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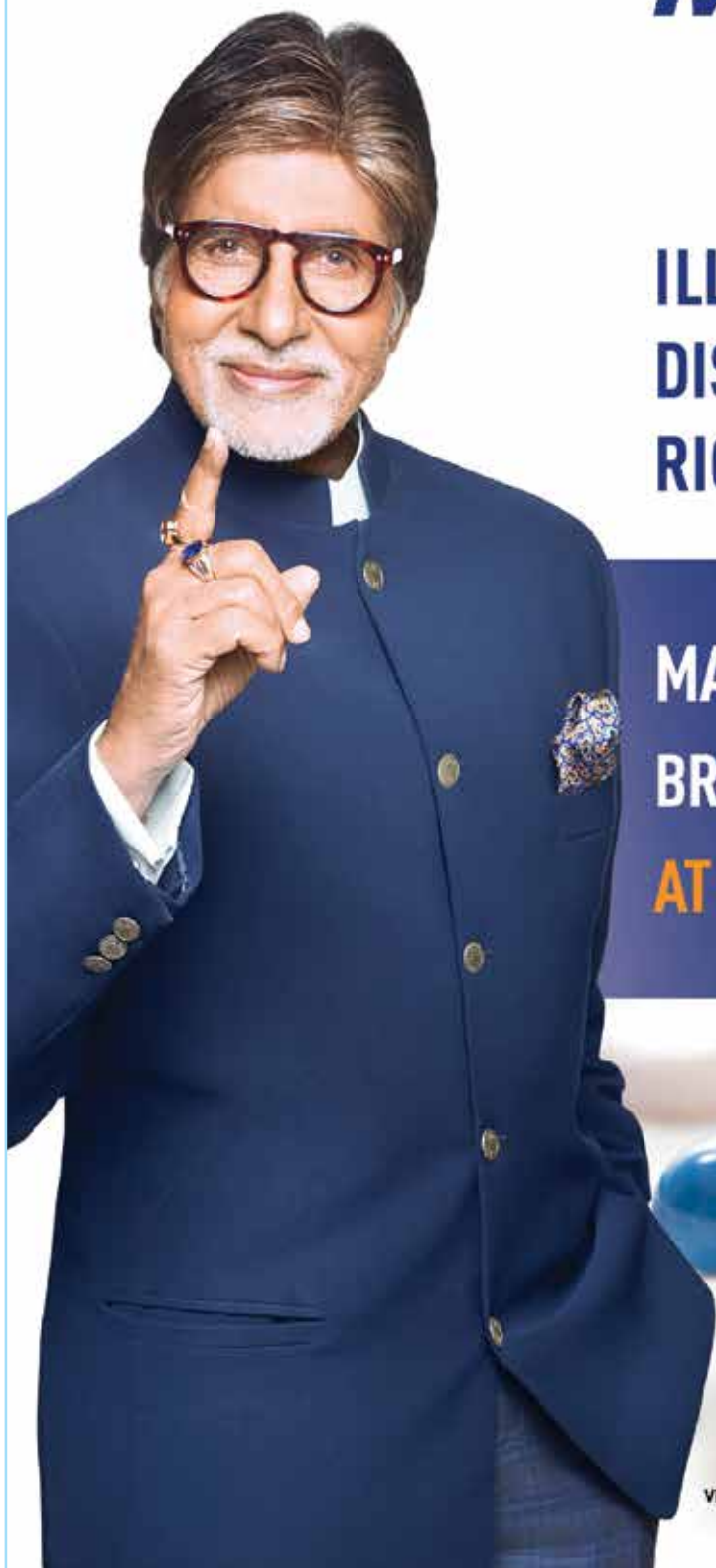
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President's *Message*



HEMANT JAIN
PRESIDENT



I am pleased to announce that the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of PHDCCI will be held on October 9, 2025. This year's AGM holds particular significance as we mark 120 years of nation-building. Themed "India's Rise as a Trusted Global Partner," the AGM will spotlight the Chamber's evolving agenda in the context of AI, climate action, and the global reordering of supply chains. I warmly welcome all members and stakeholders to join us in this momentous celebration.

"Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success." — Edward Everett Hale

This timeless quote resonates deeply with the legacy and mission of the PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI). More than a reflection on teamwork, it captures the very soul of our journey over the past 120 years—a journey built on unity, shared purpose, and action. Since our inception in 1905, PHDCCI has served as a vital bridge between government, industry, and civil society, fostering collaboration that transforms challenges into opportunities.

As we commemorate this historic milestone, we reaffirm our commitment to being a catalyst for India's inclusive and sustainable development.

Today, India stands at a defining moment. Amidst global

volatility, shifting trade dynamics, and geopolitical realignments, our nation has demonstrated remarkable resilience and confidence. It is both an honour and a responsibility to lead the Chamber during this transformative phase. As we navigate a fast-changing global economic landscape, we remain grounded in the belief that India's rise as a leading global economy is not just imminent—it is underway. With the goal of becoming a USD 5 trillion economy and a developed nation by 2047, the path ahead calls for bold leadership, responsive institutions, and collective resolve.

Encouragingly, economic indicators remain robust. As we enter the second half of FY 2025–26, India continues to register broad-based and forward-looking growth. Q1 real GDP growth is estimated

at 6.5%, driven by favourable monsoons, festive consumption, and strong capital formation. This momentum is underpinned by resilient domestic demand, record public infrastructure investments, and the entrepreneurial spirit of Indian industry. Manufacturing and services activity remains upbeat, with the Manufacturing PMI reaching a 14-month high of 59.1 in July 2025, and the Services PMI at 60.5—supported by digital innovation, strong demand, and enabling policy frameworks.

Despite global trade challenges and tariff uncertainties, our export performance is gradually strengthening. Merchandise exports grew by 5.7% year-on-year in Q1 FY26, while services exports continued to outperform, particularly in software,

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

consultancy, and business services. Foreign exchange reserves remain solid at USD 688.9 billion—sufficient to cover over 11 months of imports—and the current account deficit is expected to stay within the manageable range of 1.4–1.6% of GDP. These indicators signal a stable macroeconomic foundation despite external uncertainties.

Equally significant is the easing of inflation. CPI inflation declined to 2.10% in June 2025—the lowest since January 2019. From 6.2% in October 2024, the downward trajectory has been consistent, with major corrections in the prices of essential food items like vegetables, pulses, cereals, and milk. Assuming a normal monsoon, inflation is expected to remain within the RBI's 2–6% target band, providing a platform for sustained private sector expansion. Herein, we appreciate the recent RBI Monetary Policy Committee's decision to maintain status quo on policy repo rate at 5.5%. This will boost India's growth despite tariff related volatilities.

At PHDCCI, we continue to engage meaningfully across sectors and with policymakers to advance the interests of our members and support India's broader economic vision. Recognising the central role of MSMEs in employment generation, innovation, and exports, we recently presented an eight-point action agenda to the Hon'ble Governor of the Reserve Bank of India. Our proposals aim to improve credit access and financial inclusion for MSMEs through expanded credit guarantee schemes, dedicated MSME help desks, a Micro Credit Facility Card, interest rate caps, and a centralised digital credit platform for greater transparency and predictability in MSME financing.

On the international front, we welcome the India–UK Free Trade Agreement, which has the potential to significantly boost bilateral economic ties. With a focus on tariff reductions, digital trade, services liberalisation, and IP protections,

the agreement will create new opportunities for Indian businesses to scale and compete globally. In alignment with this, PHDCCI has organised a series of industry outreach sessions, workshops, and stakeholder consultations to enhance industry preparedness and uptake of FTA benefits.

Our efforts toward green growth and sustainability are also gaining momentum. In July 2025, PHDCCI led a delegation to Colombo for the Seventh Regional Committee Meeting of the International Solar Alliance (ISA) for Asia and the Pacific. Under the visionary leadership of our Hon'ble Prime Minister, ISA has emerged as a vital force in advancing solar energy innovation and access. Our discussions in Colombo focused on mobilising cross-border solar investments, aligning regional energy policies, and scaling green finance ecosystems. Through active engagement with ministers and sectoral leaders, we advocated for innovation in solar applications energy and climate-resilient infrastructure.

At the national level, our partnership with the Government of India continues to strengthen. Last month, I led PHDCCI delegations in high-level consultations with senior Union Ministers, including Mr. Nitin Gadkari, Hon'ble Minister of Road Transport and Highways and Mr. Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare. These interactions reflect the Chamber's role as a trusted partner in policy dialogue and co-creation—working alongside government to drive sectoral transformation, promote rural development, and enhance infrastructure connectivity.

It is with immense pride that I share that our upcoming Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on October 9, 2025. This year's AGM holds particular significance as we mark 120 years of nation-building. The theme, "India's Rise as a Trusted Global Partner," reflects

our aspirations for the country and the evolving priorities of the Chamber. The AGM will convene voices from industry, government, and the diplomatic community to explore the opportunities and responsibilities that lie ahead, especially in the context of artificial intelligence, climate action, and the reconfiguration of global supply chains.

As we look to the future, PHDCCI remains unwavering in its commitment to fostering inclusive, sustainable, and responsible growth. We will continue to champion ESG-aligned business practices, support the circular economy transition, empower women entrepreneurs, and promote youth skilling and innovation. We recognise that the path to Viksit Bharat @2047 will require collaboration across sectors, generations, and geographies—and we are prepared to walk that path with clarity, purpose, and unity.

India's time is now. The global spotlight is on us—not just as an economic powerhouse, but as a trusted, value-driven partner in shaping a better world. Each of us has a role to play. Whether you are a startup founder, a manufacturer, an exporter, a service provider, or an MSME leader—your growth contributes directly to India's progress. PHDCCI will continue to stand with you—amplifying your voice, unlocking opportunities, and shaping an ecosystem where enterprises can flourish.

On behalf of PHDCCI, I extend my warmest greetings to all members, partners, and stakeholders on the occasion of India's 79th Independence Day. Let us renew our commitment to freedom, responsibility, and nation-building. As Swami Vivekananda so powerfully reminded us: "Arise, awake, and stop not till the goal is reached."



Hemant Jain

President, PHDCCI



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A PHDCCI delegation, led by Mr. Hemant Jain, President, along with Dr Ranjeet Mehta, CEO & Secretary General, Mr. Mahesh Singhi, Chair, Maharashtra State Chapter, and Mr. Prasant Nandy, Assistant Resident Director, Maharashtra State Chapter met with Mr. Sanjay Malhotra, Hon'ble Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), at his office in Mumbai on July 25, 2025.

During the meeting, the delegation presented a set of key policy suggestions aimed at strengthening credit access for Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), recognizing their vital role in India's economic landscape. These included increasing the overall flow of credit to MSMEs, issuance of financial help cards (credit cards) for micro enterprises at nominal interest rates, and introducing greater uniformity and digitalization in the documentation processes. The delegation also advocated for

granting Priority Sector Lending status to credit extended to MSMEs through NBFCs, reinstating the Interest Equalization Scheme on pre- and post-shipment export credit, addressing delays in cheque clearances, curbing unfair practices by credit rating agencies, and revising classification norms for MSMEs related to NPAs and restructuring of stressed accounts.

In response, the Hon'ble Governor agreed in principle to several transformative initiatives. These included establishing a dedicated help desk to raise awareness about the Mutual Credit Guarantee Scheme, co-organizing an awareness seminar for startups and MSMEs in collaboration with PHDCCI and the Finance Industry Development Council and the development of a new institution focused on providing long-term business financing with a national footprint. He also extended support for risk and venture capital mechanisms through bank-

backed shared capital structures, for which he invited a formal proposal from PHDCCI. Additional outcomes included potential measures to ease acquisition finance for MSMEs, digitization of capital and repayment guarantee documentation, and a re-evaluation of lending limits for MSMEs, proposing more flexible caps based on priority sector alignment.

The delegation had the honour of inviting the Hon'ble Governor to be the Chief Guest for the upcoming Annual Session of PHDCCI to be held on October 9, 2025. The Governor graciously accepted the invitation, reflecting his confidence in PHDCCI's leadership and its steadfast commitment to voicing the interests of the business community—particularly MSMEs—while contributing meaningfully to the national policy discourse aimed at fostering inclusive and sustainable economic growth.



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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON FINANCIAL PLANNING 2025

Under the aegis of its Banking, Financial Services, and Insurance (BFSI) Committee, PHDCCI, in collaboration with Financial Planning Standards Board Limited (FPSB)—the global standards-setting body for the financial planning profession and owner of the CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER® certification program—organized the "International Conference on Financial Planning 2025" on July 22, 2025 at New Delhi. This event aligned with the Government of India's vision to harness financial education as a cornerstone of inclusive and sustainable growth.

Guest of Honour, Dr Bhim Singh, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha) and Member of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Education, Women, Children, Youth and Sports in his keynote address underlined the urgent need to integrate financial education into school and college curricula



to empower the next generation. "A financially aware society is a self-realised society," he remarked, calling for inclusive policy reforms and targeted efforts to achieve 50% women's participation in the workforce by 2047. Dr Singh also highlighted the pivotal role of public-private partnerships in building a financially informed and inclusive India, and in achieving the vision of Viksit Bharat by 2047.

Mr. Hemant Jain, President, PHDCCI, opened the conference by reinforcing PHDCCI's commitment to building a financially aware India. "Financial empowerment starts with awareness and right guidance. This platform shows our resolve to create a strong, inclusive, and self-reliant nation," he noted.

Dr Ranjeet Mehta, CEO & Secretary General, PHDCCI, spoke about the relevance of financial



planning for the youth and emphasized that such conferences foster valuable dialogue. “The ideas and deliberations from today will be submitted to the Government of India for further consideration,” he stated.

Mr. Krishan Mishra, CEO, FPSB India, pointed out the importance of creating an environment where people are encouraged to make informed financial decisions. He asserted that financial literacy at the grassroots level can help achieve Viksit Bharat by 2035, even ahead of schedule.

Mr. Dante De Gori CFP, Global CEO, FPSB Ltd., emphasized that while AI and technology will revolutionize financial planning, human touch, emotional intelligence, and trust will remain central to the profession.

Mr. David Sharpe CFP, Chair, Financial Advice Association Australia (FAAA), highlighted the unique role of financial planners. “Our role is not just about numbers but helping clients articulate their life goals and guiding them through economic uncertainties,” he said.

A special address was delivered by Mr. Ananth Narayan G., Whole-Time Member, Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), who spoke on India’s financial future and its impact on societal well-being. The event also marked the launch of FPSB India’s new book, ‘All About Financial Planning Education’, aimed at equipping individuals with structured

knowledge on personal finance and planning.

In Spotlight Session 1, titled “The Retirement Playbook: Smart Moves for Every Age”, Ms. Suparna Tandon, CEO of the National Pension System Trust (NPS Trust), provided valuable insights on retirement strategies across different life stages.

Panel Discussion 1 on “CFP® Certification – The Global Passport to Your Career”, was moderated by Mr. Arun Thukral CFP®, CPAC Chair at FPSB India and former MD & CEO of Axis Securities. The panel featured Mr. Dante De Gori CFP®, Global CEO of FPSB Ltd.; Ms. Sarah Abood, CEO of Financial Advice Association Australia (FAAA); Mr. Hiroaki Kuroiwa CFP® from the Japan Association for Financial Planners; Mr. Nick Hakes, CEO of Financial Advice, New Zealand; and Mr. Krishan Mishra, CEO of FPSB India. The discussion highlighted the global relevance of CFP® certification and its role in building international financial careers.

Panel Discussion 2 on “Impact of Women in Financial Planning Leadership”, was moderated by Ms. Amisha Sethi, Senior VP – Policy & Communications at FPSB India. The panel featured leading women voices in finance, including Ms. Vani Bajaj, Chief Mentor at ICOFP; Ms. Kirsty Scully CFP®, Chairperson of the FPSB Council; Ms. Eunice Chun Hei Chan, Board Member of FPSB and Senior Executive at Maybank Asset Management; Ms. Renu

Maheshwari CFP®, Chairperson of ARIA; and Ms. Prableen Bajpai CFP®, Founder of FinFix®. The discussion centred on breaking barriers and creating pathways for women leadership in finance.

In Spotlight Session 2, titled “From Goals to Growth: How Strategy Shapes Financial Planning”, Dr. Rahul Singh, Professor and Director of Research & International Affairs at IILM University, spoke about the strategic shift needed in personal finance education and planning frameworks.

Panel Discussion 3, titled “Financial Awareness for Viksit Bharat: Accessibility, Education and Technology”, was moderated by Ms. Teena Rawal, Head of Business Development at FPSB India. The panel featured prominent leaders including Mr. Swarup Mohanty, Vice Chairman & CEO of Mirae Asset Investment Managers India; Ms. Shalini S. Sharma, Assistant Secretary General at PHDCCI; Mr. Sandeep Sharma, Country Head at SBI Wealth; and Mr. Manmeet Singh Khurana CFP®, Founder of Wealth Dope. The session focused on how financial literacy, supported by digital tools and access can accelerate India’s journey toward becoming a developed nation.

The conference provided a powerful platform for dialogue, collaboration, and action toward a financially literate, inclusive, and future-ready India.



PHDCCI'S BUSINESS DELEGATION ON SOLAR ENERGY TO COLOMBO

PHDCCI was entrusted with the prestigious role of Industry Partner to the International Solar Alliance (ISA), in recognition of its longstanding commitment to advancing sustainable energy solutions. In this capacity, the Solar Energy Committee, PHDCCI mounted a high-level CEO Business Delegation to Colombo, Sri Lanka from July 14-18, 2025.

Day 1 of the Business Delegation commenced with a meeting at the Indian High Commission in Colombo. The Indian High Commissioner in Sri Lanka, H.E. Mr. Santosh Jha, and his team welcomed the delegation and provided a brief overview of Sri Lanka's economy and the emerging business opportunities in the renewable energy sector. He assured support to the Indian



entrepreneurs seeking to develop business in the country.

Dr Ranjeet Mehta, CEO and Secretary General of PHDCCI, highlighted the Chamber's achievements over the past two years and emphasized the importance of collaborating with Indian MSMEs in the renewable energy sector to establish a foothold in Sri Lanka.

Mr. Saurabh Sabhlok, First Secretary (E&C) at the Indian High Commission apprised the delegation their area of work and how their role of policy development and analysis helps shape the political, economic, cultural, or consular affairs of the energy sector.

Business leaders from India introduced their companies and expressed their enthusiasm for

exploring the Sri Lankan market. Dr Ranjeet Mehta moderated the interaction and proposed a formal vote of thanks to the delegates. Ms. Mili Dubey, Assistant Secretary General, PHDCCI, coordinated the Session.

On the second and third day, the Business Delegation attended the Seventh Meeting of the Regional Committee for Asia and the Pacific Region of the International Solar Alliance.

The Business Delegates utilized this opportunity for - Interacting with energy ministers and top Industry leaders from countries like Bhutan, Fiji, Sri Lanka, Tuvalu, Solomon Islands, Kiribati and

New Zealand; Attended high-level ministerial plenaries; Participated in bilateral business meetings with international stakeholders; Forged alliances with government decision-makers; and Explored investment avenues in clean energy, solar technology, and green finance.

On Day 4, business delegates participated in a Networking Session and B2B meetings organized in collaboration with the Ceylon Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Buwanekabahu Perera, CEO & Secretary General, Ceylon Chamber of Commerce delivered the opening remarks. While, Ms Mili Dubey, Assistant Secretary General,

PHDCCI in her address gave a brief overview about the achievements in RE Sector in India and called for greater economic cooperation between the two countries in the RE Sector. Mr. Shiran Fernando, Chief Economic Policy Advisor, Ceylon Chamber of Commerce, gave a presentation on Sri Lankan economy and the opportunities coming up in the renewable energy sector.

The session ended with B2B meetings of delegates with the leading entrepreneurs of Sri Lanka in the renewable energy sector, which helped PHDCCI delegates in forging business alliances and promoting their businesses.

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FUN-TASTIC 2025 - AN EXCLUSIVE MEET ON LIVE ENTERTAINMENT, WEDDINGS & CORPORATE EVENTS

PHDCCI hosted its first-ever Fun-Tastic 2025 – An Exclusive Meet on Live Entertainment, Weddings & Corporate Events on July 18, 2025 at PHD House, New Delhi. Under the leadership of Mr Rajeev Jain, Chair, Entertainment Committee, PHDCCI, it brought together leading voices from the entertainment industry, government, legal fraternity and music world.

Fun-Tastic 2025 was inaugurated by Mr. Hemant Jain, President, PHDCC. Mr. Jain underlined that entertainment has become an essential element in the lives of India's youth and advocated for positioning Delhi as a premier destination for concerts and large-scale events.

Mr. Rajeev Jain drew attention to the significant economic and cultural contributions of live entertainment, citing iconic events such as the Coldplay concert and the Ambani wedding.

The inaugural session, titled 'Funtastic Chat', was anchored by Ms. Shalini S. Sharma, Assistant Secretary General, PHDCCI. It featured Mr. Sabbas Joseph, Co-founder of Wizcraft Group, a



pioneer in India's entertainment landscape. He reflected on the evolution of live entertainment, emphasizing the role of technology, skill development, and talent nurturing, while highlighting the importance of fostering long-term brand relationships beyond mere sponsorships.

The second session, moderated by Mr. Ankur Kalra, Managing Director of Vibgyor and General Secretary of EEMA, brought together Mr. Sanjay Tandon, Co-founder of the Indian Singers and Musicians' Rights Association (ISAMRA), and Mr. Angad Singh Dugal, Partner at Dugal Grewal & Partners. The discussion focused on music



rights, licensing challenges, and mechanisms for dispute resolution.

The highlight of Fun-Tastic 2025 was an electrifying session moderated by renowned anchor Ms. Geetika Ganju Dhar, featuring

acclaimed artists, Dr Palash Sen, Mr. Jasbir Jassi, and Mr. Suryaveer. The panel advocated for stronger government support for the independent music industry, which they noted is often overshadowed

by Bollywood. Their powerful message was complemented by enthralling live performances that left the audience spellbound.

HAPPINESS AND WELL-BEING ROUNDTABLE 2025

The Trade Fairs and HR Division of PHDCCI organized a 'Happiness and Well-being Roundtable 2025' on July 19, 2025 at New Delhi. The roundtable was held in collaboration with Happify U, Powered by ONGC, Premas Life Sciences as Associate Partner and Simply HR as Knowledge Partner.

Mr. Naveen Seth, Deputy Secretary General, PHDCCI in his welcome address, emphasized the importance of holistic well-being in today's fast-paced work environments and highlighted the growing relevance of happiness as a key metric of organizational success and employee satisfaction.

Technical session 1: 'Burning Issues (Challenges at the Workplace) Mental health, burnout, productivity drops, HR struggles' was addressed by Dr Sapna Rakesh, Director, G.L. Bajaj, Institute of Management Research; Ms. Arti Chaudhry, POSH Consultant & Mr. Manpreet Singh, Head HR, Alkami Technologies. The session was moderated by Ms. Ambica Chaturvedi, Vice President – People Function, Ashoka University.



Technical session 2: 'Only at the Top (Leadership Challenges) Leadership struggles and burnout at the top' was addressed by Mr. Sunil Kumar Sharma, CEO – TPADL; Mr. Praveen Gupta, MD, Premas Life Sciences & Ms. Gunjan Paharia, Founder ZeusIP. The session was moderated by Mr. Rajneesh Singh, CEO, Simply HR.

Technical session 3: 'Let the Expert Talk, Mental Health professionals on holistic happiness & well on the best practices of Industry', wherein Mr. Anupam Shrivastava, Managing Director,

Accenture interacted with Ms. Divya Shah, Co-founder, HappifyU.

Technical session 4: 'Let's Talk Solutions & AI Tech and HR solutions for workplace wellbeing' was addressed by Ms. Sharmila Ganguly, Clinical Psychologist; Ms. Lipika Verma, Vice President-Human Resources, Schneider Electric and Mr. Nischal Dua, Head Marketing, INFEEDO. The session was moderated by Mr. Alok Saxena, Co-founder, HappifyU.

Mr. Anil Ghoshal, Director, HR, PHDCCI delivered the formal vote-of-thanks to the participants.



SHE POWERS

The Women, Child Development and Entrepreneurship Committee (WCD&E) of PHDCCI, in collaboration with the Confederation of Women Entrepreneurs (CoWE) – Haryana Chapter and NITI Aayog's Women Entrepreneurship Platform (WEP) organized 'She Powers' on July 21, 2025 at PHD House, New Delhi. The event aimed to acknowledge and celebrate leadership of women and entrepreneurship across diverse sectors.

The programme was held under the leadership of Dr Aruna Abhey Oswal, Chair, WCD&E Committee, along with Co-chairs, Dr. Blossom Kochhar and Ms. Archana Aggarwal, and Ms. Ruchita Bansal, President, CoWE Haryana. The evening featured felicitations of exemplary women entrepreneurs by WEP and CoWE and marked the announcement of a strategic partnership between PHDCCI and WEP.

'She Powers' served as a dynamic platform bringing together women leaders, policymakers, corporate representatives, and



development professionals to reaffirm a shared commitment to gender-inclusive growth and enterprise development.

Mr. Shombi Sharp, UN Resident Coordinator in India and Chief Guest for the evening, underscored the urgency of advancing gender equality, emphasizing that "Nari Shakti is India's greatest strength."

Ms. Anna Roy, Principal Economic Adviser, NITI Aayog, highlighted WEP's success in creating inclusive ecosystems for over 72,000 women entrepreneurs.

Dr Aruna Abhey Oswal emphasized the importance of collaborative efforts between PHDCCI, WEP and CoWE to advance mentorship, financing, digital inclusion, skill development, and market access for women entrepreneurs.

Ms. Uma Ghurka, Founder-Director of CoWE, spotlighted the growing role of women in India's startup ecosystem, now accounting for 18% of all startups.



PHDCCI BUSINESS PRACTICES & AWARDS 2025

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GATI SE PRAGATI CONCLAVE 2025

The “Gati Se Pragati Conclave 2025,” held on July 3, 2025 at Hotel Le Meridien, New Delhi, brought together senior government officials, policymakers, and industry leaders to deliberate on strategies for reducing logistics costs, integrating emerging technologies, and accelerating inclusive growth under the PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan.

Mr. Shantanu Thakur, Hon’ble Minister of State, Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways inaugurated the event as Chief Guest and Dr Bibhu Prasad Tarai, Hon’ble Member of Parliament as Guest of Honor.

Dr Jatinder Singh, Deputy Secretary General, PHDCCI, delivered the welcome address and set the tone for the conclave by highlighting the importance of the day’s theme—“Driving Holistic & Accelerated Growth for Inclusive Development & Seamless Connectivity towards Viksit Bharat.” He emphasized for collective commitment to build an integrated, future-ready, and inclusive logistics ecosystem.

In his inaugural address, Minister, Mr. Shantanu Thakur underlined the transformative impact of enhancing last-mile connectivity to reduce logistics costs and improve the ease of doing



business. He emphasized that improved access to remote areas will spur regional development and social inclusion.

Dr Bibhu Prasad Tarai, Hon’ble Member of Parliament, highlighted the necessity of multi-modal seamless connectivity as a prerequisite for achieving the vision of Viksit Bharat@2047.

Mr. Praveen Kumar, MD, Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India (DFCCIL), described Dedicated Freight Corridors as the “spinal cord” of India’s freight network, playing a pivotal role in boosting capacity and efficiency.

Mr. Pankaj Kumar, Joint Secretary (Logistics), DPIIT, noted

that logistics costs in India may be lower than the often-quoted 14% of GDP. He emphasized that accurate data is being compiled and an authenticated report will be released shortly.

Dr Surendra Ahirwar, Joint Secretary, EDTC (Rates), Ministry of Railways, highlighted infrastructure’s central role in shaping the future of logistics and commended Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya’s role in manpower development.

Mr. Manoj Kumar Jain, Co-chair, PHDCCI Logistics Committee, underscored the logistics sector’s vital role in driving inclusive growth. He emphasized the transformative power of digital technologies and

automation and advocated for sustained investment in smart, green, and resilient infrastructure.

Mr. Rudra Shriram, Chair, Defence and HLS Committee, PHDCCI, shared global best practices observed at a leading logistics fair in Europe. He stressed the importance of synchronized infrastructure development, strategic public-private collaboration, and continued investment under the PM Gati Shakti initiative.

A Knowledge Report jointly prepared by Grant Thornton and PHDCCI was released during the session. Mr. Isac Prabu Kumar, Director – Transformation Consulting, Grant Thornton, presented a summary of the report's key findings, offering actionable insights for stakeholders.

The Conclave featured several high-impact thematic sessions, including: Aligning Global Supply Chains with Domestic & International Trade through Infrastructure Synergies & Integrated Multimodal Logistics; Tracks to Transformation: Railways Driving India's Gati Shakti Freight Revolution and Ports to Hinterlands and Coastal Connectivity, Inland Waterways & Marine Infrastructure.

Distinguished speakers at the conclave included: Mr. Sachin Bhanushali, Co-founder & Former CEO, Gateway Rail Freight Ltd; Mr. S.P. Verma, GGM-BD, DFCCIL; Prof. Rakesh Mohan Joshi, Vice Chancellor, Indian Institute of Foreign Trade; Mr. Anil Syal, President, Safexpress Pvt. Ltd.; Mr. Bhavik Vora, Partner & Logistics Industry Leader, Grant Thornton Bharat; Prof. Dr Manoj Choudhary, Vice Chancellor, Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya; Mr. Dinkar Singh, Director, Public Affairs, UPS – Indian Subcontinent; Mr. Sudeep Shrivastava, ED/Gati Shakti (S&T), Railway Board; Mr. Sanjiv Garg, Secretary General, CILT India & Former MD, Pipavav Railway Corp.; Mr. Rajesh Prasad, Advisor



Corporate Coordination, Ircon International Ltd.; Mr. Dipankar Ghosh, Ex-MD Knorr Bremse India & Former CEO, Escorts Rail; Capt. Pawan Gupta, CEO & MD, Pace Marine; Capt. Amiy Dixit, COO, Pace Marine and Capt. Sunny Williams, Sr. VP, Allcargo Terminals Ltd.

The conclave concluded with a reaffirming commitment from both government and industry to work collaboratively toward building a resilient, future-forward, and inclusive logistics ecosystem, which is integral to realizing the vision of a globally competitive and Atmanirbhar Bharat.



INDIAN DEFENCE INDUSTRY SEMINAR & B2B MEETINGS IN ABIDJAN

PHDCCI in collaboration with the Embassy of India in Côte d'Ivoire and the Ministry of Defence, Government of India organized an Indian Defence Industry Seminar & B2B Meetings in Abidjan on July 2, 2025. The seminar was graced by H.E. General Lassina Doumbia, Chief of Defence Staff, Côte d'Ivoire, H.E. Dr Rajesh Ranjan, Ambassador of India to Côte d'Ivoire and Group Capt Abhiman, Defence Attaché, Embassy of India. Senior representatives from Indian defence companies were present at the seminar. PHDCCI was represented by Mr. Sachin Sharma, Deputy Secretary, PHDCCI.

More than 80 senior government officials from various arms of the Ivorian defence and security establishment, including the Armed Forces, Gendarmerie, Police, and National Security Agencies participated in the seminar, expressing strong institutional interest in exploring partnerships with India's defence sector.

The event facilitated extensive Business-to-Government (B2G) and Business-to-Business (B2B) meetings, enabling Indian defence



companies to directly engage with key decision-makers, senior officers, and procurement authorities. These interactions offered a valuable platform for showcasing India's technological capabilities in areas such as UAVs, surveillance systems, ballistic protection, anti-drone technologies, and integrated defence solutions.

Participating Indian Companies included: Zen Technologies Ltd.;

ADSL; Tata Advanced Systems Ltd.; IdeaForge Ltd.; Big Bang Boom Solutions Ltd.; VTOL Aviation India Ltd.; and MKU Defence Industries Ltd.

The seminar served as a catalyst for initiating dialogues around defence collaboration, technology transfer, joint development, and capacity-building opportunities between the two countries.

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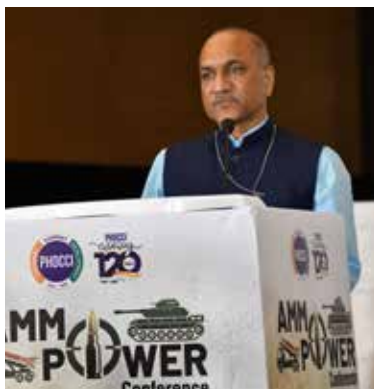


AMMO POWER CONFERENCE: BUILDING AMMUNITIONS ECOSYSTEM FOR SELF-RELIANT AND FUTURE READY INDIA

PHDCCI organized an AMMO POWER conference on the theme, "Building Ammunitions Ecosystem for Self-Reliant and Future Ready India" on July 30, 2025 at Hotel Le-Méridien, New Delhi. The discussion focused on Building Next-Gen Ammunition Capabilities in Land Warfare" and also on Smart ammunition for Air Defence Systems.

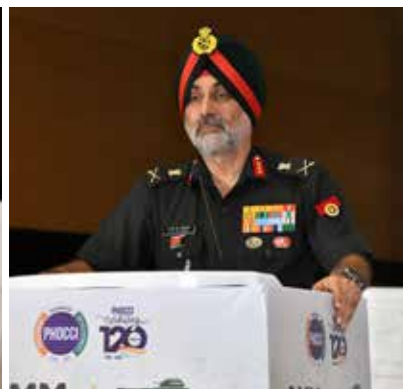
Addressing the gathering, Chief Guest, Mr. Sanjeev Kumar, Secretary (Defence Production), Ministry of Defence said that we all understand the requirement of ammunition, seeing the unpredictable global scenario. Self-reliance is necessary and that has been the objective of the government for more than a decade now. He also mentioned that it's important to focus on quality Ammunitions along with the quantity to make India Atmanirbhar.

Lt. Gen. Amardeep Singh Aujla, PVSM, UYSM, YSM, SM, VSM, Master General Sustenance, Indian Army, shared that out of 175 variants of ammunition in our inventory, 154 are indigenous, and by the end of this year, we will be 100% indigenous.



Air Marshal KAA Sanjeeb, VSM, Director General (Systems), Indian Air Force emphasised the need to become producers and not just assemblers, create centre of excellence, work with global giants like Israel and Russia and invest in building intellect in armament sector.

Mr. Kaval Singh, INAS, Principal Director of Naval Armament, Ministry of Defence (Navy) stated that Indian Navy has already done 70% indigenisation. There's a lot of scope for existing as well as new players. There are almost Rs.5000 crore outstanding orders, with a lot of orders in the pipeline. For private industry, sky is the limit with the



recent changes in the warfare and the disruption in this sector.

Mr. Vaibhav Gupta, Co-chair, PHDCCI Defence & HLS Committee was quoted to have said, "Ammunition today is not merely strategic—it is foundational to India's shared vision of transformation and sovereignty."

Mr. Ashok Wadhawan, Joint President & Head Land Systems, Adani Defence, highlighted that in the last 5-6 years, there have been conflicts all over the world. And war today is played with ammunition unlike tanks and missiles.

"Wars have changed, the focus has shifted from tanks to

drones. We should start producing precision-ammunition", said Mr. Ashish Kansal, Chief Executive Officer, SMPP Ltd., echoing the call for transformation, stressing that "Ammunition is no longer just an operational requirement, it's the backbone of modern warfare." Citing learnings from Operation Sindoor, he emphasized the transition to drone warfare, smart ammunition, and the critical need for public-private partnerships.

Dr Nasir Jamal, Director, PHDCCI, while moderating the inaugural session stated that be it land warfare, naval operations or air defence, ammunition is not just a consumable – it is a critical enabler of a mission's success, deterrence and preparedness.



Mr. Arjun Dutt Atluri, Co-chair, PHDCCI Defence & HLS Committee delivered the formal vote-of-thanks to the delegates.

A Knowledge Report on "Ammunitions Ecosystem for a Self-Reliant and Future-Ready prepared by PHDCCI and Sugosha Advisory

was unveiled by the dignitaries.

The conference was addressed by many government officials, industry leaders and senior officials from all the Indian Armed Forces.

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

The International Affairs and Trade Fairs Division of PHDCCI, organized an interactive session on 'Global Trade and Investment Opportunities for the Indian Industry (GTI)' in France with Ms. Estelle David, Trade & Investment Commissioner, Business France, Embassy of France, New Delhi on July 15, 2025 at PHD House, New Delhi.

Mr. Naveen Seth, Deputy Secretary General, PHDCCI, welcomed Ms. Estelle David and provided an overview of PHDCCI's activities, with special focus on engagements with France. He highlighted PHDCCI's strong interest in strengthening partnerships with France and shared details of past delegations, strategic collaborations, and sectoral exchanges. He also emphasized the Chamber's pivotal role in supporting business growth, fostering innovation, and



promoting bilateral trade and investment relations between India and France.

Ms. Estelle David in her presentation on 'The Business meet France: A powerhouse in FDI and Innovation in Europe' highlighted the strong and growing bilateral ties between India and France, expressing confidence in the potential for increased trade,

investment, and tourism. She emphasized the importance of collaboration in key sectors such as healthcare, agriculture, IT, tourism, manufacturing, education, and sustainable development. She also underscored the role of innovation, cultural exchange, and technological cooperation in deepening economic and strategic relations between the two nations.



EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES IN PACS

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

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

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



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

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

digital service delivery.

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

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

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

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



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

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

agents of inclusive rural prosperity.

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

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A Seminar on “Legal & Practical Insights on Search, Seizure & Arrest and Offences & Penalties Under Indirect Tax” was held on July 8, 2025.

Mr. Pramod Kumar Rai, Chair, Indirect Tax Committee, PHDCCI in his theme presentation highlighted on issues related to investigation, intelligence gathering, return based data analysis, investigation by multiple agencies and aftermath of investigation. He also gave an overview about the service of order, notice, summon or any other communication covered under Section 169.

Mr. Tushar Aggarwal, Co-chair, Indirect Tax Committee, PHDCCI deliberated on search, seizure and its legal and judicial and practical insights under indirect tax. He also described Section 67 read with rule 139 of the CGST Act 2017. Further, he also described how search is conducted at residential premises.

Mr. Kulraj Ashpanani, Partner, Dhruva Advisors spoke on Arrest and legal, judicial and practical insights under Indirect Tax. He further explained about the statutory provisions enabling arrest under GST and under Customs.

Mr. Pawan Arora, Co-chair, Indirect Tax Committee, PHDCCI narrated on cross empowerment of investigation and search and seizure between state and centre. He explained various aspects such as cross jurisdiction under GST law, legal provisions and power of officers under GST law.

Mr. Rajat Chhabra, Co-Founder, Taxcraft, deliberated on offences and penalties under Customs Law. He also explained about confiscation and fines in case of confiscation, overview of penalties, Anti-Fraud measures and adjudication procedures.

CO-CHAIR, ANDHRA PRADESH CHAPTER, PHDCCI, GETS RECOGNIZED BY ANDHRA PRADESH GOVERNMENT

S Mr. Sudarshan Swamy, Co-chair of PHDCCI Andhra Pradesh Chapter & Managing Director was awarded a Letter of Authorisation to set up rooftop solar power to 7489 beneficiaries of Kuppam Constituency in Andhra Pradesh on July 2, 2025 by Hon'ble Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, Mr. Chandrababu Naidu.



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AYUSHEXCIL, with the support of the Ministry of AYUSH organized a session on Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSME) Schemes and Opportunities for the AYUSH Industry on July 16, 2025 at PHD House. The interactive session was aimed to foster a crucial dialogue between the Ayush industry and key government stakeholders. The session provided invaluable insights into existing and upcoming MSME schemes, facilitated access to financial support, and addressed challenges pertinent to the growth and development of the Ayush sector.

The interactive session was graced with the presence of Vaidya Rajesh Kotecha, Secretary, Ministry of Ayush, and Mr. S.C.L. Das, IAS, Secretary, Ministry of MSMEs. Other eminent dignitaries present were Ms. Monalisa Dash, Joint Secretary, Ministry of AYUSH; Ms. Anuja Bhat and Mr. Vipul Goel, Joint Secretaries, Ministry of MSME; Ms. Ritu Sain, Investment Commissioner, Chhattisgarh; Dr Koustabha Upadhyay, Advisor, Ministry of AYUSH; Prof. (Dr) Mahesh Kumar Dadhich, CEO, NMPB; Mr.



Madhusudan Chauhan, CEO, Jiva Ayurved, Member AYUSHEXCIL; Dr Santosh Joshi, Chair, AYUSH Committee & Senior General Manager, Hamdard Laboratories; Dr

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14TH INTERNATIONAL HERITAGE TOURISM CONCLAVE

PHDCCI with the support of Ministry of Tourism, Gujarat Tourism; Delhi Tourism; IndiGo; and IRCTC, organised the 14th International Heritage Tourism Conclave on the theme 'Khayaal Virasat Ka' on July 25, 2025 at Lukshmi Villas Palace, Vadodara.

Mr. Rajender Kumar (IAS), Secretary – Tourism, Civil Aviation, Devasthanam Management & Pilgrimage, Government of Gujarat inaugurated the conclave along with His Highness Samarjitsinh Gaekwad, Maharaja of Baroda and Founding Member, Heritage Tourism Association of Gujarat and Mr. Mohamed Farouk, Regional Director – India Tourism Mumbai, Ministry of Tourism and Mr. Rajan Sehgal, Co-chair – Tourism Committee, PHDCCI.

The session began with Saraswati Vandana by students of the Faculty of Performing Arts, Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda. The inaugural session also witnessed the release of the PHDCCI-KPMG Heritage Tourism Report, which presents strategic insights into public-private partnerships for heritage conservation and tourism development.



Highlights of the Conclave

- Session on 'Vibrant Gujarat model for heritage-led tourism' was held with speakers, Ms. Khyati Nayak, Gujarat Tourism; Mr. Sanjeev Joshi, INTACH Vadodara Chapter; Mr. Anil Mulchandani, Author & Travel Writer and moderator Mr. Ranjit Singh Parmar, Heritage Tourism Association of Gujarat.
- Session on 'Reviving Shekhawati's painted havelis' with speakers, Mr. Angad Deo Mandawa, Castle Mandawa; Ms. Urvashi Srivastava, Srijan Sanrakshan and moderator Ms.

Shruti Nada Poddar, INTACH Shekhawati Chapter.

- Session on Culinary tourism with speakers, Prof. Pushpesh Pant, Chef Manjit Gill and Dr Kurush Dalal followed by a curated traditional Gujarati lunch titled 'Bapor nu Bhojan', with each dish accompanied by a narrative on its cultural origin.
- Case Study on 'Champaner-Pavagadh: Reviving a forgotten capital' was addressed by Dr Amita Sinha, Professor, IIT (BHU), Varanasi.
- Session on 'Women as Custodians of Culture' with



speakers, HH Radhikaraje Gaekwad, Maharani of Baroda and HH Kadambaridevi Jadeja, Maharani of Rajkot.

- Session on 'Architecture as a tourism narrative' with speakers, Dr Alka Pande, Art Consultant and Curator; Ms. Anjchita B. Nair, Cultre; Ms. Priya Kapoor, International Heritage Conservation; Mr. Vijay Kamalakara, Storytrails and moderator Dr. Bhawana Vasudeva, MSU Baroda.
- Session on 'Heritage transport as living history' with speakers, Mr. Tarun Thakral, Heritage Transport Museum; Mr. Madan Mohan, 21 Gun Salute Trust and moderator Mr. Aalap Bansal, KPMG India.
- Guided Heritage Walk of the Lukshmi Villas Palace, offering an immersive experience of the palace's architecture, history and royal legacy.



- Over 25 structured B2B meetings were held between tourism boards, hospitality leaders, travel operators and cultural entrepreneurs to foster cross-sector collaboration and business development.
- A curated showcase of contemporary art was organized by the Creative Team, PHDCCI

with award-winning artists from Delhi, reflecting on Indian identity in a global context through visual interpretations of culture, colour and heritage.

Industry partners of 14th IHTC were Mann Fleet Partners, ADTOI, FHRAI, Heritage HTA Gujarat, IATO, TAAI and VTAA.



THE ARCHITECTURE OF ENDURING FAMILIES IN COLLABORATION WITH LGT WEALTH INDIA

The Capital Market & Commodity Market Committee, PHDCCI organized an interactive session on “Beyond Wealth – The Architecture of Enduring Families” in collaboration with LGT Wealth India on July 11, 2025 at New Delhi.

Mr. B K Sabharwal, Chair, Capital Market & Commodity Market Committee, PHDCCI said that there are numerous avenues of investment coming up in India that will contribute in building one's wealth. Investment in the Capital/ Commodity Markets through various instruments including in IPOs is expected to yield much higher returns in the near future. He said that the architecture of enduring families goes beyond balance sheets and estate plans. It is about building strong foundations rooted in shared purpose, communication, resilience, and stewardship. It's about empowering future generations not just to inherit, but to lead.

Mr. Sameer Gupta, Managing Director, Private Clients, Wealth Management & Structured Lending, LGT Wealth presented an overview about the LGT Wealth India operations. He moderated a panel discussion on the subject,



which was joined by Ms. Poonam Mirchandani, Managing Director – Wealth Planning & Family Solutions, LGT Wealth & Mr. Nimish Shah, Managing Director - Family Office & Portfolio Analytics, LGT Wealth. An online poll was conducted to ascertain the number of people planning their succession through will. It was found that more than 75% of attendees have not planned their succession through will, which could create issues/ disputes amongst the eligible family members and this may take years to settle. With Indians now moving globally, it is important to understand and explore the options of creating a family trust, which will allocate the assets amongst the family members in a structured manner.

Mr. Nimish Shah said that the globaleconomy is fluctuating owing to geo-political tensions/ trade wars. In addition, technological changes are driving the changes

and India is no exception. While AI is driving businesses transformation, the same is impacting jobs as well. All these are driving changes and complexities in the Indian capital markets. It is important to analyse one's investment and exposure in the capital markets. Any increase in the capital markets may or may not increase one's portfolio.

Mr. Ankur Gupta Co-chair, Capital Market & Commodity Market Committee, PHDCCI said that enduring families are not built by chance, but through conscious efforts—by nurturing relationships, embedding principles, and planning not just for prosperity, but for continuity.

Mr. Narinder Wadhwa, Co-chair, Capital Market & Commodity Market Committee, PHDCCI proposed the formal vote-of-thanks to the participants.

Mr. Mohit Luthra, ASG, PHDCCI moderated the Session.



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ENHANCING COOPERATIVE TIES: A GLOBAL DELEGATION TO EXPLORE TRADE OPPORTUNITIES IN THE NETHERLANDS

PHDCCI under the leadership of its Cooperative Task Force organized a high-level delegation to the Netherlands, July 20-25, 2025 with the aim to explore globally recognized cooperative structures, agricultural innovation, food processing technologies, and sustainable farming models in order to strengthen India's cooperative and agri-based ecosystem.

The delegation comprised of policymakers, cooperative leaders, agri-entrepreneurs, and industry experts. Government delegates included Mr. Siddharth Jain, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Cooperation; Mr. Kumar Ram Krishna, Director, Ministry of Cooperation; Mr. Saurabh Bhardwaj, Ministry of Cooperation; and Mr. Rohit Gupta, Deputy Managing Director, NCDC.

The industry delegation included representatives from leading Indian institutions such as IFFCO, Hindustan Agriculture Legacy Food Products and Navankur. Dr Jatinder Singh, Deputy Secretary General, and Mr. Rupesh Pandey, Senior Secretary represented PHDCCI.

DAY 1: COOPERATIVE INNOVATION AND DIGITAL AUCTIONS

Tour of Royal FloraHolland, Aalsmeer – the world's largest flower auction cooperative. Members witnessed the efficient operation of real-time digital auctions and integrated logistics systems supporting over 6,000 growers. Discussions focused on transparent pricing mechanisms, equitable market access, and small farmer integration—insights with great relevance for India's PACS and FPO ecosystems.

Visit to Rabobank Headquarters in Utrecht, where they were received by Mr. Bart, Ms. Shipora, and Mr. Neelendu Mukherjee. Rabobank's role as a global leader in cooperative



banking was highlighted through discussions on agri-financing models, climate risk insurance, green bonds, and digital platforms for farmer creditworthiness. The

bank's unique member-governance structure and cooperative dividend mechanisms provided valuable takeaways for India's rural credit institutions.

DAY 2: AGRI-TECH, SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES, AND ORGANIC PROCESSING

Visit to Horticulture Greenhouse Delta, showcasing advanced technologies such as AI-controlled irrigation, climate-sensitive greenhouses, and vertical farming. Mr. Ram Nath facilitated a hands-on tour to make delegates understand innovations in resource-efficient food production and export-oriented horticulture. Discussions centered on tech transfer to India's climate zones and cooperative-based greenhouse clusters.

Engaged with the team at Nature Bio Foods, a global subsidiary of Dawat Foods specializing in organic and fair-trade rice. Delegates gained insights into their blockchain-enabled traceability, EU/USDA certification processes, global packaging standards, and direct-from-farmer sourcing models. Delegates expressed interest in



adapting such models within Indian cooperative supply chains, especially in organic rice, pulses, and millets.

DAY 3: VALUE ADDITION, BRANDING, AND CULTURAL DIPLOMACY



Visit to the Volendam Cheese Factory, wherein it was demonstrated how small-scale cooperatives can generate additional income through experiential marketing and rural tourism integration.

The delegation was hosted at the Embassy of India in The Hague, where they interacted with Mr. Satya and Mr. James, senior officials from the Mission. Discussions focused on Dutch trade facilitation, export certification for Indian agri-products, and bilateral

collaboration in cooperatives and rural development.

Visit to the International Court of Justice (ICJ) at the Peace Palace, where delegates gained exposure to global institutions of justice and diplomacy—an enriching cultural and institutional experience.

DAY 4: KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE AT WAGENINGEN UNIVERSITY



Visit to the prestigious Wageningen University & Research, a global leader in agri-innovation and sustainable farming. Ms. Priska and Mr. Philip led technical discussions on emerging topics such as circular farming, climate-resilient crop science, nano-fertilizers, and precision farming tools.

DAY 5: CLOSING AT INDIA BUSINESS HOUSE, THE HAGUE

The visit concluded with a debrief and networking session at the India Business House, The Hague, hosted by Mr. Kulshrestha, where delegates recapped their key learnings and discussed actionable takeaways.



Key Outcomes and Recommendations



The delegation visit facilitated by PHDCCI successfully highlighted scalable and sustainable cooperative models that can guide India's modernization efforts. Notably, Rabobank and Royal FloraHolland showcased robust, member-driven frameworks that combine commercial viability with strong grassroots participation—an approach highly relevant to the Indian cooperative ecosystem. Furthermore, advanced insights from the Horticulture Greenhouse Delta and sessions at Wageningen University offered clear direction on adopting climate-resilient and

technology-enabled agriculture in India. These interactions emphasized the need for precision farming, digital integration, and environmentally conscious solutions to strengthen India's agricultural value chain.

Additionally, Nature Bio Foods provided valuable learning on export-readiness and transparent traceability systems that could benefit India's Farmer Producer Organizations, particularly those engaged in organic and sustainable farming. Complementing the technical exposure were meaningful visits to

the International Court of Justice (ICJ) and the Volendam Cheese Factory, which enriched delegates' understanding of institutional governance and rural branding through experiential learning. Collectively, these experiences underscored the potential for Indo-Dutch collaboration in areas of agri-finance, cooperative research, and innovation. PHDCCI, through this strategic international engagement, reaffirmed its dedication to strengthening India's cooperative movement in alignment with the national vision of "Sahkar se Samridhi".



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Theme: "Empowering Transparency: Smart Packaging and Digital Traceability for a Resilient Supply Chain".



TRACK & TRACE 2025

PACKAGING SOLUTIONS IN LABELLING AND SERIALISATION

The "Track & Trace 2025 – Packaging Solutions in Labelling and Serialisation" conference held on July 11, 2025, themed "Empowering Transparency: Smart Packaging and Digital Traceability for a Resilient Supply Chain," underscored the critical need for an efficient Track & Trace system in India, aligning perfectly with the government's agenda for implementing a National Track & Trace Mechanism, as announced in the Union Budget 2025. The Conference was supported by the Central Board of Indirect Taxes & Customs (CBIC) and the Central Economic Intelligence Bureau (CEIB).

The inaugural session featured distinguished speakers including Dr Rajeev Ranjan, IAS (Retd), Former Special Secretary, GST Council, Ministry of Finance; Mr. Manas Sarkar, Head – Sustainability & Business HR, UFlex Ltd.; Mr. S. Swaminathan, CEO, GS1 India; and Dr Viktor Zemlicka, International Expert, Secure Supply Chain & Track & Trace, Switzerland, all of whom highlighted the national imperative for robust serialization



KEY TAKEAWAYS

Urgent Need for a Unified, Digitally-Enabled National Track & Trace Mechanism: India requires a robust and comprehensive national track and trace system, aligned with the Union Budget 2025's initiative. This system must leverage existing infrastructure like GST, integrate advanced technologies (IoT, AI, AR/VR), and be globally interoperable to effectively combat illicit trade, enhance tax transparency, and ensure product authenticity and safety.

Strategic Imperative of Phygital Traceability for Brand Protection & Export Competitiveness: A recurring theme is the critical role of "phygital" (physical + digital) traceability and smart packaging in safeguarding brands, ensuring compliance for exports, and driving overall competitiveness. This includes implementing robust serialization, digital labeling, and real-time visibility solutions to meet global standards and empowering consumers with verifiable product information.

systems, GST-linked traceability, and global compliance standards.

Over 20 speakers contributed to in-depth discussions across three key sessions. The first session, Consumer-Centric Traceability – The New Brand Imperative, focused on brand protection, export traceability, and digital labeling compliance, featuring insights from Mr. Amit Mohan Govil, Director General, CEIB; Dr. Sudhanshu, Secretary, APEDA, Ministry of Commerce & Industry; Ms. Anushree Lakshminarayanan, Director – External Affairs, IPM India; and Mr. Prashant Kumar Gupta, CBO & VP, Shriram Veritech Solutions Pvt. Ltd.

The second session, Serialization & Labelling – Foundations of Secure Supply Chains, delved into India's unified traceability framework and customs modernization, with contributions from Mr. Alok Kumar, EVP, GST Network; Dr. Bijendre Kumar Meena, Additional Director, NACIN; Mr. Arvind Kumar Gupta, Asst. Commissioner (Drugs), FSDA, Govt. of UP; Mr. Akhla Ahmed, AVP – New Product Developments, Mankind Pharma Ltd; and Mr. Nakul Pasricha, MD & CEO, PharmaSecure.

The third and final session, E-commerce, IoT & Real-Time Visibility, explored the future of packaging with speakers, like Mr. Sumit Kapoor, Customer Trust External Relations Manager, Amazon India; Mr. Ankit Arora, Senior Manager, GS1 India; Mr. Rahul Gupta, Sr. VP, Bar Code India; and Ms. Ratika Jain, Strategic



Advisor, VeK – Policy Advisory & Research.

The conference concluded with a powerful call to action: India's packaging and labeling ecosystem must be future-ready, with efficient and effective digital traceability serving as a cornerstone of tax governance, brand protection, and export competitiveness. PHDCCI reaffirmed its commitment to

facilitating public-private dialogue, policy advocacy, and capacity-building initiatives to promote secure, compliant, and globally aligned packaging systems.

The conference was moderated by Mr. Rakesh Kumar Sangrai, Director, PHDCCI, and saw the participation of over 120 industry delegates.

PM DEDICATES KARTAVYA BHAWAN TO THE NATION

Prime Minister, Mr. Narendra Modi dedicated Kartavya Bhawan to the nation, calling it a symbol of unwavering resolve and continuous efforts towards public service. He stated that the Kartavya Bhawan will not only help in faster delivery of policies and schemes but will also give fresh momentum to the nation's development. Kartavya Bhawan reflects the government's commitment to build a developed and self-reliant India. The nation has witnessed the tireless hard work and determination of our Shramyogis who have shaped it. The Prime Minister noted that the building has been developed with full attention given to environmental protection. On the occasion, PM also planted a sapling in the premises of Kartavya Bhawan.



INDIA-NEPAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION MEET 2025

The “India-Nepal Economic Cooperation Meet 2025” organized by the Embassy of Nepal in India and PHDCCI India-Nepal Centre at Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh was held on July 12, 2025 at Hotel MPT Lake View Residency, Bhopal. The meet witnessed the presence of senior diplomats from Nepal besides senior government officials and industry leaders from Nepal.

Speaking on the occasion, Chief Guest, Mr. Narendra Shivaji Patel, Minister of Public Health & Medical Education, Government of Madhya Pradesh said, “To further enhance the bilateral economic cooperation and strengthening the base of Neplease businesses in India, the ‘India-Nepal Economic Cooperation Meet 2025’ is historically important for ease of doing business.

The Embassy of Nepal in India was represented by Mr. Ambika Joshi, Minister Counsellor and Mr. Rabindra Jung Thapa, Counsellor (Economic). Among other speakers were: Mr. Manoj Modi, and Dr Anupam Chouksey, Co-chairs, Madhya Pradesh State Chapter, PHDCCI; Prof Amitabh Pande,

Indian firms are among the largest investors in Nepal, accounting for 35% of the total FDI stock in Nepal, worth nearly USD 777 million. Nepal is India’s 17th largest export destination, up from 28th position in 2014. India comprises about 64.1% of total trade of Nepal, equating to US\$ 7.87 billion. This includes \$7.041 billion USD of exports from India to Nepal and \$829.71 million USD of exports from Nepal to India. India is Nepal’s largest export destination, receiving an overwhelming 67.9% of its total exports. Nepal’s other large export destinations are the US, Germany, Turkey, France, the UK, Australia, Italy, Japan and Canada. Nepal’s exports mainly constitute edible oil, coffee, tea and jute. Nepal’s main imports from India are petroleum products, Iron & Steel, Cereals, Vehicles and Parts, Machinery parts. There are about 150 Indian ventures operating in Nepal engaged in manufacturing, services (banking, insurance, dry port, education and telecom), power sector and tourism industries.

Director, National Museum of Mankind, Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Sanghralaya (Bhopal), Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India; Mr. Rajesh Gupta, Director, Tourism Investment Promotion Unit, MP Tourism Board, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh; Mr. Pankaj Sharma, Deputy Secretary, Department of MSMEs, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh; Dr Ajai Singh, Director (AIIMS), Bhopal; Mr. Sumit Suri, Joint Honorary Secretary & Office Bearer, Hotel and Restaurant Association (Western India); Mr. Anil Gulati, Chief of

Field Office (a.i.), UNICEF, Madhya Pradesh; Dr Manoj Kumar Singh, Senior Research Faculty, Indian Institute of Forest Management; Mr. Yadvender Kant, DGM (Resources, CVE & Wealth Management Department)-Bhopal Local Head Office, State Bank of India; Mr. Karan Khurana, MD, The SAGE Group & Convener, Madhya Pradesh Young Entrepreneurs’ Council, Madhya Pradesh State Chapter, PHDCCI; Mr. Anuj Pratap Singh, State Convener, Madhya Pradesh, World Organisation for Students



and Youth; Mr. Manoj Kumar Jain, Sr. Adviser (Economy, Trade and Innovation), Atal Bihari Vajpayee Institute of Good Governance and Policy Analysis, Bhopal; Dr Rajesh Saxena, Scientific Adviser (MP & Chhattisgarh), Patanjali Research Foundation; Mr. Mitesh Lokwani,

MD, HLBS Tech Pvt Ltd; Mr. Dolraj Gaire, Founder & Chairman, Sagar Gaire Fast Food Corner; Mr. Vishnu Sharma, Director, Sharma and Vishnu Fast Food and Mr. Ganesh Pandey, Director, Ganesham Fast Food.

Mr. Atul K Thakur, Secretary, India-Nepal Centre, PHDCCI moderated the session while Mr. Anirudh Dubey, Resident Manager, Madhya Pradesh State Chapter, PHDCCI gave the vote-of-thanks to the delegates.

The Embassy of Nepal in India is fully supportive of business and people engagements between Nepal and India—and it calls the businesses in Madhya Pradesh (and other parts of India) to explore investing and doing business in Nepal for promising outcomes, shared in the presentation made from the Embassy of Nepal in India by the Nepalese diplomats Mr. Ambika Joshi, Minister Counsellor, Embassy of Nepal in India and Mr. Rabindra Jung Thapa, Counsellor (Economic), Embassy of Nepal in India.

PRESS CONFERENCE ON NATIONAL YOUNG CHEF COMPETITION

PHDCCI in collaboration with the Ministry of Tourism, Indian Federation of Culinary Associations and Tourism & Hospitality Skill Council launched the National Young Chef Competition (NYCC), a flagship initiative aimed at discovering and nurturing final-year hospitality students across India through a high-impact culinary championship. Held under the theme 'Celebrating Indian Culinary Heritage: Blending Tradition with Innovation', the competition will be conducted through four zonal rounds across the country, culminating in a Grand Finale in January 2026 at IHM Pusa, New Delhi.



The Curtain Raiser Press Conference, held on July 15, 2025 at PHD House, New Delhi, was graced by Mr. Suman Billa (IAS), Additional Secretary and Director General, Ministry of Tourism. Mr. Suman Billa emphasized the importance

of creating career pathways for youth in the hospitality sector. He commended PHDCCI for curating a platform that not only celebrates culinary excellence, but also strengthens industry-academia collaboration.



GELEPHU ROADSHOW 2025

CONNECTING INDIA AND BHUTAN FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND GLOBAL COOPERATION

Gelephu (Bhutan) has been an important tourist destination for India-Bhutan crossing with roughly 41 km from Kajalgaon, headquarters of Chirang, 50 km from Bongaigaon, and 340 km from Siliguri. Gelephu Mindfulness City is a hub of knowledge, technology, and finance, grounded in the values of mindfulness, sustainability and harmony. As said by the Bhutanese Prime Minister, Tshering Tobgay, "Gelephu embodies the co-operative spirit, as every citizen of Bhutan is both a shareholder and a stakeholder, actively participating in this significant initiative."

Since the announcement of plans for the Gelephu city in December 2023, situated to the south of Bhutan and bordering Assam, Bhutanese King Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck visited India twice to discuss his plans for the city, and to seek investment and collaborations from the Indian private sector in infrastructure development, bringing projects in the areas like hotels and hospitality, educational institutions, IT and wellness centres. India responded positively to it and Gelephu is fast becoming an attractive investment destination, giving the city a new dimension of development.



To further enhance the bilateral economic cooperation between India and Bhutan, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry (BCCI) in association with Visa Inc. and under the aegis of its "India-Nepal Centre", PHDCCI organized the "Gelephu Roadshow - Where Mindfulness Meets the Future: Connecting India and Bhutan for Sustainable Development and Global Cooperation" on July 17, 2025 at Kolkata, India. The Roadshow witnessed the participation of leading industry captains and stakeholders of India-Bhutan businesses besides concerned diplomats.

The Gelephu Mindfulness City (GMC) roadshow was represented by Ms. Kinley P Dorji, Communication Lead (Director, GMC Affairs & Secretary, GMC Board), Gelephu Mindfulness City Authority, Bhutan and Mr. Ugyen Tenzin, CEO, DK Bank. In GMC's detailed presentation, Ms. Kinley P Dorji called for partnerships

and invited potential investors to explore a long-term promising project. "Gelephu Mindfulness City" that will have significant focus on specialized sustainable tourism, wellness, education and spiritualism.

Mr. Atul K Thakur, Secretary, India-Nepal Centre, PHDCCI moderated the sessions. Among other key speakers were: Dr Shiladitya Chatterjee, Economic Adviser (National Economic Affairs Committee), The Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry; Mr. Anand Jha, Vice President (Head of Government Engagement: India & South Asia), Visa Inc; Mr. Anirudha Barooah, Regional Head, Kolkata Regional Office, Export-Import Bank of India; Mr. Jhakka Prasad Acharya, Consul General of Nepal, Kolkata, India; Dr Vidyanand Jha, IIM Calcutta; Mr. Dushyant Thakor, Deputy Executive Director, World Association of Investment Promotion Agencies; Mr. Binod Homagai, Co-Founder & COO, WoW Momo; Mr. Bikas Rauniar, Executive Director, Interstate Multi Modal Transport (P) Ltd; and Mr. Subir Bhaumik, Contributing Editor (South Asia), Eurasia Review.



Introducing IndiGo Stretch





ENHANCING PHARMACEUTICAL QUALITY ASSURANCE THROUGH GOOD MANUFACTURING PRACTICES

The Pharmaceutical Committee of PHDCCI, in collaboration with the Indian Pharmaceutical Association (IPA) Vadodra organized a National Conference on “Enhancing Pharmaceutical Quality Assurance through Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP)” along with an awareness session on the Revamped Pharmaceutical Technology Upgradation Assistance Scheme (RPTUAS) on July 16, 2025 in Vadodra. The conference brought together regulatory authorities, industry leaders, policy-makers, and pharmaceutical professionals to discuss critical issues related to pharmaceutical manufacturing standards and quality systems, with a focus on practical strategies for GMP implementation and awareness of financial and technical assistance under the revamped RPTUAS scheme.

Ms. Jignasa Oza, President, IPA Vadodra, delivered the welcome address, setting the tone for the day's proceedings by highlighting the critical role of GMP in ensuring public health and industry credibility.

Dr A.H. Zala, Assistant Commissioner, FDCA Valsad, emphasized the need for continual industry-regulatory collaboration to maintain high-quality manufacturing standards.

Mr. Shashi Paul, Assistant Drugs Controller (I), CDSCO Ahmedabad, underlined CDSCO's efforts in supporting the industry through transparent guidelines and proactive inspections.

Dr N.R. Saiyad, Assistant Commissioner, FDCA Kutch-Bhuj in his address, encouraged MSMEs to adopt technology-driven solutions for quality improvement.

Mr. Bharat R. Desai, President, Vadodra Pharma Association and MD, Bharat Parenterals Ltd., stressed the importance of culture of compliance and proactive quality management in a globally competitive environment.

Mr. Dharmendra Kumar Yadav, Under Secretary (Pharmaceutical Policy, UCPMP, PLI-BD, PLI-Pharma), Department of Pharmaceuticals provided insights into evolving policy reforms and government initiatives to strengthen the pharma sector.

A key highlight of the event was a presentation on the Revamped Pharmaceutical Technology Upgradation Assistance Scheme (RPTUAS) by Mr. Yashwant Shinde, Manager, SIDBI. The session aimed to increase industry awareness about financial support mechanisms for upgrading technology and achieving regulatory compliance, particularly for small and medium-sized pharma units.

At the technical session, “Foundations and Strategies for Effective GMP Implementation” the panellists focused on key GMP elements such as process validation, documentation control, quality assurance systems, and self-inspection mechanisms.

Mr. Nasir Jamal, Director PHDCCI, expressed gratitude to the speakers, partners, and delegates for making the event a resounding success.

PHDCCI remains committed to fostering innovation, compliance, and sustainable growth in the pharmaceutical industry through such impactful platforms.

The Saga of DELHI

Delhi, the captivating capital city of India, is a treasure trove of history, culture, and vibrant experiences. From ancient architectural wonders to tantalising street food, this metropolis offers an array of attractions. Spearheading the growth of tourism and transforming the transport infrastructure of the city, Delhi Tourism and Transportation Development Corporation Limited (DTTDC LTD) assumes a pivotal role in unveiling the finest gems that Delhi has to offer through various unique events and festivals, exciting sightseeing tours, and through offbeat travel packages. It also operates the popular Dilli Haats, which showcase India's rich culture, food and handicraft. Let's walk down the lanes of Delhi with DTTDC.



Celebrating Culture and Crafts at Dilli Haat

DTTDC's unique initiative, Dilli Haat, offers an immersive cultural experience with vibrant open-air markets at INA, Pitampura, and Janakpuri. Based on three Cs - craft, cuisine and culture - these markets showcase traditional handicraft items, mouthwatering food and provide a platform for artisans from across India.

Kalam Memorial and Guru Tegh Bahadur Memorial

The Kalam Memorial pays tribute to former President of India Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam by showcasing his belongings and featuring a multimedia display that highlights his remarkable life and contributions. The Guru Tegh Bahadur Memorial is a 24-metre obelisk honouring the esteemed Sikh guru.

E-film clearance portal:

A portal that simplifies the process of applying for and receiving required permissions to shoot films, TV shows and other audio-video productions in Delhi.

Garden of Five Senses

One of the most serene escapes in the city, the Garden of Five Senses in South Delhi provides a unique experience with beautiful sculptures and lush greenery. Designed to stimulate all five senses - sight, sound, taste, touch and smell - the well-maintained garden is a paradise for nature lovers with exotic trees and beautiful flower beds.

Azad Hind Gram and Coffee Home

Azad Hind Gram, a memorial and museum complex in Tikri Kalan, pays homage to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. Coffee Home in Connaught Place is a welcoming establishment where visitors can enjoy affordable South Indian delicacies.

Dekho Meri Dilli App:

A mobile application that provides tourists all necessary information in one place.

Festivals and Cultural Celebrations

DTTDC organises fairs and festivals such as the Garden Tourism Festival, Dance Festival, Mango Festival and Food Festival etc, which celebrate Delhi's rich heritage.

MUST TRY

UNEXPLORED DELHI

Uncover the city's hidden wonders like Moth Ki Masjid, Mirza Ghalib Ki Haveli, Chor Minar, Isa Khan Tomb, Agrasen Ki Baoli, Bijay Mandal fort and many more.

HERITAGE WALKS

Heritage walks in Delhi offer a captivating journey through the city's past. Discover Chandni Chowk, Mehrauli Archaeological Park, Hauz Khas and many more historical sites with DTTDC's specially curated walks.

SPECIAL TOURS

DTTDC organises regular tours that cover all the main tourist attractions. The packages include sightseeing tour of Delhi: Same day Agra tour; 3 day Agra-Jaipur tour, 2 day Haridwar - Rishikesh tour and 2 day Mathura - Vrindavan - Agra Fatehpur Sikri tour.

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INDIA-UK FREE TRADE AGREEMENT

The International Affairs and Trade Fairs Division of PHDCCI organized an interactive session on 'India-UK FTA: The Way Forward' on July 18, 2025 at New Delhi. The session was held under the ongoing Global Trade and Investment Opportunities (GTI) series, in Partnership with Andees Consulting and VEK, Policy & Advocacy Firm, as the Knowledge Partner.

Ms Anna Shotbolt, Deputy Trade Commissioner for South Asia, British High Commission, was the Guest of Honor at the occasion.

Dr Ranjeet Mehta, CEO & Secretary General, PHDCCI, in his welcome address provided an overview of the PHDCCI's activities, with special focus on engagements under the Free Trade Agreement with the UK. He highlighted PHDCCI's strong interest in strengthening partnerships with the UK and shared details of past delegations, strategic collaborations, and sectoral exchanges. Further, he also emphasized the Chamber's pivotal role in supporting business growth, fostering innovation, and promoting bilateral trade and investment relations between India and the UK.

Mr Naveen Seth, Deputy Secretary General, PHDCCI welcomed all the dignitaries, speakers, and participants to



the session and highlighted the significance of India-UK Free Trade Agreement in enhancing bilateral trade and economic cooperation.

Mr. T.S. Vishwanath, Knowledge Partner, Founder & Executive Chairman, VeK, Policy & Advocacy highlighted the importance of the India-UK Free Trade Agreement in enhancing market access and strengthening regulatory cooperation. He emphasized the need for industry readiness to leverage the benefits of the FTA.

Ms. Anna Shotbolt highlighted the strong and evolving bilateral ties between India and the United Kingdom, expressing confidence in the potential for increased Trade, Investment, and Tourism. She emphasized the importance of collaboration in key sectors such as healthcare, agriculture, IT, tourism, manufacturing, education, and sustainable development. She also underscored the role of

Innovation, Cultural Exchange, and Technological Cooperation in deepening the Economic and Strategic Partnership of Free Trade agreements between the two nations.

Mr. Rakesh Mohan Joshi, Vice Chancellor, IIFT in his address highlighted that the India-UK Free Trade Agreement has the potential to transform bilateral trade and investment and open up new opportunities in sectors such as textiles, IT, pharmaceuticals, education, and financial services, while also supporting MSMEs and enhancing market access.

Dr Kishore Jayaraman, OBE, Global Board Director & Chairman India, UK India Business Council emphasized that the India-UK Free Trade Agreement could significantly boost collaboration in sectors such as manufacturing, technology, and clean energy. He reiterated UKIBC's continued support in

helping businesses harness the full potential of the agreement.

Mr. Ajay Aggarwal, President, Toy Association of India shared the industry perspective on the India-UK Free Trade Agreement, highlighting its potential to boost exports of quality Indian toys to the UK market. He emphasized the importance of reducing tariffs,

addressing safety standards, and enhancing global competitiveness.

Mr CR Rai, CMD, C & R Textiles Pvt. Ltd.; shared the textile industry's perspective on the India-UK Free Trade Agreement, underlining its potential to expand market access for Indian textile products in the UK. He emphasized the importance of reducing tariffs

on key textile categories, addressing technical barriers such as quality and certification standards, and encouraging sustainable manufacturing practices.

Mr Sanjay Beswal, Member, Managing Committee, PHDCCI delivered the formal vote-of-thanks to the dignitaries.

SHAURYA BHARAT EV DRIVE



PHDCCI organized the Shaurya Bharat EV Drive: Raashtr Ka Maan Shaurya Ke Saath, Paryavaran Ka Vikaas at the Air Force Station, New Delhi from July 25-27, 2025.

The drive was flagged off by Chief of Air Staff, Air Chief Marshal AP Singh, PVSM, AVSM to honour Operation Sindoor and promote Sustainability.

Wing Commander Jaideep, PRO, Indian Air Force, shared that the rally will cover three major stops- Delhi, Ambala, and Adampur, all of which were significant air bases active during Operation Sindoor. The rally included visits to various universities en route to engage with students, raise awareness about the Armed Forces, and inspire youth through interaction and information sharing.



Mr. Arshad Shawl, Chair, Youth Affairs and Sports Committee, PHDCCI, informed that this Shaurya Bharat EV Drive was being organized as a token of gratitude to the Armed Forces and was an exclusive symbol of our respect for the military and our commitment to sustainable development. The collaboration between PHDCCI and the Indian Armed Forces underlines the message that national defence

and environmental responsibility can go hand in hand.

The rally featured a line-up of 40 Tata.ev cars, showcasing the potential of clean mobility solutions in the country. This unique initiative was supported by the Ministry of Power and the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways. The Drive was powered by Tata Motors and was organized by PHDCCI and Indian Air Force.



IEPF, CORPORATE EXITS & INVESTORS PROTECTION

The Corporate Affairs Committee, PHDCCI organized a seminar on 'IEPF, Corporate Exits & Investors Protection: Awareness, Key Compliances & Challenges' on July 18, 2025 at PHD House, New Delhi.

Chief Guest, Ms. Anita Shah Akella, CEO, Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority & Joint Secretary, Ministry of Corporate Affairs said that the government is working to reduce the timelines for processing of claims. She said that presently the time taken to settle claims is too long as there is a lot of reliance on physical verification to certify and verify actual claimant. She shared a few steps taken by the IEPF Authority to improve claimant experience including search facility to check if shares are with IEPFA or Companies; Integration of MCA21, Depositories, PFMS & Faster verification of claimant identity and entitlement by pre-validation of details at form filing stage using Aadhaar-PAN-Demat-bank linkage, among others.

Ms. Akella further highlighted the steps taken to improve the grievance redressal system. She said that the ticketing system has been implemented on the MCA Portal thus helping in tracking of responses. The Government is also conducting Niveshak Panchayat in Delhi every week and Niveshak Sunwai in different cities from time to time. The initiative of holding Niveshak Shivir camps across the



country in partnership with SEBI for end-to-end resolution of issues of physical shareholders has also commenced with the first one already held in Pune.

Mr. Sameet Gambhir, Chair, Corporate Affairs Committee, PHDCCI in his theme address shared that problems are still being encountered by investors for getting their claims from IEPF.

Speakers at the technical session on IEPF included Mr. Lokesh Dhyani, Partner, Aekom Legal and Ms. Swati Lahiri, FCS, ACMA, LLB. They deliberated on the legal framework compliance and challenges involved in IEPF and the process of treatment of unclaimed dividends and shares.

The session on 'Corporate Exits' addressed by Ms. Leena Madhok, Director, KPMG & Mr. Harshit Khurana, Associate Partner, Lakshmikumaran & Sridharan focused on Compliance, and Challenges along with financial and tax implications involved in Corporate Exits.

Mr. Mohit Luthra, Assistant Secretary General, PHDCCI moderated the Seminar, while Mr. Rishi Kapoor, Co-chair, Corporate Affairs Committee, PHDCCI delivered the vote-of-thanks to the guests.

The Seminar was a part of Knowledge Series on Corporate Affairs being organized by the Corporate Affairs Committee for 2025-26. The Knowledge Series is powered by Trilegal & UFlex Limited as the Principal Partners; Lakshmikumaran & Sridharan as Co-Partner; KPMG as Knowledge Partner; Aekom Legal, Paramount Wires & Cables, Sarthak Advocates & Solicitors and Deep Blue Express as Associate Partners; Amber Enterprises India Ltd., Desai & Diwanji, Factum Legal, Kapoor & Co., SDPS Partners LLP, Vishwa Samudra Bio Energy Private Limited & Speciality Merchandising Services as Supporting Partners. ICSI and ICMAI were the Institutional Partners to the Seminar.

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CONFERENCE ON TECHNICAL TEXTILES AT LUDHIANA FORGES FUTURE PATHWAYS

PHDCCI in association with the Ministry of Textiles and under the aegis of the National Technical Textiles Mission hosted a landmark conference on 'Technical Textiles' on July 25, 2025 at Ludhiana. The high-impact event drew active participation from diverse stakeholders, including industry leaders, policymakers, innovators, and entrepreneurs. Themed "Market Growth, Challenges, Opportunities & Way Forward," the conference served as a vital platform for fostering dialogue and collaboration across the entire technical textiles value chain.

Chief Guest, Mr. Ajay Gupta, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Textiles in his keynote address highlighted the Ministry's comprehensive initiatives aimed at driving innovation, sustainability, and global competitiveness within the technical textiles sector. He detailed the impactful contributions of the National Technical Textiles Mission (NTTM), the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme, and the PM MITRA Parks. Mr. Gupta underscored



the critical importance of robust R&D, continuous skill development, and fostering start-up ecosystems to position India as a global hub for technical textiles. He urged industry stakeholders to fully leverage these government schemes to enhance their production capacity, diversify their product offerings, and boost exports.

Mr. R. K. Vij, Co-chair of the PHDCCI Textile Committee and Secretary General, Polyester Textile Apparel Industry Association, set the stage with his welcome address, highlighting the immense strength and future prospects of

the sector. He acknowledged the challenges facing the Indian textile sector, noting a decline in India's global export share from 33% to 11% over the past two decades. Mr. Vij emphasized the urgent need to boost the production of man-made fibers (MMF), particularly polyester, which now accounts for 78% of global fiber consumption. He projected that to achieve India's textile export vision of USD 250 billion by 2030, the nation would require at least 12.5 billion kg of MMF annually, necessitating a significant expansion of domestic capacity. He further asserted that the MMF and polyester industry alone could generate 30-35 lakh new jobs, positioning it as a powerful growth engine for Indian textiles with supportive policy changes.

Mr. Ashok Malhotra, Mission Director, National Technical Textiles Mission, Ministry of Textiles highlighted that since its launch in FY21 with an outlay of Rs. 1480 crore, the NTTM has sanctioned 168 R&D projects with a grant of Rs. 519 crore, with 10 projects nearing completion and 31 patents

already applied for. The mission has also approved 20 startups with a grant of INR 10.34 crore and facilitated the development of 16 skill development courses, training over 500 individuals. Mr. Malhotra specifically illuminated the opportunities for Ludhiana's thriving knitwear industry to strategically diversify into high-margin, year-round technical textile segments, leveraging existing infrastructure and skilled manpower for enhanced value addition and capacity utilization.

Mr. Rahul Chaba, Additional CEO, Invest Punjab, highlighted Punjab's formidable position as a textile hub, underpinned by an integrated value chain, a skilled workforce, competitive power tariffs, and world-class infrastructure. With a proposed investment pipeline exceeding ₹1.10 lakh crore across 6,658 projects, Punjab is actively championing the growth of its textile and technical textile industries, aiming to contribute significantly to India's projected US\$ 350 billion domestic textile market and US\$ 100 billion export market by 2030.

Mr. Sunil Kumar Puri, The Knitting Guru emphasized the transformative potential of flat-bed knitting machines in producing versatile 2D and 3D structures, with growing applications in medical,

automotive, and protective gear.

Mr. Debabrata Ghosh, Vice President, Oerlikon Textile India Pvt. Ltd, showcased Oerlikon's commitment to cutting-edge materials, advanced surface technologies, and next-generation textile manufacturing solutions. He elaborated on MMF, highlighted IDY Global & India market scenario, IDY (PET, PA6, PA66) installed capacities, production, demand, growth & opportunities focussing on Technical Textile Sector. Mr. Sudipto Mandal, Regional Sales Director, Oerlikon Textils India Pvt. Ltd. gave a presentation on Oerlikon- non-woven technology and solutions for the technical textile sector.

Mr. Akhil Seth, Director, Versatile Enterprises Private Limited highlighted India's robust potential in segments like Packtech, Meditech, and Geotech, driven by supportive policies and increasing global demand. He stressed the imperative for regional Centres of Excellence in Ludhiana and deeper industry-academia collaboration to propel innovation and boost exports.

Mr. Rajiv Sajdeh, Founder and CEO, Indo German Yarn and Fibre LLP presented a case for the increased use of natural fibers, particularly wool, in technical textiles, owing to its inherent flame resistance, moisture regulation,

and sustainability. He proposed the "TechTex Green Compliant" certification to NTTM, aiming to encourage circularity and reduce reliance on international standards.

The conference also featured engaging discussions from Mr. Amit Jain, Managing Director, Shingora Textiles, Mr. Rajesh Kumar, Assistant Director, Textile Commissioner's Regional Office, Mr. Deepak Chechi, Assistant Director, Ministry of MSME. The speakers addressed crucial industry issues including BIS standards, SIDBI support for MSMEs, circular economy models, and green certifications, with notable addresses from Mr. Abhishek Kumar, Joint Director, BIS, Mr. Rajan, Deputy General Manager, SIDBI, Mr. Akhil Seth, Director, Versatile Enterprises, and Mr. Sushant Jhamb, Nirmal Sagar Enterprises.

Discussions also revolved around cultivating a future-ready talent pipeline for the sector, with insights from eminent speakers including Dr. M. S. Parmar, DG, NITRA; Dr. Swapna Mishra, CEO, Textile Sector Skill Council; Mr. Somjit Amrit, CEO, IIT Mandi iHub; and Mr. Naresh Kumar, HOD, The Government Institute of Textile Chemistry & Knitting Technology.

Mr. Rakesh Kumar Sangrai, Director, PHDCCI moderated the conference.

UNION AGRICULTURE MINISTER MR. SHIVRAJ SINGH CHOUHAN URGES CITIZENS TO USE INDIGENOUS PRODUCTS

Union Minister for Agriculture, Farmers' Welfare, and Rural Development, Mr. Shivraj Singh Chouhan echoed Prime Minister's appeal by urging citizens to purchase products made within the country. Prime Minister, Mr. Narendra Modi had, on August 2, 2025, during the disbursement of the 20th installment of the PM-Kisan Samman Nidhi in Varanasi, urged the nation to buy indigenous products. Reaffirming the government's commitment to strengthening the economy, the Union Agriculture Minister recently reiterated the Prime Minister's appeal through an official statement by quoting, "Dear sisters and brothers—nieces and nephews, everyone lives for themselves—insects, birds, and animals. But what's the point of living only for oneself? We must live for our country. Living for the nation is what the Honorable Prime Minister taught us yesterday. He appealed to us to buy only those products for our homes that are made in our own country."

"The Indian economy is growing rapidly. Today, we are ranked fourth in the world, and very soon, we will reach the third position. And this nation of 1.44 billion people is a huge market. If we resolve to buy and use only things made in our country, then our farmers, our small-scale producers, self-help groups, and local artisans- everyone will see their income increase. And when their earnings grow, our economy will become stronger."



PROGRAM ON LEADERSHIP SKILLS AND WORK LIFE BALANCE

M SME Committee of PHDCCI organized a 4-Days Residential Training Program on Leadership Skills and Work Life Balance from July 22-25, 2025 at Sterling Hotel, Mount Abu. The objective of the Residential Training Program was to impart leadership skills to the participants who are at a growing career phase. The program also shared tips for improving mental health, maintaining stronger relationships, and increasing overall well-being to reduce stress, prevent burnout and foster a healthier and more productive lifestyle.

Mr. D P Goel, Co-chair, MSME Committee, gave the welcome address with a warm welcome to all the participants from different organizations who attended this Program. He shared his personal journey of becoming an entrepreneur with his hardwork and consistency which helped him in making his company a name in the field of electrical segment.

Dr H P Kumar, Former CMD, NSIC and Advisor, PHDCCI apprised the participants about the various skills a leader should possess. He inspired the participants by sharing his experience of leading a corporation from a loss-making company to a Mini Ratna company.

Ms. Kanchan Zutshi, Director, PHDCCI in her address briefed the participants about the Chamber and its various activities to foster innovation and promoting trade and entrepreneurship.



The Residential Training Program was joined by eminent speakers who shared their expert views and knowledge with the participants. Mr. Rajeev Gupta, Managing Director and CEO, Resource Development International (India) Pvt. Ltd. in his address explained about the inner compass of leadership which requires introspecting the inner self to navigate challenges and achieve set goals.

Mr. SawiLianMang Vaiphei, Head-Projects & Director, Resource Development International (India) Pvt. Ltd. mentioned that prioritization of work is important along with maintaining discipline towards work.

Sister Suman from Brahma Kumari, Head Quarter Coordinator, Education Wing in her address apprised the participants that being a leader is a responsibility which must be carried out with utmost importance. She mentioned the importance of spirituality in knowing the real self which involves uncovering one's authentic nature, often described as the true self or soul, believed to be distinct from the ego or the everyday personality. She highlighted that tolerance is a

key factor in leadership. She also discussed the law of reciprocity in leadership which dictates that leaders should foster a culture of giving and support, expecting that these positive actions will be reciprocated by their team members.

Mr. Bala Kishore, Vice President – Better Living, Searce in his address highlighted about digital wellness and apprised that overuse of digital gadgets, such as mobile phones, tablets etc. are becoming toxic to our body, mind, brain and life.

The conference was followed by visits to Brahma Kumari headquarters and other centres including Gyan Sarovar wherein Brahma Kumari Sheilu Didi, Senior Rajyoga teacher and faculty member, apprised the participants to gather knowledge on spirituality as the way of life and how meditation keeps the mind stable with positive energy and positive thoughts.

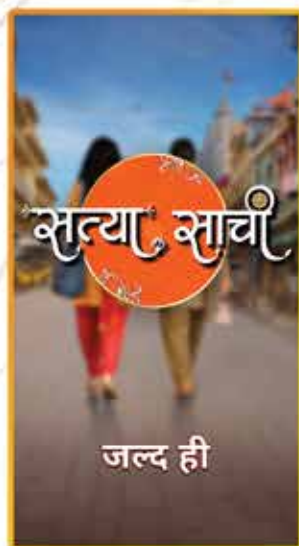
The evenings were followed by cultural programs with traditional Rajasthani music and dance, wherein everyone participated and enjoyed the performances.

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INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGIES FOR SUSTAINABLE MINING & METAL SECTOR

The Conclave on "Innovative Technologies for Sustainable Mining & Metal Sector" on the theme "Digital Technology Driven Sustainability" organized by the Minerals and Metals Committee, PHDCCI was held on July 23, 2025 at PHD House, New Delhi.

Mr. Anil Chaudhary, Chair, Minerals & Metals Committee, PHDCCI and Former Chairman, SAIL gave a brief overview about the mineral and steel production in India and opined that achieving net zero in steel production is very difficult through the conventional technologies as it will incur huge expenses; hence innovations and digital technologies like AI, IOT and drones have become very significant. He advised use of Blue or Grey Hydrogen, Carbon Capture and Storage, Scrap recycling and use of RE based EAF as solutions for reducing emissions in steel manufacturing. He called for emphasis on Public Private Partnership, an increased focus on exploration and a PLI scheme for manufacturing of Steel/ Mining equipment to achieve the Government's vision of self-reliance in the minerals and critical minerals sector under National Critical Mineral Mission.

Mr. Praneet Khanna, Co-chair, Minerals & Metals Committee,



PHDCCI, in his remarks advised mining companies to focus on innovation, responsible mining, and the need of sustainability in the mining and metal sector.

The session on 'Innovative Technology Solutions for Sustainable Mining and Metal Production' was addressed by Mr. Abhinav Sengupta, Associate Director, PricewaterhouseCoopers Private Limited, Mr. Subhajit Chaudhuri, Co-chair, West Bengal Chapter, PHDCCI and Managing Director, MMD Heavy Machinery (India) Private Ltd.; Mr. Manoj Arora, Director, KJSS Cosmos and Ms. Dana Cartwright, Senior Manager, Innovation, International Council on Mining and Metals, UK.

The session on 'Digital Tech for Mining & Metal Sector' was

addressed by Mr. Lalit Mohan Soni, Vice President & Head of Mine Development, Essar Group, Mr. Bhavesh Singhavi, CEO, InstaDigin, Mr Mohit Sahu, Co-founder and Director, Minocular and Mr. Paul Baruya, Director of Strategy and Sustainability, FutureCoal, UK.

MMD Heavy Machinery (India) Private Ltd. was the Technology Partner; PP Rolling Mills Mfg. Co. Pvt. Ltd.; and Pomini Long Rolling Mills were the Lunch Partners. The Conclave was supported by Indian Institute of Metals, Delhi Chapter and Future Coal, UK. 100 delegates from all over India joined the Conclave physically and virtually.

Mr. Punit Chaudhary, Secretary PHDCCI moderated the Conclave.



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COMBATING VOLATILITY IN HEALTHCARE SECTOR

PHDCCI, in collaboration with Healthcare Continuum and 9VOM Publishing, successfully organized India Inc's first-ever national conference on "Combating VUCA in Healthcare" on June 28, 2025 at PHD House, New Delhi.

The first panel, titled Policy Astrology and Analytics, explored how healthcare policy is responding to global shifts and local disruptions. The session was moderated by Dr Rajiv Chhibber, Joint Forum Coordinator - AiMED and a noted Healthcare Policy Expert. Dr K. Madan Gopal, Advisor - Public Health Administration at the National Health System Resource Centre, MoHFW highlighted the significance of decentralised public health implementation. Dr Ravi Gaur, Founder & Director of DRG Path Labs focused on the unpredictability of diagnostics and epidemiological patterns. Mr. Neeraj Jain, Growth Director for Asia, Middle East, and Europe at PATH, shared insights on aligning healthcare systems with global donor trends. Dr Gayatri Vishwakarma, Principal Scientist at Zydus Lifesciences Ltd. emphasized the importance of data integrity in enabling evidence-based policy decisions.



The second panel, Strategic Depth – Business Sustainability was moderated by Mr. Harinder Singh, CEO of Harinder Medicare and Solutions Pvt. Ltd. Speakers included Dr Sudhir Srivastava, Founder, Chairman & CEO of SS Innovations International Inc. -spoke on scaling sustainable innovation. Dr Sunil Khetrpal, Director at the Association of Healthcare Providers contributed insights on organizational resilience. Dr Shuchin Bajaj, Founder Director of Ujala Cygnus Hospitals and Social Entrepreneur of the Year 2023 (WEF, Davos), highlighted asset-light models for healthcare equity. Mr. Atantra Das Gupta, Business Head – India

& SAARC at Samsung Health & Medical Equipments, discussed ecosystem-driven strategies. Dr Karthik Ramesh, Director of Hiremath Hospitals, CEO of Cardiac Bionic MedTech India and Founder of Sentinel AI ML Labs, reflected on AI-driven healthcare scaling. Mr. Ashish Rohilla, Executive Vice President at Oospheere IVF Services Pvt. Ltd., contributed his global experience in healthcare strategy consulting.

The third panel, VUCA Leadership Mantras, leadership in times of uncertainty was moderated by Mr. Gaurav Agarwal, Co-chair of the Medical Devices Committee, PHDCCI; Mr. Praveen Mittal, Executive Director of the

Medical Devices Export Promotion Council spoke on strengthening regulatory engagement. Mr. Lalit Singla, Founder & CEO of SteerX shared insights on financing innovation. Col. Hemraj Singh Parmar, Co-founder of Ayushpay underlined crisis leadership through his dual experience in military and healthcare. Dr Varun Bansal, Consultant CTVS Surgeon at Indraprastha Apollo Hospitals, stressed the importance of clinical clarity in volatile contexts.

The fourth panel, Managing Disruptive Innovations, focused on strategies to handle technological disruption. Moderated by Dr P.S. Chandranand, Director of Iqzyme Medtech, the panel included Dr Rajiv Gautam, Senior Corporate Officer at Horiba Ltd. (Japan) and President of Horiba India, who discussed international R&D collaboration. Dr Amit Asthana, Associate Professor and HoD, Dept. of Medical Devices at NIPER Hyderabad, introduced innovation frameworks. Mr. Chhitiz Kumar, Founder-Partner at TDR Enterprises and former Philips Healthcare executive, presented startup perspectives. Mr. Amit Bhandari, Co-founder & CEO of GeM Tech Paras Solutions, and Dr K. S. Uplabdh Gopal, Associate Fellow, Health Initiative at ORF, provided

valuable insights on integrating innovation into policy.

The fifth panel, Strengthening Healthcare Supply Chains, emphasised resilience, agility, and localisation. Moderated by Ms. Jyoti Singh, the session featured Dr. Kuldeep Sachdeva, President and CMO at Molbio Diagnostics, who advocated for digital traceability. Mr. Vikas Goyal, Head of SCM at Fortis Memorial Research Institute (FMRI), Mr. Girish Joshi, GM - India & South Asia at Medline Industries, and Mr. Sanjeev Gupta, MD of Intrust Consultancy, shared industry-specific logistics solutions. Mr. Rahul Garg, Founder & CEO of Lattice MedTech Pvt. Ltd., and Mr. Shailesh Bindal, AVP at HLL Infra Tech Services Ltd., spoke on local vendor partnerships.

The sixth panel, Corporate Jugalbandi @Boardroom, focused on boardroom agility during crises. Moderated by Mr. Shelly Vishwajeet, Coffee Table Book Editor and author of 'The Indigo Story', the session featured Group Captain Anoop Kumar Chebrol (Veteran), MD of TransCath Medical Devices; Dr. S.V. Prasad, MD of Progenics Laboratories; Mr. Vishal Khanna, Director at Heidelco Medcore Pvt. Ltd.; Dr. Mukund Kamath, Board

Member at Nutrify Today Academy; and Mr. Jitendra Francis Sadangi, Founder & CEO of Chainworks Digital Pvt. Ltd. They collectively reflected on activating war-room dynamics for strategic leadership.

The final panel, ESG & Climatised Supply Chains, linked environmental sustainability to supply chain strategy was moderated by Mr. Rajiv Tikoo, host of the Sustainability Karma Podcast. Speakers included Mr. Anil Jauhri, Ex-CEO of NABCB; Dr Raj Shankar Ghosh, Senior Advisor – Environmental Health at PHFI; Mr. Mukesh Sinha, Director of OSEL Devices Ltd; Mr. Ritvik Mahajan, ESG supply chain consultant; and Mr. Shamanth N. Murthy, Partner at SRS Consulting.

A Coffee Table Book Corporate Jugalbandi @Boardroom was also released by Mr. Ashwani Shukla, Director of 9VOM Publishing, followed by editorial remarks by Mr. Shelly Vishwajeet.

Mr. Manish Rastogi, Founder of Healthcare Continuum delivered the vote-of-thanks to the participants. The sessions were moderated by Ms. Aditi Bhardwaj, Deputy Secretary at PHDCCI.

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Shri S.C.L. Das (IAS), Secretary, Ministry of MSME, Govt. of India, delivered a forward-looking address emphasizing the vital role of MSMEs in building a self-reliant and globally competitive Ayush industry. He highlighted the government's commitment to fostering entrepreneurship, expanding market access, and building a supportive ecosystem, instilling optimism for the future of Ayush enterprises.



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REGIONAL CYBER SECURITY AND AI CONFERENCE 2025

The Regional Cyber Security and AI Committee and Regional NCLT & Corporate Affairs Committee, PHDCCI organized a Regional Cyber Security and AI Conference 2025, on July 25, 2025 at Hotel Taj, Chandigarh. The conference brought together key stakeholders from government, industry, academia, and the start-up ecosystem to deliberate on emerging challenges and innovations in the domains of cyber security and artificial intelligence.

Mr. Vinod Sharma, Regional Director, Northern Region, Ministry of Corporate Affairs through a video address, highlighted the growing relevance of corporate governance in digital ecosystems and stated that increasing reliance on digital platforms must prioritize cyber compliance and data integrity in corporate entities.

Mr. Shailendra Tyagi, Director, Software Technology Parks of India (STPI), Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology underscored the role of STPI in nurturing deep-tech start-ups and laid emphasis that India is poised to lead in AI and cybersecurity innovations and said that STPI is empowering start-ups to build globally competitive solutions in emerging technologies through initiatives like the Centres of Excellence and incubation support.



Mr. Paviter Singh, PCS, Director, Dept of Industries, Chandigarh Administration, reiterated the Chandigarh administration's commitment to fostering a resilient digital infrastructure and noted that Chandigarh has immense potential to emerge as a hub for cybersecurity and AI innovation. Furthermore, he emphasised that Chandigarh Administration is keen to collaborate with industry and academia to build a secure, knowledge-driven economy for empowering MSMEs.

Adding a unique perspective from the creative industry, Mr. Manish Trehan, Director & Producer of the acclaimed Netflix series Jamtara, emphasized the power of storytelling in raising cyber awareness among the masses and remarked that entertainment plays a pivotal role in shaping public consciousness.

Ms. Bharti Sood, Regional Director, PHDCCI in her welcome address, emphasized that cybersecurity and artificial intelligence are central to India's digital growth narrative. She further highlighted PHDCCI's dedication to building strong synergies among government, industry, and academia to foster an inclusive, secure, and forward-looking digital ecosystem, with a special focus on empowering MSMEs.

Dr. Anirudh Gupta, CEO, DCM Group of Schools, emphasized the significance of instilling cyber awareness at the grassroots level. He remarked that educational institutions must take the lead in nurturing responsible digital citizens and integrating cyber safety and AI literacy into school curricula is no longer optional—it is essential to prepare our youth for the challenges of tomorrow.

Key Highlights of Panel discussions

Panel 1 on AI and cybersecurity: Game Changers for MSME Exports explored how emerging technologies like AI and cybersecurity can revolutionize MSME exports by enhancing digital trust, operational efficiency, and competitiveness in global markets.

Panel 2 on DPDP Act 2023 in Action: Compliance, Confusion & Consequences delved into the legal and operational implications of the Digital Personal Data Protection (DPDP) Act 2023, addressing key compliance challenges and sectoral impact across stakeholders.

Panel 3 on Scaling Smart with AI: How Businesses/MSMEs can leverage AI for Growth highlighted practical strategies and innovative use cases through which MSMEs can integrate AI for scalability, personalization, and data-driven decision-making.

A Workshop on Cyber Threat Landscape: Trends, Tactics Safeguard Against Cybercrime and Attacks provided deep insights into evolving cyber threats, attack vectors, and actionable frameworks for risk mitigation and cyber resilience.

A Fireside chat on Reel to Real Behind the Scam, drew parallels

between real-life cyber frauds and their portrayal in popular media, emphasizing the role of awareness, law enforcement, and digital hygiene.

Panel 4 on Board Governance in the Era of AI and Emerging Technologies (Role of Professionals) examined the evolving responsibilities of board members and compliance professionals in ensuring ethical AI deployment, data governance, and technology risk oversight.

The event served as a platform for cross-sectoral dialogue, policy advocacy, and forging collaborations for digital resilience.



PHDCCI SIGNS A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH INTERNATIONAL PHARMA FEDERATION

PHDCCI signed a Memorandum of Understanding with International Pharma Federation on July 30, 2025 at Chandigarh. The MoU aims to foster collaboration and innovation within the pharmaceutical and

wellness sectors, contributing to the advancement of healthcare initiatives. Mr. Supreet Singh, Convener, Regional Pharmaceutical, Health and Wellness Committee and Ms. Bharti Sood, Regional Director

represented PHDCCI during the MoU signing ceremony, while Mr. Gulshan Rawat, President and Mr. Neeraj Giri, General Secretary represented International Pharma Federation on this occasion.



ROADSHOW FOR INS AND OUTS

The Chandigarh Chapter of PHDCCI organized a roadshow for the promotion of 11th edition of INS and OUTS in association with NPC on July 22, 2025 at Mohali. The objective of the roadshow was to apprise industry leaders about the benefits of participation in INS and OUTS.

Ms. Bharti Sood, Regional Director, PHDCCI while opening the session mentioned the vision and mission of the Chamber.

Mr. Suvrat Khanna, Co-chair, Chandigarh Chapter, PHDCCI while giving the welcome address mentioned that INS and OUTS is the largest exhibition related to construction materials in North India. The expo has been growing over the period of 10 years. Architects, Real Estate Developers and Fraternity from construction industry participated in large numbers during the 4 days exhibition.

Mr. Hardeep Singh Consultant, PHDCCI gave a presentation



highlighting the benefits to exhibitors and sponsors of INS and OUTS. He apprised that the exhibition was approved under the PMS Scheme of the Ministry of MSME under which MSME may avail upto 80% subsidy on the exhibition charges.

Mr. Amit Sharma, Chairman, FSAI, Chandigarh Chapter while speaking at the occasion mentioned that lot of innovations are happening in Fire and Safety industry. He apprised many FSAI members are participating in the exhibition and launching new products in the exhibition.

Mr. Ravijeet Singh Chief Captain, NPC urged the members of NPC to participate in the expo and showcase their products to the relevant audience. He mentioned that the exhibition clocked over Rs. 100 crores of business during last year and the exhibitors got good response.

Ms. Bharti Sood, Regional Director, PHDCCI while proposing the vote-of-thanks mentioned PHDCCI is committed to promote industry through exhibitions and various capacity building programs. She thanked all the industry leaders for their participation.



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CHHATTISGARH SOLAR CONCLAVE 2025

Under the aegis of its Chhattisgarh State Chapter and in association with Tata Power, Jindal Steel Ltd and BSP Ancillary Industries Association, PHDCCI organized the "Chhattisgarh Solar Conclave 2025" on 31 July 2025 at Hotel Grand Dhillon, Bhilai bringing together key stakeholders from the renewable energy sector.

In his welcome address, Mr Pradeep Tandon, Chair, PHDCCI Chhattisgarh State Chapter, reflected on the rich potential of solar power in Chhattisgarh, from large-scale solar parks to decentralized rooftop systems, and from innovations in energy storage to emerging financing models. He said, "Chhattisgarh is already making strong strides in the renewable energy sector, but this is just the beginning. Through this conclave, we aim to accelerate investment, promote public-private partnerships, and create a roadmap for inclusive, sustainable energy development."

Delivering the theme address, Mr Ratan Das Gupta, President, BSP Ancillary Association (Bhilai), highlighted that Chhattisgarh is a state blessed with abundant solar radiation and available land. He shared, "The state stands at a



crucial juncture, ready to transition from conventional energy sources to sustainable alternatives. We must accelerate the establishment of solar parks on unused lands, deliver decentralized solar solutions to farmers, SMEs, and citizens, and integrate solar energy with advanced technologies such as energy storage, smart grids, and AI."

Mr Bimbisar Nagarjun, Superintendent Engineer, Chhattisgarh State Power Distribution Company Ltd (CSPDCL) reassured CSPDCL's commitment to a sustainable future of renewable energy, including solar power. He shared, "This conclave is a step toward a greener Chhattisgarh and PHDCCI Chhattisgarh State Chapter is well-appreciated for organising this. CSPDCL reaffirms its dedication to expanding solar adoption and empowering citizens with clean, affordable energy. Together, we aim to make renewable energy a core part of the state's development".

Mr D D Sidar, Executive Engineer, Chhattisgarh State Renewable Energy Development Agency (CREDA) reflected on CREDA's organizational vision, "At CREDA, we are committed to advancing renewable energy solutions across the state.

This initiative underscores our efforts to promote solar adoption, drive innovation, and enhance energy security. Collaboration and awareness are key to building a sustainable energy future for Chhattisgarh".

Mr Debabrata Chakraborty, State Head (Chhattisgarh), TATA Power Renewable Energy Ltd. in his technical Presentation on 'solar energy solutions' with focus on Chhattisgarh said, "Tata Power is honored to be part of the 'Chhattisgarh Solar Conclave 2025, a vital platform for advancing the state's clean energy vision. We remain committed to supporting this transition through innovative solar solutions, strategic partnerships, and community-driven initiatives."

Mr Sumit Dubey, Resident Director, PHDCCI Chhattisgarh State Chapter delivered the "Vote of Thanks", expressing gratitude to all dignitaries, partners, and participants for their valuable contributions.



AI-DRIVEN EDUCATION: EDUCATE, EMPOWER, ELEVATE, AND EMPLOY

A National Education Conclave on the theme: “AI-Driven Education: Educate, Empower, Elevate, and Employ” was held on July 18, 2025 at Ahmedabad organized by PHDCCI Gujarat Chapter in association with Ganpat University, Gujara (GUNI). Insightful discussions from eminent academic leaders, policymakers, and industry experts were held focusing on transforming India's education system through the power of Artificial Intelligence.

Dr. Mahendra Sharma, Group Pro Chancellor, GUNI – spoke on embedding AI into curricula for personalized learning and societal impact.

Mr. Himanshu Shah, Chairman, PHDCCI Gujarat Chapter gave a special address, which centred around the growing need for AI awareness and education amongst the working class so that they remain relevant in future job market also.

Dr Nasir Jamal, Director, PHDCCI elaborated on the theme of Educate, Empower, Elevate and Employ and it's significance in the current scenario. He also mentioned the constructive role of AI in education in reaching till the

last mile and connecting them to the mainstream.

Mr. Amitava Saha, Director & Head, PAGE shared global perspectives on preparing future-ready talent through AI integration. Mr. Shubham Chatterji, Education Lead, SAS India gave a detailed account focused on data-driven education and AI-powered analytical learning.

Mr. Anish Patel, President, GSPMA advocated for AI upskilling among MSMEs and industry professionals. Dr Rajul Gajjar, Vice Chancellor, Gujarat Technical University talked about university reforms to promote innovation in AI-led pedagogy.

Dr Anup Singh, Director General, Nirma University emphasized value-based AI education for holistic development. Mr. Piyush Gandhi, OSD Fintech, Gift City discussed the synergy between fintech, AI, and job readiness.

Mr. Jitendra D. Panchal, Additional Director, AEMA called for regulatory frameworks to support AI-enabled education systems.

Prof. Dr CA Savan Godiawala, President, Ahmedabad Management Association highlighted

ethical dimensions in the use of AI in education.

Mr. Ankur Dosi, Director – Tech, PwC shared cases how AI is transforming organizational learning ecosystems. Ms. Shefali Gaur, Principal Manager, IBM, shared real-world case studies on AI-based learning and tech-enabled classrooms.

Dr Miti Randeri, CEO, E4 HR emphasized on human-centric AI in education and employability.

Dr Priyanka Pathak, Associate Executive Dean, Ganpati University spoke on the need for faculty transformation in the AI era to keep up the pace with the fast changing requirements of the economy. Dr Neelam Panchal, HoD, Public Policy & Governance, GUNI stressed on the growing need of policy support for inclusive and equitable AI education across the country.

Dr Kishor Barad, Director, Executive Education & Placement, GUNI deliberated on bridging the gap between AI knowledge and industry expectations.

Dr Satyen Parikh (Pro VC) and Dr. Rakesh Patel (Sr. Pro VC, GUNI), for steered the sessions with great clarity and coherence.



MSME CLUSTER MEET

The Haryana State Chapter of PHDCCI in collaboration with Canara Bank organized an MSME Cluster Meet on July 10, 2025 at PHD House, Chandigarh. During the inaugural session, Mr. Lokesh Jain, Co-chair, Haryana State Chapter of PHDCCI, while welcoming the speakers and participants stated that MSMEs contribute significantly to India's GDP, exports, and employment generation. He thanked Canara Bank for their support and appreciated their tailored financial products, credit access, and digital services for the MSMEs.

On the occasion, Mr. B Ravi, Deputy General Manager, Regional Office, Chandigarh mentioned that Canara Bank disbursed Rs. 1000 crores last year and is all set to increase more funds this year. He also apprised TAT (Turned around Time) for disbursement is minimum in Canara Bank.

In her opening remarks, Ms. Bharti Sood, Regional Director, PHDCCI, emphasized the Government's commitment to fostering a financially viable environment for the growth of MSMEs. She highlighted the critical role of credit in enabling business growth and expansion.



During the Cluster meet, Mr. Arshjeet Singh, GM, Industries Department, Punjab talked about the lucrative industrial policy of the Government of Punjab. He stated that the Industry Department of Punjab offers various capital subsidy schemes to incentivize industrial development. These schemes include support for new manufacturing units, expansion/diversification of existing units, and specific sectors like IT/ITES and ESDM. The incentives often involve reimbursement of SGST, exemptions on certain taxes, and interest subsidies on loans.

Mr. Manoj Kumar Das, Circle Office, Chandigarh stated that they are deeply committed to supporting

MSMEs. They offer collateral-free loans, working capital support, and customized financial products to meet their unique needs. He also mentioned that their digital platforms ensure easy, fast access to credit and banking services anytime, anywhere. They also guide MSMEs through government schemes like MUDRA and PMEGP, helping them grow sustainably.

While delivering the vote-of-thanks, Ms. Shefali Bansal, Assistant General Manager, MSME Sulabh Chandigarh thanked industry leaders and other stake holders for their participation.



HIMACHAL PRADESH INDUSTRIAL TRADE EXPO 2025 (HPITEX'25)

H PITEX 2025, the Himachal Pradesh Industrial Trade Expo held from June 20-24, 2025, witnessed enthusiastic participation from MSMEs, industrialists, and entrepreneurs across Himachal Pradesh and several other states of India. Organized with the support of the MSME DFO Solan, Ministry of MSMEs and the local administration, HPITEX 2025 brought together a diverse range of stakeholders—from established industries to emerging enterprises—under one roof. The expo showcased innovative products, Himachali handlooms, and local craftsmanship, reflecting the growing industrial potential of the region.

HPITEX 2025 was officially inaugurated by Mr. Harshwardhan Chauhan, Hon'ble Minister for Industries, Labour & Employment, and Parliamentary Affairs, Government of Himachal Pradesh, along with several key dignitaries.

In his inaugural address, Hon'ble Minister, Mr. Harshwardhan Chauhan commended the efforts of the Chamber in organizing an inclusive platform for entrepreneurs and local businesses. He emphasized the vital role of MSMEs in the state's economic





development and reaffirmed the State Government's commitment to empowering Himachali artisans. "We will explore global markets for products made in Himachal Pradesh," he said, signalling the government's proactive approach toward expanding the state's industrial reach.

Mr. Chander Shekhar, Hon'ble MLA, Dharampur, praised the Expo as a strong reflection of the state's dedication to supporting

local enterprises. He invited the Ministry of MSMEs—both at the Central and State level—for further collaborative initiatives to boost industrial growth in interior regions of the state.

Mr. A.K. Gautam, Assistant Director, MSME-DFO, Solan outlined several Central Government initiatives focused on capacity building, MSME schemes, and simplified loan application

processes, which were of keen interest to the entrepreneurs.

Mr. Anil Kumar Saunkhala, Director, PHDCCI, along with his dedicated team, curated the event with precision and professionalism. The Expo highlighted the importance of fostering synergy between MSMEs, government bodies, and the local community to drive sustainable economic progress.

GDP GROWTH PROSPECTS

India's medium-term growth trajectory is rooted in a decade of robust economic performance, underpinned by sound macroeconomic fundamentals and sustained structural and governance reforms—including labour market reforms, modernisation of land records, tax reforms, introducing a regulatory regime for insolvency and bankruptcy, real estate regulation, and financial sector reforms. As a result, despite global headwinds, India has remained the fastest-growing major economy, averaging over 7% GDP growth between 2014 and 2025 (excluding the COVID years). In a global environment marked by protectionism and deglobalisation, sustaining 7–8% growth requires a sharp focus on domestic growth drivers. To this end, the Government remains committed to a strategy centred on deregulation, infrastructure investment and MSME development; enhancing female labour force participation; skilling the workforce to harness the demographic dividend; and accelerating digitalisation to boost financial inclusion and formalisation. These efforts—reinforced by Centre–State coordination and institutional strengthening—are designed to unlock productivity, attract private investment, and drive inclusive, innovation-led, and resilient growth.

India's demographic dividend, driven by a growing working-age population, presents a crucial opportunity to boost GDP growth. The working age population is projected to rise from 735 million in 2011 to 988.5 million in 2036. To harness its demographic dividend, India must strengthen education, healthcare and skill development, while prioritizing employment generation in labour-intensive sectors and increasing women's workforce participation. Programs like Mission Shakti, Namu Drone Didi and Lakhpati Didi aim to enhance women's economic empowerment. Complementing these efforts, the Make in India initiative seeks to revitalize manufacturing, generate large-scale employment especially for semi-skilled and unskilled workers.

INTERACTIVE MEETING WITH SIDBI OFFICIALS



On July 12, 2025, Kashmir Chapter of PHDCCI hosted an interactive meeting with visiting SIDBI officials, Mr. Sunil S, General Manager, Chandigarh and Mr. Dheeraj Verma, Assistant General Manager, Srinagar to discuss key financial and developmental initiatives for Jammu & Kashmir.

Mr. A.P Vicky Shaw, Chairman of PHDCCI Kashmir welcomed the SIDBI delegation and commended the institution for its proactive role in advancing developmental projects across J&K. He highlighted

the initiatives in poultry development undertaken with SIDBI's support and emphasized the need for continued collaboration to drive sustainable economic growth in the region.

Members of PHDCCI Kashmir State Chapter presented several credit-related proposals of solar, CA stores, equipment manufacturing, food processing, hotels and cluster financing aimed at enhancing financial accessibility for local businesses. In response, the SIDBI leadership assured full support in streamlining credit facilities,

ensuring easier access to funding for enterprises in the region.

A significant focus of the discussion was on empowering women entrepreneurs through targeted developmental projects. The meeting concluded with a shared commitment to foster stronger public-private partnerships, with a focus on innovation, inclusivity, and economic resilience in Jammu & Kashmir.

MEETING WITH SENIOR BUREAUCRATS OF J&K

In a significant step towards improving the ease of doing business in Jammu & Kashmir, Mr. Vicky, Chairman of PHDCCI, Kashmir State Chapter on July 15, 2025 held a high-level meeting with the Task Force led by Mr. K.K. Pathak (IAS), Special Secretary, Cabinet Secretariat, along with Mr. Vikramjit Singh (IPS), Commissioner Secretary, Industries and Commerce J&K; Mr. Khalid Majeed (JKAS) Director, Industries & Commerce of Kashmir and Dr Arun Manhas, Director, Industries & Commerce Jammu.

The discussion focused on submitting actionable recommendations to reform J&K's regulatory ecosystem and enhance the State's Ease of Doing Business rankings. Mr. Vicky emphasised the need for time-bound reforms with measurable outcomes to bridge existing gaps and foster a more business-friendly environment in the UT of J&K.



INTERACTIVE MEETING WITH SECRETARY-MSME, GOVT. OF INDIA

A PHDCCI delegation from Kashmir Chapter led by Mr. A.P. Vicky Shaw, on July 25, 2025 held an interactive meeting with Mr. S.C.L Das, IAS, Secretary, Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSME) to discuss critical issues impacting the MSME sector and also recommendations to boost the MSME sector. The meeting was graced by the presence of Mr. Vikramjit Singh (IPS), Commissioner Secretary, Industries and Commerce; Mr. Khalid Jahangir, Special Secretary, Industries and Commerce; Mr. Khalid Majeed, Director, Industries and Commerce, Kashmir, along with other senior officials from the Industries & Commerce and MSME.



SOPORE TO PROMOTE TAX VOLUNTARY COMPLIANCE

In a bid to deepen public understanding of the tax system and encourage voluntary compliance, the Income Tax Department, Srinagar, in collaboration with PHDCCI Kashmir and the Sopore Traders Association, organized a comprehensive tax awareness program on July 24, 2025 at Sopore. The event brought together key stakeholders, including traders, professionals, and officials, to foster dialogue and enhance tax literacy.

Mr. Vikram Sahay, Chief Commissioner of Income Tax, Srinagar, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest and emphasized the importance of tax compliance in nation-building. He highlighted the department's efforts to simplify processes and ensure taxpayer-friendly services while urging citizens to fulfil their tax obligations responsibly.

Mr. A.P. Vicky Shaw, Chairman, PHDCCI Kashmir, commended the Income Tax Department for its grassroots outreach initiative and praised the collaborative efforts of all stakeholders. He extended his gratitude to Haji Mohd Ashraf Ganie, President, Traders Federation Sopore, for his active support in organizing the impactful event.

Senior officers from the Income Tax Department remains dedicated to fostering a culture of transparency and voluntary tax compliance through such initiatives, strengthening the partnership between taxpayers and the administration.



JHARKHAND INTERNATIONAL TRADE EXPO (JHITEX)



PHDCCI's Jharkhand International Trade Expo (JHITEX) held from July 16-20, 2025 at Ranchi was a premier platform for showcasing Jharkhand's diverse industrial landscape. JHITEX focused on both B2B (Business-to-Business) and B2C (Business-

to-Consumer) interactions. This grand event aimed at unparalleled opportunities for businesses and consumers to explore and engage with the dynamic industrial sector of Jharkhand. About 60 exhibitors participated from 20 states and 10,000 people visited the expo in five days.

Dr Mahua Manjhi, Member of Parliament - Rajyasabha inaugurated the Expo along with Mr. Indrajit Yadav, MSME-DFO Ranchi and Dr Sanjay Kumar, Chairman PHDCCI Jharkhand, Neurosurgeon & MD, Curesta Global Hospital,



INTERACTIVE MEETING WITH OFFICIALS OF CSIDC

Under the leadership of Mr. Rajeev Agrawal, Chairman, Chhattisgarh State Industrial Development Corporation (CSIDC), a delegation from the Government of Chhattisgarh visited Bhopal, July 5-6, 2025. The delegates included Mr. Vishwesh Kumar (IFS), Managing Director, CSIDC; Mr. Alok Kumar Trivedi, Executive Director, CSIDC and Mr. K K Shrivastava, Deputy Director, State Investment Promotion Board. The key objective of their visit was to engage with key industry stakeholders and present the highlights of the state's New Industrial Policy, along with promising investment opportunities under the



identified "Focus Sectors" across Chhattisgarh's industrial clusters.

A presentation from CSIDC highlighted key features of Chhattisgarh's New Industrial Policy, which aims to position

the state of Chhattisgarh as a leading destination for sustainable industrial growth which included best-in-class incentives and subsidies tailored for MSMEs, large industries, and start-ups.

UPDATES ON AGRICULTURE SECTOR

FARMERS BENEFITTED UNDER PRIME MINISTER DHAN-DHAANYA KRISHI YOJANA: The Union Cabinet approved the Prime Minister Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana (PMDDKY) on July 16, 2025 for a period of six years, beginning with 2025-26. The scheme aims to enhance agricultural productivity, increase adoption of crop diversification and sustainable agricultural practices, augment post-harvest storage at the panchayat and block levels, improve irrigation facilities and facilitate availability of long-term and short-term credit. The Scheme will be implemented through convergence of 36 existing schemes across 11 Departments, other State schemes and local partnerships with the private sector.

COMMERCIALISATION OF CENTRES OF EXCELLENCE FOR FRUITS AND VEGETABLES: The Union Government, under the Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture, provides support for setting up of Centres of Excellence (CoEs) for fruits and vegetables in collaboration with various stakeholders including bilateral partners. The CoEs in horticulture are established with the aim of serving as hubs for demonstration, training, and dissemination of the latest technologies in horticultural production by promoting capacity building, production of planting material and adoption of new technologies in horticulture sector. The primary objective of CoEs is to transfer knowledge and practical skills to farmers, entrepreneurs, and extension workers, thereby enhancing productivity, quality, and sustainability in the horticulture sector. By showcasing modern innovations and providing hands-on training, CoEs play a vital role in bridging the gap between research and field-level adoption. The Indian Government has entered into bilateral cooperation agreements with Israel, Netherlands, New Zealand for establishment of CoEs.



STEPPING INTO A HEALTHIER FUTURE: EMPOWERING MIND SERIES

PHDCCI SHE Forum and Punjab State Chapter of PHDCCI organized the 2nd Interactive session of the Empowering Mind Series – ‘From Awareness to Action: Stepping into a Healthier Future’ on July 16, 2025 at Hotel Radisson BLU, Ludhiana. The session aimed to bridge the gap between knowledge and practice by fostering dialogue, sharing expert insights, and encouraging actionable strategies that support mental, physical, and emotional wellness in both personal and professional spheres.

Ms. Bharti Sood, Regional Director, PHDCCI, highlighted the vision behind launching the PHDCCI SHE Forum, underscoring its commitment to empowering women entrepreneurs, professionals, students, and aspiring leaders through opportunities for skill development, mentorship, and business growth.

CA Vishal Garg, Co-convener, Ludhiana Zone, Punjab State Chapter, PHDCCI, while delivering the welcome address, appreciated the consistent efforts of the SHE Forum and stakeholders in curating Empowering Knowledge Sessions.

While delivering the Keynote Address, Ms. Alka Gurnani, Chair, PHDCCI SHE Forum Haryana & National Manager - Public Affairs, Amway India Enterprises Pvt. Ltd. spoke about the need to destigmatize mental health issues



among professionals, particularly women entrepreneurs & How corporate wellness programs can evolve to address emotional and psychological support.

Guest of Honor, Padmashree Ms. Rajni Bector, Founder, Cremica Group shared inspiring insights from her entrepreneurial journey, underscoring the importance of balancing business leadership with self-care and health.

Guest of Honor, Ms. Inderjit Kaur, Hon'ble Mayor, Ludhiana appreciated the focus on the health of women and empowerment. She reiterated the local administration's support for such impactful community-centered programs.

Ms. Rashi Aggarwal, Renowned Social Worker highlighted that the platform of SHE Forum, focuses on the upliftment and empowerment of women across various walks of life.

Mr. Ambar Bandopadhyay, District Development Fellow,

Ludhiana, shared the district administration's initiatives aimed at fostering health and wellness among working women.

A highlight of the event was the Panel Discussion on the topic: ‘Hustle with Health: A Wellness Blueprint for Women Entrepreneurs,’ wherein panelists shared practical health insights and strategies to help women entrepreneurs integrate wellness into their lives.

Dr Vibha Bawa, Convener, Steering Committee on Ayurveda, Siddha & Unani, and Founder, Dr Vibha Ojas Fitness Clinic & Educational Centre discussed combining Ayurvedic principles with modern nutritional science and emphasized how mindful eating can help break the cycle of fatigue and burnout.

The session was moderated by Ms. Roohi Gupta, Member, PHDCCI SHE Forum..



SAFETY AND SECURITY AT TOURIST SPOTS IN RAJASTHAN

PHDCCI-Rajasthan Chapter with the support of Tourism Department, Government of Rajasthan organized a "Program on Safety and Security at various Tourist Spots in Rajasthan" on July 22, 2025 at Jaisalmer, Rajasthan.

In his welcome address, Mr. Jitendra Singh Rathore, Co-chair, PHDCCI-Rajasthan Chapter highlighted the importance of tourism for Jaisalmer which contributes 80% of the earnings in the city from this sector. He informed that the character of tourism for Jaisalmer has been changing with spurt in adventure tourism, experiential tourism, rural tourism, Jeep & Camel Safari, mushrooming growth of camping sites in the district in SAM & Khuri areas, which calls for increasing emphasis on ensuring security and safety of tourists coming from different parts of India and the world. The city is witnessing increasing menace of touts, digital frauds through fake websites and portals which are sending negative signals. The Tourism Department, Government of Rajasthan is committed for providing safe and secure environment to tourists at all tourist spots of Rajasthan, he said.



Mr. Kamleshwar Singh, Assistant Director, Jaisalmer, Tourism Department, Government of Rajasthan in his address requested stakeholders to come forward together for providing a safe and memorable experience, an environment to tourists in Jaisalmer, collectively with the Government. He emphasized the need to bring various service providers- namely touts/lapkas, camp owners, Jeep & camel safari operators, adventure tourism operators, hoteliers, travel agents etc. to register with the Tourism Department/Local Administration and regularly share the data of the tourists, especially foreign tourists, from the point of view of their safety and security. This will enable the Government to promote them through their official website/

portal which will increase their credibility and organize training/ refresher/sensitization programs on a regular basis, he added. He requested stakeholders to take advantage of benefits of the policies of the government to increase their competitiveness. He informed that the government was planning to take punitive actions against unscrupulous service providers including touts and lapkas who do not get registered with the Department.

All the stakeholders present took a pledge for providing safe and secure environment to the tourists. A film on "Rajasthan Tourism" was also screened.

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



IMPACT OF INDIA-UK FREE TRADE AGREEMENT ON INDIAN BUSINESSES AND TRADE

The Telangana Chapter of PHDCCI organized a high-level interactive session on the India-UK Free Trade Agreement (FTA) on July 3, 2025 to explore its impact on Indian businesses and trade, especially for stakeholders in Telangana.

The session witnessed the presence of distinguished dignitaries including Mr. Gareth Wynn Owen, British Deputy High Commissioner; Mr. Akshay SC, Joint Director General of Foreign Trade, Ministry of Commerce & Industry; Mr. Hemant Jain, President, PHDCCI; Dr. Ranjeet Mehta, CEO & Secretary General, PHDCCI; Mr. Gautam Chand Jain, Chair, Telangana State Chapter, PHDCCI and Prof. Chetan Srivastava from the University of Hyderabad.

At the opening session, Mr. Gareth Wynn Owen described the FTA as one of the most comprehensive trade agreements signed by the UK, and the first major one post-Brexit, which reflects the importance of India in the UK's global trade agenda.



Mr. Hemant Jain acknowledged Telangana Chapter's excellent work and emphasized PHDCCI's focus on MSMEs, trade facilitation, and advocacy. He explained how industry associations like PHDCCI shape trade policies and enhance industry readiness.

Mr. Gautam Chand Jain emphasized the value of the India-UK FTA for Telangana's industry and thanked PHDCCI's leadership for their active involvement.

Dr. Ranjeet Mehta appreciated the efforts of Mr. Gautam Chand Jain and his team in Hyderabad for organizing the session and underlined PHDCCI's 120-year legacy as a national industry body supporting businesses of all sizes.

The second part was an interactive session, moderated by Ms. Khyati Naravane, Vice President, Quantra Quartz. It featured inputs from the dignitaries. Mr. Gareth Wynn Owen addressed practical questions from industry, while Mr. Akshay SC spoke about DGFT's outreach for MSMEs. Mr. Hemant Jain and Dr Ranjeet Mehta highlighted PHDCCI's policy advocacy role, and Prof. Srivastava offered a historical perspective on India-UK trade ties.

The event proved to be informative, participative, and a strong step forward in promoting awareness and preparedness around the India-UK FTA. It also marked a new milestone in PHDCCI's engagement in Telangana.



UTTAR PRADESH FIRE AND SAFETY EXPO AND CONFERENCE (UFSEC)

The fourth edition of Uttar Pradesh Fire and Safety Expo and Conference (UFSEC) at the India Expo Centre and Mart in Greater Noida held on July 10 and 11, 2025 was organized by the Uttar Pradesh State Chapter of PHDCCI, in collaboration with NDMA, Relief Commissioner Office of Uttar Pradesh, Labour Department of Uttar Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh Fire and Emergency Services, Government of Uttar Pradesh, and Safety Appliances and Manufacturers Association.

The primary objective of UFSEC was to disseminate Health, Safety, and Environment (HSE) standards and practices aimed at safeguarding lives and protecting the environment. This conference attracted over 500 distinguished delegates from various regions of the country, more than 100 exhibitors, and over 20 esteemed speakers, including government officials, representatives from public sector undertakings, HSE practitioners, fire safety companies, service providers, and technology providers.

At the inaugural session, Dr Ranjeet Mehta, CEO & Secretary General, PHDCCI, underscored the



growing significance of proactive industrial safety, occupational health, and emergency preparedness within India's rapidly advancing industrial landscape.

Keynote addresses were addressed by Mr. Hemant Sapra

and Mr. Vivek Agarwala, Co-chairs of the UP State Chapter of PHDCCI, both of them, who articulated the Chamber's vision for establishing a safe and resilient industrial ecosystem.

Dr S.P. Garg, Conference

Convenor and former Executive Director of GAIL (HSE), elaborated on UFSEC's goal of serving as a platform for collaborative knowledge sharing.

Mr. Mahesh Kudav, President of SAMA, along with Mr. Rajendra Sankhe, Chief Operating Officer of Indorama India Pvt. Ltd., emphasized the critical role of technological innovation and regulatory compliance in enhancing safety practices.

Among the distinguished guests who addressed the conference included Mr. Shashank Chaudhary,

IAS, Additional Chief Executive Officer of Invest UP, Mr. Sunil Kumar Jha, IPS, Director General of Fire Services, Civil Defence, and Home Guards, Ministry of Home Affairs and Mr. Rajendra Singh, Member and Head of Department at NDMA, Ministry of Home Affairs.

The session concluded with a keynote address by Mr. Rakesh Sachan, Hon'ble Cabinet Minister, Micro Small and Medium Enterprises, Khadi and Villages Industries, Sericulture Industries, Handloom and Textile, Uttar Pradesh, who commended the

initiative and reiterated the Government's commitment to empowering MSMEs through increased awareness of industrial safety and capacity building.

Dr Jatinder Singh, Deputy Secretary General, PHDCCI, and Mr. Atul Srivastava, Regional Director, UP State Chapter of PHDCCI expressed gratitude for the presence and support of dignitaries, partners, and stakeholders in contributing to the success of UFSEC.

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AGRO EXPORT CONCLAVE 2025: EMPOWERING UTTARAKHAND'S AGRI-ECONOMY

PHDCCI, in collaboration with NABARD, the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), and the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), organized the Agro Export Conclave 2025 on June 27, 2025 at Hotel Madhuban, Dehradun. The conclave aimed to accelerate agricultural exports from Uttarakhand by fostering collaboration among key stakeholders—government, industry, and academia—and to explore strategies for unlocking the state's rich agri-export potential.

The event brought together a dynamic group of policymakers, exporters, farmer-producer organizations (FPOs), agri-entrepreneurs, and academic experts for in-depth discussions on export opportunities, infrastructural needs, market linkages, and policy enablers. The overarching vision was to catalyze Uttarakhand's transformation into a robust agri-export hub.

Chief Guest, Mr. Ganesh Joshi, Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Government of Uttarakhand, inaugurated the



conclave with an inspiring address. He emphasized the critical role of education, innovation, leadership, community service, and excellence in driving sustainable growth in agriculture. Drawing from his own professional journey, Mr. Joshi shared motivating insights and reaffirmed the government's unwavering commitment to strengthening agro-based industries, enhancing rural infrastructure, and expanding global market access for farmers. He highlighted how unique regional produce—such as red rice from

Pauri, turmeric from Chamoli, rajma (kidney beans) from Almora, and vegetables from Udham Singh Nagar—are gaining popularity both within India and on international platforms.

Mr. Atul Srivastava, Regional Director, PHDCCI, delivered the welcome address, followed by the theme address by Mr. Hemant Kochhar, Chairman, Uttarakhand State Chapter, PHDCCI. Mr. Kochhar shed light on the untapped potential of Uttarakhand in agri-exports and emphasized the need for coordinated efforts to leverage

its natural advantages and promote value-added products.

Distinguished speakers who enriched the deliberations included: Mr. Saurabh Tiwari, Director, BIS Dehradun; Dr C. B. Singh, Regional Head, APEDA and Mr. Pankaj Yadav, Chief General Manager, NABARD.

A Technical Session on International Perspectives featured an insightful address by Mr. Anuj Bhasin, Trade and Investment Commissioner, High Commission of Canada. He offered a global outlook on agricultural trade, potential collaborations,

and investment opportunities. The panel also included: Mr. Kailash Chandra Bhatt, House of Himalayas; Mr. Saurabh Chaurasia, BIS and Dr Sanjay Agarwal, Dolphin PG Institute.

Special addresses by representatives from NABARD and APEDA highlighted the array of institutional support mechanisms available for boosting exports, from financing and training to certification and marketing facilitation.

The conclave concluded with a vote-of-thanks by Mr. Ritesh Singh, Deputy Resident

Director, PHDCCI, Uttarakhand Chapter, who expressed gratitude to all dignitaries, participants, and partners for their valuable contributions in making the event a resounding success.

The Agro Export Conclave 2025 reaffirmed the collective commitment to empowering Uttarakhand's agricultural sector through innovation, collaboration, and global outreach—paving the way for a more prosperous and export-driven rural economy.



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BUSINESS NETWORKING SESSION

PHDCCI, West Bengal Chapter held a Business Networking Session in Kolkata on July 5, 2025 at Kolkata. The occasion marked a key milestone in expanding PHDCCI's regional presence and its efforts to empower industries in Eastern India.

Mr. Hemant Jain, President of PHDCCI graced the event along with Dr Ranjeet Mehta, CEO & Secretary General, Dr Jatinder Singh, Deputy Secretary General and Mr. Kabir Roy, Assistant Secretary, PHDCCI.

Under the leadership of Mr. Vinod Dugar, Chair of the West Bengal Chapter PHDCCI, the day witnessed the official launch of a highly ambitious membership drive. More than 150 business leaders signed up for membership during the day. Mr. Vinod Dugar further announced that the momentum would continue, with a goal of enrolling 50 additional members in the near future.

Mr. Hemant Jain, President of PHDCCI, remarked, "PHDCCI has consistently supported strengthening regional economies in order to fortify the national framework. We are certain that the vibrant industry base and entrepreneurial spirit of the West Bengal Chapter will make a



substantial contribution to India's economic development as it gains traction. Here, we anticipate more in-depth interaction with stakeholders."

Since its founding two years ago, the West Bengal Chapter has been dedicated to boosting the business environment in the area

and increasing its visibility on both national and international stages. This program also sought to increase the organization's membership base in the area.

The Business Networking Session also provided an exclusive platform for attendees to interact with PHDCCI's leadership. During a dedicated media interaction and Q&A session, the leadership team listened to the concerns of local businesses and promised their full support in addressing their pain

points by engaging directly with the relevant government departments.

The event concluded with a felicitation ceremony honoring Mr. Hemant Jain, who was felicitated by over 25 regional and industry associations—a powerful gesture of unity and recognition.

MEETING WITH HON'BLE UNION MINISTER FOR ROAD, TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS, GOVERNMENT OF INDIA



A PHDCCI delegation led Mr. Hemant Jain, President, along with Dr Ranjeet Mehta, CEO & Secretary General and Mr. Suresh Chandra Joshi, Joint Secretary met with Mr. Nitin Gadkari, Hon'ble Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways on July 28, 2025 at New Delhi. The delegation extended a formal invitation to the Hon'ble Minister to address the 120th Annual Session of PHDCCI, scheduled for October 9, 2025 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, for which the Hon'ble Minister graciously accepted the invitation.



MEETING WITH HON'BLE MINISTER, MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE & FARMERS WELFARE, GOVERNMENT OF INDIA



A PHDCCI delegation led by Mr. Hemant Jain, President along with Dr Ranjeet Mehta, CEO & Secretary General; Dr J P Gupta, Chair, Environment & Climate Change Committee and Mr. Mahendra Rustagi, Co-chair, Environment & Climate Change Committee met Mr. Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Hon'ble Minister, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare at Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi on July 22, 2025. Mr. Hemant Jain apprised the Hon'ble Minister about the various ongoing activities of the Chamber for the promotion of trade and industry and also invited the Hon'ble Minister to grace 120th Annual Session of PHDCCI. Dr J P Gupta, also apprised the Hon'ble Minister about the upcoming 5th International Climate Summit, scheduled to be held on August 29, 2025.

The Hon'ble Minister appreciated the Chamber's efforts in promoting trade and industry and also for organizing such timely events which is the need of the hour to achieve the target of Net Zero and ensure sustainability. The Hon'ble Minister graciously agreed to grace the 120th Annual Session of PHDCCI.

MEETING WITH HON'BLE MINISTER OF STATE, MINISTRY OF DEFENCE, GOVERNMENT OF INDIA



A PHDCCI delegation led by Mr. Hemant Jain, President along with Dr Ranjeet Mehta, CEO & Secretary General, Dr Nasir Jamal, Director and Mr. Suresh Chandra Joshi, Joint Secretary met Mr. Sanjay Seth, Hon'ble Minister of State, Ministry of Defence on July 24, 2025 at New Delhi. The delegation apprised the Hon'ble Minister about PHDCCI's broader initiatives to promote indigenous defence production and its ongoing commitment to connect the industry with policy stakeholders. Mr. Jain also shared insights about the "Ammo Power – Defence Ammunition Conference 2025" held on July 30, 2025 at New Delhi, aimed at catalysing innovation and collaboration in the ammunitions segment. The Hon'ble Minister appreciated PHDCCI's efforts in strengthening India's defence ecosystem through strategic engagement, knowledge sharing and high-impact conferences.

MEETING WITH HON'BLE MINISTER, MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS AND MINISTRY OF POWER, GOVERNMENT OF INDIA



A PHDCCI delegation led by Dr J P Gupta, Chair, Environment & Climate Change Committee, Mr. Mahendra Rustagi, Co-chair, Environment & Climate Change Committee, along with Dr Ranjeet Mehta, CEO & Secretary General and Ms. Kanchan Zutshi, Director met Mr. Manohar Lal Khattar, Hon'ble Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs and Power at New Delhi on July 8, 2025. The delegation appreciated the Hon'ble Minister for championing digital transformation across India's power sector and invited the Hon'ble Minister to grace the 5th International Climate Summit, scheduled for August 29, 2025, for which the Hon'ble Minister agreed to grace the Summit.

MEETING WITH HON'BLE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, GOVERNMENT OF NCT OF DELHI



A PHDCCI delegation led by Mr. Shreevats Jaipuria, Chair of Education Committee along with Ms. Sonali Jain, Co-chair, Education Committee met Mr. Ashish Sood, Delhi's Minister for Education on July 23, 2025 at the Delhi Secretariat to invite him as Chief Guest for a conference on AI in Education held on August 1, 2025 at PHD House, New Delhi. The conference was organized by PHDCCI in partnership with Paris-headquartered organization OECD and the Association of Indian Universities in New Delhi. The Hon'ble Minister graciously accepted the invitation to grace the conference.

MEETING WITH HON'BLE MINISTER OF STATE (IC), MINISTRY OF AYUSH, GOVERNMENT OF INDIA



A PHDCCI delegation led by Dr Puneet Dhawan Co-chair, AYUSH Committee, & Founder & CEO, Karma Ayurveda and Dr Himanshu Tiwari, President Technical, Karma Ayurveda along with Mr. Amit Patwal, Deputy Secretary met Mr. Prataprao Ganpatrao Jadav, Hon'ble Minister of State (IC), Ministry of AYUSH on July 24, 2025 in New Delhi. The delegation discussed industry issues in the Ayush sector and invited the Hon'ble Minister to inaugurate the conference on 'Medical Value Travel and Holistic Wellness' scheduled for August 29, 2025. The Hon'ble AYUSH Minister graciously accepted the invitation to be the Chief Guest for the conference.

MEETING WITH HON'BLE MINISTER OF STATE, MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY, GOVERNMENT OF INDIA



A PHDCCI delegation led by Mr. Sanjeev Gupta, Co-chair, Task Force on Infrastructure Finance, along with Ms. Babeeta Sharma Senior Secretary and Mr. Sanjay Ahuja, Joint Secretary met with Mr. Shripad Yesso Naik Ji, Hon'ble Minister of State, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) on July 23, 2025 at New Delhi. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss collaborative opportunities under the One Sun One World One Grid initiative, explore strategies for mobilizing finance to support the globalization of India's renewable energy mission, and seek the Ministry's support for organizing the upcoming Global Stakeholders' Roundtable. Mr. Gupta formally invited the Minister to be the Chief Guest for the Global Stakeholders' Roundtable scheduled for September 8, 2025, for which the Minister graciously agreed to attend the roundtable.

MEETING WITH ADDITIONAL CENTRAL PROVIDENT FUND COMMISSIONER, ZONAL TRAINING INSTITUTE, NORTH ZONE, FARIDABAD

MEETING WITH REGIONAL PROVIDENT FUND COMMISSIONER, UDAIPUR



Mr. Ashish Wig, Chair of the HR & IR Committee, PHDCCI met with Mr. Rajib Bhattacharya, Additional Central Provident Fund Commissioner at Faridabad on July 21, 2025.



Mr. Ashish Wig, Chair, HR IR Committee, PHDCCI met Mr. Prashant Kumar Sinha, Regional Provident Fund Commissioner, Udaipur on July 11, 2025.



**MEETING WITH MR. FERNANDO
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MEETING WITH MS. SENA LATIF, AMBASSADOR OF ROMANIA



A PHDCCI delegation led by Mr. Hemant Jain, President along with Mr. Chetan Sabharwal, Chairman, International Affairs Europe, Dr Ranjeet Mehta, SG & CEO and Ms. Manisha Singh, Senior Secretary, International Affairs and Trade Fairs Division interacted with H.E. Ms. Sena Latif, Ambassador of Romania and Mr. Ionut Mircea VIZIRU, Economic Counselor, Head of Economic & Commercial Office on July 22, 2025 at PHD House. The discussion focused on sectors such as energy (Solar); IT; agriculture and defence. The Ambassador indicated that Romania is becoming the IT Hub for Eastern Europe, while Cluj-Napoca is considered as “Silicon Valley of Eastern Europe”.

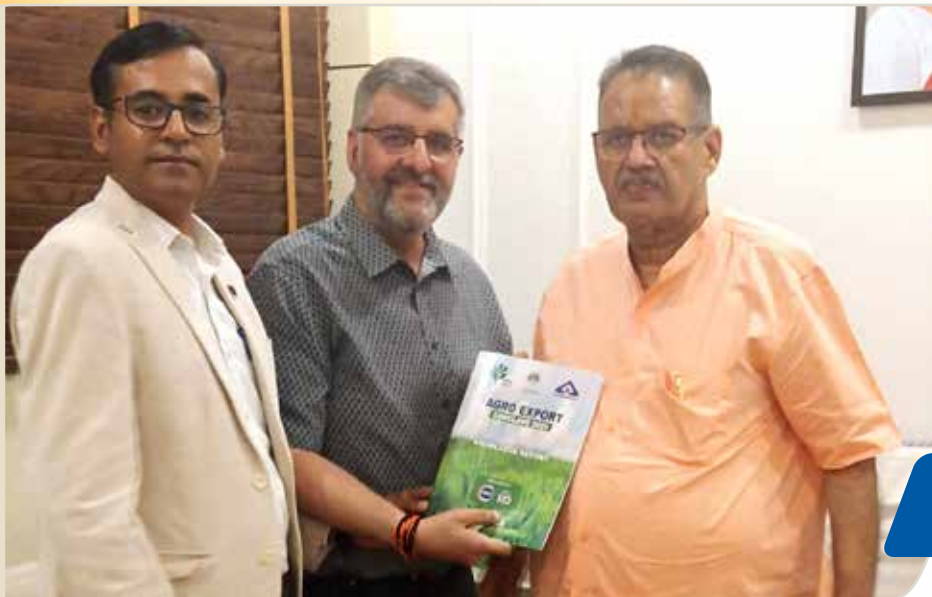
INTERACTION WITH MR. CARLOS ARTURO HOYOS, VICE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF PANAMA



A PHDCCI team led by Dr. Ranjeet Mehta, CEO & SG, Mr. Naveen Seth, DSG and Mr. Niraj, Director - International Affairs attended the Diplomatic High Tea hosted by H.E. Mr. Alonso Correa Miguel, Ambassador of the Republic of Panama to India on the official visit of His Excellency Mr. Carlos Arturo Hoyos, Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Panama on 30 July 2025 at New Delhi. The Hon'ble Minister highlighted the various business opportunities available for the Indian industry pertaining to pharmaceuticals, renewable energy, automobiles and auto ancillaries, Agriculture & food processing and tourism. Dr. Mehta apprised the Hon'ble Minister that Central America is one of the priority region for PHDCCI members and will closely work with the Embassy of Panama for participation in the upcoming business opportunities in the country.



MEETING WITH HON'BLE MINISTER OF SOLDIER WELFARE, AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT, GOVERNMENT OF UTTARAKHAND



A PHDCCI delegation of Uttarakhand State Chapter comprising of Mr. Hemant Kochhar, Chair along with Mr. Ritesh Singh, Deputy Resident Director and Mr. Rajiv Vaid, Resident Officer met Mr. Ganesh Joshi, Hon'ble Minister of Soldier Welfare, Agriculture and Rural Development, Government of Uttarakhand. on July 15, 2025 at Dehradun. The delegation presented the Hon'ble Minister with the Outcomes and Post Event Report of the Agro Conclve held recently.

MEETING WITH CHIEF SECRETARY, GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA



A PHDCCI delegation of Haryana State Chapter led by Adv. Lokesh Jain, Co-chair, Haryana State Chapter; Mr. Gurdarshan Aggarwal, Resident Director and Mr. Naveen Choudhary, Resident Manager met Mr. Anurag Rastogi, IAS, Chief Secretary, Government of Haryana on July 16, 2025 at Chandigarh. Adv. Lokesh Jain proposed organizing awareness sessions for promoting MSMEs and potential areas of collaboration between PHDCCI and the Government of Haryana.

MEETING WITH CABINET MINISTER, INDUSTRIES AND INVESTMENT PROMOTION, GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB



A PHDCCI delegation led by Mr. Karan Gilhotra, Chair, Punjab State Chapter; Mr. R S Sachdeva, Managing Committee Member and the Secretariat team met Mr. Sanjeev Arora, Cabinet Minister, Industry and Commerce, Government of Punjab on July 17, 2025 at Chandigarh. The delegation congratulated the Hon'ble Minister on his newly appointed role as well as emphasized the importance of improving ease of doing business, need for infrastructure upgradation in industrial clusters across Punjab and suggested the development of new industrial parks with dedicated zones for MSMEs and Start-ups. The Minister stated that the Government of Punjab intends to bring in a new industrial policy that will be the best in India and will pave the way for providing a progressive climate for industrial growth and employment generation in Punjab.

MEETING WITH HON'BLE AGRICULTURE MINISTER, GOVERNMENT OF J&K



A PHDCCI delegation of Kashmir State Chapter led by Chairman, Mr. Vicky Shaw and Co-chair, Mr. Javaid Anim, along with members met with Mr. Javaid Ahmad Mir, Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture Production, Rural Development, and Panchayati Raj of J&K on July 10, 2025 to discuss proposals for the development of agriculture, horticulture, and allied sectors in J&K. The delegation also apprised the Minister about the Poultry Entrepreneurship Training Program being conducted by PHDCCI with support from SIDBI across various districts, highlighting its success in generating rural employment.



MEETING WITH HONORABLE CHIEF MINISTER OF JHARKHAND



Dr Sanjay Kumar, Chairman, Jharkhand Chapter, PHDCCI, Neurosurgeon & Managing Director, Curesta Global Hospital met with Mr. Hemant Soren, Honorable Chief Minister of Jharkhand on July 23, 2025.

MEETING WITH DIRECTOR GENERAL OF FIRE SERVICES, CIVIL DEFENCE AND HOME GUARDS, MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS



A PHDCCI delegation comprising of Mr. Hemant Sapra, Co-chair UP State Chapter, Dr Jatinder Singh, Deputy Secretary General and Mr. Kaushik Fuloria, Resident Manager, UP State Chapter met Mr. Sunil Kumar Jha, IPS, Director General of Fire Services, Civil Defence and Home Guards, Ministry of Home Affairs on July 2, 2025. The delegation invited the Director General to be the Guest of Honour for UFSEC 4th edition held on July 10-11, 2025, at India Expo Centre. Mr. Jha appreciated the Chamber's efforts towards developing a world-class HSE culture in industries and agreed to participate as a Guest of Honour for the inaugural session of UFSEC.

MEETING WITH SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS



A PHDCCI delegation of Punjab State Chapter led by CS Rahul Jogi, Convener, Regional NCLT and Corporate Affairs Committee along with CS Arshdeep Kaur, Co-convenor, Corporate Affairs Committee, Ms. Bharti Sood, Regional Director and the secretariat team met Ms. Deepti Gaur Mukherjee, Secretary, Ministry of Corporate Affairs on July 4, 2025 at Chandigarh. A representation was submitted for “Request for Establishment of a Regional Director’s Office of the Ministry of Corporate Affairs in Chandigarh” to cater to the needs of Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, and the UT of Chandigarh, Ladakh, and J&K. The Secretary assured that the representation would be duly examined in line with the Ministry’s broader objective of improving service delivery and outreach across regions.

MEETING WITH ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY, INDUSTRIES & COMMERCE, GOVT. OF PUNJAB AND DEPUTY COMMISSIONER, JALANDHAR



A delegation of the Jalandhar Zone, Punjab State Chapter of PHDCCI, led by Mr. Sanjeev Juneja, Convener met Mr. K.K. Yadav, IAS, Administrative Secretary, Industries & Commerce, Govt. of Punjab, and Dr Himanshu Aggarwal, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, Jalandhar on July 2, 2025 at Jalandhar to submit industry-focused suggestions.

MEETING WITH MEMBER, HARYANA ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION



A PHDCCI delegation of Haryana State Chapter led by Mr. Pranav Gupta, Mr Lokesh Jain, Co-chairs, Mr. M K Gupta, Co-chair, Defense and HLS Committee and Industry Leaders met Mr. Mukesh Garg, Member, Haryana Electricity Regulatory Commission on July 18, 2025. The discussion indicated that the proposed increase in electricity tariffs by discoms in Haryana, will adversely affect the industry in Haryana. They shared the comparison of electricity tariffs in neighboring states and indicated that the new investments may go to the neighboring states. The delegation suggested that losses of discoms may be recovered by increasing their efficiency rather than passing the burden on to consumers. Mr. Garg patiently heard the grievances and assured all possible support from HERC on the matter.

MEETING WITH COMMISSIONER AND SECRETARY, INDUSTRIES AND COMMERCE, GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA



A PHDCCI delegation of Haryana State Chapter led by Mr Pranav Gupta, Co-chair, along with Adv Lokesh Jain, Co-chair; Ms Bharti Sood, Regional Director and Mr Gurdarshan Aggarwal, Resident Director, PHDCCI met Mr. Amit Agarwal, IAS, Commissioner and Secretary Industries and Commerce, Government of Haryana on July 29, 2025 at Chandigarh. The delegation submitted a proposal to organize the Haryana International Trade Expo to promote industry and trade in the State and also MSME Conclaves at different industrial hubs in Haryana.



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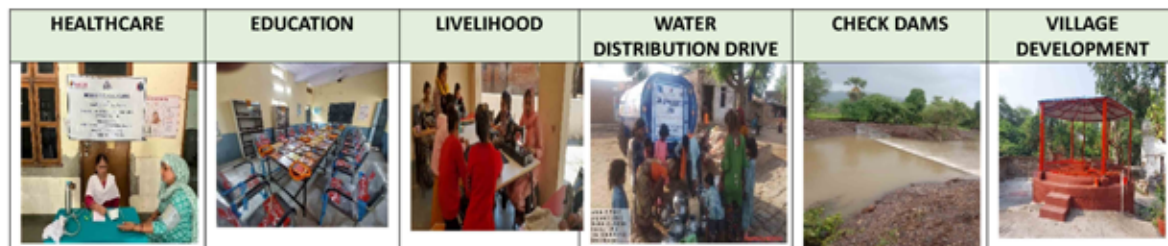
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KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- ❖ Total 27 OPDs, 58 MMUs and 4 Gyna OPDs were organized in **Uttar Pradesh** and **Haryana** with support of 02 partners, namely Bennett Coleman & Co. Ltd and Dharmpal Satyapal Limited. A total of 2985 patients including 1490 females, 920 males and 485 children were treated and got medical services.
- ❖ **Rotary Club of Delhi Rendezvous**, in partnership with PHDRDF inaugurated **Unnat Vidyalay**, a **Government Senior Secondary School Aurangabad** in Palwal, Haryana. The motive of this project is to provide a quality atmosphere to the students like leakproof rooms, installation of new doors and windows and solar power plants. More than **672 students** will benefit from this project.
- ❖ **Donaldson India Filter Systems Pvt. Ltd.** supports **03** projects benefiting over **50,000** people. First project is to clean and maintain 10 existing wells in Mehrauli area to be used for drinking water for the community out of which 3 wells have been completed. Besides this, support in re-establishment of Primary Health Center, in Bhondsi, Sohan is being implemented. Third project is on skill development in Sohna, Gurugram. In this project, skill training is being provided for two courses i.e. Stitching and Beauty Culture. Many girls are earning through the skill after completion of training.
- ❖ PHDRDF partnered with RJ Foundation and they joined hands together in **Drinking Water Distribution** drive under the **Neer Dhara** project, distributing water in two districts of Rajasthan, Baran and Pali and this distribution ran in **29 villages**. In Baran, this drive was organized for **11 days** and in Pali it was organized for **7 days**. A total of **783,000 litres of water** was distributed. Total **55183** people of mentioned districts, got drinking water from this project.
- ❖ PHDRDF and RJ Foundation came together for the project **Neer Dhara** in **Sariska Rajasthan**. The project aims to enhance **Ecological Resilience and Habitat Quality** in **Sariska Tiger Reserve** through **Rejuvenation of Water Bodies**.
- ❖ Rotary's "Partners for Water Access & Better Harvest" in India:
 - ❖ 21 training sessions empowered 782 farmers in sustainable agriculture and water use.
 - ❖ In Rajasthan: built 7 check dams, 63 doha structures, 2 ponds, storing 155 million litres of water.
 - ❖ These projects will boost water access for ~11,000 people, enabling climate-resilient farming.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Meeting of the Governing Body

This meeting of the Governing Body of PHDRDF was organized on June 23, 2025 at PHDCCI. Mr. Pawan K. Tibrawalla, Dr. Shruti Nada Poddar, Mr. Anil Khaitan, Dr. Ranjeet Mehta, Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, Mr. Dev Prakash Goel, Dhanuka team members and Dr B. S. Sehrawat joined this meeting along with PHDRDF managers.



- ❖ Inauguration of 'Unnat Vidyalay' Project was held in the Government Senior Secondary School Aurangabad, in Palwal, Haryana. The inauguration was done with the unfurling of inauguration stones by Mr. Ajay Gupta, MD, Svarn Infratel Pvt Ltd., Mr. Ashok Kantoor, PDG Rotary District 3011 and Mr. Aditya Goel, President of Rotary Club of Delhi Rendezvous. During the ceremony, Mr. Sanjay Choudhary, Chief Executive, PHDRDF along with the team, Panchayat members of Aurangabad village, teachers and students of schools, and local community were present. Under this project, a library and staff room was established, leaking roof of classrooms repaired and waterproofing done, new kota flooring was done in classrooms, new doors and windows, solar power plant of 3 KW and an industrial RO system was installed. Besides this Bala Painting and whitewash, the complete school building was painted. More than 672 students will benefit by this project.



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PHD FAMILY WELFARE FOUNDATION (PHDFWF)

PHD FAMILY WELFARE FOUNDATION HAS RECEIVED THE CSR TIMES AWARD 2025 IN THE SILVER CATEGORY UNDER THE WOMEN EMPOWERMENT CATEGORY.



The PHD Family Welfare Foundation received the CSR Times Award 2025 in the Silver category for Women Empowerment. The programme was inaugurated by Mr. Nitin Gadkari, Hon'ble Minister of Road Transport and Highways. The award was presented by Air Marshal Mr. VPS Rana (Retd.) and included ambassadors from Rwanda and Vietnam. Ms. Anuradha Goel, Chairperson and Ms. Sangita Dutta Das, Chief Executive of PHDFWF, accepted the award, honoring organizations contributing significantly to corporate social responsibility (CSR).

PHD FAMILY WELFARE FOUNDATION ORGANIZED A SPECIAL PROGRAMME CELEBRATING TEEJ, JANMASHTAMI, RAKSHA BANDHAN AND INDEPENDENCE DAY AT PHD HOUSE, NEW DELHI



Chief Guest for the event was Ms. Praketa Luthra, a respected educator and spiritual guide. The program included Teej songs by FWF members and dance performances by beneficiaries. It concluded with a captivating Krishna Leela by Praketa Ma and her team. The event was a great success, enjoyed by over 300 attendees.



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Dr. J.P. Gupta

Chair, Environment & Climate Change Committee, PHDCCI
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India’s quest to meet its soaring energy demands and reduce carbon emissions is steering the nation towards biofuels, with ethanol emerging as a pivotal player. With the government’s ambitious goal of achieving a 20% ethanol blend by 2025, the spotlight is shifting to corn as the vital feedstock for ethanol production. Diversifying ethanol feedstock source is not just about meeting targets; it’s about strengthening energy security, promoting agricultural diversification, and reducing the environmental impact of fossil fuels. Ethanol-blended fuel burns cleaner than gasoline and enhances the fuel’s octane rating. Ethanol also has a higher oxygen content than MTBE, requiring only half the volume to achieve the same oxygenation level in gasoline.

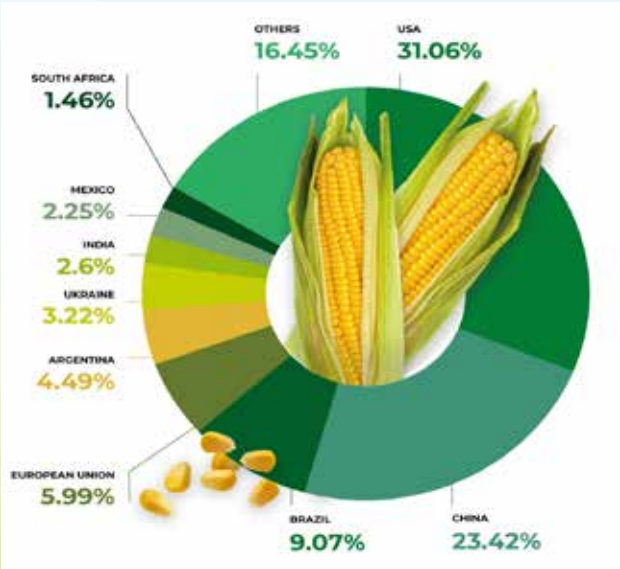
India stands as one of the most compelling success stories of ethanol blending in the current era. This momentum presents a transformative opportunity that must not be missed. By scaling up ethanol to E30 and eventually E100, India can take a decisive step toward achieving true energy security, food security, and decarbonization targets.

India achieved its 10% ethanol blending target by June 2022. The E20 program now aims to reach a 20% ethanol blend by 2025–26. To

meet this target, India will likely require 165 lakh tons of maize—48% of the current production of 346 lakh tons. This means maize production must increase to 420–430 lakh tons by 2024–25 and 640–650 lakh tons by 2029–30. The Ministry of Agriculture aims to boost corn production by 10 million tonn over the next five

years. Honourable Mr. Amit Shah, a visionary Home Minister, has urged farmers to grow corn with a guaranteed Minimum Support Price (MSP) and announced tie-ups of the entire production with bio refineries. This is a path-breaking step by the government, paving the way for a Corn Revolution.

Corn Growth Share Across the World



Ethanol blending gained traction in countries like the United States and Brazil, which are no longer net importers of crude oil. In Brazil E100 sells for a lower price than gasoline,

and in the United States, both E15 and E85 are significantly cheaper than E10 and offer higher octane ratings. (E10 is the conventional gasoline sold in the United States).

Ethanol Production/ Consumption Per Day- 2025 (Barrels)

Country	Production	Consumption	Country	Production	Consumption
United States	876K	838K	United Kingdom	4.3K	17K
Brazil	403K	359K	France	17K	13K
China	43K	43K	Thailand	8.1K	9.1K
Canada	33K	41K	Colombia	8.5K	6.1K
Germany	13K	27K	India	5.3K	5.3K

India should develop a roadmap for ethanol from E30 up to E100. Blending ethanol in to fuel helps achieve a range of benefits. Using domestically produce ethanol will reduce the imports of price volatile crude oil. Moreover, ethanol from corn generates low-cost protein in the form of DDGS (Distillers Dried Grains with Solubles), along with locally available corn oil.

Ethanol: The Foundation for Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF)

The aviation sector accounts for 13.9% of transport-related emissions, making it the second-largest source of greenhouse gas emissions in the transport sector. Through government regulations and voluntary commitments, the sector has set ambitious targets to reduce its emissions. According to some estimates, global annual demand for SAF is expected to exceed 18 billion litres by 2030. India holds immense potential to become a leading global supplier of SAF.

Ethanol as a Clean Renewable Cooking Fuel

Ethanol is a proven alternative to LPG. It is a clean-burning cooking fuel that reduces emissions of carbon monoxide, particulate matter, and other pollutants. Ethanol is safer and easier to use, store and transport than biomass fuels. It does not produce smoke, sparks, or ash. Bioethanol is classified as a clean cooking fuel under the 2014 WHO guidelines.

Leading the way in Chemical Industry Decarbonization

Ethanol is a foundational chemical for producing a wide range of renewable chemicals with low carbon intensity. Just as petroleum is used to produce ethylene- an essential building block in the chemical industry- ethanol can also be used to produce ethylene at world-

scale plants. Ethylene is central to today's trillion-dollar global petrochemicals market.

As a rule-of-thumb, each metric ton of ethylene produced from ethanol saves three metric tons of GHG emissions. The ethylene derived from ethanol requires no changes to downstream processes. Just like petroleum-based ethylene, renewable ethylene from ethanol can be used to produce a wide range of green sustainable chemicals and polymers, such as- Ethylene glycols, Polyethylene, PET (Polyethylene Terephthalate) and PVC (Polyvinyl Chloride).

Technologies for Producing Bioethanol

1G and 1.5G Technologies

Both 1G and 1.5G ethanol production technologies are available in India. Additionally, 2G technology is under development in several Indian laboratories. First generation (1G) facilities produce bioethanol by fermenting sugars from sugarcane, sugar beet, or cereal seeds. Hybrid technologies now enable the conversion of cellulosic sugar found in corn kernel fiber. This innovation bridges the gap between corn-based ethanol and cellulosic ethanol, using 1.5G technology.

Key Pillars of the Roadmap

India's current success with ethanol blending provides a launchpad for a Corn Revolution. This moment presents a unique opportunity to advance energy security, food security, and decarbonization.

- **Policy Support:** The Indian government should develop and implement a comprehensive policy framework with financial support to promote the corn-to-ethanol sector, drawing lessons from the USA and Brazil.

- **Blending Mandates:** Increase the mandatory blending percentage of corn ethanol to E30 and eventually E100 to incentivize demand and attract investment.
- **Mega Biorefineries:** Incentivize the setup of mega bio refineries (1,250 -1,500 KLPD), led by PSUs and private refiners, alongside duty-free imports of yellow dent corn (GM).
- **Infrastructure Development:** Invest in storage and transportation infrastructure to support the growing corn ethanol industry.
- **Agricultural Mission Mode:** Support Indian farmers in cultivating yellow dent corn on a mission mode, including considering the allowance of GM (non-edible) yellow dent corn for ethanol.
- **Import Strategy:** Rather than importing ethanol, allow duty-free imports of yellow dent corn for domestic ethanol production. This approach would be more strategic and economically beneficial.
- **Ethanol Mission:** Launch an ethanol mission, similar in scale and budget to the Green Hydrogen Mission, encompassing production, R&D, infrastructure, skill development, and safety.
- **Certification Standards:** Develop and implement certification standards for corn ethanol to ensure environmental and social integrity throughout the value chain.

By embracing these strategies, India can emerge as a global ethanol powerhouse. This approach will boost rural employment, reduce reliance on crude oil imports, lower emissions, and contribute significantly to GDP and sustainable development.



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WPI now in negative zone with June print at (-)0.1%

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Wholesale inflation based on the Wholesale Price Index (WPI) turned into deflation after a gap of 19 months, with the headline number recorded at negative 0.13 per cent in June, government data on Monday said.

"Negative rate of inflation in June is primarily due to decrease in prices of food articles, mineral oils, manufacture of basic metals, crude petroleum & natural gas," a statement issued by the Commerce & Industry Ministry said. WPI based inflation was 6.39 per cent in May. It was 5.43 per cent in June last year.

FOOD INFLATION
 da per data, food articles saw a deflation of 3.75 per cent in June, as against a deflation of 1.36 per cent in May, with vegetables seeing a sharp drop. Deflation in vegetables was 22.46 per cent in June, com-



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pared to 21.62 per cent in May. In the case of manufactured products, inflation rose at 1.97 per cent, compared to 2.04 per cent in May. Fuel and power saw a deflation of 2.61 per cent in June, compared to a deflation of 2.27 per cent in May.

mainly takes into account actual inflation while formulating the monetary policy. The RBI last month cut benchmark policy interest rates by 0.5 per cent to 8.5 per cent, and easing inflation.

Concerning on WPI

Inflation, indexed annually to 1 per cent in June from 0.8 per cent in May, while increasing subdued. The seasonal seasonal spike in food prices has been relatively modest in July as well, which is expected to keep food price in the deflationary zone, unless there is an unusual surge in cash prices in the remaining part of the month, especially for vegetables.

OIL PRICES EASE
Reserves, international trade oil prices have also eased somewhat in the ongoing month from the peak seen in June, amid cooling tensions in West Asia, while remaining in the deflationary territory on a year-on-year basis. Further, the OPEC/NATO pact also remained range-bound so far.

Hossein Jav, President, PIFCOIL, said that softening of OPEC inflation is expected to reduce operational costs for companies, boost domestic demand and support economic growth.

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Diversified and broad-based trade growth signals a healthy trajectory for India's external sector, says PHDCCI

India's external trade performance for June 2025 and Q1 FY 2025-26 has shown promising growth, says Mr. Hemant Jain, President, PHDCL. Cumulative exports of merchandise and services during April-June 2025 stood at US\$ 210.31 billion, reflecting a strong 5.94% year-on-year increase from US\$198.52 billion in the same period last year. Key sectors like electronic goods saw a remarkable 46.9% surge in June 2025, while drugs and pharmaceuticals grew by 5.95%, and engineering goods by 1.35%. India's trade relations showed notable growth with key partners, including the USA, China, France, Brazil, and Kenya on the export side, while imports from Ireland, Hong Kong, Singapore, and Thailand grew significantly, he added. This diversified and broad-based trade growth signals a healthy trajectory for India's external sector and rising global demand for Indian electronics, pharmaceuticals, and agro-based goods, he said.

The Statesman

Proposed FTA between India and UK to provide major boost to bilateral trade



India-UK Free Trade Agreement (FTA), which is likely to be signed during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's upcoming visit to the United Kingdom next week, is projected to increase trade between the two countries by £25.5 billion every year, Anas Shroff, Deputy Trade Commissioner for South Asia at the British High Commission, New Delhi, said.

Speaking at an interactive session on "India-UK Free Trade Agreement: The Way Forward", which was organised by the PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry on Saturday here, she highlighted that under the proposed FTA, there are provisions for tariff reductions on 90 percent of traded goods between the two countries.

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India can become top wedding destination, big job opportunities for youth: Industry

India aims to become a leading global wedding destination, leveraging its booming entertainment industry to empower its youth, according to PHDCCI. The live entertainment sector has significantly grown, and with India's cultural richness, destination weddings offer immense opportunities. 'Fun-Tastic 2025' summit celebrates this dynamic sector, projecting substantial growth and potential for wedding tourism, possibly leading to a dedicated Wedding Ministry.



'National Young Chef competition' to spotlight budding culinary talent

NEW DELHI: (Jul 16) (PT) A new nationwide talent hunt, 'National Young Chef Competition' (NYCC), aims to discover aspiring chefs who can reinterpret India's rich culinary heritage with a modern twist.

Organised by the PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI) in collaboration with the Ministry of Tourism, the competition, which was officially introduced at a curtain-raiser event on Tuesday, will kick-off from August 6.

It is a flagship initiative designed to support and spotlight final-year hospitality students across India through a blend of competition, mentorship, and national recognition.



ELI Scheme gets industry thumbs-up as game-changer for job creation

Dr Ranjeet Mehta, CEO and Secretary General of PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI), said the scheme comes at a time when India's youth population is at its peak.

"This announcement by the government is very important, as India has the world's largest youth population. We have a demographic dividend and having this kind of scheme will definitely create employment for our youth population. Secondly, it also incentivises industries, especially the MSMEs who are always very short on capital."

"So giving this kind of a scheme and reimbursing the cost for one year will definitely reduce the cost of the employment at the same time, this will also focus on regional development," he added.



Abstract

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**अग्नि व औद्योगिक सुरक्षा सरकार
की प्राथमिकता : राकेश सचान**

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WPI inflation enters negative zone after 19 months

PRITHI THAKUR FOR IIMB
Last 2024

Wholesale price index (WPI) turned negative for the first time in 19 months, indicating a deflationary trend in the economy. The index, which tracks the price of goods at the wholesale level, fell by 0.01 per cent in July 2024, after a long period of positive growth. This marks a significant shift in the inflationary trend, as WPI had been in the positive zone for nearly two years.



The WPI index, which is a measure of the average price of goods at the wholesale level, has been in the positive zone for nearly two years. This indicates that prices for most goods have been rising, which is a sign of inflation. However, the recent dip into the negative zone suggests that prices for some goods have fallen, which is a sign of deflation. This could be due to a variety of factors, including a slowdown in demand, an increase in supply, or a combination of both.

Last-mile Connectivity Key To Cutting Logistics Costs, Says MoS Ports

Speaking at the "Gati se Pragati Conclave 2025" organised by PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI), Thakur said improved connectivity to remote towns and villages would drive not only economic benefits but also social upliftment. He cited the Chenab bridge in Jammu and Kashmir as an example of infrastructure fostering regional prosperity.

"Vocal for Local can only succeed with a robust logistics infrastructure," Thakur added, highlighting the government's PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan as a tool to cut supply chain bottlenecks and enable local producers to access global markets.

Bhishu Prasad Tanti, Member of Parliament and Standing Committee on Industry, said seamless integration of water, air and road transport is critical to achieving India's development goals by 2047. "Our Prime Minister has identified farmers, youth and women as key pillars of inclusive development, and this depends on proper connectivity," he noted.

FINANCIAL EXPRESS

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India-UK Free Trade Agreement: Corporate India hails strategic economic partnership

Indian companies say that the FTA will open a new frontier for India's manufacturing and service sector, creating new business opportunities and job growth.

Hemant Jain- PHD Chamber of Commerce

Hemant Jain, President of PHD Chamber of Commerce, said, "We commend both governments for finalising a deal that promises to catalyse bilateral trade, enhance competitiveness of Indian SMEs, and open new doors for industries in manufacturing, services, and technology sectors. The agreement is a testimony to the strategic depth that will lead to doubling of bilateral trade to over \$120 billion by 2030."

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India-UK trade deal to be signed during PM Narendra Modi's visit

The India-UK Free Trade Agreement (FTA) is set to significantly boost bilateral trade to over \$60 billion by 2030 through the elimination of tariffs on 99% of Indian exports, including textiles, leather, and auto parts, according to a report by the PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI).

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PHDCCI launches Bengal chapter

KOLKATA: The PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI) has formally launched its West Bengal Chapter, aiming to foster stronger partnerships and accelerate regional development. The launch marks a significant milestone in PHDCCI's efforts to expand its regional footprint and empower industries across Eastern India.

The event was attended by key dignitaries, including Hemant Jain, president of PHDCCI; Vinod Dugar, chairman, West Bengal Chapter; Sanjay Thapa, co-chairman; and Ranjeet Mehta, CEO & secretary general, among others.

"PHDCCI has consistently worked to strengthen regional economic ties as a way to fortify the national framework," said Hemant Jain, adding, "We are confident that the vibrant industrial base and entrepreneurial energy of Bengal will significantly contribute to India's economic growth. Through this chapter, we look forward to deeper engagement with local stakeholders."

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आग लगने पर फायर सेफ्टी डोर करेगा अलर्ट

नॉलेज पार्क में आयोजित दो दिवसीय फायर एंड सेफ्टी एक्सपो का हुआ समापन

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फायर सेफ्टी का दिवस 2024 का समापन कार्यक्रम नोएडा में आयोजित हुआ। कार्यक्रम में अग्नि सुरक्षा विभाग के अधिकारियों ने भागीدارों को अग्नि सुरक्षा के महत्व के बारे में बताया। कार्यक्रम में अग्नि सुरक्षा के महत्व के बारे में बताया। कार्यक्रम में अग्नि सुरक्षा के महत्व के बारे में बताया।

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A seminar on IEPF, Corporate Exits and Investors Protection organised by PHDCCI (Image: PHDCCI)

'Government working on creating an integrated platform to resolve investor grievances'

According to a statement from PHDCCI, the official shared a few steps taken by the IEPF Authority to improve claimant experience including search facility to check if shares are with IEPFA or Companies; Integration of MCA21, Depositories, PFMS and Faster verification of claimant identity and entitlement by prevalidation of details at form filing stage using Aadhaar-PAN-Demat-Bank linkage, among others.



India Launches Talent Hunt For Young Chefs To Blend Tradition With Innovation

The PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI), in partnership with the Ministry of Tourism, on Wednesday launched the National Young Chef Competition (NYCC), a nationwide talent hunt designed to discover and nurture India's next generation of culinary innovators.

The grand curtain-raiser for the competition was held at PHD House in New Delhi, marking the beginning of a series of zonal rounds that will span the country. The initiative targets final-year hospitality students, providing them with a national platform to blend traditional Indian culinary practices with contemporary techniques.

Speaking at the launch event as Chief Guest, Mr Sunam Bika (IAS), Additional Secretary and Director General, Ministry of Tourism, underscored the importance of preserving India's diverse culinary traditions. "Our culinary heritage is built on cultural memory and regional techniques. We must reinforce these traditions and expand India's footprint in the global fine dining space," he said, urging aspiring chefs to think creatively and represent India with pride on international platforms.



PHD Chamber opens Bengal chapter, aims to revive Kolkata's industrial glory

KOLKATA: (Jul 9) The Delhi-based PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI), one of India's oldest industry bodies, expanded its footprint in the eastern region by opening its West Bengal chapter, following its earlier presence in Bihar and Jharkhand.

The chamber said it is committed to supporting the revival of Kolkata's past industrial glory and transforming the city into a logistics and financial hub, leveraging its port, talent pool, and connectivity.

Speaking at the launch event, PHDCCI president Hemant Jain said the chamber now has a presence in 21 states, including West Bengal, and acts as a voice for industries ranging from MSMEs to large enterprises, engaging with both central and state governments.

The Business Guardian

India-UK FTA to boost trade by ₹25.5 billion annually

THE BUSINESS GUARDIAN

Deputy Trade Commissioner for South Asia at the British Trade Commission, Anna Blomfield, has said that the India-UK Free Trade Agreement is projected to increase bilateral trade between the two countries by ₹25.5 billion every year. She highlighted that under this FTA, there are provisions for tariff reductions on 90 per cent of traded goods between the two countries. "However, it is not only about tariffs, which are indeed a crucial aspect that will benefit many industries. Creative companies will also benefit through stronger copyright protection, and the services sector will also benefit from the Double Taxation Avoidance Convention will also help



traders on both sides, creating more transparency and certainty," she said at an event organised by industry body PHDCCI in the national capital. The India-UK Free Trade Agreement (FTA), signed and finalised on May 6 after nearly three years of negotiations, is one of the most comprehensive free trade agreements ever entered into by India. Randeep Mehta, CEO and Secretary

General, PHDCCI, emphasised the importance of the social security clause that supports Indian professionals going to the UK and said that we must take advantage of this FTA. PHDCCI estimates 120 years of its legacy. We plan to mount a business delegation to the UK this September, as we are keen to explore the opportunities this agreement presents, added Mehta.

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Live Events Spur Jobs, Tourism; Industry Calls For Policy Support

India's live entertainment, wedding, and event industry has grown into a Rs 142 billion sector, witnessing 35 per cent year-on-year growth and projected to expand at a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 19 per cent by 2027, an industry leader said at the PHDCCI entertainment summit.

The live segment, including concerts, weddings, corporate events, and theatricals, is projected to reach Rs 1.43 lakh crore by 2026. Rajeev Jain, Chair, Entertainment Committee, PHDCCI, highlighted the sector's growth prospects, noting that 63 per cent of marketers plan to increase event expenditure.

PUNJAB KESARI

ENGLISH

Govt schemes propel 25 crore Indians out of poverty: PHDCCI

Ayushman Bharat and PMAY Key in India's Poverty Alleviation

India has witnessed a significant reduction in poverty, with over 25 crore people moving out of it due to various government schemes, as per PHDCCI. The country now ranks second globally in social security coverage, thanks to initiatives like Ayushman Bharat, PMAY, and others, which have provided essential support to millions, including housing, healthcare, and food security.

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The PHDCCI believes that all regulatory approvals across central, state and local levels should be mandatorily routed through the NSWS

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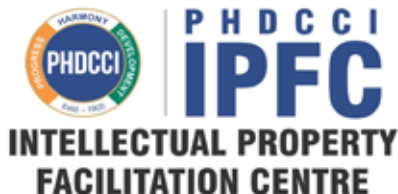
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