



RAJASTHAN ANNUAL REVIEW 2019



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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE



I take immense pride and pleasure in reaching out to you through FICCI Rajasthan Annual Review 2019, providing a glimpse of our activities in 2019.

It has been a very eventful year covering various facets and sectors critical to the growth and development of Rajasthan. Our interventions in the field of Mining, Tourism, MSME, Human Resource, Start-ups, International Linkages, Technology and Innovation were aimed at unleashing the vast growth potential of the state in these areas.

Rajasthan, under the dynamic leadership of Shri Ashok Gehlot, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Government of Rajasthan is taking progressive steps by creating an enabling ecosystem for sustainable socio-economic development of the state.

We assure our full support and cooperation to the State Government and look forward to a collaborative and consultative functioning to realise our shared vision of creating a developed society with distributive justice.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Sandip Somany, President, FICCI; Mr Dilip Chenoy, Secretary General, FICCI; Our Co-Chairmen, Mr Randhir Vikram Singh and Mr Raman Kumar Sharma; Sub-Committee Chairmen, Dr Ajay Data, Mr Somesh Gupta, Mr Gopal Gupta and Mr Rajneesh Singhvi; Leaders of our Chamber Members especially Dr K L Jain and membership at large for their support and guidance during 2019.

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Ashok Kajaria

Chairman

FICCI Rajasthan State Council

10th Edition of The India Stonemart

31 January – 3 February 2019, Jaipur

The 10th edition of India Stonemart was successfully organised by Centre for Development of Stones (CDOS) with Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI). Rajasthan State Industrial Development & Investment Corporation Ltd (RIICO) was the Principal Sponsor of the event. Shri Ashok Gehlot, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Government of Rajasthan was the Chief Guest and Shri Parsadi Lal Meena, Hon'ble Minister for Industry, Government of Rajasthan was the Guest of Honour during the Inaugural Session.

While speaking as Chief Guest, Shri Ashok Gehlot, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Rajasthan said that livelihood and employment for the youth is a grave challenge being faced by the country. Currently, 3/4th of India's population falls in the working age category. Over 10 lakh people are employed in the stone industry in the State, he added. On the occasion the Chief Minister also conferred 'All India Stone Architectural Awards' in different categories and released the Exhibitors' Directory of the mart.

In conjunction to India Stonemart, 3rd edition of Jaipur Architecture Festival was also organised. The theme of JAF is 'Stone as Vocabulary in Architecture'. Eminent architects from India and abroad participated in the festival and shared their thoughts and ideas with the practicing architects from Rajasthan and faculties & students of Architecture colleges.

The event witnessed participation of Exhibitors from 8 countries and 17 states of India. Overseas pavilions from Turkey, China, Italy; participation from Spain, Brazil, Taiwan, Iran; state pavilions from Gujarat, Odisha and Jharkhand added to glory of the event. The 'Shilpgram' which was essentially a stone artisans' pavilion wherein 31 artisans displayed their products. 35,000 visitors including 27,000 business visitors visited the exhibition. 35 best display awards in different categories like Display of Stones and Stone Products; Display of Stone Art Product, Display of Machinery, Tool and Consumable, were given to exhibiting companies.



Shri Ashok Gehlot, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Rajasthan addressing during Inaugural Session



Release of Exhibitor Directory during Inaugural Session



Inauguration of The India Stonemart Exhibition



Eminent architects from across the globe at 3rd Jaipur Architecture Festival



Rajasthan Minerals & Mining 2.0

Vision & Opportunities 2030

30 July 2019, Jaipur

FICCI along with Ministry of Mines, Government of India and Department of Mines & Geology, Government of Rajasthan organized a Conference on Rajasthan Minerals & Mining 2.0 at Jaipur.



Mr D B Gupta, Chief Secretary, Government of Rajasthan during Inaugural Session with other Eminent Speakers

Mr D B Gupta, Chief Secretary, Government of Rajasthan said that the an attempt has been made in the draft of new Mineral Policy to do away with the lacunae that hinder the exploitation of the mineral potential. The Chief Secretary further added that the policy of auction also needs to be examined. In the past four-and-a-half years there has not been a single, meaningful case of auction of major minerals in the State. Same is the case with many other States.

During a panel discussion and two technical sessions deliberating upon leveraging mining potential of the state, Expediting Mineral Exploration & Production with thrust on Safety, Technology & Sustainability and Rajasthan as Mining Hub in the Country saw the participation of Mr Sudarshan Sethi, Additional Chief Secretary – Mines and Petroleum, Government of Rajasthan; Mr Gaurav Goyal, Managing Director, RIICO & Commissioner, BIP, Government of Rajasthan; Mr Amitabh Gupta, Director - Commercial & CEO, Fertilizer, Hindustan Zinc; Mr Tuhin Mukherjee, Chairman, FICCI Mining Committee; etc.



Addl Chief Secretary – Mines and Managing Director, RIICO during Panel Discussion

Mr Sudarshan Sethi, Additional Chief Secretary – Mines and Petroleum, Government of Rajasthan; Mr Gaurav Goyal, Managing Director, RIICO & Commissioner, BIP, Government of Rajasthan; Mr Amitabh Gupta, Director - Commercial & CEO, Fertilizer, Hindustan Zinc; Mr Tuhin Mukherjee, Chairman, FICCI Mining Committee; etc.

Around 250 delegates from across Rajasthan attended the programme.

MoU Signing for the 11th edition of The India Stonemart

19 June 2019, Jaipur



MoU signing for 11th edition of The India Stonemart

4th Digital Rajasthan and 2nd Start-up Conclave

Digital Rajasthan: Embracing Change

28 August 2019, Jaipur



Mr D B Gupta, Chief Secretary, Government of Rajasthan addressing as Chief Guest

FICCI Rajasthan State Council, alongwith Software Technology Parks of India (STPI), Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), Government of India, organized the 4th edition of Digital Rajasthan Conclave. Mr D B Gupta, Chief Secretary, Government of Rajasthan was the Chief Guest and H.E. Mr Kenji Hiramatsu, Ambassador of Japan to India was the Keynote Speaker at the Inaugural Session. A FICCI – PwC Report on “Digital Rajasthan: Embracing Change” was also released during the event.

The conclave featured:

- Session on Emerging Technologies and Trends
- Session on Securing the Digital Boundaries
- A Panel Discussion on How to Grow Start-up without External Funding
- 9 Start-ups participated in Parallel Start-up Pitch Town
- Display of 23 Tech Start-ups

Addressing the house at Inaugural Session, Mr D B Gupta, Chief Secretary, Government of Rajasthan said, “Government is committed to reach citizens through technology. Our vision is to move from door step services to finger tip services.” He also said that the recent advancement of technologies is providing a huge number of opportunities and today the focus of any service provider is on ‘Ease of Accessibility’ and user convenience has become vital in every aspect.

H.E. Mr Kenji Hiramatsu, Ambassador of Japan to India in his Keynote Address said that digital ecosystem is changing the world at very fast pace and India is a Heart of Digital Transformation. India is working exceptionally well in the field of technology innovation and Rajasthan is no exception to it.

During the Inaugural Address, Dr Subodh Agarwal, Addl. Chief Secretary – Industries, Government of Rajasthan; Mr Ashok Kajaria, Chairman, FICCI Rajasthan State Council; Mr Randhir Vikram Singh, Co-Chairman, FICCI Rajasthan State Council; Mr Pankaj Khurana, Partner, PwC India and Mr Yogesh Seth, Senior Director, SAP India also shared their views.



Unveiling of FICCI – PwC Report on “Digital Rajasthan: Embracing Change”

Programme witnessed Session on “Emerging Technologies & Trends” which was addressed by Ms Shipra Bhalla Chowdhary, Director, Digital Government, SAP India; Dr. Ajay Data, Founder & CEO, Data Ingenious Global Ltd; Mr Ajay Gupta, Global Head, Smart Cities & IoT, Tech Mahindra and Mr Navneet Sharma, Vice President, Aeris Communication. Another session on “Securing the Digital Boundaries” had Mr Bimal Patwari, President, Pinnacle Infotech; Ms Savita Utreja, Sr. Director and Scientist ‘G’, Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In), Ministry of Electronics & IT, Government of India; Col. Inderjeet Singh, Chief Cyber Security Officer, Vara United; Mr Sujeeth Samrat, Principal, Digital Strategy and Consulting, Infosys Finacle; Mr Britto Sidhan, Cybersecurity, Principal Architect, Schneider Electric and Mr Mukesh Choudhary, CEO, Cyberops Infosec LLP.



Session on “Emerging Technologies & Trends”



Panel Discussion on “How to Grow Start-up without External Funding”

Panel discussion on “How to Grow Start-up without External Funding” was addressed by Mr Chintan Bakshi, CEO, Starup Oasis; Mr Anup Khandelwal, Founder & CEO, Kirana King; Mr Rohit Sharma, CEO Shaadidukan.com; Mr Abhishek Daga, Co-Founder, Thrillophilia; Mr Saurabh Sharma, Co-Founder, Onio Seller Services and Mr Shubham Arora, Associate Director, PwC India, wherein they shared insights on how in this competitive age with bare-minimum funds and without any external support a start-up can survive in the market.

Around 200 start-ups and other participants attended the event and got benefited from the deliberations of interactive session.



A Start-up during the Start-up Pitch Town



Start-up Expo

Rajasthan IoT Summit

Transforming Business through Technology Disruption

12 June 2019, Jaipur

To discuss on the technology disruptions in today's era, FICCI Rajasthan State Council organised Rajasthan IoT Summit at Jaipur. With "Transforming Business through Technology Disruption" as the theme, this was the first edition of Rajasthan IoT Summit. A knowledge report on "Future of IoT" by FICCI and E&Y was also released during the summit.

Addressing during the Inaugural Session as Chief Guest, Mr D B Gupta, Chief Secretary, Government of Rajasthan said, "IoT is an emerging topic of technical, social and economic significance. Government agencies are striving to deliver quality services in increasingly complex environment and therefore will look at ways to apply IoT Technology to find new value for their citizens."



Unveiling of FICCI and E&Y Knowledge Report on "Future of IoT"

While delivering his keynote address during Plenary Session, Dr Subodh Agarwal, Addl Chief Secretary - Industries, Government of Rajasthan talked about how technology is constantly evolving from agriculture revolution to industrial revolution and human mind and body has kept pace with it and kept changing according to the situations. Talking about IoT, Mr Amrish Kumar, Commissioner - IT, Government of Rajasthan said IoT is among the group of buzz words like block chain, IoT, Artificial Intelligence etc. Before we want to do IoT, we need internet and today, 4G connectivity is the base of IoT.



Dr Subodh Agarwal, ACS - Industries, GoR delivering Keynote Address during Session on Role of IoT in Building a Smart, Secure and Connected World

Session on "Demystifying the potential of Artificial Intelligence & IoT" and "Role of IoT in Building a Smart, Secure and Connected World" were addressed by prominent speakers from renowned organisations. Mr Deepak Mittal, Business Head – Front Office Transformation, TCS; Mr Tulsidharan Viswanathan, Director, Digital Government – India, SAP India; Mr Harsh Pareek, Regional Sales Director, Trimble Solution India Pvt Ltd; Mr Mohit Grover, Principal Consultant – Industry 4.0, Nagarro Software and Mr Deepak Maheshwari, Director – Corporate Affairs (India, China, SAARC), Symantec Corp; Mr Vijay Sethi, Chief Information Officer, Hero MotoCorp Ltd.; Mr Ravinder Pal Singh, Director - Business Development (Cybersecurity, Digital Transformation), Dell; Mr Gyana Bardhan Pattnaik, Senior Vice President, Sonata Software; etc. talked in length about various latest IoT interventions, scaling up of Nextgen IoT products, industry 4.0, IoT's potential in disruption of various sectors, etc.

Rajasthan Skills Summit

Future Skills – Industry 4.0

23 January 2019, Jaipur

With the objective of creating an ecosystem that empowers youth for a better tomorrow with a premise of building people, building Rajasthan, FICCI Rajasthan State Council in partnership with Rajasthan Skill and Livelihoods Development Corporation (RSLDC) organised Rajasthan Skills Summit at Jaipur. Shri Ashok Chandna, Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Skill, Employment and Entrepreneurship, Government of Rajasthan was the Chief Guest at the occasion. The 'FICCI – PwC Knowledge Report on Fast Forward: Relevant Skills for a Buoyant Indian Economy' was also released.



Release of FICCI – PwC Knowledge Report on "Fast Forward: Relevant Skills for a Buoyant Indian Economy"

While speaking as Chief Guest, the Minister said that today's youth is fascinated by government and corporate jobs. They continue to shun blue collar jobs considering them generational occupations. Time has come to acquire new skills and keep an open mind to new approaches in the various job sectors so as to develop and evolve today's youth. With fast changing technology training the trainers has also become pertinent to the growth of the Indian economy.

During the inaugural session, Mr Rajesh Yadav, Secretary – Labour, Employment, Skill & Entrepreneurship, Government of Rajasthan and Mr Ngikya Gohain, Managing Director, Rajasthan Skill and Livelihoods Development Corporation also shared their thoughts on the subject.

Two plenary sessions on 'Status & Roadmap for Skills Ready Rajasthan' and 'Building Scalable, Sustainable Skill Development Entities' were also organised which were addressed by Dr Lalit K Panwar, Vice Chancellor, Rajasthan ILD Skills University; Mr Raman Kumar Sharma, Director, Honda Cars; Mr Sushil Ramola, Chairman, B-ABLE; Brig. Dr S S Pabla, President, Bhartiya Skill Development University; Mr Surajit Roy, Senior Head - Apprenticeship, NSDC; Mr Murali C R, Plant Commercial Head, Bosch; Mr Amit Aggarwal, CEO – IT-ITeS Sector Skill Council, NASSCOM; Mr Ashok Varma, Partner & Lead – Social Sector Advisory, PwC; Mr B V Sudharshan, Director, NTF; Dr Ajay Data, Founder & CEO, Data Infosys; Ms Neeti Sharma, Senior Vice President – Learning Services, Teamlease; Dr Swapna Mishra, Director, Textile Sector Skill Council.



Speakers at Session on Status and Roadmap for Skills Ready Rajasthan

4th HR Summit

Re-Imagining the Role of HR

15 November 2019, Jaipur



Mr Ashutosh AT Pednekar, Managing Director, RIICO Ltd delivering Keynote Address during the Inaugural Session

With the objective of discussing the evolving role of Human Resources in the era of digitization along with deliberations on the present and future trends in the field of HR industry, FICCI Rajasthan State Council organized the 4th edition of HR Summit at Jaipur. The theme of the HR Summit was “Re-Imagining the role of HR”.

Mr Ashutosh AT Pednekar, Managing Director, RIICO Ltd delivered keynote address during the Inaugural Session. He mentioned that the HR function has evolved significantly from a support function to a strategic role blended with organisation's vision and objectives. Rajasthan has a vast pool of talent across domains but presently it's exporting talent and there is a need to increase the local absorption capacity, he added.

Dr Samit Sharma, Commissioner – Labour, Skill, Employment & Entrepreneurship and Managing Director, RSLDC delivered special address during the inaugural session. He urged industry members to specify their precise manpower requirement and assured them for providing properly trained human resource. He also briefed about the skill courses provided by RSLDC through its training partners and ITIs' and volunteered to work in close coordination with industry members for matching the mismatch.



Dr Samit Sharma, Commissioner – Labour, Skill, Employment & Entrepreneurship, and Managing Director, RSLDC, Government of Rajasthan

Programme featured two Plenary Sessions on “HR Role in Digital Era” and “HR Trends – The Present and the Future” where in prominent speakers from eminent organisations delivered their thoughts and sensitised all the participants on latest trends. Some of the prominent speakers include Dr Aquil Busrai, CEO, aquil busrai consulting; Dr Ajay Data, Founder & CEO, Data Ingenious Global Ltd; Mr Sanjay Srivastava, Business Head, Mahindra World City Jaipur Ltd; Mr Nanjappa B S, Vice President, HR & Group Head, Employee Relations, Infosys Ltd; Ms Jyoti Singh, Head, HR & Planning, Honda Cars India Ltd; Mr Ranjan Mishra, Senior Vice President - HR, Vodafone Idea Ltd; Wing Cdr Soban Bisht, Global Head, HR, Pinnacle Infotech; Mr Rajeev Gupta, Head – HR, Kajaria Ceramics Ltd, etc.



Speakers at Session on “HR Role in Digital Era”

The Great Indian Travel Bazaar

28 – 30 April 2019, Jaipur



Mr D B Gupta, Chief Secretary,
Government of Rajasthan addressing as Chief Guest

The 11th edition of The Great Indian Travel Bazaar was organized by Department of Tourism, Government of Rajasthan; Ministry of Tourism, Government of India and Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) at Jaipur.

Mr D B Gupta, Chief Secretary, Government of Rajasthan was the Chief Guest during the Inaugural Session of the programme. He said that Tourism infrastructure will get high priority in Rajasthan and in 2018-2019, as many as 83 development works related to tourism infrastructure have been undertaken. The Chief Secretary also said that the tourism sector is a great generator of employment as a smokeless industry. It empowers people at the grassroots level and provides employment in rural areas and generates more jobs for women.

Dr Jyotsna Suri, Past President, FICCI & Chairperson, FICCI Tourism Committee; Mr Hiroshi Tabata, Commissioner of Japan Tourism Agency; Mr Suman Billa, Joint Secretary - Tourism, Government of India; Mr Kenji Hiramatsu, Ambassador of Japan to India; Ms Sreya Guha, Principal Secretary - Tourism, Art & Culture, Government of Rajasthan and Ms Aashima Mehrotra, Director - Tourism, Government of India inaugurated the exhibition.

Showcasing of Palace on Wheels (POW) was organised wherein around 175 Foreign Tour Operators and Officials from Ministry of Tourism, Government of India admired the beauty of royal train at Durgapura station. Rajasthan's luxury train, Palace on Wheels (POW) bagged a whopping deal of Rs. 5.2 crores at the Great Indian Travel Bazaar on account of 20% advance bookings for the next two seasons of 2019-2020 and 2020-2021.

The programme went off very well with 11,236 B2B structured pre-fixed meetings between buyers and sellers; 291 leading inbound foreign tour operators from 47 countries; 300 Indian sellers, including Tour Operators, Hotels, Resorts, Spa & Wellness, International Airline and State Tourism Boards.



Inaugural Ceremony of The Great Indian Travel Bazaar 2019



Inauguration of B2B Exhibition



B2B Meeting in Progress



FTOs' at Palace on Wheels

Shoot at Site

12–14 March 2019, Mumbai

The third edition of the Shoot at Site (SAS) organized by FICCI was successfully at Mumbai alongside FICCI Frames. The Inaugural of Shoot at Site, was graced by Ms Usha Sharma, Director General, Archaeological Survey of India; Dr Neelam Bala, Secretary, Animal Welfare Board of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Government of India; Mr Imed Lassouad, Co-President, Union Chamber of the Film Producers, Tunisia; Dr Nitin Bhanudas Jawale, Managing Director, Odisha Film Development Corporation; Mr Vikramjit Roy, Head - Film Facilitation Office; Mr Kulmeet Makkar, CEO, Producer Guild of India; Dr Manisha Arora, Additional Director, Rajasthan Tourism, etc.

The State Governments of Rajasthan, Delhi and Odisha participated as the Partner States. They each successfully interacted through detailed B2G meetings with the top leading filmmakers and producers for film & television during Shoot at Site.

Dr Manisha Arora, Additional Director; Mr Sanjay Pande, Additional Director; Mr Pawan Jain, Joint Director and Mr Ajay Sharma, Deputy Director, Department of Tourism, Government of Rajasthan had detailed B2G meetings with leading Filmmakers and production houses for film and television.



DoT Officials, Rajasthan during B2G Meeting with Production Houses

Tourism Investors Meet

1-2 July 2019, New Delhi

FICCI organised the 5th edition of Tourism Investors Meet at New Delhi wherein Government of Rajasthan also participated. The Inaugural session was addressed by Shri Jyoti Prakash Panigrahi, Hon'ble Minister, Tourism & Odia Language, Literature & Culture, Government of Odisha, Mr Suman Billa, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Tourism, Government of India; Dr Jyotsna Suri, Past President FICCI & Chairperson FICCI Tourism Committee; Mr Dilip Chenoy, Secretary General, FICCI. There were a total of four states i.e. Odisha (Theme State), Rajasthan, West Bengal, & Madhya Pradesh who participated in the event.

The event received participation from key Investors and stakeholders from tourism Industry including Hotels, Amusement Parks, Air services, Convention Centres, Real estate companies, Cruise, Wellness & Medical tourism, ropeways, Travel agencies, Tour operators Sanitation & civic amenities and many more.

The event also witnessed presentation from State's to the Investors soliciting investment in tourism Infrastructure development and structured face to face business meetings.



DoT Officials, Rajasthan having meeting with prospective investors

FICCI Travel and Tourism Excellence Awards 2019

23 August 2019, New Delhi

FICCI organised its Travel & Tourism Excellence Awards at New Delhi. The Awards have been conceptualized with an aim to recognize States, Organizations and individuals for their contributions to the Travel & Tourism industry of India and also to encourage Innovation & Entrepreneurship in the space of Travel & Tourism. A total of 48 Categories of Awards were selected by the eminent panel of Jury member. The Winners were presented with a trophy and certificate from FICCI. Rajasthan received the Award for Best Fair & Festival and Best State Tourism Marketing Campaign



DoT Officials, Rajasthan receiving Tourism Excellence Award

MSMEs AND COMPETITIVENESS



3rd MSME Summit

MSMEs 2022 : Forging the Future

7 November 2019, Jaipur

FICCI Rajasthan State Council organized the 3rd edition of MSME Summit at Jaipur. The programme featured discussions on “A new Paradigm FITE : FinTech, Innovation, Technology, & Entrepreneurship” and “Integrating MSMEs' with Global Value Chain”. A Report on “MSMEs: Defining the Future of Rajasthan's Economy” was also released during the event.



Shri Kalraj Mishra, Hon'ble Governor of Rajasthan addressing as Chief Guest

Shri Kalraj Mishra, Hon'ble Governor of Rajasthan was the Chief Guest for the programme. He urged the banking sector to be more supportive in promoting Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME). In terms of financial assistance, he categorically stated that if required, the parameters and guidelines could be reconsidered to give a fillip to such units. The Governor further said that MSME sector was number two in terms of creating employment in the country after the agriculture sector. With just 20% investment it creates 80% employment. As much as 31% of the domestic manufacturing is by the MSME sector and contribute 45% of the total exports. He also advised the MSME entrepreneurs that they should focus on quality of their products as well as marketing. Over-dependency on the Government should not be expected and they should be able to face and overcome the bottlenecks with entrepreneurial acumen.



Panel Discussion on “A new Paradigm FITE : FinTech, Innovation, Technology, & Entrepreneurship ”



Panel Discussion on “Integrating MSMEs' with Global Value Chain”

Various speakers covering different industry sectors including Mr Jyoti Prakash Gadia, Managing Director, Resurgent India Limited; Mr S Ravi, General Manager, State Bank of India; Mr Mahavir Pratap Sharma, Carpet Exporters Promotion Council; Mr Dileep Baid, Founder, Dileep Group of Companies; Mr Mukesh Kumar, Deputy General Manager – FICCI, Reserve Bank of India; Mr Aseem Kumar, General Secretary, Garment Exporters Association of Rajasthan; Mr K B Goyal, Managing Director, Dwarka Gems Ltd; Mr N K Jain, President, The Employers Association of Rajasthan, etc. participated at different panel discussions during the MSME Summit.

Regional Quality Conclave

27 March 2019, Jaipur



Mr Rajeev Kandpal, Additional Chief Executive Officer, Government e-Marketplace (GeM), Government of India

FICCI, in association with Quality Council of India (QCI), organized the Regional Quality Conclave (RQC) on Manufacturing Excellence for Increasing Productivity and Competitiveness at Jaipur. The primary objective of the Conclave was to discuss and identify policy measures, best manufacturing / operational practices to be followed for sustainable growth of the manufacturing sector.

In the Inaugural session Mr K C Mehra, Former Chairman, NBQP presented a welcome address followed by a presentation by Mr Shyam Bang, Chairman, FICCI Task Force on Manufacturing Excellence and National Accreditation Board for Certification Bodies (NABCB), emphasizing on the importance of achieving Manufacturing Excellence in India. Mr Rajeev Kandpal, Additional Chief Executive Officer, Government e Marketplace (GeM), Government of India delivered the keynote address and session concluded with the Vote of Thanks by Dr K L Jain, Secretary General, Rajasthan Chamber of Commerce & Industry.

The Conclave had three panel discussions on 'Policy Measures to Drive Manufacturing Excellence' chaired by Mr Shyam Bang, Chairman, FICCI Task Force on Manufacturing Excellence and National Accreditation Board for Certification Bodies (NABCB), 'Plant Maintenance, Skill Development and Vendor Development to achieve Manufacturing Excellence' chaired by Mr K C Mehra, Former Chairman, NBQP and 'Sustainability and Circular Economy'

chaired by Mr C K Biswas, CEO, National Board for Quality Promotion. The conclave witnessed participation of over 150 delegates.

Manufacturing Excellence Missions

23 – 24 April 2019 and 20 – 21 June 2019, Bengaluru

27 – 28 March 2019 and 28 – 29 November 2019, Chennai

28 – 29 June 2019, NCR

14 – 15 March 2019, Pune

Industry and businesses worldwide are striving to formulate strategies, sharpen operations, bring down costs, improve quality and differentiate products to increase their worth in the market. This is an era of continuous improvement in thoughts & processes, which is the only way to move towards competitiveness. The competitive pressures on the Manufacturing Industry, in terms of productivity, quality, delivery and safety call for a strategic and holistic approach that the industry needs to adopt to make their operations "World Class". With the Manufacturing Sector gaining business maturity, it is important to explore new and innovative horizons for sustaining the growth in the industry to deliberate and unleash full potential of the Manufacturing Industry, as well as to promote best practices among the manufacturing sector.



Mission Delegates at Ashok Leyland Ltd, Chennai



Manufacturing Excellence Presentation in progress at Ford India Ltd, Chennai

Against the backdrop, FICCI Rajasthan State Council took a mission of Learning by Sharing and organised a series of Learning Missions on Manufacturing Excellence to different part of country including cities like Chennai, Bengaluru, Pune, Gurgaon, Tapukara wherein the participants visited to some of the best manufacturing facilities of prominent organisations.



Mission Delegates during plant visit at Mahindra Vehicle Manufacturers Ltd, Pune



Presenting the Memento to officials of FIAT Automobiles India Pvt Ltd, Pune

Visiting organisations were:-

- Ashok Leyland Ltd
- Daimler India Commercial Vehicles Pvt Ltd
- FIAT Automobiles India Pvt Ltd
- Ford India Ltd
- Hero MotoCorp Ltd
- Honda Car India Ltd
- Honda Motorcycle & Scooter India Pvt Ltd
- L&T Construction Equipment Ltd
- Mahindra Vehicle Manufacturers Ltd
- Renault Nissan Automotive India Pvt Ltd
- Toyota Kirloskar Motors Ltd
- Volvo Group India Pvt Ltd



Mission Delegates at Volvo Group India Ltd, Bangalore



Plant Visit at L&T Construction Equipment Ltd, Bangalore

The objective of these missions was to provide opportunity to participants for learning and understanding the best manufacturing & quality practices in sync with our endeavour to promote learning through sharing.

These visits comprised of presentation highlighting the best practices followed by the respective companies alongwith interaction with senior officials from the organizations and also the plant visit giving real picture of best manufacturing practises implemented. By attending the learning mission, participants benefited in terms of:

- Gaining first-hand information and knowledge on Best Manufacturing Practices
- An insight into the practical aspects of implementing these practices across different sectors
- In identifying the areas that have impact on the employee and ensure that corrective actions are initiated
- An opportunity to benchmark with doers.

The Mission focused on improving the competitiveness of manufacturing units through learning on latest technology, innovation, service delivery, lean manufacturing and defect free products for Zero Defect and Zero Effect (ZED), skill development, training, etc.



Mission Delegates at L&T Construction Equipment Ltd, Bangalore



Manufacturing Excellence Presentation in progress at Honda Cars India Ltd, Alwar



Manufacturing Excellence Presentation in progress at Honda Motorcycle & Scooter India Pvt Ltd, Alwar



Mission Delegates exchanging views at Hero MotoCorp Ltd

Session on Union Budget Analysis

9 July 2019, Jaipur

FICCI Rajasthan State Council, in association with Jaipur Branch of CIRC, The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India, organized Session on Analysis of Union Budget 2019-20 at Jaipur. With the objective of addressing industry concerns and queries on the Union Budget 2019-20 announcements, the session enlightened the participants about the impact of budget and taxation on the industry.

Mr P K Singh, Principal Commissioner – CGST & Central Excise (Jaipur Zone), Government of India was the Chief Guest for the Session. While explaining the highlights of budget provisions, Mr Singh mentioned about the various steps taken by the Government to address and improve the financial system. He briefed on advantages of Legacy Dispute Resolution Scheme 2019 & also updated audience about provisions related to CGST i.e., National Appellate Authority of Advance Ruling to erase confusion, linking registration with Aadhar to curb malpractices, etc.



Mr P K Singh, Principal Commissioner – CGST & Central Excise (Jaipur Zone), Government of India during Interaction

Provisions related to Direct Taxes in Union Budget were explained by Mr Rajeev Sogani, Founder and Managing Partner, R Sogani & Associates through his presentation. Mr Ujjval Sharma, Senior Partner, M/s Pankaj Malik & Co explained various provisions related to indirect taxes in the Budget. A Knowledge Paper listing the highlights of Union Budget 2019 was also released / distributed during the programme. This was prepared by SME Consulting Pvt Ltd.

Interaction with Dr Subodh Agarwal

25 July 2019, Jaipur

In conjunction with FICCI Rajasthan State Council meeting, an interactive Session with Dr Subodh Agarwal, Additional Chief Secretary – Industries, Government of Rajasthan was organized on 25 July 2019 at Jaipur.

Dr Subodh Agarwal briefed the Council about the various policy and procedural measures being taken by Government of Rajasthan to improve the industrial climate of the state and boost investments. He mentioned about the recently launched MSME Portal wherein there is no need for any approval and there would be no inspections for initial three years. He shared that already 1000 proposals have been registered on the portal and it took the concept of 'Ease of Doing Business' to the next level.

Industry members shared their concerns like high power tariff, increase in duty on captive power plants, increase in VAT on gas, delayed payments, etc. Dr Agarwal assured full support and cooperation to the industry members and mentioned that the new industrial policy would be soon placed in public domain for inputs and consultations.



Dr Subodh Agarwal, Addl Chief Secretary - Industries, Rajasthan interacting with FICCI Council Members

Workshop on Expanding Horizons - Achieving Growth

25 April 2019, Jaipur

With the objective of sensitizing and training the employees regarding understanding the importance of taking ownership at work as well as cultivating a growth mindset and how to work towards consistent improvement, FICCI Rajasthan State Council organized the Workshop on Expanding Horizons, Achieving Growth. Renowned corporate trainer and motivational speaker, Mr Vijay Batra was the resource person for the workshop.

During the workshop, Mr Batra said that "The passion for stretching yourself and sticking to challenges,

is the symbol of the growth mindset and developing a growth mindset is imperative if we want to experience explosive growth & unleash our potential, this is called expanding horizon to achieve growth".

The workshop was conducted by Mr Batra with help of various case studies, video clips, group discussion activities, storytelling, one to one interaction, etc. 75 participants from different organizations across Rajasthan participated at the workshop.



Dr Vijay Batra from Think Inc conducting the Workshop

2nd MSME Summit

18 January 2019, Jaipur

The 2nd edition of MSME Summit featured discussions on Policy, Competitiveness and Financing issues related to MSMEs'. While addressing during the Inaugural Session, Dr Subodh Agarwal, Additional Chief Secretary – Industries, Government of Rajasthan said that “with the changing environment, the need to adapt with newer technology has become significant in the Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSME) sector. New age and progressive thinkers need to be encouraged to step into the field and promote exponential growth and innovation in the industry”.

Dr K K Pathak, Commissioner – Industries, Government of Rajasthan during inaugural session said that there is need to promote responsible growth. By using technology to achieve sustainable development, the MSME sector can experience balanced development.

The programme was also addressed by Mr Vijay Ronjan, Chief General Manager, State Bank of India; Dr K L Jain, Secretary General, RCCI; Mr I C Agarwal, Chairman, Genus Innovation Ltd; Mr N K Jain, President, The Employers' Association of Rajasthan, etc. Report on 'MSMEs: Towards a Sustainable Growth' was also released.



Release of FICCI – Resurgent India Ltd Report on “MSMEs : Towards a Sustainable Growth”

Webcasting of Address by Union Minister for Commerce & Industry

18 February 2019, Jaipur

FICCI Rajasthan State Council, in association with Rajasthan Chamber of Commerce & Industry (RCCI), organised Webcasting and Media Interaction of address by Mr Suresh Prabhu, Union Minister for Commerce, Industry and Civil Aviation at Jaipur.

The Minister talked about focus on districts as centres for planning and implementation of programmes for next level GDP growth, focus on country specific investment zones with special reference to Korea and focus on exports with plan to open 50 offices across the globe. Minister also resolved to address issues related to industry like GST, Ease of Doing Business and removing regulatory bottlenecks for startups. Formation of domestic gold council was another announcement made during webcasting.



Webcasting session in progress

INTERNATIONAL LINKAGES



3rd Dialogue with States - Japan's Rendezvous with Rajasthan'

28 August 2019, Jaipur



Mr Harshvardhan Neotia, Past President, FICCI presenting the Green Certificate to Shri Sachin Pilot, Hon'ble Dy Chief Minister, Rajasthan

FICCI Forum of Parliamentarians, in partnership with the Japanese Embassy, organized the '3rd Dialogue with States - Japan's Rendezvous with Rajasthan' at Jaipur. FICCI started the Dialogue Series with States to foster a track two discussion on Japan - India relations with reference to specific states or regions of India. The previous editions of the Dialogue were held in Patna, Bihar and Shillong, Meghalaya. The 'Dialogue with States- Japan's Rendezvous with Rajasthan' held at Jaipur brought together a comprehensive group of stakeholders comprising elected representatives, senior industry members of the region, representatives from industry and policy makers and Indian and state government officials.

Mr Sachin Pilot, Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister, Rajasthan delivered the keynote address and H.E. Mr Kenji Hiramatsu, Ambassador of Japan to India delivered special address on the occasion. Mr Harshvardhan Neotia, Chairman, Ambuja Neotia Holdings and Past President, FICCI and Chairman, FICCI's Forum of Parliamentarians Council also addressed during the programme.

Mr Sachin Pilot during his Keynote Address said that there is tremendous potential for increasing the economic ties between Rajasthan and Japan, particularly in areas of skilling and technologies. He also talked that Rajasthan is a key tourism hub in India and there is a huge opportunity for economic and investment tie-ups between the state of Rajasthan and Japan.

On the occasion, Mr Kenji Hiramatsu, Ambassador of Japan to India mentioned some of the key areas where Japan and Rajasthan could collaborate like Japan-India Institutes for Manufacturing (JIM), Japanese Industrial Township in Neemrana, economic corridor DMIC, academic exchange and Japanese language training. He also mentioned that Rajasthan is, indeed, one of the first states which took steps to improve the business environment. Rajasthan State Industrial Development and Investment Corporation (RIICO) has appointed a full-time Japan Desk representative. The state of Rajasthan is also responsive to the requests by Japanese companies, not only at the initial stage of setting-up, but also throughout their business operations. This sincere approach has won the trust of Japanese companies and made Neemrana a successful example of industrial clustering in India. He expressed his deep appreciation for the support of the State Government.



MPs - MLAs from Rajasthan with Ambassador of Japan, FICCI Office Bearers at '3rd Dialogue with States - Japan's Rendezvous with Rajasthan'

Interactive Session with Vietnam Delegation

4 September 2019, New Delhi

FICCI in partnership with Embassy of Socialist Republic of Vietnam organized an Interactive Session with H.E. Mr Vo Van Binh and the accompanying delegation from Tien Giang province of Vietnam at FICCI office, New Delhi.

Mr Vo Van Binh, First Deputy Secretary of Tien Giang Communist Party's Committee, was accompanied by Vice Chairwoman of Committee of Tien Giang People's Council; Vice Chairman of People's Committee and other dignitaries from Tien Giang Province.



Vietnam delegation at Interactive Session

The session was also addressed by Dr Pratibha Singh, Additional Resident Commissioner, Government of Rajasthan.

Interaction with His Excellency Mr Pham Sanh Chau, The Ambassador of Vietnam to India

2 November 2019, Jaipur

An interactive meeting with H.E. Mr Pham Sanh Chau, The Ambassador of Vietnam to India was organised at Jaipur. FICCI Members discussed, business possibilities in the area of Skill Development, FinTech, Services, Tourism, Manufacturing, etc. with Vietnam and possibilities of business delegations to each other's country.



Mr Randhir Vikram Singh, Co-Chairman, FICCI Rajasthan presenting the Memento to H.E. Mr Pham Sanh Chau, The Ambassador of Vietnam to India

Interaction with Mr Pete Broadbent, Economic Officer, North India Office, Embassy of the United States of America on Economic Issues and Cooperation

15 November 2019, Jaipur



Mr Pete Broadbent, Economic Officer, North India Office, Embassy of the United States of America

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Meeting with Shri Ashok Gehlot, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Government of Rajasthan on the issue of hike in electricity duty on captive power plants

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