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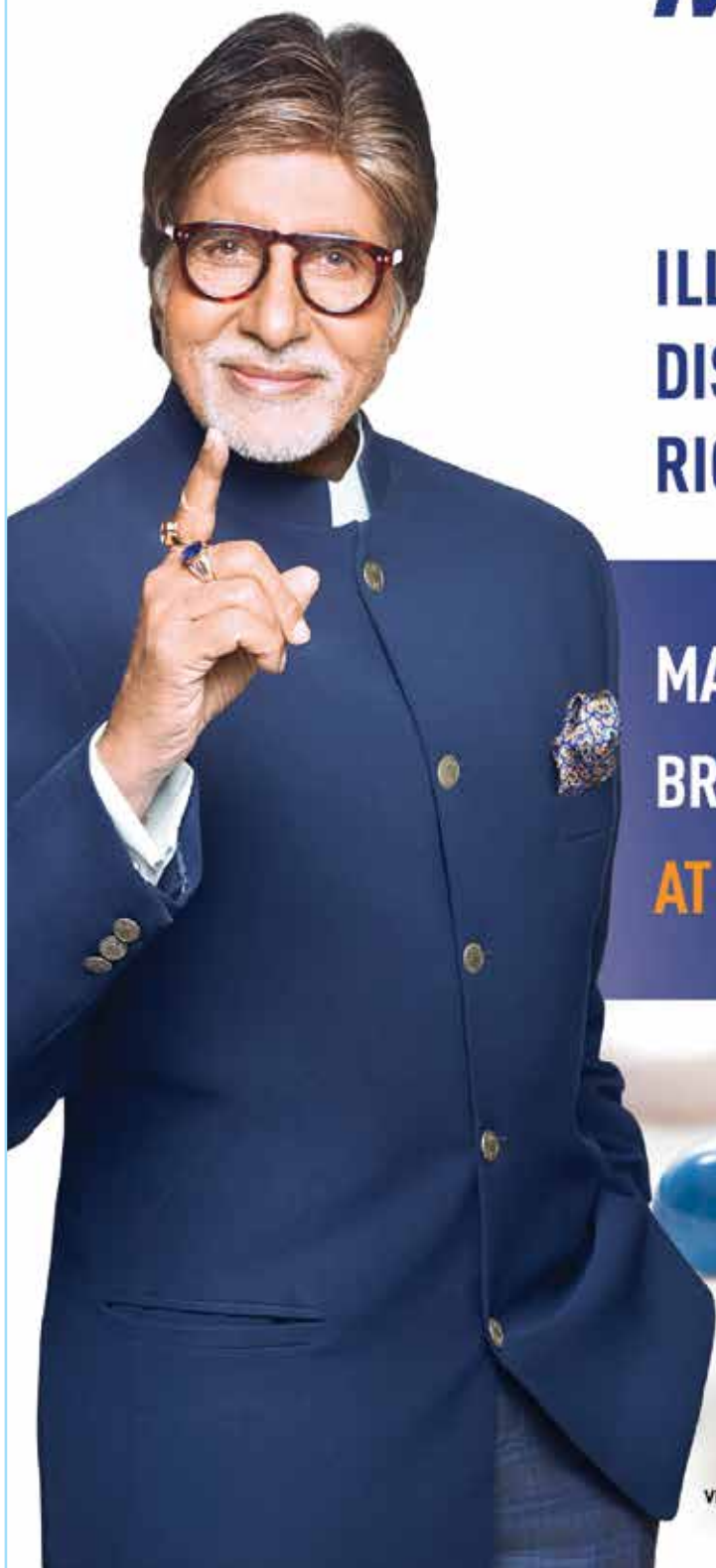




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Under TAP, Exim Bank has identified 72 focus countries, mainly including untapped geographies and countries with higher risk perceptions across Asia, Africa, Latin America and Europe & CIS region. The Bank is currently partnering with over 100 banks (overseas and domestic), under the programme and is in active discussion with many more.

Further, under TAP, Exim Bank extends credit lines to overseas financial

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Since inception, the Bank has facilitated over 1200 transactions across 52 countries under TAP, including relatively untapped geographies and countries with higher risk perceptions. By increasing confidence in trade settlements, TAP has led to more than USD 3 bn of incremental exports by more than 160 exporters across diverse sectors.

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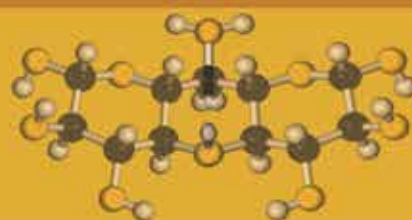
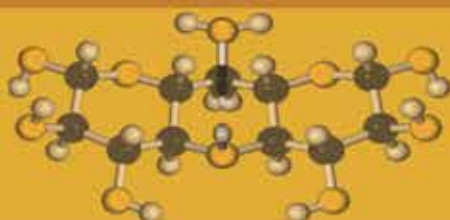


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Message

RAJEEV JUNEJA PRESIDENT



I urge every member of the PHDCCI fraternity to actively participate in the Har Ghar Tiranga Campaign, being observed from August 9–17 2026. This year's theme, "150 Years of Vande Mataram", pays tribute to the timeless composition of the visionary Bankim Chandra Chatterjee, whose immortal words have inspired generations with the spirit of patriotism, unity and national pride. As we celebrate this historic milestone, let us proudly hoist the Tiranga, participate in the collective singing of Vande Mataram, and reaffirm our shared commitment to a stronger, more united and self-reliant India.

As India celebrates its Independence Day on August 15, we pay tribute to the extraordinary courage and sacrifice of the countless men and women whose vision and determination secured our freedom. Their legacy reminds us that nation-building is a continuous endeavour, one that demands responsibility, innovation, resilience and collective action from every generation.

The annual Independence Day celebrations at the Red Fort, marked by the Prime Minister's address, the unfurling of the National Flag and the ceremonial participation of our Armed Forces, symbolise far more than a national tradition. They reaffirm the enduring values of democracy, unity and service, while inspiring every citizen to contribute towards building a prosperous, inclusive and globally competitive India. As the nation progresses with confidence towards the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047, it is imperative that government, industry, academia and civil society continue working in close partnership to translate aspiration into sustainable progress.

On this occasion, I also urge every member of PHDCCI fraternity and the wider business community to actively participate in the Har Ghar Tiranga campaign from August 9-17,

2026. This year's theme, "150 Years of Vande Mataram," is a fitting tribute to the enduring ideals of patriotism, unity, sovereignty and national pride that have inspired generations of Indians. It is also an opportunity to remember the immense contribution of Bankim Chandra Chatterjee, whose immortal composition became a powerful symbol of India's freedom movement. Let us proudly hoist the Tiranga, participate in the collective singing of Vande Mataram, and encourage our families, colleagues and communities to celebrate the values that bind us together as one nation.

India's economic journey continues to stand out as a remarkable example of resilience amidst an increasingly uncertain global environment. Heightened geopolitical tensions in West Asia, volatility in energy markets, disruptions to international trade and evolving global supply chains have created challenges across economies. Yet India has remained the world's fastest-growing major economy, supported by robust domestic consumption, sustained public capital expenditure, a resilient financial system and a rapidly expanding digital economy.

The projected real GDP growth

of 6.7 percent for 2026-27 reflects the strength of India's economic fundamentals and the confidence of investors and businesses alike. At the same time, prudence remains essential. An uneven southwest monsoon influenced by El Niño conditions, geopolitical uncertainties and evolving global trade dynamics require continued policy vigilance and coordinated action.

Recent high-frequency economic indicators reinforce confidence in the country's growth trajectory. Net GST collections reached Rs.19.35 lakh crore in FY 2025-26, reflecting continued improvements in tax compliance, digitisation and the formalisation of the economy. Urban demand has remained resilient, particularly in the automobile sector, supported by strong consumer sentiment, new product launches and favourable financing conditions. Manufacturing and services continue to expand steadily, aided by public investment and improving private sector participation.

While kharif sowing has experienced some delays owing to uneven monsoon conditions, comfortable foodgrain stocks are expected to moderate inflationary pressures. Inflation, though likely to average around five percent during the year with temporary increases driven

largely by food and fuel prices, remains predominantly supply-led, while core inflation continues to remain relatively contained. Reflecting confidence in the economy's underlying strength, the Reserve Bank of India has maintained the benchmark repo rate at 5.25 percent while retaining a neutral monetary policy stance.

India's external sector also continues to demonstrate stability. Healthy export performance in several sectors, sustained FDI, renewed portfolio inflows during recent months and comfortable foreign exchange reserves have strengthened macroeconomic resilience. Although the appreciation of the US dollar has exerted pressure on the Indian rupee, India's external vulnerability indicators remain well anchored, providing confidence in the country's ability to navigate evolving global conditions.

As management thinker, Peter Drucker observed, "The best way to predict the future is to create it." India's economic transformation today is being shaped not only by sound macroeconomic management but also by the energy, innovation and ambition of millions of entrepreneurs across the country.

Entrepreneurship has emerged as one of the defining pillars of India's development story, and PHDCCI remains committed to nurturing one of the country's most vibrant and inclusive business ecosystems. Our membership reflects the diversity and dynamism of Indian enterprise, bringing together MSMEs, startups, established industries and emerging entrepreneurs under one collaborative platform. As India advances towards becoming a developed nation, strengthening entrepreneurial capabilities will remain central to sustaining long-term competitiveness.

In keeping with this commitment, the Chamber recently organized interactive leadership sessions featuring distinguished entrepreneurs such as Mr. Utkarsh Singh, Co-founder and CEO of BatX Energies, and Mr. Sidhant Suri, Founder and CEO of Urban Harvest and Deliverit. In my opinion, their candid reflections on innovation, leadership, fundraising, organisational

culture, business ethics and scaling enterprises offered valuable insights for startups and MSMEs. Such interactions reinforce the Chamber's belief that knowledge sharing, mentorship and peer learning are indispensable ingredients for building sustainable enterprises and future-ready business leaders.

Another significant highlight during the month was the Chamber's National Summit on Safe Schools Leadership 2026, graced by Sardar Taranjit Singh Sandhu, Lieutenant Governor of the National Capital Territory of Delhi. The summit reinforced an important message that school safety must become an integral component of educational governance rather than merely a regulatory requirement. The Lieutenant Governor appreciated PHDCCI's National Model School Safety Toolkit and emphasised the importance of regular safety audits, emergency preparedness, cyber awareness, technology-enabled monitoring and stronger institutional coordination.

Among the most significant economic developments of the year has been the coming into force of the India-UK Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) on July 15, 2026. This landmark agreement represents a new chapter in bilateral economic relations by providing duty-free access to nearly 99 percent of Indian exports to UK. Beyond tariff reductions, the agreement simplifies customs procedures, enhances regulatory cooperation and expands opportunities across manufacturing, services, MSMEs and labour-intensive industries. CETA is expected to strengthen bilateral trade, attract greater investment, encourage technology partnerships and facilitate greater mobility of skilled professionals.

Recognising the significance of this agreement, PHDCCI released its flagship publication, "India-UK CETA: A Strategic Guide to Export Opportunities and Market Access." The report provides sectoral assessment of emerging export opportunities spanning smartphones, pharmaceuticals, engineering goods, auto components, processed food, footwear, gems and jewellery. It also highlights significant opportunities

in IT, semiconductors, AI, quantum technologies and biotechnology, while emphasizing the importance of compliance with Rules of Origin, technical standards and regulatory frameworks.

Throughout its 121-year journey, PHDCCI has remained committed to serving as a trusted bridge between industry and government, facilitating constructive dialogue, advocating progressive reforms and promoting sustainable economic development. As India's growth story enters a new phase, the Chamber will continue to support policy initiatives that enhance competitiveness, encourage innovation, strengthen global partnerships and create new business opportunities.

The path towards Viksit Bharat 2047 will require sustained investments in infrastructure, technology, research, skilling, sustainability and institutional capacity. Equally important will be a shared commitment to collaborative leadership, where governments, businesses, academia and civil society work together towards common national goals. India's demographic strength, digital leadership, entrepreneurial spirit and reform momentum provide a strong foundation for achieving these aspirations.

On behalf of PHDCCI, I extend my warm greetings to all our members, partners and fellow citizens on the joyous occasion of India's Independence Day. Let us honour the legacy of our freedom fighters not merely through celebration, but through purposeful action, responsible leadership and an unwavering commitment to national progress.

As Dr A.P.J. Abdul Kalam so memorably reminded us, "Dream is not that which you see while sleeping; it is something that does not let you sleep." May that spirit continue to inspire each one of us to work together with confidence, integrity and determination towards building a stronger, more prosperous and globally respected India.



Rajeev Juneja
President, PHDCCI

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Interactive Session with Mr. Utkarsh Singh, Co-Founder & CEO of BatX Energies



Mr. Rajeev Juneja, President, PHDCCI, extended a warm welcome to Mr. Utkarsh Singh, Co-Founder & CEO, BatX Energies, for sparing his valuable time to interact with the Members of the Managing Committee of PHDCCI on July 10, 2026, at PHD House, New Delhi.

At the outset, Mr. Singh shared that the objective of narrating his entrepreneurial journey was to inspire young professionals and students to pursue entrepreneurship with confidence, resilience and determination.

Sharing his personal journey, Mr. Singh said that he comes from a middle-class family in Lucknow. His active participation in debates, cultural activities, arts and extracurricular programmes during his school and college years helped build his confidence, leadership and problem-solving abilities. Although he initially aspired to pursue filmmaking, family expectations led him to study engineering, where he met his co-founder, Mr. Vikrant.

During their engineering years, both founders developed a keen interest in electric mobility and clean energy. While working on an electric vehicle project, they discovered India's

heavy dependence on imports of lithium-ion cells and critical minerals such as lithium, cobalt and nickel. Mr. Singh highlighted that such dependence poses a strategic risk, as disruptions in global supply chains could significantly affect India's electronics, automobile and energy sectors.

The founders initially explored setting up a lithium-ion cell manufacturing facility in India. However, their research revealed that the project would require an investment of nearly Rs.10,000 crore, making it impractical for a young startup. They also realised that capital investment alone could not address the underlying challenge of access to critical raw materials, prompting them to explore battery recycling as a sustainable means of recovering valuable minerals domestically.

Against this backdrop, BatX Energies was established to recover critical minerals through advanced battery recycling technologies. The company began from a rented house in Gurugram with limited resources. To fund their research, the founders manufactured and sold battery-powered street lamps using refurbished battery cells during the day, while continuing their research in college laboratories at night. Their persistence eventually helped

them secure their first government-supported funding of approximately Rs. 2.7 crore, providing a major boost to their R&D and technology development.

Mr. Singh highlighted that raising capital and building investor confidence in innovative technologies remain among the biggest challenges for first-generation entrepreneurs. BatX Energies developed its proprietary hydrometallurgical technology to recover lithium, cobalt, nickel and other valuable metals from spent batteries at the molecular level. Despite initial investor hesitation, the company's growing revenues demonstrated commercial viability and helped attract subsequent investments.

Another significant milestone was the development of indigenous battery recycling equipment. Rather than importing expensive machinery from China, BatX Energies designed and manufactured its own recycling plant in India. Equipment would have cost nearly Rs 4 crore if imported and if developed domestically would have cost Rs. 70 lakh, substantially reducing capital expenditure and improving operational efficiency while lowering energy consumption.

Mr. Singh further shared that BatX Energies subsequently established India's first fully indigenous lithium-ion battery recycling plant. The facility has received appreciation from industry leaders and policymakers and attracted interest from leading companies in





Europe, Japan and the United States for potential collaborations. He noted that the company's journey reflects India's growing capabilities in deep technology, clean energy and sustainable manufacturing.

Concluding his address, Mr. Singh emphasised that entrepreneurial success is built on resilience, continuous learning, teamwork and the ability to learn from failures. Recalling the challenges and setbacks faced by the company, he said that mutual trust between the co-founders, commitment of the team and unwavering faith in their

vision enabled them to overcome obstacles and move forward. He encouraged aspiring entrepreneurs to view failures as learning opportunities, remain persistent and focus on creating meaningful impact through innovation.

The session concluded with an engaging Question & Answer session, during which participants interacted with Mr. Singh on entrepreneurship, startup funding, battery recycling technologies, indigenous manufacturing, team building and scaling deep-tech ventures. He emphasised the

importance of identifying real-world problems, building complementary partnerships, remaining adaptable and continuously innovating to create globally competitive solutions. He encouraged aspiring entrepreneurs to focus on long-term value creation and pursue their ideas with confidence and perseverance.

Dr Ranjeet Mehta, CEO & Secretary General, PHDCCI proposed a hearty vote-of-thanks to the guest speaker and the participants.



"Leadership is the capacity to translate vision into reality."

— Warren Bennis

Interactive Session with Mr. Sidhantt Suri, Founder & CEO, Urban Harvest and Deliverit



Mr. Rajeev Juneja, President, PHDCCI, extended a warm welcome to Mr. Sidhantt Suri, Founder & CEO, Urban Harvest and Deliverit, for sparing his valuable time to interact with the Members of the Managing Committee of PHDCCI on July 10, 2026, at PHD House, New Delhi.

Mr. Suri shared his entrepreneurial journey and the experiences that inspired him to establish his own venture. Having been associated with his family's traditional business at Azadpur Mandi, he developed a vision to build an innovative enterprise leveraging technology and modern supply chain solutions. Despite having a secure position in the family business, he chose to pursue entrepreneurship, driven by the conviction to create something of his own.

Mr. Suri shared that his father encouraged him to become self-reliant and advised him not to seek financial support from the family. Accordingly, he arranged an initial investment of Rs. 25 lakhs, which laid the foundation of his venture. He described this as one of the most valuable investments in the company's journey and emphasized that the prudent use of limited resources was instrumental in building the business.

Drawing on his experience in the perishables sector, he identified

an opportunity in value-added processing of fruits and vegetables. The venture began on a modest scale, with a team of four to five people manually cutting and processing fresh produce, eventually securing its first institutional client.

From these humble beginnings, the organisation has grown significantly and now serves approximately 20,000–22,000 restaurants every month, with nearly 3,500–4,000 restaurants placing orders daily.



Operating on a just-in-time delivery model, the company delivers fresh produce within approximately four hours of receiving replenishment orders. Mr. Suri highlighted operational excellence, speed of execution and customer reliability as key drivers of the company's growth.

He emphasized that one of the biggest challenges for rapidly scaling organizations is maintaining ethical standards while pursuing growth. He stressed that leadership must set the tone through personal integrity. He further underlined that sustainable growth depends on placing organizational interests

above personal interests and fostering a culture of transparency, accountability and ethical decision-making.

Mr. Suri reiterated that Urban Harvest has sought to build its business on the principle of ethics before profitability. Despite its substantial growth, he expressed humility, noting that the company considers itself to be at an early stage of its journey and has achieved only a fraction of its long-term vision. He

emphasised that continuous learning, adaptability and openness to change are essential for navigating an evolving business environment.

The interactive Q&A session saw participants seeking Mr. Suri's views on entrepreneurship, leadership, business ethics, organisational culture, fundraising, scaling

operations and challenges faced by startups. Reflecting on his own journey, he acknowledged that self-doubt remains a part of entrepreneurship and that success is a continuous journey. He encouraged aspiring entrepreneurs to remain resilient, adaptable and optimistic, and to view difficult experiences as opportunities to learn and grow.

Dr Ranjeet Mehta, CEO & Secretary General, PHDCCI, proposed a hearty vote-of-thanks to Mr. Suri for sharing his entrepreneurial journey with the members of the Managing Committee.

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National Summit on Safe Schools Leadership 2026

Building Future - Ready Schools: Leadership, Governance and Safety Excellence

PHDCCI, through its Safety & Fire Committee organized the National Summit on Safe Schools Leadership 2026 on July 23, 2026 at PHD House, New Delhi, bringing together representatives from over 90 schools across Delhi-NCR, senior policymakers, government officials, school leaders, safety professionals, academicians and industry experts to deliberate on strengthening school leadership through institutional safety and governance.

A defining milestone of the Summit was the launch of the PHDCCI National Model School Safety Toolkit (Proposed Framework), a first-of-its-kind voluntary implementation framework developed under the aegis of the PHDCCI Safety & Fire Committee. Designed as a comprehensive institutional resource, the Toolkit provides schools with practical guidance, implementation strategies, assessment mechanisms and best practices across five critical pillars- Fire & Infrastructure Safety, Cyber Safety, Transport Safety, Mental Health & Well-being, and Emergency Preparedness. The framework aims to move schools beyond regulatory compliance towards embedding safety into institutional

governance, leadership and everyday school culture, thereby enabling educational institutions to create safe, resilient and child-centric learning environments.

The inaugural session was preceded by cultural performances by students from Greenfields Public School, Laxman Public School and Hansraj Model School, reflecting the values of safety, discipline, leadership



and responsible citizenship. The inaugural session also featured a special tribute to Sardar Teja Singh Samundri Ji, marking the centenary of his martyrdom. The tribute highlighted his enduring legacy as a visionary institution-builder and education reformer, reinforcing the Summit's central message



that safety, governance and institutional excellence must remain at the heart of India's education system. Chief Guest, Sardar Taranjit Singh Sandhu, Lieutenant Governor of NCT of Delhi in his address, emphasized that school safety must become an integral component of educational governance rather than merely a



statutory requirement. Appreciating the launch of the National Model School Safety Toolkit, he described it as a timely national initiative capable of strengthening institutional preparedness and preventive safety culture across schools. He also called

for integrating regular safety audits, emergency preparedness, cyber awareness, technology-enabled monitoring and coordinated stakeholder engagement into the governance framework

of educational institutions. The Lieutenant Governor also paid tribute to Sardar Teja Singh Samundri on the centenary year of his martyrdom, recalling his remarkable contribution towards education, institution-building and public service, and inspiring stakeholders to uphold his enduring legacy.

Guest of Honour, Mr. Sunil Kumar Jha, IPS, Director General, Fire Services, Civil Defence & Home Guards, Ministry of Home Affairs highlighted that fire safety must be regarded as a governance imperative and outlined the six essential pillars of institutional fire safety, while also introducing the Directorate General's publication, "Fire Safety – A Guide for Students," aimed at strengthening fire safety awareness among school children.

Mr. Hemant Sapra, Chair, Safety & Fire Committee, PHDCCI, emphasised the need for an

integrated approach towards school safety encompassing fire protection, cyber security, transport safety, mental well-being and disaster preparedness.

Mr. Vivek Shrivastava, IPS (Retd.), Former Director General, Fire Services, Civil Defence & Home Guards, Ministry of Home Affairs, and Advisor, Safety & Fire Committee, PHDCCI, described the Toolkit as one of India's most comprehensive reference frameworks for institutionalising safety across the education sector.

Addressing the gathering, Dr Ranjeet Mehta, CEO & Secretary General, PHDCCI, reaffirmed the Chamber's commitment to nation-building through policy advocacy and institutional development, stressing that safeguarding children remains the foremost responsibility of every educational institution.

Dr Jatinder Singh, Deputy Secretary General, PHDCCI, underlined that the Summit was conceptualised around the five pillars of school safety reflected in the Toolkit and encouraged educational institutions across the country to adopt the framework as a roadmap for strengthening governance, preparedness and resilience.

The Summit featured three high-level technical sessions, each focusing on key dimensions of school safety and governance:

Technical Session I – Building Safe Minds & Secure Digital Classrooms explored integrating mental well-being into school leadership, addressing cyberbullying and online threats, strengthening counselling

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systems and building cyber-resilient educational institutions. The session was moderated by Dr Usha Ram, Senior Educationist, with distinguished speakers including Ms. Oshima Mathur, Principal, Navy Children School, Dr Jitendra Nagpal, Medical Expert and Ms. Jyoti Luthra, Founder and President of URJAA Global Principals Association.

Technical Session II – Strengthening Emergency Preparedness for Safer Schools deliberated on infrastructure resilience, fire and earthquake preparedness, safety audits, emergency evacuation planning and institutional coordination with disaster management agencies. The session was moderated by Ms. Lalita Tekchandani, K-Teck Head, KARAM Group, and Mr. R.C. Sharma, Former Director, Delhi Fire Services; Mr. Rajesh Arora, Senior Manager, Delhi Transco Limited; and Ms. Hemal Handoo, Principal, Hansraj Model School.



Technical Session III – Safe School Transport & Road Safety focused on strengthening transport governance, school bus safety standards, driver training, road safety awareness, technology-enabled monitoring and stakeholder partnerships. The session was moderated by Prof. (Dr) Rajiv Mathur, Chief Councillor, International Council for Industrial Security, Safety & Management, and included Ms. Jyoti Kohli, Principal Nav Jiwan Public School, Mr. Mandeep Dogra, Unnati and Mr. Divya Pratap Singh, Advocate, Supreme Court of India.

The Summit was organized with the support of KARAM, reaffirming the shared commitment of industry and institutions towards building safer, more resilient and future-ready educational ecosystems.

Through the launch of the PHDCCI National Model School Safety Toolkit, PHDCCI reaffirmed its commitment to partnering with government, educational institutions, industry and civil society to build a future-ready school ecosystem where every child can learn, grow and thrive in a safe, secure and enabling environment.



Industry Interactive Session on India - Afghanistan Trade Opportunities



PHDCCI, under the aegis of the Ministry of External Affairs, organised an Interactive Session on “India–Afghanistan Trade Opportunities” on July 10, 2026 at PHD House, New Delhi, bringing together senior government officials, diplomats, policymakers, industry leaders, exporters, entrepreneurs and business representatives from both countries to explore opportunities for strengthening bilateral trade, investment and economic cooperation.

The discussions highlighted significant potential for collaboration in agriculture, food processing, livestock, irrigation, dry fruits, warehousing, agri-technology, renewable energy, infrastructure and other sectors of mutual interest.

Chief Guest, H.E. Mawlawi Ataullah Omari, Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock of Afghanistan expressed gratitude to the Government of India and PHDCCI for the warm hospitality extended to the Afghan delegation. Recalling the centuries-old friendship and shared cultural heritage between the two countries, he noted that nearly 80% of Afghanistan's population depends on agriculture, irrigation and livestock. He called for greater India–Afghanistan cooperation in agricultural mechanisation, certified seeds, food processing, cold chains, packaging, livestock development, irrigation, renewable energy and rural development. He also invited Indian companies to explore opportunities in organic fertiliser production, agri-processing and technology transfer, assuring

government support for investments and long-term partnerships.

H.E. Mufti Noor Ahmad Noor, Charge d'Affaires, Embassy of Afghanistan, New Delhi, highlighted



the deep civilisational and people-to-people ties between the two countries and noted the renewed momentum in bilateral economic engagement. He invited Indian businesses to explore opportunities in agriculture, water management, renewable energy, mining, infrastructure and tourism, while assuring the Embassy's support in facilitating business partnerships and investment.

Mr. D. P. Goel, Chairman & MD, ConQuerent Control Systems Pvt. Ltd. and Co-chair, MSME Committee, PHDCCI, highlighted PHDCCI's commitment to MSME development, innovation and sustainable industrial growth. He identified opportunities for cooperation in organic waste-to-manure conversion, precision farming, satellite mapping and drone-based crop monitoring to enhance agricultural productivity and promote sustainable farming.

Capt. Vishal Parmar, Director – Innovation, Transformation &

Strategy, SN Group, emphasised that trust and innovation are essential to building enduring trade partnerships. He highlighted technology-driven solutions in agricultural traceability, water management and renewable energy storage, demonstrating their potential to support sustainable development and create new avenues for bilateral cooperation.

Dr Nasir Jamal, Director, PHDCCI, welcomed the dignitaries and reaffirmed PHDCCI's commitment to deepening India–Afghanistan economic engagement, particularly in agriculture, irrigation, livestock and allied sectors. He also moderated the interactive session and proposed the vote of thanks to the delegates.

The interactive discussions provided an opportunity for participants to engage directly with the Afghan Minister, diplomatic representatives and industry experts on trade facilitation, investment, logistics, technology transfer, renewable energy and policy support, reflecting strong business interests in developing meaningful partnerships between the two countries.

The session was attended by senior officials from the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India; representatives of the Embassy of Afghanistan; and a high-level Afghan delegation, including H.E. Shuaib Wakil Ahmad, Director General, First Political Directorate, Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Mr. Mohammad Wali Waziri, Advisor (Livestock and Animal Health Sectors); and Mr. Abdul Ahad Mohammad Ibrahim, Technical Advisor, Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock. Representatives from APEDA, policymakers, diplomats, industry leaders, exporters, entrepreneurs, start-ups and trade experts also participated.

The Interactive Session was supported by the SN Group.



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15th International Heritage Tourism Conclave

A national call to reposition heritage, specially culinary heritage, as a strategic pillar of India's tourism economy, supported by greater private sector participation, investment-friendly policies, technology adoption and community engagement, emerged at the 15th International Heritage Tourism Conclave (IHTC) organized by PHDCCI on July 24, 2026 at the Salar Jung Museum, Hyderabad.

Organized with the support of the Ministry of Tourism, under the theme खयाल विरासत का (Care for Heritage), the conclave brought together senior government officials, policymakers, tourism boards, museum leaders, conservation experts, hospitality professionals, academicians, technology innovators and industry stakeholders to deliberate on practical strategies for



preserving India's cultural legacy, while unlocking its economic and tourism potential.

State Tourism Boards which supported the conclave included Telangana Tourism, Jharkhand Tourism, Madhya Pradesh Tourism, Rajasthan Tourism and Tamil Nadu Tourism.



The session began with a classical Perini Natyam performance curated by the Department of Culture, Government of Telangana. The inaugural session also witnessed the release of the third PHDCCI-KPMG Heritage Tourism Report, which presents strategic recommendations for strengthening India's heritage tourism ecosystem.

Addressing the conclave, Mr. Venkatramana R. Hegde, Additional Director General, Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, reaffirmed the Ministry's commitment to working closely with states and industry to strengthen India's tourism ecosystem.

"With more than 3,300 protected monuments and billions of domestic tourist visits annually, the opportunity before us is to improve destination infrastructure, visitor experiences and ease of doing business. Tourism deserves industry status and stronger partnerships between governments, industry and institutions such as PHDCCI will be essential for unlocking the sector's full potential."

Dr Abhay Arvind Bedekar (IAS), Additional Managing Director, Madhya Pradesh Tourism Board, emphasized that conservation and tourism must progress together. "From UNESCO World Heritage Sites to community traditions and innovative partnerships, Madhya

Pradesh is working to demonstrate how conservation can generate tourism opportunities while safeguarding cultural identity. Platforms like this conclave are invaluable in sharing ideas and strengthening collective efforts towards heritage preservation."

Speaking on Telangana's tourism vision, Mr. L. Ranjeet Nayak (IFS), Director – Tourism, Government of Telangana, said the state is committed to creating an enabling ecosystem for heritage-led development. "Our focus is on opening heritage assets for responsible private participation, strengthening destination development, leveraging Artificial Intelligence to enrich visitor experiences and creating employment by training young people as heritage interpreters and guides. What we preserve today will become the heritage of tomorrow."

PHDCCI was represented by Mr. Anil Parashar, Chair – Tourism & Hospitality Committee; Mr. Gautam Jain, Chair – Telangana Chapter; Mr. Sunil Kumar, Co-chair – Telangana Chapter; Mr. Rajan Sehgal, Co-chair – Tourism & Hospitality Committee; Dr Ranjeet Mehta, CEO & Secretary General; and Ms. Shalini S Sharma, Assistant Secretary General.

During the conclave, PHDCCI and Axis Bank signed a MoU to strengthen collaboration in the tourism and hospitality sector. The





MoU was signed by Dr Ranjeet Mehta, CEO & Secretary General, PHDCCI and Mr. Shrikesh P., Regional Branch Banking Head, Axis Bank, with the objective of facilitating greater engagement with industry stakeholders and supporting initiatives that contribute to the growth of tourism and hospitality.

The session, 'The New Age of Museums' moderated by Mr. Aalap Bansal, Partner, KPMG India, explored how museums must evolve beyond being repositories of artefacts into vibrant cultural institutions that drive tourism, education and community engagement. Ms. Priyanka Francis, Director, Salar Jung Museum & National Gallery of Modern Art, Bengaluru; Mr. Ajay B. Kochle, Director, Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya; Prof. Aloka Parasher Sen, Author and Historian; Ms. Anuradha Reddy, Convenor, INTACH Hyderabad Chapter; and Ms. Shoba Rudra, Partner & Founder, RARE India, discussed changing visitor expectations, the role of immersive interpretation, sustainable revenue models and stronger integration between museums, historic neighbourhoods and local communities.

The session, 'Food is Memory' moderated by Chef Thomas Zacharias, Founder, The Locavore, highlighted culinary heritage as an important tourism asset capable of strengthening destination identity and local economies. Chef Manjit Gill, President, Indian Federation of Culinary Associations; Chef Madhu W. Krishnan, President, Bocuse d'Or India; Mr. Sanjay Thakur, Principal, Institute of Hotel Management,

Hyderabad; and Mr. Rubin Cherian, General Manager, Novotel Hyderabad Convention Centre & HICC, discussed preserving regional food traditions, promoting indigenous cuisines, encouraging responsible culinary tourism and building stronger linkages between local producers, hospitality businesses and travellers.



The session, 'Shared Heritage, Shared Responsibility', moderated by Ms. Shalini S Sharma, Assistant Secretary General, PHDCCI, focused on policy interventions required to expand public-private partnerships in heritage conservation. Mr. D. Venkatesan, Regional Director (South), Ministry of Tourism; Dr Devendra Singh, Assistant Superintending Archaeologist, Archaeological Survey of India; Mr. Deepraj Singh, EC Member, Indian Heritage Hotels Association and Owner, Laxmi Vilas Palace, Bharatpur; Mr. Raju Sharma, Director – CSR, InterGlobe Aviation Ltd. (IndiGo); and Mr. Ajay Verma, Chief Experience Officer, EaseMyTrip, deliberated on adaptive reuse of heritage properties, CSR-led conservation, strengthening the Adopt a Heritage initiative and creating policy frameworks that encourage responsible private investment while preserving the integrity of heritage assets.

The concluding session, 'Tech, AI & the Future of the Past', moderated by Mr. Raghava Krishna, Founder & CEO, Brhat, explored how Artificial Intelligence and immersive technologies are transforming heritage conservation, documentation and visitor engagement. Dr Shivaji, Associate Professor, IIT Hyderabad; Mr. Ajit Padmanabh, Founder & CEO, Who VR; Mr. Vijay P. Kamalakara, Founder & CEO, Storytrails; and Mr. Santosh Kalyan Kumar, Founder & CEO, Consistency AI and Jatayuv AI, showcased applications including digital twins, multilingual AI, immersive storytelling and virtual experiences while emphasizing that technology should complement authentic cultural narratives rather than replace them.

PHDCCI curated immersive heritage experiences for delegates. A pre-conclave heritage walk at the Taj Falaknuma Palace on July 23, offered participants insights into Hyderabad's royal architectural legacy and conservation practices. The conclave concluded with a heritage walk through Charminar, Laad Bazaar and the historic quarters of the Old City on July 25, enabling delegates to experience Hyderabad's living heritage, traditional crafts, historic markets and culinary traditions firsthand.

The conclave was supported by IndiGo; Axis Bank; IRCTC; Bakshi Transport Service; KPMG; Association of Domestic Tour Operators of India; Indian Association of Tour Operators; Indian Heritage Hotels Association; and Travel Agents Association of India.

Agri-Business Awards 2026 to Honour Agricultural Excellence

Theme: Recognizing the soil, honoring the farmer

The PHDCCI Agri-Business Awards 2026, held under the theme, "Recognizing the soil, honoring the farmer", celebrated innovation, entrepreneurship, and excellence in Indian agriculture. Organised on July 2, 2026 at PHD House, New Delhi, the event brought together policymakers, industry leaders, scientists, diplomats, startups, and progressive farmers from across the country. The awards received an overwhelming response, recognising outstanding contributions in four categories: Startup & Innovation Award, Women Agripreneur Award, Young Farmer Innovator Award, and Progressive Farming Excellence Award.

Welcoming the distinguished participants, Dr Jatinder Singh, Deputy Secretary General, PHDCCI, said the awards were instituted to recognise innovators, researchers, startups, and farmers whose work can be replicated across the country. He noted that the initiative seeks to encourage knowledge sharing, strengthen collaboration between farmers and businesses, and promote sustainable models that support agricultural growth and rural prosperity. He also described farmers and field workers as the true heroes of Indian agriculture, whose continuous innovations in seeds, technologies, and farming practices are vital to ensuring food security and driving economic development.

Chief Guest, Dr P.K. Singh, Agriculture Commissioner, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare, highlighted that Indian farmers possess centuries of practical wisdom and emphasised that agricultural innovation must address real challenges while delivering economic value. He stressed the importance of location-specific farming based on agro-climatic conditions, resource availability, and market demand. Referring

to national initiatives such as the National Missions on Pulses, Oilseeds, and Cotton, he observed that field demonstrations and practical evidence are the most effective means of promoting technology adoption. He further underscored that market demand is the key driver of agricultural success, making quality enhancement, value addition, and efficient marketing systems essential for long-term sustainability.

support for millet growers, women entrepreneurs, and agri-startups.

Dr R.G. Agarwal, Chair, Agribusiness Committee, PHDCCI, observed that India's agricultural future depends on wider adoption of technology, stronger extension services, agricultural marketing reforms, fair remuneration for farmers, and policies that make farming both profitable and respected. He called for



Addressing the gathering, Mr. Roberto Carlos Papa, Agriculture Attaché, Embassy of Brazil in India, highlighted the growing agricultural partnership between India and Brazil. Describing farmers as the "real champions", he applauded their resilience and commitment to food security, sustainability, and rural development. He emphasised the importance of international cooperation in advancing agricultural innovation, trade, research, and sustainable farming practices.

Dr Sharmila Oswal, Millet Woman of India, sustainability expert, and entrepreneur, stressed the need for policy stability, effective implementation of government schemes, stronger inter-ministerial coordination, simplified organic certification, improved processing infrastructure, and enhanced

closer collaboration among the government, industry, scientists, and farmers to realise these objectives.

The session was moderated by Ms. Gayatri Sharma, Director, PHDCCI, who also delivered the vote of thanks, expressing gratitude to the awardees, dignitaries, and participants.

The PHDCCI Agri-Business Awards 2026 reaffirmed the Chamber's commitment to fostering innovation, entrepreneurship, sustainable agriculture, and farmer-centric development. The event concluded with a renewed resolve among the government, industry, researchers, and farming community to work together towards building a resilient, technology-driven, and globally competitive agricultural ecosystem that contributes to the vision of Viksit Bharat.



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BHARAT DRONE MANTHAN -3.0

“Vision to Action—Powering India’s Deep-Tech Future- Catalyzing Innovation, Skilling & Manufacturing to Accelerate India’s AI-Driven Drone & Robotics Revolution for Viksit Bharat 2047”



The 3rd Edition of BHARAT DRONE MANTHAN-3.0 on the theme, “Vision to Action—Powering India’s Deep-Tech Future: Catalyzing Innovation, Skilling & Manufacturing to Accelerate India’s AI-Driven Drone & Robotics Revolution for Viksit Bharat 2047” was held on July 30-31, 2026 at PHD House, New Delhi.

The two-day expo-cum-conclave organized by the PHDCCI Civil Aviation Committee brought together policymakers, defence leadership, industry experts, startups, academia, investors, start-ups and technology experts to deliberate on strengthening India’s drone, robotics and autonomous systems ecosystem and advancing the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047.

Delivering the inaugural address, Chief Guest, Air Chief Marshal Amar Preet Singh, Chief of the Air Staff, Indian Air Force,

highlighted the transformative role of unmanned aerial systems and counter-drone technologies in modern warfare and emphasized that sustained collaboration among the armed forces, industry, startups and research institutions will play a key role in strengthening India’s indigenous drone capabilities.



Highlighting the Indian Air Force’s commitment to innovation, he said that the Directorate of Aerospace Design has been established to facilitate industry engagement and announced Dronathon

2026 as a platform to evaluate indigenous technologies through live demonstrations. Calling for accelerated development of critical technologies, AI-enabled systems, cyber security and localization of key drone components, he urged industry to scale up innovation and manufacturing, remarking,

“Technology delayed is technology denied.”

Dr N. Ranjana, Outstanding Scientist & Director, Directorate of Futuristic Technology Management, DRDO underscored the growing strategic importance of drones, robotics and autonomous systems, noting that recent global conflicts have reinforced their critical role in defence and national security. She said DRDO’s Industry-Academia Centres of Excellence are fostering indigenous innovation by bringing together academia, industry and government laboratories to

accelerate technology development and commercialization.

Dr Panneerselvam Madanagopal, CEO, MeitY Startup Hub, highlighted India's rapidly expanding startup ecosystem and the government's strong policy support for innovation through initiatives such as MeitY Startup Hub and iDEX. Emphasizing the strategic importance of electronics and semiconductor manufacturing for drones, defence and emerging technologies, he said strengthening indigenous design and component manufacturing is critical to achieving Atmanirbhar Bharat. He asked startups to build globally competitive solutions around real-world problem statements and leverage government programmes to accelerate innovation and product development.

Maj Gen Sandeep Puri, VSM, GOC 22 RAPID (S), Infantry Division, shared strategic perspectives on the evolving role of unmanned systems and emerging technologies in modern warfare, emphasizing the importance of operational preparedness and technology-driven defence capabilities in addressing the changing nature of the battlefield.

Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit, PVSM AVSM VM VSM, Vice Chief of the Air Staff, Indian Air Force in the valedictory session highlighted the rapidly changing character of warfare and the increasing strategic importance of drones and autonomous systems. He observed that drones have become essential tools for intelligence, precision strikes, logistics, electronic warfare, battle damage assessment and swarm operations. He emphasized that success in future conflicts will not come from acquiring more platforms alone, but from integrating AI and manned-unmanned teaming into a cohesive operational system. He stressed that those who detect first, decide fastest and adapt at machine speed will define the future battlefield.

Lt. Gen Karanbir Singh Brar (Retd.), PVSM, AVSM, Distinguished Strategic Advisor, IITM Pravartak, shared his insights on the strategic importance of drone technology,



robotics, artificial intelligence, advanced air mobility, indigenous innovation and deep-tech in strengthening India's defence capabilities and technological leadership.

Underscoring the importance of industry-government collaboration in advancing emerging technologies, Mr. Sanjiv Edward, Chair, PHDCCI Civil Aviation Committee, said Bharat Drone Manthan 3.0 serves as a strategic platform for shaping the future of India's drone, robotics and deep-tech ecosystem by fostering collaboration between government, defence, industry, startups and academia. He stressed that sustained innovation and cross-sector partnerships will be instrumental in positioning India as a global leader in emerging technologies.

Mr. Keku Bomi Gazder & Mr. Michael Jain, Co-chairs, PHDCCI Civil Aviation Committee, expressed confidence that the deliberations at Bharat Drone Manthan 3.0 would further strengthen collaboration among government, industry, defence and academia, paving the way for accelerated innovation and indigenous technology development.



Highlighting the transformative potential of drone technologies, Dr Ranjeet Mehta, CEO & Secretary General, PHDCCI, expressed confidence that drones would define India's next wave of technological advancement. He said the sector presents immense opportunities for employment generation, indigenous manufacturing and innovation, supported by India's vibrant ecosystem of over 1.5 lakh startups and 150 unicorns.

Dr Jatinder Singh, Deputy Secretary General, PHDCCI while moderating the inaugural session highlighted that the third edition of the conclave marks a decisive transition from vision to action by promoting AI-led innovation, skilling and indigenous manufacturing as India works towards becoming a leading global drone hub by 2030.



PHDCCI released a Knowledge Report made by Sugosha Advisory as the Knowledge Partner, highlighting the evolving policy landscape, emerging technology trends and strategic recommendations to strengthen India's drone, robotics and autonomous systems ecosystem.

The conclave featured a series of high-level technical sessions on "Why Bharat Becoming a Global Drone Hub by 2030 is a Strategic Imperative"; "Building a Secure and Self-Reliant Airspace"; "Surveillance to Strategic Superiority: Drone Innovation in Defence & Homeland Security"; "Own in Bharat: Strengthening Indigenous Manufacturing & Supply Chain Ecosystems"; "Next Generation Drones: Creating an Indian Ecosystem"; "Innovation to Enterprise: Business Transformation through Commercial Applications & Robotics Technologies"; "Future of Drones, Robotics & Deep Tech: Transforming Air Power and

India's Defence Ecosystem," and "Wings of Innovation: Trailblazers Shaping the Future of Autonomous Technologies.", which was graced by industry & defence experts.

On Day 2, the Powering Viksit Bharat Dialogue session featured a special session on "Future Skills for Viksit Bharat: Building India's Drone, Robotics & Deep-Tech Workforce," moderated by Mr. Nitin Jain, Former Co-Founder & CBO, OfBusiness. The session was graced by Mr. Saurabh Jain, Founder, Uncle Math Lab (EdTech Startup) & Advisor – Paytm, Ex-Vice President of Paytm; Ms. Nidhi Khurana, Assistant General Manager, SIDBI, New Delhi & Mr. Madhvendra Singh, CEO, Electronics Sector Skills Council of India. The discussion focused on strengthening India's future-ready workforce through skilling, entrepreneurship, innovation and industry-academia collaboration to support the country's rapidly expanding drone, robotics and deep-tech sectors.

The event was supported by SIDBI, FITT and ECIL, Chakra Dialogues Foundation, Pramanik Aerospace And Defence Llp; Sugosha Advisory- as the Knowledge Partner, Blossom Kochhar - Gifting Partner, Radico Khaitan - Beverage Partner & Drone Helpline, Aviation & Defence Universe & India Strategic as Media Partners.

The Expo also showcased cutting-edge innovations & technologies by distinguished exhibitors & Startups like Big Bang Boom Solutions; Shilpa Medicare; NitPro Composites; Aryavart Technologies Development Pvt. Ltd., DCM Ltd.; Standard Testing And Compliance; Rebhu Computing; Bharat Skytech; EYDelta; Dr MGR Aerospace LLP; AGNIT Semiconductors Private Limited; CSIR-VAIU and SIIC-IIT Kanpur and IHFC Delhi providing participants with an opportunity to engage with emerging technologies, products and solutions across the drone, defence, electronics, robotics and deep-tech ecosystem.



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Strengthening Business Partnerships with United Kingdom

PHDCCI led a high-level Business Delegation to London and Birmingham, June 7-12, 2026 to strengthen India-UK trade, investment, technology collaboration, and institutional partnerships. The visit was particularly significant ahead of the implementation of the India-UK Comprehensive Economic and Trade (CETA), creating new opportunities for bilateral business engagement.

The delegation comprised representatives from sectors including IT, software, real estate, healthcare, consulting, paints & petrochemicals, and technology. Members included: Mr. Hemant Walia, Founder, Ace Square Realty; Mr. Jai Dave, Founder, Aapilok Softech Pvt. Ltd.; Mr. Paul Arora, Managing Director, Allport International Pvt. Ltd; Dr Ranjit Singh, Senior Partner, Balsons Paint Industries India; Mr. Partha Bhattacharya, Founder, Silicon System; Mr. Jatinder Singh, Manager (Coding), Unify Healthcare Services LLP and Ms. Manisha Singh, Senior Secretary, International Affairs, PHDCCI.

Through business meetings, institutional interactions, and participation in London Tech Week 2026, delegates explored opportunities in AI, innovation, digital trade, green energy, manufacturing, healthcare, and investment promotion. The delegation:

- Participated in a Welcome Reception hosted by the Department for Business &



Trade, British High Commission at The Royal Society, London, focusing on enhancing bilateral trade and investment relations.

- Attended London Tech Week 2026, engaging with global technology leaders, investors, policymakers, and innovators. Delegates participated in sessions on AI, global R&D, India-UK trade, innovation, digital transformation and India-UK CETA collaboration issues.
- Met with Mr. Stephen Crisp, Director, Government Relations, and Membership Services, UK India Business Council (UKIBC).
- Held discussions with British Chambers of Commerce (BCC), London Chamber of Commerce & Industry and West Midlands Growth Company.
- Met with Ms. Nidhi Mani Tripathi, Minister (Economic) High Commission of India, London in the presence of Ms. Hamna Mariyam Khan, First Secretary, (Economic) who reaffirmed their support for Indian businesses entering the UK market.

- Also interacted with Dr Venkatachalam Murugan, Consulate General of India, Birmingham for exploring opportunities in the UK market.
- Mr. Kandola, Deputy CEO, Greater Birmingham Chambers of Commerce (GBCC) hosted the delegation for business collaboration opportunities between India and West Midlands region.
- Received proposals for institutional partnerships, including potential MoUs with UKIBC, GBCC, and BCC, and the establishment of a PHDCCI UK Chapter to facilitate sustained business engagement.

The delegation strengthened PHDCCI's institutional engagement with leading UK business organizations and government agencies, while identifying new avenues for trade, investment, innovation, and technology partnerships. The visit laid the foundation for long-term collaboration under the India-UK FTA and enhanced opportunities for Indian enterprises seeking expansion into the UK market.



Workshop on Prevention of Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (POSH) Act

PHDCCI organized a one-day workshop on “Prevention of Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (POSH) Act – Modern HR Challenges: POSH Compliance and Managing Generational Expectations” on July 7, 2026, at PHD House, New Delhi. The workshop focused on the evolving landscape of POSH compliance, workplace conduct, and the need for organisations to strengthen safe, respectful, and inclusive work environments.

Mr. Ashish Wig, Chair, HR & IR Committee, PHDCCI, in his welcome address, highlighted the critical role of organisations in fostering a culture of dignity, accountability, and zero tolerance towards workplace harassment. Ms. Kanchan Zutshi, Director, PHDCCI, emphasised the importance of continuous awareness, capacity building, and organisational commitment in creating safe and inclusive workplaces.

Ms. Jyoti Grover, Partner, Counsel Quest LLP, outlined contemporary challenges in POSH implementation and stressed the need for organisations to align compliance frameworks with evolving workplace realities.

The first technical session, “Implementing POSH Policies and Prevention Strategies,” moderated by Ms. Jyoti Grover, featured Mr. Arun Prasad Keshri, Vice President – Human Resources, EXL Service, Noida; Ms. Isha Tyagi, Founder & Principal Attorney, Agrisha Legal; and Dr Jyotiee Mehra, Co-Founder, Pragmana Foundation. The session covered effective POSH policies, integration with organisational frameworks and the SHE-Box,



prevention strategies, bystander intervention, training effectiveness, and leadership accountability.

The second technical session, led by Ms. Navmallika Gupta, Advocate & Partner, Counsel Quest LLP, provided insights into recent judicial pronouncements under the POSH Act and key legal developments relevant to Internal Committees in handling complaints in accordance with statutory provisions.

The post-lunch session on Complaint Redressal, led by Ms. Jyoti Grover along with Ms. Meera Mathur Hirchandani, Advocate-on-Record, Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, focused on best practices in complaint handling, principles of natural justice, procedural fairness, documentation, and effective inquiry mechanisms, supported by practical examples and case discussions.

The concluding session, “2026: The Evolving POSH Landscape,” moderated by Ms. Navmallika

Gupta, featured an eminent panel comprising Ms. Harmeet Kaur, Practising Company Secretary & Insolvency Professional, and Dr Vikram Srivastava, Founder Director, Independent Thought (iThought). The panel deliberated on generational perspectives on POSH, workplace consent and boundaries, language and communication, digital sexual harassment, and punitive versus restorative approaches in Internal Committee recommendations.

The workshop witnessed enthusiastic participation from representatives of diverse organisations, reflecting the growing importance of strengthening POSH compliance and fostering safe and dignified workplaces across the public and private sectors.

The programme concluded with the distribution of certificates of participation, followed by a group photograph. Counsel Quest LLP was the knowledge partner for the workshop.

Carbon Shift India 2026

CBAM Readiness for Indian Industry: Aligning Policy, Innovation & Competitiveness

The Carbon Shift India 2026

conference on “CBAM Readiness for Indian Industry: Aligning Policy, Innovation & Competitiveness”, held on July 3, 2026 at

PHD House, New Delhi, brought together policymakers, industry leaders, experts, and stakeholders to deliberate on India’s preparedness for the European Union’s Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM), industrial decarbonisation, carbon markets, and green finance.

The conference provided a strategic platform to examine the opportunities and challenges arising from evolving global carbon regulations and their implications for Indian industry. Discussions focused on the need to strengthen carbon markets, accelerate clean technology adoption, establish robust Measurement, Reporting and Verification Systems, expand access to green finance, and enhance the competitiveness of Indian manufacturers in the emerging low-carbon global economy.

Dr Jatinder Singh, Deputy Secretary General, PHDCCI, in his welcome address, highlighted that with the EU’s CBAM entering its definitive phase from January 2026, carbon competitiveness has emerged as an important determinant of global market access. He emphasised the need to strengthen India’s carbon pricing framework, accelerate industrial decarbonisation, and build institutional capacity to help industry, particularly MSMEs, address evolving global carbon compliance requirements.

Mr. Satyaki Rastogi, Chief General Manager, SIDBI, and Guest of



Honour, noted that CBAM would have significant implications across India’s manufacturing value chains, particularly for MSMEs facing technology upgradation and compliance challenges. He stressed the importance of coordinated policy support, affordable green finance, common testing and certification infrastructure, and capacity-building initiatives to facilitate the transition towards low-carbon manufacturing.

Mr. Saurabh Diddi, Director, Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE), Ministry of Power, and Guest of Honour, outlined the Government’s initiatives to strengthen the Carbon Credit Trading Scheme, develop the Indian Carbon Market, and engage with international stakeholders to secure wider recognition of India’s carbon verification framework. He emphasized that industrial decarbonisation, energy efficiency, and credible carbon reporting would be critical to strengthening India’s global competitiveness.

The inaugural session was further enriched by the perspectives of Special Guests. Mr. Ravinder Bhan, Senior Director, Indian Steel Association, highlighted the challenges and opportunities presented by CBAM for the steel industry and called for stronger support for MSMEs, wider adoption of green hydrogen, internationally recognised carbon credits, and resource-efficient technologies. Mr. Ajay Sharma, Joint Director, National Accreditation Board

for Certification Bodies, emphasised the importance of internationally credible accreditation, conformity assessment, and certification systems to strengthen India’s MRV ecosystem and facilitate global acceptance of

Indian exports. Mr. R. R. Rashmi, Distinguished Fellow – Green Shipping, TERI, called for a robust domestic carbon governance framework, strengthened emissions reporting systems, and dedicated transition support to accelerate industrial decarbonisation while safeguarding India’s competitiveness.

Technical Sessions I: CBAM Compliance & India’s Industrial Readiness

The session examined India’s preparedness to comply with the EU’s CBAM and explored practical pathways to strengthen industrial readiness. Discussions focused on carbon accounting, emissions monitoring, digital reporting, carbon verification, and compliance strategies required to maintain competitiveness in international markets. The panel highlighted the importance of institutional capacity-building, MSME support, and technology-enabled solutions to simplify compliance and strengthen carbon governance.

Moderated by Ms. Urmi Goswami, Special Correspondent, The Economic Times, the session featured Mr. Nilesh Bhattad, Founder & CEO, CleanCarbon.ai; Mr. Richard N. Bright, CEO, Carbon Registry India; Mr. Gaurav Sarup, Chief Sustainability Officer, Vedanta Ltd.; Mr. Akash Raj, Director – Operations, Balancing Bits; and Ms. Puja Paramhansa, Chief of Staff, Gati Pay.

Session II: Industrial Decarbonisation, Clean Technologies & Green Finance

The second technical session explored the role of industrial decarbonisation, clean technologies, and innovative financing mechanisms in accelerating India's transition towards a low-carbon economy. Discussions covered sustainable manufacturing, carbon markets, clean energy adoption, and blended finance solutions aimed at driving industrial transformation and strengthening long-term competitiveness.

Moderated by Mr. Arupendra Nath Mullick, Associate Director, TERI Council for Business Sustainability, the session featured Commodore Debesh Lahiri, Advisor, National Centre of Excellence in Green Ports & Shipping; Dr Pankaj Satija, Executive Vice President – Corporate Affairs, JSW Group; Mr. Mukesh Gulati, Executive Director, Foundation for MSME Clusters (FMC); Mr. Vineet Bakshi, Senior Director – Business Development, LanzaTech; and Mr. Tanmay Shresth, Project Manager, Logic Ladder.

The deliberations reinforced the need for coordinated policy action, industry-led innovation, robust carbon markets, accessible green finance, and technology-driven decarbonisation to position India as a resilient, sustainable, and globally competitive manufacturing economy in the emerging low-carbon world.

The conference was supported by the National Accreditation Board for Certification Bodies (NABCB) and Logic Ladder.

Global Trade & Investment Opportunities in Denmark under its Global Trade & Investment Series

The International Affairs Division, PHDCCI, in association with Next Step India, organised an Interactive Webinar on “Global Trade & Investment Opportunities in Denmark” under its Global Trade & Investment (GTI) Series on July 15, 2026.

The session featured Ms. Anja Villefrance, Minister Counsellor & Head of Trade and Commercial Affairs, Royal Danish Embassy, and Mr. Thomas Sehested, Head of Project, Next Step India, as distinguished speakers.

Representing the International Affairs Division were Mr. Vikas Khanduri, Co-chair, International Affairs Committee for Europe & CIS, PHDCCI; Mr. Naveen Seth, Deputy Secretary General – International Affairs, PHDCCI; Ms. Manisha Singh, Senior Secretary – International Affairs, PHDCCI; Ms. Shrankhla Verma, Deputy Secretary – International Affairs, PHDCCI; and Mr. Varun Singh Rawat, Executive Officer – International Affairs, PHDCCI.



In his opening remarks, Mr. Vikas Khanduri, Co-chair, International Affairs Committee for Europe & CIS, PHDCCI highlighted the growing potential for India–Denmark economic cooperation and emphasised the need to strengthen bilateral trade and investment through business partnerships, institutional engagement, and sector-specific initiatives.

Ms. Anja Villefrance highlighted Denmark's strengths as an attractive destination for trade and investment, including its transparent business environment, strong innovation ecosystem, and global leadership in sustainability and green

technologies. She encouraged Indian companies to adopt a focused market-entry strategy and underscored the importance of business delegations and institutional partnerships in facilitating market access.

Mr. Thomas Sehested provided an overview of Denmark's business landscape and outlined opportunities for Indian companies across sectors such as green transition, renewable energy, waste management, agriculture and agri-tech, dairy, maritime solutions, logistics, biotechnology, healthcare, and life sciences. He also highlighted Denmark's ease of doing business, flexible labour market, and supportive ecosystem for international companies.

The discussion further explored the potential impact of the India–EU Free Trade Agreement in strengthening market access, enhancing bilateral trade and investment flows, and creating new avenues for Indian businesses to expand their presence in Denmark and the wider European countries.

Perimeter Security – Smart Borders and Secured Facilities:

The Future of Critical Infrastructure Protection Amidst Emerging Threats



The National Conference on "Perimeter Security – Smart Borders and Secured Facilities: The Future of Critical Infrastructure Protection Amidst Emerging Threats" held on July 9, 2026 at PHD House, New Delhi was inaugurated by Mr. Prasana R, IAS, Joint Secretary (Police Modernisation), Ministry of Home Affairs.

The Inaugural Session featured Mr. Ashok Atluri, Chair, PHDCCI Defence & Homeland Security Committee & CMD, Zen Technologies Ltd., Col. K. V. Kuber (Retd.), Director – Aerospace & Defence, Ernst & Young LLP, and Mr. Manish Bhosle, Tech Lead – Perimeter Solutions, A-1 Fence Products Company Pvt. Ltd. The Inaugural Session was moderated by Dr Nasir Jamal, Director, PHDCCI.

Mr. Prasana R in his address highlighted the growing importance of adopting technology-driven and integrated security solutions



to safeguard India's critical infrastructure and borders. He emphasized the need for stronger collaboration between government, security agencies, and industry to address the evolving security challenges and accelerate the deployment of indigenous technologies.

Technical Session I on "Smart Border Management and Integrated Surveillance" was moderated by Major Bharat Singh (Retd.) Manager - Defence Business, A-1 Fence Products and featured distinguished panelists, Mr. Neelabh Ayodhya Singh, General Manager (Country Head), Magal Solutions; Ms. Meenakshi Singh, Director, JMV LPS Ltd.; Col. Aravind P Mulimani (Retd.), Vice President Projects - Air Defence, Zen Technologies Ltd.; Col. Clarence Beecham (Retd.), General Manager, Sales & BD, ideaForge Technology Ltd.; Mr. Kiran Raju, Founder & Chief Executive Officer, Indrajala; Mr. Vinay Vashishta, Director, Remcon Security; Maj. Ranjen Bhatia (Retd.), Manager, Punjab National Bank and Mr. Ranjeet Sinha, Director - Strategic Initiatives, MitKat Advisory who deliberated on smart fencing, AI-powered surveillance, radar and sensor integration, command and control centres, and UAV/counter-UAV solutions.

Technical Session II on "Securing Urban Infrastructure and Industrial Facilities" was moderated by



Mr. Sanjay Kaushik, Managing Director, Netrika Consulting India Pvt. Ltd. and featured Dr Susheel Kumar, Head IT Governance & Advisor & Head Smart City Division, Gurugram & Faridabad Metropolitan Development Authority; Mr. Sanjeev Sehgal, Managing Director, Sparsh CCTV; Mr. Omar Farooq, General Manager (Technical & Operations), Aditya Infotech Ltd.; Ms. Shreya Agarwal, Director & Chief Product Officer, Think Future Technologies (TFT); Mr. Ankit Harjai, Principal Investments CIO, MountTech Growth Fund Kavachh and Mr. Aasav Ravi, Director, LASAVO Pvt. Ltd., who discussed public space protection, smart city surveillance, cyber-physical security, integrated security operations centres, and indigenous surveillance technologies.

The conference witnessed the participation of more than 150 delegates representing Government Ministries, the Armed Forces, CAPFs, industry, academia, technology providers, and the homeland security advisors, making it a highly engaging platform for knowledge sharing and collaboration.



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Semiconductor India 2026

Accelerating India's Semiconductor Sovereignty

Semiconductor India 2026 – National Conference on Accelerating India's Semiconductor Sovereignty, held on July 15, 2026 at PHD House brought together policymakers, industry leaders, academia, skilling institutions, MSMEs, startups, technology experts and innovators to deliberate on strengthening India's semiconductor ecosystem through policy support, manufacturing, indigenous innovation, talent development, strategic investments and resilient supply chains.

The conference examined India's progress under the India Semiconductor Mission (ISM) and ISM 2.0, with discussions focusing on semiconductor manufacturing, indigenous chip design, advanced packaging, workforce development, research and innovation, and supply-chain resilience.

Dr Jatinder Singh, Deputy Secretary General, PHDCCI, in his welcome address, highlighted semiconductors as a cornerstone of economic resilience, technological leadership and national security amid global geopolitical and supply-chain realignments. He said the conference aimed to build a shared roadmap for indigenous semiconductor design, fabrication, packaging and advanced manufacturing, while addressing gaps in skills, infrastructure and investment. Emphasising the



critical role of MSMEs across the semiconductor value chain, he reaffirmed PHDCCI's commitment to supporting the sector through policy advocacy and collaborative initiatives.

Ms. Tulika Pandey, Scientist 'G' & Group Coordinator, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), Government of India, and Guest of Honour, emphasised that semiconductor sovereignty extends beyond manufacturing to trusted technologies, resilient supply chains, secure digital infrastructure and indigenous innovation. She highlighted the comprehensive ecosystem being developed under ISM and ISM 2.0 across design, fabrication, packaging, testing, research and advanced manufacturing. Calling upon industry to move from technology adoption to technology creation, she stressed greater participation in global standards, advanced materials and emerging technologies, while validating the vital role of MSMEs, startups and innovators

Mr. Madhvendra Singh, Chief Executive Officer, Electronics

Sector Skills Council of India (ESSCI), and Special Guest, underlined semiconductor sovereignty as a strategic imperative for India's economic growth and national security. He noted the strong momentum in the sector, with 13 approved

semiconductor projects, investments exceeding USD 20 billion, and the domestic semiconductor market projected to reach nearly USD 130 billion by 2030. He highlighted the need for nearly 400,000 semiconductor professionals and 1.5 million skilled workers across the broader value chain. He also stressed the role of MSMEs in component manufacturing, testing, packaging and precision engineering, and outlined ESSCI's initiatives in occupational standards, specialised curricula, Centres of Excellence, apprenticeships and faculty development.

Ms. Sheetal Chopra, Director, National Institute of Electronics and Information Technology (NIELIT), MeitY, and Special Guest indicated that long-term competitiveness will depend on a skilled workforce capable of contributing across the semiconductor value chain. She highlighted NIELIT's programmes in semiconductor design, VLSI, embedded systems and emerging technologies, including the Centre of Excellence in Chip Design, Noida, and the e-Chip Hub national



learning platform, along with upcoming Centres of Excellence in Assam and Gujarat.

Mr. Karan Mangla, Co-chair, Foreign Trade & Investment Committee, PHDCCI, and Promoter & Director, S H Haryana Wire, highlighted India's progress in building the foundations of a robust semiconductor ecosystem through ISM and ISM 2.0. He stressed that the next priority should be converting policy momentum into large-scale manufacturing by accelerating infrastructure development, cleanroom readiness, reliable power and water supply, and regulatory clearances. He also underlined the role of MSMEs in specialty materials, precision engineering, cleanroom consumables and allied industries, and called for stronger industry-academia collaboration, manufacturing clusters and vendor development programmes.

Technical Sessions

Session I: Building India's Semiconductor Workforce: ISM 2.0 Training Mandate & Industry-Ready Talent

The session focused on developing an industry-ready semiconductor workforce through specialised skill development, curriculum modernisation, industry-academia partnerships, Centres of Excellence, apprenticeships, faculty development and practical learning. The discussion addressed the talent requirements across semiconductor design, manufacturing, testing and packaging.

Moderated by Mr. Madhvendra Singh, Chief Executive Officer, ESSCI, the session featured Mr. Varun Manwani, Director, Sahasra Group; Mr. N. K. Mohapatra, Group CEO, AVPL International; Dr Ashwini Aggarwal, Chair, Semiconductor Skill Committee, ESSCI; Dr Sankalp Singh, University Program Manager, Synopsys; and Dr Sandeep Garg, CEO, Indichip Semiconductors Limited.

Session II: From Policy to Production: ISM 2.0, Manufacturing Scale-Up & Indigenous Design

The second technical session examined India's transition from policy to large-scale semiconductor manufacturing under ISM 2.0. Discussions covered indigenous chip design, fabrication, advanced packaging, manufacturing scale-up, supply-chain resilience, infrastructure readiness, investment opportunities and MSME participation.

Moderated by Mr. Subhayan Chakraborty, Technology Policy & Electronics Correspondent, The Economic Times, the session featured Mr. Sanjay Gupta, India Country Head & Chief Development Officer, L&T Semiconductor Technologies; Mr. Ankur Singh, Founder & CEO, VAYU Group of Companies; Mr. Anku Jain, Managing Director, MediaTek India; and Mr. Nikhil Chawla, Creator & Columnist – Tech, Auto and Aviation.

The conference concluded with a networking lunch, providing participants an opportunity to exchange ideas, strengthen industry partnerships and explore collaborative opportunities. The deliberations reinforced the need for sustained policy support, accelerated investment, world-class infrastructure, a strong skilling ecosystem, resilient supply chains and greater MSME participation to achieve semiconductor sovereignty. Participants emphasised that a combination of indigenous innovation, strategic partnerships and talent development can position India as a leading global hub for semiconductor design, manufacturing and advanced technologies, contributing to the vision of Atmanirbhar Bharat and Viksit Bharat 2047.

The conference was organised by PHDCCI in partnership with Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) as Strategic Partner, Electronics Sector Skills Council of India as Session Partner, and Manufacturers' Association for Information Technology as Association Partner.



Cabinet approves Semicon 2.0

The Union Cabinet approved the Semicon India Programme 2.0 (Semicon 2.0) on July 15, 2026 with an outlay of Rs 1,27,500 crore. It is the second phase of the Semicon India Programme under the Indian Semiconductor Mission. It aims to support the development of the semiconductor design and manufacturing ecosystem in India. This will be based on six pillars. These are: support for chip design and intellectual property creation; incentives for research and manufacturing of semiconductor machines and materials; support for setting up semiconductor fabrication facilities; expansion of semiconductor assembly, testing, and packaging capabilities; supporting research and development of advanced semiconductor manufacturing technologies, and strengthening semiconductor education and workforce development in the country. Twelve manufacturing units have been approved under Semicon 1.0. Out of these, three have started commercial production in 2026. Further, 24 semiconductor design projects from start-ups and MSMEs have been approved for financial support.

Technology and Compliance Updates under Indirect Tax Laws



PHDCCI organised a webinar on “Technology and Compliance Updates under Indirect Tax Laws” on July 16, 2026, wherein tax professionals, industry representatives, and experts discussed the latest developments in technology-driven GST and customs compliance.

In his opening remarks, CA Ashok Kumar Batra, Chair, IDT Committee, PHDCCI, welcomed the distinguished panellists and participants. He highlighted that India’s GST ecosystem continues to evolve rapidly, with technology becoming the backbone of tax administration by driving transparency, automation, and ease of compliance. He noted that businesses are required to continuously adapt to an increasingly technology-driven framework encompassing

e-invoicing, e-way bills, return filing, data analytics, and AI-enabled scrutiny.

CA Medini Aggarwal, Director–Indirect Tax, S.S. Kothari & Mehta, in her presentation on Customs Digitisation and India’s Integrated Tax Highway explained the growing use of digital documentation in customs, highlighting its role in enabling faster and more secure clearances, greater transparency, and seamless integration of customs processes.

CA (Adv.) Vardeep Singh, Partner, V.S. Hora & Co., elaborated on the Invoice Management System (IMS), covering its core functions, inward and outward supplies, and the four key levers of the IMS Command Centre.

CA Neha Jain, Partner, HN & Company, presented key GST

issues and recent rulings, including ITC eligibility upon payment to suppliers, ITC on construction of immovable property intended for renting, and the extended period of limitation in cases involving fraud under GST.

CA Saurabh Chaudhari, Associate Director, Taxcraft Advisors, provided an overview of the latest changes in the GSTN system, particularly relating to e-way bills, e-invoicing, and GST returns, and highlighted their implications for businesses and tax compliance.

In her remarks, Ms. Babeta Sharma, Director, PHDCCI, welcomed the dignitaries and participants and noted that the webinar provided a valuable platform for distinguished professionals, industry leaders, and tax experts to deliberate on key developments, emerging challenges, and technology-led transformation in the GSTN ecosystem.

In his closing remarks, CA Sandeep Garg, Co-chair, IDT Committee, PHDCCI, expressed heartfelt gratitude to all the distinguished speakers for sharing their valuable knowledge, practical insights, and perspectives on the latest developments in GST compliance.

Mr. Nanda Mishra, Joint Secretary, PHDCCI, efficiently coordinated and managed the programme.

Prime Minister's Internship Scheme

The Prime Minister's Internship Scheme (PMIS) is a landmark initiative of the Government of India aimed at enhancing the employability of India's youth by providing structured internship opportunities in leading companies across diverse sectors. The scheme seeks to bridge the gap between academic learning and industry requirements by equipping young individuals with practical workplace experience and industry exposure.

The Ministry of Corporate Affairs has invited the members of PHDCCI to actively participate in this national initiative by registering under the Scheme and offering meaningful internship opportunities to eligible candidates. Participation in the Scheme offers organizations an opportunity to identify and nurture young talent, contribute to building an industry-ready workforce, and demonstrate their commitment to corporate social responsibility and inclusive growth.

Members may visit <https://pminternship.mca.gov.in/login/> to understand the finer details w.r.t. the overview of the Scheme, duration, eligibility criteria, monthly assistance & other operational modalities. For any assistance/ further information, members may reach out to Ms. Monika Shingari, Secretary, PHDCCI (Email: monika.shingari@phdcci.in)

Conservation and illumination of Gwalior Fort, Madhya Pradesh.

At the historic Gwalior Fort, we are supporting the conservation of its architectural heritage, restoration of surrounding landscapes, afforestation, and water body conservation. The initiative also includes illumination and community development efforts, helping preserve this iconic landmark for future generations.



Conservation of Muhammad Qutb Shah's Mausoleum.

InterGlobe Foundation and IndiGoReach supported the conservation of the Mausoleum of Muhammad Qutb Shah at Hyderabad's Qutb Shahi Heritage Park. The project restored key architectural elements, including the dome's intricate glazed tilework, helping preserve a significant landmark of Deccan heritage.



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Through IndiGoReach, the CSR arm of IndiGo, we are helping preserve India's cultural heritage by supporting the conservation of historic landmarks and cultural spaces.

Recreating historic landmarks at Shivsrushti Heritage Park, Maharashtra.

At Shivsrushti Heritage Park, we are supporting the recreation of key landmarks associated with Shri Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, including the Rajsabha, Rajwada, and Nagarkhana. The initiative helps preserve and showcase his life, leadership, and legacy for present and future generations.



'My City My Heritage' walks.

My City My Heritage, a joint initiative of InterGlobe Foundation and IndiGoReach, reconnects citizens with India's rich tangible and intangible heritage through curated heritage walks. So far, the initiative has conducted heritage walks across 12 cities in India, promoting cultural awareness, community engagement, and pride in preserving regional heritage.

Green Chemistry in India: Addressing Challenges and Accelerating Sustainable Industrial Transformation

PHDCCI organized a National Roundtable on "Green Chemistry in India: Addressing Challenges and Accelerating Sustainable Industrial Transformation" on July 16, 2026 at PHD House, New Delhi.

A major highlight of the conference was the featured international keynote virtual address by Professor John C. Warner, globally recognized as the Co-Founder of Green Chemistry and President, Beyond Benign, USA. Professor Warner emphasized that Green Chemistry is fundamentally about designing safer chemical products and processes that eliminate hazardous substances at the source rather than managing pollution after it occurs. He stressed that innovation, education and cross-sector collaboration are indispensable for creating sustainable industrial systems that deliver both environmental protection and economic prosperity.

Welcoming the distinguished gathering, Mr. Abhay Kumar Srivastava, Chair, Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Committee, PHDCCI and Senior President, Operations, Mankind Pharma, emphasized that Green Chemistry is no longer merely an environmental aspiration but an industrial necessity. He highlighted that sustainable manufacturing practices can simultaneously improve competitiveness, reduce resource consumption, enhance operational efficiency and strengthen India's position as a global manufacturing hub.

Dr Shailaja Donempudi, Scientist & Head-BDG, CSIR, Ministry of Science & Technology underlined the importance of accelerating Green Chemistry adoption through stronger industry-academia partnerships, effective technology commercialization and enabling policy support. She emphasized that financial incentives, standardized certification systems and scaling



of innovative green technologies are essential to build a sustainable and globally competitive chemical manufacturing ecosystem in India.

Dr Suman Mazumdar, Scientist 'D', Department of Scientific and Industrial Research (DSIR), Ministry of Science & Technology highlighted the Government of India's continued efforts to promote Green Chemistry through research funding, technology commercialization and industry-academia collaboration. He elaborated on key DSIR initiatives including the PACE Programme for scaling technologies, PRISM for supporting innovators and MSMEs, and the CRTDH Scheme, which provides shared research infrastructure for technology development. Showcasing successful innovations from CSIR-National Chemical Laboratory (CSIR-NCL) and IIT Patna, he highlighted advancements in continuous flow manufacturing, sustainable oil spill remediation and advanced PET plastic recycling technologies. He emphasized that policy support, financial incentives, certification standards and collaborative innovation are critical for scaling green technologies and strengthening India's sustainable chemical manufacturing ecosystem.

The programme was further enriched by the presence of Prof.



Rakesh Kumar Sharma, Former Professor, Department of Chemistry, University of Delhi, and Director, Green Chemistry Network Centre, who highlighted India's immense potential to emerge as a global leader in sustainable chemical sciences through innovation and responsible industrial practices.

Dr Nasir Jamal, Director, PHDCCI, while moderating the session highlighted the need for stronger collaboration among government, industry and academia to foster innovation and accelerate the adoption of environmentally responsible technologies.

The conference featured two high-impact technical sessions that examined both technological innovations and policy interventions required for mainstreaming Green Chemistry in India. The first technical session, "Green Chemistry Technologies for Sustainable Manufacturing," was moderated by Dr Mymoona Akhter, Professor (Medicinal Chemistry), Jamia



Hamdard. The panel featured Dr Rohit Chakravarty (Sun Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd.), who showcased how continuous flow chemistry is enabling greener pharmaceutical manufacturing by reducing solvent use, waste generation and improving process safety. He emphasized that continuous manufacturing is key to achieving efficient, scalable and sustainable production. Dr G. S. Kapur (Former Executive Director–R&D, Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. and Advisor–R&D, GAIL India Limited) highlighted India's potential to emerge as a global hub for bioplastics, particularly PLA, through dedicated manufacturing clusters, supportive policies and bio-based feedstocks.

Dr Mohan Prasad (Walter Bushnell) highlighted the role of biocatalysis and advanced process technologies

such as sonocrystallization in improving product quality while reducing environmental impact. He stressed the importance of indigenous enzyme development, research and industry-academia collaboration to accelerate green chemistry adoption and Mr. Prabodh Swain (Q-Line Biotech Ltd.) emphasized the transformative potential of enzyme engineering and synthetic biology in advancing sustainable manufacturing. The discussion focused on emerging technologies such as flow chemistry, biocatalysis, process intensification, renewable feedstocks, safer solvents and scalable sustainable manufacturing practices for the pharmaceutical and chemical industries.

The second technical session, "Enabling Green Chemistry Adoption: Policy, Standards and

Market Drivers" was moderated by Mr. Namit Joshi, Chairman, Pharmexcil. The panel comprised Dr Shilpi Gupta (BIRAC), who highlighted BIRAC's support for startups, MSMEs and researchers through funding across different stages of technology development and commercialization. She also emphasized the role of the BioE3 Policy, bio-foundries and biomanufacturing hubs in accelerating sustainable innovation in India. Dr Neeraj Kumar (Mankind Pharma) emphasized integrating Green Chemistry and ESG principles at the process design stage to build sustainable pharmaceutical manufacturing. He highlighted solvent recycling, waste valorization and innovation in complex molecules as key drivers of future competitiveness.

The Roundtable concluded with a collective commitment from government, industry, academia and research institutions to accelerate Green Chemistry adoption, promote sustainable innovation and strengthen India's leadership in an environmentally responsible chemical manufacturing.

DARSHAN Roundtable on Spiritual, Cultural & Heritage Tourism in Himachal Pradesh

Under the aegis of its State Development Council, and in association with the Visa Inc. and Development Leaders' Alliance (DLA), PHDCCI as "Initiative Partner" co-organized the "DARSHAN Roundtable on Spiritual, Cultural & Heritage Tourism in Himachal Pradesh" on July 8, 2026 at Hotel HPTDC The Dhauladhar, Kotwali Bazar, Dharamshala, Himachal Pradesh. The initiative was supported by Himachal Pradesh Tourism Development Corporation (HPTDC).

The roundtable convened as a focused, closed-door consultation bringing together key stakeholders across government, industry,



cultural institutions, think tanks and academia—and the discussion aimed to examine the potential of Himachal Pradesh as a leading destination for spiritual, cultural, and heritage tourism, while addressing critical challenges related to infrastructure, visitor experience, and coordinated development. It also explored pathways for policy support, partnerships, and sustainable, community-oriented

tourism models.

Chief Guest, Mr. R S Bali, Chairman, HPTDC highlighted the vision of the DARSHAN initiative in fostering collaborative and sustainable tourism development in Himachal Pradesh and India at large.

Focused on sustainable tourism, heritage conservation, destination development, and community-led growth, the roundtable reinforced the importance of collaboration in unlocking Himachal Pradesh's immense tourism potential.

The DARSHAN initiative continues to foster partnerships that promote responsible, inclusive, and future-ready tourism across India

Capacity Building and Empowering MSMEs through Equity Financing, SME Listing and Venture Funding

The workshop on "Capacity Building and Empowering MSMEs through Equity Financing, SME Listing and Venture Funding", held on 17 July 2026 at PHD House, New Delhi, brought together leading policymakers, regulators and industry experts. The event was graced by Mr. Gyanendra Niraj, General Manager, SEBI; Mr. Krishnan Iyer, Senior Vice President, NSE; Dr Subhransu Sekhar Acharya, CMD, NSIC; and Mr. Gyaneshwar Kumar Singh, Director General & CEO, Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA).

In his introductory address, Dr Jatinder Singh, Deputy Secretary General, PHDCCI, reiterated the Chamber's commitment to strengthening the MSME ecosystem through knowledge-sharing and industry-focused initiatives. He emphasised that MSMEs, as key drivers of India's economic growth, require greater awareness of alternative financing avenues, stronger institutional support and enhanced capacity-building to improve competitiveness and contribute to the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047.

Welcoming the participants, Mr. Vinod Karwa, Chair, MSME Committee, PHDCCI, observed that although MSMEs have demonstrated remarkable entrepreneurial spirit, many continue to depend on traditional bank financing. He encouraged enterprises to view equity financing and SME listing as enablers of growth, improved governance and long-term value creation.

Sharing the merchant bankers' perspective, Mr. Sanjeev Gupta, Managing Director, NEXGEN Financial Solutions Pvt. Ltd., highlighted that an SME IPO is not merely a fundraising exercise but a transformational journey that enhances governance, transparency and business credibility.

Dr H. P. Kumar, Senior Advisor, PHDCCI, underscored the role

of equity financing in enabling enterprises to scale sustainably, create employment and contribute to economic development.

Mr. Krishnan Iyer, Senior Vice President, NSE, urged MSMEs to view equity as a catalyst for future growth. He noted that listing enhances visibility, credibility and access to long-term capital, while creating wealth for entrepreneurs, employees and investors alike.



Addressing the regulatory landscape, Mr. Gyanendra Niraj, General Manager, SEBI, explained the framework governing SME listings to embrace transparency, robust governance and investor confidence as the foundation for sustainable growth.

Dr Subhransu Sekhar Acharya, CMD, NSIC, described MSMEs as the backbone of India's economy and stressed the need for greater awareness and effective utilisation of government support mechanisms to facilitate access to equity financing.

Delivering the special address, Mr. Gyaneshwar Kumar Singh, Director General & CEO, IICA, observed that corporate compliance should be viewed as an enabler of business excellence. He identified mindset barriers, listing costs, and profitability expectations as key deterrents to SME listings, and advocated structured mentoring, capacity-building and ecosystem to prepare MSMEs for public markets.

The technical sessions featured eminent experts, including CAs

Gyan Chandra Misra (ICAI), Mr. Manoj Kumar Anand (ICMAI), Mr. Sunil Verma (IC Electricals Ltd.), Mr. Neermoy Shah (India Ratings and Research Pvt. Ltd.), CA (Dr) Alok Misra, and Mr. Deepak Gupta (AMC Corporate Advisory Services). The discussions covered IPO readiness, valuation methodologies, corporate governance, due diligence, investor expectations, venture funding and government schemes support for



MSMEs.

Mr. Anil Jain, Co-chair, MSME Committee, PHDCCI, encouraged entrepreneurs to prepare their businesses for institutional investment by adopting sound corporate governance practices.

Proposing the vote of thanks to the dignitaries, Mr. D. P. Goel, Co-chair, MSME Committee, PHDCCI reaffirmed PHDCCI's commitment to working closely with regulators, financial institutions and industry stakeholders to promote awareness of equity financing for MSMEs.

The workshop concluded with an interactive open-house discussion, reaffirming PHDCCI's commitment to empowering MSMEs through knowledge-sharing, capacity-building and greater participation in India's capital markets to drive sustainable and inclusive growth.



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New Law, New Forms, New Responsibilities - New Income Tax Act 2025

The Direct Tax Committee of PHDCCI organised a seminar on “New Law, New Forms, New Responsibilities – New Income Tax Act, 2025” on July 8, 2026, at PHD House, New Delhi.

Mr. Mukul Bagla, Chair, Direct Tax Committee, PHDCCI, in his opening remarks, said that the New Income Tax Act, 2025 seeks to simplify tax legislation by reducing complexity, reorganising provisions, and creating a more structured and accessible framework. He emphasised the importance of accurate and timely filing of Income Tax Returns (ITRs), particularly regarding disclosure of foreign assets, to avoid notices, penalties and unnecessary litigation.

Dr Rakesh Gupta, Co-chair, Direct Tax Committee, PHDCCI, highlighted the Government’s focus on promoting voluntary compliance through taxpayer-friendly provisions, opportunities for voluntary disclosures and decriminalisation of certain offences, while maintaining accountability.

Ms. Pallavi Dinodia, Co-chair, Direct Tax Committee, PHDCCI, discussed key changes in ITR Forms for AY 2026–27, including provisions relating to the new tax regime, capital gains, digital donation reporting under Section 80G, and other revisions aimed at simplifying filing and enhancing



transparency.

Mr. Sunil Bhansali, Co-chair, Direct Tax Committee, PHDCCI, elaborated on cash transaction provisions under the new Act, including TDS on cash withdrawals, reporting of cash transactions, SFT, Form 97 declarations, and provisions governing cash receipts, deposits, withdrawals, loans, repayments and expenditure. He noted that the new framework seeks to strengthen transparency and compliance while reducing litigation.

Mr. Suyash Raj Nahata, Co-chair, Direct Tax Committee, PHDCCI, highlighted the implications of the Digital Personal Data Protection (DPDP) Act, 2023 and DPDP Rules, 2025 for Chartered Accountants, noting that tax filings, audits, payroll and KYC processes involve personal data and therefore carry important data protection responsibilities.

Mr. Gagan Kumar, Partner, Khaitan Legal Associates, discussed the tax treatment of royalty, fees for

technical services (FTS) and interest under the new Act in light of recent judicial pronouncements, with particular focus on non-resident taxation and applicable exemptions.

Mr. Rohit Jain, Partner, Vaish Associates Advocates, highlighted key procedural changes, including reassessment provisions, limitation periods and the shifting of certain mandatory procedures from the Act to the Rules, noting their potential implications for taxpayer rights, assessments and future litigation.

Ms. Babeeta Sharma, Director, PHDCCI, emphasised that the New Income Tax Act marks a significant milestone in India’s direct tax regime and underscored the need for taxpayers, businesses and professionals to understand the revised legal framework, compliance requirements and tax forms.

Ms. Minakshi Srivastava, Deputy Secretary, PHDCCI, coordinated the programme.

RBI maintains status repo rate at 5.25 percent

The Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) of Reserve Bank of India in August 2026 decided to keep the policy repo rate unchanged at 5.25% while maintaining a neutral stance. Inflation remains within the target range of plus/minus 4 %, upside risks are being posed by geopolitical headwinds, global energy prices and deficient monsoons due to El-Nino conditions. Consequently, the standing deposit facility remains at 5% and Marginal standing facility and bank rate remain at 5.5%.

According to India Metrological Department, the southwest monsoon seasonal rainfall over the country as a whole is likely to be less than 94% of the Long Period Average (LPA) with a model error of $\pm 4\%$, indicating that below normal rainfall is most likely over the country as a whole during the monsoon season (June to September), 2026. Consumer price inflation is projected at 5 % for FY 2026-27, within the RBI range, with a benign core inflation at 4.3 %. CPI inflation for 2026-27 is projected to be at 4.7 % for Q2, 5.9 % for Q3; and Q4 at 5.5 %.

PHDCCI Holds Strategic Meeting with Charge d’Affaires of Ethiopia



A PHDCCI delegation led by Dr Pradeep Multani, Former President along with Mr. Pomposh Jain, Multani Pharmaceuticals Ltd; Mr. Naveen Seth, Deputy Secretary General and Mr. Niraj, Director – International Affairs, PHDCCI met H.E. Molalign Asfaw, Charge d’Affaires and Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of Ethiopia, on August 3, 2026 at the Embassy of Ethiopia in New Delhi.

During the meeting, Dr Multani expressed his appreciation to His

Excellency for the opportunity to interact and highlighted the growing global prominence of India's Ayurvedic industry. He emphasized Ayurveda's immense potential to address the healthcare needs of Africa through its holistic and preventive approach and sought guidance on how Indian companies could leverage Ethiopia's strategic location as a gateway to the African continent for expanding their business presence.

H.E. Molalign Asfaw noted that the Embassy of Ethiopia in New Delhi was the first African embassy established in India and has played a pivotal role in strengthening India–Africa economic and commercial relations. He acknowledged the rising demand for Ayurvedic and traditional medicine in Ethiopia

and across Africa and assured the delegation of the Embassy's full support in fostering greater collaboration between Indian and Ethiopian stakeholders.

Mr. Naveen Seth briefed His Excellency on PHDCCI's forthcoming international initiatives, including the revival of the Chamber's flagship International Conference and Exhibition on Africa: A Land of Opportunity, scheduled for December 2026. He highlighted the conference as a strategic platform to promote trade, investment, and business partnerships between India and African nations. His Excellency assured the Chamber of the Embassy's wholehearted support for the successful organization of the event.

The meeting concluded on a positive note, with both sides reaffirming their commitment to strengthening India–Ethiopia relations and exploring new avenues of cooperation in healthcare, pharmaceuticals, traditional medicine, trade, investment, and capacity building.

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Inquiry, Inspection & Investigation under Corporate Laws including White Collar Crimes

The Corporate Affairs Committee, PHDCCI organised a Seminar on "Inquiry, Inspection & Investigation under Corporate Laws including White Collar Crimes" on July 17, 2026 at PHD House, New Delhi. The Seminar marked the inaugural session of the Third Edition of the Knowledge Series on Corporate Affairs 2026–27, being organized by the Committee.

Mr. Jatin Garg, Joint Director, Serious Fraud Investigation Office (SFIO) and Mr. Shashi Raj Dara, Director, Ministry of Corporate Affairs graced the seminar as Guests of Honour.

Addressing the participants, Mr. Jatin Garg emphasized the importance of robust compliance, transparent governance and effective investigations in building a resilient regulatory ecosystem. He stressed that organizations must establish strong internal control systems to identify and address gaps at an early stage. He also highlighted the role professionals can play alongside Government agencies through technical expertise, advisory support and collaborative investigations. He called for fostering a culture of accountability that strengthens businesses while safeguarding stakeholder interests.

Mr. Shashi Raj Dara observed that India's corporate regulatory framework has evolved from a licence-based regime to a compliance-driven and self-certification ecosystem, reflecting a progressive shift towards trust and accountability. He stated that effective compliance begins with a clear understanding of the nature of regulatory action and appropriate preparedness by businesses. He highlighted the need for greater collaboration between regulators and professionals to build a resilient corporate ecosystem that promotes transparency, accountability and sustainable growth.

Presenting the theme of the seminar, Mr. Satwinder Singh, Chair, Corporate Affairs Committee, PHDCCI, remarked that the future lies in collaborative regulation that upholds integrity while enabling enterprises to grow sustainably.

The technical sessions featured experts from the legal, regulatory and forensic domains. Adv. CA Ashwani Taneja, Ex-Member, ITAT, deliberated on "Investigations under PMLA & Allied Laws – Necessary Safeguards for Every Citizen." He discussed the interplay of the Income Tax Act, Companies Act, Prevention of Money Laundering

Dhyani, Partner, Aekom Legal; Mr. Sumit Mahajan, Partner, Accuwiz Consulting; and Mr. Gaurav Jain, Advocate, who shared practical insights on forensic audits, benami transactions, admissibility of evidence in fraud investigations and the evolving role of auditors in conducting different types of audits.

Mr. Mohit Luthra, Additional Secretary General, PHDCCI in his vote-of-thanks pointed out that the Knowledge Series would serve as a valuable platform for enhancing awareness, strengthening compliance and facilitating knowledge-sharing among stakeholders. The session was



Act, Black Money Law and SEBI Regulations in addressing economic offences. He highlighted that organisations adopting robust governance frameworks, proactive risk management and ethical decision-making are better equipped to navigate regulatory complexities and achieve sustainable growth.

Ms. Anusha Ramesh, Partner, Trilegal, in her session on "White Collar Crimes: Emerging Risks, Regulatory Responses and Recent Judicial Pronouncements" analysed evolving trends in corporate fraud, regulatory enforcement and judicial developments.

The Seminar also featured expert deliberations by Mr. Lokesh

moderated by Ms. Monika Shingari, Secretary, PHDCCI.

The Knowledge Series are being supported by Trilegal as the Presenting Partner; Patanjali Foods as the Title Partner; Co-Powered by Akums Pharmaceuticals; Lakshmikumaran & Sridharan as the Associate Partner; Paramount Communications; EnPoint Advisers; Amber Enterprises and Deep Blue Xpress as Supporting Partners; Accuwiz Consulting; Aekom Legal; Kapoor and Company., Prudent Law Chambers, Speciality Merchandising as Co-Partners; Forvis Mazars as Event Partner and ICAI as an Institutional Partner.

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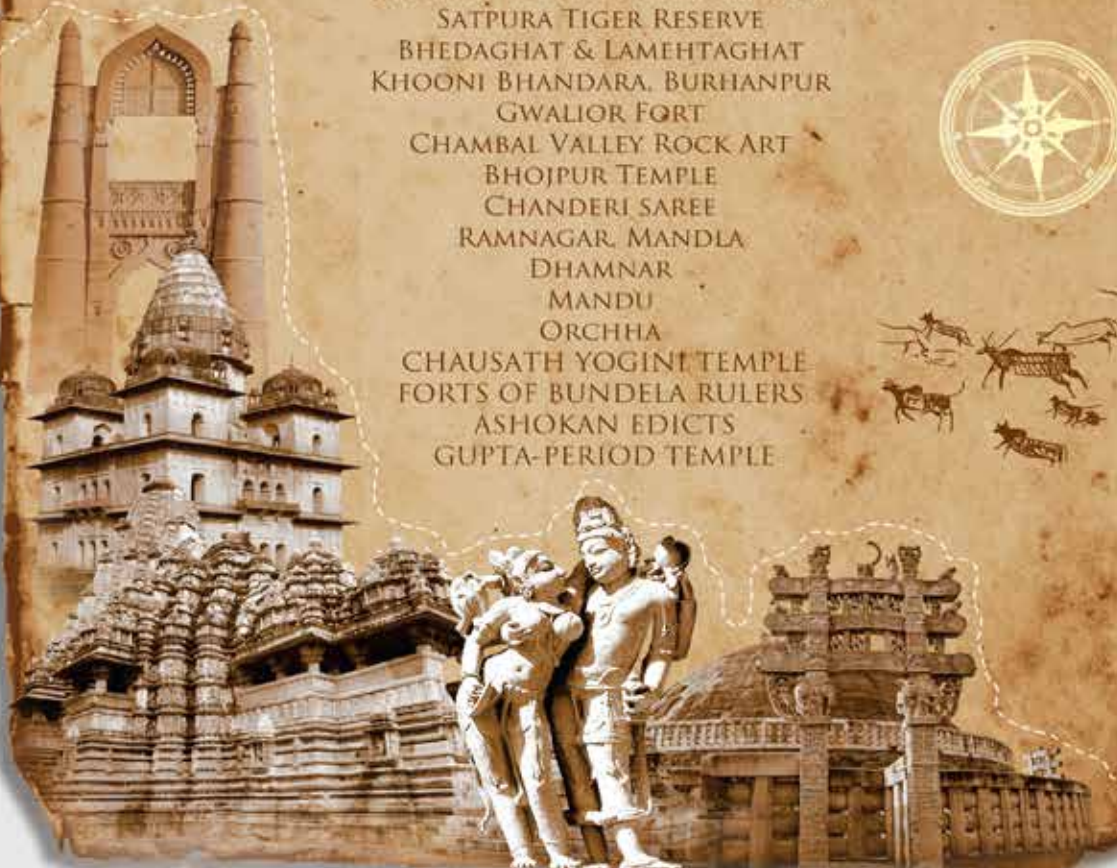
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Latest Amendments in IBC and the Regulations – Impact on Ongoing CIRPs and Liquidation Processes

The NCLT & IBC Committee of PHDCCI organized a Roundtable on “Latest Amendments in IBC and the Regulations – Impact on Ongoing CIRPs and Liquidation Processes” on July 24, 2026 at PHD House, New Delhi.

The programme witnessed an excellent response with more than 70 participants, including insolvency professionals, legal practitioners, bankers, chartered accountants,



company secretaries, and corporate advisors. The roundtable provided a valuable platform for knowledge sharing and interaction among

professionals and industry stakeholders on the evolving insolvency framework and recent regulatory developments.

Virtual Roundtable on Building Efficient Scrap Markets for MSMEs: Technology, Trust & Trade

PHDCCI, in association with theMetalX, organized a Virtual Roundtable on "Building Efficient Scrap Markets for MSMEs: Technology, Trust & Trade" on July 24, 2026. The roundtable brought together industry leaders, policymakers, sustainability experts, technology providers, recycling professionals, and MSME stakeholders to deliberate on strengthening India's scrap ecosystem through technology, transparency, trust, and policy interventions.

Dr Jatinder Singh, Deputy Secretary General, PHDCCI commenced the roundtable, highlighting that an efficient, transparent, and technology-driven scrap ecosystem is essential for strengthening India's secondary steel sector and advancing the country's circular economy objectives.

Mr. Nilotpall Pathak, Director, theMetalX, showcased the growing strategic importance of scrap as a critical industrial resource and emphasised the role of digital marketplaces in improving transparency, price discovery, quality assurance, and market access. He stressed that institutional trust, standardised processes, and technology-driven platforms would

be instrumental in building an organized and efficient scrap market.

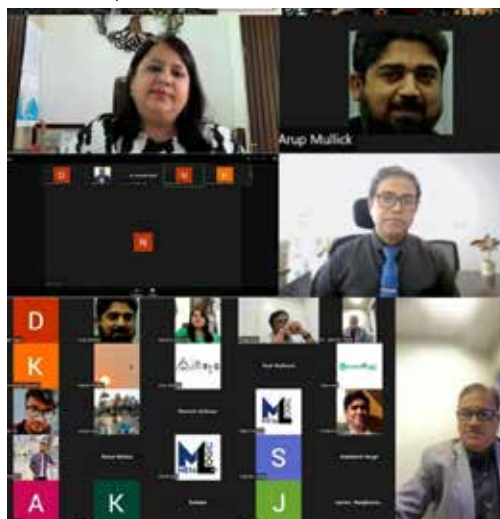
Mr. Arupendra Nath Mullick, Associate Director, TERI Council for Business Sustainability, observed that a well-structured scrap ecosystem would significantly contribute to resource efficiency, critical mineral security, and India's transition towards a circular economy.

Dr Somnath Singh, Deputy Director – HR, Finance & Programmes (Climate Sustainability, ESG & Business Integrity), UN Global Compact Network India, featured the importance of technology, standardisation, traceability, and responsible business practices in strengthening trust, improving ESG compliance, and enabling MSMEs to integrate into formal and sustainable value chains.

Ms. Monica Bachchan Duvvuri, CEO & Founder, Metalogic Projects Management Services Pvt. Ltd., underlined the strategic importance of ferrous scrap in meeting India's future steel demand and decarbonisation

objectives.

During the Open House Discussion, participants exchanged perspectives on technology adoption, digital traceability, quality standardisation, certification mechanisms, financing models, ESG compliance, policy reforms, and implementation strategies for strengthening India's scrap ecosystem. The virtual roundtable reaffirmed the importance of coordinated policy action, industry-led innovation, digital transformation, and institutional collaboration in developing a trusted and technology-enabled scrap ecosystem.



Seminar on Indonesia Investment & Business Opportunities

The International Affairs Division of PHDCCI organized a seminar on "Indonesia Investment & Business Opportunities" on July 28, 2026 at PHD House, New Delhi. The seminar brought together government representatives, industry leaders, and businesses to explore investment opportunities and strengthen bilateral trade and economic cooperation between India and Indonesia.

Dr Pradeep Multani, Former President – PHDCCI & Chairman-Emeritus, Multani Pharmaceuticals Ltd.; while delivering the welcome address highlighted the deep-rooted historical and cultural ties between India and Indonesia and emphasized the need to move beyond traditional trade towards greater cooperation in investment, manufacturing, technology, innovation, and resilient supply chains. He expressed confidence that bilateral trade, currently valued at nearly USD 20 billion, has the potential to grow to USD 100 billion in the coming years.

Mr. Yudho Sasongko, Chargé d' Affaires ad Interim, Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia underscored the strength of the India-Indonesia Comprehensive Strategic Partnership and highlighted opportunities across trade, investment, healthcare, technology, tourism, and defence sectors. He noted that combining Indonesia's natural resources with India's manufacturing capabilities and innovation can create stronger regional value chains.

Mr. Primadi Wahyuwidagdo, Co-founder & Principal Partner, Bright Indonesia International presented Indonesia's strong investment landscape, highlighting its robust economic fundamentals, investor-friendly reforms, and strategic location.



Mr. M. Iqbal Djamil, Trade Attaché, Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia showcased Trade Expo Indonesia 2026 as Indonesia's premier trade exhibition and encouraged Indian companies to participate in the Expo to connect with Indonesian exporters, explore new sourcing opportunities, and expand bilateral trade.

Mrs. Putri Eka Sukmawati, Director of Business Development, Hotel Indonesia Natour (HIN) / InJourney Hospitality highlighted the investment opportunities offered by Sanur Special Economic Zone (SEZ), Indonesia's first integrated Medical and Wellness SEZ.

Mr. Naveen Seth, Deputy Secretary General, PHDCCI highlighted PHDCCI's commitment to strengthening India-Indonesia business relations by fostering greater trade, investment, and industry collaboration.

The discussion focused on expanding bilateral trade and investment, improving market access, promoting business partnerships, and identifying new avenues for collaboration across priority sectors. The deliberations reaffirmed the strong potential for deeper economic engagement between India and Indonesia.

The seminar concluded with an interactive Q&A Session, followed by the vote-of-thanks by Dr Nasir Jamal, Director, PHDCCI, who expressed his appreciation to the Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia, the distinguished speakers, and participants for their valuable contributions. Ms. Manisha Singh, Senior Secretary - International Affairs also participated in the discussions.

DARSHAN Roundtable on Spiritual, Cultural & Heritage Tourism in Gujarat

Under the aegis of its State Development Council, and in association with the Visa Inc. and Development Leaders' Alliance (DLA), PHDCCI as an Initiative Partner co-organized the "DARSHAN Roundtable on Spiritual, Cultural & Heritage Tourism in Gujarat" on July 31, 2026 at Gandhinagar, Gujarat. The initiative was supported by the Department of Tourism, Government of Gujarat. The roundtable discussion was convened as a focused, closed-door consultation bringing together key stakeholders across government, industry, cultural institutions, think tanks and academia.

Among the key speakers were: Chief Guest, Swami Paramatmananda Saraswati Ji, Convenor, Hindu Dharma Acharya Sabha; Shree Madhavpriyadasji Swami Ji, President, Shree Swaminarayan Gurukul Vishwavidya Pratishthanam; Mr. Anand Jha, Vice President & Head - Government Affairs (India & South Asia), Visa Inc.; Mr. Sankalp Shukla, Founder, Development Leaders' Alliance; Mr. N P Raval, Deputy Director - Skill Development, Government of Gujarat and Mr. Ojas Haribhai Hirani, Director, Ojas Hirani Architects and Engineers. Speakers shared their perspectives on preserving Gujarat's rich spiritual and cultural heritage while promoting sustainable tourism-led development. The discussions were further enriched by the participation of representatives from INTACH, ITC



Narmada, Gujarat Sahitya Academy, the Gujarat Pavitra Yatradham Vikas Board, and several other distinguished stakeholders from the tourism, hospitality, heritage, spiritual, cultural and development sectors.

The discussion aimed to examine the potential of Gujarat state as a leading holistic destination for spiritual, cultural, and heritage tourism, while addressing critical challenges related to infrastructure, visitor experience, and coordinated development. It also explored pathways for policy support, partnerships, and sustainable, community-oriented tourism models.

Webinar on Defensible Water Accounting: Building Audit-Grade Data for BRSR Core & ESG Reporting

The webinar on "Defensible Water Accounting: Building Audit-Grade Data for BRSR Core & ESG Reporting," organised by the PHDCCI Centre for Sustainability on July 17, 2026, brought together industry professionals, sustainability practitioners, ESG experts, and corporate representatives to deliberate on the growing importance of robust, audit-ready water accounting systems for BRSR Core and ESG reporting.

Mr. Mithilesh Kumar, Senior Secretary & Head, Centre for Sustainability, PHDCCI while welcoming the speakers and participants emphasised the

growing significance of robust water accounting systems in ensuring transparent sustainability reporting and enhancing organisational ESG performance.

Mr. Vinay, CEO, Kritsnam Technologies Pvt. Ltd., provided insights into the principles and methodologies for developing audit-grade water accounting systems. He emphasised the importance of accurate data collection, digital monitoring, and defensible reporting frameworks to support compliance with BRSR Core and other leading ESG reporting standards.

This was followed by an industry case study and experience-sharing session by a representative of

Sai Life Sciences, Unit-4, Bidar, who shared practical insights into implementing defensible water accounting in an industrial setting.

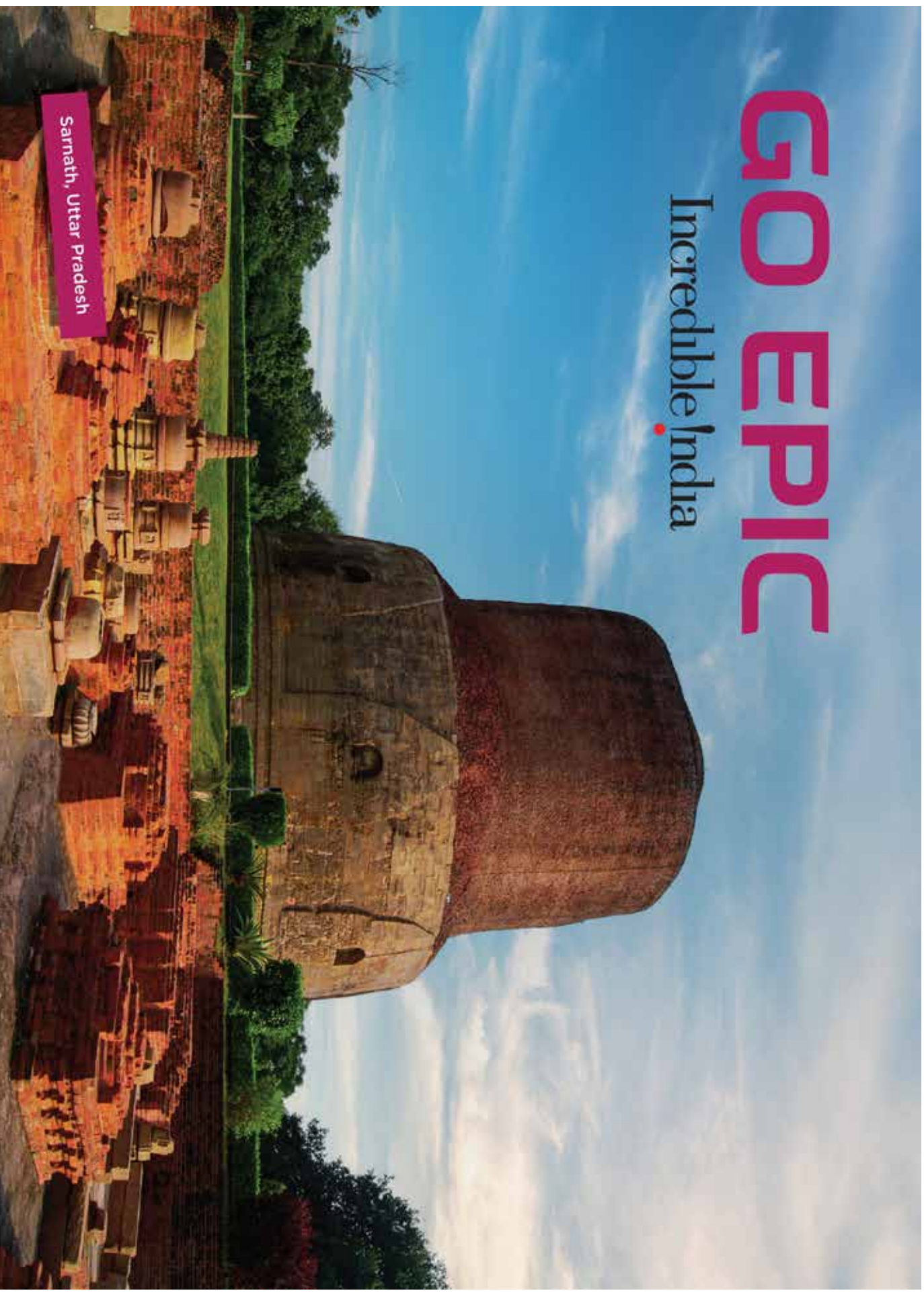
The webinar was moderated by Mr. Mohit Kumar, Senior Assistant Secretary, Centre for Sustainability, PHDCCI, who coordinated the proceedings and facilitated the interactive discussions.



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Vendor Development Programme under the RAMP Scheme, GOI

Under the RAMP Scheme, Government of India, PHDCCI Chhattisgarh State Chapter in association with the Chhattisgarh State Industrial Development Corporation (CSIDC) and Jindal Steel Ltd. (Anchor Unit), organized a Vendor Development Programme (VDP) on July 21-22, 2026 at Raigarh. This VDP, the second initiative in this series by the PHDCCI Chhattisgarh State Chapter, was organized to facilitate market access and supply chain linkages between potential MSMEs (vendors) in the Raigarh industrial region and Jindal Steel Ltd. (Anchor Unit).

Under the RAMP Programme, such initiatives' are aligned with the key pillars of market access, competitiveness, and institutional capacity building. The programme aimed to identify procurement opportunities at Jindal Steel Ltd., connect MSMEs with potential business opportunities, reduce import dependency, and promote indigenisation through enhanced local vendor participation.

The programme commenced with a welcome address by Mr. C Prabhakarn, Head – Commercials, Jindal Steel Ltd., Raigarh. Mr. Debojyoti Roy, Executive Director, Jindal Steel Ltd., Raigarh was the Chief Guest of the programme. In his inaugural address, he appreciated the efforts of the Government of Chhattisgarh, CSIDC, and PHDCCI for organizing the programme. He stated that Jindal Steel Ltd., firmly believes that a strong local vendor ecosystem is the foundation of a resilient and competitive manufacturing sector. He emphasized that MSMEs play a vital role in driving innovation, generating employment, and

contributing to economic growth. He encouraged all participating MSMEs to actively engage with the company's procurement teams, explore long-term business partnerships, and contribute to strengthening the industrial ecosystem of Chhattisgarh in line with the vision of Atmanirbhar Bharat.

Mr. Praveen V, SPIU, Chhattisgarh RAMP, in his address, highlighted that the RAMP Scheme aims to strengthen the MSME ecosystem by enhancing market access, improving competitiveness, promoting technology adoption, and building institutional capacity. He stated that Vendor Development Programmes are among the key interventions under the scheme, connecting MSMEs directly with large industries and creating opportunities for sustainable business growth.

Mr Arvind Tiwari, IEDS, Assistant Director, MSME Development & Facilitation Office, Raipur, emphasized that the programmes such as the Vendor Development Programme enable MSMEs to better understand industry expectations, procurement procedures, and quality standards, thereby helping them become trusted suppliers to leading industries.

Mr. Rajendra Kumar Tripathi, DGM - Purchase, Jindal Steel Ltd., explained the vendor development process in his organization to the participants and categories of items procured annually. Mr. Rakesh Tiwari, Trainer, Government e-Marketplace (GeM), addressed on the role of the GeM in transforming public procurement through a transparent, efficient, and digital platform. He explained that GeM enables MSMEs to market their products and services directly to

government buyers across the country, ensuring equal opportunities, simplified procurement processes, faster payments, and wider market access.

During the technical sessions, the participants' were sensitised on the MSME Sustainable (ZED) Certification Scheme by



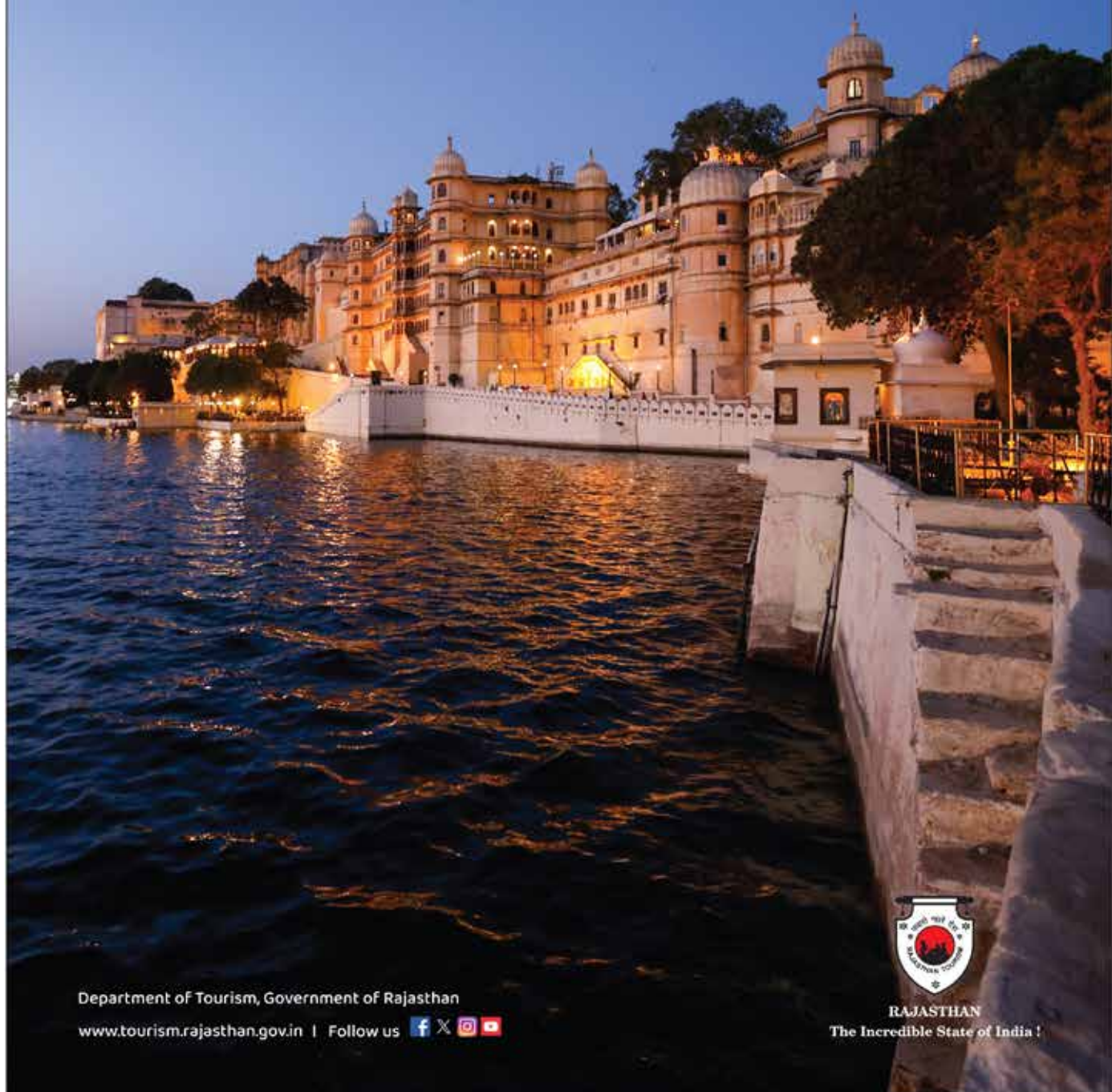
Addressing the participants, Ms. Anju Naik, Chief General Manager, District Trade and Industries Centre (DTIC), Raigarh, Government of Chhattisgarh reflected on the benefits provided to the MSME sector under the Industrial Development Policy 2024-30 of Government of Chhattisgarh. She reiterated the commitment of the State Government to promoting MSMEs through initiatives that support entrepreneurship, employment generation, and industrial development.

Mr. Favad Khan and Mr. Abhinav Das, Managers from MSME Technology Centre, Government of India, Durg. A session on invoice financing and supply chain finance was conducted by Mr. Akash Sahu, Senior Relationship Manager, Invoicemart, highlighting financial solutions available to MSMEs. The session concluded with a vote-of-thanks by Mr. Sumit Dubey, Resident Director, PHDCCI Chhattisgarh State Chapter.

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Awareness Programme on Solar Power as a Tool for Reducing MSME Operating Costs

In association with Tata Power, Lovely Battery House Pvt. Ltd. and Birkoni Industrialists Association, PHDCCI Chhattisgarh State Chapter organized an "Awareness Programme on Solar Power as a Tool for Reducing MSME Operating Costs" on July 3, 2026 at Birkoni, Mahasamund, Chhattisgarh. The programme aimed to create awareness about the latest developments, opportunities, government policies, and best practices in solar energy and energy storage technologies.

Welcoming the participants, Mr. Jitendra Chandrakar, President, Birkoni Industrialists' Association said that, with rising energy costs, the adoption of solar power offers MSMEs a practical and sustainable solution to reduce operating expenses, enhance competitiveness and contribute to environmental sustainability. He further highlighted Chhattisgarh's immense potential for solar energy and added that PHDCCI's initiative would play a vital role in creating awareness about the benefits of solar power, available technologies, and various government support schemes that encourage its adoption.

During the technical session, Mr. Nitendra Payasi, Area Sales Manager, Tata Power made a



presentation on Tata Power Solar solutions. He highlighted the benefits of solar energy, including long-term cost savings, energy independence, reduced carbon footprint, and the role of battery energy storage systems in ensuring uninterrupted power supply. Sharing practical insights from the field, Lovely Battery House Pvt. Ltd. (a Channel Partner of Tata Power), presented a success story showcasing the effective implementation of solar energy projects.

Speakers' shared that Chhattisgarh, blessed with abundant sunshine, high solar irradiance, and vast



stretches of available land, possesses immense potential for solar power generation. The state's growing industrial base and the government's focus on renewable energy make it an attractive destination for investment and innovation in the clean energy sector.

Mr. Sumit Dubey, Resident Director, PHDCCI Chhattisgarh State Chapter delivered the vote-of thanks to the participants.

Government Intensifies Promotion of Nano Fertilizers to Enhance Nutrient Use Efficiency

The Government of India is actively promoting the use of Nano Fertilizers across the country to enhance fertilizer use efficiency, encourage balanced nutrient application and strengthen self-reliance in the fertilizer sector. A multi-pronged strategy involving farmer awareness, technological interventions, institutional partnerships and State-level incentive programmes has been put in place to accelerate the adoption of nano fertilizers among farmers. Nano Urea and Nano DAP are also being made available to farmers through Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samriddhi Kendras (PMKSKs) by the concerned fertilizer companies, ensuring wider accessibility. To facilitate efficient application of nano fertilizers, initiatives such as innovative spraying options like 'Kisan Drones' and distribution of battery operated sprayers at retail points are undertaken. For this purpose, pilot training and custom hiring spraying services through Village Level Entrepreneurs are actively promoted. Several State Governments have also introduced initiatives to promote the adoption of nano fertilizers.

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Conference on MSMEs' Growth in the Digital Era: Quality Upgradation (BIS) & Digital Transformation

The conference on "MSMEs' Growth in the Digital Era: Quality Upgradation (BIS) & Digital Transformation", held on July 2, 2026 at the Rajkot Chamber of Commerce & Industry (RCCI),

Rajkot, witnessed enthusiastic participation from more than 100 MSMEs representing diverse manufacturing and industrial sectors across the Rajkot region. The strong participation reflected the growing focus among MSMEs on quality standardisation, digital transformation, and leveraging government and institutional support to enhance competitiveness.

Mr. Nautam Barasiya, Hon. Secretary, Rajkot Chamber of Commerce & Industry, in his welcome address, emphasised the need for MSMEs to continuously upgrade quality standards and adopt digital technologies to remain competitive in both domestic and global markets.

Mr. Rajeshkumar Hariyani, President, Rajkot Management Association, highlighted quality, innovation, and technology as key drivers of sustainable industrial development. He encouraged MSMEs to embrace modern business practices, digital tools, and internationally accepted quality standards to enhance productivity, operational excellence, and market



competitiveness.

The keynote address, jointly delivered by Mr. Parijat Shukla, Director & Head, BIS Rajkot Branch Office, and Mr. Piyush Gediya, Scientist-C & Deputy Director, Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), highlighted the pivotal role of BIS in promoting product quality, consumer safety, and standardisation. They explained the significance of Quality Control Orders, certification procedures, and BIS standards in helping MSMEs improve product reliability and access new markets.

Mr. Niraj Mishra, Scientist-C & Deputy Director, and Mr. Satyendra Kumar Pandey, Scientist-E & Director, BIS, provided practical insights into BIS standards, Quality Control Orders, certification processes, statutory compliance, and the business benefits of adopting quality standards. The session highlighted how quality-driven practices can strengthen manufacturing processes, ensure regulatory compliance, build customer confidence, and improve overall business performance.

The session on "Insights & Overview on Digital Transformation for MSMEs", addressed by Ms. Anjana Patel, Sales Team Leader, ODOO India highlighted how MSMEs can leverage digital solutions to streamline operations,

automate processes, strengthen customer engagement, enable data-driven decision-making, and improve operational efficiency for sustainable growth.

Mr. Dharmesh Rupapara, Cluster Head, AU Small Finance Bank, Rajkot, highlighted the bank's commitment to supporting MSMEs through customised financial solutions aimed at business growth, modernisation, and expansion.

Mr. Jay Samani, Resident Manager, PHDCCI, proposed the vote of thanks and expressed sincere appreciation to BIS, RCCI, AU Small Finance Bank, the distinguished speakers, partner organisations, industry representatives, and participating MSMEs for their participation.

The conference reinforced the importance of quality standardisation, digital transformation, and institutional collaboration in strengthening the productivity, resilience, and global competitiveness of India's MSME sector.

Steps Taken to Promote Ayush Medicine

The Ministry of Ayush has undertaken various measures through regulatory bodies i.e. the National Commission for Indian System of Medicine (NCISM) and the National Commission for Homoeopathy (NCH), established under the National Commission for Indian System of Medicine Act, 2020 and the National Commission for Homoeopathy Act, 2020, respectively, to enhance the quality of medical education in Ayurveda, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy.

Public Health being a State subject, the primary responsibility for the establishment of new Ayush Educational Institutions comes under the purview of respective State Governments. However, under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National Ayush Mission (NAM), there is a provision for financial assistance to the State/UT Governments for the establishment of new Ayush colleges where the availability of Ayush teaching institutions is inadequate in Government Sector. Accordingly, States/UTs may avail financial assistance by submitting suitable proposals through State Annual Action Plans within the provision of NAM guidelines.

Interactive Session with Lieutenant Governor, J&K

A PHDCCI delegation comprising

Dr Ranjeet Mehta, CEO & Secretary General, Mr. Vicky Shaw, Chair, Kashmir Chapter, Mr. Vikas Khanduri, Co-chair, International Affairs – Europe & CIS, and Mr. Iqbal Fayaz Jan, Deputy Director met the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor of Jammu & Kashmir, Mr. Manoj Sinha on July 17, 2026 at Lok Bhawan, Srinagar. Dr Ranjeet Mehta apprised the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor about the activities of PHDCCI across trade, industry, international cooperation, MSMEs, tourism, and skill development. He also appreciated the visionary leadership of the Hon'ble Lieutenant



Governor and the proactive policies and initiatives undertaken to restore peace and harmony in the region, and promote Jammu & Kashmir as a preferred destination for international film production and creative industries by leveraging its scenic landscapes, cultural heritage and improving business ecosystem.

The delegation also thanked the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor for the encouraging discussion on the

International Film Festival of Jammu & Kashmir (IFFJK) 2026 scheduled for September 2026 at Kashmir. PHDCCI would be honoured to support the festival's international outreach through its global network of diplomatic missions, international chambers, and strategic partners.

The Lieutenant Governor welcomed PHDCCI's initiatives and assured the delegation of the administration's full support in facilitating meaningful collaborations aimed at promoting investment, tourism and the creative economy and PHDCCI's partnering with the Government of J&K for the successful organization of IFFJK 2026.

'Drug-Free J&K' Campaign Milestone: 100 Days of Progress, A Lifetime of Impact

A s the 'Drug-Free J&K' campaign completes its

landmark first 100 days, PHDCCI's Chairman of Kashmir Chapter, Mr. A P Vicky Shaw and Deputy Director, Mr. Iqbal Fayaz Jan, joined the commemoration of the initiative, hailing it as a transformative movement that is saving the youth of Jammu and Kashmir from the grip of substance abuse on July 21, 2026.

Saluting the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor for his sustained crusade against the drug cartel, Mr. Vicky Shaw emphasized that the protection and rehabilitation of the region's youth is the most commemorative achievement to celebrate today.

"The first 100 days of this campaign have laid a powerful foundation for the rigorous path ahead," said a statement from the PHDCCI leadership, echoing the sentiments of the Lieutenant Governor. "The war against the drug mafia will now truly take off, and we stand in full



solidarity with the administration, the J&K Police, and the resilient youth of Jammu and Kashmir."

The campaign has witnessed unprecedented public support and administrative action. According to official figures, over 2,581 drug traffickers have been arrested in the past 100 days, with nearly 1,431 kg of narcotics and over Rs. 188.89 crore in assets seized to cripple the narco-terror financing ecosystem. The administration has also taken stringent action against the supply chain, including the cancellation of hundreds of driving licenses and the recommendation of passport suspensions.

"The past 100 days have awakened a new consciousness among the people. The foundation on which

smugglers built their empire of narco-terror will be completely destroyed," the Lieutenant Governor stated, a resolve that PHDCCI reaffirmed.

The PHDCCI leadership reiterated their commitment to the cause, calling upon the entire community to support the campaign. "We salute the LG, J&K Police, and the youth. Together, we must ensure that every young person trapped by addiction is given a chance to rejoin the mainstream," they added. The administration is also set to launch the 'Rehabilitation and Socio-Economic Reintegration Scheme for Drug Abuse Victims, 2026' to provide comprehensive medical care, therapy, and employment opportunities for recovering addicts.

Mr. Shaw concluded, "Let us together save the youth of J&K. This is not just a campaign; it is a pledge to build a future that is drug-free, terror-free, and full of hope."

Entrepreneur Awareness & Special Vendor Development Programme (EA&SVDP)



PHDCCI in association with the Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSME), Government of India, organized an Entrepreneur Awareness & Special Vendor Development Programme (EA&SVDP) on July 27, 2026 at Pakur, Jharkhand.

The programme was aimed to create awareness of various initiatives of the Ministry of MSME, including National SC-ST Hub (NSSH) Scheme. The programme aimed at enhancing awareness of the National SC ST Hub Scheme to existing and aspiring entrepreneurs to facilitate Central Ministries, Departments, and CPSEs for fulfilling the mandated 4% procurement from under the Public Procurement

Policy.

Both aspiring and existing entrepreneurs gained comprehensive awareness of the NSSH scheme, and the various schemes offered by the Ministry of MSME. Aspiring entrepreneurs were specifically informed about the importance of registering on the Udyam Portal to formalize their enterprises, while existing entrepreneurs received detailed insights into vendor registration procedures, required documentation, items procured by CPSEs, detailed insights on e-tendering process, credit facilitation options and subsidy components available through banks to support business expansion and sustainability.

More than 200 existing and aspiring entrepreneurs from and around Pakur, participated in the event.

The programme facilitated direct interaction between existing and aspiring entrepreneurs and key stakeholders such as CPSEs, MSME-DFO, financial institutions, and other MSME-supporting agencies. Technical sessions featured inputs from representatives of MSME-DFO, Leading Banks, CPSEs (GAIL, CMPDI), GeM, DIC and training institutions JGTR, ICAI etc. on financial support, vendor empanelment processes, and allied services, thereby strengthening collaboration within the MSME ecosystem.

Prof. (Dr) S.P. Agarwal, Chair, PHDCCI Jharkhand and Vice Chancellor, Sai Nath University, Ranchi was recently conferred with the Honorary Rank of Colonel by Indian Army on July 9, 2026. He is the first Vice Chancellor in Jharkhand to receive this honour and distinction.



Healthcare Conclave 2026: Positioning Madhya Pradesh as a global destination for healthcare

Under the aegis of its Madhya Pradesh State Chapter, PHDCCI, in association with the Sage Group and Apollo Sage Hospitals, organized the “Destination Madhya Pradesh Healthcare Conclave 2026” on July 2, 2026, at Hotel Sayaji, Bhopal.

The Conclave brought together policymakers, healthcare professionals, medical educators, AYUSH practitioners, medical tourism experts, industry representatives, investors, researchers and academicians to deliberate on positioning Madhya Pradesh as a leading national and global destination for healthcare and medical value travel.

In his welcome address, Dr Sanjeev Agrawal, Chair, Madhya Pradesh State Chapter, PHDCCI, and Chairman & Managing Director, The Sage Group, highlighted the State’s potential to achieve new milestones in healthcare through quality medical education, modern infrastructure, research, innovation and strong public-private partnerships.

He emphasised PHDCCI’s commitment to facilitating greater collaboration among government, industry and the healthcare sector to build a distinct identity for Madhya Pradesh in healthcare and medical tourism. He also noted that the State is emerging as a healthcare hub, supported by quality medical services, modern hospitals, skilled doctors, reputed educational institutions, improved connectivity, strong AYUSH and wellness traditions, and attractive investment opportunities.

During the Conclave, Dr Udayan Vajpeyi shared insights on strengthening medical education



and quality healthcare services, while Dr Manisha Shrivastava, Director, Bhopal Memorial Hospital & Research Centre,

stressed the importance of patient-centric and high-quality healthcare delivery. Mr. Ram Kumar Tiwari, Deputy Director, Madhya Pradesh Tourism Board highlighted the potential of integrating the State’s natural, cultural and spiritual heritage with healthcare services to create new opportunities in medical and wellness tourism.

The session was moderated by Mr. Atul K Thakur, Senior Secretary, PHDCCI. Other speakers included Mr. Sumit Agarwal, Co-chair, Madhya Pradesh State Chapter, PHDCCI, and CMD, Bio Nutrients (India) Pvt Ltd; Mr. Manoj Kumar Jain, Senior Adviser, Atal Bihari Vajpayee Institute of Good Governance and Policy Analysis; Mr. Soram Prabhakar, Honorary



Consul of the Republic of Guinea in Madhya Pradesh; Dr Reenu Yadav, Principal, Prestige Institute of Management; Dr Rajesh Saxena, Scientific Adviser, Patanjali Research Foundation; and Mr. Saumil Tiwari, Founder, Serve Life (OPC) Pvt. Ltd.

Speakers emphasised that a coordinated strategy and strong stakeholder collaboration will be essential to position Madhya Pradesh as a globally competitive healthcare and wellness destination.

The Conclave provided a valuable platform for policy dialogue, knowledge sharing and collaborative engagement, generating actionable recommendations and opportunities to accelerate the growth of Madhya Pradesh’s healthcare sector and medical value travel ecosystem.

Water Conclave: Strengthening Industrial Water Management

Under the aegis of its Madhya Pradesh State Chapter, Centre for Sustainability, and State Development Council, and in association with Water Today Pvt. Ltd., PHDCCI organized the Bhopal Water Conclave on July 22, 2026, at Hotel Sayaji, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh. The Conclave was supported by the Federation of MP Chamber of Commerce and Industry as the Association Partner. Ms. Sarita Om Prajapati (IAS), Director, Madhya Pradesh Water and Land Management Institute, Government of Madhya Pradesh, graced the event as the Chief Guest.

The Conclave brought together industry experts, technology providers, manufacturing leaders, and senior professionals from



end-user industries responsible for industrial water, wastewater, utilities, and environmental management. Discussions focused on enhancing operational efficiency, regulatory compliance, water reuse, and sustainable water management. The event witnessed participation from over 100 delegates.

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Session on Need-Based Capital Allocation and Cooperative Strength for MSMEs

At the session on "Capitalising the India Advantage" at ET Now Leaders of Tomorrow – Season 14, powered by SpringBoard, held on July 3, 2026, in Mumbai, Mr. Mahesh Singhi, Chairman & Managing Director, Singhi Advisors, and Chair, PHDCCI Maharashtra State Chapter, chaired a session highlighting the importance of need-based capital allocation and the role of industry bodies in fostering sustainable growth for India's MSMEs.

Addressing entrepreneurs, policymakers, and industry leaders, Mr. Singhi stressed that every business has a unique capital cycle, making it essential to align debt and equity funding with its specific working capital and growth requirements. He said that prudent capital deployment, based on business fundamentals is critical to minimising financial stress.



Citing the Textile Upgradation Fund (TUFF) as an example, he noted that excessive capital inflows, despite good intentions, led to overcapacity, rising NPAs, and constrained lending. He emphasised that sustainable growth depends on balancing capital availability with genuine market demand.

Mr. Singhi also highlighted the role of industry associations in guiding businesses, promoting responsible capital allocation, and supporting



policy measures that reduce systemic risk. He concluded by reiterating that disciplined investment decisions, backed by collaboration between industry, financial institutions, and government, are vital for strengthening MSMEs and unlocking India's long-term economic potential.

Entrepreneur Awareness & Special Vendor Development Programme (EA&SVDP)

The National SC-ST Hub (NSSH), implemented by the National Small Industries Corporation (NSIC) under the Ministry of MSME in association with PHDCCI organised an Entrepreneur Awareness & Special Vendor Development Programme (EA&SVDP) at Khagarijan College, Nagaon, Assam on July 31, 2026. The programme saw participation from more than 150 SC/ST entrepreneurs.

Mr. A. Tovi Chophi, Chair, NER, PHDCCI delivered the welcome address, followed by the screening of a film on the National SC-ST Hub.

Mr. Siba Barua, In-Charge, NSSH, NSIC, delivered an insightful presentation on the National SC-ST Hub Scheme, outlining its key objectives and benefits while motivating SC/ST entrepreneurs to take advantage of the various Government support mechanisms and public procurement opportunities available under the scheme.

Mr. S. S. Barua, Deputy Director, MSME-DFO, Guwahati gave a presentation on the various MSME schemes available for enterprise development; Mr. Chandan Haloi, KVIC spoke on Central Government schemes; and Mr. Pranjan Rajmedhi, General Manager, DICC, Nagaon pointed out the State Government initiatives



for entrepreneurs.

An online presentation on the Government e-Marketplace (GeM) was delivered by Mr. Rakesh Tiwari, GeM Trainer.



Many experts shared their organisations' procurement requirements, vendor registration procedures, quality standards and business opportunities available for prospective suppliers.

Further enriching the programme were informative sessions by Mr. Umakanta Ghadai, Lead District Manager Banking Forum, Nagaon, on banking support and credit facilitation; Mr. Arijit Das, Senior Supervisor, ITI Nagaon, on skill development opportunities; Mr.

Arunav Sarmah, NSSH, NSIC, on e-tendering; and Mr. Kaushal Agarwal, Chartered Accountant from ICAI, on financial literacy. Eligible participants also benefited from on-the-spot Udyam and GeM registration throughout the

programme.

The sessions were moderated by Ms. Meghmala Choudhury, Assistant Resident Director & In-Charge,



NER Chapter, PHDCCI, while the vote-of-thanks was delivered by Dr Ramesh Nath, Principal, Khagarijan College.

Through this initiative, PHDCCI continued its efforts to support SC/ST entrepreneurs by connecting them with Government departments, Central Public Sector Enterprises and financial institutions, helping them access Government schemes, strengthen market linkages and explore new business opportunities.

PM Modi's visit to New Zealand

PM, Mr. Narendra Modi met with the Prime Minister of New Zealand, the Rt. Hon. Christopher Luxon in Auckland on July 11, 2026. The two Prime Ministers held extensive bilateral discussions and agreed to elevate the bilateral relationship to the level of Strategic Partnership, marking a new chapter in India-New Zealand relations. Both leaders underscored the importance of the early implementation of the India-New Zealand Free Trade Agreement. The two Prime Ministers set a target to double bilateral trade by 2030. The two countries signed agreements on maritime sectors; tourism and culture; hydrographic data sharing; logistics support between both defence forces; establishment of a Joint Working Group on counter terrorism, and development of a National Maritime Heritage Complex in Lothal, Gujarat.

Entrepreneurship, Self-Employment & MSME Opportunities for Ex-Servicemen

The NER Chapter of PHDCCI organized a workshop with Institutional Support from Directorate of Sainik Welfare, Government of Assam on the theme "Entrepreneurship, Self-Employment & MSME Opportunities for Ex-Servicemen"

on July 17, 2026 at Guwahati. The Institutional Partner was Small Industries Development Bank of India, Associate Partner was State Bank of India and Industry Partner was Star Cement. The workshop saw participation of 160 Ex-Servicemen delegates.

Chief Guest at the Inaugural Session was Air Vice Marshal Sanjib Bordoloi, Ati Vishisht Seva Medal (Retd.) and Guest of Honours were Mr. Rajesh Madan, Zonal General Manager, NSIC, Mr. N Kripeno Dominic Piku, Assistant Director, MSME-DFO Guwahati and Mr. Anuj Jain, AGM, SIDBI. The welcome address was delivered by Brigadier Polash Choudhury,



SM (Retd.), Director, Directorate of Sainik Welfare, Government of Assam. The workshop overview was delivered by Ms. Meghmala Choudhury, Assistant Resident Director and In-Charge NER Chapter PHDCCI. The vote-of-thanks was delivered by Colonel Chiranjeet Konwer (Retd.), Zila Sainik Welfare Officer, Directorate of Sainik Welfare, Government of Assam.

The Technical Session was addressed by Mr. Palash Bhowmik, Chief Manager (Technology), NSIC; Mr. Mustafa Laskar, HR Admin Head-NE-Corporate, Star Cement, Mr. Ritesh Kanu,

Director, Drones Tech Lab; Mr. Jyotish Talukdar, Director, Kalong-Kapili and Mr. Rulen Hazarika, CEO, Assam Pearl Development Cooperative Society Ltd. As part of the workshop, pearls produced through pearl farming were also displayed, showing entrepreneurship opportunities in the aquaculture sector.



PRESIDENT DROUPADI MURMU LAUNCHES VARIOUS INITIATIVES AT RASHTRAPATI BHAVAN TO MARK THE COMPLETION OF FOUR YEARS OF HER PRESIDENCY

The President of India, Ms. Droupadi Murmu completed four years in the office on July 25, 2026. To mark this occasion, the President graced the inauguration and laid the foundation stones for various important initiatives undertaken in Rashtrapati Bhavan and the President's Estates on July 28, 2026. These include: Launch of e-Audio Guide for visitors to Rashtrapati Bhavan to enhance visitors' experience; Launch of the third edition of e-Upahaar, featuring 300 curated Presidential gifts for public auction; Inauguration of Bachpan 'Bal Parisar' for the children in the President's Estate. The initiative includes 'Kilkari', a play zone for children, and 'Samarth Anganwadi-cum-Palna; Launch of RAAHI (Rashtrapati Bhavan Access And Heritage Interconnector), a fare-free electric bus service to promote green and inclusive mobility, particularly for women, children, senior citizens and Divyang persons within the President's Estate and up to the nearest Metro station; Laying of foundation stone for the construction of service block as part of Net Zero Energy Strategy and Inauguration of accommodation facilities at Rashtrapati Niketan, Dehradun and Rashtrapati Nilayam, Secunderabad as well as laying of foundation stone for the redevelopment of staff quarters in the President's Estate.

Entrepreneur Awareness & Special Vendor Development Programmes (EA&SVDP)

Punjab State Chapter of PHDCCI, in association with the Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSME), organised Entrepreneur Awareness & Special Vendor Development Programmes in various districts of Punjab.

The programmes were aimed to create awareness among existing and aspiring SC/ST entrepreneurs and facilitate the participation of SC/ST-owned Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs) in public procurement. Delivering the welcome address, Ms. Bharti Sood, Senior Regional Director, PHDCCI, highlighted the importance of empowering SC/ST entrepreneurs through awareness, capacity building, and improved access to government support mechanisms. She reaffirmed PHDCCI's commitment to working closely with the Ministry of MSME and other stakeholders to create greater opportunities for MSMEs, while promoting inclusive and sustainable entrepreneurship across the region.

Patiala July 15, 2026

Mr. Surya Bhushan, Branch In-charge, National SC-ST Hub, Ludhiana, outlined the objectives of the National SC-ST Hub Scheme and explained the Government of India's Public Procurement Policy, which mandates 4% procurement from SC/ST-owned MSEs and 3% procurement from women-owned MSEs. He emphasised the significant business opportunities available to entrepreneurs from these segments.

Participants were sensitised to various Ministry of MSME schemes, the benefits of Udyam Registration,



vendor registration procedures, documentation requirements, procurement opportunities with Central Public Sector Enterprises, the e-tendering process, credit facilitation mechanisms, and bank-supported subsidy schemes for business expansion and sustainability.

The programme also served as an effective platform for direct interaction between existing and

aspiring entrepreneurs and representatives from CPSEs, financial institutions, MSME organisations, and other support agencies. Expert-led technical sessions by officials from the Ministry of MSME, banks, CPSEs, and the Government e-Marketplace (GeM) focused on financial assistance, vendor empanelment, digital procurement, and government support services, strengthening linkages within the MSME ecosystem and encouraging greater participation of more than 150 existing and aspiring SC/ST entrepreneurs from Patiala and nearby districts.

Hoshiapur July 30, 2026

Addressing the gathering, Mr. Surya Bhushan, Branch Incharge, National SC-ST Hub, Ludhiana, outlined the objectives of the NSSH Scheme and highlighted the Government of India's Public Procurement Policy, which mandates 4% procurement from SC/ST-owned MSEs and 3% from women-owned MSEs, underscoring the significant market opportunities available to these

enterprises.

The programme featured expert sessions on key MSME initiatives, including Udyam Registration, vendor registration procedures, documentation requirements, procurement opportunities with Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs), the Government e-Marketplace (GeM), e-tendering processes, credit facilitation and bank-supported subsidy schemes for

business expansion. It also served as an effective platform for direct interaction between entrepreneurs and representatives from CPSEs, banks, MSME organizations and other support institutions. These sessions strengthened participants' understanding of government support mechanisms, while fostering stronger linkages within the MSME ecosystem.



National Pension Scheme: Building a Secure Future for MSME Workforce

Punjab State Chapter of PHDCCI, in association with the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) and Beopar Mandal, Pathankot, organized an awareness session on National Pension System (NPS) – Building a Secure Future for MSME Workforce on July 25, 2026 at Hotel Unite, Pathankot.

The objective of the programme was to create widespread awareness among local trade leaders and MSMEs regarding retirement planning, financial security, and long-term benefits of adopting the National Pension System for both employers and employees.

Delivering the welcome address, Mr. Deepinder Arora, President, Beopar Mandal, Pathankot, emphasized the crucial role played by small businesses and trade units in driving regional economic growth, stressing the need to implement structured welfare and security mechanisms for workforce retention and stability.

Addressing the gathering, Mr. Abhishek Dhiman, Assistant

Manager, PFRDA, outlined the overarching vision of the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority in expanding social security coverage across the unorganized and MSME sectors.

A detailed presentation on NPS for MSMEs – Benefits, Enrolment Process, and Tax Advantages was delivered by Mr. Begraj Saini, Senior Manager, HDFC Pension Fund. The presentation elaborated on the operational aspects of NPS, corporate co-contribution benefits, tax incentives under applicable provisions of the Income Tax Act, investment flexibility, and seamless digital onboarding.

Mr. Sumit Kumar, Assistant Secretary, PHDCCI, presented an overview of the activities of PHDCCI highlighting its legacy, diverse initiatives, and key activities undertaken by the Punjab State Chapter for the growth and



development of industry, MSMEs, startups, and entrepreneurs. He also apprised the participants of the various policy advocacy, capacity-building programmes, business networking platforms, and sector-specific initiatives being undertaken by the Chamber.

PHDCCI Secretariat was represented by Mr. Gursharan Singh, Resident Officer, PHDCCI, who addressed the queries of the participants regarding PHDCCI's initiatives and the NPS.

The formal vote-of-thanks was proposed by Mr. Satish Mahindru, Chairman, The Hindu Urban Cooperative Bank Pvt. Ltd. & Chief Advisor, Beopar Mandal, Pathankot, who emphasized that NPS serves as an affordable, secure, and highly effective social security tool that can significantly strengthen workforce stability for MSMEs in Pathankot.

Mr. Karan Gilhotra Conferred with "Outstanding Philanthropist Award" by Hon'ble Governor of Punjab

Mr. Karan Gilhotra, Chair, Punjab State Chapter, PHDCCI, and Co-Founder of Plaksha University was conferred the prestigious "Outstanding Philanthropist Award" by the Hon'ble Governor of Punjab and Administrator, Union Territory Chandigarh, Mr. Gulab Chand Kataria, in recognition of his exemplary contributions to social service, education, youth empowerment, and public welfare on July 10, 2026.

The honour recognizes Mr. Gilhotra's unwavering commitment to creating meaningful social impact through transformative initiatives in education, community

development, and youth empowerment. His leadership has consistently inspired efforts towards inclusive growth and sustainable societal development. Under Mr. Gilhotra's stewardship, the Punjab State Chapter of PHDCCI has undertaken several impactful initiatives aimed at promoting entrepreneurship, industrial development, skill enhancement, and social welfare across the region. His vision continues to strengthen collaboration between industry, academia, and government, fostering innovation and inclusive economic growth.



Launch of Project Udaan at the PHDCCI-Established Skill Development Centre in Central Jail, Amritsar

Regional Fashion Tex Tech Forum and the Punjab State Chapter of PHDCCI, in association with Studio by Himani Arora, launched Project Udaan under the Craft Forward initiative at the PHDCCI-established Skill Development Centre in Central Jail, Amritsar on July 12, 2026.

Welcoming the dignitaries, Mr. Karan Gilhotra, Chair, Punjab State Chapter, PHDCCI, said that the Skill Development Centre reflects the Chamber's commitment for the rehabilitation through skill development. He highlighted that the initiative aims to equip women inmates with employable skills, build their confidence, and create sustainable livelihood opportunities for their successful reintegration into society.

Delivering the theme address, Ms. Himani Arora, Chair, Regional Fashion Tex Tech Forum, PHDCCI, and the driving force behind Project Udaan, shared the vision of empowering women inmates through structured training in stitching, embroidery, textile crafts, and contemporary fashion techniques. She emphasized that the initiative goes beyond skill

development by fostering creativity, entrepreneurship, self-reliance, and dignity, enabling participants to rebuild their lives with confidence after their release. She expressed confidence that Project Udaan would emerge as a scalable model of social entrepreneurship through meaningful industry collaboration.

The programme was graced by Mr. Gulab Chand Kataria, Hon'ble Governor of Punjab, as the Chief Guest. He lauded PHDCCI and its Regional Fashion Tex Tech Forum for launching a transformative initiative focused on empowering women inmates through skill development. Stressing the importance of rehabilitation through education, vocational training, and the dignity of labour, he called for stronger industry-government partnerships to drive meaningful social change.

On the occasion, the Hon'ble Governor inaugurated the PHDCCI

Skill Development Centre, distributed sewing machines to the Centre, and interacted with the women inmates, encouraging them to make the most of the training opportunities and become self-reliant.

The event was attended by Mr. Vivek Pratap Singh, IAS, Principal Secretary to the Hon'ble Governor of Punjab; Mr. Rajiv Kumar Arora, Superintendent, Central Jail, Amritsar; CA Jaideep Singh, Convener, Amritsar Zone, PHDCCI; Mr. Nipun Aggarwal, Co-convenor, Amritsar Zone, PHDCCI; and Mr. Sumit Kumar, Assistant Secretary, PHDCCI.

The vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. S. S. Mann, IPS, Deputy Inspector General of Prisons, Amritsar Circle, who appreciated the collaborative efforts of PHDCCI and its partners in promoting rehabilitation through skill development.

Around 200 women inmates enthusiastically participated in the launch of Project Udaan, embracing the initiative as a pathway to acquiring new skills, rebuilding confidence, and creating a brighter, self-reliant future.



Industry-Academia Dialogue on Geopolitics and India's Economic Rise

PHDCCI-Rajasthan state Chapter participated in an Industry-Academia Roundtable Discussion on "Geopolitics and India's Economic Rise – Challenges and Opportunities in a Fragmented World Order", hosted by Jaipur Engineering College and Research Centre (JECRC) University on July 2, 2026.

The discussion brought together industry representatives, academicians and students to examine the growing impact of geopolitics, global supply-chain disruptions and digital transformation on India's economy. Mr. R. K. Gupta, Resident Director, PHDCCI-Rajasthan Chapter, along with industry and academic experts, shared insights on emerging challenges and opportunities.

Dr Rajeev Jain, Advisor, JECRC University and Former Vice Chancellor, Rajasthan University, highlighted the University's efforts to strengthen the industry-academia interface and equip students with practical insights into the

evolving business and economic environment.

Experts noted that recent geopolitical tensions and disruptions in global supply chains have affected sectors such as plastics, garments, pharmaceuticals, electronics, solar, food processing and agriculture, while also placing pressure on India's energy security. However, India's economic resilience, strategic trade agreements, diversification of supply sources and initiatives such as Production Linked Incentive (PLI) schemes have helped mitigate these challenges.

The discussion also highlighted emerging opportunities for India in critical minerals, renewable energy and energy storage, electric mobility, defence manufacturing, pharmaceuticals, advanced manufacturing, research and innovation. India's strong talent pool, demographic advantage and



expanding educational ecosystem were identified as key strengths in navigating the changing global economic landscape.

The session concluded with the observation that a stronger industry-academia partnership can help students better understand global developments, develop the ability to anticipate emerging trends and identify new business and employment opportunities arising from geopolitical shifts.

Investor Awareness Program on Investment Fraud and Cyber Security

PHDCCI-Rajasthan Chapter in association with AWOKE India organized a comprehensive Investor Awareness Program focusing on "Investment Fraud and Cyber Security" on July 22, 2026, at PHD House, Jaipur.

Addressing the participants, Mr. Pravin Kumar Dwivedi, Founder & President of AWOKE India highlighted that expanding digital landscapes require stricter financial discipline. He elaborated on the modus operandi of modern financial crimes, noting how tricksters utilize clone apps, fake stock updates, and deceptive social engineering to trap unsuspecting investors. Mr. Dwivedi urged industry and academia

members to implement a strong framework of digital hygiene, cross-verify institutional credentials before transferring capital, and prioritize safe, long-term wealth management over speculative online schemes.

Mr. R. K. Gupta, Resident Director of PHDCCI, Rajasthan State Chapter while moderating the program, stressed that collaboration between industry and academia is vital for building a fraud-resilient ecosystem. The interactive session allowed attendees to discuss real-world case studies



and cyber security best practices. The program concluded with a strong commitment from PHDCCI to continue driving financial literacy initiatives across the region.

Workshop on AI & Digital Marketing Growth Lab for MSMEs

PHDCCI Rajasthan State Chapter organized a one-day workshop on 'AI & Digital Marketing Growth Lab for MSMEs' on July 16, 2026 at PHD House, Jaipur.

Mr. Zahid Gawandi, Founder and Chief Brand Strategist of ClickBrat. AI, Mumbai, and a renowned expert and trainer in AI and digital marketing, conducted the workshop.

Welcoming the delegates and the master trainer, Mr. Digvijay Dhabriya, Chair, PHDCCI-Rajasthan State Chapter, highlighted the growing importance of artificial intelligence and digital marketing for MSMEs and other sectors of trade and industry. He underscored the need for MSMEs to adopt relevant AI tools and digital technologies to streamline their operations and sustain their growth trajectory in a rapidly evolving business environment.

Mr. Zahid Gawandi explained the fundamentals of AI and digital



marketing and outlined a structured process for developing appropriate digital-growth strategies for MSMEs.

He also introduced participants to various digital platforms and AI-enabled productivity tools, including Google Business Profile, Perplexity, WhatsApp Business, ChatGPT, YouTube, Google, Seedance, Claude, ElevenLabs, Gemini, Microsoft Copilot, Nano Banana, HeyGen, and AssemblyAI.

Through practical demonstrations, he explained how these tools can help MSMEs automate business processes, formulate growth strategies, conduct competitor research and analysis, strengthen product positioning, improve customer communication, and



enhance overall productivity.

Jaipuria Institute of Management was the Academic Partner for the programme. Dr Tina Jain, Professor at Jaipuria Institute of Management, spoke about the institute's initiatives to build the capabilities of MBA students through innovative courses, including AI and digital marketing.

Mr. R. K. Gupta, Resident Director, PHDCCI Rajasthan Chapter, moderated the programme. He assured the delegates that the Chamber would continue to facilitate appropriate handholding and support for industries seeking to adopt AI and digital marketing for business transformation and growth.

PHDCCI Participated in Rajasthan Stakeholder Consultation on Food Processing Sector

PHDCCI participated in the Stakeholder Consultation Meeting on Opportunities, Challenges and Policy Interventions for Accelerating the Growth of Rajasthan's Food Processing Sector, held on July 27, 2026, at the Civil Secretariat, Jaipur. The meeting was chaired by Mr. V. Srinivas, IAS, Chief Secretary, Rajasthan, in the presence of Mr. Avinash Joshi, IAS, Secretary, Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI), Government of India.

Representing PHDCCI were Senior Members, Mr. Mukesh Gupta, Mentor, Hello Kisan Forum; Mr. Dharampal Garhwal, Founder, Olitia Foods; Mr. Sudhanshu Gupta, Co-founder, SNL Innovations Pvt. Ltd.; Mr. R. K. Gupta, Resident Director; and Mr. Jitendra Saini,



Resident Manager.

Mr. Rajan Vishal, IAS, Secretary, Agriculture, Government of Rajasthan, and Mr. Rajesh Kumar Chauhan, IAS, Administrator, Rajasthan Agriculture Marketing Board, highlighted the State's strong agricultural ecosystem, food processing parks, robust connectivity, supportive policy framework and abundant agricultural produce. They informed that, under the Rising Rajasthan initiative, MoUs for 39 new food processing parks have been signed, land has been allotted, and

implementation is underway.

Addressing the gathering, Mr. Avinash Joshi emphasized Rajasthan's immense potential to emerge as a leading food processing hub. He expressed concern over the relatively low number of PMFME units in the State compared with other parts of the country and urged the Agriculture Department to undertake a focused drive to expand the scheme and promote greater value addition within Rajasthan.

During the interaction, stakeholders highlighted key industry concerns, including inadequate working capital, the need for greater R&D and technology upgradation, faster approval of financial assistance, and a more streamlined, industry-friendly land allotment process on the lines of the Gujarat model.

5th Edition of UFSEC 2026

The fifth edition of UFSEC 2026 – North India's largest exhibition and conference on Industrial Safety (HSE), Fire Safety and Disaster Response – was organized by PHDCCI in association with the Safety Appliances Manufacturers Association (SAMA) at the India Expo Centre & Mart, Greater Noida on July 10–11, 2026.

The event was supported by the National Disaster Management Authority; Directorate of Industrial Safety & Health, Government of NCT of Delhi; Labour Department, Government of Uttar Pradesh; Fire & Emergency Services, Government of Uttar Pradesh; Uttar Pradesh Pollution Control Board; and Invest UP, Industry Department, Government of Uttar Pradesh.

Addressing the gathering, Mr. Awanish Awasthi, IAS (Retd), Advisor to the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh said, "Industrial growth must be accompanied by a strong culture of safety, preparedness and innovation. As Uttar Pradesh strengthens its industrial ecosystem, modern technologies and best practices showcased at forums like these should be translated into actionable outcomes." He also suggested that PHDCCI prepare a comprehensive catalogue of the products, technologies and services showcased by exhibitors and present it to the relevant government authorities to facilitate informed decision-making and encourage the wider adoption of proven safety solutions across industries.

Ms. Kalpana Saxena, IPS - PAC, Meerut Sector, Govt. of UP emphasized that "Disaster preparedness is a shared responsibility. As development accelerates, safety and



environmental sustainability must go hand-in-hand. From schools and homes to public infrastructure, we must prioritise safety standards, adopt accessible technologies and ensure that disaster preparedness reaches every citizen through greater awareness and effective implementation."

Dr Lalit Gabane, Director General, National Safety Council of India, remarked, "Building a 'Surakshit Bharat' is essential to achieving the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047. Safety must become a core value for every citizen and organization through strict compliance with safety regulations, regular audits, adoption of modern technologies, and continuous awareness and capacity building."

Mr. Hemant Sapra, Co-chair, UP State Chapter, PHDCCI, highlighted that UFSEC 2026 served as a collaborative platform for advancing

industrial safety, fire protection and disaster response through knowledge sharing, technological innovation and collective action towards creating safer workplaces.

The conference brought together senior government officials, policymakers, industry leaders and safety experts to deliberate on strengthening India's industrial safety ecosystem through innovation, collaboration and effective public policy.

The exhibition witnessed an impressive footfall, attracting industry professionals, government representatives and safety experts from across the country. Leading companies showcased cutting-edge solutions in industrial safety, fire protection, AI-enabled surveillance, Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and emergency response technologies.

Knowledge Session on AI for Entrepreneurs – Winning the Next Decade with Artificial Intelligence

PHDCCI West Bengal Chapter-East Zone organized a knowledge session on “AI for Entrepreneurs – Winning the Next Decade with Artificial Intelligence: Practical Insights” on July 17, 2026 at Kolkata.

Mr. Bhaven Kamdar, Chair, PHDCCI West Bengal Chapter, in his welcome address highlighted PHDCCI's commitment to bringing future-ready knowledge and technology-driven initiatives to the business community and emphasized that AI is no longer optional but an essential tool for business growth and competitiveness.

CA Vikash Parakh, Co-chair, PHDCCI West Bengal Chapter, highlighted the growing importance of AI in enhancing business productivity, innovation and decision-making.

CA Shyam Agarwal, Convener, introduced the keynote speaker, CA Rahul Prakash Bajaj, a distinguished professional speaker and author,



and highlighted about Artificial Intelligence, digital transformation and business strategy.

In his insightful session, CA Rahul Prakash Bajaj, PHDCCI West Bengal Chapter demonstrated how entrepreneurs and MSMEs can practically leverage AI for content creation, business communication, research, automation, presentations, marketing, customer engagement,

financial analysis and workflow optimization. Through live demonstrations and real-life examples, he showcased how AI can be adopted without requiring advanced technical expertise.

The interactive Q&A session saw enthusiastic participation, with discussions on AI implementation, data privacy and business opportunities.

A promotional poster for PHDCCI's 2ND MEDIA SUMMIT. The poster features a blue and white color scheme with a globe in the background. At the top left, there is a logo for Bennett & Coleman THE TIMES OF INDIA. To the right of that is the PHD logo with the text 'PROGRESS • HARMONY • DEVELOPMENT' and 'CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY'. The main title 'PHDCCI's 2ND MEDIA SUMMIT' is prominently displayed in large, bold letters. Below the title, the tagline 'NAVIGATING TRUST TECHNOLOGY AND TRUTH' is written. At the bottom left, the date '27 August 2026' and the location 'PHD House, New Delhi' are listed. On the right side, there is an image of a professional video camera, a laptop displaying a news website, and a rolled-up newspaper. A QR code is located at the bottom right, with the text 'SCAN TO REGISTER' next to it.



MEETING WITH HON'BLE ADMINISTRATOR, UT CHANDIGARH & GOVERNOR OF PUNJAB



A PHDCCI delegation comprising of Mr. Rajneesh Bansal, Chair, Chandigarh Chapter, Mr. Suvrat Khanna, Co-chair, Chandigarh Chapter, Dr Ranjeet Mehta, CEO & Secretary General and Ms. Bharti Sood, Senior Regional Director met Mr. Gulab Chand Kataria, Hon'ble Administrator, UT Chandigarh & Governor of Punjab on July 13, 2026. The delegation invited the Hon'ble Administrator UT Chandigarh to grace the Inaugural Ceremony of the 12th edition of INS & OUTS Expo 2026, scheduled to be held from September 25-28, 2026 at Chandigarh. The Hon'ble Administrator & Governor graciously conveyed his consent to inaugurate the Expo, while appreciating PHDCCI's efforts in promoting architecture, construction, and the building materials industry.

INTERACTION WITH HON'BLE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI



A PHDCCI delegation comprising of Dr Ranjeet Mehta, CEO & Secretary General, along with Mr. Mithilesh Kumar, Head – Centre for Sustainability, and Mr. Mohit Kumar, Senior Assistant Secretary met Mr. Raj Bhushan Choudhary, Hon'ble Minister of State for Jal Shakti on August 4, 2026. Dr Mehta apprised the Hon'ble Minister of PHDCCI's ongoing initiatives in the areas of water sustainability, resource efficiency, and environmental stewardship. He also extended a formal invitation to Mr. Choudhary to grace the International Summit on Smart & Sustainable Water Systems, scheduled to be held on August 20, 2026 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.

MEETING WITH SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF MSME



A PHDCCI delegation comprising of Mr. Sanjeev Gupta, Co-chair, BFSI Committee, along with Ms. Shalini S. Sharma, Assistant Secretary General; Ms. Babeeta Sharma, Director; and Mr. Sanjay Ahuja, Joint Secretary met Mr. Bharat Khera, IAS, Secretary, Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) on July 29, 2026. The delegation invited the Secretary to grace PHDCCI's Conference on "MSME Financing: A Key Driver for Viksit Bharat @2047" and PHDCCI's 2nd MSME Banking & NBFC Excellence Sammaan – 2026, to be held on September 10, 2026. The meeting focused on issues relating to MSME financing, including improving access to working capital and equity finance, strengthening the role of SIDBI and financial institutions, promoting innovative financing models, and reviewing the SME IPO framework.

MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR – DESIGNATE, EMBASSY OF INDIA BOGOTÁ, COLUMBIA



Dr Ranjeet Mehta, CEO & Secretary General, PHDCCI along with Mr. Naveen Seth, Deputy Secretary General PHDCCI met Dr Vinod J. Bahade, Ambassador – Designate, Embassy of India, Bogotá, Columbia on July 16, 2026 at New Delhi. Dr Mehta congratulated Dr Bahade on his appointment as the Ambassador of India to Bogotá, Colombia, and expressed confidence that, under his leadership, economic and commercial relations between India and Colombia would be further strengthened, creating new opportunities for businesses in both countries.

MEETING WITH PRESIDENT OF ZANZIBAR



Mr. Vikas Khanduri, Co-chair, International Affairs Division, PHDCCI, met H.E. Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi, President of Zanzibar at Hotel Taj Mahal Palace, New Delhi on July 19, 2026. The meeting provided an excellent opportunity to present the work of PHDCCI and discuss potential areas of cooperation between India and Zanzibar, particularly in tourism, investment, and business engagement.



MEETING WITH HON'BLE DEPUTY CHIEF MINISTER OF MADHYA PRADESH



A PHDCCI delegation of Madhya Pradesh State Chapter, comprising Ms. Reenu Yadav, Member; Mr. Anirudh Dubey, Assistant Resident Director, along with other members of the Chamber met Mr. Rajendra Shukla, Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh in Bhopal on August 1, 2026. The delegation briefed the Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister of the various activities of PHDCCI across the state. The Minister appreciated the proactive efforts of PHDCCI in strengthening the state's industrial and business ecosystem.

MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR OF ARGENTINA TO INDIA



The International Affairs Division of PHDCCI represented by Mr. Naveen Seth, Deputy Secretary General, and Mr. Niraj, Director met H.E. Mr. Mariano Agustín Caucino, Ambassador of Argentina to India on August 3, 2026. Mr. Naveen Seth briefed the Ambassador on PHDCCI's international engagements and its proposed PHDCCI Business delegation to Brazil, Argentina and Uruguay in September 2026.

MEETING WITH HON'BLE JUSTICE RAJESH BINDAL, FORMER JUDGE, SUPREME COURT OF INDIA



A PHDCCI delegation led by Mr. GP Madaan, Chair, NCLT & IBC Committee and Co-chairs, Mr. Rachit Mittal and Mr. Harish Taneja met with Hon'ble Justice Rajesh Bindal, Former Judge, Supreme Court of India on July 11, 2026 to invite him to be the Jury Chair for the PHDCCI's Insolvency & Bankruptcy Awards 2026, for which he graciously agreed.

MEETING WITH COMMISSIONER, BHOPAL DIVISION



A PHDCCI delegation of Madhya Pradesh State Chapter comprising of Mr. Sudeep Jaiswal Member & Managing Director, Himalayan Earthmovers and Construction Pvt. Ltd. and Mr. Anirudh Dubey, Assistant Resident Director met Mr. Karamveer Sharma (IAS), Commissioner, Bhopal Division on July 16, 2026. The delegation deliberated on the development of roadmap for the Bhopal Metropolitan Region.



MEETING WITH MINISTER COUNSELOR (COMMERCIAL), HIGH COMMISSION OF SRI LANKA



Mr. Kapila J. Kumara, Minister Counselor (Commercial), High Commission of Sri Lanka met with PHDCCI officials-Mr. Naveen Seth, Deputy Secretary General; Mr. Niraj, Director – International Affairs; and Dr Nasir Jamal, Director on July 2, 2026 at PHD House, New Delhi.

MEETING WITH DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER, BRITISH HIGH COMMISSION



A PHDCCI delegation of Chandigarh Regional Office comprising of Dr Rupesh Kumar Singh, Convener, Regional Sports, Media & Entertainment Committee and Ms. Bharti Sood, Senior Regional Director met with Ms. Alba Smeriglio, Deputy High Commissioner, British High Commission, Chandigarh at PHD House, Chandigarh on August 4, 2026.

MEETING WITH REGIONAL PF COMMISSIONER, KOLKATA, AND REGIONAL PF COMMISSIONER, ZONAL OFFICE – WEST BENGAL, SIKKIM & ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR



Mr. Ashish Wig, Chair, HR & IR Committee, PHDCCI met Mr. Randhir K. Sahu, Regional PF Commissioner, Kolkata, and Md. Ashraf, Regional PF Commissioner, Zonal Office – West Bengal, Sikkim & Andaman and Nicobar on July 14, 2026, to discuss collaborative efforts for enhancing industry awareness and participation in key Employees' Provident Fund Organisation's initiatives.

MEETING WITH ADDITIONAL CENTRAL PF COMMISSIONER, ZONAL TRAINING INSTITUTE (EAST), AND REGIONAL PF COMMISSIONER, ZONAL TRAINING INSTITUTE (EAST)

Mr. Ashish Wig, Chair, HR & IR Committee, PHDCCI met with senior officials of the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO), Mr. Rajib Bhattacharya, Additional Central PF Commissioner, Zonal Training Institute (East), and Mr. Abhijeet, Regional PF Commissioner, Zonal Training Institute (East) on July 16, 2026.



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PHD FAMILY WELFARE FOUNDATION (PHDFWF)

PHDFWF CELEBRATES TEEJ, JANMASHTAMI, RAKSHA BANDHAN AND INDEPENDENCE DAY PROGRAMME



On August 3, 2026, PHD Family Welfare Foundation celebrated Teej, Janmashtami, Raksha Bandhan and Independence Day through a cultural programme at PHD House. Ms. Anuradha Goel, Chairperson, PHDFWF welcomed the guests and felicitated the organizers. The celebration featured soulful Teej, Sawan and Kajari songs, captivating performances by Mr. Guruji Prabhakar and his troupe and cultural presentations by PHDFWF trainers and beneficiaries, including a welcome dance based on Sanskrit shlokas and a patriotic song. The programme was supported by dedicated PHDFWF members, who also distributed umbrellas to the beneficiaries. Shoes donated by Ms. Poonam Gupta from Liberty Shoes and refreshments sponsored by Ms. Seema Khaitan, GB Member, PHDFWF, added to the joy of the occasion. Attended by more than 300 audience, the programme beautifully celebrated India's rich cultural heritage while fostering community spirit, festive cheer and a sense of togetherness.

PHDFWF ORGANIZED GOVERNING BODY MEETING ON JULY 21, 2026



The Governing Body Meeting of the PHD Family Welfare Foundation was organized on July 21, 2026. The Foundation's previous activities, details of projects and action plan etc. were reviewed and discussed in the meeting. Ms. Anuradha Goel, Chairperson PHDFWF, senior GB members and Dr Ranjeet Mehta, CEO & Secretary General, PHDCCI were present in the meeting. All the members were very pleased and appreciated the work done by the Foundation for the needy beneficiaries.

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PHDFWF is creating a meaningful impact through its 36 Skill Development Centers in Pan India, equipping women, youth and children with market-relevant skills for sustainable livelihoods. With the support of its valued funding partners, the Foundation remains committed to promoting skill development, employment opportunities, women's empowerment and community development across the country.

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PHD RURAL DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION (PHDRDF)

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

MEETING OF GOVERNING BODY



The Governing Body Meeting of PHDRDF was held on 30 April 2026 and was attended by Mr. Anil Khaitan, Chairman, PHDRDF; Mr. Sanjay Bhatia, Dr D.K. Aggarwal, Mr. Ashish Mohan Wig, Mr. Santosh Gupta, Mr. Pawan K. Tibrawalla, Dr Aruna Abhay Oswal, Mr. Sanjay Choudhary, Chief Executive, PHDRDF along with PHDRDF team members.

HEALTH



PHDRDF, supported by **KARL STORZ India Pvt. Ltd.** under its CSR initiative, enhanced emergency and critical care services at ABVIMS & Dr Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital, New Delhi, through the donation of three **Philips DFM-100 Defibrillators**.

VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT



Under the RSVC Project, with the support of Vedanta Sesa Goa, biofertilizer production and marketing are being promoted and machinery has been handed over to women SHGs to strengthen their livelihoods.



Under the **PWABHI Project**, around **47,000** fruit tree saplings were distributed to farmers, contributing to improved orchard development. Many of these trees have now entered the fruit-bearing stage, creating sustainable livelihood opportunities for farming families.

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Evolution of CSR: Greater Impact

Suman Jyoti Khaitan

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Over the years, Corporate Social Responsibility (“CSR”) is no longer just a corporate obligation – it has become a defining measure of an organization’s values, vision and long-term impact. It has evolved into a meaningful way for businesses to contribute to social development and aligning their growth with the broader needs of society.

The provisions regarding CSR in the Indian legal framework have been incorporated under the Companies Act, 2013 (the Companies Act) and the Companies (Corporate Social Responsibility Policy) Rules, 2014 (CSR Rules).

As the CSR framework continues to evolve, legislators are increasingly focusing on creating opportunities that can make CSR more transparent, impactful, and efficient. Hence, quite recently, the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) expanded the scope of activities which may be included by companies in their CSR Policies. Schedule VII of the Companies Act, which lists the “activities which may be included by companies in their Corporate Social Responsibility Policies”, has been amended vide Notification dated 27.05.2026 to include “Subscription to zero coupon zero principal instruments on Social Stock Exchange” as one of the activities.

The MCA has also notified the Companies (Corporate Social Responsibility Policy) Amendment Rules, 2026 (Amendment Rules) to further amend the CSR Rules,

marking a significant development in India’s CSR framework.

Key highlights of the Amendment Rules, which are in alignment with the amendment in Schedule VII of the Companies Act, are:

- a. ‘Zero coupon zero principal instrument’ is now recognized within the CSR framework as a security issued by an eligible Not for Profit Organizations (NPO) registered on the Social Stock Exchange segment of a recognized stock exchange.



- b. The Amendment Rules have inserted provision permitting companies to undertake CSR activities through subscription to zero coupon zero principal instruments, provided that the expenditure incurred for such instrument shall not exceed 10 percent of the total CSR expenditure of such company for that financial year. By imposing a quantitative cap, the Amendment Rules will help to ensure balanced deployment of CSR resources.
- c. It is mandatory for companies having CSR obligations to undertake impact assessment of CSR projects, however, as per the Amendment Rules,

companies that have subscribed in a zero coupon zero principal instrument shall be exempted from undertaking impact assessment of any project funded by such an instrument. This reduces compliance burden on companies.

- d. Further, as per the Amendment Rules, the NPO raising funds through issue of zero coupon zero principal instrument is permitted to undertake a project with a duration of maximum 3 succeeding financial years from the issue of such zero coupon zero principal instrument and on termination of listing of such zero coupon zero principal instrument, the NPO shall transfer the unspent amount to any fund included in Schedule VII of the Companies Act and submit its compliance report to the Securities Exchange Board of India.

These safeguards are intended to promote accountability and ensure that CSR-linked funds are ultimately deployed for approved social purposes.

Recognizing zero coupon zero principal instruments as a permissible mode of CSR expenditure represents a noteworthy evolution in India’s CSR landscape. With this, the Government has introduced a bridge between CSR and capital market-based social financing. The recent amendments are expected to expand funding opportunities for organizations, enabling them to strengthen their initiatives and create more meaningful impact on society.

COVERAGE IMPRINTS

The Statesman

Retail inflation spikes to 4.38 pcp in June driven by food prices

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE
New Delhi, 13 July

India's retail inflation accelerated to 4.38 per cent in June, up from 3.89 per cent in May, driven by a sharp increase in food prices, according to provisional data released by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) on Monday.

Food inflation, measured by the Consumer Food Price Index (CFPI), also rose to 5.32 per cent in June from 4.78 per cent in the previous month, indicating renewed price pressures in essential commodities.

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) based inflation remained within the Reserve Bank of India's medium-term target band of 2-6 per cent, although the latest reading marks a reversal after inflation had eased in recent months.

According to the data, rural



inflation stood at 4.71 per cent, while urban inflation was lower at 3.92 per cent during June. Food inflation was also higher in rural areas at 5.45 per cent, compared with 5.09 per cent in urban India.

Among food items, ginger recorded the sharpest increase in prices, with inflation rising to 50.41 per cent in June from

32.50 per cent in May. Tomato inflation stood at 31.92 per cent year-on-year, while raisin and muscatina inflation stood at 20.53 per cent.

Prices of several items remained lower than a year ago as the potato prices declined 30.34 per cent, followed by peas (-1.66 per cent), motor cars and jeeps (-6.09 per cent),

cumin (kora) (-3.75 per cent) and motorcycles and scooters (-3.49 per cent).

Silver jewellery continued to see the highest inflation among key items at 133.21 per cent in June, though lower than 155.25 per cent in May. Gold, diamond and platinum jewellery inflation stood at 36.82 per cent.

The increase in retail inflation during June 2026 is primarily attributable to higher food prices. While headline inflation remains within the Reserve Bank of India's tolerance band, sustained pressures in food inflation warrant continued policy attention, said Rajeev Jandia, President, PHDCCI.

Telangana reported the highest retail inflation in June at 6.16 per cent, followed by Andhra Pradesh and Puducherry at 5.39 per cent each. Tamil Nadu reported inflation of 5.21 per cent, while Odisha recorded out of the top five at 5.15 per cent.

THE TIMES OF INDIA

Biz bodies seek fresh migration window under new policy

Mohali: Industry bodies CII and PHDCCI have urged the Punjab govt to open a one-time migration window for units seeking to shift from the Punjab Industrial and Business Development Policy-2022 to the New Industrial and Business Development Policy-2026.

In separate representations to industries minister Aman Arora and Invest Punjab CEO Amit Dhaka, the organisations said several investors missed the 90-day migration deadline due to procedural delays, ambiguities and lack of awareness during the rollout of the new policy.

CII chairman Harpreet Nibber said a one-time relaxation would boost investor confidence, encourage industrial expansion and attract fresh investments. Echoing the demand, PHDCCI Punjab state chapter chair Karan Gialotra said many investors failed to migrate despite their intent to invest because of procedural misunderstandings & delays.

The two industry bodies said reopening the window would support industrial growth, job creation and Punjab's investment climate. **TNN**



Taliban seek deeper farm ties with India

Kabul Bhattacharjee
NEW DELHI

The Taliban administration has expressed desire to enhance agricultural cooperation with India, covering areas such as agricultural trade, infrastructure development, and irrigation, the External Affairs Ministry said on Sunday.

In a statement, the Ministry said the discussions took place during the six-day visit of Abdulah Omari, the Minister for Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock of the Taliban administration.

Among the issues discussed were cooperation



Minister Abdulah Omari with Union Minister Shri Singh Choudhary in New Delhi, India.

in food processing through value addition, capacity building, and the promotion of bilateral trade in agricultural and food products.

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Govt plans to restore more forts in state

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, July 24

The Telangana government plans to restore and open more historic forts for tourism by encouraging private investment, said Rajesh Nayak, director, the tourism department.

Addressing the International Heritage Tourism Summit held on Friday, Nayak said the state is committed to creating an enabling ecosystem for heritage-led development. "Our focus is on opening up heritage assets for responsible private participation, strengthening nation development, leveraging Artificial Intelligence to enrich visitor experience and creating employment by training people as heritage interpreters and guides," he said.

During the conference under the theme 'Care for Heritage', the 3rd edition of the PHDCCI-KPMG report on 'Heritage Tourism' was released. The report highlighted

of heritage tourism as a driver of employment generation, regional development and cultural preservation, and also preservation strategies to improve visitor experience, unless greater private sector investment. Venkateswara H. Heble, additional director general, the Union Ministry of Tourism, said with more than 3,500 protected monuments and billions of domestic tourist visits annually, the opportunity to improve destination infrastructure, visitor experiences and ease of doing business.

"Tourism deserves status and stronger partnerships between governments, industry and institutions for consolidating the sector's full potential," he said. Gautam Jain, chair, Telangana chapter, PHDCCI, highlighted the city's unique charm as a destination where history, hospitality and modernity converge together. "Hyderabad is a living monument, market, craft and culinary tradition.

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Afghanistan seeks India's co-op to modernise agricultural practices

NEW DELHI

India's Ministry of Agriculture has expressed interest in modernising agricultural practices in Afghanistan, according to a statement released by the ministry on Sunday.

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Afghan Minister of Agriculture, Dr. Abdul Wahid Tarzi, speaking at a press conference.

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"Technology delayed is technology denied": Air Force chief calls for deep-tech push to strengthen India's drone warfare readiness

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New Delhi [India], July 30 (ANI): Chief of the Air Staff, Air Chief Marshal Amar Preet Singh, on Thursday underscored the transformative role of unmanned aerial systems and counter-drone technologies in modern warfare and emphasised that sustained collaboration among the armed forces, industry, startups and research institutions will be key to strengthening India's indigenous drone capabilities.

Air Chief Marshal Amar Preet Singh was speaking in the inaugural session of Bharat Drone Manthan 3.0 "Vision to Action: Powering India's Deep-Tech Future" organised by PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI). The purpose of this seminar is to bring together policymakers,



IAF Chief Amar Preet Singh Praises PHDCCI For Technology Collaboration | OTV



The Statesman

Centre mandates MSMEs payments through TReDS by CPSEs

STAFF WRITER
New Delhi

Centre has mandated the payment of MSMEs dues through TReDS by CPSEs to ensure timely payment of dues to MSMEs.

With over 1 crore MSMEs in the country, the government is keen to ensure that MSMEs receive timely payment of dues from CPSEs.

According to the new order, CPSEs are required to pay MSMEs through TReDS, a government-backed electronic platform for trade credit. The order also mandates CPSEs to pay MSMEs within 15 days of invoice date.

The move is expected to help MSMEs improve their cash flow and reduce the risk of non-payment. It also aims to promote digitalisation in the MSME sector.

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Wholesale price inflation spikes slightly to 9.87 per cent in June

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The wholesale price inflation in June rose slightly to 9.87 per cent from 9.84 per cent in May, as per the data released by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry. The Wholesale Price Index (WPI) for all commodities stood at 100.987 in June compared with 100.946 in May.



The inflation rate for all commodities in June was 9.87 per cent, compared to 9.84 per cent in May. The inflation rate for primary articles was 9.87 per cent, compared to 9.84 per cent in May. The inflation rate for fuel and power was 9.87 per cent, compared to 9.84 per cent in May. The inflation rate for manufactured products was 9.87 per cent, compared to 9.84 per cent in May.



Education, vocational training must for building inclusive society: Kataria

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CHANDIGARH: The Regional Fusion, Text & Tech Forum and Punjab State Chapter of the PHDCCI in association with Shri Aurore launched Project Ushas' under the south forward initiative at the PHDCCI established Skill Development Centre in Chandigarh, Punjab.

Governor Gurbaj Singh Kataria was the chief guest. Addressing the gathering, the governor lauded PHDCCI and its regional forum for launching the initiative focused on empowering women through skill development. He emphasised that education through education, vocational training, and digital skills are essential for building an inclusive society and called for stronger collaboration between industry and government to create sustainable opportunities for social transformation.



Governor Gurbaj Singh Kataria, Punjab State Chapter, PHDCCI, and the PHDCCI established Skill Development Centre in Chandigarh.

The governor inaugurated the PHDCCI Skill Development Centre and distributed sewing machines to the centre and interacted with the women, encouraging them to make the most of the training opportunities and build a dignified livelihood through creativity and entrepreneurship. Around 200 women members participated in the project launch.

Through skill development, he reiterated that the chamber aims at equipping women with employable skills, enhance their confidence, and create sustainable livelihood opportunities that support their successful integration into society.

Discussing the centre address, Himanshu Arora, Chair, Regional Fusion Text & Tech Forum, PHDCCI, who is spearheading Project Ushas, welcomed the vision behind the initiative. She announced that Shri Aurore will provide structured training in stitching, embroidery, textile crafts, and contemporary fashion techniques aligned with evolving market trends.

She emphasised that true empowerment comes not merely from teaching a skill but from enabling women to build a dignified livelihood through creativity and entrepreneurship. Around 200 women members participated in the project launch.



City to host CHEFEX India 2026, Paswan to inaugurate event

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CHANDIGARH: Union minister for food processing industries Chirag Paswan has accepted an invitation to be the chief guest at the inaugural ceremony of CHEFEX India 2026, to be held in Chandigarh in September. PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI) said on Wednesday.

Himanshu Arora, chairperson of PHDCCI's regional fusion Text-Tech forum, along with PHDCCI deputy secretary general Naveen Seth, met the minister in New Delhi and formally invited him.

Arora described CHEFEX India 2026 as a key platform for India's food processing, hospitality, innovation and entrepreneurship sectors, and sought ministry support for the event.



Union minister Chirag Paswan (centre) with PHDCCI chairperson Himanshu Arora and deputy secretary general Naveen Seth in Chandigarh on Wednesday.

Seth briefed the minister on PHDCCI's efforts to promote industrial growth, adding that the event is expected to see wide industry participation. Paswan accepted the invitation and said the ministry would positively consider financial assistance for the event.

ONLINE MEDIA

ThePrint

LG Sandhu launches school safety toolkit, says issue also covers cyber security, disaster readiness

New Delhi, July 23 (PTI) Delhi LG Taranjit Singh Sandhu on Thursday launched 'National Model School Safety Toolkit,' saying school safety in current times also includes cybersecurity, students' mental well-being, and preparedness for disaster situations.

He called for a comprehensive, future-ready approach to school safety and resilience, addressing the National Summit on Safe Schools Leadership 2026 at PHD House here.

He said the school safety toolkit is a key step towards institutionalising a culture of prevention and preparedness across schools.

He highlighted its significance as Delhi observes Child Safety Month this July, according to a note from the LG office. The meaning of school safety has evolved significantly over the years.

THE TIMES OF INDIA

Beyond CCTV: Why schools must now prepare for cyber threats and mental health crises



Schools now face evolving safety challenges including cyberbullying and mental health issues (AI image used).

NEW DELHI: For schools, safety is no longer confined to CCTV cameras and fire exits. It now extends to protecting children from cyberbullying, online predators, mental health challenges, and emergencies ranging from earthquakes to bomb threats. These evolving risks dominated discussions at National Summit on Safe Schools Leadership 2026, held at PHD House Thursday.

The summit, organised by PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI), was themed 'Building Future-Ready Schools: Leadership, Governance and Safety Excellence'. It brought together stakeholders from govt. schools, academia, industry, emergency response agencies and civil society to deliberate on creating safer learning environments.

The Tribune

School safety must extend beyond infra, says Delhi L-G



Delhi Lieutenant Governor Taranjit Singh Sandhu. File

Addressing the National Summit on Safe Schools Leadership 2026 at PHD House in New Delhi, Sandhu said education can flourish only when children feel secure and have a safe, nurturing environment in which to learn and grow.

THE NEW INDIAN EXPRESS

Delhi L-G launches school safety toolkit, calls for future-ready campuses at national education summit

Addressing the Safe Schools Leadership Summit 2026, Taranjit Singh Sandhu said schools must prioritise cyber security, mental well-being and emergency preparedness alongside academics.



THE ECONOMIC TIMES | wealth

Son becomes NRI, gifts shares worth Rs 30 lakh to father; should this be disclosed in ITR? What taxpayers must do to avoid tax notices

So yes, the father needs to ideally disclose the share transfer in his ITR, even though it is tax-free.

Although a genuine gift of shares from a son to his father is not regarded as a transfer for capital gains purposes in the hands of the donor, the reporting of such off-market transactions in the Annual Information Statement (AIS) often creates uncertainty, shared Mukul Bagla, Chair-Direct Taxes Committee, PHDCCI.

ET Travel World.com

From The Economic Times

PHDCCI to host 15th International Heritage Tourism Conclave in Hyderabad on July 24

PHDCCI will organise the 15th International Heritage Tourism Conclave in Hyderabad on July 24, bringing together policymakers, tourism boards, conservation experts and industry leaders. The event will feature discussions on museums, culinary heritage, technology and public-private partnerships, alongside the release of a PHDCCI-KPMG report outlining recommendations for strengthening India's heritage tourism sector.

PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI) will host the 15th International Heritage Tourism Conclave (IHTC) on July 24 at the Salar Jung Museum in Hyderabad, bringing together government representatives, tourism boards, conservation experts and industry stakeholders to discuss the future of heritage tourism in India.

ONLINE MEDIA



India-UK CETA can unlock multi-sectoral growth opportunities for exports: PHDCCI

Sourav Shekhar

New Delhi, Jul 15 (UNI) India-UK Comprehensive Economic Trade Agreement (CETA) can unlock new growth opportunities for Indian exports across manufacturing, technology, and services, said PHDCCI in its report released here on Wednesday.

The chamber noted in its market intelligence series that the United Kingdom continues to remain one of India's most important export destinations.

During FY2024-25, India's exports to the UK reached USD 14.55 billion, generating a trade surplus of nearly USD 6 billion.

The agreement is expected to provide renewed momentum by reducing market access barriers and improving customs procedures. It will also facilitate greater integration of bilateral value chains.

As per the PHDCCI report, India's export basket to the UK is increasingly shifting towards higher-value manufacturing products, which is supported by industrial policies, production-linked incentive schemes, and improving global competitiveness.

Segments such as smartphones, pharmaceuticals, aluminium oxide, petroleum products, engineering goods, machinery components, footwear, and processed agricultural products are emerging as major drivers of export.

BW BUSINESSWORLD

India-UK CETA Expands Scope For Manufacturing, Tech Collaboration: PHDCCI Report

PHDCCI says the trade pact could accelerate high-value exports and technology partnerships, while engineering exporters expect to lift sales to UK shipments to the UK



The India-UK Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) is expected to create new export opportunities for Indian manufacturers and services firms by improving market access, easing customs procedures and strengthening technology partnerships, according to a PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI) report.



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'Approvals are not chips': Industry must focus on actual yield, says PHDCCI

NEW DELHI: (Jul 15) While India has successfully approved mega semiconductor projects, the current planned capacity will only meet a fraction of domestic consumption, necessitating an urgent shift of focus from project announcements to actual production, the PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI) said on Wednesday.

Speaking at the PHDCCI's Semiconductor India 2026 national conference, Karan Mangla, Co-Chair of the Foreign Trade & Investment Committee at PHDCCI, cautioned that India's domestic semiconductor market is on a trajectory to cross USD 100 billion by 2030, a demand that cannot be met with imported silicon.



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India must strengthen carbon markets as EU CBAM reshapes trade: Industry



An event organised by the PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI), drew leading sector government officials, industry leaders and experts to discuss CBAM readiness and industrial decarbonisation.

Experts informed that the government is actively engaging with the European Union and the United Kingdom to secure recognition of India's Carbon Credit Trading Scheme (CCTS), facilitate acceptance of Indian accredited carbon verification agencies for CBAM compliance, and explore comparative benchmarking mechanisms that better reflect India's energy profile.

Dr Jatinder Singh, Deputy Secretary General, PHDCCI, said that the European Union's CBAM has made carbon competitiveness a permanent determinant of global market access. He highlighted that the EU, India's third largest trading partner with bilateral goods trade of nearly \$118 billion, is a key destination for Indian exports in sectors such as iron & steel, aluminium, cement and fertilisers.

THE ECONOMIC TIMES

EU's CBAM poses major compliance challenge for Indian MSMEs; Experts seek urgent government support

Synopsis

Indian MSMEs are struggling with the EU's Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism, facing compliance hurdles due to a lack of financial and technical resources. Experts urge government intervention, technology transfer, and the development of alternative export markets to protect these smaller businesses. The current carbon accounting framework is seen as inequitable, disproportionately impacting developing economies and threatening the competitiveness of domestic steel and aluminium sectors.



EU's CBAM poses major compliance challenge for Indian MSMEs; Experts seek urgent government support

New Delhi: Indian Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) face severe compliance challenges under the European Union's **Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM)**, prompting industry experts to call for immediate state intervention, technology transfer, and alternate export supply chains.

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