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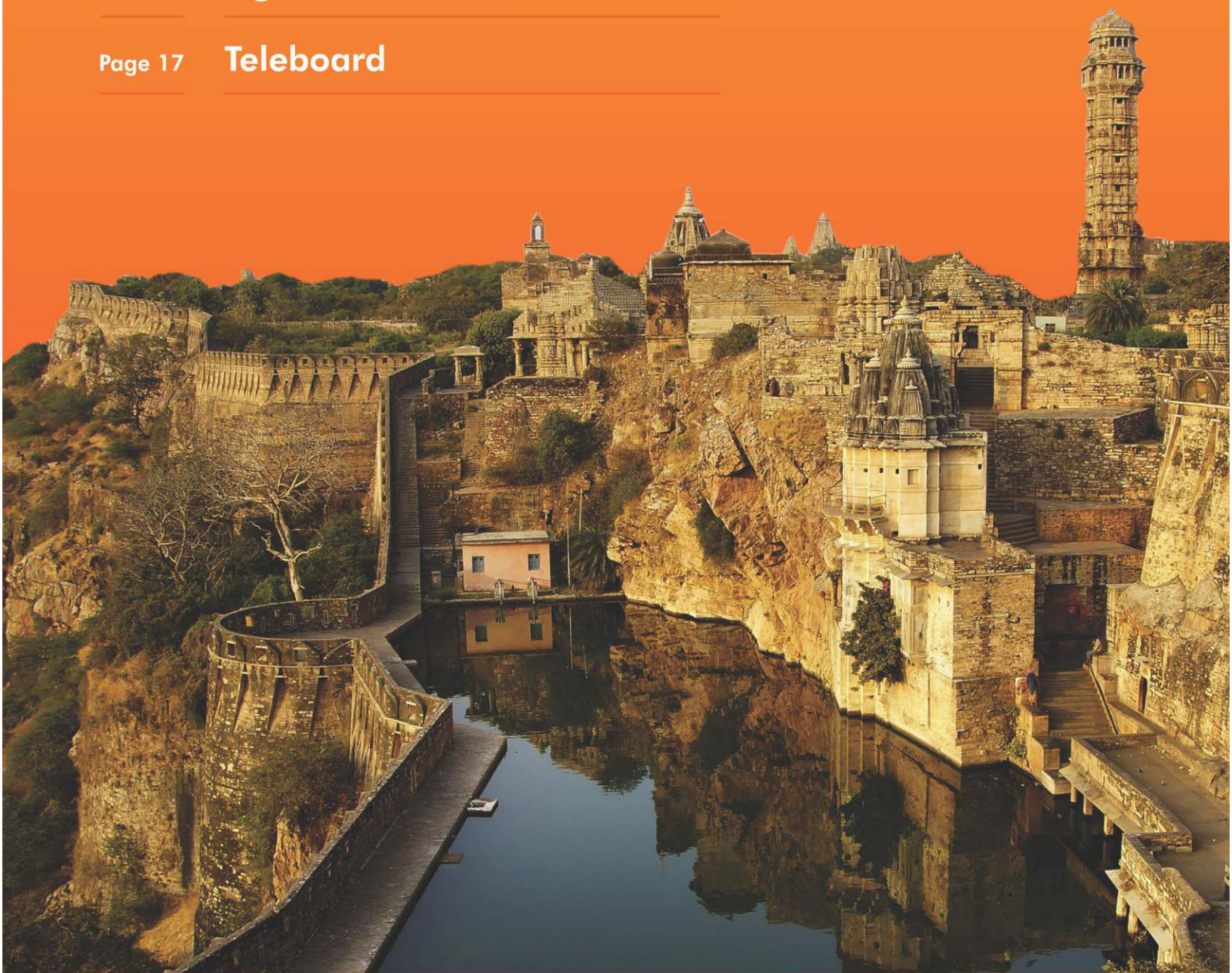
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FROM CHAIRMAN'S DESK



I take immense pride and pleasure in reaching out to you through FICCI Rajasthan Annual Review 2017, providing a glimpse of our activities in 2017.

It has been a very eventful year covering various facets and sectors critical to the sustainable growth and development of Rajasthan.

The India Stonemart; The Great Indian Travel Bazaar; Vastra, GRAM Kota and GRAM Udaipur were five flagship initiatives that were held during 2017 with each one of them growing bigger and better than the previous editions with support from stakeholders especially Government of Rajasthan.

This year, we were also witness to the historic indirect tax reform called Goods and Services Tax (GST) and I must compliment the efforts put in by the State Government to facilitate a smooth transition and protect the interests of the industries in Rajasthan. We also contributed our bit by organising learning sessions and representing industry issues.

Our interventions on Digital Rajasthan, Human Resource, Intellectual Property, Social Security, Competitiveness and international linkages were in sync with the developmental pursuits of the state.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my sincere thanks to Smt Vasundhara Raje, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Rajasthan and her entire team for the continuous support and guidance.

We at FICCI are committed to work in close coordination with Government of Rajasthan; industries; media and society at large to realise our shared vision of creating a developed society with access and inclusion.

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Ashok Kajaria

Chairman

FICCI Rajasthan State Council

Divisional Global Rajasthan Agritech Meets (GRAM)

24 – 26 May 2017, Kota and 7 – 9 November 2017, Udaipur

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After the phenomenal success of Global Rajasthan Agritech Meet (GRAM) held during November 2016 at Jaipur, it was decided to take this programme to other divisional headquarters of Rajasthan for the benefit of the farming fraternity with special impetus on area specific potential and requirements.

The first Division GRAM was held from 24 – 26 May 2017 at Kota and the second was held from 7 – 9 November 2017 at Udaipur. The programme aimed at exposing the farmers to the best products, practices and techniques in agriculture through exposition and learning sessions thereby increasing productivity and farm income.



> Shri Venkaiah Naidu, Hon'ble Union Minister of Urban Development, Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation and I&B during GRAM Kota

> Smt Vasundhara Raje, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Rajasthan during GRAM Kota



> Release of Knowledge Papers by Smt Vasundhara Raje, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Rajasthan; Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare and Shri Prabhu Lal Saini, Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture, GoR during GRAM Udaipur



> Dr Sanjaya Baru, Secretary General, FICCI addressing during GRAM Udaipur



> Ms Neelkamal Darbari, Principal Secretary – Agriculture & Horticulture, GoR exchanging the MoU with Industry Member



> Mr Ashok Kajaria, Chairman, FICCI Rajasthan and CMD, Kajaria Ceramics Ltd during GRAM Kota

GRAM Kota highlights:

- Nearly 55,000 farmers participated in the event over the course of 3 days
- Over 17,000 other visitors attended the event
- 60 Speakers in 15 Jajam Baithaks (Agri Clinics)
- 22 MoUs worth more than INR 1,000 Cr were signed during the event, generating an employment for over 28,000 people
- The event witnessed international participation from 6 countries – USA, Spain, Russia, Malaysia, Myanmar and Ukraine. Malaysia participated as the Partner Country.
- Nearly 100 exhibitors showcased their products and services over an exhibition area spread over 8,000 sqm

GRAM Udaipur highlights:

- Nearly 31,000 farmers participated in the event over the course of 3 days
- Over 19,000 other visitors attended the event
- 99 Speakers in 20 Jajam Baithaks (Agri Clinics)
- 18 MoUs worth of INR 487.96 Cr were signed during the event, generating an employment for over 6,500 people
- The event witnessed international participation from 7 Countries - Brazil, Germany, Argentina, Russia, Spain, Peru & Vietnam. Republic of Uzbekistan participated as the Partner Country.
- Nearly 125 exhibitors showcased their products and services over an exhibition area spread over 9,500 sqm



2nd Edition of Digital Rajasthan Conclave

23 August 2017: Jaipur

The 2nd edition of Digital Rajasthan Conclave was organised on 23 August 2017 at Jaipur. The programme was jointly organised by FICCI and STPI.

Shri Rajpal Singh Shekhawat, Hon'ble Minister for Industry, Government of Rajasthan was the Chief Guest for the programme. He said that owing to IT and digitalization, life is not only changing fast but is also ensuring quality employment, good governance and financial inclusion. He emphasized on the fact that it was of paramount importance that the prosperity and happiness should be key factors that this change is bringing about.

Ms Mugdha Sinha, Managing Director, RIICO Ltd said that even the 'haves nots' are now using technology as is evident from the use of paytm and other such tools. She said that only 27% in urban areas and only 4% in rural areas are using digital technology today. This number has to increase to make it more effective.

The Director General, Software Technology Parks of India, Dr Omkar Rai said that STPI registered units in Rajasthan have software exports to the tune of Rs 1000 crores. He said that IT sector accounts for 7.7% of the total GDP of India and initiatives likes 'Make in India', 'Digital India', 'Startup India', will further boost the IT industry in India.



➤ Shri Rajpal Singh Shekhawat, Hon'ble Industry Minister, GoR addressing as Chief Guest



➤ Release of Theme Paper on "Transforming Lives through Technology"

A theme paper on 'Transforming Lives through Technology', prepared by Ernst & Young LLP (E&Y), was also released during the Conclave. The report focused on the potential opportunities for Governments to aid their digital enablement programs. The report also talks about growing areas in which newer technologies and business models can be explored by the Government. This will in turn ensure improvement in service delivery and efficiency in providing benefits to the citizens.

The Conclave featured Sessions on Digitalization as instrument for effective governance, public service delivery driving investments, employability & growth and Accelerating the Digital Transition: Emerging Trends.



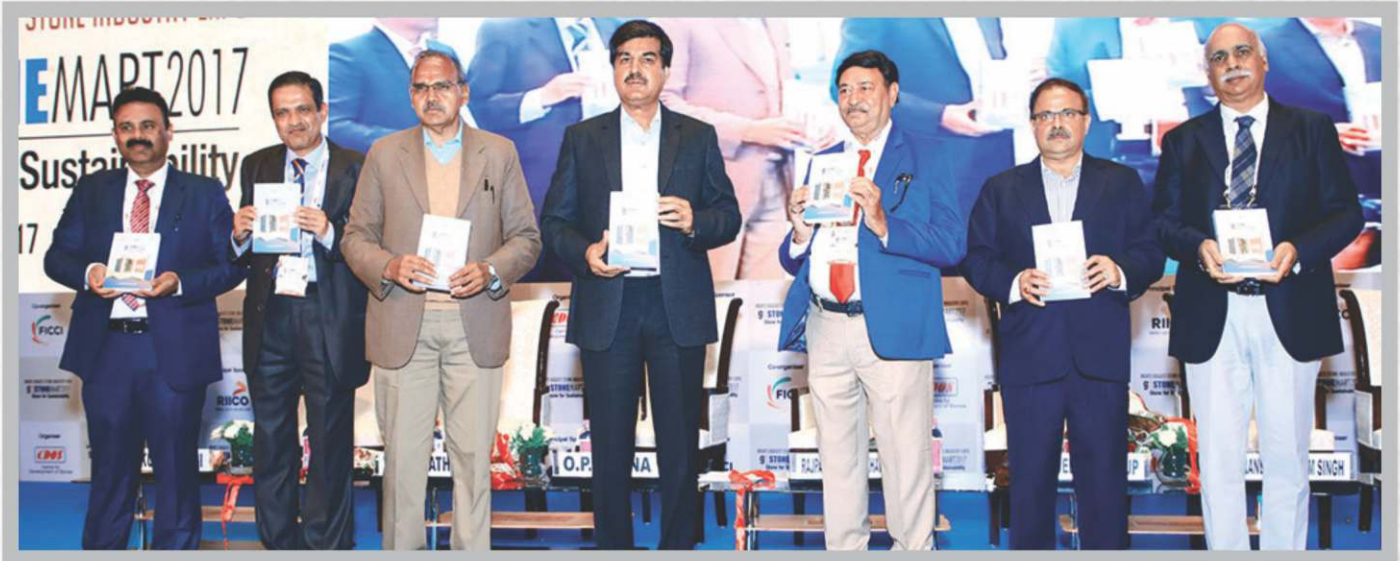
➤ Glimpses of 2nd Edition of Digital Rajasthan Conclave

9th Edition of The India Stonemart

2 – 5 February 2017: Jaipur

The 9th edition of India Stonemart was successfully organised by Centre for Development of Stones (CDOS) with Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) as co-organiser and Rajasthan State Industrial Development & Investment Corporation Ltd (RIICO) as the Principal Sponsor of the event.

Shri Rajpal Singh Shekhawat, Hon'ble Minister for Industry, Government of Rajasthan was the Chief Guest during the Inaugural Session.



➤ Unveiling of Fair Directory by Shri Rajpal Singh Shekhawat, Hon'ble Industry Minister, GoR; Mr O P Meena, Chief Secretary, GoR and Mr Rajeeva Swarup, Addl Chief Secretary – MSME, GoR

Mr O P Meena, Chief Secretary, Government of Rajasthan; Mr Rajeeva Swarup, Addl Chief Secretary – MSME, Government of Rajasthan, etc were also present during the inaugural session. The Hon'ble Minister also conferred 'All India Stone Architectural Awards' in different categories and released the Exhibitors' Directory of the mart.

In conjunction to India Stonemart, 2nd edition of Jaipur Architecture Festival was also organised. This was inaugurated by Shri Yunus Khan, Hon'ble Minister for PWD and Transport, Government of Rajasthan. The Council of Architecture (CoA) and Indian Institute of Architects (IIA) were Knowledge Partners.

Over 16500 sq meters net exhibition area with 453 exhibitors from 11 countries and 16 states of India participated at the exhibition. There were overseas pavilions from Turkey, China, Italy, Iran, etc; participation from Spain, Croatia, Greece, UAE, etc; state pavilions from Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Odisha and Jharkhand. The 'Shilpgram' which was essentially a stone artisans' pavilion wherein around 30 artisans displayed their products.



➤ Inauguration of Jaipur Architecture Festival by Shri Yunus Khan, Hon'ble Minister for PWD and Transport, GoR

32,000 visitors including 18,000 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.



9th Great Indian Travel Bazaar (GITB)

23 – 25 April 2017: Jaipur

The 9th edition of The Great Indian Travel Bazaar was organised 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.

The event was supported by Hotels & Restaurant Association of Rajasthan (HRAR), Indian Heritage Hotels Association (IHHA) and Rajasthan Association of Tour Operators (RATO).

Over the years GITB has emerged as one of the most important travel marts for inbound tourism. The two-day event witnessed fruitful networking giving further boost to the travel trade business in the State.

During the Inaugural Session, Mr N C Goel, Addl Chief Secretary – Tourism, Government of Rajasthan stated that the development of tourism infrastructure in Rajasthan is being given high priority in terms of new tourism products including new circuits in the state. Mr Goel mentioned that the State has already submitted proposals to the Union Tourism Ministry to the tune of Rs. 500 crores for developing innovative circuits like Spiritual, Heritage, Mega Desert, Tribal and Eco-Adventure.



➤ Release of Knowledge Paper on "India Inbound Tourism – The Next Growth Trajectory"



➤ Mr N C Goel, Addl Chief Secretary – Tourism, GoR addressing

Mr Suman Billa, Joint Secretary - Tourism, Government of India said that there has been an impressive growth of foreign tourist arrivals in the country to the tune of 11% and around 9% in domestic tourist arrivals in 2016. He said that a primary reason for a quantum jump in the tourist arrivals was also owing to the electronic visa facility.

Dr Jyotsna Suri, Chairperson, FICCI Tourism Committee said that the Great Indian Travel Bazaar is the most significant platform and the sole promoter of Inbound Tourism in India.

Two knowledge papers entitled 'Rajasthan – Revelation Beyond the Obvious' prepared by FICCI and MRSS as well as 'India Inbound Tourism – The Next Growth Trajectory' prepared by FICCI and YES Bank were released by Smt Krishnendra Kaur (Deepa), Hon'ble Minister of State for Tourism, Art & Culture, Government of Rajasthan.

The programme went off very well with 10,800 pre-fixed B2B meetings between buyers and sellers; 275 leading inbound foreign tour operators from around 53 countries; 288 Indian sellers including Tour Operators, Hotels, Resorts, Spa & Wellness, International Airline and State Tourism Boards.



6th VASTRA

21 – 24 September 2017: Jaipur



> Smt Smriti Zubin Irani, Hon'ble Union Minister for Textiles & IB addressing as Chief Guest

VASTRA, an international garment and apparel fair, was jointly organised by Rajasthan State Industrial Development and Investment Corporation Ltd (RIICO) and Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI). VASTRA has created a niche for itself in textiles and apparel industry since its inception in 2012.

Smt Smriti Zubin Irani, Hon'ble Union Minister for Textiles and Information & Broadcasting, Government of India was the Chief Guest for VASTRA 2017. During her inaugural address she mentioned that Textile industry in the country is growing exponentially with the Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) having tripled in 3 years. It has touched the figure of USD 618.95 million in 2016-17. However, there is still a huge potential for further growth in the sector for which multifarious efforts are being made by the Centre as well as different States.

On the occasion, Shri Rajpal Singh Shekhawat, Hon'ble Minister for Industry, Government of Rajasthan said that Rajasthan is a prominent textile destination in the country. Textile industry of Rajasthan is present across the entire textile value addition chain – from spinning to garments and made-ups.

The Roundtable Conference on “Making Rajasthan a Garment Hub” was concurrently organized in the event. Business Fashion Shows were organised on all the three days by the leading designers of the State. VASTRA 2017 witnessed the presence of over 250 exhibitors from 13 States, around 300 overseas buyers from more than 50 countries and representatives from around 100 Indian Buying Houses / Agents.



Rajasthan Business Meet

12 May 2017: New Delhi

Rajasthan State Industrial Development and Investment Corporation Ltd (RIICO) in association with FICCI Rajasthan State Council organized Rajasthan Business Meet at Delhi with an aim to showcase its industrial infrastructure and attract investments in Rajasthan.

Ms Mugdha Sinha, Managing Director, RIICO Ltd led the RIICO team for the Business Meet that was attended by over 200 industry representatives from different sectors from Delhi NCR and adjoining States. Business Meet addressed the queries related to land availability, policies and investment promotion schemes of Rajasthan. Ms Mugdha Sinha herself had detailed meetings with industry representatives and associations including ACMA, EEPC, Medical Devices manufacturers, etc.



➤ Ms Mugdha Sinha, Managing Director, RIICO in conversation with industry representatives

Tourism Investors Meet 2017

5 – 6 July 2017 : New Delhi

FICCI organised the 3rd edition of Tourism Investors Meet at New Delhi. The Inaugural session was addressed by Shri Satpal Maharaj, Hon'ble Minister of Tourism, Government of Uttarakhand; Smt. Rashmi Verma, Secretary, Ministry of Tourism, Government of India; Shri Hari Ranjan Rao, Managing Director, Madhya Pradesh State Tourism Development Corporation Ltd; Dr Jyotsna Suri, Past President, FICCI & Chairperson, FICCI Tourism Committee; and Shri R. Meenakshi Sundaram, Secretary Tourism, Government of Uttarakhand & CEO, Uttarakhand Tourism Development Board.

Total seven states including Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttarakhand, Maharashtra, Odisha, West Bengal participated at the investor meet.

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 witnessed presentations from States to the investors soliciting investment in tourism infrastructure development and structured business meetings. Department of Tourism, Government of Rajasthan also participated at the investor meet as Partner State. Mr Pawan Jain, Joint Director - Investment, Rajasthan Tourism attending various meetings with prospective investors.



➤ Rajasthan Tourism B2G meeting in progress during Tourism Investors Meet at New Delhi

FICCI Wedding Tourism Summit (FWTS)

25 – 26 May 2017 : New Delhi

The first edition of the FICCI Wedding Tourism Summit (FWTS) jointly organized by the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India and Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) was successfully held at New Delhi. Mr. Suman Billa, Joint Secretary – Tourism, Government of India, graced the occasion during the event as Session Chairman for an interactive panel discussion 'India's potential as a Wedding Destination and the way forward'. A FICCI-MRSS knowledge paper on 'Wedding Tourism – Destination India' was also released during the programme.

Rajasthan was the Focus State and Mr. Ajay Sharma, Deputy Director, Department of Tourism, Government of Rajasthan made a presentation highlighting the policies that Rajasthan Tourism has put in place to promote Wedding Tourism in the State and Mr. Siddharth Chaturvedi, CEO Event Crafter and Secretary EEMA – Rajasthan, presented different wedding concepts and experiences that Rajasthan has to offer.

The FICCI Wedding Tourism Summit had 40 Wedding Planners who attended as Buyers from across 12 key states of India. The Sellers comprised mainly of Hotel chains, concept wedding online portal, wedding destination venues such as Aamby Valley, Ramoji Film City and Rajasthan Tourism as the Focus State. There were around 800 structured, pre-scheduled B2B meetings that were successfully organized between the Buyers and Sellers.



➤ B2B Meeting in progress at Rajasthan Tourism Booth during FICCI Wedding Tourism Summit at New Delhi

National Agri Marketing Summit

14 July 2017: New Delhi

With the aim of Regenerating Agriculture through Smart Agriculture Marketing Solutions to Double Farmers' Income, FICCI in association with Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare organized the National Agri Marketing Summit.

The Summit was an initiative to provide a common platform to all relevant stakeholders, including government officials, agribusiness companies, mandi boards, financial institutions, farmer producer organizations and academicians to come together and review the growth trajectory of the agriculture marketing in the country.

Government of Rajasthan participated as partner state in the Summit. Shri Prabhu Lal Saini, Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture, Government of Rajasthan made a Special Address during the Inaugural Session of the Summit and mentioned about the two flagship programs launched by Hon'ble Prime Minister of India like establishment of National Agriculture Market and PMFBY to tackle the major problems of distress sale and low realization by farmers. He also informed that Rajasthan has adopted most of the agriculture marketing reforms as proposed in the model APMC Act. Rajasthan Government has actively participated in the E - NAM initiative of Government and also on the reforms front, Rajasthan has been ranked third among states in terms of adoption of Agri marketing reforms.

The Summit was attended by over 200 delegates. CEO's of major agribusiness companies participated in various panel discussions. Also the representatives of Government institutions such as WDRA, APEDA, State Government representatives from Rajasthan, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Haryana, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Goa, Himachal Pradesh actively participated in the different sessions. Agri Experts from IIM, IFPRI, NIAM, FAO also gave their critical views on the progress of the sector.



➤ Shri Prabhu Lal Saini, Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture, Government of Rajasthan addressing

2nd HR Summit

29 November 2017: Jaipur



> Smt Kiran Maheshwari, Hon'ble Minister for Higher & Technical Education, GoR addressing as Chief Guest

The 2nd edition of HR Summit with theme of "Next Gen HR – Strategic HR" was held at Jaipur. The programme featured Sessions on Next Gen HR – The Paradigm Shift, Future Ready Workforce and Building People for Better Tomorrow.

Ms Kiran Maheshwari, Minister for Higher & Technical Education, Government of Rajasthan was the Chief Guest for the programme. She mentioned that the State Government has set up incubation centres in various districts of Rajasthan to connect industries with students, provide financial support and enhance student innovations. Currently 3000 young minds have been trained in these centres and this has given birth to 50 start-ups throughout the State.

As Keynote Speaker during the Inaugural Session, Mr S Y Siddiqui, Chief Mentor, Maruti Suzuki India Ltd mentioned that leadership development, work culture, talent strategy and corporate governance will remain strategic constituency for HR. The key

variables of HR Next Gen is leading towards the future; envisioning the future into the present and challenging the status-quo into thinking HR.

Eminent speakers from IBM India Ltd; JK Tyres & Industries Limited; Infosys Ltd; Eicher Polaris Pvt Ltd; Adani Enterprises Ltd; Vodafone; Secure Meters Ltd; Mahindra Lifespace Developers Ltd; Bosch Ltd; UDAY Skills & Livelihoods; Start-up Oasis, etc. addressed different sessions of HR Summit.



> Speakers during the Inaugural Session

FICCI – IPO Awareness Programmes on "INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY"

9 – 10 February 2017: Jaipur

FICCI, in association with Intellectual Property Office (IPO), Department of Commerce & Industry, Government of India organised Awareness Programmes on "INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY" for Industry and Institution at Jaipur. These programmes aimed at inspiring creativity and innovation amongst the participants by equipping them with the knowledge of IP, rights of creators & innovators, modes of protecting IP and advantages of IP to individuals and entrepreneurs.

Mr Rajeeva Swarup, Addl Chief Secretary – MSME, Government of Rajasthan was the Chief Guest at the program organised for industry members.



> Mr Rajeeva Swarup, Addl Chief Secretary – MSME, GoR addressing the participants

Mr G D Bansal, Advocate, Rajasthan High Court; Dr Rohit Jain, Patent & Trademark Attorney, Rohit Jain & Associates; Mr Samay Raj Meena, Examiner of Patents & Designs, IP Office, Government of India; Dr Amar Patnaik, Assistant Professor, Malaviya National Institute of Technology; Mr Vikas Gupta, Deputy Director, MSME Development Institute, Jaipur were the speakers during the awareness programs.

Workshop on National Pension System

18 September 2017: Jaipur

FICCI along with Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) and Rajasthan Chamber of Commerce and Industry (RCCI) organized a Workshop on National Pension System (NPS) at Jaipur.

The Workshop apprised about the various beneficial aspects of the scheme and showcased the experiences of other organizations which have successfully adopted the system. The objective of the workshop was to bring important and practical perspectives on the National Pension System and to encourage discussion on some of the key aspects of this scheme.



> Speakers during NPS Workshop

Mr Akhilesh Kumar, Dy General Manager, Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA); Mr Satyaswarup H Meshram, Asst Vice President (Operations), SBI Pension Funds Pvt Ltd; Mr Nikhil Totuka, Partner, Chir Amrit Law Chamber, etc were the Key Speakers of the workshop.

Manufacturing Excellence Missions

19 – 20 January 2017 & 25 – 26 May 2017: Pune and 12 – 13 October 2017: Bengaluru

FICCI Rajasthan State Council organized three Learning Missions on Manufacturing Excellence to Pune and Bengaluru in the months of January, May and October 2017 wherein around 75 participants were benefitted and learned about the best manufacturing and quality practices at Mercedes-Benz India Pvt Ltd, Mahindra Vehicle Manufacturers Ltd, FIAT India Automobiles Ltd, JCB India Ltd, Volvo India Pvt Ltd And L&T Construction Equipment Ltd.

These Missions aimed at promoting Learning by Sharing and improving the competitiveness 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.



> Participants at Mercedes-Benz India Pvt Ltd



> Participants during Plant visit at L&T Construction Equipment Ltd

Interactive Session on GST – Transition & The Way Forward

23 June 2017: Jaipur

An Interactive Session on GST – Transition & The Way Forward was organized at Jaipur. This programme was 3rd in its series and while the previous programmes dealt predominantly with the basic concepts of GST, this one focused more on the implementation aspects of the new tax system in the context of the Central GST Acts and the draft Rules that have been put out in public domain. KPMG was the Knowledge Partner for the programme.

Mr Ashutosh Baranwal, Commissioner – CGST & Central Excise and Mr Deepankar Aron, Commissioner – Customs, Excise and Service Tax were the Speakers from Government during the Inaugural Session.



> Q & A Session during Session on GST

Besides these, four officers were present during the Question & Answer Session held later during the day viz Ms Meenal Bhosale, OSD – Tax Research Cell; Mr Vikas Joshi, Deputy Commissioner – Service Tax; Ms Ankita Singh, Assistant Commissioner – Service Tax and Mr Ashish Koolwal, JCTO – GST.

The day long programme covered GST Compliance; Compliance Walk Through; GST Key Transitional / Implementation Issues; GST- Key Contentious Issues and a Question – Answer Session attended by officers from CBEC, Department of Commercial Taxes and experts from KPMG. Around 125 delegates from diverse sectors and all across the state attended the programme.

Workshop on GST for Dimensional Stone & Ancillary Products

29 August 2017: Jaipur

Workshop on GST for Dimensional Stone & Ancillary Products was organized by Centre for Development of Stones (CDOS); Rajasthan State Industrial Development and Investment Corporation Limited (RIICO) and Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI).

Ms Mugdha Sinha, Managing Director, RIICO Ltd and Ms Meenal Bhosale, OSD, Department of Finance, Government of Rajasthan addressed the participants during the opening session. Mr Pankaj Ghiya, Member, FICCI Rajasthan State Council & Tax Advocate was the resource person for the workshop. Representatives from Stone and Mining sector attended the programme.



➤ Ms Mugdha Sinha, Managing Director, RIICO addressing the participants

Workshops on “Wow at Work” and “Secret of Peak Performance”

17 May 2017 and 15 September 2017: Jaipur



➤ Mr Dipankar Aron, Addl Commissioner, Central Excise & Customs addressing

It has been FICCI's constant endeavour to improve the productivity of the organisations through development of human resource through technical and behavioural training programmes. Against this backdrop, Workshops on “Wow at Work” and “Secret of Peak Performance” were organised at Jaipur. Mr Tapas Dasmohapatra from POSSIBLERS, New Delhi was the faculty of the workshops.

Mr Tapas emphasised that “Winners don't do different things, they do things differently”. The effectiveness of each individual in an organization is a deciding factor of team growth as well as overall organisation. Among all individuals there are some peak performers who leaves impact and able to transform business results, enhance customer engagement and also excel in professional goals.

7th Global Stone Technology Forum

7th edition of Global Stone Technology Forum (GSTF) was held on 14 – 15 December 2017 at Kishangarh, Ajmer. The event was jointly organized by the Centre for Development of Stones (CDOS) and Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) with the support of Kishangarh Marble Association.

Shri Rajpal Singh Shekhawat, Hon'ble Minister for Industry, Government of Rajasthan was the Chief Guest for the programme. The Minister emphasised that constant upgradation in technology and adoption of newer techniques in mining, processing and value addition will play a major role in transforming the sector.

Mr Rajeeva Swarup, Additional Chief Secretary – Industries; CMD, RIICO & Chairman, CDOS in his keynote address said that in the current situation there is a huge competition to the dimensional stone sector by alternative products. To remain



➤ Shri Rajpal Singh Shekhawat, Hon'ble Industry Minister, GoR; Mr Rajeeva Swarup, Addl Chief Secretary – Industries & CMD, RIICO Ltd; Mr Kunji Lal Meena, Commissioner – Industries, GoR; Mr Gaurav Goyal, Collector, Ajmer and Mr Ashok Dhoot, Vice Chairman, CDOS during Lamp Lighting



> Mr Rajeeva Swarup, Addl Chief Secretary – Industries and Chairman, RIICO addressing the participants

profitable and relevant in the face of this competition, GSTF will create credible awareness about new and innovative technologies in the dimensional stone sector.

Mr Swarup urged the participants to exchange views on different topics of the sector like mining, processing, technology, waste management and environmental protection. He also informed that with Rajasthan contributing more than 90% of the total production of marble, sandstone and kotastone in the country, the State stood poised for a quantum jump in the sector.

An exhibition was also organised showcasing products of cutting, polishing and processing of the dimensional stones.

The programme was also attended by Mr Kunji Lal Meena, Commissioner – Industries, Government of Rajasthan; Mr Gaurav Goyal, Collector & District Magistrate – Ajmer and eminent speakers from across the country.

INTERNATIONAL LINKAGES



Luncheon Meeting with H.E. Mr Cho Hyun, Ambassador of the Republic of Korea

March 9, 2017, Jaipur

> Mr Randhir Vikram Singh, Co-Chairman, FICCI Rajasthan State Council and Mr Sanjay Srivastava, Member, FICCI and Business Head, Mahindra World City Jaipur during Luncheon Meeting

Session on City Sustainability Plan & Business Response to Climate Change

12 September 2017 : Jaipur

FICCI, in association with US Embassy, organized Session on City Sustainability Plan and Business Response to Climate Change at Jaipur.

Ms Leah Bamberger, Director – Sustainability, Providence, Rhode Island, USA was the Keynote Speaker for the programme. She mentioned that cities are not meant for cars but people. The entire streets, in fact, were being designed in Providence as a part of City Sustainability Plan. Ms Bamberger, who is also the Climate Resilience Speaker, US Consulate General, New Delhi, said that 70 % of adults of the US believed in climate change and there is recognition of the fact that major lifestyle changes are required to redeem the change.

Ms Mugdha Sinha, Managing Director, RIICO Ltd said that once the industrial land was allotted to entrepreneurs they have to follow the stipulated regulations and compliances laid down by the concerned Departments. She emphasized on the need for cost effective solutions for effluent treatment in industrial areas.



> Ms Leah Bamberger, Director – Sustainability, Providence, Rhode Island USA addressing the Industry members

Korea Caravan Event

27 September 2017 : Jaipur

Embassy of the Republic of Korea, in association with FICCI, organized Korea Caravan Event at Jaipur. H.E. Mr Hai Kwang Lee, Charge d'affaires, Embassy of the Republic of Korea led the Korean delegation and imparted that Korea's look west and India's look east policy hold a lot of promises for future cooperation and growth.

Ms Mugdha Sinha, Managing Director, RIICO Ltd briefed the delegation about the industrial infrastructure in the state and urged Korean delegation to look at investing in the upcoming Electronics Clusters besides film making and tourism. Dr Tina Soni, Commissioner, BIP made a detailed presentation on the investment climate in the state and incentives.



> H.E. Mr Hai Kwang Lee, Charge De'affaires, Embassy of the Republic of Korean addressing Government officials and FICCI members during meeting

Visit of American Council of Young Political Leaders delegation

12 – 13 November 2017

As part of an exchange programme coordinated by FICCI, in partnership with American Council of Young Political Leaders (ACYPL), a group of young political leaders from the United States visited Jaipur. The delegation visited Mahindra World City (Jaipur) Ltd wherein they were briefed about the industrial infrastructure and investments from various national and multinational companies. The delegation also visited Rajasthan Legislative Assembly wherein they had interaction with Shri Rao Rajendra Singh, Hon'ble Deputy Speaker, RLA and Mr Prithvi Raj, Secretary, RLA about the functioning of assembly. Visit to Jaipur Foot was another remarkable experience for the delegation members wherein they were sensitized about the phenomenal work being done by the centre.



> Delegation members with Shri Rao Rajendra Singh, Hon'ble Deputy Speaker, Rajasthan Legislative Assembly at Rajasthan Assembly

SPECIAL PROJECT

INDIA SANITATION COALITION PROGRESS AND INITIATIVE

ISC Rajasthan Roundtable: Exploring Opportunities for Corporate Sector in Sanitation

10 February 2017 : Jaipur

The India Sanitation Coalition along with World Bank conducted a high-level strategic meeting to address the challenges and opportunities in SBM Rural, and to create sustainable outputs in the realm of sanitation in line with state government initiatives. Prominent members from Government of Rajasthan, World Bank, India Sanitation Coalition, as well as senior representatives from IL&FS, Mahindra & Mahindra, Reckitt Benckizer, ITC, Tata Trust, Cairn India, ThinkThrough Consultants, Honda, Lixil,

Ambuja Cement Foundation, and a multitude of other private sector players participated.

Few potential collaborations that emerged from the deliberations included:-

- a) Cairn India and RB on hygiene tools
- b) Havels and RB on school sanitation and hygiene
- c) Cairn and India Institute of Health Research Management (IIHRM)

d) Jagran, GirnarSoft, and RB on knowledge portal to share Rajasthan-focused initiatives.

Doordarshan further expressed interest to explore how ISC's initiatives could contribute to their sanitation segments. ISC collected ideas/contributions for their upcoming Compendium of Best Corporate Practices in Sanitation.



> Expert during ISC Rajasthan Roundtable

Insights- FSSM Matters: Looking Forward, Insights Series

10 January 2017: Jaipur

Insights kick-started its regional chapter with the dialogue on “FSSM Matters: Looking Forward” in Jaipur. Various member organisations of the NFSSM alliance, a national level advocacy group around the issue of faecal sludge and septage management, participated on the panel including officials from NIUA, CEPT, CPR, CDD and Government of Rajasthan. The objective of this session was to understand the significance of faecal sludge and sanitation management in the sanitation value chain, particularly in the context of Rajasthan. With increasing advocacy around the issue, this session informed and allowed for deliberation amongst policy makers, researchers and social and market practitioners to work towards a collaborative framework.

Creating new partnerships

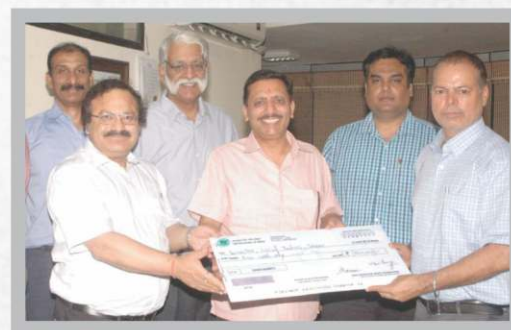
With the objective of galvanising new partnerships in sanitation the ISC is supporting DCM Shriram to design a CSR project aimed at strengthening sanitation related infrastructure and behaviour in Kota, Rajasthan. ISC has provided the following support so far:

- Assisted in conceptualisation of the CSR initiative
- Assisted in facilitation and engagement with relevant government stakeholders in Kota, Rajasthan
- Connected them to a potential implementing partner based on an assessment of their requirements
- Drafted a RFP for third party engagement for implementing BCC and Capacity Building for DCM Shriram
- Connected to World Bank and UNICEF for understanding experiences in Kota and to IIHMR and BCT for implementing, BCC & Capacity building

Contribution to Annapurna Rasoi Yojana

3 May 2017: Jaipur

FICCI Rajasthan State Council presented a cheque of Rs 5.00 Lakhs to Dr Manjit Singh, Principal Secretary – LSG, Government of Rajasthan as support for Annapurna Rasoi Yojana. The contribution for it was made by DCM Shriram Ltd; Honda Motor India Pvt Ltd; Kajaria Ceramics Ltd and Mahindra World City (Jaipur) Ltd. FICCI Rajasthan State Council pledged this support to Smt Vasundhara Raje, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Rajasthan during the State Level Tax Advisory Committee Meeting held in January for the flagship Annapurna Rasoi Yojana by the State Government under which it provides good quality food at highly subsidised rates.



> Cheque towards Contribution to Annapurna Rasoi Yojana handed over to Dr Manjit Singh, Principal Secretary – LSG, GoR and Mr Pawan Arora, Director – Local Bodies, GoR

LIGHTER MOMENTS



Increase income with agri tourism, says CM

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Udaipur: Chief minister Vasundhara Raje urged farmers to take up agri tourism which she claimed is already a booming industry in Maharashtra.

"Tourists are captivated by rural India and love to experience the village life. If you can provide them simple and hygienic staying facilities and home-made food, they will not only pay you money but happily indulge in farming activities like sowing, reaping and even milking the cows," Raje asserted. She said that tourists coming to Ranthambore love to spend time working in jungles like reaping grass. They are willing to learn farm and animal rearing activities which can provide additional income to the farmers in remote areas.

Raje was speaking at the inaugural session of Global Rajasthan Agritech Meet (GRAM) in Udaipur. GRAM is being jointly organised by the Government of Rajasthan and Federation of



CM Raje during GRAM on Tuesday

notely inaugurated 'GRAM Exhibition' and Custom Hiring Centres (CHC). She also inaugurated various projects worth Rs 453 crore for agriculture and other departments across the state. Pointing out the achievements of her government in the past 3.5 years, Raje said 55,000 crore rupees of interest free loans have been given to farmers which is the highest in the country till now. State govt plans to take this figure to 75,000 crore in the next 1 year. Raje said that the interest land development banks and cooperative banks is also slowly reducing and will come down to 5.5%. Farmers with these loans will also get

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जयपुर: टेकनॉलॉजी के क्षेत्र में बदलती है। एक से जल्द साल में टेकनॉलॉजी बदल जाती है। ऐसे में आईटी इंडस्ट्री का क्षेत्र एग्री टूरिज्म को फिट करने पर है, जिससे किसानों को आमना आमना हो सके। एग्री टूरिज्म, ऑटोमिटेड इंडस्ट्रीज, एग्रीकल्चर, फार्मास्यूटिकल्स, ऑटोमोबाइल, स्पार्सटैक कम्युनिटी और लिमिटेड एग्री टूरिज्म, जो कि डिजिटल की जरूरतें जल्द पकड़ने हैं। डिजिटल स्ट्रैटेजी को लागू करने में मदद के लिए, एग्रीकल्चर सेक्टर को स्ट्रैटेजी से उभारना है। एग्रीकल्चर सेक्टर में आईटी इंडस्ट्री के जरूरतों को पूरा करने के लिए एग्रीकल्चर सेक्टर में आईटी इंडस्ट्री के एक्सपर्ट्स ने स्टूडेंट्स के लिए एक



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FDI in textiles sector tripped in past 3 yrs, says Smriti Irani

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

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Additional chief secretary I and RICO chairman Rajeeva Swarup Vastra will serve as a platform not only for discovering new trends in textiles but also for learning from Union textiles minister Smriti Irani at textile and apparel fair Vastra in Jaipur on Thursday.



Union textiles minister Smriti Irani at textile and apparel fair Vastra in Jaipur on Thursday

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Digital meet: Experts stress on making tech more inclusive

HT Correspondent

JAYPUR: Digitisation is not only changing life at a rapid pace but also bringing about prosperity and happiness, industry minister Rajpal Singh Shekhawat said on Wednesday. He was speaking at the second edition of the 'Digital Rajasthan Conclave' here.

Software Technology Parks India (STPI) director general Omkar Raj said STPI has 17 units in Rajasthan and of the 17 units in these two parks 11,000 crore worth software value is being exported from Rajasthan. Rajasthan State Industrial Development & Investment Corporation Ltd (RICO) managing director Mugdha Sinha said this conclave would go a long way in bridging the digital divide.

'Tech key to drive efficiency in public service delivery'

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Jaipur: Adopting disruptive technologies, governments can drive efficiencies in public service delivery, reduce cost and improve transparency, but many people are not using technology due to lack of skills even though they have access to it and the gap needs to be bridged to build on the 'limited empowerment' that has been achieved, said state industries minister Rajpal Singh Shekhawat here on Wednesday.

ed an integrated and unified e-governance framework by creating a network of various technological platforms for delivering public services. But the report reveals that the state can leverage evolving technologies across its focus sectors like manufacturing, infrastructure, education, health, human resource development, delivery, and information technology.

Jaipur: With large IT centres facing infrastructure issues, there is an opportunity for tier-II cities like Jaipur to build on the small beginnings they have made in attracting technology companies and talent, said Sanjosh Panpalia, associate vice-president, head, human resource development, delivery, Infosys Ltd. Panpalia said that cities



Inauguration ceremony

Union textile minister Smriti Irani and state industries minister Rajpal Singh Shekhawat (second from left) launch the global textiles and apparel fair, VASTRA, in Jaipur on Thursday. (PHOTO BY AP)

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वस्त्रा में डिजिटल प्रिंट और जूट पर बायर्स का फोकस

फिरी रिपोर्ट / जयपुर

भारत के 40 बिलियन के एक्सपोर्ट बिजनेस में वस्त्राजमा 4.5 बिलियन का ट्रेड का हिस्सा है। इस ट्रेड को बढ़ाने और सपोर्ट करने के लिए बिजनेस में एग्रीकल्चर के सेक्टर से चार डिजाइनर आउटफिटिंग टेक्नोलॉजी एंड अप्रिल फेयर बायर्स का एक संयोजन गठित किया गया है। इसमें देश भर के एग्रीकल्चर, इंडस्ट्रीज, टेक्नोलॉजी, एग्रीकल्चर और फैशन डिजाइनर शामिल हैं।



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जयपुर/निस

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Aashok Kariya speaking

Textile sector growing fast, has more potential, says Irani

HT Correspondent

JAYPUR: The textile industry in the country is growing exponentially with Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) and has tripled in three years. The growth has touched USD 618.95 million in 2016-17, 6881 Union textiles and information and broadcasting minister Smriti Irani on Thursday.

कई करें से मिलेगा इटकार, जीएस्टी में एकजुतता आगयी

रियल एस्टेट के लिए जीएस्टी फायदेमंद

जयपुर/निस: जयपुर में रियल एस्टेट के लिए जीएस्टी फायदेमंद है। जीएस्टी के माध्यम से रियल एस्टेट के लिए जीएस्टी फायदेमंद है। जीएस्टी के माध्यम से रियल एस्टेट के लिए जीएस्टी फायदेमंद है।

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MSMEs need to tap IPR opportunities

Jaipur: Large enterprises have well established legal cells but the medium and small enterprises are not aware of intellectual property rights (IPR) as they cannot take advantage of Rajeev Swarup, additional, chief secretary, MSMEs, said here on Thursday. Since these days, everything is technology driven and the society is extremely competitive, there is a need to protect innovation, said Swarup at an event organized by FICCI Rajasthan.

Besides the Centre's facilities framework and several schemes for MSMEs to encourage them use IPR effectively, the state government is also assisting the startups in providing 80% of patent filing charge. "There are various incentives for students as well as established designers to promote innovative designs and convey them into commercially viable projects," said Vikas Gupta, deputy director of MSME Development Institute, Jaipur.

Medium and small enterprises are not aware of intellectual property rights

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"Intellectual Property Rights" (IPR) is a subject which is of immense importance and relevance in today's times. It is thus important to create awareness about the topic. This was stated today by the Additional, Chief Secretary, MSMEs, Government of Rajasthan, Rajeeva Swarup. He was speaking as the chief guest in an awareness programme on intellectual property organised by Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) in association with Intellectual Property Office (IPO), Department of Commerce & Industry, Government of India.



Additional Chief Secretary, MSME, Rajeeva Swarup speaking at the Awareness Programme on Intellectual Property Rights at a city hotel on Thursday.

Swarup further said that large enterprises have well established legal cells but the medium and small enterprises are not aware of these rights and thus cannot take advantage of it. The Government of India has a facilitative framework and several schemes for MSMEs to be able to use IPR effectively. In fact, the Rajasthan MSME Policy is regarded the best in the country, informed Swarup.

The Member of FICCI Rajasthan State Council & COO, Mahindra World City, Sanjay Srivastava informed that an IPR Education Center is run by FICCI and

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