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ICC Global Business Summit 2025 commences with a focus on 'One Nation, Multiple Opportunities'



Mumbai, 18th September 2025: The Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC) today inaugurated its flagship **Global Business Summit (GBS) 2025** at the Jio Convention Centre, Mumbai, under the theme "One Nation, Multiple Opportunities." The milestone edition coincides with ICC's centenary celebrations, bringing together government dignitaries, senior policymakers, diplomats, industry stalwarts, and global business leaders for meaningful dialogues on India's growth trajectory and opportunities for meaningful partnerships and investments.



The inaugural session culminated with a virtual address by **Shri Nitin Gadkari, Hon'ble Union Minister of Road Transport & Highways**, who underlined India's infrastructure-driven economic vision and its role in fostering global collaboration.

Congratulating ICC on the occasion, **Shri Nitin Gadkari, Hon'ble Union Minister of Road Transport & Highways** said, "It gives me immense pleasure to join the Indian Chamber of Commerce as it celebrates 100 glorious years of service to trade and industry. India today is the fastest-growing major economy in the world, driven by our young talent, strong infrastructure, and innovation in technology and sustainable energy. Under the leadership of our Hon'ble Prime Minister, we are committed to building a \$5 trillion economy and realizing the vision of an 'Atmanirbhar Bharat.' The government is working relentlessly to reduce logistics costs, develop green fuels, promote renewable energy, and strengthen road, rail, and waterways connectivity to make India a global hub for business and manufacturing.



I encourage global investors and stakeholders to explore the opportunities that India and Maharashtra present. Together, let us build a future of shared prosperity and sustainable growth."



In the opening remarks at the GBS Summit, **Mr. Abhyuday Jindal, President, ICC & MD, Jindal Stainless Ltd.,** said: "In a world that has moved from VUCA to BANI, traditional playbooks no longer suffice. What we need today is resilience, empathy, innovation, and clarity to make the incomprehensible simple—not just to navigate change, but to lead through it. India, with its unparalleled potential, talent advantage, and entrepreneurial spirit, stands strong to be the world's growth engine. For global businesses, this is a land of immense opportunity, where expanding markets and an enabling business environment converge to create a strong destination for partnerships and sustainable growth." Other eminent dignitaries addressing the



opening session included **Shri Rahul Narweker, Hon'ble Speaker, Maharashtra Legislative Assembly**; **Shri Kaustubh Dhavse, Chief Advisor to Hon'ble CM of Maharashtra**; **Mr. Shashank Chaudhary, IAS, Additional CEO, Invest India**; and **Mr. P.S. Gangadhar, Joint Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs**. The session was also graced by **H.E. Penn Sovicheat, Vice Minister of Commerce, Cambodia**, who reinforced the growing global partnerships India is fostering.



Sharing his views, **Shri Rahul Narweker, Hon'ble Speaker, Maharashtra Legislative Assembly** said, "It is a matter of immense pride to witness the Indian Chamber of Commerce complete 100 years of remarkable service in shaping India's trade and industry. Over the decades, ICC has stood as a bridge between policymakers, entrepreneurs, and global stakeholders, driving growth and progress with vision and integrity. Maharashtra, as India's financial and industrial capital, is proud to host this milestone summit. With our strong infrastructure, skilled talent, and pro-business policies, Maharashtra continues to be the preferred investment destination for global investors. I urge industry leaders and partners from across the world to look towards Maharashtra—not only as a land of opportunity but as a partner in building a future of shared prosperity and sustainable growth."

Adding to this, **Shri. Kaustubh Dhavse, Chief Advisor to Hon'ble CM of Maharashtra**, said "Maharashtra is proud to be the gateway of India's \$5 trillion



economy journey, contributing nearly 15% to the nation's GDP and attracting over 30% of India's annual FDI. With world-class infrastructure, credible governance, and unmatched execution speed, we have redefined what it means to be an investor-friendly state. From mega sea bridges and expressways to Asia's largest data center ecosystem, Maharashtra continues to set benchmarks for growth. As Chief Advisor for Investments, my foremost responsibility is to represent the voice of investors—ensuring credibility, speed, and outcomes that make Maharashtra not just the safest but also the most reliable destination for global business." Reinforcing the importance of international collaboration, **H.E. Penn Sovicheat, Vice Minister of Commerce, Cambodia** said, "Cambodia and India share deep historical ties, and today, these bonds are evolving into stronger trade and investment linkages. As the world navigates geopolitical uncertainties, supply chain shifts, and the transition to sustainable growth,



collaboration between emerging economies like ours becomes more crucial than ever. Cambodia looks to India as a trusted partner in building resilient supply chains, advancing digital transformation, and promoting sustainable development. Together, we can create a future where commerce is not just about economic exchange, but about mutual growth, stability, and shared progress." **Mr. Brij Bhushan Agarwal, Sr. Vice President, ICC & CMD, Shyam Metals & Energy Ltd., added.** "On behalf of the Indian Chamber of Commerce, I extend my deepest gratitude to all the dignitaries who joined us for the inaugural session of the Global Business Summit 2025. The valuable perspectives shared by our Hon'ble Minister, policymakers, global leaders, and international partners have set the tone for a day of constructive dialogues and collaborations. As we move into sectoral sessions and state showcases, we look forward to unlocking new opportunities that will further strengthen India's role as a global growth engine."

The day-long summit will feature sectoral discussions on Chemicals & Petrochemicals, Defence & Aerospace, Metals & Minerals, along with dedicated State Investment Showcases from Maharashtra and Bihar, offering delegates an in-depth view of India's diverse investment landscape.

Chemicals and Petrochemicals



The Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC) hosted a high-powered session on Chemicals & Petrochemicals on the theme of Navigating trade transition & crafting investment resilience.

Dr. Mritunjay Chaubey, Global Vice President & Head - Environment & Sustainability, UPL, set the tone for the discussion by emphasizing that sustainability must become a “growth engine” rather than a “compliance requirement” for the industry. He highlighted how Indian chemical companies can adopt circular economy practices—such as waste-to-wealth initiatives, water neutrality, and low-carbon manufacturing—to position themselves as global leaders in green chemistry.

He also stressed the importance of aligning the sector’s growth with India’s climate commitments, noting that the chemical industry will play a defining role in helping the country achieve its net-zero goals. “The world is looking to India not just as a manufacturing hub but as a responsible partner in building sustainable solutions. Innovation in green chemistry, renewable integration, and circular models will define our

leadership in the decades to come,” he remarked.

Mr. Dheeraj Puri, Director, Global Drilling Fluids & Chemicals Limited, shed light on the challenges and opportunities for Indian manufacturers in meeting international standards. He stressed the need for a strong focus on quality, safety, and compliance to make India a preferred global supplier.



Mr. Bhautik Mehta, Head of Strategy & Business Development, Aarti Industries Ltd., highlighted the importance of building scale and investing in R&D to move up the value chain. He underlined that partnerships, innovation, and digital integration will be key enablers for India’s chemical industry to expand its global footprint.

Mr. Rajesh Pahwa, CEO, Source.re, spoke on the transformative role of technology in optimizing supply chains and building resilience. He highlighted how digital tools and data-led decision-making can help the industry mitigate risks, improve efficiencies, and adapt to shifting global trade dynamics.

Mr. Haresh Lalwani, Managing Director, Sundersons Group of Companies, shared insights on entrepreneurship and diversification in the chemical sector. He discussed the opportunities emerging from downstream industries and how strategic investments can fuel growth while balancing sustainability.



Mr. Jai Prakash Singh, Head Strategy – Global Chemical Fashion Yarn & Insulators, Aditya Birla Group, highlighted the demand-side evolution, particularly from textiles, packaging, and insulation industries. He stressed the need for collaborative innovation between manufacturers and end-users to deliver solutions that are sustainable, cost-efficient, and globally competitive.

The session collectively underscored that India’s chemicals & petrochemicals sector, already one of the fastest-growing in the world, must harness innovation, sustainability, and global partnerships to achieve its ambitious growth trajectory.



Defence, Aerospace & Space

Theme: India's Strategic Leap – Defence Manufacturing Transition from Make in India to Make for World

The Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC) hosted Concurrent Session 2 on Defence, Aerospace & Space, highlighting India's strategic transition from "Make in India" to "Make for the World."



The session opened with a Welcome Address by Mr. Abhyuday Jindal, President, ICC and Managing Director, JSL, who stressed the importance of private sector R&D investment to strengthen India's defence innovation ecosystem. Cmde PR Hari, IN (Retd.), CMD, GRSE & Chairman, National Expert Committee on Defence, Aerospace & Space, set the tone by underscoring the opportunities for indigenisation and export-led growth.

Delivering the Keynote Address, Shri Sanjeev Kumar, IAS, Secretary, Department of Defence Production, Ministry of Defence, Govt. of India, highlighted recent reforms including liberalised export permissions, support for start-ups under iDEX and Technology Development Fund, and greater private sector participation. He emphasised India's expanding defence exports to over 80 countries, noting that quality, innovation and compliance will be key to positioning India as a trusted global partner.

A panel discussion moderated by Mr. Pankaj Chadha, Executive VP, L&T Defence, brought together leading industry voices:

- Mr. Rajnish Sharma, Director, BEL
- Mr. Rahul Sahai, CEO, Kirloskar Oil Engines Ltd
- Mr. Angelo Cecchini, VP, Leonardo Spa
- Mr. V. Thiagarajan, Sunny Diesel Sales & Service
- Rear Admiral G.K. Harish, AVSM, VSM (Retd.), VP & Head Shipbuilding Business, L&T
- Mr. Shrinivas Dempo, CMD, Dempo Group & Co-Chair, ICC National Expert Committee
- Rear Admiral Baburaj C.S. Nair, VSM (Retd.), Advisor, Bharat Forge Ltd



The panel explored key themes including strengthening cyber defence, accelerating autonomous and unmanned systems, modernising logistics with smart technologies, and building export-ready ecosystems. Speakers stressed the importance of certification, cluster-based growth models, financing innovation for SMEs, and global collaborations to enable technology transfer and scale.

Concluding the discussions, experts reiterated that India's future in defence manufacturing rests on sustained R&D, collaborative partnerships, and policy support, ensuring that Indian industry not only achieves self-reliance but also emerges as a leading global defence exporter.



Mines Metals and Minerals

The ICC Global Business Summit featured an insightful Session 3 on Mines, Metals & Minerals with the theme “Net Zero Mining – Meeting India’s Decarbonisation Target.” The session brought together industry leaders, policymakers, and experts to deliberate on India’s pathway towards sustainable mining practices and achieving the nation’s ambitious decarbonisation goals.

The session opened with a Welcome Address by Mr. Pankaj Satija, Executive Vice President, Corporate Affairs at JSW Steel Ltd., who highlighted the growing importance of integrating sustainability with mining operations and the role of large corporations in accelerating the net zero journey. This was followed by an Address by Mr. Bibhu Mishra, Advisor & Ex-President & Head - Manufacturing Centre of Excellence, Mumbai, Hindalco Industries Limited, Aditya Birla Group. He shared valuable perspectives from the aluminum sector, emphasizing the adoption of green technologies and efficiency-driven processes. Mr. Shashi Bhusan Upadhyay, Chief Business Officer at Jindal Stainless Ltd., further stressed the significance of sustainable stainless steel production and the need for collaboration across the value chain.

The session also featured Special Addresses by Mr. Brij Bhushan Agarwal, Senior Vice President, ICC, and Dr. Sasmit Patra, Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha from Odisha. While Mr. Agarwal underlined the ICC’s commitment to advancing India’s green transition in the minerals and metals sector, Dr. Patra shed light on the role of policy frameworks, state-level initiatives, and India’s responsibility in balancing industrial growth with ecological preservation.

A central highlight was the Panel Discussion on “Critical Minerals as a Driver for Decarbonisation.” The dialogue revolved around key aspects such as zero-waste green mining practices, adoption of vehicles with cleaner fuels in mining operations, setting up processing plants powered by renewable energy, implementing a net zero supply chain, and providing a comprehensive sustainability roadmap for the minerals and metals industry. The session was moderated by Mr. Sanket Singh, Partner, Metals & Mining at Grant Thornton, who steered the discussion towards practical strategies and global benchmarks that India can adopt to meet its decarbonisation targets.



The session concluded with a Vote of Thanks by the Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC), acknowledging the contributions of the distinguished speakers and panelists.



Overall, the discussion not only underscored the urgency of transitioning to green mining practices but also emphasized collaborative action between industry stakeholders, policymakers, and technology providers to align India’s mining sector with its long-term sustainability and net zero aspirations.



Maharashtra State Government Session

The “Magnetic Maharashtra – Business Opportunities” session brought together industry leaders, policymakers, and stakeholders to deliberate on the immense investment potential across key sectors in Maharashtra. The event began with a Welcome Address by Mr. Aman Kirloskar, Chairman, ICC Western Region, who highlighted the state’s strong economic foundation and its role as India’s industrial powerhouse. Mr. Kirloskar set the tone for the day by emphasizing how Maharashtra continues to attract businesses with its robust infrastructure, policy support, and progressive outlook, making it one of the most sought-after destinations for investors.

The program moved forward with a presentation on Tourism Sector Opportunities delivered by a Senior Official from the Department of Tourism, Government of Maharashtra. The session showcased Maharashtra’s diverse tourism landscape ranging from heritage, culture, and wildlife to coastal and wellness tourism. The official outlined government initiatives, policy incentives, and emerging avenues for private sector participation in enhancing tourism infrastructure, thereby positioning the state as a leading hub for both domestic and international travelers.

This was followed by an insightful presentation on Industrial & Infrastructure Sector Opportunities by a Senior Official from the Department of Industry, Government of Maharashtra / MIDC. The presentation underscored the extensive scope for investment in industrial corridors, logistics hubs, smart cities, and advanced manufacturing clusters. The official also highlighted the role of the Maharashtra Industrial Development Corporation (MIDC) in creating world-class infrastructure, facilitating ease of doing business, and supporting industries across sectors such as automobiles, electronics, and chemicals.

A significant highlight of the session was the Keynote Speech by the Hon’ble Minister/Principal Secretary, Department of Industries, Government of Maharashtra. The keynote reinforced the government’s commitment to fostering an enabling environment for businesses and investors. The address touched upon reforms undertaken to strengthen investor confidence, the government’s proactive policies in promoting innovation and sustainability, and the importance of collaborative efforts between industry and government in driving Maharashtra’s growth story.



The event concluded with the Summing-up & Vote of Thanks by an ICC Office Bearer, who appreciated the presence of distinguished speakers and participants. The office bearer emphasized that sessions like these play a vital role in creating actionable dialogues that pave the way for new collaborations and investments. The closing remarks reiterated ICC’s commitment to supporting initiatives that promote Maharashtra’s economic development and strengthen India’s position in the global investment landscape.



Overall, the “Magnetic Maharashtra – Business Opportunities” session successfully brought to light the state’s vast opportunities, providing valuable insights to stakeholders keen on exploring partnerships and investments.

Bihar State Government Session

The ICC Global Business Summit continued with its State Session 2: Bihar, focusing on industrial and infrastructure sector opportunities in the state, bringing together policy leaders, entrepreneurs, and industry representatives. The session opened with a Welcome Address by Mr. Parthiv Neotia, Vice President, ICC, who highlighted the strategic importance of Bihar in India's economic growth and underscored ICC's commitment to fostering collaborations that drive regional development.

The keynote presentation, "Industrial & Infrastructure Sector Opportunities," was delivered by Mr. Kundan Kumar, IAS, Managing Director, BIADA, Department of Industry, Government of Bihar. Mr. Kumar outlined the vast potential of Bihar as an investment destination, citing the state's growing infrastructure, policy reforms, and sector-specific incentives that make it attractive for both domestic and international investors. He emphasized BIADA's role in facilitating industrial growth, creating a business-friendly ecosystem, and ensuring investor confidence through transparent processes and supportive governance.

Following this, the session moved into Investor Insights – Experience Sharing & Success Stories, where leading entrepreneurs shared their journeys of building businesses in Bihar and beyond. Mr. Tushar Jain, Managing Director, High Spirit Commercial Ventures Pvt. Ltd., spoke about scaling his ventures and how Bihar presents a strong consumer market with increasing aspirations. Mr. M.I. Siddiqui, Founder, Vegica Foods Private Limited, detailed his experience in the food processing sector, highlighting the availability of raw materials and local talent as key enablers for growth. Ms. Shakshi Jindal, Co-Founder, Cosmus Lifestyle Private Limited, discussed the opportunities for manufacturing and lifestyle businesses, focusing on Bihar's expanding infrastructure and the entrepreneurial spirit driving innovation in the region.

The discussion offered valuable perspectives on the state's evolving business environment, underscoring the fact that despite challenges, Bihar has emerged as a promising hub for industries ranging from food processing and lifestyle products to large-scale manufacturing.



The collective insights demonstrated how resilient entrepreneurs have leveraged government support and local resources to build sustainable business models.



The session concluded with a Summing-up & Vote of Thanks by Mr. Prabhat Sinha, Chairman, ICC Bihar State Council, ICC, who appreciated the contributions of all speakers and reiterated ICC's role in connecting investors, entrepreneurs, and policymakers to accelerate Bihar's growth story. He emphasized the need for continuous dialogue and collaboration between the government and private sector to fully realize the state's potential in industrial and infrastructure development. Through candid discussions and inspiring success stories, the Bihar State Session of the ICC Global Business Summit reinforced the opportunities waiting to be tapped in one of India's most dynamic growth regions.



Financial Services and Fintech

India's Journey in the Global Financial Ecosystem

The ICC Global Business Summit 2025 hosted its Concurrent Session 4 on Financial Services & Fintech, a thought-provoking dialogue that brought together industry leaders, policymakers, and financial experts to explore how India can position itself as a key player in the evolving global financial ecosystem.

The session opened with a Welcome Address by Mr. Atanu Sen, Chairman, ICC National Expert Committee-BFSI, Former Chairman, NPS Trust-PFRDA & Former MD & CEO, SBI Life Insurance Company Ltd. Mr. Sen highlighted both the opportunities and challenges before the financial services sector, underlining the need for digital reinvention and AI-driven strategies to ensure resilience and growth.

This was followed by a Fireside Chat on "India's Economic Growth and Global Financial Integration", featuring Dr. Joydeep K Roy, President & CEO, Q.U.I.E.T. Inc., Ex-PwC Partner, and Mr. Ashish Chauhan, MD & CEO, National Stock Exchange. Dr. Roy and Mr. Chauhan contextualized India's financial journey within the global order, reflecting on shifting geopolitical

dynamics and the increasing role of technology and demographics in shaping financial markets. Mr. Chauhan drew attention to India's massive surge in retail investor participation, underscoring how small savings are increasingly powering entrepreneurship and growth.

The highlight of the session was a Panel Discussion on "India's Journey into Significance in the Global Financial Ecosystem." The panel explored crucial themes such as:

- Digital Infrastructure and Adoption of AI
- Regulatory Framework and Transparency
- Evolving Asset Classes and Financial Ecosystem
- Role of International Financial Services Centres



The discussion brought together esteemed speakers:

- Ms. Gayathri Parthasarathy, India Financial Services Sector Leader and Global Financial Services Technology Leader, PwC
- Dr. Ajay Pratap Singh, Founding Managing Partner, RootBridge Capital
- Mr. Kanwardeep Singh, Senior VP and Head Products & Platforms, Digital Business, Nippon India Mutual Fund Limited



The session was moderated by Mr. Atanu Sen, while Mr. Nagaraj Garla, Executive Director, IDBI Bank & Co-Chair, ICC BFSI Committee, delivered the concluding remarks and a vote of thanks.

The dialogue reaffirmed that India, with its digital-first approach, robust regulatory frameworks, and demographic dividend, is uniquely positioned to lead the next wave of global financial transformation.

Mobility, Infra and Supply Chain

Next-Gen Infrastructure for a Future-Ready India

The ICC Global Business Summit 2025 hosted a dedicated session on “Next-Gen Infrastructure: Revolutionizing Mobility & Supply Chains for a Future-Ready India.” The session brought together policymakers, industry leaders, and infrastructure experts to discuss strategies for building resilient, sustainable, and cost-effective trade pathways.

Mr. Kanishka Sinha, Chairman, ICC National Logistics & Supply Chain Committee & Director, CEO, Western Carriers (I) Ltd., opened the session, setting the tone with a call to reimagine India’s logistics sector as a key driver of competitiveness.

Delivering the keynote, Prof. Dr. Manoj Choudhary, Vice Chancellor, Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya, emphasized the transformative role of multi-modal connectivity and logistics innovation in strengthening India’s global trade

position. This was followed by a special address by Mr. Aman Kirloskar, MD, Kirloskar Pneumatics, who highlighted industry-led advancements in infrastructure efficiency.

The panel discussion on “Exporting



India to the World: Infrastructure, Innovation & Cost-Effective Trade Pathways” featured leading voices including Mr. Rajeev Kumar (Technova Rail), Mr. Sachin Punj (Western Carriers), Mr. Sajal Mukherjee (Jindal Stainless), Mr. R. M. Krishna Gupta (Texmaco South East Asia), and Mr. Sanjay Mishra (Thomas Cook India). The panel explored themes such as



reducing trade costs, bridging freight gaps, and integrating sustainability into supply chain practices. Moderated by Prof. Kaushik Das, Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya & Former Air Commodore, Indian Air Force, the session reinforced that infrastructure and supply chain efficiency are central to realizing India’s ambition of becoming a global manufacturing and trade hub. In his concluding remarks, Mr. Archit Aggarwal, Director, G R Infraprojects Ltd., underlined the need for collaborative efforts between government, industry, and academia to accelerate India’s journey toward becoming a logistics powerhouse.



Water Management and Circular Economy

The ICC Global Business Summit featured an engaging Concurrent Session on Water Management & Circular Economy, themed “Private Capital, Public Good: Enabling Circular Practices in Water Management.” This session brought together leaders from industry and global representation to share insights on how sustainable water management practices and circular economy principles can align with India’s development priorities. Designed under the broad idea of Keynote to Key Route: Visionary talks on moving India forward, the session set the tone for meaningful discussions on integrating private capital with public good to achieve long-term sustainability in water systems.

The session commenced with a Welcome Address by Mr. Maneesh Kumar, President, Jindal Saw Ltd., who highlighted the critical role of private enterprises in building sustainable water infrastructure while ensuring that the benefits reach communities at large. His remarks emphasized how strategic investments and collaborations can support the dual goals of economic growth and environmental stewardship. The panel discussion brought together esteemed leaders with rich expertise in water management. Mr. Sushil Kumar

Eashwaran, Chairman, ICC TN State Council & Co-Founder & Managing Director, Canadian Crystalline Water India Ltd., shared perspectives on innovative technologies that can help address India’s water challenges, particularly in urban and industrial contexts. Mr. Ajay Popat, Senior Technical Advisor Corporate Diversification, Ion Exchange (India) Ltd., underscored the importance of water recycling, reuse, and advanced treatment solutions as critical elements in promoting circular water practices. Adding to this, Mr. Sourav Daspatnaik, Managing Director, Swach Environment Pvt. Ltd., spoke about sustainable environmental services and community-focused approaches that ensure efficient resource utilization and long-term ecological balance.

Reinforcing the industry’s perspective, Mr. Maneesh Kumar, President, Jindal Saw Ltd., engaged as a panellist as well, offering practical insights on how the integration of circularity in water management can enhance industrial competitiveness while reducing environmental impact. A global dimension was brought in by H. E. Mr. Armin Mesinovic, Charge d’Affaires ai. & Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of Bosnia and Herzegovina, New Delhi,

who highlighted international cooperation and the importance of cross-border knowledge sharing in tackling water sustainability challenges.



The discussions collectively underscored that circular practices in water management are not only an environmental necessity but also an economic opportunity. The exchange of ideas reflected how collaboration between governments, businesses, and international partners can enable innovative solutions that balance private capital with public good. The session concluded with a summing up and vote of thanks, leaving participants with valuable perspectives on shaping a resilient, water-secure, and circular economy for India’s future.



Gujarat State Government Session

The session titled “Vibrant Gujarat – Opportunities Unlimited” brought together eminent leaders, government representatives, and industry stakeholders to discuss Gujarat’s dynamic industrial and infrastructural growth landscape and the opportunities it presents to investors and businesses. The event commenced with a warm Welcome Address by Mr. Pathik Patwari, Chairman, Gujarat State Council, who set the tone by emphasizing Gujarat’s consistent track record as one of India’s most industrially progressive states. He highlighted how the state’s proactive policies, business-friendly environment, and strategic focus on infrastructure development have positioned Gujarat as a preferred destination for investment across diverse sectors.

Following the welcome, a comprehensive presentation on Industrial & Infrastructure Sector Opportunities was delivered by a Senior Official from the Department of Industry, Government of Gujarat/INDEXT. The presentation outlined Gujarat’s competitive advantages in sectors such as manufacturing, renewable energy, logistics, and industrial corridors. The official detailed various initiatives undertaken by the government,

including special economic zones, plug-and-play industrial parks, robust connectivity, and digitization of approval processes, which have collectively accelerated the pace of industrialization. Insights were also shared on the state’s forward-looking plans to attract global investors, strengthen MSME participation, and expand emerging sectors like green hydrogen, EV manufacturing, and advanced technologies.

The event’s Keynote Speech was delivered by the ACS/Principal Secretary, Department of Industries, Government of Gujarat, who delved deeper into the state’s vision of fostering sustainable industrial growth while ensuring inclusivity and innovation.

The keynote underscored Gujarat’s position as a leader in industrial output and infrastructure readiness, reiterating the government’s commitment to ease of doing business and continuous policy reforms. The Principal Secretary also elaborated on Gujarat’s role in driving India’s economic growth story, with special emphasis on its ports, power generation capacity, and thriving ecosystem for startups and technology-driven enterprises.



The session also included meaningful interactions between participants and the speakers, which provided an open platform for exchanging perspectives on investment opportunities, challenges faced by industries, and collaborative avenues between government and private stakeholders. These discussions enriched the session by bringing in diverse viewpoints from industry leaders, entrepreneurs, and policymakers.



The proceedings concluded with a Summing-up and Vote of Thanks delivered by Mr. Abhyuday Jindal, President, ICC, who appreciated the efforts of the Government of Gujarat and highlighted the collaborative spirit required to harness the state’s full potential. He thanked the speakers, participants, and organizers for their contributions and reaffirmed ICC’s commitment to supporting Gujarat’s industrial growth through meaningful partnerships.



Green Tech & Energy Session

Exploring Pathways for Sustainable Energy Transition

As part of its centenary year celebrations, the Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC) hosted a high-impact Green Tech & Energy session at the ICC Global Business Summit 2025. The session brought together innovators, technologists, and policymakers to discuss the future of sustainable energy, technology innovation, and the investment landscape driving India's green transition.

Delivering the keynote, Mr. Siddharth Durairajan, CMD, Kedunar Technologies Pvt. Ltd., offered a panoramic view of the energy sector's evolution from atomic energy to renewables. He stressed that energy transition is not optional but imperative, citing visible climate disruptions and the urgent need to scale hydrogen derivatives, semiconductor technologies, and advanced storage solutions. He called for holistic innovation—from solar facades on glass buildings to micro-hydro turbines—where “every little source must contribute to the sigma of an energy revolution.”

A panel discussion titled “Looking into the Next Decade,” moderated by

Mr. Kush Singh, Co-Chair, ICC National Expert Committee on Energy, featured distinguished voices:

- Mr. Anitesh Pattanayak (Thyssenkrupp Uhde India) on hydrogen derivatives,
- Dr. Raghavendra Rao Turlapati (Enocovery) on catalytic waste-to-energy conversion,
- Mr. Kathir T (Deloitte) on India's semiconductor landscape, and
- Mr. Shyama Prasad Manna (Positronics India) on plasma arc treatment of waste-to-energy.

Panelists unanimously agreed that India must leverage R&D, cross-sectoral collaboration, and innovative financing to unlock the full potential of green energy technologies.

Joining as Chief Guest, Smt. Abha Shukla, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Energy, Government of Maharashtra, emphasized the state's commitment to driving clean energy adoption. She highlighted Maharashtra's policy push for renewable capacity expansion, grid modernization, and decentralized energy models. “Green transition is not just about megawatts—it is about improving lives, building



resilience, and ensuring affordability for citizens,” she remarked. She further underlined the importance of industry-government collaboration in scaling new technologies and attracting investments.



In his concluding remarks, Mr. Kush Singh reiterated ICC's commitment to convening stakeholders who can together accelerate India's green energy roadmap.



Agriculture and Food Processing

The ICC Global Business Summit hosted an insightful Concurrent Session on Agriculture & Food Processing, which brought together policymakers, industry leaders, and experts to deliberate on the future of agri-food systems in India. The session was divided into two thematic discussions—Agriculture and Food Processing & Exports—with engaging panel discussions moderated by Ernst & Young (EY) and chaired by eminent leaders from the Indian Chamber of Commerce.

The thematic session on Agriculture, chaired by Mr. Shrikant Goenka, Chairman, Agriculture and Food Processing, ICC and Managing Director, Premier Irrigation Adritec Pvt. Ltd., set the tone with a focus on sustainability, innovation, and resilience in the agri-food value chain. The session was graced by Mr. Shaji K. V., Chairman, National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD), as the Chief Guest, who highlighted the need for innovative financing and institutional support to empower farmers and strengthen rural infrastructure. Dr. R.S. Sodhi, President, Indian Dairy Association (IDA), attended as Guest of Honor and emphasized the crucial role

of dairy and allied sectors in building a self-reliant food system. The panel discussion titled “Transforming Agri-Food Systems for a Sustainable Tomorrow” featured distinguished voices including Dr. Binaya Kumar Parida, Sr. Associate Vice President & Chief Agronomist, Coromandel International Limited; Dr. Sandeep Singh, Advisor General, Pesticides Manufacturers & Formulators Association of India; Mr. Avinash Mohan, Chief Risk Officer, NCDEX; and Mr. Shivaji Amale, Joint Director of Agriculture, Konkan Region, Department of Agriculture, Government of Maharashtra. The discussion revolved around technology adoption, policy frameworks, climate-smart farming, and risk management mechanisms to drive sustainable growth in agriculture.

The focus then shifted to Food Processing & Exports with a thematic session chaired by Mr. Aditya Bagri, Co-Chairman, ICC Agriculture & Food Processing Committee and Director, Bagri's India Pvt. Ltd. The session, once again moderated by Ernst & Young (EY), was honored by the presence of Dr. R.S. Sodhi as Guest of Honor. The panel explored opportunities to boost food processing, exports, and regulatory harmonization. Distinguished speakers



included Mr. Vishal Jalan, President & CEO, ARICHA; Ms. Pritee Chaudhary, IRS, Regional Director, FSSAI, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India; Dr. Prabodh Halde, Technical Head - Regulatory Affairs, R&D, Marico Ltd and Chairman, Western Region, AIFPA India; and Mr. Prashant Waghmare, Regional Head, Maharashtra & Goa, APEDA, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India. The discussion highlighted quality standards, regulatory compliance, export competitiveness, and innovation as key levers for strengthening India's food processing ecosystem.



Together, the two thematic sessions provided a comprehensive view of the evolving agri-food landscape, reinforcing ICC's commitment to driving dialogue and action towards a sustainable, competitive, and future-ready sector.



Healthcare and Pharma

Healthcare & Pharma – Medical Value Tourism

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Mumbai, [Date]: The ICC Global Business Summit 2025 hosted Concurrent Session 10 on Healthcare & Pharma, with a spotlight on “Medical Value Tourism: India’s Next Big Frontier.” The session brought together healthcare leaders, policymakers, and industry experts to deliberate on opportunities, challenges, and strategies to position India as a global hub for medical value tourism.

The session opened with Mr. Prashant Sharma, Chairman, ICC National Healthcare Committee & MD, Charnock Hospital, SKM Group, delivering the Opening Remarks, where he emphasized the growing global demand for affordable, high-quality healthcare services and India’s unique advantage in this domain.

The Keynote Address was delivered by H.E. Ahmad Zuwairi Yusoff, Consul General of Malaysia in Mumbai, who shared insights on international collaborations and the potential for India to strengthen its position as a preferred destination for medical travelers.

The highlight of the session was a Panel Discussion on “Medical Value Tourism: Opportunities & Challenges.” Moderated by Mr. Prashant Sharma, the discussion covered affordability, quality standards, cost-effectiveness, and the latest advancements in healthcare delivery. Esteemed panellists included:

Dr. Ajay Kaul, Chairman, Cardiac Science, Fortis Heart & Vascular Institute, Noida

Dr. Shailesh Shrikhande, Deputy Director, Tata Memorial Centre & Professor of Surgical Oncology (GI Surgery), Mumbai

Dr. Ramakant Deshpande, National Advisor, ICC National Healthcare Committee & Executive Chairman, Asian Cancer Institute

Dr. Bipin Chevale, CEO, Gleneagles Hospital

The session also featured a Guest of Honour from the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, who underlined the government’s role in promoting medical tourism as part of India’s global healthcare diplomacy.



To showcase India’s capabilities, leading hospitals including Jaslok Hospital, Lilavati Hospital, Breach Candy Hospital, Nanavati Max Hospital, Kokilaben Dhirubhai Ambani Hospital, and Gleneagles Hospitals presented their world-class facilities, reinforcing India’s positioning as a trusted and cost-effective healthcare destination.



The discussions concluded on a positive note, reaffirming that India, with its skilled medical professionals, cutting-edge facilities, and competitive pricing, is well poised to become a global leader in medical value tourism—combining excellence, affordability, and compassion.

India-Middle East - EU Eco Corridor



Special Edition – IMEC unfolded under the powerful theme “IMEC in Today’s Geopolitical Context: Challenging the Status Quo: Building a Strategic Bridge Across Continents through Maritime Power, Defence Synergy, Energy Security, and Digital Sovereignty.” The session explored how IMEC (India-Middle East-Europe Corridor) can transform global dynamics by fostering collaboration across critical domains of maritime strength, energy resilience, security alliances, and digital independence.

The session began with a warm Welcome Address by Mr. Ameya Prabhu, Past President of the Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC) and Founder & Managing Director of NAFA Capital Advisors Pvt. Ltd. In his remarks, Mr. Prabhu emphasized the importance of IMEC as not just a trade corridor, but as a strategic vision that strengthens India’s role in global geopolitics.

Mr. Vas Shenoy, Chief Representative for Italy, Indian Chamber of Commerce, and Managing Director of MVS Global, then set the context for the discussion. He highlighted how IMEC serves as a vital counterbalance in today’s shifting geopolitical order, offering nations a

platform to reimagine cooperation beyond traditional frameworks.

The Chief Guest, Mr. Walter Ferrara, Consul General of Italy in Mumbai, delivered a keynote address underscoring Italy’s commitment to strengthening partnerships with India and other nations along the IMEC corridor. He reflected on the historical maritime ties between Europe and Asia, framing IMEC as a modern revival of these connections in a strategic, secure, and future-oriented manner.

The heart of the session was a dynamic panel discussion, moderated by Mr. Vas Shenoy. The distinguished panel brought together diplomatic and industry leaders, each offering unique perspectives. HE Ms. Aliki Koutsomitopoulou, Ambassador of Greece to India, spoke on Greece’s pivotal maritime role and its readiness to act as Europe’s gateway for IMEC. Mr. Panayiotis Chrysostomou, Secretary General of IGC Investment Council & CFA at Eurobank Ltd, Cyprus, shared insights into how financial frameworks and investment synergies can bolster IMEC’s sustainability. Mr. Antonios Fiorakis, ICC Chief Representative, Greece, and CEO of Portio, emphasized

innovation and private sector collaboration as drivers of the corridor’s success. Adding a Middle Eastern perspective, HE Mr. Yaniv Revach, Consul General of Israel in Mumbai, outlined the corridor’s potential in enhancing regional connectivity, security, and energy flows. Completing the dialogue, Mr. Sameer Patil, Director, Centre for Security, Strategy and Technology, Observer Research Foundation, provided critical analysis on defence and digital sovereignty, positioning IMEC as a strategic counter to existing global power corridors.



The session concluded with Mr. Vas Shenoy summarizing the key takeaways—IMEC as not just an economic initiative but a geopolitical catalyst reshaping global alliances and creating a secure, resilient, and interconnected future.



India - Cyprus Roundtable on Economic Collaboration and Shared Growth

India-Cyprus Business & Investment Opportunities

At the ICC Global Business Summit 2025, Concurrent Session 11 highlighted the theme “Partnership Horizons: India-Cyprus Roundtable on Economic Collaboration and Shared Growth.” The dialogue brought together diplomats, policymakers, and business leaders to explore avenues for strengthening bilateral trade, investment, and innovation-led partnerships.

The session opened with Mr. Heraklitos Hostoslofides, Deputy Chief of Mission, High Commission of the Republic of Cyprus in New Delhi, delivering the Opening Remarks, stressing the importance of India as a strategic partner for Cyprus in global trade and investment networks.

This was followed by a Special Address by H.E. Mr. Evagoras Vryonides, High Commissioner of the Republic of Cyprus in New Delhi, who underlined the historic goodwill and mutual trust between the two nations and called for stronger business linkages.

In the Keynote Address, Dr. Nicodemus Damianou, Deputy Minister of Research, Innovation and Digital Policy, Cyprus, emphasized innovation, digital cooperation, and research-driven growth as key enablers for the next phase of India-Cyprus relations.

The session’s highlight was a Panel Discussion on “Fast-tracking India-Cyprus Business & Economic Relations,” moderated by Mr. Panayiotis Chrysostomou, Secretary, IGC Business & Investment Council & CFA – Euro Bank Ltd. Cyprus.

The panel brought together eminent voices:

- Mr. Marios Tannousis, CEO, Invest Cyprus, on positioning Cyprus as a gateway for Indian businesses into the EU.
- Mr. Nicos Chimarides, PwC Partner (Tax & Legal), on creating transparent regulatory frameworks.
- Mr. Demetris Skourides, Chief Scientist for Research, Innovation, and Technology, Republic of Cyprus, highlighting R&D and tech-driven collaboration.



- Mr. Alakh Verma, Founder & CEO, Centriqe.AI (USA), on the role of AI in shaping future industries.
- Mr. Viraj Kulkarni, Honorary Consul of Cyprus in Mumbai & Founder, PIVOT Management Consulting, on capital market linkages.
- Mr. Philokypros Roussounides, Founder Secretary General, Cyprus Chamber of Commerce and Industry, stressing institutional and business-to-business cooperation.



The discussion focused on opportunities in fintech, digital innovation, research, energy, and capital markets, while also highlighting Cyprus’s role as a strategic hub for Indian enterprises expanding into Europe.

The session concluded on a strong note of optimism, with both nations reaffirming their commitment to fast-track economic cooperation and foster innovation-led, sustainable partnerships.

India - Greece Roundtable on Trade Investment, and Innovation

India-Greece - A Hub for Trade, Investment & Innovation

At the ICC Global Business Summit 2025, Concurrent Session 11 spotlighted “India-Greece: A Hub for Trade, Investment & Innovation”, bringing together government representatives, business leaders, and industry experts to explore new opportunities in bilateral cooperation.

The session opened with a Welcome Address by Dr. Rajeev Singh, Director General, ICC, who emphasized the significance of building stronger India-Greece economic ties in a rapidly changing global landscape.

This was followed by a Keynote Address from H.E. Ms. Aliko Koutsomitopoulou, Ambassador of Greece in India, who highlighted the long-standing cultural and diplomatic ties between the two nations and the emerging scope for deeper trade and investment partnerships.

Ms. Christina Chlinta Alysandrato, Director, Investment Promotion - Tourism, Real Estate & Creative Industries, Enterprise Greece, delivered a Special Address on the untapped potential across diverse sectors such as tourism, infrastructure, and real estate.

The session then transitioned into a Panel Discussion on “Enhancing Trade & Investment between India & Greece”, moderated by Ms. Vasso Kyrkou, General Director, Communication, Marketing & Stakeholder Networks, Enterprise Greece. A short video showcased opportunities for collaboration across key industries.

The esteemed panelists shared sectoral insights:

- Mr. Nikolaos Stamou, Director, Investment Promotion - Energy, Environment & Services, Enterprise Greece, highlighted the green transition and sustainable investment opportunities.
- Mr. Eleftherios Vlachogiannis, Head of Transaction Banking, Assistant General Manager, Eurobank, spoke on banking innovations and financial facilitation for cross-border trade.
- Mr. Kuldeep Indeevar, Regional Managing Director, APAC, METKA EGN, discussed renewable energy and technology collaborations.
- Ms. Anna Varouma, Senior Civil Engineer, MIBs Group Greece, emphasized infrastructure and civil engineering synergies.
- Mr. Antonnios Fiorakis, ICC Chief



Representative in Greece, underlined ICC’s role in driving business linkages.

The dialogue concluded with a summing-up by the Chair, stressing that India and Greece hold complementary strengths—in sectors such as energy, tourism, infrastructure, and banking—that can be harnessed for mutual growth.



With shared values, a focus on innovation, and a commitment to sustainability, the India-Greece partnership was seen as poised to enter a new era of trade, investment, and collaboration.



India - Italy: Deepening Trade Ties and Accelerating Cross - Border Investment

Italy-India – Deepening Trade Ties and Accelerating Cross-Border Investment

At the ICC Global Business Summit 2025, Country Session 12 focused on “Italy-India: Unlocking Bilateral Investment Opportunities Through Strategic Collaboration.” The session spotlighted sectoral synergies, trade prospects, and cross-border partnerships aimed at strengthening economic ties between the two nations.

The session began with a Welcome Address by Mr. Vas Shenoy, Chief Representative for Italy, Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC) & Managing Director, MVS Global. He emphasized the role of Indo-Italian partnerships in fostering innovation and growth.

A Special Address by Mr. Abhyuday Jindal, President, ICC, reinforced the importance of bilateral trade as a driver of shared prosperity.

Setting the broader context, Mr. Walter Ferrara, Consul General of Italy in Mumbai, spoke on “Italy and India: Partners in Progress, Pioneers in Innovation,” stressing innovation-led collaboration as the foundation for future engagement.

Key insights were shared through a series of focused presentations:

- Mr. Carlo Adami, Finance Attaché, Banca d'Italia – Embassy of Italy, New Delhi, detailed Italy's economy and its strategic positioning in global trade and investment, underlining Italy's resilience and growth avenues.
- Mr. Andrea Quattrocchi, Director, Italian Trade Agency, Mumbai, highlighted investment opportunities in Italy, showcasing priority sectors for Indian investors.
- Mr. Alessandro Giuliani, President, The Indo-Italian Chamber of Commerce & Industries, outlined current and future business opportunities between Italy and India, including technology transfer, manufacturing partnerships, and SME collaboration.
- The session concluded with discussions on financing exports and FDIs to strengthen bilateral trade, stressing institutional support and financial mechanisms to scale cross-border investments.

The dialogue emphasized that India and Italy share complementary strengths—India's expanding market, digital growth, and demographic advantage align with Italy's expertise in

design, manufacturing, and innovation. Together, they can unlock new avenues in sectors such as infrastructure, green technology, and advanced manufacturing.



The session concluded with optimism that India-Italy ties will deepen further, supported by stronger institutional collaboration, investor confidence, and a shared commitment to innovation-driven growth.



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