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From the Chairman's Desk ...

Dear friends,

It is indeed a pleasure for me to present to you this inaugural issue of our bi-monthly e-Communiqué of Chandigarh '**Chandiqué**'.

The CII Chandigarh Council plays a vital role as a catalyst for "thought, plan and action" on issues of concern to the Industry in the City and has been regularly interacting with Government, Industry, and Society the officials on various economic and social issues to boost the competitiveness of the industry.

Through this publication, we desire to keep you updated with the CII Chandigarh Council's initiatives and activities in different areas. We intend to keep this Newsletter interactive and user friendly. We look forward to your invaluable suggestions and support.

With best wishes,

Partap K Aggarwal

Chairman, CII Chandigarh Council

Quote



Horizon is not what
one sees, it is what
one seeks

City Round – Up

Foreign Investments

Winshuttle to expand Indian operations

US-based Winshuttle Inc, a leading provider of user-enabled data management applications has plans to invest US\$1 million in the next 12-18 months to expand its Chandigarh operations. The company aims to double its turnover from US\$5.5 million to US\$11 million by the end of this financial year. The company has set up an R&D centre at the Rajiv Gandhi Chandigarh Technology Park. It plans to double its head count of 30 in next one year and to invest in infrastructure upgradation and research of new products.

Domestic Investments

Alchemist Group to set up Ayurveda Village

To cure the growing stress and lifestyle disorders affecting affluent urban Indians, the Chandigarh based Alchemist group has decided to set up a 10-acre Ayurveda Village near Panchkula. This will be the first of its kind in the region and will be ready in an year's time. The village will have a research institute, training centre and special cottages for specific treatments. The College will offer a Bachelor's degree in Ayurvedic Medical Science and will be affiliated to a university either in Punjab or Haryana.

Website of the Month

For the better implementation and enforcement of the Smoke Free guidelines in the City, UT Home Secretary, Ram Niwas has launched, the first of its kind in India, Smoke free website.

<http://www.chandigarh.tobaccofreeindia.com>

Competent Synergies to Set up New Call Centres in Chandigarh

Competent Synergies, the city – based provider of BPO / Call Centre services is planning to infuse nearly Rs 40 Crore in setting up the infrastructure for new call centres in the suburbs of Chandigarh. The new facility will be spread over one acre of land and will attract investment of about Rs 40 crore and

generate employment for more than 3000 people in the field of BPO, call centre (inbound, outbound and non-voice including backend operations). The project is expected to be completed by March 2009.

Chandigarh Administration – An Update*

APPOINTMENTS

Mr Ram Niwas has been appointed as **Home Secretary, UT, Chandigarh**. UT Administration has given additional charges of various departments to the UT Home Secretary, which include Home Secretary (Police, Prisons and Secretariat Establishment); Secretary, Transport; Food & Supplies and Consumer Affairs ; Hospitality; Technical Education; Education; Public Relations and Cultural Affairs; Law and Justice; Tourism; Employment; Personnel; Social Welfare; Industries; Labour; Local Self Government; Cooperation; Secretary Health; Medical Education & Research; House Allotment Committee; Commissioner (Revenue); Chairman, Child and Women Development Corporation; Chairman, Chandigarh Industrial & Tourism Development Corporation Limited; Chairman, Chandigarh Scheduled Caste, Backward Classes and Minorities Financial and Development Corporation; and Chief Vigilance Officer.

UT Finance Secretary, Mr Sanjay Kumar will look after the Departments of Housing, Environment & Forests in addition to his own duties.

UT Deputy Commissioner, Mr R K Rao will look after the charge of Director, Food & Supplies and Consumer Affairs and Director Agriculture in addition to his own duties.

Ms Prerna Puri has been posted as **Sub Divisional Magistrate (South)** after the completion of her training. She has also been

given additional charge of Joint Director, Rural Development and Panchayat. She has also been given the charge of Agriculture Census Officer, District Agriculture Officer and Nodal Officer (State Agricultural Marketing Board & Modern Terminal Market).

Mr Samwartak Singh Khangwal, has been transferred from the post of Secretary, Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh to the post of Director Public Instructions (S), UT, Chandigarh.

Mr Ishwar Singh has been given the charge of Conservator of Forests, Chief Wildlife Warden and Director Environment

Mr Krishanjit Singh, Superintending Engineer (B&R) has been entrusted additional charge of the post of Chief Engineer, Chandigarh Housing Board (CHB) in addition to his own duties as Superintending Engineer, Construction Circle-I, Chandigarh.

UT Administration has relieved

Chief Architect, Department of Urban Planning, **Mrs Sunita Monga** to enable her to join duties in her parent State of Haryana

Director Public Instructions (Schools), UT Chandigarh, **Mr S K Setia** to join duties in his parent State of Haryana

Mr Shurbir Singh to enable him to report for duty for his new assignment in Government of Mizoram.

Amendments / Launches*

SLSA to organize Mega Lok Adalat

State Legal Services Authorities, Punjab, Haryana and UT Chandigarh have decided to organize Mega Lok Adalat on December 20 and 21, 2008 in the States of Punjab and Haryana and UT, Chandigarh. The Mega Lok Adalat project called Samadhan 2008 has been launched. Justice T S Thakur, Chief Justice, Punjab and Haryana High Court stressed upon the Chief Secretaries and other Government functionaries to issue the instructions to the concerned departments to coordinate with the Legal Services Authorities and to give wide publicity to make aware the general public about the Mega Lok Adalats. The Chief Justice has suggested targeted disposal of about 2.5 lakh cases in the Mega Lok Adalats and has stressed upon the State Executive of all the three States to cooperate for disposal of maximum number of cases by Lok Adalat by identifying the cases category wise.

Administration imposes complete ban on the use of plastic carry bags from October 2

The Chandigarh Administration has imposed a complete ban with effect from October 2 on the use of plastic carry bags in the Union Territory vide notification dated July 30, 2008 issued by the Department of Environment. In order to enforce the orders of the Administration issued vide notification dated 30th July, 2008 by the Department of Environment under Section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 for banning the use, storage, import, selling, transportation and disposal of polythene/plastic carry bags by any person including a shopkeeper, vendor, wholesaler or retailer, trader, hawker or rehriwala, a committee comprising of Inspectors drawn from the departments of Food and Supplies, Department of Health and Municipal Corporation have been constituted by the District Magistrate to check violations of the provisions of the aforesaid notification. The officials empowered under the provisions of the Act would inspect all the premises/places where the use of polythene/plastic carry bags are used in violation of the terms of the notification and prosecution will be launched against the defaulters.

There is a provision under the Act to impose penalties to the violators (i) imprisonment for a term, which may extend to five years with fine, which may extend to Rs.1.00 lac or both, (ii) if contravention continues, an additional fine to the extent of Rs. 5,000/- per day shall be imposed. If the failure referred in sub-section-1 of Section 15 continues

beyond a period of one year after the date of conviction, the offender shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to 7 years. Where any offence under this Act has been committed by a company, every person who, at the time the offence was committed, was directly in charge of, and was responsible to, the company for the conduct of the business of the company, as well as the company, shall be deemed to be guilty of the offence and shall be liable to be proceeded against and punished accordingly.

Tourism Police Squad launched

The Chandigarh Tourism and Chandigarh Police aiming at the security and safety of the residents and tourists of the city beautiful, launched Tourism Police.

The police personnel under this squad will help and facilitate tourists and visitors in the city. The training programme for a total of 100 Tourism Police personnel was conducted at Chandigarh Institute of Hotel Management. The major objective of the Administration behind the launching of the Tourism Police is to promote safe tourism in the City Beautiful. The Tourism Police personnel will have special arm bands and will be deputed at places of tourist interest in the city.

Bed and Breakfast scheme for accommodating more tourists launched

Tourism Department Chandigarh has launched the Bed and Breakfast scheme for accommodating more tourists in Chandigarh. Under this scheme till date 16 house owners have registered themselves. This scheme is first of the kind in the region. The scheme would provide a reasonable and comfortable alternative to tourists and visitors in the city of Chandigarh. Details of the house owners is available on Tourism department website www.chandigarhtourism.gov.in

Chandigarh Conversion of Land Scheme amended

The Chandigarh Administration has amended the Scheme called Chandigarh Conversion of Land, Use of Industrial Sites into Commercial Activity/Services in Industrial Area, Phase I and II, Chandigarh Scheme, 2005 which would now be called Chandigarh Conversion of Land Use of Industrial Sites into Commercial Activity/Services in

Industrial Area, Phase I and Phase II, Chandigarh (Amendment) Scheme, 2008.

In the Chandigarh Conversion of Land Use of Industrial Sites into Commercial Activity/ Services in Industrial Area, Phase I and Phase II, Chandigarh Scheme, 2005, (hereinafter called the scheme), the clause 5(i) will be assumed as the conversion shall only be allowed for industrial plots measuring two kanals or more. Provided that a plot allotted under two kanals category but having actual area lesser upto 5% shall be treated as a two kanal plot and shall be eligible for conversion under the scheme.

Provided further that two or more adjoining industrial plots allotted under less than two kanals category can also be considered for conversion if after the amalgamation of these plots with the permission of competent authority, prior thereto, the total area becomes two kanals or more.

Allotment/Transfer of Built up Booths Scheme amended

The Chandigarh Administration has amended the Allotment/Transfer of Built up Booths in any Sector on Lease/Hire Purchase basis in Chandigarh Rules, 1991 to Allotment/Transfer of Built up Booths in any Sector on Lease/Hire Purchase basis in Chandigarh (Amendment) Rules, 2008.

In the Allotment/Transfer of Built up Booths in any Sector on Lease/Hire Purchase basis in Chandigarh Rules, 1991, after Rule 5(c) the proviso has been added which says, provided that in case any applicant, who after having submitted an application under this scheme and having been found eligible under this scheme by the Competent Authority, dies before formal allotment letter is issued, all the legal heirs may be jointly entitled for allotment of booth under these rules.

Administration brings out the State Domestic Product and Per Capita Income

The Directorate of Economics & Statistics (Statistical Cell) Chandigarh Administration has released the State Domestic Product/Per Capita Income both at Current and Constant prices on annual basis.

1. Statistics uphold the belief that Chandigarh is a city that has firmly moved away from the Primary Sector in terms of occupation. GSDP of the city has highest component of tertiary sector around 78.09% at constant prices since 1999-2000 with 75.91% in the year under review.
2. Contribution of industries or manufacturing sector called "Secondary Sector" has been around 20.69% since 1999-2000 with 23.54% in the review- year at constant prices.
3. Contribution of primary-sector i.e. agriculture and allied activities has been low in Chandigarh since 1999-2000 and it has gone down consistently showing the change of land use because of urbanization. Contribution was only 1.22% in 1999-2000 and has slid further to 0.55% in 2007-08 at constant prices.
4. GSDP has shown 12.94% growth during the last year and 244.17% since 1999-2000 at constant prices.
5. Per Capita Income of the Union Territory, Chandigarh has been the highest in the country in the year 2006-07 both in terms of current as well as at constant prices. In monetary terms the per capita income of Chandigarh has been Rs.110676/- during 2007-08 as per quick estimates and observed 11.50% growth at Current prices. In real terms, the growth has been 7.27% during the year 2007-08 at constant prices.

* Source : www.chandigarh.nic.in

CII Activities

Stakeholders' Roundtable on Industry – Institute Partnership

30 September 2008 : Chandigarh

With an objective to provide a single platform to all stakeholders to collectively discuss and expedite bridging of the gaps between the Industry requirements and Institutes' curriculums and subsequently strategize a future action plan for their effective functioning, CII Chandigarh Council organised a Stakeholders' Roundtable on Industry – Institute Partnership.



Mr Narinderjit Singh, Secretary-IT, Government of Punjab, Mr Vivek Atray, Joint Secretary – Technical Education, Chandigarh Administration, and Mr Vikram Hans, Convenor, Industry Institute Partnership Panel, CII Chandigarh Council reiterated that increased social dialogue is very important for industry institute partnerships. Government alone cannot cater to the training needs of the society. Industry and private players must come forward to compliment the efforts of the government for making youth more employable. Industry – Institute Interaction is the only solution in this regard.

Maj Gen R N Tikku, Senior Advisor – Higher Education, Educomp Solutions Ltd enforced the industry has a major role to play in shaping the destiny of education sector in India, mentioned that it's time to look beyond policy, quality education and employment can not be overlooked any more. Suggesting the institutes to focus on the emerging

sectors, he mentioned that institute must focus technology and Innovation, Sound R&D.

Mr Vinay Johar, Co-Convenor, Industry Institute Partnership Panel, CII Chandigarh Council, Mr Bishambhar Mishra, Managing Director, Punjab Tractors Limited; Mr B S Sawhney, Vice President-HR, Life Sciences Ltd; Mr Jogvinder Singh, Regional Manager, HCL Infosystems LTD SME and Mr Brijesh Aggarwal, Business Partner, HCL Education made detailed presentations on Industry Expectations viz a viz Fresh Recruitments. The session has put forward the expectations of the industry from the fresh professionally qualified students, joining the companies just after their courses. The experience sharing session would highlight gap analysis as well as the profile, skill levels, etc required by the industry.

The Roundtable was well attended by over 50 representatives from industry and institutes.

CII Workshop advocates Healthy Workplace as critical enabler to enhancing productivity

30 September 2008 : Chandigarh

A stakeholders' workshop on Healthy Workplaces was organized by CII Chandigarh Council in Collaboration with School of Public Health, PGIMER

stake holders i.e. Industry, Health Sector, Government, Academia and Media of coming together for a strategic and focused intervention for current and future prospects of healthy and productive workforce.



Chandigarh and Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. A strategic focus on a healthy workplace is the need of the hour and appropriate lead to keep the productive assets i.e. industry workforce at the same pace” was the theme against which Dr Manjit Singh Bains, Director Health Services, Chandigarh Administration reiterated.

Mr Man Mohan Singh, Convenor–CSR Panel, CII Chandigarh Council, Dr J S Thakur, Associate Professor, School of Public Health, PGIMER stated that today's workshop is the beginning of all the

The workshop also observed a very comprehensive exhibition showcasing IEC material based on Communicable diseases, which was inaugurated by Dr Manjit Singh Bains, Director Health Services, Chandigarh Administration.

A Group work was organized with the help of the resource persons in two groups. The Discussion was on Workplace policies and programme, situational analysis, Broad Action Plan and proposed model & scheme for developing healthy workplaces. Later the recommendations of the group will be used to replicate in other public private set ups. The model developed was refined further in the group and will be implemented in three participating industries till the final model is developed.

The Inaugural address was delivered by Prof K K Talwar, Director, PGIMER.

Chandigarh Members attend Indo – EU Business Summit

29 – 30 September 2008 : Paris, France

Dr Manmohan Singh, Prime Minister of India while addressing the Indo-EU Business Summit in Paris emphasized the need to restore confidence in the international financial system. The areas of cooperation, he said could be Infrastructure, including power generation, the services sector, skill development, Development of solar energy, Civil nuclear commerce, Agriculture, and the use of outer space. He hoped that in all these areas technology transfers would be key to promoting the synergies.

Mr Dhruv Sahwney, Past President, CII and CMD, Triveni Engineering & Industries Ltd said IT was one sector where Paris could look at partnering with

Communication & Negotiation Skills Key to Success, Enunciates CII Workshop

26 September 2008 : Chandigarh

CII Chandigarh Council, in its continuous effort to assist enterprises to gain competitive advantage, organised a one-day Workshop on Communication



& Negotiation Skills. The workshop enabled the participants to polish their overall personality, enhance their body language, listening, negotiation, communication, and leadership skills, by knowing themselves and learning to peep into others' consciousness and hence communicating and negotiating the terms most effectively to have a win-win situation for all.

Col Navkesh Singh, faculty of the workshop emphasizing the need to communicate effectively pointed out that it is imperative to know one's own strengths and constraints as well as the opposite party's strengths and constraints and we should

learn to be assertive without being aggressive He enunciated various best communication & negotiation tips, various exercises and certain worth inculcating best characteristics of an effective communicator and negotiator.

India since India was the largest exporter of IT experts. This relationship could be a win-win situation for both.

Mr Partap K Aggarwal, Chairman, CII Chandigarh Council and Managing Director, IDS Infotech Ltd; Mr Maneet Singh, Vice President, ADI Backoffice Professionals P Ltd; Mr Harshvir S Jaspal, Director, Drish Infotech; Ltd; Mr Sanjeev Vashisht, Director, Lambodra Information Technologies Pvt Ltd; Col Anil K Khanna, Chief Executive Officer, Seasia Consulting; Mr Rupinder Pal Singh, General Manager, Seasia Consulting were a part of the 34 member delegation to France.

The workshop was a useful interface with case studies and turned out to be an enriching and learning experience for the delegates who were thrilled and joyous to be a part of this workshop. The delegates represented various member companies from diverse Industry sectors like Vodafone Essar South Ltd, Khanna Paper Mills Ltd, Dabur India Ltd, IDS Infotech Ltd, Bharti Teletech Limited, Blue star India Ltd Punjab State Council for Science & Technology and Vardhman Textiles etc.

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CII organised 21st Regional Workskills Competition

22 September 2008 : Chandigarh

“Today, there is only one benchmark for skilled workers– and that is the world standard. It is incumbent upon industry to provide refresher training to its workers from time to time to ensure that they acquire internationally benchmarked skills. It is heartening to note that CII acknowledges this fact and has accordingly initiated many projects for

requirements for truly world-class skilled workers. This is also directed at addressing the needs of the local economy in various parts of the country. Through this Initiative CII aims to accomplish the radical overhauling of the image and skill capabilities of the Indian workforce and make India, ‘The Skills Capital of the World’”. Mr Kohli also highlighted the issue of the shortage of skills and the



skill development and enhancement while working closely with the government and industry”, stated Mr Pirthi Chand, Director- Technical Education, Chandigarh Administration while speaking at the Inaugural Session of the 21st Regional WorkSkills Competition. He complimented CII for this special endeavor to make both the industry and the workforce conscious about the requirement of the world-class expertise. “The initiative would go a long way in enhancing the competitiveness of the Indian Industry’, Mr Chand further added and urged CII to consider if the frequency of this Annual Affair could be increased as it encourages skills development.

CII’s endeavors towards harnessing the demographic dividend adding that the intent behind renaming “Work Skills Competition” as “World Skills Competition” is basically to showcase Indian talent internationally. He shared that the CII also has a vision of hosting the world skills competition in India in 2013.

Tracing the history of the Competition, Mr Manmohan Singh Kohli, Convenor, CSR Panel, CII Chandigarh Council said, “CII launched a nationwide ‘Skills Development Initiative’ in 2004 to provide internationally benchmarked skills to the current and potential Indian work force. This was with a view to train large numbers of people across sectors, in various skills, to meet national

Mr H S Kalra, Principal, Industrial Training Institute welcomed the participants from 9 different trades representing companies like ACC, Abhishek Industries Ltd, Bharti Teletch, DCM Shriram Consolidated Ltd, Denso India Ltd, Hero Honda Motors Ltd, Max India, Mindarika, Nestle Moga, Nestle Samalkha, SRF Ltd, Samtel Color, Secure Meters, Tata Motors and Tecumseh Products India pvt Ltd. Mr Kalra also thanked CII for taking up this initiative.

More than 100 participants competed in the three day WorkSkills Competition.

India and Australia need to adopt a “We Entity” model to beat global Competition

18 September 2008 : Chandigarh

Considering the enormous potential between India and Australia in the Automotive and OEM, Information Technology, Education, Environment and Agro-food industry, CII Chandigarh Council held an interaction session with Ms Rebecca Ball,

Trade Commissioner, Australian Trade Commission. Trade Commissioner was on her visit to Chandigarh to explore areas of cooperation between the two countries detailed about the CII –

Austrade efforts to strengthen the bilateral trade & engagement between the two countries.

Mr R M Khanna, Past Chairman, CII Chandigarh Council and Chairman, MSME Council, CII Northern Region mentioned that CII could facilitate Australia with a focused desk in Chandigarh to promote business facilitation between the two countries. Talking about the potential areas for joint ventures, he further reiterated CII's commitment to enhance trade engagement between India and Australia and suggested that information regarding areas of interest of the Australian companies could be disseminated to CII members for greater avenues



for partnership. This would also help in quicker and more focused mutual collaboration.

Mr Ashok Kumar Tandon, Vice Chairman, MSME Council, CII Northern Region and Mr Gunbir Singh, Vice Chairman, CII Punjab State Council said that SMEs too are looking forward for globalization. India is a manufacturing hub for farming equipments and is already exporting in Europe and United States. They expressed that the collaboration is the need of the hour, rather than competition and welcomed Australia to encourage regular trade with India.

Inviting Australia to partner for Green Conclave to be organised by CII in mid December, mentioned that there is huge potential for cooperation between the two countries.

Red Alkemi takes Lead in Sensitising the Workforce on HIV / AIDS

18 September 2008 : Chandigarh

An Infotainment Session on Global Crisis – Local Action was organized by CII Chandigarh Council and State AIDS Control Society, UT Chandigarh at the premises of Red Alkemi. Educating the masses is the only solution to prevent the rapid increase of the HIV/AIDS cases. More than 200 staff members of Red Alkemi were addressed by Mr Atul Gupta, Member, CII Chandigarh Council and CEO, Red Alkemi.



involvement in India's social development agenda particularly regarding HIV/AIDS.

A powerful and moving film on the myths and misconceptions, was screened which evolved beautifully from one step to another disseminating information and touching all aspects substantiated with facts and figures about different routes of transmission and prevention of HIV/AIDS, giving information on counselling and testing facilities, information on anti retroviral therapy causes and routes to stigma and discrimination as well. The soulful performance urged the youth to be aware, make aware and be responsible. The Session was followed by a very interesting and engaging question answer session.

Making a very insightful presentation, Dr Suvir Saxena, Deputy Director – Blood Safety, State AIDS Control Society, UT Chandigarh highlighted the urgent need to focus on the HIV / AIDS menace to prevent its spread further. Discussing CII's initiatives in the area, he added that CII has taken on the mandate of catalyzing industries'

Development & Improvement of Industrial Area

15 September 2008 : Chandigarh

Mr Sanjay Kumar, Home-cum-Finance Secretary, Chandigarh Administration called a meeting of the Industry Associations to discuss the Development, Upgradation & Improvement of Industrial Area in

Chandigarh. Mr Sanjay Kumar entrusted CII to prepare a Roadmap for the Upgradation & Management of Industrial Area. CII is preparing a draft document for the same.

Samrat QC Team from Maruti Suzuki India Ltd Wins the CII Quality Circle Competition at Chandigarh

5 September 2008 : Chandigarh

The 'Samrat' Team from Maruti Suzuki India Ltd Gurgaon was adjudged the winner and was awarded the 'Winners Rolling Trophy' in 21st QC Circle Preliminary Competition 2008 - 2009 organized by CII Chandigarh Council. The 'First Runner-up Rolling Trophy' was won by Parivaratan QC Circle from Tata Motors Ltd, Lucknow and Deepti QC Circle from Asahi India Glass Ltd,

In all, 16 Quality Circles made presentations on the specific projects handled by them at their work place. The Panel of Judges included Mr C V Rao, Counsellor – Institute of Quality, Confederation of Indian Industry, Mr Sunit Kapur, Plant Manager, Federal-Mogul Goetze (India) Limited and Mr Abhay Kapoor, General Manager- HR, Ranbaxy Laboratories Limited.



Gurgaon bagged the 'Second Runner-up Rolling Trophy.' These teams will now participate in the Regional Final as a pre runner to the National Competition. Three consolation prizes were awarded to teams from Bharat Electronics Ltd, Ghaziabad, Abhishek Industries Ltd, Barnala and Nestle India Ltd, Moga.

"The approach, the initiative and hard work of the workmen leads to concrete results" said Mr Manoj Dutta, Director, Punjab Engineering College, Chandigarh while speaking as Chief Guest at the Competition.

Mr Dutta pointed out the important role played by the QC teams for improvement of quality in an organisation. He also stressed the need of Total Quality Management in an organisation as it covers the overall quality of the product and not only of the end product. He congratulated all the participants for the commendable preparation and presentation.

Mr Partap K Aggarwal, Chairman, Chandigarh Council and Managing Director, IDS Infotech Ltd mentioned, "QC Circles play a very important role as they involve a cross section of employees in any organisation for improving Quality within an organisation. "Participants must have benefited from this opportunity by getting an insight into some outstanding examples of Quality Circles and also the various aspects and role of QC Circle activities, he added.

Mr Aggarwal further mentioned, "This competition



is a unique opportunity to motivate workers to exchange ideas and views and share experiences on Quality Circles and various approaches to problem solving."

Quality Control Circles from companies like Auro Spinning Mills Ltd, Bharat Electronics Ltd, Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd, Denso India Ltd, Maruti Suzuki India Ltd, Minda Industries Ltd, Nestle India Ltd, Punjab Alkalies & Chemicals Ltd, Secure Meters Ltd, TATA Motors Ltd and Vardhman Yarns & Threads Ltd participated in the CII QC Competition.

Mission to Green Buildings

30 August 2008 : Gurgaon

With an objective to make members aware of the Green Building concept and to encourage them to adopt this concept for higher efficiency, Equitable Growth and sustainable development, CII Chandigarh Council organised a one day visit to Wipro Technologies Development Centre and ITC Green Centre in Gurgaon.

The delegation also met Ms Seema Arora, Head, CII-ITC Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Development, who briefed the members regarding the services offered by the Centre. She mentioned that Green Buildings offer a range of benefits such as

- 30 to 40 per cent reduction in operating costs
- Green corporate image
- Health and safety of building occupants
- Enhanced comfort for occupants
- Improved productivity of occupants
- Imbibe best operational practices from day one
- Incorporate the latest techniques and technologies

The key learnings of the Mission are as follows:

For Delegates

1. Better understanding of the Green Building Concept and practices being carried on to enhance the effectiveness of Green buildings and overall environment
2. Creation of more conducive environment in company premises for employees thereby increasing efficiency and productivity of employees
3. Importance and value of sustainable environment which requires lot of attention from people who are making use of its resources to the core. Environment needs to be conserved as it is the only source for our entire social, commercial and personal needs fulfillment.

For Better Organisational Results

1. Better Learning Outcomes: Green Buildings use a variety of strategies to improve indoor environmental conditions that include: improving indoor air quality, lighting and acoustics; Better aesthetic and structural qualities, increasing day lighting.
2. Lower Facility Operating Costs: Green Buildings use a range of strategies to increase

the efficiency of the resources they consume and properly manage the wastes they produce.

3. Such strategies contribute to Lower energy and water usage and Reduction in exposure to liability and regulatory penalties



4. Increased Community and Corporate Support: Green Buildings that achieve are cognized green building designation provides prospective donors with greater confidence that their donation supports both a socially and environmentally responsible cause.

For the Community

1. Increased local economic activity: Green buildings are constructed with as large a component of local materials and services as can be economically justified. This practice not only reduces transportation activities and their related fossil fuel use and air emissions, it also supports regional manufacturers and labor forces thereby contributing to a more stable tax base and healthy local economy.
2. Reduced incremental pressure on local infrastructure: Through their efficient use of energy and water and careful management of waste streams, new green facilities place much less pressure on local utilities and waste management systems than their conventional counterparts.

For the Environment

1. Significantly lower resource use (energy, water, materials)
2. Significantly lower waste generation and air emissions including greenhouse gases

CII promoting and strengthening Indo – Czech Bilateral Trade

29 August 2008 : Chandigarh

Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) Chandigarh Council organised a Session on Investing in Czech Republic, inviting the industry from the Chandigarh Region to invest in Czech Republic. Ms Alexandra Rudysarova, General Director, CzechInvest highlighted Czech Republic's immense potential for trade & commerce with India and the two countries could profit immensely by diversifying the trade basket to include niche products from sectors such as High - tech engineering, ICT and software development, Life sciences, pharmaceuticals and health care, medical equipment, food processing industries, biotechnology and Automotive industry.

Ms Rudysarova mentioned that Czech Republic



ranks 33th among 131 world economies in competitiveness and the competitive advantages in the country include high number of research workers; quality of education in natural sciences;

CII Delegation calls on Punjab Governor & Administrator, UT, Chandigarh

28 August 2008 : Chandigarh

Offering Chandigarh as a Laboratory for bringing about change, the Punjab Governor and Administrator, Union Territory, Chandigarh, Gen (Retd) S F Rodrigues, PVSM, VSM, impressed upon the CII delegation, the need to strengthen their partnership in various revolutionary programmes already under implementation and to thus make a positive contribution, in the realization of the vision of New India as a strong and vibrant Nation.

Interacting with a high level delegation, led by Mr Salil Singhal, and Mr Harpal Singh, Chairman and Deputy Chairman, CII, Northern Region, respectively after a presentation on CII's Mission of

low restrictions for foreign ownership; co-operation of universities and industry; high number of internet users; extension of the mobile telephones usage to the tune of 1.2 mobiles per capita.

Mr Mukesh Malhotra, Vice Chairman, CII Chandigarh Council further reiterated, "India and Czech Republic have traditionally shared strong economic and political ties, however there is an immense need to give greater attention to the visa regimes so that they do not inhibit genuine business and tourist traffic".

Mr Vladimir Jenista, Commercial Counsellor, Embassy of the Czech Republic in India while making a lucid presentation on the Czech Economy mentioned that the Czech Republic's GDP grew by 6.5% in 2007 from 3.6% in 2003. Its exports grew by 14.5% and imports grew by 13.7% compared to 7.2% and 8% in 2003 respectively. He added that the bilateral trade between India and Czech Republic has increased over the years, especially in the last decade. The total bilateral trade stood at USD 659.954 mn in 2008 with USD 412.504 mn imports to India and USD 247.450 exports from India. He added that the CII – Government of India delegation to Czech Republic led by Mr Kamal Nath, Union Minister for Commerce and Industry, Government of India in the coming fortnight is expected to further strengthen the bilateral relations of the two countries.

Senior officials of over 45 companies representing various sectors participated at the session.

India @75, General Rodrigues made a forceful plea for a coordinated endeavour to enable India and its people to take a leadership role in different fields in the comity of Nations through Human Resource Development and by improving the service delivery systems in health, education and quality of life.

He made it clear that Chandigarh does not cater to the needs of only the residents of the City but has emerged as a regional hub for extending support systems to 60 million people of the region.

Gen Rodrigues emphasized that the CII can play a significant role to speed up projects, like Education City, with special emphasis on imparting quality

education and scholarships for the poor, Medicity with goal of empowering girls & producing 300 trained nurses, Film City to explore & promote the

to form a core group of CII Members and senior officials from the Administration to take this partnership forward, to which the Administrator



artistic talent in the region, Theme Park with the focus on developing our own culture. He said that the CII can also give its expertise and professional support for running social welfare projects like the home for the street children, destitute women, crippled children and mentally challenged kids which are shortly being inaugurated.

Welcoming His Excellency's proposal, Mr Salil Singhal, Chairman, CII Northern Region suggested

agreed.

Senior Officials present from the Administration included Mr M P Singh, Secretary to Administrator; Mr Sanjay Kumar, Home-cum-Finance Secretary; Mrs Raji P Shrivastava, Secretary-Health and Medical Education & Research and Mr Vivek Atray, Director-Tourism.

Interaction on Tricity IT development

22 August 2008 : Chandigarh

CII Chandigarh Council organized an interaction on Tricity IT development with the Directors of Information Technology of both Chandigarh and

by finding ways to fill up the existing loopholes and formulating strategy to tackle potential obstacles, if any in its development.



Punjab with an objective of enhancing and speeding the pace of IT Sector's development in the region

Mr Partap K Aggarwal, Chairman, CII Chandigarh Council, while welcoming the participants to this significant interaction mentioned that it is a pertinent time to hold such an interaction for the development of the IT / ITES sector of the Tricity of Chandigarh, Mohali and Panchkula..

Mr R K Verma, Managing Director, Punjab Infotech Ltd shared his views regarding the various existing and future policies of the Punjab Government for the development of this sector in the region. Further, he showed concerns relating to increasing the levels of BPOs through commercial skills and basic IT training.

Mr M S Brar, Director IT, Chandigarh Administration briefed the members on the recent developments in



the Chandigarh Technology Park. He further apprised the members of the Administration's efforts for getting investments from private players and soft loans from various Government Institutions like SIDBI for the development of the IT sector. He

also invited the members to visit and give suggestions on various aspects regarding the Convention Hall that the Administration is planning to construct. The Hall would be available for the companies to use on nominal rental basis.

The ideas of second level parking, 24x7 availability of security staff and an approach road to the IT Park were also discussed.

Mr Puneet Vatsayan, Convenor, Technology Panel, Chandigarh Council thanked the dignitaries for sharing their insightful views for the development of the IT sector in the region and assured utmost support by CII to their endeavours in making the Tricity an IT hub.

Independence Day Celebrations at CII Northern Region Headquarters

15 August 2008 : Chandigarh

CII Northern Region celebrated the Independence Day at the CII Northern Region Headquarters at Chandigarh. A flag hoisting ceremony was organised during the celebrations. Chandigarh Members and CII Secretariat participated along with their families.

Mr Partap K Aggarwal, Chairman; Mr Mukesh Malhotra, Vice Chairman; Mr Man Mohan Singh, Convenor-CSR Panel, Mr Vikram Hans, Convenor, Industry Institute Partnership Panel; Mr Vinay Johar, Co-Convenor, Industry Institute Partnership Panel, CII Chandigarh Council participated.



CII's Young Indians organise Seminar on Current Economy: Implications on Indian Business

9 August 2008 : Chandigarh

Calling for the need for Industry to supplement Government's efforts in bridging the industry – academia gap, a Seminar on Current Economy:

youth. Many sectors have emerged in the last few years like media & entertainment, hospitality, IT etc, thus it is pertinent to teach relevant curriculum at various technical & professional institutes."



Implications on Indian Business was organised by CII's Yi – ICFAI National College Net. Taking a wider canvas Mr Atray mentioned, "As the economy is growing, there are more opportunities for the

The speakers across the sessions were of the view that India needs to focus on investments in its human resource and basic infrastructure to sustain the present growth rate of Indian economy. The speakers who deliberated at the Seminar included Col (Retd) K K Sharma, Campus Head, ICFAI National College, Ms Anupama Arya, Chairperson, Yi Chandigarh Chapter; Mr J K Menon, Managing Director, DCM Engineering Ltd; Mr P S Sahai, Principal Advisor, CRRID.

CII in Coming Months

Manufacturing Best Practices Mission
4 October 2008 : Gurgaon

Workshop on India @ 75
16 October 2008 : Chandigarh

Workshop on India @ 75
18 October 2008 : Chandigarh

Workshop on India @ 75
21 October 2008 : Chandigarh

Training Workshop on HR in a Box for SMEs
22 October 2008 : Chandigarh

Learning Session on Leadership
7 November 2008 : Chandigarh

Session on Marketing Skills for High Performance
19 November 2008 : Chandigarh

Agro Tech 2008
28 November – 1 December 2008 : Chandigarh

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CII in News

Workshop extends appeal to stakeholders for focussed intervention
Healthy Work Environment Critical For Enhancing Productivity: Expert
Investment avenues discussed

Update skills to benefit from growth: Atray

‘Need to bridge gap between industry, institutes’

Work skills competition begins

Educating masses is only way to prevent AIDS

Investment avenues in the Czech Republic being discussed at a session organised by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) in Sector 31 on Friday.

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