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chairman's message

It gives me great privilege to present the CII Punjab State Annual Review for the year 2009 - 10. Punjab has always been in the list of the best states of India and a land of progress and enterprise. To better integrate Punjab with the global economy and provide employment to youth, CII has been working together with the state government to create and strengthen conditions for encouraging investments, enhancing productivity, infrastructure, education, agriculture research and extension. Keeping in tune with the national and regional themes, 'Revitalizing Punjab – The Agenda for Growth' was adopted as the theme for 2009 -10 for Punjab.

The theme motivated the Council to widen the dimensions in the areas of agriculture, power, social development, skills & education, industrial competitiveness among others. We further strengthened our partnership and networking with the political and bureaucratic leadership of the state through a process of continuous dialogue. The mission to Israel, Egypt and Dubai led by the Hon'ble Chief Minister in November included three representatives from the CII Punjab State Council.

The Council also presented its inputs and recommendations on various important policy areas like power sector reforms and new power policy of the state, one time settlement policy for sick units in Punjab, new SEZ policy of Punjab, master plan for Greater Mohali; central assistance to states for developing export, infrastructure and new industrial policy of Punjab.



Some of the most satisfying events included: providing job appointments to young graduates at the CII PTU Job & Career Fair, broad basing CII in Punjab, addressing power sector through the ten point agenda for energizing Punjab, the dialogue with diaspora both at Dubai and at Delhi, creating awareness towards the need for skills and education reforms and of course, focusing on environment, green business and sustainable lifestyles.

In the past one year, CII Punjab took many initiatives through sectoral panels. The Council formed six panels on agriculture, power, education and skills, CSR and environment, membership and cluster development and economic affairs and taxation. In addition core groups for city development were formed in Ludhiana and Amritsar. A core group in Mandi Gobindgarh has been formed, keeping in view the unique needs of this industrial town. Another core group formed in Jalandhar has recently been given the shape of a formal Zonal Council with a deserving lady member taking charge on the eve of Women's Day.

We sought to forge partnerships in the areas of affordable irrigation, agriculture and urban infrastructure through our interactions with overseas delegations from UK, Canada, US, Israel and Africa.

With the focus on enhancing industrial competitiveness, conferences, seminars and workshops were organized. Some of the key issues addressed were economic affairs & taxation, income tax, investment opportunities in the various countries, quality circle, cluster development, environment health & safety, water management, cold chain development, SEZs, local city development and issues of NRIs.

I gratefully acknowledge the co-operation received from Chairman and the Deputy Chairman of CII Northern Region. Special thanks to Vice Chairman and past chairmen of CII Punjab for their support and guidance throughout the year. I would also like to extend my sincere gratitude to the Council members for their involvement in various activities of the state. I also place on record my sincere appreciation for the support I received from the CII secretariat that enabled us to achieve success.

I wish my friends in the industry much success in the interesting times ahead as our nation moves yet again into a high growth trajectory.

Gunbir Singh
Chairman



spotlight

Punjab State Annual Session 2008-09

March 10, 2009; Chandigarh



S. Sukhbir Singh Badal, Deputy Chief Minister, Punjab in conversation with Mr. Salil Singhal

Punjab State Annual Session was graced by Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister of Punjab, S. Sukhbir Singh Badal, where all the present stakeholders were unanimous on accelerating the overall development of Punjab by emphasizing on infrastructure, reforms in governance, agriculture, besides attracting new investments in the state. Urging CII to anchor and facilitate investment for the state by joining hands with the government, S. Sukhbir Singh Badal stated that the state government would capitalize on the state's strength to ensure rapid growth of its thrust sectors and make Punjab a preferred investment destination.

Mr Badal also released Punjab Vision 2022, a report developed by CII listing the aspirations of the people of Punjab.

Mr Salil Singhal, then Chairman, CII, Northern Region, mooted a participatory and hand holding approach with the government for revitalizing the agri business and bridging the skill deficit to foster envisaged growth in the industrial sector and attain a higher level of prosperity.

While putting forth CII's 10 Point agenda for inclusive development of Punjab, Mr Harpal Singh, Chairman CII Northern Region, emphasized on revitalizing the industry, especially, agri sector whereby, Punjab needs to improve its brand name to attract investment in the state.

Mr Ramesh Inder Singh, then Chief Secretary, Punjab also shared his thoughts on the development path during the annual session.

CII - Government of Punjab Mission to Israel, Egypt and Dubai

November 16 -20, 2009

A high powered delegation led by S. Parkash Singh Badal, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Punjab visited Israel, Egypt and Dubai to participate in an international conference cum exposition - WATEC 2009 in Tel Aviv (Israel), to forge and strengthen business association of Punjab with these countries. The delegation explored possibilities of tie-ups in areas of water management, irrigation and agriculture.



S. Parkash Singh Badal, Chief Minister, Punjab addressing the participants at the WATEC 2009 in Tel Aviv, Israel

Talking at a luncheon interaction with the Indian Business & Professional Council from Dubai, Mr Gunbir Singh, Chairman, CII Punjab urged investors and entrepreneurs to use CII as a reference point to boost cultural and technology transfers between the two countries. The Chief Minister invited the Indian diaspora to invest in the education and infrastructure sectors of the state, especially in the rural areas.

Mr Sanjiv Nagpal, Convener, CII Punjab State Agriculture Panel; Mr Jaivir Singh, Vice President, Impact Projects ; Mr Vikram Ahuja, Managing Director, Zamindara Farm Solutions Ltd ; Ms Charu Mathur, Regional Director, CII Northern Region and Mr Pkender Pal Singh, Director CII comprised the CII delegation.

Exclusive Session with Union Minister of State for External Affairs

December 25, 2009: Chandigarh



Ms Preeti Kaur, Union Minister of State for External Affairs at Made in Pakistan exhibition

Complimenting CII for its timely initiative of Made in Pakistan to strengthen Indo-Pakistan relations, Ms Preeti Kaur, Hon'ble Minister of State for External Affairs, Government of India stated, "India cannot be a prosperous, dynamic economy and a stable polity if our neighbours as a whole are also not economically prosperous and politically stable. Similarly, our neighbours cannot prosper if India does not do well". The Hon'ble Minister also took a round of the Made in Pakistan exhibition organized by CII Northern Region.



Ms Preeti Kaur, Union Minister of State for External Affairs interacting with the business community from Pakistan

Reiterating the same sentiment through his "Pyar Ka Paigam", Mr Khurshid Balras, CEO, Pakistan World Trade & Promotions and Rawalpindi Chamber of Commerce said, "CII Fairs not only give an opportunity for trade and business but also to reach out to people of India and engage with them. This initiative of CII would set the stage for further strengthening the friendship between India and Pakistan. We are really touched by the hospitality and warmth of Indian brothers."

The session was attended by over 100 CEOs and industry representatives from India and Pakistan.

Interaction with Mr Manish Tewari, Member of Parliament

August 8, 2009: Ludhiana

Coinciding with the 3rd Punjab State Council meeting, an interaction with Mr Manish Tewari,



Mr Manish Tewari, Member Parliament addressing the CII Punjab members in Ludhiana

Member of Parliament from Ludhiana was organized. Interacting with industry stalwarts from the state, Mr Manish Tewari outlined his party's priorities and plans for Punjab. He also shared the concerns expressed by industry members over deterioration of urban infrastructure, especially in Ludhiana. Mr Manish Tewari promised full support to CII's initiatives for solving critical issues such as traffic congestion, urban and industrial infrastructure, water pollution pertaining to Buddha Nullah and other key concerns of Punjab.

Mr Tewari also launched posters of CII-Punjab AIDS Control Society's tele counseling helpline on HIV/ AIDS.

CII – PTU Job & Career Fair

March 6 – 7, 2010: Kapurthala



Students in jubilant mood with their offer letters

With a view to bridge the gap between recruiters and the job seekers and create a platform for the industry for on-site recruitment of quality manpower and provide avenues to the youth, CII Punjab in association with Punjab Technical University organized Job & Career Fair at Kapurthala. The thought behind choosing a 2-tier city was to orient the not so privileged youth of the area to the industry requirements and provide employment opportunities that otherwise elude them.

Over 35 companies from the northern region including Vardhman Textiles, Avon Cycles, Tech Mahindra, HCL CDC, Wipro, IDS Infotech Livewel, Castle Toyota among others participated in the Fair.

More than 3000 youth from the region appeared for interviews out of which around 700 got shortlisted by the various companies. Over 60 candidates were presented with on the spot offer letters by HDFC, IBM, Wipro & Tech Mahindra and few other participating companies.

8th Pravasi Bhartiya Divas

January 7 – 9, 2010: New Delhi



Mr. Sukhbir Singh Badal, Deputy Chief Minister, Punjab addressing the NRI

Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs & CII organized the 8th Pravasi Bhartiya Divas in New Delhi where Mr Sukhbir Singh Badal, Deputy Chief Minister, Punjab with other senior state government officials participated in a big way. At the state session, Mr Badal wooed the NRI community to invest in Punjab and partner in its growth process. He assured the NRI community of his administration's full support to their initiatives and also speedy resolution of issues pending with state authorities.



Mr. Sukhbir Singh Badal with his counterparts from other states at Pravasi Bhartiya Divas

infrastructure and agriculture

infrastructure

New SEZ Act of Punjab shared with Industry & Developers

October 1, 2009: Chandigarh



Mr S S Channy, Principal Secretary – Industries & Commerce, Punjab interacting with the industry stakeholders on the SEZ policy of the State

As a precursor to the release of the special economic zone (SEZ) policy of Punjab CII Punjab organized an interaction of major SEZ developers and other industry stakeholders with Mr S S Channy, Principal Secretary, Industries Commerce, Government of Punjab. Mr Channy shared the salient features of the upcoming Act with the members present. Highlighting the key aspects of the act, Mr Channy mentioned that intent of the Act is to empower the developers to minimize the role of the government, thereby, creating a conducive environment for SEZs to flourish in the state.

Mr Sanjiv Gupta, Director, Oscar Leathers Pvt Ltd, while concluding the session expressed the hope that with its own SEZ policy coupled with new Industrial Policy slated to be out soon, industrial activity in the state would pick up the pace.

Sessions on Special Economic Zones – The Changing Business Landscapes

May 20 - 22, 2009: Ludhiana & Jalandhar



Dr L B Singhal, Director General, Export Promotion Council (EoUs & SEZs), Government of India at the Session on SEZ – The Changing Business Landscapes

CII Punjab in association with Mahindra World City (Jaipur) organized two sensitization sessions on Special Economic Zones – The Changing Business Landscape in Ludhiana & Jalandhar. Dr L B Singhal, Director General, Export Promotion Council (EoU's & SEZ's), Government of India was the Chief Guest. He interacted with the local exporters and industry members on the concept, benefits, perceptions and myths about the special economic zones (SEZ's).

Mr Gunbir Singh, Chairman, CII Punjab dwelling on the purpose behind the SEZ concept informed, that it is to liberalize the trade & investment scenario in India whereby a conducive and hassle free environment is created for industry to grow and propel the development of the particular area and the country. Mr Ashish Mathur, Head - Business Development & Marketing, Mahindra World City (Jaipur) Ltd presented insights into what all opportunities exist for engineering sector entrepreneurs of the region at Mahindra World City, Jaipur.

Core Group to address City Development issues in Ludhiana, Amritsar and Mandi Gobindgarh

After taking over as Chairman of CII Northern Region, Mr Harpal Singh in his 1st interaction with CII Punjab members at members meet in Ludhiana, announced the formation of Core Groups at Ludhiana and Amritsar. The main objective of these groups was to work closely with city administration for development of infrastructure and basic amenities in the city. The Ludhiana city development Core Group is being headed by Mr S S Bhogal while Mr Gunbir Singh leads the Amritsar Core Group. These Core Groups identified certain key areas of concern like traffic congestion and clean environment.

Continuing with the process of engaging with authorities for the developmental of industrial hubs, industrialization and growth in the state of Punjab, CII Punjab announced the formation of a Core Group at Mandi Gobindgarh headed by Mr Anil Agrawal, Managing Director, Kumar Engineering Corporation and Mr. B D Ghavri, Partner, Aman Machine Tools Pvt Ltd as the Convener and Co-convener respectively.

agriculture

Seminar on Cold Chain Development

November 30, 2009: Jalandhar



Mr N S Kang, Financial Commissioner - Development and other senior officials of Government of Punjab participating at the workshop on Cold Chain Development

To discuss and explore the opportunities, issues and challenges that exist for cold chain & cold storage business in Punjab, CII Punjab and Government of Punjab jointly organized a seminar on "Cold Chain Development and Affordable Technologies in the new paradigm". The agenda for the seminar was to identify a mechanism which would enable various stake holders' i.e government, industry, farmers & academia to partner for setting up a robust cold chain infrastructure in Punjab that would further catalyze the industrial & farm sector growth in the state. Mr N S Kang, Financial Commissioner, Development, Government of Punjab was the Chief Guest.



engaging the government

4th Punjab State Council Meeting & Interaction with Minister of Local Bodies and Industries & Commerce, Punjab

November 4, 2009: Jalandhar



Mr K D Chaudhry, Member - Distribution Punjab State Electricity Board, addressing the session

power cuts & shortages in the state. Mr Chaudhry briefed the house on initiatives being taken to meet the ever increasing demand of power across all sectors in the state. Over 70 industry stakeholders including senior industry leaders were present at this interaction.

Interactive Session with Municipal Commissioner, Amritsar

September 17, 2009: Amritsar

An interactive session was organized at Amritsar where Mr DPS Kharbanda, Municipal Commissioner Amritsar interacted with representatives from various industries to take step forward and work with the government in addressing the issues. Talking about waste management he said that a toll free number has been provided. He urged the industrialists to adopt the parks in the focal point area for their up keep and maintenance. Delegates from diverse sectors, including textile, hosiery, lathe and machine tool industry in Amritsar region attended the session.

Members' Meet

April 3, 2009: Ludhiana

At an interaction organised with Mr Vikas Garg, Deputy Commissioner Ludhiana, CII Punjab State members discussed the various issues of

industry. The issues critical to city development included civic and industrial infrastructure, traffic management, pollution etc.

The members present in the house agreed to form a joint core group with participation from local industry, senior officials of administration and prominent citizens of the city.

Interaction with Municipal Commissioner, Ludhiana

January 21, 2010: Ludhiana



Mr A K Sinha interacting with the CII members

CII Ludhiana City Development Core Group organized an interaction with Mr A K Sinha, Municipal Commissioner, Ludhiana to discuss various issues related with the decongesting the city. Mr S S Bhogal, Chairman, CII Ludhiana Zonal Council took the agenda of improving traffic management in Ludhiana. Certain out of the box solutions such as installing solar power inverters for backup at traffic signals along with flashers at identified black spots, proper yellow lane marking and decongesting of key traffic intersections were suggested in the meeting, attended by the industry and other stakeholders from Ludhiana city.



Mr Manoranjan Kalia, Minister of Local bodies and Industries & Commerce, interacting with industry representatives

Coinciding with its 4th Punjab State Council meeting for 2009-10, CII organized an interaction with Mr Manoranjan Kalia, Hon'ble Minister for Local Bodies and Industries & Commerce and Mr S S Channy, Principal Secretary, Industries & Commerce on the New Industrial Policy for Punjab.

Interacting with industry stalwarts of the state, Mr Manoranjan Kalia outlined his department's priorities & plans for revival of industry in Punjab. Mr S S Channy also shared salient features of the New Industrial Policy with the industry members present.

Over 80 industry stakeholders including senior industry leaders were present at this interaction.

Interaction with Member - Distribution, Punjab State Electricity Board

August 8, 2009: Ludhiana

At an interactive session with Mr K D Chaudhary, Member, Distribution Punjab State Electricity Board and other senior officials of Punjab State Electricity Board, industry members apprised the officials of the difficulties faced by industry because of severe



Mr Harpal Singh, Chairman, CII Northern Region announcing the formation of Core Groups

Interaction with Mr S C Agrawal, Principal Secretary - Finance, Punjab

June 23, 2009: Chandigarh



CII delegation presenting the Budget Memorandum to Mr S C Agrawal, then Principal Secretary - Finance, Punjab

A CII delegation led by Mr J K Menon, Managing Director, DCM Engineering Products met with then Principal Secretary – Finance, Mr S C Agrawal to apprise him on the issues of concern like VAT disparity on the various products and upcoming Budget of the State. Another CII delegation led by Mr M C Munjal, Convenor, CII Economic Affairs & Taxation Panel met Mr S C Agrawal, Chief Secretary, Punjab. The delegation presented a CII's Pre Budget Memorandum for 2009 – 10 to Mr Agrawal and requested him to consider the recommendations outlined in the memorandum.

Formation of Sectoral Panels for the year 2009 - 10

With a view to address key issues confronting industry in the state, CII Punjab State Council decided to form six panels comprising of prominent industry members, academicians, state government officials and other key stakeholders. The panels constituted to work towards building an ideal society by working closely with authorities and government have Agriculture, Economic Affairs and Taxation, Education and Skills, Energy & Power, Environment and CSR, Membership and Cluster Development, as the key focus respectively.

Some of the key issues confronting the state were deliberated during the panel meetings and key recommendations submitted to authorities for implementation.

CII delegation calls on Mr Shivraj Patil, Governor, Punjab

February 19, 2010: Chandigarh

Mr Shivraj V. Patil, the new Governor, Punjab & Administrator U.T. Chandigarh mandated CII to take renewable and alternative sources of energy to every citizen in Chandigarh and bring private companies to develop Agri infrastructure in Punjab.



CII delegation interacting with Mr Shivraj Patil, Governor, Punjab

Inviting CII to play a lead role in promoting renewable energy in the city beautiful, Mr Patil said, "Every house in Chandigarh should have a solar room, to enable city overcome the challenge of Power shortages faced by Chandigarh. As Chandigarh doesn't have power generating unit, renewable and alternative sources of energy are a must for the city". Mr Deepak Puri, Chairman (Designate), CII Northern Region and Chairman & Managing Director, Moser Baer India Limited complimenting the Chandigarh Administration for its "Master plan to make Chandigarh a Solar City" assured the Administrator that CII would launch a campaign to promote use of solar energy amongst industry and residents in the city.

Interaction with Mr Vimal Gandhi, President – Income Tax Appellate Tribunal

April 2, 2009: Amritsar



Mr Vimal Gandhi, President - Income Tax Appellate Tribunal interacting with the participants

CII Amritsar Zonal Council in its continuous effort to assist enterprises to gain competitive advantage, organized an interactive session with Mr Vimal Gandhi, President, Income Tax Appellate Tribunal who stated that India need funds for the development of infrastructure, healthcare and the source of fund is tax collection from both direct as well as indirect sources. Highlighting the need to educate people, Mr Gandhi urged CII to play a catalytic in disseminating awareness to bridge the gap between tax payee and tax collector.

Mr Vimal Gandhi was accompanied by Mr Sunil Chopra, Chief Commissioner, Income Tax Amritsar.



building people

Workshop on Behaviour and Stress Management for Traffic Police Ludhiana

October 26, 2009: Ludhiana

anger management for traffic policemen while discharging their duties.

CII - PTU sign MoU for Creating Employable Workforce in Punjab

November 4, 2009: Jalandhar

Workshop on Enhancing Competitiveness through Energy Efficiency

February 19, 2010: Ludhiana



Mr Sukhchain Singh Gill, SSP Ludhiana addressing the participants

CII Core Group Ludhiana, as a part of its initiative for the development of the city organized a workshop on "Behaviour & Stress Management for Traffic Police Ludhiana". Over 140 traffic police officials including SP Traffic Ludhiana, Mr Rupinder Singh, DSPs, SHOs and other police personnel of all other ranks attended the workshop.

While inaugurating the workshop, Dr Sukhchain Singh Gill, SSP Ludhiana, highlighted the difficult conditions under which traffic police officials perform their duties and explained the importance of stress management for traffic police officials. Senior faculty members from ICFAI Business School, Chandigarh, Mr Satinder Singh Ahluwalia and Mr Ashish Pillai, threw light on the various techniques on stress and

CII and PTU signed an MoU to bridge the skill-gap that is prevailing in the state. Mr Gunbir Singh, Chairman, CII Punjab State Council signed the MoU on behalf of CII, with Dr Rajnish Arora, Vice Chancellor, Punjab Technical University, Jalandhar in the presence of industry captains of the state and senior officials of Punjab Technical University.



Mr Rajnish Arora, Vice Chancellor, Punjab Technical at the MoU signing ceremony with CII Punjab Chairman

Expressing her happiness and optimism over the tie-up, Mrs Kamna Raj Aggarwala, Convener, CII Education & Skilling Panel remarked, "This will not only create employable workforce for the industry but also significantly increase employment avenues for the youth and contribute to giving a boost to the overall development of the state."



Faculty addressing the participants at the workshop

CII Punjab & Bureau of Energy Efficiency, Government of India jointly organized a workshop on "Enhancing Competitiveness through Energy Efficiency." The main objective of the workshop was to promote efficient techniques and also suggest ways & means to the local industries to upgrade their processes and make them more energy efficient. Mr Vikas Garg, Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana, the Chief Guest on the occasion, urged the industry to adopt the energy efficiency techniques as a service to society, state and country. Mr Akshay Bector, Vice Chairman, CII Punjab along with Mr SS Bhogal, Chairman, CII Ludhiana Zonal Council highlighted the initiatives taken by CII under the cluster program to help SMEs adopt energy efficiency practices such as energy audits.

Mr Shashank Jain, Advisor (SME), Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) threw light on various government schemes & role of BEE towards encouraging various segments of industry to adopt energy efficiency techniques. Mr A M Ghosh from The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) briefed on the Energy Efficiency technology that can be used in the Multi- Furnace (Cupola).

Ms Paramjot Kaur, DGM, SIDBI and Dr Shriram Bokare, DGM & Mr Rakesh Bhan, Chief Manager, State Bank of India, shared various schemes & options through which the interested industry members could avail easy credit & finance.

22nd Preliminary Quality Circle Competition

August 24, 2009: Ludhiana



Winning teams with their QC Trophies

In all, 13 Quality Circles made presentations on the specific projects handled by them at their work place. The assessment of the presentation was made on a weighted scale covering different aspects of the Quality Circle activity. The evaluation was based on factors like problem selection, analysis, solution, presentation, etc.

'Prabhat' Team from Bharat Electronics Ltd, Kotdwara was adjudged the winner and was awarded the 'Winners Rolling Trophy'. The 'First Runner-up Rolling Trophy' was won by

Ugta Surya Quality Circle from Secure Meters Ltd; Bated and Lakshya Quality Circle from Motherson Sumi Systems Ltd, Gurgaon bagged the 'Second Runner-up Rolling Trophy.' Three consolation prizes were awarded to teams from Secure Meters Ltd, Barotiwalla; Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd (Swaraj Division), Mohali and Sandhar Technologies Ltd, Gurgaon. These teams further participated in the regional final as a pre-runner to the national competition.

Discover the Power Within

November 19, 2009 – Amritsar



Participants crossing inferno at the Fire Walk session

CII organized a highly-energy packed entertaining transformational workshop on Discover The Power Within - A Fire Walk Seminar at Amritsar.

The workshop focused on emotional stability, stress resistance, and self management. The seminar was conducted under the aegis of Amritsar Zonal Council.

The seminar conducted by renowned NLP trainer Mr P S Rathore and was attended by business owners, CEOs, managers etc.

CII – DCM Engineering Join Hands to Save Girl Child & Protect the Environment

October 13, 2009: Ropar



Mr J K Menon, Managing Director, DCM Engineering Products flagging off the awareness campaign on Save the Girl Child

On the occasion of DCM Week Celebration, CII Punjab and DCM Engineering Products, Ropar organized a tree plantation drive and an awareness camp to sensitize the residents of Asron and nearby villages on female foeticide and the need to conserve environment.

A street play highlighting the bane of female foeticide and need of promoting women's empowerment was performed by students of DAV Institute of Engineering & Technology, Jalandhar which was well appreciated by the audience.

As part of this campaign an awareness march by students was flagged off by Mr J K Menon, Managing Director, DCM Engineering Products and 50 saplings were planted at the premises of Government Primary School, Asron to pledge support towards saving the girl child and protecting the environment.

environment

Workshop on Environment Health & Safety – Best Practices

July 31, 2009: Ludhiana



Workshop on Environment, Health & Safety in progress.

With an objective to provide stakeholders the knowledge to improve their environmental performance, work safety and to protect their health in a typical workplace in the Indian industry, CII Punjab organized a one-day awareness workshop on 'Environmental Health & Safety (EHS) – Best Practices.'

Mr S S Bhogal, Chairman, CII Ludhiana Zonal Council in his opening remarks mentioned the importance of EHS systems at workplace.

Ms Nidhi Sharma and Ms Amandeep Kaur from CII-ITC Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Development (CESD), New Delhi took the participants through key modules of waste minimization, hazardous waste management, chemicals management, transportation of hazardous substances and personal protective equipment.

Around 50 delegates from various industry backgrounds such as engineering, food, textile and forging industry across the region learnt the best practices on how to protect their health and the environment in which they work.

Awareness Session on Green Building Concept

November 24, 2009: Ludhiana

CII in association with Indian Green Building Council (IGBC), a part of CII-Godrej Green Building Centre (GBC), Hyderabad organized an awareness session on the scope of 'Green Building concepts in India.'

Mr S Raghupathy, Senior Director and Head CII- GBC centre along with Mr J K Gupta, Joint Honorary Secretary, Indian Institute of Architects were the key speakers for the session. The session was also attended by the leading builders, architects and planners of the region.

Workshop on CDM and Carbon Markets

December 12, 2009: Ludhiana



Mr Robert Taylor, Sr Consultant, Agri Energy at Workshop on Climate Change & Carbon Credits

CII Punjab State Council organized a workshop on Climate Change and Carbon Market – Challenges and Opportunities, at Ludhiana. The main objective of the workshop was to encourage entrepreneurs on taking up the carbon credit business and also sensitize those present on the modalities & processes of carbon trading.

Workshop on Water Management

August 13, 2009: Amritsar

CII Punjab State Council organised a one-day workshop on water management at Amritsar, wherein representatives from various segments of the industry participated.

Mr C Sripati, Senior Counselor, CII-Sohrabji Godrej Green Business Center, Hyderabad apprised the participants on guidelines for having effective water management which is of utmost importance to sustain an environment conducive for the growth of industry in India.



Mr Akshay Bector, Vice Chairman, CII Punjab sharing his thoughts on CII Green Building Concept

The workshop focused on water treatment, rain water harvesting and zero water discharge.

Around 55 participants from diverse sectors, including paper industry, manufacturing, pharmaceutical industry, textile and others attended the session.



exploring horizons

Business delegation from Burkina Faso (West Africa)

March 26 – 27, 2009: Punjab



Delegation from Burkina Faso, Africa after a business meeting with representatives of International Tractors Ltd

A business delegation comprising 29 entrepreneurs from Burkina Faso (West Africa) visited Ludhiana and its nearby industrial towns to explore the possibilities of business tie-ups and joint ventures in sectors such as food processing, textiles & light engineering. The delegation visited leading industrial houses like Hero Cycles Ltd, Vardhman Textiles, International Tractors, GNA Group, Amrit Banaspati Co Ltd, Mrs Bector's Food Specialties Ltd. and Godrej Agrovet etc.

11th Know India Programme

April 2 – 6, 2009: Punjab



Delegates of 11th Know India Programme being welcomed by Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar

To trace their roots and understand the development and achievements of India, 22 youths of Indian origin visited Punjab under the Know India Programme of Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs in coordination with Confederation of Indian Industry (CII). This programme is being organized by the Ministry to help people of Indian origin abroad to trace antecedents in the land of their forefathers.

These young people of Indian origin from 9 countries namely Armenia, Australia, Canada, Israel, Malaysia, Poland, South Africa and Trinidad & Tobago in on their 5 days visit to Punjab visited Amritsar, Hoshiarpur, Anandpur Sahib and Chandigarh.

Interaction with the representatives of ICRIER

January 25, 2010: Amritsar

CII Amritsar Zonal Council organized an interactive session with the representatives of ICRIER who visited Amritsar to understand the issues hampering growth of

Indo – Pak Trade. The session was chaired by Mr Gunbir Singh, Chairman, CII Punjab State Council who along with 25 industry stakeholders from the Amritsar region briefed the Council of issues confronting exports in the region as well as the economic potential of trade with Pakistan.

Interactive Session with Country Co-ordinator PUM, Netherlands Senior Experts

October 26, 2009: Amritsar



Mr Johannes Cornelis De Bruign in discussion with Mr Gunbir Singh

With an intent to help enterprises to gain competitive advantage, an interactive session with Mr Johannes Cornelis De Bruign, Country Co-ordinator PUM, Netherlands was organised.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr Johannes Cornelis De Bruign said that PUM has 4000 senior experts and is active in 70 countries. In the year 2008, 120 projects were executed in India.

Mr Jitinder Jain, Chairman, CII Amritsar Zonal Council along with delegates from diverse sectors such as textile, rice, hosiery, light engineering and machine tool industry of Amritsar region attended the session.

Visit of Delgation from VALMONT Irrigation (USA)

December 12 – 13, 2009: Chandigarh / Ludhiana / Jalandhar



Mr Philipp Schmidt Holzmann, Sr Territory Manager, Valmont Irrigation (USA) during his visit to farms in Jalandhar

A team of two members from world renowned irrigation company VALMONT Irrigation, USA visited Chandigarh & Punjab. During their two day visit the delegation interacted with prominent agriculturists, senior government officials and progressive farmers and explored the feasibility of new irrigation equipments to offer solutions best suited for depleting water table in the

state of Punjab. The delegation's visit was a follow up of Punjab Government and CII's joint visit to Dubai. The delegation visited the farms of Bharti Del Monte in Ludhiana and the potato farms of Mr Pawanjot Bansi, a progressive farmer in Jalandhar.

Session with UK Trade & Investment

February 25, 2010: Ludhiana

To promote and explore business opportunities between Punjab and UK, a delegation led by Mr Paul Grey, First Secretary, UKTI, British High Commission of UK Trade & Investment (UKTI) visited Ludhiana.

Mr Paul Grey briefed the members on the role of UKTI which has been set up to attract, retain and add value to inward

investment into the UK. Elaborating the role played by UKTI, Mr Grey remarked that UKTI's mission is to provide dedicated professional assistance covering all aspects of locating a business in the UK or expanding existing facilities. Their trade services aim to assist companies to use their UK base as launch pad into other markets.

The purpose of this visit was to appraise the industry of Punjab of strengths and opportunities that Britain offers them as an investment destination. Also the delegation explored the scope of cooperation between Punjab & UK in the fields of Agriculture & Food processing, Textiles, Engineering, Waste Management & IT services during few one to one interactions with key Industrialists from Ludhiana.



membership

With 36 new members added in 2009-10, the membership has increased to 291.

LIST OF NEW MEMBERS

- Ajay Manufacturing Co.
- American Travel & Tours Pvt Ltd
- ANV Industries Ltd
- Aspee Springs Limited
- AVN Manufacturing Company
- Babba Gurmukh Singh Auto Pvt Ltd
- Basant Metal Works
- Bawa Woollen & Spinning Mills Pvt Ltd
- Beas Cold Storage
- Chandigarh Business School
- Dawn Engineering Enterprises
- Dr Om Parkash Satyam Netralaya, Amritsar
- Fine Switchgears
- Frontier Polymers Pvt Ltd
- Ganga Acrowools Ltd
- Indiana Machine Tools
- JCBL Limited
- JMP Manufacturing Co.
- KK Industries
- KKI Industries
- KKK Forgings
- Leo Wet Blue Leather Pvt Ltd
- Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd.
- Parshotam & Associates
- Rayat-Bahra Group of Institutes
- Reyna Steels Limited
- RV Industries
- Sharp Chucks & Machines Ltd
- SNA Power Engineering Pvt Ltd
- Speedways Rubber Company
- Sukhjit Cold Storage
- The Bharat Industrial Corpn
- Unison Lawn Equipments
- Vardhman Industries
- Yashka Stampings
- Zanders Engineers Ltd

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