



Message from the Director General

Dear Members,

As we go to press with our May issue of Newsletter, the Indian economy is brimming with positive momentum: Inflation is moderate, GDP growth continues to impress and fiscal & current account deficit remain under control. However, there are some areas of concern. According to the latest 'The Inclusive Growth and Development Report' published by the World Economic Forum, India, with a score of only 3.38, ranks 60th among the 79 developing economies on the Inclusive Development Index. This is despite the fact that India's growth in GDP per capita is among the top 10. Also, its debt-to-GDP ratio is high, the labor force participation rate is low and the informal economy is large.

Under this backdrop, Indian industry across sectors is ready for the July 1, 2017 roll-out of the "game-changing" Goods and Services Tax (GST). It is widely believed that the new taxation will help to bring increase in revenue by bringing more tax payers under the fold of formal economy. Also, even businesses will have to Digitize and this will help to bring transparency and create data for almost every monetary transaction in the economy, which in turn will expand tax base. Clearly, it is important to ensure that people everywhere have access to educational opportunities that provide the skills and knowledge needed to thrive in a Digital economy.

We, at the Bombay Chamber (who have several thousand member companies with approximately one third large and two thirds MSMEs) have undertaken and are undertaking various initiatives to provide our members Digital exposure. These include:

Area	Examples
Emerging Tech	Workshop on Embracing Digital Economy Interactive Session on 'Emerging Technologies & the Next Wave of Business', etc.
Expanding Tech	Workshop on 'Internet of Things (IoT)', etc.
Discerning Tech	Discussion on 'The Business Analytics Demystifying Digital: Interactive, Mobility and Analytics (I-M-A) for the Indian Industry in 2017, etc.
Cyber Tech	Presentation on 'Prevailing Cyber Threats and Possible Risk Mitigation' Workshop on 'Critical Infrastructure Under Ransomware Attack', etc.
Technical Tech	Certificate Courses on Network Security Penetration Testing & Cyber Forensics, etc.

We have an opportunity to work together to bring about a technology revolution for all.

Do write in with your comments, suggestions, etc.

We will be back with more information in the month of June.

Till then best wishes,

Vijay Srirangan



Chamber Happenings

A Hands-On Workshop on Internet of Things

Internet of Things (IoT) is a sprawling set of technologies and use cases that has no clear, single definition. To address this issue Bombay Chamber organized the captioned event with Mr. Amit Jadhav as speaker. The event discussed issues including Introduction to IOT, Application Development Platform Overview, Predictive Analytics Overview, Enabling Connectivity various approaches, IOT Augmented Reality, etc.

Workshop on Discover the Digital Leader in You

Bombay Chamber organized the captioned event with Dr. Swati Lodha as speaker to address a brief overview of Digital Milestones, reflection & Challenges, two case lets about the changing business scenario, leadership mantras for Digital Age, etc.

Certificate Course on Network Security, Penetration Testing & Cyber Forensics

The Bombay Chamber organized the captioned event with Mr. Sachin Dedhia as speaker. The course highlights and benefits included: Live Demonstration of Latest Hacking Techniques & Tools and Live Investigation, Demonstration of various cases solved by Mr. Dedhia.

Workshop on Emerging Technologies & the Next Wave of Business

Bombay Chamber organized the captioned event with Mr. Kaustubh Dhargalkar as speaker with emphasis on visualizing how existing businesses need to reinvent their business models to stay relevant. The workshop adopted an interactive module wherein, the speaker shared his views on various emerging technologies ranging from 3D printing to Genomics to Telematics to Artificial Intelligence to RF Energy Harvesting, Fintech and many more.

Seminar on Custom Classification - An Important Tool

Customs classification is an international concept, which is performed in more than

200 countries which use the Harmonized System (HS) as a basis for their customs tariffs. Bombay Chamber organized the captioned event with Mr. Ajit Shah as speaker to address this important issue.

The Business Analytics Course

The Bombay Chamber organizing the captioned event as Business Analytics is a set of tools and techniques that can be used to improve business performance through fact-based decision-making. Data Exploration, Business Intelligence and Data Mining have been there for a while and helped Businesses to create Data Discipline in the organization. Business Analytics is the subset of Business Intelligence, which helps companies to understand the past and predict the future to improve company's effectiveness in the market place.

Seminar on Industry Response to Emergency/Disaster

Emergencies/Disasters may occur in and involve one corporate unit or a group of units in one locality or may even involve a whole city. Organizations have begun to work towards to preventing disasters for the safety of their employees and society at large. Today response to emergencies, disaster recovery and business continuity becomes very crucial. To address the issue, Bombay Chamber organized this captioned event.

Workshop on Effective Communication & Presentation Skills

Bombay Chamber organized this event to create awareness of one's current presentation skills and practice & develop effective skills for presentation and also to understand the importance of communication types, developing effective verbal communication, importance of grooming and etiquette and cross cultural communication to develop confidence through proper body language, etc.

Forthcoming Programme

Half-day Seminar on GST

Date: June 07, 2017

In view of GST being effective from July 1, 2017, the Taxation & Accountancy Committee of Bombay Chamber is organizing the above Seminar to update its members on the key issues relating to transition and the preparedness of the corporate for the same with senior eminent speakers addressing the seminar. It is expected that the deliberations and interaction with them will be immensely useful to the participants.

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Certificate Course on Network Security, Penetration Testing & Cyber Forensics

Date: June 07, 2017

The rapid and dramatic advances in Information Technology (IT) in recent years have without question generated tremendous benefits. However, they have created significant and unprecedented risks to operations. Computer security has, in turn, become much more important as all levels of an organization to utilize information systems security measures to avoid data tampering, fraud, disruptions in critical operations, and inappropriate disclosure of sensitive information. To understand the issue more detail The IT Committee of Bombay Chamber is organizing the captioned event with Mr. Sachin Dedhia, an independent Cyber Crime Investigator & a Certified Ethical Hacker (EC-Council, USA) as the speaker.

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Curing Adultitis Less Stress and More Success

Date: June 08, 2017

Positive and negative stress is a constant influence on all of our lives. The trick is to maximize the positive stress and to minimize the negative stress. The captioned workshop will be organized by the Sustainability Committee of Bombay Chamber with speaker Ms. Vinee Ajmera, Founder & Chief Executive, Personage, to give participants a three-option method for addressing any stressful situation, as well as a toolbox of personal skills, including using routines, relaxation techniques, and a stress log system.

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Workshop on Opportunities of doing Business in Third Countries : Merchanting Trade

Date: June 09, 2017

International trade has evolved through the ages to reach where it is currently. While most of the trade today is for consumption of goods in own country, a

large part of international trade is also driven by intermediaries, who buy and sell goods to and from counter parties outside their own country. Also, Merchanting Trade transactions have long been the preferred mode for such intermediaries. To address the issue the International Trade Committee of Bombay Chamber is organizing the captioned event with Mr. Ajit Shah, Legal-Corporate Advisor for Exports & Imports as the speaker.

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EA to Business Leader : A Journey of Accomplishments

Date: June 19, 2017

An Executive Assistant plays an interesting role in the organization, bridging external and internal stakeholders. The senior management keeps demanding more and more from this community. Hence organizations promote capacity building of EAs. To understand effective strategies for professional growth of EAs, the UKIERI team of Bombay Chamber is organizing the captioned event.

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Site Visit : Igatpuri Plant of Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd.

Date: June 14, 2017

The Sustainability Committee of Bombay Chamber is organising a site visit to learn from Sustainability Best Practices implemented and proved as business case at the Manufacturing Plant at Igatpuri. Igatpuri Plant is the engine Manufacturing Plant of Mahindra Group's Automotive Sector with a capacity to manufacture 1230 engines / day having 109 variants which are broadly categorized into 3 major engines families.

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Master Class on Enterprise Risk Management

Date: June 14, 2017

ERM is a subject which has gained increasing prominence across the globe following a spate of incidents which have resulted in the collapse of organizations. The one common factor which has resulted in the downfall of these organizations has been poor Risk Management Practices.

Companies need to be adequately prepared to handle various diverse complex risks in the world of VUCA (Volatility, Uncertainty, Complexity & Ambiguity) and the same can be achieved only through proactive & strong risk management practices. The Insurance

Committee of Bombay Chamber is organizing the captioned event to discuss the topic more detail.

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Workshop on Effective Time Management

Date: June 23, 2017

Time Management is important but often ignored skill. One cannot just become an expert by a noble intention; rather he/she needs to actively workout to become proficient in time management for better personal and professional life. It not only takes skills to master, but attitudes as well. Awareness is one thing; application is another.

The ETDP wing of HRM Committee is organizing the captioned event to address objectives To be aware of the mind states that cause procrastination, to understand the procrastination and 'do nothingism' cycle, to enhance one's work motivation by avoiding delays, to know importance of prioritizing and handle customers timely and ,to enhance planning of time and understand Quadrant Two activities.

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Certificate Training in Electrical Safety

Date: June 29 & 30, 2017

Recognizing the need to provide high-quality training on safety, the Sustainability Committee of Bombay Chamber in collaboration with Siemens India is offering a Two Days Training in Electrical Safety. Training Methodology include: Learning from Real Case Studies, Hands on Hazards Identification & Risk Assessment (HIRA) and Safe Work Method Statement (SWMS)

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Critical Infrastructure Under Ransomware Attack: Solutions & Shields

Date: June 30, 2017

Banking, Finance & Economic Affairs Committee conducts a Special Session with Talk & Presentation by Eminent Experts from various leading organizations. The Exclusive session is especially conceptualized to address the issues with respect to the recent Ransomware Cyber attack on Critical Infrastructure crippling the normal function of the system (A few incidence reported in UK, USA, Russia).

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