

# Newsletter

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## Message from the Director General

Dear Members,

This year we have decided to separate business session of AGM from public session. Agenda of the business session is approval of the accounts, appointment of the auditor, etc. The public session associated with AGM will be held on later suitable date. We will keep you informed of the public session associated with AGM.

Bombay Chamber is launching yet another Service Model with an aim to serve and empower the SME sector. The 'SME Club' provides a Bouquet of Services like Consultancy in Tax, Excise, Customs, Banking, HRM, Finance, Insurance; Marketing & Credit Rating Services. We plan to launch this in the month of July and I would urge our members from the SME sector to take advantage of these services.

Bombay Chamber's upcoming project 'Building Organisational Efficiencies for SMEs' supported by UKEIRI and Belfast Metropolitan College aims to strengthening SME members by organising a knowledge pool on a continuous basis for exchange of ideas and best practices with UK organisations, stimulate interaction between SMEs and Colleges of Further Education from UK and India. The main outcome of project is to create a process manual for improving processes of SME industries.

Bombay Chamber will be holding conferences during the year on sectors like insurance, Banking, HRM and CSR. Bombay Chamber also aims conduct panel discussions on the most relevant topics in the industry where in senior personnels from the industry will give their insights.

Environment safety is a primary issue which industries face. To solve this concern Bombay Chamber has tied up with Maharashtra Pollution Control Board and has prepared a Manual on Environmental Compliance in Maharashtra which has been released by Shri. Prithviraj Chavan, Chief Minister of Maharashtra. We request you all to make full use of this manual. Training programs will be conducted for the benefit of industry on environment compliances.

For this financial year Chamber's focus area will be CSR. An expert committee for PE/VC companies is framed which will conduct training programmes for senior executives to become independent directors. We welcome your suggestions and feedback on the up coming programs.

Vikas Gadre Director General

## **Chamber Happenings**

Meeting for Pre-Budget Discussions at Delhi

In response to the Pre-Budget Memorandum 2014-15 sent to the Ministry of Finance, representatives of the Bombay Chamber were invited for Pre-Budget Discussions with the Revenue Secretary on May 23, 2014. The Bombay Chamber representatives who attended the meeting were : Ms. Rajeshree Sabnavis, Partner, BMR Advisors, Ms. Pinky Mehta, President (Management Services Divn.), Aditya Birla, Mr. Prashant Deshpande, Sr. Director, Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu India Pvt. Ltd. and Mr. Atul Suraiya, General Manager (Tax), Tata Chemicals Ltd.

#### Conference on Solar Policy for Maharashtra

A Round Table Conference that brought together researchers, engineers, manufacturers, practitioners and customers to share and discuss the pressing needs for promoting development and integration of Solar power in Maharashtra was organised. The objective was to collect the views of eminent experts in the field through technical papers and discussions. The views/suggestions have been incorporated in the draft policy which will be presented to the govt.

#### Mobile Security/General Security in IT

Electronics Telecommunications and Information Technology Committee had organised this interactive session by Mr. Berjes Shroff.

#### Bombay Chamber's Services for Arbitration and Conciliation

Alternate Dispute Resolution, namely, Arbitration and Conciliation, is an internationally recognised and accepted process of resolving disputes or differences arising out of contractual obligations between parties - both commercial and employment contracts. This is a much favoured mode of efficient, speedy and cheaper mechanism of dispute

Bombay Chamber provides Arbitration and Conciliation Services to various organisations for settlement of disputes.

The Chamber has a panel of Arbitrators comprising eminent and well experienced professionals, retired judges of the Supreme Court of India and High Courts, and others who possess the requisite expertise.

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#### Advertisement opportunity in our publications

'Analytique'

Bombay Chamber's quarterly publication 'Analytique' journal was started in 1999 with focus on analytical view on macroeconomic scenario, industrial performance and other issues of interest. Our journal reaches out to 1000 plus members and is read by various decision makers. We seek your sponsorship to go ahead and bring out yet another issue of Analytique.

#### Membership Directory 2013-14

We are in the process of publishing our Membership Directory 2013-14, which will be circulated to all major International Chambers, Industry Associations, Consulates and Embassies. The Chamber is seeking your support for Advertisements for this directory from your reputed Organization. The Chamber's marketing team will separately contact you for the

#### **Bombay Chamber Review**

The Review regularly features inputs from corporate leaders, reports on the current economic outlook in India, information on global trade and investment trends, and a "Country Focus" feature to introduce some of India's major trading partners. It is distributed not only to the entire membership of the Chamber but copies are also sent to Embassies and Consulates. Chambers of Commerce, Trade Associations, Government Departments and Financial Institutions both in India and abroad.

Provides a very good platform to your organisation by connecting your organisation to a large audience through logo visibility.



### Forthcoming Programmes

#### SMF Club

SME Club set up by the Bombay Chamber of Commerce and Industry with an aim to serve and empower the SME sector is set to launch in the month of July 2014.

Services that will be offered:

Consultancy - Tax, Excise, Customs, Banking, HRM, Finance, Insurance;

Services- Marketing, Credit Rating; Training & Workshops

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#### Civic Awards 2013-14 & Good Corporate Citizen Awards 2013-14

Bombay Chamber is pleased to announce Civic Awards for the year 2013-14 and Good Corporate Citizen Award 2013-14.

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#### Release of the Manual on Environment Compliance in Maharashtra - "Paryavaran Kavach"

- June 7, 2014

Manual on Environment Compliance in Maharashtra - "Paryavaran Kavach" prepared jointly with the Chamber and the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board will be released by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Maharashtra.

## Foreign Shipping - Tax and Accounting Matters

- June 20, 2014

This workshop designed specifically for foreign shipping lines shall offer great inputs to ensure best practices in the organization.

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#### Seminar on Office Safety

- June 26, 2014

Sustainability Committee is organizing oneday Seminar on Office Safety. Objective of the Seminar is to create safety awareness, motivating safety culture, imparting required safety training and to address various issues of office safety. The following will be the topics along with speakers:

- Importance of office safety by Mr. Nikhil Raval, Director, HSE, Sanofi India Ltd.
- Emerging Health Challenges in Corporate Offices, Health trends observed, Probable causes, Simple solutions - Office Ergonomic.
- Health & Hygiene by Dr. Madhav Rege, Occupational Health Consultant, Corporate Health Services, Tata Motors.
- Computers and Office Ergonomics by Dr. Madhav Rege.
- Emergency Preparedness including Fire Safety and Electrical by Mr. Alok Chandra, Corporate Head-EHS (Sustainability), Rallis India Ltd.

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## Workshop on The Companies Act 2013 - July 12, 2014

Legal Tax and IPR committee has organised workshop on The Companies Act 2013. The following will be the topics along with speakers for the workshop:

- Independent Directors, Audit Committees, Inter-corporate Loans and Investments and Corporate Social Responsibility by Mr. Bharat Vasani, Chief, Legal & Group General Counsel, Tata Sons Ltd.
- 'Fund Raising' (Debentures, Preference Shares and other types of securities) by Mr. Rajendra Nalam, Partner, BMR & Advisors

- Related Party transactions by Mr. Samir Gandhi, Partner, Deloitte Haskins & Sells LLP
- Company Meetings, E-voting, Enhanced Disclosures: Boards' Report and Annual Return by Ms. Geetika Anand Talwar, Company Secretary & Compliance Officer, Pantaloons, Aditya Birla Group.

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#### Modular Master Class Series

HRM Committee of Bombay Chamber, in its continuing efforts to facilitate member companies fulfilling their corporate mission and commitment for performance, is organising jointly with Innoventionians & Associates a professional development programme for business executives across all functional areas. The modular classes have been designed with the objective to provide business executives from all functional areas application oriented professional and strategic knowledge inputs with a 3600 approach. This will enable them to facilitate the process of revisiting the path from Vision, Mission, and Culture to SWOT Analysis, Operating Strategies, Tactics, Action Plan and Performance Control.

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## SQ -raising Sustainability Quotient - Quarterly Sustainability /quotient has

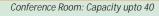
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#### Bombay Chamber's Conference / Seminar / Meeting Room facility available







Meeting Room: Capacity upto 16



Seminar/Training Room: Capacity upto 35



Lounge : Capacity upto 8

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