



Confederation of Indian Industry  
Since 1895

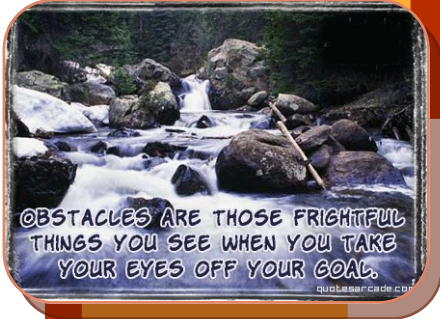
*Chandiqué*

*Chandigarh's bi-monthly e – Communiqué*

VOLUME III, ISSUE III

AUGUST 2010

QUOTE



From the Chairman's Desk....

Dear Reader,

Presenting the third issue of the bi-monthly newsletter Chandiqué with many useful activities held in the Yi Chandigarh Chapter as well as in CII.

A CII Dlegation met Mr Pradip Mehra, Advisor, UT Chandigarh to discuss on the advocacy issues related to the city which were related to skill development, industrial policy, air, rail & road connectivity issues.

CII Chandigarh also organized IT CEOs Forum Members Meeting which aimed to discuss the various problems being faced by the IT industry in and around Chandigarh. The members also framed issues to be put forth to the administration.

To lead the MSMEs on the path of progress a seminar on MSMEs' Development was orga-

nized which proved to be very useful for the members in terms of knowing about the funding options and overall development of MSMEs as it discussed government grants & special schemes for MSMEs, MSME modernization facilities, role & benefit of credit rating, enhanc-



ing productivity through 5S & quality culture & eliminating waste.

The Young Indians Chandigarh Chapter organized Organic Dinner with a noble cause of contributing the money collected to be paid for educating the

underprivileged girl child. I thank the members for coming forward for this noble cause and supporting CII- Yi in this effort.

Young Indians Chandigarh chapter also organized its members' meet and an informative session on RTI & PIL. To make the members aware about the rights they have.

A visit to Rock Garden was also organized as a part of Heritage Week Celebrated by Yi where over 400 students interacted with Dr Nek Chand.

We intend to keep this newsletter interactive. Look forward to your valuable support and suggestion.

**Nitin K Peshawaria**  
Chairman  
CII Chandigarh Council

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

From the Chairman's Desk	1
Quote	1
CII Centre of Excellence	1
CII Activities	2-3
Young Indians	3-4
CII in coming	5
CII-Leh Relief Operations	5
Contact	5

CII Institute of Logistics

CII institute of Logistics was established in 2004 to address the need of sharpening India Inc's competitive edge through better logistics and supply chain practices. It aims to create a platform for industry to gain more insights into the emerging trends, industry specific problems of national importance and global best practices in logistics & supply chain management. It enables the industry to cut down the transaction cost, increase efficiency, and enhance profitability and enable to sensi-

tize and bring solutions to macro level issues.

CII Institute of Logistics' mission is to be a platform to create and share intellectual capital for reducing transaction cost and improving competitiveness, in the process nurture the skills of Logisticians and ensure adoption of Best Practices in Logistics and SCM through online and offline activities.

With aspiration to enhance to enhance logistics competitiveness in the industry, CII provides a complete range of ser-

vices such as:

- Events
- Education
- Training
- Consultancy
- Research & Publication

## Goods & Services Tax

23 July 2010

Goods & Services Tax is a part of the proposed tax reforms that center around evolving an efficient and harmonized consumption tax system in our country. GST would replace most indirect taxes currently in place and will have a significant impact on all aspects of business operating in the country. To make the members more aware



about GST & its impact Mr Sushil Puri, Senior Manager -Finance, Bharti Airtel Ltd made a detailed presentation. Mr Puri in his presen-

tation provided the members with basic overview on GST, its recent developments, proposed structure, its probable impact, and how one needs to act on it. The presentation provided a detailed overview on GST which was helpful in understanding it.

## Skill Gap Analysis: Retailing Sector

23 July 2010

Taking CII's current focus of Business for Livelihood forward, Mr Darpan Kapoor, Director, Kapsons made a presentation on Employment requirements of Retail Industry in Northern Region. Mr Kapoor updated the members that Retail Industry was not as organized in the country as it is at present and also informed that it has become cleaner and secure, which is evident from the fact that

girls are also coming forward to get employment in this field. Mr Kapoor also apprised the members that the GDP in retail sector would be 22% by 2010. Mr Kapoor also deliberated that Indian retail sector is the fifth largest global retail destination but is dominated by the unorganized sector. He also apprised the members that India continues to be the most attractive countries for global retailers.

He also updated the members that now retails is not labour intensive but needs more technical and skilled people. According to him Retail industry at present requires a lot of manpower.



## IT CEOs Forum Meeting

19 August 2010



To discuss about the various issues being faced by

the IT industry in the tricity and to discuss the way ahead for the IT industry a meeting of the IT CEOs Forum was held. The discussion aimed at putting forth to the Administration various issues. The main issues of concern to the IT cluster include inviting big players into the IT Park; to extend the lease time period from 30 September 2010 to 1 March 2011 for the companies

situated in IT Park, local companies should also be given space in the IT Park. The most important concern of the IT members was to make efforts to let IT Park remain as IT Park and not include non IT companies in it.

## Meeting with Mr Pradip Mehra, Advisor, U T Chandigarh

19 August 2010

A CII Delegation called on Mr Pradip Mehra, Advisor, U T Chandigarh to discuss various issues related to the city. Mr Nitin Peshawaria, Chairman, CII Chandigarh Council, presented advocacy issues to the advisor related to skill development.

CII Delegation also suggested formation of Administration-CII Joint task force to be set up for the growth & develop-

ment of Chandigarh. Administration-CII joint task force for growth & development of Chandigarh & its surrounding areas, industrial policy, air, rail & road connectivity issues.

The Advisor assured that the recommendations would be looked into. The chairman also apprised Mr Mehra about CII's initiative of launching Energy & water Campaign.

The other matter of concern was to have comprehensive

vision for Chandigarh as it needs to be developed in an integrated manner, keeping alive its original character.

The delegation meeting the Advisor included Mr Nitin Peshawaria, Chairman, CII Chandigarh Council; Mr Vikram Hans, Vice Chairman, CII Chandigarh Council; Mr Sameer Goel, Panel Convener, Coty Development & Mr Abhishek Puri, Head CII-Chandigarh

## Seminar on MSMEs' Development - Path to Progress

20 August 2010

To deliberate on the problems of the MSMEs and to make the industry aware about the various benefits given to them, a seminar on MSMEs - Path to progress was held. The seminar revolved around enhancing competitiveness through enhancing productivity & continual improvement through 5S, quality improvements, waste elimination techniques and progressing with financing options through government grants, special schemes and so on. The session saw the participation of MSMEs heads from



both manufacturing and services sector who were keen to enhance the competitiveness and learn about financing options available to them.

The Key speakers at the session were Mr Ashok Tandon, Chairman, CII NR Committee on MSME & MD Milestone Gears; Mr S Mukhopadhaya, General Manager, SIDBI; Mr J N Jha, Deputy Zonal Manager, Bank of India; Mr Pradeep Kumar, Manager, NSIC; Mr Munish Dhawan, Manager SME Rating, CRISIL; Mr Rajesh Katoch, Regional Sales Manager, ONICRA; Mr Rohit Grover, Convener MSME Panel, CII Chandigarh Council & Mr Pankaj Demla, Consultant, Professional Consulting Bureau.



Young Indians

20 August 2010

Yi Chandigarh Chapter organised an informative session on RTI and PIL with Mr Hemant Goswami. Mr Hemant Goswami, a social activist, informed the members of details on RTI and PIL and process followed in filing applications or petitions for any information required. He said that both RTI and PIL facilitate transparency and we as re-

## Young Indians

### Learning Session on RTI & PIL

sponsible citizens should be aware of it and also use it to demand any information required in case of any injustice. The Session was attended by members and Yi Nets Students at CoVeda School in Chandigarh.





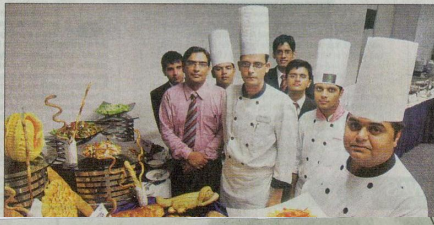
### HEALTHFULL CAUSE

It was a treat sandwiched between exhibiting one's love for organic food and pitching in for education of disadvantaged female folk. And the venue was CII premises on Friday evening

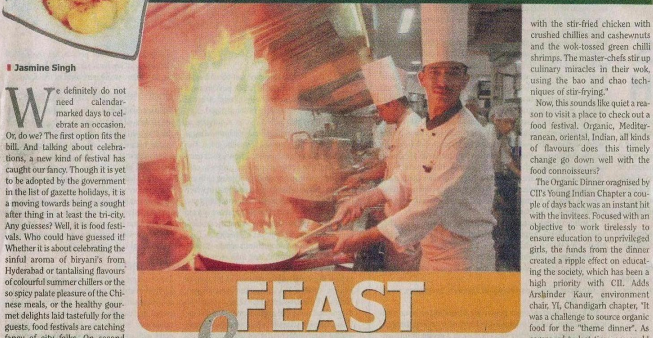
I was rustling up a healthy fare for a cause. CII's Young Indian Chandigarh Chapter hosted an organic dinner, the funds from which would go to ensure education for unprivileged girls.

Sharing about the eco-preservation part, Arshinder Kaur, Environment Chair, YI, Chandigarh Chapter, said that, "It was a challenge to source organic food for this theme dinner but we managed it from parts of Haryana and Uttarakhand."

The dishes were presented in style, giving them a feel of zen-like artifacts. Head chef Sanjeev Verma, Principal, Chakrara School of Hospitality, remarked



With so many specialised eating joints mushrooming up in the city, do we actually need food festivals?



**Jasmine Singh**  
We definitely do not need calendar-marked days to celebrate an occasion. Or, do we? The first option fits the bill. And talking about celebrations, a new kind of festival has caught our fancy. Though it is yet to be adopted by the government in the list of festive holidays, it is a moving towards being a sought after thing in at least the tri-city. Any guesses? Well, it is food festivals. Who could have guessed it! Whether it is about celebrating the sinful aroma of bhajyan's from Hyderabad or tantalising flavours of colourful summer dillies or the so spicy palate pleasure of the Chinese meals, or the healthy gourmet delights laid tastefully for the guests, food festivals are catching fancy of city folks. On second thought, for a country that lives to

with the stir-fried chicken with crushed chillies and cashewnuts and the wok-tossed green chilli stirfry. The master-chef's air up culinary miracles in their work, using the bao and chao techniques of stir-frying." Now, this sounds like quite a reason to visit a place to check out a food festival. Organic, Mediterranean, oriental, Indian, all kinds of flavours does this timely change go down well with the food connoisseurs?

The Organic Dinner organised by CII's Young Indian Chapter a couple of days back was an instant hit with the invitees. Focused with an objective to work tirelessly to ensure education to unprivileged girls, the funds from the dinner created a ripple effect on educating the society, which has been a high priority with CII. Adds Arshinder Kaur, environment chair, YI, Chandigarh chapter, "It was a challenge to source organic food for the "theme dinner". As compared to last time, we could source the ingredients much eas-

### लड़कियों की शिक्षा के लिए पैसा जुटाया

निर्धन लड़कियों की शिक्षा के लिए ऑर्गेनिक डिनर का आयोजन किया गया, यह भीजा सीआईआई की उच्च प्राथमिकताओं में से एक

**मुख्य संवाददाता**  
संदीप

सीआईआई का यह इतिहास सैद्धांतिक और ऑर्गेनिक डिनर का आयोजन किया गया। निर्धन लड़कियों की शिक्षा के लिए पैसा जुटाने के उद्देश्य से आयोजित किया यह यह भीजा सीआईआई की उच्च प्राथमिकताओं में से एक है। यह इतिहास में इन्वैरसिटेड चेररसंसिन अर्शिनर कर ने कहा कि इस थीम डिनर में ऑर्गेनिक फूड जुटाना एक चुनौतीपूर्ण काम था।



यदि हमें हम जो खाते हैं वह हमारे बिलेट को प्रभावित कर सकता है। इस बात को और गहरा बनाने के लिए जाने-माने खाद्यसाम (फूड) सर्विलायर्स ने भी अपनी मौजूदगी से समर्थन दिया। यहाँ के अनुसार मैन इतनी बड़ी मात्रा और विविधता में ऑर्गेनिक फूड को इस्तेमाल नहीं किया। हमने एक ही प्लेस में तुनी, खिखारलेड, आस्ट्रेलिया, अर्जेन्टिना, फ्रांस, चीन, इटली और भारत की सर्वश्रेष्ठ खाने को परोसने का प्रयास किया है। फूल को लैसैन्टेड ओफिसर शेफ परफेक्टर दिखें के अनुसार ऑर्गेनिक मेन्यू का सेवन करना एक सुखद अनुभव था। इस रात्रि भोज की मेजबानी हमारी रेस्टुरेन्तोमिक्स परम्यर को खत्म में रखा है बालिक कस्टोमेशन को समलता को भी सर्वोपरि रखा है।



## Walk with Nek Chand – The Creative Rebel

20 August 2010

Around 400 students visited Rock Garden under the Heritage Walk and met Dr Nek Chand who shared his success & passion of phoenixing the wonder – Rock Garden, from industrial and home waste and other thrown away items. Assuaging the inquisitive quest of the students, he guided the students to save their precious monuments which are our nation's pride and to recycle waste.

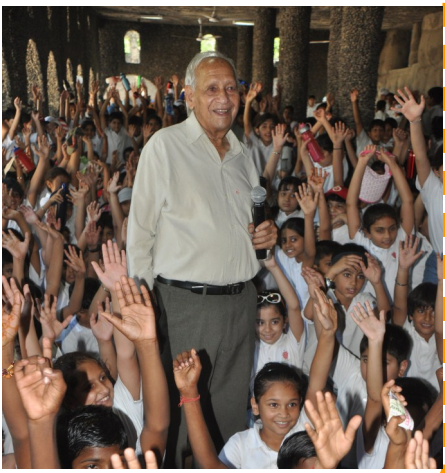
“Culture and heritage is something that to a large extent defines who we are. It's important that children are aware of their roots through exposure to both their culture and heritage of the city they live in, which is

the prime focus of CII – YI, said Kabir Khanna, Chair-Education, Yi Chandigarh.

Dr Navita Mahajan, Chairperson, Yi Chandigarh Chapter said, “As Chandigarh is a twentieth-century symbol of new India, we at YI are delighted to celebrate its rich heritage. This initiative is the first of many in this step, wherein YI Chandigarh would celebrate and open conversations to rejoice the City we live in, love and the City which makes us who we are”.

‘Best out of waste’ lessons were learnt by the city students from various schools.

Exploring Rock Garden was a part of the Nationwide “Heritage Week Celebration from 21 -28 August’10 initiated by CII- YI to educate, spread awareness and preserve the Heritage and Culture of the Country.





## Contact

### Abhishek Puri

Head – Chandigarh

Confederation of Indian Industry

Northern Region Headquarters

Sector 31 – A, Chandigarh

Phone: +91-172-5080783, 2607228

Fax: +91-172-2606259, 2614974

E-mail: abhishek.puri@cii.in; cii.chd@cii.in



## CII in coming months

*Upcoming  
Events*

- **Workshop on Information Security Awareness: 3 Sept 2010**
- **23rd Quality Circle Competition: 2010– 2011 Preliminaries: 24 Sept 2010**
- **Yi Health Week: 21-25 Sept 2010**

**Building Business Leadership**



## Leh Flash Floods— The CII Response in the hour of need



## Thank You for Supporting CII Leh Relief & Rehabilitation Operation

- **Alvind Industries**
- **Black Apparels India Ltd**
- **Drish Shoes Ltd**
- **Inter Solar**
- **JREW Engineering Ltd**
- **Kapsons Fashion Pvt Ltd**

**For Contributions, Contact:**

**Mr Abhishek Puri**

**M: 099155-11119**

**Email: abhishek.puri@cii.in**