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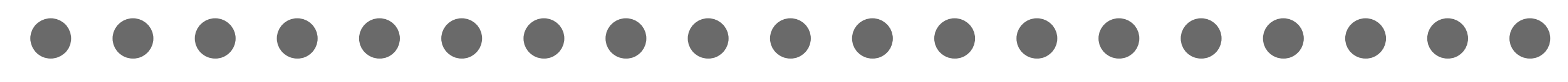
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**Mr. Rajinder Gupta**  
**Regional Chairman-FICCI**

It gives me immense pleasure to reach out to you through **FICCI North Chronicle**, a quarterly e-newsletter of FICCI Regional Council- Chandigarh, Punjab, Haryana and Himachal Pradesh, that shall keep you abreast our initiatives and interventions across industrial sectors!

The first quarter (January 2019- March 2019) of year 2019-20 focused equally on stirring discussions that were long needed, and generating awareness and easing the concerns of the industry members in regard to new policy and amendment in existing one.

The quarter started with Mr. Dilip Chenoy, Secretary General-FICCI visiting Chandigarh to run parallel with the Government of Punjab and understand the common areas where FICCI could support State's mandate. I am pleased to share that his meeting with Mr. Karan Avtar Singh, Chief Secretary - Punjab followed by meeting with Ms. Vini Mahajan, Additional Chief Secretary - Industries were successful and FICCI would be following up on discussed action points. This was followed by another edition of Knowledge Series in GST, catering to the December notification of annual returns filing.

The theme of sustainability ran high in this quarter's agenda. A Regional Stakeholder's Consultation on Waste Management Rules, 2016 (Municipal Solid Waste, E-waste, Construction & Demolition Waste and Plastic Waste) and Sustainable Energy Conclave were our direct step-ins to create a sustainable ecosystem for all.

We also undertook substantial initiatives in economic space. FICCI Regional Council hosted Dr. Ajay Chhibber, Chief Economic Advisor- FICCI for an interactive roundtable on-'Envisioning India 2030', a vision document encasing reforms to enable India become a \$9-10 trillion economy by the year 2030. A Buyer-Seller Meet was also organized between PSUs and MSME SC/ST Entrepreneurs to create a supportive ecosystem for these business owners to thrive in.

Overall, Q1 marked a positive beginning of year 2019-20 for FICCI Regional Council. Other focused engagements are in the pipeline and I look forward to share these with you in the following quarterly editions.

Looking forward to your feedback and suggestions!

## FICCI SECRETARY GENERAL DISCUSSED ROADMAP FOR INITIATIVES IN HIS VISIT TO CHANDIGARH

January 04, 2019 | Chandigarh

Mr. Dilip Chenoy, Secretary General, FICCI engaged with FICCI Regional Advisory Council and met Government of Punjab to discuss a way forward in his visit to Chandigarh on January 04, 2019. Meeting Mr. Karan Avtar Singh, IAS, Chief Secretary, Government of Punjab, he informed about FICCI's initiatives in other states and deliberated over the support FICCI can provide for fulfillment of government's mandate in Punjab. Some of the identified common areas of interest were:

- Skill gap analysis and mapping industry's skill demand
- Consultancy and support desk for investment in Punjab
- Cultural intervention through FICCI's Smart Cities, Art Cities project



Image (From Left to Right): Mr. Deepak Nanda, Trident Limited; Mr. Karan Avtar Singh, IAS, Chief Secretary, Government of Punjab; Mr. Dilip Chenoy, Secretary General, FICCI

Mr. Chenoy also held similar discussions with Ms. Vini Mahajan, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary-Industries and Commerce, Government of Punjab. The visit concluded on the lines that FICCI Regional Advisory Council-Chandigarh would work closely with Punjab Government on the action points for new initiatives.



## KNOWLEDGE SERIES ON GST | ANNUAL RETURNS FILING & RECENT AMENDMENTS

January 15, 2019 | Chandigarh



Image: Madam Manoranjan Kaur Virk, IRS (Chief Commissioner), Mr. Rajan Datt, IRS (Additional Commissioner-CCU), Mr. Kishori Lal, IRS (Commissioner) and Officials; Mr. Sanjay Malhotra (Convener- FICCI Regional Taxation Committee)

FICCI organized a 'Knowledge Series on GST' with special reference to annual returns and recent amendments, on January 16, 2019 at Hotel Park Grand, Chandigarh.

The initiative enhanced industry's understanding of the latest developments in GST and provided them a field to raise their issues with relevant government authority. Mr. Sanjay Malhotra, Practicing Company Secretary and Convener, FICCI Regional Taxation Committee led the participants through the intricacies of GSTR9 & GSTR9C. Key officials from Central Goods and Services Tax Commissionerate-Chandigarh, including Ms. Manoranjan Kaur Virk, IRS, Chief Commissioner; Mr. Kishori Lal, IRS, Commissioner; Mr. K.G Dhawan, IRS, Additional Commissioner; Mr. Rajan Datt, IRS, Additional Commissioner-CCU and Mr. Balbir Singh Khaira, IRS, Assistant Commissioner- GST & NACEN, Chandigarh pointed to the training programs, Seva-Kendra and special refund drives to make GST process easier for tax-payers and offered complete support to resolve industry's concerns.

## HIGHLIGHTS

### → Day 1

Day 1 began on a high note with address from government officials including Smt. Dheera Khandelwal, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Environment and Climate Change, Haryana; Mr. Anil Kumar Jain, IAS, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, GoI; Mr. Kamal Kishore Yadav, IAS, Commissioner- Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh; Mr. Lalit Mohan Pathak, President, Municipal Council, SBS Nagar, Punjab; Mr. Vikas Sood, Joint Commissioner-Municipal Corporation, Shimla. Representatives from Organic Recycling Systems Pvt Ltd, PRO India and UNDP also joined as speakers on Solid Waste and Plastic Waste Management rules, 2016.



### → Who Said What



Mr. Anil Kumar Jain, IAS, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India said in his keynote address,

*"Shift to circular economy and resource efficiency in waste-handling cannot be emphasized enough. We also need to realize that the State Governments have a critical role to play in waste management, since implementation of policies takes place at their level."*



Images (From Top to Bottom): Panel consisting of MoEFCC officials, Ms. Rita Roy Choudhury, Assistant Secretary General, FICCI and officials from SPCB; Ms. Dheera Khandelwal, IAS, ACS-Department of Environment and Climate Change, Haryana presenting green award to industry member; Group Picture of Attendees

### → Who Said What



Ms. Dheera Khandelwal, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Environment and Climate Change, Government of Haryana highlighted the roles of Urban Local Bodies for Waste Management and said,

*"There is an increasing need of a cooperative approach among communities and Municipal corporations for waste handling and management."*

### → Day 2

Following up with the intellectually charged sessions of Day 1, Day 2 encompassed discussion over E-Waste and Construction & Demolition Waste Management Rules, 2016. Speakers from MoEFCC, Karo Sambhav Private Limited (E-Waste PRO) and IL&FS Environmental Infrastructure and Service unequivocally supported data-based policies for benefit of recyclers. Lack of information on reverse logistics company was also identified and MoEFCC was requested to come up with notifications and consider a mechanism where it could map and release list of PRO companies.

## REGIONAL STAKEHOLDERS CONSULTATION ON WASTE MANAGEMENT RULES, 2016

January 21-22, 2019 | Chandigarh

Federation of Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) in association with Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) organized a two-day consultation with regional stakeholders on waste-management rules 2016 on January 21-22, 2019 in Chandigarh.

The Waste Management Rules, 2016 (Municipal Solid Waste, E-waste, Construction & Demolition Waste and Plastic Waste) were notified and amended by MoEFCC. This Consultation highlighted learnings from best practices and success stories in waste management to draw a roadmap of practical measures for effective implementation of these rules. More than 130 industry members participated in focused sessions on Solid Waste and Plastic Waste Management Rules, and E-Waste and Construction & Demolition Waste Management Rules, 2016 on Day 1 and 2 respectively.

A site-visit to a Dadu Majra Waste Processing plant in Chandigarh was also arranged to provide practical knowledge of the waste handling process and received active interest from the attendees.

## INTERACTIVE SESSION ON 'ENVISIONING INDIA 2030'

February 13, 2019 | NITTTR, Chandigarh; February 14, 2019 | IIT Ropar

FICCI Regional Advisory Council- Chandigarh organized an interactive session on 'Envisioning India 2030' on February 13, 2019 at NITTTR, Chandigarh.

FICCI released its vision document 'Envisioning India 2030' in December last year enlisting agendas and reforms to enable India reach its goal of shared prosperity by the year 2030. The document covered 10 inter-related sectors, planned intervention wherein can make India a \$9-10 trillion economy. This interaction session aimed at capturing the perspective of the stakeholders on the suggested reforms, and in the process, strengthening the action plan specific to North Indian States. More than 50 representatives from the industry, academia and research institutes participated in it.



Images (Left to Right): Dr. Chhibber speaking in the session at NITTTR, IIT Ropar officials facilitating Dr. Chhibber, IIT Ropar team and Ms. Jigyasa Narula, Assistant Director-FICCI with Dr. Chhibber

Mr. Subodh Aggarwal, Advisor-FICCI set the tone of the session and pointed to the tremendous growth potential for India in renewable energy and organic farming. Dr. Ajay Chhibber, Chief Economic Advisor- FICCI extensively discussed the document and summarized with three broad heads

- **Shift from Hand-Outs to Hand-Ups**  
Focusing on investment than on subsidies and money handouts
- **Reboot Reforms 2.0**  
Need of another wave of agricultural and industrial reforms
- **Change in Balance Sheet of State**  
Quicker resolution of Non-Performing Assets, leveraging on insurance & pension, and increasing genuine financial inclusion

The second edition of the interactive session was organized by FICCI in IIT Ropar on February 14, 2019. Similar proceedings were followed by an interaction between Dr. Chhibber and the students.

### NEXT UP

THANK YOU PARTNERS

FICCI NORTH INDIA SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT FORUM  
PRESENTS

# SUSTAINABLE ENERGY CONCLAVE

MARCH 1, 2019 | CHANDIGARH

THANK YOU PARTNERS



## SUSTAINABLE ENERGY CONCLAVE

Images (First Row to Last): Mr. Debendra Dalai, IFS, Director-cum-CEO, CREST; View of the Conclave; Col Sumeet Malhan (Retd), CTO-PRESPL; Mr. Abhishek Sabharwal, Industry Principal-Infosys; Audience-View; Participant Interaction during Interactive Session; Dr. Ashok Sharma, CEO-Cleantech International Foundation; Dr. Asad Sahir, Assistant Professor-IIT Ropar; Er. Balkar Singh, AGM-PEDA during Interactive Session; Participant during Interactive Session; Mr. Sudhir Gupta, GM-Manufacturing-CLAAS India

### March 01 | Taj Hotel, Chandigarh

Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) under North India Sustainable Development Forum, fostered a dialogue around viability of present industrial energy consumption and explored new and sustainable methods of meeting energy requirement in its program- 'Sustainable Energy Conclave', on March 1, 2019 at Taj Hotel, Chandigarh.

Mr. Vaibhav Gupta, Senior Programme Lead-CEEW discussed three main drivers- structural change, energy mix and energy efficiency alongside other policy measures to reduce industrial energy emission. Col Sumeet Malhan, CTOO, PRESPL emphasized the significance of waste-to-energy technologies in his presentation on biomass. Similarly, Mr. Vikas Verma, Head of State Office, UNDP; Mr. Debendra Dalai, IFS, Director-cum-CEO, CREST; Mr. Kshitij R. Pillai, Project Officer, Chandigarh Smart City Limited; Er. Balkar Singh, AGM, PEDA and Mr. Navneet Malhotra Head-Operations, Max Specialty Films Limited discussed the learnings from their energy-efficiency projects with the participants.

Other speakers who explored the utility of energy-efficient technologies and drew user-perspective were Mr. Abhishek Sabharwal, Industry Principal, Infosys Ltd, Dr. Ashok Sharma, Chief Executive, Cleantech International Foundation, Mr. Vivek Verma, Managing Director, Spray Engineering Devices and Mr. Sudhir Gupta, Head Manufacturing, CLAAS India.

IIT Ropar, Chitkara University, PEC, UIET-Panjab University, CCET and other leading institutes actively participated in the program and pushed for supportive industry-academia interface.

### Who Said What



Mr. Vaibhav Gupta, Senior Programme Lead-CEEW commented,

"Industries consume about 47% of India's energy supply, which is a big

chunk of energy going into industries. If we convert it in terms of industrial expenditure, energy would form about 22% of industries overall spending."

## BUYER-SELLER MEET FOR MSME SC/ST ENTREPRENEURS

March 20, 2019 | Homotel Hotel, Chandigarh

FICCI Regional Advisory Council-Chandigarh in association with Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises and National Small Industries Corporation organized a Buyer-Seller Meet (BSM) between PSUs and MSME SC/ST Entrepreneurs on March 20, 2019 in Hotel Homotel, Chandigarh.

The Government released a Public Procurement Policy in 2012, that earmarks 25% procurement of government-run agencies from MSME, and further sets a sub-target of 4% procurement from SC/ST Entrepreneurs. Mr. Ravi Kant (Head NSSHO, NSIC), Mr. Rakesh Vaid (Assistant Director, MSME Development Institute, Ludhiana) and Mr. Kush Tyagi (Business Facilitator, Government e-Marketplace) and graced the meet as speakers.

More than ten buyers, including Punjab State Warehousing Corporation, BPCL, HPCL, VERKA, Punjab Agro Industries, Rural Electrification Corporation Limited, ECGC Limited, National Fertilizer Limited, interacted with 60+ number of MSME SC/ST sellers to share details on their procurement and vendor registration in a one-to-one interaction session.







## UPCOMING INITIATIVE

### PROGRAMS

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MAY, 2019	KNOWLEDGE SERIES IN GST
JUNE, 2019	THE SMART FACTORY
JULY, 2019	KNOWLEDGE SERIES IN GST
AUGUST, 2019	REGIONAL LOGISTICS CONCLAVE
SEPTEMBER, 2019	EDUCATION EMPLOYMENT SUMMIT
NOVEMBER, 2019	KNOWLEDGE SERIES IN GST
DECEMBER 15, 2019	NORTH INDIA ECONOMIC FORUM

### DELEGATIONS

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JUNE, 2019	FICCI BUSINESS DELEGATION TO UK ON HIGHER EDUCATION
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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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MAY, 2019	FICCI REGIONAL TAXATION COMMITTEE   MEETING
MAY, 2019	FICCI REGIONAL COMMITTEE ON WASTE MANAGEMENT & RECYCLING   MEETING & MEMBER INDUCTION
MAY, 2019	FICCI REGIONAL COMMITTEE ON ENTERTAINMENT   MEETING & MEMBER INDUCTION



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