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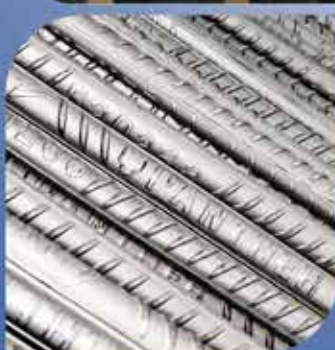
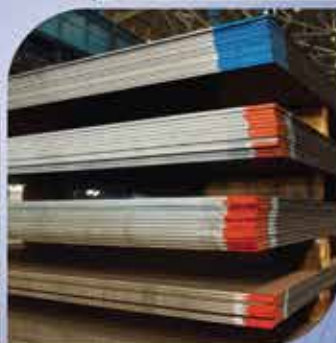
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SANJEEV AGRAWAL
PRESIDENT



“For the success of any mission, it is necessary to have creative leadership. Creative leadership is vital for government, non-governmental organizations as well as industries.” A. P. J. Abdul Kalam

India's economy has scripted a remarkable story over the past decade and has emerged as an epitome of stability and opportunity. As is well understood, the current challenging geopolitical environment has resulted in the global economy slowing down in the midst of recession given weak housing markets, high oil prices and sluggish lending. However, the fear of a hard landing has slightly abated with some of the advanced economies focussing on well-calibrated monetary policies to bring inflation to targets, while minimising the impact on growth.

India has played a pivotal role in fuelling global economic growth by providing an opportunity for real GDP growth while keeping inflation at bay. We are today seen as a power to reckon within, with a seat at the table of world decision-makers. The fact that India's GDP growth and inflation are showing an inverse relationship further attests to the effectiveness of our recent macroeconomic stabilisation strategy, which has been supported by substantial fiscal

Our Chamber has been a vanguard in the Green Hydrogen initiatives, having set up a Centre of Excellence in Green Hydrogen for providing support to SMEs that are transitioning to green energy. Continuing with this initiative, we recently organized a conclave on “Implications of Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism for India's Metal Sector.” We have also launched online learning sessions on 'Hydrogen for Decision-Makers' & also plan to start Hydrogen Digital learning platforms for workers to upskill and reskill them.

consolidation and a supportive monetary policy approach. We owe this to our Hon'ble Prime Minister, Mr. Narendra Modi who with his great charisma, integrity and perspicacious leadership qualities is making significant strides at gaining India's enhanced stature in the world and taking the country forward for it to be a developed nation by 2047.

Our GDP is expected to grow in the range of 6.5-6.8 in the current fiscal year making it one of the fastest growing large economies in the world. The continued high momentum of Gross Fixed Capital Formation at 35.3 percent of GDP is inspiring and indicative of continuous expansion of the CAPEX in the coming quarters. High frequency indicators showed urban demand has held up with a jump in sales of passenger vehicles, rise in air travel, GST collections, SENSEX, personal loan growth, and increase in sales volumes of fast moving consumer goods. The external sector inspires confidence as we are reaping export opportunities, in the services sector and connecting with global value chains, to achieve the target of USD 2 trillion by 2030. The current account deficit remains eminently manageable; and forex reserves are adequate to deal with potential eventualities.

The assembly election results with BJP sweeping victory in three states of Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Rajasthan highlight that the Modi

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

government has won the trust of the people with greater support on the basis of its track record and reinforces the consensus expectations of Mr. Modi's continuation in power in the national elections. This augurs well for macro-economic and policy momentum for India, which at the moment is seeing the highest growth among major economies.

It is indeed a matter of pride that our Hon'ble Prime Minister, Mr. Narendra Modi became the first Indian Prime Minister to deliver the opening remarks at the recent UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) recently held in Dubai. We appreciate the Prime Minister for proposing to host the UN Climate Change Conference (COP 33) in 2028, and his call to the world leaders to join the Green Credit initiative recently launched by India to encourage environment friendly practices. Further, Mr. Modi's announcement of launch of a global digital platform for ideas on climate action and innovation as well as a data repository for the same are indeed commendable initiatives. In the initial phase, the program will focus on two key activities –water conservation and afforestation – which will generate credits and can be traded on the green credit platform. It is noteworthy that India's climate goals include increasing the share of non-fossil fuels to 50 percent of the country's energy basket by 2030 and achieving a net-zero emission target by 2070.

India is at the forefront of this transition, as it announced the National Hydrogen Mission to make itself a hub for the production and export of green Hydrogen. In this context, I would like to mention here that our Chamber has been a vanguard in the green Hydrogen initiatives, having set up a Centre of Excellence in Green Hydrogen for providing support to SMEs that are transitioning to green energy. We have also organized three major international Climate Summits. Continuing with this initiative, we organized a conclave last month on "Implications of Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM) for India's Metal Sector." The CBAM is a multifaceted instrument designed

to ensure that carbon-intensive industries adhere to globally accepted emission standards. The adoption of cleaner technologies, carbon-efficient processes and sustainable practices is a strategic necessity. I strongly believe that Indian industries need to upgrade their technologies to reduce emissions to gain a competitive edge in the international market and ensure a brighter and sustainable future for our industries and the nation.

Also, continuing its pursuit for the promotion of green Hydrogen, the PHDCCI Centre of Excellence launched its first online learning session on 'Hydrogen for Decision-Makers' partnering with Green-stat and HVL University, Norway. The Australian Hydrogen Research delegation organized by the Council of Scientific & Industrial Research plans to partner with us to develop a Hydrogen digital training platform for workers in both countries to upskill and reskill the workforce.

Civil aviation is a very important infrastructure sector and in this context, the Chamber's 2nd edition of 'IndiAirport- International Expo & Conference' was inaugurated by Dr V. K. Singh (Retd.), Hon'ble Minister of State, Ministry of Civil Aviation. He outlined how the government is actively working to create a favourable environment for the growth of the Aviation Industry.

To bolster our international economic and trade relationships, the Chamber took a number of delegations in November to various countries including Mauritius to consolidate trade ties and identify business opportunities. We see great opportunity in our Chamber's signing of MoUs with the Mauritius Chamber of Commerce and Indian Business Council there. Companies from the medical and healthcare sector participated at the India Pavilion at Medica 2023, Dusseldorf organized by us to promote India's exports of high-potential products to Germany and other European countries.

The Chamber has been strongly focussing on promoting ESG practices across the country. In light of the recent rescue operation of 41 construction workers from

the collapsed Silkyara tunnel in Uttarakashi after 17 days of being trapped, I strongly opine that environmental and workers' safety should be paramount in building India's mega-infrastructure. Given how difficult the task was and the diligence of efforts in saving the workers, I join the Hon'ble President of India and Prime Minister in lauding the rescue teams for their grit, perseverance and determination.

India is entering an exciting phase and I opine that our focus in the coming year should be on bolstering India's MSMEs and the entire Start-up ecosystem. Housing the world's third largest FinTech ecosystem, we are likely to generate around US\$ 200 billion in revenue by the year 2030. Moreover, technology in India's digital growth is playing a momentous role in India's Start-up ecosystem and innovation.

As we come to the end of 2023, and as the world looks to India with hope and expectations, I am sure the government is working assiduously on removing the impending challenges that threaten global as well as regional peace and security. The year 2023 has been quite significant for India, as we hosted the G-20 Summit as its President, positioning us as the leader of the Global South while playing a significant role globally during the geo-political crisis, springing from the-Russia-Ukraine war as well as the Israel-Palestine conflict.

The Chamber as the most trusted voice of the Industry is steady on our commitment to support the government in bringing together industry stakeholders to invest across sectors and help make our nation one of the world's great economic powerhouses, while offering the global community a model of how to achieve inclusive and sustainable prosperity and fulfilling its dream of becoming a "techade." And I quote, **"Great nations are not born great. Great nations are made great!"** Benjamin Suulola.



Sanjeev Agrawal
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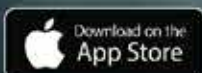
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PHD Chamber was the Industry Partner for the 2nd Edition of an International Expo & Conference on 'Airport Infrastructure & Technology-IndiAirport-2023', organized by Radeecal Communications in collaboration with GATE (Germany) from November 21-23, 2023 at Yashobhoomi, India International Convention and Expo Centre (IICC), Sector 25, Dwarka, New Delhi.

The Inaugural session was graced by Gen. (Dr) V. K. Singh (Retd.), Hon'ble Union Minister of State, Ministry of Civil Aviation on November 22, 2023 and the Plenary session was graced by Mr. Piyush Srivastava, Senior Economic Advisor, Ministry of Civil Aviation.

The Inaugural session was also graced by Mr. Alexander Reck, Head of Section Digital and Transport, German Embassy; Mr. Rocco Marcuccio, Manager Advisor, Air Tech Italy; Mr. Stefan Kresse, MD IFW Expo and Ms. Miriam Schönrock, Head of Marketing, GATE.

Gen. (Dr) V. K. Singh (Retd.), Hon'ble Minister of State, Ministry of Civil Aviation, while delivering his inaugural address, outlined

how the government is actively working to create a favourable environment for the growth of the Aviation Industry.

The Hon'ble Minister shared that the Government is focused on providing excellent facilities for the passengers and the industry, which forms a crucial part of our ecosystem and over the past nine years, we have increased the number of airports from 74 in 2014 to 148 in 2023. He underlined that the Government's commitment is to sustain this growth, fostering opportunities for companies to enter this sector.

Gen. (Dr) V. K. Singh (Retd.), further shared that future efforts includes, liberalization of flight training institutions and support to aviation companies through the UDAN scheme and assist them in recovering from COVID-related losses, despite witnessing a surge in passenger traffic at present. As part of the UDAN scheme, the government is now focusing on small aircrafts as the philosophy is to connect more flights and these smaller aircrafts can help bring people from the hubs to smaller cities. The focus of UDAN scheme is also on helicopters and the

government is also incentivising helicopter traffic.

Recognizing the potential for manufacturing in India, the Hon'ble Minister assured the industry that it is cost-effective to produce small aircraft in the country. He mentioned that Cargo is another significant aspect of the Aviation Industry with great potential for growth. He encouraged companies to explore opportunities in India, given the vast market and the strategic geographic location of the country.

"In our pursuit of sustainability, we are also actively exploring the use of sustainable fuels while ensuring profitability. Recent experiments with biofuel mixtures have shown promise, and we are moving forward to establish more biofuel hubs", concluded the Hon'ble Minister.

Dr Ranjeet Mehta, Executive Director, PHDCCI apprised about the activities of PHDCCI.

He further stated that to evaluate the business environment in any country, the PESTLE framework (Political, Economic, Social, Technological, Legal, and Environmental) serves as



a comprehensive formula for assessing it and as far as India is concerned, substantial progress is evident across these parameters. With a stable and sound political system, India stands as the fastest-growing economy globally. In the realm of technology, India demonstrates commendable performance. The legal framework exhibits reliability, marked by improvements in the justice delivery system and arbitration. Environmentally, India is making strides towards its carbon-neutral goals of 2030.

These attributes make India a hotbed of opportunities. Dr Mehta pointed out the UDAN scheme has opened avenues for investors, fostering business growth and reinforcing India's status as an attractive destination for opportunities.

Mr. Sanjeev Edward, Chair, Civil Aviation Committee, PHDCCI said that the aviation sector is a critical component of growth and has experienced significant expansion

with the committed support of the Ministry of Civil Aviation and the Union government.

He shared that with the dedicated allocation of 30,000 crores towards the establishment of new green airports underscores the Indian Government's commitment, led by our ministry, to address supply chain bottlenecks. This significant investment aims at the expansion and modernization of terminals, including the development of new ones, contributing to the overall growth of the industry.

Mr. Michael Jain, Co-Chair, Civil Aviation Committee, PHDCCI gave the industry perspective and moderated the session on "Sustainable Aviation: Translating Best Practices into Reality". He shared his perspective on "UDAAN scheme- Current Status & Future Projections".

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

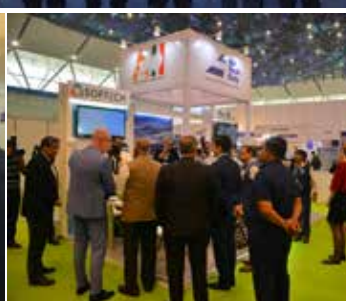
The two-day conference saw the presence of industry stalwarts as the esteemed speakers, who addressed a wide range of topics including Air Cargo Airports of the Future; Emerging Technologies in Aviation: Drones & UAVs- Advance Air Mobility & Urban Air Mobility; Aviation Ecosystem of Future Industry Perspective & Future Technologies and Sustainable Aviation- Translating Best Practices into Reality.

The conference was sponsored by PowerGilt Treasuries and it was attended by more than 200 industry participants.

Around 30 exhibitors showcased their products that included 15 German companies. The exhibition saw a footfall of more than 1000 people.

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INTERACTION WITH SECRETARY, DEPARTMENT FOR PROMOTION OF INDUSTRY AND INTERNAL TRADE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

A PHDCCI delegation led by Mr. Sanjeev Agrawal, President along with Mr. Saket Dalmia, Immediate Former President, Dr Ranjeet Mehta, Executive Director, Mr. Yashraj Akashi, Member New Age Business Committee, and Mr. Premashis Mittra, Deputy Secretary met Mr. Rajesh Kumar Singh,

IAS, Secretary, Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, Ministry of Commerce and Industry on November 20, 2023 at New Delhi. The purpose of the meeting was to inform the Secretary about the challenges our MSME members are experiencing in the packaging industry.

The leadership of PHDCCI requested the Secretary to extend an invitation to the PHD Chamber for participation in the World Economic Forum (WEF) 2024. The Secretary assured that PHDCCI would receive a proper invitation for the WEF 2024.



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CHIEF MARKETING TECHNOLOGISTS' SUMMIT 2023 - MARKETING IN THE AGE OF AI

PHDCCI's New-age Business Committee organized the Chief Marketing Technologists' Summit 2023 themed "Marketing in the Age of AI - Embracing the Future of Customer Engagement & Retention" on November 8, 2023 at PHD House, New Delhi. Brightest minds from the industry gathered at the summit to examine the constantly shifting terrain of marketing in the age of AI.

Mr. Nitin Jain, Co-founder & CBO, OfBusiness & Chair, PHDCCI's New Age Business & AI Leadership acknowledged the rapid pace of technological change that everyone is experiencing daily, particularly in the last one year. To keep up with these advancements, it is essential for us to gain a comprehensive understanding of AI and become familiar with how

to effectively harness it for our growth. He stated that the next stage in this evolution is generative AI, and many tools have already begun to facilitate the removal of language barriers by swiftly translating to different languages, thereby enhancing communication. Furthermore, he highlighted the potential benefits of AI as smaller companies can adopt AI tools more rapidly and effectively.

Mr. Amitabh Nag, Chief Executive Officer, Digital India Bhashini Division (Bhashini), Digital India Corporation provided insights into the 'Bhashini' mission. This initiative aims to address the challenge posed by the multitude of local languages in India, which can often impede progress and development. 'Bhashini' is playing a crucial role in overcoming language barriers by facilitating

translation across 22 languages, thereby enhancing communication between different cities and states in India.

Ms. Virginia Sharma, Head of Regional Marketing, Google Cloud, emphasized that smaller companies and Startups often face challenges when it comes to attracting talent. Ms. Sharma also highlighted the powerful capabilities of AI tools in automating various tasks that contribute to business growth. During her presentation, Ms. Sharma provided a live demonstration of how AI and Generative AI can be highly beneficial in the automation and preparation of online marketing campaigns. This includes tasks such as enhancing photo backgrounds and resolution, creating product descriptions, designing social media banners, and automating

targeted email marketing, complete with translations into local languages based on the recipient's location. All of these elements significantly enhance our return on investment.

Ms. Amrita Thapar, Director Marketing, Microsoft India, Japan, SE Asia pointed out that India is making significant advancements in AI, marking a game-changing development. At the core of AI lies machine learning, which forms the foundation. She emphasized that the key essence is the ability to identify data, patterns, and formulate responses based on these insights. AI tools are playing a vital role in accelerating enterprise growth, with new tools being introduced almost daily. These tools are also enabling innovative design processes, working based on text-based instructions. Some tools facilitate the creation of polished and visually appealing PowerPoint presentations. Additionally, it's now possible to interact with machines through conversation, allowing for efficient task completion.

Mr. Sandeep Dutta, Chief Practice Officer - Middle East & Asiapacific, Fractal, discussed the data-driven approach to AI and likened the power of AI to that of computers or the internet. He noted that we are transitioning from general AI to Generative AI. Furthermore, Mr. Dutta highlighted that AI's benefits are now accessible across all facets of business, including supply chain, marketing, and production. With AI, businesses can gain insights into customer behavior, as every customer click provides valuable signals. Understanding and analyzing these signals are crucial for achieving better results. While some visitors may not convert into customers, AI offers the opportunity to comprehend customer behavior and facilitate growth. During his presentation, Mr. Dutta demonstrated the "flyfish" tool, which aids in consultative selling.

Mr. Praveen Mokkalapati, Lead, Telangana AI Mission (T-AIM), highlighted the organization's commitment to pioneering new

technologies, a focus they've maintained since 2014. He emphasized the wide-reaching benefits of AI, which extends to enterprises, B2B (business-to-business), B2C (business-to-consumer) interactions, as well as Startups and small businesses. The next stage in AI's evolution is Generative AI, which is ushering in a significant transformation from a task-centric approach to a data-centric one. Mr. Mokkalapati provided an example of tools that can create music content without infringing on copyright, underscoring their support for a company in this field. He also discussed the potential for AI to automate various tasks, such as expanding client outreach through automated outbound calling.

The summit featured an exceptional line-up of distinguished speakers who made a significant impact with their actionable insights. The summit's collaborating organizations included FORE School of Management, YourStory, and SiliconIndia.

"A decade ago, we were overtaken by falling economy, despondency, growth potential not being visible. Some people ask if the office of the Vice-President of India should be saying something about the executive. I am not on backfoot. It was consciously that I called our Prime Minister 'Yugpurush' at a recent function. Why? Boys and girls, you may analyse and find out the attributes of one that we can label as 'Yugpurush'. After all, there will have to be a Yugpurush at a particular point of time. There can be no better place than in Bharat. He is a man who has changed and revolutionised the lives of our girls. Look at India today.

Banking inclusion explosion, providing a toilet in every home, taking care of the dignity of women in particular, getting water to every household and wiping tears by providing gas connections. The state now facilitates ownership of houses, preferentially ownership is shared by women. There is upliftment of farmers. Youth have an ecosystem without corruption. There is a system where no one is above the law. These things have happened only on one count: that is you have to be inclusive, action-oriented and decisive."

-- Vice President of India, Mr. Jagdeep Dhankhar



WEBINAR ON INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH BULLION FUTURES

With the objective of sensitising the investors, about the investment through Bullion Futures, the Capital Market & Commodity Market Committee, PHDCCI jointly with MCX Limited organized a webinar on 'Investment Opportunities through Bullion Futures' on November 16, 2023.

Mr. B K Sabharwal, Chair, Capital Market & Commodity Market Committee, PHDCCI delivered the theme address and moderated the session.

Mr. Naveen Mathur, Director, Commodities & Currencies, Anand Rathi Shares & Stock Brokers Limited shared that the bullion segment holds immense potential in the Commodity Markets. Gold is the best asset class to invest as it has always shown consistent returns. Investing in gold is

considered a safe investment. He observed that gold has always maintained its characteristic of minimising losses. The Indian and global economy have embraced numerous challenges such as geopolitical crisis, inflation, terrorist attacks, sub-prime crisis, and more recently the pandemic & Ukraine-Russia war. However, gold has still maintained its shine and given risk adjusted returns, he further added.

Mr. Sandeep Jain, Director, Tradeswift Broking Pvt. Ltd. stated that there are numerous options to invest in bullion through MCX. He shared that the launch of Gold Mini, Gold Petal, Silver – Regular, Silver Mini & Silver Micro have opened exciting avenues to invest in bullion markets. He observed that bullish trends are seen in bullion which makes it a lucrative investment in addition to being a

safe option to invest. He pointed out that Gold is the only asset class which cannot be disrupted making it a long-term investment asset class. He suggested that it is advisable to incorporate Gold in one's investment portfolio to build a safe and reliable portfolio.

Mr. Debojyoti Dey, MCX Limited observed that new investors need to understand the dynamics of market investing and educate themselves on the derivatives before putting in money to minimize losses.

Mr. Suresh Arora, Co-chair, Capital Market & Commodity Market Committee, PHDCCI delivered the vote-of-thanks to all the delegates and speakers.

The Session was attended by over 50 delegates from trade & industry and was followed by extensive discussions on the subject.

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ESG COMPLIANCE AND VALUE CHAIN CREATION CONCLAVE 2023

The Sustainability Committee of PHDCCI organized an "ESG Compliance and Value Chain Creation Conclave" on November 6, 2023 at PHD House, New Delhi. The Conclave served as a significant platform for fostering discussions on Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) compliance, emphasizing sustainable business processes and practices. Notable policymakers from the government, industry leaders, experts, and stakeholders converged to explore strategies

for integrating ESG principles into corporate frameworks.

Mr. Yugal Kishore Joshi, Adviser (Water, Land Resources and Communication) & Mission Director LIFE, Niti Aayog addressed the Conclave as the Chief Guest.

While speaking on the occasion, Dr Ranjeet Mehta, Executive Director, PHDCCI emphasized urgent need for individual awareness and proactive engagement in addressing environmental challenges.

The conclave witnessed participation of sustainability experts from organizations like National Institute of Disaster Management; Lemon Tree Hotels Limited; Collaborative Labeling and Appliance Standards Program; Bennett Coleman and Co. Ltd.; Havells India Ltd.; Grant Thornton LLP; Apollo Tyres Limited; PVR Ltd. and Škoda Auto Volkswagen India Private Limited.



INDIA'S EMERGING EXPORT DYNAMICS: VISION USD 2 TRILLION EXPORTS BY 2030

PHDCCI's Research Bureau recently released a report on 'India's Emerging Export Dynamics: Vision USD 2 Trillion Exports by 2030' on 23 November 2023 at PHD House, New Delhi. The report highlights that India's resilience of exports has increased significantly in the post covid years; the growth of exports during 2021 and 2022 at 20% and 9.7% respectively was the highest among the top 20 leading exporters. The dynamic policy environment provided by the government along with efforts of the exporters to connect with global value chains have enhanced the export volumes.

The emerging high growth destinations such as Togo, Netherlands, Brazil, Indonesia,

Turkey, Australia, South Africa, Saudi Arabia and Belgium and high growth export commodities such as sugar and confectionary, mineral fuel and oils, aluminum and articles, inorganic chemicals, ships, boats and floating structure, rubber and articles and optical, photographic, medical apparatus would enhance India's export growth to new heights.

Further, the report identifies 75 potential export commodities, which account for about 50 percent of India's total exports for the FY 2023. India can scale up exports of these commodities exploring the massive untapped potential in the global markets, since they make up only 6% of global exports currently, i.e., these 75 products exports are USD 222 billion in the USD 3838

billion total world exports of these products.

The report recommends focusing on reducing the cost of doing business and increase the ease of doing business to enhance the competitiveness of domestic manufacturing. The government should focus on reducing the cost of doing business including- Costs of Capital, Cost of Power/ energy, Cost of Land and Availability of Land, Cost of Logistics and Cost of Labor.

The report was released by Dr Ranjeet Mehta, Executive Director, PHDCCI and Dr SP Sharma, Chief Economist |DSG, PHDCCI, along with the media.



INTERACTIVE SESSION WITH CHAIRMAN, DELHI RERA

The PHDCCI Housing and Urban Development Committee organized an interactive session with Mr. Anand Kumar, IAS (Retd.), Chairman, Delhi RERA on November 24, 2023 at PHD House, New Delhi.

Dr Ranjeet Mehta, Executive Director, PHDCCI introduced the RERA Chairman to the audience. He highlighted that Delhi RERA has evolved under Mr. Anand Kumar, as being a visionary, he has increased

the scope of RERA to commercial and retail leased space.

Mr. Anand Kumar in his address said that developers and collaborators must work in a transparent manner and comply with the RERA Act. He said that RERA has been a boon for some and bane for some, but that's up to individuals to decide. Mr. Kumar heard the concerns of developers and buyers and guided them on solutions under the RERA Act.

He suggested that buyers should read the RERA Act which is easily accessible in the market and understand the nuances of the RERA Act. He also highlighted that RERA will be strict on violators if the regulations are not complied with!

Mr. Amit Goyal, Chair, Housing and Urban Development Committee, PHDCCI in his concluding remarks thanked Mr. Kumar for taking out his valuable time and addressing the concerns of the industry.

JUDICIAL EXAMINATION FOR SELECTION OF JUDGES

At the inauguration of the Constitution Day Celebrations at the Supreme Court, President of India Droupadi Murmu called for creation of an all-India Judicial Service Exam for the selection of judges from across the country. Ms. Murmu noted that an all-India examination would provide opportunities for talented candidates from diverse backgrounds to become judges. She said the cause of justice is best served by making it accessible for all which also strengthens equality. The President emphasised on making the overall system citizen centric to improve the access to justice. The President said, "On this day, we celebrate the values enshrined in the Constitution and rededicate ourselves to uphold them in the day-to-day life of the nation". She further said more varied representation of India's unique diversity on Bench and Bar will definitely help serve the cause of justice better. The President appreciated the Supreme Court's Bar and Bench for constantly raising the standards of jurisprudence. She expressed confidence that with a vibrant judiciary, the health of India's democracy is never going to be a cause of concern.



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PHDCCI AND PARAKH NCERT LAUNCH NATION-WIDE EDUCATION INITIATIVE CALLED “PROJECT VIDYASAGAR”

PHDCCI in partnership with Parakh NCERT; SCERT Bihar and Union Ministry of Education's Vidyanjali scheme started a 12-state campaign called Project Vidyasagar in November at Patna.

A two-day workshop was organized with the twin objectives – creating awareness among school teachers about learning competencies at different levels and creating awareness about Vidyanjali.

Present at the inaugural session were Prof Indrani Bhaduri, CEO of Parakh, NCERT; Dr Rashmi Prabha Joint Director, SCERT Bihar; senior officials of Vidyanjali scheme; Mr. Kumod Kumar, Co-chair, PHDCCI Bihar Chapter, who also chairs Chandragutpa Institute of

Management Patna and Ms. Shalini S Sharma, Assistant Secretary General, PHDCCI.

Speaking at the inaugural session, Prof Bhaduri said that NEP 2020 brings into focus wide-ranging assessment reforms which are based on competency-based learning, moving away from rote learning. This, she said, was the first education policy of the 21st century and it aimed at addressing the many growing developmental imperatives of our country.

Ms. Sharma gave the background of Project Vidyasagar and how it was conceptualised to supplement government's initiatives in education. She reaffirmed the support of PHDCCI in achieving the objectives of Parakh as well as Vidyanjali.

Mr. Kumar welcomed the initiative of PHDCCI Delhi team in education and offered his support in strengthening the work of the Chamber on education in Bihar, specially in higher education.

Project Vidyasagar is an initiative of PHDCCI and Parakh, NCERT to improve learning competencies among school children. The project entails awareness sessions for teachers on competencies required at preparatory, foundational, middle and secondary levels as per National Curriculum Framework 2023 and NEP 2020.

Workshops are being planned in 12 other states and UTs, with the next one being in Srinagar and Chandigarh in December. Project Vidyasagar aims to cover all states and UTs gradually over the next three months.

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WEBINAR ON VARIOUS LEGAL ISSUES BEING FACED BY THE TAXPAYERS

Indirect Taxes Committee of PHDCCI organized a webinar on “Various Legal Issues being faced by the taxpayers and how to handle such investigation and Get Ready to file GSTR 9 and 9C” on November 23, 2023.

Mr. Tushar Aggarwal, Co- chair, Indirect Tax Committee, PHDCCI and Co-Founder, Tattvam Group, in his theme presentation highlighted the various legal issues being faced by the taxpayers. He also discussed recent rulings on validating of Notification No 9/2023 which extended limitation period to issue Show Cause Notice(SCN).

Mr. Shivam Mehta, Director, Lakshmi Kumaran & Sridharan, spoke on Taxability of Corporation Guarantee – Latest amendments and impact on past litigations, Taxability of Secondment of Employees and How to handle on-going litigations. He also elaborately discussed about Other Related Party transactions.

Mr. Prakash Sinha, Co-Founder, Finjuris, gave a presentation on how to Draft Reply to SCN – strategies, grounds and its precautions. He also described the various issues related to Limitations, jurisdictions, SCN and other related matters. Further he described about the show cause notice and essentials of SCN, notice verses show cause notice.

Mr. Yogesh Gaba, Managing Partner, GABA & Co., in his



First Row: From L-R: Mr. Tushar Aggarwal, Co- Chair, Indirect Taxes Committee, PHDCCI; Mr. Shivam Mehta, Partner, LKS.; Second Row: From L-R: Mr. Yogesh Gaba, Managing Partner, Gaba & Co., Mr. Prakash Sinha, Co-Founder, Finjuris; Mr. Chetan Aggarwal, Partner, Tattvam Advisors, Third Row: From L-R:- Ms. Babeeta Sharma, Senior Secretary, PHDCCI, Mr. Nanda Gangadhar Mishra, Joint Secretary, PHDCCI

presentation spoke about the Issues related to outward reconciliations and RCM reconciliations. Also described the Notices related to scrutiny of GSTR 9/9C. Furthermore he elaborately presented about Reversal of ITC attributable to exempt supplies, nil-rated and non-GST supplier etc.

Mr. Chetan Aggarwal, Executive Partner, Tattvam Advisors., in his presentation spoke about ITC not appearing in GSTR-2A and about the ITC appearing in GSTR-2A but supplier having not filed GSTR 3B. Further he described about the ITC pertaining to suppliers whose registration has been cancelled retrospectively.



BRAINSTORMING WORKSHOP ON TECHNOLOGY NEEDS ASSESSMENT FOR GREEN HYDROGEN AND CCUS

PHDCCI Centre of Excellence in Green Hydrogen and IIT Jodhpur and TIFAC jointly conducted a brainstorming workshop on 'technology needs assessment for Green Hydrogen and CCUS' on November 2, 2023 at IIT Jodhpur.

Mr. Mahendra Rustagi, Co-chair, Environment and Climate Change Committee, PHDCCI delivered the welcome address and highlighted the various initiatives related to Green Hydrogen taken by PHDCCI. Dr Gautam Goswami, Scientist G & Head - Forecasting and Vision Division, TIFAC shared the context and expectations from the workshop. Mr. Sujit Pillai, Scientist-F, MNRE delivered the special address and explained the initiatives of MNRE under the National Green Hydrogen Mission and R&D roadmap for India. Dr Neelima Alam, Scientist - F, Technology Mission Division,



DST and Dr Ranjith Krishna Pai, Scientist E and Director, Climate Change and Clean Energy Division, DST presented the activities of DST in CCUS and green Hydrogen.

The objective of this workshop was to assess the state-of-the-art and the future technology needs for green Hydrogen and CCUS technologies in India for TIFAC to prepare the Technology Vision 2047 document for India and also give

inputs for the representation of India in COP 28.

Experts from CSIR, Monash University Australia, Jindal Advisory Services, and IIT Bombay joined for the first CCUS session. Experts from CEEW, Chart Industries, IIT BHU, and Draeger joined for the following green Hydrogen session.

Dr Sibimol Luke, Joint Secretary, PHDCCI moderated the workshop.

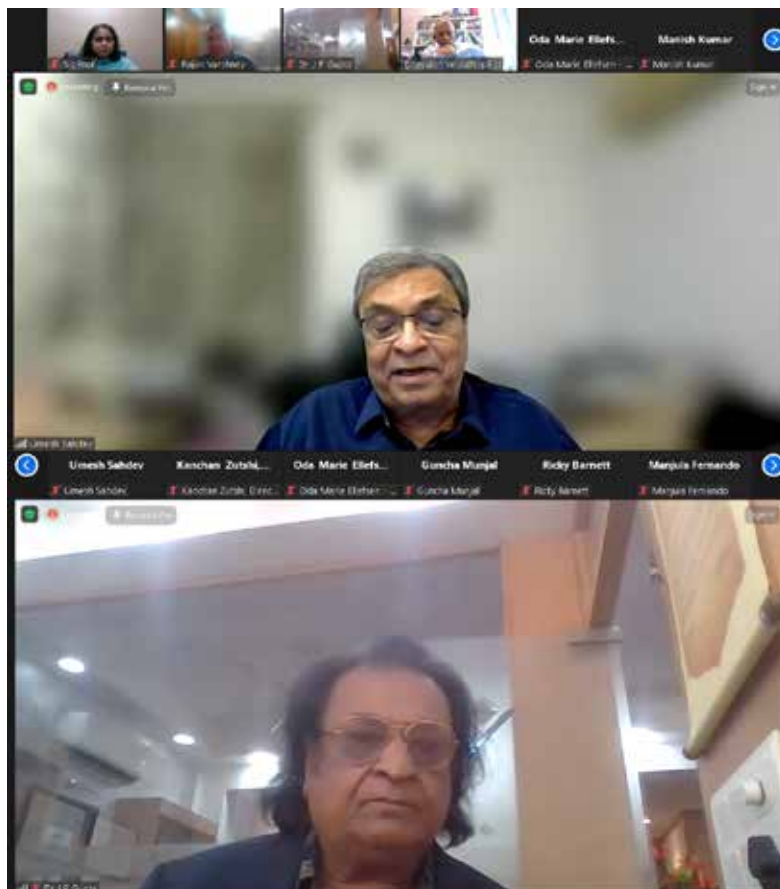
MASTER CLASS ON HYDROGEN FOR DECISION MAKERS

PHDCCI Centre of Excellence has successfully launched its first online learning session on 'Hydrogen for Decision-Makers' on November 16, 2023 partnering with Greenstat and HVL University, Norway. Nearly 100 participants from India and Sri Lanka attended this training.

Dr J P Gupta, Mentor in Chief, PHDCCI Centre of Excellence in Green Hydrogen(CoE-GH) welcomed the collaborators and the participants. The resource persons were Prof. Dhayalan, Dr Jonathan, Dr Velaug, and Dr Yulia (all from HVL University), Ms. Oda Marie (Greenstat), and Mr. Rajan Varshney (DGM, NTPC). The sessions covered the entire green Hydrogen value chain, techno-commercial aspects, and the latest and more economical Hydrogen production routes.

Mr. Umesh Sahdev, Chief Convenor, CoE-GH informed the participants about the detailed learning courses that PHDCCI CoE-GH will offer in energy and environment-related topics. Dr Sibimol Luke, Joint Secretary moderated the training sessions.

PHDCCI Centre of Excellence is in the process of developing into a renowned hub of knowledge for Hydrogen and Sustainability not only in India but also in neighbouring countries, particularly Sri Lanka,



Nepal, and Bangladesh. The Centre is planning to encompass a wide range of courses covering the entire hydrogen field, with a focus on hydrogen production to applications, process safety, sustainability, decarbonization, and carbon markets. The goal is to provide participants with a

structured learning path through physical, hybrid and virtual online learning for the year 2024. Furthermore, the centre aims to extend these courses to universities in neighbouring and developing countries, thereby facilitating knowledge dissemination on a broader scale.

Indian Airports operating on 100% Green Energy

The Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) has taken initiatives for working towards Carbon neutrality and achieving net zero carbon emission at airports in the country by way of standardising Carbon Accounting and Reporting framework of Indian Airports. For this purpose, airport operators with scheduled operations have been advised to map the carbon emissions at their respective airports and to work towards carbon neutrality & net zero emissions in a phased manner. MoCA has also advised developers of the upcoming Greenfield Airports and the respective State Governments to work towards achieving Carbon Neutrality & Net Zero, which inter-alia includes use of green energy. With the above efforts of Government of India, Airports like Delhi, Mumbai, Hyderabad and Bengaluru have achieved Level 4+ and higher Airports International Council Accreditation and have become Carbon neutral. Additionally, 66 Indian Airports are operating on 100% Green Energy.

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INDIA PAVILION AT MEDICA 2023, DUSSELDORF, GERMANY

PHDCCI with support from the Department of Commerce organized the India Pavilion from November 13-16, 2023 at MEDICA 2023, Dusseldorf, Germany to promote India's exports of high-potential products in the medical and healthcare sector to Germany and other European countries, with a focus on enhancing export sales in the long-run.

MEDICA is the world's leading trade fair for medical technology, diagnostic imaging, health IT, laboratory equipment, diagnostics, physiotherapy equipment and medical consumables. Year after-year, the fair attracts thousands of visitors from all over the world. The trade fair offers a unique platform for the exchange of information, experience and ideas from the entire medical supply chain. Over 5,300 exhibitors from almost 70 countries and 83,000 visitors participated in MEDICA at Dusseldorf.

The medical devices sector is an essential and integral constituent of the healthcare



sector particularly for prevention, diagnosis, treatment and management of medical condition, illness, diseases and disabilities. In order to drive the growth of exports in Medical device sector, PHDCCI organized the India pavilion with 32

companies in medical technology, diagnostic imaging, health IT, laboratory equipment, diagnostics, physiotherapy equipment and medical consumables.

The Indian Pavilion was a hub of innovation, showcasing the



best that India has to offer in the healthcare industry. From cutting-edge technologies to ground-breaking research, this was an excellent opportunity to witness the strides our country is making in healthcare.

The Indian Pavilion was inaugurated by H.E. Mr. B. S. Mubarak, Consul General of

India, Frankfurt, Germany and also witnessed the presence of Dr Ezhilan Naganathan, Member of the Legislative Assembly and Member, Planning Commission of Tamil Nadu. Mr. B. S. Mubarak, met each Indian company and offered the best possible support from his office to Indian companies in exporting to European countries.

On the last day of the exhibition, the Indian Government delegation visited MEDICA and met some of the key German stakeholders for investment. They appreciated PHDCCI for promoting Indian companies. The PHDCCI secretariat was represented by Mr. Maynk Chhatwal, Senior Secretary and Mr. Youdhvir Singh, Deputy Secretary.

INDIA-AUSTRALIA JOINT INTERACTION ON GREEN ENERGY TO DEVELOP 3RD GEN TECHNOLOGIES

PHDCCI was part of the Indian delegation in the meeting held with the Australian Hydrogen Research Delegation to India organized by the Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR) on November 20, 2023 at the Taj Mahal Hotel. The mission was led by Distinguished Professor, Dr Suresh Bhargava, AM, RMIT & Mission Lead. Dr J S Sharma, Co-chair, Environment Committee, PHDCCI apprised the delegation about the PHDCCI Centre of Excellence in Green Hydrogen and the activities of the Centre to support and nurture the Hydrogen sector industries in India. The



Australian Hydrogen Research delegation agreed to partner with PHDCCI to develop a Hydrogen digital training platform for workers

in both countries to upskill and reskill the workforce. Dr Sibimol Luke, Joint Secretary, PHDCCI also attended the meeting.



CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR MSMEs: A RESEARCH ROADMAP

PHDCCI Policy Forum organized a dialogue to discuss challenges and opportunities for MSMEs in India on November 6, 2023 at PHD House, New Delhi. Dr Rajneesh, Additional Secretary and Development Commissioner at the Ministry of MSMEs was the Chief Guest for the event.

The dialogue's primary focus was on exploring research projects that can identify opportunities & challenges for MSMEs in different arenas. The diverse research areas included analyzing the structure of MSMEs, the impact of digitalization, implications of Regional Trade Agreements (RTAs), and the current status of climate awareness among MSMEs.

Dr Rajneesh, in his keynote address, highlighted the vital role of states in MSME policy implementation and discussed challenges like formalization gaps. He commended the economic resilience of the sector and announced additional credit infusion to address credit gaps. Moreover, he emphasized the need for evidence-based policy-making and encouraged PHDCCI to continue its research efforts in data backed and relevant research that assists the government to make conducive policies.



Dr Ranjeet Mehta, Executive Director of PHDCCI, emphasized the pivotal role of MSMEs in driving economic growth and outlined key challenges such as access to finance, technology, and markets. Dr. Mehta highlighted PHDCCI's commitment to be the voice of industry & trade and the establishment of a dedicated Policy Forum to pursue that goal.

Eminent Economist, Prof. Manoj Pant, highlighted national-level research objectives, focusing on digitalization, cultural aspects of Start-ups and trade policies.

Dr Pritam Banerjee, Head, Centre for WTO studies, IIFT, emphasized the importance of tariff negotiations for MSMEs. Dr. James Nedumpara, Head (CTIL) IIFT, highlighted the substantial

contributions of MSMEs to India's economy, citing GDP, exports and employment statistics.

A knowledge report, 'MSME Structure in India: A Structural Analysis,' was released during the event, underscoring the need for adaptable policies to unlock the sector's full potential. Overall, the event provided a platform for dialogue, research, and actionable insights for fostering inclusive growth in the MSME sector. The event was further enriched by project proposal presentations by esteemed faculty from Shiv Nadar University, IIFT and AEDR that aim to drive comprehensive MSME research.

The event was moderated by Ms. Swati Kumar, Senior Secretary, PHDCCI and Head, PHDCCI Policy Forum.

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4th RETAIL SUPPLY CHAIN SUMMIT

PHDCCI'S '4th Retail Supply Chain Summit' on the theme "Innovate, Integrate, Excel: SCM 4.0" was held on November 24, 2023 at PHD House New Delhi.

The summit's primary focus was to unite essential stakeholders—industry leaders, experts, suppliers, retailers, and technology providers—addressing the multifaceted challenges, advancements, and opportunities within the retail supply chain. Its core purpose encompassed fostering dialogues, exchanging insights, and fostering collaborative efforts to elevate supply chain efficiency, sustainability, innovation, and customer fulfillment within the retail domain.

Inaugural Session: In his insightful industry perspective, Mr. Anil Syal, President, SafeXpress underscored a transformative juncture where retail establishments have not only solidified their own distinctive brands but have also ushered in a new era. Consequently, this paradigm shift has triggered a

notable evolution in the logistical and supply chain landscape, impacting companies that once exclusively retailed external brands and entrepreneurs now navigating the creation of their proprietary brands.

Mr. Anupam Bansal, Co-chair, Retail, E-Commerce and Consumer Affairs Committee, PHDCCI underscored the critical role of supply chain in shaping business outcomes.

Mr. Sumit Duggal, Co-chair, Retail, E-Commerce and Consumer Affairs Committee, PHDCCI highlighted the vast trillion-dollar market potential in India, emphasizing that only 1% of it is currently digitized, with the business-to-consumer (B to C) sector accounting for just 9-10%. This underscores the present intrigue and necessity for creating new frameworks and paradigms in the industry, he further added.

Technical Session 1: Customer-Centric Supply Chains: Personalization and Fulfillment highlighted on Customer-Centric

Supply Chains, focusing on tailoring strategies to individual customer needs. Businesses use data analytics and technology to personalize products and ensure timely delivery and understanding customer preferences to optimize inventory and logistics.

Technical Session 2: Warehouse Automation and SCM4.0: Robotics and Beyond delved into the fusion of robotics and advanced technologies transforming supply chain operations. Robotics enhances efficiency by automating tasks, while SCM 4.0 integrates IoT, AI, and predictive analytics, improving visibility and decision-making. This collaboration optimizes inventory, reduces errors, lowers costs, and ensures timely order fulfillment, ultimately enhancing customer satisfaction. These innovations modernize warehouses and foster a more agile supply chain ecosystem.

Technical Session 3: Last-Mile Delivery Revolution: Innovations and Challenges emphasized on transforming the final phase



of supply chains by tackling innovations and hurdles in delivering goods to consumers. Innovations include route optimization, autonomous vehicles and drones. Challenges such as urban congestion, delivery timing, cost efficiency, and sustainability require attention. Overcoming these obstacles through technology adoption is crucial to revolutionize last-mile delivery, ensuring efficient and eco-friendly services in the evolving e-commerce landscape.

Technical Session 4: Sustainability and SCM 4.0: Reducing the Retail Carbon Footprint focused on integrating sustainable practices in Supply Chain Management 4.0 to diminish the retail industry's environmental impact. This approach utilizes advanced technologies, data analytics, and innovative methods to promote eco-friendly practices across the supply chain. SCM 4.0 employs automation, IoT, AI and data-driven insights to optimize logistics, minimize waste and improve energy efficiency in operations,

warehousing, and transportation. It emphasizes using eco-friendly materials, packaging, and sustainable sourcing. By merging technology-driven efficiency with sustainability, SCM 4.0 aims to significantly reduce the retail sector's environmental footprint, fostering an eco-conscious supply chain ecosystem.

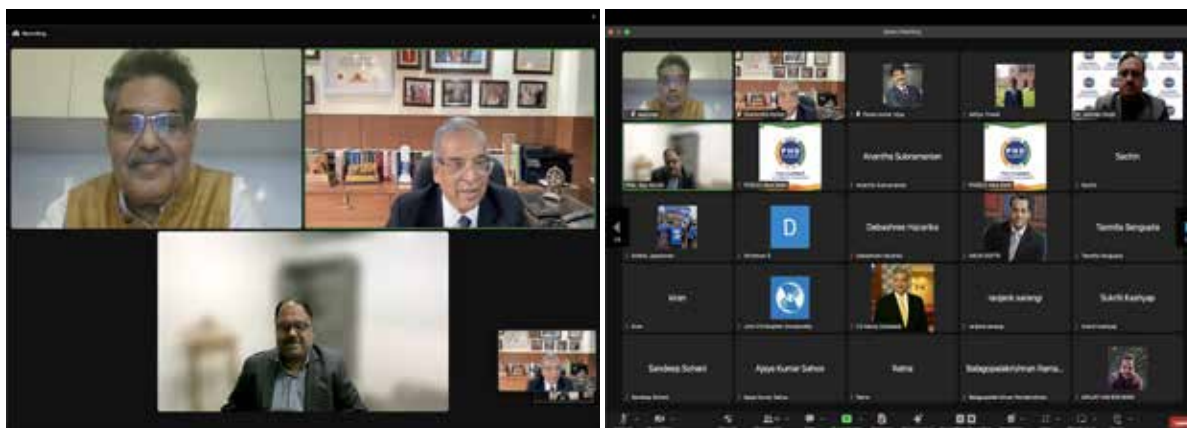
Technical Session 5: E-commerce Boom: Optimizing Supply Chains through Data-Driven Decision Making explored the necessity for data-driven approaches in optimizing supply chains due to the E-commerce surge. This trend relies on leveraging extensive data analytics to improve various supply chain facets. By collecting and analyzing data from customer behavior, market trends, and operations, businesses can streamline inventory, forecast demand and enhance logistics. Data-driven decision-making allows swift adaptations to market shifts, precise anticipation of customer needs, reduced inefficiencies, and heightened overall supply chain

agility. This approach fosters a more responsive, efficient, and customer-centric supply chain, vital in meeting the evolving demands of the digital commerce landscape.

The summit concluded with a strong emphasis on the imperative for transformative approaches in retail supply chain management. By fostering innovation, promoting integration strategies, and striving for excellence, the summit aimed to propel the industry towards cutting-edge advancements and operational efficiency. In essence, it reflected a dedicated commitment to shaping the future of retail supply chains through forward-thinking practices.

The summit was moderated by Mr. Ajay Bansal, Senior Secretary, PHDCCI.

The summit was sponsored by: Reliance Retail, Signacatch and Liberty Shoes Pvt. Ltd., Prime InterCorp Pvt. Ltd. and Safexpress Pvt. Ltd.



TOWNHALL ON SEBI'S ESG NORMS AND BRSR CORE FOR CORPORATES

The Law & Justice Committee of PHD Chamber in association with Competition Advisory Services (India) LLP hosted a webinar titled 'Town Hall on SEBI's ESG Norms and BRSR Core for Corporates' on November 24, 2023 in virtual mode.

In his opening remarks, Mr. Dhanendra Kumar, IAS (Retd.), Chairperson, Competition Advisory Services (India) LLP [COMPAD]; First Chair, Competition Commission of India and Former Executive Director, World Bank highlighted the alarming trends of climate change and UN resolutions. He complimented the regulations as it is noteworthy that in May 2021, SEBI introduced Business Responsibility and Sustainability Reporting (BRSR) which requires top 1,000 listed entities (by market capitalization) to file BRSR as part of the Annual Report with SEBI from FY 2022-23 onwards. He mentioned with great importance that the urgency arises as this would be necessary for these companies to continue doing business in those countries which insist on getting ESG reporting, including in the value chain and similarly in raising investments where investors look at ESG performance.

Mr. Ajay Tyagi, IAS (Retd.), Former Chairman, SEBI spoke on the topic 'ESG and BRSR Norms for Sustainable Development'. Highlighting shareholder vs. stakeholder debate, and financial results, he said that now, long-term sustainability is more important than short-term gains. Corporates are adopting higher ESG norms. It not only ensures public good but also great business sense. Accurate disclosure is crucial for pricing and management of these risks. The focus of international bodies has been on public disclosure by firms. He traced the SEBI Regulations and BRSR rules. He stated that India must be credited for this extensive mandatory compliance programme.

In his address, Mr. Ajay Pillai, Partner, Sustainability & Climate, Deloitte India spoke on 'BRSR and the Changing Sustainability Landscape'. He highlighted the topic from a corporate viewpoint and its relevance in the global landscape. He emphasized the need for BRSR as there is awareness about sustainability, and consumers are aware along with the community. It also gives a boost to brand eminence. He

clarified that this must not be seen as 'additional work' but 'part of your business'. BRSR ensures interoperability, enabling a company to work across other frameworks. He apprised that SEBI focuses on 'reasonable assurance' and not 'limited assurance', as it focuses on all the disclosures, all aspects and circumstances of ESG reporting in a detailed form.

In his address, Mr. Pavan Kumar Vijay, Founder, Corporate Professionals and Past President, ICSI stated the way forward for corporates. He explained the historical background of sustainability with extracts of ArthShastra, Indian origins and focus on nature. He mentioned that disclosure in quantitative terms is necessary. Disclosure on the percentage by value sources from suppliers that are MSMEs from across the country is also relevant. He explained that Declarations in terms of cases of breach, cyber security, etc. also need to be complied.

Dr Jatinder Singh, Assistant Secretary General, PHD Chamber delivered the concluding remarks and vote of thanks to the guests.

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NATIONAL STARTUP SUMMIT: TOURISM & HOSPITALITY

The National Startup Summit: Tourism & Hospitality, organized jointly by the Startup Committee and the Tourism & Hospitality Committee of PHDCCI, unfolded on November 7, 2023, at PHD House, New Delhi. This pivotal summit, operating under the theme "Building Bharat as a Tourism Hotspot of The World," brought industry luminaries together to deliberate on the trajectory of India's tourism sector.

Dr Ranjeet Mehta, Executive Director of PHDCCI, set the tone, highlighting the Chamber's instrumental role in nurturing the Indian Startup ecosystem.

Mr. Anil Parashar, Chair, Tourism & Hospitality Committee, PHDCCI and CEO at InterGlobe Technology Quotient, underscored the sector's increasing significance, emphasizing the need for enhanced infrastructure and travel facilities to connect with the global market.

Mr. Vinayak Nath, Co-chair of the Alliance Task Force, Startup20, G20, and CEO of India Assist, emphasized innovation as the



currency unlocking vast potential in tourism and hospitality. He stressed the transformative power of creating unique experiences that turn tourists into ambassadors of Indian culture while preserving the nation's natural beauty.

Chef Manjit Singh Gill, renowned for his culinary expertise, provided insights into culinary tourism and the cultural importance of food. He advocated for a policy promoting food within the tourism sector, drawing attention to the universal nature of culinary experiences within political boundaries.

Mr. Puskar Srivastava, CEO of Moto GP Bharat, lauded the GVPS

system for identifying impactful tourist spots crucial for India's economic growth. He commended PHDCCI for orchestrating a vibrant platform to convene key stakeholders in this impactful conference.

The summit concluded with Mr. Rajan Sehgal, Co-chair, Tourism & Hospitality Committee, PHDCCI delivering the vote-of-thanks to the guests. This summit not only facilitated meaningful discussions on the future of tourism in India but also served as a testament to PHDCCI's commitment to fostering growth and innovation in the sector.



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PHDCCI BUSINESS DELEGATION TO MAURITIUS

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Mauritius has emerged as an attractive destination for Indian investments, particularly in sectors such as finance, information technology, tourism and hospitality. Trade and Commerce have escalated significantly in various sectors between both the countries after signing of Comprehensive Economic Cooperation and Partnership Agreement (CECPA) in 2021. These strategic relations between the countries has fostered a conducive environment for trade, investment, and technology transfer as well as facilitate the exchange of ideas, best practices and insights in various sectors, thereby contributing to the economic growth of both nations.

PHDCCI, in its constant endeavour to strengthen India's

bilateral trade and investment cooperation between India and African countries with the aim to further business linkages in the region mounted a high-level Business Delegation to Mauritius from November 26-29, 2023.

The delegation was led by Mr. Vijay Sheoran, Co-chair, International Affairs Committee for Europe & CIS, PHDCCI and CEO, Dalmia Healthcare Pvt. Ltd. and comprised of Mr. Dalip Chopra, President, Foundation of Healthcare and Wellness Promotion; Mr. Vikas Anand, CEO, Dalmia EV Pvt Ltd; Mr. Amulya Ratan Tripathy, GM - International Business and Mr. Rahul Sharma, DM-International, Aakash Healthcare Pvt Ltd.; Mr. Deepak Goyal, Owner, Maruti Associates; Mr. Pranav Kumar, Director, Alacrity Corporate Solutions Pvt. Ltd.; Mr. Yogesh Patel, Regional Manager - International Business, Healthcare Global Enterprises Ltd.; Mr. Varun Aggarwal, Head - International Marketing, Sharda Hospital; Mr. Kapil Munjal, CEO, Treatment Traveller; Mr. Sunil Kumar Rajani, Founder Chairman and Managing Director, Win Win

Synergy at India Pvt Ltd; Mr. Niraj, Director – International Affairs and Mr. Abhishek Banwara, Secretary – International Affairs, PHDCCI.

On the first day, i.e. November 27, 2023, the PHDCCI delegation met H.E. Ms. K Nandini Singla, High Commissioner of India to Mauritius. H.E. Ms. Singla highlighted that signing of CEPA will be a key milestone in the furthering of bilateral economic relations between both the countries. She advised the delegation to read the EU report on Healthcare sector of Mauritius which highlighted to make Mauritius as the Bio-Pharma Hub for the African continent. She also requested the Indian Industry to use Mauritius India CEPA to leverage on the Free Trade Agreements Mauritius has with all the African nations. She further apprised that India is setting up the First Ayurvedic Centre of Excellence in Mauritius which will be the first of its kind centre abroad. She requested the PHDCCI to send a representation to the empanelled Indian Hospitals with the Ministry of Health and Wellness, Government of Mauritius. The meeting was also attended by Mr. Ranjan Kumar,

First Secretary (Economic), High Commission of India, Port Louis, Mauritius and other key officials.

An Interactive session and B2B meetings were organized by The Hindu Business Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Professionals (HBCCIP). PHDCCI had signed a MoU with HBCCIP during their visit to New Delhi, on September 1, 2022. Mr. Shardhanand Beeharry, President, HBCCIP emphasized on the opportune timing of the delegation as Mauritius was actively seeking to expand its economic ties with India.

The meeting with HBCCIP was followed by an interactive session with the Mauritius Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Ms. Namita Jagarnath Hardwar, President, MCCI and Dr Drishti Singh Ramdennee, Secretary General, MCCI highlighted the positive outcome of the meetings held with PHDCCI in August 2023 finally culminated in this visit. Ms. Hardwar outlined potential areas of cooperation where Mauritius seeks to collaborate with India. A Memorandum of Understanding between the two chambers was signed for engaging the members to expand and explore the business opportunities between the two countries.

The day culminated with a dinner organized by HBCCIP. Dr Kailesh Kumar Singh Jagutpal, Hon'ble Minister for Health and Wellness, Government of Mauritius was the Chief Guest for the occasion. Mr. Jagutpal spoke on the potential for partnerships in healthcare, pharmaceuticals, and wellness-related ventures, encouraging Indian businesses to explore and capitalize on the synergies between the two nations.

Day two of the Business Delegation, i.e. November 28, 2023, the PHDCCI delegates participated in Interactive Sessions and B2B Meetings organized by the Economic Development Board. Special addresses were given by-



Mr. Arvind Radhakrishna, Strategic Advisor, EDB; Mr. Hemraj Ramnial, CSK, Chairman, EDB; Mr. Sarad Kumar Baranwal, Vice President, Indian Business Council, Mauritius; and H.E. Mr. Vimarsh Aryan, Deputy High Commissioner of India to Mauritius.

Ms. Niramala Jeetah, Director, EDB, spoke on the opportunities in Healthcare and Biotechnology Sectors in Mauritius. Mr. Vinay Guddye, Director, EDB, presented on the opportunities in Financial Services Sectors in Mauritius. Mr. Nikhil Singh, Vice President (Global Business), SBI presented on the Banking facilities offered by SBI (Mauritius).

A MoU was signed between PHDCCI and Indian Business Council, Mauritius during the event.

A visit to the C-Care Hospital was arranged for the delegates from the Healthcare on the day. Dr. Elrika Van der Merve, Head of Medical Services, C-Care Hospital received the delegates and showed the various facilities provided by the Hospital. The delegates were very impressed with the services being offered.

On Day three of the Business Delegation, i.e. November 29, 2023, delegates met Mr. Doonunjoy Dassaye, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Health and Quality of Life. He spoke about the latest advancements in the realm of health in Mauritius, offering insightful perspectives on the ongoing developments. Mr. Dassaye also extended an invitation to the delegates, urging them to perceive Mauritius as a nation worthy of strategic investment.

A debriefing session was organized with Mr. Arvind Radhakrishna, Strategic Advisor, EDB Mauritius wherein each of the delegates informed about their experience and their business plans for the region.





FRAUD PREVENTION SUMMIT

The Fraud Prevention Summit, organized by the Startup Committee of PHDCCI on November 21, 2023 at the Imperial Hotel, New Delhi, brought together key industry experts and thought leaders to address the evolving challenges in digital communication security.

Mr. V.Raghuandan, Secretary of TRAI, highlighted the potential risks associated with the deployment of 5G technology, especially concerning IoT applications. He emphasized the Department of Telecommunication's ongoing initiatives to enhance device and network security, including KYC provisions and the Digital Consent Acquisition System introduced by TRAI.

Mr. Hemant Jain, Senior Vice President, PHDCCI, underscored the importance of balancing technological innovation, such as Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML), with security measures. Collaboration among industry stakeholders, technology providers, and regulatory bodies was deemed



essential to develop standardized frameworks ensuring responsible and ethical use of these tools, he further stated.

Mr. Alan Mamed, Co-founder and CEO of Truecaller, shared insights into the company's proactive approach to mitigating risks associated with fraudulent activities. He emphasized the need for collective efforts to counter emerging threats, fortify user trust, and create a safe digital experience.

Mr. Ashish Agrawal, Chair, Startup Committee, PHDCCI highlighted the significance of implementing robust security measures within the digital infrastructure. He stressed the need

for continuous education to stay ahead of potential vulnerabilities.

Dr Ranjeet Mehta, Executive Director, PHDCCI delivered the vote-of-thanks, acknowledging the collective efforts of all participants in addressing the critical issue of fraud prevention. This summit not only served as a platform for knowledge exchange but also demonstrated the commitment of industry leaders to collaboratively address the challenges posed by digital fraud. As we navigate the ever-changing landscape of technology, such forums play a crucial role in fostering innovation, sharing best practices and ensuring a secure digital future.



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Yesterday, we hosted the ground-breaking 'Fraud Prevention Summit' in New Delhi in collaboration with PND Chamber of Commerce and Industry. The event served as a crucial platform for industry leaders, government representatives, and technology innovators to deliberate on the theme of 'Enhancing Safety in Digital Communication'.

In his keynote address, V. Raghunandan, Secretary of Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI), emphasized the importance of collaborative efforts in addressing digital fraud. "Collaboration is the new mantra," he stated, underlining the need for strategic public-private partnerships to ensure security in the country.

Alan Mamedli, Co-founder and CEO of Truecaller delivered the Welcome address, which reiterated our commitment to building customized products to combat fraud in India.

Though not there in person, Dr. Sandip Chatterjee, "Scientist G" and Group Coordinator of the Cyber Law and Data Governance Division at the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, conveyed his congratulatory remarks for organizing the summit to raise awareness and bring together stakeholders to ensure the safety of citizens in digital communication.

The event also comprised two insightful panel discussions. The first was 'Leveraging AI & Technology for Fraud Prevention' followed by an engaging discussion on 'The Legal, Social & Financial Impact of Fraud in Communication'.

We are grateful to every panelist, attendee, and collaborator for coming together to fight against fraud and contributing to the success of the Fraud Prevention Summit. Together, we can create a safer digital future for every citizen.

Read more about the event here: <https://tcr.se/47spQDw>

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Thank you to our esteemed panelists for sharing your insights: Naveen Jakhar, I.T.S., Ashish Agrawal, Sunil Bajpai, Saikat Datta, Kunal Kashyap, Poonam Agarwal, Dharmender Jhamb, Rakesh Maheshwari, Aparajita Srivastava and our very own Rishit Jhurjumwala Chief Product Officer and MD of India, and moderator Pragya M, Director of Public Affairs at Truecaller.



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The Conclave will focus on CBAM, its Mechanics and Implementation, Impact on India's Steel and Aluminium Industries, Environmental Considerations, Trade and Market Dynamics, Policy Responses and Mitigation Strategies, International Collaboration and Negotiations, Technology and Innovation, Economic and Market Analysis.

Various stakeholders including representatives from the Government, Industry Leaders from the Metals Sector - primarily Steel and Aluminium companies, Environmental & Climate Change Experts, Legal Experts, Economists, International trade experts, Consultants & Advisers, Media persons & others are expected to attend.

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Consul general also visited the pavilion from The Kerala Medical Technology Consortium (KMTCC), Govt of Kerala and interacted with the state representatives.

Consul general also have a brief interaction with the Head of Finance and Infrastructure Bernhard Johannes Stempfle of Messe Düsseldorf GmbH and exchanged views on further cooperation between Indian exhibitors and Messe Düsseldorf GmbH for the mutually beneficial outcome.

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FINANCIAL EMPOWERMENT FOR SMALL BUSINESSES: DEBT MANAGEMENT, LISTING, AND RATING

The Chandigarh Chapter of PHD Chamber organized the 5th Interactive Session on 'Financial Empowerment for Small Businesses: Debt Management, Listing, and Rating' on November 02, 2023 at PHD House, Chandigarh to educate the participating MSMEs about various aspects of financial empowerment.

Ms. Bharti Sood, Regional Director, PHDCCI while welcoming the delegates and speakers stated that, by empowering small businesses with knowledge and tools, we can help them overcome financial challenges and propel their growth in a sustainable manner.

Mr. Mukul Bansal, Convener, Banking & Financial Services Committee, Sub-Committee, Punjab State Chapter, PHDCCI during his address, spoke about debt sustainability and restructuring. He mentioned that

debt sustainability, management and restructuring are vital aspects for maintaining financial stability and promoting economic growth.

Mr. Shiv Shankar Kumar, MD, Yashoda Fintax discussed about debt management and the bank's lending approach. He mentioned that Debt, when managed prudently, can be a useful tool for economic growth, investment and personal development. However, without careful management, debt can quickly spiral out of control, leading to severe financial distress and potential bankruptcy.

Mr. Ananda Prakash Jha, Director-Business Development (North- MCG), CARE Ratings shared the benefits of care rating for MSMEs. He underlined that it plays a pivotal role in their growth and sustainability. MSMEs often struggle to access affordable credit due to lack of substantial collateral or credible credit history.

Mr. Rakesh Khurana, Senior Manager, National Stock Exchange apprised about how MSMEs can raise funds through listing on NSE and improve their operational efficiency. The NSE's listing platform for SMEs provides MSMEs with an opportunity to raise equity capital and enhance their visibility among investors.

Dr Rajesh Parsad, Field General Manager, PNB, shared the funding options to support MSMEs in their financial needs. As a prominent nationalized bank, PNB has designed these funding options to ensure the availability of adequate capital to MSMEs.

During the event, an IPR Helpdesk was established by IPFC Chandigarh with the support of the Ministry of MSMEs. The helpdesk collected inquiries related to intellectual property rights and offered on the spot potential solutions to their queries.



CHHATTISGARH INDUSTRY MEET 2023

Under the aegis of its Chhattisgarh State Chapter, PHD Chamber organized its 1st Members' Meet for the current Presidential Year 2023-24, titled "Chhattisgarh Industry Meet 2023: A Symposium on Industrial Scenario in Chhattisgarh" on November 3, 2023 at Hotel Babylon International, Raipur. The meeting had a brainstorming session dedicated to shedding light on the dynamic industrial landscape of the state. With a distinguished lineup of leaders, and industry experts, the Industry Meet focused on the development of Chhattisgarh's key industrial sectors.

The Meet was jointly chaired by Mr. Prateek Singh, (Head-Corporate Affairs & Corporate Communication, Arcelor Mittal Nippon Steel India Pvt. Ltd.) and Mr. Navneet Garg,

(Executive Director, Narmada Drinks Pvt. Ltd.), Co-chairs, PHDCCI Chhattisgarh Chapter. They shared the PHDCCI's vision for further enhancing the industrial development of Chhattisgarh with a series of promising programs and policy initiatives under the PHDCCI Chhattisgarh State Chapter.

The PHDCCI has been working at the policy and grassroots levels in Chhattisgarh in a bid to create a close government-industry interface for advancing Chhattisgarh's inclusive industrial growth. PHDCCI Industry Meet 2023 was an occasion to ideate and bring the plans into action for keeping the momentum on for robust industrial growth in Chhattisgarh.

Mr. Sumit Dubey, Resident Director, PHDCCI, Chhattisgarh gave the presentation on

Chhattisgarh State Chapter's plans for the year (with policy advocacy, programs and publications) and membership development.

Addressing the Meet, Mr. Prateek Singh, Co-chair, PHDCCI Chhattisgarh Chapter highlighted the opportunities that Chhattisgarh is offering in the key industrial sectors. On behalf of PHDCCI, he appreciated the progressive policies and improved infrastructure that are playing enabling roles for all round developments of the state.

The "Chhattisgarh Industry Meet 2023" served as a platform for PHDCCI members, including leading industry captains from Chhattisgarh, senior industry professionals and industry experts to discuss and analyze the current industrial climate in Chhattisgarh and the way forward.

Schemes for Disabled Children

The Centrally sponsored Samagra Shiksha – an integrated scheme for School Education of the Department of School Education & Literacy, Ministry of Education, covers children from pre-primary to senior secondary level, including children with special needs. Under Samagra Shiksha, apart from overall interventions of the scheme, there is a dedicated component for Inclusive Education for Children with Special Needs (CwSN) through which various provisions are made available for the educational needs of differently abled children such as, provision of aids, appliances, assistive devices & teaching learning materials (TLMs), transportation, escort and scribe allowances. The component support also includes annual block identification and assessment camps and stipend for differently abled girls etc for supporting access to schools and completion of their schooling.

WORKSHOP ON LABOUR LAWS, INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS AND POSH

The Haryana State Chapter of PHD Chamber organized a workshop on 'Labour Laws, Industrial Relations and POSH (Prevention of Sexual Harassment) Compliance' on November 28, 2023 at PHD House, Chandigarh.

Mr. Arun Raghav, Head HR, ER and Admin Mahindra and Mahindra-Swaraj Division, while giving the theme address mentioned that the Government of India is keen to bring ease of doing business for the industry and in view of this lot of changes are happening in compliance related to workplace. He suggested that Industry should come forward and adapt with the on-going changes.

Mr. Anupam Malik, Former Labour Commissioner, Government of Haryana shared the concept of Social Dialogue and to achieve long-



term objective of total harmony in an industrial society.

Mr. MN Sahu, Vice President, HR, Bellsonica Auto Components India Pvt. Ltd., while giving a presentation on 'Industrial Relations' mentioned that two-fold objectives of good industrial relations are to preserve industrial peace and to secure industrial co-operation.

Mr. Amitabh Adhikary, CEO, People and Laws mentioned good companies not only comply with the Labour Laws but treat manpower as their assets. Adv. Pooja Nayar, Certified POSH Trainer, State President Punjab, Anti Sexual Harassment Council, HR & Legal Advisor apprised participants about the POSH compliance, that it is mandatory to have a POSH committee in every organization.

MSME CONCLAVE

The Haryana Chapter of PHD Chamber in association with the Haryana Chamber of Commerce and Industry organized the MSME Conclave on November 22, 2023 at Hotel Prem Plaza, Karnal. Mr. Bhushan Goel, Convener Karnal, PHDCCI while delivering the welcome address highlighted the various issues related to HSIIDC faced by the industry in Karnal.

While briefing about the various schemes by the Government of India, Mr. Sanjeev Chawla, Director, MSME DI mentioned that ZED certification gives recognition to industry and helps in getting business internationally. He stated that the Industry should come forward and avail the various benefits offered by the Government of India.



Mr. Sushil Jain, Chairman, Haryana Chamber of Commerce and Industry mentioned that such conclaves are important as the industry gets to know about various initiatives by the State and Central Government.

Mr. Manoj Pal Singh, GM, HSIIDC while appreciating the efforts of industry bodies, asserted that the Haryana Government is committed to provide the best services to the industry.

Mr. Samad, DGM, SIDBI gave a presentation about the various funding schemes of SIDBI for the industry.

Mr. Naveen Joshi, Regional Manager, GeM and Mr. Anand Prakash Jha, Director, Business Development, Care Ratings were the other speakers.

Mr. Lokesh Jain, Convener Haryana MSME Committee, PHDCCI delivered the vote-of-thanks to the participants and speakers.



NATIONAL ACADEMIA INDUSTRY CONCLAVE AT ISLAMIC UNIVERSITY

Mr. A P Vicky Shaw, Chairman, PHD Chamber Kashmir Chapter along with EC Member, Ms. Madeena Mir and Mr. Ubair Shah attended the 'National Academia-Industry Conclave' as esteemed guests on November 15, 2023 at Islamic University, Awantipora. The Islamic University of Science & Technology, Awantipora, celebrated its 18th Foundation Day with the grand

inauguration of the National Academia-Industry Conclave.

The esteemed event was inaugurated by Mr. Manoj Sinha, Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor, alongside Chairman of PHD Chamber, Kashmir Chapter.

The conclave, organized with the aim of fostering innovation, incubation and Start-up initiatives in the Jammu and Kashmir Union

Territory, focused on bridging the gap between industry and academia. It brought together renowned experts, industry leaders and academia as well as professionals who shared their insights and experiences, paving the way for collaborative efforts in driving economic growth and development.

60TH EMPOWERED COMMITTEE MEETING ON MSMEs FOR THE UTS OF J&K AND LADAKH

Mr. Rahul Sahai, Chair and Mr. Amarpreet Singh, Resident Officer, PHDCCI Jammu Chapter along with Mr. Mustaq Ahmad, member, PHDCCI Kashmir Chapter attended the '60th Empowered Committee Meeting on MSMEs' for the UTS of J&K and Ladakh on November 8, 2023 organized by the Reserve Bank of India at their Jammu office. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Sandeep Mittal, General Manager RBI, Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh.

Issues related to TREDs, Udyam Registration, loans lending were deliberated at length. Mr. Sahai suggested that since we are heading towards E-currency awareness session related to it should be organized. He said that as rates of electricity are constantly rising, there is a dire need of designing a special product for financing Solar Plants for Industry, MSMEs in



specific.

Mr. Mustaq Ahmad, member, PHDCCI Kashmir Chapter said that awareness related to financial schemes of various banks, government departments and other institutions is required at a large scale. He suggested for having

a helpdesk at every industrial area for Udyam registration and other necessary help.

The meeting was attended by Heads of various banks, officials of Industry / MSME Department J&K and Ladakh, RBI Jammu and heads of other Associations.

INTERACTION WITH COAL INDIA OFFICIAL TO ENHANCE AWARENESS AMONG MSEs

The PHD Chamber Kashmir Chapter interacted with Coal India official, Mr. Mahir, Deputy Manager, Coal India Limited (CIL) Orissa on November 9, 2023 at Srinagar to create greater awareness among Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs) about the e-Procurement process on Gem Portal of CIL and its subsidiaries.

During the meeting, a discussion was held on the Public Procurement Policy and how it would specifically benefit MSEs and the advantages provided to MSE bidders in the e-Procurement process of CIL. He also encouraged the entrepreneurs of J&K to actively participate in a competitive manner at the Gem Portal for departmental purchase of FMCG CIL.



In a bid to further enhance the collaboration, Mr. A P Vicky Shaw, Chairman, PHD Chamber, Kashmir Chapter suggested the inclusion of Geographical Indication handicrafts as souvenirs for various functions and activities of Coal India. This move would not only

promote the rich cultural heritage of the region but also provide a platform for MSEs to showcase their craftsmanship. Through initiatives like these, MSEs will gain access to a wider market, enabling them to thrive and contribute to the overall economic growth of the nation.



MEETING WITH DEPARTMENT RELATED PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON INDUSTRY

A PHD Chamber Kashmir Chapter delegation held an exclusive meeting with the Department-Related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Industry on November 4, 2023 at Hotel Taj Vivanta, Srinagar. The delegation was led by Mr. A P Vicky Shaw, Chair and comprised of esteemed members. Mr. Himayu Wani, Mr. Bilal Kawoosa, Mr. Sajad Shah, Mr. Shabir Abdullah, and Mr. Iqbal Fayaz Jan, Deputy Director. The meeting was chaired by Rajya Sabha MP Ms. Yajnik Ameer Harshadray, and discussed the PHDCCI suggestions on industry and MSMEs in J&K.

During the meeting, the PHDCCI delegation presented a comprehensive set of recommendations to the Committee, aiming to enhance the economic prospects of the Kashmir

region and provide the much-needed support to existing MSMEs. Among the key recommendations were the declaration of the Kashmir region as a Special Economic Zone, marketing support for existing MSMEs, relaxation in RBI norms for Kashmir, and the implementation of 25% of public procurement through MSMEs.

The delegation also emphasized the urgent need for the implementation of various measures, including the enhancement of the effectiveness of the Micro and Small Enterprise Facilitation Council (MSEFC) regarding delayed payments, the establishment of a Delayed Payment Monitoring System and the introduction of a Revival and Rehabilitation Scheme for sick MSMEs. Additionally, the

delegation stressed the importance of streamlining the entrepreneurial process through effective implementation of a 'Single Window Clearance system'.

To further support the growth of MSMEs, the Chamber proposed the provision of grants for the establishment of showrooms and warehousing facilities at local, national, and international levels under the MSE-CDP Scheme. The delegation also highlighted the need to address land availability and streamline land use change procedures for prospective entrepreneurs. Moreover, they recommended adopting a cluster-based approach for the development of different clusters under the MSE CDP Clusters, based on area, sector, and activity.

STARTUP SEED CAPITAL FUNDING INTERVIEWS

The PHD Chamber Kashmir Chapter is pleased to announce that its esteemed Chair, Mr. A P Vicky Shaw and Mr. Syed Pervaiz Qalander, Industrial Affairs Committee Convener were invited due to their expertise and experience on November 8, 2023 by the Center for Innovation & Entrepreneurship Development-IUST Foundation to participate in the interviewing process of various entrepreneurs seeking seed capital funding for their Startups.

The Center for Innovation & Entrepreneurship Development-IUST Foundation, known for its commitment to fostering innovation and supporting



aspiring entrepreneurs organized a comprehensive program to identify and select promising Startups for seed capital funding. The Center for Innovation & Entrepreneurship Development-IUST Foundation's

commitment for providing seed capital funding to promising Startups aligns with the PHD Chamber's vision of fostering economic growth and creating a vibrant entrepreneurial ecosystem.

J&K 5TH UT FOUNDATION DAY CELEBRATIONS

Mr. A P Vicky Shaw, Chair, PHD Chamber Kashmir Chapter along with EC members, Mr. Nasir Shah, Mr. Bilal Kawoosa and Mr. Iqbal Fayaz Jan, Deputy Director attended the J&K 5th-UT Foundation Day Celebrations on October 31, 2023 at SKICC, Srinagar. The event was graced by the Mr. Manoj Sinha, Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor along with the heads of administrative and police departments.

The event served as a platform to celebrate the grandeur and divinity of the crown jewel of the nation, which has now found a new identity as "Badalta Jammu & Kashmir Aman aur Taraqqi Ki nayee Tasveer". This momentous occasion, showcased the rich cultural heritage and development initiatives of the region from the past four years.

As an organization committed to promoting economic growth and fostering a conducive



business environment, the PHDCCI recognizes the significance of J&K 5th-UT Foundation Day. This event provided an opportunity for the PHD Chamber Kashmir Chapter to engage with key stakeholders of administration and contribute to the ongoing development efforts in the region. The PHDCCI Chair expressed gratitude to the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor, Mr. Manoj Sinha for his leadership and vision in transforming Jammu & Kashmir. The Chair also acknowledged the efforts of the administrative and Police departments in ensuring the safety and security of the region.



PHDCCI KASHMIR CHAIR INVITED AS SPECIAL INVITEE AT INAUGURATION OF 12 CA STORE PROJECTS IN PULWAMA

Mr. A P Vicky Shaw, Chair, PHDCCI Kashmir Chapter was invited as a special invitee at the inauguration of 12 controlled atmosphere (CA) Store Projects on October 29, 2023 at the Industrial Growth Centre (IGC) in Lassipora, Pulwama. Mr. Shaw was accompanied by esteemed members of the PHDCCI Kashmir Chapter, including Mr. Bilal Kawoosa, Mr. Fayaz Bhat, Mr. Ubair

Shah and Mr. Iqbal Jan, Deputy Director PHDCCI-J&K.

The event was graced by Mr. Manoj Sinha, the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor (LG) of Jammu and Kashmir along with Commissioner Secretary, Industries and Commerce; Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir; Deputy Commissioner, Pulwama; ADGP Kashmir Zone; MD SIDCO- SICOP and Director Industries, Kashmir.

The inauguration ceremony marked a significant milestone for the region as these state-of-the-art facilities will play a crucial role in enhancing the storage capacity and preserving the quality of agricultural produce in the region. The presence of esteemed members further highlights the commitment of the PHDCCI towards fostering collaboration and innovation in Jammu and Kashmir.

INVESTORS FACILITATION MEET

Mr. Rahul Sahai, Chair, PHDCCI Jammu along with Mr. Raj Dua, Member, PHDCCI Jammu and Mr. Amarpreet Singh, Resident Officer, PHDCCI Jammu attended the 'Investors' Facilitation Meet' and session on 'Raising and Accelerating MSME Performance (RAMP) initiative' organized by the Department of Industry & Commerce, Government of J & K on November 22, 2023 at Jammu.

The meeting was chaired by Mr. Vikramjit Singh, Commissioner Secretary, Industry & Commerce, UT of J & K. Mr. Rahul Sahai, Chair raised the issue of development of new Government's Industrial estates. He mentioned that new industrial estates should be developed in a time-bound manner and if it takes time then date of commencement/production of new Industry in the scheme should be extended and if allottees are



not interested, it should be re allotted to the needy.

Mr. Raj Dua raised the issue of not giving possession of land to the owner even after paying the full amount at Neemchadak area. He suggested that if the land is still not developed for industrial activity, alternate land at some other developed area like Ghathi should be provided.

INTERACTION WITH CHIEF SECRETARY, J & K

A PHDCCI Jammu Chapter delegation led by Mr. Rahul Sahai, Chair along with Mr. Ashish Jain, & Mr. Raj Dua, Co-chairs and Mr. Amarpreet Singh, Resident Officer interacted with Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary, J & K on November 4, 2023 at his office in Jammu. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the Vigilance Awareness Week and issues being faced by people by the government departments.

Mr. Sahai suggested the dire need for single window clearances of all the services in Industry Department



including land allotment & other services. Mr. Sahai appreciated the efforts of Chief Secretary for initiating several online services especially in the Revenue Department and suggested that to make it more successful there is need to give final decision in a time bound manner for all Revenue services like farads, Girdawari's etc. He also suggested that awareness programs should be done among the masses regarding these online services in association with Organizations like PHDCCI .

Mr. Sahai said there is a great need to increase the potential of tourism in Jammu to boost the economy of Jammu Region and suggested to have a vibrant Tourism Office in Katra. Mr. Raj Dua raised the issue of GST reimbursement which is still pending , which is approx. 25 crores.

Dr Mehta assured to solve the issues raised in due course of time.



MP CHAPTER MEMBERS' MEET

Under the aegis of its Madhya Pradesh State Chapter, the PHD Chamber convened its 1st Members' Meet for the Presidential Year 2023-24, titled "Madhya Pradesh Industry Meet 2023: A Symposium on Industrial Scenario in Madhya Pradesh" on October 31, 2023 at Bhopal. This pivotal gathering was marked by a dedicated brainstorming session aimed at shedding light on the dynamic industrial landscape of the state. The Industry Meet featured a distinguished lineup of leaders and industry experts, with a primary focus on the development of key industrial sectors in Madhya Pradesh.

Er. Sanjeev Agarwal, Chairman and Managing Director of SAGE Group (Bhopal), continued his role as Chair of the Madhya Pradesh State Chapter, PHDCCI, for the third consecutive year. He shared PHDCCI's vision for further enhancing industrial development in Madhya Pradesh through a series of promising programs and policy initiatives under the PHDCCI Madhya Pradesh State Chapter.

Additionally, Mr. Manoj Modi, Managing Director of Orient Kagaz Converters Pvt. Ltd. (Bhopal) and Mr. Vikas Mittal, the President of Superior Drinks Pvt. Ltd. (Jabalpur), were introduced as Co-chairs, forming part of the PHDCCI Madhya Pradesh State Chapter Leadership.

Mr. Sumit Agarwal, Director, Bio Nutrients Pvt. Ltd., highlighted the significance of bridging the gap between market demand and manufacturing, advocating for a centralized discussion involving all stakeholders to address this issue.

The PHDCCI Industry Meet 2023 served as a platform for ideation and the formulation of plans to maintain the momentum of robust industrial growth in Madhya Pradesh. During the meeting, members of MP State Chapter provided valuable inputs on forthcoming plans for the year, encompassing policy advocacy programs and membership development initiatives.



Mr. R S Sachdeva, Chair, Punjab State Chapter, PHD Chamber addressing during Solar Quarter Business Meet:



Ms. Bharti Sood, Regional Director, PHD Chamber felicitating Awardees

SOLAR QUARTER BUSINESS MEET: PUNJAB 2023

PHD Chamber was the Associate Partner for the Solar Quarter Business Meet organized by Firstview Group on November 3, 2023 at Hotel Park Plaza, Zirakpur. Mr. Swatantar Kumar Singhal, Chairman, HAREDA was the Chief Guest for the occasion.

Mr. R S Sachdeva, Chair, Punjab State Chapter, PHD Chamber in his welcome address mentioned that PHD Chamber is committed to support and promote renewable energy solutions in Punjab. By harnessing the abundant sunlight in the region, we can reduce our carbon footprint, create jobs, and

contribute to our energy security. The solar sector aligns with our vision for a cleaner and more prosperous Punjab.

During the panel discussion on 'Strategies for Solar Success', eminent speakers from CREST, HAREDA, PSPCL, Haryana Electricity Regulatory Commission, Optimistic Green Energy shared their expert views.

During the panel discussion on 'Exploring & Elevating Solar Potential in Punjab,' experts from Roofsol Energy, Starc Energy Solutions, Solken Powergen Corp,

Hartek Solar and EY shared their expert views.

Solarquarter State Leadership awards 2023 were felicitated by Ms. Bharti Sood, Regional Director, PHD Chamber. While delivering her address, Ms. Sood mentioned that our approach at PHDCCI towards renewable and sustainable energy is rooted in three fundamental pillars: Advocacy, Collaboration, and Innovation. The Chamber actively engages with the policymakers and regulatory authorities to advocate for policies and incentives that promote the adoption of renewable energy.

MEET & GREET AMONG PHDCCI SHE FORUM MEMBERS'

PHDCCI SHE Forum Amritsar Zone organized a Members' Meet and Greet on November 3, 2023 at Amritsar Club, to connect, collaborate and celebrate the power of unity.

While welcoming the members, Ms. Mina Singh, Co-Convener, PHDCCI SHE Forum, Amritsar Zone, stated that the PHDCCI SHE Forum has always been a platform for empowerment, innovation, and the exchange of ideas and it's the passion, dedication, and collective strength of its members which has driven the forum's initiatives to success.

Session moderator, Ms. Tina Aggarwal, Convener PHDCCI SHE Forum, Amritsar Zone, offered valuable insights on the forum's future direction and strategies. Ms. Aggarwal also extended an invitation to volunteers among the members who are willing to



become export ambassadors. These volunteers will undergo training from DGFT and subsequently, they will offer guidance and support to other women entrepreneurs who are interested in venturing into the field of exports.

Ms. Sargun Sachdev, Co-Convener, PHDCCI SHE Forum, Amritsar Zone, delivered the formal

vote-of-thanks during the occasion.

An IPR Helpdesk was established by IPFC Amritsar with the support of the Ministry of MSME during the session. The helpdesk collected enquiries related to intellectual property rights, and offered potential solutions.

ENTREPRENEURSHIP AWARENESS PROGRAMME



PHDCCI in association with MSME DFO Ludhiana and Textile Manufacturers Association organized an Entrepreneurship Awareness

Programme in November 23, 2023 at Amritsar.

Mr. Deepak Chechi, Assistant Director at MSME DFO, Ludhiana, while explaining the various

schemes of MSMEs for small Enterprises stated that the schemes offered by the Ministry are designed to promote growth and development of micro and small enterprises in various aspects such as finance, technology and market accessibility.

Eminent industry leaders and Government Officials including Mr. PL Seth, President, PPBM; Mr. Deepak Khanna, President, TMA; Mr. Rajiv Khanna, Hony General Secretary, TMA; Mr. Rohit Mahendru, Functional Manager, DIC Amritsar; CA Jaideep Singh, Convener Amritsar Zone PHDCCI and Mr. Hardeep Singh, Consultant, Trade Fairs, PHDCCI also shared their views during the session.

WOMEN AND ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT – A TRAINERS AND PROMOTERS PROGRAMME

An International delegation comprising of 35 women entrepreneurs/government officials from 20 countries, namely Antigua and Barbuda, Belize, Cameroon, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Maldives, Mongolia, Morocco, Niger, Nigeria, Leone, South Sudan, Sri Lanka, Tajikistan, Turkey, Uzbekistan, Venezuela and Zimbabwe, Philippines visited PHD House, Jaipur on November 8, 2023.

During the interaction, the delegation was apprised about the activities of PHDCCI, especially in the area of Small Business and MSMEs Development. Possibilities of mutual cooperation between relevant Ministries/Organizations of various countries and PHDCCI for promoting Women Entrepreneurship, capacity building initiatives, opening up of Centre of Excellence, mounting Business delegations, promoting trade and



exports, skill development, etc. were discussed.

Ms. Bhanupriya, Coordinator from NIESBUD was requested to associate PHD Chamber with their programs on fee based

arrangements in future for which she favourably inclined. Mr. R K Gupta, Resident Director, PHDCCI Rajasthan Chapter moderated the programme.

PROGRAM ON BRAINSTORMING ON ACADEMIA-INDUSTRY INTERFACE



The St. Xavier's College, Jaipur organized a Program on "Brainstorming on Academia-Industry Interface" on November 7, 2023 at their College campus in

Jaipur and invited Mr. R K Gupta, Resident Director, PHDCCI-Rajasthan Chapter as the Keynote speaker for the programme.

Rev. Fr. Dr S Xavier SJ, Principal announced to organize industry visits of their faculty members and students to various industries with the help of PHDCCI-Rajasthan Chapter through a structured program. He also sought support of PHD Chamber for their various programmes especially for their forthcoming Conference in February-2024, on the theme "Viksit Bharat".

On this occasion, an MoU was signed between PHDCCI and St. Xavier's College.



MEETING WITH ALWAR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

A PHDCCI delegation under the leadership of Mr. K S Mehta, Former President visited Alwar on November 6, 2023 with PHDRDF and PHDCCI-Rajasthan Chapter teams and held discussions with Forest Department, Municipal Corporation and senior leadership of Alwar Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ACCI) including eminent Rotarians and Rotary Clubs regarding initiatives of PHDRDF especially with regard to Water conservation, development of Check dams, Fruit plantations and development of forest cover in Alwar District.

In the meeting with Mr. R S Meena, Chief Conservator of Forests, a request was made to earmark forest land for developing fruit planning and forest cover.

In the meeting with Mr. Manish Faujdar, RAS, Commissioner, Alwar Nagar Nigam, a similar request was made for identification of land and other areas where Water conservation projects to save rain water and development of fruit plantations using drip irrigation and other micro irrigation



techniques were discussed. Mr. Faujdar appreciated the initiative of PHDRDF and discussed many probable sites in and around Alwar where these initiatives could be taken up after discussions with eminent press people and Rotarian Pawan Khandelwal, DG, 3053 and Mr. Rajesh Singhal, President, Rotary Club of Alwar. Commissioner Nagar Nigam requested PHD Chamber to submit a proposal in this regard with support of the local administration with whom he assured to coordinate for the noble cause.

Mr. Mehta also addressed senior members of Alwar Chamber

of Commerce and Industry at Chamber Bhawan, Alwar that included eminent industrialists and Rotarians. Mr. Mehta sought the support of ACCI members in implementing the PHDRDF initiatives and also requested ACCI members to take up their various policy related matters and new business development ideas with PHD Chamber, Rajasthan Chapter.

Mr. Rajesh Gupta, President, ACCI appreciated the gesture of PHDCCI and stated that with the final notification of eco sensitive zone for Alwar in the near future, Alwar would witness tremendous growth in tourism, mineral and other sectors.

REDUCING ENERGY COST THROUGH SOLAR ENERGY 2.0

The seminar on 'Reducing Energy Cost through Solar Energy 2.0' organized by PHDCCI's Uttarakhand Chapter on November 29, 2023 at Kashipur.

Mr. Rajeev Gupta, Chief Project Officer, Uttarakhand Renewable Energy Development Authority, Govt. of Uttarakhand focused on the need to use green energy and apprised that Uttarakhand has notified the newly launched Solar Policy in the state. As per the policy, the total solar target to be achieved is 2,000 MW. The policy will also introduce a green tariff regulation, in line with other states like Karnataka, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat and Uttar Pradesh. The introduction of regulations is associated with virtual net metering and group net metering, he further added.

Mr. Kumaresh Ramesh, Chief Analyst, CEEW, briefed about the newly launched policy as the consulting agency was CEEW in



drafting the Solar Policy for the state.

Mr. S I Balaji, Vice President, EVOLVE Energy Group focused his presentations on how the state can achieve the total target with the help of Industry and the business units.

Mr. Rajeev Ghai, Co-chairman, PHDCCI Uttarakhand deliberated

on the industry perspective of using Solar Energy, especially in the commercial and Industrial segments.

Mr. Vishal Kala, Resident Director, PHDCCI Uttarakhand Chapter moderated the seminar. Mr. Rajeev Ghai, Co-chair, PHDCCI Uttarakhand Chapter delivered the vote-of-thanks to the guests.

MEETING WITH ADDITIONAL SECRETARY ENERGY, GOVT. OF UTTARAKHAND

A PHDCCI Uttarakhand Chapter delegation comprising of Mr. Vishal Kala, Resident Director and Mr. Rajiv Vaid, Executive Officer met Ms. Ranjana Rajguru, IAS, Additional Secretary Energy, Govt. of Uttarakhand on November 21, 2023 at the Uttarakhand Secretariat, Dehradun.

The objective of the meeting was to apprise the Secretary about the recent activities of PHDCCI and to invite her as a "chief guest" for the conference on Solar Energy at Kashipur.



INTERACTION WITH HON'BLE VICE PRESIDENT OF INDIA



A PHDCCI delegation led by Mr. Sanjeev Agrawal, President, and comprising of Mr. Hemant Jain, Senior Vice President and Dr Ranjeet Mehta, Executive Director met Mr. Jagdeep Dhankhar, Hon'ble Vice President of India on October 16, 2023 at his office in New Delhi.

It was a great privilege for the leadership to interact with the Hon'ble Vice President of India. Mr. Sanjeev Agrawal complimented the Hon'ble Vice President for an illustrious and inspiring career. Mr. Sanjeev Agrawal elaborated on several initiatives undertaken by PHDCCI, especially through the MSME Facilitation Center, where in guidance is being provided to micro, small, and medium enterprises on the various challenges faced by them.

During the meeting, President, Mr. Agrawal proposed organizing the Bharat Startup and MSME Summit in February 2024 and invited the Hon'ble Vice President as 'Chief Guest', for which he graciously agreed.

MEETING WITH SECRETARY, DEPARTMENT OF PHARMACEUTICALS, MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS



A PHDCCI delegation led by Mr. Manish Sardana, Senior Member, PHDCCI Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Committee & Mr. Atul Sharma, Senior Member, Medical Devices Committee & Co-founder, Involution Healthcare Pvt. Ltd. along with Dr Nasir Jamal, Senior Secretary and Mr. Jatin Nagpal, Joint Secretary met Mr. Arunish Chawla IAS, Secretary, Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers on November 21, 2023 in New Delhi. The delegation briefed the Secretary about the various representations being submitted by PHDCCI in the health sector on PLI Schemes, Refurbished Medical Devices and Customs duty and also invited the Secretary as 'Guest of Honor' for the 8th edition of 'Pharma Med HD' scheduled for January 2024.

MEETING WITH ADVISOR, MINISTRY OF AYUSH



A PHDCCI delegation led by Dr Velidindi Durga Prasad, Chair, AYUSH Committee & Head Marketing Division, Dabur India Limited and comprising of members, Dr Himanshu Tiwari, President Technical, Karma Ayurveda, Dr Sasibhushan Vedula, DGM Medical Affairs & Clinical Affairs, Dabur India limited along with Dr Nasir Jamal, Senior Secretary and Mr. Amit Patwal, Deputy Secretary met Dr Manoj Nesari, Advisor (Ayurveda), Ministry of AYUSH on November 17, 2023 at New Delhi. The meeting was to invite Dr Nesari as 'Chief Guest' for the upcoming AYUSH conference.

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO KHUNTI, JHARKHAND



Dr S P Aggarwal, Co-chair, PHDCCI Jharkhand, receiving the Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi at Ranchi Airport on November 15, 2023 during the latter's visit to Khunti, Jharkhand.

MEETING WITH HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER, PUNJAB



A PHDCCI Punjab Chapter delegation led by Mr. R S Sachdeva, Chair and comprising of Mr. Sanjiv Singh Sethi, Co-chair, Mr. Jaideep Singh, Convener-Amritsar Zone and Ms. Bharti Sood, Regional Director and Mr. Mohit Walia, Deputy Resident Director met Mr. Bhagwant Mann, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Punjab on November 24, 2023 to invite him to inaugurate PITEX-23 at Amritsar.

MEETING WITH HON'BLE MINISTER OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE, GOVT. OF KARNATAKA



A PHDCCI delegation led by Mr. Gaurav Agarwal, Co-chair, Medical Devices Committee & MD, Innvolution Healthcare Pvt. Ltd. along with Mr. Ajay Jain, Consultant, Medical Devices Industry met Mr. Dinesh Gundu Rao, Hon'ble Minister of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of Karnataka on November 22, 2023 at his office in Bengaluru. The delegation extended an invitation to visit the 'Make In India' manufacturing facility in Bengaluru for which the Hon'ble Minister kindly consented.

MEETING WITH ADDITIONAL SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF TOURISM



Mr. R S Sachdeva, Chair, Punjab State Chapter, PHDCCI along with Mr. Hardeep Singh, Consultant, Trade Fairs, PHDCCI met Mr. Rakesh Kumar Verma, IAS, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Tourism on November 7, 2023 at New Delhi to invite him to grace the Inaugural session of PITEX-2023 as 'Guest of Honor' as well as address the session on 'Industry Roundtable on Border & Heritage Tourism' held in December at Amritsar.

MEETING WITH ADDITIONAL SECRETARY, DEPARTMENT FOR PROMOTION OF INDUSTRY AND INTERNAL TRADE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE



A PHD Chamber Kashmir Chapter delegation led by Mr. A P Vicky Shaw, Chairman and comprising of members Mr. Syed Junaid Altaf Bukhari, Mr. Himayu Wani, Mr. Bilal Kawoosa, Mr. Sajad Shah, Mr. Shabir Abdullah, Mr. Mushtaq Ahmad Mir and Mr. Iqbal Fayaz Jan, Deputy Director met Mr. Rajiv S. Thakur, Additional Secretary, Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce on October 27, 2023 at Hotel Taj Vivanta, Srinagar. The delegation emphasized the urgent need for implementation of ease of doing business measures, streamlining financial institutions' cumbersome compliances, and providing marketing support to the existing industry.

MEETING WITH DEPUTY COMMISSIONER, AMRITSAR



A PHDCCI Punjab Chapter delegation led by CA Jaideep Singh, Convener, Amritsar Zone and comprising of Ms. Tina Aggarwal, Convener, PHDCCI SHE Forum, Amritsar Zone; Ms Bharti Sood, Regional Director; Mr. Hardeep Singh, Consultant, Trade Fairs, PHDCCI; Mr. Mohit Walia, Deputy Resident Director; Mr. Sumit Kumar, Assistant Secretary and Mr. Prabhat Sharma, Trade Fair Department, met Mr. Ghansyam Thori, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar on November 14, 2023 at Amritsar. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the preparations for PITEK 23.

MEETING WITH CEO, INVEST PUNJAB



A PHDCCI Punjab Chapter delegation led by Mr. R S Sachdeva, Chair along with Mr. Sanjeev Singh Sethi, Co-chair, Ms. Bharti Sood, Regional Director and Ms. Rimneet Kaur, Resident Director met Mr. DPS Kharbanda, IAS, CEO, Invest Punjab on November 21, 2023 at Udyog Bhawan, Chandigarh. The delegation invited him to grace the Inaugural session of PITEK-2023. He was also requested to address the participants on "Investment Opportunities in Punjab" during 'Invest Punjab' session held on December 7, 2023 at Amritsar.

MEETING WITH MD AND CEO, JK BANK LTD.



A PHDCCI Kashmir Chapter delegation comprising of Mr. A P Vicky Shaw, Chair and Mr. Himayu Wani, Co-chair met Mr. Baldev Prakash, MD and CEO, JK Bank Ltd. on November 18, 2023 at Srinagar. The meeting focused on several key issues pertaining to the economic development of Jammu and Kashmir. The delegation highlighted various concerns, including the need for a liberal and effective One-Time Settlement Scheme, competitive interest rates for borrowers, establishment of dedicated Small and Medium Enterprise business units and the importance of fostering a corporate culture that prioritizes customer care, especially in rural areas.

MEETING WITH CEO, RAJASTHAN EXPORT PROMOTION COUNCIL (REPC), GOVERNMENT OF RAJASTHAN



Mr. Naveen Seth, Deputy Secretary General, PHDCCI and Mr. R K Gupta, Resident Director, PHDCCI, Rajasthan Chapter met Mr. P R Sharma, CEO, Rajasthan Export Promotion Council & Joint Commissioner, Industries Department, Government of Rajasthan on November 10, 2023 at Jaipur. Mr. Sharma was assured full support of the Chamber in supplementing the efforts of REPC and requested to associate PHD Chamber in their programs especially in International outreach initiatives, Buyer Seller Meets in Rajasthan, Capacity building measures and partnering for the flagship event of REPC "Rajasthan International Expo".

MEETING WITH MANAGING DIRECTOR, RIICO, GOVERNMENT OF RAJASTHAN



A PHDCCI Rajasthan Chapter delegation led by Mr. Digvijay Dhabriya, Chair and comprising of Mr. Naveen Seth, Deputy Secretary General and the secretariat team met Mr. Sudhir Kumar Sharma, IAS, Managing Director, RIICO, Government of Rajasthan on November 10, 2023 at Jaipur. MD, RIICO was briefed about the various initiatives and activities of the Chamber and was requested to associate the Chamber in their forthcoming initiatives for attracting investments in the State.

MEETING WITH IRS, MANAGING DIRECTOR, NECBDC, NORTH EASTERN COUNCIL, MINISTRY OF DONER



Mr. Bibhuti Dutta, Resident Director (NER), PHDCCI met Mr. M. C. Omi Ningshen, IRS, Managing Director, North East Cane and Bamboo Development Council (NECBDC), North Eastern Council, Ministry of DoNER, Govt. of India on November 20, 2023 at Guwahati. The objective of the meeting was to request for participation of NECBDC in the '3rd Edition of Momentum North East', scheduled to be held at Guwahati.

MEETING WITH DIRECTOR, INDUSTRIES AND MANAGING DIRECTOR, MP LAGHU UDYOG NIGAM, GOVT. OF MADHYA PRADESH



A PHDCCI Madhya Pradesh Chapter delegation comprising of Mr. Manoj Modi, Co-chair and Mr. Anirudh Dubey, Resident Manager met Mr. Rohit Singh IAS, Director Industries and Managing Director, MP Laghu Udyog Nigam, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh on October 26, 2023 at Bhopal to discuss areas of collaboration.

MEETING WITH DIRECTOR INDUSTRIES & COMMERCE, KASHMIR



A PHD Chamber Kashmir Chapter delegation, led by Mr. A P Vicky Shaw, Chair along with Mr. Himayu Wani, Co-chair, Mr. Sajad Shah & Mr. Mushtaq Ahmad Mir, members and Mr. Iqbal Fayaz Jan, Deputy Director met and felicitated Mr. Khalid Majeed-(JKAS) Director, Industries & Commerce Kashmir on November 20, 2023 at Srinagar. During the meeting, the Director Industries expressed his commitment to providing every possible assistance towards fostering an environment conducive to ease of doing business.

DIWALI GET-TOGETHER 2023



PHD Chamber's grand Diwali Get-Together on November 3, 2023 at PHD House, New Delhi was graced by the Leadership, Former Presidents, MC Members, Senior Bureaucrats as well as Diplomats.

PHD Family Welfare Foundation displayed local crafts like diyas, table mats, door hangings, dupattas, different dresses and handmade bags made by the beneficiaries of the PHDFWF Skill Development Centres at the Diwali Get-Together.

PHD FAMILY WELFARE FOUNDATION (FWF)

GIFT DISTRIBUTION TO STREET CHILDREN



PHDFWF sharing happiness, giving gifts to street children is like giving them a special surprise, making their days brighter and full of joy. It's a simple way to show kindness and make a positive difference in their lives.

SKILL DEVELOPMENT & VOCATIONAL TRAINING

PHDFWF SKILL CENTRE FOR AFTERCARE CHILDREN, LAJPAT NAGAR



PHDFWF, in collaboration with the Ministry of Women and Children, Government of NCT Delhi, is committed to supporting disadvantaged children through the

provision of computer education. The aim is to improve their career opportunities and boost their earning potential. As of November 2023, a total of 20 children from

child-care institutions in Lajpat Nagar are currently enrolled in and benefiting from this training initiative.

PHDFWF-VIDYA JYOTI SKILL DEVELOPMENT CENTRE, MEHRAULI



With the support of Vidya Jyoti initiative, PHDFWF is actively bolstering the skills of women and young individuals in the neighbouring community. Currently, the PHDFWF-Vidya Jyoti Centre in Mehrauli is delivering computer education to a group of 40 women and youth. This training program continued throughout the month of November.

PHDFWF- HINDUSTAN TIN WORKS SKILL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING CENTRE, PUL PEHLADPUR



With financial backing from Hindustan Tin Works Ltd, PHDFWF is empowering recipients with skill development, focusing on promoting financial stability and self-sufficiency. In November 2023, a total of 75 individuals actively participated in acquiring expertise in tailoring and beauty culture as part of this endeavour.

PHDFWF-L & T PRAYAS REMEDIAL CLASSES CENTRE, TEHKHAND, OKHLA



The PHDFWF-L&T Prayas Remedial Classes center is offering crucial assistance to underprivileged students in grades 9 to 11 who face challenges accessing private tutoring. Presently, during the month of November, a collective of 70 girls and young individuals were actively involved in the ongoing remedial classes of the project.

PHDFWF- N.L MEHRA VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTRE, AYA NAGAR



The N. L. Mehra Vocational Training Centre is presently providing no-cost skill development programs encompassing diverse fields like retail management, advanced computer education, electrician training, nursing assistant courses, and beauty culture. As of November 2023, 150 individuals availed these cost-free training opportunities.

PHDFWF-JAQUAR SKILL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING CENTRE, KASIABEDA, BADAMPAHAR, ODISHA



As part of this program, PHDFWF-Jaquar Foundation is actively involved in enhancing the skills of women and youth in the nearby community. Presently, 104 participants are actively taking part in the initiative, engaging in training sessions that concentrate on tailoring and computer education.

PHDFWF-WRG SKILL DEVELOPMENT CENTRE, MEHRAULI



With support from the Women Rehabilitation Group in the USA, PHDFWF is strengthening the vocational skills of women and youth in the nearby community. Currently, 35 women and young individuals are undergoing training in tailoring and embroidery at the PHDFWF-WRG Center situated in Mehrauli.

PHDFWF- GOYAL MG GASES-MOBIUS FOUNDATION SKILL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING CENTRE, BADLI EXTN, ROHINI



In November 2023, 106 people underwent diverse skill development programs, including computer education, tailoring, and beauty culture, at the PHDFWF Goyal MG Gases-Mobius Foundation Skill Development Training Center. The Center is committed to enhancing the skills of the local community, especially emphasizing the empowerment of women and girls. Moreover, supplementary project-related initiatives have been organized to further support the participants of the program.

PHDFWF-JAQUAR SKILL DEVELOPMENT CENTRE, TEHKHAND, OKHLA



The PHDFWF-Jaquar Skill Development Center is positively influencing the women and youth of Tehkhand Village, Okhla, by providing them with essential skills such as computer education, tailoring, and beauty culture. As of November 2023, 120 local women and young individuals were actively engaged in these training programs under the project.

PHDFWF-JAQUAR SKILL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING CENTRE, HATBADRA, ODISHA



The PHDFWF-Jaquar Foundation is dedicated to improving the skills of women and youth in the local community through an ongoing project. Currently, 94 participants are actively involved, receiving comprehensive training in both tailoring and computer education.

PHDFWF-KAJARIA CERAMICS SKILL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING CENTRE, ASSAM



Supported by Kajaria Ceramics Ltd, PHDFWF has been offering assistance to underprivileged women and girls in the Lakhimpur district of Assam through the establishment of a skill development center. The hand weaving training center is situated in Borimudi village, while the knitting training center is located in Dhenudharia, both within the Lakhimpur district of Assam. This initiative is empowering numerous girls and women, providing them with the means to attain financial independence.

PHDFWF-JAQUAR SKILL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING CENTRES, ALIPUR, GURUGRAM



The collaborative effort of PHDFWF and Jaquar Foundation is actively fostering the income-generating abilities of women and young individuals in the local community through their ongoing project. Currently, 78 participants are actively engaged in project activities, undergoing training in beauty culture, tailoring, and computer education.

PHDFWF-JAQUAR SKILL DEVELOPMENT CENTRE, ASSAM



The Jaquar Foundation is presently supporting women from the nearby community in improving their income-generating skills. Launched in May 2023, the project involves 85 participants actively engaged in learning hand weaving and tailoring to broaden their opportunities for earning.

PHDFWF-SMPF SKILL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING CENTRE, DWARKAPURI



Supported by SMPF, PHDFWF is expanding fundamental knowledge and skills through a skill development initiative based in Dwarkapuri. Currently, 119 participants were engaged in training programs covering tailoring and embroidery, beauty culture, mobile repair, and computer education in November 2023. In addition to these activities, beneficiaries benefited from various other development programs provided as part of this initiative.

PHDFWF-JAQUAR SKILL DEVELOPMENT CENTRE, MATALWAS



PHDFWF, in collaboration with the Jaquar Foundation, is currently strengthening the skill sets of rural women and youth to improve their livelihood opportunities. In Matalwas, Rajasthan, 179 individuals are currently undergoing free training in beauty culture, tailoring, embroidery, math and science tutorials, and computer education through this project.

PHDFWF-JAQUAR SKILL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING CENTRES, MANDI VILLAGE

The PHDFWF-Jaquar Foundation is proactively fostering the skills of women and youth in the nearby community through its continuous project. In November 2023, 180 participants in Mandi village were actively involved in project activities, undergoing training in beauty culture, tailoring, mobile repair, remedial education, computer education, and culinary skills.



PHDFWF-JAQUAR-SKILL DEVELOPMENT CENTER IN KHAROI, KUTCH GUJARAT



In November 2023, a total of 128 individuals underwent skill-based training in computer education, beauty culture, tailoring, and local craft. PHDFWF, with the backing of the Jaquar Foundation, is conducting skill development programs for the residents of Kharoi, Kutch, Gujarat. The distribution of certificates took place in the esteemed presence of Mr. Shamsheer Kanwar, CSR Head of Jaquar Foundation, and the Secretariat of PHDFWF.

PHDFWF-JAQUAR SKILL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING CENTRE, BHACHAU, GUJARAT



The Jaquar Foundation and PHDFWF have partnered to support skill development initiatives, delivering crucial skills training to disadvantaged women and youth in Bhachau, Gujarat. In November 2023, a collective of 187 trainees actively gained skills free of charge in beauty culture, tailoring, local crafts, computer education, and participated in tutorial classes for maths and science as part of this program.

PHDFWF-JAQUAR SKILL DEVELOPMENT CENTRE, NARAYAN VIHAR, RAJASTHAN



In partnership with the Jaquar Foundation, PHDFWF is currently delivering skill development training to women and youth in the local community. At the Narayan Vihar center in Rajasthan, 172 women and girls are actively engaging in training programs encompassing computer education, science and math tutorials, beauty culture, and tailoring.

PHDFWF-VSF SKILL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING CENTRE, NOIDA



Thanks to the generous backing of the Vivek & Smita Foundation, PHDFWF manages a skill development training center in Noida. This facility provides instruction in mobile repair and tailoring. Currently, 65 students are actively taking advantage of the training opportunities it offers.

PHDFWF- PRAYAS TRUST, FARIDABAD, SKILL DEVELOPMENT CENTER, MEETHAPUR, DWARKA.



With support from Prayas Trust in Faridabad, PHDFWF manages a skill development training center in Meethapur. Currently, the center is providing training for 120 students in areas such as tailoring, computer education, mobile repair, and beauty education. Bridal Makeup is done by the beneficiaries.

PHDFWF-JAQUAR SKILL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING CENTRE, SAMAKHYALI, GUJARAT



PHDFWF, collaborating with the Jaquar Foundation, has launched a new initiative for skill development in Samakhali, Gujarat. Currently, 160 participants have enrolled in the program and are actively engaging in complimentary training sessions focused on beauty culture, tailoring and computer education.

HEALTH CARE

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



During November 2023, a total of 17 free health check-up events were conducted, benefiting 1234 individuals as part of the initiative. The PHDFWF-Jaquar mobile medical van continued its operations with the aim of providing essential healthcare services to underserved communities residing in remote areas, specifically in the villages of Harchandpur, Alipur, Garhi Bazidpur, and Dhaula located in Gurugram.

PHDFWF- IAI MOBILE MEDICAL VAN



In November 2023, 10 health check-up events were conducted, resulting in the provision of free diagnostic care and distribution of medicines to 1280 individuals. The PHDFWF-IAI mobile medical van has been actively delivering healthcare services to various villages in Faridabad, Haryana.

PHDFWF-AAOT MOBILE MEDICAL VAN

PHDFWF-AAOT mobile medical van in association with Holy Family Hospital has been serving the poor communities by conducting free health check-up camps for 902 patients through 23 health check-up camps in the month of November 2023 at Subhash Camp, Naibasti, Taimoor Nagar, Ali village, Priyanka Camp, New Delhi.

PHDFWF- JAQUAR FOUNDATION MOBILE MEDICAL VAN (BHACHAU, GUJARAT)



Under the project, 42 free health check-up camps were conducted in the month of November 2023, benefiting 1582 patients. The PHDFWF-Jaquar mobile medical van has been providing health care services in 11 adopted villages of Jaquar in Bhachau, Gujarat, including free diagnostic care and medicine distribution.

PHDFWF- JAQUAR FOUNDATION DENTAL AND EYE MOBILE VAN



PHDFWF-Jaquar Eye & Dental mobile medical van has been taking care of needy patients by organizing free eye and dental check-up camps including dental screening, scaling and filling, diagnostic treatment, free medications, spectacles, etc. under the project. A total of 1160 patients were diagnosed by 17 free eye and dental camps in the month of November 2023.

PHDFWF- TARGET INTERVENTION PROJECT ON HIV/ AIDS

PHDFWF has been delivering healthcare and RCH services to the HRGs and the migrant workers living in resettlement areas of Okhla through the Target Intervention Project (TI) with the support from Delhi State Aids Control Society (DSACS), Govt. of NCT Delhi since 2003. During the month of November 2023, 190- ICTC, 5-STI, 4- review meetings, 3-DIC, 486 RMC, 54 PT, 10 Demand etc., were conducted under the project. About 545 patients availed the free clinical services in the TI centre Okhla.

PHDFWF- JAQUAR FOUNDATION MOBILEMEDICAL VAN (BHIWADI, RAJASTHAN)



In the month of November 2023, 738 beneficiaries benefited from 15 health check-up camps with free diagnostic care and medicine distribution. The PHDFWF-Jaquar mobile medical van has been providing health care services in five adopted villages of Jaquar in Bhiwadi, Rajasthan.

PHDFWF- JAQUAR FOUNDATION MOBILE MEDICAL VAN (KHAROI, GUJARAT)



Under the project, 1077 patients benefited from 45 free health check-up camps in month of November 2023. The PHDFWF-Jaquar mobile medical van has been providing health care services in adopted villages of Jaquar in Kharoi, Gujarat, including free diagnostic care and medicine distribution.

PHDFWF-SMPF MOBILE MEDICAL VAN

During November 2023, 1199 residents from the local community accessed complimentary healthcare services through 17 free health check-up camps held in the resettlement areas of Delhi/NCR. The PHDFWF-SMPF mobile medical van has been delivering diagnostic services, doctor consultations, medical tests, and medications to underprivileged communities as part of the project.



PHDFWF-JAQUAR-ROTARY PREMIER MOBILE MEDICAL VAN



PHDFWF-Jaquar -Rotary Premier Mobile Medical Van has been delivering free health care services to children and needy on a regular basis. 841 children were examined by conducting 14 free health check-up camps in the month of November 2023 under the project. This van has also been providing free mobile health care to the abandoned children living in 101 children's homes in Delhi and also to the old aged home in Rohini and Gurugram.

PHDFWF- IAI DENTAL AND EYE MOBILE VAN



The PHDFWF-IAI Eye & Dental mobile medical van has been tending to underserved patients through the arrangement of cost-free eye and dental check-up events. These camps encompass dental examinations, scaling, fillings, diagnostic treatments, provision of free medications, spectacles, and more as part of the initiative. In November 2023, a total of 1290 patients received diagnoses through 10 such free eye and dental camps.

India joins Executive Committee of Codex Alimentarius Commission

India has been unanimously elected as a member representing Asian region in the Executive Committee of Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC) during its 46th meeting being held at FAO Headquarters at Rome. In this capacity, India would not only get an opportunity to contribute substantially in the International standard setting process for different food product categories but will also be involved in the decision making process. The Executive Committee supports in the management of the Commission's programme of standards development by conducting a "critical review" of proposals to undertake work and monitors the progress of standards development.

PHD RURAL DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION (RDF)

PHD Chamber of Commerce & Industry strongly believes in its social responsibility along with economic development and PHD Rural Development Foundation, the social arm of PHDCCI extends its support in delivering the same. The projects in the areas of Environment Management, Healthcare, Education, Skill Development, Livelihood, Agriculture and Water Conservation are being undertaken with support of various donors across corporates, International Organizations, Individual donors and PSUs.

PHDRDF HEALTHCARE

PHDRDF has been actively conducting free health camps for the low-income population in various geographical locations across the country to increase access to healthcare. Emphasis is given on generating awareness among the community on sanitation & hygiene, child & maternal health, waterborne diseases, communicable diseases and other geography based medical problems.

PHDRDF -TALWANDI SABO POWER LIMITED- MANSA



A community health project titled SEHAT (Safe and Effective Health Action by TSPL) is being undertaken at Mansa, Punjab with support from Talwandi Sabo Power Limited (TSPL). As a part of the project, PHDRDF is managing and administering healthcare services at PHC

Behniwal, which includes operation of OPD and clinical laboratory. In addition to this, health camps are being conducted in ten villages. During the month of October and November, 8 Dental OPDs were conducted and 60 patients were treated. In addition, 16 Generic health camps were organized in

which approximately 1545 patients were treated, along with 2 Eye Care Camp whose facilities were availed by 280 patients. Along with it, 6 Awareness Sessions were also conducted creating awareness among 300 patients.

PHDRDF -DHARAMPAL SATYAPAL FOUNDATION- MUZAFFARNAGAR



PHDRDF with the support from Dharampal Satyapal Foundation extended the project "Mobile Medical Units" for another year 2023-24 to organize

OPD Clinics at around 8 nearby villages in Purqazi, Muzaffarnagar, Uttar Pradesh. During the months of October and November, a total 23 OPDs in 8 villages were

conducted in which 3334 patients were provided with free medical counselling and medicines.

PHDRDF- BSES YAMUNA POWER LTD- DELHI

A Memorandum of Understanding was signed between PHD Rural Development Foundation and BSES Yamuna Power Ltd. on August 2, 2023 at PHD House, New Delhi to facilitate Delhi Government Hospitals with better facilities of medical equipment. Oncopathology related Medical equipment for patient care are being finalized with the medical

team of Oncology Department of Delhi State Cancer Institute. Also, Physiotherapy equipment is being finalized to be provided to Deen Dayal Upadhyay Hospital.

PHDRDF -DHAMPUR BIO ORGANICS LIMITED- ASMOLI, MEERGANJ AND MANSUPUR



PHDRDF with the support of Dhampur Bio Organics Ltd., extended the project Free Mobile Health Camp Services for the year 2023-24 in three areas namely Asmoli, Meerganj and Mansupur. As a part of this project, PHDRDF will organize Generic Health Camps, Women and Child

Health Camps and Specialised Eye Care camps during this year. Along with the counselling, free medicines and spectacles will also be distributed. During the month of October and November, a total of 43 Health Camps were organized at 43 locations in which 4350 patients were treated wherein more than

50% were female patients. Along with the health camps, 5 Eye Care Camps were also organized with computerised testing in 5 nearby villages of Asmoli in which 750 patients were treated. Along with medicines, free spectacles were also distributed.

PHDRDF - MRS. BECTOR'S FOOD SPECIALITIES LTD.- NOIDA



PHDRDF extended the partnership with Mrs. Bector's Food Specialities Ltd. to implement the 'Free Mobile Health Services' project in an attempt to provide better healthcare facilities to the underprivileged and low

income population of nearby 15 villages across Rajpura, Punjab. As a part of the project, 90 health camps and 15 awareness sessions will be organised during the next 6 months. Along with the counselling, free medicines will also be distributed. During the awareness sessions,

free nutrition kits and sanitary napkins will be distributed. During November, 15 generic health camps were organized in 15 villages of Rajpura, Punjab in which more than 1528 patients were provided with free medicines and counselling.

PHDRDF-DHAMPUR SUGAR MILLS LTD.-DHAMPUR & RAJPURA



PHDRDF extended the partnership for another year with Dhampur Sugar Mills Ltd. to implement "Free Mobile Health Services" project to provide better healthcare facilities to less privileged and low-income group of more than 25,000 people in 20 nearby villages of their plant in Rajpura and Dhampur, U.P.

During this period, 20 Generic Health Camps in nearby villages of Dhampur & Rajpura Plant were organized in which more than 2160 patients were treated.

PHDRDF -DHARAMPAL SATYAPAL FOUNDATION-KARNAL, HARYANA

PHDRDF with the support from Dharampal Satyapal Foundation launched "Assistance to PHC Barota for women healthcare" at Barota Karnal, Haryana. During the month of October and November, a total of 7 OPDs of General Physician and 7 OPDs of a Gynaecologist were conducted in which 188 and 339 patients were treated respectively. Test facilities through cell counter machine was also added in the facilities provided in PHC.



PHDRDF INTEGRATED VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT

PHDRDF has been actively working towards improving the quality and standard of living for rural areas/villages by supporting the existing facilities and providing with new opportunities for socio-economic and environmental impact.

PHDRDF – HINDUSTAN TIN WORKS LIMITED – BIHAR

PHDRDF, with support from Hindustan Tin Works Limited, supported a BPL Family by providing Rural Housing Facility to a resident of village Paita at Madhubani, Bihar. The BPL family lives in a kuchha house which is prone to get damaged in flood conditions frequenting the area. The existing house consisted of a thatched roof and did not have provision of a proper kitchen and sanitation facility. The house is under completion and will be ready to shift with facility of two rooms, kitchen, toilet and Bathroom duly complete with plaster, electrical fitting, water connection and sanitation facility.



PHDRDF - RADICO KHAITAN LTD.- SITAPUR



PHDRDF and Radico Khaitan Ltd. have come together to implement the Project “Sashakt” in 5 nearby villages of Sitapur District, Uttar Pradesh to provide health care services, education facilities, promote environment and Agriculture based initiatives. An OPD Clinic is being established in village Kanduni to cater to the population of all 5 villages. During the month of October and November, a total of

16 Health Camps and 14 OPDs were conducted benefitting approx. 1235 patients. A total of 10 Awareness sessions were conducted on Anemia and Menstrual Hygiene in which more than 300 women participated. Sanitary napkins were distributed to women during awareness on menstrual hygiene. In Education, 4 Government schools are being upgraded with infrastructure facilities including Inverters and stabilizers for continued power

supply, Wash facility Upgradation, playground upgradation, Smart Class establishment etc. Besides this, nutritional supplements like Apples are being distributed across three primary schools among 204 students. Currently, inverters and stabilizers have been installed in all four schools and ground refurbishment in GPS Kanduni is undergoing.

PHDRDF SKILL DEVELOPMENT

PHDRDF has been undertaking skill development programmes with various corporate organizations with an aim to enable underprivileged youth to be economically independent. These programmes include training in stitching & tailoring, beauty culture, computer literacy including tally software, spoken English language, soft skills etc. and training in employable skills such as electrician, welding etc., and beekeeping.

PHDRDF – DONALDSON INDIA FILTER SYSTEMS PRIVATE LIMITED – GURUGRAM



PHDRDF and Donaldson India Filter Systems Pvt. Ltd., continued their partnership for undertaking the project “Skill Development Centre” at Mohammadpur Gurjar, Sohna block,

Gurugram during the financial year 2023-24. This partnership has been continuing for the last 7 years. As a part of the project, 80 students will be trained in stitching & tailoring and beauty culture. Till date, more

than 650 students have completed their training at Donaldson skill centre. Most of the girls are taking up small assignments in their neighbourhood and earning a source of income.

PHDRDF SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT

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

PHDRDF - HINDUSTAN TIN WORKS LIMITED

PHDRDF with support from Hindustan Tin Works Limited upgraded infrastructure facilities at Government High School in Hassanpur, Sonipat, Haryana. Major activities to be undertaken in this project are upgradation of WaSH facility, Boundary Wall, Classrooms refurbishment furniture and fixtures, Playground upgradation, Refurbishment of an auditorium, etc. This project will benefit 125 students of the school. HTWL has been supporting upgradation of Government schools as a part of CSR.



PHDRDF AGRICULTURE & ENVIRONMENT MANAGEMENT

In an attempt to make the environment cleaner and sustainable, PHDRDF has been undertaking initiatives to undo the effects of pollution and industrialization on mother earth. It has been dedicatedly working towards finding out ways to tackle environment issues related to plastic waste, recycling and deforestation, to name a few.

PHDRDF- FRUIT PLANTATION- ALWAR & JAIPUR

PHDRDF with the support of multiple partners has initiated a project on "Enhancing Farmers Income" through Fruit Plantations. Some of the donors include Polyplex Limited, Havells India Ltd., Olam Agri India Ltd., ML Bharti Foundation, S. S. Kothari Mehta & Co., Hindustan Tin Works Limited, Kamla Gupta Memorial Trust, Dalmia Cement (Bharat) Limited, TCI Foundation, Calpro Food Essential Pvt. Ltd., DCM Shriram Foundation, FMS Batch of 1981, J.K. Fenner (India) Limited, JK Laxmi Cement, Rafbrix Private Limited, Vishnu Charitable Trust, RSWM Ltd. and other individual donors. During 2022-23, more than 1.0 Lakh fruit trees were distributed to around 300 farmers with low annual income. Some of the fruit trees being planted are Amla, Lemon, Apple, Be, etc. for an additional source of income. During 2023-24, with support from the donors that include Mohan Lal Bharti Foundation, Vishnu Charitable Trust, Gulshan Chemicals Pvt. Ltd. and individual donors including



Mr. Vikram Mehta, Mr. Karan Singh Mehta, an additional thirty-five thousand plants were distributed in villages of Alwar and Jaipur, Rajasthan. Farmers are also being mobilized for Drip Irrigation to reduce consumption of water.

PHDRDF -RADICO KHAITAN LTD. - SITAPUR



As a part of Agriculture, Radico Khaitan is promoting nutritional security among villagers in Kanduni village, Sitapur. As a part of the project activities, training workshop on

vermicomposting was conducted for Farmers with support from KVK Sitapur along with distribution of 15 vermi-beds to 15 farmer beneficiaries to set up their own vermicomposting in their fields.

Nutritional security is also being promoted among the villagers by distribution of vegetable seeds. Women are being trained to set up a nutri-garden in the backyard of their houses.

PHDRDF WATER MANAGEMENT

PHDRDF has been constantly working towards recharging groundwater tables by establishing rain water harvesting structures and generating awareness among the community in need on technologies of water conservation.

PHDRDF – ROTARY CLUB DELHI ASHOKA- ALWAR & NOIDA

PHDRDF collaborated with Rotary Club of Delhi Ashoka to establish two rainwater harvesting structures and rejuvenate one pond in Rajgarh, Alwar, Rajasthan & Gautam Budh Nagar, Greater Noida (U.P)

respectively. The two check dams established in Alwar have received good rainfall and water was accumulated in the check dams. The pond rejuvenation work includes dewatering, desilting, creation of earthen embankment,

pathway for the community, plantation and fencing around the pond. This project will create a combined water holding potential of 13,89,858 cubic feet.

PHDRDF – DONALDSON INDIA FILTER SYSTEMS PVT. LTD.- ALWAR



PHDRDF partnered with Donaldson India Filter Systems Pvt. Ltd. to establish a rainwater harvesting structure at Rundh Sirawas, Alwar, Rajasthan.

The check dam will have a water holding capacity of 6,27,200 cubic feet and besides benefitting agriculture land, will also benefit more than 5000 livestock of farmers

for drinking purpose. Establishing Rain Water harvesting structures is one of the most significant methods to promote groundwater recharge and conserve water in rural areas.

PHDRDF -ROTARY CLUB OF DELHI SOUTH EAST-ALWAR



With the joint efforts of PHDRDF and the Rotary Club of Delhi South East, 43 small Water Harvesting Structures/ check dams are being established at Alwar. The small

water harvesting structures will be established with support from farmers and the farmer community will benefit from the structures as this will serve as the source of water near their fields. These water

harvesting structures have a water holding capacity of 4,30,000 cubic feet. The structures received ample water and villagers are very happy. 15 SWHS have been completed out of 43 SWHS.

PHDRDF - GULSHAN CHEMICALS PVT. LIMITED- ALWAR



PHDRDF in association with Gulshan Chemicals Pvt. Limited have partnered to establish a rainwater harvesting structure at Kaler, Alwar, Rajasthan.

The check dam will have a water holding capacity of 10,32,000 cubic feet, and will help the community in the nearby areas achieve water sustainability. This check dam will

help in increasing the ground water level. The check dam work has been initiated.

PHDRDF – RCDSE & AARGUS GLOBAL LOGISTICS PVT. LTD.- ALWAR



PHDRDF joined hands with Rotary Club of Delhi South East & Aargus Global Logistics Pvt. Ltd. as a part of Rotary- CSR initiative to work on establishing

two rainwater harvesting structures at Block Sirawas, Alwar, Rajasthan. The combined water holding capacity of these two check dams is 14,70,000 cubic feet. The project

was initiated with Bhumi Pujan on June 26, 2023 and the work is under progress. The other check dam has been completed.

PHDRDF – RCDSC & MULTIVAC LARAON PVT. LTD.- ALWAR

PHDRDF together with Rotary Club of Delhi South Central & Multivac Laraon Pvt. Ltd. as a part of Rotary- CSR initiative is undertaking construction of two rainwater harvesting structures at Block Rasgan, Alwar, Rajasthan, which will have water holding capacity of 14,22,000 cubic feet. The project is under progress and it aims to elevate the water levels in the nearby areas.



PHDRDF – ROTARY CLUB OF DELHI CENTRAL- ALWAR

PHDRDF with support of Rotary Club of Delhi Central is working to establish four rainwater harvesting structures in Alwar, Rajasthan, with a combined water holding potential of 28,89,600 cubic feet. Two Check Dams under this project were initiated with Bhumi Pujan ceremony on March 26, 2023 in the presence of the team of Rotarians led by Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, Former President, PHDCCI. The project has been completed and received good rainfall during the monsoon season. The project is under progress and it aims to elevate the water levels in the nearby areas. Three check dams have been constructed out of four.



PHDRDF – ROTARY CLUB DELHI LUTYENS- ALWAR



PHDRDF and Rotary Club of Delhi Lutyens have come together to establish five rainwater harvesting structures at Rajgarh, Alwar, Rajasthan. The structures will aid in ground water recharge and benefit the population living in the nearby vicinity. The agricultural land will become

more suitable for cultivation due to increased moisture content. This project targets to increase the water holding capacity of the region by 14,07,000 cubic feet and make water available for the locals. Out of 5 Check Dams, two have been completed at Syaluta and the other three are under process. The

inauguration for one check dam was done on November 23, 2023 by Ms. Shruti Mittal President, Rotary Club of Delhi Femina and Club member. A total of 8 persons were present from the Club along with PHDRDF CEO and team.

PHDRDF – COCA COLA FOUNDATION – PALGHAR



PHDRDF in association with Coca Cola Foundation is working on establishing nine rainwater harvesting structures at Palghar, Maharashtra. The structures are being established in blocks Wada, Palghar. The

total water holding capacity of these nine structures will be 1,31,71,089 cubic feet. Besides Rain Water Harvesting structures, 13500 mango kesar variety fruit plantations are also being planted through women farmers as a part

of watershed treatment of the area. Saplings of Mango trees were distributed among women farmers for plantation in their farms. The technical team visited the check dams at Palghar on November 16 – 17, 2023.

PHDRDF – RDS PROJECT LTD. – JAIPUR

PHDRDF and RDS Project Ltd. have come together to establish one rainwater harvesting structure at Jaipur, Rajasthan. The structure will aid

in ground water recharge and benefit the population living in the nearby vicinity. The agricultural land will become more suitable for cultivation due to increased

moisture content. This project aims to increase the water holding capacity of the region by 7,70,000 cubic feet and make water available for the locals.

PHDRDF – HINDUSTAN FIBRES LTD.- JAIPUR

PHDRDF and Hindustan Fibres Ltd. have joined hands together to build a rainwater harvesting facility in Jaipur, Rajasthan. In addition to providing benefits to the local

populace, the facility will help recharge the groundwater table. Due to an increase in moisture content, the agricultural area will become more appropriate for agriculture. This project aims to

provide communities with access to water and boost the region's water holding capacity by 4,20,000 cubic feet.

PHDRDF – POLYPLEX CORPORATION LTD. – JAIPUR

PHDRDF together with Polyplex Corporation Ltd. is building a rainwater harvesting structure in Jaipur, Rajasthan. The harvesting structure will not only

benefit the local inhabitants but will also help recharge the groundwater in the area. Increased moisture content will make the agricultural ground more suitable for farming.

By adding 9,66,000 cubic feet to the region's water storage capacity, this initiative aims to boost inhabitants' access to water.

PHDRDF – DHANUKA AGRITECH LIMITED – JAIPUR

PHDRDF and Dhanuka Agritech Pvt. Ltd. have collectively built a rainwater harvesting structure in Jaipur, Rajasthan. The structure will benefit the

neighbourhood's residents and help recharge the groundwater. Because of the increased moisture content, the agricultural area will be better suited for agriculture.

This project aims to provide water to the inhabitants and expand the region's capacity to hold water by 7,70,000 cubic feet. An MoU was also signed recently.

PHDRDF – ROTARY CLUB OF DELHI AKASH MEGAPOLIS – UDAIPUR



PHDRDF and Rotary Club of Delhi Akash Megapolis have collectively built a rainwater harvesting structure in Udaipur, Rajasthan. The structure will benefit the neighbourhood's residents and help recharge the groundwater.

Because of the increased moisture content, the agricultural area will be better suited for agriculture. This project aims to provide water to the inhabitants and expand the region's capacity to hold water by 27,88,800 cubic feet. A team of

Rotarians including people from US visited the site and stayed for four days from October 26- 30, 2023. The team participated in the puja ceremony and worked along with the villagers and provided "Shramdaan" to the project.



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INADEQUACY OR INSUFFICIENCY OF STAMP DUTY IN ARBITRATION AGREEMENT DOES NOT AFFECT THE POWER OF COURT TO GRANT INTERIM MEASURES

Introduction

The issue of enforceability of unstamped or insufficiently stamped arbitration agreements has been considered a material issue and hence has been dealt with by the Hon'ble Courts of India time and again.

The said issue was deliberated in detail by the Constitution Bench of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in *N.N. Global Mercantile v. Indo Unique Flame Ltd. & Ors.* [(2023) 7 SCC 1] (herein referred to as "*N.N. Global*"), wherein, application filed under Section 11 of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 (herein referred to as the "*Arbitration Act*") for appointment of arbitrators with respect to unstamped arbitration agreement was under consideration. The Apex Court held that if there is any discrepancy regarding stamp duty, the instrument containing the arbitration clause must be impounded at that stage itself since the said arbitration agreement is non-existent until requisite stamp duty is paid. However, the Bench refrained from examining the

scope and ambit of Section 9 of the Arbitration Act to award interim reliefs in such cases.

L&T Finance Limited v. Diamond Projects Limited & Ors.

Quite recently, the question of 'whether in the wake of the constitution Bench judgment in the case of *N.N. Global*, the Court, which is to decide the Petition under Section 9 of the Arbitration Act, seeking relief in form of interim measures, can entertain the same, despite noticing that the agreement is not stamped or insufficiently stamped and suffers from a legal deficiency' arose for consideration before the Hon'ble High Court of Judicature at Bombay ("*Bombay High Court*") in *L&T Finance Limited v. Diamond Projects Limited & Ors.* [Commercial Arbitration Petition No. 1430 of 2019].

In the said case, the Hon'ble Bombay High Court clubbed together five petitions moved under Section 9 of the Arbitration Act involving similar question of law and praying for interim reliefs at pre-arbitration stage.



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The said petitions were opposed by the Respondents on the ground that the document/instrument, which is construed as an arbitration agreement or containing an arbitration clause is not adequately stamped. To support this contention, reference was made to the decision of the Constitution Bench in *N.N. Global*. It was further contended that the stamping of the document is a substantive objection, and the Court will not come to offer an aid to the Petitioner in case of an invalid documentation.

However, the Petitioners, who were in favour of the Court entertaining the petition for interim measures under Section 9, submitted that N.N. Global deals with Section 11 for appointment of arbitrators and hence stands on a different footing, since an application under Section 11 is a part of an evidentiary proceeding and a petition under Section 9 is merely in form of interim measure and it is not a stage to ascertain whether the document is stamped or not.

Held

While propounding the issue for consideration, the Hon'ble Court extensively referred to the Arbitration Act and the Indian Stamp Act, 1899. The Hon'ble Court also referred to the provisions of the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908, which empower the Court to pass interim relief.

It was observed that a Court exercising the power in granting interim measures, shall exercise the power by applying three-fold test in determining whether an interim measure, as prayed for, deserve to be granted on the touch stone of (a) good prima facie case, (b) balance of convenience in favour of grant of interim relief and (c) irreparable injury or loss to the applicant if the relief is not granted.

The Hon'ble Bombay High Court held that the test of existence of a valid arbitration agreement must be done while exercising the power under Section 11, whereas, a petition under Section 9 is to be judged on the parameter of

a three-fold test and not on the determination of the existence and validity of the agreement, and therefore, the N.N. Global judgment was silent on the issue of Section 9. While considering a petition under Section 9 of the Arbitration Act, the Court exercising the power, akin to that of the Civil Court under the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908, shall not examine whether the agreement is sufficiently stamped, but if at the stage when the document is produced for being admitted in evidence it is found to be insufficiently stamped, then the Court can impound the document and recover the required stamp duty. It was further observed that sometimes, before the parties initiate proceedings, some interim measures are necessitated for protecting the subject matter.

In conclusion, it was held that denying the interim relief at a pre-arbitral stage on the ground that

the agreement is not sufficiently stamped will be too onerous upon a party as it may not necessarily intend to avoid the payment of stamp duty, but intend to seek interim relief at a very nascent stage.

Conclusion

Through this judgment, the legal position with respect to the powers of the Courts to grant interim reliefs in cases of unstamped or insufficiently stamped arbitration agreement has been made clear, while keeping N.N. Global as the 'guiding principle'. The judgment protects the rights of the parties who amicably decide to choose arbitration as the mode of dispute settlement in the hope of achieving speedy justice. The consequence of denying interim relief due to unstamped agreement would discourage parties from invoking arbitration as a mode of dispute resolution.



GIFT CITY

AN EVOLVING INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY



- Contributed by Ms. Monika Shingari, Joint Secretary, PHDCCI

The launch of GIFT City – Gujarat International Finance Tech-City has provided a much fillip to the India Inc. desirous of availing exposure in the global financial & technology companies. The objective is to attract inflow of foreign investments through setting up of commercial units. Investments to the GIFT City are inflowing both from domestic as well as international investors making India attract investments and competing globally with other financial centres.

The investments in GIFT City are regulated by International Financial Services Centre (IFSC). The IFSC aims to make India a preferred Investment destination by providing opportunities for greater participation of foreign investors. In order to facilitate easy flow of capital and promote enhanced transparency, the IFSC has been vested with the powers of regulators such as RBI, SEBI, IRDAI & PFRDA. This allows the corporates to seek regulatory approvals from one authority. This is an important step towards

Ease of Doing Business, as lot of time is generally wasted seeking regulatory approvals. This has also bestowed industry's faith and inspired many corporates to set up units in the GIFT City.

The Government has also announced numerous incentives to corporates for setting up facilities in GIFT City. Tax incentives including Tax holiday to units set up in IFSC, reduced rate of Minimum Alternate Tax (MAT); non levy of GST on services received by unit in IFSC and services provided to IFSC/SEZ units; exemption of Commodity Transaction Tax; Exemption to certain non-resident investors from filing income tax returns in India; state subsidies on lease rentals, electricity charges, among many other benefits are luring companies to set up offices in GIFT City.

Besides, the companies engaged in international trade can set up their facilities in GIFT City to avail the benefits of duty free import & export of goods & services. The GIFT City regulated through IFSC aims at streamlining

administrative procedures and simplify bureaucratic barriers. GIFT City offers safeguards to ensure investor and business interests, promoting stability and certainty in the investment landscape.

GIFT City IFSC opens a great opportunity to who are currently investing in overseas funds to benefit from the favourable financial environment, access to global markets, and potential tax advantages offered by the IFSC. Hi Net-worth Individuals (HNIs) usually aim at persevering and maximising their wealth through maximising their returns at a low risk. Diversification of investments through a judicious mix of investment options, can help HNIs safeguard their wealth and simultaneously generate substantial returns.

Alternative Investment Funds (AIFs) offer an excellent investment opportunity for HNIs as it is a special investment category that differs from conventional investment instruments. AIF is a privately pooled investment fund which

collects funds from sophisticated investors, whether Indian or foreign, for investing it in accordance with a defined investment policy for the benefit of its investors. The Government has recently clarified that investments through AIF in GIFT City will not be taxed for non-resident investors providing a fillip to the global investors to route their investments to India.

Adding another feature to the GIFT City, the Government is planning to allow Family Investment Funds. The Family Investment Funds (FIF) can provide a structured approach to investment through diversification. FIF can provide exclusive investment opportunities to investors which is difficult to access by individual investors including private equity and venture capital. Also by pooling resources from family members, investment in large projects can be undertaken.

One of the major advantage of FIFs is these funds are permitted to invest in overseas real estate. Those looking for overseas investments in real estate can opt for investment through FIFs. Besides, FIFs have an added advantage of having a pool of knowledge sharing



and collaboration among family members, having a common vision to maximise returns through reliable investments. FIFs can also support social initiatives including CSR and welfare of a community. FIF will be an option for Indian families looking to diversify their investment portfolios without having to move their finances from India, thus providing more investment funds within the country.

The Government is taking steps to make investment in GIFT

City lucrative both for domestic as well as global investors. India's ambitious project can attract significant foreign investment with the liberalised & hospitable approach of the Government. GIFT City, it seems, holds immense potential to reshape India's financial story and provide a push to India becoming a global financial hub.



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

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39	Singapore Chamber of Commerce & Industry (SCCI)	July 26, 2019
40	India Thai Chamber of Commerce (ITCC)	August 20, 2019
41	ASEAN Trade Promotion Association, Thailand (ATPA)	August 20, 2019
42	Vietnam Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Vietnam (VCCI)	August 22, 2019
43	Indian Business Chamber in Vietnam (INCHAM)	August 22, 2019
44	PTAK Warsaw Expo, Poland	September 12, 2019
45	Foreign Economic Relations Board of Turkey, Istanbul, Turkey	September 18, 2019
46	Ceylon Chamber of Commerce	September 26, 2019
47	Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Services of the Region of Fez-Meknes (CCISFM), Meknes, Morocco	October 9, 2019
48	Mongolian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Ulaanbataar, Mongolia	November 11, 2019
49	INDIA CHAMBER OF PERU	January 1, 2020
50	India China and America (ICA) Institute, USA (ICA)	July 2, 2020
51	India Myanmar Chamber of Commerce	August 17, 2020
52	Mongolia India Business Council (MIBC)	May 7, 2021
53	Hellenic-Indian Chamber of Commerce and Economy, Pireas, Greece	February 20, 2022
54	Indian American International Chamber of Commerce (IAICC), USA	April 7, 2022
55	Ztadium- and its platform openbusinesscouncil.org, London, UK	June 13, 2022
56	Hindu Business Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Professionals, Mauritius (HBCCIP)	September 1, 2022
57	Green Stat Hydrogen India Pvt. Ltd.	October 26, 2022
58	Basque Trade & Investment Organisation, Basque Countries, Spain	October 27, 2022
59	KZN International Business Association (KIBA), Durban, South Africa	May 6, 2023
60	Romania India Bilateral Chamber of Commerce, Bucharest	May 31, 2023
61	The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia ("The Kingdom")	September 11, 2023
62	Tanzania Chamber of Commerce, Industry & Agriculture (TCCIA)	October 9, 2023
63	Mauritius Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MCCI)	November 27, 2023
64	Indian Business Council, Mauritius	November 28, 2023

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2	Sky Innovation Tech Labs Pvt. Ltd. (Signcatch)	July 26, 2017
3	Pawan Hans Limited	October 11, 2017
4	The Federation of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry	November 20, 2017
5	Kalinga International Foundation (KIF)	December 15, 2017
6	Indian Society of Heating, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Engineers (ISHRAE)	December 21, 2017
7	Indian Printing, Packaging and Allied Machinery Manufacturers' Association	January 10, 2018
8	Federation of Karnataka Chamber of Commerce & Industry	February 3, 2018

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9	SMERA Rating Limited	February 5, 2018
10	Oriental Bank of Commerce	March 26, 2018
11	Travel Agents Association of India	March 28, 2018
12	Rajasthan State Chapter and Kashmir State Chapter	March 29, 2018
13	Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar, Punjab	April 6, 2018
14	Government E- Marketplace	April 18, 2018
15	Technology Development Board (TDB)	April 25, 2018
16	Punjabi University, Patiala	April 25, 2018
17	Indian Yoga Association, New Delhi	April 29, 2018
18	BioNEST at Panjab University	May 10, 2018
19	iSTART, IT Department of the State Govt. of Rajasthan	May 11, 2018
20	Federation of Industry and Commerce of North Eastern Region	May 15, 2018
21	Engineering Council of India	May 31, 2018
22	International Centre for Entrepreneurship and Technology (iCreate)	June 5, 2018
23	Indira Gandhi National Tribal University, Amarkantak (Madhya Pradesh)	June 29, 2018
24	The EBG Federation, New Delhi, India	July 12, 2018
25	Jawaharlal Nehru University	July 20, 2018
26	Global Compact Network India	July 20, 2018
27	OFB TECH Pvt. Ltd.	July 30, 2018
28	Energy Efficiency Services Ltd.	July 31, 2018
29	Southern India Chamber of Commerce And Industry	August 20, 2018
30	Uttar Pradesh Braj Teerth Vikas Parishad	August 31, 2018
31	BIOAYURVEDA	September 10, 2018
32	Bundelkhand University, Jhansi	September 13, 2018
33	Department of Management Studies, Kashmir University	September 24, 2018
34	Federation of Karnataka Chambers of Commerce & Industry	December 15, 2018
35	DPSRU Innovation and Incubation Foundation (	May 28, 2019
36	India Trade Promotion Organization (ITPO), Ministry of Commerce	June 10, 2019
37	Spike Advertising Pvt. Ltd.	November 26, 2019
38	National Productivity Council	January 2, 2020
39	New Delhi Institute of Management	January 2, 2020
40	Power2SME	January 7, 2020
41	Centre for Excellence in Automation, Robotics & AI	June 4, 2020
42	Software Technology Park of India (STPI)	June 6, 2020
43	Cycling Federation of India	September 30, 2020
44	National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB) Ministry of AYUSH	October 1, 2020
45	India Ratings and Research (Fitch Group)	December 30, 2020
46	CSIR-National Environmental Research Institute	January 7, 2021
47	Toy Association of India	January 15, 2021
48	Small Industries Development Bank of India	February 16, 2021

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49	Institute of Packaging Machinery Manufacturers of India	February 20, 2021
50	Tele Medicine Centre at Indira Gandhi Hospital, New Delhi	July 27, 2021
51	Rotary Club of Delhi Central, BAPIO Training Academy (BTA) and Ujala Cygnus Healthcare Services	August 12, 2021
52	School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Apeejay Stya University	August 25, 2021
53	Rotary District 3011	October 26, 2021
54	Sharda University	December 8, 2021
55	SAM Global University, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh	February 4, 2022
56	Kalinga University, Chhattisgarh	February 4, 2022
57	YES Bank Limited	February 16, 2022
58	NASSCOM	April 7, 2022
59	O.P. Jindal Global University	April 12, 2022
60	Rotary District 3012	May 5, 2022
61	Jaipuria Institute of Management	June 10, 2022
62	Department of Information Technology & Communication, Government of Rajasthan	June 16, 2022
63	Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University	July 13, 2022
64	Plastic Manufacturer's Association Rajasthan	November 25, 2022
65	IIS University, Jaipur IIS University, Jaipur	November 25, 2022
66	Jaipuria Institute of Management, Jaipur	November 25, 2022
67	Aayojan School of Architecture, Jaipur	November 25, 2022
68	Amity University, Greater Noida Campus	December 14, 2022
69	Municipal Corporation Gurugram	December 20, 2022
70	National Small Industries Corporation Limited (NSIC)	December 28, 2022
71	Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC)	January 17, 2023
72	Sri Sri University	March 5, 2023
73	The Chanakya Forum	March 21, 2023
74	Synergy Environics Ltd.	April 10, 2023
75	Institute of Hotel Management (Under Ministry of Tourism)	April 10, 2023
76	Physical Education Foundation of India (PEFI)	May 7, 2023
77	Confederation of Sports and Recreation Industry (CSRI)	June 28, 2023
78	Ministry of Education's Department of School Education and Literacy (DoSEL)	July 13, 2023
79	BSES Yamuna Power Ltd.	August 2, 2023
80	St. Xavier's College	November 7, 2023

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ET THE ECONOMIC TIMES

PHDCCI Policy Forum embodies commitment to championing industry's voice: President Sanjeev Agrawal

Synopsis:

In an interview to ET, PHDCCI president Sanjeev Agrawal discussed the goals of the exclusive promotional challenges, and the partnership for 'revolutionary' policy-making reforms and Sanjeev Agrawal PHDCCI's broader vision.



The PHDCCI Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI) is launching its policy forum initiative, led by president **Sanjeev Agrawal** and Dr. Manoj Pant, Advisor - PHDCCI and former VC, Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT), along with Dr. Ranjit Mehta, executive director, PHDCCI. The industry body said the move, emphasizing collaboration with the

government and top research entities, aims to 'revolutionise' India's policy approach.

The Statesman

India's resilience of exports increased significantly in post Covid years: PHD Chamber

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PHD Chamber: India's Exports Display Unmatched Resilience Among Top 20 Leading Exporters



India's Exports Showcase Remarkable Resilience Post COVID Years

India's export sector has demonstrated a remarkable uptick in resilience during the post-COVID era, with growth rates reaching 20% and 9.7% in 2021 and 2022, respectively, marking the highest among the top 20 leading exporters. This insight is derived from a research report by the PHD Research Bureau, PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry, titled 'India's Stronging Export Performance Since 2020'.

Mr. Sanjeev Agrawal, President of PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry, attributes the success to a dynamic policy environment provided by the government and the concerted efforts of exporters to integrate into global value chains. Despite a temporary slowdown, October 2022 witnessed a revival, with a 4% increase in exports of goods and services.

Over the past decade, exports have surged significantly, escalating from USD 576 billion in FY 2011 to USD 176 billion in FY 2022. The report further identifies India's new Prime Minister Narendra Modi (PM) in 2014, emphasizing the government's commitment to export-led growth and the industry's resilience in the face of global challenges.

Identifying emerging high-growth destinations such as the U.S., Netherlands, Brazil, Israel, Indonesia, Turkey, Australia, South Africa, Saudi Arabia, and Belgium, along with high-growth export commodities like sugar, construction material, iron and steel, aluminium and articles, organic chemicals, wheat, fruits, and clothing accessories, rubber and articles, and optical, photographic, medical apparatus, the report anticipates a bright future for India's export growth.

इंडिया

दिवाली पर पौने 4 लाख करोड़ रुपये का हुआ खुदरा व्यापार, लोगों ने बढ़-चढ़कर की खरीदारी

नई दिल्ली: दिवाली सीजन (Diwali Season) में इस तरह बाजार में सीरीमेट सेक्टर दिखा, बाजारों में लेकर दशमी इलाके के बाजारों में रौनक रही. 'कलेक्टरन ऑफ इंडियन इक्विटी' के मुताबिक, दिवाली सीजन में इस बार देशभर के बाजारों में पौने चार लाख करोड़ तक का बिजनेस हुआ, जो एक रिकॉर्ड है. लगे बने हुए हैं वे बिजनेस और बढ़ने की उम्मीद है. बाजार में कंजुमर सीरीमेट भी खिंचा है.

दिवाली के बंगाली मंडिर में गिरीश जयपाल दिवाली कई दशकों से मिठाई कारोबार चला रहे हैं. दिवाली सीजन में उनकी 'बंगाली बट्टर' के अलावा कारोबार किया है. मिठाई की डिमांड का सीजन इस बार काफी बढ़ गया है. हालांकि, बाजार में कंजुमर सीरीमेट बढ़ने का असर मुनाफे पर पड़ा है.

यही, प्रतीक खोलेबान कहते हैं, "अभी गोबरपूजा, पूजा, भेष, पूजा, उड़ पुरा और तुलसी विराट बाकी है. इनमें लगभग 50 हजार करोड़ रुपये का बिजनेस होने की संभावना है."

PHDCCI के एग्जीक्यूटिव डायरेक्टर राजीव मेहता कहते हैं, "दिवाली के दौरान रिकॉर्ड सेल देखने को मिली है. चिके कंजुमर मंडिर में ही नहीं, बल्कि ओपनी सेक्टर, बाजारों की डिमांड और हाउसिंग सेक्टर में भी सेल अच्छी हुई है. लोगों की खरीदारी पावर बढ़ी है."

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Sanjeev Agrawal, the newly elected President of PHDCCI, shares his vision for fostering growth and resilience in MSMEs.

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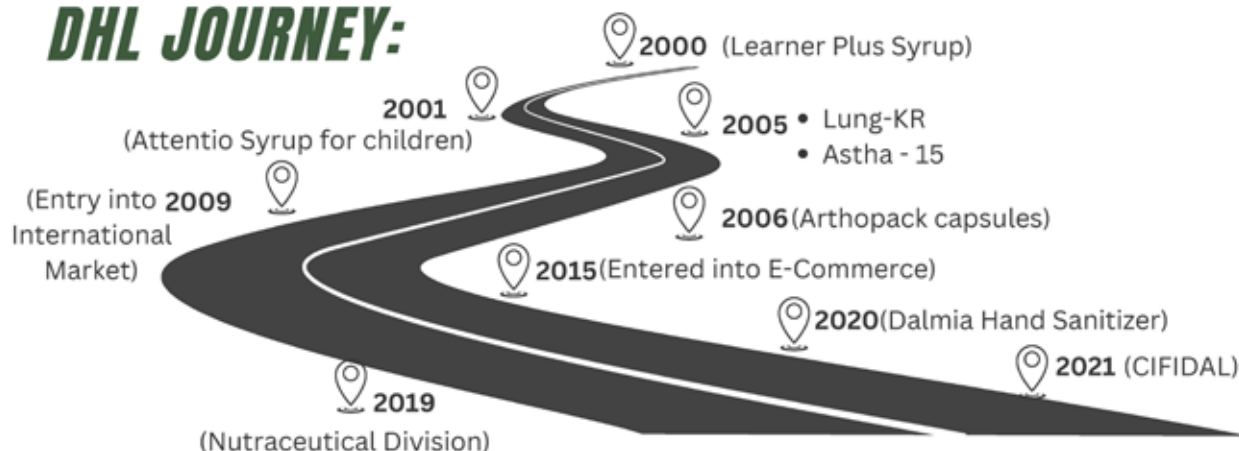
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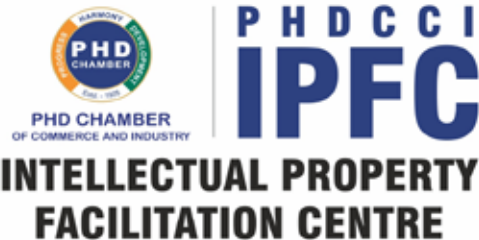
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