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The only bi-lateral Chamber for Indo-US business

INDO-AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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Established in 1968, the Indo-American Chamber of Commerce (IACC) is a non-government, industry-led and industry-managed organization, playing a proactive role in India's development process and serves as a much-needed link between the business communities of India and the United States of America. IACC is the only bilateral Chamber of Commerce in India which is committed to the development of Indo-US business and trade relations.

VISION

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MISSION

- To serve the business needs of our members.
- To act as a catalyst in promoting economic growth between the two countries.
- To protect and promote the collective bilateral needs and interests of the Indo-US business community.
- To effectively lobby with the two Governments on significant bilateral issues affecting Indo-US commerce.

IACC has over 2,300 members who together represent a wide spectrum of business and economic segments: manufacturing, exports, services, et al. IACC member companies are involved in a cross-section of business domains such as manufacturing, engineering, construction, consumer goods, electronics, IT, pharmaceuticals, consulting, travel and tourism, etc.

The geographical spread of IACC is unique as it operates through 11 offices located throughout the country. These are in Ahmedabad, Bangalore, Bhubaneswar, Chennai, Cochin, Delhi, Hyderabad, Kolkata, Mumbai, Pune, and Varanasi.

IACC - WEST INDIA COUNCIL

9th Indo-American Corporate Excellence Awards 2013 & 237th American Independence Day Celebrations

July 1, 2013, Mumbai

The Indo-American Chamber of Commerce organized its 9th Indo-American Corporate Excellence Awards (I-ACE Awards) at Hotel Trident, Nariman Point, Mumbai. The objectives of the program are to recognize the best US Companies in India and vice versa along with the celebration of American Independence Day.

Maharashtra Chief Minister Shri Prithviraj Chavan, who has a Masters Degree from University of California, Berkeley, was the Chief Guest. The Guests of Honor were Shri Dilip Walse-Patil and US Consul General Peter Haas. Celebrities like Prabhu Deva, Poonam Dhillon, and Gulshan Grover were present at the Awards Ceremony.

Ms. Reena
Rupani
compering
the show





Celebrity Guest Prabhu Deva and actor Girish Kumar from the upcoming movie Ramaiya Vastavaiya being honored with flower bouquets at the Awards Ceremony

IACE Awards Jury



Anand Desai
Managing Partner,
DSK Legal



Nadir Godrej
Managing Director,
Godrej Industries



Peter Haas
US Consul General,
US Consulate, Mumbai



Nimesh Kampani
Managing Director, JM
Financial Ltd



S Lakshminarayanan, IAS
Secretary to Government
of India (Retd)



Harsh Mariwala
Chairman &
Managing Director
Marico Ltd



Dr K K Nohria
Former Chairman,
Crompton Greaves



Ryan McKean
Vice-Consul,
U.S. Consulate, Mumbai



Richard Rothman
Chief, US Commercial
Service
US Consulate, Mumbai



Justine Veit
Vice-Consul,
U.S. Consulate, Mumbai



Richard Zielinski
Vice Consul for
Economic Affairs,
U.S. Consulate, Mumbai



A number of prominent companies participated in the awards program this year across 13 categories such as CSR, financial services, FMCG, gems and jewelry, innovation, manufacturing, media and entertainment, SME, technology and communications, and other services. Awards were also presented to the Overall Best Company, Best NGO, and Best Woman Corporate Leader.

The event, which was covered extensively in print, electronic and digital media, was attended by 600 VIPs from all walks of life such as finance, legal, IT, manufacturing, marketing, consultancies, and pharmaceuticals, among others.



Mr. Anant Maheshwari, Managing Director, HAIL, and Country Leader, Honeywell Automation and Control Solutions receiving the Award for the Best US Company in India in Technology & Communications and Manufacturing



Mr. Sandip Sen, Global CEO, Aegis Ltd. receiving the Award for the Best Indian Company in the US in Innovation & as an Overall Best Indian Company operating in the US



Captain Ammeet K. Agarwal, CEO & President, Supreme Aviation Inc., receiving the Award for the Best Indian Company in the US in SME & in the Services Sector



Mr. Harshavardhan Purandare, Asha Fellow and Social Activist, Asha for Education receiving the Award for the Best Indian NGO in the US



Mr. Ruzbeh Irani, Chief Executive, International Operations, Automotive & Farm Equipment Divisions, Mahindra Group, Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd., receiving the Award for the Best Indian Company in the US in CSR



Ms. Shweta Shukla, Head-Communications & CSR, Procter & Gamble, receiving the Award for the Best US Company in India in CSR



Mr. Uttam Nayak, Group Country Manager, India and South Asia, Visa Consolidated Support Services (I) Pvt. Ltd., receiving the Award for the Best US Company in India in Financial Services



Mr. Abhishek Gupta, President, Gitanjali Gems Ltd., receiving the Award for the Best Indian Company in the US in Gems & Jewelry



Mr. R. D. Chandak, MD & CEO, KEC International Ltd., receiving the Award for the Best Indian company in the US in Manufacturing



Mr. Rizwan Koita, CEO, CitiusTech Inc., receiving the Award for the Best Indian Company in the US in Technology & Communications



Mr. Jai Shankar Krishnan, President & CEO, Danaher Corporation, receiving the Award for the Best US Company in India in Other Services (Industrial and Life Sciences)

Ms. Sreevidya Perilakalam, Country Head, FNF Business Process Outsourcing Services India Private Ltd., receiving the Award for the Best US Company in India in SME



Ms. Darshana Pai, Vice-President and Head, Hyderabad Delivery Function, Virtusa, receiving the Award for the Best Woman Corporate Leader in a US Company in India



Program on "The Art of Self Defense" by Glen Levy

May 22, 2013, Mumbai

The Indo-American Chamber of Commerce and Priyadarshni Academy held an interactive workshop on 'The Art of Self Defense' by leading Hollywood actor Glen Levy at the Indian Merchants Chamber Hall. The primary objective of the program was to teach people how to best defend themselves when faced with an adverse situation.



Mr. Rupani presenting a memento of appreciation to Mr. Glen Levy, Hollywood star and one of the leading martial artists

Program on Indo-US Relations with special address from US Ambassador to India, Nancy J Powell April 15, 2013, Mumbai



Mr. Nanik Rupani presenting a memento of appreciation to Ambassador Powell on behalf of IACC, Namaste America and IAS. (From L to R) Mr. Peter Haas, US Consul General, Mumbai, Mr. Atul Nishar, President, Namaste America, Ambassador Powell, Mr. Nanik Rupani and Mr. Dilip Dalal, President, Indo-American Society



Ambassador Powell addressing the audience on the various joint initiatives that the US and Indian Government are working together on

The IACC organized a Welcome Reception for US Ambassador Nancy Powell along with Namaste America and Indo-American Society at Hotel Orchid, Mumbai.

Ms. Powell stated that the bilateral relations between India and US have grown substantially since 1995. She talked about the major joint initiatives that the US and Indian Government are working together on; the first of which is enhancement of existing bilateral relations. The second initiative Ms. Powell discussed was the issue of child survival and declared that both US and India together



(From L to R) Ambassador Powell meeting and interacting with Mr. Satyapal Singh (IPS), Commissioner of Police and his wife and other dignitaries

Twelve-Member U.S. Delegation of the "India Trade Mission 2013"

March 11, 2013, Mumbai

The delegation came under the auspices of the Hudson County Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with the Jersey City Economic Development Corporation and Friends of India. The Trade Mission was designed to bolster investment and tourism, and strengthen trade and cultural relationships between Jersey City, Hudson County and India.



Leader of the delegation Ms. Daryl Rand, Chairman, Friends of India and President of Harrison Rand Advertising addressing the audience

Networking Reception

in honor of seven member delegation from the University Professional & Continuing Education Association (UPCEA)

February 14, 2013, Mumbai

IACC hosted a seven-member delegation of U. S. educationists from the University Professional & Continuing Education Association (UPCEA) at The Cabbage Patch, Willingdon Sports Club, Mahalaxmi, followed by Cocktails & Dinner.

Various leading educational institutions such as MIT (Pune), SNDT College for Women, H.R. College, I2IT and several others exchanged ideas and were able to interact with the foreign delegation.



Mr. Thomas, Gibbons, Dean, Northwestern University and the President of UPCEA delegation was honored with a traditional Indian shawl by Mr. Nanik Rupani, President, IACC-WIC

IACC Interactive Session on 'B1/B2 Visa (Business and Tourism) and GSS (new visa processing system)'

December 5, 2013, Mumbai

IACC in association with Nasscom & IMC organized an Interactive Session on 'B1/B2 (Business and Tourism) and GSS (new visa processing system)' with Mr. Ajay Rao, Vice Consul, U.S. Consulate General, Mumbai at Walchand Hirachand Hall, 4th Floor, Indian Merchants Chamber, Mumbai.



Dr. L. S. Kanodia, Immediate Past President, IACC - WIC thanking Mr. Rao for delivering a very informative presentation on US Visas

Breakfast Meeting

IACC Power Breakfast Meeting with Mr. Gyan Nagpal, CEO and Principal, PeopleLENS Global Associates on the topic of

**'Talent Economics:
The Fine Line between Winning
and Losing the Global War'**

March 7, 2013, Mumbai



Mr. Nagpal sharing his statistics on talent economics with the members

IACC Breakfast Meeting with Mr. Santosh Desai MD & CEO – Future Brands Ltd. on the topic of

"The New India Story"

December 19, 2012, Mumbai



Mr. Desai interacting with the Members

IACC Power Breakfast Meeting of Series II with Mr. Prakash Iyer Managing Director of Kimberly Clark Lever Pvt. Ltd on the topic of

'The Habit of Winning'

January 23, 2013 – Mumbai



Mr. Prakash Iyer sharing few excerpts from his recently published book titled "The Habit of Winning"



IACC Power Breakfast Meeting
with Dr. L.S. Kanodia, The Founding CEO
of TCS and the Chairman of Datamatics
Global Services Ltd on the topic of
**India's Software Journey
and the Future Ahead'**

October 11, 2012, Mumbai



Dr. L. S. Kanodia presenting an overview to the attendees on India's software journey and the road going forward

IACC Power Breakfast Meeting
with Mr. Shailendra Singh, Joint Managing
Director of Percept on the topic:
Building "Brand India"

September 18, 2012, Mumbai



Mr. Singh sharing his thoughts on building Brand India

IACC Breakfast Meeting with Mr. Rahul Bose,
Actor, Director & Social Activist on the topic of
**"Leadership – Practical
and Workable Principles of
Leadership"**

November 22, 2012, Mumbai



Mr. Rahul Bose in dialogue and discussion with the members

IACC Power Breakfast Meeting with
Dr. Bhaskar Das, President & Principal
Secretary to the Managing Director and a
member of the Board in Bennett, Coleman
& Co. on the topic:
'Future of News'

August 29, 2012 - Mumbai



IACC Committee Members thanking Dr. Bhaskar Das after his session

**India Engineering Sourcing
Show (IESS) 2013**
supported by IACC

March 14-16, 2013, Mumbai

IACC supported the 2nd edition of India Engineering Sourcing Show (IESS) 2013 organized by the The Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India, at The Bombay Exhibition Center, Goregaon.



An IACC Official interacting with a delegate at the IACC Stall in the Exhibition Center

IACC supported the Interactive workshop on
**"U.S. Immigration
Strategies: How to Avoid
Costly Mistakes and
Receive More Approvals"**
organized by VisaPro

February 6, 2013, Mumbai

2nd Indo-U.S. Nuclear Energy Safety Summit

organized by American Nuclear Society and Indian Nuclear Society and supported by IACC

October 11, 2012, IIT Powai

The American Nuclear Society and the India Section of the American Nuclear Society along with their partners had organized the 2nd Indo-U.S. Nuclear Energy Safety Summit 2012 which was supported by IACC. The Summit also included the 3rd U.S. Nuclear Infrastructure Pavilion as well as an exhibition for Indian and international companies.

"Media & Entertainment Law Forum 2012"

organized by Legal Era and supported by IACC

October 6, 2012, Mumbai



Mr. Anand Desai (Extreme Left), Immediate Past National President, IACC & Managing Partner, DSK Legal, moderating a session on copyright issues and their widespread impact, also present on the forum among other panelists is Mr. Lalit Bhasin (Second from Right), Regional President, IACC-NIC & President, Inter Pacific Bar Association (IPBA) & Society of Indian Law Firms (SILF)

Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) Conclave 2012

Supported by IACC-WIC
August 2 & 3, 2012, Mumbai



Mr. Anand Desai, National President, IACC, & Partner, DSK Legal, speaks at the IPR 2012 Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) Conclave 2012

IACC Gujarat Vibrant Gujarat 2013

January 8-13, 2013, Gujarat



Gujarat Chief Minister Mr. Narendra Modi being welcomed by Branch Secretary Ms. Krishna Israni

Indo-American Chamber of Commerce, Gujarat Branch had the pleasure of associating with Government of Gujarat for "The 6th Vibrant Gujarat Global Investors Summit 2013" which was held at Mahatma Mandir, Gandhinagar, Gujarat. IACC had its own booth at Country & State Pavilion in the International wing. "The 6th Vibrant Gujarat Global Trade Show 2013" was attended by 1,800 foreign delegates from 105 countries and 50,000 delegates from 22 states and approx. 17,700 MOUs were signed.

International Trade - "Letter of Credit"

April 22, 2013, Gujarat

Indo-American Chamber of Commerce (IACC) Gujarat Branch organized an Interactive Training Session on "International Trade - Letter of Credit" by Mr. K. Subramanian-CEO, NBC at Hotel President, C.G. Road, Ahmedabad

Business Visa to the United States

August 14, 2012, Gujarat

Indo-American Chamber of Commerce, in co-ordination with the U.S. Consulate General, Mumbai organized, a program on 'Business Visas to the United States' at Hotel Pride on 14th August 2012.



B1/B2 Visa (Business and Tourism) & GSS (New Visa Processing System)

April 9, 2013, Gujarat

Indo-American Chamber of Commerce (IACC), in coordination with the U.S Consulate General of Mumbai, harmonized a program on "B1/B2 Visa (Business and Tourism) & GSS (New Visa Processing System)" presided by Ms. Marissa Smith, Vice Consul, US Consulate General, Mumbai, at The Pride Hotel. During the session, through the presentation, she gave updates on B1/B2 Visa requirements & GSS system to obtain visas.



Ms. Marissa Smith, Vice Consul giving the presentation

Business Scenario in Gujarat

January 12, 2013, Gujarat

IACC Gujarat Branch organized a highly informative meeting on "Business Scenario in Gujarat" at Hotel Cambay, Gandhinagar. The meeting was attended by Mr. Peter Hass-Consul General, U.S. Consulate General Mumbai; Ms. Judy Reinke-Minister Counselor for Commercial Affairs, Delhi, Mr. Martin Claessens-Commercial Officer, U.S. Commercial Service, Mumbai, Mr. Shourya Mandal-National President, IACC, Mr. Mihir Joshi-Chairman, IACC Gujarat Branch, and other Council members of Gujarat Branch.



SME Summit-2012

December 14, 2012, Gujarat

Indo-American Chamber of Commerce was associate partner to the SME Summit organized by Silicon India at Cambay Grand in Ahmedabad which helps to foster relations with local business leaders. Experts' opinion was "SME Summit Ahmedabad is a platform for the SME Owners to turn ideas into profitable ones".

ELS India Fall Recruitment Tour 2012 International Delegation

September 25, 2012, Gujarat

A delegation of 11 US Universities "ELS India Fall Recruitment Tour 2012 International Delegation" was in Ahmedabad. The focus of the delegation was to meet students for university sign-ups who are looking at travelling to the US for further studies and to meet managements of Indian educational institutions to explore collaboration opportunities.

Social Media to Leverage B2B Enterprises

August 24, 2012, Gujarat

Indo-American Chamber of Commerce (IACC), in coordination with Prabhavya Interactive, organized a Breakfast Meeting on "Leveraging Social Media for B2B Enterprises", at Ahmedabad Management Association, ATIRA Campus, Ahmedabad.

VCCircle Ahmedabad Investment Forum 2012

November 29, 2012, Gujarat

Indo-American Chamber of Commerce (IACC) Gujarat Branch supported the "VCCircle Ahmedabad Investment Forum 2012" program as the Industry Partner at The Pride Hotel, Ahmedabad



(LtoR) Mihir Joshi-Chairman, IACC; Prof. B H Jajoo-Former Dean, IIMA; Vishal Mehta - CEO, Infibeam; Rajiv Sharma - CEO, Sterling Addlife; Asit Shah - MD, Metro Wireless

IACC Pune

National Seminar on Tax Deduction at Source (TDS)

June 5, 2013, Pune

Indo-American Chamber Of Commerce - Pune Branch supported "National Seminar on Tax Deduction at Source (TDS)" organized by ASSOCHAM at Hotel Sun N Sand, as the "Associate Partner". This Seminar was organized to address the key issues on the various provisions and new developments relating to TDS. Government Officials Shri R.K. Roye (I.R.S), Chief Commissioner of Income Tax, Pune & Shri Adarsh Kumar Modi, Commissioner of Income Tax – TDS, were amongst the Speakers at the Seminar. The seminar was also addressed by experts from the Industry / Tax profession.

Luncheon Meeting with Mr. Richard Saldanha

May 11, 2013, Pune

Indo-American Chamber Of Commerce - Pune Branch organized a Luncheon Meeting with Mr. Richard Saldanha, Director of Blackstone Group, USA, at Vivanta by Taj Hotel Blue Diamond, Pune.

Round Table Meeting with Ambassador Dnyaneshwar Mulay

April 8, 2013, Pune

IACC Pune Branch organized a "Round Table Meeting with Ambassador Dnyaneshwar Mulay", Consul General, New York, USA (former High commissioner of India in Maldives) at Hotel Deccan Rendezvous.



(L-R) : Mr. Shalendra Porwal, Vice Chairman, IACC Pune, Mr. Ranjite Wanddrice, Chairman, IACC Pune, Ambassador Dnyaneshwar Mulay, Consul General, New York, USA, Mr. Prashant Pansare, Vice Chairman, IACC Pune

Annual Fellowship Nite

March 15, 2013, Pune

The Indo-American Chamber of Commerce (IACC), Pune Branch, celebrated its 'Annual Fellowship Nite' at JW Marriott Pune. The event served as an ideal platform for networking and brand building, with corporate heads, entrepreneurs and important members from the government in attendance. Highlight of the evening was the Video Address & Live Interaction with Indo-American Chamber of Commerce of Greater Houston, Greater Houston Partnership & Greater Houston Mayor's Office. The video about "Why invest in Houston and how we can help potential investors" was played at the AFN and the panel from Houston made itself available for the event to address the audience in Pune India.



Houston team for Live Interaction with IACC Pune
(L-R) Jensen Shen Director, Asia, Australia and Oceania of Greater Houston Partnership; Genaro J. Peña, VP - Int'l Investment & Trade, Greater Houston Partnership; Jagdip Ahluwalia, Executive Director, IACCGH; Pankaj Dhume, President, IACCGH; Sanjay Ramabhadran, President Elect, IACCGH; Matthew T. Shailer, Special Assistant to the Mayor, International Trade & Development, Mayor's Office, City of Houston

Presentation on Business & Work Visas to the United States & GSS - the new Visa processing System

December 13, 2012, Pune

Indo-American Chamber of Commerce, Pune, & the US Consulate General, Mumbai conducted a program on 'Business & Work Visas' to the United States & GSS - the new visa processing System at Moolgaonkar Auditorium, MCCIA Trade Towers.

Mr. Beau Miller, Vice Consul at US Consulate, Mumbai, addressed the session on the above topic and also interacted with the Members present.

Mr. Miller also made Presentations on Student Visas to the United States on the same day at Bhartiya Vidya Bhavan Auditorium (Attendees of the Session were aspiring students of various Institutions) and on Student & B1/B2 Visas to the United States at Ness Wadia College of Commerce.

“Presentation on Student Visas to the United States”

December 13, 2012



Indo-American Chamber of Commerce, Pune, and the US Consulate General, Mumbai, conducted a program on 'Student Visas to the United States', Thursday, December 13, 2012, at Bhartiya Vidya Bhavan Auditorium. Attendees of the Session were aspiring students of various Institutions.

“Presentation on Student & B1/B2 Visas to the United States”

December 13, 2012

Indo-American Chamber of Commerce, Pune, and the US Consulate General, Mumbai conducted a program on 'Student & B1/B2 Visas to the United States', Thursday, December 13, 2012, at Ness Wadia College of Commerce.

Innovation@Breakfast Session – 11 on

“Visual Thinking as an Innovation Tool”

October 23, 2012, Pune

Innovation@Breakfast conducted the 11th Session of the Series at Hotel Deccan Rendezvous, Pune. The topic for the Session was “Visual Thinking as an Innovation Tool”, presented by Mr. Dhruv Agarwal & Mr. Kush Agarwal. The session was interactive & revolved around Innovation which requires creativity, imagination, design thinking and visual thinking techniques.

SME Summit Pune 2013

May 17, 2013, Pune

Indo-American Chamber Of Commerce, Pune supported the “SME SUMMIT PUNE 2013” held at Hotel Sun N Sand, as the “Associate Partner”.



Speakers at the Session
(L-R) Mr. Prashant Pansare – Vice Chairman, IACC Pune, Mr. Rajeev Randive – President, Automotive Robotics, Mr. Anil Koul – AVP-Group IT, RSB Global, Mr. Anil Patwardhan Vice President, Hinjewadi Industries Association, Mr. Arjun Guha- General Manager, Tasty Bite Eatables, Mr. Rajiv P. Bhalerao Director Operations, Dali & Samir Engineering

TiEcon Pune 2013

– announcing the Future

March 30, 2013, Pune

Indo-American Chamber Of Commerce, Pune supported the “TiEcon Pune 2013 – announcing the Future” held at Grand Hyatt Pune, as the “Industry Partner”. Eminent industry experts including Mr. Narayan Murthy, Founder Infosys, Mr. Mahesh Murthy, Founder, Seedfund, Kishore Patil, MD & CEO, KPIT Cummins, and Abhijit Pawar MD, Sakal Media Group, highlighted what the future holds for the industry.

ICICI Bank CEO Knowledge Forum

January 24, 2013, Pune

Indo-American Chamber of Commerce, Pune supported “ICICI Bank CEO Knowledge Forum” as the “Industry Partner”. The program was an evening round-table conference for 60-70 CEOs followed by cocktail and dinner. It was held with the purpose to discuss topics of critical interests to the CEOs and dwell upon the different needs of SMEs. It also featured expert speakers and panelists sharing their learning and experiences with the audience.



Panel Discussion on Addressing Challenges Faced By SMEs
Panelists 3rd from Left- Mr. Prashant Pansare, Vice Chairman, IACC Pune Chapter & 2nd from right –Mr. Shekhar Agharkar, Past Chairman, IACC Pune

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