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SAKET DALMIA
PRESIDENT



“A dream does not become reality through magic; it takes sweat, determination, and hard work.” —Colin Powell

As India marches steadfastly towards its goal of becoming a modern developed economy, I take this opportunity to look back and gaze with pride at the year gone by. My aspiration of leading an organization of as great a legacy and impact as our Chamber, finally culminating into actionable opportunities, has brought tremendous joy and pride to me every step of the way. I regard this as a great personal and professional success and I hope you would concur with me that the past year has indeed

Our International Climate Summit, 2023 on the theme ‘Sustainability through Green Growth: Green Hydrogen, Biofuels, Renewables - A New Pathway to Climate Change Mitigation’ held this month was addressed by Mr. Ram Nath Kovind, Hon’ble Former President of India, wherein he deliberated on the importance of the International Solar Alliance and LiFE Mission. The Summit was a call to unite and harness modern innovation to ensure a sustainable future for everyone.

been a good one.

Entrusted with the responsibility of raising the Chamber’s stature to its highest

level, with due national and global recognition for our transformative activities, I did my best to deliver on the promise. With my agenda “A year of Opportunity, Opportunity and Opportunity”, I worked hard on my quest to establish the Chamber as the most trusted “Voice of Industry and Trade”. We affirmed ourselves as a reputed middle market Chamber, uplifting the SMEs, being a catalyst of innovation, creating best value for our members globally and locally by organizing mega EPIC events, advocating state-of-the-art policies to the government for creating transformation of the Indian economy and thus generating perceptible impact on the common man.

Over the past year, national economic activity gained enhanced momentum amid continuing geopolitical crisis, and challenges of inflation, high debt levels and unpredictable financial conditions. While being empathetic of the global situation, India continued to play an increasingly important role in economic and geopolitical mitigation via its several bilateral trade agreements and pro-development policies, as part of its G20 Presidency agenda.

The Chamber proudly congratulates ISRO that literally and figuratively propelled India to our exalted glory in space, bestowing the honour of hoisting our country's flag high on the South Pole of Moon, the first country to land a spacecraft on this distant side of the Moon.

This mega achievement fortunately coincided with the spectacular success of the G20 Summit under the decisive and visionary leadership of our Hon'ble Prime Minister, Narendra Modi. PM Modi has emerged as the colossal leader of the entire world, uniting the global family by his mantra, "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, and Sabka Prayas". We fully agree with Prime Minister that India G20'S Presidency has sowed the seeds of confidence in the developing world.

The unanimous adoption of New Delhi Declaration by G20 countries is a "historical and path breaking," step as India received "100 per cent" consensus on all developmental and geo-political" issues focusing on Strong, Sustainable, Balanced, and Inclusive Growth and Accelerating Progress on

Sustainable Development Goals. The declaration document contains issues ranging from climate change, infrastructural development, countering terrorism, committing to reform multilateral development banks, regulating crypto currencies, women-led development & empowering less deprived social groups, creating digital public infrastructure, strengthening global health, etc..

We compliment the Prime Minister for the inclusion of the African Union (a continental union of 55 African countries) into the G20 club, as now with Africa's voice as part of the global economic forum, partnership with the continent will be greatly intensified. The launching of the Global Biofuels Alliance to boost the use of cleaner fuels and India-Middle-East-Europe Economic Corridor providing a boost to key railway and port infrastructure companies are key notable initiatives.

Our Chamber as Programme Directorate of Startup20 enabled us to present the voice and aspirations of our MSMEs on a global platform. We hosted a series of meetings across the country at Hyderabad, Gangtok and Panaji and Startup20 Shikhar Summit at Gurugram to realize the Startup20's strategic vision. We are particularly appreciative of the recognition given to MSMEs along with Start-ups in the Delhi Declaration, as this will help realize the Hon'ble PM's vision of making our MSMEs globally competitive and integrating them with global trade.

India's Startup ecosystem has witnessed remarkable growth across tech, e-commerce and fin-tech sectors, fueled by a surge in venture capital investments, government initiatives, and a culture of innovation, leading to

numerous billion-dollar unicorns. In support of this grand vision, we have recently signed a MoU with India-Saudi Investment Forum that will strengthen our MSMEs and expand trade.

We whole heartedly support the BRICS group of countries decision to extend invitations to Argentina, Egypt, Iran, Ethiopia, Saudi Arabia, and the UAE for becoming full members of BRICS from next year. India has deep and historic relations with member nations and we opine that the inclusion of these would make BRICS organization stronger, collectively, very much in alignment with Mahatma Gandhi's view, "In a gentle way, you can shake the world."

I applaud the Modi Government in the last nine years for improving the lives of our citizens through welfare measures such as improved power connection, digital connectivity, access to cooking gas, piped water supply, and developments in health and education. The easing of 40,000 business related compliances has improved the industrial ecosystem, governance standards and seems to attract global investors.

Our economy grew at 7.2 percent in FY 2022-23 and 7.8% sequentially in the first quarter of the FY 2023-24 due to boost in capital expenditure, robust increase in investment along with stronger consumption demand, especially in rural areas, and improved performance in the services sector. Infrastructure spending remains the top most focus of the government with unprecedented investment worth 10 trillion rupees allocated for infrastructure development. Our high frequency indicators in recent months, including auto sales, steel and petroleum production,

fuel consumption, passenger traffic, UPI transactions, GST collections, National Electronic Toll Collection, SENSEX and services exports demonstrate a positive momentum for the economy, on the back of a strong consumer demand and subduing of fuel and commodity prices.

Retail inflation for August dipped to 6.83 percent from 7.44 percent in July owing to fall in prices of vegetables with the arrival of fresh stock in the market and the government's pre-emptive measures. Nonetheless, the government remains firmly committed on aligning inflation to the target of 4.0 percent.

We are proud that India jumped 40 places in the Global Innovation Index rankings to reach the 40th position. With the government's push for digitization, remarkable strides have been witnessed in areas such as Quantum Technology, AI and other emerging areas of technology. Technology, given its current influx into the education sector, has the potential to act as a significant lever of change in imparting life skills training while impacting learners deeply. I appreciate the 'Vidyanjali' scheme which is encouraging private organizations as well as community to provide voluntary support for improving the quality of government schools.

The issue of climate change and sustainability is posing a great challenge to the global community. Recognizing the urgency of addressing the global crisis, we appreciate the Delhi Declaration's focus on climate change and the commitment of major economies to phase down fossil fuel power generation. The Indian Government has set a target for becoming energy independent by 2047 and achieving Net Zero by 2070 and Green Hydrogen is the alternative for enabling this transition. Our Chamber has been in the forefront for the promotion of Green Hydrogen, having set up a Centre of Excellence in Green Hydrogen for providing support to SMEs that are transitioning to green energy.

Our International Climate Summit, 2023 on the theme 'Sustainability through Green Growth: Green Hydrogen, Biofuels, Renewables - A New Pathway to Climate Change Mitigation' held this month with the support of the Ministry of Environment, Ministry of Coal, Ministry of Science and Technology, NITI Aayog and CSIR was addressed by Mr. Ram Nath Kovind, Hon'ble Former President of India, wherein he deliberated on the importance of the International Solar Alliance and LIFE Mission. The Summit was a call to unite and harness modern innovation to ensure a sustainable future for everyone.

PHD Chamber has been working dedicatedly with

the government for creating conditions for India to be a 'New Engine of Growth', and aligning to the goals for becoming the third economic superpower, especially when India's global prominence is increasingly creating opportunities worldwide. With this note, I would like to bid adieu and extend my appreciation to our Outstanding and Esteemed Former Presidents, Chairs, Co-chairs and Members for their continuing confidence, counsel and support to focus on the Chamber's goals. I would like to express my self-effacing gratitude to the Secretariat Team for their harmonious cooperation and encouragement, as we worked together as one big family to achieve Progress, Harmony and Development of the nation. I fully concur with our Hon'ble Prime Minister that we as citizens of this great nation should use the opportunity to realize the country's potential as the decisions made now will impact the country for years to come.

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To blossom in the days ahead !!!!***

And I finally rest my pen saying with a famous quote,

**"Do not belong to the past dawns,
but to the noons of future."
~ Sri Aurbindo, philosopher, yogi
and Indian nationalist**



Saket Dalmia
President, PHDCCI

"Take up one idea. Make that one idea your life; dream of it; think of it; live on that idea. Let the brain, the body, muscles, nerves, every part of your body be full of that idea, and just leave every other idea alone. This is the way to success, and this is the way great spiritual giants are produced."

~ Swami Vivekananda ~



L-R : Mr. Mohit Jain, Co-chair, PHDCCI Media and Communications Committee and COO, Times of India Group; Mr. Saket Dalmia, President PHDCCI; Chief Guest Mr. Apurva Chandra, Secretary, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting; Mr. Pawan Agarwal, Chairman, PHDCCI Media and Communications Committee and Deputy Managing Director, Dainik Bhaskar Group; Mr. Hemant Jain, Vice President PHDCCI and Dr Ranjeet Mehta, Executive Director, PHDCCI

SECRETARY I&B EXTOLS THE POWER OF INDIAN LANGUAGE NEWSPAPERS

The Media and Communications Committee of PHDCCI, chaired by Mr. Pawan Agarwal, Deputy Managing Director of Dainik Bhaskar Group and co-chaired by Mr. Mohit Jain, Chief Operating Officer of The Times of India Group organized a Media Summit on September 13, 2023 at PHD House, New Delhi.

Chief Guest, Mr. Apurva Chandra, Secretary, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting spoke about the power of Indian language newspapers, being connected to readers on the ground.

Mr. Chandra emphasized that English may be a popular language in India and may have seeped deep into the national media psyche, but regional media was stronger and continued to grow in terms of content, readership and mass appeal. The Secretary also emphasized that the focus of the Government under the leadership of Prime Minister, Mr. Narendra Modi was on promoting the regional media.



L-R : Mr. Girish Agarwal, Director, Dainik Bhaskar Group; Mr. Tanmay Maheshwari, Managing Director, Amar Ujala; Mr. I Venkat, Director, Eenadu and Mr. Dhruba Mukherjee, CEO, ABP Group at the session on 'Resurgence of Indian Language Newspapers'

Mr. Saket Dalmia, President, PHDCCI emphasized that it was important to take up the issues of the media industry as this sector was voicing the issues of all segments of the economy.

Session-wise

Among the topics of discussion were "the rise of vernacular readership"; "the importance of

editorial content in attracting and retaining readers"; "the role of advertising in sustaining media houses"; "freedom of speech" and "technology driving the consumption of news". The session on vernacular readership underscored the fact that regional newspapers garner a higher percentage of advertising revenues than English newspapers. In 2021,

Hindi newspapers bagged 40 percent of advertising revenues versus 25 percent in English newspapers.

The session on “the role of advertising in sustaining media houses” examined how media houses generate revenue for their sustenance as mere news stand sales are not enough to meet their costs. As per industry estimates, while media houses earned Rs 79.5 billion through circulation of copies in 2022, they got Rs 161.2 billion through advertisements.

Speaker-wise

Speakers at the widely-attended summit included the who's who of Indian print and electronic media. These included Mr. Girish Agarwal, Director, Dainik Bhaskar Group; Mr. Tanmay Maheshwari, Managing Director, Amar Ujala; Mr. I Venkat, Director, Eenadu; Mr. Dhruva Mukherjee, CEO, ABP Group; Mr. Sumit Awasthi, Consulting Editor, NDTV; Mr. Pratap Somvanshi, Managing Editor, Hindustan; Mr. Lakshmi Pant, National Editor, DB Group; Mr. Vinod Agnihotri, Consulting Editor, Amar Ujala; Ms. Smita Jha, Media Consultant, Ex PwC and HT; Mr. Kaustav Chatterjee, Director Brand, Times of India; Mr. Sanjay Joshi, Chief Business Officer, DB Group; Mr. Sushant Kumar, Marketing Head, Aakash Education; Ms. Nalini Singh, Managing Director, TV Live India; Mr. Siddharth Varadarajan, Founder Editor, The Wire; Mr. Sandeep Amar, Founder, PDLab.me and Mr. Puneet Singhvi, CEO, Digital Business, Network18.

A large number of media and communication institutes from Delhi NCR participated, including the media departments of Amity University Noida; Manav Rachna University Faridabad; GD Goenka University Gurgaon; Sharda University Noida; IGNOU; Jamia Milia Islamia; Delhi Metropolitan Education; Apeejay Institute of Mass Communication; Lady Shri Ram College New Delhi and Trinity



L-R : Mr.Mohit Jain, Co-chair, PHDCCI Media and Communications Committee and COO, Times of India Group; Ms. Nalini Singh, Managing Director, TV India Live; Mr. Siddharth Varadarajan, Founder Editor, The Wire and Mr. Ashok Sharma, National Marketing Head, Amar Ujala at the session on 'Freedom of Speech'



L-R: Mr. Pawan Agarwal Chairman, PHDCCI Media and Communications Committee and Deputy Managing Director, Dainik Bhaskar Group; Mr. Sandeep Amar, Founder PDLab.me; Ms Smita Jha, Media Consultant and Former Executive Director, PwC; Mr. Puneet Singhvi, CEO, Network18 and Ms. Shalini S Sharma, Assistant Secretary General, PHDCCI at the session on 'Technology in News'

Institute of Professional Studies, Dwarka.

Content-wise

Print media is the oldest and among the strongest segments of media and communications in the country. As per industry estimates, the sector grew 20 percent in 2021. In terms of revenue, it totaled approximately Rs. 240 billion in 2022 and is expected to reach Rs. 250 billion in 2024.

Regional newspapers garner a higher percentage of advertising revenues than English newspapers. It is estimated that in 2021 Hindi newspapers bagged 40 percent of advertising revenues versus 25 percent for English newspapers.

As per industry estimates, while media houses earned Rs. 79.5 billion through circulation of copies in 2022, they received Rs. 161.2 billion through advertisements.

The session on “technology driving the consumption of news” underscored the significance of technology in augmenting news consumption and readership. Reading habits have changed in the past two years due to the lockdown. At present, a sizable portion of news is available online. The largest news platform in the world in this age are technological platforms, demonstrating the technology's influence on the news industry.

ROAD SHOW ON UNNATI INDIA OPPORTUNITY SERIES: INVESTMENT ROADSHOW

The Trade and Investment Facilitation Services (TIFS) of PHD Chamber organized a 'Road show on UNNATI India Opportunity Series: Investment Roadshow' on August 29, 2023 at PHD House, New Delhi.

Ms. Manmeet K Nanda, Joint Secretary, Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce & Industry reiterated that the government's policies focuses on the use of technology for ease of doing business. She highlighted that the Department has been able to reduce 40,000 regulatory compliance burdens. She mentioned that shortly a report on the "Cost of Regulations" will be released. Further, she mentioned that comments and perspectives of the developing and emerging nations have been put forward for the World Bank's "Be Ready" report which is in the pipeline.

Ms. Nivruti Rai, MD & CEO, Invest India emphasized the importance of technology in helping India boost its GDP since it lowers costs and makes doing business easier. She also emphasized the importance of "capitalizing on opportunities" for India, in particular for its sixty million MSMEs. Given the enormous scale of MSMEs in India, their technological skills must be upgraded and access to the market should be enhanced. She stressed upon the "Jan-Dhan Aadhar Mobile (JAM) Trinity", the strength that India is leveraging for making its mark in the world.

Mr. Saket Dalmia, President, PHD Chamber mentioned that India is at an inflexion point. While highlighting the importance of the event, he pointed out that the



enabler and the think tank both were present, represented by Ms. Manmeet K Nanda, Joint Secretary (DPIIT) and Ms. Nivruti Rai, MD & CEO, Invest India, respectively. He mentioned that the way forward is through technology enabled coexistence and collaboration. He raised the role played by the Chamber in this regard, by putting the spotlight on the next opportunity domestically and internationally for businesses.

During the event, Invest India team gave a presentation on varied business practices.

Dr Ranjeet Mehta, Executive Director, PHD Chamber in his vote-of-thanks stated that the investor-friendly programmes introduced

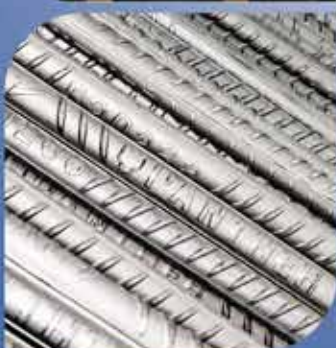
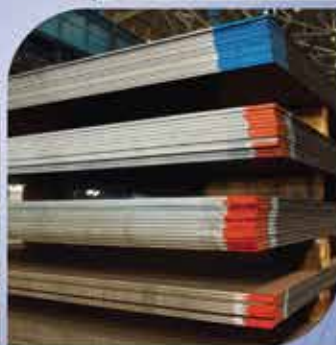
by the Government of India are primarily intended for domestic companies to use in order to expand their production base and create new capacities, resulting in increased domestic investments.

Dr SP Sharma, Chief Economist, DSG, PHD Chamber, while moderating the session stated that India is currently the fastest-growing economy among the leading economies. India will be a growth leader among top ten economies soon with an average growth rate of more than 6 percent followed by China.

The Roadshow concluded with an extensive discussion with participation of more than 120 delegates.



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3RD INTERNATIONAL CLIMATE SUMMIT FOCUSING ON GREEN GROWTH AND CLIMATE MITIGATION

The Environment & Climate Change Committee of PHD Chamber organized the '3rd edition of International Climate Summit', themed "Sustainability through Green Growth: Green Hydrogen, Biofuels, Renewables - A New Pathway to Climate Change Mitigation," on September 14, 2023 at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi. The Summit addressed the various environmental challenges along with the importance of promoting sustainable solutions.

Chief Guest, Mr. Ram Nath Kovind, Hon'ble Former President of India stated the background and importance of the International Solar Alliance Mission and the LIFE Mission. He highlighted that

the challenges posed by natural calamities have brought the world together on the same platform and cited a famous Sanskrit quote that highlights how nature protects those who protect it. He said, "We didn't inherit our future from our ancestors; we have borrowed it from our children." and expressed hope that the scientists, people of our nation, and leaders will collectively pursue the path of environmental protection and sustainable utilisation.

He pointed out that at the G20, India adopted the slogan 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam', signifying - the world is one family and that our planet is currently grappling with adverse climatic

conditions and it is imperative that we act collectively and promptly, taking conscious and constructive measures.

Mr. Saket Dalmia, President, PHDCCI said that the objective of the 3rd International Climate Summit is to unite and harness modern innovation to ensure a sustainable future for everyone. He discussed how businesses and environment protection can complement each other by way of new Startups dedicated to addressing climate issues. By integrating these Startups and technology-driven businesses, we can successfully achieve the targets for climate action mitigation.

Dr J P Gupta, Summit Chair & Chair Environment & Green Hydrogen Committee, PHDCCI said that the current strategy for addressing climate change includes replacing Fossil Fuels with Green Energy and Green Fuels, in particular Hydrogen. He discussed the urgent need to address climate change and presented a transformative model with three interconnected pillars:

1. Sharing Technology: Global collaboration is important in sharing green technologies to accelerate the transition to green energy and presented initiatives like the Global Biofuel Alliance and International Solar Alliance as examples.

2. Lifestyle Change for Environment (LiFE): This concept encourages individuals to make daily environment friendly changes

in their lives. The goal is to create long-term habits that reduce global emissions and empower individuals to take responsibility for their environment.

3. World Peace: The often-overlooked link between peace and climate change. Dr. Gupta suggested reallocating a portion of defence budgets to facilitate the green transition, adaptation, and climate change mitigation on a global scale.

Gurudev Sri Sri Ravi Shankar, Indian Guru and Spiritual Leader gave his blessings for the Summit and advised everyone to adopt the LiFE Mission needs which is the vision of our Hon'ble Prime Minister, Mr. Narendra Modi.

During the Inaugural Session, LiFE pledge was also undertaken by all the participants to commit towards protecting the environment and adopting environmentally friendly habits.



A significant highlight of the summit was the launch of a Knowledge book, titled “Towards Sustainable Future.” a valuable resource designed to provide in-depth information and insights into climate-related issues.

The Inaugural Session was followed by Plenary Session where Prof. Ajay Kumar Sood, Principal Scientific Adviser, GoI mentioned that in addressing the climate change, renewable energy plays a vital role in controlling global warming.

Mr. Espen Barth Eide, Minister of Climate and the Environment of Norway said that there are three ways to solve the climate crisis: decarbonising the energy system, decarbonising gas with blue hydrogen, and thinking smartly on using the resources.

Ms. May-Elin Stener, Norwegian Ambassador to India, said that energy is a top priority in Norway's strategy for cooperation with India. Nearly a century ago, we began producing green hydrogen from water. This hydrogen was used to produce ammonia, enabling companies to manufacture fertilizers and aluminium, thus contributing to job creation.

Mr. Ola Elvestuen, Member of Parliament Norway said that we must increase investments in renewable energy and promote the widespread use of Green Hydrogen, not just in Norway but also in India. In Norway, electric vehicle sales have already surged, indicating a positive shift. However, we also need to prioritise the adoption of biofuels. Our goal should be to establish a global economy that operates within environmental limits.

Mr. Nobuo Tanaka, Chair, the Steering Committee of Innovation for Cool Earth Forum (ICEF), Executive Director Emeritus, International Energy Agency (IEA), CEO, Tanaka Global, Inc. Tokyo, Japan discussed how Green hydrogen and advanced nuclear power are pivotal components for achieving a more environmentally sustainable future. The imperative lies in fostering green innovation across all sectors of industry. The concurrent utilization of both green and blue hydrogen is essential as



we work towards achieving net-zero carbon emissions by 2050.

Mr. Arun Kumar Singh, Chairman & CEO, ONGC said that the shift to green energy is inevitable, particularly in light of India's rising energy requirements. Our focus should be on moving towards cleaner energy sources, upholding the ethos of 'One Earth, One Future'.

Mr. Erik Solheim, Former Executive Director, UN Environment Programme, said that India, Europe, the US and China are all headed in the same direction of Green Hydrogen, which has the potential to be a massively strong movement. Hydrogen has two major problems that must be addressed: first, we must make hydrogen a significant renewable

power source, and second, we must secure long-term financing.

Ms. Rebecca Schreeb, Second Secretary in the Embassy's Economic Section, Embassy of Sweden discussed how India and Sweden have shared goals for a green transition.

Mr. Sturle H. Pedersen, Chairman, Greenstat Hydrogen India Pvt. Ltd. said that the importance of hydrogen cannot be underestimated in our efforts to create a more environment-friendly world.

Among other dignitaries present in the plenary session were - Dr SSV Ramakumar, Former Director (R&D), IOCL; Mr. Prabh Das, MD & CEO, HMEL; Mr. Vegard Frihammer, Founder & CEO, Greenstat ASA, Norway; Dr Geir Kåre Resaland, Pro-



rector for Research, HVL University, Norway; Mr. Ashwani Dudeja, President and Director (Green Hydrogen and Ammonia) ACME Group, His Holiness Sadhguru, Internationally acclaimed Spiritual Master and Dr Ranjeet Mehta, Executive Director, PHDCCI.

The Plenary Session was followed by five parallel five parallel knowledge sessions on the topics - Lifestyle for Environment, Green Fuel – 1, Green Fuel – 2, Research and Development and Capacity Building, Climate Finance wherein distinguished experts shared their valuable insights with the participants.

The second day of ICS 2023 had Green Energy Meet of the States and Country partners where dignitaries from Gujarat, Assam and Jharkhand participated and showcased their State's vision and planning towards Green Hydrogen. Also US and Australia participated highlighting various initiatives relating to Green Hydrogen and sustainability. The session was graced by the Virtual presence of Mr. Nitin Gadkari, Hon'ble Minister of Road Transport and Highways.

The session was followed by the Indo-Nordic Co-operation Session where eminent dignitaries



from Nordic countries like Sweden, Denmark, Finland, Norway and Iceland shared their valuable insights with the participants. The session was followed by a B2B

meeting where Indian industries interacted with the Nordic companies for exploring various business collaborations and partnership opportunities.



The final session of ICS 2023 was the Green Awards ceremony to celebrate the achievements of climate change captains for their path-breaking achievements in sustainability through green solutions, wherein renowned personalities and organizations were conferred the awards. The session was graced by the presence of His Excellency DolpoTulku Rinpoche, Mr Saket Dalmia, President, PHDCCI and Dr Ranjeet Mehta, Executive Director, PHDCCI.

PHDCCI honoured – Dr J.P. Gupta, Chairman, Environment Committee, PHDCCI for his Achievement and Path Breaking Contribution in setting up the Centre of Excellence in Hydrogen Economy & technologies tie ups in Green Fuels; Greenstat Hydrogen India Pvt. Ltd. for the Achievement and Path Breaking Contribution towards creating



Hydrogen Ecosystem and Centre of Excellence in Process Safety; The Royal Norwegian Embassy for the critical role of collaborating between Nations in addressing the global challenge of Climate Change; Invest India for the Achievement

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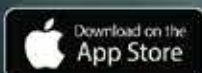
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LEADERS OF TOMORROW: YBLF SUMMIT

The Young Business Leaders Forum organized the YBLF Annual Summit—“Leaders of Tomorrow” on August 31, 2023 at Hotel Shangri-La, New Delhi, which witnessed a mix of young innovative entrepreneurs, visionary business leaders and entrepreneurs who have made a lasting impact in their businesses and to the society.

The event facilitated dynamic interactions through fireside chats and panel discussions that covered a wide array of topics, ranging from entrepreneurship challenges to industry trends and strategies for growth, providing a platform for exchange of ideas and insights.

With a focus on knowledge-sharing and networking, the First edition of the Young Business Leader’s Forum Annual Session brought together a vibrant community of young professionals and offered a perfect setting for the gathering of bright minds and visionary leaders.

Mr. Saket Dalmia, President, PHDCCI, in his opening remarks, informed how PHDCCI stands tall



as a 118-year-old organization, embodying a legacy of excellence and innovation. “As we gather at the Young Business Leader’s forum, let us channel this rich history to inspire our journey towards a future filled with growth, collaboration, and transformative leadership”, added Mr. Dalmia.

Chief Guest, Mr. Sanjeev Sanyal, Member, Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister in his address elaborated the need of structural reforms for stabilizing the Economy.

Mr. Naveen Jindal, Chairman, Jindal Steel & Power Ltd., highlighted the importance of establishing monthly and annual goals and outlined the necessary actions required to achieve these goals. He referred to his late father, Mr. Om Prakash Jindal, as a significant source of inspiration in his life. Additionally, he discussed the book “The One Thing” by Gary W. Keller and Jay Papasan, which delves into topics of multitasking, disciplined living, and maintaining a balanced lifestyle.

Speaking on challenges, Mr. Jindal expressed that challenges are inherent parts of life. He conveyed the importance of recognizing that we must embrace challenges and find happiness within them, as they serve as valuable opportunities for growth and learning. Mr. Jindal emphasized that challenges do not disappear but persist, and it is essential to maintain a contented mind set and persevere in all circumstances.

Ms. Naina Lal Kidwai, Chair, India Sanitation Coalition and Ex-Chair of HSBC India, stated that, with ESG becoming an integral part of regulatory compliances and supply chain dynamics, SMEs must prioritize ESG compliance to ensure sustainable growth and enduring success.

Speaking further on her journey in the field of sanitation, Ms. Kidwai highlighted the remarkable transformation of having women’s



restrooms on every floor of offices. Referring to the ‘Swachh Bharat Mission’, she informed that as a nation, significant progress has been made, increasing access to toilets from 40% to an impressive 98%.

Mr. Jaideep S. Kalra, Director and Head of Business Banking, North India, HSBC, elaborated on the critical significance of organizational culture, calling it the most important asset for any company. He emphasized that once a clear purpose has been established, cultivating a culture aligned with that purpose becomes important. Mr. Kalra further explained that fostering positive behaviors and instilling core values play important roles in steering a business towards success, ultimately resulting in favorable outcomes.

Mr. Nitin Jain, Co-Founder of Business, in his address,

emphasized that Ideas do not matter, it is the team and its strength that do. There are two prerequisites for an organization: firstly, the vision needs to be clear and secondly, caring for your people more than yourself.

Ms. Surbhi Gupta, Chair, Young Business Leader’s Forum highlighted the importance of nurturing the next generation of business leaders.

For the Grand Finale, the event witnessed a power talk session by Captain Raghu Raman, Strategic Coach; Founder and CEO of NATGRID. His engaging talk resonated deeply with the young business leaders in attendance, offering them valuable perspectives on effective decision-making, crisis management, and fostering a culture of innovation.

Mr. Tushar Aggarwal, Co-chair, YBLF delivered the vote-of-thanks to all the esteemed guests.



INTERACTIVE SESSION WITH HIGH LEVEL BUSINESS DELEGATION FROM MAURITIUS

PHDCCI International Affairs and Trade Fairs Division organized an Interactive Session with a High Level Business Delegation from Mauritius on August 28, 2023 at PHD House, New Delhi.

The delegates from Mauritius included H.E. Mr. Haymandoyal Dillum, High Commissioner of Mauritius; Ms. Namita Hardowar, President, Mauritius Chamber of Commerce and Industry; Dr Drishty Ramdenee, Secretary General, Mauritius Chamber of Commerce and Industry; Mr. Kevin Ramkalaon, CEO, Business Mauritius; Mr. Azim Currimjee- CEO, Quality Beverages Ltd. & Mauritian Chair, Joint Business Council and Ms. Lilowtee

Rajmun-Jooseery, CEO, Mauritius Exporters Association.

Mr. Saket Dalmia, President, PHDCCI welcomed the delegates and apprised them of the activities of the Chamber and spoke on the need to look for opportunities and areas of cooperation between India and Mauritius.

Dr Ranjeet Mehta, Executive Director, PHDCCI spoke about the active role the Chamber could play by connecting the various Business Forums and Chambers of Mauritius with its different committee experts to promote businesses in various sectors.

An intensive discussion took place to identify the potential areas

of business cooperation between India and Mauritius and to define and promote Mauritius more than just a tourist destination. The opportunity of developing SEZs for three top emerging sectors, namely Renewable Energy, Pharmaceuticals and Textiles was discussed where Mauritius could be a business attraction for Indian counterparts. The need to simplify connectivity between both countries for ease of doing business was also emphasized.

The session concluded with a vote- of- thanks to the esteemed guests by Mr. Naveen Seth, Deputy Secretary General, PHDCCI.



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SEMINAR ON CREDIT EXPANSION: PROPELLING THE GROWTH OF INDIAN ECONOMY

The Banking, Financial Services & Insurance (BFSI) Committee of PHDCCI organized a Seminar on “Credit Expansion: Propelling the growth of Indian Economy” on September 2, 2023 at PHD House, New Delhi.

Chief Guest, Mr. Rajiv Ranjan Jha, Director (Projects), Power Finance Corporation (PFC) Limited said that PFC deals with the borrowers as the project partner and supports the project till it gets complete. Mr. Jha said that PFC is focused majorly on large corporate credit/loans in the power and energy sector. PFC has supported and revived many projects which were under stress due to uncontrolled external environmental factors looking into the good intention of the borrower to repay the loan.

Mr. Saket Dalmia, President, PHDCCI in his Presidential Remarks suggested to scale up the economy with new technology and added

that credit required at the right time and with the right amount is critical. He said that working capital /project capital is the need of the MSME sector which should be taken care of with the right intention and the MSME sector needs to be supported by the Government and the banking sector.

Mr. Rajnish Kumar, Chair, BFSI Committee, PHDCCI in his theme presentation highlighted that the Indian market is still underpenetrated as far as credit is concerned and credit penetration has to be improved significantly if GDP has to grow at a faster pace.

Guest of Honor, Mr. Ambikanand Jha, General Manager & Zonal Head, UCO Bank, New Delhi gave a brief introduction about the UCO Bank and said that banks are very much focused on financing the MSMEs as revenue margins are very low in retail loans.

Mr. S.R. Meena, General Manager, Small Industries

Development Bank of India (SIDBI) said that SIDBI is having all kinds of products for MSMEs as per their needs at reasonable pricing. He added that SIDBI is now a Fin-tech Bank for MSMEs and accepts all the loan applications in online mode only.

Ms. Manushree Saggur, Vice President, ICRA Limited said that Credit expansion in MSME Sector is growing well with the support of banking and non-banking sectors. Loans to the MSME sector are growing at 25-30% YOY.

Mr. Dev Prakash Goel, Co-chair, MSME Committee, PHDCCI & Managing Director, Conquerent Control Systems Pvt. Ltd. said that lenders should also consider the past business profitability/performance, credibility in the market and intention of the borrower besides the balance sheet of the entity to give the credit / loans..

Mr. Mukesh Mohan Gupta, President, Chamber of Indian Micro Small and Medium Enterprises suggested that banks should receive all the applications in online mode and should specify proper reasons if the loan application is rejected.

Mr. Sanjeev Aggarwal, Chief Financial Officer, JK Tyre & Industries Ltd. said that in the tyre industry investment on research & development, routine testing and machinery is too much which should be funded by the banks timely without any delay.

Ms. Ritu Prakash Singh, Assistant Vice President – MSME Research Investor Relations, UGRO Capital Limited said that MSMEs are the backbone of the Indian economy. She added that MSMEs are contributing around 45% in total exports of the country and making India “Atmanirbhar Bharat”.

Mr. Deepak Jain, Chief General Manager, Power Finance Corporation Limited gave a brief presentation on the products and services of PFC. He stated that PFC is the largest NBFC in the country with a loan book of around Rs. 4.5 lakh crores and net worth of Rs. 0.72 lakh crores.

Mr. Akshay Kumar, Assistant General Manager, Head-SME, UCO Bank, New Delhi gave a presentation on loan products and services for MSMEs and said that UCO Bank has systemized all the loan products for MSMEs as per sectorial business requirements.

Mr. Raman Aggarwal, Director, Finance Industry Development Council (FIDC) said that NBFCs have contributed significantly in funding to MSMEs in the last two years. He suggested that MSMEs should have their GST filings up to date as this is going to be an account aggregator and backbone of their credibility in the market.



Mr. Vivek Goyal, Group CEO-SAS Group & Board Member-SV Creditline Pvt. Ltd. said that primarily bankers look for three C's i.e. Character, Capacity and Credibility of the borrower while funding. He suggested that bankers should handhold MSMEs in skill development and capacity building in financial management.

Mr. Rahul Narang, Professional, Retail & MSME Finance said that PSU Banks must increase their distribution channels to enhance their reach in the market.

Mr. Sanjeev Gupta, Co-chair, BFSI Committee, PHDCCI gave the opening remarks and moderated

the session along with sharing his viewpoints. Mr. Ashish Agrawal, Co-chair, BFSI Committee, PHDCCI delivered the concluding remarks and vote-of-thanks for the session.

Dr Ranjeet Mehta, Executive Director, PHDCCI felicitated the eminent speakers of the session along with other dignitaries.

Ms. Babeeta Sharma, Senior Secretary – Finance, Head –BFSI Committee, PHDCCI opened the session and also moderated the felicitation part of the seminar while Mr. Sanjay Ahuja, Joint Secretary, BFSI Committee, PHDCCI coordinated the Seminar.



NATIONAL LOGISTICS SUMMIT 2023

The Logistics Committee of PHDCCI organized the National Logistics Summit 2023 on August 11, 2023 on the theme “Navigating the Challenges and Opportunities of the Modern Logistics Landscape.”

During the inaugural session, Mr. Pawan Jain, Chair, Mr. Ravinder Sethi, Co-chair and Mr. Sushil Gupta, Co-chair, Logistics, PHDCCI highlighted the importance of the logistics industry in India’s evolving economy.

Guest of Honor, Ms. Sumita Dawra, IAS, Special Secretary, Logistics, Department of Promotion for Industry and Internal Trade, Ministry of Commerce and Industry outlined the core principles of the National Logistics Policy set by the Honorable Prime Minister, Mr. Narendra Modi. These principles revolve around three main objectives: establishment of international competitiveness in logistics by 2030; securing a place within the top 25 rankings on the Logistic Performance Index; focusing on fostering data-driven decision-making for the development of infrastructure and

logistics.

Chief Guest, Dr Surendra Ahirwar, Joint Secretary, Logistics, Department of Promotion for Industry and Internal Trade, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, underscored the significance of the National Logistics Policy as a comprehensive and strategic roadmap, which addresses the existing infrastructure challenges by leveraging digital connectivity,

In his presidential address, Mr. Saket Dalmia, President, PHDCCI, highlighted said that the swift growth of the e-commerce sector has indeed triggered substantial transformations across various industries, with logistics emerging as one of the most profoundly impacted areas.

During the Fireside Chat Sessions: Dr Sanjeev Ranjan, Chairman, National Shipping Board, Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways emphasized the government’s dedication to fostering the growth of the logistics sector and its pivotal role in India’s development.

Mr. Sanjay Bajpai, Executive

Director, CONCOR, highlighted the revolutionary impact of containerization on global logistics, highlighting its capacity to standardize cargo units for smooth transportation across diverse modes, including railways.

Mr. Rudra Shriram, Director, DCM Containers, specified the importance of the labor-intensive approach in India’s container manufacturing industry.

Mr. Anil Khandelwal, Principal Executive Director, Gati Shakti Railway Board, Ministry of Railways emphasized that the economy is undergoing rapid growth, leading to an increased demand for logistics services.

Dr Rakesh Paras Singh, Chairman of the Institute of Supply Chain Management, pointed out that the elevated logistics costs in the country are not primarily a result of infrastructure shortcomings but rather the inefficient and non-collaborative utilization of existing infrastructure. Essentially, he advocated for a transition away from transactional methods in favor of enhancing logistics efficiency



and cost reduction.

Mr. Anil Syal, President of Safexpress, noted a lack of proactive change within the logistics industry, which is hindering its potential, especially in the areas of warehousing and 3PL (Third-Party Logistics) services. He proposed that enhancing warehouse efficiency and rethinking traditional Full Truck Load (FTL) transportation methods could lead to cost reductions by addressing concealed inventory-related expenses.

Technical Session – 1

Air Cargo: Emerging Trends in Global Trade

Mr. Yashpal Sharma, Managing Director, Skyways Group, underscored the crucial role of the Air Cargo industry in facilitating the rapid transportation of goods, particularly in the context of the thriving global e-commerce sector.

Mr. Abdulla Alkhalafi, Cargo Manager, India and Nepal, Emirates Sky Cargo drew attention to the fact that Emirates operates three vital pharmaceutical routes originating from India.

Mr. Satish Lakkaraju, Global Head, Air Freight and Pharma, WIZ,

explained that cargo operations need to be agile, responsive, and capable of immediate action.

Mr. Manoj Jain, Managing Director, Deep Blue Xpress, emphasized on the importance of artificial intelligence and real augmentation in the context of virtual augmentations.

Mr. Sanjiv Edward, Chief Executive Officer, Cargo and Logistics, GMR Group, mentioned that AI has become increasingly essential for optimizing Air Cargo operations.

Technical Session – 2

Multi-modal Logistics: Integrating Modes of Transport for Efficient and Sustainable Delivery

Mr. Abhishek P Rao, President, RSA Global, commended the Government for its initiatives in several areas, including the National Logistics Portal and the Unified Logistics Interface Platform.

Mr. Anil Syal, President, Safexpress, highlighted the significance of implementing the new policy related to Multimodal Logistics Parks (MMLP), creating impactful opportunity for the logistics sector.

Mr. Shonik Goyal, President and Head, Supply Chain, Sheela Foams suggested that MMLPs could evolve into packaging hubs, playing a broader role in logistics and supply chain operations.

Mr M. P. Charan, Managing Director - Skyfer Logistic Inc., in his presentation on “Measures to Reduce Domestic Transportation Cost for International Trade”, underscored the significance of employing satellite-based navigation systems to improve route planning and ensure timely deliveries.

Technical Session – 3

Blockchain for Logistics: Opportunities and Challenges

Mr. Ritesh Chaudhari, Director, Digital Business and IT, Henkel Group, highlighted the significance of the ULIP initiative, which seeks to streamline logistics processes. In his perspective, blockchain plays a crucial role in accomplishing this objective.

Mr. Manish Gupta, Practitioner – SCM and Logistics and Digital Transformation pointed out that blockchain’s distributed ledger system enables secure recording and sharing of information

throughout the supply chain.

Mr. Surajit Gurai, Associate Partner, IBM Consulting, discussed how blockchain serves as a unifying layer across different physical modes within the supply chain.

Mr. Sameer Jain, Vice President of Supply Chain, Reliance Jio, emphasized his viewpoint regarding technology as a facilitator and blockchain technology providing numerous advantages it provides. These benefits encompass traceability, visibility, reliability, and various other capabilities inherent to blockchain.

Mr. Deepak Joshi, Advisor at Skyfer Logistic Inc., stressed the anticipated overhaul of the freight forwarding, logistics, and transportation industries in the near future.

Technical Session – 4

Logistics Ratings and Certifications: Building Trust and Ensuring Quality

Mr. Dhritiman Chakraborty, Director Operations, Ingram Micro India Pvt Ltd. and Mr. Abhishek P Rao, President, RSA Global emphasized that ratings and certifications are of paramount importance in the logistics industry as they serve as key trust-building tools.

Mr. MaduLokan, Executive Director, TAPA, stressed the importance of ratings and certifications in securing assets throughout the supply chain.

Mr. Bhupendra Kumar, Head - Logistics, IOL Chemicals and Pharmaceuticals Limited, advocated for global benchmarks to improve logistics standards, safety, and quality, particularly for high-value materials, ensuring efficient, safe, and reliable operations that boost development and environmental sustainability.

Mr. Sunil Bharadwaj - Consulting Director, Impacteazer Consulting, deliberated on the paramount significance of data protection and regulatory adherence.

Mr. Amit S Kumar, Sr. Director-Marketing, Netradyne in his presentation on “Unlocking Safe Transportation: Unleashing AI's Potential” depicted a vision-based driver safety system, outlining its key functions.

Technical Session – 5

Sustainability in Supply Chain Management: Implementing ESG Practices

Mr. Aditya Vazirani, CEO, Robinsons Global Logistics Solutions, discussed the concept of pooling, where competitors delivering products to the same location or distributor share the same transportation, optimizing efficiency.

Mr. Hitesh Bhuraria, Co-Founder and CEO, Sangti Tech said that logistic providers may need incentives to invest in low-carbon solutions in the form of volume commitments from shippers or price premiums, which would help differentiate logistic providers willing to embrace environmentally friendly practices.

Mr. Deepak Sharma, Head of Manufacturing, Supply Chain, and Logistics at Bajaj Electricals Limited, highlighted their commitment to implementing circular economy principles.

Mr. Amar Variawa, Country Director - Public Affairs, Sustainability and ESG, Michelin India Private Ltd., highlighted several environmentally-friendly initiatives within his company. These include rooftop solar installations, the development of a lush herbal garden from 9000 saplings, providing exceptionally

clean and rejuvenating air, and maintaining a zero liquid discharge policy.

Mr. Anirban Sanyal, Head of Supply Chain, Century Ply, outlined his company's environmental commitment through two initiatives: sourcing from agroforestry markets to benefit the environment and rural India and allowing trees to grow for at least three years before harvesting.

Technical Session – 6

Skilling the Logistics Workforce: Building a Skilled and Resilient Workforce

Ms. Alpana Chaturvedi, CEO, My Logistics Gurukul, underscored the vital role of skill development in the logistics sector.

Mr. Vipin Jain, Chairman, Task Pillar on Skill Development, Air Cargo Forum India, noted their successful transition to conducting online training courses during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Prof. (Dr) Vandana Arora Sethi, Chief Strategy Officer and Head of Growth, Lloyd Group of Institutions, pointed out shortcomings in supply chain education which include a deficiency in training with industry-standard software, insufficient exposure to real-time scenarios, and the requirement for skills such as problem-solving and resilience.

Ms. Shweta Goela, General Manager- Strategy, Safexpress Private Limited, spotlighted the urgent demand for a skilled workforce in the rapidly expanding logistics industry.

Mr. Sumesh Kampassi, Vice President, RSA Global, underlined the significance of core skills in logistics, particularly critical thinking.



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INDIA'S PARTICIPATION AT MAGIC FAIR, LAS VEGAS, USA

The Textile Committee of PHD Chamber with support from the Ministry of Micro Small and Medium Enterprises organized India's participation for the Magic Fair, Las Vegas, USA, August 07-09, 2023 with 18 companies showcasing their products.

The India Pavilion was inaugurated by Mr. Santosh Sarangi, Additional Secretary & Director General, DGFT, Mr. Rakesh Adlakha, Deputy Consul General, Consulate General of India, San Francisco, along with Ms Ashwani Lal, IES, Additional Development Commissioner, MSME in the presence of Padmashree Dr A Shaktivel, President, FIEO; Mr. Harish Dua, and Mr. HKL Magu, EC member, AEPC.

Magic is a high-energy fashion experience and home to the largest selection of trend-driven and young contemporary apparel, footwear and accessories in the industry.

The delegation met with Minister of Industrial Development, SMEs and Corporates, Mauritius and Lt. Governor of Nevada and Members of Las Vegas India Chamber of Commerce and



Industry to discuss strengthening of business relationships between both the countries.

Mr. Youdhvir Singh, Deputy

Secretary, PHDCCI International Affairs and Trade Fairs Division represented and coordinated for the India Pavilion at Magic Show, Las Vegas.



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INTERACTIVE MEETINGS WITH LT. GOVERNOR NEVADA AND MEMBERS OF LAS VEGAS INDIA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

At a meeting organized by PHD Chamber and FIEO, the Indian delegation interacted with Mr. Stavros Steve Anthony Lt. Governor, Nevada, Ms. Bindi Parikh, Immigration Attorney; Mr. Harry Singh, Chairman LVICC, and Ms. Rita Vaswani, President of LVICC, and the Nevada Governor's Office of Economic Development - GOED represented by Mr. Thomas Burns, Executive Director and Ms. Amanda Fiocchini, Senior International Trade Manager.

Mr. Santosh Sarangi, Additional Secretary and Director General, DGFT shared the opportunities available in India in various sectors and invited the companies from Nevada to invest in Energy, IT, Artificial intelligence, Health Tourism etc.

Mr. Rakesh Adlakha, Deputy Consul General, Consulate General of India at San Francisco shared a detailed overview of the Indian economy and opportunities available. He appreciated the efforts of officials and the Government of Nevada province to make Nevada as the state of receiving maximum investment in the tourism sector.

Ms Ashwini Lal, Additional Development Commissioner, Ministry of MSMEs, Government of India briefed about the strength of Indian MSMEs in various sectors and support of her Ministry in capacity development for MSMEs to make them competitive as per International standards.

Chairman, Mr. Harry Singh, Las Vegas India Chamber of Commerce



Left: Mr. Rakesh Adlakha, Deputy Consul General at CGI- San Francisco; Ms. Ashwini Lal, ADC, Ministry of MSME; Emcee Ms. Sue Manteris; Mr. Santosh Sarangi, Additional Secretary and DGFT; Mr. Stavros Steve Anthony Lt. Governor Nevada; Mr. Thomas Burns, ED at Nevada Governor's Office of Economic Development; Padamashree Dr A Shakhivel, President, FIEO, and Mr. Youdhvir Singh, Deputy Secretary, PHDCCI

(LVICC) discussed the opportunities in development of health tourism in detail. He also assured of raising the issue with the US ambassador at New Delhi about resolving the issues of delay in getting a US visa for Indian businessmen.

Ms. Bindi Parikh, Immigration Attorney, Las Vegas thanked all participating companies and shared the details of visa options

available with Indian companies for getting US citizenship.

Mr. Youdhvir Singh, Deputy Secretary, PHDCCI International Affairs and Trade Fairs Division represented and coordinated for the India Pavilion at Magic Show. He briefed about the various activities of PHD Chamber and invited business delegation from LVICC to have business meetings with the members of PHD Chamber.

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2ND HER ENTERPRISE - HER DIN

The PHD Chamber organized the 2nd edition of “HER ENTERPRISE-HER DIN” on August 17, 2023. The conference was organized by the Women, Child Development and Entrepreneurship Committee of PHDCCI, under the leadership of the Chairperson, Dr Aruna Oswal and Co-chairpersons Dr Blossom Kochhar and Ms. Archana Aggarwal of the Women, Child Development and Entrepreneurship Committee. The conference was graced by the Chief Guest Dr Mridula Thakur Pradhan, a prominent social activist.

The conference aimed to delve into the challenges faced by women entrepreneurs and business owners, hindering their establishment, expansion, and sustenance of profitable enterprises. The discussions highlighted inspiring stories of women who persevered through adversity, failures, and setbacks, showcasing their unbreakable passion and resilience in achieving their ambitions. The challenges encompassed societal, economic, and structural dimensions. Key industry sectors in focus included Beauty and Wellness, Gems and Jewellery, Animation, Visual Effects, Gaming, Comics, Health Enterprise, Gourmet Enterprise,

and Branding Enterprise.

Chief Guest, Dr Pradhan appreciated PHDCCI's efforts in women empowerment and entrepreneurship. She highlighted various women-centric schemes led by Prime Minister, Mr. Narendra Modi, including 'Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao', Ujjwala Yojna, and more. She also stressed the pivotal role of education and skills in empowering young girls and noted the positive trends in women's enrollment in premier educational institutes.

Dr Oswal shared the different initiatives championed under her leadership by the WCD Committee of PHDCCI. She also highlighted the Spotlight Red Campaign of UNESCO for which a national launch was facilitated by the Chamber in July this year.

Dr Kochhar, spoke about the power of formal training and education in what one wanted to make a career in. Understanding of financial matters is one of the important prerequisites for becoming a successful entrepreneur.

Ms. Archana Aggarwal shared that it was very difficult for a woman to make a mark in a male-dominated world. Taking care of the family, looking after the education and grooming of children, tending

to the kitchen, all these were always taken for granted from a woman and despite all this she is able to stand out on her own when she decides to take up the reins of business.

Ms. Charuvi Aggarwal, Co-chair, Entertainment & AVGC Committee, PHDCCI, highlighted the significance of animation in the Media and Entertainment industry, sharing her journey from a traditional artist to a filmmaker.

Ms. Vrinda Sood, Co-chair, Entertainment & AVGC Committee, PHDCCI, recounted her journey from humble beginnings to becoming a successful animation creator. She stressed the importance of unconventional career choices that align with one's interests and skills.

Dr Rashmi Rai, Founder of Age-Enhance Clinic, discussed advancements in beauty and wellness through technology and hormone replacement therapy.

Ms. Supriya Chaddha, Founder of The Gourmet Food Factory, highlighted the importance of traditional Indian dishes and nutritional habits. She emphasized combining traditional practices with modern technology to produce high-quality food.



TRAINING WORKSHOP ON PREVENTION OF SEXUAL HARASSMENT (POSH) ACT TOGETHER WE THRIVE: CREATING A SAFE AND EMPOWERING WORKPLACE

PHDCCI organized the POSH workshop focused on the “Prevention of Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (POSH) Act” on August 11, 2023 at PHD House, New Delhi. The workshop featured special address by Ms. Meenakshi Sharma, Presenting Officer at the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC). She highlighted the prevalent sexual and mental harassment cases faced by women at the workplace. She emphasized the significance of the POSH initiative, which holds crucial implications from a general standpoint. “Societal pressure still acts as a barrier for many of these women” she said.

Ms. Raavi Birbal, Advocate at the Supreme Court and High Court of Delhi, commended PHD Chamber for addressing such a relevant and contemporary issue. She highlighted the essential need

for cultural and attitudinal changes in both men and women. While the POSH Act garnered recognition in urban areas, it remains less known in rural regions. She urged PHDCCI to extend its reach to these rural areas and advocated for a fast-track mechanism to resolve sexual harassment cases. Referring to Article 15 that prohibits gender-based discrimination, she mentioned Article 51 A (E), which imposes a fundamental duty on every citizen to renounce practices derogatory to the dignity of women.

Mr. Sanjay Drall, Assistant Commissioner of Police, Delhi Police shared multiple instances of sexual harassment at workplaces. He shed light on the prevalent discrimination against women in these settings and the underlying negative mindset. He emphasized that schools and society hold the primary responsibility to impart moral values and suggested that

these teachings should be further reinforced.

Mr. Ashish Wig, Chair, HR IR Committee, PHDCCI delivered the welcome address, touching upon the significant representation of women at workforce.

Other distinguished speakers included Ms. Jyoti Grover, Designated Partner, Counsel Quest LLP; Ms Amrreeta Swaarup, Advocate-on-Record, Supreme Court of India; Mr. C V Raghu, Legal Advisor, Motherson Group; Mr. Kanishk Agarwal, Advocate & Founder, Centre 4 POSH; SI Ms. Deepa Tilthiya, Delhi Police; Ms Deepika Narayan Bhardwaj, Independent Journalist & Filmmaker; Ms. Risheka Dhhawan, Advocate and SI Ms. Kajal Singh, Delhi Police.

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



CONFERENCE ON IP COMMERCIALIZATION & TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER FOR MSMEs

The Law & Justice Committee in collaboration with the MSME Committee of PHD Chamber organized a Conference on 'IP Commercialization & Technology Transfer for MSMEs' on August 18, 2023 at PHD House, New Delhi.

Mr. Kirit Javali, Co-chair, Law & Justice Committee, PHDCCI in his address highlighted the numerous schemes available for the Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) sector in recent years. He pointed out the practical challenges and issues faced by this sector, the significance of funding and copyright concerns, the importance of periodic audits and the necessity for acquisition and branding strategies.

Mr. N Ramchander, Joint Controller of Patent & Designs at the Patent Office delivered a presentation on copyright aspects concerning novels, books and brand names. He mentioned the need for external confidential incorporation in patents, particularly for agricultural



products. He highlighted the importance of aligning technology transfer with industry needs and as Research and Development are a continuous process, he advocated for IP commercialization to foster innovation. To achieve this, he suggested a market strategy that emphasizes product importance and copyright issues.

Mr. Dev Prakash Goel, Co-chair, MSME Committee, PHDCCI highlighted the significance of the

IPR cell of PHDCCI, emphasizing that Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) are crucial for MSMEs and Startups. Safeguarding intellectual property can significantly enhance their competitiveness, market position, investment attraction and business value. He acknowledged the challenges faced by MSMEs and Startups in terms of identifying intellectual property and lacking expertise in filing applications. To address these issues, PHDCCI IPFC



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Mr. N G Lakshminarayan, Chief of Business Development, National Research Development Corporation (NRDC), highlighted NRDC's role in commercializing technology and solutions for industries. He elaborated on their mission and vision and shared success stories related to CSR funding.

Prof. (Dr) Sushil Chandra, Dean and Professor at Rishihood University and Former Scientist 'G' at DRDO, highlighted patent issues in the defence ecosystem. He discussed how MSMEs can enhance their productivity through SRTT-funded projects and by improving skilled labour through education, artificial intelligence and robotics.



Expert speakers in the technical sessions included Dr Shilpi Jain, Professor (IT Area), Fore School of Management; Mr. Satish Kumar, Assistant Director - MSME, Govt. of India; Mr. Vivek Singh, Head - IP Prosecution Practice, Sagacious IP, Patent & Trade Mark Attorney; Mr.

Gaurav Gogia, Principal Associate, United IPR; Ms. Petal Chandhok, Partner, Trust Legal Advocates & Consultants and Mr. Manish Johri, Advisor, Portfolio Growth - Lead Angels & Director - Maple Accelerator.

TECHNOLOGY AND DATA SOLVING THE CREDIT NEEDS OF RETAILERS

The Capital market and Commodity Market Committee of PHDCCI organized a Seminar on 'Technology and Data Solving the Credit Needs of Retailers in India' on September 19, 2023 at PHD House, New Delhi.

Mr. B K Sabharwal, Chair, Capital Market and Commodity Market Committee, PHDCCI while welcoming the speakers and delegates, emphasized the importance of digital retailer financing, highlighting how it provides retailers with immediate access to funds.

Mr. Shachindra Nath, Vice Chairman & Managing Director, U GRO Capital highlighted a significant shift in the banking sector from wholesale financing to retail financing. He also



emphasized the diversity within the small business landscape, noting that these enterprises have varied financial requirements.

Mr. Prasanna Madhyasta, Business Head - Supply Chain Finance, U GRO Capital pointed out that retailers find themselves in a financial dilemma, as extended

stock holding conflicts with the constraints posed by conventional borrowing methods.

To conclude the seminar, Mr. B K Sabharwal delivered the vote-of-thanks to all the speakers and the event's sponsor, U GRO Capital and all the participants.

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RECENT CHANGES IN GST LAWS AND LEGAL JURISPRUDENCE

The Indirect Taxes Committee of PHDCCI organized a Webinar on “Recent Changes in GST Laws and Legal Jurisprudence” on August 25, 2023).

Mr. Bimal Jain, Chair, Indirect Tax Committee, PHD Chamber and Founder, A2Z Taxcorp LLP, in his theme presentation highlighted numerous points viz. Outward supplies, GST ITC – and discussed about menace of fake registration & fake invoice. Further, he emphasized the importance of correct disclosures of B2B and B2C Supplies in GSTR 1. He discussed about important changes in GST laws vide the Finance Act, 2023. Furthermore, he described provisions towards strengthening of GST Registration, automation in GST Return filings and furnishing bank account details and important recent judgments in GST having wide impact on small tax payers.

Ms. Shweta Walecha, Director, Lakshmi Kumaran & Sridharan spoke on Legal Jurisprudence in Horse Racing, Casino and Online Gaming – and the GST Rate on the same. She gave various examples and challenges of the Games of Chance versus Games of Skills.

Mr. Chetan Aggarwal, Partner, Tattvam Advisor, presented the recent changes in GST refund and how to calculate the refund under ITC in case of zero-rated supply



Left to Right: Mr. Bimal Jain, Chair, Indirect Taxes Committee, PHDCCI; Ms. Shweta Walecha, Director, Lakshmikumaran & Sridharan.; Mr. Chetan Jain, Partner, Tattvam Advisors.

Left to Right: Mr. Yogesh Gaba, Managing Partner, GABA & Co., Ms. Neha Jain, Managing Associates, Nitya Tax Associates and Mr. Nanda Gangadhar Mishra, Joint Secretary, PHD Chamber .

of goods and services without payment of tax and with payment of IGST.

Mr. Yogesh Gaba, Managing Partner, GABA & Co., made a presentation about Recent Changes in GST Registration, Automation and GST Return Filing. He explained various aspects about the revocation of cancellation of registration, furnishing of bank account details, rules for suspension of registration and physical verification.

Ms. Neha Jain, Managing Associates, Nitya Tax Associates, made a presentation on Legal

Jurisprudence in GST ITC. She explained about the various challenges related to Section 16 (4) and validity of time limit to claim ITC.

The Webinar concluded with an extensive discussion with the participation of more than 500 delegates. The Program was moderated by Mr. Nanda Gangadhar Mishra, Joint Secretary, PHDCCI. The session was supported by A2Z Taxcorp LLP, Nitya Tax Associates; Tattvam Advisors, GABA & Co. Athena Law Associates and Lakshmikumaran & Sridharan.

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CONFERENCE ON INSOLVENCY & BANKRUPTCY CODE, 2016

PHDCCI organized a Conference on 'Insolvency & Bankruptcy Code' on August 19, 2023 at PHD House, New Delhi.

Dr UK Chaudhary, Senior Advocate & President, NCLT Bar Association mentioned that there have been a number of legislations in the past on sickness and revival, but all failed completely. After so many failures, and so much of pile up of NPAs; IBC is the one that has achieved success for the creditors. He emphasized on the challenges, viz. structure under IBC does not recognize operational creditors and it only recognizes financial creditors; supremacy of the COC; Section 60 (5) is the cause for most of the delays and preferential treatment to secured creditors under Section 52 and 53.

Mr. LN Gupta, Member (T), National Company Law Tribunal, Delhi Bench mentioned challenges before IPs, creditors, IBBI, etc. He stated that all challenges are different from the challenges what we face as the adjudicating

authority. It's a dynamic legislation which has been amended six times; we will very soon see the seventh amendment, he added further. He highlighted the achievements of IBC as 70% of the applications have been disposed of and in the Merger and Amalgamation cases, 93% of them are disposed of.

Mr. PSN Prasad, Member (J), National Company Law Tribunal, Delhi Bench emphasized on not treating IBC as a recovery mechanism. He advised the participants to read the preamble of IBC carefully, which states "Timely Resolution and Maximization of Value of Assets". The objective of a law is always in the preamble. He appealed to the legal community to bring only justifiable and sustainable cases as advocates are the officers of court and should not encourage frivolous applications.

Mr. GP Madaan, Chair, NCLT & IBC Committee, PHDCCI in his welcome address mentioned that IBC came 7 years back and challenges faced are many which

start from the day one when from filing the application whether u/s 7, 9 or 10; whether the application is barred by limitation; principles of natural justice have to be followed which certainly takes time which is challenging.

Mr. Karan Mehra, Co-chair, NCLT & IBC Committee, PHDCCI mentioned that the objective of PHDCCI NCLT Committee is to bring reforms in the IBC Code and we need to think out-of-the-box. He further added, we need to reach out to every stakeholder which is just not the Bench, Bar, AA, I,P etc. but a stakeholder is also a student who assists in delivery of justice. Mr. Mehra also presented the Web Portal of NCLT & IBC Committee (www.ncltibcphdcci.in) of PHDCCI which got unveiled by the Honourable Technical & Judicial Members of NCLT Bench Delhi.

Mr. Abhishek Anand, Co-chair, NCLT & IBC Committee, PHDCCI in his concluding remarks mentioned that we all are working for the success of the implementation of IBC.

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FOOD PROCESSING SUMMIT

The Food Processing Summit was organized by the Agribusiness and Food Processing Committee of PHDCCI on August 21, 2023 at PHD House, New Delhi.

In her welcome address, Ms. Mili Dubey, Director, Agribusiness & Food Processing Committee, PHDCCI, elaborated on how post-harvest management is the need of the hour for ensuring food security. She also shed light on the endeavors of the Committee in the past one year and how closely the Expert Committee has been working with the beneficiaries of the PM Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises Scheme in the past year. The scheme aims to benefit more than two lakh beneficiaries and till now more than one lakh people have already benefited.

Chief Guest, Mr. Minhaj Alam, IAS, Additional Secretary, MoFPI, said that Food security is very important, especially for a country like India with a large population, and he further stressed the need to increase productivity. He apprised



about various schemes from MoFPI and the upcoming flagship event from the Ministry, "World Food India (WFI)". He further elaborated how the Ministry is working towards incentivizing the processors and entrepreneurs to expand at a global level and WFI is also one such initiative.

He stressed the need to minimize wastage and explained that the Government of India established MoFPI for this specific purpose. He further explained that the Ministry is actively engaged

in various schemes tailored to different categories, such as PMFME for the Micro sector and PMKSY for SMEs. He also highlighted that more than 1000 projects have been approved under PMKSY. Additionally, under PMFME, around 45000 micro units have received support so far, with a target of more than 2 lakh units.

However, he acknowledged numerous challenges within the food processing sector, including supply chain inefficiencies, food safety concerns, market demand

fluctuations, and sustainability issues, all of which require attention and action.

Guest of Honor, Dr Sudhanshu, Secretary, APEDA in his address emphasized the significance of processing and export in the context of the 'International Year of Millets'. Dr Sudhanshu acknowledged that the Indian Government has launched various initiatives and schemes, creating a favorable environment for processors. Notably, schemes like the Production-Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme have been instrumental in assisting processors in scaling up their operations. Despite these positive steps, he pointed out that fragmented landholding remains a challenge, emphasizing that true progress can only be achieved through consolidation and coordinated efforts.

Mr. Saurabh Singhal, Co-chair, Agribusiness Committee, PHDCCI, said that the Indian food and



agriculture Industry have made a significant stride in the last 3 decades. Mr. Singhal asserted that a strong, nurturing bridge is required to ensure that farm produce remains fresh beyond the production season for which development of a strong processing and storage infrastructure can contribute to achieving the goal of becoming a powerhouse by 2030.

NIFTEM- Kundli (NIFTEM-K) was the knowledge partner for the event, Small Farmers' Agriculture Consortium (SFAC) was the FPO partner and KrishiJagran along with pro-MFG were the Media Partners for the event.

The summit concluded with a vote- of- thanks by Ms.Mili Dubey, Director, PHDCCI.

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CONFERENCE ON TAX- DEDUCTED- AT- SOURCE (TDS)

The Direct Taxes Committee, PHDCCI organized a Virtual Conference on TDS on August 29, 2023 to focus on interpretational issues and latest developments so as to ensure better compliance and for receiving due credits of TDS.

Mr. Anil Kumar Chopra, Chair, Direct Taxes Committee, PHDCCI in his theme address shared the importance of TDS by mentioning that it ensures regular inflow of cash resources for government, prevents tax evasion and helps in expanding the tax net. He called for reducing unwarranted hardships and providing clarifications on debatable interpretation of tax laws. He said that there are numerous consequences of non- deduction of TDS, wherein the assessee in default is chargeable not only to interest and penalty but this also entails non-deduction of expenses. He called for setting up of TDS ombudsman for grievances and to avoid litigation. He appreciated the various e-initiatives that have been taken by the Government to enable a System driven Business environment.

Mr. Gaurav Jain, Advocate, Senior Partner, Lexstone Law Chambers deliberated on TDS provisions on payment to contractors (S.194C), Fees for professional or technical service (S. 194J) and commission or brokerage (S. 194H). He highlighted numerous case studies on debatable provisions relating to works contracts/ service contract/ reimbursement of expenses/ commission/ brokerage/ unascertainable and certainable liability.



Mr. Harpreet Ajmani, Advocate, Tax Litigation Partner, AZB & Partners spoke on TDS provisions on payment of certain sums by e-commerce operator to e-commerce participant (S. 194-O) and TDS on payment of certain sum for purchase of goods (S.194Q). He deliberated on the finer nuances of the provisions and cited case laws on issues warranting clarifications.

Mr. S. R. Patnaik, Partner & National Leader – Tax, Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas made a comprehensive presentation on TDS Provisions related to non-residents (S.195).

Mr. Salil Kapoor, Advocate -Salil Kapoor & Associates made a presentation on TDS provisions on benefit or perquisite in respect of business or profession (S. 194R) and on payment of certain amounts in cash (S.194N). He highlighted numerous circulars issued by CBDT to provide clarifications on the issues emanating under Section 194R.

Mr. Rohit Jain, Advocate, Partner, Vaish Associates made a comprehensive presentation on TDS provisions related to renting of assets/ transfer of immovable property (S.194I, S.194IA, S.194IB, S.194IC).

Mr. Ajay Wadhwa, Advocate, - President, ITAT Bar Association explained in detail consequences for assessee in default under Section 201 of IT Act. He explained the provisions of penalty and interest under the Section and the time limit for passing an order.

Mr. Sanjiv Kumar Chaudhary, Senior Member of Direct Taxes Committee and erstwhile Partner of BSR & Co. LLP and Partner & Leader at BDO delivered the vote-of-thanks to the guests.

Around 900 participants viewed the session on zoom and youtube and there were over 1100 registrations.



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CONCLAVE ON UNLEASHING THE POTENTIAL OF AGRI-TECH STARTUPS FOR THE BENEFIT OF FARMERS

The Agribusiness and Food Processing Committee in association with the Power and Energy Committee, PHDCCI participated and organized a Breakout session and a technical session during the National Conclave organized by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmer's Welfare themed "Unleashing the Potential of Agri-Tech Startups for the Benefit of Farmers," on August 31, 2023, at the NASC Complex in PUSA, New Delhi.

Mr. Manoj Ahuja, Secretary, MoAFW was the Chief Guest for the occasion.

Mr. Faiz Ahmed Kidwai, Additional Secretary, MoAFW; Mr. Samuel Praveen, Joint Secretary, MoAFW and Mr. Nitin Jain, Co-chair, New Age Business Committee, PHDCCI were the dignitaries on the dais.

During the Breakout session themed, "Social Innovations to



make Agritech Solutions accessible to Farmers", Mr. Om Routray Agricultural Specialist, spoke on Social Innovation in Agri-tech startups. Panel members opined that connectivity to farmers is vital in defining the shape of a social innovation and its future.

Mr. Nitin Jain, Co-chair, New Age Business Committee, PHDCCI moderated the technical session themed, "Agritech Innovation and Role of Social Networks in Technology Adoption". During the session, discussions were held around the technicalities of FPOs and public private partnership

role in leveraging the benefits of Agri-tech Startups. Sustainability of FPOs was also discussed. A key highlight of the session was that the adoption of social network interventions would only be possible if the solution is tailored to the Indian scenario. Finance, Technology and Agriculture were the key words of the session and a knowledge of these three together can lead to a successful Agri-tech Innovation.

The event concluded with a vote-of-thanks delivered by Mr. Punit Chaudhary, Secretary, PHDCCI.

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ROAD SHOW ON EXPLORING BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES IN AFRICA

PHD Chamber in partnership with ARISE IIP is organizing a series of Road shows on “Exploring Business Opportunities in Africa” with an objective to sensitize the Indian Industry about the various opportunities of bilateral economic cooperation between India and the countries in the African continent in various cities.

The inaugural road show of the series was organized with the support of Chamber of Industrials and Commercial Undertakings (CICU) on September 1, 2023 at CICU Complex, Ludhiana.

Mr. Vishal Garg, Co-Convenor, Regional Taxation Sub-Committee, PHDCCI, while welcoming the

delegates, highlighted that it was an opportune time for the Indian Industry to explore opportunities of mutual interest with their counterparts in Africa.

Mr. Amit Kaushik, ARISE IIP, while delivering a presentation covering the various prospects of doing business with Africa highlighted that Africa was the continent of future and there were several countries specifically in West and Central Africa which were already doing sizeable business with India. He also highlighted the various incentives offered by ARISE IIP to Indian investors.

Mr. Upkar Singh Ahuja, President, CICU, while thanking PHDCCI and ARISE for organizing

the road show in Ludhiana highlighted that Ludhiana is one of the leading Industrial cities of Punjab having close business relationship, with Africa and felt that organizing such road shows was the need of the hour.

Dr S.B. Singh, Convenor, Regional MSME Sub Committee, PHDCCI, while delivering the vote- of- thanks for the session encouraged ARISE IIP to organize more such shows in other cities of Punjab to harness the true business potential that existed between India and Africa.

The Session was moderated by Mr.Niraj, Director (International Affairs), PHDCCI.

The second Road Show was held on September 2, 2023 at PHD House Chandigarh.

Mr. Pranav Gupta, Chair, Haryana State Chapter, PHDCCI while welcoming the delegates highlighted that it was an opportune time for the Indian Industry to explore opportunities of mutual interest with their counterparts in Africa.

Mr. Amit Kaushik, ARISE IIP gave a presentation covering the various prospects of doing business with Africa in which he highlighted that Africa was the continent of future and there were several countries specifically in West and Central Africa which were already doing sizeable business with India. He also highlighted the various incentives offered by ARISE IIP to Indian investors.



Ms. Bharti Sood, Regional Director, PHDCCI while moderating the session mentioned that Africa is full of opportunities for Indian exporters as the continent is one of the fastest growing economy and it is right time to enter the market.

Mr. Niraj, Director, International Affairs, PHDCCI mentioned that Africa is a continent comprising of 54 countries and every country has immense potential of good returns on investment.

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INTERACTIVE SESSION WITH HIGH LEVEL DELEGATION FROM THE LEAGUE OF ARAB STATES

The PHDCCI International Affairs and Trade Fairs Division and Sushma Swaraj Institute of Foreign Services organized an Interactive Session with the visiting delegation from the League of Arab States on August 29, 2023 at PHD House, New Delhi.

Dr Ranjeet Mehta, Executive Director, PHDCCI spoke on the active role the Chamber could play in providing Arab League a better understanding of the Indian economy.

Dr S P Sharma, Chief Economist & Deputy Secretary General, PHDCCI presented a comprehensive outline of how Startups and MSMEs significantly contribute to the Indian economy.

Ms. Anita Shukla, Director – FT & NRG & Dr Hitashi Lomash, Course Coordinator represented the Sushma Swaraj Institute of Foreign Service, New Delhi and briefed on the purpose of the delegation's visit and the identification of business sectors suitable for collaboration with the Arab League.

Mr. Amulya Tripathi, General Manager-International Business, Aakash Healthcare Ltd. spoke on the growth of Indian Hospital Sector and its global importance. He also spoke about Medical Tourism and highlighted the role of India as a significant and cost effective destination for medical value travel.

Dr Ravi Rathod, General Manager, Policy and Strategic

Affairs, Innovation Imaging Technologies Pvt. Ltd (IITPL) delivered a presentation on the "Indian Pharmaceuticals and Devices Manufacturing Sector" highlighting its global market share.

Mr. Alekh Johri, Founder, Anemol Solutions, spoke on India's impressive advancements in the digital market and focused upon the pivotal role played by Indian unicorns in the realm of the AI sector.

The session was moderated by Mr. Naveen Seth, Deputy Secretary General, PHDCCI and attended by 21 diplomats representing countries from the League of Arab States.

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SEMINAR ON KOREA TECHNICAL EXCHANGE

The PHDCCI International Affairs and Trade Fairs Division in partnership with Asia Science Park Association (ASPA) organized the Korea Technical Exchange Seminar on September 12, 2023 at PHD House, New Delhi.

The session was moderated by Mr. Naveen Seth, Deputy Secretary General, and Mr. Niraj, Director, PHDCCI.

Dr Ranjeet Mehta, Executive Director, PHDCCI while welcoming

the delegates delivered an overview of the success statistics of Indian Startups and Unicorns. He expressed confidence that PHDCCI could enhance connectivity between the technology markets of India and Korea.

Mr. Sun Kook Kwon, General Secretary, Asia Science Park Association (ASPA) expressed his gratitude on visiting a high technology country like India. He said that the seminar was an opportunity for Indian and Korean

companies to create new value for mutual development.

Mr. Chang Gil Seog, CEO, ULTECH Co. Ltd. gave an overview on Technological innovations in Machinery, and briefed on the high-performance equipments manufactured by his company along with its potential in the Indian market. He wished to expand on the existing technical & business exchanges taking place between Korea and India.



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Taking our Agricultural Heritage to showcase at the Land of Bees, Wines and Forests, the Agribusiness and Food Processing Committee of PHDCCI visited the 61st Agra Fair from August 26-31, 2023 at Gornja, Radgona Slovenia.

Ms. Nataša PircMusar, President of Slovenia was the Chief Guest for the occasion and during her address, she explained how the Agra Fair is the symbol of the rich cultural heritage of Slovenia.

Ms. Namrata Kumar, Ambassador of India to Slovenia, explained how India and Slovenia have historic diplomatic ties since long. She highlighted the importance of India's theme for G20 Presidency and India connected through the message of "Vasudaiv Kutumbakam" and how India being the country partner at the prestigious Agra Fair is a testimony to that.

Ms. Irena Šinko, Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Food, Republic of Slovenia shed light on how the government is incentivizing farmers across the



agricultural landscape.

Ms. Urška MaukoTuš, Mayor of the Municipality of Gornja, Radgona along with representatives from the Chamber of Agriculture and Food, Slovenia; Mr. Sumit Agarwal, Co-chair, Food Processing, Committee, PHDCCI and Ms. Mili Dubey, Director, Agribusiness and Food Processing Committee, PHDCCI were also amongst the dignitaries present during the occasion. The inaugural concluded with a vote-of- thanks to the guests.

The PHDCCI Business delegation participated in a meet with the Young Entrepreneurs Forum of Slovenia.

Mr. Franc Bogovič, Member of the European Parliament from Slovenia was the Chief Guest for the occasion. Mr. Franc expressed his pleasure on how the youth of Slovenia are actively practicing agriculture and how despite the differences of opinion they are all on the same page for forming a sustainable agricultural landscape for the nation.

Mr. Anton Jogodic, Coordinator and Advisor for the Chamber of Agriculture, Slovenia actively works with the Slovenian Rural Youth Association of Slovenia. He explained how and where they face challenges in remote mountain areas of Slovenia to practice agriculture and how the government is supporting the youth for taking up more of agriculture.

During the session, young Farmers and entrepreneurs from Slovenia and other neighboring countries shared their experiences in the market and how they plan to expand further in Slovenian Agriculture. Mr. Aditya Agarwal, Director, AgriAcre and member, Delegation to Slovenia shared how his venture is helping practice sustainable options in agriculture.

Ms. Mili Dubey shed light on how the agricultural landscape of India is transforming and the digital Age of agriculture has arrived in India.

The Indian delegation met a delegation led by Mr. Matej Tonin, former Minister of Defence, Slovenia and the Vice president of New Slovenia Party.

The delegation had members from various Farm solutions providers, Food and Agriculture processors from Slovenia working in FMCG.

During the meeting, it was discussed how Slovenia can be seen as a good market for dehydrated foods. Mr. Tonin also shared that the businesses from Slovenia are looking for business partners in India and promised that he will connect Indian buyers and suppliers with the biggest Slovenian business associations.

The Indian delegation of PHDCCI participated in B2B meetings at Gornja, Radgona, Slovenia. The meeting was to introduce the participants from various international countries with the Indo- European Business Forum working towards strengthening ties for Growth and partnerships



and relationships between not just Slovenia and India but the whole EU region.

Ms. Namrata Kumar, Ambassador of India in Slovenia welcomed the delegates and introduced Mr. Sunil Kumar Gupta from SAARC to explain the importance of the Forum.

The Indian delegation from PHD Chamber along with the delegates from APEDA met Mr. Rok Kapl, Director, Spirit Slovenia and Ms.

Andreja Mulec Bohnic, Head of Department of the SPIRIT Slovenia Business Development Agency. Mr. Kapl explained how Spirit Slovenia helps both Slovenian companies to increase their exports and international companies to invest in Slovenia and beyond.

Mr. Sumit Agarwal, Co-chair, Food Processing Committee, PHDCCI felicitated Mr. Kapl with a PHDCCI memento and the meeting ended with a vote-of-thanks presented by Mr. Sumit Agarwal.



PHDCCI INDUSTRY 4.0 SUMMIT

The New Age Business Committee of PHDCCI organized the PHDCCI Industry 4.0 Summit- “TechCrafting the Future: Redefining Manufacturing with New Age Solutions” on September 6, 2023 at PHD House, New Delhi.

Chief Guest, Mr. Nagendra Nath Sinha, Secretary, Ministry of Steel discussed the significant contribution of the Indian steel industry to the economy, accounting for over 2% of the country's GDP. He emphasized that Industry 4.0 is poised to profoundly impact this sector, benefiting the Indian Steel Industry and MSMEs and opening up global opportunities. He said that the Indian steel sector has undergone remarkable transformation, with rapid production escalation propelling India from the third-largest to the second-largest global crude steel producer in just four years.

Mr. Sinha acknowledged the rollout of 5G technology and the use of drones for nuclear imaging technology as the greatest innovations in the



Industry 4.0 realm. In the same vein, he communicated that one of the biggest challenges for making Indian MSMEs Industry 4.0 compliant is the lack of a skilled workforce. From his standpoint, the influence of global factors on steel prices, finding the right balance between producing high-quality steel and keeping costs down to compete globally, becoming sustainable, and the need for modernization are the important determinants for the burgeoning Indian steel industry.

Guest of Honor, Mr. Vijay Mittal, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Heavy Industries said that the Ministry serves as the nodal ministry for Industry 4.0. The Ministry has developed a scheme aimed at enhancing competitiveness by establishing Smart Advanced Manufacturing and Rapid Transformation Hub (SAMARTH) centers, which have begun their efforts to advocate for Industry 4.0. Currently, over 70,000 MSMEs and industries have registered with the four SAMARTH centers.

He emphasized the urgent need to transition from conventional industry to Industry 4.0, especially for MSMEs. Finding cost-effective solutions to convert traditional manufacturing systems into advanced ones that provide real-time insights into processes, quality, and other factors are the mainstay for MSMEs to become Industry 4.0 compliant, he shared.

Mr. Nitin Jain, Co-chair, New Age Business Committee, PHDCCI & Co-Founder, Ofbusiness, said that big OEMs are already Industry 4.0 compliant; hence, there is a need to focus on how MSMEs can transition into Industry 4.0. As the country is self-reliant in meeting its steel

requirements, there is a need to leverage the potential of Industry 4.0 to enhance our steel exports.

Mr. Abhinav Jain, Co-founder and CEO Almonds Ai, moderated the technical session on 'AI Powered Growth' and the panelists - Mr. Indradyumna Datta, Group Chief Digital Officer, Jindal Steel & Power; Mr. Umesh Madhyan, Vice President- Logistics, Hindustan Coca-Cola Beverages Pvt. Ltd.; Ms. Sharmila Das, Cognitive & AI Consultant, IBM; and Mr. Saugat Mohapatra, CEO - Barrel Scope Solutions Pvt. Ltd. discussed AI and Automation for Business Growth and Cost Reduction.

The second technical session discussed the criticality of making the labour force ready for industry 4.0 and the challenges therein. Mr. Sanjay Sharma, CEO, Skill Council for Mining Sector; Mr. Antarpreet Singh, Professor of Practice & Head - Centre for Digital Innovation, FORE School of Management and Dr TSS Subramanian, Sharda Group were the discussants.

The vote-of-thanks for the inaugural session was delivered by Mr. Ravi Gupta, Co-chair, Minerals and Mines Committee, PHDCCI and the event was moderated by Dr Jatinder Singh, ASG, PHDCCI and Ms. Swati Kumar, Senior Secretary, PHDCCI.

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L-R: Mr. S. K. Sethi, Co-chair, BFSI Committee, PHDCCI and Founder & CEO, Insurance Foundation of India; Ms. Babeeta Sharma, Sr. Secretary – Finance, Head – BFSI Committee, PHDCCI ; Mr. Anil I Lobo, Consultant: Retirement & Employee Benefits; Mr. Rahul Chaurasia, Vice President & Head– Corporate Sales (North, East & Central India), Head Corporate Annuity, & Group to Retail, Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance Company; Prof. Manoj Kumar Pandey, Chairperson, Centre for MDP and Consultancy (CMDC) Associate Professor of Insurance, Marketing, BIMTECH; Mr. Hitesh Saini, Entrepreneur – Insurtech, Consultant; Mr. B R Sachdeva, Renowned Company Secretary, Lawyer Specializing in Company Law Matters, Expert in formation of Gratuity trust; Mr. S. K. Jain, Author & Insurance Professional; Mr. Sanjay Ahuja, Joint Secretary, BFSI Committee, PHDCCI

WEBINAR ON GRATUITY INSURANCE- IMPLICATIONS OF GRATUITY ACT FOR DIRECTORS/ TOP MANAGEMENT

The Banking, Financial Services & Insurance (BFSI) Committee of PHDCCI in association with the Insurance Foundation of India organized a webinar on “Gratuity Insurance-Implications of Gratuity Act for Directors/ Top Management” on September 12, 2023.

Mr. Anil I Lobo, Consultant, Retirement & Employee Benefits said that trust can invest the funds contributed by the employer and hold investments in its name or fund through a gratuity product offered by an Insurance Company. Mr. Lobo, in his presentation covered the understanding of Gratuity Benefits and advantage of advance funding of the liability during the webinar.

Mr. S. K. Jain, Author & Insurance Professional detailed

about Gratuity Act, role of directors, Implications of violations and few case studies.

Prof. Manoj Kumar Pandey, Chairperson, Centre for MDP and Consultancy (CMDC) Associate Professor of Insurance, Marketing, BIMTECH discussed gratuity Insurance and its importance.

Mr. B R Sachdeva, Renowned Company Secretary, Lawyer Specializing in Company Law Matters, Expert in formation of Gratuity trust discussed the role & responsibility of Trustees of Gratuity Trust.

Mr. Rahul Chaurasia, Vice President & Head– Corporate Sales (North, East & Central India), Head Corporate Annuity, & Group to Retail, Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance Company in his presentation discussed about the role of Life

Insurer in setting up of the Trust, parameters for selection of Life Insurer and salient points of the Trust Deed.

Mr. Hitesh Saini, Entrepreneur – Insurtech, Consultant detailed about the Gratuity strategy for corporates and discussed a few cases of Gratuity insurance claim settlement.

Mr. S. K. Sethi, Co-chair, BFSI Committee, PHDCCI and Founder & CEO, Insurance Foundation of India gave his opening remarks and moderated the webinar by adding his expert views.

Ms. Babeeta Sharma, Senior Secretary – Finance, Head –BFSI Committee, PHDCCI delivered the concluding remarks and vote-of-thanks and Mr. Sanjay Ahuja, Joint Secretary, BFSI Committee, PHDCCI coordinated the webinar.



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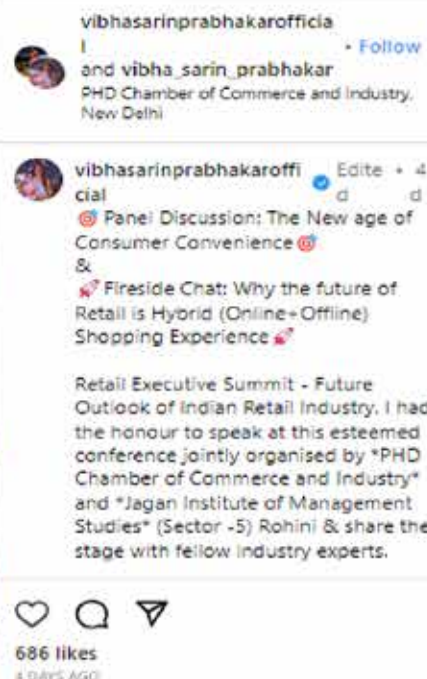


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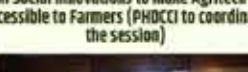
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MEMBERS' MEET FOR GIFT CITY DELEGATION



On the eve of PHDCCI Delegation to GIFT City Gujarat, PHDCCI Gujarat Chapter hosted a Welcome Reception and Members' Meet for the Industry Members from across the country participating in the delegation on August 21, 2023 at Hotel Courtyard by Marriott, Ahmedabad.

The Networking Reception, hosted in honour of Mr. Saket Dalmia, President, PHDCCI was attended by the Industry Leaders from across the country from different sectors who are keen to be a part of the PHDCCI journey of

growth and development.

Mr. Saket Dalmia, President, PHDCCI formally welcomed all the esteemed guests and shared the vision of the Chamber for promoting the interests of the industry at the state and national level. He stated that PHDCCI has been aggressively working towards promoting the interests of the Indian industry through its various initiatives at state, national and global level. He invited active participation from all the industry members to make PHDCCI Gujarat Chapter more vibrant and inclusive.

Mr. Hemant Shah, Chair, PHDCCI Gujarat Chapter and Mr. Himanshu Shah, Co-Chair, PHDCCI, Gujarat Chapter also addressed the august gathering and shared the perspectives and roadmap for PHDCCI Gujarat Chapter's inclusive growth.

Dr Ranjeet Mehta, Executive Director, PHDCCI while moderating the session, further added that the role of each and every Member of PHDCCI is equally important in taking the Chamber's agenda of growth and development forward.



GIFT CITY DELEGATION

The PHDCCI Gujarat Chapter and Capital Market Committee, in partnership with GIFT City-Gujarat and EDGE Community hosted a “GIFT CITY DELEGATION” event on August 22, 2023, at GIFT City in Gandhinagar, Gujarat. The theme of the event was ‘India’s Gateway to Global Finance.’

The PHDCCI delegation’s visit to Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT City) was to evaluate the possibilities of setting up their business operations in India’s first-ever International Financial Services Centre (IFSC). The Delegation comprised more than 160 delegates from various national and international locations.

In his welcome address, Mr. Saket Dalmia, President of PHDCCI, conveyed the industry’s deep admiration for the growth and potential of GIFT City as a highly desirable destination for financial services, both within India and globally. Gift City is poised to attract domestic and international investors due to its advanced infrastructure, robust regulatory framework, and strategic location. He was of the view that blockchain technology holds great potential for businesses in our country.



The Chairman of GIFT IFSCA, Mr. K Rajaraman, keynote speaker for the inaugural session shared details about the various facilities,

opportunities and incentives accessible to entities operating in GIFT City. During the meeting, they also discussed the recent

advancements and future strategies for developing GIFT City into a prominent global financial hub.

The inaugural session featured speeches by Mr. Balasubramaniam V., MD & CEO of NSE IFSC Limited; Mr. Sandip Shah, Head of Business at GIFT IFSCA and Dr Ranjeet Mehta, Executive Director of PHDCCI.

Mr. Hemant Shah, Chair, PHDCCI Gujarat Chapter was present at the event and honoured the Keynote Speaker.

Mr. Dipesh Shah, Executive Director of GIFT City and Mr. Sandip Shah, Head of Business at GIFT City delivered presentations on the Gift City.

The distinguished speakers who participated in different sessions included Mr. Ashok Gautam, MD & CEO of IIBX; Mr. Vivek Srivastava, Chief Executive of Axis Bank; Mr. Utsav Shah, Head of Aditya Birla Sun Life Mutual Fund; Mr. Amar Kampani, Founder & CEO of Kampani Capital; Mr. Jaiman Patel, Partner at Ernst & Young; Mr. Shailesh Dhuri, CEO of Decimal Point Analytics; Mr. Vivek Jain, Director of Stride Ventures and Ms. Ketaki Got Mehta, Partner at Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas.

Mr. B.K. Sabharwal, Chair, Capital and Commodity Market Committee, PHDCCI accomplished the moderator role for the sessions. He also expressed his belief that Gift City has the potential to revolutionize the business landscape in India.

Mr. Yashraj Akashi, Co-chair, PHDCCI Start-Up Committee,



delivered the vote-of-thanks to the distinguished guests.

The President expressed his sincere gratitude to the esteemed Senior Managing Committee members: Mr. Sanjeev Gupta, Mr. Vivek Aggarwala, Mr. Ashish Aggarwal, and Mr. Sanjay Beswal for their invaluable contributions and sharing of their seasoned expertise that contributed significantly to the

success of the delegation.

The delegation also had the chance to visit the GIFT City campus and witness the state-of-the-art infrastructure and facilities provided for the entities operating in the GIFT City. The delegates were impressed by the efforts of PHDCCI and the warm reception they received at GIFT City.



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2ND JHARKHAND MINING SUMMIT

The PHDCCI Jharkhand Chapter organized the 2nd Jharkhand Mining Summit on the theme- 'Advances in Mining' on August 25, 2023 at Ranchi. This event brought together a multitude of renowned individuals from various sectors of the mining industry, academics and distinguished government officials, to exchange knowledge, insights and innovative ideas that pave the way for the future of mining in Jharkhand.

Dr SP Agarwal, Vice Chancellor of Sai Nath University in his welcome address shared his experience in fostering knowledge dissemination and industry-academia collaboration. He shared his insights on the future prospects and challenges of the mining sector.

Addressing the session, Dr Sheo Shankar Rai, a revered mining engineer and a distinguished professor at IIT-ISM, Dhanbad, focused on the digital transformation of businesses. He stressed the need for organizations to adapt to modern technologies and leverage digital platforms to enhance productivity, efficiency, and customer satisfaction. Mr. Suyash Shukla, the Head of Corporate Affairs, Jindal Steel and



Power Limited also addressed the inaugural session.

Guests of Honor were Mr. RK Gupta, the Head of Mining at Hindalco Industries Ltd. and Mr. Sanjay Srivastava, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF) and member of the Indian Forest Service.

Chief Guest, Mr. C.P. Radhakrishnan, the Honorable Governor of Jharkhand, has played a pivotal role in shaping the mining landscape of Jharkhand. The Honourable Governor spoke about the need for optimism, good investments and self-sufficiency. He also emphasized the

importance of modernization and mentioned the goal of achieving zero carbon emissions by 2070. His speech focused on the concept of an "Aatmanirbhar Bharat" or a self-reliant India.

Dr Raman Kumar Jha, Vice Chancellor, ICFAI University Jharkhand in his vote-of-thanks to the guests discussed the significance of mining and the importance of environmental care in mining operations. He also discussed the importance of implementing safe measures and sustainable mining practices to minimize the industry's impact on the environment.

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AGRI AND FOOD PROCESSORS CONCLAVE

The PHDCCI Jharkhand Chapter organized the Agri and Food Processors Conclave on September 15, 2023 at Sidho Kanho Birsha University, Purulia in association of Ministry of Food Processing Industries, with an objective of sustainable transformation in Agri and Food Processing sectors for a strong economy.

Chief Guest, Mr. Rajat Nanda IAS District Magistrate, Purulia complimented the schemes of State Government as well as the Central Government for benefiting farmers dependent on agriculture as the only source of income.

Guest of Honor, Mr. Adityavikram Mohan Hirani, IAS, Additional District Magistrate, Purulia & CEO, Zila Parishad praised the gathering of over 300 Farmers,

Students & FPOs in a platform created by PHDCCI and exhorted the people to come forward and take the benefits of both the State Government & Central Government schemes.

The inaugural session concluded with Mr. Gurudas Mondal, Head- Training & Placement Cell, Sidho Kanho Birsha University delivering the vote-of-thanks to the guests.

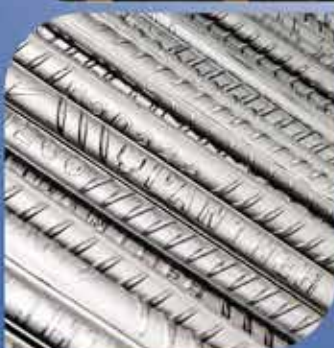
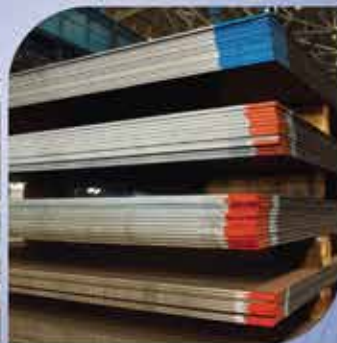
Mr. Mantosh Singh, Senior Resident Director, PHDCCI delivered the welcome address, whereas the theme Address was delivered by Dr Nachiketa Bandhopadhyay, Registrar, Sidho Kanho Birsha University. Mr. Gurudas Mondal, Head Training & Placement Cell, Sidho Kanho Birsha University, Purulia delivered the vote-of-thanks to the guests.

The technical session on “Sustainability in Agriculture/ Farm Practices, Food Processing Sector & the way Forward” was moderated by Prof. (Dr) Dhananjoy Rakshit, Vice Chancellor, Sidho Kanho Birsha University. He suggested FPOs to set up new Agri & food processing industries at Purulia. Speakers included Prof. (Dr) RP Singh Ratan, Dean-Agriculture, Jharkhand Rai University; Mr. Samrat Kumar PethePatil, Socialpreneur & Co founder, Deep Forests; Mr. Biswajit Mahapatra, Team Co-ordinator, Pradan, Jhalda; Mr. Manish Piyush, Founder, Puresh Daily; Mr. Tapan Kumar Mandal, Lead District Manager, Punjab National Bank; Mr. Amitava Biswas, DDM NABARD and Ms. Suprava Malik, Business Consultant APEDA.

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POTENTIAL NORTH EAST: AN AGRI BUSINESS MEET BETWEEN NORTH EAST REGION OF INDIA AND BANGLADESH CUM BUYER-SELLER MEET

The NER Chapter of PHDCCI in association with APEDA, organized the 'Potential North East- An Agri Export Business Meet' between North Eastern Region of India and Bangladesh cum Buyer-Seller Meet, on August 22, 2023 at Maniram Dewan Trade Centre, Guwahati.

Ms. Sunita Rai, Deputy General Manager, APEDA delivered the welcome address for the esteemed guests.

Mr. Tahmin Ahmed, President, Sylhet Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Bangladesh spoke on the current trade relations between India and Bangladesh.

Mr. Varun Yadav, IRS, Deputy Commissioner, Guwahati Customs Division spoke on the customs clearance procedure.

Mr. Jyotish Talukdar, APEDA Authority Member, spoke on the work done by APEDA in agricultural exports to Bangladesh and other parts of the world.

Mr. Lalmalsawma, MAS, Joint Director (R&E/R), Department of Agriculture, Government of Mizoram, stressed on the need for marketing of Agricultural products of farmers in Mizoram for exporting their produce to other countries. The Kaldan Multimodal Project would highly benefit Mizoram as well as the other States of North East region to seamlessly transport cargoes to Myanmar.

Mr. PVSLN Murty, Chairman & Managing Director, NEDFi, spoke on the four important pillars of the 'Act East Policy' i.e. Connectivity, Commerce, Culture and Capacity Building.

HE Mr. Ruhul Amin, Assistant High Commissioner and Head of Mission, Bangladesh Assistant High Commission Guwahati, stated that Bangladesh and North East can be called as natural partners as they share common borders with Meghalaya, Assam, Mizoram and Tripura. He also gave an overview on the agricultural as well as the

exports and imports scenario of Bangladesh.

Speakers at the Technical Session included: Mr. Ravi Laxmigudi, Plant Protection Officer, Directorate of Plant Protection, Quarantine & Storage, Govt. of India; Md. Ashraf Kamal, Business Development Manager, APEDA Guwahati Regional office and Mr. L. Hrangkhoh, Deputy Superintendent of Post Offices, Guwahati Division.

Mr. Bibhuti Dutta, Resident Director (NER), PHDCCI delivered the vote-of-thanks to the guests.

Central Government agencies - NABARD, Spices Board, Tea Board, NERAMAC, NCDC and TRIFED, whereas State Government agencies, Horticulture Research Station - Assam Agriculture University; Department of Horticulture, Govt. of Assam; Directorate of Agriculture, Govt. of Mizoram and Arunachal Pradesh Agriculture Marketing Board participated in the event by putting up their stalls.



ACCELERATE MSME SERIES 2023 - 3RD INTERACTIVE SESSION ON FINANCIAL EMPOWERMENT FOR SMALL BUSINESSES

The Banking & Financial Services Sub-Committee, Punjab State Chapter of PHD Chamber in association with Textile Manufacturers Association under its 'Accelerate MSME Series 2023', organized the 3rd Interactive Session on 'Financial Empowerment for Small Businesses: Debt Management, Listing, and Rating' on August 18, 2023 at Amritsar to educate the participating MSMEs about various aspects of financial empowerment.

Session moderator, CA Jaideep Singh, Convener, Amritsar Zone, PHDCCI, while welcoming the delegates and speakers opined that effective financial management plays a vital role in the expansion and long-term viability of small enterprises.

Mr. Deepak Khanna, President, Textile Manufacturers Association during his address stated that

MSMEs should collaborate with financial institutions to develop tailored financial solutions that address the specific needs of the businesses.

Mr. Mukul Bansal, Convener, Banking & Financial Services Sub-Committee, Punjab State Chapter, PHD Chamber discussed the significance of debt sustainability and restructuring.

Ms. Sapna Rajput, Chief Manager, SBI-SME, Amritsar gave a detailed presentation about SBI's offerings to MSMEs. She also apprised the participating MSMEs about CGTMSE Scheme, Lease Rental Discounting, Stand-Up India Scheme; Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana and Asset Backed Loans.

During his comprehensive presentation Mr. Ananda Prakash Jha, Director- Business Development (North- MCG) CARE Ratings provided an in-depth

overview of the credit rating schemes offered by Care Ratings. He emphasized that the advantages obtained from these rating services are contingent upon the soundness of MSMEs financials and operations.

While explaining the benefits of listing on National Stock Exchange, Mr. Rakesh Khurana, Senior Manager, National Stock Exchange highlighted that NSE's programs and platforms grant small and micro industries the opportunity to access capital, gain visibility, receive investor education, and obtain research assistance.

Mr. Rajiv Khanna, Hony Secretary, Textile Manufacturers Association delivered the vote-of-thanks to the distinguished guests. He thanked PHDCCI for organizing this useful session and wished to organise more such sessions in the near future.



EMPOWERING WOMEN ENTREPRENEURS THROUGH IPR & MSME SCHEMES

The PHDCCI SHE Forum, Amritsar Zone, hosted an event on 'Empowering Women Entrepreneurs through IPR & MSME Schemes: Unleashing Potential and Creating Opportunities' on August 09, 2023, at the Hotel Taj Swarna, Amritsar.

Ms. Bharti Sood, Resident Director in her welcome address elucidated the motives behind introducing this SHE forum to the esteemed delegates.

In Session 1: 'The importance of IPFC for Women Entrepreneurs', Dr Shweta Sen Thalwal, Founder, Integrum IP, Mohali delivered a presentation on the concepts, reasons, and timing associated with intellectual property rights during the event. The IPFC Amritsar services were also explained to the audience.

In Session 2: 'MSME Schemes and importance of Udyam Registration for Women Entrepreneurs', presentations were delivered by the distinguished team from MSMEs, including Mr.

Kundan Lal and Ms. Ishita Thaman, IAS, Assistant Directors of MSME DFO, Ludhiana offering an overview of various schemes of Ministry of MSME for Women Entrepreneurs.

In Session 3, 'Funding options for the Women Entrepreneurs, Ms. Sapna Rajput, Chief Manager, SBI -SME, Amritsar spoke about Role of Banks in Entrepreneurship, especially for women entrepreneurs. She also apprised the participating women about Stand-Up India Scheme; Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana and Asset Backed Loans.

In Session 4: 'Information on Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PMFME) Scheme by DIC Amritsar office', Mr.Sidhant Banura, District Resource Person, PMFME shared his valuable insights about PMFME Scheme.

Chief Guest, Mr. Virinder Sharma, IEDS, Director, MSME DFO, Ludhiana underscored the commitment of key stakeholders in fostering a conducive environment

for women in business.

After an Interactive Q&A session, a steering committee for the PHDCCI SHE FORUM Amritsar Zone was set up with eight members, namely, Dr.Jasveen Kaur, Ms. Mina Singh, Ms. Monika Kashyap, Ms. Priyanka Goyal, Ms. Ripti Tuteja, Ms. Sargun Sachdev, Ms.Sugandhi Dilawari, and Ms. Tina Aggarwal. This development reflects the Forum's commitment to effective leadership and representation in promoting women's empowerment and business growth.

Also, a product display by 12 members (women entrepreneurs) of the PHDCCI SHE Forum Amritsar was organized at the venue so that the MSME and other members can understand the product line of the member participants.

The audience and the eminent speakers took an oath mentioning the theme of August 15, Independence Day of India... "MERI MATI MERA DESH...Desh ke liye Balidaan dene wale VEERO ko samarpit Abhiyan".



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INTERACTIVE SESSION ON INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS & IP MANAGEMENT FOR STARTUPS

The PHD Chamber IP Facilitation Centre, Amritsar in association with Ministry of MSME and IKG Gujral Punjab Technical University, Jalandhar organized an Interactive Session on 'Intellectual Property Rights & IP Management for Startups' on August 23, 2023 at Jalandhar to apprise participants on significance of IP Management for Startups.

Er. Navdeepak Sandhu, Deputy Director (CR&A) & In-charge E-cell, IKG PTU while welcoming the guests emphasized the pivotal role that entrepreneurship and innovation play in driving economic progress and societal development.

Expressing his views, Mr. Ajay Mahajan, Co-chair, Punjab State Chapter and Managing Director, Uma International focused on intellectual property awareness, knowledge sharing, and collaboration that could play a pivotal role in bridging the industry-academia gap.

Ms. Bharti Sood, Regional Director, PHDCCI, provided an overview of the activities undertaken by PHDCCI and IPFC Amritsar.



Chief Guest, Dr Susheel Mittal, Vice Chancellor, IKG PTU, drawing from personal experience with two registered patents, enthusiastically motivated students to explore the possibility of securing intellectual property rights (IPR) for their innovations.

Adv Pooja Nayar, IPR Attorney & Convener, Women Development Committee, PHDCCI recommended that Startups should take steps to protect their IP rights from the ideation stage.

Adv Aaditi Singh, IPR Expert, New Delhi, emphasized the fundamental importance of IP protection for Startups.

Mr. Kundan Lal, Assistant Director, MSME Development Institute- Ludhiana, Ministry of MSME, Govt. of India informed that the Ministry of MSMEs provides a grant of Rs. 15 lakhs to innovators wanting to commercialize their projects.

Dr Mrigender Bedi, Asst Director, (CR&A) IKG PTU delivered the vote-of-thanks to the participants.

More than 500 participants, including Startups, Faculty and research scholars of IKG Gujral Punjab Technical University, Jalandhar attended the programme.



INTERACTIVE SESSION WITH TRADE COMMISSIONER, HIGH COMMISSION OF CANADA, NEW DELHI

The Rajasthan Chapter of PHD Chamber organized an interactive session with Ms. Shriya Ramchandran, Trade Commissioner, High Commission of Canada, New Delhi on September 14, 2023 at PHD House, Jaipur.

Ms. Shriya Ramchandran informed about the key business sectors of Canada, which is an export driven country, where Canadian companies would be keen to forge business partnerships with companies in Rajasthan for increasing trade and businesses between the two countries. She informed that they would be looking for projects in Infrastructure, Renewable Energy, Green

Hydrogen, Efficient Management of Energy System, Airports, Waste Management & Recycling and other innovative projects. She apprised that already more than 600 Canadian Companies are working in India in different sectors.

Ms. Ramchandran offered to collaborate with eminent Academic Institutions for establishing Centers of Excellence, Institutional partnerships, Twinning City arrangement, exchange of trade & business delegations and organizing a Webinar of Canadian Companies with Rajasthan based companies for exploring new business partnerships and

alliances. She also mentioned that a High level Canadian delegation is likely to visit India in January-2024 which could be brought to Rajasthan if so required. She further suggested that in due course of time similar trade delegations could be mounted from Rajasthan to Canada.

The interactive session was attended by Mr. Jitendra Singh Rathore, Mr. Sumer Singh Shekhawat, Co-chairs, PHDCCI-Rajasthan Chapter and senior members from Trade & Industry, academia and officials from Industries Department, Government of Rajasthan.



PUNJAB TOURISM SUMMIT - JAIPUR ROAD SHOW

The Tourism Department, Government of Punjab organized the 1st Road Show on August 23, 2023 at Jaipur in connection with their proposed "1st Punjab Tourism Summit" scheduled during September 11-13, 2023 at Mohali at Hotel Marriott, Jaipur. PHDCCI Rajasthan Chapter mobilized the presence of its leadership, members and other relevant stakeholders with whom it is working.

Speaking on the occasion Hon'ble Minister, Tourism, Ms. Anmol Gagan Maan, Government of Punjab invited investors, tour operators, hoteliers and other stakeholders of Hospitality sector to participate in the Summit, wherein the focus would be on Women Tourism and Wellness

Tourism besides other segments.

Ms. Rakhi Gupta Bhandari, IAS, Principal Secretary, Tourism, Government of Punjab made a detailed presentation on the new initiatives of Punjab Government for promoting different types of tourism in the State, leveraging the presence of spiritual places and shrines, historical monuments, rivers and developed agriculture ecosystems, rich culture, cuisines, handicrafts, suitable locations for promoting Adventure Sports, Film Tourism, Wellness Tourism and Border Tourism.

Mr. Jitendra Singh Rathore, Co-chair, PHDCCI-Rajasthan Chapter and a leading light in Hospitality sector welcomed the Hon'ble Minister and Principal Secretary, Tourism in Rajasthan and

emphasized the need to promote Border Tourism in a collaborative manner with Punjab in Rajasthan also and create a niche Tourist Circuit from Punjab to Rajasthan for promoting Border Tourism.

Eminent Tour operators of Rajasthan present in the Road Show led by Mr. Mahendra Singh, President, Rajasthan Association of Tour Operator, a member of PHDCCI and Mr. Sanjay Kaushik, Convener of Friends of Rajasthan Tourism requested the Hon'ble Minister and Principal Secretary, Tourism that PHDCCI-Rajasthan should be designated as a Nodal Organization for mobilizing delegation of relevant stakeholders from Rajasthan to the Summit. Hon'ble Minister agreed for the same.



CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMME UNDER THE NIRYAT BANDHU SCHEME

The West Bengal Chapter of PHDCCI in association with DGFT RA Kolkata, Ministry of Commerce & Industry organized a Capacity Building Programme under the Niryat Bandhu Scheme, focusing on E-commerce Exports and Postal Exports on the theme 'E-commerce Export to Fuel Entrepreneurial Dreams in West Bengal' on July 31, 2023 at Kolkata.

Ms. Pinky Seal, representative of the Chairman, PHDCCI WB Chapter in her address deliberated on the trade ecosystem and emerging markets. The event covered crucial topics related to E-commerce Exports and Postal Exports, shedding light on the immense potential and opportunities for entrepreneurs in West Bengal.

Chief Guest, Mr. Krishna Prasad R, ITS deliberated on the trade ecosystem, recent amendments in FTP, emerging markets and trade analysis.

Mr. Goutam Podder IEDS, Asst. Director, MSME DFO Kolkata, delved into crucial topics such as Udhyaam registration, International Cooperation Schemes, Z certificate Lean Certification, and other



significant schemes and incentives that play a vital role in empowering entrepreneurs in the E-commerce Export domain.

Mr. Prasenjit Chowdhury, Deputy General Manager, SIDBI, highlighted the pivotal role of financial institutions in catalyzing the growth of E-commerce Exports. He also emphasized the importance of upgradation of Technology Schemes and incentives to foster innovation and competitiveness in this ever-evolving landscape.

Mr. Subhajit Datta, Marketing Head, Dept. of Post, Ministry of Communication offered a comprehensive overview of

Postal Export services, recent amendments elaborating on various relevant schemes that entrepreneurs can utilize to expand their export horizons.

Mr. Ankit Kothari, Business Development Manager, Amazon, deliberated on the 'Role of E-commerce in Exports' to facilitate trade, providing insights into how entrepreneurs can harness the power of technology and online platforms to boost their export activities and integrate their businesses.

Mr. Devotosh Krishna, Resident Manager, WB Chapter delivered the vote-of-thanks to the guests.

MEETING WITH HON'BLE RAKSHA MANTRI



A PHDCCI delegation led by Mr. Saket Dalmia, President and comprising of Mr. Hemant Jain, Vice President, Dr Ranjeet Mehta, Executive Director and Dr Nasir Jamal, Senior Secretary met Mr. Rajnath Singh, Hon'ble Raksha Mantri, on September 11, 2023 at his office in New Delhi. The objective of the meeting was to apprise the Hon'ble Raksha Mantri about the various initiatives and activities of PHDCCI especially in the defence and other strategic sectors and to formally invite him for the 118th Annual Session scheduled for September 29, 2023.

MEETING WITH CHIEF OF THE ARMY STAFF



A PHDCCI delegation led by Mr. Saket Dalmia, President and comprising of Mr. M K Gupta, Co-chair Defence and HLS Committee, Dr Ranjeet Mehta, Executive Director and Dr Nasir Jamal, Senior Secretary, met the Chief of Army Staff, General Manoj Pande, PVSM, AVSM, VSM, ADC on September 11, 2023 in New Delhi. Mr. Dalmia acknowledged and appreciated the great work being done by the Indian Army towards national security and integrity. He expressed his desire that PHDCCI is keen to work closely with the Indian Army for any national cause. He also formally invited him to grace the Chamber's 118th Annual Session to which he kindly confirmed his presence.

MEETING WITH HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER OF GUJARAT



A PHDCCI delegation led by Mr. Saket Dalmia, President and comprising of Mr. Hemant Shah, Chair, Gujarat Chapter; Mr. Ashish Desai, Former Chair, Gujarat Chapter; Dr Ranjeet Mehta, Executive Director; Dr Nasir Jamal, Senior Secretary and Mr. Rohit Patel, Resident Manager, Gujarat Chapter met Mr. Bhupendrabhai Patel, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Gujarat on August 22, 2023 at his office in Gandhinagar. The delegation shared the various PHDCCI activities including the GIFT City Delegation organized at Gandhinagar and expressed keen interest to work closely with the Gujarat Government on their flagship event, 'Vibrant Gujarat'.

MEETING WITH HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER OF UTTARAKHAND



A PHDCCI delegation led by Mr. Sanjeev Agarwal, Senior Vice President and comprising of Mr. Rajeev Agarwal, Co-chair, Capital Market Committee, and Dr Ranjeet Mehta, Executive Director met Mr. Pushkar Singh Dhami, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Uttarakhand on September 14, 2023 at New Delhi. The primary focus of the discussion revolved around the "Invest Uttarakhand" event, scheduled to take place in the month of December. In addition, various pressing issues pertaining to trade and commerce were deliberated upon at the meeting.

MEETING WITH HON'BLE UNION MINISTER OF POWER AND NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY



A PHDCCI delegation comprising of Dr J P Gupta, Chair, Environment Committee and Mr. Sanjeev Gupta, Co-chair, Power Committee, PHDCCI, met Mr. R K Singh, Hon'ble Union Minister of Power and New and Renewable Energy on 24 August 2023 at his office in New Delhi. Dr Gupta apprised the Minister about the International Climate Summit and invited him for the Plenary Session.

MEETING WITH ADDITIONAL CHIEF SECRETARY, INDUSTRIES AND MINES, GOVERNMENT OF GUJARAT



A PHDCCI delegation led by Mr. Saket Dalmia, President and comprising of Mr. Hemant Shah, Chair, Gujarat Chapter, Dr Ranjeet Mehta, Executive Director; Dr. Nasir Jamal, Senior Secretary and Mr. Rohit Patel, Resident Manager, Gujarat Chapter met Mr. S J Haider, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary, Industries and Mines, Government of Gujarat on August 22, 2023 at his office in Gandhinagar. Mr. Dalmia apprised him about the GIFT City Delegation organized in Gandhinagar and requested for providing an opportunity to PHDCCI to work on the environment, climate change and sustainability part in 'Vibrant Gujarat'.

MEETING WITH PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, CLIMATE CHANGE GOVERNMENT OF GUJARAT



A PHDCCI Delegation led by Mr. Saket Dalmia, President and comprising of Mr. Hemant Shah, Chair, Gujarat Chapter; Dr Ranjeet Mehta, Executive Director; Dr Nasir Jamal, Senior Secretary and Mr. Rohit Patel, Resident Manager, Gujarat Chapter met Mr. Sanjeev Kumar, IAS, Principal Secretary, Climate Change Government of Gujarat on August 22, 2023 at Gandhinagar. Mr. Dalmia requested him on providing an opportunity to PHDCCI to work on the environment, climate change and sustainability part in 'Vibrant Gujarat'.

MEETING WITH MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) AYUSH, FOOD SECURITY AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, UTTAR PRADESH



Mr. Ashutosh Soti, Conference Chair – UPMTS; Mr. Deepak Saha, Conference Convenor – UPMTS along with Mr. Atul Srivastava - Regional Director and Mr. Kaushik Fuloria, Senior Resident Officer, UP Chapter, PHDCCI met Mr. Dayashankar Mishra "Dayalu", Minister of State (Independent Charge) Ayush, Food Security and Drug Administration, Uttar Pradesh on August 30, 2023 at Lucknow. The objective of the meeting was to invite him as a "Guest of Honor" for the 'Uttar Pradesh Medical Tourism Summit & Expo', scheduled for October 27-28, 2023 at Lucknow.

MEETING WITH CABINET MINISTER FOR POWER AND PWD, GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB



A Punjab Chapter PHDCCI delegation comprising of CA Jaideep Singh, Convener, Amritsar Zone, members off PHDCCI including Mr. P L Seth, Mr. Kamal Dalmia, Mr. Deepak Khanna, Mr. Rajiv Khanna, Mr. Sundeeep Khosla and Mr. Surinder Dugga and Mr. Sumit Kumar, Executive Officer participated in a meeting with Mr. S Harbhajan Singh, ETO, Cabinet Minister for Power and PWD, Government of Punjab on August 9, 2023 at Amritsar. During the meeting, CA Jaideep discussed various pressing issues pertaining to the power sector.

MEETING WITH CHIEF SECRETARY AND SENIOR BUREAUCRATS FROM DIFFERENT DEPARTMENTS OF PUNJAB GOVERNMENT



A PHDCCI delegation, led by Mr. R S Sachdeva, Chair, Punjab State Chapter met Mr. Anurag Verma, IAS, Chief Secretary, Govt. of Punjab along with Mr. Ajoy Kumar Sinha, IAS, Principal Secretary, Housing and Urban Development; Mr. K K Yadav, IAS, CEO, Invest Punjab; Mr. Manvesh Singh Sidhu, IAS, Secretary, Dept. of Labour(Pb); Ms. Apneet Riyait, IAS, Chief Administrator, Punjab Urban Planning & Development Authority; Mr. Puneet Goyal, IAS, Director Industries & Commerce, Punjab and other senior officers from the different departments of the Punjab Government on July 31, 2023 at Chandigarh. The objective of the meeting was to apprise the Chief Secretary about PHDCCI activities and discussions on the different pain points & challenges of the MSMEs.

MEETING WITH PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO HON'BLE CM UTTAR PRADESH



A delegation comprising of Dr Sarvesh Tripathi, Conference Convenor – UPMTS along with Mr. Atul Srivastava - Regional Director, UP Chapter and Mr. Amresh Rastogi, Assistant Secretary, UP Chapter, PHDCCI met Mr. Sanjay Prasad, IAS, Principal Secretary to Hon'ble CM Uttar Pradesh on September 11, 2023 at Lucknow. The objective was to invite him as a 'Guest of Honor' for "Uttar Pradesh Medical Tourism Summit & Expo, scheduled for October 27 – 28, 2023 at Indira Gandhi Pratisthan, Lucknow.

MEETING WITH PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, TOURISM & CULTURAL AFFAIRS, GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB



A PHDCCI delegation of Punjab Chapter, PHDCCI led by Mr. R S Sachdeva, Chair, Punjab State Chapter and comprising of Mr. Naveen Seth, Deputy Secretary General; Ms. Bharti Sood, Resident Director, Punjab Chapter; Mr. Hardeep Singh, Consultant Trade Fair and Mr. Vipin Singh, Senior Assistant Secretary, Punjab Chapter met Ms. Rakhee Gupta Bhandari, IAS, Principal Secretary, Tourism & Cultural Affairs, Govt. of Punjab on August 15, 2023 at Chandigarh. The delegation apprised the Principal Secretary about PHDCCI's different activities especially on Tourism & Hospitality Sector and discussed the possibilities of involving PHDCCI in the activities of Punjab Tourism Department.

MEETING WITH SECRETARY, MINES, JHARKHAND



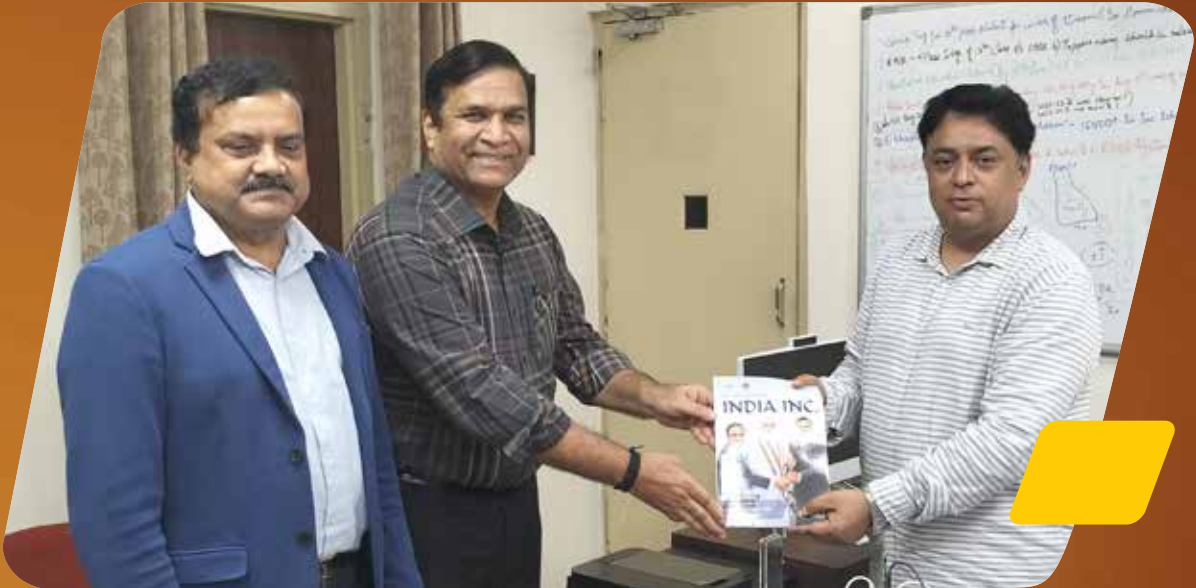
Mr. Rahul Kumar Lal, Resident officer, Jharkhand Chapter, PHDCCI met Dr.Aboobacker Siddiqui IAS, Secretary, Mines on August 22, 2023 at Ranchi to invite him as “Guest of Honor”for the ‘Jharkhand Mining Summit 2023’.

MEETING WITH CEO, PUNJAB BUREAU OF INVESTMENT PROMOTION



A Punjab Chapter PHDCCI delegation led by Mr. R S Sachdeva, Chair and comprising of Ms Bharti Sood, Regional Director and Mr. Vipin Singh,, Senior Assistant Secretary met Mr. Devinder Pal Singh Kharbanda, IAS, Chief Executive Officer, Punjab Bureau of Investment Promotion and Ms. Aashika Jain (IAS), Deputy Commissioner S A S Nagar Mohali, Punjab, Mr. Puneet Goyal, IAS, Director, Industries & Commerce, Punjab, and Mr. Pankaj Bawa, Chief Town Planner, Punjab on August 24, 2023 at Mohali. The discussion was aimed at addressing crucial industrial challenges and fostering development in Punjab.

MEETING WITH SECRETARY, DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION, GOVERNMENT OF RAJASTHAN



Mr. R K Gupta, Resident Director, PHDCCI-Rajasthan Chapter and Dr Prabha Pankaj, Director, Jaipuria Institute of Management, Jaipur & Member, PHDCCI met Mr. Naveen Jain, IAS, Secretary, Department of School Education, Government of Rajasthan on July 17, 2023 at Civil Secretariat, Jaipur. During the meeting Mr. Jain was informed about activities of the Chamber and requested him to associate PHD Chamber with the initiatives of Education Department, Government of Rajasthan.

MEETING WITH CO-FOUNDER, CLIX CAPITAL SERVICES PRIVATE LIMITED, GURUGRAM



A PHDCCI BFSI Committee delegation led by Mr. Sanjeev Gupta, Co-chair, BFSI Committee along with Ms Babeeta Sharma, Senior Secretary and Mr. Sanjay Ahuja, Joint Secretary met Mr. Anil Chawla, Co-Founder, Clix Capital Services Private Limited, Gurugram on August 11, 2023 at Gurugram to discuss the Programme on Credit expansion and also to deliberate on the futuristic opportunities that can be worked upon collaboratively.

MEETING WITH WHOLE TIME DIRECTOR, TOURISM FINANCE CORPORATION OF INDIA LTD., NEW DELHI



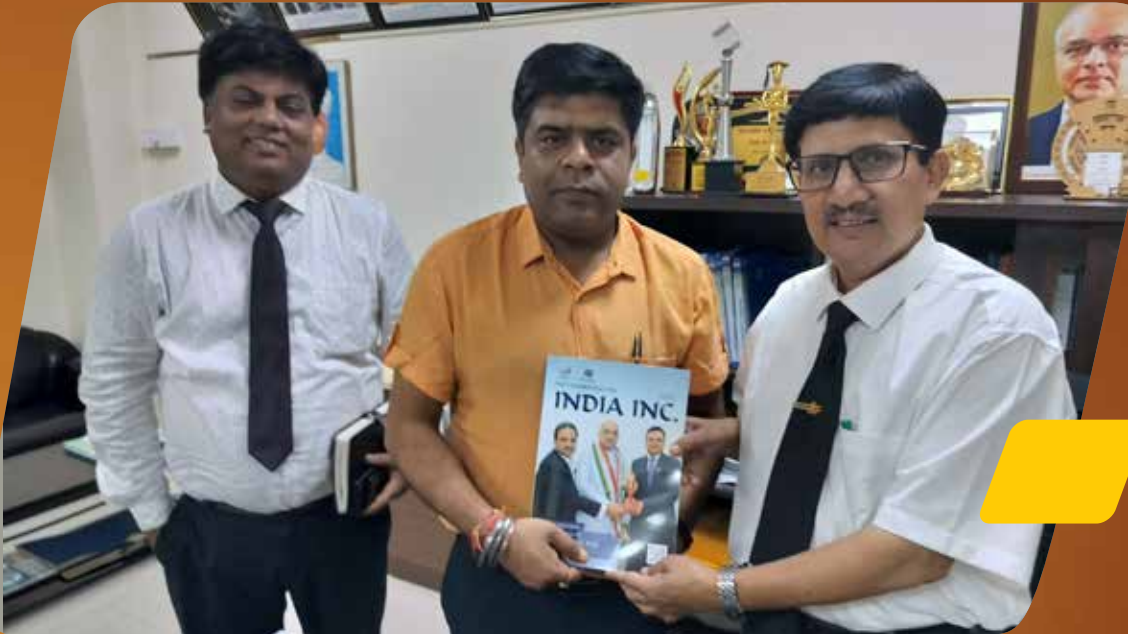
A PHDCCI BFSI Committee delegation led by Mr. Sanjeev Gupta, Co-chair, BFSI Committee along with Ms. Babeeta Sharma, Senior Secretary and Mr. Sanjay Ahuja, Joint Secretary met Mr. Anoop Bali, Whole Time Director, Tourism Finance Corporation of India Ltd., New Delhi on August 23, 2023 at New Delhi to discuss about the Programme on Credit expansion and to deliberate on the futuristic opportunities that can be worked upon for the mutual benefit of Industry and the TFCL.

MEETING WITH DIRECTOR (PROJECTS), POWER FINANCE CORPORATION LIMITED, NEW DELHI



A PHDCCI BFSI Committee delegation comprising of Mr. Sanjeev Gupta, Co-chair, BFSI Committee and Mr. Sanjay Ahuja, Joint Secretary met Mr. Rajiv Ranjan Jha, Director (Projects), Power Finance Corporation Limited, New Delhi on August 25, 2023 at New Delhi to discuss about the Programme on Credit expansion and to deliberate on the futuristic opportunities that can be worked upon for the mutual benefit of Industry and the PFC.

MEETING WITH CHANCELLOR, ICAI UNIVERSITY JHARKHAND



Mr. Mantosh Singh, Senior Resident Director, Jharkhand Chapter, PHDCCI met Dr Raman Kumar Jha, Vice Chancellor, ICAI University Jharkhand on August 9, 2023 to discuss on collaboration with ICAI University for future activities.

MEETING WITH CHAIRMAN, INSTITUTE OF EMPLOYABILITY



Mr. Rahul Kumar Lal, Resident officer, Jharkhand Chapter, PHDCCI met Mr. Gopal Singh, Chairman, Institute Of Employability on August 16, 2023 in Ranchi to invite him for the 'Jharkhand Mining Summit 2023'.

PHD FAMILY WELFARE FOUNDATION (FWF) MAJOR PROGRAMME

AMAR BHARAT KA AMRIT MAHOTSAV 2023



PHD Family Welfare Foundation organized a Musical evening of patriotic songs 'Amar Bharat Ka Amrit Mahotsav' on completion of 76 years of Independence on August 19, 2023 at PHD House, New Delhi. The inaugural lamp was lit by Mr. K S Mehta, Mr. Alok B Shriram, Mr. Gopal Jiwarajka, Mr. Anil Khaitan, Mr. Rajeev Talwar, Former Presidents of PHDCCI; Mr. Shamsher Kanwar, Head, Jaquar

Foundation and Ms. Anuradha Goel, Chairperson, PHDFWF. Ms. Anuradha Goel welcomed the guests and briefed about the welfare activities of PHDFWF in skill development and healthcare. Performance by the former Presidents, members of PHDCCI, Delhi Police & Army Officials and beneficiaries of skill development units of FWF enthralled the

audience of 250 with patriotic songs and poems. Ms. Priya Hingorani, Senior Advocate, Supreme Court extended an invitation to the Delhi Police officers to contribute their performance on this memorable occasion. The Masters of ceremony were Ms. Karuna Shriram, GB Member, WC Committee, PHDFWF and Ms. Neetu Jiwarajka, GB Member, PHDFWF.

PHD FAMILY WELFARE FOUNDATION RECEIVED SPECIAL JURY APPRECIATION IN 10TH NATIONAL CSR SUMMIT AND AWARDS

PHD The Family Welfare Foundation was honored with a special jury appreciation for its exceptional healthcare initiatives under the 10th National CSR summit and awards on August 21, 2023. Mr. S P S Badhel, Hon'ble Minister of State of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare was the Chief Guest of the programme. Ms. Anuradha Goel, Chairperson of PHDFWF and Ms. Sangita Dutta Das, CEO, PHDFWF, graciously accepted the award. The distinguished award was presented by esteemed personalities, including Dr Sudipto



Narayan, Chairman, National AYUSH Task Force at ASSOCHAM; Air Marshal VPS Rana PVSM, VSM (Retd); Maj. Gen. Ravindra Singh, SM, Indian Army; Dr Shabnam

Asthana, Managing Editor-CSR TIMES; Dr László Makk, Deputy Head of Mission, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary, Embassy of Hungary.

CERTIFICATE DISTRIBUTION PROGRAMME AT PHDFWF- JAQUAR SKILL DEVELOPMENT CENTER, MANDI GAON, CHATTARPUR



PHD Family Welfare Foundation organized a certificate distribution programme at PHDFWF- JAQUAR Skill Development Center, Mandi Gaon, Chattarpur. The certificates were distributed by CSR Head, Jaquar Foundation and Ms. Anuradha Goel, Chairperson, PHDFWF and senior officials from Jaquar Foundation and PHDFWF. A total of 102 certificates were given to the beneficiaries who completed their respective courses in Mobile Repairing, Cooking, Tailoring and Embroidery and Beauty Culture.

OBSERVATION OF INDEPENDENCE DAY



The PHD Family Welfare Foundation commemorated Independence Day across its 23 skill development centers situated throughout India. Independence Day is a significant occasion marked by national pride and unity. It's a day that unites citizens in celebrating their nation's liberation from oppression and foreign domination. The atmosphere was vibrant with flags fluttering, parades marching, and the night sky illuminated by fireworks, all paying homage to the immense struggles and sacrifices that paved the path to freedom.

SKILL DEVELOPMENT & VOCATIONAL TRAINING

PHDFWF - JAQUAR SKILL DEVELOPMENT CENTRE, TEHKHAND, OKHLA

CSR Head along with other CSR team members from Jaquar Foundation visited the skill development center, Okhla supported by them. The centre is benefiting local women and youth by building skills through skill development trainings on Computer education, Tailoring and Beauty culture to the local women and youth in Tehkhand Village, Okhla. In the month of August 2023, 120 local women and youth were attending their regular training under the project.



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



PHDFWF- N. L Mehra Vocational Training Centre has been providing free skill development trainings in Retail management, Advanced computer education, Electrician, Nursing assistant and Beauty culture. In August 2023, 150 trainees were availing free trainings.

PHDFWF-VIDYA JYOTI SKILL DEVELOPMENT CENTRE, MEHRAULI



PHDFWF along with the Vidya Jyoti, is enhancing the skills of local women and youth. At present, the PHDFWF- Vidya Jyoti center in Mehrauli is providing training to 40 women and youth in Computers.

PHDFWF-JAQUAR SKILL CENTRE, ASSAM



PHDFWF Jaquar skill centre is providing training in Tailoring & Embroidery to the local women & girls living in Bodo and nearby villages of Lakhimpur, Assam. Currently, 66 ladies are undergoing training at the centre.

PHDFWF-JAQUAR SKILL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING CENTRES, VONDH, GUJARAT



PHDFWF with the financial assistant from Jaquar Foundation is implementing a skill development project and offered free skill trainings in Beauty culture, Tailoring, and Computer education to 85 local women and youth under the project during the month of August 2023.

PHDFWF SKILL CENTRE FOR AFTERCARE CHILDREN, LAJPAT NAGAR



PHDFWF in association with the Ministry of Women and Child Development, Govt. of NCT of Delhi, has been serving the needy children by providing skills building training in Computer education for their career growth and better income generation. In month of August 2023, 20 children were received training in child care institutions of Lajpat Nagar.

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



Under the project, PHDFWF-Jaquar Foundation is actively involved in empowering local women and youth by enhancing their skills. At present, 104 trainees are actively participating in the project's activities and receiving training in Tailoring and Computer education.

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



In the month of August 2023, 106 beneficiaries benefitted from different skills development trainings in Computer education, Tailoring and Beauty culture training. PHDFWF Goyal MG Gases-Mobius Foundation skill development training centre is promoting the skills of local people, especially women and girls. Other project-related activities have been organized for the beneficiaries under the project.

PHDFWF-JAQUAR SKILL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING CENTRE, HATBADRA, ODISHA



PHDFWF-Jaquar Foundation is dedicated to empowering local women and youth by improving their skills through an ongoing project. Currently, 94 trainees are enthusiastically engaged in the project, benefiting from comprehensive training in Tailoring and Computer education.

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



PHDFWF- L&T Prayas Remedial Classes center is benefiting underprivileged student beneficiaries of classes 9th to 11th standard who cannot afford tuitions. Presently, 70 girls and youth are attending regular remedial classes under the project.

PHDFWF – JAQUAR SKILL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING CENTRES, ALIPUR, GURUGRAM



PHDFWF-Jaquar Foundation has been developing the income generation skills of local women & youth under the project. Currently, 78 trainees are engaged in project activities and training i.e. Beauty culture, Tailoring, and Computer education.

PHDFWF-KAJARIA CERAMICS SKILL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING CENTRE, ASSAM

With support from Kajaria Ceramics Ltd., PHDFWF has been supporting underprivileged women and girls in Lakhimpur district of Assam through a skill development center. Hand weaving training centre is at Borimudi village and knitting training centre is in Dhenudharia, Lakhimpur district of Assam. This project is supporting many girls and women to make them financially independent.



PHDFWF-JAQUAR SKILL DEVELOPMENT CENTRE, MATALWAS



PHDFWF and Jaquar Foundation have been developing the skills of rural women and youth for their livelihood support. Currently, 179 rural women and youth are availing free training on Beauty culture, Tailoring & embroidery, Math & Science tutorial classes and Computer education under the project in Matalwas, Rajasthan.

PHDFWF-SMPF SKILL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING CENTRE, DWARKAPURI



PHDFWF with the support of SMPF is expanding the required knowledge and skills through the skill development project at Dwarkapuri. Presently, 119 trainees availed training on Tailoring & embroidery, Beauty culture, Mobile repairing, and Computer education in the month of August 2023.

PHDFWF-JAQUAR SKILL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING CENTRES, MANDI VILLAGE



PHDFWF-Jaquar Foundation has been developing the skills of local women and youth under the project. During the month of August 2023, 180 trainees took trainings on Beauty culture, Tailoring, Mobile repairing, Remedial education, Computer education and Cooking in Mandi village.

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



During the month of August 2023, a total of 128 beneficiaries availed skill-based training in Computer education, Beauty culture, Tailoring, and Local craft. PHDFWF with the support of Jaquar Foundation has been providing skill development training for the local people living in Kharoi, Kutch, Gujarat. Certificate distribution was done in the gracious presence of Mr. Shamsheer Kanwar, CSR Head, Jaquar Foundation and Secretariat, PHDFWF.

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



PHDFWF with the financial assistance from Hindustan Tin Works Ltd. is providing capacity-building skills to make beneficiaries financially stable and Self-reliant. A total of 75 beneficiaries were learning tailoring and beauty culture, during the month of August 2023.

PHDWF-WRG SKILL DEVELOPMENT CENTRE, MEHRAULI

With the support of Women Rehabilitation Group, USA, PHDFWF is enhancing the vocational skills of local women and youth. Currently, 35 women and youth are being trained in Tailoring and Embroidery at the PHDFWF-WRG center in Mehrauli.



PHDFWF-JAQUAR SKILL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING CENTRE, BHACHAU, GUJARAT



The Jaquar Foundation has been supporting PHDFWF for skill development projects by offering required skills training to needy women and youth living in Bhachau, Gujarat. In August 2023, 187 trainees developed skills for free in Beauty Culture, Tailoring, Local crafts, Computer Education, and Tutorial classes in Maths and Science.

PHDFWF-JAQUAR SKILL DEVELOPMENT CENTRE, NARAYAN VIHAR, RAJASTHAN



PHDFWF - Jaquar Foundation has been proving skill development training to local women & youth. Presently, 172 women and girls are availing skills in Computer education, Science and Maths tutorial, Beauty culture and Tailoring in the Narayan Vihar, Rajasthan center.

PHDFWF-VSF SKILL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING CENTRE, NOIDA



PHDFWF is running a skill development training centre in Noida with support from Vivek & Smita Foundation. Training in Mobile repairing and Tailoring are being provided at the centre. Currently, 65 students are availing training at the centre.

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



P HDFWF with support from Prayas Trust, Faridabad is running a skill development training Centre at Meethapur. Currently, 120 students are availing training in Tailoring and Computer education, Mobile repairing and Beauty education at the centre.

PHDFWF-JAQUAR SKILL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING CENTRE, SAMAKHYALI, GUJARAT



P HDFWF- Jaquar Foundation has started a new skill development center wef July 1, 2023. A total of 160 trainees have already enrolled and are availing free skill development trainings in Beauty Culture, Tailoring, Computer Education for needy women and youth living in Samakhyali, Gujarat.

HEALTH CARE

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



In the month of August 2023, 20 free health check-up camps were carried out and benefitted 1615 beneficiaries under the project. PHDFWF-Jaquar mobile medical van has been running with the purpose to serve the needy communities living in the remote villages of Harchandpur, Alipur, Garhi Bazidpur and Dhaula in Gurugram.

PHDFWF- IAI MOBILE MEDICAL VAN



In the month of August 2023, 866 beneficiaries benefited in 8 health check-up camps with free diagnostic care and medicine distribution. The PHDFWF- IAI mobile medical van has been providing health care services to different villages of Faridabad, Haryana.

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



Under the project, 47 free health check-up camps were conducted in the month of August 2023, which benefited 2200 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 1420 patients were diagnosed by 20 free Eye and Dental camps in the month of August 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 August 2023, 280- ICTC, 12-STI, 4- review meetings, 3-DIC, 442 RMCs 66 PTs, 10 Demands etc., were conducted under the project which benefited a total of 506 patients who availed the free clinical services at the TI centre Okhla.

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

In the month of August 2023, 1470 beneficiaries have benefited in 23 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, 1093 patients benefited from 36 free Health check-up camps in the month of August 2023. The PHDFWF-Jaquar mobile medical van has been providing Health care services in adopted villages of Jaquar at Kharoi, Gujarat, including free diagnostic care and medicine distribution.

PHDFWF-AAOT MOBILE MEDICAL VAN

PHDFWF-AAOT mobile medical van in association with the Holy Family Hospital have been serving the poor communities by conducting free Health check-up camps for 860 patients through 21 Health check-up camps in the month of August 2023 at Subhash Camp, Naibasti, Taimoor Nagar, Ali village, Priyanka Camp, New Delhi.

PHDFWF-SMPF MOBILE MEDICAL VAN



In the month of August 2023, 1660 local patients availed free health care service through 22 free health check-up camps in the resettlement areas of Delhi/NCR. PHDFWF- SMPF mobile medical van has been providing diagnostic facilities, doctor consultation, medical tests and medicines to disadvantaged communities under 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. A total of 1520 children were examined by conducting 21 free Health check-up camps in the month of August 2023 under the project. This van has also been providing free mobile Health care to the abandoned children living in 101 children's homes of Delhi and also to the old aged homes in Rohini and Gurugram.

PHDFWF- IAI DENTAL AND EYE MOBILE VAN



PHDFWF- IAI 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 1502 patients were diagnosed by 12 free Eye and Dental camps in the month of August 2023.

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PHD RURAL DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION (RDF)

PHD Chamber of Commerce & Industry strongly believes in its social responsibility along with the economic development and PHD Rural Development Foundation, social arm of PHDCCI extends its supports 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 -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. The project is aimed to provide free primary preventive health care services, upgrading education

facilities, promote environment and Agriculture based initiatives to the less privileged population of 5 villages of Sitapur District. An OPD Clinic is being established in village Kanduni to cater to the population of all 5 villages. Ten Health Camps were also conducted in 5 villages

benefitting 874 patients. Special emphasis is given on awareness among the community. During the period August-September 2023, awareness sessions were conducted on Water Borne Diseases such as Dengue and Malaria.

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 month of September, a total of 22 OPDs in 8 villages were conducted in which 1545 patients were provided with free medical counselling and

medicines. Along with the health camps, one Awareness session on Anaemia and women health was organized in Megha village in which 108 participated.

PHDRDF- BSES YAMUNA POWER LTD. - DELHI

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

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 August, 4 Dental OPDs were conducted and 70 patients were treated. In addition, 8 Generic health camps were organized in which approximately 810 patients were treated, along with one Eye Care Camp whose facilities were availed by 149 patients.



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 Mansapur. As a part of this project, PHDRDF will organize Generic Health Camps, Women and Child Health Camps and Specialized Eye Care camps during the year. Along with the counselling, free medicines and spectacles will also be distributed. During this period, a total of 22 Generic Health Camps were organized at 22 locations in which 2378 patients were treated where more than 50% were female patients.



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 at Rajpura and Dhampur, U.P. During this period, 8 Generic Health Camps in 8 nearby villages of Rajpura Plant were organized in which more than 800 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 August 2023, total 12 OPDs of General Physician and 4 OPDs of Gynaecologist were conducted in which 310 patients were treated. Test facilities through cell counter machine were also added in the facilities provided in PHC.



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

PHDRDF extended the partnership with Mrs. Bector's Food Specialities Ltd. to implement ‘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 organized during the next 6 months. Along with counselling, free medicines will also be distributed. During the awareness sessions, free nutrition kits and sanitary napkins will be distributed. During August-September 2023, 15 health camps were organized in 15 villages of Rajpura, Punjab in which more than 1500 patients were treated.



PHDRDF 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 a 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 consists of a thatched roof and does 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 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 programs 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., are continuing their partnership for undertaking the project “Skill Development Centre” at Mohammadpur Gurjar, Sohna block, Gurugram during the financial year 2023-24. As a target of this 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 center. Most of the girls are taking up small assignments in their neighbourhood and earning their source of income.



PHDRDF SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT

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

PHDRDF - HINDUSTAN TIN WORKS LIMITED



PHDRDF with support from Hindustan Tin Works Limited upgraded infrastructure facilities of 3 Government Schools in Bhigan, Sonipat, Haryana. Major activities undertaken in this project were construction of a new Toilet Block, refurbishment of existing toilet, establishment

of a new drinking water station with RO and water cooler facility, desks for students, provision of an assistant teacher in one of the schools, providing teachers tables, etc. During the ceremony, Mr. PP Singh, Plant Head HTWL inaugurated the facilities in the presence of Dr Kadambari, Chief

Executive, PHDRDF, Ms. Babita Sandhu Principal, Government Senior Secondary School, Bhigan and teachers and students of the school. Exam boards were also distributed to the students during the ceremony.

PHDRDF – HUMAN INFINITY



PHDRDF is implementing the project on behalf of Human Infinity led by Mr. Prem Singh Dhingra to install water coolers and fans at two Government schools – G.S.S.S. Rewasan and G.P.S. Badwa.

Under this initiative, schools have been provided with fans with electrical fittings. The water stations are being upgraded with the installation of water coolers to provide students with cool drinking

water. The aim of this project is to improve the infrastructural conditions at the schools in order to retain the students and making learning environment more fruitful.

PHDRDF ENVIRONMENT CONSERVATION

In an attempt to make the environment cleaner and sustainable, PHDRDF has been undertaking initiatives to undo the effect 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- PLANTATION- ALWAR & JAIPUR



PHDRDF with the support of multiple partners has initiated a project on “Enhancing Farmers Income” through Fruit Plantation. 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. More than 1.0 lakh fruit trees were distributed to farmers with low annual income. Some of the fruit trees being planted are Amla, lemon, Apple Ber, etc. for an additional source of income. Farmers are also being mobilized for Drip Irrigation to reduce consumption of water.

PHDRDF WATER MANAGEMENT

PHDRDF has been constantly working towards recharging of groundwater table by establishing rain water harvesting structures and generating awareness among the community in need about 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 dam. The pond rejuvenation work includes dewatering, desilting, creation of earthen embankment, pathway

for the community, planation 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 ground water 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 good water and villagers are very happy.



PHDRDF – GULSHAN CHEMICALS PVT. LIMITED- ALWAR



PHDRDF in association with Gulshan Chemicals Pvt. Limited has 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 to increase the ground water level.

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 ground breaking ceremony was organized on June 26, 2023 by a team of 10 persons during the Ground breaking ceremony led by



Dr Mahesh Trikha and Mr. Sudip Kohli. Family members of Dr Mahesh Trikha were also present on the auspicious occasion. The work is under progress.

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

PHDRDF together with Rotary Club of Delhi South Central and 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 a 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. The project

was initiated with a Bhumi Pujan ceremony on March 26, 2023 in presence of a team of Rotarians led by Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, Former President, PHDCCI, villagers and RDF Team followed by Dhol and folk music and the villagers thanked the

Rotary Team for their support. The Club during last year established 4 rain water Harvesting structures in Alwar. The project is under progress and it aims to elevate the water levels in the nearby areas.

PHDRDF – ROTARY CLUB DELHI LUTEYNS- 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. Two check dams has been completed at Syaluta and both check dams received water from the first rainfall.

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

plantation 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.



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VICARIOUS LIABILITY IN CASE OF DISHONOUR OF CHEQUE BY A COMPANY

Introduction

Bank Cheques are the preferred and most recognized bill of exchange for making and receiving payments in India, both for business and personal purposes. In order to encourage the use of cheques in the interest of seamless business, while also safeguarding the interest of the unpaid payee/holder of the cheque, Sections 138 and 141 of the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881 ("the NI Act") play a major role by providing provisions regarding dishonour of cheque.

Dishonour of cheque, or as commonly said 'cheque bounce' or a "bounced cheque", is a situation where a cheque which is given to the payee by the drawer of the cheque is returned by the bank unpaid, for reasons such as the drawer's bank account has insufficient money or the cheque exceeds the amount to be paid from that account by an agreement between drawer and bank. In such a situation, the drawer of the cheque is deemed to

have committed an offence under Section 138 of the NI Act and may be liable for imprisonment for up to 2 years or a fine which may extend to twice the amount of the cheque or with both.

Majority of companies doing business in India prefer this mode of payment owing to its seamless and no-frills facility provided by the banks to its customers. A company, being an artificial person, and acting through its directors and officers who are responsible for managing its operations, are deemed responsible and liable for honouring the cheques issued in the name of their companies. When a cheque, issued by a company is dishonoured, the three categories of persons covered under Section 141 of the NI Act are deemed to be guilty of the offence and are liable to be proceeded against, viz. – (a) the company who committed the offence as alleged, (b) every person who was in-charge of or was responsible for the conduct



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of business and day to day affairs of the said company and (c) any other person who was a director or a manager or a secretary or officer of the company with whose connivance or due to whose neglect the company had committed the alleged offence.

Judicial approach

In *SMS Pharmaceuticals Ltd. v. Neeta Bhalla & Anr.* ("SMS Pharmaceuticals Case") AIR 2005 SC 3512, the Hon'ble Supreme Court of

India, while dealing with the issue of vicarious liability of director, has held that it is necessary to specifically aver in a complaint under the NI Act that at the time the offence was committed, the person accused was in charge of, and responsible for the conduct of business of the company. Merely being described as a director in a company is not sufficient to satisfy the requirements of Section 141.

The decision in SMS Pharmaceuticals Case was further relied upon by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in Ashutosh Ashok Parasrampuriya and Anr. v. M/s Gharkul Industries Pvt. Ltd. & Ors., Criminal Appeal Nos. 1206 of 2021 and Sunita Palita & Others v. M/s Panchami Stone Quarry, 2022/INSC/775, wherein it was further observed that a director in a company cannot be deemed to be in charge of and responsible to the company for conduct of its business. The requirement is that the person sought to be made liable should be in charge of and responsible for the conduct of the business of the company at the relevant time.

Very recently, the Hon'ble Supreme Court in Ashok Shewakramani & Ors. v. State of Andhra Pradesh & Anr. 2023 INSC



692 has held that every person who is sought to be roped in by virtue of Sub-section 1 of Section 141 of the NI Act must be a person who, at the time the offence was committed, was in charge of and was responsible to the company for the conduct of the business of the company. Merely because somebody is managing the affairs of the company, per se, he does not become in charge of the conduct of the business of the company or the person responsible for the company for the conduct of the business of the company.

Conclusion

The Hon'ble Supreme Court, in various judgments, has settled the position with its interpretation

of Section 141 of the NI Act. The involvement of director or managing persons remains the broad principle guiding the extent of vicarious liability. The settled law in this regard is that when a complaint is filed against a director of the company, who is not the signatory of the dishonoured cheque, specific averments have to be made in the pleadings to substantiate the contention in the complaint. Impleadment of all directors of an accused company on the basis of a general statement that they are in charge of and responsible for the conduct of the business of the company, without anything more, does not fulfil the requirements of Section 141 of the NI Act.

**Our ability to reach unity in diversity will be
the beauty and the test of our civilisation.**

–Mahatma Gandhi

INDIA RISING:

HARNESSING THE G20 PRESIDENCY TO BECOME A GLOBAL POWERHOUSE



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In recent years, India's meteoric rise on the world stage has been nothing short of remarkable. Its exponential economic growth, paired with its democratic institutions and vibrant culture, has made it a focal point in the international arena. India, a nation with an ancient civilization, diverse culture, and unparalleled potential, has always been in the global spotlight for various reasons. However, the past decade has seen India emerge from being just a developing nation to positioning itself as an economic powerhouse.

Today, as it takes on the mantle of the G20 presidency, India stands at the precipice of harnessing this position to establish itself firmly as a global powerhouse.

In December 2022, India assumed the presidency of the Group of Twenty (G20), marking the first time an Indian government has led the premier forum for international economic cooperation. As host, India has outlined an ambitious agenda centered on catalysing cooperation to address pressing global challenges. Analysts predict India's leadership of the G20 in 2023 will boost its rising international stature and strengthen its domestic economy.

The G20 economies collectively account for over 85% of global GDP and 75% of international trade, making the Group the main engine of global economic growth. As per World Bank data, the G20 GDP in 2022 was over \$72 trillion. China and the United States remain the largest G20 economies, each generating over \$20 trillion in GDP. Other major economies include Japan, Germany, India, United Kingdom, France, Italy, Canada and South Korea - all trillion dollar

economies. With such massive economic heft, the policy decisions and initiatives under G20 directly impact global markets and shape international collaborations.

Why India's Presidency Matters

India's presidency symbolizes the increasing recognition of emerging economies' roles in the global order. As the world's fifth-largest economy (by nominal GDP) and third-largest by purchasing power parity, India embodies the hopes and aspirations of many developing nations. Its leadership at the G20 could amplify the concerns of these countries on a global platform.

The G20 presidency offers India an important opportunity to shape the group's agenda and demonstrate leadership on major global issues. BRICS has outlined priorities such as reforming multilateral institutions, advancing sustainable and inclusive growth, promoting technological transformation, and facilitating international investments.

With the world facing significant headwinds - slowing growth, rising inflation, climate change, and geo-political tensions - India sees

the G20 as a forum to promote global stability and prosperity. Its overarching theme of 'One Earth, One Family, One Future' underscores India's worldview of universal brotherhood.

As host, India spotlights key priorities like:

- Facilitating global investments and trade
- Empowering MSMEs and startups
- Spearheading digital public infrastructure and fintech
- Advancing climate initiatives and clean energy
- Strengthening multilateral institutions

The presidency also allows India to highlight its strengths and share models that have driven its economic rise. India is eager to champion financial inclusion and digital public infrastructure - areas where it has made great strides through initiatives like Jan Dhan, RuPay, UPI and Aadhaar.

Boosting India's Economy

Hosting the G20 summit is expected to boost India's economic growth and investments. Previous hosts have seen significant inflows of FDI, contributions to GDP growth, and higher trade volumes. According to Morgan Stanley, India could gain \$8 billion in exports over the next two years.

The extensive meetings and events held across India in 2023 will boost tourism, spur infrastructure development, and support local businesses. The nation is expected to welcome over 200,000 foreign delegates during its year-long presidency.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has urged state governments to maximize G20 opportunities for economic benefit. Various initiatives are also planned to showcase India as an attractive destination for trade and investments.



The G20 presidency has enabled India to showcase its emerging capabilities in sectors like space, biotech, AI, and renewable energy. By spearheading discussions around frontier technologies, India can display innovative tech solutions for global issues.

Events like hackathons, conferences, and global startup challenges have provided Indian startups a platform to demonstrate cost-effective business models. India will also highlight its digital public goods like Aadhaar, CoWIN, UPI, and RuPay - positioning itself as a model for digital transformation.

The presidency also offers India an opportunity to shape global narratives and bolster its soft power. Cultural events around yoga, arts, literature, and movies will enable India to project its rich civilizational heritage. Strategic messaging has portrayed India as a modern, youthful country providing technology-led and human-centric growth - transforming global perceptions.

The G20 presidency has cemented India's position as an indispensable player in key global governance forums. The presidency will also amplify India's role as the 'voice of the Global South' -

advocating for the concerns of developing nations.

As host, India has an opportunity to identify common ground and build consensus within G20 members for a collaborative approach to managing cross-border issues. By assuming leadership on pressing challenges like food and energy security, climate change, and pandemics, India can guide international cooperation to safeguard global stability.

Strengthening India's MSME and Startup Ecosystem

India's main priority is also to empower MSMEs and startups, as they play a crucial role in driving growth and fostering innovation. Smaller firms need help accessing credit, technology, and global markets. As a member of the G20, India is committed to garnering international support to enhance capacity building for Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs). Additionally, it aims to provide opportunities for startups in India to showcase their solutions on a global platform.

India has recently established the Startup20 Engagement Group, which holds the power to influence the G20 and shape the trajectory of development by

fostering innovation, promoting collaboration, nurturing entrepreneurial spirit, and ensuring social inclusion. Through collaboration with the startup20 engagement group, startups from member countries can effectively identify and address significant issues in developing new products or services. These initiatives align with business objectives and contribute to resolving social and environmental challenges.

Startup20 has the potential to play a vital role in addressing international issues related to startups. When startups enter a new market, they often face regulatory obstacles and challenges, such as navigating legal frameworks and adapting to local business practices. Startup20 is a global hub facilitating collaboration and knowledge sharing between leading startups and governments. The youth in India represents a significant asset to the country. In this era of significant change, marked by evolving social dynamics and technological progress, the younger generation will play a crucial role in helping our nation achieve global leadership. The Startup20 engagement group offers startups a one-of-a-kind chance to enhance their global presence and foster growth.

Building India as a Global Hub for Innovation

The G20 presidency provides India an ideal platform to establish itself as an innovation and technology leader. It offers unparalleled opportunities for India's vibrant startup ecosystem to demonstrate cost-effective, scalable solutions for global challenges.

India looks to spearhead cooperation on digital public infrastructure, bridging the digital divide, emerging technologies like AI, clean energy innovation, and facilitating startup investments. Showcasing India's technology prowess and narratives of inclusive innovation can attract greater investments from overseas VCs and businesses.

Strategic initiatives like hosting hackathons, innovation challenges, and policy dialogues around frontier technologies will also cement India's position as a hub for innovation and emerging tech.

Enhancing India's Soft Power and Cultural Outreach

India leverages the G20 platform to bolster its soft power and promote greater cultural outreach. Planned events such as yoga sessions, classical dance performances, and poetry recitals provide an excellent opportunity to experience and appreciate India's vibrant cultural heritage. The presidency also allows for strategic messaging, promoting India's strengths in spirituality, arts, and its youthful, tech-savvy demography. This can reshape global perceptions, enhance cultural understanding between societies, and present the nation as an appealing destination.

Initiatives such as the G20 meetings held in different cities, experiential tourism opportunities, and cultural evenings can offer delegates a wide range of cultural experiences, thereby strengthening bilateral ties. The presidency gives India a unique opportunity to influence global narratives and significantly improve its brand image worldwide.

In conclusion, India's first presidency of the G20 is of great significance due to its increasing global stature and leadership among major economies. India can effectively tackle urgent challenges, promote sustainable growth, and rejuvenate multilateralism by leading a collaborative and consensus-driven agenda. The presidency also presents significant opportunities to bring about transformative changes in India's economy, stimulate investments, support MSMEs and startups, foster innovation, and strengthen cultural outreach. Through its historic presidency, India aims to promote global stability and prosperity, solidifying its position on the world stage.

The G20 presidency indeed signifies a momentous milestone in India's remarkable journey as an emerging global power. The acknowledgement of its growing clout and the test of its leadership capabilities are both evident.

Our Prime Minister, Narendra Modi Ji, once made a statement expressing that India does not aspire to be a burden on the global community. It desires to walk alongside the world as an equal. Currently, India is not simply keeping pace with the rest of the world but taking the lead. The G20 presidency is a testament to India's leadership and allows the country to utilise its potential fully. Through this presidency, under the visionary guidance of Prime Minister Modi, India shall undoubtedly ascend as an indomitable economic powerhouse and an illuminating symbol of positivity on the global stage.

INTERNATIONAL

S No.	Name of the MoU	Date of Signing
1	Dubai Exports (DE)	January 29, 2017
2	Confederation of Nepalese Industries (CNI)	August 10, 2017
3	Management Association of Nepal	August 10, 2017
4	CAB International, United Kingdom	August 21, 2017
5	BALKAN Indian Business Association, Indian Chapter, New Delhi	October 16, 2017
6	Kuwait Chamber of Commerce & Industry	October 23, 2017
7	Indian Chamber of Commerce in Slovak Republic	November 10, 2017
8	Hungarian Chamber of Commerce and Industry	November 20, 2017
9	AL HILAL Publishing and Marketing Group, Bahrain	November 21, 2017
10	FICCI (Philippines) Inc.	January 26, 2018
11	Eurasian Peoples' Assembly, Moscow, Russia	February 28, 2018
12	Alborz Chamber of Commerce, Industries, Mines and Agriculture (ACCIMA)	March 8, 2018
13	Tehran Chamber of Commerce, Industries, Mines and Agriculture (TCCIMA)	March 8, 2018
14	Private Sector Foundation Uganda (PSFU)	March 8, 2018
15	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
39	Singapore Chamber of Commerce & Industry (SCCI)	July 26, 2019

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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	Ztudium- 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

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S No.	Name of the MoU	Date of Signing
1	Gujarat Chamber of Commerce	July 20, 2017
2	Sky Innovation Tech Labs Pvt. Ltd. (Signcatch)	July 26, 2017
3	Pawan Hans Limited	October 11, 2017
4	The Federation of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry	November 20, 2017
5	Kalinga International Foundation (KIF)	December 15, 2017
6	Indian Society of Heating, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Engineers (ISHRAE)	December 21, 2017
7	Indian Printing, Packaging and Allied Machinery Manufacturers' Association	January 10, 2018
8	Federation of Karnataka Chamber of Commerce & Industry	February 3, 2018
9	SMERA Rating Limited	February 5, 2018
10	Oriental Bank of Commerce	March 26, 2018
11	Travel Agents Association of India	March 28, 2018
12	Rajasthan State Chapter and Kashmir State Chapter	March 29, 2018
13	Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar, Punjab	April 6, 2018

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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
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

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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



PHDCCI NEW MEMBERS AUGUST 2023

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Mr. P. Charan

Director
Skyfer Logistic (Del) Pvt. Ltd.

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Director
Aiwa India Sales & Services Pvt. Ltd.

Mr. K. V. Santharam

Proprietor
Biopolymer Systems

Mr. Shivaz Rai

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Dudigital Global Limited

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Director
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Director
Fightex India Pvt. Ltd.

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Mr. Rahul Bhardwaj

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Director
Lark Laboratories (India) Ltd.

Mr. Deepak Goyal

Proprietor
Maruti Associates

Mr. Avisekh Kumar Sharma

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Nextbigbox Pvt. Ltd.

Mr. Tripurari Goyal

MD & CEO
Peritus Exim Pvt. Ltd.

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Saraswat Engineers Pvt. Ltd.

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DR D. K. AGGARWAL
FORMER PRESIDENT, PHDCCI
(2019- 2020)

Dr D.K. Aggarwal, is the Chairman & Managing Director of SMC Investments and Advisors Ltd., SMC Capitals Limited, SMC Comtrade Limited and SMC Real Estate Advisors Pvt. Ltd. and also Director of SMC Comex International DMCC (Dubai). SMC Group is amongst the top financial services companies in India.

Dr Aggarwal, well known for his financial acumen has been conferred with numerous prestigious leadership awards, including an Honorary doctorate degree from YESBUD University, Zambia for his outstanding contribution towards financial services, SME Leader Award by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India, Dare to Dream Awards for Extraordinary Entrepreneurial Spirit by Zee Business, Distinguished Entrepreneurship Award by PHDCCI, International Gold Star Millennium Award by Citizens Integration Peace Society, Outstanding National Citizens Award by National Citizen Guild, Rashtriya Udhog Rattan Award by All India Achievers Conference, IPE-BFS Leader Award by Asian Confederation of Businesses and Brand Slam Leadership Award by CMO Asia.

During Dr Aggarwal's leadership as President of PHDCCI, the country was faced with the crisis of COVID-19 pandemic. While times were very hard globally and nationwide, Dr Aggarwal spearheaded several relief programs at the Chamber encouraging PHD members to generously contribute Rs. 525 crores to the PM CARES FUND, apart from distributing lakhs of food packets, sanitizers, masks, and other personal protective equipment to beneficiaries, through the Rural Development Foundation and the Family Welfare Foundation. Under Dr Aggarwal's guidance, the Chamber started conducting impactful webinars on economic and business issues to resolve pressing concerns.

Spending quality time with family is his ideal way of relaxation. He enjoys playing Table Tennis and this helps him to unwind. He is a strong proponent of the saying "Enjoy what you do and do what you enjoy." He is a compassionate philanthropist and likes to live life as simply as possible, truly embodying his motto, "Live simple think big."



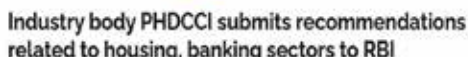
MR. SANJAY AGGARWAL
FORMER PRESIDENT, PHDCCI
(2020-2021)

Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal is the Chairman & CEO of Paramount Cables Group. A commerce graduate from the prestigious Shri Ram College of Commerce, he has been an integral part of the growth story of Paramount Cables from a Rs 1 crore small scale industrial unit to one of the largest cable manufacturers in India, with a turnover today of above Rs 800 crores. As Vice-President of Telecom Equipment Manufacturers Association, Mr. Aggarwal spearheaded the campaigns for the Indian telecom manufacturing industry which resulted in a number of key Government legislative changes in India necessary for the survival of domestic telecom manufacturing industry.

Mr. Aggarwal has been the recipient of numerous prestigious awards, which include the National Small Industry Award bestowed by the President of India, Entrepreneur of the Year Award by All India Manufacturers Organization, Niryat Shree Award by FIEO, numerous Star Exporter Awards by EEPC and Major Donor Award 2017 by Rotary Foundation of Rotary International.

During Mr. Aggarwal's tenure as President of PHDCCI, the country was passing through a very difficult phase with the onslaught of the deadly second wave of the COVID-19 pandemic. Under his able leadership and guidance, the Chamber continued to work relentlessly to support the nation in its recovery efforts. In addition to donating Rs. 528 crores to the PM CARES FUND, industry members were on the forefront, providing relief materials to the frontline workers and medical infrastructure to hospitals and clinics across the country. Under President Aggarwal's guidance, PHDCCI through its Family Welfare Foundation set up a 250 bedded COVID Care Center at Dwarka, New Delhi, installed oxygen generation plants at Medichack Hospital Faridabad and Tirath Ram Shah Charitable Hospital and have been instrumental in distributing 200 oxygen concentrators to COVID care centers for the needy families. Also, PHDCCI along with associate partners signed MoUs and set up ICU Tele Medicine Centres at Burari and also at Indira Gandhi Hospital.

The quote by Tennyson "humility is the highest virtue, the mother of them all," is very aptly suited for Mr. Aggarwal as he believes in humility as a way of life. His best way of unwinding is playing tennis and travelling to new places.



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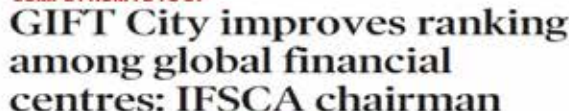
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¹“Living alone, continued homelessness by the government could take the economy to 1934 levels with 20% job loss,” wrote Elshoff.



Auto OEMs sceptical about PLI payouts

Congress has passed a bill that would allow the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to sue states that do not enforce federal environmental laws. The bill, which passed the House of Representatives in a 390-1 vote, is the first of its kind since 1970. It would allow the EPA to sue any state that fails to enforce federal environmental laws, including the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act, and the Endangered Species Act. The bill would also allow the EPA to sue any state that fails to enforce federal environmental laws that are not covered by the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act, or the Endangered Species Act. The bill would also allow the EPA to sue any state that fails to enforce federal environmental laws that are not covered by the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act, or the Endangered Species Act.



top 10 in the next five years," he said. "In the last 20 years, Hong Kong managed to get mainland Chinese companies to get listed on the Hong Kong exchange; effectively importing a lot of capital to boost China's growth. A similar phenomenon is possible at GIFT BSC." Ratanadumrartian added. BSC's Executive Director (Business Development) Digesh Shah said GIFT City will take many more years to reach where Singapore is today. "You may still have reservations about the ecosystem in GIFT City achieving the scale and size of what you see in Singapore. I do not think it is going to happen overnight. GIFT will take its time to come to that critical mass. The good news

The total banking assets size in GIFT IFSC is about USD 41.2 billion where banks have conducted cumulative transactions worth USD 508 billion as of July. Similarly, the monthly turnover on IFSC international stock exchanges last month stood at USD 60 billion.



\$5 trillion economy target within sight: NaBFID chairman KV Kamath at Maharashtra conclave

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'Showing great strength': PHDCCI's GPS Index on the Indian economy increases 14.1% on-year

The GPS index expanded by 19.2 points in the month of July as compared to the same period previous year. There has been a steady improvement from July 2022 to July 2023 with an expansion of 16.4, 24.3, 31.6, 18.7, 15.6, 13.2, 11.8, 14.5, 15.2, 14.6, 17.0, 18.6 and 19.2 in the months July 2022, August 2022, September 2022, October 2022, November 2022, December 2022, January 2023, February 2023, March 2023, April 2023, May 2023, June 2023 and July 2023 respectively as compared to its corresponding values.

AUTHORED ARTICLES



Growth and Challenges of Indian Start-up Ecosystem

By: Mr Prashant Pitti, Chair, Startup Committee, PHDCCI

India has the third largest start-up ecosystem in the world after US and China, with the number of start-ups consistently increasing in the country since the launch of Start-up India Initiative in 2016. As of today, India has around 1 lakh DPIIT-recognized start-ups. These start-ups are not confined to IT/services and knowledge-intensive sectors alone but are rapidly growing in new and emerging areas also i.e. climate change, sustainability, EV, health, Fintech, agri-tech and millets, E-commerce, eco-tourism, recycling, bio-fuels and solar-energy.

The large demographic dividend, growing middle class, business reforms, ease of doing business and availability of large pool of engineering and technical graduates in India has created a conducive environment for setting up increased number of start-ups in diverse fields in the country.

In addition, public policy mechanism has been playing active role in catalyzing Indian start-up ecosystem, including an array of policies ranging from funding of startups, marketing, international exposure to products produced by Indian start-ups and income tax-exemption for first three years. Programs like Fund of Fund for Start-ups, Credit Guarantee Scheme for Start-ups, e-Market Place (GeM) Startup Runway, Seed Fund Scheme, and International market access have played significant role in building solid foundation of the Indian startup ecosystem. Such policies have increased the confidence in government support and boosted business sentiments to invest in Indian start-ups.

The Government is committed to overcoming these challenges. It has endeavored to tailor its policies in a way so as to facilitate reverse flipping, simplification of Employees Stock option policy, and streamlining the corporate laws as those existing in Singapore, UAE, Netherlands where no withholding taxes are imposed while distribution of dividends to residents and non-resident shareholders.

Also, Government needs to encourage the startups which can cater specifically to the local needs of the communities coupled with realization of potentialities of grass-root innovations through sustainable and cost-effective solutions. These start-ups have large employment generation capacity for the local residents especially for youth and women of those areas.



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Scope of work of the study includes the following:-

- Onsite training and discussion with facility manager and personnel.
- Water system analysis.
- Quantification of baseline water mapping.
- Monitoring and measurements using pressure and flow meters and various other devices.
- Quantification of inefficiencies and leaks.
- Quantification of water quality loads and discharges.
- Quantification of variability in flows and quality parameters.
- Strategies for water treatment and reuse or direct use.
- Water balance.
- Mapping of Water quality requirement at various user areas.
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