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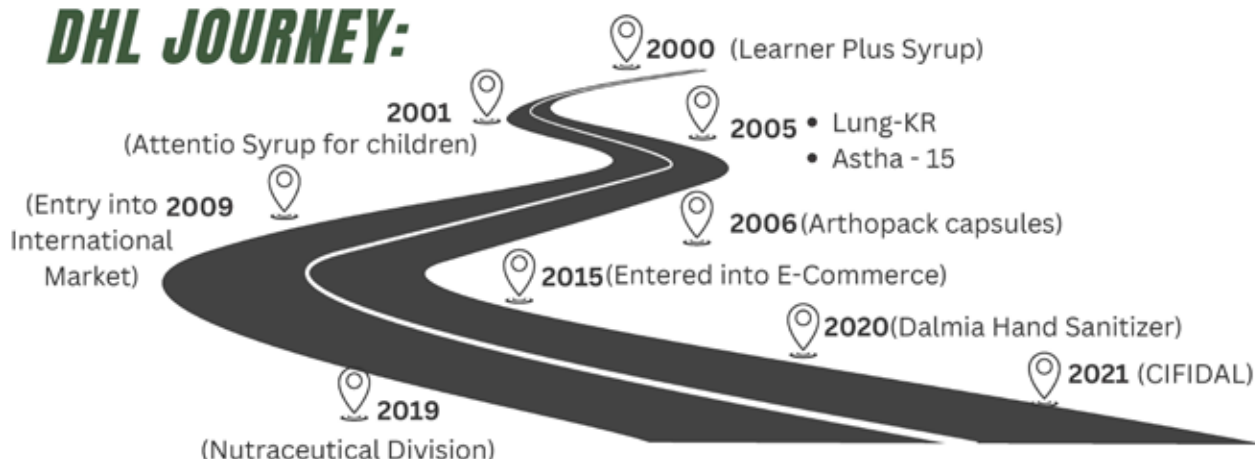
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MESSAGE

Pleased to know that the PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI) is organising its 118th Annual Session on September 29, 2023 in New Delhi with the pertinent theme 'Rising Inda: Yahi Samay Hai, Sahi Samay Hai'.

Since its inception in 1905, PHDCCI has played a pivotal role in strengthening India's industrial landscape by promoting economic growth, entrepreneurship, and sustainable development. It has served as a dynamic platform to facilitate meaningful dialogues between industry stakeholders and policymakers. As India scales new heights with transformative changes across sectors, I am sure that PHDCCI will continue to serve as an impactful catalyst for innovation and achievement.

The theme for this session resonates deeply with our nation's aspirations and encapsulates the essence of Bharat's journey towards progress and transformation. I extend my heartfelt congratulations to all members and office bearers of PHDCCI, and wish the Chamber all success in its future endeavours.

Jagdeep Dhankhar

New Delhi
27th September, 2023



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प्रधान मंत्री
Prime Minister
MESSAGE

It is a pleasure to learn about the 118th annual session 2023 of PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI) organised at New Delhi. The annual session is an opportune moment to look back at the eventful successes of the past as well as chart the way to reach even greater heights in the future.

The Chamber has been serving the nation and its economy admirably, working with dedication and commitment for the promotion of Indian industry, trade and entrepreneurship for more than a century.

The focus of the deliberations of this year's annual session on 'Rising India: Yahi Samay Hai, Sahi Samay Hai' is indeed highly apt for the present times. India is standing at the cusp of an era of tremendous growth and endless possibilities. Many different favourable factors are coming together simultaneously - our skilled and educated young demography, rapid economic growth powered by reforms, crores of people moving out of poverty, massive strides in social, physical and digital infrastructure and rising global importance.

Representatives of industry and business, along with various other stakeholders participating in the deliberations at the annual session have an important role in ensuring that such a historic opportunity to impact greater momentum to sustainable growth is completely utilized.

As the theme of the conference suggests, the time to act is now. Our legacy will be defined by the steps that we take and the sacrifices that we make – now. This is why we are making and will continue to make farsighted decisions that contribute to the nation's progress, that have the potential to leave a lasting impact for the next thousand years.

Guided by such lofty ideals as 'Sarvajan Hitay, Sarvajan Sukhay' and 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, Sabka Prayas', we have adopted the 'Nation First' approach to every decision and policy.

The period till the year 2047, when the nation celebrates 100 years of independence, is the Amrit Kaal to build a developed, inclusive and self-reliant India. We must not pause even for a moment, nor should we take a step back.

May the deliberations at the annual session come up with practical suggestions and roadmaps for industrial growth. Best wishes for the success of the 118th annual session 2023 of PHDCCI.

(Narendra Modi)

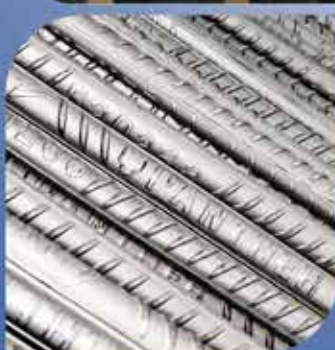
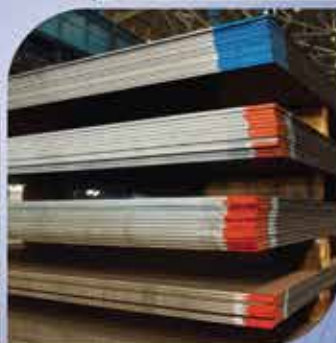
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

SANJEEV AGRAWAL
PRESIDENT



An ode to a new beginning...

**As we turn another leaf in the chapter of this 119 years old prestigious Chamber,
I welcome you all with great gratification and exultation in my heart.**

Following the legacy of our phenomenal former presidents, I express my heartfelt joy and gratitude to be bestowed the prestigious honour of leading the Chamber for this session. I am full of enthusiasm at the prospects this new journey holds for all of us and at the opportunity of doing extraordinary things for the Chamber's growth. Embracing my chosen motto of "Rising India, Yahi Saamy Hai, Sahi Sammy Hai" is a congruent step in the direction that will take us to Amrit Kaal of Unprecedented Growth. Our Chamber's mission resonates very stalwartly with Prime Minister, Mr. Narendra Modi's declaration, "When India grows, the world grows, when India reforms, the world transforms." And I fully concur, "In this changing world order, the whole world is looking towards India with new aspirations. The day is not far when India will be one of the top three economic powers of the world." I opine that India is uniquely placed to bring all countries together. Further, I am confident that our nation will

As India continues to embark on its transformational journey and becomes a modern, developed and self-reliant nation, we at the Chamber with the cooperation of all the Esteemed Members will continue to meticulously work and support the government in its mission for making India the New Growth Engine of the world in the years to come.

commemorate its hundred years of independence in 2047 not only as an upper-middle developed economy, having eliminated poverty and alleviated inequality but as a country with a thriving populace, epitomized by affluence and well-being.

We as a Middle Market Chamber being the most trusted "Voice of Industry and Trade," plan to work as one big Family with ardour for creating conditions for building

'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam'- 'One Earth, One Family, One Future,' as vocalized by our Prime Minister at the G20 Summit. It is time to work collectively for everyone's welfare.

Despite the challenging global environment, geopolitical crisis and tight financial conditions, the Indian economy is surging ahead, drawing strength from its robust macroeconomic fundamentals. I would like to acknowledge that the government's relentless initiatives have bolstered domestic industries and foreign investors are eager to invest in India to leverage the immense potential of the Indian market. Manufacturing and services sectors are expanding with optimism, exhibiting improvement in business confidence.

High-frequency indicators such as GST collections, automobile sales, pharmaceuticals, basic metals, cement and food products reveal that the domestic economy has remained resilient on the back of strong domestic demand. Investment activity maintained its momentum with

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

new projects sanctioned by banks. Steady expansion is seen in urban consumption while rural demand is showing signs of revival mainly due to pick up in monsoon and sowing.

To further strengthen the business environment, I would like to point out that there is a great opportunity of optimizing costs related to several aspects of business such as cost of compliance, cost of land, cost of logistics, cost of finance and cost of power.

As an Apex Chamber, our focus is on our 1,50,000 strong business community, of which more than 70 percent are MSMEs, intricately connected with global value chains. I recommend augmentation of their size and scale, coupled with expanded financial outreach to improve their national and international impact. Simultaneously, streamlining ease of doing business at the factory level, along with bolstering local and global value chains, remains imperative.

The Chamber has always aimed at fostering collaboration to influence policy and advocate the interests of the industry with the government. With this as my core mission, during my Presidency this year, I strongly advocate the tenets of my four-pillar strategy- 'COPE', wherein C-stands for Collaborate and Innovate; O-stands for Optimizing within ourselves, P-stands for Policy leadership and E-stands for EPIC events. During my tenure, I intend to lead all activities within and outside, with these core values, which I am optimistic, would bring in excellent outcomes. Creating a better world requires teamwork, partnerships and collaboration between co-workers, industry and the government. Being an interface between industry and government, we are excellent at proactively advocating futuristic policies to the government for improving ease of doing business, taxation, labour reforms, etc. We plan to conduct big expos, mega EPIC events and awareness programs around strategic reforms and new technologies, so that the industry's views are heard and incorporated in the formulation of government policies that impact commerce and help create a prosperous future for all.

The global economy is under stress due to the escalating geopolitical crisis between Israel and Hamas and the recently abated Ukraine-Russia crisis. As we all view the ongoing situation unfold, the Indian government will need to take a sensitive and calibrated position to provide comfort to the situation. We appreciate our government for focusing on the safe exit of Indians from Israel to return home and at the same time offering humanitarian assistance to the Palestinian people. We are hopeful that some kind of restoration of peace will happen at the earliest, which will be sustainable.

I have my concerns that the on-going Israel-Hamas conflict may "adversely impact" India's iron, steel, fertilizers and organic chemicals sector. India has a thriving export sector and has sturdy trade relationships with Israel. If the crisis escalates, shipping and supply chain bottlenecks, rising freight rates, supply of rough diamonds, and delays in delivery will translate into increasing costs of trade from that region. Moreover, I opine that intensification of the conflict towards other Middle Eastern nations, those being key oil producers could affect crude oil prices globally, which have already risen to US \$90 a barrel. Experts note that prices of consumer goods in India could rise as we depend upon fossil fuel imports, which could in turn have a spiralling effect.

I appreciate that despite the ongoing conflict, defence cooperation between India and Israel will remain unaffected. India is the largest market for Israeli weapons and procures advanced military hardware, including missiles, sensors, radars, drones and night-vision devices. Israel has formally assured India that their defence supplies will continue without disruption.

Last month, I was fortunate to have a fruitful interaction with the Hon'ble Vice President of India, Mr. Jagdeep Dhankhar, wherein we apprised him about the role and activities of the Chamber in the growth story of India and invited the Hon'ble Vice President as Chief Guest for our Bharat Startup and MSME Summit scheduled for February 2024,

for which he graciously agreed.

I opine that education, especially for the girl child, has the unparalleled power to transform societies, uplift communities, and pave the way for a brighter future. With this vision in mind, the Chamber proposes to set up a School and Skill Development Centre in Delhi, aimed at empowering economically disadvantaged girls and women. We shall work closely with the Delhi Development Authority for our logistical and regulatory needs. I strongly believe that this initiative shall be a landmark one, as we witness the transformative power of education in action.

As India continues to embark on its transformational journey and becomes a modern, developed and self-reliant nation, we at the Chamber with the cooperation of all the Esteemed Members will continue to meticulously work and support the government in its mission for making India the New Growth Engine of the world in the years to come. I believe with the right support and collaboration, India can be at the forefront of technological advancement and will shine bright amongst its G21 partners. As we continue our journey ahead, we must adopt the Japanese way of Kaizen, emphasising the importance of continuous improvement through small, incremental changes and thereby enhance productivity. I rest my pen with Oprah Winfrey's wise words, "The key to realizing a dream is to focus not on success but significance, and then, even the small steps and little victories along your path will take on greater meaning."

Now is the time to encourage the realisation of impactful opportunities, and to develop convergence, synergy, and cooperation for achieving higher efficiency and growth and steer India towards Progress, Harmony and Development.

Sanjeev Agrawal
President, PHDCCI

PROFILES OF NEW LEADERSHIP



Mr. Sanjeev Agrawal
President
PHD Chamber

Mr. Sanjeev Agrawal, Group Chairman of MMG Group is the brain behind establishing the Group's diversification and growth over the years. Under his leadership, the MMG Group has achieved top position in its core business operations of Soft Drinks, Hospitality, Oil and Gas Exploration, Education, and Real Estate. MMG Group is the largest bottling partner for Coca-Cola in India under the franchisee agreement with Coca-Cola INC, Atlanta. The Group also operates McDonalds restaurants in North and Eastern regions of India through the Connaught Plaza Restaurants. Mr. Agrawal was conferred the 'Capital Foundation National Award' by Mr. Ravi Shankar Prasad, Union Minister of Law & Justice, Electronics & Information Technology in 2017 for his entrepreneurial skills. Being a philanthropist, his CSR activities like "Samarpan" for providing support to the differently-abled, downtrodden and economically weaker sections of the society are well known. The MMG Group has set up educational institutions notably, "Ishwarchand Vidyasagar Institute of Technology" and "MM Agarwal Institute of Technology" providing postgraduate education and also scholarships to bright students from poor families. Mr. Agrawal holds an honorary Ph.D. in Food Nutrition Sciences and Technologies from Ecole Supérieure Robert de Sorbon, a Masters Degree in Commerce and an MBA from Coca-Cola University, Atlanta.



Mr. Hemant Jain
Senior Vice President, PHD Chamber

Mr. Hemant Jain is the Managing Director of the KLJ Group of Companies, the largest manufacturer in Plasticizers and Polymer Compounds in South Asia. He is also the Vice Chairman of KLJ Organic Qatar W.L.L, Qatar and has set up an ultra-modern Cho-Alkali plant in Qatar. His vision has led to the KLJ Group's diversification into Petrochemical trading and setting up manufacturing plants at Thailand and Qatar. The KLJ Group runs a well-established school in Delhi and also a 200 bedded hospital for the residents of Delhi. Mr. Jain holds a Diploma in International Business Management from Harvard University.



Mr. Rajeev Juneja
Vice President, PHD Chamber

Mr. Rajeev Juneja, Vice Chairman and Managing Director of Mankind Pharma, is a first generation entrepreneur with real world experience in the pharmaceutical industry. Mankind Pharma Limited is the number one company of India by prescriptions. Over the years, Mr. Juneja has applied his expertise to deliver high-quality pharmaceuticals and affordable medicines. He has been the recipient of several Awards, such as the "Entrepreneur of the Year" and "Best Design in Healthcare." Mankind Pharma Limited also won the 'Best Pharma OTC Company of the Year' in 2018.



Mr. Saket Dalmia
Immediate Former President
PHD Chamber

Mr. Saket Dalmia is the Managing Director of Marble City India Limited, a leading manufacturer of Italian Marble flooring and façade solutions across India. Marble City, was felicitated as one of the 100 fastest growing export houses from India, by the late Prime Minister, Mr. Atal Bihari Vajaypee. Mr. Dalmia has been closely associated with PHDCCI for more than 16 years. As President of PHDCCI, he revolutionized the business ecosystem in India and made India a hub for entrepreneurs & Startups. Under his leadership, the Chamber was designated Programme Directorate for the Startup20 engagement group under G20. Mr. Dalmia, as Co-chair of the Finance Taskforce under Startup20 used his expertise to create policies and frameworks to ease Startup financing and create an enabling Startup ecosystem across the G20 countries. Mr. Dalmia has degrees in business and finance from McDonough School of Business, Georgetown University and Oxford University and a degree in International Economics from Antwerp University. As an industrialist promoting innovation and Startups, Mr. Dalmia is the Mentor for the IIM Lucknow Enterprise Incubation Centre.



Dr Ranjeet Mehta
Executive Director, PHD Chamber

Dr Ranjeet Mehta, with a Ph.D Degree in Management and being a University Gold Medalist has over 34 years of experience in various corporate leadership roles. He also holds a Management degree from Cornell University, an Organizational Leadership Certificate from Harvard Business School, and a Law Degree. Fellow of the US Government's International Visitors Leadership Program, Dr Mehta plays a significant role in trade policy, bilateral & multilateral engagements, thus enabling the Indian industry to expand its global footprints. He is a member of the Industry Advisory Group for the Chief Minister of Uttarakhand, the National Centre for Cold Chain Development Committee on Supply Chain & Logistics and also the Bureau of Indian Standards. A prolific writer, he has written six books on Management and numerous research papers and articles for leading economic newspapers/journals.



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INAUGURAL SESSION

“INDIA’S INDUSTRY HAS TO TAKE THE SANKALP TO ENHANCE THE SIZE AND SCALE, YAH SAMAY HAI, SAHI SAMAY HAI,” SAID HON’BLE UNION HOME AFFAIRS AND COOPERATION MINISTER OF INDIA, MR. AMIT SHAH

The PHD Chamber organized its 118th Annual Session on the theme “Rising India: Yahi Samay Hai, Sahi Samay Hai AmritKaal of Unprecedented Growth” on September 29, 2023 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.

Chief Guest for the Inaugural Session Mr. Amit Shah, Hon’ble Union Minister of Home Affairs & Union Minister of Cooperation, addressing the Annual Session noted that the current time commemorates the “bhor of Amritkaal” for India, where the energy generated post G20 was heralded by the success of Chandrayaan 3, Mission Aditya L1 to the Sun and the 33% Women’s Reservation Bill.

He said that under the leadership of the Hon’ble Prime Minister, Mr. Narendra Modi, the



roots of democracy have become deeper as the result of continuity of policies generating suraksha, rapid development, capital expenditure of more than 10 lakh crores and more than 100 airports, making

India a lucrative destination for investments.

This is a proud moment for India, he proclaimed, where we have more than 50% share in the

digital transactions globally, stand at the 1st position on the global platform for pulses, milk and jute production, leading the way for Startups, Unicorns, semiconductor production and many more sectors.

Further, Mr. Shah asserted that the world is looking at India as a shining and vibrant growth spot. He motivated the PHDCCI family to build a deep-rooted network of ancillary industries, while taking advantage of the industry enabling ecosystem put in place by the present government. The industry needs to move from “sankalp to sidhi taking advantage of the policy structure of the government including initiatives like the Make in India, Startup India and the infrastructural facilities, policy environment, MSME initiatives, easing of compliances, environment for innovation among many other initiatives.

Mr. Sanjeev Agrawal, Senior Vice President of PHDCCI, introduced the Hon'ble Home Minister, Mr. Amit Shah, highlighting

his significant contributions and leadership qualities, while highlighting his journey from a PVC Pipe manufacturer to setting up a strong hold on the country and the world. While introducing the Hon'ble Minister, Mr. Agrawal brought to limelight the significant milestones of the Government. He said that the present government is working for “sabka sath sabka vikas” marked by his visionary leadership, and political acumen. Mr. Agrawal described the Hon'ble Minister as truly the man of action.

Mr. Saket Dalmia, President, PHDCCI, felicitated the Hon'ble Home Minister & Minister of Cooperation. In his welcome address, the President expressed his gratitude to the Home Minister for accepting PHDCCI's invitation for addressing the Annual session. Mr. Dalmia highlighted the shifting global dynamics, with India at the forefront, by saying that India will be the “sone ki chidiya” again. Despite the challenges, India's resilience and robustness have

been demonstrated through its impressive GDP growth rates. The magnificent efforts of the Government have been supported by the industrious efforts of India's industrial sector, paving the way for ‘AmritKal’. He stated that under the able leadership of Honorable PM, Mr. Narendra Modi and Mr. Amit Shah, we feel safe and strong which has enabled us to have “atma vishwas and leading to us being atmanirbhar.

The President proudly announced PHDCCI's integral involvement in the G20 Startup engagement group. He added that the PHD Chamber is actively contributing to the efforts by the government, the MSME sector with its bottom up approach, and women empowerment. He said that India is the land of opportunity, quality of life and innovation.

The inaugural session ended with a vote- of- thanks to the Hon'ble Union Minister by Mr. Hemant Jain, Vice President, PHDCCI.





INDIA'S LEADERSHIP IN THE EMERGING GEOSTRATEGIC SCENARIO: TRANSFORMATION IMPERATIVES FOR THE INDIAN ARMY

“SUCCESSFUL G20 MEET HERALDING INDIA’S DIPLOMACY AND MARKING IT AN INFLEXION POINT FOR INDIA,” SAID GENERAL MANOJ PANDE (PVSM, AVSM, VSM, ADC), CHIEF OF THE ARMY STAFF (INDIA)

The Second Session of PHD Chamber’s 118th Annual Session was on the theme - ‘India’s Leadership in the Emerging Geostrategic Scenario: Transformation Imperatives for the Indian Army’. This session was addressed by Chief Guest & Keynote Speaker, General Manoj Pande (PVSM, AVSM, VSM, ADC), Chief of the Army Staff.

General Pande asserted that Industry entrepreneurs, representatives and academia have a key role to play in shaping

the Nation and supporting transformation of the Indian Economy.

The Army Chief also stated that India recently concluded the Indo-Pacific Army Chief Conclave attended by 30 Indo-Pacific nations. He emphasized the importance of security in our international policy for continuous National progress. He also highlighted the efforts to enhance global outlook like strengthening linkages for partner Nations, training exchange programs, as well as promoting

exports of indigenous defence equipment.

Mr. Saket Dalmia, President, PHDCCI, welcomed the chief guest of the session, Mr. Manoj Pande. He lauded his unquestionable dedication to the Nation and sensitivity towards National issues.

Dr Ranjeet Mehta, Executive Director, PHDCCI introduced General Manoj Pandey, (PVSM, AVSM, VSM, ADC), Chief of the Army Staff (India) and shared about his four decades of military career.



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BUSINESS EXCELLENCE AWARDS SESSION:

BUILDING A RESILIENT ECONOMY - NAVIGATING THE CHALLENGES AND CAPITALISING ON OPPORTUNITIES

The Business Excellence Awards Session was organized by PHD Chamber during its 118th Annual Session on September 29, 2023.

Chief Guest, Mr. Sarbananda Sonowal, Hon'ble Union Minister of Ports, Shipping & Waterways and AYUSH, praised PHDCCI's accomplishments and stated that he is grateful to the Chamber members for encouraging industrial members to contribute to India's economic journey. He appreciated the policy initiatives of the government in the shipping and ports sector. He pointed out that ports have recorded a double digit growth. India has climbed to 34th place in the Logistic Performance Index in 2022. The ports modernization, digitalization and coastal community development made it possible to accelerate the progress. "We are able to reduce average continental

time, performing even better than the US. Inland waterways are able to experience high compounding growth rates and capacity of major ports has increased by 100 percent" the Hon'ble Minister further pointed out.

The Hon'ble Union Minister deliberated about the role of business and every individual in achieving the goal of a self-reliant India by 2047 in the journey of "Amrit Kaal". He encouraged the business community to use their resources, capacity and intelligence in fulfilling this vision of Mr. Narendra Modi and implementing it in the direction given by him. He requested the delegates to put their best efforts in transforming Bharat joining and taking everyone together to accelerate the development and make India a super power. He also introduced the benefits of 'Y-Break' Yoga protocol App launched by the Ministry of AYUSH for the working

professionals to de-stress, refresh and re-focus at their workplace to increase their productivity. Mr. Sonowal emphasized that our country should be a job creator not a job seeker and a leader of the globe. "We should aim at being self-reliant or Atmanirbhar Bharat rather than depending on others", exhorted the Hon'ble Union Minister.

The Hon'ble Union Minister also briefed about the great achievements and jump in world rankings in the Port sector because of the infrastructure developments such as Port modernization, mechanization, and in connectivity through inland and national waterways. He also mentioned about exploration of new trade routes between India and Russia for trade expansion and training Indian seafarers in Polar and Arctic waters. Bharat could make its first domestically built aircraft carrier,

INS Vikrant and get orders from global market now. He highlighted the Kochi Water Metro, first of its kind project in the country which connects 10 islands around the city with the mainland. Mr. Sonowal proudly stated that the Cochin Shipyard is building the world's first zero-emission hydrogen fuel cell feeder container vessel, an ambitious project under the Norwegian Government's green funding programme.

The Hon'ble Union Minister concluded his remarks by emphasizing on the importance of economy, ecology, and environment needs to move together and responsibility of the individuals in climate action because life exists only if the nature and the planet exist.

Mr. Saket Dalmia, President, PHDCCI in his welcome address highlighted the importance of water conservation, utilization of rivers and waterways for last mile connectivity. Mr. Dalmia appreciated the Government under Hon'ble Prime Minister, Mr. Narendra Modi for launching of "Gati Shakti Yojana" and the increase in ports and inland waterways connectivity contributing to industry's progress.

PHD Chamber Annual Awards for Excellence were instituted in 1997 to recognize Indian business, entrepreneurs and individuals for their outstanding achievements in selected areas and for promoting initiatives in economic, social, educational and cultural areas.





This year the Jury was presided over by Hon'ble Justice Mr. Dipak Misra, Former Chief Justice of India along with other jury members that included Mr. Shekhar Dutt, Former Governor of Chhattisgarh/ Defence Secretary; Ms. Deepa Gopalan Wadhwa, IFS (Retd.), Former Ambassador of India to Japan and Mr. Mohit Jain, Chief Operating Officer (Publishing) & Member of the Board of Bennett, Coleman and Co. Ltd.

The Business Practices and Awards for Excellence Committee was chaired by Mr. Alok B Shriram, Former President, PHDCCI along with other Former Presidents of PHDCCI.

Mr. Sonowal congratulated the winners for receiving excellence in their respective fields. He also felicitated the Jury members for putting their valuable time in meticulously selecting the awardees, the Committee Chair for his continuous support and guidance throughout the selection process, the Awardees for their exemplary work and the process

architecture and process validator for their observations and inputs in each nominations.

Award winners were as follows:

1. Dr Aashish Chaudhry, Managing Director, Aakash Healthcare Pvt. Ltd. under Distinguished Entrepreneur Award 2023 (General Category) for providing quality healthcare services to the community..
2. Mr. Gaurav Agarwal, Managing Director, Innvolution Healthcare Pvt. Ltd. under Distinguished Entrepreneur Award 2023 (MSME Category) for being the most diversified solution provider for Cardiovascular Diseases in India.
3. Ms. Rajni Pawankumar Agrawal, Financial Director, PR Ecoenergy Pvt. Ltd. under the Outstanding Businesswoman Award 2023 for developing India's first & only common energy supply station running on biomass.
4. Hindustan Zinc Ltd. under Outstanding Contribution to Social Welfare Award 2023 for its

commendable work in CSR for the society.

5. Mr. Ankit Kumar, Chief Executive Officer, Skye Air Mobility Pvt. Ltd. under Outstanding Start-up Award 2023 for its unique and innovative services in the last mile delivery of over 2 million package deliveries within the last 12 months.
6. Dr Kashi Nath Memani, Former Chairman & Country Managing Partner, Ernst & Young, India under Lifetime Achievement Award for his achievements and contribution to the field of Corporate Governance and Finance.

Mr. Rajiv Memani, Chairman of the India region of EY received the honour on behalf of Dr. Kashi Nath Memani and spoke about Dr Memani's efforts in taking the Ernst and Young India to greater heights.

The awards distribution was followed by Presentation of Silver Salver to Mr. Saket Dalmia, President, PHDCCI by the Hon'ble Minister. Further, a Postal Stamp (In the honor of a PHDCCI Affiliate) Aggcon Equipments Pvt. Ltd. was released by the Hon'ble Union Minister. Aggcon Equipments Pvt. Ltd., a member of PHDCCI celebrated 20 years of its illustrious journey and to commemorate its founder and well-known philanthropist, Mr. B M Aggarwal.

Ms. Manju Kumar, Chief Postmaster General – Delhi Circle presented the first album to the Hon'ble Minister.

The event was also addressed by Mr. Ashish Gupta, Head of Programmes, Konrad-Adenauer-Foundation, India.

The Hon'ble Minister and other dignitaries on the dais released PHDCCI's 118th Annual Report.

Mr. Sanjeev Agrawal, Senior Vice President, PHDCCI delivered the vote-of-thanks to the Hon'ble Minister for the pearls of wisdom and insights for life he shared with the delegates.



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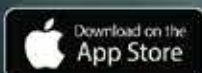
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PLENARY SESSION: FUTURE-PROOFING INDIA AS THE WORLD'S SUSTAINABLE MANUFACTURING HUB

“FROM BEING A MARGINAL PLAYER IN THE PAST TO A MAJOR PLAYER TODAY, INDIA HAS ARRIVED AND IS GAINING MOMENTUM”, SAID MR. HARDEEP SINGH PURI, HONORABLE UNION MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND UNION MINISTER OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS,

A Session on “Future-Proofing India as the World’s Sustainable Manufacturing Hub” was addressed by Mr. Hardeep Singh Puri, Union Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas and Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs.

The Hon’ble Minister said that India’s ingenuity and its value system supported by the enabling policy environment are making India’s growth story robust. He stated that India is progressing towards becoming a manufacturing hub. India is leading the World in two wheeler manufacturing and is the second largest producer of steel, cement and coal. With the introduction of a targeted incentive scheme, the Production Linked Incentive Scheme, manufacturing

and exports have grown. In the urban sector, the enhanced expenditure on urban schemes to Rs. 19 lakh crore, the expanded metro rail network, implementation of the Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act and the restored faith in the real estate sector have changed the urban landscape. He mentioned that the refining capacity is increasing and the biofuel blending will reach 20 percent level by 2025, 5 years ahead of its target of 2030, in the Indian energy sector.

Mr. Saket Dalmia, President, PHDCCI, while welcoming Mr. Puri, expressed his gratitude and addressed him as a diplomat and a deep thinker. He said that the Hon’ble Minister heads the two most challenging portfolios, which

have now reached an inflexion point of “Yahi samay hai, Sahi samay hai”. Mr. Dalmia pointed out that despite the global economic situation marked by COVID, geopolitical crisis, price rise, India’s dependence on oil imports, the Hon’ble Minister has been able to get India its fuel. He stated that under the leadership of Mr. Puri, the Housing and Urban sector, which were ridden with mistrust and shambles, has regained trust of the common man.

Mr. Sanjeev Agrawal, Senior Vice President, PHD Chamber, delivered the vote-of-thanks to the Honorable Minister and stated that the latter has handled the fuel and energy crisis with effective policy implementation. His efforts during the Global Bio-fuel Alliance have been enriching and inspiring.



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PANEL DISCUSSION- I: BUILDING GLOBAL BRANDS

“QUALITY AND COLLABORATION ARE VITAL ASPECTS FOR BUILDING A GLOBAL BRAND” SAYS EXPERT GROUP AT PANEL DISCUSSION FOCUSED ON BUILDING GLOBAL BRANDS

The panel discussion 1 at the 118th Annual Session centered on “Building Global Brands”. The panel was chaired by Mr. Rajeev Juneja, Vice Chairman & Managing Director, Mankind Pharma Ltd. Mr. Abhishek Khaitan, Managing Director, Radico Khaitan Ltd. and Mr. Sujeet Kumar, Co-founder, Udaan were the other panelists. The panel discussion was moderated by Ms. Parikshit Luthra, Bureau Chief (Editorial & Content), CNBC-TV18.

In his welcome address at the session, Mr. Saket Dalmia, President, PHDCCI pointed out that the business mind set is always motivated and prepared for the launch of new chances. The

younger generation is inspired by their stories to create brands.

Mr. Rajeev Juneja, Vice Chairman & Managing Director, Mankind Pharma Ltd. shared his experience and insights in building a successful brand in the pharmaceutical industry. He attributed his success to creativity and passion. He emphasized on bottom-up approach while building his brand and highlighted the significance of training the locals in vernacular language.

Mr. Abhishek Khaitan, Managing Director, Radico Khaitan Ltd. shared his insights in brand building, particularly in the beverage industry and Radico's success story as a global brand.

He stated that his company's goal is to make customers happy. He shared that after establishing the brand, they were listed in the Limca Book of Records within a year and according to JP Morgan reports, experienced the fastest growth for two years.

Mr. Sujeet Kumar, Co-founder, Udaan stated that their focus is to build a brand on the sidelines of ‘Make in India’. He shared his vision of taking UDAAN globally by leveraging technology. He said that the growth of UDAAN will be India centric.

The session ended with a vote-of-thanks by Mr. Hemant Jain, Vice President, PHDCCI.



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PANEL DISCUSSION- II: BUILDING FUTURE BUSINESSES

“THIS IS THE ERA OF DISRUPTION AND CHAOS, THRIVING IN CHAOS AND SCOPE OF FUTURE IS BRIGHT,” SAYS EXPERT GROUP AT PANEL DISCUSSION ON BUILDING FUTURE BUSINESSES

The panel discussion on “Building Future Businesses” at the Annual Session 2023 was chaired by Mr. Devansh Jain, Executive Director of INOXGFL Group. Speakers included Mr. Deepak Jain, Chairman & Managing Director of Lumax Industries Ltd; Mr. Pushp Jain, Deputy Managing Director of KLJ Plasticizers Ltd. and Mr. Riju Jhunjunwala, Chairman, Managing Director of RSWM Ltd.

Mr. Devansh Jain, Executive Director of INOXGFL Group, gave insights on the strategies for futuristic and future ready businesses. He emphasized the pivotal role of renewable energy sources in shaping a sustainable future. He emphasized the importance of technology utilization as a cornerstone for future success. He urged businesses to integrate technology seamlessly into their operations, while

maintaining a strong commitment to sustainability.

Mr. Deepak Jain, Chairman & Managing Director of Lumax Industries Ltd., shared his vision for leading companies into the future. He stated that the automotive industry is a major contributor to the GNP and highlighted the industry’s unwavering commitment to a comprehensive shift towards electric vehicles. Mr. Jain’s insights shed light on the dynamic landscape of the automotive sector and its determination to embrace electric mobility.

Mr. Pushp Jain, Deputy Managing Director of KLJ Plasticizers Ltd., gave his insights on the dynamics of future-proofing businesses in a competitive landscape. He emphasized the forthcoming innovations in the plastics industry that promise to mitigate environmental impact,

making plastics more eco-friendly.

Mr. Riju Jhunjunwala, Chairman, Managing Director of RSWM Ltd., gave his thoughts on building businesses that thrive in the future. He emphasized the immense potential of the textile industry. He also highlighted India’s abundant and cost-effective labor force, making the nation an attractive hub for labor-intensive industries like textiles. As the largest cultivator of cotton globally, India’s textile industry has significant room for growth. Furthermore, he acknowledged the government’s substantial support for the man-made fiber sector.

The Panel concluded on the note that this is the era where India is looking at growth despite the chaos and this is the era for businesses to thrive in chaos in the future.



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PANEL DISCUSSION-III: INSPIRING WOMEN LEADERS, BUSINESS & BEYOND

VOICE OF WOMEN IS ESSENTIAL IN DECISION MAKING AND THEIR EMOTIONAL QUOTIENT MAKES THEM BETTER LEADERS" SAYS EXPERT GROUP AT PANEL DISCUSSION FOCUSED ON INSPIRING WOMEN LEADERS, BUSINESS & BEYOND

At the panel discussion on "Inspiring Women Leaders, Business & Beyond, Ms. Ritu Dalmia, Celebrity Chef & Co-Owner, Diva Restaurant shared her experience of being in a male dominated culinary field at the age of twenty. She said that you need to prioritize yourself to become what you want to be. She emphasized to have a say in decision making and believe in yourself as you will be breaking a lot of walls while building yourself up. She pointed out the amazing emotional quotient that women are blessed with which makes them better leaders and managers. She concluded the session by

saying that "If you are a pioneer, don't expect the crowd to chase you ahead".

Ms. Ruchi Kalra, Co-Founder, OfBusiness emphasized on the importance of believing in yourself and accepting the challenges coming in the journey of becoming a leader. She highlighted that women are the best cash flow managers and asserted that no society is complete without all stakeholders participating individually. She concluded that "don't juggle, just believe in yourself and have gratitude."

Ms. Shaili Chopra, Founder, Gyttee & She The People TV focused on the importance of the voice of

women in decision making and gender parity. Gender equality is about getting your own level playing field in all dimensions whether it's about opportunity, recognition or accountability. Ms. Chopra concluded that one doesn't need rocket science to be successful and there is no replacement to hard work.

The panel discussion was moderated by Ms. Ritika Jhanji Jagtiani, TV Anchor & Presenter.

Mr. Saket Dalmia, President of PHDCCI delivered the welcome address and the session concluded by felicitating all the eminent panelists.

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CONVENTION ON CAPITAL MARKET & COMMODITY MARKET

At the 6th Annual Convention on Capital and Commodity Market: India Shines Bright @ G20: Pioneering Financial Market Digitization & Regulations held on October 28, 2023, Chief Guest, Mr. Pankaj Chaudhary, Hon'ble Minister of State for Finance highlighted how India's G20 presidency has transformed businesses and India's story in the financial economy. He said that under the able leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister, Mr. Narendra Modi, significant engagements were made with world leaders. Our hon'ble PM has inspired India to transform obstacles into opportunities and aspirations into achievements.

He pointed out that the development of digital infrastructure is an important step in enhancing trade and commerce in the country. The adoption of digitalization in our capital markets has increased efficiency,



transparency and accessibility. The Minister shared that by reducing intervention and embracing technology, we can improve the integrity and security of our capital markets. Over the past few years, especially after the pandemic, the capital markets and investment services industry have experienced significant growth. Retail participation with new individual

investors joining the stock market has increased. He said that India has taken a lead in all areas including solar alliance, green energy, space missions, among others and many of our initiatives are guiding the world today.

Guest of Honor, Dr Shashank Saksena, Senior Economic Advisor, Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance said that while



the use of new digital technology might improve efficiency and production, it can also dislocate and destabilize existing financial architecture and frameworks. So the task is to reap the benefits of this transformational architectural change while minimizing the expense of creative destruction and avoiding financial stability hazards. He asserted that technology driven and knowledge based economy will significantly transform the financial markets as the adoption of Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) will reduce compliance cost and support inclusive growth.

Guest of Honor, Mr. Ashwani Bhatia, Whole Time Member, Securities and Exchange Board of India, discussed the role of technology. He said that the financial markets are now entirely computerized, which is a powerful catalyst and a paradigm changer in the true sense in the trading system. He opined that digitalization has paved the way for a sustainable growth of financial markets in India and called for adopting technology as it brings transparency, efficiency & volumes.

Mr. Sanjeev Agrawal, President, PHDCCI emphasized that the theme of the Convention very aptly states – India Shines Bright, as INDIA is indeed shining bright amongst

its G20 partners and we are in the era of pioneering financial market digitization. India has significantly advanced on its development goals, increased efficiency in the public sector and unlocked innovation in the private sector by adopting the approach of building Digital Public Infrastructure. Mr. Hemant Jain, Senior Vice President, PHDCCI said that the Capital Market & Commodity Market Convention will serve as an invaluable platform for industry leaders, investors, and regulators to exchange insights and ideas.

Mr. Sriram Krishnan, Chief Business Development Officer, National Stock Exchange of India Ltd., said the number of DMAT accounts that are opened is approximately 30 lakhs which implies that there is an active retail activity, and that retail participation is increasing. As a result, retail investors now account for around 37% of the total number of investors.

Mr. Ashok Agarwal, Executive Chairman & Founder, Globe Capital Market Ltd. said that it is noteworthy that the China Sanghai index was about 833 in 1993 and is now around 3000. China's GDP has expanded three times faster than India's GDP. However, in these 30 years, India's capital market has

grown five times more than China's capital market.

The Convention was also graced by eminent senior stalwarts of Capital Market including Dr D K Aggarwal, Former President, PHDCCI and Chairman & Managing Director, SMC Investments and Advisors Limited; Mr. Amit Jain, Senior Manager, CDSL; Mr. Varun Gupta, Regional Head, BSE Ltd.; Mr. Sachin Utreja, Regional Head, NSDL; Mr. Sanjay Gakhar, North Head, Multi Commodity Exchange of India Ltd.; Mr. Jayanth Ranganathan, Senior Director, IIFL; Mr. Sandeep Jain, Director, Tradeswift Broking Pvt. Ltd. and Mr. Mrugank Paranjape, Management Consultant & Independent Director.

A fireside chat was held with Mr. Samir Arora, Founder & Fund Manager, Helios Capital on "Launch of Mutual Fund & Market Outlook going forward" which was moderated by Ms. Geetu Moza, Consulting Editor, Jagran Business.

The session was moderated by Mr. B K Sabharwal, Chair, Capital market & Commodity Market Committee, PHDCCI. Mr. Narinder Wadhwa & Mr. Suresh Arora, Co- chairs, Capital Market and Commodity Market Committee, PHDCCI delivered the vote-of-thanks and expressed gratitude to the speakers.



OTC HEALTH AND WELLNESS CONFERENCE - स्वास्थ्य उदय अंत्योदय

The PHD Chamber and the Organization of Pharmaceutical Producers of India (OPPI) organized the National OTC Health and Wellness Conference - LokLF; mn; vR;kn; on November 3, 2023, at PHD House, New Delhi.

The Consumer Healthcare Awards-2023 recognized companies for their effective and innovative approaches in the Consumer Healthcare domain, enabling access to their products and brands.

Two awards were presented for the year 2023: the Consumer Health Brand of the Year and the Best Consumer Health Digital Marketing Campaign. The former acknowledged outstanding brand performance and innovative brand strategies, while the latter recognized effective and innovative digital approaches for promoting responsible usage of the brands.

The awards were presided

over and judged by a distinguished jury panel, including Dr Shailesh Ayyangar, Value Accelerator Sector Advisor at Goldman Sachs Asset Management - Healthcare; Mr. Vikrant Shrotriya, Corporate Vice President and Managing Director at Novo Nordisk India; Mr. Suraja Kishore, CEO of BBDO & TeamX for Mercedes-Benz, India; Ms. Monica Gangwani, Executive Director, India, Advisory Services at Eversana, and Ms. Susan Josi, an Independent Healthcare Consultant.

The Consumer Health Brand of the Year 2023 award was presented to Galderma India Pvt. Ltd. for CETAPHIL, while Haleon India for SENSODYNE and P&G Health India for NEUROBION were awarded the 1st and 2nd runner-up positions, respectively.

The Best Consumer Health Digital Marketing Campaign was jointly presented to P&G Health (Livogen) and Glenmark Pharmaceuticals Ltd. (La Shield),

with Bayer India (Saridon-Aarampur) receiving the runner-up award.

Mr. AK Pradhan, Joint Drug Controller, Central Drugs Standard Control Organization emphasized the global significance of the conference in addressing the critical issue of access to medicine and healthcare. He highlighted ongoing efforts to define 'over-the-counter' within regulatory guidelines.

Dr Ranjeet Mehta, Executive Director, PHDCCI, emphasized on the profound relationship between individual health and a nation's overall progress, while highlighting the need of the last individual in need of care, often referred to as the "antyodaya."

Mr. Anil Matai, Director General, OPPI, stressed the amplified significance of self-care in the post-COVID era, emphasizing the need for responsible self-care.



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PHDCCI INDIA PAVILION AT OMAN FOOD & HOSPITALITY EXPO, MUSCAT

The PHDCCI International Affairs and Trade Fairs Division with the support of Department of Commerce and in association with Embassy of India, Oman organized the 'India Pavilion at Oman Food & Hospitality Expo' at Muscat, Oman, September 18-20, 2023 at Muscat, Oman. The India Pavilion was the big country participation from India. 35 Indian Companies showcased products and services in food products such as rice, spices, beverages, packaging, tourism, medical tourism etc.

The India Pavilion was inaugurated by H.E. Dr Saud Hamoud Al Habsi, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries, and Water Resources along with H.E. Mr. Amit Narang, Ambassador of India to Oman in the presence of other dignitaries from Govt. of Oman and Diplomats. The dignitaries took a walk through the exhibition and met with the Indian exhibitors.





PHD Chamber organized the Seminar on “The changing dynamics of the India AS and Companies Act, 2013: Issues and Challenges in Implementation” on October 13, 2023 at PHD House, New Delhi.

Eminent speakers included Dr Ajay Bhushan Prasad Pandey, Chairperson, National Financial Reporting Authority and CA Hans Raj Chugh, Chairman, FRRB, ICAI.

CHANGING DYNAMICS OF THE INDIA AS AND COMPANIES ACT, 2013:



INTERACTIVE SESSION WITH VIZAGAPATAM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

At the PHDCCI's interactive session with Vizagapatam Chamber of Commerce and Industry (VCCI) held on October 11, 2023, Dr Ranjeet Mehta, Executive Director, PHDCCI, welcomed the delegates and spoke about the MoU signed with VCCI in 2016 and recalled their successful delegation to Seoul, South Korea, under the leadership of past President of

VCCI, Late Mr. D V Raju.

Dr Mehta urged all the participants to initiate a meaningful dialogue to explore collaborative sectors and joint programs between the two Chambers.

Mr. Sudarsan Swamy Mangalagiri, President, VCCI, presented an overview on the activities of VCCI. He discussed

the pivotal sectors of Logistics, Information Technology (IT), Pharmaceuticals, Sustainability, and Start-Ups, highlighting their notable growth in the region. He also raised the pertinent issue of youth migration from Vizag to Tier 1 cities in pursuit of enhanced opportunities, and sought assistance of PHDCCI in identifying and implementing viable solutions.

INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS SUMMIT 2023

The Industrial Relations Summit 2023 organized on October 26, 2023 on the theme, “Forging New Paths in Industrial Relations in Bharat’s Transforming Business Environment” provided an important platform for knowledge sharing and strategic planning to enhance Industrial Relation practices in the Indian economy.

Mr. Ashish Wig, Chair, HR & IR Committee, PHDCCI mentioned that in line with the theme of the Summit, the concept of “Udyog Parivar” has been developed, which becomes more relevant with the changing dynamics of the industry. These dynamics have been changing especially Post Covid. The ‘Udyog Parivar’ entails workers, employers, the union and also the Government. He mentioned that earlier we heard a lot about the concept of ‘hire & fire’; this has now been replaced by ‘employee retention’. Further, since the economy is growing we need more efficient workers, skilling, and social wellbeing.

Mr. Jag Mohan, Former Additional Central Provident Fund Commissioner, EPFO mentioned when India became independent, there was a lot of unrest among the people; hence the Government came up with the Provident Fund Act so that employees got some social security. However, as the economy grew and became more international in nature, the employer-employee relationship underwent a lot of sea change. He also spoke on the Code of Social Security, 2020 where all the Acts have been specified. As social security schemes are increasing, we expect more schemes for specific class of workers in the coming years.

Mr. Hiranmay Pandya, All India President, Bharatiya Majdoor



Sangh mentioned that Industrial Relations is a theoretical subject but at times, practical aspects are missing from that. It is only through the concept of ‘Udyog Parivar’ that industrial relations are maintained properly from both the sides – the management and the trade unions. He mentioned that ‘Samvaad se Sangharsh’ is the new way to move ahead and all the trade unions have to work cooperatively. He shared - the concept of Industry 4.0 and Industry 5.0 are knocking the door. Artificial Intelligence has also gained currency now a days.

Mr. S C Yadav, Additional Commissioner (Labour), Labour Department, Govt. of NCT of Delhi mentioned that IR is actually ‘Industry’ + ‘Relations’. The industry works through workers and machinery to produce. Earlier there used to be only an Industrial Relations dept., there was no concept of a HR Department Over the years, situation has changed and now there are no ‘dharnas’ or closures by trade unions. In India, the concept of ‘strike’ means the employees will stop doing their work. However, in other countries, during a ‘strike’ the employees starts overproduction of goods, so that the employer is forced to listen to their issues. Now, gradually this change in concept is also

coming to India. Unless and until the employers hear the workers problems, businesses cannot be successful.

Mr. Saji Narayanan, Former President, Bharatiya Majdoor Sangh apprised that people from abroad are curious to know more about India and how the concept of ‘Harmony’ works so well here. He enlightened that this concept of ‘Harmony’ is something we have learnt from the model of family. In ‘Udyog Parivar’, there should be the concept of ‘Rule like a Father’. He stressed that there should be family like tradition with the workers.

Other distinguished speakers of the Summit Included: Mr. Nitin Khindria, CHRO, Dalmia Biz.; Mr. Dharam Rakshit: HR Head & Lead Employee Relations, Hero MotoCorp Ltd.; Mr. Nakul Pathak, Senior Executive Director, IFFCO; Sh. Pradeep Singal, Chairman, All India Transporters Welfare Association; Dr Mohammad Moizuddin, Head (EHS), Larsen & Toubro; Mr. Manoj Pandey, Former PF Commissioner, Employees’ Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO); Dr Avneesh Singh: Former Director General, Factory Advice Service & Labour Institute (DGFASLI) and Mr. Abhinav Chetan, Founder, Digital For Nonprofits (D4NP).



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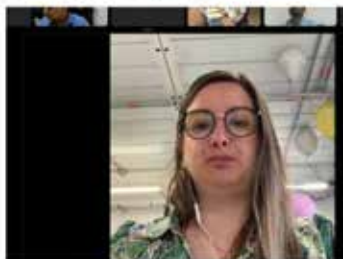
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Corporate Center, while the Indian side was led by Mr. Sanjay Mehrishi, DDG (Exports), Ministry of Defence.

Ms. Natalia Amaya Cuartas, Advisor to the Competitiveness, Innovation and Business Support Group, GSED Corporate Center discussed the focus areas and products of interest for Colombian authorities highlighting key opportunities for collaboration.

Indian companies, representing various sectors including Cyber Defence, Space, Drones & Counter Drones, Engines & Airframes, Patrol Vessels, Ammunition & Explosives, Simulators- Aircraft, Vehicle, RPA & Shooting, Tactical Radars, Aviation Parts, Offshore Patrol Vehicles, Shipbuilding and Missile Frigates made presentations showcasing their capabilities and products.

Indian companies participating in the webinar included BEL, GRSE, Heritage Cybersecurity, MKU, Godrej & Boyce, Zen Technologies, Solar Group and TATA Advanced Systems.

Colombian Defence Authority companies included High Technology Defense Corporation CODALTEC, Colombian Aeronautical Industry Corporation CIAC, Maritime and River Industry COTECMAR.

Dr Nasir Jamal, Senior Secretary, PHDCCI moderated the webinar and also delivered the vote-of-thanks to all the dignitaries and industry delegates.

INDIA-COLOMBIA DEFENCE COOPERATION WEBINAR

The Department of Defence Production, Government of India, Indian Embassy in Bogota, Colombia and PHD Chamber organized a webinar on “India-Colombia Defence Cooperation webinar” on October 31, 2023. The webinar aimed

to foster collaboration, discuss potential areas of cooperation and showcase Indian defence capabilities and products.

The Colombian side was led by Ms. Natalia Amaya Cuartas, Advisor to the Competitiveness, Innovation and Business Support Group, GSED

UPDATE ON THE INDIAN DRONE SECTOR

The government needs to lay emphasis on the growth of the drone industry in India, with a discussion on the advanced Unmanned Traffic Management (UTM) system developed by Sky UTM to regulate drone traffic. There is a need for developing indigenous drones and payloads to align with the vision of India's Prime Minister and reduce reliance on imports. We need to identify stages of drone development in India, emphasizing the importance of clear policies, demand generation, and safeguarding against foreign competition. Challenges of certifying drones in India, particularly for Beyond Visual Line of Sight (BVLOS) operations will address these issues. Finally we recommend the shift from Production-Linked Incentives to Design-Linked Incentives to encourage indigenous drone design and development.

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STEEL STRUCTURE & TECHNOLOGY SUMMIT, 2023

PHDCCI as the Knowledge Partner in collaboration with Business Media Links (BML) and Institute for Steel Development & Growth (INSDAG) as the Strategic Partner, organized the 'Steel Structure & Technology Summit (SSTS) 2023', an international conference and Expo focused on the Steel Construction and Infrastructure Industry, on September 14, 2023, at Kolkata. The event was themed "Advances in Steel Structures and Technology".

Mr. Debasish Sen, IAS (Retd), MD, WBHIDCO was the Chief

Guest at the Inaugural Session. Mr. Sushim Banerjee, CEO, (IISSSC), Former Director General, INSDAG, introduced the theme and Mr. Yashaswi Shroff, Chairman, PHDCCI- West Bengal Chapter & ED, Alcove Reality, delivered the welcome address.

The conference-cum-exhibition was specifically dedicated to the niche sector of steel structures, with a particular focus on Eastern India's substantial potential.

The technical sessions delved into crucial topics such as "Innovation in Steel Structure" and "Advancements in Steel Structure

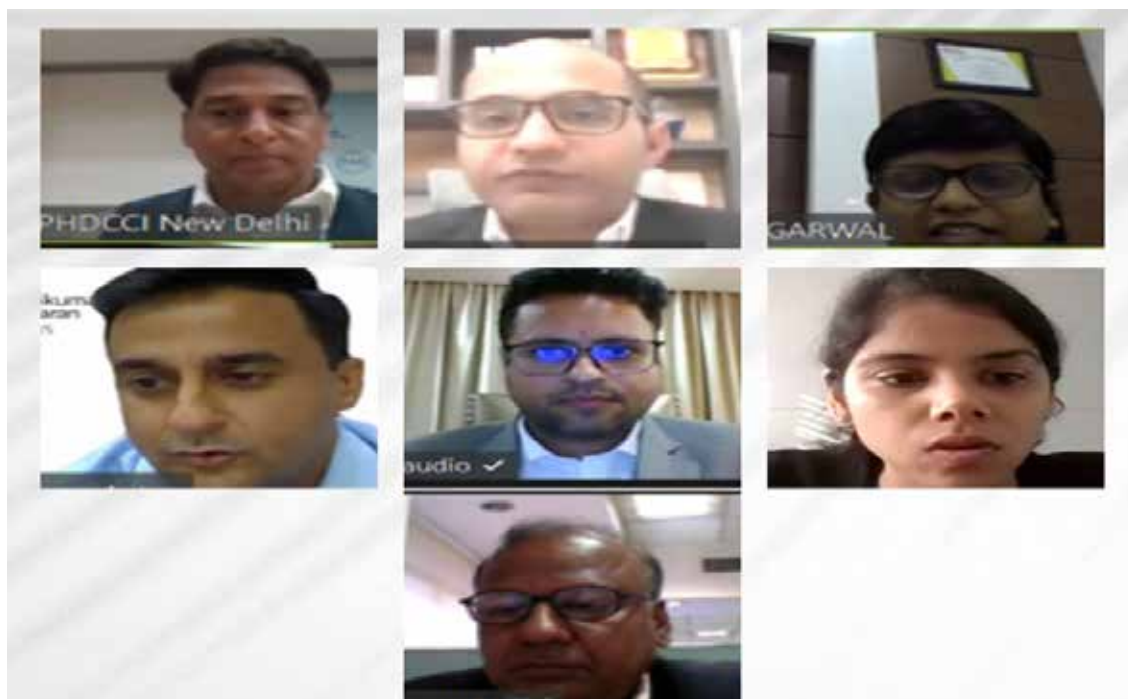
in Construction & Infrastructure Industry."

Mr. Bimlendra Jha, Managing Director, Jindal Steel & Power Ltd. and Mr. Pradip Kumar Mishra, Director General, INSDAG, delivered the vote-of-thanks to the guests.

The exhibition saw active participation from prominent industry players, including Jindal Steel & Power, Shyam Steel, Satya Steel, Jindal Stainless Steel, Tata Bluescope Steel, DIAMANT Triumph Metallplastic, and Bidaal, collectively contributing to the event's success.

BHARAT ORGANICS' BRAND OF NEW COOPERATIVE BODY NCOL LAUNCHED

Mr. Amit Shah, Union Cooperation Minister on November 8, 2023 launched the 'Bharat Organics' brand of the newly created National Cooperative Organics Ltd. (NCOL) and asserted that it will emerge as the most "trusted" brand in India and abroad. NCOL is a platform for organic growers. Currently, six products under the 'Bharat Organics' brand have been launched and 20 products would be launched by December. The six organic products -- tur dal, chana dal, sugar, rajma, basmati rice, and Sonamasoori rice -- will be sold through Mother Dairy's Safal outlets and online platforms, and a network of retail outlets is being created across the country.



L-R: Mr. Bimal Jain, Chair, Indirect Taxes Committee, PHDCCI; Mr. Pawan Arora, Partner, Athena Law Associates.; Mr. Tushar Aggarwal, Co-Founder, Tattvam Advisors. L-R: Mr. Shivam Mehta, Partner, LKS; Mr. Yogesh Gaba, Managing Partner, Gaba & Co.; Ms. Lipika Rustagi, Managing Associates, Nitya Tax Associates, Third Row: Mr. Nanda Gangadhar Mishra, Joint Secretary, PHD Chamber

IMPORTANT LATEST GST LEGAL JURISPRUDENCE

At the webinar held on September 21, 2023 on “Important Latest GST Legal Jurisprudence” Mr Bimal Jain, Chair, Indirect Tax Committee, PHD Chamber, A2Z Taxcorp LLP, in his theme presentation highlighted numerous judgments, having wide impacts pertaining to Input Tax Credit which is taking away theme of seamless flow of credit. Further, he explained the concept of time limit to avail GST credit with what are cautions and precautions if supplier defaults in payment of taxes even after collecting the taxes. He explained the conditions and restrictions to avail the Input Credit in GST.

Mr. Shivam Mehta, Partner, Lakshmi Kumaran & Sridharan spoke on legal matters with examples, such as conditions of contract versus non-monetary consideration, canteen services and valuation in case of import of

services. He also explained about Contractual employees, provision of equipment to third party and job workers.

Mr. Tushar Aggarwal, Co-Founder, Tattvam Advisors discussed about taxability of vouchers, target based scheme, recovery from employees, taxable of EV charging stations, real estate and sale and transfer of business.

Mr. Yogesh Gaba, Managing Partner, GABA & Co. in his presentation about Jurisprudence of GST Input Credit said that ITC is available on works contract services used for the repair and maintenance of factory building. He also described about the capitalization of works contract.

Mr. Pawan Arora, Managing Partner, Athena Law Associates described the various judgements regarding the various appeals in GST and refund matters. He

explained Section 107 i.e. any person aggrieved by any decision or order passed under this Act or the State Goods and Services Tax Act or the Union Territory Goods and Service Tax Act by an Adjudicating Authority may appeal to such an Appellate Authority as may be prescribed within three months from the date on which the said decision was made.

Ms. Lipika Rustagi, Managing Associates, Nitya Tax Associates elaborately discussed about the concept of cross charges and ISD, Cross charges versus ISD.

Mr. Nanda Gangadhar Mishra, Joint Secretary, PHDCCI moderated the program. The session was supported by A2Z Taxcorp LLP, Nitya Tax Associates, Tattvam Advisors, GABA & Co., Athena Law Associates and Lakshmikumaran & Sridharan.



CONFERENCE ON INSOLVENCY & BANKRUPTCY CODE, 2016

The NCLT & IBC Committee along with the Punjab State Chapter of PHDCCI organized a Conference on 'Insolvency & Bankruptcy Code, 2016' on September 23, 2023 at PHD House, Chandigarh.

Guest of Honor at the inaugural session, Mr. Harnam Singh Thakur, Hon'ble Member (J), NCLT, Chandigarh Bench said that it has been seven years since Insolvency and Bankruptcy Codes (IBC), 2016 was formed and awareness regarding this is increasing now. Through IBC, disputes between many industrial groups and banks can be resolved with mutual consent. Mr. Thakur said that at present young entrepreneurs are setting up industries without studying in the field and this is later causing liquidation. He suggested that one should establish industries in a planned manner with a field study.

Guest of Honor, Dr PSN

Prasad, Hon'ble Member (J), NCLT, Chandigarh Bench mentioned that Insolvency or liquidation of industries is no longer a matter related to any one region but has become a national issue. Dr Prasad, said that complaints related to financial matters often come to the Tribunal due to lack of knowledge of law. He underlined that Lawyers should try to reach a mutual agreement by explaining the law to industrialists and bankers before filing any petition.

Guest of Honor, Ms. Laksmi Gurung, Hon'ble Member (J), NCLT Mumbai Bench, said that it is important to conduct such awareness programs by PHDCCI. She highlighted that our new generation should be equipped with full information about NCLT and IBC.

Mr. G.P. Madaan, Chair, PHDCCI, NCLT and IBC Committee highlighted the success stories of the IBC, 2016. While appreciating

the Code, he said that barring exceptions, NPAs will not be visible in the economy. He urged all the stakeholders to support the Government, the Regulator and the Adjudicating Authority in successful implementation of the law.

Mr. Mukul Bansal, Convenor, Banking and Financial Services Sub-Committee, Punjab Chapter PHDCCI expressed his views during the Inaugural Session.

During the Technical Sessions, Mr. Jalesh Kumar Grover, MD, Ducturus Resolution Professionals; Mr. Rajesh Sharma, Former Member (T) NCLT; Mr. Ratan Gopal Mishra, Associate VP, Resurgent India Ltd.; Mr. Atul Sood, Mr. Anand Chhibbar and Mr. Pankaj Sethi, Advocates and Mr. Harish Taneja, Director, Utkrishtha Insolvency Professionals expressed their views on IBC 2016. Mr. Abhishek Anand and Mr. Karan Mehra, Co-chairs, PHDCCI, NCLT and IBC Committee moderated the technical sessions.

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CONCLAVE ON ELECTRIC VEHICLES ROADMAP TO INDIA'S -MOBILITY JOURNEY – TRANSLATING VISION TO REALITY

H.E Mr. Hugo Javier Gobbi, Ambassador of the Argentina Republic in India, invited Indian companies to invest in Lithium Mining in Argentina while addressing the RE Committee of PHDCCI's Electric Vehicles Conclave on "Roadmap to India's E-Mobility Journey – Translating Vision to Reality" on September 25, 2023 at PHD House, New Delhi.

The Ambassador stated that there were complementarities between India and Argentina regarding critical minerals like Lithium and Copper, which are required for electric vehicles and sustainable energy solutions, as India has a huge demand for these metals and Argentina has huge reserves of these minerals. He appealed that India should source Lithium directly from Argentina instead of from China. Presently, China is India's leading supplier of Lithium.



Delivering the welcome address, Mr. Devansh Jain, Chair, RE Committee, PHDCCI, said "India's transition to electric mobility is not merely a choice; it is an imperative for the sustainable future of our nation. Electric vehicles hold the key to reducing our carbon

footprint, improving air quality and enhancing energy efficiency. The internal combustion engine, once the symbol of progress and prosperity, is now recognized as a major contributor to environmental degradation. We cannot continue down this path if we are to safeguard

the planet for future generations. This is why electric vehicles (EVs) have become the vanguard of a new era in transportation”.

Mr. Ayush Lohia, CEO, Lohia Auto Industries, in his address on “Deepening India’s EV Capabilities to strengthening its value-chain,” expressed his optimism for the EV sector in India and informed that an EV revolution was round the corner. He stressed on skill development (specially in Electromechanical Engineering), R & D and customer service to facilitate EV revolution in India.

Dr Deb Mukherjee, CEO, Omega Seiki Mobility, informed that EV revolution is a huge opportunity for India, especially for MSMEs. He suggested that India should focus on manufacturing EV parts, batteries.

Mr. Subhabrata Sengupta, Partner, Avalon Consulting and Knowledge Partner for the event in his presentation informed that Critical materials (minerals) are essential for Electric Vehicles and India is heavily dependent on the import of these major Critical materials for its EV industry to thrive. He shared that during the largest mining event held in June 2022 in Canada, US and its 11 partner countries have announced and setup mineral security partnership. India was the first major developing country to join this partnership in June 2023 which helps it to secure and build a resilient supply chain for critical minerals. Similarly, India and Australia have also signed the Critical Minerals Investment Partnership, a major milestone for India towards investment in Critical minerals and develop strong supply

chains between the two countries, he further added.

Other speakers at the conclave included - Mr. Rajiv Rao, Business Head, GFCL EV Products Ltd.; Mr. Mukund Kumar, Regional Business Development Head, Verde Mobility; Mr. Akash Deep Tyagi, Technical Head & Founding Member, Statiq; Ms. Anannya Das, Programme Manager, Sustainable Mobility, Centre for Science & Environment; Dr Clement Lesniak, Eramet India; Mr. Sunil Bhatnagar, CXO, IPLTech Electric P Ltd.; Mr. Ayush Patodia, Associate Vice President, Avalon Consulting and Mr. Bharadwaja Suryapally, Consultant, Avalon Consulting.

Ms. Mili Dubey, Director, PHDCCI, delivered the opening remarks, while Mr. Punit Chaudhry, Secretary, PHDCCI delivered the vote-of- thanks to the guests.



CELEBRATION & RELEASE OF THREE BOOKS OF DR HARISH NAVAL, WELL KNOWN AUTHOR

The Tourism & Hospitality Committee of PHDCCI organized the Celebration and Releasing of three books of Dr Harish Naval, Well known Author on October 13, 2023 at PHD House, New Delhi. The event was graced by Mr. Haymandoyal Dillum, High Commissioner of Mauritius along with the authors from Travel & Tourism industry and Media that included Prof. Purabi Banerjee, Dr Neelam Verma, Dr Prem Janmejy, Dr Vivek Gautam and Mr. Amitabh Srivastava.



RETAIL EXECUTIVE SUMMIT

The Retail, E-Commerce and Consumer Affairs Committee, PHDCCI and Jagan Institute of Management Studies (JIMS) jointly organized the Retail Executive Summit with a central theme focused on “Future Outlook of the Indian Retail Industry” on August 28, 2023 at PHD House, New Delhi.

Inaugural Session:

Dr Pooja Jain, Director of JIMS in her opening address, emphasized the institution’s commitment to providing quality education and its strong industry connection through various initiatives. She encouraged students to gain valuable knowledge and insights from the event, not only for retail careers but also for various fields within the industry.

Dr Harshvardhan Halve, Director General, JIMS highlighted the purpose of the summit, which aimed to provide students with year-round exposure to industry experts.

Chief Guest, Mr. Anupam Bansal, Director-Retailing and Marketing, Liberty Shoes Ltd.



and Co- chair, Retail, E-commerce and Consumer Affairs Committee, PHDCCI underscored the importance of reciprocal learning between students and industry professionals, valuing students’ fresh perspectives and energy. He highlighted cross-industry learning and recognized students as both thought leaders and current customers. In the retail sector, he discussed his company’s shift from franchise retail to digital commerce due to COVID-19 challenges, emphasizing the need for retail professionals to possess comprehensive knowledge. He

encouraged student participation, questions, and dialogues for collaboration with industry leaders, with a central focus on technology’s role in retail transformation. Mr. Bansal advocated continuous learning, collaboration, and adaptation in retail, valuing the contributions of students and industry experts.

The Fireside chat with Mr. Sameer Bajpai, Vice President, EVOK, discussed the complexities of the retail landscape in India, emphasizing that it’s not just a fusion of organized and online

retail but also includes a significant portion that remains unorganized. He pointed out that around 70% of retail in India is still unorganized.

Technical Sessions:

The session titled “Building Resilient Retail Brands: Strategies for Balancing Growth, Innovation, and Core Values in Today’s Volatile Market” emphasized the need to strike a balance between achieving growth, fostering innovation, and staying true to core brand values in a volatile market. The discussion explored strategies to maintain brand resilience when facing challenges while pursuing growth and innovation.

The session on “Rise of D2C Brands: Disruption and Opportunities in Retail” explored the substantial growth of Direct-to-Consumer (D2C) brands within the retail sector. It emphasized how D2C brands are reshaping distribution channels, adapting to changing consumer preferences, and capitalizing on advantages like enhanced control over branding and customer relationships.

The session on “The New Age of Consumer Convenience” highlighted how modern consumers place a high value on convenience in their daily lives, spanning shopping and services. It explored the factors contributing to this trend, such as technological advancements, personalization, contactless solutions, and changes in work-life balance. The session also discussed future trends, including AI, automation, and the continuous evolution of e-commerce, all in the context of shifting consumer expectations and behaviors.

The theme “Future of Retail Workforce: Embracing Diversity and Inclusion” highlighted the significance of fostering an inclusive and diverse workforce within the retail industry.

Dr R.K. Singh, Dean, PGDM Retail Management delivered the vote-of-thanks to the guests.





ROADSHOW ON EXPLORING BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES IN AFRICA

PHD Chamber in partnership with ARISE IIP organized a series of roadshows on “Exploring Business Opportunities in Africa.”

New Delhi on October 9, 2023 at PHD House.

Mr. Niraj, Director-International Affairs, PHDCCI, welcomed the delegates in all the states and apprised them about the long-established economic connections between India and Africa. Furthermore, he emphasized on the dynamic and evolving economic landscape in Africa, highlighting the abundant opportunities that this changing environment could offer to Indian businesses as they explore previously untapped markets. Africa is full of opportunities for Indian industry, as Africa is a continent comprising of 54 countries and every country has immense potential of returns on investment. He requested



delegates to seek guidance from ARISE IIP for their African ventures.

Ms. Manisha Singh, ARISE IIP, provided an overview of activities of ARISE IIP as a developer of industrial ecosystems and infrastructure in Africa. She delved into the statistics showcasing Indian investments in Africa and presented reasons for engaging in business with Africa. In her concluding remarks, she highlighted the services offered by ARISE IIP to Indian businesses exploring opportunities in Africa.

Mr. Amit Kaushik, ARISE IIP delivered a comprehensive presentation on their SEZs and Industrial platforms in Gabon, Benin, Togo and upcoming projects. He emphasized on Africa's promising business opportunities, particularly in West and Central Africa, where significant trade with India is already occurring. Furthermore, he also enumerated the incentives provided by ARISE IIP to Indian investors.



Dehradun, Uttarakhand on October 11, 2023 at Madhuban Hotel

Mr. Amit Kaushik, ARISE IIP delivered a presentation on the myriad business opportunities associated with Africa. He underscored Africa's status as the continent of the future and mentioned several West and Central African countries that have already established substantial trade relationships with India. Furthermore, Mr. Kaushik elucidated the range of incentives provided by ARISE IIP for Indian investors.

Rajkot, Gujarat on September 11, 2023 at JPS Fortune Park

Ms. Sonal Nayak, ARISE IIP gave a presentation covering the various prospects of doing business with Africa highlighting 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. She also enumerated the various incentives offered by ARISE IIP to Indian investors.



Vadodara, Gujarat on September 16, 2023 at the Grand Mercure (Surya Palace)

Mr. Himanshu Agarwal, Co-chair, Infrastructure Development – Ports, Roads, Shipping and Waterways, PHDCCI welcomed the participants and shared his experience as a Co-chair of an Expert Committee of PHDCCI and its integrated approach for industrial development and growth both in the domestic and international market.

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Jaipur, Rajasthan September 27, 2023 at Hotel The Lalit

Mr. Amit Kaushik, ARISE IIP gave a detailed presentation covering the various prospects of doing business with Africa and highlighted that Africa was the continent of future. He stated that 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. Amit Choudhary, Co-chair, PHDCCI-Rajasthan Chapter, raised some points for promoting Pharma sector especially API sector in Africa. Mr. Ajay Gupta, MD, Kamtech Associates, Technology Consultant and Mr. Anup Khandelwal, an entrepreneur doing commodities business in Africa for the last 25 years, shared his experience about the opportunities and a favourable ecosystem for doing business in Africa. Mr. Sanjay Dhanuka, Past President, PMAR discussed opportunities for the Plastic sector in Africa and offered to mount a



delegation of plastic industry to African Countries to study the scenario. The distinguished speakers also felt that there are huge possibilities for doing business in AYUSH and Agri commodities sector from Rajasthan.

Rudrapur, Uttarakhand on October 13, 2023 at Radisson Blu Hotel

Mr. Amit Kaushik, ARISE IIP delivered a comprehensive presentation on ARISE IIP's Special Economic Zones (SEZs) and Industrial platforms located in Gabon, Benin, Togo, and other upcoming projects. He highlighted the potential business opportunities in Africa, with a specific focus on West and Central Africa, regions that already have significant trade ties with India. Additionally, he emphasized the incentives offered by ARISE IIP to encourage Indian investors to establish a substantial presence in Africa.

Mr. Rajeev Ghai, Member, PHDCCI delivered the vote-of-thanks to the guests.





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STORY ABOUT WOMEN- INTERACTIVE SESSION WITH DR KIRAN BEDI, IPS (RETD)

The Delhi & NCR Committee of PHDCCI organized the second DELHI DIALOGUE series, an interactive session themed, “A Story About Women” with Dr Kiran Bedi IPS (Retd.), Former Lt. Governor of Puducherry and Founder, India Vision Foundation and Navjyoti India Foundation on October 15, 2023 at PHD House, New Delhi.

Dr Bedi spoke about the inherent strengths of women managers which make them successful in their professional lives like hard work, compassion and self-respect. She gave examples of how these qualities helped her excel in her career, when she was the Head of Delhi Traffic Police at the time when the Asian Games were organized in Delhi and during her tenure as the Lt. Governor of Puducherry.

She appealed for having a law



to make creches compulsory in each building where women were employed.

The event was also graced by Ms. Anuradha Goel, Chairperson, PHDFWF; Ms. Sarika Singh, Broadcast Journalist & Presenter,

BBC News and Ms. Kiran Bhatia Tandon, Founder/ Author and Remote Business Coach, INSPPY Talent Potential Consulting.

Ms. Anuradha Goel, Chairperson, PHDFWF in her welcome address informed about

initiatives taken by PHDFWF for women's empowerment.

Ms. Sarika Singh, Broadcast Journalist & Presenter, BBC News described her life journey from childhood and about her dream to become a Journalist. She shared the challenges faced by her, her health issues and how she finally succeeded in her profession. She also thanked the Indian Government for passing the

Women's Reservation Bill 2023.

A book written by Ms. Tandon- **Usha Kee Kiran - Ek Saadhaaran Ladakee Kee Anokhee Kahaanee** was also released by Dr Bedi during the Session. While addressing the delegates, Ms. Tandon shared how her whole family was inspired by Dr Bedi. She highlighted the role of her mother in her life and informed that the book was dedicated to her mother.

Ms. Mili Dubey, Director, PHDCCI, moderated the interactive session and delivered the opening remarks. Mr. Punit Chaudhary, Secretary, PHDCCI delivered the vote-of-thanks to the guests.

The Interactive Session was supported by Wealth Clinic and PHDFWF.



DR J P GUPTA, CHAIR, ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE COMMITTEE, PHDCCI CONFERRED THE GLOBAL EXCELLENCE AWARD

It is with great pride we inform that Dr J P Gupta, Chair, Environment and Climate Change Committee, PHDCCI was conferred the 'GLOBAL EXCELLENCE AWARD – Hydrogen| Biofuels| Green Energy Sector' by the Energy and Environment Foundation during their World Hydrogen Energy Summit held in October 2023. Dr J P Gupta, one of the five recipients of the Energy and Environment Foundation Global Excellence Awards 2023 was awarded for his visionary leadership, outstanding contribution and for demonstrating excellence in the hydrogen sector.



CPSES ROUNDTABLE & EXPO 2023

With the aim to foster collaboration and innovation in CSR initiatives, dispute resolution and performance management among Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs), the Department of Public Enterprises (DPE), in association with the Standing Conference of Public Enterprises (SCOPE), organized 'CPSEs Roundtable & Exhibition 2023' on September 25 – 26, 2023 at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi. PHD Chamber was the Event Partner.

The event was inaugurated by Dr Bhagwat Kishanrao Karad, Hon'ble Minister of State for Finance, in the presence of Mr. Ali R. Rizvi, Secretary, DPE; Mr. Atul Sobti, DG, SCOPE; Mr. R. K. Agrawal, CMD, WAPCOS & Chairman, SCOPE AKAM Committee CSR; Mr. Animesh Bharti, Economic Adviser, DPE and other senior officials from Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Ministry of Women and Child Development, Department of Health & Family



Welfare and Department of School Education & Literacy.

During the inaugural occasion, an e-coffee table book titled "Touching Human Lives – CSR by CPSEs" was released by the Hon'ble Minister. It encapsulates successful CSR stories of many CPSEs and their implementation mythologies in all important identified areas.

In the inaugural address, Hon'ble Minister Dr Bhagwat

Kishanrao Karad, outlined the significant achievements made by CPSEs in CSR field and called for impact assessment of these CSR interventions by CPSEs for further improvement and also for exploring opportunities in CSR ecosystem aligning with national priorities.

The Department of Public Enterprises appreciated the overall efforts of PHDCCI in organizing this event successfully.



INDIA COLD CHAIN CONCLAVE- HIMALAYAN CHAPTER 2023

The Logistics Committee and the Jammu and Kashmir Chapter of PHD Chamber in collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare and National Centre for Cold-Chain Development (NCCD), under the Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare as Think Tank and Knowledge Partner organized a conference titled 'India Cold Chain Conclave -- Himalayan

Chapter' on September 20, 2023 at KICC Centre, Srinagar with focus on the theme of "A Robust and Efficient Cold Chain Infrastructure".

Inaugural Session:

Chief Guest. Dr Arun Kumar Mehta (IAS), Chief Secretary, J&K UT Government emphasized the need for improved apple cold storage facilities and the region's ambition to top agricultural income rankings. He praised

Jammu and Kashmir's progress in ease of doing business and digital services, becoming a digital leader in the country, highlighting the importance of digital empowerment after democratic decentralization.

Guest of Honor, Mr. Priya Ranjan, Joint Secretary, Horticulture (INM), Department of Agriculture underscored the government's commitment to adopting clean technology and the importance



Technical Session – I : New Modern Cold Chain Technologies - Refrigeration, Industries, Logistics and Climate



Technical Session – II :Energy Efficient Technologies and Energy Transition

of an efficient cold chain in conjunction with horticultural production. He highlighted the Government's ambition to establish a prominent Clean Plant Center in Srinagar, thereby reducing the need for importing planting materials.

Special Guest, Mr. Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to Hon'ble Lt. Governor of J&K invited investment in this rapidly developing region which he referred to as a "Sunrise Region" with immense opportunities for growth. Mr. Bhatnagar discussed the expansion of fisheries and products with Geographical Indication Tags.

Mr. Asheesh Fotedar, Chief Operating Officer, NCCD, highlighted NCCD's role in promoting global leadership for farmers and the industry, focusing on energy efficiency and standardized protocols.

Mr. Majid Wafai, President, JKPICCA noted the impressive growth of the cold chain sector in Kashmir due to substantial investment and government support. Mr. Wafai praised the dedication of farmers and traders and emphasized the need for energy-efficient and eco-friendly technologies.

Professor Nazir Ahamd Ganai, Vice Chancellor, Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences

and Technology of Kashmir emphasized the game-changing possibilities that stem from collaboration and innovative technologies for the economy of Jammu and Kashmir.

Mr. Ghulam Rasool Mir (JKAS), Director, Horticulture Kashmir underscored the horticulture sector's vital role in boosting

Jammu and Kashmir's economy and discussed the expansion of controlled atmospheric cold storage facilities, which currently have a capacity of 2.06 lakh metric tons. He also highlighted Government Support Programs and the approval of an additional Rs 7.27 crores for cold storage projects.



Technical Session – III :CA Technologies - Post-Harvest Management, Challenges and Consideration for CA Storage Solutions



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BIG INDIA PAVILION AT FOIRE INTERNATIONALE DE MARSEILLE

The PHDCCI International Affairs & Trade Fair Division with the support of the Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry organized the India Pavilion at the fair in France popularly known as “Foire Internationale De Marseille,” September 22 to October 2, 2023 at Parc Chanot, Marseille, France.

28 companies from India showcased their products such as fashion jewellery, scarves, stoles, apparels, traditional crafts, decorative items, etc.

The India Pavilion was formally inaugurated by Mr. Deepanshu Khurana, SS(Commerce), Embassy of India in France in the presence of dignitaries from the local government organizations. India Day was celebrated on September 27, 2023. During the India Day, Mr. Deepanshu Khurana along with Mr. Rakesh Kumar Sangrai, Director, PHDCCI accompanied the French business delegation to the Indian booths and interacted with the Indian exhibitors.

At the India Conference, Mr. Deepanshu Khurana delivered a presentation on “Indian Tourism and Doing business with India”.



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PHDCCI SIGNS MoU WITH TANZANIA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, INDUSTRY & AGRICULTURE

A delegation from Tanzania Chamber of Commerce, Industry & Agriculture (TCCIA) met senior officials of PHDCCI on October 9, 2023 at PHD House, New Delhi.

Dr Ranjeet Mehta, Executive Director, PHDCCI while welcoming the delegates, highlighted the historic and natural friendship shared between India and countries of the African continent in particularly Tanzania. He stated that this was an opportune time

for the business communities of both the nations to work in closer cooperation.

Mr. Naveen Seth Deputy Secretary General, PHDCCI highlighted the several activities organized by PHDCCI with Africa and Tanzania.

Mr. Edmund P. Mkwawa, President, TCCIA highlighted that India was one of the important trade and investment partner for Tanzania. He highlighted

the presence of the large Indian Diaspora in Tanzania and several Indian companies.

The sectors for economic cooperation discussed included health and wellness, pharmaceuticals, tourism, infrastructure, education, etc.

PHDCCI and TCCIA also signed and exchanged an Memorandum of Understanding on the occasion with the objective to enhance trade between the two nations.

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY BY REALTY FIRMS, MALL OWNERS, AIRPORT OPERATORS TO ATTRACT 18% GST

From now onwards, as mandated by the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC), electricity supplied by realty developers, mall owners, and airport operators to their tenants will attract 18% Goods and Services Tax (GST). However, supply of electricity by Resident Welfare Associations at rates charged by state electricity boards or power distribution companies (Discoms) will be exempted. The CBIC further added that "It is clarified that whenever electricity is being supplied bundled with renting of immovable property and/or maintenance of premises, as the case may be, it forms a part of composite supply and shall be taxed accordingly.

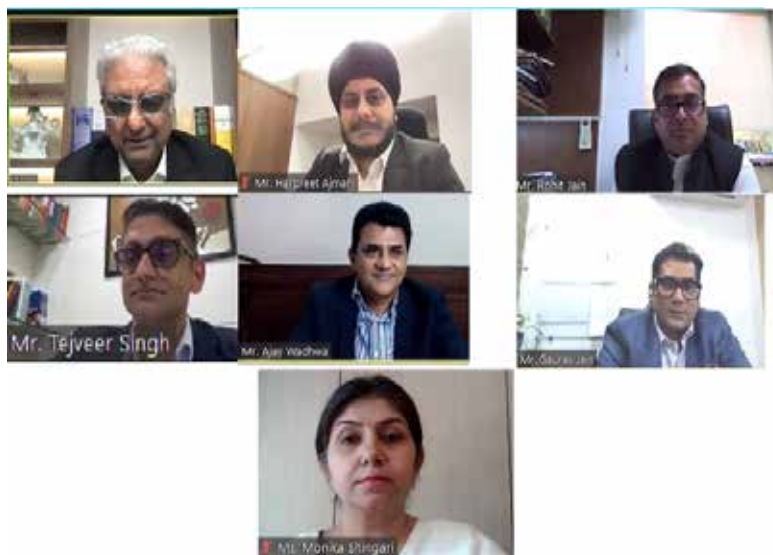
WEBINAR ON SEARCH & SEIZURE UNDER INCOME TAX ACT

The Direct Taxes Committee of PHDCCI organized a webinar on “Search & Seizure under Income Tax Act” on September 22, 2023. The webinar focused on the principal provisions of law involved, rights and obligations of the tax department and the assessee, legal issues and views on the same, the processes and aspects involved along with related compliances and planning.

Mr. Anil Kumar Chopra, Chair, Direct Taxes Committee, PHDCCI & Chairman, Dewan P.N. Chopra & Co. delivered the opening remarks and presented the theme for the Session. He mentioned that while assesses must know their rights and can request for them, they must also comply with their obligations which include cooperating with the tax department in search proceedings. He mentioned about the Citizen Charter and CBDT instructions of 2003 and 2014 giving guidelines to officers that the proceedings should be based on credible evidence and endeavor by officers to get confession if any by coercion and undue influence in the absence of credible evidence will only lead to subsequent retraction and as such that should not be done.

Mr. Harpreet Ajmani, Tax Litigation Partner, AZB & Partners covered the topic, “Post search investigation & appraisal report, Statement & retractions during search and in post search proceedings”. He explained in detail the powers available with the Officer during post search proceedings and the rights of the assessee during such search proceedings.

Mr. Rohit Jain, Partner, Vaish Associates made a presentation on the topic “Search proceedings and assessee’s rights and obligations



including taxpayers’ charter, ground rules and requisition u/s 132A”. He broadly segregated his presentation into 2 stages i.e. Stage 1 – Pre search enquiries and authorization and Stage 2 – Actual conduct of Search proceedings. In Stage 1, he briefly explained the concept of Search Warrant and when can a search be considered to be invalid. In Stage 2, he discussed the rights of a searched person and Taxpayer’s charter. He also discussed in brief about seizure, prohibitory orders under Section 132(3), statements during and post search and requisition u/s 132A.

Mr. Tejveer Singh, Advocate, Bombay High Court gave a presentation on Penalty and Prosecution in search & seizure cases. He briefly covered his presentation into 3 broad categories namely penalty for contravention of provisions of search & seizure, prosecution for contravention of provisions of search and seizure and relevant provisions of CrPC and IPC. He also

discussed certain practical issues related to search and seizure. Under relevant provisions of CrPC and IPC, he discussed the process under CrPC for criminal proceedings and certain defence available to the assessee during prosecution proceedings.

Mr. Ajay Wadhwa, Advocate and President, ITAT Bar Association made a presentation on Search assessment/ Reassessment under Section 153A, under Section 148 and CBDT circular pursuant to decision in Abhisar Buildwell.

Mr. Gaurav Jain, Advocate, Senior Partner, Lexstone Law Chambers, discussed on related laws that maybe involved pursuant to search such as Black Money Act, Prevention of Money Laundering Act, Benami Property Act and interplay between IT Act and these Acts.

Around 800 participants viewed the session on zoom and on youtube and there were over 1100 registrations.



PACKMACH ASIA EXPO 2023

The PHDCCI International Affairs and Trade Fair Division executed the inaugural ceremony of Pack Mach Asia Expo 2023 held on October 4-6, 2023 at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi.

PackMach Asia Expo 2023(PMAE), was jointly organized by Messe Muenchen India Pvt. Ltd. (MMI), Institute of Packaging Machinery Manufacturers of India (IPMMI) in cooperation with PHDCCI to unlock new business opportunities whilst furthering existing ones. PMAE is an international trade fair and conference which offers unparalleled experience of witnessing the most cutting-edge technologies and solutions in the packaging and processing industry.

The inaugural session was graced by esteemed panelists that included Mr. Sanjay Bhatia, Chairman, Hindustan Tin Work and Former President, PHDCCI and Former Chairman, Indian Institute of Packaging; Mr. Bhupinder Singh, Chief Executive Officer, Messe

Muenchen India; Mr. Anthony D Souza, President, IPMMI; Mr. Naveen Seth, Deputy Secretary General, PHDCCI; Ms. Meenal, Scientist F/ Senior Director and Head PCD, Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS); Mr. Sudhir Jain, Vice President and Head of Sustainability, B9 Beverages, Bira; Mr. Prashant Babu Bhat, R and D Head, Mother Dairy and Mr. Jai Aggarwal, Managing Director, Gyan Dairy.

Drink Technology India 2023

and World Tea and Coffee 2023 were the concurrent events held with PMAE 2023. Drink Technology 2023 brought together the best of the beverages, dairy and liquid food industry. World Tea & Coffee Expo is a dedicated exhibition with focus on tea, coffee and allied industries. More than 250 exhibitors in the beverages, food, Pharma, FMCG & cosmetics industry participated in PMAE 2023. Over 10000 business visitors attended the Expo.





CONFERENCE ON GAS BASED ECONOMY: SHAPING THE GAS POWERED FUTURE

The Hydrocarbons Committee of PHDCCI organized a conference on Gas Based Economy on the theme “Shaping the Gas powered future” on October 19, 2023 at Taj Mahal Hotel, New Delhi. The objective of the conference was to deliberate upon the pivotal role of natural gas in shaping India’s energy landscape.

The inaugural session was graced by Ms. Kanta Kardam, Hon’ble Member of Parliament and Member of the Parliamentary Standing Committee of Petroleum & Natural Gas. Ms. Kardam applauded the visionary policies of the Prime Minister, designed to bring benefits to every corner of the nation, including the remotest rural areas. While highlighting the “Ujjwala gas scheme,” she emphasized the dedicated efforts to ensure its reach to every district, thus bringing its benefits to countless women throughout the country.

Guest of Honor, Mr. Rajinder Kumar, Economic Advisor (IFD), Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas, in his key note address shed light on the significant milestones

achieved in the last few years. He pointed out that in the last few years, a lot of policy reforms have taken place in the gas sector.

Mr. A K Tiwari, Member of the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB), highlighted the underutilization of LNG terminals, which on an average, operate at less than 40% of their capacity. He underlined the challenges faced by certain terminals, including insufficient gas tie-ups, inadequate pipelines and unprepared tributaries. To address these issues, Mr. Tiwari stressed the necessity for a comprehensive and coordinated strategy.

Mr. Rajeev Singhal, Chair, Hydrocarbons Committee, PHDCCI and Executive Director (Business Development Exploration Prod.), GAIL (India) Ltd., in his industry perspective underscored the seven key elements of a gas-based economy, which included positive implications for energy security, environmental sustainability, economic growth, infrastructure development, global collaboration, challenges and their mitigation.

Mr. Sandeep Jain, Co-chair,

Hydrocarbons Committee, PHDCCI and Executive Director (Gas Business), Indian Oil Corporation Limited, addressed the issue of gas consumption in the country.

Mr. Rajesh K Mediratta, Managing Director & CEO of Indian Gas Exchange Ltd., advocated for a mandate to convert public transportation to cleaner fuels, thereby driving demand for City Gas Distribution.

Mr. Kamal Kishore Chatiwal, Managing Director, Indraprastha Gas Ltd., shared insights into the remarkable growth of the CGD sector, which is currently expanding at a rate of 34-35 MMCMP. IGL was highlighted as a successful example within the CGD sector.

Mr. Pawan Tibrawalla, Co-chair, Hydrocarbons Committee, PHDCCI; CMD of Archit Buildcon Pvt. Ltd. delivered the vote-of-thanks to the guests. More than 150 Industry leaders participated at the conference. The conference was powered by GAIL India Ltd. as its Principal Sponsor while the partners included HAL Offshore Ltd. and Trenchless. IGX was the Exchange Partner.



L-R: Mr. Pawan Tibrawalla, Co-chair, Hydrocarbons Committee, PHDCCI, CMD, Archit Buildcon Pvt. Ltd; Mr. J.P. Misra CGM (GAS) Indian Oil; Mr. Sandeep Jain Co- chair, Hydrocarbon Committee; ED (Gas) Indian Oil; Mr. Anand Mimani, CEO, Greenline (Experience of Vehicle Fleet Owners / Transporters); Mr. Subbarao, Director, B-LNG and Mr. Vishal Singhal, Director, Advantek Fuel Systems Pvt. Ltd. Market Development

STAKE HOLDERS CONFERENCE ON LNG AS A TRANSPORT AND MINING FUEL

The Hydrocarbons Committee of PHDCCI in association with Indian Oil's Business Development - Gas Group organized a stakeholder's conference on "LNG as a Transport and Mining Fuel" on October 30, 2023 at Hotel Lalit, New Delhi.

The inaugural event was graced by Mr. Sujoy Chowdhury, Director(P&BD), Additional Charge of Director (HR and R&D); Mr. Sandeep Jain, ED(Gas) and Mr. Manoj Kumar Sharma, ED (BD-Finance), Indian Oil; Mr. Rakesh Misra, Deputy Secretary (Gas Processing) from MoP&NG and Mr. VenuGopal, Joint Chief Controller of Explosive, Petroleum & Explosives Safety Organization (PESO).

The various stakeholders included representatives from Policymakers, Regulators,

LNG Dispensing Equipment Manufacturing Companies, Mining Industries, Retrofitting Service Providers and LNG Vehicle Manufacturing Companies such as Tata Motors, Ashok Leyland, Volvo Trucks, Blue Energy Motors, etc. The distinguished foreign speakers included Ms. Vera Blei, Global Head of S&P, London; Mr. Dan Markussen, Fuel System Commercial Director & Mr. Jaime Dei Alamo, Product Manager, Chart Industries, USA, as well as Mr. Jason E. Green, President and Chief Technology Officer of GFS Corporation, USA.

Mr. Sandeep Jain, ED-Gas welcomed the dignitaries to the august gathering.

Mr. VenuGopal, Joint Chief Controller of Explosives, PESO in his key note address emphasized on the exceptional safety aspects of LNG as a fuel.

Mr. Manoj Kumar Sharma, ED (BD-Finance), stressed upon the need for a stable and viable pricing of LNG for promoting it as a sustainable solution for the transport and mining sectors.

Mr. Sujoy Choudhury, Director (P&BD), Additional Charge of Director (HR and R&D), stated that the transport and mining sectors are undergoing a significant transformation globally towards cleaner and more sustainable Auto-fuel options.

The inaugural session was followed by various technical sessions covering key topics such as Global Scenario of Auto-LNG as well as the development and progress of LNG fuelled vehicles by original equipment manufacturers (OEMs). Around 200 Industry stakeholders from mining and LNG sector participated in this conference.



2ND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE STRATEGIC ROLE OF UAVS

The Defence & HLS Committee of PHDCCI organized the 2nd International Conference on the “Strategic Role of UAVs” on October 31, 2023, at PHD House, New Delhi. The conference provided a platform to the experts, Government and the industry leaders to discuss the significance of UAVs (Unmanned Aerial Vehicles) in the strategic and Defence sectors and offered valuable insights into India’s growing drone industry.

The Key Topics of discussion in this event included Indigenous Production & Future Trends in Tactical UAVs and Roadmap for Development & Manufacture of Strategic UAVs in India.

The Chief Guest of the Conference was Major General C S Mann, VSM Additional Director General, Army Design Bureau.

The technical sessions were chaired by Mr. Piyush Srivastava, IES

Senior Economic Adviser, Ministry of Civil Aviation and Air Vice Marshal Anil Sabharwal, VSM Assistant Chief of Integrated Defence Staff (ACIDS) (PP & FS) Headquarters Integrated Defence Staff (HQ IDS) Ministry of Defence.

A knowledge report, jointly compiled by PHDCCI and Maple Capital Advisor was unveiled by Chief Guest, Major General C S Mann, VSM, Additional Director General of the Army Design Bureau.





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ODISHA FOOD PROCESSING CONCLAVE, EXPO & INDUSTRY MEET

The Bihar Chapter of PHD Chamber in association with the Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) organized the 'ODISHA Food Processing Conclave, Expo & Industry Meet', September 4-5, 2023 at Hotel Hindustan International, Bhubaneswar. The objective was to focus on processed food, Cold Chain Industry and cold supply chain network with a view to increase business opportunities and investments and bring together industry, academia and policy agencies on a common platform.

Chief Guest, Dr. Arun Kumar Rath, Retd IAS, Chairman IIPA emphasized on the positive trajectory of the food processing sector and the Cold Chain Industry and technology innovation in the agriculture sector.

Mr. Jitendra Kumar, Director – MoFPI in his presentation on "World Food India – 2023" shared how the World Food India – 2023 will benefit entrepreneurs, FPOs, Food & Agri Industry. He apprised



that the Government of Odisha is also participating as a Focus State in “World Food India – 2023” and invited all interested entrepreneurs and FPOs to become a part of the mega event.

Mr. Surendra Singh, Joint Industrial Advisor, MoFPI apprised that the ‘Prime Minister Formalization of Micro Enterprises (PMFME) scheme’ is working towards developing the food processing sector in various districts of the country. He shared how Odisha, a leading state in agriculture and food processing

sector has already benefited under the PMFME scheme.

The first technical session deliberated on Export, Marketing and Logistics. The speakers were Mr. S K Mandal, Regional Head Kolkata, APEDA; Mr. Archiman Lahiri – Deputy Director MPEDA; Mr. S K Chatterjee, SMM, IFFCO; Mr. Gautam Mohanty - Founder President, B-School Forum Knowledge Centre (Moderator) and Mr. T Badrinarayan, Joint Director of Industries, Odisha.

In the technical session on “Pre

and Post Harvesting and Startups, speakers including Ms. Jayashree Mohanty, President, Luminous Infoways and Rotary Club; Dr Nagesh Kumar Barik, Principle Scientist and Principle Investigator, Agribusiness Incubation Centre, ICAR – CIFA; Mr. Sushant Kumar Panda – OSMF and Mr. Gautam Mohanty - Founder President, B-School Forum Knowledge Centre (Moderator) shared their business experiences.



BIHAR FOOD PROCESSING & AGRITECH STARTUP CONCLAVE & EXPO

The Bihar Chapter of PHD Chamber in association with the Ministry of Food Processing Industries, Chandragupta Institute of Management Patna & TATA Power Renewable Energy organized the ‘Bihar Food Processing & Agritech Start-Up Conclave, Expo & Industry Meet’, October 09-10, 2023 at Patna.

The first day of the program was inaugurated by Chief Guest, Mr. Dilip Kumar, Special Secretary, Department of Industries, Govt. of Bihar. Other dignitaries included Prof. Dr Rana Singh - Director, CIMP; Dr Ashutosh Upadhyay - Principal Scientist, ICAR – Patna; Mr. Pramod Karn - COO - Atal Incubation Centre; Mr. Kumod

Kumar, Chief Administrative Officer, Chandragupt Institute of Management Patna (CIMP) and Ms. Mili Dubey, Director – Agri & Food Processing Committee, PHDCCI.

Ms. Mili Dubey - Director – Agri & Food processing, PHDCCI in her welcome address emphasized on the positive trajectory of the food processing sector and

acknowledged the scope of Agritech Industry, business opportunities and technology innovation in the agriculture sector.

Chief Guest, Mr. Dilip Kumar encouraged Bihar Startups to come forward and work in the Food processing industry.

Prof. Dr Rana Singh, Director, CIMP shared the opportunities available under Bihar Government's start-up policy and asked the delegates to take its benefits.

Dr Ashutosh Upadhyay - Principal Scientist, ICAR - Patna spoke on wastage of food in India and opportunities in this segment for Startups.

Mr. Pramod Karn, COO, Atal Incubation Centre spoke on the importance of hand-holding of companies in Bihar.

Mr. Kumod Kumar, Chief Administrative Officer, CIMP delivered the vote-of-thanks to the dignitaries at the inaugural session.

The first technical session was dedicated to Export, Marketing and Logistics. The panelists were Mr. Anand Jha, APEDA; Mr. Tanmay Kumar Koley, Senior Scientist - ICAR; Mr. Mangal Gupta - TATA Power; Mr. Sadhvi, NIFTEM and Dr Ramakant Pandey - Ex Prof. Botany, Patna University.

On the second day of the conclave, Prof. Dr Rana Singh, Director, CIMP delivered the welcome address .

Special Guest, Mr. Vijoy Prakash, Chairman-cum-CEO -AIC Bihar Vidyapith Foundation encouraged Bihar Startups to come forward and work in the food processing industry and promote millet farming.

Dr G. Shyam Prasad Principal Scientist (Ento), Indian Institute of Millets Research (IIMR), Hyderabad, Telangana showed a presentation on use of millets in daily life and types of millets as well as how to work in the millets sector.

Mr. Alok Kumar, Paavni Dairy



spoke on the dairy sector in India and opportunities available in this segment for Startups.

Mr. Avik Gupta, National Stock Exchange (NSE) highlighted the opportunities for the SME sector in the share market and encouraged

companies to use the special program of NSE raise funds and grow their business.

A total of 33 stalls were on display on the second day of the conclave. Many MSMEs & Startups displayed their products.



ROADSHOW ON UNNATI INDIA SERIES

The Trade and Investment Facilitation Services (TIFS) of PHD Chamber organized a roadshow on 'UNNATI India Opportunity Series: Investment Roadshow' on October 09, 2023 at PHD House, Chandigarh.

Ms. Manmeet K Nanda, IAS, Joint Secretary, Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce & Industry reiterated that the government's practices and policies focus on the use of technology for ease of doing business. She highlighted that the Department has been able to reduce 40,000 regulatory compliances burden. She also mentioned that India has witnessed a significant digital transformation in recent years, with initiatives like Digital India have enabled digital payments, which increased financial inclusion and also streamlined government services.

Mr. Utsav Negi, Asst. Vice President, Invest India discussed the macro economic situation of India and its growth trajectory. He stated that India's macroeconomic



stability, policy reforms, and growth potential is making it an attractive destination for both domestic and foreign investors.

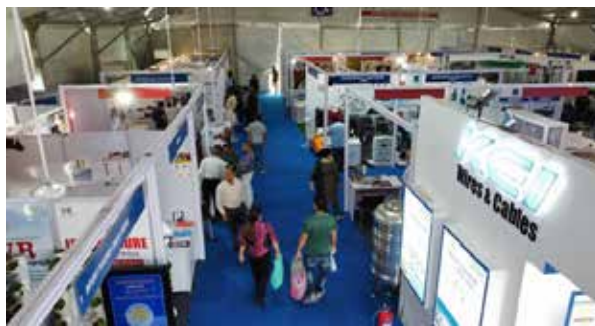
Mr. R.S. Sachdeva, Chair, Punjab State Chapter, PHDCCI, expressed that the Indian Government has taken significant initiatives to encourage investment in the country. The government focuses on transforming India into a global manufacturing hub by promoting ease of doing business, attracting investments in sectors like electronics, automobiles, textiles, and more.

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

Mr. Suvrat Khanna, Member, Chandigarh Chapter, PHDCCI in his vote-of-thanks to the delegates, mentioned that India has made considerable progress in improving its ease of doing business rankings.

The session was moderated by Dr S P Sharma, Chief Economist, DSG, PHDCCI..

More than 100 delegates from different industry segments participated in the Investment Roadshow.



INS & OUT EXPO 2023

The Chandigarh Chapter of PHD Chamber organized the 9th Edition of the INS & OUTS Expo, Chandigarh, September 15 to 18, 2023 at Parade Ground, Chandigarh, spanning four days of architectural innovation and knowledge sharing. The event showcased the commitment to sustainable design, technology, and safety in the fields of construction and architecture, bringing together experts and industry leaders to foster innovation and collaboration. The event kicked off with an inspirational inaugural session themed “Towards Sustainable Design, Technology, and Safety.”

September 15, 2023 - Day 1

Mr. Banwarilal Purohit, Administrator of UT Chandigarh & Hon'ble Governor of Punjab inaugurated the 9th Edition of the INS & OUTS Expo.



At the Inaugural Session, Mr. Madhu Sudan Vij, Chair, Chandigarh Chapter, PHDCCI, while welcoming the Chief Guest and delegates highlighted the significance of INS/OUTS Expo as a platform for knowledge sharing and collaboration among industry leaders and experts.

Chief Guest, Mr. Banwarilal Purohit, the Hon'ble Governor, Punjab and Administrator of the UT Chandigarh commended the efforts of PHDCCI in driving such sustainable initiatives. He emphasized the importance of sustainable urban development and the role of technology in enhancing safety and quality of life.

Technical Session 1: Innovative Infrastructure Design delved into the world of Innovative Infrastructure Design, emphasizing the importance of creative and sustainable approaches in infrastructure development. Renowned speakers included: Ar. Goonmeet Singh, Co-chair, Architecture & Interiors Forum, PHDCCI; Mr. PrabhSimran Singh, Director, IEE Lifts Pvt. Ltd.; Mr. Siddhant Kapoor, Director, Jupiter Aqualines Ltd. and Mr. Ayush Khosla, MD, Forte Window Systems.





Technical Session 2:

Sustainable and Green Technology for Urban Development was moderated by Ar. Jit K Gupta (IIA Trustee). Distinguished experts included Ar. Manmohan Khanna, IIA Chairman, Chandigarh Chapter; Ar. Goonmeet Singh, Co-chair, Architecture & Interiors Forum, PHDCCI; Ar. Kapil Setia, Chief Architect, UT Chandigarh; Ms. Shabnam Singhal, Co-chair, Housing & Urban Development Committee, PHDCCI; Ar. Anand Sharma, Chair, Architecture & Interiors Forum, PHDCCI; Ar. Pritpal Singh Ahluwalia, IIA Chairman, Punjab Chapter; Mr. Ankush Saluja, AGM, Mitsubishi Electric India Private Limited; Mr. Vikas Khandpur, GM Sales (Regional Manager North), Schneider Electric-SDI Business Services India Private Limited; Mr. Manav Gupta, Director, Stylam Industries and Mr. CP Singh, VP Business Development, KEI Industries Limited.



Technical Session 3: Innovative Materials in Sustainable Construction explored the significance of innovative materials in sustainable construction. Key speakers included: Mr. Arpan Goyal, MD, TMT Polymers India Pvt. Ltd.; Mr. Sachin Kumar, Sales Manager, Tata Steel Limited; Mr. Himanshu Chaudhary, Nuvoco Vistas Corporation Limited; Mr. Pranjal Singh Pawaiya, Project Manager,



Pidilite Grupopuma Manufacturing Ltd. and Mr. Ninad Salunke, Manager, Kirloskar Brothers Ltd.

Technical Session 4: Landscape Importance of Sustainability

in Hospitality, was addressed by Ar. Anjali Kulkarni, Founder, STUDIOATK and Mr. Sachin Verma, Project Manager, Hitech Lights Limited.



2ND ARCHITECTURE EXCELLENCE RECOGNITION 2023

The 2nd edition of Architecture Excellence Recognition was organized as a concurrent event with the INS/OUTS: 9th Edition ArchiBuild Show 2023 on September 15, 2023 at the Hotel Mountview, Chandigarh. Architects and designers were honored for their brilliance and creativity.

Technical Sessions and Panel Discussions on the 2nd day took place at Parade Ground, Chandigarh: The theme of the session was “Indian Fire & Security Yatra (IFS Y 2023) & Jal Yau Agni”.

Chief Guest, Mr. Anup Gupta, Mayor, U.T. Chandigarh underlined that it is our duty to ensure that our city should be a safe place for all of us to live and work.

Technical Session-1 Emerging Technology in fire suppression focused on the new technologies that are emerging and have the potential to revolutionize the way we think about fire suppression. Renowned speakers included: Prof. Manujit Khurana (Professor, UIA, Chandigarh University) and Mr. Trilok Nath (Ravel Electronics Pvt. Ltd.)

Technical Session-2 Ventilation & Smoke Management focused on ventilation system which is commonly used in the commercial and industrial settings. Speakers



of the session were Mr. Rajnish Aggarwal (Governing Council Member-FSAI Partner-PDA Consultants); Mr. Govindaraj (Agni Controls) and Ms. Sakshi

Sharma, Core Committee Member, FSAI Student Chapter (Chitkara University).

Technical Session-3- Nerves

of a building was about the nerve of a building which should have structural framework that provides the strength and stability to the entire building. The speaker of the session was Mr. Sahil Kansal (President- IPA, Punjab).

The Session on Safe and Secure Chandigarh was moderated by Prof. Geetanjali Kapoor (Professor, UIA, Chandigarh University). Key speakers included: Mr. Bhupinder Singh Sandhu (Fire Advisor, Punjab Govt.); Mr. PS Saini (Head, PGI Hospital); Mr. Rajan Mittal (Secretary-FSAI Chandigarh Chapter); Prof. Swati Behl (Principal, Chandigarh University) and Mr. Ajitesh Prashar (RSM North – Ravel Electronics Pvt. Ltd.)



Ar. Surinder Bagha, President, FSAI, Chandigarh Chapter mentioned that we all should focus in developing new innovative solutions in fire and security-residential as well as commercial.

The valedictory session graced by Mr. Dharam Pal, IAS, Adviser to the Administrator, Chandigarh, who acknowledged the event's success and the pivotal role of architecture in sustainable urbanization.

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CYBER SECURITY CONCLAVE

The Haryana State Chapter of PHD Chamber organized a Cyber Security Conclave on September 20, 2023 at PHD House Chandigarh. The objective of the program was to apprise about the new bill on Data protection.

In his welcome address, Mr. Pranav Gupta, Chair, Haryana State Chapter, PHDCCI emphasized the critical significance of cybersecurity in the modern, interconnected world. He stated that the Conclave provided a platform for experts, thought leaders and professionals to share their knowledge and insights on the latest trends and best practices in the field of cyber security.

The Keynote address was delivered by Mr. Ketan Bansal, IPS, SP, Cyber, Chandigarh Police, who shared valuable information about the constantly changing world of

online threats. He not only talked about the proactive steps taken by the Chandigarh Police to fight online crime but also showcased real-world case studies illustrating successful cyber security initiatives in India, offering valuable insights into best practices and lessons learned.

During the panel discussion on the 'Data Protection Bill 2023', Mr. Amarpal Singh, Senior VP, Marsh, emphasized the bill's pivotal role in India's legislative landscape. This groundbreaking legislation is designed to fortify the protection of individuals' personal data within the digital sphere. Other distinguished panelists, each offering their unique insights were Ms. Mamta Bhardwaj, Chief Operating Officer of STPI; Mr. Lalit Bansal, Founder and CEO of EIY, SIS and Mr. Karan Sharma, representing

Heat IT at Saurav Chemicals.

Mr. Tarun Malhotra Founder, Cyber Cops moderated the second panel discussion on "Cyber Security Governance and Risk Management" and stated that we need to protect our networks by setting up firewalls and encrypting information. This will help minimize the risk of cyber criminals gaining access to confidential information. He further underlined that we need to know how to distinguish between fake antivirus offers and real notifications. Other panelists were Mr. Aashish Abraham, Cyber Security Solutions Architect, CISCO; Mr. Ankit Kumar, Cyber Security Solution Engineer, Sentinel One and Mr. Navdeep Garg, CEO, Revinfotech.

Ms. Bharti Sood, Regional Director, PHDCCI delivered the vote-of-thanks to the guests.

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AGRI AND FOOD PROCESSORS CONCLAVE

The Jharkhand Chapter of PHD Chamber in association with the Ministry of Food Processing Industries organized a Agri and Food Processors Conclave on September 30, 2023 at Tilka Manjhi Agriculture College, Godda.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr Ravi Shankar, Senior Scientist, Krishi Vigyan Kendra stated that our agriculture sector should majorly focus on sustainable development along with maintaining the ecological balance and promote pollution-free farming, in order to protect our environment.

Dr Amrit Kumar Jha, Associate Dean, Tilka Manjhi Agriculture College Godda, said despite being a self-sufficient country, yet our hunger index is not very appreciable. The total wastage in our agriculture sector is almost equivalent to what the United States consumes. He also pointed out that there is insufficient cold storage in our country.



Guest of Honor, Dr RP Singh Ratan, Dean-Agriculture, Rai University stated that industry should be well-linked with agriculture. He also stated that the losses in transportation and production of agricultural commodities should be avoided in order to bring development in our economy. He mentioned that the agriculture sector contributes just 17% of GDP, while other sectors have developed rapidly. Hence, the need to focus more on our agricultural sector and help in its development and sustainability.

Chief Guest, Mr. Shravan Kumar, General Manager, District Industry Centre, Godda suggested establishing multiple food processing plants in Godda district.

The technical session was moderated by Dr RP Singh Ratan, Dean-Agriculture, Rai University. The panelists were Ms. Neha Kumari Singh, Senior Scientist, Rai University; Mr. Shankar Chaudhary, Regional Manager, Jharkhand Rajya Gramin Bank; Mr. Amitava Biswas, DDM NABARD and Dr Paritosh, Registrar, Tilka Manjhi Agriculture College.



POTENTIAL NORTH EAST: AN AGRI BUSINESS MEET BETWEEN NORTH EAST REGION OF INDIA AND BHUTAN

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 Bhutan cum Buyer-Seller Meet, on September 20, 2023 at NEDFi Convention Centre, Guwahati.

Mr. Bidyut Baruah, Deputy General Manager, APEDA delivered the welcome and theme address.

Mr. Kamal Pradhan, President, Bhutan Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI) spoke on the current trade relations between India and Bhutan. He also apprised about the trade done by the BCCI members with the North East region of India.

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

Mr. Manoranjan Das, OSD (Agri) to the Hon'ble Chief Executive Member, Bodoland Territorial Council (BTC), stressed on the need for marketing of agricultural products of farmers especially from BTC districts of Assam, who share the border with Bhutan.

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 also briefed about NEDFi's recent study on possibility of improving the facilities, infrastructure and connectivity in the border regions.

Cmde Rajiv Ashok (Retd.), Managing Director, NERAMAC & Chair (NER), PHDCCI spoke on the role of NERAMAC in marketing of agricultural products.

His Excellency Jigme Thinlye Namgyal, Consul General, Royal Bhutanese Consulate General, Guwahati, acknowledged India as Bhutan's top trading partner and highlighted the unique bond of friendship and mutual understanding both the neighbours share. He shared the recent trade figures which manifests the

conductive trade policies proposed in the trade agreement between Bhutan and India and which in turn has accelerated connectivity between the citizens of the two nations.

Speakers of the technical session included: Ms. Yesin Phukan, Assistant Director, Department of Industries & Commerce, Govt. of Assam; Ms. Ranjita Devi, Young Professional, DGFT; Ms. Jina Devi, Assistant Plant Protection Officer, Directorate of Plant protection, Quarantine & Storage, Govt. of India and Mr. Jibon Goswami, Development Officer, Office of the Superintendent of Post Offices, Guwahati Division, Department of Posts, Govt. of India.

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



EXPORT POTENTIAL OF AGARWOOD IN ASSAM

The NER Chapter of PHD Chamber in association with Z Black Diamond Agarwood LLP organized an event 'Export Potential of Agarwood in Assam' under the theme: "Rising Assam-Yahi Samay Hai, Sahi Samay Hai" on October 12, 2023 at Custom House, Guwahati, Assam.

Md. Abdulrahman Jaafar Mohamed Alzaabi, Managing Director, Al Hosen Oud and Perfume, Abu Dhabi, and Mr. Varun Yadav, IRS, Deputy Commissioner, Guwahati Customs Division were the Guests of Honor. Representatives from the Department of Forest, Govt. of Assam; Department of Agriculture, Govt. of Assam; APEDA; NECTAR and Department of Customs, Govt. of India; Z Black Diamond Agarwood LLP; and Sarda Perfumries were also present during the event.

The speakers were of the view that a policy should be framed in trade development to deploy and demarcate the cultivation of land for Agarwood farming as an agro commodity which will ensure that production is sustainable and indigenous product is protected.



It was also recommended for GI tagging of agarwood, farmer grower engagement in contract farming and buy back to ensure that grower's welfare is safeguarded and minimum floor pricing is offered to create sustainable farming and afforestation by cultivation.

It was also recommended to the industry to dedicate 10% cultivation as a minimum for growing the indigenous variety to ensure that there is no endangerment to the

indigenous plant species as a result of economic growth and development.

PHDCCI recommended that trade facilitation and growth of scale of export volumes by facilitating existing manufacturing units of various sectors in Assam and Northeast to scale up Export Oriented Units and use North East port and Exim infrastructure as a place of origin and departure to build volume and scale.



L-R - Dr Shireesh, Director, KPMG; Dr Anirudh Gupta, Convenor, Education Sub-committee, Punjab State Chapter, PHDCCI; Mr.S. Gurinder Singh Johal, Founder, Amritsar Heritage Walks; Ms. Gurmeet Sangha Rai, Conservation Architect; Maj Gen. S. Balwinder Singh (Retd.), Convenor, Punjab Chapter, Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH); Mr. R S Sachdeva, Chair, Punjab State Chapter, PHDCCI and Mr. Vijay Lal, Vice President, Indian Heritage Hotels Association (IHHA)

REVIVING HISTORY, BRACING FUTURE DURING 1ST RANGLA PUNJAB - PUNJAB TOURISM SUMMIT AND TRAVEL MART 2023

The Punjab State Chapter of PHDCCI participated in the '1st Rangla Punjab- Punjab Tourism Summit and Travel Mart 2023' organized by the Department of Tourism & Cultural Affairs, Government of Punjab from September 11 to 13, 2023 at Amity University, Mohali. The Chapter was invited for a panel discussion on the inaugural day of the Summit on the theme, "Reviving History, Bracing Future" with a focus on Heritage Tourism.

Mr. R S Sachdeva, Chair, Punjab State Chapter, PHDCCI, while highlighting the potential for the sustainable growth of heritage tourism in the state, suggested that the government should conduct a comprehensive gap analysis to identify areas that need improvement in the tourism sector. He further underscored the importance of creating a strategic plan to boost tourism, which



involves creating tourism apps for travellers; promoting private sector investment through a PPP model and certifying individuals as well as organizations that actively contribute to the revival of the tourism sector.

Dr Anirudh Gupta, Convenor, Education Sub-Committee, Punjab State Chapter, PHDCCI & Chairman, Council for Infrastructural Development and Economic

Reforms (CIDER) opined that Punjab has a lot to offer in terms of heritage and culture but it has not been utilized properly in the last seven decades. He further highlighted the state's wealth of heritage, rich legacy, tales of bravery, historical landmarks, architecturally significant sites, cultural traditions and rural sports that could be highlighted to transform it into an appealing tourist hotspot.



L-R - Mr. Tejveer Singh, Principal Secretary Industries & Commerce, Govt. of Punjab; Mr. Anurag Verma, Chief Secretary to Government of Punjab; Mr. Aman Arora, Member of the Legislative Assembly of Punjab; Ms. Anmol Gagan Maan, Member of the Legislative Assembly of Punjab; Mr. Sanjiv Sethi, Co-chair, Punjab State Chapter, PHDCCI; Mr. S. Bhagwant Singh Mann, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Punjab; Mr. Arvind Kejriwal, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Delhi; Mr. Ashok Mittal, MP, Rajya Sabha; Mr. R S Sachdeva, Chair, Punjab State Chapter, PHDCCI; Mr. Vikramjit Sahney, MP, Rajya Sabha and Mr. Sanjeev Arora, MP, Rajya Sabha

MEETING WITH, HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER OF PUNJAB

Mr. S. Bhagwant Singh Mann, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Punjab met Industrialists from Punjab and representatives of Industry associations to address the long pending demands of the Industry on September 15, 2023 at Hotel Radisson Red, Mohali.

While sharing his views on the occasion, Mr. R S Sachdeva, Chair, Punjab State Chapter, PHDCCI made several suggestions to the Punjab Government regarding the

formation of Chandigarh Capital region. He complimented the Punjab Government for its good financial management in the post GST compensation era.

A report on Punjab's Economy titled "Emerging Economic and Business Dynamics in Punjab" prepared by PHD Chamber covering Macroeconomic Environment in Punjab, Growth Strategy, Recent Developments in Economic and Business Environment, Growth-

promising sectors, Positioning of Punjab's Economy versus other states: Major socio-economic and educational indices and Growth Projections for the Punjab Economy was released by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Punjab. The Chief Minister of Punjab applauded PHD Chamber and expressed sincere appreciation for the efforts put in place by the Chamber in preparing the report.

INDIAN RAILWAYS SUCCESSFULLY IMPLEMENTS SPECIAL CAMPAIGN 3.0

Inspired by the vision of Hon'ble Prime Minister, the Indian Government launched a Special Campaign 3.0 focusing on cleanliness all around, reducing pendency of public matters and improving work-culture at the work places. The Campaign has been a huge success in Indian Railways with nodal officers at various levels nominated countrywide to carry out the campaign successfully. During the campaign, 23,672 cleanliness campaigns were conducted over entire Indian Railways including Zonal offices, Divisional offices, PSUs, PUs, Training Institutes, Railway Workshops and Stations.



RAJ-PLAST - 2023

Raj-Plast-2023, an International Exhibition on Plastic Industry, was organized by Plastic Manufacturers Association of Rajasthan in association with PHD Chamber as Co-organizer on September, 22-24, 2023 at JECC, Sitapura, Jaipur.

There were more than 350 Exhibitors from different parts of the country who showcased their products and services from esthetically designed stalls. The footfall during the Exhibition was over 40000 and business enquiries over Rs. 1000 crores were generated.

The event was inaugurated by Dr Mahesh Joshi, Hon'ble Minister of PHED & Ground Water, Government of Rajasthan in the distinguished presence of Mr. Lal Chand Kataria, Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture, Government of Rajasthan; Mr. Rajiv Arora, Chairman, Rajasthan Export

Promotion Council (REPC) and Mr. Sitaram Agarwal, Director, RIICO.

During the inaugural session, Mr. Digvijay Dhabriya, Chair, PHDCCI-Rajasthan Chapter in his Theme Address outlined the need and importance of Exhibition like Raj-Plast, conceived by PHDCCI and PMAR three years ago.

Mr. Sharwan Sharma, President, PMAR in his welcome address touched upon contribution of plastic industry in Agriculture and other segments of industrial sectors in the State and appreciated the contribution of PHDCCI as a seamless partner with PMAR for the Show. He announced the next edition of Raj-Past would be held in September 2025.

Mr. Naveen Seth, DSG, PHDCCI in his address conveyed the willingness of PHDCCI to collaborate with Government

of Rajasthan and PMAR to carry forward the initiatives for growth and development of Plastic sector in the State.

Mr. Sumer Singh Shekhawat, Co-chair, PHDCCI-Rajasthan Chapter & Chairman, Rajplast-2023 delivered the vote-of-thanks to the guests at the inaugural session.

During the Exhibition, four Technical Sessions were held: 'Opportunities in Plastic Sector in Rajasthan', 'Prospects for Recycling in Plastic Sector', 'Dynamic of Extended Producers Responsibility (EPR)' and 'Best Manufacturing and Trade Practices in Plastic Sector.'

Dr. Ranjeet Mehta, Executive Director, PHD Chamber visited Raj-Plast-2023 and met leading Industry players from Plastic industry at the Expo. He assured the plastic industry that PHDCCI would be collaborating with them



in organizing many programs and initiatives for their benefit and sustainable development of plastic industry under the guidance of Mr. Digvijay Dhabriya, Chair,

PHDCCI-Rajasthan Chapter and Mr. Sumer Singh Shekhawat, Co-chair, PHDCCI-Rajasthan Chapter, both leading players in plastic sector in Rajasthan.

During the Gala Dinner Party` in the evening on September 23, 2023, Bollywood celebrity, Ms. Malaika Arora made her performance.

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UTTAR PRADESH MEDICAL TOURISM & PHARMA EXPO & SUMMIT (UPMT & PE)

The Uttar Pradesh Chapter of PHD Chamber in collaboration with the Department of Tourism & Culture, Uttar Pradesh; Department of Medical Health & Family Welfare, Uttar Pradesh State AYUSH Society and Invest UP organized the 'Uttar Pradesh Medical Tourism & Pharma Expo & Summit' on October 27-28, 2023 at Indira Gandhi Pratishthan, Lucknow. The rationale of the Conference was to promote Uttar Pradesh as a preferred investment destination for Pharmaceutical, Medical Devices and Healthcare Sector.

Dr. Jatinder Singh, Assistant Secretary General, PHDCCI in his welcome remarks apprised about the role of PHD Chamber as the "Voice of Industry & Trade" and reaching out to the large, medium and small industries to handhold and promote them across multiple sectors to take Indian Economy to the next level.

Chief Guest, Mr. Nand Gopal Gupta 'Nandi', Hon'ble Cabinet Minister, Industrial Development, Export Promotion, NRI and

Investment Promotion, Uttar Pradesh in his keynote address congratulated PHD Chamber for organizing such a relevant and meaningful conference. He stated that Medical tourism (MT) has been growing enormously in the past few decades which has been especially favorable for many developing countries especially in Asia, wherein there is travel between upper-income countries and lower- and middle-income countries for healthcare purposes. He added that the pharmaceutical and medical device sector in Uttar Pradesh has been gaining momentum in recent years. The State has a 3-tier public healthcare infrastructure, comprising community health centres, primary health centres and sub-centres. He further said that under the dynamic leadership of Hon'ble Chief Minister, Mr. Yogi Adityanath, the State is providing an attractive incentive to develop the supporting ecosystem for a competitive Pharma industry in Uttar Pradesh.

Ms. Leena Johri, IAS, Principal Secretary, AYUSH, Uttar Pradesh said that providing social health

protection and equal access to quality healthcare has significant positive effects on individual and public health, economic growth and development. She shared that under the able leadership of Uttar Pradesh Government, AYUSH Society is already providing cost effective AYUSH Services with universal access through upgrading AYUSH Hospitals and Dispensaries, and co-location of AYUSH facilities at Primary Health Centres and District Hospitals.

She further stated that AYUSH aims to upgrade the educational standards of Indian Systems of Medicines and Homoeopathy colleges in the country; to strengthen existing research institutions for promotion, cultivation and regeneration of medicinal plants used in these systems and evolve Pharmacopoeia standards for Indian Systems of Medicine and Homoeopathy drugs. She also highlighted the benefits of switching from allopathic treatment to Ayurveda. Renowned for its 'Prevention is better than cure' philosophy, Ayurveda aims



to provide solutions for a healthy lifestyle to promote overall well-being, she concluded.

Dr Surya Kant, Professor & Head Department of Respiratory Medicine KGMU, UP Lucknow shared the significance of Indian pharmaceutical industry in combating the COVID-19 pandemic. The industry worked tirelessly to develop medicines, testing kits, N95 masks and PPE Kits. This showed its dedication, flexibility, and enormous potential. Therefore, our Pharmaceutical Industry is known as 'Pharmacy of the World'.

Dr Kant appreciated the UP Government for launching a number of initiatives to improve access to healthcare for the State's rural population, such as the 'Ayushman Bharat' scheme, which aims to provide health coverage to over 500 million people.

Dr G N Singh, Advisor to Hon'ble Chief Minister, Uttar Pradesh highlighted the significance of Pharma industry in the healthcare sector with India being the largest manufacturer of generic medicines globally and providing affordable generic medicines that impact the lives of the people globally. He further laid emphasis on Pharma and Medical Device Park which will be equipped with ready to use infrastructure facilities. He also discussed the Government initiatives to meet requirements

of entrepreneurs through its new Uttar Pradesh Pharmaceutical and Medical Device Policy, 2023. Very soon each district of Uttar Pradesh is going to have a Medical College which would further boost the Medical Sector of the State.

Dr Singh also shared the various initiatives that Hon'ble Chief Minister, Mr. Yogi Adityanath is taking towards making UP a leading state in the medical field, including developing a state-of-the-art Meditech Park near Jewar Airport, a Biotech Park in Pilibhit and Bulk Drug Park in Lalitpur as part of the mission to make the state a hub in the field of pharma and biotechnology.

H.E. Mr. Haymandoyal Dillum, High Commissioner – Designate, Mauritius High Commission; Dr. Surendra Thapa, Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of Nepal; Mr. Conrad Nana Kojo Asiedu, Counsellor- Trade, Culture & Tourism, High Commission of the Republic of Ghana; Mr. D'jimtola Kodjinar, First Secretary, Embassy of Chad and Mr. Hodabalou TOKINAI, Financial Attaché-commercial trade and business-related matters, High Commission of Togo in their respective addresses appreciated the Uttar Pradesh Government for having such a remarkable medical infrastructure and having a perennial supply of manpower and prestigious research institutes and

department of pharmaceuticals in various educational institutes. These dignitaries expressed their interest in having bilateral exchanges with the UP Government in order to have mutual benefits.

Mr. Vikas Balani, Assistant General Manager, SIDBI, Lucknow gave an overview of SIDBI and shared its role in promotion, financing & development of the MSME sector and Startups.

Prof. Triveni Singh, IPS, Superintendent of Police, Cyber Crime Police, Uttar Pradesh in his address stated that cyber-attack in healthcare sector is very common nowadays as Healthcare organizations store large amounts of sensitive data about their patients. Data theft is a common goal of attackers targeting healthcare organizations and it is widely known as ransomware attacks in particular, which is a major threat to the healthcare industry.

Mr. Atul Srivastava, Regional Director, UP Chapter, PHDCCI delivered the vote-of-thanks to all the eminent speakers, distinguished guests, participants and sponsors.

The two day Conference & Expo witnessed a massive footfall of more than 1200 visitors from the Pharmaceuticals, Healthcare and Tourism sectors and genre.

MEETING WITH HON'BLE VICE PRESIDENT OF INDIA



A PHDCCI delegation led by Mr. Sanjeev Agrawal, President, and comprising of Mr. Hemant Jain, Senior Vice President and Dr Ranjeet Mehta, Executive Director met Mr. Jagdeep Dhankhar, the Hon'ble Vice President of India on October 16, 2023 at his office in New Delhi. Mr. Sanjeev Agrawal elaborated the Hon'ble Vice President on the several initiatives undertaken by PHDCCI especially through the MSME Facilitation Center, where guidance is provided to MSMEs. During the meeting, the President invited the Hon'ble Vice President for the Bharat Startup and MSME Summit scheduled for February 2024 for which he graciously agreed.

MEETING WITH HON'BLE UNION MINISTER OF STATE FOR FINANCE



A PHDCCI delegation led by Mr. Sanjeev Agrawal, President and comprising of Mr. Hemant Jain, Senior Vice President, Mr. B K Sabharwal, Chair and Mr. Narinder Wadhwa, Co-chair, Capital Market & Commodity Market Committee met Mr. Pankaj Chaudhary, Hon'ble Minister of State for Finance, Ministry of Finance, on October 19, 2023 at New Delhi. The objective of the meeting was to invite him for the PHDCCI's Annual Capital Market & Commodity Market Convention.

MEETING WITH HON'BLE UNION MINISTER OF STATE FOR CIVIL AVIATION & ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS



A PHDCCI delegation comprising of Dr Ranjeet Mehta, Executive Director, Mr. Vineet Nahata, Chair, Task Force on Cooperatives, Dr Jatinder Singh, Assistant Secretary General and Ms. Bhavna Singh, Secretary met General (Dr) Vijay Kumar Singh (Retd.) , Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Civil Aviation & Road Transport and Highways on November 7, 2023 at New Delhi. The objective of the meeting was to invite the Hon'ble Minister as Chief Guest for 'IndiAirport an International Aviation Expo and Conference'.

MEETING WITH SECRETARY, DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS



A PHDCCI delegation led by Dr Ranjeet Mehta, CEO & Executive Director and comprising of Dr Jatinder Singh, Assistant Secretary General and Mr. Siddharth Singh, Deputy Secretary met Mr. Rohit K Singh, Secretary, Department of Consumer Affairs on October 16, 2023 at New Delhi. The delegation requested the Secretary for participation of the Department of Consumer Affairs and its autonomous bodies for the '3rd Edition-Momentum North East 2024', scheduled to be held in February 2024.

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



Dr Ranjeet Mehta, Executive Director along with Mr. Siddharth Singh, Deputy Secretary, PHDCCI met Ms. Debashree Mukherjee, Secretary, Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, Ministry of Jal Shakti on October 19, 2023 at New Delhi. PHDCCI requested for participation of Department of Water Resources, RD & GR and its autonomous bodies for the Chamber's annual flagship program in NER, '3rd Edition Momentum North East 2024' scheduled to be held from February 8 – 10, 2024 at Guwahati.

MEETING WITH DIRECTOR GENERAL, BUREAU OF INDIAN STANDARDS (BIS)



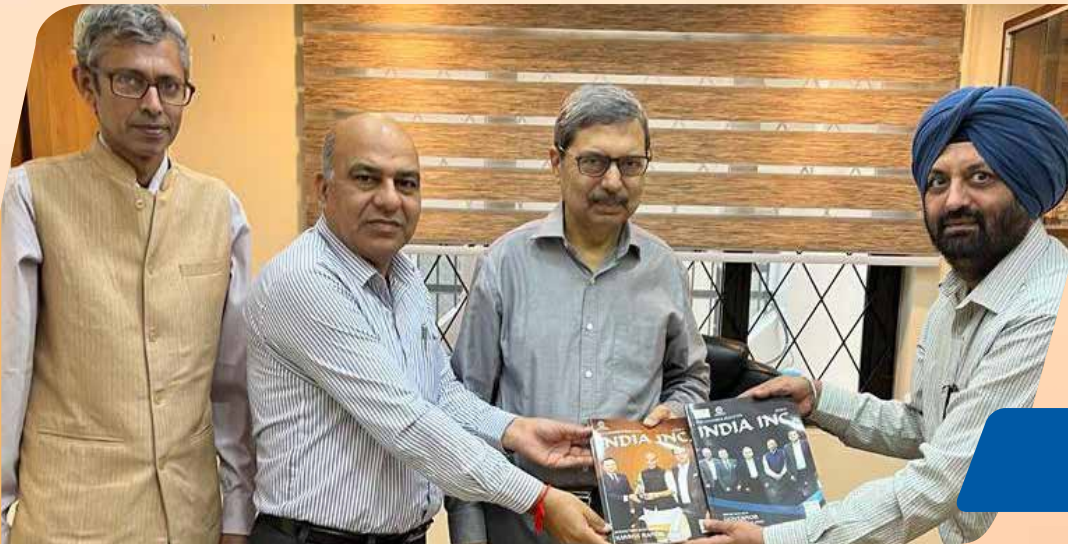
A PHDCCI delegation led by Mr. Sanjay Bhatia, former President and comprising of Mr. Rajiv Ranjan, Member, Dr Ranjeet Mehta, Executive Director and Mr. Suresh Chandra Joshi, Joint Secretary met Mr. Pramod Kumar Tiwari - IAS, Director General of the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) under the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution on October 3, 2023 at New Delhi. The meeting was to discuss the crucial issues related to the packaging and toy industry.

MEETING WITH IIS, DIRECTOR, ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA (ECI)



Dr Jatinder Singh, Assistant Secretary General and Mr. Rupesh Pandey, Senior Secretary, PHDCCI met Mr. Santosh Ajmera, IIS, Director, Election Commission of India (ECI) on October 26, 2023 at New Delhi. The meeting was to strategically align the interests and objectives of PHDCCI and ECI, in order to establish a robust partnership that will bolster the democratic process. This collaboration will focus on advancing voter education initiatives and programs to enhance the inclusivity, informativeness, and participation of the electoral process.

MEETING WITH CHAIRPERSON, DELHI ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION



Mr. Punit Chaudhry, Secretary and Mr. Suresh Chandra Joshi, Joint Secretary, PHDCCI along with Mr. Manpreet Singh, Vice President and Mr. Sumit Bhatia, DGM, from DLF Ltd. met Hon'ble Justice (Retd.) Mr. Jayant Nath, Chairperson, Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission on October 9, 2023 at New Delhi. Mr. Chaudhry apprised Justice Nath about PHDCCI and the activities of the Renewable Energy Committee. Mr. Manpreet Singh gave a few suggestions for further improving the Renewable Energy System Commissioned under DERC (Net metering for RE) Regulations 2014.

MEETING WITH HON'BLE CABINET MINISTER - INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, EXPORT PROMOTION, NRI AND INVESTMENT PROMOTION, UTTAR PRADESH



A PHDCCI UP Chapter delegation comprising of Mr. Ashutosh Soti, Conference Chair- UPMTS along with Mr. Atul Srivastava - Regional Director and Mr. Kaushik Fuloria, Senior Resident Officer met Mr. Nand Gopal Gupta "NANDI", Hon'ble Cabinet Minister, Industrial Development, Export Promotion, NRI and Investment Promotion, Uttar Pradesh on September 12, 2023 at Lucknow. The objective was to invite him as a Guest of Honor for the 'Uttar Pradesh Medical Tourism Summit & Expo' held on October 27 - 28, 2023 at Lucknow.

MEETING WITH DEPUTY CHIEF MINISTER & TOURISM MINISTER, BIHAR ALONG WITH SECRETARY TOURISM, GOVERNMENT OF BIHAR



A PHDCCI delegation comprising of Mr. Rajan Sehgal, Member, Tourism & Hospitality Committee and Mr. Pranab Singh, Resident Director Bihar Chapter met Mr. Tejasvi Yadav -Deputy Chief Minister & Tourism Minister, Bihar along with Mr. Abhay Kumar Singh, Secretary Tourism, Government of Bihar on October 7, 2023 during the Travel & Tourism Fair -Bihar at Patna. Mr. Sehgal apprised the Deputy Chief Minister & Secretary Tourism about the various initiatives of Tourism & Hospitality Committee of PHDCCI. Taking note of work done by the Tourism & Hospitality Committee, the Deputy CM of Bihar invited the Tourism & Hospitality Committee to organize a Golf Conclave & Tournament in Bihar.

MEETING WITH HIS EXCELLENCY, HON'BLE GOVERNOR OF ASSAM



Mr. Bibhuti Dutta, Resident Director (NER), PHDCCI met His Excellency, Mr. Gulab Chand Kataria, Hon'ble Governor of Assam on October 27, 2023 at Guwahati. The objective of the meeting was to invite the Hon'ble Governor for the 3rd Edition of "Momentum North East", scheduled to be held from February 08 to 10, 2024 at Guwahati, Assam.

MEETING WITH HON'BLE MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE, HORTICULTURE, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY & VETERINARY, GOVT. OF ASSAM



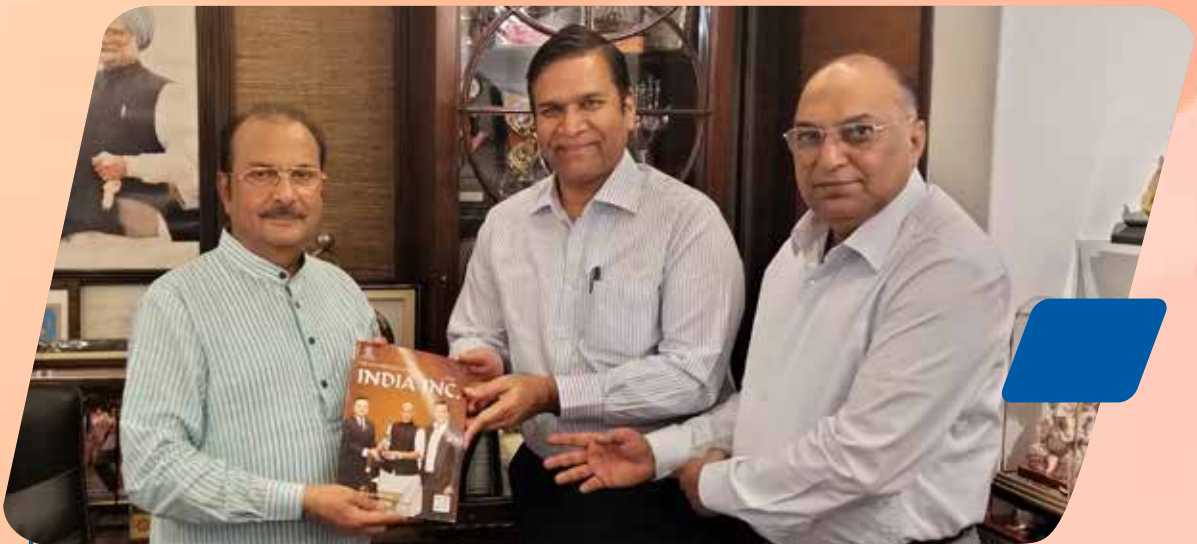
Mr. Bibhuti Dutta, Resident Director (NER), PHDCCI met Mr. Atul Bora, Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture, Horticulture, Animal Husbandry & Veterinary, Govt. of Assam on November 02, 2023 at Guwahati. The meeting was to invite the Hon'ble Minister as the Chief Guest for the "International Tea Conference" at Guwahati, Assam.

MEETING WITH VICE PRESIDENT, BHUTAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY



Mr. Bibhuti Dutta, Resident Director (NER), PHDCCI met Mr. Kamal Pradhan, Vice President, Bhutan Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI) on September 21, 2023 at Guwahati. The objective of the meeting was to discuss future collaboration activities and a prospective Memorandum of Understanding between PHDCCI and BCCI.

MEETING WITH CHAIRMAN, RAJASTHAN EXPORT PROMOTION COUNCIL & RAJASTHAN SMALL INDUSTRIES CORPORATION, GOVERNMENT OF RAJASTHAN



Mr. R K Gupta, Resident Director, PHDCCI-Rajasthan Chapter met Mr. Rajiv Arora, Chairman, Rajasthan Export Promotion Council & Rajasthan Small Industries Corporation, Government of Rajasthan on October 27, 2023 at Jaipur. The Chairman was informed about the various activities of the Chamber, its PAN India presence and its strong hold in International Affairs and Trade Fairs.

PHD FAMILY WELFARE FOUNDATION (FWF)

DANCE BALLET: SRIRAM



PHD Family Welfare Foundation in association with Jaquar Foundation organized a dance ballet 'ShriRam' on October 20, 2023 at Shriram Bharatiya Kala Kendra. The event commenced with the ceremonial lighting of the lamp by Mr. Sanjeev Agrawal, President, PHDCCI; CSR Head Jaquar Foundation; Ms. Anuradha Goel, Chairperson, PHDFWF; Mr. Alok B Shriram, Former President, PHDCCI

and Dr Ranjeet Mehta, Executive Director, PHDCCI. The President of PHDCCI expressed his profound joy and admiration, praising the steadfast commitment and unwavering dedication of FWF in uplifting the marginalized segments of our society. The program saw the gracious presence of Mr. Hemant Jain, Senior VP, former presidents of PHDCCI, Managing

Committee & GB members, donors and the beneficiaries of FWF skill development centers coming together to celebrate this significant occasion. The program drew a substantial and enthusiastic audience of spectators. This event not only showcased artistry but also touched the hearts of over 700 people who were present on the occasion.

OBSERVATION OF 9TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SWACHH BHARAT MISSION

On October 2, 2023 the PHD Family Welfare Foundation commemorated the 9th anniversary of the Swachh Bharat Mission in all its skill development centers, as championed by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India. This cleanliness initiative witnessed active participation and promotion by PHDFWF across multiple states throughout India, including Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Assam, Gujarat, Odisha and Rajasthan. Engaging in motivational speeches and doing painting competitions proved to be effective means of inspiring and involving the community in this vital endeavor.



SKILL DEVELOPMENT & VOCATIONAL TRAINING

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



The N. L. Mehra Vocational Training Centre is presently providing cost-free skill enhancement programs across a range of disciplines, including retail management, advanced computer education, electrician training, nursing assistant courses and beauty culture. In September and October 2023, 150 individuals actively participated in these no-cost training opportunities.

PHDFWF-VIDYA JYOTI SKILL DEVELOPMENT CENTRE, MEHRAULI



Under the Vidya Jyoti project, PHDFWF is actively enhancing the abilities of women and young people in the local community. At present, the PHDFWF-Vidya Jyoti facility in Mehrauli is providing computer training to a group of 40 women and youth. This training initiative was ongoing throughout September and October 2023.

PHDFWF SKILL CENTRE FOR AFTERCARE CHILDREN, LAJPAT NAGAR

PHDFWF in collaboration with the Ministry of Women and Children, Government of NCT Delhi is committed to supporting orphanage children by providing computer education to improve their career opportunities and boost their earning potential. In the months of September and October 2023, 20 children residing in child care facilities situated in Lajpat Nagar were undergoing this training program.



PHDFWF-JAQUAR SKILL DEVELOPMENT CENTRE, TEHKHAND, OKHLA



The PHDFWF-JAQUAR Skill Development Center is creating a beneficial influence on the women and young individuals in Tehkhand Village, Okhla, by empowering them with valuable expertise. These proficiencies encompass computer education, sewing, and beauty techniques. Presently, during September and October 2023, 120 local women and youth were actively engaged in these training programs as part of this initiative.

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



With financial support from Hindustan Tin Works Ltd, PHDFWF is equipping beneficiaries with capacity-building skills aimed at fostering financial stability and self-reliance. In the month of September and October 2023, a total of 75 individuals were engaged in learning the art of tailoring and beauty culture as part of this initiative.

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



As part of this program, PHDFWF-Jaquar Foundation is heavily involved in enhancing the skillsets of women and young people in the nearby community. At present, 104 participants are actively involved in the initiative, taking part in training sessions that emphasize sewing and computer education.

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



In the months of September and October 2023, a total of 106 people underwent diverse skill development training programs, that included computer education, sewing, and beauty culture. The PHDFWF Goyal MG Gases-Mobius Foundation Skill Development Training Center is actively committed to enhancing the skills of the local community, with a special emphasis on women and girls. Moreover, supplementary activities connected to the project have been organized to provide additional advantages to the program's participants.

PHDFWF-JAQUAR SKILL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING CENTRE, HATBADRA, ODISHA



The PHDFWF-Jaquar Foundation is dedicated to improving the abilities of women and young individuals in the local community through an ongoing project. Currently, 94 participants are actively engaged in the project, undergoing comprehensive training in both sewing and computer education.

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

The PHDFWF-L&T Prayas Remedial Classes center is offering essential assistance to underprivileged students from classes 9th to 11th who do not have access to private tutoring. As of September and October 2023, a combined total of 70 girls and young individuals were actively engaged in the remedial classes provided by the project.



PHDFWF-JAQUAR SKILL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING CENTRES, ALIPUR, GURUGRAM



The PHDFWF-Jaquar Foundation is actively fostering the income-generating abilities of women and young individuals in the nearby community as part of their ongoing project. Currently, 78 participants are actively engaged in project-related activities, receiving instruction in beauty culture, sewing, and computer education.

PHDFWF-KAJARIA CERAMICS SKILL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING CENTRE, ASSAM



With support from Kajaria Ceramics Ltd., PHDFWF has been offering support to underprivileged women and girls in the Lakhimpur district of Assam through the establishment of a skill development center. The hand weaving training center is based in Borimudi village, Lakhimpur district, Assam. The beneficiaries are learning hand weaving gamusas, shawls, table mats, etc.

PHDFWF-JAQUAR SKILL DEVELOPMENT CENTRE, ASSAM



The Jaquar Foundation is currently assisting women from the local community in enhancing their earning capabilities. The project, which commenced in May 2023, has 85 trainees actively undergoing the trainings provided in the centre. These trainees are being taught hand weaving and tailoring, with the aim of expanding their income-generating prospects.

PHDFWF-SMPF SKILL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING CENTRE, DWARKAPURI



With the support of SMPF, PHDFWF is expanding fundamental knowledge and skills through a skill development project situated in Dwarkapuri. A total of 119 participants are actively involved in training programs that cover sewing and embroidery, beauty culture, mobile repair, and computer education in September and October 2023. In addition to these training activities, recipients are benefiting from various other development programs provided as part of this initiative.

PHDFWF-JAQUAR SKILL DEVELOPMENT CENTRE, MATALWAS



PHDFWF and Jaquar Foundation are currently strengthening the capabilities of rural women and young individuals to improve their livelihoods. At the moment, 179 residents of Matalwas, Rajasthan are undergoing free training in beauty culture, sewing, embroidery, Math and Science tutoring, and computer education as part of this project.

PHDFWF-JAQUAR SKILL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING CENTRES, MANDI VILLAGE

The PHDFWF-Jaquar Foundation is currently fostering the abilities of women and young individuals within the local community through their ongoing project. During the months of September and October 2023, a total of 180 participants from Mandi village were engaged in project activities, receiving training in beauty culture, sewing, mobile repair, remedial education, computer education, and culinary skills.



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



In September and October 2023, a total of 128 recipients participated in skill-focused training programs encompassing computer education, beauty culture, sewing, and local craftsmanship. Supported by the Jaquar Foundation, PHDFWF has been offering skill development sessions for the community members residing in Kharoi, Kutch, Gujarat. The certificates were distributed in the esteemed company of Mr. Shamsher Kanwar, CSR Head at Jaquar Foundation, and a representative from PHDFWF.

PHDFWF-JAQUAR SKILL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING CENTRE, BHACHAU, GUJARAT



The Jaquar Foundation has joined hands with PHDFWF to support skill development initiatives, offering crucial skills training to underprivileged women and young individuals living in Bhachau, Gujarat. In September and October 2023, a total of 187 participants were acquiring skills without charge in areas such as Beauty Culture, Sewing, traditional craftsmanship, Computer Education, and benefiting from Maths and Science tutorial classes within the framework of this program.

PHDFWF-WRG SKILL DEVELOPMENT CENTRE, MEHRAULI



With support from the Women Rehabilitation Group in the USA, PHDFWF is enhancing the vocational skills of women and young individuals within the local community. Currently, 35 women and youth are participating in training programs on sewing and embroidery at the PHDFWF-WRG Center situated in Mehrauli.

PHDFWF-JAQUAR SKILL DEVELOPMENT CENTRE, NARAYAN VIHAR, RAJASTHAN



In partnership with the Jaquar Foundation, PHDFWF is presently delivering skill development instructions to women and young individuals from the nearby community. At the Narayan Vihar facility in Rajasthan, 172 women and girls are actively engaged in training initiatives that encompass computer education, mathematics and science tutorials, beauty culture, and sewing.

PHDFWF-VSF SKILL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING CENTRE, NOIDA



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

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

PHDFWF, with assistance from Prayas Trust in Faridabad, operates a skill development training center in Meethapur. Presently, the center is facilitating training for 120 students in tailoring, computer education, mobile repair, and beauty education.



PHDFWF-JAQUAR SKILL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING CENTRE, SAMAKHYALI, GUJARAT



P HDFWF, in partnership with Jaquar Foundation, has initiated a fresh skill development program in Samakhali, Gujarat, where 160 trainees have already registered and are actively participating in free skill development training in Beauty Culture, Tailoring, and Computer Education.

HEALTH CARE

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



In September 2023, a total of 20 complimentary health check-up events were organized, benefiting 1615 people as part of the program. In the month of October, 1370 patients received assistance through 18 medical camps. The PHDFWF-Jaquar mobile medical van sustained its mission to deliver crucial healthcare services to underserved communities residing in remote areas, particularly in the villages of Harchandpur, Alipur, Garhi Bazidpur, and Dhaula, all situated in Gurugram.

PHDFWF- IAI MOBILE MEDICAL VAN



During September 2023, 10 health check-up events were held, leading to the delivery of complimentary diagnostic services and medicine distribution to 1137 individuals. In the month of October, 10 medical camps provided assistance to a total of 1146 patients. The PHDFWF-IAI mobile medical van has been actively providing healthcare services to different villages of Faridabad, Haryana.

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



As part of the project, 46 no-cost health check-up camps were carried out in September 2023, providing assistance to 2122 patients. In October 2023, 42 camps benefited 1907 patients. The PHDFWF-Jaquar mobile medical van has been delivering healthcare services in 11 adopted villages of Jaquar in Bhachau, Gujarat, offering free diagnostic services and distributing medications.

PHDFWF- JAQUAR FOUNDATION DENTAL AND EYE MOBILE VAN



The PHDFWF-Jaquar Eye & Dental mobile medical van has been providing essential care to patients in need by arranging complimentary eye and dental check-up camps. These camps include dental screening, scaling, filling, diagnostic treatment, free medications, and providing spectacles, among other services, as part of the project. In September 2023, a total of 1252 patients received treatment through 19 free eye and dental camps, while 1162 patients benefited from 11 camps in October.

PHDFWF- TARGET INTERVENTION PROJECT ON HIV/ AIDS

Since 2003, PHDFWF has been providing healthcare and Reproductive and Child Health (RCH) services to High-Risk Groups (HRGs) and migrant workers residing in resettlement areas of Okhla through the Target Intervention Project (TI), supported by the Delhi State AIDS Control Society (DSACS), Government of NCT Delhi. In September 2023, the project conducted various activities, including 280 ICTC (Integrated Counseling and Testing Centre) sessions, 13 STI (Sexually Transmitted Infections) consultations, 4 review meetings, 3 DIC (Drop-In Center) sessions, 538 RMC (Routine Medical Check-up) sessions, 33 PT (Preventive Therapy) sessions, and 10 Demand Clinic visits, benefiting a total of 584 patients who received free clinical services at the TI center in Okhla. In October, the activities included 180 ICTC sessions, 4 STI consultations, 4 review meetings, 3 DIC sessions, 508 RMC sessions, 38 PT sessions, 10 Demand Clinic visits, and 550 clinic visits.

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



During September 2023, a total of 1559 recipients received benefits from 24 health check-up camps, which included complimentary diagnostic care and medication distribution. In October, 297 patients benefited from 5 camps. The PHDFWF-Jaquar mobile medical van has been offering healthcare services in five adopted villages of Jaquar located in Bhiwadi, Rajasthan.

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



As part of the project, 47 free health check-up camps in September 2023 benefited a total of 1301 patients. In October, 42 camps helped 1279 beneficiaries. The PHDFWF-Jaquar mobile medical van has been delivering healthcare services in the adopted villages of Jaquar in Kharoi, Gujarat, offering complimentary diagnostic care and medication distribution.

PHDFWF-SMPF MOBILE MEDICAL VAN

During September 2023, 1112 community members received free healthcare services through 14 no-cost health check-up camps, and in October, 1532 patients benefited from 18 such camps in the resettlement areas of Delhi/ NCR. The PHDFWF-SMPF mobile medical van has been delivering diagnostic services, doctor consultations, medical tests, and medications to underprivileged communities as part of the project.



PHDFWF-JAQUAR-ROTARY PREMIER MOBILE MEDICAL VAN



The PHDFWF-Jaquar-Rotary Premier Mobile Medical Van has been consistently providing no-cost healthcare services to children and those in need. In September 2023, they conducted 19 free health check-up camps, examining 1210 children, while in October, 1089 patients benefited from 17 free camps as part of the project. Furthermore, the van has been delivering free mobile healthcare to children residing in 101 children's homes in Delhi, as well as to residents of old-age homes in Rohini and Gurugram.

PHDFWF- IAI DENTAL AND EYE MOBILE VAN



The PHDFWF-IAI Eye & Dental mobile medical van has been providing care to disadvantaged patients by organizing no-cost eye and dental check-up events. These camps include dental check-ups, scaling, fillings, diagnostic treatments, the distribution of free medications, eyeglasses, and other services as part of the program. In September 2023, 1502 patients received treatment through 12 free eye and dental camps, and in October, 921 patients benefited from 10 such camps.

PHDFWF-AAOT MOBILE MEDICAL VAN

The PHDFWF-AAOT mobile medical van, in partnership with Holy Family Hospital, has been assisting underserved communities by organizing no-cost health check-up events. In September 2023, 860 patients were served through 21 health check-up camps, and in October 2023, 902 patients received assistance through 21 health check-up camps held in Subhash Camp, Naibasti, Taimoor Nagar, Ali village, Priyanka Camp, New Delhi.

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, the social arm of PHDCCI extends its support in delivering the same. The projects in the areas of Environment Management, Healthcare, Education, Skill Development, Livelihood, Agriculture and Water Conservation are being undertaken with support of various donors across Corporates, International Organizations, Individual donors and PSUs.

PHDRDF HEALTHCARE

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

PHDRDF- BSES YAMUNA POWER LTD.- DELHI

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

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 2023, a total of 18 Generic Camps in 18 villages were conducted in which 2616 patients were provided with free medical counselling and medicines. Along with the health camps, Awareness

sessions on Anaemia, fungal infection and women health were also organized in these villages, wherein 118 individuals participated.

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 September 2023, a total of 11 OPDs of General Physicians and OPDs of Gynaecologists were conducted in which 225 and 146 patients were treated respectively. Test facilities through cell counter machine was also added to the facilities provided in PHC.



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 2023, 5 Dental OPDs were conducted wherein 80 patients were treated. In addition, 10 Generic health camps were organized in which

approximately 932 patients were treated, along with two Eye Care Camps whose facilities were availed by 300 patients. Along with it three Awareness Sessions were also conducted generating awareness among 200 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 Mansupur. As a part of this project, PHDRDF will organize Generic Health Camps, Women and Child Health Camps and Specialized Eye

Care camps during this year. Along with free counselling, free medicines and spectacles will also be distributed. During this period, a total of 22 Generic Health Camps & three Women and Child Care Camps were organized at 25 locations in which 2675 patients were treated of which 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 the 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, 15 Generic Health Camps in nearby villages of Rajpura Plant were organized in which more than 1627 patients were treated.

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 the counselling, free medicines will also be distributed. During the awareness sessions, free nutrition

kits and sanitary napkins will be distributed. During September-October 2023, a total of 15 generic health camps were organized in 15 villages of Rajpura, Punjab in which more than 1627 patients were provided with free medicines and counselling.

PHDRDF INTEGRATED VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT

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

PHDRDF – HINDUSTAN TIN WORKS LIMITED – BIHAR

PHDRDF, with support from Hindustan Tin Works Limited, supported a BPL Family by providing a Rural Housing Facility to a resident of village Paitya at Madhubani, Bihar. The BPL family lives in a kuchha house which is

prone to get damaged in flood conditions frequenting the area. The existed house consisted of a thatched roof and did not have provision of a proper kitchen and sanitation facility. The house is under completion and will be ready

to shift with facility of two rooms, kitchen, toilet and bathroom duly complete with plaster, electrical fitting, water connection and sanitation facility.

PHDRDF –RADICO KHAITAN LTD.- SITAPUR



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

five villages. During September-October 2023, six Health Camps and 10 OPDs were conducted benefitting 752 patients. Awareness sessions were conducted on Water Borne Diseases such as Dengue, Malaria and Menstrual Hygiene in which 239 villagers participated. Sanitary napkins were distributed to women during awareness on menstrual hygiene. In Education,

during the period, nutritional supplement like Apples were distributed among 204 students across three schools. Schools are being upgraded with infrastructure facilities including inverters and stabilizers for continued power supply, wash facility up-gradation, playground up-gradation, Smart Class establishment, etc.

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. continued their partnership for undertaking the project, “Skill Development Centre” at Mohammadpur Gurjar, Sohna

block, Gurugram during the fiscal year 2023-24. As a part of the project, 80 students will be trained in stitching & tailoring and beauty culture. Till date, more than 650 students have completed

their training at Donaldson Skill Centre. Most of the girls are taking up small assignments in their neighbourhood and earning a source of income.

PHDRDF SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT

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

PHDRDF -HINDUSTAN TIN WORKS LIMITED (HTWL)

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



PHDRDF AGRICULTURE & ENVIRONMENT MANAGEMENT

In an attempt to make the environment cleaner and sustainable, PHDRDF has been undertaking initiatives to undo the 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- FRUIT 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. During 2022-23, more than 1.0 lakh fruit trees were distributed to around 300 farmers with low annual income. Some of the fruit trees being planted are Amla, lemon, Apple Ber, etc. for an additional source of income. During 2023-24, with support from the donors that include Mohan Lal Bharti Foundation, Vishnu Charitable Trust, Gulshan Chemicals Pvt. Ltd. and individual donors including Mr. Vikram Mehta, Mr. Karan Singh Mehta, an additional thirty-five thousand plants were distributed in villages of Alwar and Jaipur, Rajasthan. Farmers are also being mobilized for Drip Irrigation to reduce consumption of water.

PHDRDF -RADICO KHAITAN LTD.- SITAPUR



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

for farmers during September-October 2023 with support from KVK Sitapur along with distribution of 15 vermi-beds to 15 farmer beneficiaries to set up their own vermicomposting in their fields. Nutritional security is also

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

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

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

PHDRDF partnered with Donaldson India Filter Systems Pvt. Ltd. to establish a rainwater harvesting structure at Rundh Sirawas, Alwar, Rajasthan. The check dam will have a water holding capacity of 6,27,200 cubic feet and besides benefitting agriculture land, will also benefit more than 5000 livestock of farmers for drinking purpose. Establishing Rain Water harvesting structures is one of the most significant methods to promote groundwater recharge and conserve water in rural areas.



PHDRDF -ROTARY CLUB OF DELHI SOUTH EAST-ALWAR



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

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

harvesting structures have a water holding capacity of 4,30,000 cubic feet. The structures received 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 to 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 project

was initiated with Bhumi Pujan on June 26, 2023 and the work is under progress.

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

PHDRDF together with Rotary Club of Delhi South Central & Multivac Laraon Pvt. Ltd. as a part of Rotary- CSR initiative is undertaking construction of two rainwater harvesting structures at Block Rasgan, Alwar, Rajasthan, which will have 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. Two Check Dams under this project were initiated with Bhumi Pujan ceremony on March 26, 2023 in the presence of the team of Rotarians led by Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, Former

President, PHDCCI. The project has been completed and received good rain during the monsoon season. 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 structure at Rajgarh, Alwar, Rajasthan. The structures will aid in ground water recharge and benefit the population living in the nearby vicinity. The agricultural land will become more suitable for cultivation due to increased moisture content. This project targets to increase the water holding capacity of the region by 14,07,000 cubic feet and make water available for the locals. Out of five Check Dams, two have been completed at Syaluta and the other three are under process.



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, 13,500 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.

PHDRDF – RDS PROJECT LTD. – JAIPUR

PHDRDF and RDS Project Ltd. have come together to establish one rainwater harvesting structure at Jaipur, 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 7,70,000 cubic feet and make water available for the locals.

PHDRDF – HINDUSTAN FIBRES LTD. – JAIPUR

PHDRDF and Hindustan Fibres Ltd. have joined hands together to build a rainwater harvesting facility in Jaipur, Rajasthan. In addition to providing benefits to the local populace, the buildings will help recharge the groundwater table. Due to an increase in moisture content, the agricultural area will become more appropriate for agriculture. This project aims to provide communities with access to water and boost the region's water holding capacity by 4,20,000 cubic feet.

PHDRDF – POLYPLEX CORPORATION LTD. – JAIPUR

PHDRDF together with Polyplex Corporation Ltd. is building a rainwater harvesting structure in Jaipur, Rajasthan. The harvesting structure will not only benefit the local inhabitants but will also help recharge the groundwater in the area. Increased moisture content will make the agricultural ground more suited for farming. By adding 9,66,000 cubic feet to the region's water storage capacity, this initiative aims to boost inhabitants access to water.

PHDRDF – DHANUKA AGRITECH LIMITED – JAIPUR

PHDRDF and Dhanuka Agritech Pvt. Ltd. have collectively built a rainwater harvesting structure in Jaipur, Rajasthan. The buildings will benefit the neighbourhood's residents and help recharge the groundwater. Because of the increased moisture content, the agricultural area will be better suited for agriculture. This project aims to provide water to the inhabitants and expand the region's capacity to hold water by 7,70,000 cubic feet.

RS. 50,000 CR FDI IN FOOD PROCESSING SECTOR IN LAST 9 YEARS

Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi while addressing the second edition of 'World Food India' on November 3, 2023 at New Delhi stated that India's food processing sector has emerged as a "sunrise" industry and has attracted Rs. 50,000 crores in FDI in the past nine years. The Prime Minister was quoted to have said, "The investor-friendly policies of the government are taking the country's food sector to new heights. This has led to an increase from 13% to 23% in the share of processed foods in India's agricultural exports. This is an increase of 150%. This has led to India climbing to the 7th position with an overall export value of more than \$50,000 million in agricultural produce."

THE MEDIATION ACT, 2023

Introduction

Mediation, an Alternative Dispute Resolution (“ADR”) mechanism, is one way to reduce the burden on the judiciary and ensure timely dispensation of justice to the citizens. It is vital that the Government takes necessary steps to legislate and promote ADR.

The Mediation Bill, 2021 (the “Bill”) was introduced in the Parliament on 20.12.2021. The Bill was passed by the Rajya Sabha on 01.08.2023 and by the Lok Sabha on 07.08.2023. On 14.09.2023, the President of India gave her assent to the Bill and is thereby known as the Mediation Act, 2023 (the “Act”).

The object of the Act is “to promote and facilitate mediation, especially institutional mediation, for resolution of disputes, commercial or otherwise, enforce mediated settlement agreements, provide for a body for registration of mediators, to encourage community mediation and to make online mediation as acceptable and cost effective process and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.”

Key provisions of the Act

Mediation: The Act provides the definition of mediation as any process where parties take the assistance of a third person, i.e., a mediator, in reaching an amicable settlement and includes pre-litigation mediation, online mediation, community mediation and conciliation. The mediator does not have the authority to impose a settlement upon the parties.

Applicability: The Act is only applicable to mediations conducted in India and where- a) all parties habitually reside in or are incorporated in or have their place of business in India, or b) the mediation agreement between the parties provides the settlement of dispute according to the Act, or c) there is an international mediation, or d) where either party is the Central or State Government, or public bodies, agencies, corporations and local bodies which are owned or controlled by the Central or State Government and the matter pertains to a commercial dispute.



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Exceptions: First Schedule of the Act provides a list of matters which are not fit for mediation under the Act, which includes disputes involving prosecution for criminal offences, proceedings or complaints initiated in relation to registration, discipline or misconduct of any registered professional, and proceedings before the Securities and Exchange Board of India and Securities Appellate Tribunal, etc.

Mediation Agreement: Every mediation agreement shall be in writing. The agreement may be

drafted as a clause within any agreement, or can be executed as a separate agreement.

Pre-litigation Mediation: The Act provides provision for the parties to a dispute to take steps to settle the dispute through pre-litigation mediation voluntarily and with mutual consent, before filing a suit or instituting proceedings before any Court. Pre-litigation mediation can be conducted online on the condition that the parties ensure confidentiality of the mediation.

Mediator: The parties are free to decide on the mediator and the procedure to appoint the mediator. The mediator can be of any nationality, however, if the mediator is of foreign nationality, the person must possess such qualifications, experience and accreditation as may be specified.

Time period: Mediation proceedings must be completed within a period of 120 days and the period can be further extended for a maximum period of 60 days.

Mediated Settlement Agreement: After the successful completion of the mediation process, a mediated settlement agreement shall be signed by the parties and authenticated by the mediator. A Mediated Settlement Agreement can be challenged on grounds of fraud, corruption, impersonation and where the matter is not fit for mediation as per the provisions of



the Act. Challenge on these grounds must be initiated within 90 days of receiving the mediated settlement agreement, and the period can be extended for further 90 days.

Mediation Service Provider: The role of mediation service provider includes maintaining a panel of mediators and to accredit mediators, provide services of mediator to conduct any mediation, provide all kinds of facilities and secretarial assistance and infrastructure to conduct mediation and promote professional and ethical conduct amongst mediators.

Community mediation: Any dispute likely to affect peace, harmony and tranquillity amongst the residents or families of any area or locality may be settled through community mediation with prior mutual consent of the parties to the dispute.

Mediation Council of India:

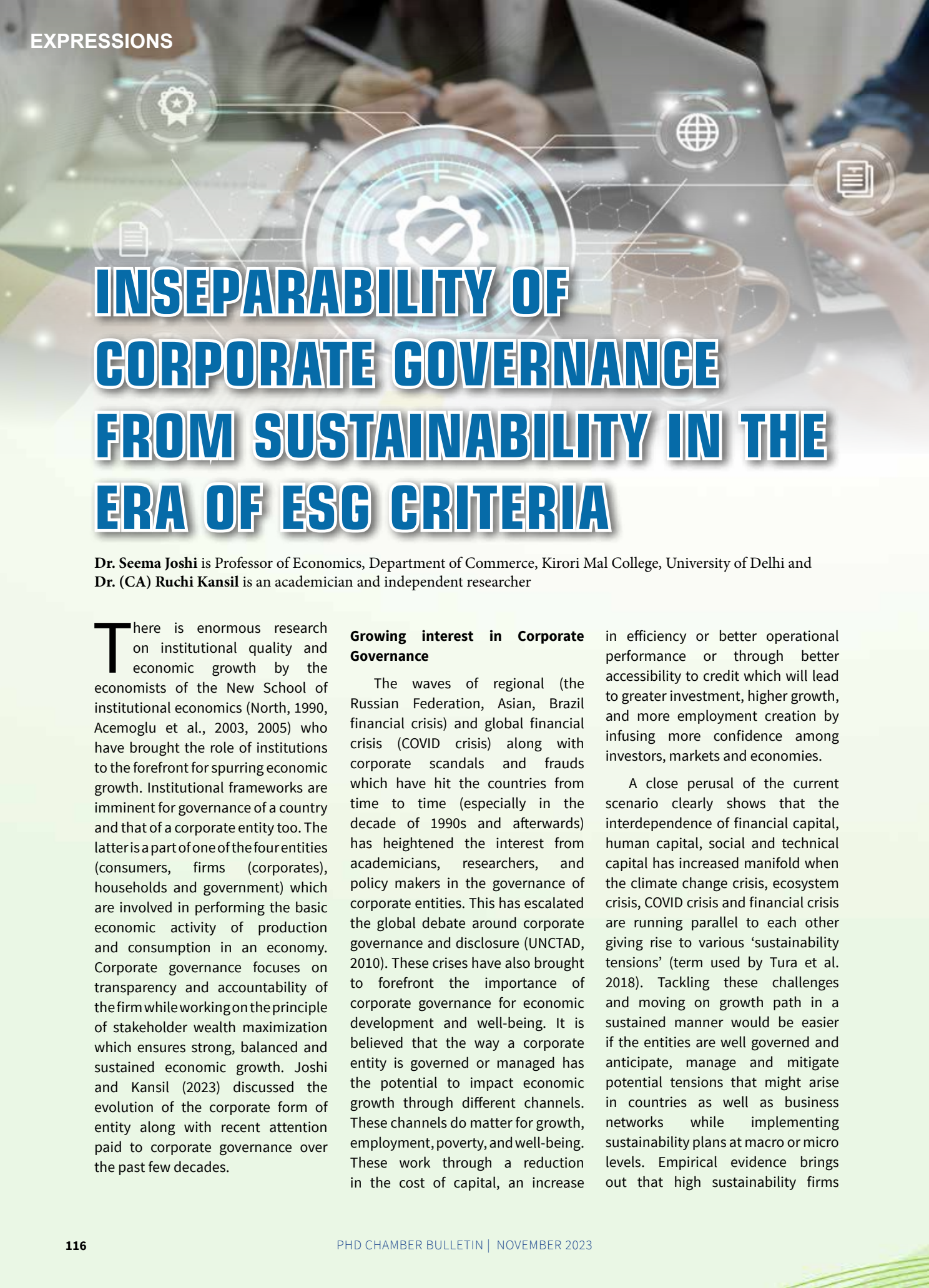
The Central Government shall establish the Mediation Council of India to discharge the duties and functions under the Act, such as promoting domestic and international mediation in India, laying down standards for professional and ethical conduct of mediators and entering into memoranda of understanding and agreements with domestic and international bodies, institutions and organisations.

Conclusion

Due to the increasing rate of pendency of matters in the Courts, the Mediation Act, 2023 appears to be an effective rescue in addition to arbitration. If implemented effectively and efficiently, the Act can prove to be a progressive legislation, and an advantage to both the Judiciary as well as the aggrieved parties to a dispute.

"When learning is purposeful, creativity blossoms. When creativity blossoms, thinking emanates. When thinking emanates, knowledge is fully lit. When knowledge is lit, economy flourishes".

A.P.J. Abdul Kalam



INSEPARABILITY OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE FROM SUSTAINABILITY IN THE ERA OF ESG CRITERIA

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There is enormous research on institutional quality and economic growth by the economists of the New School of institutional economics (North, 1990, Acemoglu et al., 2003, 2005) who have brought the role of institutions to the forefront for spurring economic growth. Institutional frameworks are imminent for governance of a country and that of a corporate entity too. The latter is a part of one of the four entities (consumers, firms (corporates), households and government) which are involved in performing the basic economic activity of production and consumption in an economy. Corporate governance focuses on transparency and accountability of the firm while working on the principle of stakeholder wealth maximization which ensures strong, balanced and sustained economic growth. Joshi and Kansil (2023) discussed the evolution of the corporate form of entity along with recent attention paid to corporate governance over the past few decades.

Growing interest in Corporate Governance

The waves of regional (the Russian Federation, Asian, Brazil financial crisis) and global financial crisis (COVID crisis) along with corporate scandals and frauds which have hit the countries from time to time (especially in the decade of 1990s and afterwards) has heightened the interest from academicians, researchers, and policy makers in the governance of corporate entities. This has escalated the global debate around corporate governance and disclosure (UNCTAD, 2010). These crises have also brought to forefront the importance of corporate governance for economic development and well-being. It is believed that the way a corporate entity is governed or managed has the potential to impact economic growth through different channels. These channels do matter for growth, employment, poverty, and well-being. These work through a reduction in the cost of capital, an increase

in efficiency or better operational performance or through better accessibility to credit which will lead to greater investment, higher growth, and more employment creation by infusing more confidence among investors, markets and economies.

A close perusal of the current scenario clearly shows that the interdependence of financial capital, human capital, social and technical capital has increased manifold when the climate change crisis, ecosystem crisis, COVID crisis and financial crisis are running parallel to each other giving rise to various 'sustainability tensions' (term used by Tura et al. 2018). Tackling these challenges and moving on growth path in a sustained manner would be easier if the entities are well governed and anticipate, manage and mitigate potential tensions that might arise in countries as well as business networks while implementing sustainability plans at macro or micro levels. Empirical evidence brings out that high sustainability firms

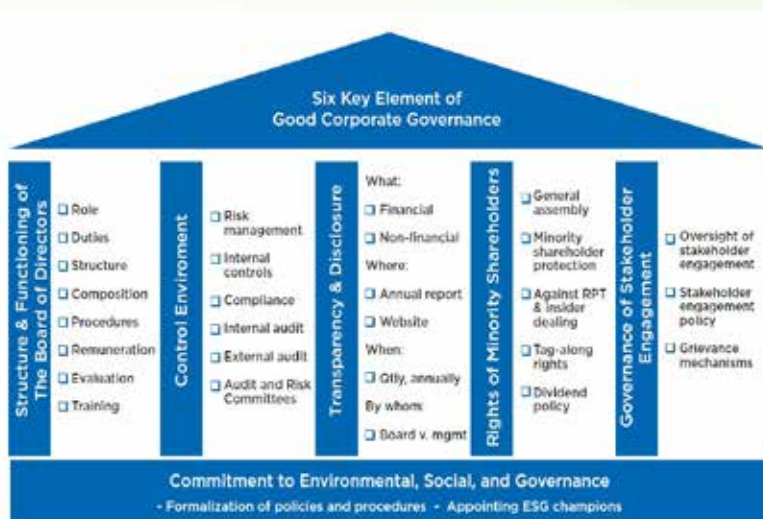


Figure 1: Six key element of good corporate governance (Source: Adapted from International Finance Corporation, 2019).

(vis-a vis low sustainability firms) look beyond the traditional model of profit maximization and they tend to have established processes for engagement of stakeholders and exhibit higher measurement and disclosure of non-financial information understanding their accountability for “externalities” (like environmental and social issues) which may be positive or negative, in simple words, they adhere to environmental, social and governance criteria (ESG). An ESG criterion implies that firms should be concerned not only with generating profits. But should have commitment towards measuring the environmental and social impact of their activities and operations.

Commitment to ESG criterion requires the firms to be good governed at the first place. Only a good governed firm can showcase its commitment to the other two pillars, namely, E and S, of ESG. IFC have highlighted six key elements of good corporate governance, viz. structure and functioning of the board of directors, control environment, transparency and disclosure, rights of minority shareholders and governance of stakeholder engagement, that would push firms towards meeting their environmental and social commitments.

Inseparability of good-governed entities and sustainability

Good-governed entities and sustainability are inextricably linked (see figure 1). At the first place good-governed entities exhibit strong commitment to corporate governance by adopting the five principles of disclosure, responsibility and accountability, fairness and transparency in their functioning (Joshi and Kansil, 2023). Additionally, good-governed entities operate in such a way that the board of directors (who are the decision controllers) approve or ratify the business proposals initiated by management (who are the decision managers) only if they contribute to wealth maximization of all stakeholders of the firm. Likewise, the board of directors also monitor the implementation of such approved/ratified proposals. If decision controllers/managers have vision, skills, and expertise and are fair and transparent in dealing, one can expect that they will set the tone of the sustainability agenda right. Further, they would display strong commitment towards ESG via formalization of such policies and procedures which adopt ESG criterions and appoint ESG champions. Generally, it is observed that they do have sustainability

consciousness, and therefore, they can emerge as ‘sustainability leaders’ who can facilitate the spread of ‘sustainability education’.

The role of sustainability leaders will be crucial in spreading ‘sustainability awareness’ ‘and bringing about change in mindsets which can help in cultivating ‘sustainability culture’ and facilitate transition to a stable, resilient and sustainable world much easier by building communities and economies which thrive. Once the culture is there, the next step is to develop sustainability metrics to publicly capture and report the economic, environmental and social effects of business activities. It is heartening to note that there are several sustainability reporting frameworks like OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises on Responsible Business Conduct, the Global Reporting Initiative, United Nations Global Compact Principles, Integrated Reporting Framework and Sustainability Accounting Standards Board’s industry-specific standards available today. Prioritising amongst many sustainability challenges (e.g., economic, structural, psychological, and behavioural at firm level and climate change, human rights, etc., at macro level) and reporting on them constitutes yet another big challenge.

Conclusion

In summary, the creation of sustainability consciousness among entities and making them realise that nonfinancial reporting along with financial reporting does matter or having a triple bottom line – profit, people and planet is becoming imminent now. This consciousness will push entities towards reinventing processes and design indicators to address the environmental and social impact of their business activities and contribute to the United Nations, 2030 Agenda for sustainable development. With the change in mindset, sustainability performance management will be a way of life.

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 (GCCl)	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	Ztadium- and its platform openbusinesscouncil.org, London, UK	June 13, 2022
56	Hindu Business Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Professionals, Mauritius (HBCCIP)	September 1, 2022
57	Green Stat Hydrogen India Pvt. Ltd.	October 26, 2022
58	Basque Trade & Investment Organisation, Basque Countries, Spain	October 27, 2022
59	KZN International Business Association (KIBA), Durban, South Africa	May 6, 2023
60	Romania India Bilateral Chamber of Commerce, Bucharest	May 31, 2023
61	The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia ("The Kingdom")	September 11, 2023
62	Tanzania Chamber of Commerce, Industry & Agriculture (TCCIA)	October 9, 2023

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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

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

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



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Israel-Hamas war may impact steel, fertiliser, organic chemicals sectors: PHDCCI chief

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New Delhi (India), October 9 (ANI) The ongoing Israel-Hamas conflict may "adversely impact" India's iron, steel, fertilisers, and organic chemicals sector, said Sanjeev Agrawal, the newly appointed president of industry body PHDCCI, adding it was important that a peaceful resolution is reached for the benefit of everyone.



"The ongoing conflict between Israel and Hamas has impacted innocent lives and we are deeply concerned about the safe arrival of Indians back to their homeland. A peaceful resolution is beneficial for everyone, including those who are immediately impacted, as well as for the stability of the global economy," Agrawal told ANI in an exclusive interview. He noted India has a thriving export sector and has strong trade relationships with Israel.

Agrawal said that uncertainty around trade routes, supply chains and delays will translate into increasing costs of trade from that region.



PLI should be expanded to support MSMEs, startups: PHDCCI president

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry has announced the extension of the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme to support MSMEs and startups. PHDCCI President Sanjeev Agrawal has welcomed the move, stating that it will help in the growth of the manufacturing sector and create jobs. He also mentioned that the government should focus on improving the infrastructure and providing better support to MSMEs and startups.

What needs to be done to further improve the ease of doing business?

There is a need to focus on the digitalisation of the business process and to improve the regulatory framework. The government should also focus on providing better support to MSMEs and startups, including access to finance and technology.

What are the expansion plans for McDonald's in the region where you lead the franchise?

McDonald's has a strong presence in the region and we are looking to expand further. We are currently in the process of opening new restaurants and are also looking to improve the existing ones. We are also looking to expand our services and offerings to better serve the customers.

What are the challenges you face in the business today?

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DUE TO DUTY-FREE IMPORTS...

Cement Industry Struggles to Compete in Overseas Mkt

PHDCCI asks govt to levy at least 40% import duty or ban exports of raw materials

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Mumbai: India's cement industry is unable to compete in the overseas markets owing to duty-free imports of the commodity in the country coupled with the duties that domestic producers need to pay for raw materials, the PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI) has conveyed to the commerce and industry ministry. The industry body has demanded a reciprocal import duty along with a correction in the inverted duty structure. ET has seen a copy of its letter to the ministry.

The PHDCCI said the government should levy at least 40% import duty and either restrict or ban exports of all raw materials, including limestone, steel slag and fly ash. India is currently the second largest producer as well as consumer of cement, with ma-

nufacturing capacity of a little under 600 million tonnes per annum. Most players in the industry are adding capacities as they expect demand to remain robust over the next few years. While cement can be freely imported into India, neighbouring countries Nepal and Bangladesh impose duties of at least 25%. Additionally, while limestone, steel slag and fly ash are exported duty-free to these countries, domestic producers pay import duties for raw materials such as coal, pet coke and gypsum. "As a result, cement from Bangladesh and other neighbouring countries is dumped in India, whereas Indian cement becomes uncompetitive in Bangladesh and other neighbouring countries' markets," said the PHDCCI letter. As many as 17 companies

from Bangladesh have eroded a part of the Northeast Indian market, and are now turning their attention to the eastern markets, the industry body said. India's Northeast region currently has a production capacity of around 16 million tonnes per annum, with consumption of 10-12 million tonnes a year. The PHDCCI said "despite having the production capacities the domestic industries produce less because of imports from Bangladesh and free exports of raw materials to neighbouring countries". The cement sector in the region is currently operating at a capacity utilisation of around 60%, which is less than the average utilisation of close to 70% across the country, with some large players utilising as much as 90% of their capacities.



Celebrating businesses



(L-R) Rajeev Juneja, Vice President, PHDCCI, and Vice Chairman & Managing Director, Mankind Pharma Ltd, Sanjeev Agrawal, President, PHDCCI, and Chairman, MMG Group, and Hemant Jain, Sr Vice President, PHDCCI, and MD, KJL Group of Companies

Sanjeev Agrawal, President, PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI), and Chairman, MMG Group, said, "Witnessing our GDP consistently grow beyond 7% underscores the determination and vigour of our nation. This growth isn't solely due to numbers but is a testament to the relentless spirit of our businesses. With the solid backing of facilitative reforms and unwavering support from the government, our small and medium-sized enterprises are now set on a trajectory of significant expansion. As we resonate with our motto, 'Yahi samay hai, yahi samay hai', my vision for the future sees our MSMEs not just as localised entities but as global powerhouses, intricately connected with global value chains."

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WISH LIST FOR INTERIM BUDGET

Industry Seeks 15% Concessional Tax Rate Extension, Set-off of Losses

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New Delhi: Extension of the concessional tax rate of 15% for local infrastructure firms & non-corporate taxpayers such as limited liability partnerships and trusts, exemption from withholding tax on payment of interest on overseas bonds having maturity period of more than five years, and allowing carry forward and set-off of business losses for services sector top the industry wish list for the interim budget for 2024-25.

India had allowed all new companies set up after October 1, 2019, in the manufacturing sector and electricity generation to avail corporate tax rate of 15%. Industry bodies including ASSOCHAM and PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry want this concession to be extended to other sectors including infrastructure.

They have also pitched for lowering of the corporate tax rate of 30% for limited liability partnership, firms, trusts and association of persons.

Industry bodies have sought benefits under Section 72A of the Income Tax Act, which encourages amalgamation and restructuring.



On indirect taxes front, industry wants removal of customs duty on essential inputs

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Amidst a host of geopolitical uncertainties and domestic precariousness, India's growth story continues to pose optimism. Sanjeev Agrawal, President, Industry body PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI), has exuded confidence that the government's and the RBI's prudent actions will pay off, and Indian economy will continue to display strength and resilience.

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Agrawal said that uncertainty around trade routes, supply chains and delays will translate into increasing costs of trade from that region.



The ongoing Israel-Hamas conflict may "adversely impact" India's iron, steel, fertilizers, and organic chemicals sector, said Sanjeev Agrawal, the newly appointed president of industry body PHDCCI, adding it was important that a peaceful resolution is reached for the benefit of everyone.

"The ongoing conflict between Israel and Hamas has impacted innocent lives and we are deeply concerned about the safe arrival of Indians back to their homeland. A peaceful resolution is beneficial for everyone, including those who are immediately impacted, as well as for the stability of the global economy," Agrawal told ANI in an exclusive interview.

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'World took notice of India's resolve against China in 2020'

AMRITA NAYAK DUTTA
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ARMY CHIEF GENERAL Manoj Pande said Friday that the world took notice of India's political and military resolve after it stood up to China in a resolute and firm manner when the military standoff between the two countries began in April-May 2020 at the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in eastern Ladakh.

Speaking at the 118th annual session of the PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI) at Vigyan Bhavan in New Delhi, General Pande said "Chinese belligerence is evident in its continuing propensity to project power outside its region", presenting "a threat to rules-based international order" but many nations today appear ready to take the China issue head-on as realisation of its "predatory economic pursuits" sink in.

Pandey's comments come at a time when there has not been any perceptible change in deployment of troops by either side or any de-escalation in the eastern Ladakh region.



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"India's G20 presidency has opened doors for global investment. We know that the G20 will support the financial sector in ensuring sustainable economic growth and the stability of financial markets," he added.

The theme of the convention was "INDIA SHINES BRIGHT @ G20: Pioneering Financial Market Digitization & Regulations".



जी-20 अध्यक्षता से वैश्विक निवेश, सतत आर्थिक वृद्धि के दरवाजे खुले वित्त राज्य मंत्री

नयी दिल्ली, 28 अक्टूबर (भाषा) केंद्रीय वित्त राज्य मंत्री पंकज चौधरी ने शनिवार को कहा कि भारत की जी-20 अध्यक्षता ने वैश्विक निवेश और सतत आर्थिक वृद्धि के लिए दरवाजे खोले हैं।

उद्योग मंडल पीएचडी चैंबर ऑफ कॉमर्स एंड इंडस्ट्री के एक कार्यक्रम को संबोधित करते हुए चौधरी ने कहा कि प्रधानमंत्री नरेन्द्र मोदी के कुशल नेतृत्व में वैश्विक नेताओं के साथ महत्वपूर्ण प्रगति हुई है।

उन्होंने कहा, "भारत की जी-20 अध्यक्षता ने वैश्विक निवेश के लिए दरवाजे खोल दिए हैं। हम जानते हैं कि जी-20 सतत आर्थिक वृद्धि और वित्तीय बाजारों की स्थिरता सुनिश्चित करने में वित्तीय क्षेत्र का समर्थन करेगा।"



Signing FTA Could Increase Bilateral Trade, Investment, Employment Opportunities: PHDCCI Prez

Around the ongoing Free Trade Agreement (FTA) negotiations with the United Kingdom (UK), Sanjeev Agrawal, President, PHDCCI has said that signing an FTA could significantly increase bilateral trade and investment, create employment opportunities, enhance incomes, and improve living standards.

He stated that proper trade negotiations and efficiency can further enhance this relationship. India and the UK are improving their bilateral trade trajectories, with growth prospects for trade and investments being compatible and sustainable for decades.

The President mentioned that India and the UK have a strong partnership in fields like education, skill development, smart cities, technology, advanced manufacturing and engineering. Their historical ties and technological prowess align well, with the UK providing India with infrastructure in logistics and construction.

The partnership spans from agriculture to space and has immense potential for growth.

He asserted that the India-UK FTA should be enhanced by removing market access restrictions and promoting the movement of products, services, capital, technology, and people between the two economies, alongside the development of an enhanced trade partnership.

He said, "The India-UK Free Trade Agreement aims to provide openness, predictability and clarity while fostering bilateral competition."

Agrawal added that it eliminates trade barriers and will grow businesses and industries while boosting exports.

He also stated that the agreement will benefit ICT, financial services, food and beverage, fruits, automobiles, and pharmaceutical companies. It will also boost textiles, leather goods, and footwear exports, improving job prospects in India.

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Dr. Ranjeet Mehta, Executive Director, PHDCCI, gave the Industry's perspective on a record high sales, during festive season, post-covid.



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- Quantification of water quality loads and discharges.
- Quantification of variability in flows and quality parameters.
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