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A silhouette of a soldier in full combat gear, including a helmet and carrying a rifle, stands on a grassy hill. The soldier is positioned on the right side of the frame, looking towards the left. The background is a clear blue sky with some light clouds, and the foreground shows the dark silhouettes of tall grasses.

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## From the Secretary General's Desk...

'Smart Border Management' was the theme of the eighth edition of FICCI's Homeland Security conference, organised in partnership with India Foundation. N. N. Vohra, Governor of Jammu & Kashmir, Government of India, who inaugurated the conference underlined the need to ensure that the welfare and the needs of the people living along our national borders were attended to with alacrity. This approach, he emphasised, would go a long way in providing strong support to the Border Security Force and the Army by way of information on border incursion and logistics support. Our cover story in this issue carries a detailed report on the topic.

In order to make India a global human resource hub and achieve sustainability in skill development, the private sector needs to employ only trained and certified workers. This was stated by Rohit Nandan, Secretary, Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Government of India, at the ninth edition of annual flagship skills conference, Global Skills Summit (GSS) on the theme 'Skilling for the future', organized by FICCI in association with the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship. The Secretary said that the government had handed over the entire skilling ecosystem to the private sector and it was now industry's responsibility to benchmark the standards and train the workforce accordingly and make them employable not just within India but also overseas. See report in the pages that follow.

FICCI-CMSME's sixth annual MSME Summit on the theme 'Propelling MSME Growth: Ways & Means' was inaugurated by K K Jalan, Secretary, Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME). He urged the MSMEs to update the details of their enterprises on the MSME data bank, as the updated data would be used for evolving parameters for the growth of MSMEs in the country.

Categorization of security guards as 'skilled' and armed security guards and security supervisors as 'highly skilled' workers is on the cards. This was announced by Bandaru Dattatreya, Minister of State (Independent Charge) of Labour and Employment, Government of India, while addressing FICCI's Private Security Industry Conclave. The conclave was significant in view of the increase in globalisation of business operations in the country which has highlighted the need for better urban security with a technologically-advance and mechanically-complex security network. We carry a report in this issue.

I am happy to report that FICCI has been accorded ISO 9001: 2008 Quality Management Systems Certification. This recognition signifies that FICCI's management systems and processes related to service provision to its members and stakeholders are in conformity with requirements of this international standard. Essentially, it reflects transparency and set processes of functioning of FICCI. The Chamber is committed to maintain its certification and shall continuously strive to bring improvement in its systems and processes to meet stakeholders' expectations.

We welcome your feedback and comments on the contents of the issue.

A. Didar Singh