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I am pleased to reach out to you with the latest edition of FICCI North Chronicle, a quarterly e-newsletter of Punjab, Haryana and Himachal Pradesh Regional Advisory Council that shall apprise you with initiatives undertaken and activities conducted by Council for facilitation of industries across sectors.

The first quarter (April-June 2019) of FY 2019-20 witnessed proceedings of General Elections 2019, the most rigorous democratic exercise that shall define India's economic, political and social trajectory for next five years, until General Elections 2024. With the new Government in place, FICCI proactively engaged with relevant departments for post-election consultations, especially on Union Budget 2019. You would be glad to note that our office pursued taxation-related concerns of the state-level industry players with relevant Government authorities.

The agenda of trade promotion and industry-academia interface also received significant space on our spectrum in this quarter. Punjab, Haryana and Himachal Pradesh Regional Advisory Council had the pleasure of assisting industry members of this region in understanding and penetrating the market of Vietnam and Canada for trade and collaboration. To that extent, a forum for industrial interaction with His Excellency Ambassador of Vietnam, Pham Sanh Chau and delegation was organized in April, while a close-door meeting with Mr. Frank Le, Trade Commissioner-Canada was held in June.

At the same time, FICCI's placement drives contributed to industry-academia matchmaking by bringing job-providers, job-seekers, training and skilling agencies at a single platform, under the ambit of F.A.C.E (FICCI Academic Collaboration & Employment). A study delegation of Haryana's academic decision-makers to UK, led by Sh. Ram Bilas Sharma (Minister of Education, Haryana) and other officials of Department of Technical Education-Haryana was our another initiative in that pursuit. Vice Chancellors of four State Universities -- Dr Tankeshwar Kumar (Vice Chancellor, Guru Jambheshwar University of Science and Technology), Dr Rajbir Singh (Vice Chancellor, Pandit Lakhmi Chand State University of Performing and Visual Arts), Dr Dinesh K. Aggarwal (Vice Chancellor, JC Bose University of Science & Technology YMCA) and Dr Rajendra Kumar Anayat (Vice Chancellor, Deenbandhu Chhotu Ram University Of Science And Technology) actively engaged with their counterparts in UK and are set to enter into collaborations with them.

Overall, this quarter paved a strong foundation for our sector-specific interventions. I look forward to share details over these with you in the upcoming edition of FICCI North Chronicle!

Rajinder Gupta
Regional Chairman
FICCI

INDUSTRY EXPLORES TRADE PROSPECTS IN FICCI'S ROUNDTABLE MEET WITH VIETNAMESE DELEGATION

April 17, 2019 | Chandigarh



Image (From Above to Below): Group Picture of Attendees; Industry Members Discussing Trade Prospects; His Excellency Ambassador of Vietnam Pham Sanh Chou giving concluding remarks

Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) organized a roundtable meeting of industry members with Vietnamese delegation, led by His Excellency Ambassador Pham Sanh Chau and comprising of his First Secretaries -- Mr. Bui Trung Thuong and Ms. Hoang Diem Hanh on April 17, 2019 in Chandigarh.

The meet aimed at supporting the target of expanding bilateral trade between India and Vietnam to USD 15 billion by 2020, by fostering a dialogue between Vietnamese delegation and manufacturers/ exporters of Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh and UT Chandigarh for exploring trade potential.

Trade in media and entertainment, textile, livestock and paper & packaging was discussed in detail by the attendees, which also comprised of key representative from each of these sectors. In a shift from industry to academia, the scope of collaboration in technical and higher education between both the countries was also taken up with the delegation. The meeting ended with His Excellency Ambassador of Vietnam offering complete support from his office for the proposed initiatives.



WHO SAID WHAT

His Excellency Ambassador Pham Sanh Chau, while commenting on way forward for India-Vietnam trade said, "We are aiming to reduce our dependence on China for textile; in its place, we will deepen our textile trade with India. Vietnam is also open to collaboration in media and entertainment domain, and welcome Indian producers to carry out video production in its cities. To that extent, our office would be available to connect Indian industry members with their Vietnamese counterpart to discuss the prospects further."

FICCI FACILITATES INDUSTRY-ACADEMIA INTERFACE WITH PLACEMENT DRIVES

April 5 and April 20, 2019 | Chandigarh

As a part of its commitment to F.A.C.E (FICCI Academic Collaboration & Employment), FICCI Regional Advisory Council organized placement drives to bring together job provider, job seeker and government and non-government training & skilling agencies for matchmaking and mutual benefit.

- 1 ● **Identifying Industrial Manpower Requirement**
- 2 ● **Identifying Skilling & Training Agencies**
- 3 ● **Creation of Common Platform for Connecting Job-Seeker and Job-Provider**
- 4 ● **Finalization and Commencement of Hiring Plan**
- 5 ● **Consultation for Job-Fairs, Mapping, Industry Outreach & Relation Programs**
- 6 ● **Agenda-Specific Roundtables and Programs**

As India is constantly driving towards being the human recourse capital for the world, the ground realities of current unemployment rate fails to fit in the picture.

India is one of the fastest growing economies of the world and it is expected to be one of the top three economic powers of the world with coming time. Currently, India is growing with the pace of 7.5%, unfortunately unemployment is keeping up with this growth rate. Unemployment rate in India was recorded to be 6.1% in 2017-18, which was the highest in 45 years. FICCI F.A.C.E drives its agenda from this to further the cause of employment-rich growth.

This time around, two placement drives (first on April 05, 2019 in Sector 11 and the second on April 20, 2019 at Elante Mall) were organized with support of Chandigarh Skill Development Mission. The objective was to cater to employee requirement of Conneqt Business Solution Limited, one of the industry members of this region. About 55 participants engaged in the initiative and 45 of them were placed towards the end.

FICCI, Conneqt Business Solution Limited & Chandigarh Skill Development Mission is planning to build up to the momentum of this initiative with four more placement drives at various locations.



Images from Placement Drives

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APRIL 2019

Eighth Meeting of Governing Council, Department of Technical Education, Government of Haryana:

Focus on upgradation of technical education in Haryana; industry-academia interface discussed

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MAY 2019

Meeting with Department of Local Government, Government of Punjab:

Punjab's agenda in waste management and recycling was discussed in detail with Mr. Ajoy Sharma, IAS, Secretary, Department of Local Government & CEO-PMIDC, Government of Punjab. FICCI also invited the department to join on-board for Regional Committee on Waste Management & Recycling

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MAY 2019

Meeting with Department of Industries and Commerce, Government of Punjab:

IFICCI invited the department to engage with industry leaders, sustainability officers of Punjab via platform of FICCI Regional Committee on Waste Management & Recycling. The Department extended has nominated a representative to that end.

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APRIL 2019

Meeting with Department of Industries and Commerce, Government of Punjab:

Interest of auto and auto component industry of Punjab was discussed, in special reference to Punjab's roadmap in the domain, with Mr. K.S. Brar, IAS, Joint Director and Mr. Visva Bandhu Mogha, Deputy Director, Policy Implementation Unit, Department of Industries and Commerce, Punjab

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MAY 2019

Meeting with Department of Industries Commerce, Government of Haryana:

Mr. Ashok Sangwan, IAS (Director General, Department of Industries Commerce, Haryana) discussed FICCI's contribution in facilitating department's action plan in waste management, as well as food-processing industry in Haryana.

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MAY 2019

Meeting with Municipal Corporation, UT Chandigarh:

Mr. Kamal Kishore Yadav, IAS, Municipal Commissioner, Chandigarh deliberated upon the action plan for waste management and sustainability in the Union Territory. As a takeaway of the meet, a representative of Municipal Corporation joined FICCI Waste Management & Recycling Committee.

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MAY 2019

Pre-Union Budget 2019 Meeting with Invest Punjab:

FICCI put forth State-level concerns and proposed suggestions in taxation in a pre-Budget consultation with Mr. Rajat Aggarwal, IAS, CEO-Invest Punjab.



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MAY 2019

EIGHTH MEETING OF REGIONAL ADVISORY GROUP OF NABARD ON 'HI-TECH AGRICULTURE'

With Mr. J.P.S. Bindra, Chief General Manger, NABARD, Punjab Regional Office



FICCI put forth valuable suggestions on HiTech Agriculture, sepcifcally on technology for sustainable and diversified agriculture in Punjab, modernization of horticulture sector, reversing deteriorating soil health and promoting marketability of agriculture etc.

NORTH INDIA-CANADA TRADE TIES: EXPLORING PROSPECTS WITH TRADE COMMISSIONER OF CANADA

June 18, 2019 | Chandigarh



Image (From Left to Right); GB Singh, Regional Head-FICCI, Mr. Deepak Nanda, Managing Director-Trident Group; Mr. Frank Le, First Secretary and Trade Commissioner of Canada to India; Ms Sukhmani Kang, Trade Assistant, Trade Commission of Canada; Mr. Arun Sharma, Senior Assistant Director, FICCI



WHO SAID WHAT

Mr. Frank Le, First Secretary and Trade Commissioner of Canada concluded the meetin and said

"Canada is committed to a better and enhanced trade relations with North India. We would, in fact, invite industry leaders of this region to visit Canada and engage with their Canadian counterparts to get a real-time idea of the avenues of collaboration. High Commission of Canada would be readily available to facilitate such engagements and meetings."

FICCI Regional Advisory Council, Chandigarh discussed the status of the bilateral trade between North Indian States and Canada and explored further trade potential across key sectors of this region in a close-meeting with Mr. Frank Le, First Secretary & Trade Commissioner, High Commission of Canada on June 18, 2019 in Chandigarh.

Bilateral trade between India and Canada has grown from US\$ 3.21 billion in 2009-2010 to US\$ 7.23 billion in 2017-18. Both the economies are committed to enhancing trade ties and thereby are putting increasing focus on exploring each other's market for goods and services. The meeting with Mr. Frank Le aimed at mapping the areas of mutual interest and understanding scope of FICCI's contribution in facilitating trade especially with the States of Punjab, Haryana & Himachal Pradesh.

The meeting commenced with GB Singh, Regional Head. FICCI explaining the industry dynamics of this region while also identifying textile, technical education & skills, media & entertainment, livestock and service tourism as key areas of potential collaboration and investment. Mr. Deepak Nanda, Managing Director-Trident Group represented textile and paper cluster in the discussion over deepening trade in this sector. Considering Canada's success in development and implementation of advanced technologies for industrial and non-industrial use, the need to promote startups and entrepreneurship by leveraging Industry 4.0 technologies, including Internet of Things (IoT) and Artificial Intelligence (AI), was raised by FICCI Officials. The possibility of

enhanced trade in sports goods, a cluster of which is based in Jalandhar, was also discussed. Initiatives/measures as discussed during the meet shall be followed up with High Commission of Canada in subsequent meetings..



Image (From Left to Right): GB Singh, Regional head, FICCI; Mr. A. Sreenivas, Director General cum Special Secretary, Department of Technical Education, Haryana; Lord Bilimoria, Chairman, Cobra Beer Partnership; Mr. Ram Bilas Sharma, Minister of Technical Education, Haryana; Prof (Dr.) Tankeshwar Kumar, Vice-Chancellor, Guru Jambheshwar University of Science & Technology; Mr. Hitesh Arora, Deputy Secretary (Training and Placement), Department of Technical Education, Haryana

To leverage academic collaboration and place education & skill institutions in Haryana on a global map, a delegation of policy makers, education and academicians to United Kingdom (U.K.) was facilitated by FICCI Chandigarh jointly with Department of Technical Education, Haryana from July 1, 2019 to July 6, 2019. FICCI UK Office also played a key role in the visit.

Led by Mr. Ram Bilas Sharma, Minister of Technical Education, Haryana, the delegation comprised of Mr. A. Sreenivas, Director General representing Technical Education Department, Haryana; and Vice Chancellors of four State Science & Technical Universities namely, Dr Tankeshwar Kumar (Vice Chancellor, Guru Jambheshwar University of Science and Technology, Hisar), Dr Rajbir Singh (Vice Chancellor, Pandit Lakhmi Chand State University of Performing and Visual Arts), Dr Dinesh K. Aggarwa (Vice Chancellor, JC Bose University of Science & Technology YMCA Faridabad) and Dr Rajendra Kumar Anayat (Vice Chancellor, Deenbandhu Chhotu Ram University Of Science And Technology, Murthal) representing academia.

Fruitful discussions were made in meetings with NPTC Group of Colleges, Neath Wales; Department of Technical Education, United Kingdom; Department of Business Energy Industrial Strategy (BEIS), United Kingdom; UK Universities International; Middlesex University; Association of Commonwealth Universities; University of London; International School of Government, King's College, London. The delegation also met Lord Karan Bilimoria, Chancellor of the University of Birmingham for collaboration with Haryana institutions. Similar interactions with representatives from Prince Trust, University of Northampton, Nottingham Trent University, Scottish Chamber of Commerce and Apprenticeship & Technical Education-UK were held.

Overall the visit was successful and proposed points shall be taken up in further engagements.

FACILITATING ACADEMIC COLLABORATION STUDY DELEGATION TO UK

July 01, 2019 to July 06, 2019 | London



हरियाणा के शिक्षा मंत्री रामबिलास शर्मा ने ब्रिटेन की राजधानी लंदन में वोर्बर्न हाउस लंदन पहुंच कर यूके यूनिवर्सिटी के डायरेक्टर विवियन स्टर्न, वाइस चांसलर प्रो. सर स्टीव स्मिथ और इंसटर के मुख्य कार्यकारी से मुलाकात की। हरियाणा में तकनीकी शिक्षा को बढ़ावा देने के साथ-साथ नई तकनीकों का अध्ययन किया।

Education Minister visits House of Commons

DP BUREAU
Chandigarh

Education Minister Ram Bilas Sharma on Friday visited the House of Commons and the House of Lords of the United Kingdom. He also met Lord Karan Bilimoria, Chancellor of Birmingham University, one of the world's top universities. The Education Minister was accompanied by Director General, Haryana Technical Education Department, A. Sreenivas, Vice Chancellor, Guru Jambheshwar University of Science and Technology Hisar, Prof. Tankeshwar Kumar, Deputy Secretary, Haryana Technical Education Department Hitesh Kumar and Regional

Head of FICCI G.B. Singh. The delegation, led by the Education Minister held discussions with Chancellor of Birmingham University and other high officials regarding the academic collaboration between Universities of Haryana and Birmingham University. Lord Karan Bilimoria assured the Haryana Education Minister of help in establishing close relations between Haryana and Britain in academic matters.

Sharma said that in the new education policy being framed by the Union Ministry of Human Resource and Development, the issue of establishing an insti-

tution in collaboration with the best universities abroad and opening the campus of

It is worth mentioning here that Birmingham University was the first to make



top foreign universities in India will be raised.

pacemaker and plastic heart-valve.

Several MoUs signed during my London visit: Ram Bilas Sharma

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CHANDIGARH, JUL 17

Haryana Technical Education Minister Ram Bilas Sharma said that during his London visit, several MoUs were signed which will increase employment opportunities in Haryana and research will be carried out with the Universities of London.

Addressing a press conference here on Wednesday, the Minister said that the MoU has been signed with University of Northampton and Nottingham Trent University, UK with the purpose to establish a progressive ecosystem to identify the futuristic area for collaboration. He said that the MoU with NTPC Group of Colleges is under process. These groups have agreed to upgrade the vocational skills education and teachers training via pedagogy training and provide assistance in creating an eco-system for incubator/entrepreneurship with centre of excellence being established in the state.

He said that the MoU with University of London for parallel degree is under process. Apart from this, the University of London has agreed to run parallel degree programs through recognized training centres in virtual learning environment especially for B.Sc Computer Science/Cyber Sciences and M.Sc data science in technical universities of Haryana and also to collaborate in the area of online learning with the universities. The MoU is under process with Coventry University, he added.

Mr Sharma said the state will benefit greatly from the visit of the tech-



nical education department to Britain. He said that it has been agreed to set up an International Training Centre with the assistance of King's College of London to train civil employees and technical field teachers of Haryana.

He informed that during London visit, the major issues discussed included curriculum development, qualification framework, faculty exchange and visit, students' exchange, skilling, technical education, joint academic research, commercialization of research, funding opportunities, setting up of innovation and incubation centers and entrepreneurship learning and placements.

He said that the delegation also visited the University of Middlesex,

University of London, Oxford Innovation Lab, Cambridge University, UK Universities International, Association of Common-Wealth Universities, Department of Education and BEIS UK, Institute of Apprenticeship and Technical Education UK, Prince Trust International, Scottish Chambers of Commerce, House of Lords Queen Mary Resilient Futures India Initiative and Lord Karan Bilimoria Chancellor of Birmingham University.

He said that the delegation of the Scottish Chamber of Commerce is visiting India, to explore further partnership, the delegation will also visit the Directorate of Haryana Technical Education Department located in Panchkula, on July 22.

HARYANA INKS PACTS WITH UK VARSITIES

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CHANDIGARH: Haryana technical education minister Ram Bilas Sharma on Wednesday said memorandums of understanding (MoUs) have been signed with some universities of United Kingdom (UK), which would increase employment opportunities and research works in Haryana.

Talking to the media here after the return of a delegation of the technical education department led by him from UK, Sharma said the delegation held several meetings with various London universities and it was agreed to set up an International training centre with the assistance of King's College of London to train civil employees and technical field teachers of Haryana.

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तकनीकी शिक्षा को बढ़ावा देने को शिक्षा मंत्री यूके यूनिवर्सिटी के डायरेक्टर व वीसी से मिले

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हरियाणा के शिक्षा मंत्री रामबिलास शर्मा व उनके साथ गए प्रतिनिधिमंडल का यूके यूनिवर्सिटी लंदन पहुंचने पर डायरेक्टर विवियन स्टर्न, वाइस चांसलर प्रो. सर स्टीव स्मिथ और इक्सटर के मुख्य कार्यकारी ने गर्मजोशी से स्वागत किया।

इस दौरान दोनों देशों के बीच शिक्षा उपयोग में व्यापार मजबूत व शिक्षा को बढ़ावा जैसे द्विपक्षीय मुद्दों पर बातचीत हुई। शिक्षा मंत्री रामबिलास शर्मा के साथ तकनीकी शिक्षा विभाग हरियाणा के महानिदेशक श्रीनिवास,

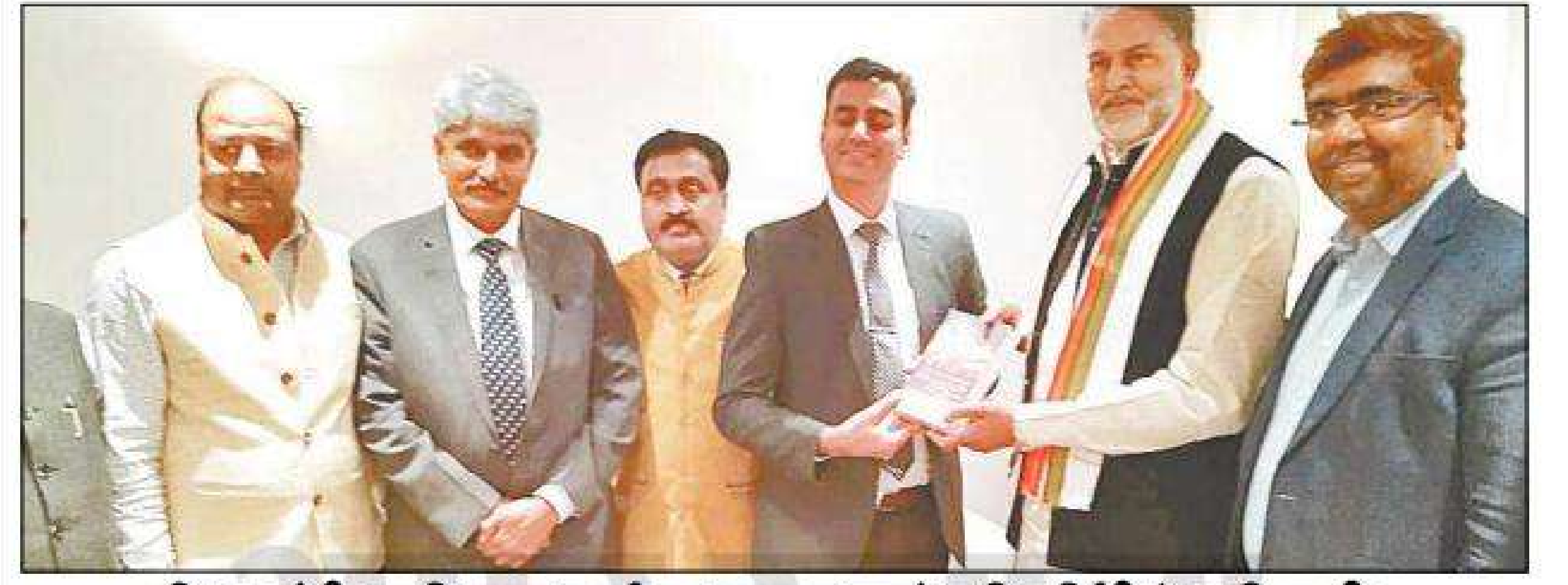


लंदन में अधिकारियों से वार्तालाप करते शिक्षामंत्री रामबिलास शर्मा।

निदेशक केके कटारिया, गुरु जंभेश्वर यूनिवर्सिटी के कुलपति डॉ. टंकेश्वर सचदेवा, दीनबन्धु छोटूराम यूनिवर्सिटी ऑफ साइंस

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तकनीकी शिक्षा के बढ़ावे पर जोर



शिक्षा मंत्री रामबिलास शर्मा का स्वागत करते यूनिवर्सिटी के अधिकारी।

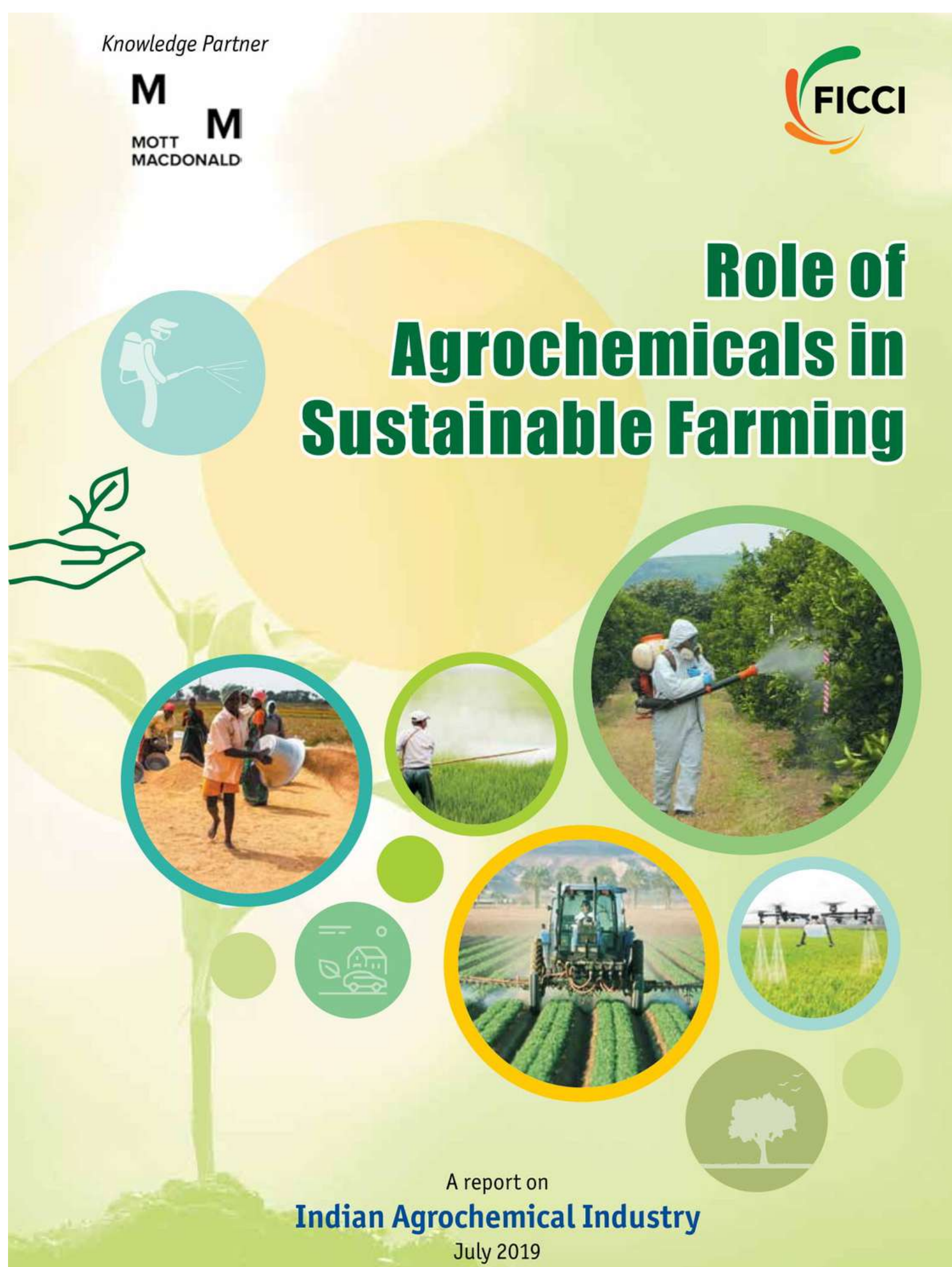
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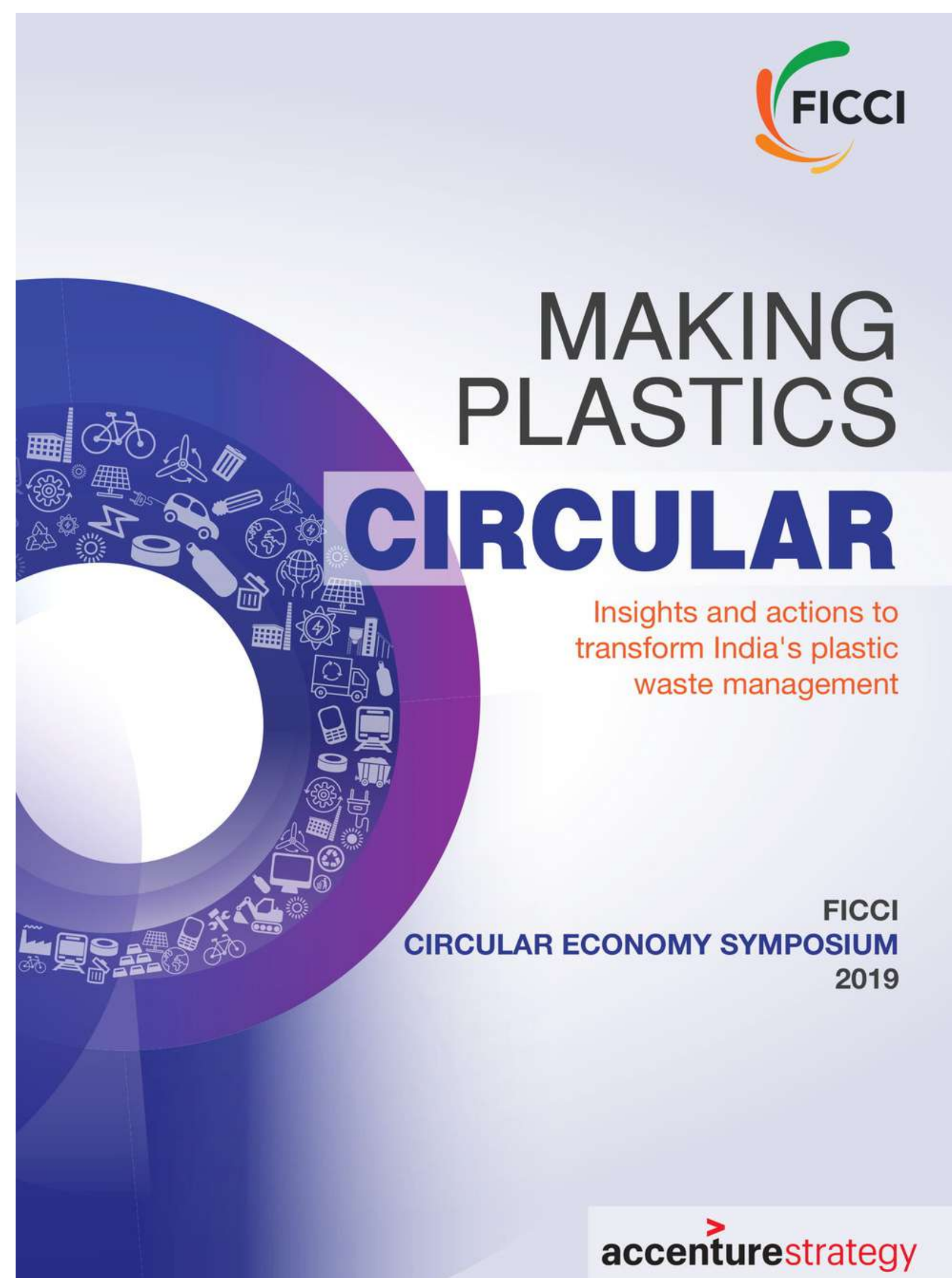
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के बारे में उन्हें बताया। इस अवसर पर शिक्षामंत्री रामबिलास शर्मा के साथ तकनीकी शिक्षा विभाग हरियाणा के महानिदेशक ए श्रीनिवास, निदेशक केके कटारिया, गुरु जंभेश्वर यूनिवर्सिटी के कुलपति डॉ. टंकेश्वर सचदेवा, दीनबन्धु छोटूराम यूनिवर्सिटी ऑफ साइंस एंड टेक्नोलॉजी मुरथल के कुलपति डॉ. राजेन्द्र अनायत, वाईएमसीए यूनिवर्सिटी फरीदाबाद के कुलपति डॉ. दिनेश बंसल भी मौजूद थे।

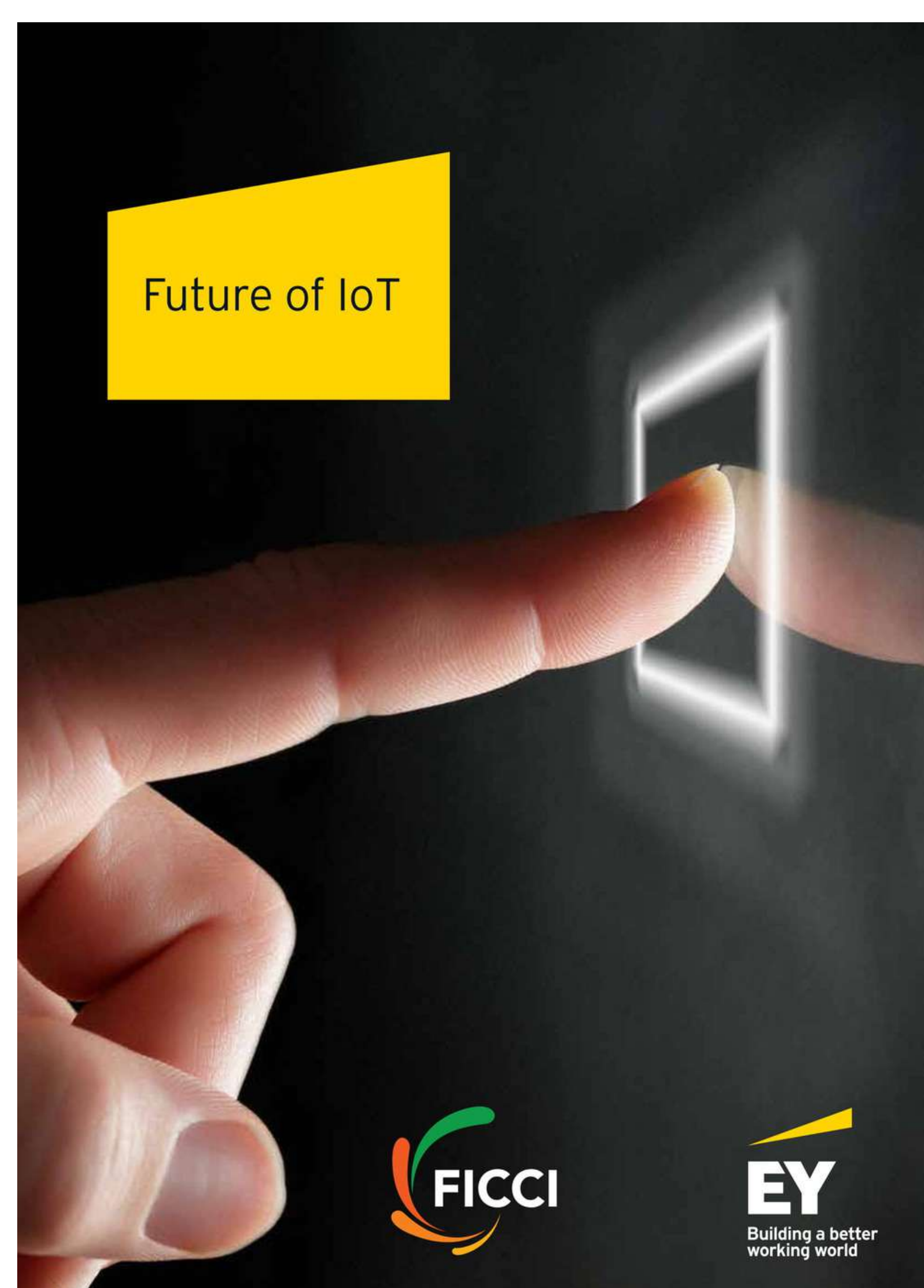
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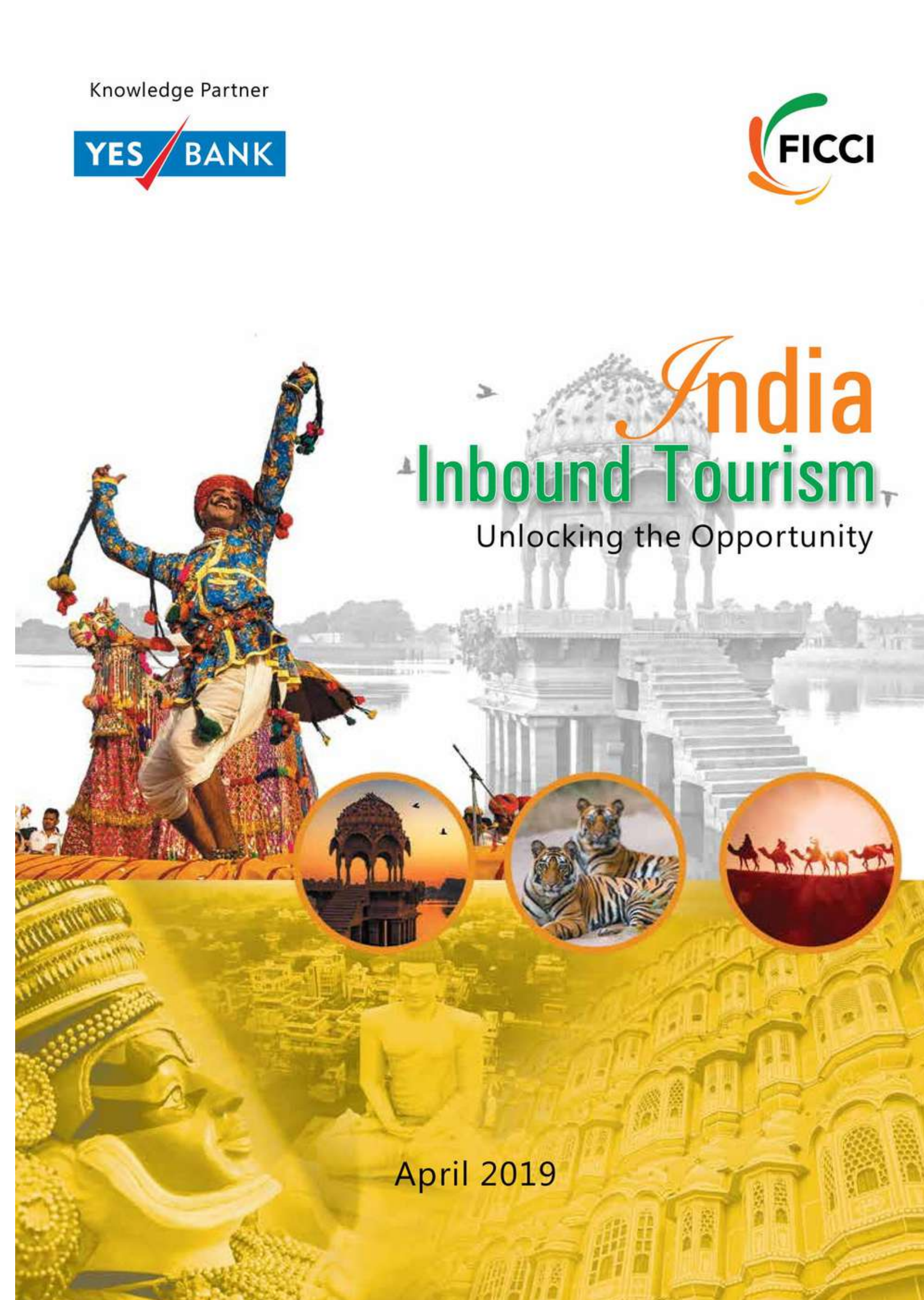
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