



# ANNUAL REPORT 2014-2015



**American Chamber of Commerce in India**

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## Chairman's Message

2014 has been an exciting year both for the Indian economy as well as U.S. - India economic relations. Prime Minister Modi, after coming to power with a convincing majority, outlined his vision for India. To take this forward, the NDA Government announced a slew of policy initiatives such as the 'Make in India' campaign, "Digital India" and "100 Smart Cities". To attract foreign investment, the Government allowed higher foreign investment limits in sectors such as defence, insurance, construction and medical devices and for the first time encouraged FDI in railways.

The 'Make in India' campaign aims to revitalize the country's manufacturing sector and make India an attractive destination for global manufacturing. This will no doubt give a major push to the domestic manufacturing sector, provided India resolves basic issues such as land acquisition, cost of capital, infrastructure and labour productivity. A major challenge is to fill in the skilling gap. As per the Labour Bureau Report 2014, only 2 per cent of the Indian workforce can be considered skilled. This is perhaps because neither schools nor higher education in India focus much on skilling. There are little or no links between educational institutions and requirements of the industry. Unless meaningful links between the industry and the skilling efforts of the Government are established, efficiency in the manufacturing sector will not be able to increase much.

The Government's initiatives to develop Digital India and Smart Cities have received significant international attention. While these initiatives get underway, India should adequately address environment and climate change issues. Many countries including the U.S. are ready to bring technical know-how and expertise to develop smart cities once sustainable financial models are sorted out. The core areas requiring attention include municipal reforms, e-governance, connectivity and mobility.

The Finance Minister announced India's Budget 2015 which is innovative, growth-focused and inclusive. It cuts red tape and aims to curb corruption. The slew of initiatives taken will position India a few notches higher on the ease of doing business, rendering it a much more attractive global destination for industry.

Infrastructure spending in 2015-16 will be Rs.70, 000 crore higher than in 2014-15. Other significant initiatives include the National Investment and Infrastructure Fund, tax-free bonds for rail, road and irrigation sectors, a resetting of the public-private partnership model, and corporatization of ports. The infrastructure push will help revive capital spending by the private sector also.

Amcham welcomes all the other major announcements included deferment of GAAR by two years, cut in corporate tax rate from 30 per cent to 25 per cent over the next four years, abolition of wealth tax, lowering taxes on royalty payments for technical services and correcting customs duty anomalies. These measures will improve business sentiments and make it easier for US companies to do business in India. Once the GST (Goods and Services Tax) regime is implemented, hopefully from April 2016, this will unify India's fragmented market and will be seen as the most significant indirect tax reform.

I am of the view that it is the right time to be in India when the administration is taking all the right steps to provide an attractive environment for industrial growth in the economy. The Prime Minister himself is reaching out to the global community and assuring international investors a hassle free and stable regulatory environment. According to projections by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, India may be the third biggest economy by 2020 behind the U.S. and China. The International Monetary Fund calls India "the bright spot in the global landscape." The World Bank and IMF expect growth to accelerate from a projected 7.2 per cent in

2014-15 to 7.5 per cent in 2015-16. Moody's have also recently raised India's outlook from neutral to positive for a potential upgrade.

Amcham is fully supportive of Government's initiative towards 'Make in India', Smart Cities and Digital India. The Chamber is presently working with a number of State Governments such as Rajasthan, Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra to offer technologies and solutions which American companies can provide in these sectors. Some of these areas could be waste management, clean energy, mobility and traffic management, water recycling and pollution.

The visit of Prime Minister Modi to U.S. in September 2014 and President Obama's visit to India in January 2015 have taken the India - U.S. relations to a new trajectory and set a tone and roadmap for bilateral relationship. This has led to more substantial cooperation on everything from climate and energy to development of defence systems, joint military exercises, sharing intelligence, fight terrorism, to clean energy and infrastructure development. U.S. is a lead partner for three Smart Cities - Ajmer, Allahabad and Visakhapatnam and has also signed a Memorandum of Cooperation with the Indian Government as far as Smart Cities is concerned. Through this, U.S. companies will be offering technical expertise, knowledge and best practices.

Both the countries are also negotiating to sign a bilateral investment treaty. This will tap synergies between the two countries and enhance investment flows.

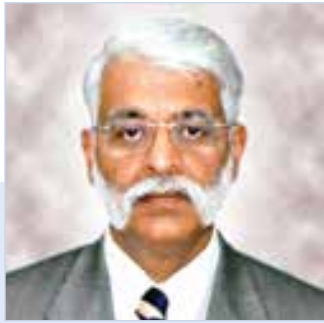
There is an immense untapped potential in the economic relationship of the two countries. With the slew of measures undertaken by the Government, U.S. companies are getting more comfortable for investing in India. Throughout the year, Amcham has been interacting with the Indian and U.S. Governments to espouse the cause of U.S. companies doing business in India. Many of the concerns we have raised have received Governments attention and incorporated in their policy reforms such as higher FDI limits in defence and insurance, opening FDI in railways, and progress in ease of doing business. Amcham appreciates the efforts made by DIPP in setting up an Inter-Ministerial Committee to fast-track investment proposals from USA and address issues related to implementation. We are pleased that Amcham received a good response from our members who sent their specific concerns to DIPP. Two meetings of the Committee were held to resolve some of these issues. We hope that through this platform U.S. companies will be able to smoothen their business operations in India. This interactive process between the Indian Government and the U.S. companies should continue at regular intervals.

Amcham has also contributed significantly to various Government policies by sending inputs including before and after the Budget, GST, GAAR, Transfer Pricing, defence offset, Telecom policy, labelling and testing of electronic products , Internet of Things, health policy, etc.

While the Amcham Delhi office has focused on issues relating to the Central Government, Indian and U.S. Governments, the regional offices have regularly interacted with State Governments and regional trade bodies. I am glad that these offices had the occasion to host a number of U.S. officials and delegations.

As I complete my tenure as the Chairman of Amcham, I would like to place on record my sincere thanks for the strong support I received from the National Executive Board, Chairmen of the various Committees, Chairmen of Regional Chapters, and from Amcham secretariat. Steering the Chamber forward has been a joint effort and I would once again like to thank one and all for their support and unstinted cooperation.

**Banmali Agrawala**  
Chairman



# Executive Director's Report

## 2014 - 15

As we conclude 2014-15, Amcham India can take pride in contributing to some of the key initiatives of the governments of India and the United States in fostering partnerships across several sectors.

The year witnessed exchange of visits by the top leaders of the two countries. Announcement of new areas for co-operation set the tone for Amcham's initiatives and activities. Amcham has kept the focus on the twin objectives of seeking new markets for American products and services and addressing policy and regulatory issues on behalf of American companies.

Based on extensive inputs by member companies, many documents including "Challenges faced by U.S. companies in India" were produced by us. These documents have become our mainstay for addressing issues with regulators and policy makers. Among the many firsts by Amcham was conducting a day-long government industry interface with the new establishment that took charge in May 2014. In partnership with the Economic Times, the conference covered several issues and highlighted concerns of member companies particularly in Civil Aviation, IT, Energy, Defence and Taxation. Armed with these publications and findings from this conference, sector committees addressed their core concerns with relevant ministries and departments.

Several sector specific representations have been shared with the government and some of the issues have been successfully concluded. Active participation and contribution by knowledge partners including Accenture, Cisco, Deloitte, EY, KPMG and PWC helped us prepare excellent support documentation.

The two governments signed the U.S. - India Infrastructure Collaboration Platform, ensuring our presence in emerging opportunities in Infrastructure, Smart Cities and Digital India initiatives. Amcham was tasked with forming a consortium of US companies in the infrastructure sector and coming up with a capability deck listing out the capabilities and solutions being offered by U.S. companies. Both tasks were performed in quick succession by us and a cohesive group was put in place to promptly interact with some of the more dynamic state governments for seeking out new markets and business opportunities for members. Mr. Arun Kumar, Director General of the U.S. and Foreign Commercial Services greatly encouraged Amcham members by meeting us in India and the U.S. and taking his department's "infrastructure, smart cities collaboration initiative" forward. Assisted by the FCS officers in India, the U.S. Commerce department has greatly helped in furthering our efforts on seeking new markets and business opportunities for US companies and their products in India.

Committees engaged in sectors across industries raised awareness in emerging issues in CSR and FCPA. These subjects cut across several industry segments and the committees helped demystify these two fast evolving and relatively new subjects. Seminars, conferences and master classes were set up to consolidate issues and jointly find solutions while sharing best practices between members. The Defence and Civil Aviation groups held consultations with their ministries regularly on offsets, acquisition, MRO and related policies. This has

helped keep the concerns of these sectors very relevant and updated and U.S. visitors were briefed on these sectors as well.

The Tax & Tariff group met often to consolidate their issues and address their direct and indirect tax related matters with the Ministry of Finance. A pre-budget and a post budget memorandum was submitted by the tax committee to the Government in addition to meeting the Revenue Secretary and his team. ICT Committee interacted regularly with several government departments and agencies to offer inputs on policies, especially Internet of Things, M2M, Labelling and Testing. Committees on Manufacturing and Infrastructure sector too engaged in dialogue to arrive at common understanding on key issues.

U.S. companies actively engaged in the Indian Economy met Secretary DIPP and while supporting the “Make in India” initiative, welcomed the setting up of the inter-ministerial committee under DIPP. Amcham took up issues of thirty companies with DIPP and participated actively in these meetings to resolve problems faced by US investors. We are hopeful that this mechanism continues to function and works towards finding solutions for challenges faced by U.S. companies investing and operating in India.

U.S. companies are world leaders in smart city, smart infrastructure and clean energy technologies. The U.S. consortium formed within Amcham has made headway with some of the more progressive State Governments in projecting their capabilities collectively. Discussions were initiated with Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Maharashtra, Rajasthan and Tamil Nadu. Workshops were held with two of these states. Focussed workshops will follow during the year and technology based solutions by U.S. companies related to mobility, water, energy and waste will be offered to these governments.

We will continue to focus on some of the progressive State governments and collectively interact and offer solutions for the Prime Minister’s Digital India, Make in India and Smart city initiatives. We look forward to active participation of members in all future state government interactions. This will be an excellent opportunity to showcase U.S. products, services and solutions for the various state government’s smart city and digital India requirements. Deep diving into specific industry segments and coming up with solution based proposals for consideration by government would dominate the coming months.

I would like to place on record the excellent guidance and leadership provided by the Chairman and members of the national executive board this year. Attendance and contribution by the board members was outstanding and I do hope the same level of involvement continues in the coming year. Sector committee chairmen have devoted considerable time and resources to collectively take forward their message and make a difference in the economic landscape of U.S. - India relations. I look forward to very active participation by all Amcham members in the coming year.

**Ajay Singha**

Executive Director

# AMCHAM'S National Executive Board 2014-15

The Chamber is guided by a diverse and well - balanced Board of Directors elected by the membership at large. The Board consists of :

- Nine members elected by the General Body
- Six Regional Chapter Chairmen
- Immediate past Chairman
- Six members elected by Regional Chapters
- Two honorary members from U.S. Embassy
- Two Special Invitees

## Office Bearers

Honorary President - Ambassador of U.S.A  
H.E. Mr. Richard R. Verma

### Chairman

Mr. Banmali Agrawala  
President & CEO  
GE India Industrial Pvt. Ltd.

### Vice Chairperson

Ms Kaku Nakhate  
President & Country Head (India)  
Bank of America N.A.

### Vice Chairmen

Mr. Gulshan Kumar Sachdev  
Managing Director  
Quaker Chemical India Limited

### Hony. Treasurer and Secretary

Mr. Atul Dhawan  
Partner  
Deloitte Haskins & Sells

### Executive Board Members 2014 - 15

Mr. Banmali Agrawala  
President & CEO  
GE India Industrial Pvt. Ltd.

Mr. Atul Dhawan  
Partner  
Deloitte Haskins & Sells

Mr. Arun Kumar Jain  
Managing Director  
Fluor Daniel India Pvt. Ltd.

Mr. Balvinder Singh Kalsi  
President - South Asia & ASEAN  
E. I. DuPont India Pvt. Ltd.

Mr. Varun Khanna  
Managing Director  
Becton Dickinson India Pvt. Ltd.

Mr. Richard Rekhy  
Chief Executive Officer  
KPMG in India

Mr. Phil Shaw  
Chief Executive - India  
Lockheed Martin India Pvt. Ltd.

Mr. Inderjit Sial  
President & Managing Director  
Textron India Pvt. Ltd.

Mr. Avinash Vashistha  
Chairman and Managing Director  
Accenture Services Pvt. Ltd.

#### **Hony. Members**

Mr. John M. McCaslin  
Minister Counselor for Commercial Affairs  
U.S. Embassy

Mr. George N. Sibley  
Minister Counselor for Economic, Environment, Science & Technology Affairs  
U.S. Embassy

#### **Special Invitees**

Mr. C. R. Dua  
Managing Partner  
Dua Associates

Ms Vanitha Narayanan  
Regional General Manager - IBM India / South Asia  
IBM India Pvt. Ltd.

#### **Regional Chapters**

##### **Northern Region Council**

Chairman  
Mr. Amit Sharma  
Executive Vice President, President Asia  
ATC Tower Company of India Pvt. Ltd.  
Representative  
Mr. Rustom J. Desai  
Managing Director  
Corning India and Telecom Operations

##### **Hyderabad Chapter**

Chairman  
Mr. Madan Mohan Rao Yalamanchili  
Executive Chairman  
Capital I Q Information System (India) Pvt. Ltd.

Representative  
Mr. Madhu Poomalil  
Country Manager  
D. E. Shaw India Software Pvt. Ltd.



**Karnataka Chapter**

Chairman

Mr. Sanjay Koul

Managing Director - India

Timken India Limited

Representative

Dr. Narindra Bachlaus

Chief Executive Officer

ExxonMobil Company India Pvt. Ltd.

**Kolkata Chapter**

Chairman

Mr. Suranjan Bhanja

Chief Executive Officer

ADAPT International Pvt. Ltd.

Representative

Mr. Gulshan Kumar Sachdev

Managing Director

Quaker Chemical India Limited

**Tamil Nadu Chapter**

Chairman

Mr. Vivekanand Vanmeeganathan

Managing Director

Caterpillar India (Manufacturing Division)

Representative

Mr. Ramkumar Ramamoorthy

Senior Vice President

Cognizant Technology Solutions

**Western Region Chapter**

Chairperson

Ms Kaku Nakhate

President & Country Head (India)

Bank of America N.A.

Representative

Mr. Timothy Earl Madden\*

Managing Director

Lubrizol Advanced Materials India Pvt. Ltd.

\*Till July 2014

# AMCHAM INDIA

## Sectoral Committees 2014 -15

Keeping the members' interest foremost, the Committees focus on the following:

- Providing a platform to exchange information about Government policies.
- Arranging meetings and seminars where various issues are discussed.
- Submitting Amcham's memoranda to the concerned authorities and following up on relevant issues.
- Organizing meetings where members can network and build a wide range of business and official contacts.

Each Sectoral Committee is headed by a Chairman (one of the Amcham members) appointed by the Chairman / Executive Board. All members are invited to join the Committees which fall under their respective industry.

Committee	Chairman	Co - Chairman
Anti - Corruption (FCPA Compliance)	Mr. Anand S Dayal Partner Koura & Company, Advocates	---
Aviation	Mr. Palash Roy Chowdhury Managing Director - India (Pratt & Whitney - CS&GS) United Technologies Corporation India Pvt. Ltd. (Pratt & Whitney)	Mr. Amber Dubey Partner KPMG in India
Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)	Mr. Deepak Jolly Vice President - Public Affairs & Communication Coca-Cola India Pvt. Ltd.	Mr. Harish Krishnan Executive Director, Public Affairs & Strategic Engagement, India & SAARC Cisco Systems (India) Pvt. Ltd.
Defense Equipment	Mr. Pritam K Bhavnani Honeywell Aerospace President High Growth Region Honeywell International	Mr. Phil Shaw Chief Executive - India Lockheed Martin India Pvt. Ltd.  Mr. Dennis D Swanson VP - Intl. Business Development, Boeing Defense, Space & Security - India Boeing India  Mr. Gaurav Mehndiratta Partner - Global International Corporate Tax KPMG in India
Economic Affairs	Mr. Atul Dhawan Partner Deloitte Haskins & Sells	Mr. Richard Rekhya Chief Executive Officer KPMG in India
HR Forum	Ms Anuranjita Kumar Country Human Resources Officer Citi India	---

Committee	Chairman	Co - Chairman
Information and Communications Technology (ICT)	Mr. Amit Sharma Executive Vice President, President Asia ATC Tower Company of India Pvt. Ltd.	Mr. Naveen Tandon Director - IEA AT&T Communication Services India Pvt. Ltd.  Mr. Vivek Vasishtha Country Leader - Government Programs IBM India Pvt. Ltd.
Infrastructure	Mr. Arun Kumar Jain Managing Director Fluor Daniel India Pvt. Ltd.	---
Infrastructure Consortium	Mr. Anil Menon President, Smart+Connected Communities & Deputy Chief Globalization Officer Cisco Inc.	---
Intellectual Property Rights (IPR)	Mr. Balvinder Singh Kalsi President - South Asia & ASEAN E. I. DuPont India Pvt. Ltd.	Ms Sanjit Kaur Batra Senior Legal Counsel E. I. DuPont India Pvt. Ltd.
Manufacturing	Mr. Rustom J Desai Managing Director Corning India and Telecom Operations	Mr. Rakesh Kumar Chitkara Vice President Corporate Affairs - GE South Asia GE India Industrial Pvt. Ltd.
Medical Devices	Mr. Prabal Chakraborty Vice President & Managing Director Boston Scientific India Pvt. Ltd.	---
Pharmaceuticals	Mr. Anish Bafna Managing Director Baxter (India) Pvt. Ltd.	---
Supply Chain & Logistics	Mr. Nikhil Kush South Asia Supply Chain Leader E. I. DuPont India Pvt. Ltd.	Mr. Shrini Sarangapani General Manager Timken India Limited
Tax, Tariff and Regulatory Affairs	Mr. Sudhir Kapadia Partner & National Tax Leader EY	Mr. Rahul K. Mitra** Partner PricewaterhouseCoopers Pvt. Ltd.  Mr. Indraneel Roy Choudhury Executive Director PricewaterhouseCoopers Pvt. Ltd.

\*\*Till Nov 2014

# AMCHAM Membership 2014 -15

Membership Subscription Status as on 10.04.2014

Table - I

Type of Membership	Total
Corporate	348
Additional	131
Individual	9
Total Membership	488

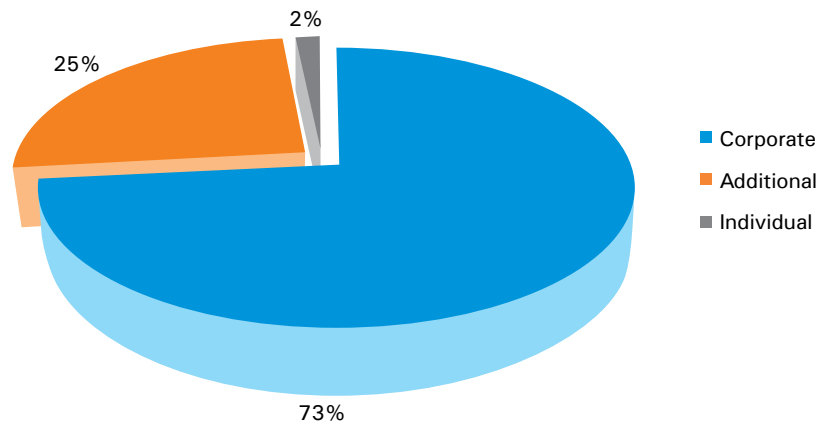
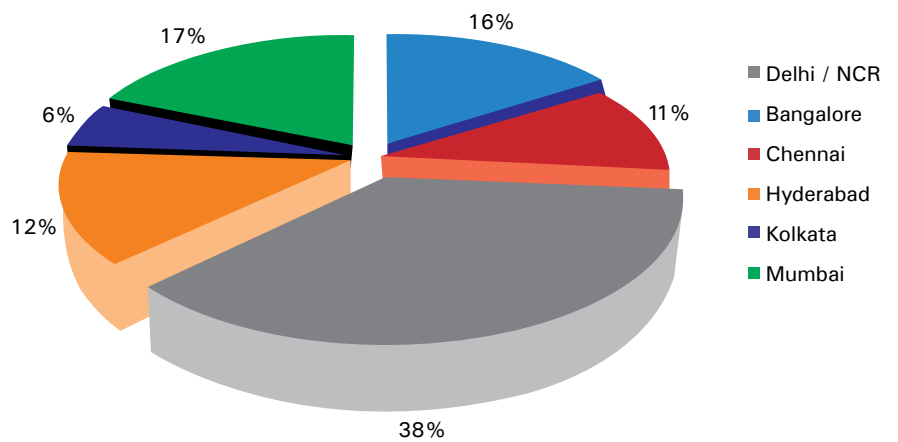


Table - II

Regions	Total
Delhi / NCR	185
Bangalore	80
Chennai	52
Hyderabad	60
Kolkata	27
Mumbai	84
Total	488



# Analysis of Events Organized by Amcham during 2014-2015

Table - I

Chapter	Number of Meetings
Bangalore	21
Chennai	16
Delhi	136
Hyderabad	20
Kolkata	45
Mumbai	19
<b>Total Events</b>	<b>257</b>

Amcham Meetings and Events Between Regions

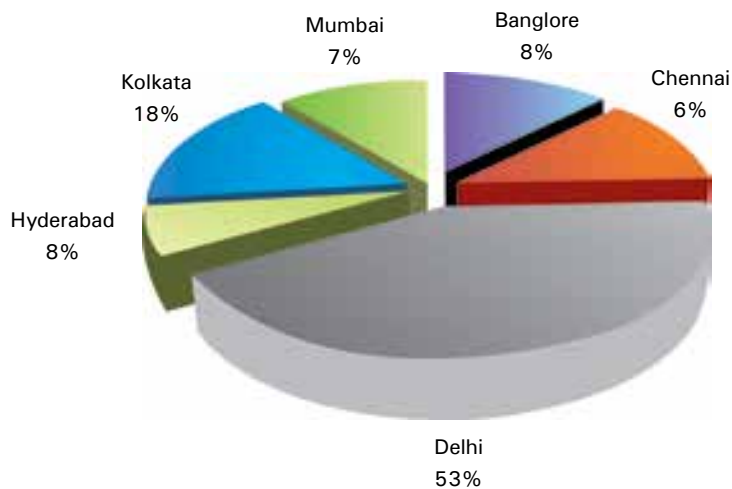


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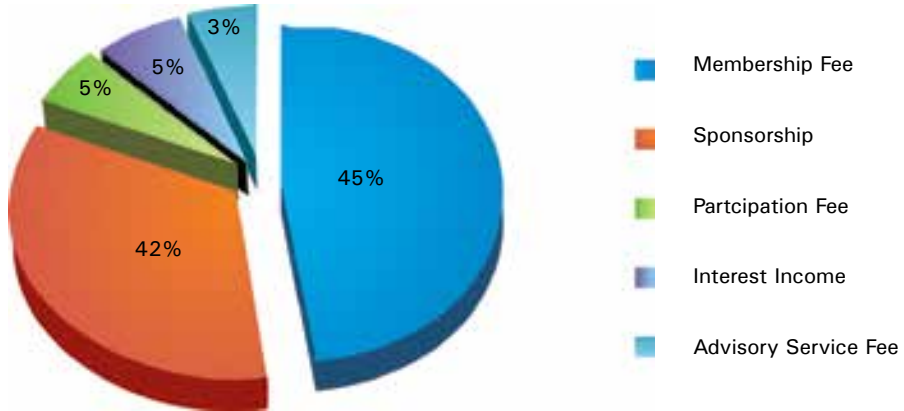
Chapter	Number of Meetings
National Board/Regional Executive Committee	24
Sector Committee Meeting	55
Business Meeting/Social Event	69
Meeting with U.S. Government	57
Meeting with Government of India	52
<b>Total Events</b>	<b>257</b>

Amcham Meetings and Events



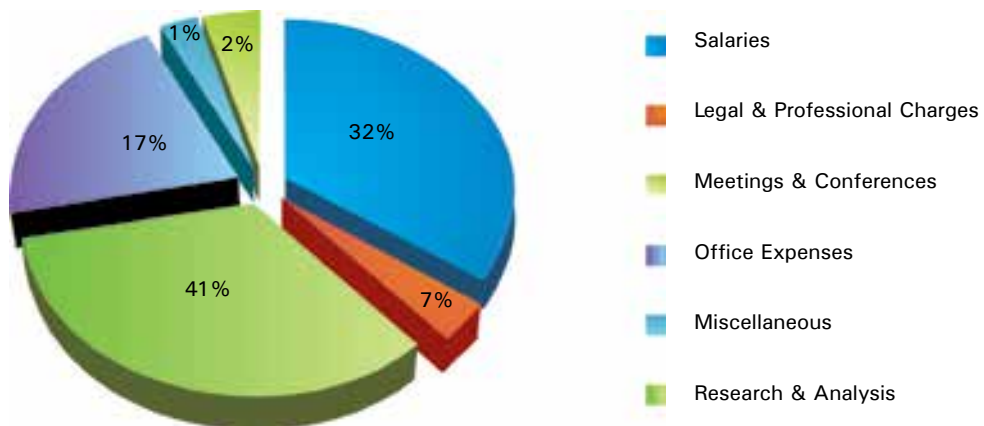
## Income Analysis

Revenue Received



## Expenses Analysis

Revenue Spend



# AMCHAM

## New Members

List of New Members from July 1<sup>st</sup> 2014 till date

S.No.	Member's Name	Organization
<b>DELHI</b>		
1.	Mr. Anuj Sharma	Agilent Technologies International Pvt. Ltd.
2.	Mr. Paul B. Chmelik	American Embassy School
3.	Mr. Yogendra Tripathi	Artech Infosystems Pvt. Ltd.
4.	Mr. Romulus Marian Sirbu	Avon Beauty Products India Pvt. Ltd.
5.	Ms Devyani R L Rana	Caterpillar India Pvt. Ltd.
6.	Mr. Avinash Ramachandra	Dell International Services India Pvt. Ltd.
7.	Mr. Ajay Gupta	Eli Research India Pvt. Ltd.
8.	Mr. Rajat Verma	EMD Locomotive Technologies Pvt. Ltd.
9.	Mr. Amitabh Awasthy	EP&M India Pvt. Ltd.
10.	Mr. Balbir Singh	Emerson Electric Co. India Pvt. Ltd.
11.	Mr. Vikrant Trilokekar	Harris Communication Systems India Pvt. Ltd.
12.	Mr. Arijit Ghosh	Honeywell International India Pvt. Ltd.
13.	Mr. Faizi Mohsini	Honeywell International India Pvt. Ltd.
14.	Mr. Naresh Takkar	ICRA Limited
15.	Mr. Subodh Vardhan	Motorola Solutions India Pvt. Ltd.
16.	Mr. Dhananjay Saliankar	Starwood Hotels & Resorts India Pvt. Ltd.
17.	Mr. Karan Kachru	Starwood Hotels & Resorts India Pvt. Ltd.
18.	Mr. Samit Ray	United Technologies
19.	Mr. Khwaja Saifuddin	Western Digital (U.K.) Limited
20.	Mr. Rohan Mitra	Yahoo India Pvt. Ltd.
<b>BANGALORE</b>		
21.	Mr. K. Ganesh	Bank of America, N.A.
22.	Mr. Nicholas Dumbell	Bengaluru Marriott Hotel Whitefield
23.	Mr. Ganesh Murthy	Dell International Services India Pvt. Ltd.
24.	Mr. Vishal Verma	Edgewood Networks Pvt. Ltd.
25.	Mr. Rajesh Sinha	Federal - Mogul Goetze (India) Limited
26.	Mr. Shyam Mohan	Griffith Laboratories Pvt. Ltd.

27.	Mr. Amit Sharma	IBM India Pvt. Ltd.
28.	Mr. Ricardo Teague	IGATE Global Solutions Limited
29.	Mr. Narahari Prasad H N	IGATE Global Solutions Limited
30.	Mr. Vijay Prabhulal Mehta	NTT Data Global Delivery Services Limited
31.	Mr. Ravi Kumar Muttugadur Somashekharappa	NTT Data Global Delivery Services Limited
32.	Ms Aslesha Khandeparkar	Oracle India Pvt. Ltd.
33.	Mr. Dayanidhi M.G.	RockYou India Pvt. Ltd.
34.	Ms Saraswathi Naveen	Starwood Hotels & Resorts India Pvt. Ltd.
35.	Mr. Suresh Sugavanam	UL India Pvt. Ltd.
36.	Mr. Krishantha Rajapaksha	WM Global Sourcing India Pvt. Ltd.

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37.	Mr. K. Murugesh	DyAnsys India Pvt. Ltd.
38.	Mr. Venkataramaiah Rayasam	Federal - Mogul VSP (India) Limited
39.	Mr. Mohandoss Thulasidoss	Fidelity Business Services India Pvt. Ltd.
40.	Mr. Himanshu Priyadarshi	Hospira Healthcare India Pvt. Ltd.
41.	Mr. Christy Mani. N	NCH India Pvt. Ltd.

**HYDERABAD**

42.	Ms Mah Afroz Saba	CipherCloud India Pvt. Ltd.
43.	Mr. Uruj Khan	CNO IT Services India Pvt. Ltd.
44.	Mr. Rangaswamy Pothula	Infor India Pvt. Ltd.
45.	Mr. Raj Biyani	Microsoft IT India
46.	Mr. Raju Indukuri	Paradigm Knowledge Ventures Pvt. Ltd.
47.	Mr. Thomas Nicholas Mitchell	Phenomenex India Pvt. Ltd.
48.	Mr. Ramesh Loganathan	Progress Software

**KOLKATA**

49.	Mr. Amit Malik	Cisco Systems India Pvt. Ltd.
50.	Ms Radhika Jaggi	SHRM India Pvt. Ltd.

**MUMBAI**

51.	Ms Anuranjita Kumar	Citibank NA
52.	Mr. Akash Wadhwa	Grainger Industrial Supply India Pvt. Ltd.
53.	Mr. Dhiraj Gyani	PMI Organization Centre Pvt. Ltd.
54.	Mr. Saugat Nandy	Starwood Hotels & Resorts India Pvt. Ltd.
55.	Mr. Jairam Panch	Turner Project Management India Pvt. Ltd.
56.	Mr. H. Bala	Xylem Water Solutions India Pvt. Ltd.



# AMCHAM

## Highlights of Events Held in 2014-15



# AMCHAM Bangalore

Mr. John M. McCaslin, Minister Counselor for Commercial Affairs, U.S. Embassy, New Delhi, presenting bouquet to Honorable Chief Minister of Karnataka, Mr. K. Siddaramaiah.

### Calendar of Meetings/Events for the Year April 2014 - April 2015

Date	Meetings / Events
3rd June 2014	<p><b>“CSR - Time to Walk the Talk”</b></p> <p>Amcham, Karnataka Chapter, in association with Social Venture Partners India held a session on “CSR - Time to Walk the Talk,” with a special focus on the new CSR rules in the first year of their implementation.</p> <p>The keynote address was delivered by Mr. Ravi Venkatesan, Chairman, Social Venture Partners India, Former Chairman of Microsoft India and Cummins India. A talk on Nike’s CSR Journey as a company was given by Mr. Atul Ujagar, Country Director - India, Sri Lanka, Pak; Nike Sourcing India Pvt. Ltd. Ms Renuka Kumar, Director in the Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India, gave a talk on “Leveraging the Strength of the Government and Corporates to Make CSR More Effective” and Mr. Chengappa Ponnappa, Executive Director PwC gave “The Regulatory Perspective.”</p> <p>This was followed by a panel discussion on “Aligning CSR with Business Strategy.” The moderator was Ms Akila Krishnakumar, Chair, Social Venture Partners India, Bangalore, Former President - Global Solution Centers at SunGard. Others in the panel were Mr. M. N. Vidyashankar, President, India Electronics &amp; Semiconductor Association, and Additional Chief Secretary to Government (R) GoK; Dr. Gopichand Katragadda, Chairman and Managing Director, GE India Technology Centre Private Limited, and ExeComm Member, Amcham Karnataka; Mr. Amit Sharma, COO, IBM India/South Asia; and Ms Nisha Agrawal, CEO, Oxfam.</p>
6th June 14	<p><b>Meeting of the Executive Committee of Amcham Karnataka Chapter</b></p> <p>The Committee was updated on the events that had taken place in the previous quarter &amp; future events including the Amcham-Timken Golf Tournament 2014.</p>

13th June 14	<p><b>An interactive session with Dr. Parthasarathi Shome, Chairman, Tax Administration Reforms Commission, Government of India</b></p> <p>Amcham Karnataka Chapter in association with PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) held an interactive session with Dr. Parthasarathi Shome, Chairman Tax Administration Reforms Commission, Government of India at Bangalore. Mr. Sanjay Koul, Chairman, Amcham Karnataka and Managing Director, Timken India, welcomed everybody. Mr. Indraneel Chaudhury, Executive Director, PwC, introduced Dr. Shome.</p> <p>Mr. Shome talked about the current tax scenario and his experiences as the Chairman of the Tax Administration Reforms commission.</p>
16th June 14	<p><b>A farewell for Consul General Jennifer McIntyre</b></p> <p>Amcham Karnataka held a farewell dinner for Consul General Ms Jennifer McIntyre, Commercial Counsel Mr. James Golsen, and Deputy Consular Chief Mr. Michael Cathey. Dr. Narindra Bachlaus, CEO, Exxonmobil India, and member of Amcham's National Executive Board, welcomed the attendees and thanked the Consulate for their great support! Ms McIntyre, Mr. Golsen, and Mr. Cathey spoke on the occasion and reiterated the close relationship Amcham and the Consulate shared.</p>
16th - 17th June 14	<p><b>Meeting with Mr. Michael Cathey, Deputy Consular Chief of the Chennai Consulate</b></p> <p>Mr. Michael Cathey, Deputy Consular Chief of the Chennai Consulate held one-on-one meetings with Amcham member companies to assist and consult with the travel/finance heads on visa challenges.</p>
24th June 14	<p><b>Meeting with Consular Chief, U.S. Consulate Chennai, Mr. Nicholas Manning</b></p> <p>Breakfast meeting of the senior management of Amcham member companies and the Consular Chief, U.S. Consulate Chennai, Mr. Nicholas Manning during his visit to Bangalore before he left India.</p> <p>Mr. Sanjay Koul, Managing Director, Timken India and Chairman, Amcham Karnataka, thanked the Consular Chief for his constant support. Amcham members shared their experiences with the Consulate and streamlining of visa processes.</p>
May - July 14	<p><b>Amcham &amp; Rotary Bangalore blood donation camps</b></p> <p>Amcham &amp; Rotary Bangalore completed organizing blood donation camps and promoted Rotary Bangalore's Stem Cell Registry India (SCRI) initiative at all Amcham member companies.</p>
29th July 14	<p><b>Meeting with Mr. Daniel Poneman, Deputy Energy Secretary</b></p> <p>Mr. Daniel Poneman, Deputy Energy Secretary and his high-level delegation met with Amcham companies in Bangalore. Mr. George Sibley, Acting Counsel General, Chennai Consulate; Mr. Samuel Rothenberg, Political/Economic Officer; Ms Ariadne BenAissa, U.S. Department of Energy; Ms Manjushree Phookan; and other Consular staff were present.</p> <p>The discussions focused on the U.S. India collaboration on clean energy and the ways in which the two countries can partner to build a sustainable, clean energy future for both nations. It also touched on energy initiatives between India and the U.S.</p>
7th Aug 14	<p><b>The Amcham - EY Human Capital Forum</b></p> <p>EY Partners along with industry representatives deliberated on topics like: Are we at par with other countries on personal tax rates; benefits and reforms; Social Security developments; business travellers; creation of global talent, to name a few.</p>

22nd Aug 14

**Special Session with Chief Secretary of Karnataka, Mr. Kaushik Mukherjee**

Mr. Sanjay Koul, welcomed the Chief Secretary of Karnataka and made a presentation on the valuable contribution of U.S. companies to the State.

Custom issues, Tax regulation, New Company Law and the Sexual Prevention Act, new CSR law, a cleaner Bangalore and labour laws were discussed.

11th Sept 14

**Meeting with the Chief Minister of Karnataka, Mr. Siddaramaiah**

Amcham members called upon Chief Minister of Karnataka, Mr. K. Siddaramaiah. From the government side participants were Chief Secretary, Mr. Kaushik Mukherjee, Additional Chief Secretary, Mr. Narasimha Raju, Principal Secretary, Commerce and Industries, Ms Ratnaprabha, Commissioner of Industries, Mr. Maheshwar Rao, CEO, Karnataka Industrial Area Development Board (KIADB), Mr. Mohan Chakravarthy, Managing Director, Visvesvaraya Trade Promotion Centre and Mr. K. S. Shivaswamy.

The Chief Minister and the GoK senior officials assured the U.S. companies that they would help resolve any challenges that they faced to investing in Karnataka.

11th Sept 14

**Dinner with National ExeComm members, U.S. Consulate Officials, and GoK bureaucrats**

Amcham Karnataka Chapter held an exclusive dinner for the Amcham National ExeComm members, CEOs of other U.S. companies, U.S. Consulate officials, Government of Karnataka bureaucrats and officials Counselor for Commercial Affairs, U.S. Embassy, New Delhi.

18th Oct 14

**Amcham - Timken Golf Tournament 2014**

The Amcham-Timken Golf Tournament was held at Prestige Golfshire, Bangalore. CEOs of American companies, top management of Indian companies and government bureaucrats participated in the tournament. Timken India co-hosted the tournament. This was followed by prize distribution and dinner.

The U.S. Ambassador to India, Ms Kathleen Stephens was the Chief Guest. The new Consul General, U.S. Consulate Chennai, Mr. Philip Min was also present along with other Consulate officials and government bureaucrats.

17th Nov 14

**Meeting with Mr. Eric Hirschhorn, Under Secretary, United States Bureau of Industry and Security and a BIS delegation**

A dinner meeting with Mr. Eric Hirschhorn, Under Secretary, United States Bureau of Industry and Security and a BIS delegation was held to provide updates on the recent changes in U.S. export controls.

The delegation provided updates on the modified controls for spacecraft, satellites, and related components and technology that became effective on November 10, 2014. Ms Chantal Lakatos, Sr. Policy Analyst, Office of Nonproliferation and Treaty Compliance; Ms Sharon Bragonje, Licensing Officer Office of Nonproliferation and Treaty Compliance; and Mr. Jose Rodriguez, Export Control Officer, India, BIS, were part of the delegation.

26th Nov 14	<b>Amcham Karnataka ExeComm meeting</b>
6th Jan 2015	<p><b>An interactive session with the new Industries Commissioner, Government of Karnataka, Mr. Gaurav Gupta</b></p> <p>The new Industries Commissioner, Government of Karnataka, Mr. Gaurav Gupta met with the Amcham members. Mr. Gupta informed the participants of the Government of Karnataka's new initiatives to make the State more investor friendly. This was followed by an interactive session. Challenges faced by U.S. companies in the State in relation to infrastructure, tax, labour and traffic congestion were discussed.</p>
23rd Jan 15	<p><b>A workshop on the U.S. - India strategic relationship</b></p> <p>The Synergia Foundation along with Amcham organized a workshop on the U.S. - India strategic relationship.</p> <p>The workshop brought out the evolution of the relationship over the last sixty years and articulated the challenges to the highest office in both countries. Some of India's distinguished scientists including Dr. M. R. Srinivasan (Former Chairman Atomic Energy Commission), Dr. Kasturirangan (Former Chairman ISRO); Dr. K. Radkahrishnan (Former Chairman ISRO), diplomats, academia, media, security practitioners and others attended the meeting.</p>
28th Jan 15	<p><b>Meeting with the new U.S. Consul General, Mr. Philip Min</b></p> <p>Dinner meeting with the new Consul General, Mr. Philip Min, U.S. Consulate Chennai, and Amcham members.</p>
4th March 15	<p><b>Session on "Women's Safety and Security"</b></p> <p>Breakfast Session on "Women's Safety and Security" in association with Synergia Foundation</p>
6th March 15	<b>ExeComm Meeting of Amcham Bangalore Chapter</b>
April - June 15	<p><b>Amcham Blood donation camps</b></p> <p>Blood donation camps in Amcham member companies in association with Rotary Bangalore</p>



CEOs of American Companies met with the Honorable Chief Minister of Karnataka, Mr. K. Siddaramaiah at the Vidhana Soudha.



Mr. Sanjay Koul, Chairman, Amcham Karnataka Chapter and Managing Director, Timken India, and Mr. Ajay Singha, Executive Director, Amcham India, with the Honorable Chief Minister of Karnataka.



The Chief Secretary, Govt. of Karnataka, Mr. Kaushik Mukherjee, addressing Amcham members.



Panel discussion on CSR session with Mr. Amit Sharma, COO, IBM India; Ms Nisha Agrawal, CEO, Oxfam; Mr. Gopichand Katragadda, Managing Director, GE John F. Welch Technology Centre; Mr. M. N. Vidyashankar, President, India Electronics & Semiconductor Association; Ms Akila Krishnakumar, Chair, Social Venture Partners, Bangalore.



Mr. Sanjay Koul addresses the participants at the CSR session "CSR - Walk the Talk".



Mr. Indraneel Chaudhury, Executive Director, PwC, welcomes Dr. Parthasarathi Shome, Chairman, Tax Administration Reforms Commission, Govt. of India.



Ms Madhvi Kataria, Deputy Executive Director, Amcham India; Mr. Inderjit Sial, President, Textron India; Mr. Ajay Singha, Dr. Lawrence Mire, Consular Chief; Ms Ratnaprabha, Principal Secretary, Commerce & Industries, Govt. of Karnataka; Mr. Maheshwar Rao, Commissioner Industries, Govt. of Karnataka; Mr. Sanjay Koul, Mr. John M. McCaslin, Minister Counselor for Commercial Affairs, U.S. Embassy and Ms Ines Miranda, Regional Director, Amcham Karnataka during National ExeComm meeting.



Mr. Sanjay Koul and Mr. Indraneel Chaudhury felicitating Dr. Parthasarathi Shome, Chairman, Tax Administration Reforms Commission, Govt. of India.



Amcham Karnataka bid farewell to Ms Jennifer McIntyre, Consul General, U.S. Consulate, Chennai.



Mr. Amarpal Chadha, Partner EY, moderating a panel discussion at the Amcham - EY Human Capital Forum.



Mr. Ajay Singha felicitating Dr. Lawrence Mire, Consular Chief, U. S. Consulate.



Golfers registering for the Amcham - TIMKEN Invitational Golf Tournament 2014 held at Prestige Golfshire.





Mr. Naresh Shah, President, ESSN, HP India, welcoming the golfers.



All get set for Amcham - TIMKEN Invitational Golf Tournament 2014.



Mr. Virender Razdan, GM, ITC Gardenia, teeing off at the Amcham - TIMKEN Invitational Golf Tournament 2014.



Mr. Dinesh Malkani, President, India & SAARC, Cisco Systems, along with Mr. Naresh Shah, President, ESSN, HP India, at the greens.



Ms Kathleen Stephens, Interim U.S. Ambassador to India presents a trophy to Mr. Iqbal Sait, Managing Director, Sagezza India.



Ms Ines Miranda, Regional Director, Amcham Karnataka Chapter with friends during Amcham - TIMKEN Golf Tournament 2014.



Dr. Narindra Bachlaus, CEO, ExxonMobil Company India Pvt. Ltd.; Ms Kathleen Stephens, Interim U.S. Ambassador to India; Mr. Philip Min, Consul General, U.S. Consulate, Chennai; and Mr. Naresh Shah, President, ESSN, HP India, with the prize winners of the Golf Tournament.



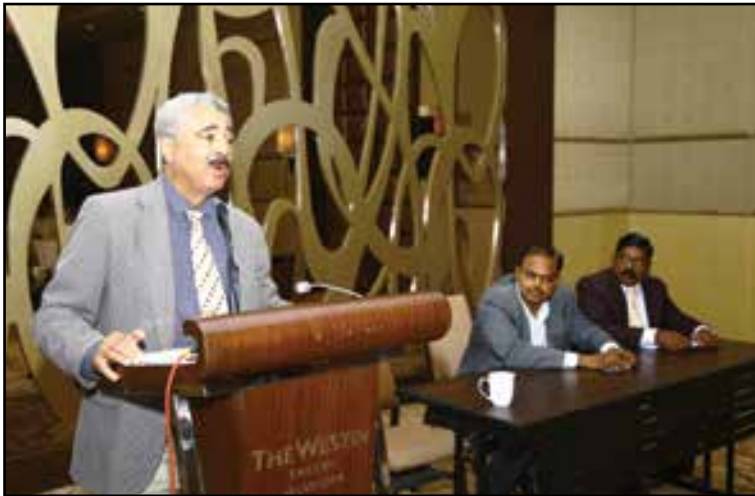
U.S. Ambassador to India, Mr. Richard Verma, along with the Amcham Karnataka ExeComm members on the occasion of AERO India.



Mr. Naresh Shah, President, ESSN, HP India; Mr. Michael Cathey, Deputy Consular Chief; Mr. James Golsen, Commercial Consul; Mr. Indraneel Chaudhury, Executive Director, PwC; and Mr. Biren Ghose, Managing Director, Technicolor India, on the occasion of the farewell dinner.



Amcham along with EY organized a session on "Human Capital Forum"



## AMCHAM Chennai

Dr. Lawrence Mire, Consular Chief, U.S. Consulate, Chennai addresses members during the party welcoming the new officers at the Consulate in Chennai.

Date	Meetings / Events
30th April 2014	<p><b>Meeting of CSR Managers</b></p> <p>CSR managers from member companies of the Amcham Tamil Nadu Chapter met to discuss what companies were doing as their CSR effort.</p>
24th May 14	<p><b>Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Amcham Tamil Nadu</b></p>
29th May 14	<p><b>Meeting with Mr. C.V. Shankar, Principal Secretary, Dept. of Industries, Govt. of Tamil Nadu</b></p> <p>Amcham organized a breakfast meeting with Mr. C.V. Shankar. The topic of the meeting was 'Highlights of the State Government policy with respect to industrial development &amp; infrastructure development'. Mr Shankar highlighted the growth story of Tamil Nadu, investment opportunities in the state, policy framework and the benefits the companies can accrue by investing in Tamil Nadu.</p>
16th June 14	<p><b>Meeting of the Amcham Tamil Nadu Chapter Executive Committee</b></p>
20th June 14	<p><b>A farewell to U.S. Consul General Ms Jennifer McIntyre</b></p> <p>Amcham Tamil Nadu organized a farewell meet for U.S. Consul General Ms Jennifer McIntyre &amp; other senior officers of the Chennai Consulate. Amcham members and Consulate staff participated in the farewell, event.</p>
4th July 14	<p><b>A Workshop on Connected Thinking in Core Engineering</b></p> <p>A Workshop on Connected Thinking in Core Engineering at the National Productivity Council - NPC facility. The participants of this workshop were Principals / Deans / Vice Chancellors of select educational institutes of excellence, representatives of Amcham member companies, government representatives and NPC faculty. The Workshop was inaugurated by Mr. Harbhajan Singh IAS, Director General - NPC, Dept of Industrial Policy &amp; Promotion, Ministry of Commerce, New Delhi and Dr. Ajay Mathur, Director General, Bureau of Energy Efficiency. Mr. Vivek Vanmeeganathan, Chairman, Amcham TN Chapter addressed the participants and outlined the purpose of the workshop and Amcham's role in promoting skill development.</p>
11th July 14	<p><b>A session on Analysis of the Union Budget 2014</b></p> <p>A session was held by Amcham and KPMG on Analysis of the Union Budget 2014. The representatives from KPMG Chennai made presentations on Corporate and International Taxation, Transfer Pricing &amp; APA and Indirect Taxation.</p>

<p>18th July 14</p>	<p><b>Impact Analysis of Union Budget 2014 presented by Deloitte</b></p> <p>A session was held by Amcham and Deloitte on 'Impact analysis of the key budget proposals from a direct and indirect tax perspective and impact of the changes on business environment &amp; foreign investments'. Deloitte representatives made presentation on Transfer Pricing, Indirect Taxes and Business Taxation.</p>
<p>22nd Aug 14</p>	<p><b>Amcham Tamil Nadu Chapter met with U.S. Consulate, Chennai</b></p> <p>Dr. Lawrence Mire, Acting Consul General and Consular Chief, Mr. Ben Ousley Naseman, Acting Consular Chief and Deputy Consular Chief, Ms Lindsey L. Rothenberg, Non Immigrant Visa Chief Nelson Wu, American Citizen Services Chief, Mr. Elliot Fertik, Fraud Prevention Manager &amp; Mr. John Fleming, Principal Commercial Officer, met with Amcham Tamil Nadu Chapter members. Mr. Vivek Vanmeeganathan, Chairman of the Chapter stressed that Amcham has a great working relationship with the Consulate.</p>
<p>28th Aug 14</p>	<p><b>A meeting of CTOs, CIOs &amp; Project managers</b></p> <p>Amcham Tamil Nadu Chapter &amp; Deloitte held a meeting of CTOs, CIOs &amp; Project managers on 'Enterprise Risk covering key aspects of Information Technology related risks and respective challenges'. The meeting was to help companies build value by taking a risk intelligent approach to manage financial, technological and business risks.</p>
<p>31st Oct 14</p>	<p><b>Plant Visits - Sharing Best Practices by the Practitioners</b></p> <p>Visit to Dell Manufacturing Plant in Sriperumbudur Electronics SEZ - manufacturing a range of products such as servers, laptops, desktops etc.</p> <p>Modine Thermal Systems, an auto components OEM and aftermarket manufacturer of a wide range heat exchange equipment. BorgWarner, an auto components OEM and after manufacturer of cooling systems.</p> <p>Sanmina SCI in the Oragadam HiTech Manufacturing Zone, a contract manufacturer of hi tech electronic equipment. The showcased their manufacturing process, best practices employed and innovations carried out at the plants.</p>
<p>4th Nov 14</p>	<p><b>Conference on "Understanding the H1B, H3 and L Visa process"</b></p> <p>Amcham organized a Conference on "Understanding the H1B, H3 and L Visa process" Facilitated by Ms Lindsey Rothenberg, NIV Chief, Consular Section of the U.S. Consulate General in Chennai.</p>
<p>7th Nov 14</p>	<p><b>Amcham Breakfast Meeting</b></p> <p>Amcham Breakfast meeting for CEO's, HR Heads &amp; Global Mobility Managers. Topic: Challenges &amp; Solutions in Global Mobility. Facilitated by Deloitte.</p>
<p>10th Nov 14</p>	<p><b>Meeting of the Amcham Executive Committee</b></p> <p>Meeting of the Amcham Executive Committee with all the new Heads at the American Consulate General - Consul General Mr. Philip Min, Principal Commercial Officer Mr. John Fleming, Dr. Lawrence Mire, Head of the Consular Department and Consul Mr. Sam Rothenberg, the Political &amp; Economics Officer of State Department at the Consulate.</p>
<p>3rd Dec 14</p>	<p><b>Meeting With Zonal Development Commissioner</b></p> <p>Meeting at Office of the Zonal Development Commissioner, SEZ's at Madras Export Processing Zone. Topic: Land availability in all SEZ's across southern states for American companies to establish a business presence and top resolve pending issues that Amcham members have with the SEZ administrators. Meeting with Mr. Choudhary, Development Commissioner, Dr. Swarna, Joint Development Commissioner, Ms F.D. Initha, Deputy Development Commissioner and select Amcham member companies.</p>
<p>19th Dec 14</p>	<p><b>Amcham Breakfast Meeting</b></p> <p>Guest Speakers were Mr. A. K. Choudhary, Development Commissioner, Special Economic Zones in Tamil Nadu &amp; Ms F. D. Initha, Deputy Development Commissioner.</p> <p>The Topic of discussion was "Make in India" campaign at Special Economic Zones for manufacturing, IT, ITES and Service Industries.</p>



Consulate Officers at the welcome party organized by Amcham.



Mr. John Fleming, Principal Commercial Officer welcoming new Consulate Officers.



Mr. Michael Cathey, Deputy Consular Chief & Head Non Immigrant presenting the Consular Report to members on the Visa status.



Mr. Harbhajan Singh IAS, Director General, DIPP, addressing a gathering of VC's, Deans, Principals and Professors of various engineering colleges in Tamil Nadu in the joint program between Amcham and NPC to bridge the skill gap of engineering students.



Mr. N. Kumar of Deloitte addressing participants at the workshop on Connected Thinking in Core Engineering.





Mr. Rajan Aiyer of Trimble Navigation making a point during the panel discussion on skills that student engineers need to acquire to be industry ready.



Mr. B Sriram of Ernst & Young making a point during the interactive session with officers from the Madras Export processing Zone office of the Ministry of Commerce.



Mr. Navneet Kejriwal of Dell raising a point seeking clarifications during the interactive session.



Mr. R. Choudhury, Development Commissioner – SEZ's, Ministry of Commerce addressing members at the December breakfast meeting.



Mr. Nelson Wu, Chief of American Citizens Services responding to a query by a member.



Mr. C. V. Sankar, Principal Secretary, Industries Dept. Govt. of Tamil Nadu addressing members on the state industrial policy.



## AMCHAM Delhi

Special Session with Mr. Ravi Shankar Prasad, Union Minister for Communications & Information Technology, Govt. of India during "Avenues - 2014": the EconomicTimes & Amcham India - Industry Government Interface.

Date	Meetings / Events
25th April 2014	<p><b>22nd Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Amcham India</b></p> <p>Statutory AGM: Welcome &amp; Presentation of Annual Report by Mr. Ajay Singha, Executive Director, Amcham India Presentation &amp; Adoption of Audited Accounts for 2013 - 14 by Mr. Atul Dhawan, Hony. Treasurer &amp; Secretary, Amcham India; Partner, Deloitte Haskins &amp; Sells.</p> <p>Appointment of Auditors for the year 2014 - 15 (Resolution).</p> <p>Change in period of Amcham Annual Membership Subscription (Resolution).</p> <p>Announcement of election results of the new National Executive Board for 2014 - 15 and ratification of the new NEB by members (General Body).</p> <p>Presentations by Chairmen of Sectoral Committees (Manufacturing, Aviation, CSR) Mr. Rustom J. Desai Chairman, Manufacturing Committee of Amcham; and Managing Director, Corning India and Telecom Operations; Mr. Palash Roy Chowdhury Chairman, Aviation Committee of Amcham; and Managing Director - India (Pratt &amp; Whitney - CS&amp;GS) United Technologies Corporation India Pvt. Ltd.; Mr. Deepak Jolly Chairman, CSR Committee of Amcham; and Vice President - Public Affairs &amp; Communication Coca-Cola India Pvt. Ltd. and Vote of Thanks by Mr. Gulshan Kumar Sachdev Vice Chairman, Amcham India; and Managing Director, Quaker Chemical India Limited.</p>
25th April 14	<p><b>Meeting of Amcham's National Executive Board</b></p> <p>The First Meeting of the National Executive Board of Amcham for the year 2014 - 15 was held on 25th April 2014 at New Delhi. The following were elected as office bearers for the year 2014 - 15:</p> <p>Chairman: Mr. Banmali Agrawala, President &amp; CEO, GE India Industrial Pvt. Ltd., Vice Chairperson: Ms Kaku Nakhate, President &amp; Country Head (India), Bank of America, Vice Chairman: Mr. Gulshan K. Sachdev, Managing Director, Quaker Chemical India Limited and Hon. Secretary &amp; Treasurer: Mr. Atul Dhawan, Partner, Deloitte Haskins &amp; Sells.</p>
25th April 14	<p><b>Meeting of Amcham Defense Committee</b></p> <p>Meeting of Amcham Defense Equipment Committee to apprise the group of the meeting with Mr. Ashok Meena (JS DOMW) and to review the Amcham/FICCI Joint recommendations submitted to Ministry of Defense. Meeting was chaired by Mr. Pritam Bhavnani, Mr. Phil Shaw and Mr. Gaurav Mehndiratta.</p>

27th April 14	<p><b>Amcham Delegation to Bangladesh to participate in TICFA Private Sector Talks</b></p> <p>U.S. Ambassador in Dhaka, Mr. Dan Mozena, invited Amcham India to join a U.S. private sector delegation in Dhaka to exchange views with the U.S. - Bangladesh official delegation ahead of the U.S. - Bangladesh Trade and Investment Cooperation Forum Agreement (TICFA) on 28th April 2014 in Dhaka.</p> <p>Amcham took a 6-member delegation to Dhaka. Amcham members briefed the U.S. Government delegation on difficulties faced by U.S. exporters of medical devices to Bangladesh due to lack of regulatory policy for medical devices; bidding for procurement contracts; business visas; need for transparency in awarding contracts, etc.</p> <p>Amcham delegates participated in a joint meeting with Amcham Bangladesh and Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry; reception hosted by U.S. Ambassador; meeting with U.S. and Bangladesh Government officials; meeting with Md. Golam Kibria, Director, DGDA; and reception hosted by Special Secretary, Ministry of Commerce, Government of Bangladesh.</p>
28th April 14	<p><b>Meeting of Defense core committee members with National Small Industries corporation (NSIC) officials</b></p> <p>Mr. Pritam Bhavnani, President Honeywell HGR, Mr. Phil Shaw, Chief Executive, Lockheed Martin, Ms Janaki Raman, KPMG and Ms Udaya Arun, Program Manager, Aerospace &amp; Defense, Amcham called on the Director Mr. P Udaya Kumar and Advisor, Col Kuber at NSIC and it was discussed that Amcham should explore the possibility of partnering and joining the SOMEX 2015 (Sourcing Expo - January end 2015) in Tamil Nadu.</p>
28th April 14	<p><b>Meeting with Joint Secretary Anil Srivastava, Ministry of Civil Aviation</b></p> <p>Mr. Ajay Singha and Ms Udaya Arun, Program Manager, Amcham called upon Mr. Anil Srivastava, Joint Secretary at Ministry of Civil Aviation to discuss the policy recommendations submitted by the Amcham Aviation Committee to the Ministry of Civil Aviation. Mr. Srivastava welcomed Amcham to meet him as a larger group and discuss the recommendations submitted in great depth.</p>
30th April 14	<p><b>Meeting with Mr. G. Gurucharan, Additional Secretary, Department of Consumer Affairs, GOI</b></p> <p>A few members of Amcham's ICT Committee led by its Chairman, Mr. Amit Sharma, Executive Vice President, President Asia, ATC Tower Company of India Pvt. Ltd., met with Mr. G. Gurucharan, Additional Secretary, Department of Consumer Affairs, GOI, in his office, to discuss the latest labelling requirements of registered IT products imposed by BIS.</p> <p>In this connection, the Additional Secretary assured that the intent of the Indian Government was to be in sync with global standards and to ensure ease of operations for domestic as well as foreign investors.</p>
2nd May 14	<p><b>Interactive meeting of the Medical Devices companies with Mr. Jonathan Goldberg, Desk Officer - Office of South Asia, Dept. of Commerce</b></p> <p>The Amcham Medical Devices group met Mr. Goldberg and discussed issues of concerns in India and Bangladesh.</p>
2nd May 14	<p><b>Meeting of the Amcham Pharmaceuticals Committee</b></p> <p>Interactive meeting of the Pharmaceutical companies with Mr. Jonathan Goldberg to discuss issues of relevance to Pharmaceutical industry in India.</p>

2nd May 14

**Meeting of the Amcham Pharmaceuticals Committee**

Meeting of the Amcham Pharmaceuticals Committee to discuss the agenda for the forthcoming year. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Anish Bafna, Chairman, Amcham's Pharmaceuticals Committee & MD Baxter India.

6th May 14

**Meeting with Dr. G.S. Sandhu, Secretary, Department of Financial Services, GOI**

A few members of Amcham's Electronic Payments Committee called on Dr. G.S. Sandhu, the new Secretary, Department of Financial Services, Government of India. Mr. Anish Shah, Chairman, Electronic Payments Committee, and President & CEO, GE Capital, led the discussions.

8th May 14

**Meeting of Amcham and FICCI secretariat**

Members of Amcham's Aviation Committee and FICCI were invited to share their views and inputs for the recommendations to be submitted to the Government of India on the Civil aviation market.

8th May 14

**Members of FICCI and Amcham Joint Working Group on Aviation**

Members of FICCI and Amcham Civil Aviation Committees interacted with the Civil Aviation authorities and raised a few issues of concern and suggestions to enhance & support growth of Civil Aviation in India. As there were several common inputs from FICCI and Amcham members, a joint working group (JWG) meeting was set up between FICCI and Amcham to put together a consolidated set of recommendations for consideration by the government.

8th May 14

**Event on 'Managing Tax Risk with Enterprise Tax Technology'**

Amcham's Tax and Tariff Committee along with Thomson Reuters organized a programme on 'Managing Tax Risk with Enterprise Tax Technology' in Mumbai.

Tax and compliance remain a key concern amongst Indian CFOs. Constantly changing legislations, heightened scrutiny by tax authorities and increasing public attention are combining and interacting to create a whole new context for tax risk management decisions. One of the many ways in which some of these challenges can be mitigated is through the effective use of tax technology.

Mr. Sudhir Kapadia, Chairman, Amcham's Tax & Tariff Committee; and Partner & National Tax Leader, EY, delivered the opening remarks which were followed by presentations as follows:

Mr. Ravi Mahajan, Partner, Tax & Regulatory Services, EY - Managing Tax Risk and Transforming Tax Operations; Mr. Hitesh Sharma, Partner, Tax and Regulatory Services, EY - Tax Challenges, Transfer Pricing and Tax Technology Solutions; Mr. Karan Malhotra, Vice President, GGO - India, Tax & Accounting, Thomson Reuters - Brief introduction of Thomson Reuters; Mr. Hitesh Pandey, Manager, Transfer Pricing, GGO - India, Tax & Accounting, Thomson Reuters - Transfer Pricing - Tax Technology Solutions, Mr. Divyesh Lapsiwalla, Partner, Tax and Regulatory Services, EY - Tax Challenges, Indirect Tax & Tax Technology Solutions; Mr. Vijendra Agrawal, Manager, Tax Research, GGO - India, Tax & Accounting, Thomson Reuters - Indirect Tax - Tax Technology Solutions

The Vote of Thanks was proposed by Mr. Nikhil Bhatia, Executive Director, PwC Pvt. Ltd.

<p>12th May 14</p>	<p><b>Meeting with Mr. Vinit Goenka, National Co-Convener, Information Technology Cell, Bharatiya Janata Party</b></p> <p>A few members of Amcham’s ICT Committee led by its Chairman, Mr. Amit Sharma, Executive Vice President, President Asia, ATC Tower Company of India Pvt. Ltd. met with Mr. Vinit Goenka, National Co-Convener, Information Technology Cell, Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) over dinner in New Delhi and discussed issues relating to IT and telecom sectors.</p>
<p>13th May 14</p>	<p><b>Meeting with Mr. R. S. Sharma, Secretary, Department of Electronics and Information Technology (DeitY), GOI</b></p> <p>A few members of Amcham’s ICT Committee led by its Co - Chairman, Mr. Naveen Tandon, Director - IEA, AT&amp;T Communication Services India Pvt. Ltd, met with Mr. R. S. Sharma, Secretary, Department of Electronics and Information Technology (DeitY), GOI.</p> <p>The issues discussed included PMA, domestic manufacturing and inverted duty structure, new labeling requirements for IT and electronic products, labour laws for IT sector and Government procurement and model RPF.</p>
<p>13th May 14</p>	<p><b>Interaction on Regional Connectivity</b></p> <p>In a multi-industry interaction hosted by Amcham, in partnership with USIBC, the session focused on regional connectivity with India’s neighbouring countries. The delegation from the U.S. Department of State was led by Ms Fatema Z. Sumar, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for South and Central Asian Affairs. Ms Sumar was joined by her colleagues, Ms Sumona Guha, Office of the Secretary Policy Planning Staff and Mr. Ryan M. Miller, Senior Economic Officer and Speechwriter in the Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs.</p>
<p>20th May 14</p>	<p><b>Meeting in honour of Mr. John M. McCaslin, Minister Counselor for Commercial Affairs, U.S. Embassy</b></p> <p>Amcham organized a meeting in honour of Mr. John M. McCaslin, Minister Counselor for Commercial Affairs, and Mr. Greg O’Connor, Principal Commercial Officer, U.S. Embassy in Jaipur. Local businessmen and several officials of the Government of Rajasthan joined.</p>
<p>21st May 14</p>	<p><b>Anti - Corruption Informational Series- Monthly Teleconference</b></p> <p>Mr Eric Young, Managing Partner-Young Law Group addressed the Amcham tele-conference on “Lessons from Whistleblowers for FCPA Compliance”.</p>
<p>30th May 14</p>	<p><b>Amcham’s Supply Chain &amp; Logistics Committee Meeting</b></p> <p>Amcham’s Supply Chain &amp; Logistics Committee Meeting was held under the chairmanship of Mr. Neil Basu. Members of Amcham’s SCL Committee met to discuss and create a calendar of events &amp; committee meetings for the SCL committee for the year 2014 - 2015. Mr. Nikhil Kush, South Asia Supply Chain Leader, E. I. DuPont India Pvt. Ltd., was announced as the co - chair of the committee. Mr. Shrini Sarangapani, GM SCM at Timken India Ltd made a presentation on the Principles &amp; Best Practices at Timken.</p>
<p>3rd June 14</p>	<p><b>Meeting of Amcham Defense Equipment Committee</b></p> <p>Meeting of Amcham Defense Equipment Committee. Meeting was chaired by Mr. Pritam Bhavnani, President Honeywell HGR. The discussions revolved around the final notes documented at JS (DOMW) office, and Potential webinar by KPMG/Amcham on proposed changes in FDI</p>

4th June 14	<p><b>IPR Interactive Session</b></p> <p>Amcham's IPR Committee conducted an interactive session in collaboration with USPTO and Caterpillar to address important IPR issues and challenges faced by U.S. Companies in India.</p> <p>Ms Kalpana Reddy, USPTO, emphasized on the various issues and IPR challenges in India. Mr. Dennis Skarvan, Caterpillar, presented on U.S. Non - Performing Entries Bill, addressing patent control at the state level in the U.S. and accentuated that the U.S. did not have federal patent control laws. Mr. Steve Hanley, Caterpillar, shed light on a creative approach to deal with IPR issues in India through leveraging low cost service providers. Mr. Rajinder Sharma, Chairman IPR Committee, reiterated the lack of judicial infrastructure in India and advocated the idea of "Innovating in Law".</p>
5th June 14	<p><b>Meeting of the Amcham Medical Devices team with the Director General DRI Mr Najib Shah</b></p> <p>A seven member delegation from Amcham Medical Technology group met Mr. Najib Shah, DG DRI &amp; his colleagues to voice their concerns regarding issues faced in course of ongoing investigations on the US medical technology companies. Industry members were assured that their concerns will be addressed &amp; that their view with regard to classification will be communicated to CBEC to issue a clarification on the ongoing classification issue.</p>
6th June 14	<p><b>Meeting of the Amcham Healthcare group with Secretary Health &amp; Family Welfare - Mr. Lov Verma</b></p> <p>A delegation of the Amcham Healthcare group met with the Secretary, Health &amp; Family Welfare - Mr. Lov Verma. The group was led by Mr. Prabal Chakraborty, Chairman, Amcham Medical Devices Committee and VP &amp; MD Boston Scientific. The group spoke about the Drugs &amp; Cosmetics Act Amendment &amp; also voiced their concerns on some issues facing the medical devices &amp; pharmaceuticals sectors in India. The Secretary was accompanied by Mr R K Jain, Addl. Secretary &amp; DG - CGHS.</p>
6th June 14	<p><b>Meeting with Mr. Rajiv Takru, Secretary (Revenue), GOI</b></p> <p>Amcham submitted its Pre-Budget Memorandum to Mr. Rajiv Takru, Secretary (Revenue), Ministry of Finance, GOI. A presentation on direct taxes was made by Mr. Rahul K. Mitra, Partner - Tax &amp; Regulatory Services (Transfer Pricing), PricewaterhouseCoopers Pvt. Ltd. &amp; on indirect taxes by Mr. Abhishek Jain, Partner - Indirect Tax Services, EY, LLP.</p>
8th June 14	<p><b>Anti - Corruption Informational Series - Monthly Teleconference</b></p> <p>Speaker - Mr. Arpinder Singh (EY - National leader of Fraud, Investigation and Dispute)</p> <p>Topic - FCPA Investigation Lifecycle</p>
11th June 14	<p><b>Meeting with new U.S. Charge d'Affaires a.i., Ambassador Kathleen Stephens</b></p> <p>The new U.S. Charge d'Affaires a.i., Ambassador Kathleen Stephens, addressed members of Amcham's National Executive Board and Chairmen / Co - Chairmen of Sectoral Committees. Ambassador Stephens said that there was great opportunity for business between U.S. and India and the U.S. Government was very keen to take Indo - U.S. relations to a new high, particularly after the new Government led by Prime Minister Modi was sworn in.</p> <p>Ambassador Stephens' address was followed by brief presentations made by Committee Chairmen / Co - Chairmen.</p>

11th June 14	<p><b>Meeting of Amcham's National Executive Board</b></p> <p>A meeting of Amcham's National Executive Board was held at Gurgaon under the chairmanship of Mr. Banmali Agrawala, Chairman of NEB and President &amp; CEO, GE India Industrial Pvt. Ltd.</p>
12th June 14	<p><b>Mr. Akhilesh Yadav, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh</b></p> <p>A high-level government delegation led by Mr. Akhilesh Yadav, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh comprising senior Government officials from the State of UP visited New Delhi for the Delhi Investors' Conclave in New Delhi. The meeting was organized by EY India.</p> <p>The following government departments were represented by Principal Secretaries or Secretaries at the event: Energy, Non - conventional Energy, IT &amp; Electronics, Medical Health &amp; Family Welfare, Housing &amp; Urban Development, Agro &amp; Food Processing, Horticulture, Animal Husbandry, MSME, Tourism, UPSHA, PWD, Lucknow Metro, UP State Highways, Noida Authority and Greater Noida Authority. Amcham members made observations on the great potential for investment in UP.</p>
8th June 14	<p><b>Anti - Corruption Informational Series teleconference</b></p> <p>The Anti - Corruption Informational Series Teleconference. Mr. Arpinder Singh (EY - National leader of Fraud, Investigation and Dispute) spoke about the "FCPA Investigation Lifecycle". The various points covered in the teleconference were EY Global Fraud Survey - 2014 &amp; FCPA Investigation Lifecycle.</p>
24th June 14	<p><b>Amcham open forum with USITC delegates</b></p> <p>Amcham held an open forum with The United States International Trade Commission (USITC) delegates to discuss trade barriers to U.S. companies in India, who came to India to gather information on Indian trade, investment &amp; industrial policies, in order to support the preparation of a report requested by Congress. The team of analysts &amp; economists provide the President, USTR &amp; Congress with independent analysis, information &amp; support on matters of tariffs, international trade &amp; U.S. competitiveness.</p> <p>Ms Katherine Connor Linton, Sr. Intl. Trade Analyst, IP, Office of Industries, USITC, &amp; Mr. John Giamalva, Intl. Trade Analyst, Agriculture &amp; Fisheries Division, Office of Industries, USITC, were accompanied by representatives from the U.S. Embassy. Committee members from Pharma, Medical Devices, ICT, IPR stated their trade-related challenges.</p>
25th June 14	<p><b>Meeting with H.E. Mr. Mohamed Naseer, High Commissioner of Maldives</b></p> <p>Mr. Sanjeev Gupta, Managing Director - Corporate Relations; Accenture Services Pvt. Ltd.; and Ms Madhvi Kataria, Deputy Executive Director, Amcham, called on H.E. Mr. Mohamed Naseer, High Commissioner of Maldives. He was accompanied by Ms Aminath Shabeena, Counsellor.</p> <p>Amcham representatives briefed the High Commissioner of a proposed visit to the Maldives to explore possibilities of U.S. investment. The High Commissioner assured his full support and cooperation.</p>



25th June 14

**Avenues 2014: ET - Amcham Industry Government Interface**

The Economic Times and Amcham India held a special Industry - Government Interface ("Avenues 2014") to support Government in taking U.S. - India economic relations to a new high and achieving the \$500 billion mark in bilateral trade.

Along with knowledge partners Deloitte and KPMG, partner companies included: Aviation - UTC/Pratt & Whitney; ICT - ATC Tower Company and IBM; Energy/Infrastructure - Ingersoll Rand and UTC; Defense - Honeywell and Lockheed Martin.

Four sectors, aviation, ICT, energy/infrastructure and defense, were represented by US companies and participated in a panel discussion moderated by the Economic Times, with various GOI officials.

The Union Minister of Communications & Information Technology, GOI, Mr. Ravi Shankar Prasad, was the Chief Guest. The Minister of Civil Aviation, GOI, Mr. Ashok Gajapathi Raju Pusapati, was the Guest of Honour.

The ministers were received by a core group of CEOs namely:

Ms Vanitha Narayanan, Managing Director, IBM India; Mr. Wim Elfrink, Executive Vice President, Industry Solutions & Chief Globalisation Officer, Cisco Systems Inc.; Mr. Madan Mohan Rao Yalamanchili, Managing Director, S&P Capital IQ.

The Inaugural session speakers included: Mr. Satyan Gajwani, CEO Times Internet, The Times Group; Mr. Michael P. Pelletier, Deputy Chief of Mission, U.S. Embassy, Mr. Zubin Irani, President UTC Building & Industrial Systems, United Technologies Corporation India Pvt. Ltd., and Mr. Ajay Singha, Executive Director, Amcham India;

The Civil Aviation: Building Synergies panel was moderated by Mr. T. K. Arun, Editor - Opinion, The Economic Times. Panelists included: Mr. Palash Roy Chowdhury, Managing Director - India (Pratt & Whitney), United Technologies Corporation India Pvt. Ltd. Chairman, Amcham Civil Aviation Committee; Mr. Amber Dubey, Partner, KPMG India, Co - Chairman, Amcham Civil Aviation Committee; Mr. Ashok Gajapathi Raju Pusapati, Civil Aviation Minister, Govt. of India and Mr. Ashok Lavasa, Secretary, Civil Aviation, Govt. of India.

The Infrastructure & Energy panel was moderated by Mr. Himangshu Watts, Editor - Infrastructure & Energy, The Economic Times. Panelists for session included: Mr. Venkatesh Valluri, Chairman and President, Ingersoll Rand (India) Ltd., Chairman, U.S. - India Energy Co - operation Program; Mr. Gaurang Pandya, Managing Director, Carrier India (UTC); Mr. Narendra Taneja, National Convener, Energy Cell, BJP; Mr. Alok Srivastava, Joint Secretary, Ministry of New & Renewable Energy, Govt. of India; Mr. Dhanendra Kumar, Former, Secretary, Roads & Highways and Former, Executive Director, World Bank and Ms Kalpana Jain, Senior Director, Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu.

The session entitled Reviving Information and Communication Technology Growth was moderated by Mr. Shelley Singh, Editor - Technology, The Economic Times. The panelist included: Mr. Amit Sharma, Executive Vice President, President Asia, ATC Tower Company of India Pvt. Ltd., Chairman, Amcham ICT Committee; Ms Vanitha Narayanan, Managing Director, IBM India Pvt. Ltd.; Mr. RS Sharma, Secretary Department of Electronics & IT, GOI; Ms Rita Teatota, Additional Secretary, Department of Telecom, GOI; Mr. Vinit Goenka, National Co-Convener, IT Cell, BJP; and Mr. Atul Dhawan, Partner, Deloitte Haskins & Sells.

The Defense Collaboration group Panelists included: Mr. Pritam K. Bhavnani, President, Honeywell Aerospace High Growth Region, Chairman, Amcham Defense Committee; Mr. Phil Shaw, Chief Executive, Lockheed Martin India Pvt. Ltd., Co - Chairman, Amcham Defense Committee and Mr. Gaurav Mehndiratta, Partner, KPMG India, Co - Chairman, Amcham Defense Committee and moderated by Mr. T. K. Arun.

26th June 14	<p><b>Meeting of Amcham's Tax, Tariff and Regulatory Affairs Committee</b></p> <p>The First Meeting of Amcham's Tax, Tariff and Regulatory Affairs Committee for the year 2014 - 15 were held at the office of EY, Gurgaon. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Sudhir Kapadia, Chairman of the Committee; and Partner &amp; National Tax Leader, EY.</p> <p>The Committee discussed the way forward after presentation of the Union Budget for 2014 - 15; and decided to study the TARC Report presented by Dr. Parthasarathi Shome, Chairman, Tax Administration Reforms Commission.</p>
2nd July 14	<p><b>Meeting with Ms Sibani Swain, Economic Advisor, Ministry of Corporate Affairs</b></p> <p>Amcham hosted a meeting with Ms Sibani Swain, Economic Advisor, Ministry of Corporate Affairs where select members of the committee (mainly the IT sector) had a discussion on Provision of Corpus, consideration of volunteer hours, continuity of existing initiatives, developing entrepreneurial skills, vocational skills, worldwide fund routing and Global NGO consideration. The meeting was followed up by interactions with the Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IIFA).</p>
14th July 14	<p><b>Interactive roundtable discussion with Mr. Arun Kumar</b></p> <p>An Interactive roundtable discussion was organized with Mr. Arun Kumar, Director General of the U.S. and Foreign Commercial Service and Assistant Secretary for Global Markets U.S. Department of Commerce, International Trade Administration.</p> <p>The focus of the meeting was manufacturing challenges in India. The discussion was led by Mr. Rustom Desai, Chairman, Amcham Manufacturing Committee and Managing Director, Corning India and Telecom Operations. Mr. Desai gave a presentation on "U.S Economic Engagement with India - Focus on Manufacturing." US Ambassador Kathleen Stephens joined the lunch session.</p>
15th July 14	<p><b>Meeting with delegation from USTR</b></p> <p>Amcham held an open forum hosted by DuPont with USTR. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Rajinder Sharma, Director, E. I. DuPont India Pvt. Ltd. and Chairman - IPR Committee, Amcham.</p> <p>The delegation from USTR included: Mr. Michael J. Delaney, Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for South Asia, USTR. Ms Dawn Shackelford, Deputy Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for India, USTR</p>
15th July 14	<p><b>Infrastructure Session - DG US Foreign Commercial Services &amp; Assistant Secretary</b></p> <p>Amcham held an interactive roundtable discussion with Mr. Arun Kumar. The meeting was hosted by Flour Daniel.</p> <p>The focus of the meeting was infrastructure challenges in India. A presentation was given by Mr. Arun Kumar Jain, Chairman, Amcham's Infrastructure Committee and Managing Director, Fluor Daniel. The presentation covered the background of infrastructure projects in India, investment opportunities, issues and challenges.</p>
16th July 14	<p><b>A Roundtable discussion with Mr. Amitabh Kant</b></p> <p>Amcham hosted an interactive roundtable discussion with Mr. Amitabh Kant, Secretary, Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP).</p> <p>The focus of the meeting was manufacturing opportunities and challenges in India. The discussion was led by Mr. Rustom Desai, Chairman, Amcham Manufacturing Committee and Managing Director, Corning India and Telecom Operations. Mr. Desai gave a presentation on "U.S. manufacturing investment in India - Opportunity for step - change"</p> <p>The other participating DIPP officials were: Mr. Shatrughan Singh, Additional Secretary, DIPP; Mr. Atul Chaturvedi, Joint Secretary, DIPP; Ms Shubhra Singh, Joint Secretary, DIPP and Mr. D.V. Prasad, Joint Secretary, DIPP.</p>

16th July 14	<p><b>Anti - Corruption Informational Series Benchmarking and Disseminating Best Practices</b></p> <p>Topic: "Hidden Costs of Corruption": Speaker: Ms Alexandra Wrage (President - TRACE International).</p> <p>Ms Wrage spoke about the "Hidden Cost of Corruption." The various points covered were on Hidden Costs of Bribes in Business, Local Community and Global Community.</p>
16th July 14	<p><b>Amcham HR Committee Meeting</b></p> <p>The Second Meeting of the Amcham HR Committee for the year 2014 - 15 was held in Mumbai. The meeting was chaired by Ms Anuranjita Kumar, Chair - Amcham's HR Committee. The Committee hosted a guest speaker, Ms Nohid Nooreyzedan, Senior Partner, ABZ &amp; Partners. Ms Nooreyzedan presented on 'Sexual Harassment at the Workplace'.</p>
24 - 25th July 14	<p><b>Invest North 2014</b></p> <p>Amcham was an Institutional Partner for the CII Invest North Conclave. Mr. Zubin Irani, President, UTC was driving this initiative. Led by Mr. Richard Rekhy, KPMG as the knowledge partner for the event. Invest North 2014 was a conclave to showcase investment opportunities in the northern states. Mr. Aubrey Daniels, Regional Director, Amcham Tamil Nadu Chapter, spoke on "Global Engagements for Growth."</p>
31st July 14	<p><b>An Interactive Session with U.S. Secretary of Commerce Ms Penny Pritzker</b></p> <p>Amcham had an interactive with Ms Penny Pritzker, U.S. Secretary of Commerce. The U.S. team led by Secretary Pritzker laid great emphasis on infrastructure projects and the role expected from high technology companies from the U.S. The U.S. Government offered financing of pilot projects in the energy sector, specially relating to energy efficiency, smart grid and smart city projects.</p>
31st July 14	<p><b>ECP hosts Roundtable with Deputy Assistant Secretary Daniel Poneman</b></p> <p>U.S. Secretary Pritzker and Deputy Secretary Poneman addressed the economic aspects under the U.S. - India Strategic Dialogue. CEOs of American companies interacted and briefed Secretary Pritzker on infrastructure project opportunities for U.S. MNCs.</p> <p>Mr. Venkatesh Valluri, Chairman, U.S. - India Energy Cooperation Program (ECP) emphasized that technological solutions for energy efficiency, smart grid and smart cities resided with American companies. Industry leaders felt that larger consortia of U.S. businesses focused primarily on key infrastructure development projects would make for a more concerted effort, and also the U.S. funding agencies should evolve integrated outreaches to complement these efforts.</p>
1st Aug 14	<p><b>Meeting with Mr. Rakesh Garg, Telecom Secretary, GOI</b></p> <p>Mr. Amit Sharma, Chairman, Amcham's ICT Committee, accompanied by the Co - Chairmen of the Committee, Mr. Naveen Tandon, Director - IEA, AT&amp;T Communication Services India Pvt. Ltd. and Mr. Vivek Vasishtha, Country Leader - Governmental Programs, IBM India Pvt. Ltd., met with Mr. Rakesh Garg, Secretary, Department of Telecommunications, and discussed issues relating to the telecom sector. The Telecom Secretary asked for a detailed note from Amcham.</p>
7th Aug 14	<p><b>Amcham Defense Committee Meeting</b></p> <p>Amcham Defense Committee members met to discuss the specific language changes made to the Offset policy document; update on Amcham meeting requests with MoD, and Amcham/ FICCI Defense Committee meeting.</p>

9th Aug 14	<p><b>Amcham Defense Committee Meeting with Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel</b></p> <p>Amcham hosted Secretary of Defense, Mr. Chuck Hagel for an interactive session with Senior U.S. and Indian Leadership and Industry CEOs. During the Secretary's visit, defense industrial cooperation was featured significantly on the agenda of both Governments and both sides worked to renew the agreement and strengthen ways to cooperate on defense trade and co - production.</p>
9th Aug 14	<p><b>Meeting with Mr. Frank Kendall, Under Secretary of Defense</b></p> <p>Amcham hosted Mr. Frank Kendall, Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics and Mr. Puneet Talwar, Assistant Secretary of State for Political - Military affairs for a closed door interactive session with U.S. industry leaders. Amcham members joined the roundtable to seek clarifications on Defense Trade and Technology Initiative (DTTI). This close door briefing provided the Defense committee members a platform to share inputs to discuss the path towards enhanced future collaborations</p>
19th Aug 14	<p><b>Interactive Session - U.S. Congressional Delegation</b></p> <p>A Congressional Delegation from the U.S. visited India to be informed on the scope and potential for U.S.-India economic cooperation, strengths and weaknesses, and how to bolster the relationship by influencing U.S. legislation.</p> <p>The visiting U.S. Congressional Delegation included Representative Mr. Steve Chabot (R-Ohio), Member, House Foreign Affairs Committee (HFAC); Chair of the Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific and Representative Mr. Luke Messer (R-Indiana), Member, HFAC; Member, House Financial Services Committee (HFSC).</p>
19th Aug 14	<p><b>TERI - Amcham interactive session on "Smart Cities- Policy Briefs - A white paper"</b></p> <p>TERI with Amcham and ECP organized a joint consultation session on Smart Solutions for Sustainable Cities in India (Smart Cities).</p>
20th Aug 14	<p><b>Anti - Corruption Informational Series Benchmarking and Disseminating Best Practices</b></p> <p>Topic: Third Party Due Diligence. Speakers: Mr. Gregory Shultz, Managing Director, The Compliance Table and Mr. Michael Harrington, Senior Managing Investigator - Mintz Group.</p> <p>Mr. Gregory Shultz and Mr. Michael Harrington spoke about "Third Party Due Diligence - Integrating in-house technology and outside services providers". Discussions revolved around the various benefits of using technology to monitor third party relationships, Sampling a Technology Workflow, Engaging Outside Providers, Cost-Effective Scope of Work and Human Sources.</p>
22nd Aug 14	<p><b>Meeting of Amcham's ICT Committee</b></p> <p>A meeting of Amcham's ICT Committee, under the chairmanship of Mr. Amit Sharma was held at the office of IBM, Gurgaon.</p> <p>Amcham will focus on penetration of broadband, and 'smart cities'.</p>
26th Aug 14	<p><b>Amcham Defense Committee Meeting</b></p> <p>Amcham Defense Committee members met to review the specific language changes made to the Offset policy document and prepare for upcoming meetings with MoD - DG(Acq) and JS(DOMW).</p>
28th Aug 14	<p><b>A panel discussion to cover the post-election scenario in India</b></p> <p>Amcham, in collaboration with the European Business Group (EBG) and the British Business Group (BBG) hosted a panel discussion to cover the post-election scenario in India. The panelists shared their insights on "100 Days - The Story So Far". The session was moderated by Mr. John Elliot, renowned British journalist and author. The panel of experts included - Mr. Anil Padmanabhan, renowned journalist, Deputy Managing Editor, The Mint, Ashok Malik, senior Indian journalist and columnist and Gardiner Harris, South Asia Correspondent, New York Times.</p>

28th Aug 14	<p><b>Briefing Interaction with Mr. Vikram K. Doraiswami, Joint Secretary (Americas), Ministry of External Affairs and other Government officials</b></p> <p>Mr. Ajay Singha and Ms Madhvi Kataria called on Mr. Vikram Doraiswami, Joint Secretary (Americas), Ministry of External Affairs to discuss expansion of U.S. business in India under the new economic environment.</p> <p>Mr. Doraiswami suggested that Amcham members brief him on some of the opportunities, share their investment plans and issues impacting U.S. business in India.</p> <p>Accordingly, a briefing interactive session was organized on 28th August 2014. From the Government side, the following members were present: Mr. Vikram K. Doraiswami, Joint Secretary (Americas), MEA; Mr. Rajeev Arora, Joint Secretary, Department of Commerce; Mr. D.V. Prasad, Joint Secretary, DIPP; Mr. K. K. Sinha, Adviser, DIPP; Representative of Department of Health and Ms K. Nandini, Director (Americas), AMS Division, MEA.</p> <p>Amcham members briefed the Government officials on the opportunities and challenges covering Aviation; Agritech; Transportation; Healthcare; Medical Devices; Infrastructure; Skill Development; Defense; Homeland; FDI in e-commerce; Telecom; Taxation; Supply Chain &amp; Retail and Satellite broadband for Digital India initiative.</p>
17th Sept 14	<p><b>Anti - Corruption Informational Series Benchmarking and Disseminating Best Practices</b></p> <p>Topic: "Proactive Compliance Measures to Prevent and Detect Failures in your Anticorruption Compliance Program and Mitigate Corruption Risks". Speakers: Ms Julia K. Bailey, Managing Director- BDO Consulting &amp; Ms Nidhi Rao, Director- BDO Consulting.</p> <p>Ms Bailey spoke about how companies should use a "holistic" approach when creating Anti - Corruption processes and policies that include involvement of all aspects of the corporation, not just the law department (e.g., supply chain, finance, audit, risk management, security, business development, etc.)</p>
17th - 19th Sept 14	<p><b>Amcham Delegation to Maldives</b></p> <p>A 9 - member delegation of Amcham India visited Male, Maldives. The delegation was led by Mr. Avinash Vashistha, member of Amcham's National Executive Board, and Chairman and Managing Director, Accenture Services Pvt. Ltd.</p> <p>Amcham members met with a number of Ministers, senior Government officials, Maldives private sector representatives and CEOs of American companies based in Male. The entire programme was planned and coordinated by the U.S. Embassy in Sri Lanka.</p>
18th Sept 14	<p><b>An open forum with the Deputy USTR</b></p> <p>Amcham held an open forum with the Deputy USTR. Over the last couple months USTR has visited India to discuss trade barriers and lay the groundwork for the Trade Policy Forum which is scheduled later this year in New Delhi. The visiting delegation included Ms Wendy Cutler, Deputy, USTR and Ms Dawn Shackleford, Deputy Assistant, USTR.</p>
19th Sept 14	<p>A call was held to finalize the draft of the EY document that outlines the scope of its engagement with ECP plan of activities and future course of action. The draft had been circulated through all stakeholders for inputs and is under due process of diligence with USTDA for their funding consideration.</p>
24th Sept 14	<p><b>Conversation on Competition</b></p> <p>Amcham's pharma and medical devices committee members participated in an informal discussion on competition policies and practices hosted by the U.S. Embassy at the American Center.</p> <p>The evening brought together economists, lawyers, thinkers, regulators, policy analysts and industry leaders to interact with several U.S. Federal Trade Commission (FTC) officials visiting Delhi for a training seminar on "Competition Investigations &amp; Merger Review in the Healthcare Industry" with the Competition Commission of India.</p>

<p>26th Sept 14</p>	<p><b>Amcham Defense Committee Meeting</b></p> <p>Amcham Defense Committee members met to review amcham recommendations on offset document, Amcham Recommendations/amendments to the DPP, Aero India 2015, and Update on the Amcham/Siati coordination.</p>
<p>7th -10th Sept 14</p>	<p><b>Amcham Door Knock to Washington D.C.</b></p> <p>The Annual Amcham Door knock delegation to Washington DC took place from 7th-10th October 2014. The main purpose of this program was to inform and sensitize U.S. policy-makers on issues impacting U.S. investments in India. The delegation informed U.S. policy-makers on the key challenges faced by U.S. companies in India. Discussions with the USG covered Taxation, Defense, Aviation, Energy, Healthcare, Infrastructure, Manufacturing, ICT and E-payments.</p> <p>The delegation met with Mr. Arun Kumar, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Global Markets and Director General of FCS, U.S. Department of Commerce, Mr. Puneet Talwar, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political - Military Affairs, Ms Nisha Biswal, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs, U.S. Department of State, Ambassador Robert Holleyman, Deputy United States Trade Representative, Dr. Amy Searight, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for South and Southeast Asia, Department of Defense, Mr. Mark Brunner, National Security Advisor, Office of Senator Mark Warner, Ms Holly Vineyard, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Asia, Mr. VinaiThummalapally, Executive Director, SelectUSA, Mr. Rory MacFarquhar, Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for International Economics, National Security Council Staff, Executive Office of the President, Mr. Matthew Warren, Director, International Armaments Cooperation, Ambassador Timothy Roemer, Senior Director &amp; Strategic Counselor, Global Political Strategies, APCO Worldwide (former US Ambassador to India), Ms Lee Zak, Director, United States Trade and Development Agency (USTDA), Ms Elizabeth Littlefield, President &amp; CEO, Overseas Private Investment Corporation and Mr. Fred Hochberg, Chairman, Export - Import Bank of the U.S.</p>
<p>10th Oct 14</p>	<p><b>Meeting of Amcham’s MED Committee</b></p> <p>A meeting of Amcham’s Medical Equipment and Devices Committee was held under the chairmanship of Mr. Prabal Chakraborty.</p> <p>One of the items on the Agenda was the proposed appointment of a consultant to represent Amcham and help draft the medical devices regulations for the Government of Bangladesh.</p>
<p>14th - 16th Oct 14</p>	<p><b>Amcham Delegation to Sri Lanka</b></p> <p>An 11 - member Amcham delegation visited Sri Lanka from 14th to 16th October 2014 to participate in the Business Networking Conference which was held on the margins of the Eleventh Joint Council Meeting under the U.S. - Sri Lanka Trade and Investment Framework Agreement (TIFA). The delegation was led by Mr. Phil Shaw, member of Amcham’s National Executive Board, and Chief Executive - India, Lockheed Martin India Pvt. Ltd. The purpose of the visit was to expand trade and investment relations between the U.S. and Sri Lanka.</p> <p>The delegates participated in a networking dinner hosted by Mr. Andrew Mann, Charge d’Affaires a.i., U.S. Embassy in Sri Lanka and dinner hosted by Mr. Rishad Bathiudeen, Minister of Industry and Commerce of Sri Lanka.</p> <p>During the visit, Amcham members met with officials of the U.S. Embassy, Ministers and officials of the Government of Sri Lanka and business representatives and discussed opportunities for a larger U.S. - Sri Lanka business engagement.</p>
<p>15th Oct 14</p>	<p><b>Anti - Corruption Informational Series Benchmarking and Disseminating Best Practices</b></p> <p>Topic: “Landscape of business courtesy guidelines in India - discussion on best practices and challenges faced by MNCs”. Speaker: Ms Ritu Jain, Chief Compliance Officer - South Asia, General Electric Company. Ms Jain covered the following points during her presentation: Discussion on key terms (such as business curtesy and governments), Overview of Acts, rules and guidelines in India, Compliance risks associated with business courtesies, Challenges of doing business and Best practices.</p>

15th Oct 14	<p><b>ECP Board Meeting</b></p> <p>The bimonthly ECP Board Meeting was held to review ECP activities and discuss way forward for project development activities under Smart Cities initiative launched by the Government of India. USDAs Regional Director, Mr. Henry Steingass highlighted the various avenues that ECP could be engaged in, and with TDA support, could initiate dialogues with the identified priority State Governments. Based on the study that Knowledge partners - EY will be conducting, state government's will be approached with a holistic strategy presented by Amcham - ECP companies. U.S. FCS and Econ Sections representatives also presented the US Government's position and plans to help take these plans forward for the three identified Smart cities (to be developed with U.S. collaboration) viz Allahabad, Vizag and Ajmer.</p>
29th Oct 14	<p><b>Interactive Session with U.S. Ambassador Kathleen Stephens</b></p> <p>U.S. Ambassador Kathleen Stephens invited Amcham for an interactive session on Indo - U.S. relations post PM Modi's visit to the U.S. at Roosevelt House, U.S. Embassy, New Delhi.</p> <p>From Amcham, the interaction was attended by Chairman Banmali Agrawala. There was a consensus that Prime Minister's visit to the U.S. was extraordinary and the leaders of both the countries established a good rapport with each other. The U.S. Government was keen to support the new Government and take the Indo - U.S. relations to a higher trajectory. Participants agreed that the Indian Government was pushing ahead reforms and investment climate was positive. However, there were still some challenges such as fairly complex tax structure, lack of infrastructure, implementation of policies, IPR, FDI in e-commerce, etc. Besides discussing the Indo - U.S. cooperation in setting up smart cities in India, members discussed Indo-U.S. cooperation in infrastructure, energy, Defense, civil aviation, manufacturing and skill development.</p>
4th Nov 14	<p><b>Round Table Interactive Session with Mr. Michael Scholla, Head - Regulatory and Standards, DuPont Protection Technologies</b></p> <p>Amcham and E. I. DuPont India Pvt. Ltd. organized a Round Table Interactive Session with Mr. Michael Scholla, Head - Regulatory and Standards, DuPont Protection Technologies at Gurgaon.</p> <p>Mr. Scholla spoke on Medical Device regulations development and implementation journey in U.S., Europe and Asia; Current trends in medical device regulations (ISO &amp; EN) and Medical device regulations in India.</p>
4th Nov 14	<p><b>Amcham Manufacturing Committee meeting</b></p> <p>The objective of the meeting was to set up a roadmap for state level interactions, prospective states being - Maharashtra, Gujarat and Tamil Nadu. The committee also decided to have interactions with Mr. D J Pandian, Chief Secretary, Mr. Bharat Lal, Principal Resident Commissioner, Gujarat and Mr. A K Sharma, Joint Secretary, PMO (Ex Additional Principal Secretary, GIDB). The committee members subsequently met with Ms Anandiben Patel, Chief Minister - Gujarat on December 15, 2014 and Mr. Devendra Fadnavis, Chief Minister - Maharashtra on December 16, 2014.</p>
7th Nov 14	<p><b>Meeting with Mr. Salah Uddin, Assistant Director, DGDA, Dhaka, Bangladesh</b></p> <p>Few Amcham members representing medical devices met with Mr. Salah Uddin, Assistant Director, DGDA, Dhaka, Bangladesh, over dinner at New Delhi to discuss regulations regarding import of medical devices into Bangladesh.</p>

8th Nov 14	<p><b>7th Amcham Amateur Invitational Golf Tournament</b></p> <p>The 7th Amcham Amateur Invitational Golf Tournament took place at the Golden Greens Golf Club, Gurgaon. This full day event included golf, lunch and prize distribution over a cocktail reception. Members of Amcham, Senior Dignitaries from the Government of India, select invitees of the U.S. Embassy and Indian corporates participated in the event.</p> <p>The annual event was sponsored by: Hult International Business School; Cisco Systems (India) Pvt. Ltd; Amway India Enterprises; Audi Gurgaon; Grant Thornton India LLP; Honeywell International (I) Pvt. Ltd., and Lubrizol Advanced and Materials India Pvt. Ltd. This event was also supported by: Avon Beauty Products India Pvt. Ltd., Coca-Cola India Inc., Kohinoor Speciality Foods India Pvt. Ltd. and PepsiCo India Holdings Pvt. Ltd.</p>
10th Nov 14	<p><b>Meeting with High Commissioner of Maldives</b></p> <p>Some members of Amcham, who had visited Maldives in September 2014, called on the High Commissioner of Maldives in India, H. E. Mr. Mohamed Naseer.</p> <p>Amcham members expressed satisfaction on the visit and said that they would follow up with the discussion they had with various Government departments. Some of the areas of interest to Amcham members were renewable energy, waste management, airport services, Defense and health.</p> <p>The High Commissioner said that U.S. investors should look at the Hulhumale island projects which would offer large opportunities for foreign investment. He urged Amcham members to accelerate their engagement with the Maldives Government to take their proposals forward.</p>
13th Nov 14	<p><b>Meeting of Amcham's Tax, Tariff and Regulatory Affairs Committee</b></p> <p>A meeting of Amcham's Tax, Tariff and Regulatory Affairs Committee was held under the chairmanship of Mr. Sudhir Kapadia, Chairman of the Committee.</p> <p>Members discussed Amcham's Pre-Budget Memorandum to be submitted to the Ministry of Finance and issues relating to GST.</p>
17th Nov 14	<p><b>Amcham &amp; USIBC Breakfast Briefing</b></p> <p>On the occasion of the U.S. India Technology Summit, Amcham and USIBC jointly hosted a breakfast briefing with a visiting USG delegation that included Arun Kumar, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Global Markets &amp; Director General for U.S. Foreign Commercial Service, Amb. Charles H. Rivkin, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Economic &amp; Business Affairs, U.S. Department of State, Fred Hochberg, Chairman, U.S. EX - IM Bank, Leocadia I. Zak, Director, U.S. Trade &amp; Development Agency.</p> <p>The meeting was moderated by Ajay Singha, Executive Director, Amcham. Remarks were also made by Secretary Mr. William Cohen, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, The Cohen Group, Ms Diane Farrell, Acting President, U.S.-India Business Council and Mr. Banmali Agarwala, President &amp; CEO, GE South Asia and Amcham Chairman.</p>
18th Nov 14	<p><b>Anti - Corruption Informational Series Benchmarking and Disseminating Best Practices</b></p> <p>Topic: "Anti - Corruption Enforcement Update: US uses Indian law to indict Indian government official, now what?" Speaker: Ms Carolyn F. McNiven, (Shareholder, Greenberg Traurig, LLP)</p>
24th Nov 14	<p><b>CEO Lunch with USTR Mr. Michael Froman</b></p> <p>On the occasion of the U.S. - India Trade Policy Forum, Amcham, in collaboration with USIBC, jointly hosted a CEO lunch with U.S. Trade Representative Michael Froman.</p>



26th Nov 14	<p><b>Meeting of Amcham's Defense Equipment Committee</b></p> <p>Meeting of Amcham's Defense Equipment Committee - points for discussion were report from Secretary DP Meeting at Washington, Aero India Planning and Defense Committee Leadership change.</p>
26th Nov 14	<p><b>Meeting of Amcham's National Executive Board at Hyderabad</b></p>
2nd Dec 14	<p><b>Webinar on 'Large-scale Energy Efficiency in Indian Buildings</b></p> <p>Webinar on 'Large-scale Energy Efficiency in Indian Buildings : The Impact and Role of the Energy Conservation Building Code' by U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL) and Malaviya National Institute of Technology Jaipur (MNIT).</p>
3rd Dec 14	<p><b>Consortium on Infrastructure Collaboration Platform (ICP)</b></p> <p>To support the U.S. India Infrastructure Collaboration Platform (ICP), a consortium of U.S. companies has been put together to lead industry initiatives and chalk out a work plan on a collective basis. The aim of consortium is to develop a strategy to move forward with various stakeholders (especially the state governments) while identifying specific opportunities for infrastructure projects relating to smart cities and the energy sector.</p> <p>Mr. John McCaslin, U.S. Embassy shared a 'Concept Note &amp; Background' and 'CS India Infra (INFRA) Team Strategic Plan'. John also mentioned the detailed study Amcham has done on the profile of its member companies and classification done in various sectors. Two MOU's had been signed between the Indian U.S. Governments. Some points to be noted were a capability deck been prepared with 53 U.S. companies across Amcham platform. Their capabilities have been captured in one single template.</p> <p>Mr. Jaijit Bhattacharya from KPMG presented on the elaborate way/process a smart city is being built. Ms Carolyn Keating of Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC) gave a brief introduction of what OPIC does and how they lend to private sector companies before she answered specific questions.</p>
4th Dec 14	<p><b>Pre - Budget Meeting for Union Budget 2015 - 16 with Mr. Shaktikanta Das, Revenue Secretary</b></p> <p>Representatives of the American Chamber of Commerce in India (Amcham) and the European Business Group had a meeting with Mr. Shaktikanta Das, Revenue Secretary, and his team at in his office.</p> <p>Representatives of the two organizations made presentations on both direct and indirect taxes and elaborated on issues raised in the Pre - Budget Memorandum submitted to Government and also took up issues received from members subsequently.</p>
13th Dec 14	<p><b>The Amcham Annual Christmas Ball</b></p> <p>The Amcham Annual Christmas Ball was a fun filled event which was well attended by Amcham members, U.S. Embassy officials and guests. The event was supported by a large number of U.S. companies.</p>
15th Dec 14	<p><b>Meeting with Chief Minister of Gujarat, Ms Anandiben Patel</b></p> <p>Amcham met with the Chief Minister of Gujarat, Ms Anandiben Patel, and senior officials of the State Government in Gandhinagar. Other state government officials present included: Mr. K. Kailashnathan, Additional Chief Secretary to Chief Minister, Government of Gujarat, Mr. Atanu Chakraborty, Principle Secretary, Industries &amp; Mines Department, Government of Gujarat, Ms Mamta Verma, Industries Commissioner, Government of Gujarat, Mr. P. Swaroop, Managing Director, Industrial Extension Bureau, Mr. Ramakant Jha, Managing Director &amp; Group CEO, Gujarat International Finance Tec - City (GIFT), Mr. Dipesh Shah, Vice President Business Development, Gujarat International Finance Tec - City (GIFT).</p> <p>Opening remarks were made by Mr. Thomas Vajda, Consul General, U.S. Consulate General, Mumbai. Mr. Rustom J. Desai, Member, Amcham's National Executive Board; and Chairman, Manufacturing Committee made observations on manufacturing in Gujarat - key opportunities and challenges. Brief remarks were made by individual delegates on their engagement in the state - opportunities and challenges.</p>

17th Dec 14	<p><b>Anti - Corruption Informational Series - Benchmarking and Disseminating Best Practices : Anti - Corruption &amp; FCPA Compliance Committee Initiative</b></p> <p>Topic: "FCPA Year in Review 2014 - Lessons Learned and Practical Compliance Tips For the Coming Year"  Speaker: Mr. Rahul Lalit, Associate Director, PricewaterhouseCoopers Pvt. Ltd. His presentation covered India of Today; Doing Business in India; FCPA - Key Trends in 2014; Key ABC Enquiries in 2014; Typical Corruption Schemes in India and Managing ABC Risks.</p>
18th Dec 14	<p><b>First Meeting of Inter - Ministerial Committee to fast - track investment proposals from USA in India</b></p> <p>An Inter - Ministerial Committee to fast - track implementation of U.S. investments in India has been set up under the chairmanship of Mr. Amitabh Kant, Secretary, Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP). In the first meeting of this Committee specific issues relating to Amcham member companies such as Ford India, Morgan Stanley, Heinz, Cargill, Hughes Communication, Amazon, GE, Dell, Reichhold, BAE and Cisco were discussed and the representatives of the respective Ministries were requested to respond. From Amcham India, Ms Madhvi Kataria, Deputy Executive Director, attended the meeting.</p>
19th Dec 14	<p><b>Amcham Briefs Students - Florida International University</b></p> <p>The American Center, Amcham gave a briefing to students from the Center for International Business Education Research, composed of members of an International Business Management undergraduate class from Florida International University in Miami.</p> <p>Ms Valerie Swope, Program Coordinator for Amcham gave an introduction to the Chamber's activities and highlighted some of the successes from the year. Mr. Anand Dayal, Chairman of Amcham's FCPA committee shared his law expertise and briefed the students about the challenges and opportunities of doing business in India. The briefing was delivered in collaboration with the FCS.</p>
22nd Dec 14	<p><b>Meeting with Mr. Sanjay Garg, Joint Secretary, Department of Defense Production</b></p> <p>A meeting of Amcham's Defense Committee members was held with Mr. Sanjay Garg, Joint Secretary, DOMW. The Amcham paper on Defense offsets was reviewed by the Defense officials. Mr. Garg said that certain suggestions were feasible, others were not. He informed that the Government was re - examining the overall offset policy.</p>
6th Jan 2015	<p><b>CSR Briefing for University of Maryland Grad Students</b></p> <p>Amcham organized a briefing to graduate students from the University of Maryland at the Coca-Cola office, Gurgaon. The group from the Center for Philantropy and Nonprofit Leadership were in Delhi consulting on a non-profit project and wanted to discuss the economic integration of the visually impaired community in India and the role of corporate funding through CSR.</p> <p>They were briefed by Coca-Cola on the VEER campaign and also interacted with a representative from the American India Foundation (AIF). CSR experts from EY gave a presentation highlighting key aspects of the CSR law and answered questions regarding the CSR activities of American companies in India.</p>
12th Jan 15	<p><b>Inter - Ministerial Committee to fast-track investment proposals from U.S.A. in India</b></p> <p>The second meeting of this Committee to discuss specific issues relating to Amcham member companies such as Hughes Communication, International Paper, Morgan Stanley, Heinz, GE, BAE and Cisco were discussed. Other companies such as Applied Materials, Freescale Semiconductor, Harris Corporation, and Motorola Solutions also got the opportunity to raise their issues at this meeting. Representatives of the respective Ministries were requested to take note and respond at the next meeting. From Amcham India, Ms Madhvi Kataria, attended the meeting.</p>

13th Jan 15	<p><b>Amcham meets with new U.S. Ambassador Richard Verma and interacts with Ms Catherine A. Novelli, U.S. Under Secretary for Economic Growth, Energy and Environment</b></p> <p>Amcham members participated in an interactive session with U.S. Ambassador Richard Verma and Ms Catherine A Novelli, U.S. Under Secretary for Economic Growth, Energy and Environment. The discussion revolved around the current business climate, trade and investment and key issues impacting U.S. businesses in India.</p> <p>An overview of the business environment was given by Mr. Banmali Agrawala, Chairman, Amcham and President &amp; CEO, GE South Asia. Mr. Arun Kumar, Director General of the U.S. and Foreign Commercial Service and Assistant Secretary for Global Markets, U.S. Department of Commerce, International Trade Administration, was also present.</p>
14th Jan 15	<p><b>Infrastructure Collaboration Platform (ICP) Meeting with Assistant Secretary Arun Kumar</b></p> <p>Select group of Amcham Companies met with Assistant Secretary Trade &amp; Director General, FCS, Arun Kumar and his team ahead of the Presidential visit, to develop the key deliverables for the Infrastructure Collaboration Platform. It was decided to formalize the setting up of an Industry Consortium comprising of all interested Govt and Industry stakeholders. Detailed discussions were held on the MOUs to be signed with state govts of Rajasthan, UP and Andhra Pradesh for the three cities of Vizag, Allahabad and Ajmer that are to be developed as Smart cities with U.S. assistance. A formal launch of Amcham's Infrastructure and Energy Capability Deck was made at the event which was well received by all.</p>
21st Jan 15	<p><b>First Meeting of the Committee for Examining and Recommending Amendments in the Drugs &amp; Cosmetics Rules, 1945</b></p> <p>The first meeting of the committee for examining and recommending amendments in the Drugs &amp; Cosmetics Rules, 1945 was held under the Chairmanship of Mr. K.L. Sharma, Joint Secretary (Regulation). Other government representatives included Dr. Shailendra Kumar (Director), Dr. B.R. Jagashetty (Advisor - Pharma), Dr. Selvaraj (Former State Drugs Controller for Tamil Nadu), Dr. Shringi (Former State Drugs Controller for Rajasthan), JDCG(I) Dr. S. Eswara Reddy, JDCG(I), Dr. V.G. Somani, Mr. S.R. Dhaleta (Former JS at Law Ministry), Ms Anita Tripathi (Under Secretary).</p> <p>The Committee decided to constitute seven sub groups for review of the provisions of the Rules. It was also decided that each sub group will have a nodal person from Industry and resource person from CDSCO. The committee also discussed and decided the timeline for giving first round of suggestions to the committee.</p>
23rd Jan 15	<p><b>Interactive session with Mr. Douglas Riddle</b></p> <p>Interactive session with Mr. Douglas Riddle, Global Director - Coaching Services, Center for Creative Leadership at Mumbai.</p>
26th Jan 15	<p><b>Interaction with U.S. President Barack Obama</b></p> <p>Amcham members attended the Industry Interaction with U.S. President Barack Obama organized by the U.S. and Indian governments in association with trade and industry.</p>
27th Jan 15	<p><b>Roundtable with U.S. Congressional Delegation</b></p> <p>Amcham hosted a discussion with a visiting congressional delegation and VIPs from the U.S. government. Opening remarks were made by Mr. Banmali Agrawala, Chairman, Amcham India and President &amp; CEO, GE South Asia. The Congressional delegation included Senator Mark Warner, Virginia, Co - Chair of the Senate India Caucus, Congressman Joe Crowley, New York, Democratic Caucus Vice - Chairman, Congressman Ami Bera, California, Co - Chair of Congressional India Caucus, Ms Elizabeth Littlefield, President &amp; CEO, Overseas Private Investment Corporation and Ms Leocadia Zak, Director, U.S. Trade and Development Agency.</p>

27th Jan 15	<p><b>Stakeholder Consultation on General Anti Avoidance Rule (GAAR) with Union Finance Minister</b></p> <p>The Finance Minister, Mr. Arun Jaitley, had called representatives of Amcham, FICCI, CII, ASSOCHAM and PHD to have a discussion on General Anti Avoidance Rule (GAAR). The Finance Minister was accompanied by the Minister of State for Finance, Mr. Jayant Sinha; Revenue Secretary, Mr. Shaktikanta Das; and other senior officials. From Amcham, the meeting was led by Mr. Sudhir Kapadia, Chairman, Amcham's Tax, Tariff and Regulatory Affairs Committee; and Ms Madhvi Kataria. The view expressed by Chambers' representatives was that GAAR should be postponed by a few years and should not be introduced from 1st April 2015. GAAR will bring about discretion and uncertainty. Before introducing GAAR, the guidelines should be published and debated.</p>
27th Jan 15	<p><b>Amcham supported FICCI's event on Select USA featuring U.S. Commerce Secretary, Ms Penny Pritzker</b></p>
28th Jan 15	<p><b>Amcham HR Committee Meeting</b></p> <p>The third meeting of the Amcham HR Committee for the year 2014-15 was held in Mumbai. Ms Anuranjita Kumar, Chair, Amcham HR Committee, chaired the meeting. Ms Kumar presented the focus areas for Amcham's HR Committee in 2015. 3 sub-committees were formed on Talent Management and Leadership Development, Future of Work and Impact of digitalization and social media on HR.</p>
28th Jan 15	<p><b>Meeting of Amcham's Defense Equipment Committee</b></p> <p>Meeting of Amcham's Defense Equipment Committee at Gurgaon - points of discussion were a report on JS DOMW Meeting and committee strategies for the year 2015.</p>
30th Jan 15	<p><b>Core Group Meeting of Consortium</b></p> <p>Core Group Meeting of Consortium on Infrastructure, Smart Cities &amp; Energy with Mr. Anil Menon, President, Smart+Connected Communities, Cisco Inc.</p>
3rd Feb 15	<p><b>Amcham Aviation Workshop</b></p> <p>An Amcham Aviation Workshop was held at Ministry of Civil Aviation under the Chairmanship of Mr. Ashok Gajapathi Raju Pusapati, Union Minister of Civil Aviation.</p>
3rd Feb 15	<p><b>Meeting with Dr. Shailendra Kumar, Director (Drugs), Ministry of Health &amp; Family Welfare</b></p> <p>A small group of Amcham-AdvaMed representatives met Dr. Shailendra Kumar, Director (Drugs) to get his insights ahead of the meeting being planned by the Health ministry for discussion on Drugs &amp; Cosmetics Bill on February 5th, 2015 under the Chairmanship of Mr. K. L. Sharma, Joint Secretary (Regulations), Ministry of Health &amp; Family Welfare.</p> <p>Dr. Sharma was apprised of the industry concerns with the Bill and the members stressed on harmonizing the regulations with international best practices. He also informed that the Ministry was in agreement with most of the suggestions submitted by the Industry and was working on the Bill on a clean slate. Members welcomed and appreciated the consultative approach taken by the ministry with involvement of the all stakeholders while framing the legislations.</p>
5th Feb 15	<p><b>Interactive Session on "GST - A Game Changer for the Economy"</b></p> <p>An Interactive Session on "GST - A Game Changer for the Economy" was held under the auspices of Amcham's Tax, Tariff and Regulatory Affairs Committee in the office of EY, Gurgaon.</p> <p>Mr. Satya Poddar, Senior Advisor, EY, made a presentation on 'Ushering in GST' and covered issues such as State VAT, Cenvat / service tax, impact of GST, issues under debate, proposed GST framework, empowering the Union and States to levy GST, GST Council, Central sales tax, tax rates, revenue compensation to States, key issues for businesses, and impact on business.</p> <p>A presentation on 'GSTN' was made by Mr. Kalyan Kumar Pal of PwC which covered the IT strategy for GST. This was followed by active participation from the floor.</p>

5th Feb 15	<p><b>Meeting of Stakeholders on D&amp;C Bill 2015, Ministry of Health &amp; Family Welfare</b></p> <p>A meeting of the stakeholders to discuss D&amp;C Bill 2015 was organized by the Ministry of Health &amp; Family Welfare at Nirman Bhawan. Mr. K. L. Sharma, Joint Secretary; Ministry of Health &amp; Family Welfare chaired the meeting. The meeting was organized with an objective to preview and discuss the revisions made to D&amp;C Bill by the Ministry based on the feedback received by the industry and which the ministry was planning to place before the Parliamentary Standing Committee during the upcoming Budget Session. Amcham members representing the medical sector devices participated.</p>
9th Feb 15	<p><b>Meeting with Mr. P.A. Sumedha Ponnampereuma, Minister Counsellor (Commercial), Sri Lanka High Commission</b></p> <p>Few members of Amcham called on Mr. P.A. Sumedha Ponnampereuma, Minister Counsellor (Commercial), Sri Lanka High Commission.</p> <p>Members discussed their interest in Defense and security including traffic control, border security, training; renewable energy; and cancer treatment in Sri Lanka. Mr. Ponnampereuma said that all these sectors had great potential in Sri Lanka and invited U.S. investment. He also suggested that Amcham should take a delegation to Sri Lanka and Sri Lanka High Commission would extend its full support.</p>
11th Feb 15	<p><b>Meeting of Amcham's ICT Committee</b></p> <p>A meeting of Amcham's ICT Committee, under the chairmanship of Mr. Amit Sharma, Executive Vice President, President Asia, ATC Tower Company of India Pvt. Ltd. was held in New Delhi. The meeting, inter alia, discussed issues relating to IoT; M2M activities; AGR (Adjusted Gross Revenue); VNO (Virtual Network Operators); PMA, data privacy, etc.</p>
12th Feb 15	<p><b>Meeting with Dr. Asha Ram Sihag, DG Acquisition, Ministry of Defense</b></p> <p>Meeting with Dr. Asha Ram Sihag, DG Acquisition, Ministry of Defense and the Amcham Defense Committee Leadership. Dr. Sihag welcomed the team and reviewed the documents of Offsets submitted by the committee and shared his views on them.</p>
13th Feb 15	<p><b>Anti - Corruption Compliance and Risk Management Master Class (FCPA &amp; UK Bribery Act)</b></p> <p>Sessions: Global Anti-Bribery Enforcement: Trends and Recent Cases Under the U.S. FCPA and UK Bribery Act, Third Party Due Diligence in the Indian Context: Compliance Red Flags and Best Practices, Prevention of Corruption Act. Vigilance and Anti - Corruption Enforcement in India, Responding to Bribery Allegations and Building a Defensible Compliance Risk Model for Moving forward Post - Investigation, Why Companies in India Must Strengthen their Compliance Programs, and examples of Best Practices.</p> <p>Speakers: Mr. Alexandra Wrage - CEO, Trace International, Mr. Gaurav Ajmani - Sr. Corporate Counsel, Amazon.in, Mr. Balwinder Singh - Sr. Advisor, KPMG, Ex - CBI and CVC, Mr. Russell A. Stamets - Director, JCSS Consulting Pvt. Ltd., Mr. Naveen Prakash - CVO, SAIL, Ms Radhika Vohra - Senior Manager, Microsoft Mr. U.S. Dutt - Senior Advisor, EY, former DGP.</p>
17th Feb 15	<p><b>Amcham's U.S. Ambassador's Reception on the eve of Aero India 2015</b></p> <p>Amcham's U.S. Ambassador's Reception on the eve of Aero India 2015 at Bangalore - more than 200 companies participated. Amcham members sponsored this traditional Ambassadors reception.</p>

17th Feb 15	<p><b>Closed - door Round Table with U.S. Defense Delegation and USG Principals</b></p> <p>Closed - door Round Table with U.S. Defense Delegation and USG Principals at Bangalore. Ambassador Verma, Gen. Pottinger and Gen. Nahom interacted with leadership of U.S. Aerospace and Defense Companies and extended his full support to the industry.</p>
18th Feb 15	<p><b>Amcham Meets with IPR Think Tank</b></p> <p>After reviewing the draft National IPR Policy posted on the DIPP website, Amcham submitted feedback to the IPR Think Tank. Amcham met with the IPR Think Tank led by the Chairman of the IPR Committee, Mr. Balvinder Singh Kalsi, President - South Asia and ASEAN, E.I. Dupont.</p>
19th Feb 15	<p><b>ECP Meeting with Chief Minister Andhra Pradesh at AERO INDIA 2015</b></p> <p>Select members of the Infrastructure Collaboration Platform (ICP) led by Shivani Raina, Program Director, Amcham, interacted with Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Mr. Chandra Babu Naidu on the sidelines of AERO INDIA 2015, at Bengaluru. A discussion was initiated to plan for a larger event for working out a Smart City rollout roadmap for the state of Andhra Pradesh in association with all U.S agencies involved in various capacities.</p>
20th Feb 15	<p><b>Meeting of Amcham’s Medical Devices Committee</b></p> <p>A meeting of Amcham’s Medical Devices Committee was held under the chairmanship of Mr. Prabal Chakraborty, Chairman, Amcham Medical Devices Committee and MD, Boston Scientific India at the office of Zimmer India Pvt. Ltd., Gurgaon.</p> <p>The meeting was organized to set the charter for the medical devices committee for the year 2015 and also to discuss the various developments that had taken place in the medical devices sector recently. The committee also deliberated on other issues such as “Make in India”, Update on Bangladesh Regulations, PHFI Report and the Show Cause notice from NPPA seeking pricing information from medical device companies.</p>
25th Feb 15	<p><b>Meeting of Amcham’s National Executive Board at Gurgaon</b></p>
26th Feb 15	<p><b>Meeting with Mr. Frank Kendall</b></p> <p>Meeting with Mr. Frank Kendall, Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, U.S. Department of Defense - Amcham Defense Committee leadership met with the U.S. Department of Defense AT&amp;L team and exchanged ideas and took note of U.S. views on DTTI and the way forward.</p>
28th Feb 15	<p><b>Interaction with Government of Andhra Pradesh on promoting investments in AP in the IT/TES/ Electronics sectors</b></p> <p>Government of Andhra Pradesh has laid out a vision “To develop Andhra Pradesh as an Innovation Society of global repute, with focus on enhancing the quality of life of its citizens, through high - quality education and healthcare, increased productivity in agriculture and allied activities, creation of requisite employment potential by promoting electronics and IT industries, and above all, by providing good governance”. To facilitate this interaction a teleconference call was organized with (AP) Government for reaching out to key business leaders from leading IT &amp; ITES companies to arrive at meaningful alliances in overall development of the State. Mr. J. Satyanarayana, Advisor (e-Governance, Electronics &amp; IT), led the Government side interaction. Amcham member companies from the IT/ ITES sectors participated.</p>
2nd March 15	<p><b>Post Budget Live Video Conferencing</b></p> <p>Post Budget Live Video Conferencing by Amcham’s Tax, Tariff and Regulatory Affairs Committee under Chairmanship of Mr. Sudhir Kapadia, Partner &amp; National Tax Leader, EY, was organized at Gurgaon, Bangalore, Chennai, and Mumbai.</p>

2nd March 15	<p><b>USTDA Brings U.S. and Indian Stakeholders Together to Discuss Smart Grid Project Deployment</b></p> <p>The U.S. Trade and Development Agency (USTDA) sponsored the India Smart Grid Workshop in Bangalore. The one-day workshop brought together U.S. and Indian power sector stakeholders for future power project development in India.</p>
2nd March 15	<p><b>Meeting with H.E. Professor Sudharshan Seneviratne, High Commissioner of Sri Lanka</b></p> <p>A few members of Amcham along with Ms Madhvi Kataria, called on H.E. Professor Sudharshan Seneviratne, High Commissioner of Sri Lanka in his office to apprise him of the interest of U.S. companies based in India to invest / do business in / with Sri Lanka and the proposal to take a delegation to Sri Lanka in the coming months.</p>
2nd March 15	<p><b>Post Budget Live Video Conference</b></p> <p>The Tax, Tariff and Regulatory Affairs Committee of Amcham held a video conference on Budget 2015 in the four offices of EY at Bangalore, Chennai, Gurgaon and Mumbai.</p> <p>The panel discussion was moderated by Mr. Sudhir Kapadia, Chairman, Amcham's Tax, Tariff and Regulatory Affairs Committee; and National Tax Leader - EY India. The panellists were: Ms Neeru Ahuja, Partner, Deloitte Haskins &amp; Sells LLP ; Mr. Sandeep Chaufla, Tax Partner, Pricewaterhouse &amp; Co. LLP; Mr. Sridhar Raman, Director (Taxation), Hindustan Coca-Cola Beverages Pvt. Ltd. and Mr. Harishanker Subramaniam, Tax Partner &amp; Tax Leader - Indirect Tax Services, EY India.</p>
4th March 15	<p><b>Interactive Session with Mr. Jayant Sinha, Union Minister of State for Finance</b></p> <p>Amcham organized an interactive session with Mr. Jayant Sinha, Union Minister of State for Finance in New Delhi. The U.S. Ambassador in India, H.E. Mr. Richard R. Verma, also made a few opening observations. Mr. Sinha spoke on Budget 2015 and presented to the members the philosophy on which the Budget was presented. This was followed by specific points raised by Amcham members. Mr. Banmali Agrawala, Chairman, Amcham and Mr. Pratyush Kumar, President, Boeing India, also briefly addressed the members.</p>
4th March 15	<p><b>The CSR Committee Meeting</b></p> <p>Mr. Deepak Jolly, Vice President - Public Affairs &amp; Communications chaired the CSR Committee meeting. Mr. Dilip Chenoy, MD, National Skill Development Corporation, NSDC gave a presentation on Multiplier Effect of CSR Contribution to Skill Development. Issues discussed were Skill gaps; non - availability of trainers; training needs. Mr. Mohit Gandhi made a PowerPoint presentation on - Creating a successful CSR Network, and sought suggestions for implementation.</p>
8th March 14	<p><b>Amcham met with Congressional Delegation and U.S. Ambassador</b></p> <p>A core group of U.S. defense companies met with a congressional delegation and Ambassador Verma over lunch at the Embassy. The group discussed opportunities and challenges in the context of each company's experience. The visiting congressional delegation included Rep. Ed Royce (R-CA), Chairman, House Foreign Affairs Committee (HFAC), Rep. Nita Lowey (D-NY), Member, Appropriations, Rep. Ami Bera (D-CA), Member, HFAC, Co - Chair Congressional India Caucus and Rep. George Holding (R-NC), Member, House Ways and Means, Co - Chair Congressional India Caucus.</p>
9th March 15	<p><b>Amcham briefs The Dwight D. Eisenhower School on Agriculture Business in India</b></p> <p>Amcham facilitated an agriculture briefing to The Dwight D. Eisenhower School for National Security and Resource Strategy of the National Defense University study group during their visit to India. Hosted by Mosaic India, Mr. Naveen Chahal, Managing Director, gave an insightful overview of the agriculture business in India as well as the opportunities and challenges in the sector. The group also met with a cross-section of agricultural researchers, agribusiness leaders, academics and farmers around Delhi to learn about Indian agriculture.</p>

9th March 15	<p><b>Meeting of Executive Committee of Amcham's Northern Region Council</b></p> <p>A meeting of the newly constituted Executive Committee of Amcham's Northern Region Council was held through concall to elect its Chairman and Vice-Chairman and to decide its nominee on Amcham's National Executive Board for 2015-16.</p> <p>Following were nominated: Chairman: Mr. Amit Sharma, Executive Vice President, President Asia, ATC Tower Company of India Pvt. Ltd.; Vice Chairman: Mr. Harish Krishnan, Executive Director, Public Affairs &amp; Strategic Engagement, India &amp; SAARC Cisco Systems (India) Pvt. Ltd. and Nominee on the Board: Mr. Rustom J. Desai, Managing Director, Corning India and Telecom Operations, Corning India.</p>
10th March 15	<p><b>Amcham Defense Committee Meeting</b></p> <p>Amcham Defense Committee meeting - discussions revolved around members feedback for Aero India 2015 and also the action points emanating from the round table discussions with the U.S. Ambassador and Under Secretary Frank Kendall.</p>
11th - 13th March 15	<p><b>APCAC Business Summit - 2015</b></p> <p>Held at the Marina Bay Sands Expo and Convention Centre from 11th - 13th March, this year's summit of the Asia - Pacific Council of American Chambers of Commerce (APCAC) was attended by more than 450 private - sector executives, diplomats and government leaders from the region.</p> <p>Amcham India was represented at the summit and encouraged to actively participate in the annual APCAC door knock in Washington, 22-25 June 2015. Panel discussions highlighted a range of subjects and India was mentioned in every discussion. Topics covered included political change and the business outlook, the next generation of business in Asia, innovation and technology disruption, the view from Washington D.C. and competition for capital with Asia as the financial hub of the future.</p>
18th March 15	<p><b>Anti - Corruption Informational Series - Benchmarking and Disseminating Best Practices</b></p> <p>Anti - Corruption &amp; FCPA Compliance Committee Initiative Topic: 'Responding to Bribery Allegations and Building a Defensible Compliance Risk Model for Moving Forward Post - Investigation' Speaker: Mr. Russell A. Stamets - Director, JCSS Consulting Pvt. Ltd.</p>
19th March 15	<p><b>Meeting of Executive Committee of Amcham's Northern Region Council</b></p> <p>The First Meeting of the Executive Committee of Amcham's Northern Region Council was held at office of Cisco, Gurgaon, to finalize the plan of action for the NRC for the year 2015 - 16: The meeting was chaired by Chairman of NRC, Mr. Amit Sharma with Vice - Chairman, Mr. Harish Krishnan, Executive Director, Public Affairs &amp; Strategic Engagement, India &amp; SAARC, Cisco Systems (India) Pvt. Ltd.</p>
19th March 15	<p><b>Webinar on APA Rules</b></p> <p>A webinar on APA Rules was organized by Amcham's Tax, Tariff and Regulatory Affairs Committee and EY. Mr. Vijay Iyer, National Leader - Transfer Pricing Services, EY India, discussed recent tax enforcement trends and developments, including the following points and their implications on business:</p> <p>New rules for implementing the roll - back of Advance Pricing Agreements (APA); The landmark ruling of the Delhi High Court for benchmarking Advertisement, Marketing and Promotion (AMP) expenses and New framework for resolving U.S. - India transfer pricing disputes.</p>
20th March 15	<p><b>Briefing to U.S. State Department Officials</b></p> <p>The U.S. Embassy, New Delhi, requested Amcham to update the U.S. State Department officials from different countries on the investment opportunities in India; reforms which had been initiated by the new Government; budget proposals; labour laws; land reforms; etc. Amcham members made presentations on these subjects.</p>



24th March 15	<p><b>Amcham Defense Committee Meeting</b></p> <p>Amcham Defense Committee members hosted a welcome reception in honor of Brigadier General Robin Fontes, defense Attache, U.S. Embassy, New Delhi</p>
25th March 15	<p><b>Amcham HR Committee Meeting</b></p> <p>The Second meeting of the Amcham HR Committee for the year 2015-16 was held in Mumbai. Ms Anuranjita Kumar, Chair, Amcham HR Committee, chaired the meeting. All the sub committees presented their sub-committee's plans for the year and way forward.</p>
31st March 15	<p><b>Amcham Defense Committee meeting</b></p> <p>Amcham Defense Committee meeting - discussions were primarily on the DPP recommendations and the finalization of documents to the Ambassador for submission to Union Minister of Defense, Mr. Manohar Parrikar.</p>
8th April 15	<p><b>Meeting with Assistant Secretary for Enforcement &amp; Compliance, U.S. Department of Commerce.</b></p> <p>Amcham met with Mr. Paul Piquado, Assistant Secretary for Enforcement &amp; Compliance, U.S. Department of Commerce. BAE Systems hosted the meeting in their office in New Delhi.</p> <p>The discussion focused on technical barriers to trade such as government procurement, data localization, national offset policy and increased duties on mobile handsets. Some of the topics Mr. Piquado planned to raise directly with the Government of India during his visit included: compulsory registration of ICT, telecom security testing requirements, import licensing and WTO government procurement agreement accession.</p>
1st April 15	<p><b>Meeting with Dr. Ajay Kumar, Joint Secretary, DeitY</b></p> <p>A few members of Amcham's ICT Committee called on Dr. Ajay Kumar, Joint Secretary, Department of Electronics &amp; Information Technology in his office. Members requested for an update on the IoT policy and said that areas of concern were safety testing, restriction on import of refurbished spare parts, PMA, etc.</p>
13th April 15	<p><b>Meeting for e-governance and digitization of CDSCO</b></p> <p>Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (CDSCO) has initiated a comprehensive e-governance programme and digitization services of CDSCO. In order to make industry part of the developmental process, CDSCO had requested various industry associations to nominate two representatives to participate in the meeting and contribute with their inputs. The first meeting was held in CDSCO, New Delhi.</p> <p>From Amcham - AdvaMed the meeting was represented by Mr. Imran Parvez, Head-Regulatory, India Medtronic, Ms Gunjan Verma, Head - Regulatory, Zimmer India, Ms Kirti Arora, Head- Regulatory, Boston Scientific, Mr. S. Lakshmanan, Manager-Regulatory, Hospira and Mr. Gaurav Mendiratta, Sector Manager - Medical Devices, Amcham.</p>



Amcham members interacted with Chief Ministers of Andhra Pradesh, Mr. N. Chandrababu Naidu at Aero India - 2015 at Bengaluru.



Amcham Members' interacted with Chief Minister of Gujarat, Ms Anandiben Patel.



Mr. Jayant Sinha, Minister of State for Finance, addressing Amcham members on Budget 2015.



From L - R: Mr. Satyan Gajwani, CEO Times Internet, The Times Group, Mr. Ravi Shankar Prasad, Union Minister of GOI, Mr. Michael P. Pelletier, Deputy Chief of Mission, U.S. Embassy and Mr. Zubin J. Irani, President UTC Building & Industrial Systems, United Technologies Corporation India Pvt. Ltd.



Mr. Narendra Taneja, National Convener, Energy Cell, BJP, during Avenues 2014: ET - Amcham Industry Government interface.



Mr. Ashok Gajapati Raju Pusapati, Minister of Civil Aviation, Govt. of India, delivers the keynote address during the "Avenues - 2014": the Economic Times & Amcham India - Industry Government Interface.



From L -R: Mr. Amit Sharma, Executive Vice President, President Asia, ATC Tower Company of India Pvt. Ltd., Chairman, Amcham ICT Committee, Ms Vanitha Narayanan, Managing Director, IBM India Pvt. Ltd., Mr. R. S. Sharma, Secretary Department of Electronics & IT, GOI, Mr. Shelley Singh, Features writer & news analyst at The Economic Times Ms Rita Teotia, Additional Secretary, Department of Telecom, GOI, Mr. Vinit Goenka, National Co - Convener, IT Cell, BJP and Mr. Atul Dhawan, Partner, Deloitte Haskins & Sells.



Mr. Ajay Singha with Mr. Ashok Lavasa, Secretary, Civil Aviation, Govt. of India.



Mr. Amitabh Kant, Secretary, DIPP, H.E. Ms Nancy J. Powell, former U.S. Ambassador to India Released of ICRIER study on "Impact of American Investment in India" along with Mr. Madhu Poomailil, Vice Chairman, Amcham India.



From left: Ms Kaku Nakhate, Chairperson, Amcham Western Region Chapter and President & Country Head (India), Bank of America, Mr. Banmali Agrawala, Chairman Amcham India and President & CEO, GE India, Mr. Ajay Shankar, Member Secretary, National Manufacturing Competitiveness Council (NMCC) and Ms Neelam Dhawan, Managing Director, India, Hewlett-Packard India.



During the AGM. From L - R: Mr. Ajay Singha, Mr. Atul Dhawan, Hony. Treasurer & Secretary, Amcham India; Partner, Deloitte Haskins & Sells, Mr. Palash Roy Chowdhury, Chairman, Aviation Committee of Amcham; and Managing Director - India (Pratt & Whitney - CS&GS), United Technologies Corporation India Pvt. Ltd., Mr. Rustom J. Desai, Chairman, Manufacturing Committee of Amcham; and Managing Director, Corning India and Telecom Operations, Mr. Deepak Jolly, Chairman, CSR Committee of Amcham; and Vice President - Public Affairs & Communication, Coca-Cola India Pvt. Ltd., and Mr. Gulshan Kumar Sachdev, Vice Chairman, Amcham India; and Managing Director, Quaker Chemical India Limited.



Amcham organized a Roundtable discussion with U.S. Secretary of Commerce, Ms Penny Pritzker.



Amcham ECP members interacted with Deputy Energy Secretary, Mr. Daniel Poneman on sidelines of U.S. - India Strategic Dialogue.



GETCO grant was signed by Mr. Surinder Kumar Negi, Managing Director of GETCO and Mr. Henry Steingass, Regional Director, USTDA.



Roundtable with U.S. Congressional Delegation” From L - R: Ms Leocadia Zak, Director, USTA, Congressman Joe Crowley, New York, Democratic Caucus Vice - Chairman, Senator Mark Warner, Virginia, Co - Chair of the Senate India Caucus, Congressman Ami Bera, California, Co-Chair of Congressional India Caucus and Ms. Elizabeth Littlefield, President & CEO, Overseas Private Investment Corporation.



An interactive meeting with Ms Catherine A. Novelli, U.S. Under Secretary for Economic Growth, Energy and Environment along with U.S. Ambassador H. E. Mr. Richard Verma, Mr. Banmali Agrawala, Chairman, Amcham India and Mr. Arun Kumar, Director General of the U.S. and Foreign Commercial Service.



Amcham Defense Committee members hosted a welcome reception in honor of Brigadier General Robin Fontes, defense Attache, U.S. Embassy, New Delhi.



A Round Table discussion with U.S. Government delegations. From L - R: Mr. Clark Jennings, Chief of Staff, USTDA; Mr. Henry Steingass, Regional Director for South and Southeast Asia, USTDA; Scott P. Schloegel, Sr. VP & Chief of Staff, Export-Import Bank of the U.S. Export - Import Bank of the United States; Ms Leocadia Zak, Director, USTDA; Mr. Fred P. Hochberg, Chairman & President, U.S. Exim Bank; Mr. Charles H. Rivkin; Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs, U.S. Dept. of State; Mr. Arun Kumar, Mr. Michael Pelletier, U.S. Deputy Chief of Mission, Mr. Vinay Singh, Sr. Advisor - Global Market, U.S. Dept. of Commerce and Mr. John McCaslin, U.S. Counselor for Commercial Affairs.



From L - R: Mr. Venkatesh Valluri, U.S. Deputy Secretary of Energy, Mr. Daniel Poneman, U.S. Secretary of Commerce, Ms Penny Pritzker, Mr. Banmali Agrawala, Chairman Amcham India and Mr. Ajay Singha.





Amcham member with Ms Catherine A. Novelli, U.S. Under Secretary for Economic Growth, Energy and Environment.



U.S. Ambassador Kathleen Stephens and Mr. Arun Kumar interacting with Amcham members.

From L - R: Mr. Steve Chabot (R-Ohio), Member, House Foreign Affairs Committee (HFAC); Chair of the Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific and Representative Mr. Luke Messer (R-Indiana), Member, HFAC; Member, House Financial Services Committee (HFSC) with Mr. Ajay Singha.





From L -R: Mr. Anand S. Dayal, Chairman Amcham Anti - Corruption (FCPA) Compliance Committee and Partner, Koura & Company, Advocates; Ms Alexandra Wrage, President, TRACE International; Ms Radhika Vohra, Senior Manager, Microsoft



Mr. John M. McCaslin along with Mr. Arun Kumar, holding Amcham - ECP report "Infrastructure & Energy Capability Deck"



Closed-door Round Table with U.S. Defence Delegation and USG Principals during Aero India 2015.



Mr. David Adler, president of Sikorsky Aerospace Services; Air Vice Marshal (Retd) A.J.S. Walia Regional Executive - India & South Asia, Sikorsky Aircrafts Corporation; Mr. Jeffrey B. Kohler, Vice President, International Business Development, Boeing Defense, Space & Security and Mr. James Raymond Gribbon, Regional Vice President - Asia, Lockheed Martin International.



Ambassador Richard Verma with Amcham member during Aero India 2015.



Amcham's Defense Committee Meeting with Mr. Chuck Hagel, Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology & Logistic, U.S. Dept. of Defense.

Mr. Palash Roy Chowdhury, Chairman, Aviation Committee of Amcham welcomed the Guest and the member at a Reception on the eve of Aero India 2015.





Amcham members during - Amcham India Door Knock 2014 at Washington D.C.



Amcham Door Knock 2014 delegations meeting with former Ambassador to India, H.E. Mr. Timothy Roemer.

Amcham along with BBG and EBG organized - The Companies Act 2013: A Reality Now. From left. Mr. Nabin Ballodia, Partner, International Tax and Regulatory Division; Mr. Mritunkay Kapur, Partner & Head of Risk Consulting Group and Mr. Sai Venkateshwaran, Partner & Head, Accounting Advisory Services.





To support the U.S. India Infrastructure Collaboration Platform (ICP), Amcham India organized a session on “Consortium on Infrastructure Collaboration Platform”.



Amcham Infrastructure Committee members interact with Mr. Arun Kumar.



The newly constituted Amcham National Executive Board Meeting in progress.



Amcham, in partnership with USIBC hosted a multi-industry interaction with Ms Fatema Z. Sumar, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for South and Central Asian Affairs.



Amcham open forum with USITC delegates.



Amcham Defense Committee meeting in progress.



Amcham held an open forum with Ms Wendy Cutler, Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for Japan, Korea and APEC Affairs along with Ms. Dawn Shackleford, Deputy Assistant, USTR.



Amcham Members with Mr. Paul Piquado, Assistant Secretary for Enforcement & Compliance, U.S. Department of Commerce, International Trade Administration.





Amcham team during the Annual Christmas Ball 2014 with Chairman Amcham India, Mr. Banmali Agrawala.



U.S. Ambassador Ms Kathleen Stephens along with Ms Madhvi Kataria; Deputy Executive Director, Amcham India with others at the Annual Christmas Ball.



Guests at Amcham Annual Christmas Ball.



From L - R: Ms Velarie Swope, Mrs. Agrawala, Mr. Banmali Agrawala, Mr. Pratyush Kumar and Mrs. Kumar.



Amcham Annual Christmas Ball cake cutting ceremony.



Amcham members in festive mood at the Christmas Ball.



Mr. Banmali Agrawala presenting gift hamper to the lucky winner.



Fun game during Christmas ball.



The Rock & Raga band playing at the Christmas Ball.



Dancing all the way during Annual Christmas Ball.



Getting ready for Amcham India Amateur Invitational Golf Tournament 2014 at the Golden Greens Golf Club, Gurgaon.



Mr. Ajay Singha, Executive Director, Amcham India welcoming the participants during the Amcham Golf Tournament.



Mr. Raghav Chandra, Additional Secretary & Financial Advisor, Department of Agricultural Research and Education plays the inaugural shot at Amcham Golf Tournament.



Dr. A. Didar Singh, Secretary General, FICCI and his team getting ready for a game.



Mr. Venkatesh Kini President, India & South West Asia, Coca-Cola India, along with co - players at Amcham Golf Tournament



Refreshment time for the players.



Winners with trophies during the Amcham Golf Tournament.



# AMCHAM Hyderabad

Mr. Bhanmali Agrawala, Mr. K. T. Rama Rao, Minister Information Technology and Panchayati Raj, Govt of Telangana and Mr. Madan Mohan, Chairman, Amcham Hyderabad.

Date	Meetings / Events
12th May 2014	<b>Amcham Hyderabad Chapter Executive Committee meeting</b>
10th June 14	<p><b>Session on Understanding Companies Act 2013</b></p> <p>Amcham organized a Session on Companies Act 2013 with EY. Mr. Kiranmai Pendyala, Vice Chair, Amcham Hyderabad welcomed the gathering. Mr. Jayesh Sanghvi, Partner EY introduced his team which included Mr. Vikas Pansari and Mr. Pankaj Jain.</p> <p>Discussions focussed on few of the key changes in the new Act - Auditor Rotation, Compliance Management, Internal Audit, Internal Financial Controls, Consolidated Financial Reporting etc.</p>
12th June 14	<p><b>Interactive Session with US Consular Officers</b></p> <p>Amcham Hyderabad organized an Interactive session for its members with the U.S. Consular Officers. Ms. Martha Haas, Chief of Consular Services and Mr. Naveed Malik spoke on Visas Ms Ruth Boettcher spoke on American Citizen Services.</p>
10th July 14	<p><b>A luncheon meeting with Mr. Mike Delany, the Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for South Asia and Dawn Shackleford, the Deputy Assistant U.S. Trade Representative</b></p> <p>Amcham Hyderabad Board Members had a luncheon meeting with Mr. Mike Delany, Ms Dawn Shackleford, Issues faced by American Companies in India across various sectors - such as IT, intellectual property rights, healthcare, manufacturing etc were discussed.</p>
11th July 14	<p><b>Budget Connect</b></p> <p>A post budget Seminar was sponsored by EY. Mr. Jayesh Sanghvi, Partner, EY welcomed the gathering and spoke on - Key Policy Announcements, Direct and Indirect Tax Proposals.</p>

23rd July 14	<p><b>Healthcare Committee Meeting</b></p> <p>The Healthcare Committee met to discuss the Healthcare Conference.</p>
6th Aug 14	<p><b>Sports Coordinator's Meet preparing for the sports Tournament</b></p>
18th Aug 14	<p><b>Healthcare Committee Meeting</b></p> <p>The Healthcare Committee met at St. Jude Medical to finalize the venue, panelists, keynote speakers for the Healthcare Conference slated to be held on September 20, 2014.</p>
15th Sept 14	<p><b>Healthcare Committee Meeting</b></p> <p>The Amcham Hyderabad Healthcare Committee Meeting met St. Jude Medical.</p>
20th Sept 14	<p><b>2nd Amcham Healthcare Conference</b></p> <p>The theme of the 2nd Amcham Healthcare Conference was Equity in Healthcare - Affordability, Accessibility, Availability and Awareness. The Conference was divided in three sessions spanning over the day - Healthcare Delivery, Healthcare Financing and Healthcare Technology.</p>
Sept -Dec 14	<p><b>Amcham Hyderabad Chapter Sports - 2014</b></p> <p>Amcham Hyderabad Sports - 2014 took off on September 13. Various sports matches were played. The tournament got over on 14th December.</p>
26th Nov 14	<p><b>Amcham Meets with Government of Andhra Pradesh</b></p> <p>Amcham hosted Mr. I.Y.R. Krishna Rao, Chief Secretary of Andhra Pradesh. Mr. John McCaslin, Minister Counselor for Commercial Affairs, U.S. Embassy, offered assistance to the state of Andhra Pradesh in creating Vizag as a smart city. He briefed members on the Infrastructure Collaboration Platform (ICP) and the MOU agreement that emerged from the meetings in Washington between President Obama and Prime Minister Modi. The Chairman of Amcham, Mr. Banmali Agrawala, President &amp; CEO, GE South Asia and Mr. Madan Mohan, Executive Chairman, S&amp;P Capital IQ, also spoke.</p>
26th Nov 14	<p><b>On the occasion of Amcham's National Executive Board Meeting, Amcham hosted a dinner for several cabinet members from the government of Telangana</b></p> <p>The delegation included: Mr. K. T. Rama Rao - Minister for Information Technology &amp; Mr. Panchayati Raj; Mr. E. Rajendar - Minister Finance &amp; Planning; Mr. P. Srinivas Reddy - Minister for Agriculture, Horticulture, Sericulture; Mr. J. Ramanna - Minister for Forest &amp; Environment; Mr. N. Narshimha Reddy - Minister for Home, Prison, Fire Service/ Labour &amp; Employment; Mr. Jayesh Ranjan IAS - MD of Telangana State Industrial Infrastructure Corporation (TSIIC); Mr. Pradeep Chandra IAS - Spl Chief Secretary to Govt of Telangana; Mr. Harpreet Singh - IT Secretary.</p> <p>Mr. Banmali Agrawala, moderated the discussion around smart cities and ease of doing business in the State. The government expressed its desire for U.S. companies to expand into Telangana and listened to challenges faced by companies already operating there.</p>



10th Dec 14	<b>Session on Alternate Dispute Resolution options and developments</b>  Amcham in association with EY organized a session on Alternate Dispute Resolution options and developments. The topics covered were Transfer Pricing and dispute resolution; Alternatives for international tax disputes resolution; Challenges involved and create consensus; Advance Pricing Agreement - an update; Overview of an Indian APA program and USA Bilateral APAs/MAPs.
14th Dec 14	Culmination of Amcham Sports 2014.
8th Jan 2015	Amcham Hyderabad Executive Committee Meeting.
4th Feb 15	Breakfast meeting of Amcham Excom with US Ambassador Richard Verma.
20th Feb 15	Amcham Hyderabad Annual Day.
23rd Feb 15	Breakfast meeting of AMCHAM Hyderabad Excom with US Ambassador Richard Verma.
3rd March 15	Post Budget Event with KPMG.



Mr. J Ramanna, Minister Forest & Environment/Backward Classes Welfare, Mr. Md. Mohamood Ali, Dy Chief Minister, Revenue, Relief & Rehabilitation, ULC, Stamps and Registration, Mr. Etela Rajender, Minister Finance & Planning, Small Saving, State Lotteries, Consumer Affairs, Legal Metrology & Civil Supplies, Mr. K. T. Rama Rao, Minister for IT & Panchayat Raj, Mr. N. Narshimha Reddy, Minister for Home, Prisons, Fire Services, Sainik Welfare, Labour & Employment, Mr. P. Srinivas Reddy, Minister for Agriculture, Horticulture, Sericulture, Animal Husbandry, Fisheries, Dairy Dev Corp & Seeds Corporation.



From L - R: Mr. Banmali Agrawala, Mr. Pradeep Chandra, Spl Chief Secretary & Commissioner of Industries, Govt of Telangana, Mr. K T Rama Rao, Minister IT and Panchayati Raj, Govt of Telangana and Ms Vanitha Narayan, Regional General Manager – IBM India / South Asia IBM India Pvt. Ltd.



Mr. IY R Krishna Rao, Chief Secretary, Government of Andhra Pradesh addressing Amcham members.



Mr. Madhu Poomalil, MD, D E Shaw India and Mr. Madan Mohan Chairman, Amcham Hyderabad presenting a memento to Mr. I Y R Krishna Rao, Chief Secretary, Government of Andhra Pradesh. In the background is Ms Kiranmai Pendyala, Vice Chair, Amcham Hyderabad.



Mr. Amit Mookim, KPMG giving the Keynote address at the 2nd Amcham Healthcare Conference. Seated: Ms Kiranmai Pendyala, Mr. Michael Mullins, Consul General, U.S. Consulate Hyderabad and Mr. John McCaslin, Minister Counsellor for Commercial Services, U.S. Embassy.



Ms Ruth Boettcher, American Citizen Services Unit Chief.



Healthcare Delivery Panel: From L-R: Mr. Satya Gottumukkala, Independent Consultant, Dr. Dhananjaya Reddy, CEO, Arogyasri, Mr. Kaustav Banerjee, Country Manager, St. Jude Medical, Dr. C. L. N. Prasad, Addl Director, CGHS, Hyderabad and Mr. Subrata Bagchi, MD, Protiviti.



Healthcare Technology panel: Mr. Anurag Asthana, Site Director Covidien, Mr. Sanjay Chaturvedi, Mr. Vikram Damodaran, G E, Mr. Raghu Punnamaraju, Parexel and Mr. Uma Shankar, Doctrz.



Mr. Pradeep Chandra, Special Chief Secretary & Commissioner for Industrial Promotion during Amcham NEB meeting.



Ms Martha Haas, Visa Consular Chief, U.S. Consulate General Hyderabad.



Mr. Naveed Malik, Visa Officer, U.S. Consulate Hyderabad.



Ms Kiranmai Pendyala, Vice Chair, Amcham Hyderabad presenting bouquet to Ambassador Mr. Richard Verma.



Mr. Jayesh Sanghvi, Partner, EY during Session on 'Understanding the Companies Act. 2013'.

Amcham Hyderabad Board Members Luncheon meeting with Mr. Mike Delany, the Assistant US Trade Representative for South Asia and Dawn Shackleford, the Deputy Assistant US Trade Representative to India at Taj Deccan Hyderabad.





Amcham Sports 2014 – Women’s 100m race.



Tennis Doubles - C A India Campus.



Women’s Javelin Throw at Amcham Hyderabad Sports - 2014



Wells Fargo Team – Basketball Winners.



Cricket Tournament in progress.



Wells Fargo vs C A India Basketball match in progress at C A India campus.





Winners women's throw ball Deloitte team.



Athletic winners.



Men's Athletic winners.



Knoah Solution - Volleyball Men Winners Team.



Discuss throw Men's event in progress at Gachibowli Athletic Stadium.



Women's Shotput event in progress at Gachibowli Athletic Stadium



C A India Tennis team.



Tennies players getting ready for a game.



One of the Cricket Team at the NFC Grounds.



# AMCHAM Kolkata

Mr. Gulshan Sachdev, VC Amcham India NEC presenting Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam, Former President of India with a gift as a token of appreciation.

Date	Meetings / Events
25th April 2014	<p><b>Meeting with Mr. William Foster, Financial Attaché to India, Department of Treasury, U.S. Embassy</b></p> <p>A Meeting was held with Mr. William Foster and the members of Amcham - Eastern Region. Mr. Surajit Banerjee, Chairman, Amcham Eastern Chapter, delivered the Welcome Address.</p> <p>Mr. Ajay Agarwal, Ms Britta Leick-Milde and Mr. Dinesh Agarwal spoke on the infrastructure related problems persisting in the state of West Bengal which was delaying growth in the region.</p>
8th May 14	<p><b>First EC Meeting for 2014-15 at Fi-tek Office chaired by Mr. Suranjan Bhanja</b></p>
23rd May 14	<p><b>Breakfast interactive session with Prof. Ajoy Ray, VC IEST Shibpur, “The Transformation Story”</b></p> <p>An interaction was organised with Prof Ajoy Ray, IEST Shibpur formerly known as Bengal Engineering and Science University (BESU), was one of the oldest engineering institutions in Asia. Dr. Ray has done exhaustive work in medical technology with numerous patents, papers published &amp; contribution to science. His initiatives towards the turnaround of BESU to a center of excellence in education are well recognized.</p>
27th May 14	<p><b>Meeting Membership and Events Sub-Committee Chairperson</b></p> <p>Membership and Events Sub - Committee Chairperson Ms Britta Leick-Milde on new membership for Eastern Region.</p>
29th May 14	<p><b>“Visa Walk Through Process” at the U.S. Consulate, Kolkata</b></p> <p>Amcham Eastern Region with the U.S. Consulate Consular Office Kolkata organized a “Visa Walk Through” process at the U.S. Consulate Kolkata. The participating members were able to get a good understanding of the personal interview on what the full process entailed. Wendy Kennedy the Chief of the Consular Office gave a detailed briefing to the members and answered all their queries.</p>
6th June 14	<p><b>Meeting with Dr. Krishna Gupta, Managing Director, WBIDC and Mr. Sayeed Ahmen Baba, Principal Secretary, Department of Fisheries, Government of West Bengal</b></p> <p>The first Industry - Fisheries Investment Meet was held at WBIDC. The meeting was chaired by WBIDC Managing Director, Dr. Krishna Gupta and Mr. Sayeed Ahmed Baba. Amcham was represented by Mr. Dinesh Agarwal, Vice Chairman, Amcham Eastern Chapter and Ms Amada Kidwai, Regional Director, Amcham Eastern Chapter. The meeting highlighted investment opportunities in the fisheries sector.</p>

16th June 14	<p><b>26th All Chamber Core Committee on Industry Meeting convened by the West Bengal Government</b></p> <p>Mr. Suranjan Bhanja, Chairman Amcham Eastern Chapter, represented Amcham at the 25th meeting of the Core Committee on Industry which was chaired by the CM of West Bengal Ms Mamata Banerjee.</p> <p>The Hon'ble CM and the Hon'ble MIC, Finance, Industry and IT briefed the members on the progress made by the Government since the last Core Committee meeting held in January 2014.</p>
18th June 14	<p><b>HR Sub-committee meeting</b></p> <p>HR Sub - committee meeting held under the chairmanship of Mr. Asish Sen of Acclaris Business Solutions Pvt. Ltd.</p>
20th June 14	<p><b>Interactive Breakfast Session on Companies Act 2013</b></p> <p>A breakfast session was organized in association with EY on "Companies Act, 2013". The Chairman of Amcham Eastern Region, Mr Suranjan Bhanja, opened the session.</p>
23rd June 14	<p><b>Amcham Eastern Region Executive Committee meeting at KPMG Office</b></p>
30th June 14	<p><b>Farewell to Mr Richard Craig</b></p> <p>Amcham Eastern Region bid farewell to Mr Richard Craig - FSC Officer U.S. Consulate. Mr. Suranjan Bhanja gave the welcome remarks. Ms Helen Lafave, the U.S. Consul General, Mr. Gulshan Sachdev &amp; Mr. Surajit Banerjee also made observations.</p> <p>This was followed with a presentation by Dr. Saon Ray, ICRIER &amp; author of the Amcham - ICRIER publication - 'Impact of American Investment in India'. The session was moderated by Mr. Joydeep Dutta Gupta.</p>
10th July 14	<p><b>A discussion on Union Budget 2014</b></p> <p>Amcham Eastern Chapter and EY organized a discussion on the various aspects of &amp; impact of the Union Budget 2014. The Budget session was opened by Mr Suranjan Bhanja. Other speakers were Prof. Dipankar Dasgupta - Economist, TV Panellist &amp; Columnist; Mr. Shib Bhowmik - Country Head - Joy Global (India) Ltd; Mr. K.P. Sengupta, Director, Data Core Systems; Ms Britta Leick- Milde, General Manager, Hyatt Regency; Mr Dinesh Agarwal, EY Tax Partner and Mr. Sidhartha Jain, EY Tax Director, discussed the indirect tax implications of the Union Budget 2014. Mr. Surajit Banerjee, gave the vote of thanks.</p>
23rd July 14	<p><b>Amcham Eastern Region Executive Committee Meeting hosted by Data Core</b></p>
6th Aug 14	<p><b>An interactive session with Mr. Avis Viswanathan</b></p> <p>Events and Membership sub - committee hosted an interactive session with the Mr. Avis Viswanathan, author of "Fall Like A Rose Petal". sponsored by Hyatt Regency.</p>
22nd Aug 14	<p><b>Meeting with Tiljala Shed NGO</b></p> <p>Meeting with "Tiljala Shed" NGO for slum children education and healthcare for Amcham CSR purpose.</p>
25th Aug 14	<p><b>Amcham Kolkata region IT/ITes Subcommittee meeting</b></p>
27th Aug 14	<p><b>Talk on Cancer - its Spread, Awareness, Control and Cure</b></p> <p>Talk on Cancer - its Spread, Awareness, Control and Cure by Dr. Mammen Chandy, Director, Tata Medical Hospital. Hosted by PWC, organized by the Knowledge and Education subcommittee.</p>
29th Aug 14	<p><b>Amcham Eastern Region Executive Committee Meeting hosted by EY</b></p>

5th Sept 14	<p><b>Seminar on “CSR - The Blue Horizon of Community Development”</b></p> <p>Amcham Eastern Region and it’s HR &amp; CSR Subcommittee organized a seminar on “CSR - The Blue Horizon of Community Development.”The event aimed to provide clarity on various CSR provisions and best practices being followed by leading organizations.</p>
15th Sept 14	<p><b>ITeS sub - committee meeting at Atlas</b></p>
19th Sept 14	<p><b>Meeting with Mr. Shib Bhomik, Country Head, Joy Global (India) Ltd. on formation of subcommittee</b></p>
29th Sept 14	<p><b>Amcham Eastern Region Executive Committee Meeting hosted by Cognizant</b></p>
13th Oct 14	<p><b>All Chambers Breakfast Meeting for Promoting Better Infrastructure in Eastern India</b></p> <p>Amcham Eastern Region and its IT/ITeS Sub Committee organized an All Chamber Breakfast meeting to discuss promotion of better infrastructure in Eastern India, and specifically how the establishment of a Cable Landing Station (CLS) in the Eastern region would be beneficial for the growth of Eastern India.</p>
18th Oct 14	<p><b>Annual Get - together hosted by Dr. Amit Mitra, Minister of Commerce &amp; Industry, Government of West Bengal</b></p> <p>Dr. Anil Mitra hosted the annual get-together for Heads of Industry, Diplomatic Missions, Honorary Consuls, Business Chambers, Ministers, Secretaries of Departments and members of the Art and Entertainment community, to meet the Chief Minister of West Bengal, Ms Mamata Banerjee in an informal gathering. Dr. Mitra used the occasion to speak about the Steering Committee that had been set up by the Government, comprising Secretaries to the Government and business leaders and predominantly business driven sector specific committees. Amcham Eastern Region was represented by Vice Chairman Mr. Dinesh Agarwal and Amcham Regional Director Ms Amada Kidwai.</p>
7th Nov 14	<p><b>EC Meeting at Bengal Club hosted by Adapt International</b></p> <p>Amcham Eastern Region was invited by the Education Commission of West Bengal to participate in an Industry meeting to share its observations on the gaps in knowledge, skills and technical knowhow among the students of West Bengal.</p> <p>Amcham was represented by Mr. K. P. Sengupta, Chairman, Education and Knowledge Sub-Committee, Ms Amada Kidwai and few others. Professor Samir K. Brahmachari, Chairman, West Bengal Education System chaired the meeting. The Hon’ble Minister of State, Department of School Education, Higher Education, GoWB and Professor Saugata Roy M.P. attended the meeting.</p>
17th Nov 14	<p><b>Meeting with GOWB Education Minister and Members of Amcham</b></p>
20th Nov 14	<p>Roundtable on Direct Selling Industry, sponsored by Amway, organized by Ficci and supported by Amcham</p>
24th Nov 14	<p><b>Breakfast Interactive Session on The Future of IT and ITeS in India - with an emphasis on Eastern India</b></p> <p>Amcham Eastern Chapter organized a breakfast interactive session on The Future of IT and ITeS in India - with an emphasis on Eastern India. Mr. Satish Tewary, Principal Secretary, Department of IT was the Chief Guest. The panelist included Ms Helen LaFave, U.S. Consul General in Kolkata and Mr. Roopen Roy, Managing Director-Consulting, Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu India Pvt. Ltd.</p> <p>Ms Amada Kidwai, gave the introductions; Mr. Suranjan Bhanja gave the welcome address, Mr. K. P. Sengupta, introduced the speakers, Mr. Joydeep Datta Gupta moderated the session and the concluding remarks and vote of thanks were given by Mr. Dinesh Agarwal.</p>

26th Nov 14	<b>IT Subcommittee meeting at Atlas Health care</b>
2nd Dec 14	<p><b>Meeting with Mr. Satish Chandra Tewary, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary, Information and Technology Department, Government of West Bengal</b></p> <p>Representatives of Amcham Eastern Chapter had called on Mr. S. C. Tewary to discuss the areas of cooperation in augmenting the efforts of the Department of IT in promoting West Bengal as a key global hub for animation content production and training.</p>
3rd Dec 14	<p><b>Talk by Professor Amitava Raychaudhuri</b></p> <p>Talk by Professor Amitava Raychaudhuri on 'Everything you wanted to know about the Higgs boson (God Particle) but never got a chance to ask'. Hosted by KPMG.</p>
12th Dec 14	<p><b>Interactive Seminar on APAs for Managing Transfer Pricing Controversy</b></p> <p>Amcham Eastern Region along with EY (Knowledge Partner) organized a seminar on APAs for managing transfer pricing controversy.</p>
18th Dec 14	<b>Meeting of Executive Committee of Amcham Kolkata Chapter - hosted by EY</b>
18th Dec 14	<p><b>An Interactive session with Mr. Richard Rossow</b></p> <p>Interactive session with U.S. Speaker Mr. Richard Rossow, Senior Fellow and Wadhvani Chair in U.S. - India Policy Studies, Center for Strategic and International Studies.</p>
7th - 8th Jan 2015	<p><b>Bengal Business Summit 2015</b></p> <p>Amcham supported Bengal Business Summit 2015 organized by the West Bengal Industrial Development Corporation (WBIDC) Ms Mamata Banerjee, Chief Minister of West Bengal; Dr. Amit Mitra, Finance, Excise &amp; IT Minister; and senior officials addressed the Summit.</p>
9th Jan 2015	<p><b>Breakfast Interactive Session on Concept of SMART CITY &amp; New Dimensions in Distribution - SMART GRID</b></p> <p>Amcham Eastern Chapter organized an interactive session in association with their Knowledge Partners KPMG on the Concept of Smart City and New Dimensions in Distribution - Smart Grid. The keynote address was delivered by Dr. Jaijit Bhattacharya, Partner, Infrastructure and Government Services, KPMG.</p> <p>Dr. Bhattacharya explained the concept of the Union Government underlining its commitment in the 2014-15 Budget to setting up 100 'smart cities' across the country. He said sustainable urban renewal powered by citizen-friendly technology is back in the forefront of the national agenda. While cities contribute to 70% of our GDP and house 30% of the country's population they do so on just 3% of the land.</p> <p>Mr. Debashis Sen, (Principal Secretary, Urban Development, GoWB and Chairman WBHIDCO Ltd. was the Chief Guest.</p>
30th Jan 15	<p><b>Breakfast Interactive Session on "Drug Discovery - a Historical Perspective and Role of Public Private Partnerships"</b></p> <p>Amcham Eastern Chapter organized an interactive session on "Drug Discovery - a Historical Perspective and Role of Public Private Partnerships". Mr. Swapan Bhattacharya, Managing Director, TCG Life Sciences, was the Keynote Speaker. Ms Helen Lafave, U.S. Consul General in Kolkata was the Guest of Honor.</p> <p>Mr. Dinesh Agarwal, Vice Chairman, Amcham Eastern Chapter moderated the Q&amp;A session.</p>
3rd Feb 15	<b>Meeting of Executive Committee of Amcham Kolkata Chapter</b>
17th Feb 15	Amcham is represented at the Core Committee meeting with the West Bengal Education Commission which in involved in bringing out a white paper on revamping the education system in West Bengal.

27th Feb 15	Amcham Eastern Chapter facilitated the All Chamber working committee meeting. Amcham is leading this initiative to work collectively to bring an internet Cable Landing Station to West Bengal.
27th Feb 15	<p><b>Multi Chamber meeting at Bengal Club</b></p> <p>The meeting was chaired by Mr. Rajiv Pujara, Chairman of the IT/ITeS Sub-Committee of Amcham Eastern Chapter and Managing Director of Atlas Healthcare Software. The meeting laid out specific action plans for engaging with the State and Central Governments, as well as various telecommunication infrastructure companies in putting forward an “expression of interest” to participate in this process. Mr. Nirupam Chaudhuri, Regional Head of NASSCOM (East), was nominated as the Chairman of this Multi-Chamber Working Committee.</p>
28th Feb 15	<p><b>The annual live viewing of the Budget Session</b></p> <p>Amcham Eastern Chapter and with Knowledge Partner, EY organized the annual live viewing of the Budget Session. The Speakers were - Mr. Dinesh Agarwal, Partner Tax, EY &amp; Vice Chairman Amcham Eastern Chapter on Direct Tax and Mr. Sidhartha Jain, Executive Director, Indirect Tax, EY on Indirect Tax.</p>
2nd March 15	<p><b>Meeting with IT Secretary on Cable Landing and issues Animation</b></p>
13th March 15	<p><b>HR Sub - Committee Meeting</b></p> <p>Amcham Eastern Chapter and its HR/CSR Sub Committee organized an interactive session on “Safety of Women at the Work Place”. The Keynote Speaker was Ms Mira Pande, IAS (Retd) Former Election Commissioner Officer of West Bengal and the Guest Speaker was Ms Sonali Dey, Advocate/Solicitor Fox &amp; Mondal, Kolkata.</p>
1st April 15	<p><b>L1 Visa Session at the U.S. Consulate</b></p>
11th April 15	<p><b>Talk by Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam, Former President of India</b></p> <p>Amcham Eastern Chapter organized its Signature Event 2015 - “World Vision 2030: Empowering 3 Billion” an Address by Bharat Ratna Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam at Hyatt Regency Kolkata. Which saw corporate leaders, bureaucrats, diplomats and dignitaries from various walks of life come together to listen to an address by Former President of India Bharat Ratna Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam.</p>





From L - R: Mr. Joydeep Datta Gupta; Mr. K. P. Sengupta, Mr. Avijit Mukherji; Mr. Gulshan Sachdev; Bharat Ratna Dr. Abdul Kalam; Mr. Dinesh Agarwal; Mr. Shib Bhowmik; Mr. Suranjan Bhanja; Mr. Debasis Basu and Ms Amada Kidwai.



Mr. Gulshan Sachdev, Vice Chairman, Amcham NEB, Dr. Abdul Kalam, Mr. Suranjan Bhanja, Chairman, Amcham Eastern Chapter and Mr. Dinesh Agarwal, Vice Chairman, Amcham Eastern Chapter.



Ms Helen La Fave, U.S. Consul General addressing during - Interactive session on “Drug Discovery - a historical perspective and role of Public Private Partnership”.



Interactive session with Professor Ajay Ray, Director IEST Shibpur, Howrah. Topic: “IEST Shibpur, the Transformation Story.” From L - R: Ms Amada Kidwai, Mr. Debasis Basu, Mr. Surajit Banerjee, Professor Ajay Ray, Mr. Suranjan Bhanja, Mr. Sujoy Mukherjee and Mr. Amit Shah.



Interactive session on Concept of SMART CITY and New Dimensions in Distribution - SMART GRID. Mr. Debashis Sen, IAS, Principal Secretary Urban Development, GoWB and Chairman WBHIDCO Ltd. And Dr. Jaijit Bhattacharya, Partner, Infrastructure and Govt. Services, KPMG.



Interactive Breakfast session with Ms. Saon Roy the author of "Impact of American Investment in India" and a farewell for Principal Commercial Officer U.S. Commercial Service Mr. Richard Craig.



Amcham Eastern Chapter and their Knowledge Partner EY organized the annual live viewing of the Budget Session.



“Live view budget session.” Ms Britta Lieck Milde, General Manager, Hyatt Regency Kolkata addressing members. At the head table from left. Mr. Suranjan Bhanja, Mr. Dinesh Agarwal, Mr. Surajit Banerjee and Mr. Siddarath Jain.



Dr. Dipankar Dasgupta, Economist and Columnist addressing during Budget session.



Interactive breakfast session on “Companies Act” - Mr. Kamal Agarwal, Partner S.R. Bartliboi giving presentation. Head Table Mr. Suranjan Bhanja, Mr. Dinesh Agarwal, Mr. Sudipta Das, Partner, EY.



Ms Susmita Mallik, VP Global CSR, Genpact during Seminar on CSR - The Blue Horizon of Community Development.



Seminar on CSR - The Blue Horizon of Community Development. Ms Shveta Verma, Associate Director, Transformation Leader, PwC, Mr. Asish Sen, Ms Rumi Mallik, VP NASSCOM Foundation, Ms Helen LaFave, US Consul General, Mr. Suranjan Bhanja, Chairman AMCHAM Eastern Chapter.



Ms Helen LaFave, U.S. Consul General, Mr. Richard Craig, U.S. Commercial Services, Ms Amada Kidwai Regional Director.



Annual Get-to-gather - Ms Helen La Fave giving a token of appreciation to Mr. Surajit Banerjee, outgoing Amcham Eastern Chairman.



Mr. Suranjan Bhanja, Chairman, Amcham Eastern Chapter, Head table, Mr. K.P Sengupta, Ms. Helen La Fave, Mr. Satish Tewary, IT Secretary and Mr. Roopen Roy, MD Dilottee.



Seminar on APAs for managing transfer pricing controversy; organized at The Saturday Club, Sponsors and Knowledge partner KPMG.



Amcham Eastern Chapter Members along with Ms Mira Pande, IAS (Retd), Former Election Commissioner Officer of West Bengal and Ms Sonali Dey, Advocate/Solicitor Fox & Mondal, Kolkata, during the seminar on ‘Safety of Women at the Workplace.’ GM Hyatt Regency Kolkata, Ms Britta Lieck Milde makes looking on.



‘Safety of Women at the Workplace’ at Podium Mr. Dinesh Agarwal - Vice Chairman Amcham Eastern Chapter, Head Table: Mr. K. P. Sengupta, Chief Guest, Ms Mira Pande, IAS Former Election Commissioner and Ms Sonali Dey, Advocate, Fox & Mandal.



Mr. Jeff Ridenour, consular officer from Chennai, explains Blanket L - Visa requirements to Amcham members.





## AMCHAM Mumbai

Round Table Discussion with H.E. Mr. Richard Verma, U.S. Ambassador to India, on 'Investment Opportunities & Challenges faced by U.S. companies doing business in the State of Maharashtra'.

Date	Meetings / Events
8th May 2014	<p><b>Interaction on 'Managing Tax Risk with Enterprise Tax Technology'</b></p> <p>Amcham alongwith Thomson Reuters organized a program on 'Managing Tax Risk with Enterprise Tax Technology'. Tax and compliance remain a key concern with Indian CFOs. Presentations were made by Mr. Ravi Mahajan, Partner, Tax &amp; Regulatory Services, EY; Mr. Hitesh Sharma, Partner, Tax and Regulatory Services, EY; Mr. Karan Malhotra, VP, GGO - India, Tax &amp; Accounting, Thomson Reuters; Mr. Hitesh Pandey, Manager, Transfer, Pricing, GGO - India, Tax &amp; Accounting, Thomson Reuters; Mr. Divyesh Lapsiwalla - Partner, Tax &amp; Regulatory Services, EY; and Mr. Vijendra Agrawal, Manager, Tax Research, GGO - India, Tax &amp; Accounting, Thomson Reuters.</p>
20th May 14	<p><b>Farewell Reception for Mr. Peter Haas, Consul General of the US Consulate in Mumbai</b></p> <p>Amcham India in collaboration with apex U.S. organisations hosted a farewell reception to bid adieu to Mr. Peter Haas. The event was attended by U.S. &amp; India organisations, senior representatives from the government of India, friends from the U.S. Consulate in Mumbai &amp; special invitees.</p>
26th - 28th May 14	<p><b>Seminar on "Coach To Lead"</b></p> <p>Amcham in association with Coacharya organised a 3 day programme 'Coach To Lead'. The programme was organised by Amcham's HR committee to facilitate deployment of 'Executive Coachin as a leadership development intervention amongst Amcham members. Renowned mentor coach, Mr. Ram Ramanathan, Founder and a Principal at Coacharya conducted the sessions.</p>
6th June 14	<p><b>A Step by Step Walking Tour of the U.S. Visa Processing System</b></p> <p>Amcham in partnership with the U.S. Consulate in Mumbai organized a U.S. Visa Walking tour exclusive for Amcham members. Mr. Aaron M. Hellman, Visa Chief of the Consular Section informed the participants about the MICE programme &amp; apprised them of the state of the art infrastructure put in place to deal with the growing number of applications. Ms Roya Ellis, NIV Chief, spoke of the 3 myths surrounding obtaining of US visas vis a vis actual facts. Participants were also informed of the 3 Easy Steps to Apply for a U.S. Visa, followed by a guided tour.</p>
6th June 14	<p><b>'A Step by Step Walking Tour of the U.S. Visa Processing System GSS - Global Support Strategy for Visa Services'</b></p> <p>The Visa tour was held at the U.S. Consulate in Mumbai, BKC, Bandra (East). The former CG Mr. Peter Haas welcomed all the participants and the session began with a brief presentation on the new U.S. Visa process. Amcham members received an experiential learning of the U.S. Visa process and a personal tour.</p>

16th July 14	<p><b>Amcham HR committee meeting</b></p> <p>The second meeting of the Amcham HR Committee for the year 2014-15 was held at Mumbai. The meeting was chaired by Ms Anuranjita Kumar, Chair-Amcham HR committee. The committee hosted a guest speaker, Ms Nohid Nooreyezdan, Senior Partner, ABZ &amp; Partners. Ms Nooreyezdan presented on 'Sexual Harassment at the Workplace'.</p>
18th July 14	<p><b>An interactive session on 'The World of Corporate Intelligence: Fact and Fiction'</b></p> <p>Amcham Mumbai in partnership with FTI Consulting organised a presentation followed by an interactive session on 'The World of Corporate Intelligence: Fact and Fiction'. Presentations were made by Mr. Stuart Witchell, Senior Managing Director and Co-Leader, Global Risk and Investigations practice &amp; Mr. Anuj Bugga, Managing Director, Global Risk and Investigations practice of FTI Consulting, India.</p> <p>The event concluded with closing remarks and vote of thanks by Mr. Sanjog Adke, Investigation Head, Asia Pacific Region, NCR Corporation India Pvt. Ltd.</p>
25th July 14	<p><b>Supply Chain &amp; Logistics Committee meeting</b></p> <p>The roadmap for the year was shared with the new incoming members. Mr. Kumar Kandaswami, Senior Director, Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu India Pvt. Ltd. explained the functioning and outcome of the model for "Risk Management Framework". Mr. Prashant Deshpande, Indirect Tax Leader, Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu India Pvt. Ltd. shared the new information on Border check posts in Maharashtra.</p>
19th Sept 14	<p><b>Supply Chain &amp; Logistics Committee meeting</b></p> <p>A brain-storming session was held on "Indian Customs - Issues/ Challenges" moderated by Mr. Nikhil Kush, Co-chair, Amcham SCL Committee &amp; South Asia Supply Chain Leader, E.I. Dupont India Pvt. Ltd. Mr. Rakesh Mehta shared his rich experience in the industry. Mr. Neil Anshuman Basu, Outgoing Chairperson, Amcham SCL Committee &amp; Executive Director, SCM Programs Pvt. Ltd. and Mr. Manish Pansari presented on the importance of skilled professionals and the criteria for recruitment.</p>
9th - 10th Oct 14	<p><b>The CLO Chief Learning Officers Summit India</b></p> <p>The CLO Chief Learning Officers Summit India was supported by Amcham India. The Summit offered a unique platform to participate in engaging discussions with a special focus on Organizational Learning issues, as well as an opportunity to explore the challenges that exist in talent management.</p>
14th Oct 14	<p><b>The introduction of the new U.S. Consul</b></p> <p>To commemorate the introduction of the new U.S. Consul in Mumbai, Amcham India in partnership with the U.S. Consulate in Mumbai and JW Marriott held an Interactive discussion with Mr. Thomas L. Vajda, Consul General, U.S. Consulate in Mumbai. Mr. Vivek Kudva, Managing Director, India and CEEMEA, Franklin Templeton Asset Management (India) Pvt. Ltd. introduced the new U.S. Consul General and shared a few opening remarks.</p>
12th -15th Nov 14	<p><b>The 21st International Conference and Expo on Corrosion CORCON 2014</b></p> <p>The 21st International Conference and Expo on Corrosion CORCON 2014 was organized by NACE International Gateway India Section (NIGIS). The event was supported by Amcham India and had several American companies participating at the expo.</p>

26th Nov 14	<p><b>ADB Projects - Business Opportunities</b></p> <p>Amcham Western Region Chepter along with Asian Development Bank organized a seminar on ADB Projects - Business Opportunities at Hyderabad.</p>
28th Nov 14	<p><b>ADB Projects - Business Opportunities</b></p> <p>Amcham Western Region Chepter along with Asian Development Bank organized a seminar on ADB Projects - Business Opportunities at Kolkata.</p>
2nd Dec 14	<p><b>ADB Projects - Business Opportunities</b></p> <p>Amcham Western Region Chepter along with Asian Development Bank organized a seminar on ADB Projects - Business Opportunities at Mumbai.</p>
12 Dec 14	<p><b>Supply Chain &amp; Logistics Committee meeting</b></p> <p>The meeting included three presentations &amp; updates by Mr. Jasmine Singh, Head - Logistics, CBRE South Asia Pvt. Ltd, Mr. Umesh Madhyan, National Head Infrastructure and Logistics, Coca-Cola &amp; Mr. Kumar Kandaswami, Senior Director, Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu India Pvt. Ltd. Followed by a "Best Practices to Build a Green Supply Chain in India"</p>
16th Dec 14	<p><b>Meeting with Chief Minister of Maharashtra, Mr. Devendra Fadnavis</b></p> <p>Amcham met with the Chief Minister of Maharashtra and senior officials of the State Government in Nagpur. The high level 20 member delegation was led by Mr. Thomas Vajda, U. S. Consul General in Mumbai and Mr. Rustom J. Desai, Member, Amcham's National Executive Board and Chairman, Manufacturing Committee (Managing Director, Corning India and Telecom Operations). Senior members of the Maharashtra government including the Principal Secretary to the CM, Industry Secretary, Finance Secretary, CEO, Maharashtra Industrial Development Corporation joined the meeting.</p> <p>The delegation also had meetings with senior members of the Maharashtra Industrial Development Corporation as well as the Multi-modal International Cargo Hub and Airport at Nagpur (MIHAN) during the visit.</p>
11th Feb 2015	<p><b>Round Table Discussion with H.E. Mr. Richard Verma, U.S. Ambassador to India</b></p> <p>Round Table Discussion with Ambessder Richard Verma, on 'Investment Opportunities &amp; Challenges faced by U.S. companies doing business in the State of Maharashtra'.</p>
13th March 15	<p><b>A Conference on Best Practices to Build a Green Supply Chain in India</b></p> <p>Amcham India in Mumbai organized a Conference on Best Practices to Build a Green Supply Chain in India. The event was sponsored by Lubrizol.</p> <p>The conference aimed to open a dialogue and increase awareness of the need for green practices in Supply chain in India. Mr. Ajay Shankar (ex) Member Secretary, National Manufacturing Competitiveness Council, GOI gave the Keynote Address via live stream video on 'Green Supply Chain &amp; Government Initiatives'. 4 interesting and insightful presentations underlined Best practices for a green supply chain in India.</p> <p>The event was concluded by Mr. Nikhil Kush giving the closing remarks and the Vote of Thanks.</p>



Mr. Vivek Kudva, MD, India and CEEMEA, Franklin Templeton Asset Management (India) Pvt. Ltd.; Consul General Mr. Thomas L. Vajda, Ambassador Mr. Richard Verma, Ms Kaku Nakhate, Chairperson, Amcham Western Region Chapter and President & Country Head (India), Bank of America and Ms Surabhi Wahal, Regional Director, Amcham Western Region Chapter.



Ms Surabhi Wahal presenting bouquet to Consul General Mr. Peter Haas.



Amcham India in collaboration with apex U.S. organisations hosted a farewell reception to bid adieu to Mr. Peter Haas.



An Interactive Discussion with Mr. Thomas L Vajda, Consul General, U.S. Consulate in Mumbai.



Special Session with Consul General Mr. Peter Haas.



An interactive session on "The World of Corporate Intelligence: Fact and Fiction" with Mr. Stuart Witchell, Sr. Managing Director and Co - Leader, Global Risk & Investigations Practice



Ms. Roya Ellis, NIV Chief, giving a presentation on U.S. Visa Processing System.



A Step by Step Walking Tour of the U.S. Visa Processing System - Global Support Strategy for Visa Services with Mr. Aaron M. Hellman, Visa Chief of the Consular Section, Mumbai.



Amcham India Mumbai organized a Conference on Best Practices to “Build a Green Supply Chain in India”.

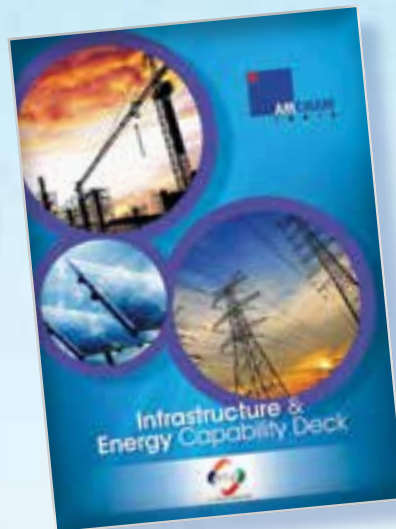


Supply Chain and Logistics Committee members during A brain-storming session on “Indian Customs - Issues/ Challenges”.



Ms Surabhi Wahal and Ms Sandia Furtado at ACE Conference and Exhibition on Corrosion - Kiosk

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