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Chief Guest : Sri Duddilla Sridhar Babu, Minister for IT, E&C, Industries & Commerce, and Legislative Affairs, Govt. of Telangana



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Message from **President**



It gives me immense pleasure to present the Activity Report for 2023-24, a year marked by purposeful engagement, advocacy, and impact.

During my tenure, I realized that the success of an industry body rests on three Ps – People, Plan, and Public Relations. The dedication of our members, committees, and Secretariat (People); systematic planning and execution of impactful programs (Plan); and our continuous engagement with Government and industry stakeholders (Public Relations) together strengthened FTCCI's standing as a leading voice of trade and industry.

Despite being an election year, FTCCI conducted numerous seminars, policy consultations, and business interactions, achieving tangible results such as influencing MSME and industrial policy frameworks, addressing "cost of doing business" challenges, and expanding skill and advisory initiatives.

As I demit office, I express heartfelt gratitude to my fellow Office Bearers, Committee Chairs, Members, and Secretariat staff for their support and commitment. It has been a privilege to serve this esteemed institution and contribute to its enduring legacy.

Meela Jayadev

Message from
Sr. Vice President



The year 2023-24 has been one of significant progress for FTCCI – in advocacy, knowledge sharing, and policy representation. Under the leadership of our President, we strengthened our engagement with the Government, presented key recommendations on MSME, industrial, and energy policies, and organized a wide range of impactful programs across sectors.

Our collective focus on skill development, entrepreneurship, and digital transformation has enabled the Federation to stay relevant to emerging industry needs. I deeply appreciate the cooperation and commitment of our members, committees, and Secretariat in making this year a success.

As I prepare to assume the role of President, I look forward to building on this strong foundation and continuing FTCCI's mission of fostering industrial growth and sustainable development.

Suresh Kumar Singhal

Message from
Vice President



The past year has been one of active engagement and learning. FTCCI's dynamic initiatives – from policy advocacy to business networking and skill development – reflect its growing influence and relevance in today's industrial landscape.

The Federation's interactions with government officials, international delegations, and industry stakeholders have not only addressed key challenges but also opened new avenues for collaboration and growth. I commend the collective efforts of our leadership team, committee members, and Secretariat in ensuring another successful year.

I look forward to continuing our shared journey of service, innovation, and industry advancement through the Federation's future initiatives.

R.Ravi Kumar



**FLAGSHIP EVENTS
AND
HIGH LEVEL MEETINGS**

Interactive Meeting on Transformation of energy Sector in Telangana State - Future Challenges



20th September, 2023
FTCCI Surana Auditorium

FTCCI recently hosted an interactive meeting with Shri G Jagadish Reddy, the Hon'ble Minister for Energy in Telangana, focusing on the state's energy sector transformation and future challenges. One key issue discussed was the Green Energy Open Access restriction, which several industrialists raised concerns about. The minister emphasized the state government's social obligations in the power sector and urged caution in pushing for open access to green energy. He highlighted the government's substantial investment in transmission and distribution systems, stressing the need for DISCOMs to become financially robust for improved service delivery to all sectors, including industry.

Sri Sunil Sharma, IAS, Special Chief Secretary of the Energy Department, Telangana, emphasized the correlation between energy consumption levels and regional development.



Telangana's rapid growth is reflected in its 70% higher per capita power consumption than the national average, indicating its robust development trajectory.

Sri Meela Jaydev, President of FTCCI, highlighted the remarkable progress in power generation capacity since Telangana's formation, from 7,778 MW to 18,567 MW, showcasing the government's commitment to bolstering power supply.

Sri Vinod Kumar Agarwal, Chair of the Energy Committee, emphasized the state's focus on industrial progress, citing the presence of

numerous industrial parks and SEZs contributing to a conducive business environment. The reliable power supply has been a significant factor driving industrial growth in Telangana, complemented by the state's proactive industrial policies.

The meeting was attended by about 150 individuals, including prominent figures like Sri Anil Agarwal, Sri Suresh Kumar Singhal, and Smt T. Sujatha, reflecting widespread interest and engagement in the energy sector's evolution in Telangana.

Meeting with the Secretary General of FICCI on Membership Outreach Collaboration



18th January, 2024 J S Krishna Murthy Hall

The President, Sri Meela Jayadev; Vice President, Sri R Ravi Kumar; Secretary, Smt M Veena, of FTCCI; Secretary-General of FICCI, Sri Shailesh K. Pathak; Senior Advisor, Sri Manab Majumdar; and head of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh State Councils, Sri Phani Rajiv Tilak Julakanti; members of the Managing Committee; past presidents; and HoDs of FTCCI participated in the meeting.

The meeting commenced with a warm welcome extended to the Secretary General of FICCI by the President of FTCCI. The primary focus of the discussion was on Membership Outreach and exploring ways to strengthen collaboration between FICCI and FTCCI.

The Secretary General of FICCI, Sri Shailesh Pathak, began the meeting by emphasizing the importance of enhanced collaboration between the two prestigious chambers. He

highlighted the potential benefits that could be derived from a strengthened partnership. He interacted with the Office Bearers, Managing Committee Members, past Presidents, and Subject Officers of FTCCI, acknowledging their roles in fostering economic growth and development. Mr Pathak shared insights on how FICCI could assist FTCCI in its endeavours, particularly in policy advocacy, industry representation, and national-level initiatives.

The Secretary-General expressed FICCI's commitment to supporting FTCCI through various initiatives, including policy advocacy, knowledge sharing, representing the issue of the Member Body at the central level, and facilitating industry linkages.

The representatives from both chambers explored avenues for reciprocal collaboration, emphasizing the symbiotic relationship between FICCI and FTCCI and shared their views

and suggestions on how FICCI and FTCCI could work together more effectively. Specific recommendations were made on areas such as joint events, skill development programs, and leveraging the collective expertise of both chambers.

The meeting concluded with a commitment from both parties to work closely in the future.

Plans were outlined for joint initiatives and collaborative events, and a dedicated task force was established to oversee the implementation of the discussed strategies.

The FICCI Secretary General expressed gratitude for the fruitful discussion and reiterated FICCI's dedication to fostering a robust partnership with FTCCI. The FTCCI representatives expressed their enthusiasm for the collaboration and for engaging actively in the proposed initiatives.

FTCCI Officials felicitated Dr. Mohan Yadav, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Government of Madhya Pradesh



15th February, 2024
FTCCI Surana Auditorium

FTCCI Senior Management team felicitated Dr Mohan Yadav, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of the Government of Madhya Pradesh, during his visit to Hyderabad briefed him on FTCCI activities and also extended an invitation to address FTCCI members during his next visit. The Hon'ble Minister acknowledged the same, provided an overview of trade and

investment opportunities in Madhya Pradesh, and welcomed everyone to visit the state. Also, the FTCCI team felicitated Shri G. Kishan Reddy, Hon'ble Union Minister, Ministry of Tourism, Government of India: 15th February 2024, Imperial Garden, Hyderabad 10th February 2024 at Federation House FTCCI sets the stage ablaze with a cutting-edge workshop on Chat GPT today! Pioneering minds, Mr Pattabi Ram and CA Dungar Chand Jain took the floor, unravelling the mysteries of AI in a way that left the audience on the edge of their seats. A dynamic gathering of 30 professionals from diverse sectors added sparks to the day, creating a vibrant atmosphere of collaboration and innovation.

Interactive meeting with Ms. Karuna Gopal, BJP National Leader and Independent Director, Engineers India Ltd (Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas)



5th April, 2024
Federation House, Hyderabad

FTCCI organized an interactive meeting with Ms. Karuna Gopal, BJP National Leader and Independent Director of Engineers India Ltd (Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas), held on April 5, 2024, at JSK Hall. The meeting aimed to facilitate

dialogue between industry stakeholders and Ms. Karuna Gopal to address the requirements of industry and trade for advancing towards "Viksit Bharat." FTCCI meticulously compiled the inputs provided by the participants, encompassing a wide range of suggestions and recommendations aimed at fostering growth and competitiveness across industries.

Following the meeting, FTCCI submitted the compiled inputs to Ms. Karuna Gopal on behalf of the BJP Party. These inputs were intended for consideration in the formulation of the party's manifesto, reflecting the aspirations and needs of the business community in shaping future policies and initiatives.

Interactive Meeting with Representatives of Major Political Parties on “Economy, Industry and Reforms



6th May, 2024

FTCCI Surana Auditorium

The meeting was organized to elicit the views of major political parties on various issues concerning the growth of the economy, industrial development, and reforms for the forthcoming Lok Sabha elections.

All parties' representatives opined that it is impossible to provide government jobs to all, and employment creation is to be achieved through higher industry growth and the creation of self-employment opportunities for the younger generation. All parties agreed that the government needs to encourage the development of various sectors by offering incentives, subsidies, and infrastructure.

Sri Ponnala Lakshmaiah, leader of Bharat Rashtra Samithi and Ex. The minister of the erstwhile AP emphasized that when the BRS Government came into power, the agricultural sector experienced good growth. In addition to wealth creation, it has directly benefitted the people. Considerable reforms have been brought in the industrial sector. Infrastructure facilities have been created for industries, increasing employment and purchasing power for the people.



He mentioned that the Telangana growth rate is higher than any other state in India and higher than India's GDP. BJP National leader Smt. Karuna Gopal, Independent Director, Engineering India Limited, said that BJP focuses on making India 'self-reliant' and 'self-sustainable'. Programs like 'Make in India' and 'Digital India' have put India on the global map as an investment destination and attracted huge investments into the country. Import Substitution policy in the defence sector made India self-reliant in defence products by replacing the majority of imported products. Most of the construction and maintenance of

national highways have been done in our country rather than in China. She reiterated the government's commitment to making India a developed nation by 2047 and noted that India has grown rapidly over the last ten years.

Sri Shyam Mohan Anantula, Chairman of Intellectual Cell, TPCC, and President of the Forum for Democracy & Global Peace, stated that the present Indian economy is strong due to the strong foundations laid during the tenures of Sri PV Narasimha Rao and Sri Manmohan Singh. He also highlighted that the telecom revolution occurred during Sri Rajiv Gandhi's tenure.



International Conference on Shipping & Logistics

**22nd March, 2024
HICC, Hyderabad**

It was a great success, with overwhelming participation from the stakeholders. The thought leadership event helped identify solutions for the future, which was well identified and curated by FTCCI and the Ministry of MSME.

The International Conference covered the points like

1. Changing landscape of logistics moderated by logistics media expert Mr Ramprasad Ravi from Maritime Gateway
2. Managing Supply Chain in a disrupted geopolitical environment moderated by Supply chain expert Dr Ravi Prakash Mathur from Dr Reddy's.
3. Embracing future opportunities moderated by Satish Lakkaraju well known thought leader of Industry from WiZ
4. Mr Vineet Darda, an indirect tax expert, takes care of how infrastructure can induce



economic development. Speakers are expert in their respective faculties, had contributed in high voltage sessions. Professionals, entrepreneurs, industrialists, MSME fraternities, students, faculties, and scholars participated.

Delivering the welcome address, Mr Meela Jayadev, President FTCCI, thanked the Ministry of MSME for their support, as he

described shipping and logistics as the backbone of the state. He reiterated the importance of the shipping and logistics sector in today's globalized world. He emphasized Telangana's strategic position as a potential logistics hub despite being landlocked and the government's efforts to improve infrastructure and workforce skills. He sensitized the participants that "the conference aims to explore advancements in logistics through engaging discussions with industry





experts, fostering connections, and shaping the future of the sector".

Dr Vishnu Vardhan Reddy, IFS, Special Secretary (Investment Promotion & External Engagement) Vice Chairman & MD, TSIIIC, Govt. of Telangana, underscored the contribution of FTCCI in the development of the state. Looking at the global geopolitical scenario, he said, new centres of power are emerging depending on who controls the trade. Technology, sustainable shipping and climate change are the major factors impacting global trade. The government of India is focusing on bringing down the logistics cost to a single digit with the National Logistics Policy, ULIP and Sagarmala. Telangana got its first dry port near the Northern corridor, and 2-3 more dry ports are being developed in Zaheerabad.

The first plenary session of the day, titled Changing Landscape of Logistics, discussed the changing cargo profile of the states and ports across the country, the impact of black swan events, developments in the northeast and much more. The moderators of the session, Mr. Ramprasad, the editor-in-chief, and Maritime Gateway, set the discussion into context by sharing some vital facts.



He said India has jumped from 8th position to 5th position globally and is poised to be the third-largest economy by 2027. In the past decade, the country has posted a GDP growth of 7%. The Indian economy has grown from \$317.26 billion to \$484.3 billion in 2024. The resilience of global supply chains is being tested again by the ongoing wars, closure of waterways, and policy changes.

The next session, Managing Supply Chains in a Disrupted Geopolitical Environment, discussed the Red Sea crisis, as this particular route was crucial for India. 25% of global trade moves via the Red Sea, and the situation is causing essential cargo to migrate from sea to air. Movement via Cape of Good Hope

adds 20 days lead time for shipping, stretching the available tonnage while creating capital availability issues for the trade community. Air freight rates have gone up three times per KG due to the crisis. Similar has been the impact of the Russia-Ukraine war, which has increased the cost of edible oil imports into India.



**DIPLOMATS &
FOREIGN DELEGATES**

India - UAE Business Session



27th July, 2024
Hotel Park, Hdyderabad

The session aimed to highlight the Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) & Related Business Opportunities between the UAE and Telangana, India. It focused on sectors such as Plastics, Pharmaceuticals, Gems & Jewellery, and many others. H. E. Aaref Alnuaimi, Consul General of UAE at Hyderabad and Dr E. Vishnu Vardhan Reddy, IFS, Special Secretary, Investment Promotion & NRI Affairs, Joint Managing Director (TSTPC), were

Chief Guests. The newly sworn-in President of FTCCI, Mr. Meela Jayadevgave the welcome address. He said it is the first anniversary of India-UAE CEPA implementation. This business session is timely and topical, too. CEPA is the growth engine for India-UAE bilateral trade and significantly impacts India's bilateral trade with the UAE, especially India's exports to the UAE. Addressing the gathering, Dr Vishnu Vardhan Reddy spoke about how Telangana can best use CEPA. CEPA is a comprehensive economic partnership agreement (CEPA) that is a free trade

agreement between two countries. Addressing the 200-plus trade gathering in this background, CEPA was more tailor-made to Telangana because of our export potential and strengths in several sectors, such as pharmaceuticals, engineering goods, electronics, chemicals and minerals, and Agro products. A panel discussion on Business Opportunities Post India-UAE CEPA was held. Kunal Wadhwa, Partner PwC, moderated it. His opening remarks explained how CEPA differs from FTA (Free Trade Agreement). Mr AVPS Chakravarthi, Chair of the International Trade & Business Relations Committee, FTCCI, said the Al Minhad area, the 84 km stretch in the United Arab Emirates, was renamed as 'Hind City' by the ruler of Dubai, Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum shows India and UAE affinity. Mr Shubhransh Srivastav, Head of Corporate Affairs of DP World, an Emirati multinational logistics company based in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, specialising in cargo logistics and port terminal operations, gave the vote of thanks.

India-Central Highlands Trade & Investment Conference 2023-Da Lat, Vietnam



30th & 31st August, 2023
Da Lat city in Vietnam.

The Consulate General of India, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam,

invited esteemed members of FTCCI to participate in the India-Central Highlands Trade & Investment Conference 2023, Da Lat. The focus was on the following sectors: Silk yarns & silk fabric importers, Aluminium Importers, Agro Product distributors (Coffee, Black pepper, Black Tea, Rubber, Flower, etc.), Food Processing factories, Energy & Renewable energy Enterprises, Agricultural machinery manufacturers, IT Companies, Tour operators. The event was organized efficiently by the Consulate General of India in Vietnam. The conference was attended by 14 delegates from FTCCI in various sectors specified.

Interactive Meeting with Dr. Claudio Ansorena Montero, Ambassador, Embassy of Costa Rica



04th September, 2023
J S Krishnamurthy Hall, FTCCI

FTCCI held an Interactive Meeting featuring Dr. Claudio Ansorena Montero, Costa Rican Ambassador in New Delhi, and Mr. Donald Thomson, CEO of CRDC Global. Sri Meela Jayadev, FTCCI President, highlighted the strong bilateral ties between India and Costa Rica, stressing the need for increased cooperation across sectors. Sri AVPS Chakravarthy, Committee

Chair, acknowledged the historic delegation from Costa Rica, underscoring the countries' unique relations and existing agreements, particularly in trade.

Dr Montero emphasized Costa Rica's preference for democratic trading partners like India and discussed their reliance on renewable energy. Mr. Thomson introduced CRDC Global's innovative project of transforming plastic waste into construction

materials, showcasing their commitment to sustainability.

The meeting included discussions on logistics, plant setup, and production techniques for the plastic conversion project. It ended with token presentations to the guests and a vote of thanks from Sri Suresh Kumar Singhal, FTCCI Sr. Vice-President, appreciating Costa Rica's sustainable energy practices.

Interactive Meeting with Mr. Pablo Bravo Pinadero International Trade Advisor, Embassy of Spain, New Delhi :

22nd September, 2023 at Federation House



FTCCI: Business Delegation from Türkiye



11th January, 2024 Federation House, Hyderabad

The meeting began with a warm welcome extended to the Türkiye Business Delegation by Mr. Suresh Singhal, Senior Vice President of FTCCI. He acknowledged the significant contributions of both countries to each other's growth and expressed gratitude for the opportunity to host the distinguished delegation.

Mr. Orhan Yalman Okan, Consul General of Türkiye, emphasized the special place Hyderabad holds in the hearts of the Türkiye people. He highlighted the historical, cultural, educational, and trade ties that have developed over the years, dating back to the days of the Nizam. Mr. Orhan, being a diplomat, stressed his role in

fostering cordial relations between the nations.

Mr Orhan also outlined the historical growth in bilateral trade between Türkiye and India. He mentioned that last year's trade reached 12 billion US \$, surpassing the target of 10 billion US \$, and leaders of both nations have set an ambitious target of 20 billion US \$ for the current year, reinforcing their commitment to further enhancing economic ties.

Mr Chandra Mohan, Chair of the Agro Food & Food Processing Committee, highlighted the diverse opportunities for collaboration between the Turkish delegation and Telangana. The sectors represented by the Türkiye delegation, including Vegetable Oil, Seeds, and Fresh Fruits, align

well with Telangana's agricultural products. This presents exciting prospects for synergy and mutual growth. Associate Prof Sabri Oz, Chairman of BETA Science Association, praised Hyderabad as a center of innovation, technology, and science. This recognition underscores the potential for collaborative ventures in these fields between the two nations.

Mr Subbaraj Gowra, Co-Chair of International Trade and Business Relations, emphasized the strong potential for collaboration in agriculture, food, irrigation, and other areas. He urged participants to keep an open mind for collaborative ventures and highlighted the vast potential for import-export activities between Telangana and Türkiye.

Interactive Meeting with Mr. Shelly Salehin, Deputy High Commissioner, Bangladesh :

25th January, 2024 Federation House

Interactive meeting with Mr. Shelly Salehin, Deputy High Commissioner, Bangladesh, attended by Mr. Meela Jaydev, President, Mr. R. Ravi Kumar, Vice President, Mrs. Sujatha, Dy CEO and Mr. Varun Bandi, Joint Director of FTCCI





FTCCI AWARDS



5th Edition of HR Awards 2023 Ceremony

15th March, 2024
Federation House

A total of 14 winners, both organizations and individuals, were presented awards in different categories. Sri G. V. Subrahmanyam, Hon'ble Chairman, Industrial Tribunal-I, Hyderabad, was Chief Guest and Dr Nirmalya Bagchi, Director General, ASCI, was Guest of Honour. They gave away awards along with FTCCI Leadership Sri Meela Jayadev, President, Sri Suresh Kumar Singhal, Sr Vice President and Sri R Ravi Kumar, Vice President, Meela Sanjay, Chairman of HR&IR Committee and Sri Kalyan Duvva, Founder of SarvHR, knowledge partner to the awards.

A comprehensive report on Best HR Practices, meticulously prepared by SarvHr, was unveiled as a highlight of the event, which about 250 individuals attended.







FTCCI Shipping & Logistics Awards Ceremony

22nd March, 2024
HICC, Hyderabad

At one of the Novotel HICC finest Ballroom's shipping greats came together for the glitzy FTCCI Awards ceremony. Members from the sea and shore from all across the country came dressed in their finest best of greys and blues. This was the evening the industry chose to celebrate with their colleagues and peers for carrying the industry through successfully for another year.

Meela Jayadev, President of FTCCI, welcomed the August gathering, which had come together to witness and applaud the extraordinary achievements of their peers and colleagues. FTCCI has a century-old tradition of promoting and supporting the regional trade by honouring outstanding performers. Ramprasad Ravi, Advisor, Shipping & Logistics Committee, FTCCI, commended the industry leaders who have gone the extra mile, tiding over the challenges to up the benchmark in whatever they do. Capt Vivek S Anand, founder and chairman of CVSA & Associates, detailed the rigorous nomination and award selection process established by the jury members for finalizing the award winners. Guest of Honour for the evening was Ms. Manju Sharma, General Manager, SBI, and she appreciated the exemplary work done by logistics service providers

in making supply chains resilient.

Representatives of shipping lines, ports, and logistics companies filled the hall with their presence as they cheered for the champions who, through their perseverance, pushed the boundaries in everything from customer service and new products to using technology to disrupt the way business is done. It was a night where the industry stood up together to celebrate excellence, innovation and best practices across the sector.

As the attendees gave a standing ovation to Capt. PVK Mohan, Managing Director, Seaways Group, Capt. Vivek S Anand spoke a few words on his lifetime achievements, describing him at best as "the Amitabh Bachchan of the Shipping Fraternity." Among Capt. PVK Mohan's most notable contributions to the maritime fraternity are his active participation in shaping various reforms in the ARCHAIC Laws and Regulations associated with the Merchant Navy and EXIM trade.

The recipients accepted these awards to thunderous applause and many standing ovations. The awards evening may now be over, but the awardees will be justly entitled to bask in the glow of their success for the next 12 months until their peers raise the benchmark to qualify for next year's awards.





Sri Duddilla Sridhar Babu, Minister for IT, E&C; Industries & Commerce, and Legislative Affairs, Govt. of Telangana congratulated the winners and reassured the participants, stating, "The Congress Government is unwavering in its commitment to being industry-friendly. Our government will solve all the problems. The industry incentives of Rs 3700 crore announced by the previous government were not disbursed, and we are looking into it. The Hon'ble Chief Minister, Sri Revanth Reddy, will unveil a new and robust industrial policy in three to four weeks. Additionally, the Telangana Government will soon unveil the first-of-its-kind MSME Policy.

FTCCI Excellence Awards 2023

15th July, 2024
Federation House, Hyderabad

The Federation of Telangana Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FTCCI), presented its Excellence Awards 2023 on Friday, July 5, 2024. The awards, a symbol of excellence and innovation, were given by the Chief Guest, Sri Duddilla Sridhar Babu, Minister for IT, E&C; Industries & Commerce, and Legislative Affairs, Govt. of Telangana, along with the Guest of Honour, Dr. Mallu Ravi, Member of Parliament, at the Federation House in the presence of Sri Meela Jayadev, President, Sri Suresh Kumar Singhal, Senior Vice-President, Sri R Ravi Kumar, Vice-President, Sri Karunendra S Jasti, Chair of the FTCCI Excellence Awards Committee and Smt. M.Veena, Secretary, FTCCI

FTCCI felicitated the Eminent Jury of the FTCCI Excellence Awards Committee Sri M. Gopala Krishna (Retd IAS), Sri Ajay Mishra (Retd IAS) & Dr. Uday B Desai (Founding Director, IIT Hyderabad), Immediate President Sri Anil Agarwal, Past President of FTCCI Sri Atluri Subba Rao, and sub-staff Sri Khaja Ali, for their outstanding services to FTCCI and its members. After that, awards were presented to the winners in various categories.

The awards were given in three broad areas: Industry, Innovation, and Individual, spanning 17 categories. Dr Yerram Raju was honored for his outstanding contribution to the MSME sector.



Dr. Mallu Ravi, Member of Parliament, lauded FTCCI's efforts, emphasizing that development is only possible with industrial growth. He noted that many governments are competing for industrial growth and reiterated that the awards promote the spirit of entrepreneurship, highlighting the winners' hard work and commitment to success.

Sri Duddilla Sridhar Babu, Minister for IT, E&C; Industries & Commerce, and Legislative Affairs, Govt. of Telangana, addressed the gathering before presenting the awards. He congratulated the winners and reassured the participants, stating, "The Congress Government is unwavering in its commitment

to being industry-friendly. Our government will solve all the problems. The industry incentives of Rs 3700 crore announced by the previous government were not disbursed, and we are looking into it. The Hon'ble Chief Minister, Sri Revanth Reddy, will unveil a new and robust industrial policy in three to four weeks. Additionally, the Telangana Government will soon unveil the first-of-its-kind MSME Policy. We are setting up a Skill University in the state and aim to make Telangana the skill capital of the globe.

Sri Meela Jayadev, President of FTCCI, stated that the Excellence Awards, initiated in 1974, are a flagship annual event and are highly coveted for

their transparency and accuracy in selecting winners. He congratulated and commended all the award winners for their relentless efforts to achieve significant milestones of success.

He also mentioned that FTCCI representatives are involved in various state-level committees and central government organizations, supporting government initiatives to strengthen the industrial sector and formulate industry-friendly policies. He thanked Suven Life Sciences, Sigachi Industries, and Bharath Cloud for initiating three new awards this year and thanked the esteemed jury members for their meticulous assessment. He highlighted a primary concern regarding the "Trade License Fee" imposed on a square-foot basis, requesting authorities to revert to the old system with a cap on the fee amount. He also advocated introducing a One-Time Settlement Scheme (OTS) for electricity dues.

In his address, Sri Meela Jayadev appealed to the government to grant FTCCI a few acres to construct a state-of-the-art building, as the existing premises were insufficient.

Sri Karunendra S. Jasti, Chair of the Excellence Awards Committee, congratulated the winners and emphasized that winning an award is a remarkable feat and a motivation to achieve even greater heights.



He thanked the eminent jury and committee members for their dedication and expertise in selecting the best entries for various awards.

He informed the gathering that the awards recognize proven excellence and outstanding contributions by large, small, and medium enterprises, startups, and women entrepreneurs across various sectors, including

manufacturing, agro-industry, healthcare, and more, looking for all-around performance and innovations. This year, three new categories were added for Pharma, ESG Performance, and Digital Transformation by Enterprises, reflecting the changing dynamics of the industry and the increasing importance of these areas in the current business landscape.

Jasti informed the entire selection process was digitized this year to ensure transparency and fairness. The event concluded with a Vote of Thanks by Sri Suresh Kumar Singhal, Senior Vice President congratulating the winners and expressing his gratitude for the presence of Sri Sridhar Babu, Sri Mallu Ravi, and the distinguished guests







HEALTH CARE ACTIVITIES

Round table meeting on AYUSH Vision



5th August, 2023
Federation House, Hyderabad

The meeting on AYUSH Vision for Quality & Affordable Health for All brought together key stakeholders, including Smt. Hari Chandana Dasari, IAS, Director AYUSH, and a team of doctors and professionals from the AYUSH Department and Technology sector.

Opening the meeting, Ms. Khyati Narvane, CEO of FTCCI, set the stage with her remarks. She was followed by Mr. Meela Jayadev, President of FTCCI, who welcomed everyone and praised the diverse treatments offered by AYUSH medicine.

Mr. Shekhar Agarwal, Health Committee Convenor, highlighted the conference's theme and welcomed Smt. Hari Chandana Dasari, IAS, emphasizes the importance of her insights in achieving the Vision 2030 goals for Telangana's healthcare.

Smt. Dasari's key points during the meeting emphasized:

1. Integrating Medical Systems: She stressed bridging the gap between allopathy and AYUSH, proposing a continuum of care



2. Healthcare Challenges and Well-being: Recognizing Telangana's efforts, she emphasized overall well-being and extending healthcare to schools and geriatric care.
3. Quality Control and Standards: This paper highlights the need for stringent quality control in AYUSH products and urges industry collaboration for credible standards.
4. Role of Technology: Discussing telemedicine's role in healthcare access and integrating traditional practices for

comprehensive care.

5. Public-Private Collaboration: Advocating collaboration for best practices integration and proposing a knowledge repository for Indian systems of medicine.

The meeting concluded optimistically, with around 35 delegates participating, including professionals from the AYUSH Department and Technology sector, reaffirming the potential for transformative integrated wellness and healthcare initiatives.

Your Health & Ayurveda: An Ancient Legacy & Wisdom Health Camp & Seminar



07th December, 2023
Federation House, Hyderabad

The camp was organized in collaboration with the Department of AYUSH and the Telangana Government. Dr K. Srinivas Rao, Dr B. Ram Das, and Dr T. S. Prasad led the successful health camp, providing free medical consultations and medicines to about 100 patients.

The event's speakers included Dr T Srinivas Prasad from NIMS, Mr Suresh Kumar Singhal, Mr Ravi Kumar, Mr Shekhar Agarwal, and Mr Laxminiwas Sharma from FTCCI, along with past presidents and managing committee members.

Dr. Prasad recommended stocking Ayurvedic essentials in the kitchen for health benefits. Shekhar Agarwal highlighted the importance of the kitchen as a

pharmacy, emphasizing patient-centric and affordable healthcare. Laxminiwas Sharma shared his positive experience with Ayurveda over allopathy, advocating for its use in certain health conditions.

Overall, the event successfully promoted the integration of Ayurveda into modern health practices through practical initiatives and expert insights.

Seminar on the eve of World Cancer Day



03rd February, 2024
Federation House, Hyderabad

FTCCI, in collaboration with Lions

Club and TAAPMA, hosted a "Let's Conquer Cancer" seminar at the KNL Prasad Auditorium on the eve

of World Cancer Day. Dr. Patti Hill, the international president of Lions Clubs International, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest.

Dr. Hill proudly highlighted Lions' significant efforts in cancer-related activities within District 320, impacting around 72,000 individuals. She underscored the challenges faced, particularly in diagnosing cancer in children early enough for effective treatment. Stressing the importance of collaboration and timely access to healthcare, she lauded the Lions Foundation's contributions totalling 2.6 million US dollars, a testament



to the inspiring work of the Lions Club.

President Meela Jayadev of FTCCI underscored the profound impact of cancer globally and the need for unified medical attention and support, given the staggering number of cases, especially in India.

Other speakers, including Lion R. Sunil Kumar, Shekar Agarwal, and Dr. Kalyan Polaravarapu, addressed various aspects such as the survival rates in different countries, the financial strain of cancer treatment, the necessity

for affordable and accessible healthcare, the need for a national cancer registry in India, and the low rate of cancer screening.

Dr Pavan Kumar B discussed current trends in cancer treatment, highlighting newer therapies like immunotherapy and CAR-T cells, while Sri Harish NL delved into future treatments, including robotic surgery, TTF therapy, genetic analysis, and promising advancements in precision oncology.

Sri Praneeth S spoke about the crucial role of palliative care,

emphasizing the importance of dignified end-of-life care for patients with life-threatening conditions.

The seminar, attended by esteemed Lions leaders and healthcare professionals, brought attention to the multifaceted challenges of cancer care and the ongoing efforts to improve detection, treatment, and support services.



HEALTH FOR ALL Healthy Telangana - Happy Telangana

14th July 2024
Rotary Park, Tank Bund

The uniqueness of the walkathon was the involvement of the city's most sought-after doctors: Renowned Cardio surgeon- Padma Shri Dr Gokhale; Executive chair, Director, LV Prasad Eye Institute- Dr Prashant Garg; Director MNJ Institute of Oncology- Dr Sreenivasulu; President-Elect Indian Medical Association, Telangana- Dr Dwarkanath; Principal & Professor, Dr. B.R.K.R. Govt Ayurvedic College- Dr Srikanth Babu; Professor & Head, Dept. of Moalejat (Gen.Med.) O S D, Govt.Nizamia Tibbi College- Dr. Bokhari; Dean, Administrative Staff College of India (ASCI)- Dr Subodh; Sri Ajay Mishra IAS Retd.

Also, several other professionals- President -Meela Jayadev, Sr. Vice President- Suresh Singhal; Vice President- Ravi Kumar; Convenor, Health committee- Shekhar Agarwal; several members of Managing Committee and past Presidents; Secretary -Mrs Veena, Director- Sangeetha and staff of FTCCI participated. Also, the members of

Sudhakar group and their associates participated in the walk.

Around 450 participants gathered at Rotary park with energy. Guests of honour were welcomed by the plant saplings by The FTCCI office bearers. "Balloons were formally released by the distinguished guests to mark the "walkathon".

The walk began with Flag off at Rotary Park at 6:40 am on Hussain

Sagar Lake, continued to the end of the Tank Bund and returned to Rotary Park by 7:40 am. We had the best possible weather through-out the walkathon.

The brief address by guests of honour and office bearers are as follows :

- ▶ Padma Shri Dr Gokhale said nothing can be achieved without





getting sweat.

- ▶ Dr. Prashanth Garg said walking for 30 minutes a day or more on most days of the week is a great way to improve and maintain overall good health.
- ▶ Dr. Srinivasulu, said, keep fit, keep doctors away.
- ▶ “Make every STEP count on the journey to a healthier you,” said Sri Meela Jayadev, emphasizing the importance of regular walks to encourage industrialists and the public to lead an active lifestyle.
- ▶ Sr. Vice President, stated that if health is well, everything will be well. He also shared his self-experience on walking.
- ▶ Vice Presidentsaidtheimportance of physical activity and asked everyone to take a pledge to walk minimum 30 min a day for the whole year.
- ▶ Mr. Shekhar Agarwal highlighted the importance of mental health, as Stress and Good health do not go together, and recommended practicing laughing meditation twice daily to manage stress, all participants participated in laughing exercise which made participants feel happier.



Participants were very much enthusiastic and requested FTCCI to conduct such Walkathons further.

Walk was concluded with spectacular view of lake, Buddha statue and secretariat and delicious breakfast at Sailing Annexe.

Supporting partners: Sudhakar Pipes, Decathlon, nSure and Asian Spine, Hyderabad Cyclist Group.



**FTCCI POKARNA
SKILL CENTER**

Entrepreneurship Development Program on Food Processing



17th to 19th July 2023 FTCCI Pokarna Skill Center

The Entrepreneurship Development Program on Food Processing took place from July 17 to 19, 2023, at the FTCCI Pokarna Skill Centre's Amethyst Classroom. The three-day full-time program catered to a diverse audience, including aspiring entrepreneurs, startups, women SHGs, managers in the food processing sector, students, and academicians.

Additionally, the event included a two-day Entrepreneur Development Programme specifically designed for women entrepreneurs aiming to establish and expand successful food processing businesses.

The EDP on food processing aimed to provide participants with essential knowledge, skills, and resources for starting and managing a food processing venture. It covered business management fundamentals,

industry-specific insights, and practical skills required for success. The course included guidance on initiating a venture in the food industry, covering aspects like company formation, food business compliances, project planning, government subsidies, sales and marketing strategies, and accessing other support services provided by the Government of Telangana State.

Two day Entrepreneur Development Programme for Women

25th to 26th July 2023 Medak

In a remarkable display of determination and empowerment, 180 women defied a meteorological red alert in Medchal and Medak to attend a two-day Entrepreneur Development Programme held from July 25th to 26th, 2023, in Muppireddy pally. Despite the impending downpour, these fearless women gathered to break societal barriers and embrace growth.

The event, a significant step towards women's empowerment, was





organized under VST Industries' corporate social responsibility initiative in partnership with FTCCI. It aimed to equip women with entrepreneurial skills and knowledge, a crucial aspect in promoting gender equality and driving economic growth. The support from Telangana Women Commission Chairperson Ms V Sunitha Laxma Reddy and DRDA Medak Collectorate further bolstered the participants' motivation. Throughout the program, the participants were not mere attendees

but active learners. They engaged in workshops, interactive sessions, and panel discussions led by industry experts. The topics covered, including business planning, financial management, marketing strategies, and legal aspects of entrepreneurship, were met with enthusiasm and eagerness to learn. FTCCI President, Mr Meela Jayadev, acknowledged the participants' dedication and highlighted the crucial role of women in driving economic growth.

Despite adverse weather conditions, these women emerged as a united force, ready to conquer challenges and achieve great heights in their personal and professional lives. Their story serves as a symbol of hope and resilience, showcasing the indomitable spirit of women in the face of adversity.

Empowering Vision: FTCCI has hosted a Motivational Program for visually impaired students of LV Prasad Eye Institute



16th September, 2023 : A delegation comprising 16 students, along with their dedicated instructors, attended the program, which was thoughtfully tailored to empower the visually impaired students and boost their self-confidence.

FTCCI with collaboration with “Quality Circle Forum of India” (QCFI) conducted 3 Days Certificate Course with Soft Skills Lean Edge : Mastering Efficiency & Excellence Program



20th to 22nd September, 2023 : Empowering Vision: FTCCI has hosted a Motivational Program for visually impaired students of LV Prasad Eye Institute 16th September, 2023 : A delegation comprising 16 students, along with their dedicated instructors, attended the program, which was thoughtfully tailored to empower the visually impaired students and boost their self-confidence.

Certificate Course in Global Logistics & Supply Chain Management Program

2nd to 4th November 2023
FTCCI Pokarna Skill Center

This program, supported by the MPL Group and the TSTPC Department of the Telangana Government, featured renowned speakers like Prof. Debasish Mukherjee from Gitam Hyderabad Business School, Dr Ravi Mathur from Dr Reddy's Laboratories Ltd, and other experts from the logistics sector.

Under the guidance of Mr. Kamal Jain and Iqbal Abdulla Patni, the program emphasized the critical role of global logistics and supply chain management in today's business landscape. The closing ceremony on November 4th, 2023, marked the distribution of certificates to participants by FTCCI's Mr. Suresh Kumar Singhal and Mr. R Ravi Kumar. The program also included an enriching industrial visit to key logistics facilities, providing practical



exposure and learning experiences.

This successful training initiative underscores FTCCI Skill Centre's dedication to nurturing a skilled workforce in global logistics and supply chain management, contributing significantly to industry growth in the region.

Empowering Analytics Excellence: Power BI and Python Industry Training Program



7th to 15th November 2023 FTCCI Pokarna Skill Center

In a significant stride toward fostering data literacy and analytical proficiency, the Pokarna Skill Centre recently conducted an intensive 8-day certificate program on 'Power BI and Python' from 7 November to 15 November 2023. This comprehensive initiative, which accommodated 33 participants online and offline, was strategically designed to unravel the intricacies of Data Analysis using Power BI and Python. One of the most valuable aspects of this program was the significant contribution from

esteemed organisations, notably Safran Aircraft Engines, the largest French manufacturer of aircraft components, and GMR Air Cargo. Including talent and expertise from these industry leaders added a diverse and enriching dimension to the learning experience.

The program's curriculum was meticulously designed to equip participants with a comprehensive understanding of data analysis tools and techniques. Through a blend of theoretical sessions, hands-on workshops, and real-world case studies, attendees gained practical

Power BI and Python skills, enabling them to visualize data effectively, perform statistical analysis, and interpret data through coding.

The valedictory ceremony, held to acknowledge the participants' achievements, was graced by the presence of Mr. Suresh Kumar Singhal, Senior Vice President of FTCCI. Mr Singhal's attendance underscored the organisation's significance in continuous learning and the practical application of cutting-edge technologies in the workplace.

Management Development Program

20th to 21st November 2023 FTCCI Pokarna Skill Center

Management Development Program held at the esteemed Pokarna Skill Centre for Managers of Ramky Estates & Farms Pvt. Ltd. Held over two insightful days, from November 20 to 21, 2023, the program was meticulously designed to focus on honing participants' 'Decision-making skills and Crossfunctional Crossfunctional Productivity.' After formally introducing Director Dr. Ankit Bhatnagar, the event commenced with an enlightening Keynote



Address delivered by Mr. Nanda Kishore, the Managing Director of RAMKY Estates & Farms Pvt. Ltd. His address set the tone for the program, emphasizing the critical role of effective decision-making in navigating the complexities of the contemporary business landscape. Mr. Kishore shared his invaluable insights and experiences, providing a strategic perspective on decision-making in the real estate and farming industry. Following the inspiring keynote, Mr. Rajgopal B, Head of Human Resources, RAMKY Estates & Farms Pvt. Ltd., took the stage.

Mr. Rajgopal discussed the significance of cross-functional collaboration and its direct impact on organizational productivity. He

underscored the importance of fostering a collaborative culture within the company, emphasizing how it contributes to innovation, efficiency, and overall business success. The heart of the program was comprised of interactive workshops, case studies, and group discussions, enabling participants to apply theoretical concepts to real-world scenarios. Renowned industry experts and seasoned trainer Mr. Rajesh Pershad facilitated these sessions, providing participants practical tools and strategies to enhance their decision-making skills and cross-functional collaboration. The valedictory session, graced by Mr. Suresh Kumar Singhal, Senior Vice President of RAMKY Estates & Farms

Pvt. Ltd., marked the culmination of the two-day program. Mr. Singhal commended the participants for their active engagement and commitment to personal and professional development. He reiterated the organization's dedication to nurturing leadership talent within its ranks and expressed optimism about the positive impact the program would have on the company's future success. With enhanced decision-making skills and a deeper understanding of cross-functional dynamics, the program is poised to catalyze positive change within the company and contribute to its continued success in the dynamic business environment.

Certificate Program on Tableau with SQL Upskilling Program on Data Visualization with Tableau

7th - 15th December, 2023
FTCCI Pokarna Skill Center

Working professionals from HR & Finance background who have been looking for career growth and transition into business analytics have attended the program. Tableau, being a leading visualization tool has empowered professionals to create interactive & visually appealing dashboards, reports & infographics enabling date-driven decision-making across various industries.



Management Development Program: 2 Days Training Program for Women's Rights at Workplace 18th & 19th January, 2024



18th - 19th January, 2024
FTCCI Pokarna Skill Center

33 Women participants (Managers, HR-Professionals, Business owners & Women Employees) from various organizations & departments attended the program in order to understand the Rights of Women at work place. The program focus on their Interpersonal Skills & understanding of Women's Rights in the workplace for creating a work environment that would supports their professional growth and well-being

Certificate Program on Export & Import Management Program



27th January, 2024
FTCCI Pokarna Skill Center

Training program being organized at The Federation of Telangana Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FTCCI), Hyderabad on 'Certificate Program on Export & Import Management'. This program is a 6-days training program sponsored by The Ministry of Commerce & Industry. The program (for Hyderabad location) was conducted on 27th Jan '2024 which was attended by 67 such business owners at FTCCI from the Leather and allied Industries. FTCCI has planned to organize 4 such similar training programs for capacity building in Export & Import at Medak, Guntur, Khammam, and Mahabubnagar



Districts. Priority sector industries in food items, handicrafts, handlooms, GI Products, carpets, leather, sports goods & toys, silk, wool, jute and minor forest produce are to be focused for the capacity building in exports and imports in their respective domains through training activities.

Training Program on Entrepreneurship Essentials: Starting a Business



6th to 8th May, 2024 | FTCCI Pokarna Skill Center

Certificate Course on Export and Import Management at Mahabubnagar



23rd to 28th February, 2024 Mahabubnagar

The Certificate Course on Export and Import Management, held at MAHABUBNAGAR by The Federation of Telangana Chambers of Commerce and Industry, was successfully conducted over a span of 6 days. The program aimed at equipping participants with essential knowledge and skills in export and import management.

A total of 60 candidates actively participated in the program,

representing the priority sector of manufacturing, in accordance with the guidelines set by the Government of India. This diverse group contributed to enriching discussions and knowledge exchange during the course.

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry generously sponsored the program, demonstrating its commitment to fostering expertise in export and import management within the region.

Various departments, including

TSTPC, TSIIC, ECGC, DIC actively contributed to the program by delivering insightful knowledge sessions. Their expertise and industry insights significantly enhanced the learning experience for the participants.

The course spanned 6 days, allowing for an in-depth exploration of export and import management concepts. The curriculum covered a range of topics, providing a comprehensive understanding of the subject matter.



INTERNATIONAL & DOMESTICS VISITS

Visit to Indo- German Programme for Vocational Education and Training (IGVET) Study Tour on Green TVET in Germany In Bonn, Koblenz, Cologne, Frankfurt/oder and Berlin



23rd to 30th September, 2023

The study tour on Green TVET in Germany, part of the Indo-German Programme for Vocational Education and Training (IGVET) by GIZ, was attended by Ms Khyati Naravane, CEO, along with officials from MSDE, Skill Development Council, private organizations, and GIZ. It showcased the partnership between MSDE and IGVET under GIZ, aiming to explore German skills development and inclusive education. Discussions centred on Germany's

successful dual VET system, green skill development, and climate change challenges. The program included visits to key institutions like BIBB, chambers of commerce, and renewable energy centres, providing insights into vocational training, apprenticeships, and industry roles. Objectives included understanding the dual VET system, green skills development, and fostering Indo-German collaboration for sustainable growth in India's workforce.

Business Delegation of FTCCI to Sao Paulo, Brazil 1-7 October, 2023





A 12-member delegation visited Brazil from 1st to 7th October 2023. The purpose of the visit was to participate in Futurecom Expo 2023 at Sao Paulo city from 3rd to 5th October 2023, study the business environment, and promote the activities of the Federation.

During the visit, the delegation also had interactive meetings with ABStartups (Startups Association) and the Sao Paulo Chamber of Commerce. The officials of the Sao Paulo Chamber of Commerce, Mr Roberto Mateus Ordine, President; Mr Ricardo Cury, Coordinator of the Council of Consulates and Chambers of Commerce (CCIC) of SP Chamber, have promised to extend support needed by the members of the delegation and expressed the desire to enter into a formal MOU between the two chambers.

The delegation visited the Futurecom Expo on 4th October and met Ms. Manisha Swami, Consul General of India, in Sao Paulo. She said there is much scope for expanding the businesses with Brazil as the trade between countries is currently only \$16 Billion. She also assured the Consul General's office would provide the necessary information and support for those who want to export to/import from Brazil.



FTCCI organized a visit to The Art of Living International Center, Bengaluru

19th & 20th January, 2024
Bengaluru, Karnataka.

The Art of Living International Center is spread over 250 acres and is the perfect place to make any day memorable. They offer a number of programs to explore the infinity within—the Happiness Program, the Advanced Meditation Program, the Intuition Process for Children and Teens, the Wellness Program, and others. The programs designed by Art of Living provide techniques and tools to live a more profound and joyous life.

The delegation had the opportunity to explore the centre's most beautiful places: Vishalakshi Mantap, Sri Sri Gaushala, Sri Saamba Parameshwara Temple, Murugan Mandala Vatika, Sri Sri Ayurveda Hospital, and others.

On 20th January 2024, the delegation had a blessed meeting with Gurudev Sri Sri Ravi Shankar Ji. Gurudev Sri Sri Ravi Shankar Ji is a world-renowned humanitarian, spiritual leader, and an ambassador of peace and human values. Through his life and work, Gurudev has inspired millions worldwide with a vision of a stress-free and violence-free world.

Around 25 Members of the delegation participated in the visit.



FTCCI Delegation Visit to T-Works



15th March, 2024
T-Works, Hyderabad

The FTCCI delegation, led by President Sri Meela Jayadev, visited T-Works in Hyderabad, a renowned prototyping centre, to enhance innovation and technological progress. The delegation explored collaboration opportunities, discussed skill development, and witnessed ongoing innovative projects alongside ICT Committee Chair Sri

K. Mohan Raidu and IDC Committee Chair Sri Srinivas Garimella.

The visit underlined FTCCI's commitment to fostering technology adoption in Telangana. President Sri Meela Jayadev highlighted T-Works' role in driving creative ideation and rapid prototyping, aligning with their vision to empower local businesses and entrepreneurs. Discussions centred on potential partnerships and strategies to promote entrepreneurship in emerging technology sectors.



FTCCI EVENTS

Seminar on 50th GST Council Recommendations



1st August, 2023
Federation House.

In his welcome address, Sri Meela Jayadev, President of FTCCI, highlighted FTCCI's ongoing efforts to educate the trade and industry regarding changes in the GST Act and Rules for better compliance. He emphasized that GST is progressively becoming easier to comply with and mentioned that seminars like the current one are part of FTCCI's regular initiatives to keep stakeholders informed.

Sri Sudhir VS, Chair of the Committee, discussed the dynamic nature of GST compared to the annual budget review. He pointed out that GST Council Meetings act as frequent "mini-budgets" and highlighted the

recent 50th Council Meeting's role in resolving disputes and simplifying compliance. He elaborated on how automation tools have made GST compliance more efficient, reducing errors and minimizing the need for consultant intervention, which benefits the trade sector.

Sri Mankoskar Surendrakumar Chandrakant Rao IRS, Commissioner-Central Tax, Medchal Commissionerate delved into technical aspects of the 50th GST Council Recommendations. He cited examples where common perceptions about GST, such as uniform GST rates for essentials like food, clothing, and housing, were proven wrong, showcasing GST's adaptability and efficiency in invoice matching and automation.

He outlined the key discussions and decisions made during the 50th GST Council meeting, including rate adjustments, clarifications, and addressing compensation cess dues, as well as resolving past issues related to specific sectors like raw cotton.

The seminar also featured presentations and clarifications from various experts, including CA Mohd. Irshad Ahmed, who provided detailed insights into the 50th GST Council Recommendations. Additionally, senior officials such as Sri Suresh Kumar Singhal and Sri S. Thirumalai, along with GST & Customs Committee co-chairs, actively participated, demonstrating the collaborative effort in understanding and implementing GST-related policies.

Threads of Tradition & Freedom: A Celebration for Handloom Heritage' an Exhibition & Enlightenment Program

8th August, 2023
FTCCI Surana Auditorium

FTCCI's "Threads of Tradition" exhibition was a vibrant celebration of handloom heritage. Sponsored by Tripura Construction, it showcased the artistry of weavers and artisans while emphasizing sustainability and quality. The event featured 20 stalls representing diverse handloom traditions from across India, each curated by a master weaver. Notable figures like Smt. Usha Singhal, Smt. Aruna Ravikumar, Mrs. Bhagwati Devi Baldwa, and others inaugurated the exhibition,





highlighting its importance in promoting eco-friendly textiles and empowering weavers.

The exhibition displayed a rich tapestry of handloom creations, including Crochet work, Pochampally Cotton and Silk sarees, Bandhini

sarees, and more. It also included insights from an International Fashion School, showcasing the fusion of traditional techniques with contemporary designs. Key figures like Sri Suresh Kumar Singhal, Dr. Manoj Lanka, and Mr. M Venkatesh

participated in knowledge sessions, emphasizing the need to support the handloom industry and preserve age-old techniques. Overall, the event was a testament to the incredible talents and diversity within the realm of handloom craftsmanship.

Webinar on Updates on notifications and circulars issued in July and August 2023

31st August, 2023
Online

In his opening speech, Sri Meela Jayadev, President of FTCCI, emphasized the organization's commitment to educating its members on the GST Act and Rules, mainly focusing on the challenges posed by the 50th Council Recommendations. He highlighted FTCCI's efforts through webinars, such as the current one, to address these challenges and keep members updated on the latest GST notifications and circulars.

Sri Mohammed Irshad Ahmed, Chairman of the GST and Customs Committee, reiterated the importance of the webinar as a follow-up to FTCCI's previous seminar on the 50th GST Council Recommendations. He encouraged participants to engage actively by joining social media groups for event updates and urged them to involve their peers in these educational initiatives to stay abreast of legal updates.



Sri Ilaiah Dongari, Co-Chairman of the GST and Customs Committee, introduced the session's speaker, Sri Arup Dasgupta, highlighting his expertise in addressing technical challenges related to the 50th GST Council Recommendations. In his talk, Sri Dasgupta elaborated on case studies, offering solutions to implementation challenges and discussing critical issues such as GST rates, director services, food supply in cinemas, and updates on the GST Appellate Tribunal formation.

The Q&A session allowed participants to seek clarifications directly from Sri Arup Dasgupta. Sri D. Vineet Suman Darda, Co-Chairman of the GST & Customs Committee, extended the vote of thanks, acknowledging the contributions of all speakers and participants. Sri S. Thirumalai, Advisor to the GST & Customs Committee, and Sri CMA Mallikarjun Gupta, a member of the same committee, were active participants in the webinar, enriching the discussion with their insights.

Dubai - India's Gateway to the World and provide an opportunity to have one-to-one interaction with the visiting senior official from DP World, Jafza



23rd August 2023 Taj Krishna, Hyderabad

Jafza is DP World's leading trade and logistics hub in the Middle East, serving over 9,500 companies from 130 countries. The Free Zone plays a vital role in enabling trade and helping businesses tap into new opportunities complemented by DP World's Ports and Terminals, Economic Zones, Logistics and Digital Trade Solutions.

The objective of this meeting was to familiarise the Indian businesses with Jafza's unique value proposition post CEPA and how the free zone can play a catalytic role for Indian companies to access international markets and strengthen their global value chains.

The focused sectors were Agri / F&B; Automotive spare parts / Chemicals/ plastics / Apparel & Textile/ engineering / Construction Materials, Pharma, Household

Products/ Electronics.

JAFZA offers Largest Port and industrial cluster in Middle east spread over approx. 100 Sqm Kms in Dubai. It is leading provider of smart logistics solutions, enabling the flow of trade across the globe. The group controls 10% of global volume of Logistic business . DP world offers Strong cargo handling facilities with 295 business units across world with strong focus on emerging market.

3rd Annual InnoPack Pharma Confex South

Sri Meela Jayadev, President, The Federation of Telangana Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Chakravarthi. A.V.P.S, Global Ambassador, WPO World Packaging Organisation and Chairman FOPE - Telangana & Andhra Pradesh at the Lamp Lighting Ceremony of 3rd Annual Inno-Pack Pharma Confex South. 5-6 September, 2023, Novotel, HICC Convention Center, Hyderabad

InnoPack Pharma Confex brought together those who matter in pharma packaging under one roof. the most important conversations with the industry



Interactive Session on The importance of the Meetings and Minutes under the Companies Act, 2013



9th September 2023
Federation House

Guest Speaker: CS K. Sateesh Gupta, Vice-President Secretarial at Greenko Group, Hyderabad.

Other Dignitaries Present: Sri Suresh Kumar Singhal, Sr Vice-President; Sri R Ravi Kumar, Vice-President; CA Naresh Chandra Gelli V, Chair; Dr Tasneem Shariff, Co-Chair; Sri Ritesh Mittal, Co-Chair; and Sri V S Raju, Advisor of FTCCI Corporate Laws, IBC & ADR Committee; Smt. M Veena, Secretary of the Federation.

The Session Speaker, CS K. Sateesh Gupta, provided an in-depth explanation of the definition of meetings and the various types of meetings, including Shareholders' meetings, Meetings of the Board of Directors, and Meetings of Board Committees such as the Audit Committee, CSR Committee, Stakeholders Relationship Committee, Purchase Committee, etc. He also covered Meetings of the Class of Shareholders/Preference Shareholders and how to prepare the Minutes of the Meetings. CS Sateesh Gupta cited several case studies where even minor mistakes in meeting minutes had led to significant penalties imposed by the Registrar of Companies on various companies.



CS Sateesh Gupta's presentation was insightful and highly informative shedding light on critical aspects of corporate governance and compliance aspects. He emphasized the importance of accurate meeting records and meticulous minutes maintenance under the Companies Act 2013. He highlighted how these records play a pivotal role in ensuring transparency, accountability, and compliance within corporate entities. The practical examples and real-life cases he shared made the subject matter relatable and easier to grasp for the participants.

In his welcoming speech, Sri Suresh Kumar Singhal, Sr. Vice President of FTCCI, stressed the relevance of

understanding the Significance of Meetings and Minutes under the Companies Act 2013 for the corporate community. He emphasized that under the Companies Act 2013, maintaining accurate minutes is not merely a best practice but a legal obligation. Failure to uphold this requirement can result in severe penalties and legal actions against the company and its directors.

In his introductory remarks, CA Naresh Chandra Gelli briefed the session's theme, focusing on "The Importance of Meeting and Minutes under the Companies Act, 2013." He emphasized the pivotal role of meeting minutes in a company's functioning, as they meticulously

document meeting proceedings, including decisions, discussions, and the reasoning behind them. He expressed the aim of the interactive session as updating all stakeholders on the vital role of meetings and minutes in ensuring compliance with the Companies Act, 2013.

During the Q&A session, the Speaker CS K. Sateesh Gupta, and the Committee Advisor, Sri V S Raju, patiently clarified doubts raised by the participants, providing further insights into the intricacies of meetings and minutes under the Companies Act 2013. The

session concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Dr. Tasneem Shariff, expressing gratitude to all the participants and speakers for their valuable contributions to the session's success.

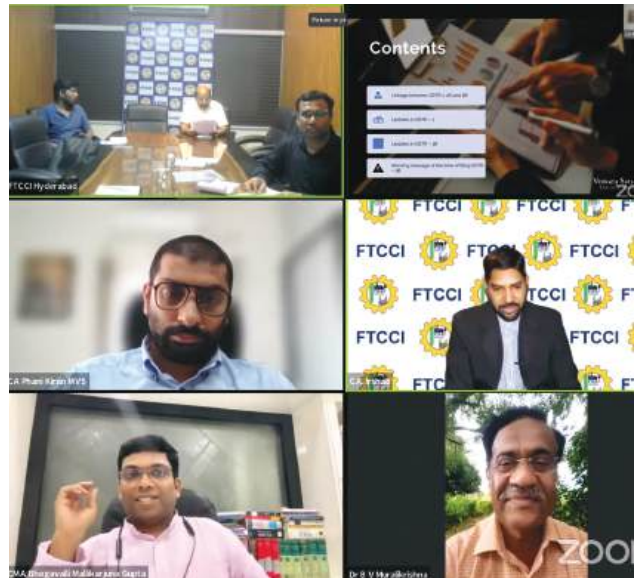
Webinar on “Latest Updates in GSTR-1 & GSTR-3B filing and E-invoicing”

9th September 2023
Online

Sri Meela Jayadev, the President, emphasized FTCCI's role in educating about the GST Act and Rules, particularly highlighting the introduction of e-invoicing approved in the 37th GST Council Meeting. He mentioned that the phased implementation started on January 1, 2020, with exemptions and turnover limit reductions discussed in subsequent council meetings. FTCCI is actively organizing webinars to aid members in understanding GST challenges and staying updated.

Sri Mohammed Irshad Ahmed, Chair of the Committee, acknowledged Dr B V Murali Krishna's expertise in e-invoicing and e-way bill projects. He noted the mandatory e-invoicing from August 5, 2023, for turnovers above 5 Crores and announced upcoming GST events and a GST Certificate Course by FTCCI.

Dr B V Murali Krishna, Additional Commissioner of Commercial Taxes, Karnataka, elaborated on e-invoicing's importance, features, and compliance aspects, addressing challenges and clarifying queries raised during the session. Sri M V S Phani Kiran, Partner at Venkata Satya & Co., Chartered Accountants, discussed



the latest updates and intricacies of filing GSTR-1 & GSTR-3B, including electronic credit, reclaimed statements and warning messages, while addressing participant queries. The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks.

Interactive Meeting on SFIO Investigation and Red Flags in Detection of Fraud



7th October, 2023
Online

In his Welcome Address, Sri R Ravi Kumar, Vice-President emphasized the significance of "SFIO Investigation and Red Flags in Fraud Detection" for the corporate community, underlining SFIO's pivotal role in corporate fraud investigation as per the Companies Act 2013. CA Naresh Chandra Gelli stressed SFIO's importance in detecting and prosecuting white-collar crimes, aiming

to update stakeholders on its investigations. Mr Prasad Adelli, IRS, Additional Director (Investigation) at the Serious Fraud Investigation Office (SFIO), Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Hyderabad, introduced a comprehensive and cost-effective

fraud prevention checklist. This checklist focuses on key areas such as employee awareness, robust internal controls, and effective reporting mechanisms. He stressed the importance of these measures, drawing insights from notable

cases like the Satyam Computer case. During the Q&A session, Mr Prasad and Mr V S Raju, Advisor of the Committee addressed various queries. Dr. Tasneem Shariff, Co-Chair of the Committee concluded with a vote of thanks.

Cold Chain Unbroken 2023 (CCUB 2023) A Thought Leadership Event

15th September, 2023
Taj Bengaluru, Bangalore

It brought together industry experts to delve into the latest supply chain and logistics advancements. With FTCCI as its outreach partner, the event aimed to bolster a robust cold chain infrastructure, fostering innovation and collaboration in the sector.

During CCUB 2023, WIZ Freight presented an industry report on 'Air Cargo Infrastructure at Air Cargo Hubs,' and Krishi Jagran introduced their September edition of 'Agriculture World,' themed 'Unleashing the potential of Cold Chain.' Alongside these, attendees engaged in various activities, including workshops, visits to cargo hubs, and commemorative events. FTCCI's participation in



CCUB 2023 elevated its profile as a proactive chamber of commerce, fostering partnerships and membership prospects. Mr. Kamal Jain and Mr. Lokesh Fatehpuria from FTCCI's Shipping & Logistics Committee engaged with over 30

attendees, promoting FTCCI's role in policy advocacy, government representation, capacity building, and organizing international events like the International Conference on Shipping & Logistics.

FPOs - Industry Partnership Program Hyderabad

12th October 2023
Federation House

Sri Suresh Kumar Singhal, Senior Vice President of FTCCI, emphasized uplifting farmers and the potential of initiatives like this that can bring significant transformation in the agricultural landscape. FTCCI and ICICI Bank Ltd. signed a MoU on 13th October 2023 at Taj Vivanta. ICICI Bank Ltd. has been confirmed as an Ecosystem partner for one year, and in a momentous gathering by ICFA in collaboration with FTCCI, the FPOs from Telangana State converged to kickstart the FPO Industry Partnership Program. The event was graced by APC and Secretary of



Agriculture, Mr Raghunandan Rao, who inaugurated the programme. The Special Commissioner of Agriculture, Mr Hanumant, IAS, CMD of 24 Mantras, Mr SR Reddy, and

various other esteemed dignitaries graced the occasion. ICFA also unveiled the Sustainable Agriculture Development Report for Telangana State.

Seminar on Rupee Outlook in Current Economic Scenario



12th October 2023
Federation House

During the seminar, Mr Meela Jayadev, the President of FTCCI, highlighted the pivotal role played by the Rupee in shaping import and export activities. He emphasized the direct correlation between currency performance and international trade, urging participants to actively engage in discussions to enhance their grasp of these critical connections.

Mr. KK Maheshwari, Chair of the Capital Market Investor Protection Committee at FTCCI, set the tone by underscoring the significance of currency fluctuations, particularly in impacting the EXIM (Export-Import)

fraternity. He cautioned attendees to remain vigilant amid ongoing global geopolitical and economic disruptions, recognizing the potential implications for currency valuations and trade dynamics.

The seminar also featured Mr. Himesh Shah, delved into crucial financial and economic topics. With his extensive experience, he provided valuable insights into the evolving global market landscape, discussing the implications of rising interest rates on financial strategies.

Mr. Abhishek Goud of the National Stock Exchange (NSE), emphasized the profound impact of foreign exchange rate fluctuations on

businesses' revenues. He highlighted NSE's Currency Derivatives platform as a regulated and accessible solution for managing forex exposure across various currency pairs.

Mr Anirudh Doma and Mr Vivek Vardhan, ICICI Bank shared insights on hedging mechanisms and banking tools to safeguard balance sheets from forex risks. Overall, the seminar served as a platform for industry stakeholders and individuals to gain clarity on currency outlooks, understand risk management strategies, and explore the evolving role of financial institutions in navigating the complexities of global currency markets.

Global Corporate Summit 2023

Unlocking Opportunities in a Dynamic World

Ambassador Dr Deepak Vohra, IFS (Retd), Special Advisor to the Prime Minister of Lesotho, Guinea-Bissau & South Sudan, was the Chief Guest, while Sri Parvinder Singh, Registrar of Companies - Telangana, Hyderabad, was the Guest of Honour at the summit.

Sri Meela Jayadev, President of FTCCI, stressed the importance of collaboration in today's dynamic

world and highlighted the summit as a platform for sharing insights and building partnerships.

CA Naresh Chandra Gelli, Chair of the Committee, discussed the significance of the summit's theme and announced a collaboration with the Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs to offer certificate courses on corporate law.

Sri Parvinder Singh highlighted

India's improved business ecosystem and the Ministry of Corporate Affairs' efforts towards digitization.

Ambassador Dr Deepak Vohra emphasized India's robust foreign investment growth and the significance of remittances from NRIs.

The technical sessions covered investment opportunities in Korea, India-Israel trade relations,



business prospects in Lesotho, and various topics, including finance, sustainability, and entrepreneurship by Mr Dong Kyu Kim, Director of General (Kotra) Bangalore, The Commercial Section of the Embassy of the Republic of Korea; Mr Suresh Chukkapalli, Honorary Consul General of the Republic of Korea, Irfan Rafeeqe, Director of Indo Israel Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Hon'ble Mr Surat Singh Malhotra, Director, Honorary Consulate of Lesotho, Hyderabad.

The summit dealt with futuristic subjects and issues viz., Strategies for building wealth, Leadership, exploring global prospects, Innovation and Sustainable Growth and how this is the best time to live in India by the speakers - Sri Mayank Jaju, Chief Financial Officer at Pepsico, and Sri Vaibhav Joshi, Chief Financial Officer at NephroPlus; Mrs Sabina, Chief Founder and COO of Paytm m'loyal; Sri Shaibal 'Casper' Ghosh, former CEO of APAC Tesla Power USA; Sri Prashant Tiwari,



Chief Sustainability Officer of Amara Raja Group were from Pepsico, NephroPlus, Paytm m Loyal, and Medplus, as well as the Former Tesla Power CEO of Asia Pacific and Amara Raja Battery.

The summit concluded with a success story shared by Sri Amin Sheikh, Founder of Bombay To Barcelona Library cafe in Mumbai, Maharashtra, followed by interactive

Q&A sessions.

Dr. Tasneem Shariff introduced dignitaries and speakers, and Sri Suresh Kumar Singhal proposed the Vote of Thanks.

FTCCI organized the event, which was attended by over 100 participants and witnessed the involvement of key industry figures and officials.

ATA Carnet Workshop



16th October 2023 Hyatt Place, Hyderabad

FICCI, in collaboration with FTCCI, organized an event featuring key speakers like Mr. D.P. Naidu and Mr. Satish Kumar Reddy. Mr Naidu, as the keynote speaker, emphasized customs and trade facilitations for business growth, while Mr Reddy discussed ATA Carnet's benefits, particularly for industries like Telugu cinema. Mr. Singhal and Mr. Chakravarthi from FTCCI highlighted

India's economic goals and the importance of international trade and easy facilitation for business success.

The opening address by Mr. Singhal touched on India's economic aspirations, emphasizing self-reliance and SMEs' role, along with the significance of international trade. Mr. Chakravarthi discussed trade facilitation's impact on India's economy and the utility of ATA Carnet for cross-border business.

Mr. Reddy elaborated on ATA Carnet's usage and benefits, especially in sectors like film equipment transportation. Mr Naidu spoke about customs' role in business ease, citing initiatives like Turant Customs and SWIFT.

FTCCI members engaged with speakers, clarifying doubts about ATA Carnet implementation. Smt S. Vijayalakshmi thanked attendees for their participation in the workshop.

CEO Forum : Interactive Meeting on Green Economy



3rd November 2023 Park Hyatt, Hyderabad

The Interactive Meeting on Green Economy, held on March 11, 2023,

at Park Hyatt, Hyderabad, marked the first of four events for the year.

Organized with Radha TMT and ICICI Bank support, the CEO Forum featured notable panellists discussing crucial topics on sustainability and environmental responsibility.

Sri Anil Agarwal, Convenor of the CEO Forum, set the tone for the discussion by emphasizing the importance of creating a better environment for future generations. Meela Jayadev, President of FTCCI, highlighted the concept of a green economy aimed at reducing environmental risks while fostering sustainable development.

During the panel discussions, Mr. Srinivas Cherla, Director of Sustainability at RICH, Govt of

Telangana, discussed industrial use cases of hydrogen and Telangana's efforts towards establishing a Green Hydrogen Valley. He encouraged industries to explore green hydrogen's potential for a sustainable future.

Dr. Rambabu Paravastu, Chief Sustainability Officer of Greenko Group, emphasized the urgency of achieving a 1.5-degree climate pathway to curb irreversible global warming. He stressed the need for industries like energy, cement, and steel to transform operations for a sustainable future.

Mr. Masood Mallick, Executive

Director and CEO of Re Sustainability Limited highlighted the importance of recycling and reusing resources to conserve natural reserves and reduce imports. He also emphasized the need to select the right technology based on integration and inclusion principles.

In conclusion, the forum recognized the critical need for a Green Economy and urged a science-based approach to addressing environmental challenges. Industry leaders, past presidents, diplomats, and key stakeholders attended the event, underscoring the collective commitment to a sustainable future.

8 day Certificate Course on GST



12th November 2023 Federation House

Sri Meela Jayadev, President of FTCCI, underscored the significance of understanding the ever-evolving complexities of GST law, even in its seventh year. He emphasized that the evolution of GST necessitates professionals to update their knowledge and skills consistently. In this context, FTCCI's launch of the Certificate Course is crucial, demonstrating the organization's commitment to bridging this knowledge gap.

The course structure, as outlined by

Mohammed Irshad Ahmed, Chairman of the GST and Customs Committee, is designed to provide participants with practical knowledge and skills. The course covers topics such as registration, valuation, input tax credits, filing returns, refunds, e-way bills, and more. The expertise of renowned speakers like CA Hitesh Jain, CA Paresh M Panchal, CA Mohammed Irshad Ahmed, and others ensures that participants gain practical insights and technical knowledge crucial for navigating the complexities of GST implementation in their day-to-day professional roles.

During the valedictory session, Sri Meela Jayadev highlighted the program's success in achieving its objective of educating participants about GST basics and recent updates.

Smt. S Jaya Kameswari, in her address, commended FTCCI for its educational initiatives and commitment to updating the trade and industry community about the latest changes in GST law. Her assurance to address issues raised by FTCCI and streamline processes within the GST department reflects a collaborative approach towards resolving challenges faced by taxpayers.

Webinar on GST Adjustments for FY 2022-23 - A Last Opportunity

7th November 2023
Online

Suresh Kumar Singhal, Senior Vice President of FTCCI, welcomed CA Archana Jain, the Speaker of the Session, highlighting FTCCI's commitment to educating members and non-members on GST, especially regarding the crucial GST Adjustments for FY 2022-23 in the October GST Return. This webinar was tailored to the needs of the Trade and Industry.

CA Mohammed Irshad Ahmed, Chair of the Committee, emphasized the impending deadline for filing GSTR-1 on 11th November and urged participants to use the webinar as their last chance to rectify or adjust FY 2022-23 data. He also mentioned an upcoming seminar on GST Annual Returns.

CA Vineet Suman Darda, Co-Chairman of the GST & Customs Committee, introduced CA Archana Jain and detailed her accomplishments. In her address, CA Archana Jain covered essential GST compliance topics like reporting unreported supplies, amending reported supplies, availing Input Tax Credit, reconciling GST Ledgers, and addressing TCS Returns for E-Commerce Operators.

CA Mohammed Irshad Ahmed requested CA Archana Jain to address specific issues such as unreported sales, wrongly reported data, and how to identify data mismatches. CA Archana Jain provided clarifications during the Q&A session. The Session concluded with a Vote of Thanks.



Round Table Meeting on Stakeholders



7th November 2023
Federation House

Round Table Meeting of STAKEHOLDERS for Making of a Ready Reckoner on "Delayed Payments Dispute Redressal" for MSEs and MSEFCs was held in hybrid mode. FTCCI organized the meeting with Telangana Industrial Health Clinic Ltd (TIHCL) and CRUX Management Services. The participants include Sri Rajkumar Ohatker and Addl. Director,

Commissionerate of Industries, as Chief Guest; Sri K Madhukar Babu, Joint Director (MSME), Commissionerate of Industries, Govt. of Telangana as Guest of Honour; Sri B Yerram Raju, Founder Director, TIHCL and Advisor, IDC; Sri Venkateswarlu Sistla, MD&CEO, TIHCL; Ms. Hema Jain, CEO, CRUX Management Services; Mrs. Laxmi Prasanna, Member, Legal Expert; Representatives and Members of MSE Facilitation

Councils, Department of Industries and various Industries Associations from Telangana and others states. Sri Srinivas Garimella, Chair, IDC; Sri Prem Chand Kankaria, Chair, Banking and Finance Committee; Sri Suresh Kumar Singhal, Sr. Vice President; Sri R Ravi Kumar, Vice President; Smt. Sujatha, Dy. CEO, FTCCI IDC, and Banking Committee members participated and gave valuable suggestions for making Ready Reckoner.

Program on Solvent Management - Industry Good Practices



9th November 2023
Federation House

FTCCI organized the Programme with the support of Affizient Industries Pvt. Ltd.

Mr. Suresh Kumar Singhal, Senior Vice President of FTCCI, emphasized that Solvents play an integral role in numerous industries, from manufacturing to pharmaceuticals. However, their improper use and disposal can have far-reaching environmental and public health consequences. He stressed that exploring and promoting industry best practices in solvent management is not just a responsibility, but a collective duty. By adopting responsible and sustainable practices, we can benefit not only ourselves and our communities, but also future generations.

Mr. G. Bala Subramanyam, Chair Environment Committee, FTCCI, during his interlocutory remarks, mentioned that Solvent Management, in an effective way, is one of the key performance indicators for the sustainability of the pharma industry in addressing the 3 Ps – People, Planet and Profit. He opined that effective solvent management protects the environment and people and adds profit to the industry. He



informed that the pharma industry in Telangana State has gained rich experience in handling solvents, as some of the industry personnel have been in this field for more than three decades.

The day-long program featured several sessions, each led by industry experts with extensive experience in solvent management. These sessions included 'Solvent Handling in Pharma Industry – A Sustainable Management Approach' by Mr Madhusudhan Rao Divi, Former Director, Divis Laboratories; 'Best Practices for Safe and Sustainable Recovery of Solvents with Minimal Emissions' by Mr DVS Narayana

Raju, Executive Director, Deccan Fine Chemicals (India) Pvt. Ltd; 'Design and Operational Aspects for Enhancing Solvent Recovery Plant Efficiency' by Mr Milind Nimbalkar, Efficient Industries Pvt. Ltd; 'Solvent Management – Regulations and Compliance Requirements' by Mr B.V. Bhadra Girish, Senior Environmental Engineer (FAC), Telangana State Pollution Control Board, Hyderabad; and 'Developing Solvent Management Framework' by Mr G Bala Subramanyam, Advisor- EHS and Sustainability. Mr. Ravi Kumar, Vice President, FTCCI, proposed a Vote of thanks.

Workshop on Rights of Women in the Workplace



22nd November 2023 Federation House

Sri Meela Jayadev, President of FTCCI, warmly welcomed the gathering and emphasized the workshop's relevance to women's workplace rights. Sri Meela Sanjay, Chair of the HR&IR Committee, presented the opening remarks. He highlighted the

need to address gender disparity in a patriarchal society like India, urging employers to understand and comply with laws applicable to women in the workplace as a crucial first step.

Ms. Priya Iyengar, Founder-CEO of Compass Law Associates, delivered a comprehensive talk on the subject. She spoke on women's rights,

covering various acts, including the Maternity Benefit Act and the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (PoSH) Act. Sri Suresh Kumar Singhal, Senior Vice President of FTCCI, proposed the vote of thanks, and Smt T. Sujatha, Deputy CEO of FTCCI, invited the dignitaries onto the dais

Webinar on GST Annual Return & Reconciliations

28th November 2023 Online

Sri Meela Jayadev, President of FTCCI, welcomed CA Mahesh Jhavar, the Speaker, highlighting FTCCI's commitment to educating members and non-members on GST. The webinar focused on key updates in GST Annual Returns & Reconciliations, specifically GSTR 9 and GSTR 9C, tailored to meet the needs of the Trade and Industry sector.

CA Mohammed Irshad Ahmed, Chair of the Committee, emphasized the importance of GST Annual Returns, mentioning the upcoming deadline and plans for more educational seminars on GST Annual Returns and Customs. During his address, CA Mahesh Jhavar elaborated on the significance of GSTR 9 & 9C, including their applicability, reconciliation statements, format updates, filing



Serial Number	Details of provisions, benefits and related updates made during the financial year in which tax is payable	Remarks
01	Exemption in case of non-registered persons (001)	
02	Exemption in case of Registered Persons (002)	
03	Zero Rated Supply (003) or payment of Tax (004) required to 3002	
04	Supply to SEZ or payment of Tax	
05	Deemed Supplies	
06	Debit on which tax has been paid but member has not been issued/used (006) under 20 to 01 above	
07	Revised supplies on which tax is to be paid on reversal of wage basis	
08	Trade related issues in respect of transactions identified in 01 to 05 above (1)	
09	Trade related issues in respect of transactions identified in 01 to 05 above (2)	
10	Supply/Tax Deducted Through Amendments (1)	
11	Supply/Tax Deducted Through Amendments (2)	

considerations, differences between GSTR 9 & 9C, and the importance of accurate disclosures.

Following this, CA Mahesh Jhavar addressed participant queries in a Q&A session, clarifying doubts

and providing further insights. The session concluded with a Vote of Thanks, acknowledging the contributions of all involved.

Two-day Programme on Resolution Plan - Drafting, Negotiation and Challenges



**1st & 2nd December 2023
Federation House**

The FTCCI, in collaboration with the Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA), Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Govt. of India, New Delhi, organized a two-day session aimed at honing skills in crafting resolution plans, mastering negotiation techniques, and navigating the intricacies of the professional landscape. The event was graced by distinguished figures from industry and academia, including esteemed LLM students specializing in Insolvency and Bankruptcy Laws from NALSAR University, renowned Insolvency Professionals, Lawyers, and Resolution Applicants.

Dr. Pyla Narayana Rao, Associate Professor at IICA, New Delhi, inaugurated the program with insights into the critical importance of comprehending the technical nuances of the IBC Code in formulating resolution plans. He stressed that mere knowledge of the law falls short; a deep understanding of the complexities is essential for both resolution applicants and insolvency professionals.

In his welcome address, the President of FTCCI, Sri Meela Jayadev, underscored the dynamic nature of the business environment



and highlighted the paramount significance of effective planning, communication, and adeptly overcoming challenges.

In his introductory remarks, the Chair of the Committee CA Naresh Chandra Gelli, emphasized the indispensable need for a thorough grasp of laws and regulations, coupled with practical application in real-world scenarios, as mandated by the IBC.

Engaging case studies on successful resolution plans were analyzed, addressing pertinent issues, challenges, and emerging trends.

The presentation highlights included sessions by experts such as Dr

Pyla Narayana Rao on Information Memorandum and Resolution Plan Under IBC Code, Mr Prakul Thadi , Insolvency professional, Hyderabad on Overview of CIRP, Preparation of Resolution Plan, Dissecting Resolution Plan, and Limited Role of NCLT Under IBC Code, Mr Bedi Raviteja , Advocate and Designated Parter, Vira Legal LLP on Eligibility Criteria and Qualifications for a Resolution Applicant and The Process of Inviting, Submitting, and Approving Resolution Plans, and CA Subodh Kumar Agarwal , Insolvency Professional, Hyderabad on Art of Drafting a Resolution Plan: Negotiations and Challenges

and Jurisprudence on Approval of Resolution Plans. The event also saw Dr Tasneem Shariff introducing the chief guest, Dr V R Badrinath Nandula, judicial member of the National Company Law Tribunal, National Bench-Hyderabad and the

speakers to the participants.

In his valedictory address, Dr VR Badrinath Nandula, shed light on the misconceptions surrounding the judicial role, emphasizing the complexities and impartiality required in delivering judgments.

He stressed the crucial role of clarity in case presentations, asserting that a well-presented case aids judges in their deliberations. Dr. Nandula underscored the challenges judges face and the importance of clarity in presenting cases.

Webinar on Digital Personal Data Protection Act and Implications for Businesses



9th December 2023
Online

The Chief Guest at the event Sri Anumula Srikar, IRS., Assistant Registrar of Companies-Telangana, Hyderabad, emphasized the Act's significance in light of evolving privacy rights, stressing its

applicability to digital personal data collected both online and offline. Sri R. Ravi Kumar, Vice-President of FTCCI, highlighted the Act's role in empowering individuals to control their data and aiding organizations in lawful data processing.

CA Naresh Chandra Gelli, Chair of

the Committee, outlined the Act's mandate for companies to appoint a Data Protection Officer (DPO) to ensure compliance. CA Kamal Kumar Garg, the Session Speaker, explored various facets of the Act, covering key sections such as applicability, data principals' rights, personal data breach implications, obligations of data processors and fiduciaries, consent mechanisms, legitimate uses, and penalties. Mr Garg's presentation, enriched with case studies and Act references, facilitated a deeper understanding among participants. Sri VS Raju, concluded with a vote of thanks, acknowledging the invaluable contributions of all participants, the speaker, and the chief guest, which greatly enriched the webinar's success.

Seminar on RERA: New Concerns in Real-Estate

9th December 2023
Federation House

The seminar titled "RERA: New Concerns in Real Estate" was held on 09.12.2023 at the FTCCI Surana Auditorium. It was organized by FTCCI in collaboration with NAREDCO Telangana, with support from Mahalakshmi Profiles Pvt. Ltd. and ICICI Bank.

The event commenced with Mr Suresh Kumar Singhal, Senior Vice President of FTCCI, highlighting RERA's significance in enhancing transparency, accountability, and investor confidence in India's real estate sector. Mr. Abhishek Tibrewala, Chair of FTCCI Infrastructure, Real



Estate & Smart Cities Committee, explained that the seminar aimed to delve into the challenges, opportunities, and new concerns brought about by RERA.

Mr. Sunil Chandra Reddy, President of NAREDCO Telangana, emphasized the substantial economic contribution expected from the real estate sector as India's economy

grows to \$30 trillion by 2047. Legal experts Advocate Suhail Ahmed and CA Vinay Thyagaraj provided detailed insights into RERA's dos and don'ts, legal implications, and impact on the industry's governance, transparency, and project efficiency.

The event, attended by 150 delegates, including developers,

real estate agents, builders, buyers, legal professionals, and industry enthusiasts, focused on navigating RERA's challenges and opportunities. Discussions centered on understanding RERA's impact on the real estate industry, particularly about the Real Estate Regulation and Development Act 2016 and

Telangana RERA.

Mr. Vijaya Sai Meka, Secretary General of NAREDCO Telangana, extended a vote of thanks, acknowledging the collaborative effort and insightful discussions during the seminar.

Webinar on GSTR 9 & 9C Annual Returns

13th December 2023

Online

Sri Meela Jayadev, President of FTCCI, welcomed CA Mahesh Jhavar as the speaker, underscoring FTCCI's dedication to educating members and non-members about GST. The webinar was centred on crucial updates in GST Annual Returns & Reconciliations, specifically focusing on GSTR 9 and GSTR 9C, tailored to suit the needs of the Trade and Industry sector. CA Mohammed Irshad Ahmed, Chairman of the GST and Customs Committee, stressed the significance of GST Annual Returns, highlighting the imminent deadline and outlining plans for additional educational seminars on GST Annual Returns and Customs. Mr. G Venkata Lakshmi Reddy, Assistant Director at FTCCI, introduced CA Mahesh



Jhavar, emphasizing his expertise as the Founder of M Jhavar and Associates, Chartered Accountants. During his presentation, CA Mahesh Jhavar delved into GSTR 9 & 9C's importance, applicability, reconciliation statements, format updates, filing considerations,

differences between GSTR 9 & 9C, and precise disclosures. Subsequently, CA Mahesh Jhavar fielded participant queries in a Q&A session, providing clarifications and additional insights. The session ended with a Vote of Thanks, acknowledging the contributions of all those involved.

SME IPO Conclave

16th December 2023

Hotel Hyatt, Hyderabad

FTCCI in collaboration with Unistone Capital Private Limited, NSE, Bondada Engineering Limited, Srivari Spices and Foods Limited, Nuvama Group, and ICICI Bank organized this Conclave. The Conclave focused on SME IPOs, which are similar to regular Initial Public Offerings (IPOs) and are issued by Small and Medium Enterprises.

Mr. Meela Jayadev, President of FTCCI, said that the primary objective of the Conclave is to empower SMEs in Hyderabad to go public. The president emphasized their mission to equip SMEs with the necessary

knowledge, insights, resources, and support to succeed in the capital markets. Furthermore, he stressed the importance of state government support for prospective SMEs in Telangana, akin to other states.

Mr. Krishna Kumar Maheshwari, Chair of the Committee, emphasized the shining performance of SME IPOs. In 2023, nearly 169 SMEs went public, outperforming many leading board companies. With the Indian economy growing at 7.6% in 2023 and a thriving IPO market, there's a favourable environment for SMEs to go public. Mr. Brijesh Parekh, Director of Unistone Capital Private Limited, emphasized India's

immense potential, noting that its GDP has surpassed the \$4 trillion mark. He encouraged entrepreneurs to capitalize on this opportunity by going public, emphasizing the need for capital through debt or equity.

Dr. Faruk G Patel, Chairman and Managing Director of KP Group, shared inspiring success stories of SMEs that have thrived after going public. He underscored the increased visibility and attention that listing provides to SMEs, comparing it to a peacock's dance in the forest—impressive, yet unnoticed until observed.

Mr Krishna Kumar Maheshwari moderated the first-panel session,



which focused on the Myths and Realities of SME IPOs. Panelists discussed SMEs' vital role in the economy and the challenges they face in accessing capital. They highlighted the listing opportunities provided by BSE and NSE and the enhanced public profile that comes with a listing.

Mr. PS Rao, Managing Director of P.S. Rao & Associates, led the second panel session, which delved into the Challenges and Opportunities of SME IPOs. The panelists candidly discussed the increasing traction of SME IPOs in India, but also highlighted significant challenges, including regulatory compliance, attracting



investor demand, and managing IPO costs. This comprehensive discussion provided valuable insights for SMEs considering going public. The SME

IPO Conclave concluded with the symbolic ringing of the Bell, as ten companies expressed their intent to pursue SME IPOs in the future.

Empowering Women for Livelihood



13th December 2023
Online

Mr. Meela Jayadev, FTCCI President, emphasized the pivotal role of women in economic development

during the "Empowering Women for Livelihood" event at Federation House on December 21, 2023. He mentioned that this program is part of a series, with a previous distribution of 20 sewing machines in 2022 on International Women's Day. FTCCI has a history of organizing Entrepreneur Development programs in various districts and recently collaborated on a Handlooms Day event. Future plans include awareness programs in class 'C' cities, Export & Import initiatives focusing on Textiles & Handlooms, and a Financial Literacy Programme. Dr V.S. Alagu Varsini, IAS, Director of Handlooms, Textiles, and



Apparel Export Parks, Government of Telangana, highlighted the importance of women’s financial independence and empowerment. She stressed the need for “me-time” for women, addressing issues like financial literacy, equal responsibility sharing in families, and combating workplace sexual harassment.

Ms Bhagwati Devi Baldwin, Chair of the Ladies Wing and Women Empowerment Committee emphasized the significance of livelihood programs in enabling women to sustain themselves with dignity, reduce dependency, and develop essential skills.

Testimonials from beneficiaries like Ms. Renu Bajaj showcased how such initiatives have positively impacted women’s lives, enabling them to



generate additional income and stand on their own feet. Other members, such as Ms. Meena Navander and Ms. Koaml Dwarkani, participated in the event.

In closing, Mr. Suresh Kumar Singhal,

FTCCI Sr. Vice President, highlighted the collective effort needed to dismantle barriers, challenge stereotypes, and foster a more inclusive and equitable world.

Workshop on Contract Labour Management



23th December 2023
Federation House

Mr. Meela Jayadev, President of the Federation of Telangana Chambers

of Commerce and Industry (FTCCI), warmly welcomed the gathering and highlighted the pivotal role of Contract Labour Management and its diverse dimensions in contemporary business scenarios. The opening remarks were delivered by Mr Meela Sanjay, Chair of the HR&IR Committee, shedding light on the challenges employers and HR personnel face in managing contract labour. He emphasized the disparities in benefits between regular/permanent workers under various Acts and the often-confusing recruitment processes, rules, and



regulations applicable to contract labourers.

Mr. F Israel Inbaraj, Group Head - HR Compliance, Adani Group, provided detailed insights into Contract Labour Management, offering a comprehensive understanding of the intricacies involved. He focused on enlightening participants about the liabilities faced by principal employers

and contractors, drawing insights from various legal pronouncements on contract labour engagement. Implementing a robust contract labour management system is crucial for organizations utilizing contract workers for temporary or seasonal positions. Such a system ensures proper training, compliance with legal and regulatory requirements,

and improved efficiency, productivity, and safety.

Sri Suresh Kumar Singhal, Senior Vice President of FTCCI, expressed gratitude in his vote of thanks, acknowledging the active participation of approximately 60 individuals in the event.

Seminar and Interactive programme on Income Tax e-Verification Scheme



26th December 2023 Federation House

In his address, Sri Meela Jayadev, President, FTCCI highlighted the government's e-Verification Scheme of 2021, emphasizing its role in empowering tax offices to gather and reconcile taxpayer information effectively.

CA Satish Kumar, Chairman of ICAI Hyderabad, provided background information on the Scheme's implementation and its significance in tax compliance.

Sri Raj Gopal Sharma, IRS, Director of Income Tax (I&CI) (Admn), New Delhi, delivered a detailed presentation on the e-verification Scheme,

emphasizing its convenience and instant verification capabilities for various tax-related processes.

CA Sudhir V S, Chairman of the Direct Taxes Committee, commended the Scheme as a progressive step towards voluntary tax compliance, highlighting its benefits in correcting financial information before

assessment or reassessment.

Sri M Vijay Kumar, IRS, Director of Income Tax (I & CI), Hyderabad, expressed gratitude for organizing the event and emphasized the importance of the e-Verification Scheme.

Smt Sunita Bainsla, IRS, Principal Director General of Income Tax, appreciated the event's focus on the e-Verification Scheme, stressing its simplicity and mutual benefits for taxpayers, CAs, and the Income Tax Department. She urged

compliance and cooperation with the department's objectives.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks by Sri Suresh Kumar Singhal, Senior Vice President of FTCCI, acknowledging all participants and contributors.

Awareness Program on NABL Accreditation System and Services



5th January 2024 Federation House

Mr. Meela Jayadev, President of FTCCI, warmly welcomed the gathering and emphasized the cost reduction benefits for manufacturers and exporters, eliminating the need to retest abroad due to the international recognition accredited laboratories receive. Mr. Srinivas Garimella, Chair of the IDC Committee, presented the opening remarks. He highlighted the program's goal of educating stakeholders about the advantages of NABL accreditation, stressing its role in enhancing the reliability of laboratory results for customers and laboratories alike.

The event, aimed at educating professionals from various industries, manufacturers, and other interested parties, received support from NABL, showcasing the significance and advantages of obtaining NABL



accreditation. Mr. Ranjith Kumar, Deputy Director, and Mr. Siri Babu, Assistant Director from NABL, delivered detailed insights into the accreditation process. They shed light on various aspects, including the benefits, accreditation procedures, Quality Control Orders, Product-based accreditation, and the online application process.

Sri Suresh Kumar Singhal, Senior Vice President of FTCCI, proposed the vote of thanks, acknowledging the active participation of about 50 individuals in the event.

Seminar on Digital Transformation in the Manufacturing Industry



5th January 2024

Online

The event showcased distinguished speakers, including, Mr Rudra Sribasyam, Chief Manager of Manufacturing Operations at Daifuku Intralogistics India Pvt Ltd, and Mr Venugopal Uppalapati, CEO of Neovatic.

Mr Malachy Martin, Senior Director of the Global Centre of Excellence - Digital Supply Chain at SAP delivered a captivating overview of SAP's pivotal role in the digital transformation journey, shedding light on how SAP's solutions propel innovation across diverse fronts and domains within the manufacturing industry. He underscored the transformative influence of SAP's technologies, encompassing IoT, AI, and ML, in streamlining operations and fostering a seamlessly connected manufacturing ecosystem.

Mr Rudra Sribasyam, Chief Manager of Manufacturing Operations at Daifuku Intralogistics India Pvt Ltd didn't just share theoretical concepts, but provided practical insights that can be immediately applied. Through a live demonstration, he showcased the integration of novel technologies within their manufacturing operations, offering attendees a firsthand glimpse into the positive impact on efficiency and productivity.

Addressing the audience, Mr. Venugopal Uppalapati, CEO of Neovatic, shared valuable insights into the challenges encountered while implementing digital transformation initiatives. He provided practical perspectives on overcoming obstacles and implementing effective solutions, presenting a pragmatic approach to navigating the complexities of digital transformation in the manufacturing sector.

The event was a one-way dissemination of knowledge and a dynamic exchange of ideas. The interactive Q&A session underscored the significance of collaboration and shared learning in the digital transformation era. The collective expertise of the speakers and the active participation of the attendees provided a holistic understanding of the digital journey in manufacturing, leaving everyone inspired and well-prepared to navigate their transformative paths.

President Sri Meela Jayadev, Senior Vice President Sri Suresh Kumar Singhal, Chair of the ICT committee Sri K. Mohan Raidu, and the Co-chairs of the ICT committee also participated.



FTCCI Office Bearers honoring Shri D Sridhar Babu, Hon'ble Minister for Industry & Commerce, IT, E&C and Legislative Affairs, Govt of Telangana by presenting Memento : 10th January, 2024 at Federation House, Hyderabad

Industry Interaction with Shri Duddilla Sridhar Babu Hon'ble Minister for Industry & Commerce, IT, E&C and Legislative Affairs, Govt of Telangana



10th January 2024 Federation House

Sri Meela Jayadev, President, FTCCI has brought the following issues to the notice of the Hon'ble Minister Sri Duddilla Sridhar Babu during the interaction on 10th January: 1) The industry is facing challenges in getting non-incumbrance certificate due to disputed titles. 2) The government need to develop a system of providing subsidies to the MSMEs not as reimbursement but should be set off at the time of payment. We are sorry to say that many small units are suffering from non-receipt of sanctioned incentives even after 8 years, starting in 2015. 3) The cost of doing business greatly impacts the competitiveness of the industry, and FTCCI has recently done a report on the cost of doing business in Telangana vis-a-vis other states in India. The study found that it is highest in Telangana state, and we request the Hon'ble Minister to take measures to reduce cost. 4) New industries and large commercial establishments are not allowed to take power from Open Access when



it is available at a lower price. This forces the industry to procure power only from DISCOMs at higher rates. 5) There are also several issues in availing of green energy sources as various required permissions are not given. 6) Since Telangana state is landlocked, we requested that the government develop ICDs covering all the districts at key locations. 7) The government should formulate a separate policy for the MSME sector and also allocate an Industrial Promotion budget in a 50:30:20 ratio

that is 50 per cent of IP Budget for Micro and Small industries, 30 per cent for Medium industries and 20 per cent for large industries.

FTCCI and IIT Hyderabad Forge Collaboration to Propel Industries into the Future



10th January 2024 Hyderabad

FTCCI and IIT Hyderabad unveiled their joint venture, FUTURITHM, during a grand launch event at Hotel Radisson Blu, Banjara Hills. This collaboration represents a significant step towards fostering innovation and readiness for the future within industries. Mr. Uday Desai, the Founder and Director of IIT Hyderabad, spoke at the ceremony, underlining the pivotal role of partnerships between academia and industry in driving transformative change. His remarks emphasized the need for IITs to break out of traditional silos and embrace collaborative efforts that bridge the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical application.

FUTURITHM is an extensive initiative designed to provide a comprehensive platform for showcasing emerging technologies while encouraging industries to envision and prepare for the future landscape. The initiative comprises several key components, including an International Conference featuring insights from global thought leaders. This conference is envisioned as a space for sharing knowledge, exchanging ideas, and

exploring innovative solutions to complex challenges facing industries today.

Another exciting aspect of FUTURITHM is the Industrial Challenge Competition, which aims to address real-world problems through a competitive and collaborative approach. This competition will spur innovation and foster a sense of community and shared purpose among industry players and innovators.

Furthermore, FUTURITHM includes an Exhibition showcasing cutting-edge technologies, startups, and innovative solutions. This platform will catalyze networking, collaboration, and business development opportunities, creating a vibrant ecosystem for fostering growth and innovation.

During the launch event, Dr. Ankit Bhatnagar, the Director of FTCCI, provided an insightful overview of FUTURITHM, highlighting its role as a catalyst for knowledge sharing, business development, and problem-solving.

The formal exchange of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between FTCCI and IIT Hyderabad solidifies their

commitment to this collaborative journey

Mr. Surya Kumar, the Dean of Innovation at IIT Hyderabad, emphasized the importance of creating a synchronized ecosystem involving academia, industry, and startups for successful innovation.

The launch event witnessed the active participation of prominent industry leaders, including Mr BP Acharya, Mr Sujit Jagirdar, Ms Kathleen Davey, Mr Vineet Goyal, Mr Ravi Kiran, Mr RP Naidu, Advocate Suryanarayan Muddapati, and Brigadier IPS Sethi. Their presence underscores the diverse support and keen interest in the collaborative venture between FTCCI and IIT Hyderabad, reflecting a shared commitment to driving innovation and shaping the future of industries in the region and beyond.

Overall, FUTURITHM's success is anticipated to significantly contribute to integrating academic research, emerging technologies, and industrial applications, ultimately shaping a more robust and forward-looking landscape for industries in the region and globally.

Meeting with the Secretary General of FICCI on Membership Outreach Collaboration



18th January 2024
Federation House

The President, Sri Meela Jayadev, Vice-President Sri R Ravi Kumar and the Secretary Smt M Veena, of FTCCI; the Secretary General, Sri Shailesh K. Pathak, the Sr. Advisor Sri Manab Majumdar and Sri Phani Rajiv Tilak Julakanti, Head – Telangana & Andhra Pradesh State Councils, of FICCI, Members of the Managing Committee, Past-Presidents, and HoDs of FTCCI participated in the meeting.

The meeting commenced with a warm welcome extended to the Secretary General of FICCI by the

President of FTCCI. The primary focus of the discussion was on Membership Outreach and exploring ways to strengthen collaboration between FICCI and FTCCI.

The Secretary General of FICCI Sri Shailesh Pathak began the meeting by emphasizing the importance of enhanced collaboration between the two prestigious chambers. He highlighted the potential benefits that could be derived from a strengthened partnership. Mr Pathak expressed FICCI's commitment to supporting FTCCI through various initiatives, including policy advocacy, knowledge sharing, representing the issue of the Member Body at the

central level, and facilitating industry linkages.

The representatives from both chambers explored avenues for reciprocal collaboration, emphasizing the symbiotic relationship between FICCI and FTCCI and shared their views and suggestions on how FICCI and FTCCI could work together more effectively. Specific recommendations were made on areas such as joint events, skill development programs, and leveraging the collective expertise of both chambers.

The meeting concluded with a commitment from both parties to work closely in the future.

Market Linkage Program in Warangal District

23rd January, 2024
Warangal

FTCCI in partnership with Spice Board and Sahasra Crop organized this programme in Warangal district on 23rd January 2024, stood as a platform for crucial discussions on amplifying market opportunities for local farmers—distinguished guests such as Dr. R. Uma Reddy and Shri. R. Srinivas Rao illuminated the pressing need to address farmers' marketing hurdles, particularly in promoting organic products. Shri Rao's impassioned call for increased engagement from traders resonated



strongly, advocating for fair pricing structures and sustainable organic

farming practices.

The program's discourse also delved

into broader agricultural sustainability concerns. Chandra Mohan's poignant remarks centred on land preservation and underscored the necessity of establishing a dedicated testing laboratory in Hyderabad to streamline export processes. Drawing insights from global models like the cold storage facility in Nairobi,

he highlighted the transformative impact of robust infrastructure on export capabilities.

Further enriching the dialogue, Smt. Vijeeshna V vividly depicted Telangana's untapped export potential, especially in the spice sector. Her insights into Spice Board's ongoing initiatives, including buyer-

seller meets and training programs, underscored a collective vision for exponential export growth from the region. The event was a testament to collaborative efforts to foster sustainable agricultural practices, enhance market access for farmers, and propel Telangana to new heights in the global spice trade arena.

Seminar on the Role of GST in Shaping Businesses



23rd January 2024
Warangal

FTCCI, in collaboration with the Warangal Branch of SIRC of ICAI and WCCI, organized a seminar focusing on the significance of understanding the GST Act and its impact on businesses. Sri Meela Jayadev, FTCCI President, highlighted GST's role in formalizing the economy and improving business decisions. Sri Ravinder Reddy emphasized the necessity of updating GST knowledge for trade and industry.

CA Hari Krishna discussed the seminar's importance in facilitating discussions on GST's role and thanked FTCCI for its initiative. CA Mohammed Irshad Ahmed noted Warangal's growth in trade and stressed the need for businesses to manage GST challenges effectively with technology.

Guest speakers, including Sri Madhukar Reddy K and Sri R K Raman, commended FTCCI's efforts in organizing informative seminars and stressed timely tax compliance.



Chief Guest Sri Naini Rajender Reddy emphasized the importance of timely tax payments.

During an interactive session, members raised concerns and suggestions regarding GST procedures, which the Commissioner noted and promised to address within legal frameworks.

The seminar also featured sessions by CA Premnath D, CA Sriram K, and CA

Vijay Srinivas K on key challenges in tax compliance and managing GST-related IT compliance, addressing participants' queries.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks, acknowledging the contributions of speakers and organizers, including the Secretariat teams and supporting partners like EbizTechnix.

Seminar on Sustainability Framework for Industry



30th January, 2024
Federation House

FTCCI organized the event with the support of VST Industries Ltd., Hyderabad. Sri Meela Jayadev, President of FTCCI, welcomed the gathering and expressed that sustainability is the cornerstone of success in this rapidly evolving industrial landscape. It is important to discover how your industry can thrive while contributing to a greener, more socially responsible world.

During his introductory remarks, G. Bala Subramanyam, Chair of the Committee, FTCCI, mentioned that Sustainability reporting goes beyond mere compliance; it is about accountability and driving positive change in all dimensions, covering the 3 Ps - profit, People, and

planet - and, in other words, ESG, i.e. E - Environment, S-Social, and G-Governance.

It is essential to understand that "Sustainability" is not a mere checkbox and that "Sustainability Report" is not just a beautifully carved document. But the organizational commitment is to balance "Profit" with "Purpose".

The day-long program had several other sessions such as Sustainability Context Setting by Mr G Bala Subramanyam, Chair, Environment Committee, FTCCI; Presentation on GreenCo Rating - India's way forward for Sustainability by Mr V Ravi Kumar, Counsellor, Confederation of Indian Industry; GRI Framework on Sustainability Reporting for Industry by Ms Keerthi D Souza, Managing Director, Life Giver Professional

Service LLP; Presentation on Carbon Disclosure Project (CDP) Reporting - An Overview by Ms Priyanka Pothana, Managing Director & CEO, General Carbon Advisory Services Pvt. Ltd.; EcoVadis and Supply Chain Management - Experience Sharing by Mr. Metlapalli Srinivasu, Vice President- Corp. EHS & ESG, Seven Pharmaceuticals Limited and Presentation on Business Responsibility and Sustainability Report (BRSR) Principles and Reporting Requirements by Dr. Vijaya Pavuluri.

Mr. Suresh Kumar Singhal, Senior Vice President of FTCCI, proposed a Vote of thanks. Around 65 delegates and Members of the FTCCI Environment Committee also participated in the event.



Live Streaming Interim Budget 2024

Conclave on GST and Globalization



**10th February, 2024
Hyderabad**

Sri Meela Jayadev, President of FTCCI, highlighted the significance of GST in enhancing tax transparency under the "One Nation One Tax" concept. He noted France's pioneering role in implementing GST and emphasized India's growing stature as a global economic player, mainly through globalization-driven business expansion. Jayadev also urged the Telangana Government to raise the GST threshold to Rs. 40 lakhs to aid MSMEs.

CA Mohammed Irshad Ahmed, Chair of the Committee, FTCCI, praised GST as a pivotal economic reform that has streamlined processes, eliminated tax cascading, and promoted transparency. He emphasized the synergy between GST and globalization, facilitating smoother international trade.

Guest of Honour Sri M. Srinivas, retired Principal Chief Commissioner of Central GST, lauded India's successful GST regime for significantly boosting tax compliance and increasing taxpayer numbers and revenue. He highlighted the benefits of e-invoicing for business accuracy and compliance.

Chief Guest Sri Justice Challa Kodandaram commended GST for its unified tax structure and



urged practical approaches for compliance, referencing the national motto "Satyameva Jayate" and the



importance of teaching integrity to future generations.

The Conclave, attended by over 200 delegates, analyzed GST's impact on globalization and the MSME sector. Technical sessions and panel discussions provided insights from industry experts like Sri Abhinav

Srivastava and Sri Vivek Shukla. At the same time, Sri Prakash Challa, Sri Manish Gupta, Sri Simachal M, and Sri P.R. Lakshmana Rao contributed to a panel discussion on GST's influence. Sri Thirumalai S, Advisor of the Committee summarized the Conclave's discussions on GST's

evolution, its impact on globalization and the MSME sector. The event concluded with thanks to speakers and organizers, acknowledging Aster Business Solutions LLP and the Hyderabad Chapter of Cost Accountants for their support.

Panel Discussion on Implications & Remedies of Delayed Payments to MSMEs



16th February 2024
Federation House

Sri Meela Jayadev, President of FTCCI, highlighted that MSMEs play a crucial role in India's economy, and to address concerns about timely payments to these entities, a new provision (h) was added to Section 43B of the Income Tax Act from April 1, 2023, via the Finance Act, 2023. This initiative aims to clarify confusion in the trade and industry sectors regarding the applicability, consequences, and treatment of defaults under this clause.

CA Sudhir V S, Chairman of FTCCI's

Direct Taxes Committee, explained that the discussion's goal was to delve into Section 43B(h) of the Income Tax Act, involving perspectives from a retired tax official, a company secretary, a chartered accountant, and an MSME representative. The discussion encompassed topics like the disallowance of expenditure due to payment delays to MSMEs, the historical context of Section 43B, amendments brought by Clause (h), coverage of entities under the MSME Act, and implications for auditing, accounting, and legal compliance.

The panellists, including Sri Prem Chand Kankaria, Sri R Mohan Kumar,

Dr. (HC) Tasneem Shariff, and Sri Rajendra Prasad T, discussed various aspects such as the impact of delayed payments on MSMEs, responsibilities of chartered accountants in reporting non-payments, penalties under the Companies Act, and actions under the MSME Act. They also addressed delegates' queries, clarifying the implications of Section 43B(h) on MSMEs' businesses and opportunities.

The Panel Discussion concluded with a Vote of Thanks, marking a collaborative effort to navigate and understand the intricacies of this important amendment for MSMEs.

Visakhapatnam Port Authority (VPA) in association with FTCCI organized TRADE MEET



KNOWLEDGE BANK SERIES

1st Session on Incorporation of LLP and Company

25th February 2024
Online

CA Naresh Chandra Gelli V, Chair of the Committee, welcomed the delegates and the speaker, encouraged participants to take advantage of the sessions on the Companies Act organized by FTCCI, and detailed the upcoming sessions of the Knowledge Bank Series.

Dr. Tasneem Shariff, Co-Chair of the Committee, introduced the Speaker, CS Navjyoth Puttaparthi, Practicing Company Secretary and senior Managing Partner at Puttaparthi Jagannatham & Co - Hyderabad, to the

participants.

Eminent speaker CS Navjyoth Puttaparthi covered various aspects of companies and LLPs, including the advantages and disadvantages of LLPs and companies, how to incorporate LLPs and companies, and how to apply for the reservation of names for LLPs and companies. He further discussed the "Ease of Doing Business" initiative launched by Honorable Prime Minister Mr Narendra Modi on 25th September 2014 and provided an overview of the initiatives the Ministry of Corporate Affairs took



for better understanding. The Speaker clarified several doubts raised by the participants. Smt. M Veena, Secretary of

FTCCI, proposed a vote of thanks, acknowledging the contribution of all participants and the Speaker to the event's success.

KNOWLEDGE BANK SERIES

2nd Session on "Shareholders and Directors

3rd March 2024
Online

Smt. M Veena, Secretary of FTCCI, welcomed the Speaker and the participants. CA Naresh Chandra Gelli, Chair of the Committee, briefed them about the activities of the Corporate Laws, IBC, and ADR Committee of FTCCI.

Sri Ritesh Mittal, Co-Chair of the Committee, introduced the Speaker, CS Shujath Bin Ali, Global General Counsel and chief Compliance Officer at Re Sustainability Limited—Hyderabad, to the participants.

The Speaker, CS Shujath Bin Ali, covered the difference between shareholders and the

board of directors of a company, types of companies, understanding share capital and its significance, types of shares, shareholder rights, a case study on board mismanagement, how to become a member of the company, business to be transacted at shareholders meetings and methods to take shareholder approval, dividend and its distribution process, different stages of startup funding, shareholders agreements, types of directors, types of resolutions, the role of the board of directors, maximum and minimum members on the company's board, duties of directors, types of



committees, directors remuneration, and embedding corporate governance. The Speaker addressed queries raised by the participants. Sri Ritesh Mittal, Co-

Chair of the Committee, proposed a vote of thanks, acknowledging the contribution of all participants and the Speaker to the event's success.

MSME Spark: Building a Stronger Economy Innovation, Invention, Integration



2nd March 2024 Hyderabad

The MSME Conclave organized by FTCCI in Hyderabad brought together industry leaders, government officials, and stakeholders to address the challenges and opportunities facing Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs). Dr E Vishnu Vardhan Reddy, Vice Chairman & Managing Director of TSIIIC, emphasized the Telangana government's commitment to supporting MSMEs, aiming to create 100 Global Export Champion MSMEs. Speakers highlighted the vital role of MSMEs in economic development, stressing the need for innovation, integration, and access to finance. The event, attended by over 200 participants, facilitated networking, discussion of government policies, and exploration of sustainable solutions to empower MSMEs in building a strong economy. Dignitaries who participated were:

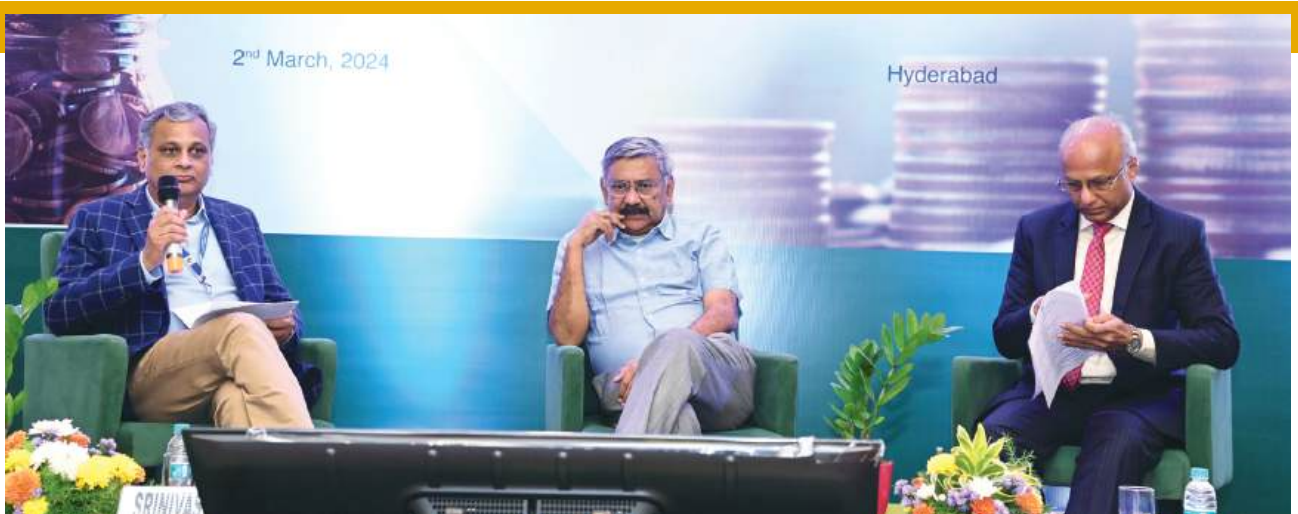
Sri Meela Jayadev, President, FTCCI; Sri Premchand Kankaria, Chair, Banking Finance & Insurance Committee; Dr G. Malsur, Director of Industries, Govt. of Telangana; Smt Manju Sharma, GM, State Bank of India, Hyderabad; Shri. Dr. E Vishnu



Vardhan Reddy, IFS, Vice Chairman & Managing Director, Telangana State Industrial Infrastructure Corporation (TSIIC), Govt. of Telangana; Shri. M M

Pallam Raju, Former Union Cabinet Minister of HRD & Former Minister of State for Defense, Govt. of India; Shri Srinivas Garimella, Chair, Industrial

Development Committee FTCCI and Managing Director, Daifuku Intralogistics India Pvt. Ltd; Shri. R. Ravi Kumar, Vice President, FTCCI.



Celebrations of International Women's Day 2024



6th March 2024 Federation House

The celebration 'Invest in Women: Accelerate Progress' focused on five important issues affecting the welfare of women and children. The FTCCI Ladies Wing/ Women Empowerment Committee organized the celebrations by inviting successful women from various fields and conducting a panel discussion on the theme.

Smt. Sneha Jonnalagadda, IFS, Regional Passport Officer, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, and Smt. N. Mothi, District Welfare Officer, Commissionerate of Women Development & Child Welfare, Government of Telangana, were the Guest of Honour at the event.

The Regional passport officer, Smt. Sneha Jonnalagadda emphasized that change should start at home. She remarked that until yesterday, if a girl child was born, it was considered a burden, but now girls are more important. She mentioned that laws exist to protect against sexual harassment in the workplace and also highlighted the impact of movies and television on society: the District Welfare Officer, Smt. N. Mothi explained that the government



has initiated schemes for women's empowerment.

Smt. Ch. Shailaja Kiron, Managing Director, Margadarshi Chit Funds Private Limited; Ms. Praveena Thota, Founder Director of Women Envision Council for Entrepreneurship, Gomaya Pushpam; and Smt. Sakkinala Savithamma, Founder, Sreedevi Swagraha Food, and Prof. Vijaya Khader, Advisor, Ladies wing/ Women Empowerment Committee, were panellists. Smt Bhagwati Devi Baldwa, Chair, Ladies Wing / Women Empowerment Committee, FTCCI,

chaired the panel session.

Smt. Shailaja Kiran shared her life experiences in the panel discussion and stated that there are no shortcuts to success; only hard work will reach the goal. The Panel discussion concluded successfully.

FTCCI President Mr Meela Jayadev, Senior Vice President Mr Suresh Kumar Singhal, Secretary Ms Veena, Dy. CEO Ms Sujatha and Director Ms Sangeetha also participated in the programme.



GST & Tax Implications on Landownership



7th March 2024 Federation House

FTCCI, in collaboration with NAREDCO Telangana, recently organized a significant program focusing on the real estate sector's impact and growth prospects. President Sri Meela Jayadev emphasized the sector's pivotal role in providing individuals with their homes or business spaces, highlighting Hyderabad's rapid development, particularly in infrastructure like the Outer Ring Road and the expanding metropolitan area. He stressed the importance of affordability and accessibility in driving market growth

for landowners and developers. Additionally, he mentioned advocating for affordable housing norms and home loan tax rebates in the Union Pre-Budget Memorandum to stimulate investments in real estate and the economy.

Chairman of the Committee Sri Abhishek Tibrewala noted the substantial growth in GST collections, particularly in Telangana, underlining the sector's economic significance. Sri Sunil Chandra Reddy from NAREDCO Telangana discussed the program's aim to raise awareness about GST and Income Tax Act updates and their impact on the real estate sector.

Expert presentations delved into various aspects, such as rights during search operations, income tax implications of joint development agreements, and GST implications for residential and commercial joint development agreements. Panel discussions further explored these topics, featuring notable figures like Sri M. Srinivas, IRS, and CA Mohd. Irshad Ahmed. The program concluded with a vote of thanks by Sri Vijaya Sai Meka, showcasing a comprehensive collaboration between industry leaders and experts to promote understanding and growth in the real estate sector.

Round Table Meet with JAFZA DP World

8th March, 2024 Hyderabad

JAFZA DP World, a free zone and trade hub, participated in a Round Table meeting with FTCCI to offer benefits to FTCCI members for expanding their global reach. JAFZA DP World provides access to a vast trade network, advanced logistics facilities, competitive rates, and a business-friendly environment. FTCCI exporters may get special offers, including discounted rates for setting up a company in JAFZA,



priority access to warehousing and logistics, dedicated support, and networking opportunities.

JAFZA DP World would like to explore better partnerships and collaborations with FTCCI and sign an MoU to promote and facilitate bilateral trade and investments

jointly.

Representatives from both FTCCI and JAFZA DP World participated in the meeting: Mr Abdulla Al Hashmi, COO, JAFZA; Mr Yousuf Tambawala, Vice President Growth & Business Support, JAFZA; Mr Amitesh Mishra, Manager - Business Development

Trade Development & Logistics DP World attended from JAFZA DP World. However, Mr. Suresh Kumar Singhal, Senior Vice President of FTCCI, and Mr. Kamal Jain, Chair of the Shipping and Logistics Committee, presided over the meeting.

3rd Session on Corporate Social Responsibility

10th March 2024

Online

Dr. Tasneem Shariff, Co-Chair of the Committee, welcomed the speakers and introduced CA Mohan R Lavi, Partner at K.P. Rao & Co - Hyderabad, to the attendees.

During his presentation, CA Mohan R Lavi covered various CSR amendments, companies required to comply with CSR provisions, companies exempted from CSR provisions, the amount to be spent during the year, disclosure of the

total amount spent on CSR in the annual report of the company, Schedule VII, what is not considered as CSR, requirements of the CSR committee, how to deal with underspent and excess amounts spent on CSR, and penalties imposed on companies for not complying with CSR provisions.

The Speaker addressed queries raised by the participants. Smt. M Veena, Secretary of FTCCI, proposed a vote of thanks, acknowledging the contribution of all



participants and the success. Speaker to the event's

4th Session on Charges

16th March 2024

Online

CA Naresh Chandra Gelli V, Chair of the Committee, welcomed the Speaker and the delegates. He encouraged the participants to utilize the Session fully and to seek clarification from our esteemed Speaker regarding any doubts they may have.

Smt. M. Veena, Secretary of FTCCI, introduced CA Kamal Garg, an Insolvency Professional with the Insolvency & Bankruptcy Board of India—New Delhi, to the attendees.

During his presentation, CA Kamal Garg covered,

The Fixed Charge vs. Floating Charge, Creation of Charges, Charges that are required to be registered, Filing of charges, their modification and satisfaction, the Effect of non-registration of charges, Punishment for not filing charges, Records of charges to be maintained by the company, Rectification of register of charges, Scheme for relaxation of time for filing forms related to creation or modification of charges under Companies Act, 2013 –General Circular No. 23/2020; Dated 17-6-2020 along with its applicability and non-applicability of the Scheme and Charges



filing of which with ROC is not required.

The Speaker addressed queries raised by the participants. Smt. M.

Veena, proposed a vote of thanks, acknowledging the contribution of all participants and the Speaker to the event's success.

FTCCI Athithi Devo Bhava Campaign



13th & 14th March 2024 Hyderabad

FTCCI, in collaboration with GMR Hyderabad International Airport, Tripura Constructions, Agromech Industries, Apollo Healthcare, and Kothari Group, conducted the 'I Do Commit Athithi Devo Bhava' Campaign, a training program for auto and cab drivers in Hyderabad. The event, which was held at various locations across the city, aimed to train drivers in etiquette, communication, handling medical emergencies, and basic vehicle mechanisms. The initiative also received significant backing from the Tourism Department of the Government of Telangana.

Sri Meela Jayadev, President of FTCCI, underscored the crucial role of auto and cab drivers as true representatives of a city, region, or country. He emphasized that their comprehensive knowledge of the locale, courteous behaviour, fair pricing, and hospitable attitude towards guests significantly contribute to shaping a positive image of the destination.

The event was inaugurated at Kacheguda Railway Station on March 13, 2024, by Smt. Rakhi Kankaria, Chairperson of the Tourism, Hospitality, Media, MICE,



Events & Entertainment (THMMICEE) Committee. Professors from the Institute of Hotel Management, Hyderabad (IHMH), conducted training sessions on etiquette and communication for drivers. Simultaneously, doctors from Apollo Hospital and the Society for Emergency Medicine (SEMI) provided training on emergency medicine and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), a life-saving manoeuvre.

The first day of the event was conducted at multiple locations, including Kacheguda Railway Station, Nampally Railway Station, and Mahatma Gandhi Bus Station (Imlibun), and was attended by numerous auto drivers and public members the second day, we were

focused on cab drivers on March 14, 2024, at the GMR Auditorium, GMR Hyderabad Airport. Sri Suresh Kumar Singhal, Senior Vice-President of FTCCI, highlighted the importance of drivers as city ambassadors during this event, attended by 150 drivers who received professional training.

On the third day, March 16, 2024, the event occurred at various Abhinandan Motors workshops in Bowenpally and the CMR Automobile Workshop in Erragadda, targeting auto drivers. Over the three days, around 400 drivers participated in the campaign at different locations. THMMICEE Co-chairs Sri D Ramachandram, Sri Mohanlal Jain, and Committee member Sri Akhilesh Washikar were active participants.

Programme on Carbon Footprint and Reporting

14th March 2024
Federation House

Mr. Meela Jayadev, President, FTCCI, welcoming the gathering, expressed that in a world where sustainability is no longer a choice but a necessity, understanding and mitigating our carbon footprint has become paramount. He opined that the importance of reducing carbon emissions and adopting sustainable practices cannot be overstated. He further mentioned the program serves as a platform to come together, learn from experts, and share insights on how we can contribute to a greener, more sustainable future.

Mr. G. Bala Subramanyam, Chair of the Committee, FTCCI, during his introductory remarks, said Carbon footprint reporting is important in the industry's sustainability journey for several reasons. The first step in the journey is measurement and reporting. It helps the organization measure and capture the data accurately on greenhouse gas emissions covering Scope 1, Scope 2, and Scope 3.

The data also helps the industry to accurately report in public disclosures being required, such as Sustainability Reporting based on GRI principles and BRSR reporting as mandated by SEBI, CDP or SBTi, as insisted by some customers.



Ms. Priyanka Pothana, Managing Director & CEO, General Carbon Advisory Services Pvt. Ltd. and prime speaker at the program, explained the emissions and their effects, fossil fuels, the types of greenhouse gases, and statistics on emitters. She also highlighted some of the actions driven by companies.

The day-long program had several other sessions such as GHG Emissions – Scope 1, 2 & 3; Mitigation Strategies for GHG reduction - Overall Approach for GHG Mitigations, Goal & Target Setting, Reduction Opportunities in specific Sector & Mitigation opportunities for Scope 2 and Scope 3; and Next practices in GHG Management - Life Cycle Assessment, Carbon Pricing,

Carbon Markets, Carbon Neutral, Carbon Positive, Preparedness for third party verification/assurance Relevant standards. Ms. Priyanka Pothana, Managing Director & CEO; Mrs. Harshini Vanaraj, Manager - Sustainability & Climate and Mr. Cherukuri Nithin Raja, Senior Manager (Life Cycle Assessment) from General Carbon Advisory Services Pvt. Ltd. were the speakers at the Technical sessions.

Mr. Ravi Kumar, Vice President, Mr. Anil Agarwal, Immediate Past President and the Members of the FTCCI Environment Committee also participated in the event.

Mr. Suresh Kumar Singhal, Senior Vice President, FTCCI, proposed a Vote of thanks.



Sri Tummala Nageshwara Rao, Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture, Marketing, Co-operation, and Handlooms & Textiles, Government of Telangana visited FTCCI :
7th March, 2024

Launch of Industry-Academia Connect initiative

27th March 2024
Federation House

This initiative aims to bridge the gap between industry needs and academic offerings, focusing on emerging technologies like AI and Web3. The launch event featured Prof UB Desai as the chief guest and leaders and Mr Sikanth Sinha, CEO of TASK, among others. Prof Desai emphasized the importance of such collaborations, citing the disconnect between the industry's short-term goals and academia's long-term focus. He also praised initiatives like the Professor-of-Practice program by UGC and AICTE.

Sri Mohan Raidu, Chairman of the ICT Committee, highlighted the talent paradox, where there's a demand for skilled graduates in technology sectors but a shortage of suitable candidates. Pankaj Diwan traced the initiative's inception to the need for



skilled manpower in India's journey towards a \$5 trillion economy.

The event saw the participation of industry leaders and the signing of MoUs between FTCCI and various partners. Mr Jayesh Ranjan commended the initiative and mentioned the government's support for long-term internships with industry. The launch program included panel discussions involving

industry experts on managing talent and the role of women in the economy. The ICT Committee also announced faculty fellowships and plans for Centres of Excellence, aiming to enhance industry-academia collaboration. The event attracted 200 participants from academia, industry, and government sectors, signaling strong support for the Industry-Academia Connect initiative's goals.

National Tax Conference Jointly with GST and Customs Committee

23th March 2024
Federation House

Sri Nagesh Rangi, Chairman of the Conference Committee, emphasized that in the 21st century, being illiterate is not just about reading and writing but also about the ability to learn, unlearn, and relearn.

Sri Meela Jayadev, President of

FTCC, highlighted the evolution of taxes and the conference's aim to keep members updated on legal changes. He urged the Telangana State Government to raise the GST threshold to Rs 40 lakh and discussed submissions for affordable housing and home loan tax rebates.

Sri K Narsing Rao, President of

the Telangana Tax Practitioners Association, mentioned the participation of 400 delegates from across India.

Dr. Ramaraju Srinivasa Rao, Chairman of AIFTP (South Zone), stressed the conference's goal of deepening understanding of tax laws and simplifying tax implementation



under the theme "Legal & Ethical Dimensions in Taxation."

CA Mohd. Irshad Ahmed, Chair of the GST and Customs Committee, discussed the journey of GST over seven years and the need for a GST Appellate Tribunal.

Sri Samir Jani, National Deputy President of AIFTP, advocated for

education, ethics, and excellence in tax practice. Sri Narayan Jain, National President of AIFTP, highlighted the importance of the joint National Tax Conference.

Hon'ble Justice Sri Alok Aradhe, Chief Justice of Telangana High Court, emphasized tax's role in society's functioning and the need for fair

tax collection, echoing Chanakya's gentle tax analogy.

Hon'ble Justice Sri Ujjal Bhuyan, Judge of the Supreme Court of India, shared insights on landmark judgments and balancing tax law enforcement with individual rights.

5th Session on Board Powers Disqualification and Removal of Directors

24th March 2024
Online

CA Naresh Chandra Gelli V, Chair of the Committee, welcomed the Speaker, CS Pavan Kumar Bhattiprolu, and the participants.

Smt. M. Veena, Secretary of FTCCI, introduced CS Pavan Kumar Bhattiprolu, an Insolvency Professional with the Insolvency & Bankruptcy Board of India—Hyderabad, to the attendees.

During his presentation, CS Pavan Kumar Bhattiprolu covered Related Party Transactions, Meaning of



Arm's Length Transactions, Prohibition on Loans to Directors, Loans to Directors under Section 185 of Companies Act, 2013, Exemptions from applicability of Section 185, Loans and Investments by Companies under Section

186 of Companies Act, 2013, Non-applicability of Section 186, Exemption to Government Companies, Managerial Remuneration and Limits on Maximum Managerial Remuneration, Disclosure of Remuneration in Board Report. He

addressed queries raised by the participants. Smt. M. Veena, proposed a vote of thanks, acknowledging the contribution of all participants and the Speaker to the event's success.

6th Session on Rights Issue, Preferential Allotment and Private Placement

6th April 2024
Online

CA Naresh Chandra Gelli V, Chair of the Committee, welcomed the Speaker and the participants and briefed them about the activities of the Corporate Law, IBC and ADR Committee at FTCCI.

Smt. M. Veena, Secretary of FTCCI, welcomed the Speaker, CS Shailesh Baheti, Insolvency Professional, Insolvency & Bankruptcy Board of India—Hyderabad, and introduced him to the



participants. During his presentation, CS Shailesh Baheti covered Public Offerings and Private Placements, Offers or Invitations to subscribe for Securities on Private

Placements, Issues and Redemptions of Preference Shares, Further Issues of Share Capital, Issues of Bonus Shares, and Debentures. He addressed queries raised

by the participants. Smt. M. Veena, proposed a vote of thanks, acknowledging the contribution of all participants and the Speaker to the event's success.

Webinar on Common Costly Errors in Income Tax

3rd April 2024
Online

The President of FTCCI, Sri Meela Jayadev, emphasized the critical role that financial and tax-related activities play in daily business operations. He pointed out that mistakes in these areas can lead to notices and summons from the Income Tax Department, causing unnecessary expenses and disruptions. To address this issue, FTCCI organized a webinar titled "Common Costly Errors in Income Tax" to raise awareness among businesses and provide guidance on avoiding these pitfalls. The President encouraged

delegates to make the most of the session by learning from experts and seeking clarification on any doubts.

During the webinar, CA Sudhir V S, Chair of the Direct Taxes Committee at FTCCI, reiterated the importance of discussing common errors to prevent them from becoming costly. He highlighted the webinar's focus on identifying challenges and providing practical solutions. The webinar's speaker, Sri Phalguna Kumar E, a Chartered Accountant, delved into various aspects of income tax, covering topics such as tax rates, particular



income concepts, property transactions, banking errors, and responding to tax authorities.

The speaker actively engaged with the audience, taking the time to address many questions and doubts raised by the delegates, ensuring a

thorough understanding of the topics discussed. Finally, Sri Suresh Kumar Singhal, Senior Vice President of FTCCI, expressed gratitude and appreciation to all participants at the end of the webinar, highlighting the valuable contributions made by the audience.

Awareness program on Terms and Conditions of Open Access Regulation No.1 of 2024



8th April 2024
Federation House

FTCCI organized an Awareness program to thoroughly comprehend the Terms and Conditions of Open Access Regulation No.1 of 2024 and analyze the pros and cons for industry and trade. The program aimed to comprehensively understand the

Terms and Conditions outlined in the Open Access Regulation, 2024. Moreover, it facilitated an analysis of the potential benefits and challenges it may pose for industries and trade. Mr Jayanta Deb, DGM (Head South) of Manikaran Power Ltd, and Mr Venkat, N.K.K, General Secretary of TSOADA (Telangana State Solar Open Access

Developers Association), were the speakers of the program and delivered presentations. Sri Meela Jayadev, President of FTCCI, welcomed the gathering. Sri Vinod Kumar Agarwal, Chair of the Energy Committee, delivered the introductory remarks. About 50 members participated in the webinar.

Rooftop Kitchen Gardening



20th April 2024
Federation House

The workshop's primary objective was to raise awareness about the significance of cultivating one's food organically and to provide a platform to help enthusiasts grasp the fundamentals of Rooftop Kitchen Gardening. The experts expressed that the indiscriminate use of pesticides and insecticides in growing vegetables is leading to a mounting number of cancer cases.

In his welcome address, Mr R. Ravi Kumar, Vice President of FTCCI, highlighted the numerous benefits of rooftop kitchen gardening. He stated that it reduces urban heat and pollution, contributes to clean air, and allows us to bring nature back into the urban landscape. Moreover, it offers fresh produce and a retreat from the concrete surroundings. He further emphasized the importance of growing a kitchen garden, stating that it acts as a stress buster and keeps people happy and healthy.

In his opening remarks, Mr. Chandra Mohan Siram, Chairman of the Agro & Food Processing Committee, said that thirty or forty years ago, before the green revolution, pesticides and insecticide usage were nonexistent. Thirty years ago, the specialization of



Oncology was unheard of, but now, every city has an oncologist. Despite limited land and water resources, countries like Israel and Kenya are excelling in horticultural production and exporting. We should emulate these countries and encourage Rooftop Kitchen Gardening in our city.

The speaker, Ms. K. Sridevi, Assistant Director of Horticulture (Urban Farming), Government of Telangana, emphasized that information is readily available online. She advised not to engage in Rooftop Kitchen Gardening due to peer pressure but for sheer pleasure, to produce pure vegetables, for happiness, and for the excellent health of the family.

Ms. B. Manga and Ms. K. Sunitha Rose, both officers in urban farming, spoke about the importance of urban agriculture, the steps involved, cultural practices to adopt, and organic ways of controlling pests and diseases. Hyderabad, once a garden city, is now a concrete jungle, with only balconies and rooftops left as spaces for gardening. They emphasized the need to make effective use of these spaces.

Smt. Sujatha, Deputy CEO of FTCCI, invited the dignitaries to the dais and proposed the vote of thanks. Approximately 100 Rooftop Kitchen Gardeners and other participants attended the workshop.

8th Session on Independent Directors

4th May 2024
Online

CA Naresh Chandra Gelli V, Chair of the Committee, encouraged the participants to utilize the session fully and to seek clarification from our esteemed speaker regarding any doubts they may have.

Smt. M. Veena, Secretary of FTCCI, welcomed the speaker, Dr. Tasneem Shariff, Co-Chair of CLIBC's ADR Committee, to the delegates.

CA Ritesh Mittal, Co-Chair of CLIBC's ADR Committee, introduced Dr Tasneem Shariff, Company Secretary & Founder of Proservz Advisory Private Limited, Hyderabad, to the attendees.

During her presentation, Dr Tasneem Shariff covered the following topics: Independent Directors, Types of Directors, Qualifications of Independent Directors, Companies required to appoint Independent Directors, Role of Independent Directors, Responsibilities of



Independent Directors, Duties of Independent Directors, Manner of appointment of Independent Directors, Resignation of Independent Directors, Separate Meetings of Independent Directors, Sitting Fees for Independent Directors, and FAQs on Independent Directors.

The speaker addressed queries raised by the participants.

CA Ritesh Mittal, Co-Chair of the Committee, proposed a vote of thanks, acknowledging the contributions of all participants and the speaker to the event's success.

Interactive Meeting with Representatives of Major Political Parties on Economy, Industry and Reforms



6th May 2024
Federation House

The meeting was organized to elicit the views of major political parties on various issues concerning the growth of the economy, industrial

development, and reforms for the forthcoming Lok Sabha elections.

All parties' representatives opined that it is impossible to provide government jobs to all, and employment creation is to be

achieved through higher industry growth and the creation of self-employment opportunities for the younger generation. All parties agreed that the government needs to encourage the development of



various sectors by offering incentives, subsidies, and infrastructure.

Sri Ponnala Lakshmaiah, leader of Bharat Rashtra Samithi and Ex. The minister of the erstwhile AP emphasized that when the BRS Government came into power, the agricultural sector experienced good growth. In addition to wealth creation, it has directly benefitted the people. Considerable reforms have been brought in the industrial sector. Infrastructure facilities have been created for industries, increasing employment and purchasing power for the people.

BJP National leader Smt. Karuna Gopal, Independent Director, Engineering India Limited, said that BJP focuses on making India 'self-reliant' and 'self-sustainable'. Programs like 'Make in India' and 'Digital India' have put India on the global map as an investment destination and attracted huge investments into the country. Import Substitution policy in the defence sector made India self-reliant in defence products by replacing the majority of imported products. Most of the construction and maintenance of national highways have been done in our country rather than in China. She reiterated the government's commitment to making India a developed nation by 2047 and noted that India has grown rapidly over the last ten years. Sri Shyam Mohan Anantula, Chairman of Intellectual

Cell, TPCC, and President of the Forum for Democracy & Global Peace, stated that the present Indian economy is strong due to the strong foundations laid during the tenures of Sri PV Narasimha Rao and Sri Manmohan Singh. He also highlighted that the telecom revolution occurred during Sri Rajiv Gandhi's tenure. He stated that the Congress party is committed to both 'welfare and Development' and will encourage the private sector by creating a business-friendly atmosphere.

Sri Meela Jaydev, President of FTCCI, in his welcome address, mentioned that providing livelihood is critical for the growth of the economy, and it may not be desirable to provide some amount (for ex, Rs.15 thousand per year) is not enough and discourage people from working hard to improve their status. He urged all the Political Parties that instead of giving freebies, they should encourage industries by providing incentives, subsidies, and infrastructure facilities, creating lakhs of employment opportunities.

Sri Srinivas Garimella, Chair of the Industrial Development Committee, FTCCI, in his theme address, highlighted India's recent global spotlight as an emerging economic powerhouse with projections aiming for a \$5 trillion economy by 2027-29 and potentially \$10 trillion by 2033-34. He stressed the importance of navigating this growth trajectory, shaped by political perspectives,

towards the smooth attainment of these goals. He highlighted the paradox of India's GDP ranking versus its per capita GDP, underlining the urgency of uplifting the impoverished population. The upcoming election will revolve around proposed structural reforms, particularly in stimulating industrial growth to surpass the current stagnant manufacturing sector contribution of 16.5% to at least 25% of GDP.

Sri Sriram Karri, Resident Editor of Deccan Chronicle, skillfully moderated the session. All party representatives addressed inquiries raised by MC Members of FTCCI and participants during the Q&A Session. These included discussions about reducing the surcharge on income taxpayers, utilizing the collected 4% Education Cess from taxpayers for education improvement, advocating for the inclusion of electricity and fuel under the GST regime, potential expansion of the PLI scheme across 14 sectors, strategies for balancing inflation and growth rates, and commitment to increasing expenditure on education and health facilities to 5-6% of GDP.

Sri Suresh Kumar Singhal, senior vice president of FTCCI, proposed the vote of thanks. Smt. T Sujatha, deputy CEO of FTCCI, presented the opening remarks. Approximately 120 industrialists and entrepreneurs participated in the session.

Webinar on TDS & TCS Provisions under Income Tax Act

8th May 2024

Online

Sri Meela Jayadev, President, FTCC, in his welcome address, said that the government introduced the concepts of tax Deduction at Source (TDS) and tax Collection at Source (TCS) to prevent tax evasion. He advised delegates to have fruitful sessions and utilize the presence of experts to clarify their doubts.

CA Sudhir V S, Chair of Direct Taxes Committee, FTCCI, in his introductory remarks, mentioned that the main intention of organizing this webinar is to discuss the provisions of TDS & TCS under the Income Tax Act, 1961 & consequences of non-compliance, which results in serious repercussions.

CA Aravinda Garikipati, Member, Direct Taxes Committee introduced Session Chairman CA Hari Govind Prasad & Session Speaker CA Ritesh Mittal to delegates.

CA Hari Govind Prasad, Session Chairman, mentioned the importance of TDS & TCS, how Government using these TDS & TCS concepts for recovery of taxes when compared to others and the role of TDS & TCS importance in GST Law. Also mentioned the changes brought by the Government in the provisions of TDS & TCS through budget in 2023 and 2024.

CA Ritesh Mittal, Session Speaker,



elaborately discussed and explained, starting with definition of TDS, TCS, Deductor, Deductee, PAN, TAN; Objectives of TDS & TCS; TDS/TCS Challan; cases where TDS return is filed without TAN (26QB, 26QC, 26QD & 26QE); Inoperative PAN. Also given brief about Sections 192, 192A, 193, 194A, 194B, 194BA, 194BB, 194BP, 194C, 194D, 194DA, 194EE, 194F, 194G, 194H, 194I (a), 194I(b), 194IA, 194J(a), 194J(b), 194K, 194LA, 194N, 194O, 194Q & 206C and difference between 194Q & 206C; TCS on Outbound Remittances Sec. 206C(1G), Remittance for Government Deductor Also given live demo in eportal/ traces/ tdscpc website with respect to Registration/

Login Process, Filing of Returns 24Q, 26Q, 27Q, 27EQ downloading TDS/ TCS Certificates/ Form 16/16A, Also explained due dates for the filing & issuing TDS/TCS Certificates and consequences of not filing/ not issuing within due date; Revision of TDS Returns; Request for Corrections; Tracking Correction Request; e-mudra signing utility; Process of mentioning & Paying of Late Fee & Interest; PAN Corrections; Adding Challans to the statements; Online rectification; Conso File, etc.

CA Hari Govind Prasad, Session Chairman & CA Ritesh Mittal, Session Speaker also clarified many questions and doubts raised by the delegates.

Curtain Raiser Event for FTCCI ETM Conclave

11th May 2024
Hyderabad

The Curtain Raiser Event for "FTCCI ETM Conclave 24," proposed to be organized from July 29th to July 30th, 2024, started with a grand waiving of the wand in the glory of success and positivity.

The first ever FTCCI ETM-Experiential Tourism MICE Conclave 2024 will be held in Hyderabad in July 2024

under the aegis of FTCCI and Tourism and Culture Department, Govt of Telangana.

Mr. Meela Jayadev, President of FTCCI, addressed the forum by saying that FTCCI ETM Conclave 24' is an innovative initiative of the Tourism Committee. During his opening remark, Mr Jayadev informed that the Tourism Committee of FTCCI is collaborating with iCONEX, a New Delhi-based international

conferences and exhibitions organizer for the grand FTCCI ETM Conclave 24' and the way forward. This first-of-its-kind conference will bring out the magic of Telangana Tourism to the world and promote it extensively.

Ms Rakhi Kankaria, Chairperson of FTCCI Tourism Committee, said that It all started with an endeavour to edify the various ground support with basic etiquettes & medical



safety along with teaching them welcoming jargon etc, through the "Athithi Devo Bhava Campaign". The "Athithi Devo Bhava Campaign" helps branding auto and cab drivers as brand ambassadors of the city to attract tourists.

Additionally, she said that FTCCI ETM Conclave 24', with its maiden event this year, will be an annual calendar event for all tourism-related industries. The travel industry is all about Experience. Hence, the theme, FTCCI Experiential Tourism MICE Conclave 24' existed. Ms. Rakhi Kankaria said that the event will bring together all 40 tourism verticals under one roof. She further added some of the unique events that will be intertwined with FTCCI ETM Conclave 24' to gain mileage for all the stakeholders and promote Telangana both nationally and internationally, which includes a Proposed Visit to Ramappa Temple to promote Heli Tourism, Proposed Salarjung by Night; FAM Trips; Exclusive B2B meetings etc.

Mr. Vijay Mohan Raj, Advisor, THMMICEE Committee, reiterated, ' Tourism needs industry status'. He further builds the momentum by addressing the importance and objective of organizing the ETM Conclave. He further said that With a rank of 153, Hyderabad has surpassed other Indian cities in Mercer's Quality of Living City Ranking for 2023 & is yet again rated as the best Indian city by Mercer. FTCCI ETM Conclave 24'



promotes Telangana state's city and tourism potential.

Mr. Abhimanyu Singh, the Director of iCONEX, said Hyderabad needs to compete with globally renowned cities like New York and others. FTCCI ETM Conclave 24' helps to position the city among the best in the world.

Various industry representatives such as HRATS-Hotel and Restaurant Association Telangana; SKAL, Travel Agents Association of India -TAAI, Indian Association of Tour Operators - IATO, TAFI-The Travel Agents Federation of India, TOAT—Tour Operator Association of Telangana, TTAT—Tours and Travel Agents Association of Telangana spoke briefly about their respective organizations and their activities. It

was commendable to have almost all the Tourism & MICE related associations coming forward and extending support for FTCCI ETM Conclave 24'.

FTCCI ETM Conclave 24' promotional film was screened on the occasion. Senior Vice President of FTCCI, Mr. Suresh Kumar Singhal, proposed a vote of thanks and appreciated the unity from the participants and Tourism & MICE industry to bring laurels to the state along with FTCCI. The Curtain Raiser event, and a high-end photoshoot for the committee members, were arranged at the Ball Room and its adjacent hall. It was attended by around 200 participants

Interactive Meeting on Business Opportunities in Indonesia



17th May 2024

Federation House

Mr. Nugroho Priyo Pratomo, Director (Indonesian Government Official), Mr. Mohammad Haykal, Deputy Director (Indonesian Government Official) and Mr. Jestin Mathew, Sr. Marketing & Trade Development Specialist, ITPC. The senior officials were explored about the opportunities in Indonesia. They have explained about the upcoming EXPO 39th Trade Expo Indonesia which is to be held from 9th to 12th October 2024 at Indonesia.

Mr. Meela Jayadev, President of FTCCI has welcomed the members and stated that the Indonesia is a key economic partner for India

in Southeast Asia. With bilateral trade of almost US\$ 20 billion in 2019-20, Indonesia is the second largest trading destination for India in the ASEAN region. Indonesia is eyeing a \$50 billion bilateral trade with India by 2025, as the figure has already reached above \$20 billion. He wishes the Expo, which is to be held from October 9th to 12th, 2024, great success.

Sri Rupesh Agarwal, Co-chair of International Trade Committee has stated in his address that the government of Indonesia is making efforts to improve the infrastructure and it is understood that more than 70 existing laws are revised, and also making efforts to attract greater levels of investment. This is

the right time for investors to take advantage of the ongoing reforms in the country and I am sure that India and Indonesia will gain by improved trade and business activities.

FTCCI is organizing an Experiential Tourism Conclave along with Government of Telangana and Department of Tourism. I invite ITPC to explore the opportunity to participate in the Conclave. We have our Chair of the Tourism Committee Smt. Rakhi Kankaria is here with us and we will share the details after the meeting.

Sri Suresh Kumar Singhal, Sr. Vice President and Smt. Sujatha, Sr. Director and other members of International Trade Committee were participated at the meeting.

Catalyzing Deeptech Innovations towards Global Presence

23rd May, 2024

Federation House, Hyderabad

The event "Catalysing Deep Tech Innovations Towards Global Presence" was inaugurated with an address by the President of FTCCI, who introduced the theme and emphasized its critical importance in the current technological landscape. This was followed by an opening session where K. Mohan Raidu, Chair of the FTCCI ICT committee, highlighted the increasing significance of Indian

deep-tech innovations and their rapid expansion. Dr. Madhu from the Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB) further elaborated on the pivotal role that CCMB plays in fostering and advancing deep-tech innovation within India.

The keynote address delivered by Dr. Madhu provided an in-depth analysis of the global deep-tech landscape, identifying emerging trends and opportunities for Indian enterprises. The address meticulously covered key deep-

tech sectors with substantial global potential, the challenges faced by Indian companies in achieving international recognition, and showcased success stories of Indian ventures that have made a global impact. This session concluded with an interactive Q&A segment, facilitating insightful exchanges between the audience and the speaker.

A comprehensive panel discussion ensued, moderated by Mr. Pankaj Diwan, which focused



on constructing a global deep-tech ecosystem. The panel featured industry experts, including Mr. Manish Gupta from SAP, who discussed the critical importance of industry-academia collaboration in innovation. Ms. Meghna from CCMB underscored the necessity of specialized talent development programs for deep-tech. A representative from T-Hub

elaborated on the need for a robust infrastructure to support research and development, and Mr. Bala Prasad Peddigari from TCS shared effective strategies for international collaboration and knowledge sharing. This discussion segment was designed to encourage audience engagement through a moderated Q&A.

The event culminated with closing

remarks and a vote of thanks from the Senior Vice President of FTCCI, who acknowledged the valuable contributions of the speakers and the active participation of the audience. The event successfully underscored the potential of Indian deep-tech innovations on the global stage and delineated strategic pathways for achieving a greater international presence and impact.

Knowledge Bank Series - Session 10 Adjudication, Condonation and Compounding

25th May, 2024
Online

The Session focused on Difference between Adjudication, Compounding and Condonation of Delay, Compoundable Offences, and Non-Compoundable Offences.

CA Ritesh Mittal, Co-Chair of the CLIBC&ADR Committee at FTCCI, welcomed the speaker, CS Mahadev Tirunagari, Hyderabad, to the delegates.

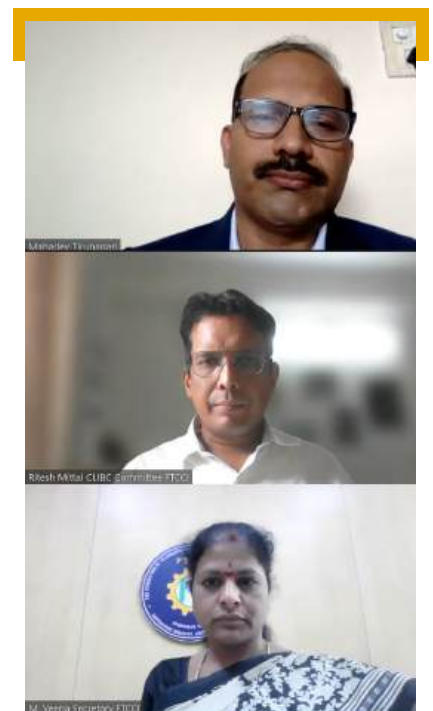
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The speaker shared her expertise and addressed several queries the participants raised, engaging the Session.

Smt. M. Veena, Secretary of FTCCI, proposed a vote of thanks, acknowledging the contribution of all participants and the speaker to the event's success.



Knowledge Bank Series - Session 11 Accounts of Companies

1st June, 2024
Online

The Session focused on Difference between Adjudication, Compounding and Condonation of Delay, Compoundable Offences, and Non-Compoundable Offences.

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Workshop on Opportunities in Food Processing



6th June, 2024
Federation House

This workshop aimed to create awareness of the services and support provided by CFTRI, helping participants understand food processing and preservation.

Dr. S.V.N. Vijayendra, Head & Sr. Principal Scientist, CFTRI; Smt. K. Sathiyamala, Sr. Principal Scientist, CFTRI; Dr. R. Sridhar, Senior Technical Officer, CFTRI; Sri

A. Nagender, Principal Technical Officer, CFTRI; and Sri K. Srinivasulu, Senior Technical Officer, CFTRI were the esteemed speakers.

In his welcome address, Sri Meela Jayadev, President of FTCCI, emphasized the vital role of the food processing sector in our economy, creating value addition to agricultural products. He highlighted the interdependence between agriculture and industry

and the importance of value addition to agricultural products for economic growth. He also noted the significant opportunities within this sector with India's transition from a food-scarce to a food-surplus nation. However, he pointed out that approximately 40 per cent of agricultural produce is wasted due to a lack of primary processing facilities among farmers. He commended CFTRI for its commendable work in developing affordable processing technologies.

Sri Chandra Mohan, the Committee Chair of the Food Processing Committee of FTCCI, highlighted CFTRI's pioneering role in food technologies in the country. He mentioned their support for prospective entrepreneurs to start food processing units, emphasizing the importance of preservation and shelf life of products in the food processing industry.

Dr. S.V.N. Vijayendra, Head &

Sr. Principal Scientist, CFTRI, elaborated on CFTRI's services in food technology and preservation, encouraging prospective entrepreneurs to take the first step.

Smt. K. Sathiyamala, Sr. Principal Scientist, CFTRI, delivered an extensive presentation. She discussed India's annual

consumption of value-added food, the significant losses in post-harvest chains, and innovative technologies to mitigate these losses, such as super cane powder and bottled sugarcane juice with an extended shelf life.

Dr. R. Sridhar, Senior Technical Officer, CFTRI, presented on "Food Quality Control and Food

Safety," while Mr. A. Nagender, Principal Technical Officer, and Mr. K. Srinivasulu, Senior Technical Officer, discussed "Food Processing Machinery" and "Food Packaging and Shelf Life Studies," respectively.

Sri Suresh Kumar Singhal, Sr. Vice President proposed the vote of thanks. Approximately 150 people participated in the workshop.

EV Conference 2024 on Charging Up for E-Mobility



**15th June, 2024
Hyderabad**

The event addressed the critical need for rapid development in EV charging infrastructure and battery technologies. This high-profile gathering brought together thought leaders from government, industry, startups, finance, and entrepreneurship to explore opportunities, challenges, and key decisions to accelerate India's transition to electric mobility.

India's EV market is witnessing a surge, with a 42% increase in sales in FY2024. Achieving the ambitious target of 30% EV adoption by 2030 requires a CAGR growth of over 40% in the next six years. Despite its aspirations, Telangana lags behind other states with only 0.8% EV penetration compared to its total vehicle population. The state has just over 500 charging stations



but aims to reach 3000 in the next 18 months.

In his welcome address, FTCCI President Sri Meela Jayadev emphasized the need for electric vehicles to address environmental pollution caused by fossil fuels. He highlighted the government's commitment to promoting

renewable energy and EV adoption.

In his introductory remarks, Sri Vinodh Agarwal, Chair of the Energy Committee of FTCCI, addressed the creation of job opportunities in EV-related sectors and the crucial role of overcoming challenges like lack of incentives, battery safety concerns, and insufficient charging



stations.

Sri Gopalakrishnan V.C., Director (Automotive and EV sector), Industries and Commerce Department, delivered a lecture on “EV Policy and Implementation,” informing attendees about the state government’s plan to establish a charging station network covering every 3x3 km grid. Sri Rajeev YSR, CEO of EV MasterClass and TCPL, delivered a lecture on “Career Opportunities in EV.”

The conference also featured two panel discussions. The first panel discussion, on “EV Charging Infrastructure,” was moderated by Sri Surya Jeedigunta, CEO of SNJ Solar and BRICS-CCI Energy Convener. Panel speakers included Sri Ramakrishna, Project Director at TGREDCO; Sri Krishna K Jasti, Founder & CEO of EVRE; Sri Devender Reddy, CEO of Eride E-Mobility Company; Sri Sachin Mishra, Assistant General Manager at ICICI; and Sri Vineeth Gaddam, CTO of EVChargeMan. The discussion covered crucial aspects like land availability for stations, fast-charging needs, and building partnerships for critical minerals.

The second panel discussion, on “EV Battery Technologies,” was moderated by Ms. P. Sitha MahaLakshmi, Senior Research Associate at the Centre for Energy Studies, ASCI. Panel speakers



included Sri Siva Prasad Gudipati, CTO&Co-Founder of COMUTIEnergy Pvt Ltd; Sri Jatil Sharma, Director of Tejaswi Energy Pvt Ltd; Sri Venkat Rajaraman, CEO of Cygni Energy Pvt Ltd; and Sri B.H. Raghuram, Chief Executive Officer of NED Energy Limited. The discussion focused on battery costs, partnerships for manufacturing, and the importance of battery recycling.

The FTCCI EV Conference 2024 successfully brought together key stakeholders to address critical challenges and opportunities in India’s EV sector. The conference’s emphasis on building a robust EV ecosystem through collaboration and innovation paves the way for

a greener and more sustainable future.

Sri Suresh Kumar Singhal, Sr. Vice President, proposed the vote of thanks. Energy Committee Co-Chairs, Advisors, Members, and approximately 150 participants attended the event.



GALLERY



Sri Meela Jayadev, President, FTCCI with Sri Bandaru Dattatreya, Hon'ble Governor of the State of Haryana



FTCCI senior officials bidding farewell to Dr. Srikar Reddy on completing his tenure as Jt. Sec, Dept of Commerce Govt. of India and extended the best wishes for his new assignment as Consul General of India to West Coast of the US Office at San Francisco : 17th July, 2023 at Federation House



Sri D Krishna Bhaskar, IAS, Director of Industries, Government of Telangana : 22nd July, 2023 at Federation House.



Senior executives from LIC : Mr. S. Zakkeer ; Mr. Manjunath; Mr. A Viswanadham had made a courtesy visit to congratulate FICCI : 20th July, 2023 at Federation House



Sri Sandeep Prakash, IRS; Chief Commissioner of Customs and Central Tax, Hyderabad Zone : 19th July, 2023



Presenting Vision 2030 Document to Smt Hari Chandana Dasari, IAS AYUSH Director, Government of Telangana : 24th July, 2023



H.E Mr Alnuaimi, UAE Consul General at the Business Session on UAE-India Trade post CEPA : 27th July, 2023, at The Park Hyderabad

Independence Day Celebrations at Federation House. Hyderabad



Interactive meeting with Mr. Orhan Yalman Okan, Consul General of Turkey, In Hyderabad : 5th September, 2023



Meeting with Mr. John Cabeca, U.S.intellectual Property Counselor, United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) : 1st September, 2023 at Federation House.



FTCCI officials met Sri Parvinder Singh, ICLS., Registrar of Companies (ROC) – Telangana, Hyderabad and Sri Prasad Adelli, IRS., Additional Director, Serious Fraud Investigation Organisation(SFIO), under the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Hyderabad : 4th September, 2023



Dr.Tamilisai Soundararajan, Hon'ble Governor of Telangana State : 31st August, 2023



FTCCI Officials with Australian Consul General Ms. Hillary McGeachy : 11th August 2023



Congratulating Mr. C V Anand, IPS, for retaining his position as the commissioner of police in Hyderabad city, in the rank of DGP : 26th August, 2023



With Sri Syed Ali Murtuza Rizvi, IAS Health Secretary, Government of Telangana : 24th August, 2023



FTCCI Office Bearers and Executives along with Shipping and Logistics Committee members attend the Inauguration of Telangana Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Cooling and Supply Chain : 9th August 2023 at Innovex, GMR.



Sri Dayanand Reddy, MD, Vasantha Tools : 30th August, 2023



FTCCI and ICICI Bank Ltd. signed a MoU as a Ecosystem partner for a period of one year : 13th October 2023, at Taj Vivanta.



Sri Meela Jayadev, President, FTCCI with Sri Bandaru Dattatreya, Hon'ble Governor of the State of Haryana



Sri G Jagadish Reddy, Hon'ble Minister for Energy : 12th September, 2023



Ms. Vijayeswari, Managing Director, Ramoji Film City at RFC Office : 14th September, 2023



Sri Y. Varaprasad Reddy, Chairman, WTC, Hyderabad, Visakhapatnam : 21st September, 2023



Sri Sandeep Prakash, IRS Chief Commissioner of Customs and Central Tax, Hyderabad : 22nd September, 2023



Yadadari- Bhongir MSEFC Conciliation Meeting : 16th September, 2023



RANGA REDDY MSEFC Arbitration meeting : 16th September, 2023



Mr. Dipin Kayyath, Business Head, Private Freight Terminal (PFT), DP World Multimodal Logistics Hyderabad Pvt Ltd (CMTL) : 11th October, 2023



Continex with Ghana JET conducted a B2B meeting for "Opportunities for investments in Ghana" supported by FTCCI. Mr. Chakravarthi AVPS addressed the gathering on Pharma investments opportunities. 12th October, 2023



Smt. I. Rani Kumudini, IAS Spl. Chief Secretary, Labour, Employment Training and Factories, Govt. of Telangana



Sri. Srikanth R, Director, NABL and Sri. Siribabu, Asst. Director, NABL visited Federation : 27th October, 2023



Sri Vikas Raj, IAS, Chief Electoral Officer & E.O Principal Secretary to Government of Telangana : 20th October, 2023



Mr. S. Krishna Aditya, IAS, Member Secretary, Telangana State Pollution Control Board : 27th October, 2023



Mr. Meela Jayadev, President, FTCCI addressing at the Seminar on Improved Focus on ESG, GHG Accounting and Climate organized by GC Advisory in collaboration FTCCI : 31st October 2023



His Excellency. Orhan Yalman Okan and his wife Mrs. Aslihan Ozmen Okan at Centennial Anniversary of the foundation of the Republic of Türkiye : 28th October, 2023



The Honorable Consul General of UAE Mr. Aref Alnuaimi at his Hyderabad Office : 15th November, 2023



Ms. Mitali Madhusmita, IRS, Principal Chief Commissioner of Income Tax of Andhra Pradesh & Telangana: 17th November, 2023



Sri Meela Jayadev, President, FTCCI addressing in The Nizamabad Chamber of Commerce & Industry Installation Ceremony : 18th November, 2023



The Honorable Consul General of IRAN Mr. Mohsen Moghaddami : 23rd November, 2023



Shri Amitava Mukherjee Chairman & Managing Director, NMDC Limited at his office and extended an invitation to be the title partner at the FTCCI Excellence Awards: 21st November, 2023



H.E. Raveesh Kumar, Ambassador of India to Finland, Embassy of India on 4 December, 2023 at Embassy - Helsinki, Finland: 4th December, 2023



His Excellency British Deputy High Commissioner Gareth Owen, CII Chairman Shekar Reddy, Mr. Jayesh Ranjan, IAS, Principal Secretary Dept of IT, EC(ITE&C) and Dept of I&C at Hyderabad: 8th December, 2023



Dr. E. Vishnu Vardhan Reddy, IFS Special Secretary (Investment Promotion & NRI Affairs) and Joint Managing Director, Telangana State Trade Promotion Corporation Limited : 13th November, 2023 at Federation House.



Meeting with The Honorable Consul General of Turkey Mr Orhan Yalman Okan : 11th December, 2023



Hypex Diamond 2023 : Diamond Jubilee Celebrations of The Hyderabad Philatelic & Hobbies Society: 15th to 17th December, 2023, Federation House



Shri D Sridhar Babu, Hon'ble Minister for Industry & Commerce, IT, E&C and Legislative Affairs, Govt of Telangana by presenting Memento : 10th January, 2024 at Federation House,



Membership Interaction Meeting :19th December, 2023



Representatives of FABA (Federation off Asian Biotech Associations) for potential collaboration for skill development & entrepreneurs incubation programmes in pharma & Biotech sectors: 23rd December, 2023



Sri Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka, Deputy Chief Minister, Department of Finance and Planning, Energy, Government of Telangana : 3rd January, 2024



Smt. Konda Surekha, Hon'ble Minister of Forest, Environment, and Endowment, Government of Telangana : 3rd January, 2024



Mr. Joost Geijer, Counsellor, Economic Affairs, Embassy of Netherlands hosted by NBSO : 12th December 2023 at Hotel Marigold, Hyderabad.



Sri M Vijay Kumar, IRS, Director of Income Tax (I & CI), Hyderabad : 21st December, 2023



Smt Mitali Madhusmita, IRS, Principal Chief Commissioner of Income Tax of Andhra Pradesh & Telangana : 21st December, 2023



Sri Sanjay Bahadur, IRS, Director General of Income Tax (Inv.), Hyderabad : 21st December, 2023



Sri K V N Charya, IRS, Chief Commissioner of Income Tax, Hyderabad : 21st December, 2023



Shri Jagdish Vishwakarmam Hon'ble Minister of State Industries (Micro, Small & Medium) Cottage, Khadi and rural Industries, Civil Aviation : 22nd December, 2023, Hyderabad



Ms. J. Sneha IRS, Regional Passport Officer, at RPO office, Secunderabad : 27th December, 2023



Sri G.Sudheer Babu, IPS, Commissioner of Police, Rachakonda Division at Rachakonda Police Commissionerate, Neredmet : 28th December, 2023



Smt. Suseela Chintala, CGM, NABARD : 28th December, 2023



Sri Md. Musharraf Faruqui, IAS, Chairman & Managing Director, TSSPDCL : 28th December, 2023



FTCCI IT & BR Committee Chair Chakravarthi AVPS felicitated by American Telugu Association (ATA) along with Dr. Sai Prasad ED, Bharat Biotech for contribution to Pharma Industry : 26th December, 2023



Presentation on the Terms and conditions of the Mediclaim Policy, along with its associated benefits : 20th January, 2024 at Federation House



The Surveillance ISO Presented an ISO Certificate to President Sri Meela Jayadev, acknowledging their compliance with international standards and commitment to quality : 27th January, 2024



Meeting with Mr. Shelly Salehin, Deputy High Commissioner, Bangladesh : 25th January, 2024 at Federation House



Ms. Holly Garforth, Business Development Head of Rakez : 15th February, 2024, at Hotel Westin, Hyderabad



Sri Tummala Nageswara Rao, Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture, Marketing, Cooperation, and Handlooms & Textiles, Govt of Telangana : 2nd February, 2024



With Shri G. Kishan Reddy Hon'ble Union Minister, Ministry of Tourism, Government of India : 15th February, 2024 at Hyderabad



Dr. G Malsur, Director, Commissionerate of Industries, and discussed industrial issues: 3rd February 2024.



Sri E Vishnu Vardhan Reddy, IFS, VC&MD, TSIIIC congratulated and discussed industrial issues: 3rd February 2024.



President addressing CEOs meet by INBA in the honour of her excellency Marisa Gerards the ambassador of Netherlands in India, Nepal & Bhutan :7th February 2024.



Sri Meela Jayadev, President FTCCI giving his input during Masters Class on Navigating SME Export-Import in Global Landscape, jointly organised by CNBC TV 18 and HSBC Bank : 13th February, 2024



FTCCI Officials with Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri Anumula Revanth Reddy : 15th March, 2024



Smt. Seethakka, Hon'ble Minister of Panchayat Raj & Rural Development, Women & Child Welfare, Government of Telangana : 27th February, 2024



Sri M. Venkaiah Naidu, Ex Vice President of India and Sri Meela Jayadev, President, FTCCI at the Opening Ceremony of Kisan Expo : 16th March 2024



Sri Meela Jayadev, President FTCCI and others inaugurating FRO EXPO at Hytex : 16th March, 2024



Sri S Krishna Aditya, IAS, Director of Labour Department : 5th March, 2024



Meeting with Dr. S. V. N. Vijayendra, Senior Principal Scientist & Head, CSIR-CFTRI, Hyderabad and other officials at CFTRI : 21st March, 2024



Carve Startup Labs & Asia Berlin Delegation visited to FTCCI : 28th March, 2024 at Federation House, Hyderabad



Ms. Karuna Gopal, BJP National Leader and Independent Director of Engineers India Ltd (Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas) : 5th April, 2024



Mr. Anudeep Durishetty, IAS, District Collector of Hyderabad District, Government of Telangana : 28th March, 2024



Smt. Sailaja Ramaier, IAS, Principal Secretary of Youth Advancement, Tourism & Culture : 29th March, 2024



Sri Vinod Agarwal, Chair, Energy Committee of FTCCI participated in the inaugural function of RenewX and delivered a presentation on "Can India be the next manufacturing hub for the Global Renewable Energy Sector?" : 26th April 2024.



Mr. J. Krishna Rao, Minister for Tourism & Culture, Telangana



Smt. Renuka Chowdhury, Member of Rajya Sabha : 20th May 2024



The Senior Vice President and the Secretary met the Revenue Divisional Officer, Shaikpet Mandal, Secunderabad Division and submitted a representation requesting to speed up the matter allotment of alternate land to FTCCI in lieu of land at Jubilee Hills : 21st May, 2024



Roadshow of Dakshin Bharat Utsav 2024 : 28th May, 2024.



Ms. Geetha Reddy, Working President, Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC): 29th May, 2024



Dr. Rajneesh IAS, Additional Secretary & Development Commissioner, Ministry Of MSME, GOI, at MSME Office at Balanagar : 30th May 2024



Celebrations of International Yoga Day 2024



Dr Rajneesh IAS, Additional Secretary & Development Commissioner, Ministry of MSME, GOI, at MSME office at Balanagar : 30th May 2024



Sri Ponnam Prabhakar, Hon'ble Minister for Transport, Govt. of Telangana : 6th June, 2024



FTCCI representatives congratulated Sri Mallu Ravi on being elected as Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha) : 10th June, 2024



FTCCI Officials with Sri Anumula Revanth Reddy, Chief Minister, Government of Telangana : 15th March 2024 at Secretariat



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