

Message from the Director General

Dear Members,

The Narendra Modi government will present its first full and perhaps its most crucial budget on 28 February 2015 against the economic backdrop of a still-nascent recovery in the economy and an even more nascent one in investment and consumption. The budget session of Parliament will commence on 23 February and conclude on 8 May with a month-long recess in between. While the budget will be presented on 28 February 2015, Bombay Chamber will be making arrangements for viewing of the Live Telecast of the Budget at its Ballard Estate office.


Soon after the Budget telecast, the President, in consultation with the Members of the Managing Committee, selected Past Presidents, the Chairmen/Co-Chairmen of the Chamber's Committees and other Experts, will formulate the viewpoint of the Chamber and communicate the same to the Press.

US President Barack Obama graced the Republic Day on 26th January, 2015 as the Chief Guest. Post the visit it is expected that the two sides will try to make progress on key issues like defence agreements, civil nuclear agreement as well as economic progress. Recently the government has asks operators to share risks on nuclear liability. While it remains to be seen whether companies agree with the government, the foreign ministry said US-Japanese companies GE-Hitachi and Westinghouse-Toshiba were part of the contact group discussions between the US and India.

Bombay Chamber appreciates the reforms proposed in the Electricity sector by the Union Government under the leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi. We believe these initiatives will enhance domestic manufacturing sector and ensure greater competition in the energy sector. In continuation of our regular efforts of enhancing dialogue between the government and industry players, Bombay Chamber is organizing a half-day seminar on "Takeaways from the Electricity Amendment Bill 2014". Dr Kirit Somaiya, Chairman of Parliamentary Committee on Energy and Hon'ble Member of Parliament has kindly agreed to be the Guest of Honour.

Bombay Chamber of Commerce and Industry is an oldest Chamber in the Country. It has understood that the Sustainability of the business is dependent on the human resource of the organisation. The corporates today are investing on their very important Human Resource to enhance their knowledge and skills. As a service to the members and potential members, the Chamber is offering various training courses on Women Safety and Self Defense, Road and Travel Safety, Office Safety, Fire Safety, Corporate Social Responsibility for Business Sustainability.

Valuable insights and views from representatives of Diplomatic Missions in Mumbai have been uploaded on the Bombay Chamber of Commerce & Industry Social media pages. Follow us on LinkedIn, Like Us on Facebook, Stay updated via Twitter and Subscribe to our Videos on YouTube.


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Chamber Happenings

Meeting with Dubai Exports Development Corporation

Mr. Ashraf A Mahate, Head- Export Market Intelligence Dubai Exports Development Corporation, visited the chamber's office. The meeting, saw discussions over various issue that would be beneficial to both countries and was largely trade oriented. Dubai Exports expressed interest in signing up an MOU between BCCI and DEDC, connecting with various companies in India, through trade fairs, market research delegations and doing business in GCC/UAE/India.

MoU

The Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the Khanty-Mansiysk Autonomous Okrug –Ugra, signed an MoU with the Bombay Chamber of Commerce and Industry on 14th January 2015 in Mumbai. The Parties will promote strengthening and widening of trade and economic, scientific and technical, and other business connections and contacts between organizations, entrepreneurs and their associations including involvement of small and medium-sized business entities into bilateral cooperation.

Bombay Chamber's Conclave of Diplomatic Missions

The Bombay Chamber of Commerce and Industry, organized a networking evening between the diplomatic missions in Mumbai and senior management of various organizations/industries in Maharashtra. Bombay Chamber, provided a platform for its members to interact directly with the diplomats from various countries on different subjects related to trade and investments.

Representatives from 21 countries attended the event and interacted with the members.

Seminar with an Exclusive Panel Discussion on Rules, Regulations and Reforms 'Fraud, Manipulation and Insider Trading in the Indian Securities Market'

Bombay Chamber of Commerce and Industry under the auspices of its Private Equity and Venture Capital Funds Committee organized this seminar and exclusive panel discussion with an aim to provide members with the latest happenings and updated information with reference to the Rules, Regulations and Reforms concerning 'Fraud, Manipulation and Insider Trading in the Indian Securities Market'. Speakers and Panelists for this seminar and panel discussion comprised of experts from the Regulatory Bodies, Stock Exchanges and Law Advisory Firms. The session was well appreciated by the participants.

Empowerment through the Esoteric Force of Shakti

Bombay Chamber's FemPower had organised this session with an aim to unleash your inherent power source by synchronising your mind and heart and apply them to daily life. The end result – Excellence!

The session focused on contributing deeply to ones awakening process of self- realization, to free of distraction that steals the inner peace, to activate empowered change, to bring harmony & beauty into psyche & breathe, to make fearless decision, self protection.

Seminar on Goods and Services Tax (GST)

With a view to update our members on the status of implementation of GST and the steps that are required to be taken by the industry with regard to their preparedness for a smooth transition, the Bombay Chamber, under the auspices of its Taxation and Accountancy Committee, organised the seminar, Mr. Rajiv Jalota, IAS, Commissioner of Sales Tax, Maharashtra, was the Chief Guest.

Two Days Certified Course: Training in Industrial Waste Management and Waste to Energy

Bombay Chamber in collaboration with USAID LEAD program organised a two-day certified course on the best ways to manage industrial waste and create a successful waste-to-energy program. It provided an opportunity to learn, share, implement effective and well positioned ways to manage waste and explore waste-to-energy generation for the industry.

Workshop on "How the Insurance Industry can achieve Breakthrough transformation through digital technologies"

This workshop aimed at creating an awareness of the various 'Digital technologies' and how they are transforming the way Insurance Businesses are conducted.

SMART BUSINESS NEGOTIATING

Speaker: Dr. Wilfred Monteiro, Executive Director SYNERGY MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATES

Smart Business Negotiating is about creating a fair value exchange to conclude win-win contracts and lasting business relations.

Key takeaways of the session:

- Different approaches to negotiating: Power based v/s principle based
- Planning your negotiating strategy & techniques
- Array of negotiating techniques (known & unknown)
- Counter strategies for handling high-pressure negotiations
- Concluding the Negotiation on a win-win basis

Forthcoming Programmes

JNPT Visit

Date : February 6, 2015
Venue : JNPT Port

A full day visit to the JNPT Port was organised by the Chamber. This gave our members as well as non members the opportunity to observe port operations first hand. It also facilitated a brief tour of the terminals. Due to overwhelming response second session for the JNPT port visit is organised on the 6th Feb 2015. The participants will be witnessing vessel and yard operations and given an understanding of the functions of ICD as well as customs formalities.

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Workshop on Pharma Risk Profiling

Date : February 13, 2015
Venue : Boardroom, The Ruby

This workshop will help understand the critical liabilities faced by the pharmaceutical Industry and structuring solutions of some of the most important risks. such as Drug Product Liabilities, Contractual Liabilities, Management liabilities, Regulatory Liabilities and much more.

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Takeaways from Electricity Amendment Bill 2014

Date : February 14, 2015
Venue : Ball Room, Taj President by Vivanta

To enhancing dialogue between the government and industry players, Bombay Chamber is organizing a half-day seminar on "Takeaways from the Electricity Amendment Bill 2014".

Dr Kirit Somaiya, Chairman of Parliamentary Committee on Energy and Hon'ble Member of Parliament has kindly agreed to be the Guest of Honour.

We have invited Hon'ble Minister of Power & Energy, Shri. Piyush Goyal to be the Chief Guest for this event and Dr. Suresh Prabhu, Hon'ble Union Minister of Railways to inaugurate the seminar.

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Seminar on Governance in Procurement

Date : February 20, 2015
Venue : Board Room, The Ruby

Governance Committee is organising a half day seminar on governance in procurement. This seminar would focus on the compliance perspective faced by the industry today. This seminar would cover areas of compliance, different perspective on procurement, sharing of best practices in the industry.

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RAK Delegation Meet

Date : February 24, 2015
Venue : Board Room, Ballard Estate

RAK Investment Authority's provides a complete set of customized business setup solution for companies and manufacturing units who are looking to expand their operations in the Middle East.

They wish to work in collaboration with Bombay Chamber of Commerce and Industry to help Indian industry players set up their companies in Middle East. Representatives would be visiting our office on February 11, 2015 for a B2B session for industry players in the following sectors, Chemical, Plastics, Electrical, Food Processing, Building material & Metals.

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Workshop on I.T Security (Cyber Crime)

Date : February 25, 2015
Venue : Hotel United 21, Thane West

Protecting the organisation's business information and any client or customer information within its custody by safeguarding its confidentiality, integrity and availability is important.

The workshop will focus on topics such as: Why I.T Security; Complete PC Hacking (how To Hack The Entire Computer) & Employee Monitoring; Recovering Deleted Data; Steganography; It Security In Your Office; Cyber Law & Its Administration

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Workshop on Use of Renewable Energy In Agriculture

Date : February 26, 2015
Venue : Conference Room, Ballard Estate,

The Objective of this workshop is to understand how to create & enhance Small Business, to minimize the use of finite natural resources and supplement it with Renewable energy resources.

Speakers for the session are:

1. Mr. Suhas Tendulkar/ Mr. Ananad Wagh Head/Fellow, Centre for Climate and Sustainability Policy, (WISE)
2. Mr. Sanjeev Phadnis, Marketing Manager, Jain Irrigation
3. Mr. Arvind M. Lali, Centre Coordinator and Professor of Chemical Engineering, DBT-ICT Centre for Energy Biosciences (UDCT)

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Workshop on Business Etiquette

Date : February 26, 2015
Venue : Board Room, The Ruby

A businessman today has to work in a global & diverse cultural context. Etiquette builds the manager's personal brand, therefore it is the most valuable business asset. Business Etiquette requires training in the art and science of facing every occasion with grace & confidence. This proven seminar conducted over a 100 occasions all over India helps participants to create self-awareness; to build human relations values; empowering them to gain confidence & shed their inhibitions and negativity. The course is tailor-made for simple day-to-day requirements, it is also an eye opener: to realize hidden potential through feedback and self recognition. Speaker: Dr. Wilfred Monteiro, Executive Director Synergy Management Associates.

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OTHER CHAMBER ACTIVITIES

Training Courses

Sustainability of any business is dependent on the human resource of the organisation. Today corporate's are investing on their very important Human Resource to enhance their knowledge and skills. As a service to the members and potential members, the Bombay Chamber is offering following training courses.

Women Safety and Self Defense | Road and Travel Safety | Office Safety | Fire Safety | Corporate Social Responsibility for Business Sustainability

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