCI

APN NEWS

AI should empower educators, not replace them, says Delhi Education

Minister at PHDCCI's International Conference on AI in Education

Calling for purposeful integration of technology in education, the Minister highlighted Delhi Government's pioneering initiatives such as AI-powered smart classrooms, gamified assessments and dedicated AI training for teachers. He invoked the Prime Minister's vision of 'double AI' Artificial Intelligence and Aspirational India and remarked, "Change is the only constant. If we don't evolve, we risk ending up like Nokia - once dominant, now obsolete."

Hans India

US tariffs work as opportunity for India's supply chain: Industry

New Delhi: The United States' decision to impose a 25 per cent tariff on India should be seen not just as a challenge, but also as a major opportunity for the country, industry leaders said on Thursday.

Speaking on the development, Ranjeet Mehta, CEO and Secretary General of the PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI) said that the higher duty is not limited to India, but also targets other major exporting nations such as China, Vietnam, and Bangladesh, with China and

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India can withstand US tariff shock, economic fundamentals strong, says industry body PHD Chamber

PHD chamber's analysis indicates that there will be an estimated impact of only 1.97% on India's total global merchandise exports and a negligible 0.19% on India's GDP.

New Delhi: India's trade resilience remains strong despite the 25% tariff imposed by US President Donald Trump on Indian goods, with the country's broader export base and strong domestic fundamentals helping buffer the shock, industry body PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI) said.

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US tariffs likely to impact just 0.19 pc of India's GDP: Industry



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Weighed down by 50% US levy, Indian exporters recalibrate



Bird's eye view
The chart shows the impact of US tariffs on different export categories. Engineering goods face a 50% tariff, while textiles face a 25% tariff. Pharmaceuticals, jewellery, and ready-made garments face lower tariffs.

Z NEWS

US Tariffs Likely To Impact Just 0.19% Of India's GDP: Industry

The United States' 25 per cent tariff on Indian imports is set to take effect on August 7. PHDCCI projected that the tariffs can impact the import of engineering goods (\$1.8 billion), electronic goods (\$1.4 billion), pharmaceuticals (\$565 million), gems and jewellery (\$932 million), and ready-made garments (\$500 million).

New Delhi: The proposed US tariffs on India will have a 'manageable' impact on India's economy, affecting just 0.19 per cent of the country's GDP, industry leaders projected on Wednesday. The tariff will affect exports to the US worth approximately \$8.1 billion, industry think tank PHDCCI said in a report. "Our analysis estimates an impact of only 1.87 per cent on India's global merchandise exports and a negligible 0.19 per cent on India's GDP due to US tariffs on India," it added.

THEWEEK

'Negligible' impact of US tariffs on India's GDP exports Study

New Delhi, Aug 6 (PTI) The 25 per cent tariffs on Indian goods announced by US President Donald Trump will have 'negligible' impact on the country's GDP as only USD 8.1 billion of exports to America might get affected, according to a PHDCCI study released on Wednesday. The tariffs announced by the US are likely to come into effect on August 7, 2025.

The paper, released by the PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI), also recommends a series of measures to mitigate the impact of US tariffs.

"Our analysis indicates that there will be an estimated impact of only 1.87 per cent on India's total global merchandise exports and a negligible 0.19 per cent on India's GDP as a result of a 25 per cent tariff announced by the US on India," said Hemant Jain, President, PHDCCI.

The study said the total potential export impact is estimated at USD 8.1 billion based on 2024-25 merchandise exports of USD 88.5 billion (1.87 per cent of India's total global export).

Among other sectors, the study said the levies would impact engineering goods (USD 1.8 billion), gems and jewellery (USD 932 million), and ready-made garments (USD 500 million).

In the wake of the US tariffs, the industry body has recommended several measures, including increasing market penetration, product development and market diversification.

FORTUNE INDIA

Leverage India's massive diaspora networks in the U.S. to counter Trump's tariffs, top industry body advises govt

New Delhi-based industry body, the PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI) has said that the government must leverage India's diaspora networks in the U.S. as a countermeasure to minimise the impact of U.S. President Donald Trump's tariff threats against Indian goods to gain market access in that country.

In a white paper released in Delhi today, the association called for direct negotiations with major U.S. retailers like Walmart, Target and Amazon for bundled pricing to remain competitive in the US market in spite of Trump tariffs.

The US has threatened to levy an additional 25% tariff on all goods originating from India from August 7. Trump has also said India will also face a big penalty over and above the extra tariff for continuing its economic relationship with Russia against US wishes.

The multipronged measures suggested by PHDCCI to counter Trump's punitive tariffs include securing long-term offtake agreements to stabilise demand, developing premium variants of export lines with higher value acceptance, co-innovation with US buyers on custom specifications and launch of "Made in India Select" premium sub-brands in the US.

THE ECONOMIC TIMES

India Inc Says Economy Strong Amid Challenges

Calls for MSME push, global alliances

OUR BUSINESS
While India Inc. remains a source of optimism, as the economy grows, it also faces challenges. The government's focus on infrastructure, digitalisation, and MSMEs is seen as a key to overcoming these challenges. The industry body also calls for stronger global alliances to boost exports and attract foreign investment.

Growth Drivers
The industry body highlights several growth drivers for the Indian economy. These include infrastructure development, digitalisation, and the MSME sector. The government's focus on these areas is seen as a key to overcoming the challenges faced by the economy.

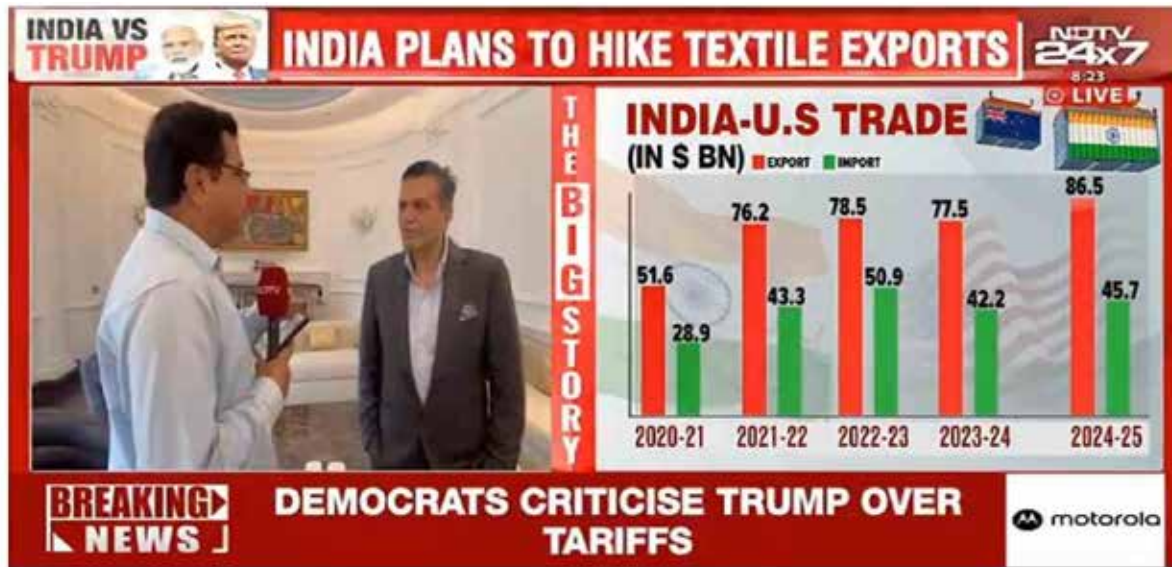
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WPI-based inflation declines to 2-year low of (-) 0.58% in July

Experts, however, projected WPI inflation to move back into positive territory in August, as base effects fade & seasonal price rises continue



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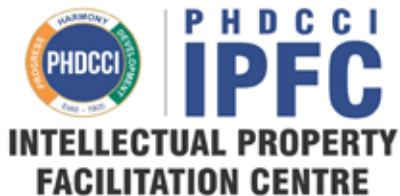
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