

REPORT ON



PHD CHAMBER
OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY



Ambassadors' Meet :
Fostering International Economic Cooperation
Reception & Dinner

on Friday, 24th September 2021 from 7:00 PM to 9:30 PM
at

*The Oval Mansion, Hotel Hyatt Regency, Bhikaiji Cama Place,
Ring Road, New Delhi - 110 066*

PROGRAMME

- 07:00 pm : Arrival of Guests
- 07:30 pm : Arrival of Chief Guest
- Moderation by Mr. Saurabh Sanyal, Secretary General, PHDCCI**
- 07:32 pm : National Anthem
- 07:35 pm : Presentation of Mementos to :
- Chief Guest by President Mr Sanjay Aggarwal
Shri Faggan Singh Kulaste, Hon'ble Minister of State for
Steel and Rural Development, Government of India
 - Guest of Honour by Senior Vice President Mr Pradeep Multani
Mr. Arvind Singh (IAS), Secretary, Ministry of Tourism,
Government of India
 - Our Partner by Vice President Mr Saket Dalmia
Mr. Peter Rimmele, Resident Representative to India, Konrad-
Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS)
- 07:40 pm : Presidential Remarks by Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, President, PHDCCI
- 07:45 pm : Welcome Remarks by Mr. Pradeep Multani, Sr. Vice President,
PHDCCI
- 07:45 pm : Remarks by Mr. Peter Rimmele, Resident Representative to India,
Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS)
- 07:55 pm : Address by Mr. Arvind Singh (IAS), Secretary, Ministry of Tourism,
Government of India
- 08:05 pm : Presentation of Mementos to :
- Our Associate Partner : BMW Deutsche Motoren
 - Our Academic Partner : Appejay School International
 - Our Co-Partners :
 - Synergy Environics
 - R E Rogers Worldwide
 - Speciality Merchandising Services
 - Timberworkz
 - UFlex Ltd
- 08:10 pm : Vote of Thanks by Mr. Saket Dalmia, Vice President, PHDCCI
- 08:10 pm : Reception and Networking Dinner

Introduction to the Ambassadors' Meet

The Ambassadors' Meet is an annual flagship of PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry and is being organised for more than three decades, the current edition being the 36th edition in the series. The Meet provides a unique experience to the Indian Industry to interact and renew their contacts with the diplomatic community. All the previous edition of the Meet had witnessed participation of several Ambassadors, High Commissioner and Diplomats from the Foreign Missions based in New Delhi, senior bureaucrats from Government of India, Captains of the Indian Industry.

Ambassadors Meet 2021

PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI) in partnership with **Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS)** organized the **36th edition of Ambassadors' Meet**, flagship event of the Chamber on **September 24, 2021** at the **Hotel Hyatt Regency, New Delhi**. Around 140 diplomats including Ambassadors/High Commissioners representing more than 65 countries representing Armenia, Bangladesh, Belarus, Bolivia, Bulgaria, Congo, Cote d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Ecuador, El Salvador, Eritrea, Estonia, European Union, Fiji, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Greece, Guinea, Guyana, Hungary, Indonesia, Iran, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kyrgyz Republic, Lao P.D.R., Latvia, Libya, Madagascar, Malawi, Malta, Mauritius, Mongolia, Morocco, Namibia, Niger, Norway, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, Romania, Russia, Rwanda, South Africa, South Korea, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Sweden, Tajikistan, Thailand, Trinidad & Tobago, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, Zimbabwe graced the occasion.

More than 100 members of the Chamber along with their spouses, as well as state and central government officials from various ministries made most of this opportunity to interact with the diplomatic community.



Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal, President, PHDCCI welcomed all the dignitaries, ambassadors, high commissioners, other diplomats and participants and expressed his gratitude to them for joining the event. He said that the Ambassadors' Meet has become the hallmark of good economic, social and cultural relations with all the Foreign Missions in India. Mr. Aggarwal said that India is not only the fastest growing economy in the world economic system but is also steadily emerging as an important player in regional and international arenas. Over the past few decades, our country has demonstrated its growing commitment as a responsible player in the Global Economic Order. To foster enhanced international linkages, India has been actively promoting multilateral diplomacy while engaging itself in several multilateral consultations to advance its economic development and ensure greater integration in the global community. India's Foreign Policy has been such that it creates an environment for domestic growth and prosperity, while seeking to raise the country's global stature. I am happy that beyond several

foreign visits and agreements, a wide range of possibilities have been translated into tangible outcomes for India. Considering that trade and investment forms an essential component in today's world economic system, India has steadily emerged as an attractive investment destination for foreign entities while also looking outwards for greater investments, collaborations and foreign acquisitions.

Mr. Aggarwal further informed that everyone witnessed and felt the challenges and great pain the world economy and citizens have gone through due to Covid-19. The pandemic has not only restricted the movement of goods and people but had put forth unprecedented challenges especially to the medical and pharmaceutical infrastructure across the globe. While, everyone are striving to insulate ourselves from the challenges posed by the pandemic, one positive aspect which we have all felt is the strength of friendship. The countries around the world have helped each other whether it is in providing vaccine support, pharmaceuticals or Covid-19 drugs. While concluding, Mr. Aggarwal said that everyone have done whatever it took to help each other, while, the pandemic will be eradicated one day, it's the bonds of friendship and diplomacy which will prevail amongst us. The Chamber strongly believes in the vision as laid by the Government and has been instrumental in organizing a large number of interactive sessions, programmes and B2B meetings in all the continents across the world. During the last few years, PHD Chamber has mounted business delegations across the regions such as ASEAN economies, Central Asia, the Middle East, Africa, Europe and the Americas. Though there is a pause in organising physical activities and outbound delegations due to the pandemic, we would be able to overcome it in due course and the Chamber will be physically united with its stakeholders around the globe.



Mr. Peter Rimmel, Resident Representative, KAS India while addressing the gathering thanked PHDCCI for associating with KAS in organising the Ambassadors' Meet 2021. He also extended his best wishes to all the delegates attending the Meet.



Mr. Faggan Singh Kulaste, Hon'ble Minister of State for Steel and Rural Development, Government of India, Chief Guest on the occasion while thanking the diplomats and dignitaries present on the occasion he highlighted the importance of Foreign Missions and Diplomats in furthering the bilateral economic, political and trade relations between nations around the world.



Mr. Arvind Singh (IAS), Secretary, Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, while addressing the gathering he highlighted that how people to people contact facilitated by the Tourism Sector boosts economic and cultural relations between the nations. He also expressed the positivity which the sector is foreseeing post pandemic. A video on “Incredible India” was shown to the dignitaries present on

the occasion.

The other dignitaries present on the occasion included former Presidents of PHDCCI, government officials from Ministry of External Affairs, Ministry of Commerce and Ministry of Tourism and member of KAS.

Ambassadors’ Meet was also supported by Apeejay Schools, BMW Deutsche Motoren, Speciality Merchandising Services Pvt. Ltd., Syenergy Environics Ltd., R E Rogers India, UFLEX Ltd and Timberworkz.

The Session was moderated by Mr. Naveen Seth, Assistant Secretary General, PHDCCI.

Key Takeaways Of The Event

- The Meet provided the Industry members present on the occasion an opportunity to deliberate and interact with the various diplomats present of the occasion to understand the various opportunities of bilateral trade and economic cooperation present between India and countries around the world.
- The industry members also made the most of the Meet to renew their contacts with the diplomats present on the occasion.
- Business Sessions to be organised with respective countries highlighting Trade and Investment Opportunities, inviting Indian businesses to connect and vice versa.
- The Meet will be followed by Industry Specific B2B Meets/Business Delegations to respective countries and simultaneously host delegations from respective countries at Chamber.
- The Meet to be followed by sector specific and focussed one to one meetings with the Diplomatic Missions of the Indian Industry to further guide them in trading/investing/technological transfer as per their company’s strategy,

Glimpses





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About The Partners

PHD Chamber Of Commerce and Industry

PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry, established in 1905, is a proactive National Apex Chamber working at the grass-root level and with strong national and international linkages. The Chamber acts as a catalyst in the promotion of industry, trade and entrepreneurship. PHD Chamber, through its research-based policy advocacy role, positively impacts the economic growth and development of the nation. PHD Chamber is more than an organisation of the business community, as it lives by the chosen motto In Communitys Life & Part of It and contributes significantly to socio-economic development and capacity building in several fields.

“PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI) is one of the Premier Chambers in India to have been accredited with “Diamond Grade” by NABET (QCI), at national and international level.

PHDCCI is a National Apex Chamber having its international office at Bahrain for 6 GCC countries, with 2,00,000 companies as its members base, as total focus on the development of small and medium businesses. PHDCCI has co-opted National and International Industry Associations and Organisations through over 151 MoUs signed between the parties.”

Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung

The Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS) is a political foundation. Established in 1955 as “Society for Christian-Democratic Civic Education”, in 1964 the Foundation proudly took on the name of Konrad Adenauer, the first Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany.

With 16 regional offices in Germany and over 120 offices abroad, the Konrad Adenauer Foundation is committed to achieving and maintaining peace, freedom and justice through political education. We promote and preserve free democracy, social market economy, and the development and consolidation of the value consensus. We focus on consolidating democracy, the unification of Europe and the strengthening of transatlantic relations, as well as on development cooperation.

The leitmotif of the Konrad Adenauer Foundation "Germany. The next chapter" is supported by a thematic focus. With the three main topics Innovation, Security and Representation and Participation, it is quite clear which topics the Konrad Adenauer Foundation will focus on in the coming years.

We cooperate with governmental institutions, political parties and civil society organizations, building strong partnerships along the way. In particular, we seek to intensify political cooperation in the area of development cooperation on the foundations of our objectives and values. Together with our partners, we make a significant contribution to the creation of a global order that empowers every country to determine its own developmental priorities and destiny in an internationally responsible manner.

The Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung has organized its program priorities in India into five working areas:

1. Foreign and Security Policy



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2. Economic, Climate and Energy Policy
3. Rule of Law
4. Political Dialogue focussed on Social and Political Change
5. Media and Youth

The India Office of the Konrad Adenauer Foundation takes great pride in its cooperation with Indian partner institutions who implement jointly curated projects and programmes.