

American Chamber of Commerce in India















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Chairman's Message

The focus of Amcham India in 2012-13 continued towards advancing economic and business relations between the United States and India. The Chamber facilitated existing U.S. companies in India to further expand their presence in the country. This was done through extensive and regular engagement and dialogue with representatives of both Governments at the Central as well as State levels. Some issues taken up with Government included PMA, BIS safety standards compliance, retrospective taxation, regulatory issues in the medical devices sector, effective implementation of IPR, etc. The objective was to make the business environment in India conducive to foreign investment and to bring about policies to boost investors' confidence. I am glad to report that the Indian Government has increased interaction with Amcham on various policy initiatives. Such interface between industry and Government brings about transparency, clarity and an improved understanding of policies.

Slowing down of the reform process, uncertainties created by retrospective tax amendments, lack of transparency and undue delays in granting clearances to projects, compounded by weak global demand resulted in unsatisfactory economic growth rates in India. Amcham welcomed Governments' economic announcements relating to reforms in the last quarter of 2012, which, if implemented, will win back investors' confidence and see an improvement in the FDI climate. In particular, the Government should focus on implementing policies that have been announced and do not require any legislative changes. We await the recommendations of the Committee set up under the Finance Ministry to review / remove sectoral caps and increase equity levels for some sectors. These sectoral caps were fixed many years ago and are out of place in the changed global business environment. India will gain by opening up the services sector including the financial sector and increased FDI participation upto 100 per cent in some sectors such as telecom and enhancing investment caps in the defense sector.

Another encouraging move by the Indian Government has been the creation of a Cabinet Committee on Investment to expedite Government clearances for large projects and Cabinet approval of a Land Acquisition Bill. These are steps in the right direction to bring India back to an eco-system conducive for higher growth rates. Tax reforms are key to bringing down costs, enhancing revenue and efficiency. Goods and Services Tax and Direct Tax Code are much awaited measures.

U.S. is already India's leading trade partner, leading investor, job creator and the most important source for high technology and innovative solutions. Increasing investment flows from both sides are creating jobs, bringing about efficiencies, contributing to tax revenues, and sharing best practices in business and management. This technology and innovation driven collaboration between the two countries will receive a boost once the Bilateral InvestmentTreaty (BIT), which is under negotiation, is concluded.

Besides being host to a number of senior officials from the U.S. Government, Congressmen and business delegations, Amcham interacted with Ministers and officials in the Indian Government. At the regional level, Amcham interacted with Chief Ministers and State Government officials. During meetings with Chief Ministers of West Bengal, Karnataka, Kerala, Chhattisgarh and Assam, Amcham members discussed potential for U.S. investments in these States. I am confident that this good work will continue and Amcham will actively engage with State Governments for seeking out business opportunities for US companies in the regions.

As Chairman of the board of Amcham, I was duly assisted, supported and guided by members of the National Executive Board. I would also like to place on record my sincere appreciation for the valuable support by all members of the board specially the two Vice Chairmen, Mr. Aniruddha Lahiri and Mr.Ramkumar. My special thanks to Mr. Atul Dhawan, Hony. Secretary and Treasurer, who guided the Chamber in its financial matters.

I would like to thank the Chairmen of the Regional Chapters at Bangalore, Chennai, Hyderabad, Kolkata, Mumbai and New Delhi for their time and participation in conducting the Chamber's activities in their respective regions. I would also like to commend the Chairmen and Co-Chairmen of Amcham's Sectoral Committees for actively pursuing sectoral issues with the Indian Government.

The U.S. Embassy officials have guided and supported the Chamber's activities not only in India but also assisted our visits to Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and Nepal. We thank them for their support.

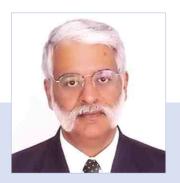
I would like to thank the Amcham Secretariat not just in Delhi but in the other cities as well where Amcham has a presence.

I would also like to thank Mr. Vinod Chandiok, Chairman, Walker Chandiok & Co., for auditing the accounts of Amcham.

It has been an absolute honor and privilege to have served as the Chairman of Amcham's National Executive Board and I wish my successor good luck and an active year ahead.

Raj Jain

Chairman



Executive Director's Report 2012-13

2012-13 witnessed renewed U.S. interest in India's economy. However, several unexpected developments on the economic front raised challenges for American companies operating in India. Like all other Chambers, Amcham too rose to the occasion to convey the voice of its membership to policy-makers. As the general investment climate became less conducive for new investments and more challenging for the existing corporations, an atmosphere of economic slowdown pervaded the sub-continent.

The Annual Report lists a wide range of activities in the year gone-by and these activities reveal to a great extent the key areas of concerns which impacted U.S. companies in India.

The last few years have seen more open understanding and approach by Government agencies in communicating with the private sectors. With tremendous help and guidance by the U.S. Embassy and visiting officials from the U.S., Amcham was able to take across concerns and issues impacting American companies in all sectors of activities. Particular emphasis was laid on infrastructure, ICT (IT, Communications and Telecom), healthcare, energy and defence sectors. Policies relating to taxation and the entire gamut of financial services impacted all sectors of Indian as well as foreign companies for business in the country.

Amcham activities focused on Government interaction, addressing policy issues and firefighting on behalf of U.S. companies in the country. We continue to do some work on the sharing of best practices, knowledge seminars and technical sessions.

The Sectoral Committees were active throughout the year. A list of their Chairmen and Co-Chairmen forms part of the Annual Report and the activities are reflected in the list of events. To further focus on specific issues, Amcham set up Committees on Electronic Payments, Work Safety, Insurance, Direct Selling and CSR. These Committees dealt with new issues confronting American companies in India, such as direct selling, safety issues at construction sites, fraud relating to e-commerce, etc. I request members to actively participate in Sectoral Committees and contribute to writing of Position Papers, knowledge documents and viewpoints for representations.

The U.S.-India Energy Cooperation Program (ECP), under the chairmanship of Mr. Zubin J. Irani, Senior Managing Director, United Technologies Corporation India Pvt. Ltd., developed technical content for ECBC training workshops. The first such workshop was conducted in Ahmedabad with the India Green Building Council and host of other real estate organizations, followed by second workshop in Jaipur with the local IGBC – Jaipur, and the third workshop in Chennai along with Tamil Nadu State Electrical Inspectorate.

ECP member experts are now part of the Net Zero Building Expert Working Group under the bilateral PACE-D project led by USAID. The ECP proposes to focus on two projects i.e. a renewable energy integration project with Gujarat Electricity Transmission Company and an Urban Infrastructure Development effort with DMIDC for planning and promotion of industrial and urban infrastructure along the Delhi-Mumbai Dedicated Freight Corridor (Western DFC).

Amcham participated in Aero India 2013 at Bangalore, hosted a reception and also hosted the visiting USIBC delegation over breakfast. Similarly, Amcham organized a successful Industry Day during the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Asia-Pacific Bilateral Partners' Meeting in Bangalore, which also included a Panel Discussion organized by Amcham.

I am glad to report that Amcham India which has a tie-up with AdvaMed U.S.A. have jointly advocated to the Government of India issues of concern relating to medical devices and on the agenda is a public relations campaign led by AdvaMed in association with Amcham to position the medical technology industry as a significant sector and to educate stakeholders about medical technology and its utility for India and the contribution of medical devices industry in terms of public health and economic and social developments in India.

Amcham has initiated three studies - one on 'Impact of U.S. Investment in India' in collaboration with ICRIER; second by Public Health Foundation of India to understand the status of Medical Technology in India and suggest strategies to understand & increase the role of Medical Devices in improving the public Health system in India and ensuring affordable and ethical medical practices in the country; and the third on 'Intelligent Urbanization of National Capital Region' by Booz & Co. These reports, hopefully, should be available during the course of next few months.

Amcham took a business delegation to Bangladesh and the delegates interacted with Government officials and business leaders to get a better understanding of investment conditions and explore new business opportunities.

A door-knock delegation visited Washington D.C. and interacted with Congressmen and U.S. Government officials, including with USTDA, Departments of Energy, Commerce, Defense and Health and Human Services, USTR and IMF. The delegation also participated in the USIBC annual meet. This door-knock delegation will visit U.S. again in July 2013.

Amcham continued to work closely with other business organizations like FICCI, Indian Direct Selling Association (IDSA), British Business Group (BBG), European Business Group (EBG), USIBC, etc. for jointly organizing programs of mutual interest and also taking up issues of common interest with Government.

I would like to thank members of National Executive Board, particularly the Chairman, Mr. Raj Jain, who, in spite of his busy schedule, gave us a lot of time and attention. My very special thanks to Mr. Atul Dhawan, Hony. Secretary & Treasurer, who has given Amcham a lot of time to revamp the accounting systems and help brought in higher compliance levels. I would also like to sincerely thank each one of my colleagues in Delhi and in the Regional Chapters for a great job done and seek their support in the years to come.

Ajay Singha

Executive Director

AMCHAM'S

National Executive Board 2012-13

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

Office Bearers

Honorary President – Ambassador of U.S.A H.E. Ms Nancy J. Powell

Chairman

Mr. Raj Jain

MD & CEO, Bharti Walmart; President, Walmart India

Vice Chairman

Mr. Aniruddha Lahiri

President, The Chatterjee Group & CEO, SkyTECH Solutions Pvt. Ltd.

Vice Chairman

Mr. Ramkumar Ramamoorthy

Senior Vice President, Cognizant Technology Solutions

Hony. Treasurer and Secretary

Mr. Atul Dhawan

Partner, Deloitte Haskins & Sells

Hony. Members

Mr. Blair Parks Hall, Jr.*

Minister Counselor - Economic, Environment & Science Affairs, U. S. Embassy

Ms Judy R. Reinke

Minister Counselor for Commercial Affairs, U.S. Embassy

Ex - Officio Member

Mr. Atul Singh

President & CEO, Coca - Cola India

Members

Mr. Lowell Paddock

President and Managing Director, General Motors India Pvt. Ltd.

Mr. Michael Boneham**

President & Managing Director, Ford India Pvt. Ltd.

Mr. Rahul Johri

Sr. VP & GM South Asia, Discovery Networks Asia-Pacific

Mr. Russell Parera***

Chief Executive Officer, KPMG India

Mr. Rustom J. Desai

Managing Director, Corning India & Telecom Operations

Mr. Sanket Akerkar

Managing Director, Microsoft India Pvt. Ltd.

Mr. Venkatesh Valluri

Chairman & President, Ingersoll Rand (India) Ltd.

Mr. Zubin J. Irani

Sr. MD, Commercial Companies - India, United Technologies Corporation India Pvt. Ltd.

Regional Chapters

Northern Region Council

Chairman

Mr. Amit Sharma

Executive VP - President Asia, ATC Tower Company of India Pvt. Ltd.

Member

Mr. Raj Jain

MD & CEO, Bharti Walmart; President, Walmart India

Hyderabad Chapter

Chairman

Mr. Madhu Poomalil

Chief Administrative Officer, D. E. Shaw India Software Pvt. Ltd.

Member

Mr. V Laxmikanth

Managing Director, Broadridge Financial Solutions (India) Pvt. Ltd.

Karnataka Chapter

Chairman

Mr. Ajay Kumar Das****

Managing Director, Timken India Limited

Member

Dr. Narindra Bachlaus

Chief Executive Officer, ExxonMobil Company India Pvt. Ltd.

Kolkata Chapter

Chairman

Mr. Aniruddha Lahiri

President, The Chatterjee Group; CEO, SkyTech Solutions Pvt. Ltd.

Member

Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta****

Executive Director, PricewaterhouseCoopers Pvt. Ltd.

Tamil Nadu Chapter

Chairman

Mr. A. Vishwanathan

Country Managing Director, Visteon Automotive Systems India Pvt. Ltd.

Member

Mr. R. Ramkumar

Senior Vice President, Cognizant Technology Solutions

Western Region Chapter

Chairperson

Ms. Kaku Nakhate

President & Country Head (India), Bank of America N.A.

Member

Mr. Sonjoy Chatterjee

Chairman, Goldman Sachs (India) Securities Pvt. Ltd.

Special Invitee

Mr. C. R. Dua

Managing Partner, Dua Associates

AMCHAM INDIA Sectoral Committees 2012-13

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	
Civil Aviation	Mr. Palash Roy Chowdhury Managing Director - India, PW Commercial Engines United Technologies Corporation India Pvt. Ltd.	Mr. Amber Dubey Partner KPMG Advisory Services Pvt. Ltd.
Defense Equipment	Mr. Pritam K. Bhavnani President, Aerospace - India Honeywell International (I) Pvt. Ltd.	
Direct Selling	Ms Hina Nagarajan Country Manager Mary Kay Cosmetics Pvt. Ltd.	Mr. Yoginder Singh Senior Vice President - Legal & Corporate Affairs Amway India Enterprises Pvt. Ltd.
Economic Affairs	Mr. Atul Dhawan Partner Deloitte Haskins & Sells	Mr. Richard Rekhy Country Head - Advisory KPMG
Electronic Payments	Mr. Anish Shah President & CEO GE Capital	Mr. Shailesh Baidwan Chief Executive Officer - India American Express Banking Corp.
Financial Services	Mr. Sonjoy Chatterjee Chairman Goldman Sachs (India) Securities Pvt. Ltd.	
Homeland Security	Mr. Subimal Bhattacharjee Country Head General Dynamics Corporation India Pvt. Ltd.	Cmde (Retd.) Gyanendra Sharma Country Head - India Northrop Grumman International Inc.

Committee	Chairman	Co - Chairman
HR Forum	Ms Pallavi Tyagi Regional Talent Planning & Acquisition Leader - Asia Pacific E.I. Dupont India Pvt. Ltd.	Mr. Shantanu Das General Manager - Human Resources Heinz India Pvt. Ltd.
Information & Communications Technology (ICT)	Mr. Amit Sharma Executive Vice President, President Asia ATC Tower Company of India Pvt. Ltd.	Dr. Jaijit Bhattacharya Director - Global Government Affairs Hewlett - Packard India Sales Pvt. Ltd. Mr. Naveen Tandon Director - External Affairs AT&T Communication Services India Pvt. Ltd.
Insurance	Mr. Rajesh Relan Managing Director & Country Manager MetLife India Insurance Company Limited	
Intellectual Property Rights (IPR)	Mr. Tabrez Ahmad Director IP Policy Microsoft Corporation (India) Pvt. Ltd.	
Infrastructure & Energy	Mr. Pratyush Kumar President Boeing India	Dr. Pawan Maini Managing Director CH2M Hill India Pvt. Ltd.
Manufacturing	Mr. Rustom J. Desai Managing Director, Corning India and Telecom Operations	
Medical Equipment & Devices	Mr. Manoj Gopalakrishna Managing Director Becton Dickinson India Pvt. Ltd.	Mr. Gautam Khanna Executive Director Health Care Business 3M India Limited
Networking	Mr. Amrit Kiran Singh Area Director & VP - South Asia Brown Forman Worldwide LLC	
Pharmaceuticals	Mr. Anish Bafna Managing Director Baxter (India) Pvt. Ltd.	_
Tax, Tariff & Regulatory Affairs	Mr. Sanjiv Chaudhary Partner BSR & Company	Ms Neeru Ahuja Partner Deloitte Haskins & Sells
Work Safety	Mr. Sunil Jain Country Manager - Access Division Oshkosh India Pvt. Ltd.	_

AMCHAM Membership 2012-13

Membership Subscription Status as on 19.04.2013

Table - I

Type of Membership	Total
Corporate	375
Additional	106
Individual	8
Total Membership	489

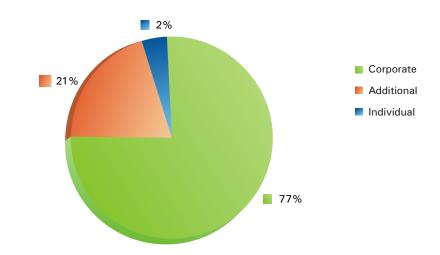
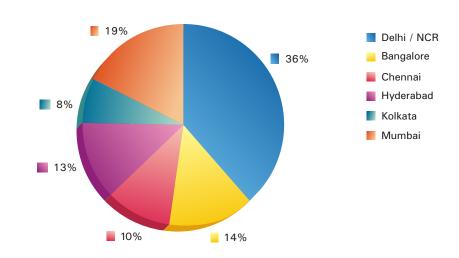


Table - II

Regions	Total
Delhi / NCR	182
Bangalore	67
Chennai	55
Hyderabad	63
Kolkata	34
Mumbai	88
Total	489



AMCHAM

New Members

List of New Members from April 1st 2012 till date

S.No	. Member's Name	Organization
DELI	-11	
1.	Ms Namrata Bhattacharya	AECOM
2.	Ms Abby Pratt	Advanced Medical Technology Association (AdvaMed)
3.	Mr. Kuldip Nar	Aidmatrix Foundation
4.	Mr. Rajat Banerji	Amway India Enterprises Pvt. Ltd.
5.	Mr. Sukanti Ghosh	APCO Worldwide India Pvt. Ltd.
6.	Mr. Tarun Narang	Arthrocare India Medical Devices Pvt. Ltd.
7.	Ms Neeta Agrawal	AT&T Communication Services India Pvt. Ltd.
8.	Mr. Atul Gupta	Click Software India Pvt. Ltd.
9.	Mr. Rajeev Kachhal	Computer Sciences Corporation India Pvt. Ltd.
10.	Mr. Raymond Wong	ExxonMobil Lubricants Pvt. Ltd.
11.	Mr. Vikram Mathur	FTI Consulting
12.	Mr. Deepak Khandelwal	JP Morgan Chase Bank N.A. Mumbai Branch
13.	Mr. Satish Rao	Kohinoor Specialty Foods India Pvt. Ltd.
14.	Mr. G. Narayana Rao	Kronos Solutions India Pvt. Ltd.
15.	Mr. Michael Rose	Macdermid India Pvt. Ltd.
16.	Ms Preetha Nair	Miasole
17.	Mr. Yash Kansal	Oshkosh India Pvt. Ltd.
18.	Mr. Arun Kumar	SunPower Solar India Pvt. Ltd.
19.	Mr. Ivan Keogh	The Louis Berger Group, Inc.
20.	Mr. Puneet Narula	Tupperware India Pvt. Ltd.
21.	Mr. Harvinder Singh	United Airlines
22.	Mr. Gaurav Yadava	Western Union Services India Pvt. Ltd.
BAN	GALORE	
23.	Mr. Pavan Kumar	Altair Engineering India Pvt. Ltd.
24.	Mr. Subhajit Poddar	Amway India Enterprises Pvt. Ltd.
25.	Mr. Rajul Dixit	Argosy International Inc. India Liaison Office
26.	Ms Kavitha Suresh	Crown Worldwide Movers Pvt. Ltd.
27.	Mrs. Aanal Bhagwati	Daramic Battery Separator India Pvt. Ltd.
28.	Mr. Vijay Bharadwaj	Dell International Services India Pvt. Ltd.
29.	Mr. Amarpal Chadha	Ernst & Young Pvt. Ltd.
30.	Mr. E. Abdul Muthaleef	Esterline Technologies India Pvt. Ltd.
31.	Mrs. T. S. Ushasri	Manhattan Associates India Development Center Pvt. Ltd.
32.	Mr. David Jon Ranson	Moog India Technology Center Pvt. Ltd.
33.	Mr. Ganesh Murthy Mr. Sethu Seetharaman	Mphasis Limited
34. 35.	Mr. Anil Valluri	Mphasis Limited NetApp India Marketing & Services Pvt. Ltd.
36.	Mr. Iqbal Sait	Saggezza India Pvt. Ltd.
37.	Mr. Girish Karunakaran	Software Paradigms Infotech Pvt. Ltd.
38.	Mr. K. Subramanian	Symbol Technologies India Pvt. Ltd.
39.	Mr. Pankaj Kaushik	Textron India Pvt. Ltd.
40.	Mr. Sharad K. Bohra	Tyco Fire & Security India Pvt. Ltd.
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41.	Mr. Cliff Owens	AAM India Manufacturing Corporation Pvt. Ltd.
42.	Mr. A. Viswanathan	
		BS&B Safety Systems India Limited
43.	Mr. Colm Gallagher	Carlisle Trading and Manufacturing India Pvt. Ltd.
44.	Mr. Vivek Vanmeeganathan	Caterpillar India Pvt. Ltd.
45.	Mr. Anilal S. Ravi	Envestnet Asset Management India Pvt. Ltd.
46.	Mr. Alok Agrawal	Ernst & Young Pvt. Ltd.
47.	Dr. Ragula Bhaskar	Fatpipe Networks Limited
48.	Mr. S. Giri Sunder	Hindustan Coca - Cola Beverages Pvt. Ltd.
49.	Mr. Srinivas Sudhakar Bhimaraju	NTT Data Global Delivery Services Limited
50.	Mr. Ranjit Pisharoty	Sutherland Global Services Pvt. Ltd.
HYD	ERABAD	
51.	Mr. Jayaram Valliyur	Amazon Development Centre (India) Pvt. Ltd.
52.	Mr. Bharani Aroll	Butler Technical Services India Pvt. Ltd.
53.	Mr. Neal Rogers	Computer Sciences Corporation
54.	Mr. Kevin Potter	Deloitte Consulting India Pvt. Ltd.
55.	Mr. Mohammad Abdul Saboor	ExterNetworks
56.	Mr. Purnachandra Rao Surapaneni	Global Infovison Pvt. Ltd.
57.	Mr. M. Pardha Saradhi	Hindustan Coca - Cola Beverages (P) Ltd.
58.	Mr. Sriram Adiraju	Siemon Cabling Solutions Pvt. Ltd.
59.	Mr. Vijay Kumar Bajaj	Steel Wedge Technologies Pvt. Ltd.
60.	Mr. Rishi Rana	SumTotal Systems
61.	Mr. Narsi Reddy	SMSilicon India Pvt. Ltd.
KOLI	CATA	
62.	Mr. Subhro Banerjee	Amway India Enterprises Pvt. Ltd.
63.	Mr. Vinay Mishra	Lexmark International India Pvt. Ltd.
64.	Mr. Arnab Ray	TCG Lifesciences Limited
MUN	/IBAI	
65.	Mr. Sunil Patil	AAM Services India Pvt. Ltd.
66.	Mr. Ashish Vaidya	Amway India Enterprises Pvt. Ltd.
67.	Mr. Abhijit Bhandari	Compsych International Inc.
68.	Mr. Anshuman Neil Basu	Council of Supply Chain Management Professionals India Pvt. Ltd.
69.	Mr. Rajiv Singh	Datacard India Pvt. Ltd.
70.	Mr. Alok Seth	Dow Jones Consulting India Pvt. Ltd.
71.	Mr. Rohan Parikh	H&R Block (India) Pvt. Ltd.
72.	Mr. Rajiv Jain	JP Morgan Chase Bank N.A. Mumbai Branch
73.	Mr. Ardeshir Contractor	Kiran Energy Solar Power Pvt. Ltd,
74.	Ms Sushma Rajagopalan	LiquidHub India Pvt. Ltd.
75.	Ms Shibani Belwalkar	LRN Technology & Content Solutions (I) Pvt. Ltd.
76.	Ms Srimoti Mukherji	Mylan, Inc.
77.	Mr. Don Schulte	PACCAR India Pvt. Ltd.
78.	Mr. Vijai Mantri	Pramerica Asset Manager Pvt. Ltd.
79.	Mr. Michael J. Surface	PricewaterhouseCoopers Pvt. Ltd.
80	Mr. Alok Gupta	Reichhold India Pvt. Ltd.
81.	Ms Achal Khanna	SHRM India
82.	Mr. Ashok Kumar Kakkar	Varian Medical Systems Inc.
83.	Mr. Abhijit Pravin Shah	Walter P Moore Engineering India Pvt. Ltd.
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AMCHAM Highlights of Events Held in 2012-13



AMCHAM Bangalore

U.S. Ambassador Ms Nancy Powell addressing Amcham members.

Calender of Meetings/Events for the Year April 2012 - April 2013

Date	Meetings / Events
9th May 2012	Amcham Karnataka ExeComm Meeting. Chaired by Mr. Ajay Das, Chairman of Amcham Karnataka.
14th May 12	Amcham organized a high level meeting of members' with Karnataka Chief Secretary, Mr. S.V Ranganath and senior Government officials. The Government delegation met with Amcham members from various industries and invited their opinions on the investment climate in the state. They discussed multiple governance and policy issues related to infrastructure, environment, transport corridors, IT, labour laws, land acquisition etc that the U.S. companies face and were promised quick redressal. The Chief Secretary announced that U.S. companies under Amcham aegis will be offered single window clearance for any clearance and compliance issues pending with the Government.
16th May 12	A workshop on U.S. visa procedures with Mr. Nicholas J. Manring, Chief of Consular Services and Mr. Michael Cathey, Chief of the Non Immigration Visa Department, U.S. Consulate, Chennai. HR and travel heads of U.S. companies in Bangalore had an excellent interactive session on the challenges they faced.
21st May 12	The Chief Secretary, Government of Karnataka, convened a meeting at the Vidhana Soudha with all the concerned government officials covering the Department of Labour, Transport and BMTC, to sort out issues raised during the Amcham Interaction Meet.
April/May 12	Blood donation camps held by the Rotary Blood Bank in April / May 2012 in Amcham member companies
8th June 12	On the occasion of the 2nd Global Investors Meet (GIM) Amcham India organized a panel discussion on "U.S. HighTechnology for India's Growth," with CEOs of top U.S. companies in India Mr. Donald Lu, Deputy Chief of Mission, U.S. Embassy and dignitaries from the U.S. Consulate and government including Ms Jennifer McIntyre, Consul General, U.S. Consulate, Chennai; Chief Minister Mr. Sadananda Gowda; Mr. M. N. Vidyasagar, Principal Secretary, Commerce and Industries Department; and Mr. Maheshwar Rao, Commissioner for Industrial Development and Director of Industries and Commerce were also present at this session.
21st June 12	Amcham Manufacturing Sector Committee telecom. Mr. Ajay Das, Managing Director of Timken India took over as Chairman and Mr. Rustom Desai of Corning India took over as co-chairman.
7th July 12	Amcham hosted a breakfast meeting for U.S. Ambassador, Nancy Powell, with the Amcham ExeComm members.

7th July 12	Amcham members participated in the 4th of July Celebrations by the U.S. Embassy. Heads of U.S. companies and government dignitaries attended the celebrations hosted by the Ambassador, Nancy Powell.
16th July 12	Amcham participated in the FAA-Asia Pacific Bilateral Partners meeting, 2013, First Preparedness Meeting held by the DGCA to leverage the Bilateral Aviation Safety Agreement between India and United States to get products made by U.S. companies in India certified in India itself.
17th July 12	Amcham Karnataka ExeComm meeting. Dr. Narindra Bachlaus was welcomed as the new co - chairman for the year 2012 - 13. Mr. Richard Craig, Principal Commercial Officer, U.S. Commercial Service, Kolkota, also participated in the meeting.
31st July 12	Amcham participated in the Government of Karnataka Interactive Meet with Associations to promote Bangalore IT.biz 2012 at the Chancery, Bangalore. Bangalore IT.biz is the flagship event of the government of Karnataka and Amcham Karnataka will be a supporting organization for this prestigious event. Senior officials from the IT department were present at this occasion along with all other trade associations and chambers of commerce.
7th Aug 12	The Health Secretary, Govt. of Karnataka, Dr. Ramana Reddy and the Industries Secretary, Govt. of Karnataka, Mr. M.N. Vidyashankar met exclusively with the Amcham healthcare companies. Other officials attending were: Dr. B.R. Jagashetty, Drugs Controller; Mr. Anjum Pervez, Commissioner, Health and Family Welfare Department; Mr. Ramesh Zalki, Principal Secretary, Medical Education Department; and Dr. Siddappa, Director, Bangalore Medical College and Research Institute. This was an interactive session where the Government officials elaborated on opportunities for Amcham companies and the Government of Karnataka to work together.
22nd Aug 12	The HR Committee organized a Workshop on 'Job Evaluation & Market Pricing Practices'. The 2 sessions had expert speakers addressing thought provoking topics which were moderated by Ms Indira Bharadwaj, Executive Director - People & Organization, Performance Improvement, Ernst & Young. Ms Shanthi Naresh, Principal Consultant at Mercer addressed the participants on the Significance of Job Evaluation in an organization, Mercer's IPE Methodology, Role Clarification and the link between Role Clarification & Job Evaluation. Mr. Subhankar Roy Chowdhury, Executive Director HR - India, Talent & OD Leader - Asia Pac & Latin America, Lenovo spoke on Global Trends Influencing Employment in Advanced and Developing Nations, Changing Employment Relationship: Rise of Temps & Super Temps, Hyper Specialization Of Jobs - Benefits and Challenges, Multi Generation Workforce Co Existing - Changing Expectations From Employer Employee Relationship etc. The session concluded with lunch.
12th Sept 12	The new NIV chief of the U.S. Consulate, Chennai, Mr. Chris Rose, met with Amcham members.
13th Sept 12	Amcham Karnataka ExeComm met under the chairmanship of Dr. Narindra Bachlaus.
27th Sept 12	Amcham members participated in a cocktail reception hosted by the U.S. Trade Office.
27th Sept 12	A visa session on GSS (Global Support Services) and other changes in visa processing with Ms Julia Stanley, the new Minister Counselor for Consular Affairs and Mr. Nicholas Manring, Chief of Consular Staff was held at the Oberoi Hotel. Amcham members discussed the challenges of the new BEP rules.
29th Sept 12	The Amcham - Timken Golf Invitational Tournament was held at the Karnataka Golf Association, Bangalore. Among the 120 golfers were corporate heads of U.S. and other companies and top government bureaucrats. The main sponsors of the event were Timken India, RMZ Corp, 3M, Textron, Northern Trust, Big Banyan, and EMC2 This was followed by lunch where the prizes for the golf tournament were distributed.
4th Oct 12	As a precursor to the "Credible Chhattisgarh - Global Investor's Meet", a high - level government delegation led by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Chattisgarh, Dr. Raman Singh, met with Amcham members to encourage investment in the state."
16th Oct 12	A Congressional Delegation led by Congressmen Mr. Todd Platts and Mr. Duncan Hunter, members of the House Armed Services Committee (HASC) met with a cross section of Bangalore's Biotech and Pharmaceutical industry to get their perspective on intellectual property rights. Amcham members from GE Healthcare, Pfizer, 3M, Avery Dennison, Lifetech, Herbalife, PwC, E&Y, Aris Global, etc. met with the delegation at the Hotel Windsor Manor. Mr. I.S.N. Prasad, Principal Secretary to Government, Department of Information Technology, Biotechnology and Science & Technology, hosted this meeting from the Government side.

17th Oct 12	Amcham was the supporting partner for Bangalore IT.biz, the Government of Karnataka's flagship event held. Mr. Vikram Shah, President - Netapp Technologies and cochairman of the Amcham Karnataka chapter, participated on the panel discussion at the prestigious CEO Conclave, titled 'Transition in ICT: The Big Shift and India's Competitive Edge', which was held at the Vivanta by Taj, ITPB, Whitefield, Bangalore. This was followed by a networking dinner.
19th Oct 12	Ms Janice Corbett, Regional Director of the U.S. Commercial Services; Ms Margaret Hanson - Muse, Deputy Commercial Counselor from the American Embassy, New Delhi; and Mr. James Golsen, Commercial Consul, American Consulate General, Chennai, met and interacted with the Amcham Execomm.
7th Nov 12	Mr. Sandeep Baldava, Partner - Fraud Investigation & Dispute Services, Ernst & Young conducted an awareness session. He discussed case studies of recent frauds reported at MNCs in India and key learning from these to avoid similar situations within our organizations. The session also covered the impact of the proposed Indian Companies Bill requirements on fraud risk management efforts at companies in India. Amcham members had an opportunity to interact and learn about some leading practices in these areas.
10th Nov 12	The Amcham Diwali Celebration was held at the Ballroom of the Taj West End, Bangalore. There was music from the B-Town Beat, dance performances, games, and activities for kids and prizes galore. The Amcham members had a festive time with their families. Textron India, Esterline, Herbalife, Prestige Golfshire, Marriott, Saggezza, UB Group, Big Banyan, Nexus and Nas Home sponsored the event.
12th Dec 12	Amcham Karnataka ExeComm Meeting at Taj West End meeting under the chairmanship of Dr. Narindra Bachlaus.
13th Dec 12	Amcham members meeting with Mr. Ford Graham, Director of International Investment, South Carolina Department of Commerce; and Mr. George Patrick, Deputy Secretary of Commerce of the South Carolina Department of Commerce.
11th Jan 2013	Ms Renee Macklin, CIO, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce and Mr. Jeffrey Jackson, Director of Cyber Security, met with the CTOs/CIOs of U.S. Companies.
5th Feb 13	Amcham and USIBC hosted all AERO India participants a reception. The Ambassador, Ms Nancy Powell, was the guest of honor.
6th Feb 13	Amcham had a breakfast briefing with the U.S. Embassy Delegates and the Amcham and USIBC delegations on 6th February 2013 at Air Force Station Yelahanka.
7th Feb 13	Amcham participated in a power breakfast with the BBMP Commissioner and government officials at Freedom Park, Seshadri, along with other CEOs and heads of industry associations as part of a Citi Connect initiative.
25th Feb 13	Amcham organized a walk - through the Visa process at the American Consulate General in Chennai.
1st - 3rd March 13	Amcham supported the U.S. Diplomatic Mission's "Experience America" programs and the opening of an American Business Corner at the Kanara Chamber of Commerce, Mangalore.
1st March 13	Amcham India and the Kanara Chamber of Commerce hosted Ms Judy Reinke, Minister Counselor for Commercial Affairs, U.S. Embassy, New Delhi, the U.S. Consulate General, Chennai and delegation special invitees at a dinner at Mangalore.
14th March 13	Amcham participated in the FAA - Asia Pacific Bilateral Partners meeting, 2013, Second Preparedness Meeting held by the DGCA, to discuss Industry Day.
15th March 13	Amcham Karnataka ExeComm Meeting and farewell to Mr. Leonard Roberts, U.S. Commercial Services.
20th March 13	Meeting of Amcham delegation with Mr. M.N. Vidyashankar, IAS, Principal Secretary, Commerce & Industries Department, Govt of Karnataka.
9th April 13	Meeting of Amcham Karnataka Chapter with new Principal Secretary, Energy Department, Mr. S. K. Pattanayak, Government of Karnataka, to discuss issues in the power sector. A presentation was given covering the present status of the energy sector in the State, projects in the pipeline, solar policy, wind energy policy, gas based power plants and the likely scenario in the next 5 years/10 years of the energy sector.
16th April 13	To resolve the power issues facing Amcham member companies, representatives of Intel, Cisco, Exxonmobil, Honeywell, and Netapp met with the Managing Director, BESCOM, Mr. Manivannan and got a satisfactory resolution of their problems.
18th April 13	Amcham organized an Industry Day during the Federal Aviation Administration FAA Asia - Pacific Bilateral Partners' Meeting - 2013.



Inaugural address at the GIM 2013 panel discussion delivered by Mr. Donald Lu, Deputy Chief of Mission, U.S. Embassy.



On the occasion of the 2nd Global Investors Meet (GIM), Amcham India organized a panel discussion on "U.S. High Technology for India's Growth," with CEOs of top U.S. companies in India.



The Chief Secretary, Government of Karnataka, Mr. S.V. Ranganath addresses Amcham members.



Amcham hosted a breakfast meeting for U.S. Ambassador, Nancy Powell, with the Amcham ExeComm members.



From left: Mr. Subhankar Roy Chowdhury, Executive Director HR - India, Talent & OD Leader - Asia Pac & Latin America, Lenovo, Ms Indira Bharadwaj, ED, People & Organization, Performance Improvement, E&Y and Ms Shanthi Naresh, Principal Consultant at Mercer during the workshop on 'Job Evaluation & Market Pricing Practices', organized by the HR Committee.



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The Health Secretary, Govt. of Karnataka, Dr. Ramana Reddy and the Industries Secretary, Govt. of Karnataka, Mr. M.N. Vidyashankar met exclusively with the Amcham healthcare companies.



4th of July Celebrations with Ambassador Nancy Powell, and Consul General, U.S. Consulate Chennai, Ms Jennifer McIntyre.



Amcham Karnataka ExeComm members were felicitated at the Diwali celebrations.



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Amcham India Executive Director, Mr. Ajay Singha felicitating past chairman of the Amcham Karnataka Chapter, Mr. George Mathew.



Prize winner of the Amcham - Timken Golf tournament.



AMCHAM Chennai

Mr. Ramkumar, VP, Cognizant shares a thought with Ambassador Nancy Powell.

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8th April 2012	Workshop on Visa Procedures at Taj Coromandel. Facilitated by Nick Manring, Consular Chief & Michael Cathey, NIV Chief, American Consulate, Chennai.
14th April 12	Meeting of the Executive Committee at Madras Club.
12th May 12	Meeting of the Executive Committee at Cognizant office.
25th May 12	Breakfast Meeting with Mr. Indranil Sengupta, Chief Economist, Bank of America, Topic: Impact of the weakening rupee - the currency conundrum and the economic impact.
16th June 12	Meeting of the Executive Committee at CDG Boeing office, DLF SEZ.
28th June 12	Amcham Breakfast Meeting with Mr. Sanjay Kumar Agarwal, Chief Commissioner of Customs. Topic: Simplified and Transparent Customs Procedures at Chennai Port.
3rd July 12	American independence Day celebrations at Hyatt Regency.
13th July 12	Business briefing meeting for State Department Deputy Assistant Secretary Ms Alyssa Ayres.
27th July 13	An Amcham delegetaion called on Chief Minister Mr. Oommen Chandy and Industries Minister Mr. P.K. Kunhalikutty at the CM's office at the Kerala Secretariat. The delegation had detailed discussions in connection with the Emerging Kerala Summit to be held in September this year. The CM outlined the various developmental projects undertaken by his government. He was hopeful that with the creation of infrastructure and availability of power, investment will flow into the state and job creation will follow.
	The delegation led by Mr. Ajay Singha, Executive Director, Amcham India also included Mr. Yash Kansal, Country Director, Oshkosh Corporation, Mr. Alex Varghese, Country Head, UST Global, Mr. Anilal Ravi of Envestnet, Mr. Eapen Koshy of KPMG, Mr. Ajai Kumar of Coca Cola, Mr. Joseph Korah of Cognizant, Mr. Sham Shamsudeen of the American Consulate General in Chennai and Mr. Aubrey Daniels, Regional Director, Amcham India.
30th Aug 12	Core group meeting held at office of PreMedia Global to plan and execute National Conference on Gender Diversity.
25th August 12	Meeting of the Executive Committee at Bank of America office.
10th Sep 12	Launch of American Business Corner in Trivandrum by Commercial Counselor Ms Margaret Hanson - Muse.
11th Sep 12	Launch of American Business Corner in Kochi by Commercial Counselor Ms Margaret Hanson-Muse.

12th Sep 12	Emerging Kerala Investment Conference in Kerala with American Consulate and Government of Kerala.
5th Oct 12	Amcham organized a session on recent Indian tax developments, including the foreign asset reporting requirements; Provident Fund contributions for International Workers and Social security agreements; and Immigration developments.
	Mr. Alok Agrawal, Director, Tax and Regulatory Services, Ernst & Young was the guest speaker.
16th Oct 12	Interactive session with Architecture Trade Mission at Hyatt Regency.
20th Oct 12	Amcham organized a presentation on Tax Accounting Standards. Mr. Bharath Nallappa, Associate Director, Ernst & Young & Mr. Suresh Subramaniam, Partner, Ernst & Young were the speakers.
29th Nov 12	Amcham organized an interactive session on Sustainable Energy - Path Forward. The meeting created awareness on the salient features of the Solar Policy and highlight the significant risks and opportunities of these regulations on businesses.
	Mr. Sudipta Das, EY National Leader on Climate Change & Sustainability Services & Mr. Mr. Swaminathan Krishnamurthy, Director - Climate Change & Sustainability Services addressed the audience.
19th Dec 12	Breakfast Meeting at River House, residence of Consul General for launch of American Business Advisory Council.
20th Dec 12	Amcham organized a presentation on Tax Accounting Standards at Hotel Taj Coromandel. Mr. Bharath Nallappa, Associate Director, Ernst & Young & Mr. Suresh Subramaniam, Partner, Ernst & Young spoke on this occasion.
22nd Jan 2013	U.S. India - Energy Cooperation Program (ECP) presented a Training Workshop on 'Building a Business Case for Energy Efficiency for Green Buildings' organized by Alliance to Save Energy and Brookhaven National Lab BNL (USDoE) in association with Tamil Nadu Electricity Inspectorate - the State Designated Agency for ECBC implementation in Tamil Nadu, and Madras Chamber of Commerce (MCCI).
25th Jan 13	Business opportunities in San Antonio, Texas - briefing by Mr. R. Ramkumar, Amcham National Board Member and Sr. Vice President, Cognizant.
25th Jan 13	Reception in honour of Mayor of San Antonio Julian Castro and the Alamo Asian American Chamber of Commerce business delegates at River House, residence of Consul General Jennifer McIntyre.
4th Feb 13	Interactive session with Multi SectorTrade Mission.
7th Feb 13	Amcham in association with the U.S. Consulate General, Chennai is organizing its first - ever national conference on "Best Practices for Gender Diversity" focused on the strategic impact of gender diversity on business performance and on sharing best practices.
	There were two panel discussions. One on "Increasing Women's Participation in Senior Management" led by Mr. David Lobo, Director - HR, GE India; Mr. Samik Basu, Chief People Officer, PepsiCo India; Ms Nikhila Rangaswamy, VP HR Talent & Org Effectiveness; Cadbury plc; Mr. Krishna Giri, MD, Public Service in Asia Pacific, Accenture. Another one on "Strategic Importance of Gender Diversity" led by Ms Anne Weisberg-Chief Strategy Officer, The Future Work Institute, New York; Mr. Joginder Singh - President & MD, Ford India; Ms Aruna Jayanthi - CEO, Capgemini India; Ms Kami Narayan - Co - CEO, PreMedia Global, Inc.
	The panel discussion was followed by a presentation by Ford India on their successful diversity program and a Keynote address by Ms Nancy Powell, US Ambassador to India.
20th Feb 13	Interactive session with the Ports Trade Mission.
22nd March 13	Breakfast Meeting with Mr. Brian Gallagher, President and CEO of United Way Worldwide, Washington on shared values among the corporate and the Development Sector.
28th March 13	Breakfast Meeting of Amcham ExeCommTamil Nadu Chapter.



Dr. R. Christodoss Gandhi, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary, Govt. of Tamil Nadu addressing members during a Breakfast meeting.



Mr. Sudipta Das, EY National Leader on Climate Change & Sustainability Services during the November Breakfast Meeting on Sustainable Energy - the path forward.



Mr. Nick Manring, Consular Chief & Deputy Consul General giving members an update on U.S. Visa procedures.



Mr. Christopher Rose, Non immigrant Visa Chief addressing members on new Visa Processing System.



Meet on transfer pricing facilitated by KPMG; address by Mrs. Alpana Saksena, Senior Advisor, KPMG.



Ms Saundarya Rajesh of AVTAR Career creators addressing participants at the conference on Gender Diversity.



Ms Nikhila Rangaswamy of Cadbury Kraft Foods ,Mr. David Lobo of GE, Mr. Samik Basu of PepsiCo, and Ram of Accenture - panel discussion on "Increasing Women's participation in senior management" at the Conference on Gender Diversity.



Ms Gangapriya of Ford India shares the Ford experience on Gender diversity with participants.



Mr. Ajay Singha with panelists at the Conference on gender diversity. From L - R: Ms Anne Weisberg, The Future Work Institute, Ms Aruna Jayanthi, Mr. Joginder P. Singh, Ford India & Ms Kami Narayan, PreMedia Global.



Participants at the Conference on Gender Diversity.



Ambassador Ms Nancy Powell delivers the keynote address during the Conference on Gender Diversity.



Mr. Franz Gastler of YUWA presents a case study on how rural Indian girls can excel if given the right opportunity.



AMCHAM Delhi

An interactive session on U.S. - India Economic Relations: Road to 2020 with Mr. Salman Khurshid, Union Minister for Law, Justice & Minority Affairs at New Delhi.

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11th April 2012	A Seminar on 'Compliance Issues in Manufacturing Exports - New IT Compliance Law in U.S.' was organized by FICCI in cooperation with Amcham, Apex Cluster Development, Services, FIEO and CHEMEXCIL, at New Delhi. Presentations were made on 'Competitiveness Compliance and Opportunities for Indian Manufacturing in U.S.', 'Legal Dimensions of UCA and its Implications for Exporters', 'Business Opportunities for Indian Exporters in the Current Changing Scenario', and 'Solutions: IT Compliance & Benefits of Software Asset Management in Manufacturing and Exports'
11th April 12	Amcham in association with Hill & Associates organized an interactive session on 'Why fraud now poses a major international compliance risk' at New Delhi. Mr. John Macfarland, SVP, Hill & Associates presented on "how the risk of fraud inside organizations exposes them to growing global compliance risk. Mr. Anand Dayal, Chairman, Anti - Corruption (FCPA Compliance) committee chaired the meeting.
20th April 12	Amcham and USIBC hosted a Roundtable discussion with U.S. Deputy Secretary Ms Jane Holl Lute, Department of Homeland Security at New Delhi. The discussion was chaired by Mr. William Blair, Chairman - Amcham - USIBC Homeland Security Committee and President - Raytheon India. The Deputy Secretary discussed U.S India Homeland Security Dialogue - Progress, Challenges& Opportunities. There was participation from different arms of the U.S. Embassy. On this occasion, Amcham released the first draft of the "Homeland Security Committee Industry Capability Deck".
27th April 12	20th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Amcham India.
	Special Session Dr. C. Rangarajan, Chairman, Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister of India and Ambassador, Ms Nancy Powell. Panel Discussion on "Leadership in the New Normal" The Panelist were: Mr. Michael Boneham, President & Managing Director, Ford India Pvt. Ltd. Mr. Prakash Iyer, Managing Director, Kimberly - Clark Lever Pvt. Ltd.; Mr. Shabbir Merchant, Partner & India Head, Leadership Consulting Practice, Heidrick Struggles, Mr. G. Ravindran, CEO, SHRM India, Mr. David Lobo, HR Lead, GE India, Ms Jayantika Dave, Vice President – HR, Ingersoll Rand India Presentation by Mr. Deepak Kapoor, Chairman, PricewaterhouseCoopers Pvt. Ltd. Recent thought leadership on "Global Emerging Middle" Meeting of the newly constituted Amcham National Board.
11th May 12	A meeting of the Executive Committee of Amcham's Northern Region Council (NRC) was held under the chairmanship of Mr. Amit Sharma, Executive Vice President - President Asia, ATCTower Company of India Pvt. Ltd., at Gurgaon. The meeting was followed by a talk by Ms Anuradha Das Mathur, Founder & Director, 9.9. Media, on "New India. New Rules". She spoke about the uncertainties due to lack of reforms, policy paralysis and fragmented political environment.

14th May 12 Ms. Judy R. Reinko, Minister - Counselor for Commercial Affairs, U.S. Embassy, invited Amcham representatives for a lunchoon meeting with private sector members of the Beard of Directors of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation (DPIC) at New Delhi. Ms Mednik Rataris, Deputy Executive Director, Amcham India, participated in the event. Discussions were held on areas of investments, environment issues and assistance that could be sought from OPIC. OPIC is the U.S. Government's development finance institution and mobilizes private capital to help solve critical development challenges while advancing U.S. Foreign policy, Amcham also organized a cocktain interaction with OPIC board members at the American Embassy, New Delhi. Meeting of Amcham's IPR Committee was held under the chairmanship of Mr. Tabrez Ahmad, Director - IP Policy, Legal & Corporate Affairs, Microsoft Corporation Indial Pvt. Ltd. at ACSA, New Delhi. Mr. Tabrez Ahmad made a presentation on the proposed "National Intellectual Property Policy" which was prepared by Mr. Ameet Datta, Partner, Luthra and Luthra Law Offices. 24th May 12 Amcham organized a Homeland Socurity Committee under the chairmanship of Mr. Subimal Bhatatcharjee, Country Head. General Dynamics (Indial Pvt. Ltd. at New Delhi. There was a presentation by Mr. Vikram Sahgal, GM. ITPO on the upcoming India International Security expo 2012, for which Amcham has been recognized as an Associate partner. 1st June 12 A few members of Amcham had a lunchoan meeting with Ms Mara Burr, Deputy Assistant U.S. Trade Representative, and Ms. Nicolo E. Wober, First Secretary, Economic Affairs, and Ms. Annaliese J. Heliigenstein, Economic Officor, from the U.S. Embassy, New Delhi. Members discussed the pricing policy in pharma and issues relating to India. Ph. Secretary, Economic Affairs, and Intellectual Property Rights. Mr. Bayer Singha along with the Centre for Knowledge Sovereignty and the Centre for Digital Economy Policy Research organised an Interactive Session with Mr. Ni		
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5th July 12	Amcham organized an Interactive Session with Ms Holly Vineyard, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Department of Commerce, U.S.A at ACSA, U.S. Embassy, New Delhi.
10th July 12	Mr. Ajay Singha and Ms Madhvi Kataria accompanied by a few membres of Amcham, called on Mr. Ajay Shankar, Member Secretary, National Manufacturing Competitiveness Council (NMCC), to discuss the draft National Manufacturing Policy announced by NMCC.
	Mr. Biswanath Bhattacharya, Director - Management Consulting, KPMG Advisory Services Private Limited, talked about implementation of the Policy, public procurement, National Investment and Manufacturing Zones (NIMZ), etc.
16th July 12	Reception in honour of USTDA Delegation on Civil Aviation by Aviation Committee of Amcham, U.S. Embassy, New Delhi.
	Amcham members representing the recently set up Civil Aviation Committee interacted with Mr. Henry Steingass, Regional Director, USTDA and members of his delegation. Members of Amcham's Healthcare Committee also joined this informal interactive session.
16th July 12	Meeting of Amcham's ICT Committee was held at the office of Cisco, Gurgaon. The meeting discussed, inter alia, developments on the telecom front, particularly telecom manufacturing, telecom licensing and its implications.
20th July 12	Amcham along with Verizon organized a Security Briefing by Mr. Bryan Sartin, Director Risk Team, Verizon, at their Gurgaon office.
24th July 12	Meeting of Amcham's National Executive Board was held at the office of Walmart India, Gurgaon. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Raj Jain, Chairman, NEB; and President, Walmart India.
	This was followed by a meeting of the Chairmen / Co - Chairmen of Amcham's Sectoral Committees to discuss the proposed one - day U.S India Business Summit by Amcham.
7th Aug 12	Amcham along with Accenture India Pvt. Ltd., and Centre for Digital Economy Policy Research (C - DEP) organized a Workshop on 'Adoption of Model RFP (Request for Proposal) for Government at the office of Accenture, Gurgaon. Mr. Ramendra Verma, Principal, Management Consulting - Health & Public Service, Accenture, made a presentation on the subject.
13th Aug 12	Amcham's Defense Equipment Committee members met to discuss follow up and actions from the Ambassador's meeting follow up and actions from DSD meeting and DPP 2011 / Offset 2012 policy impacts and information exchange. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Roger Rose, Chief Executive, Lockheed Martin India and co-chaired by Mr. Pritam Bhavnani, President Aerospace, Honeywell India.
17th Aug 12	A few members of Amcham's Tax, Tariff and Regulatory Affairs Committee led by Chairman, Mr. Sanjiv Chaudhary met with Dr. Parthasarathi Shome, Director & Chief Executive, ICRIER, and Mr. Sunil Gupta, Joint Secretary (TPL - II), Central Board of Direct Taxes and made a presentation on 'GAAR and Taxability of Indirect Transfer of Assets'.
17th Aug 12	Mr. Tapas Gupta, Economic Specialist, U.S. Embassy in Nepal, met with a few members of Amcham at Amcham Office, New Delhi, and briefed them on the political and economic situation in Nepal.
21st Aug 12	Amcham members had an interactive session with Union Minister for Law, Justice & Minority Affairs, Mr. Salman Khurshid in New Delhi. Mr. Khurshid expressed his support to Amcham members and their good work in India. He said the government appreciated the investments of American companies in India which has led to transfer of technology in many new avenues.

22nd Aug 12	Amcham - KPMG India organized a Roundtable on "Revised Indian Defense Offset Guidelines: An eye on the future" with a view to discuss the impact of the recently announced revisions of its defense offset policy and present a perspective. A good participation was seen by the U.S. and Indian companies in the defense sector.
30th Aug 12	Amcham organized an interactive session with Dr. Arvind Mayaram, Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs, GOI, at New Delhi. The session was chaired by Mr. Atul Dhawan, Hon. Secy. & Treasurer, Amcham India; Chairman, Amcham's Committee on Economic Affairs & Partner, Deloitte Haskins & Sells. Mr. Donald Lu, Deputy Chief of Mission made opening observations. Brief observations were made by the following members of Amcham India: Mr. Sunil Mehta (Insurance), Mr. Amit Sharma (Telecom), Mr. William Blair (Homeland & Defense), Mr. Gautam Khanna (Healthcare), Mr. Vijay Iyer (Tax & Tariff), Mr. Palash Roy Chowdhury (Civil Aviation), Mr. Sudhir Gadh (Energy) and Mr. Jim Bujold (FDI in India)
10th Sept 12	Amcham members met with Mr. Bhagwan Shankar, Joint Secretary, Police Modernization, Ministry of Home Affairs (M.H.A), Govt of India on September 10 with the members of Amcham Homeland Security Committee. The meeting was chaired by Mr. William Blair, President, Raytheon India. Major U.S. Homeland Security company members attended this meeting and had fruitful interactions. Mr. Mackay Spears, DHS Attaché, U.S. Embassy was present.
10th Sept 12	Amcham had a meeting with Ms Betsy Broder, Counsel for International Consumer Protection; and Ms Maneesha Mithal, Associate Director of the Division of Privacy and Identity Protection, from the U.S. Federal Trade Commission (FTC), at Amcham office in New Delhi. Representatives from Accenture, Bell Helicopter, Cisco, Oracle and Raytheon International participated in the meeting. Mr. Harish Krishnan, Executive Director, Global Government Affairs, Cisco Systems (India) Pvt. Ltd., chaired the meeting.
14th Sept 12	The officials talked about FTC's policy and environment framework for privacy and ID theft. Amcham organized a meeting with Ms Holly Vineyard, U.S. Deputy Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Africa, Middle East and South Asia in the International Trade Administration's Market Access and Compliance Unit, and Ms Neena Shenai, Trade Counsel at the U.S. House Committee on Ways and Means, at ACSA, New Delhi. U.S. Embassy officials were also present. Representatives from Accenture, Dell and IBM participated in the meeting and discussed Indian Government's policies on preferential market access and local content in Government procurement.
15th Sept 12	Amcham conducted a half day Seminar at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi, on the sidelines of the India International Security Expo. During this seminar, speakers from U.S. homeland security industry like Raytheon, General Dynamics, Oracle, KPMG Defense Advisory Services gave specific insights on the business interactions, technology transfer, collaborations and providing need based technology relevant to the Homeland Security Scenario prevailing in India. The seminar saw good participation from the Paramilitary Forces and other Security Agencies. Mr. Suresh Kumar, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, unveiled the 1st edition of the Amcham Homeland Security Capability Document during this seminar.
24th Sept 12	Amcham, the British Business Group and the European Business Group jointly organized an Interactive Forum on Advance Pricing Agreement (APA) Program at New Delhi. Representatives of KPMG, the Knowledge Partner for this meeting, made presentations on the subject followed by observations by Ms Promila Bhardwaj, Director General of Income Tax (International Taxation); and Mr. Sanjay Kumar Mishra, Joint Secretary (Foreign Tax) - Competent Authority. Other Government officials present were Mr. Kamlesh Varshney, Commissioner - Advance Pricing Agreements (APA); and Ms Batsala Jha Yadav, Director (Advance Pricing Agreements).

25th Sept 12	Amcham organized an interactive meeting with Dr. Raman Singh, Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh, at New Delhi. He was accompanied by senior officials from his Government, including Minister for Commerce and Industry; Secretary, Commerce and Industry; Managing Director, CSIDC and other officials representing various Departments.
	On this occasion, Dr. Raman Singh invited the U.S. companies to participate in the Global Investors Meet and Exhibition 2012 to be held in Naya Raipur from November 1 to 7, 2012. He also invited U.S. companies to invest in the State of Chhattisgarh.
26th Sept 12	Amcham organized a discussion over breakfast with Mr. Armando Zagalo de Lima, Global President of Xerox Corporation at Gurgaon. Mr. Lima spoke on "Adopting and Adapting Global Strategies for Emerging Markets". Other participants shared their experiences of doing business in India.
8th Oct 12	Amcham IPR Committee meeting was held at the Microsoft office in Gurgaon. Discussion was held on plan of activities for financial year 2012 - 13 and DIPP's Draft National IPR Strategy.
	Mr. Tabrez Ahmad presented on, among others, IPR challenges in emerging markets; security risks from software piracy; and Unfair Competition Act, U.S.A. A presentation on 'Copyright Amendment and its impact on key sectors' was made by Mr. Ameet Datta, Partner, Saikrishna & Associates, and a presentation on 'Parallel Import' was made by Mr. Akhilesh Kumar Rai, IP Head and Partner, AZB & Partners.
10th Oct 12	Ambassador Timothy J. Roemer (former U.S. Ambassador to India) met with select Amcham members in New Delhi and shared his views on "U.S. Elections-A close race?"
16th Oct 12	Rep Duncan Hunter (Education & Workforce, Infra & Transportation), Rep Adam Smith (Ranking Member, HASC), RepTodd Platts (Education & Workforce, Oversight), Rep Ron Kind (Ways and Means), Rep Brad Miller (Financial Services, Space & Technology) met with the Amcham Defense Committee, and discussed the Indian defense business environment, Indian partner company capacity and Defense trade.
16th Oct 12	Mr. Palash Roy Chowdhury, Chairman, Civil Aviation Committee and Managing Director, Pratt & Whitney, Mr. Amber Dubey, Co-chairman, Civil Aviation Committee and Partner & Head Aviation, KPMG, Mr. Ajay Singha and Ms Udaya Arun, Program Lead-Aviation met with Mr. K.N. Shrivastava, Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation, Govt. of India New Delhi. The Secretary kindly shared insights into some of the key issues of concern to the aviation sector in India. It was proposed to conduct a half day Workshop on "Growth Opportunities in the Indian Aviation.
17th Oct 12	Amcham Interactive Session with U.S. Congressional Delegation - Mr. Duncan Hunter, Mr. Adam Smith, Mr. Todd Platts, Mr. Ron Kind and Mr. Brad Miller. The Congressional Delegation met with Amcham Defence Committee and discussed about the Indian defense business environment, Indian partner company capacity and Defense trade.
17th Oct 12	Amcham organized a workshop on U.S. Visa Procedures held on Wednesday at Westin Gurgaon. Ms Julia Stanley, Minister-Counselor for Consular Affairs, U.S. Embassy, addressed members of Amcham India.
	Mr. Aubrey Daniels, Regional Director (Chennai), Amcham India gave a presentation on U.S. Visa Procedures. Heads of Immigration / Global Movement /Travel / HR were invited for this Interactive Session to help them get an acquainted with the new policy and regulations regarding issuance of U.S. Visas.
20th Oct 12	The 5th Amcham Amateur Invitational Golf Tournament" took place at the Qutab Golf Course, Press Enclave Road, New Delhi. This full day event included golf, lunch and prize distribution over a cocktail reception.
	Members of Amcham, senior dignitaries from the Govt of India, select invitees of the U.S. Embassy and Indian corporate participated in the event.
	This year, the annual event was sponsored by Ford India Ltd., Honeywell International (I) Pvt. Ltd., EMD LocomotiveTechnologies, Protiviti Consulting Pvt. Ltd. and Sikorsky Aircrafts Corporations.
23rd Oct 12	Amcham organized a Conference on "Ethics & Corporate Compliance" at New Delhi. The conference was supported by Foreign Commercial Services, U.S. Embassy, India, Transparency International (India Chapter) and the BBG (British Business Group).
	Mr. R. Sri Kumar, Vigilance Commissioner, Central Vigilance Commission of India gave the keynote address. Other speakers included Ms Margaret Hanson - Muse, Deputy Senior Commercial Officer, U.S. Commercial Service, U.S. Embassy, New Delhi, Ms Anupama Jha, Executive Director, Transparency International (India) and Mr. Anand S. Dayal, Chairman - Amcham's Committee on Anti - Corruption (FCPA) Compliance. KPMG, DuPont India and Dua Associates were the title sponsors for this conference.

27th Oct 12	The Northern Region Council (NCR) of Amcham Celebration Diwali at ACSA Ballfield, U.S. Embassy, New Delhi. U.S. Ambassador HE Ms Nancy J. Powell was the Chief guest. The event attended by large number of Amcham members with their spouses, U.S. and Indian Government Officials. The celebrations including lighting of candles, dandiya dance, games and fun activities. Mr. Amit Sharma, Chairman, NCR; Mr. Raj Jain, Chairman, Amcham India; and Mr. Harish Krisnan, Vice-chairman, NCR, welcomed the ambassador and other guest to the festive evening.
2nd Nov 12	Mr. Tabrez Ahmad, Chairman, Amcham's IPR Committee, and Attorney & Director, Public Policy - IP, Microsoft Corporation (India) Pvt. Ltd., and a few other members met with Ms. Jennifer Ness, Attorney - Advisor, U.S. Patent & Trademark Office at New Delhi, and discussed how Amcham could work with USPTO to capture inventors / innovations in India. This could be done through a study which could be partly funded by USPTO and partly by Amcham.
6th Nov 12	The U.S India energy Cooperation Program, (ECP) under the aegis of Amcham India in association with the India Green Building Council, Gujarat Chamber of Commerce, Confederation of Real Estate Developers Association of India and Gujarat Institute of Housing & Estate Developers organized an interactive workshop on "Building a business Case for Energy Efficiency in Buildings" at Ahmedabad. The Workshop aimed to build awareness and augment capacities for implementation of the Energy Conservation Building Code - ECBC in Commercial Buildings in Gujarat. E.C.P member companies AECOM, Honeywell, United Technologies and Ingersoll Rand developed the technical content illustrating technologies and case studies for presenting a business case for green buildings for builders, real estate developers, planners, architects and relevant implementing authorities of Govt of Gujarat. Dr. Prem Jain, Chairman, India Green Building Council, delivered the keynote address.
8th Nov 12	Amcham hosted a reception in honour of newly appointed Secretary General of FICCI, Dr. A. Didar Singh at New Delhi to welcome and take forward Amcham-FICCI initiative.
30th Nov 12	A meeting with Ms Maureen Olhausen, Commissioner, U.S. Federal Trade Commission at PHD House, New Delhi. Amcham representatives discussed privacy and data security issues and related business practices in the Indian context. Ms Olhausen spoke on important policy developments in the U.S.
4th Dec 12	Meeting with Mr. Pushpinder Dhillon, Economic - Political Counselor, and Mr. Alexander Gaziz, Economic - Commercial Officer, from the U.S. Embassy in Bangladesh at U.S. Embassy, New Delhi. They briefed Amcham members on the political and economic environment in Bangladesh and trade and investment opportunities for U.S. firms.
5th Dec 12	Amcham Members met with U.S. Department of Transportation Assistant Secretary (Aviation and International Affairs) Susan Kurland and discussed potential opportunities for U.S. industry to participate in the development and expansion of Indian infrastructure and the challenges/barriers being faced by them. From Amcham the discussions were led by Mr. Pratyush Kumar, Chairman, Amcham's Infrastructure Committee and President & CEO, GETransportation (South Asia). They were joined in the discussions by Mr. Rohit Kumar Singh, Joint Secretary to Govt. of India, Ministry of Roads, Transport & Highways and Mr. Girish Pillai, Advisor (Infrastructure), Ministry of Railways.
6th Dec 12	Amcham and USIBC organized a meeting with Ambassador Demetrios Marantis, Deputy U.S. Trade Representative in New Delhi During the meeting, issues relating to Preferential Market Access (PMA) were discussed. Mr. Michael J. Delaney, Assistant USTR, South & Central Asian Affairs, and Mr. Arun Venkataraman, Director for India, Office of South and Central Asia, also attended the meeting.
6th Dec 12	Meeting with H.E. Mr. V. Namgyel, Ambassador of Bhutan at Royal Bhutanese Embassy in New Delhi, to discuss the possibilities of Amcham taking a delegation to Bhutan. The Ambassador discussed the areas where the Bhutanese Government encouraged FDI.
14th Dec 12	Meeting of the Sub - Committee on E - Payments and Credit Cards under the chairmanship of Mr. Anish Shah, President & CEO was held at GE Capital India.

15th Dec 12	ECP organized a technical training session on "A Business case for Energy Efficiency in Buildings" jointly coordinated by IGBC and CII at the CERA Glass 2012 event held at Jaipur.
15th Dec 12	Amcham's Annual Christmas Ball was held on Saturday, December 15, 2012 at ITC Maurya Hotel, New Delhi.
	The celebrations were attended by Amcham members with their spouses, U.S. and Indian Government Officials.
	The fun and frolic filled evening included raffles draw, couple games, dance, live band followed by dinner.
18th Dec 12	Amcham along with and EBG had a meeting with Mr. Sumit Bose, Secretary, Department of Revenue, and his team to present the Pre-Budget Memorandum.
	From Amcham, Mr. Pratik Jain, Partner, KPMG, made the presentation on indirect taxes, and from EBG, Mr. Mukesh Butani made the presentation on direct taxes. This was followed by interventions by members of Amcham and EBG on specific issues.
6th Jan 2013	Amcham members gave a farewell to Mr. Roger Rose, Chairman, Amcham Defence Committee and Chief Executive, Lockheed Martin India Pvt. Ltd. On this occasion, it was decided that the Defence Committee lead would be taken by Mr. Pritam Bhavnani, President, Honeywell Aerospace India.
9th Jan 13	Workshop on Growth Opportunities in the Indian Aviation MRO/Manufacturing Sectors at Ministry of Civil Aviation.
	The meeting was chaired by Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation Mr. K.N. Shrivastava. Key stakeholders in the MRO industry like Air India, Airworks, Infotech, GMR, Mahindra, Max aerospace as well as members of Amcham civil aviation committee participated.
14th Jan 13	Meeting of Amcham Defence Equipment Committee under the Chairmanship of Mr. Pritam Bhavnani, President, Honeywell at U.S. Embassy, New Delhi.
17th Jan 13	Meeting With Dr. Ajay Kumar, Joint Secretary, Department of Electronics and Information Technology, Govt of India. ICT committee members participated to discuses New Sectors Policy.
18th Jan 13	Ms Madhvi Kataria, Deputy Executive Director, Amcham, and Mr. Rakesh Kumar Chitkara, Vice President, GE Corporate Affairs, South Asia, called on H.E. Mr. Tariq Ahmad Karim, High Commissioner of Bangladesh in India, and apprised him of the visit of Amcham India Business Delegation to Bangladesh from 12th - 15th February 2013.
18th Jan 13	Meeting with Mr. Umesh Kumar, Joint Secretary, Department of Financial Services by Amcham's Committee on Electronic Payments.
21st Jan 13	Mr. Kapil Sibal, Minister for Communications and Information Technology, invited industry representatives for a roundtable discussion with regard to policy initiatives to promote the electronics system design and manufacturing in India. Amcham was represented by ATC Tower Company of India Pvt. Ltd., Cadence Design Systems India Pvt. Ltd., and Mr. Ajay Singha.
21st Jan 13	Mr. Sachin Pilot, Minister of State for Corporate Affairs, invited industry representatives to discuss issues regarding the direct selling sector. Mr. Ajay Singha, represented Amcham at the meeting.
23rd Jan 13	Meeting of the Amcham Pharmaceutical Committee at office of the MSD Pharmaceuticals Pvt. Ltd., Gurgaon, chaired by Mr. Anish Bafna, chairman, Pharmaceutical Committee and MD, Baxter (India) Pvt. Ltd
23rd Jan 13	Meeting of the Amcham ICT Committee chaired by Mr. Amit Sharma, chairman, Amcham ICT Committee and Executive VP, President Asia, ATCTower Company of India Pvt. Ltd.
31st Jan 13	Meeting of Amcham's National Executive Board under the chairmanship of Mr. Raj Jain.
31st Jan 13	Amcham organized an Interactive Session with Mr. Robert Hormats, Under Secretary of State for Economic Growth, Energy and Environment, U.S. Department of State at U.S. Embassy, New Delhi.
	The meeting was chaired by Mr. Raj Jain, Chairman, NEB; and President, Walmart India.
	Members discussed opportunities and challenges in the Manufacturing, Energy / Oil & Gas, Healthcare, Insurance, IPR and Processed Food & Agri Business sectors. U.S. Embassy officials were also present.
31st Jan 13	Amcham members bid farewell to Mr. Blair Parks Hall, Jr. Minister Counselor - Economic, Environment & Science Affairs U. S. Embassy, at the Amcham's National Executive Board meeting at New Delhi.

11th Feb 13	Amcham organized a workshop on "New U.S. visa procedures - A Step by Step Process" held at The Claridges, New Delhi. Ms Julia Stanley, Minister - Counselor for Consular Affairs, U.S. Embassy, addressed members. Heads of Immigration / Global Movement / Travel / HR were invited for this Interactive Session to help them get acquainted with the new policy and regulations regarding issuance of U.S. visas. Mr. Aubrey Daniels, Regional Director, Chennai, Amcham India gave a presentation on U.S. Visa Procedures.
12th -14th Feb 13	A 22 - member Delegation of the Amcham India visited Bangladesh. The Delegation was led by Mr. Vishal K.Wanchoo, Vice President, Growth Initiatives, GE South Asia. The Delegation comprised senior representatives of U.S. corporations operating in India, representing diverse business interests. The purpose of the Delegation was to explore business opportunities and avenues for investment in Bangladesh.
26th Feb 13	Amcham organized a Roundtable on "Intellectual Property Issues in India" at ASCA, U.S. Embassy, New Delhi. Mr. Anand S. Dayal, Chairman, Amcham Anti - Corruption Committee and Partner - Koura & Koura Company, welcomed and chaired the meeting. Mr. Tabrez Ahmad, Chairman, Amcham Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) Committee and Director IP Policy - Microsoft Corporations India Pvt. Ltd. gave a brief overview of IPR in India. The U.S. team was headed by Prof. Hannah Buxbaum, Dean of Indiana University. She discussed about their law school's stepped up engagement with India, initiatives by the Center for Intellectual Property Research and proposed executive education programs in intellectual property. She was joined by Professors Janis and Krishnan.
15th March 13	Meeting of Amcham's Defense Committee under the chairmanship of Mr. Pritam K. Bhavnani, Chairman, Amcham's Defense Committee and President, Aerospace-India, Honeywell International (I) Pvt. Ltd.
18th March 13	Meeting of the Electronic Payments Committee under the Chairmanship of Mr. Anish Shah, Chairman, Amcham Electronic Payments Committee and President & CEO, GE Capital.
18th March 13	A conference call was held amongst the newly constituted Executive Committee of Amcham's Northern Region to elect its office bearers for the year 2013-14. The following were elected: Chairman: Mr. Amit Sharma, Executive Vice President, President Asia, ATC Tower Company of India Pvt. Ltd. Nominee on Amcham's National Executive Board: Mr. Lowell Paddock, President and Managing Director, General Motors India. Vice-Chairman: Mr. Harish Krishnan, Executive Director, Global Government Affairs, Cisco Systems (India) Pvt. Ltd. The Executive Committee also decided to focus on meetings with State Governments and initiate a study on 'Intelligent Urbanisation of National Capital Region'.
25th March 13	Meeting of Amcham's National Executive Board. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Raj Jain, Chairman, NEB; and President, Walmart India.
25th March 13	Meeting/brainstorming of the Amcham Civil Aviation Committee.
26th March 13	Meeting with Mr. R. K. Jain, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Health and FamilyWelfare, and DG-CGHS.
5th April 13	Mr. Harish Krishnan, Vice Chairman of Amcham's Northern Region Council, organized a meeting with Booz & Co. and a few other members of Amcham to discuss intelligent urbanization of the National Capital Region of India at the office of Cisco at Gurgaon.
	It was felt that while NCR was one of the fastest growing urban centers of India, ranked amongst the most broadband infrastructure and users penetrated areas and could be a great destination where intelligent urbanization concept using ICT to improve quality of living could be implemented, it faced many challenges of rapid urbanization such as increased traffic, crime, poor levels of civic services, etc. It was proposed to do a study which would outline the issues in NCR, articulate how intelligent urbanization would benefit the area and make specific recommendations for Public-Private Partnership. Booz & Co. agreed to undertake the study.
8th April 2013	Amcham Breakfast Meeting with Mr. Arun Venkataraman, USTR India - Desk.
11th April 2013	Interactive session over cocktails with Mrs. Ann B. Wrobleski, Vice President, Global Government Relations, International Paper.
16th - 18th April 13	U.S. India Energy Cooperation (ECP) participates at Clean Energy Ministerial (CEM4).
24th April 13	Amcham supporting The Economist Events' India Summit.
30th April 13	21st Annual General Meeting of Amcham - "Role of Innovation and Technology in an Emerging Economy".



Meeting with President and other officials of Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DCCI). Mr. Md. Sabur Khan presenting a memento to Mr. Vishal K. Wanchoo, Vice President, Growth Initiatives, GE South Asia, General Electric Company.



Members of the Amcham delegation meeting with Dr. Syed A. Samad, Executive Chairman of Board of Investment (BOI) Bangladesh.



Members of Amcham delegation with Foreign Minister of Bangladesh, Dr. Dipu Moni .



Meeting with Mr. Md. Humayun Kabir, Senior Secretary, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of Bangladesh.



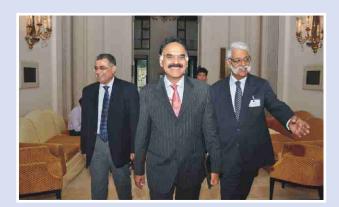
Amcham India Business Delegation at the reception hosted by the U.S. Ambassador to Bangladesh, H.E. Mr. Dan W. Mozena on the occasion of the U.S. Trade show 2013.



An interactive meeting with Dr. Raman Singh, Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh, at New Delhi.



Amcham along with the Centre for Knowledge Sovereignty & the Centre for Digital Economy Policy Research organised an Interactive Session with Mr. Nitin Gadkari, National President, Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP).



Mr. Ajay Singha, Executive Director, Amcham India along with Mr. Atul Dhawan, Hony. Treasurer and Secretary, Amcham India escorting Dr. Arvind Mayaram, Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs, Govt. of India.



Special Session with Ambassador, Ms Nancy Powell during the 20th Annual General Meeting.



Dr. C. Rangarajan, Chairman, Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister of India during the 20th Annual General Meeting.



Panel Discussion on "Leadership in the New Normal" The Panelist are (L to R): Mr. David Lobo, HR Lead, GE India, Ms Jayantika Dave, VP - HR, Ingersoll Rand India, Mr. Michael Boneham, President & M D, Ford India Pvt. Ltd. Mr. Anirudha Lahiri, Mr. Shabbir Merchant, Partner & India Head, Leadership Consulting Practice, Heidrick Struggles, Mr. G. Ravindran, CEO, SHRM India and Mr. Prakash Iyer, MD, Kimberly - Clark Lever Pvt. Ltd.



Mr. R. Sri Kumar, Vigilance Commissioner, Central Vigilance Commission of India addressing Amcham members during Conference on "Ethics & Corporate Compliance"



Panel Discussion on "Impact of Ethics on Business Growth & Sustainability in India" From left: Mr. Anand S. Dayal, Chairman - Amcham's Committee on Anti - Corruption (FCPA) Compliance, Mr. Rajinder Sharma, Dir. - Corporate Affairs & General Counsel - South Asia, E. I. DuPont India Mr. Gaganpreet Singh, Partner, KPMG, Mr. Devdas Baliga, VP - Legal, Coca - Cola India and Mr. Sandeep Chowdhary, Dir. Legal & Head, Ethics & Compliance, Baxter (India).



Amcham Civil Aviation Committee members met with Mr. K.N. Shrivastava, Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation.



Amcham, BBG and EBG jointly organized an Interactive Forum on Advance Pricing Agreement Program at New Delhi. From L - R: Ms Batsala Jha Yadav, Dir. Advance Pricing Agreements, Mr. Sanjay Kumar Mishra, Joint Secretary - Competent Authority, Ms Promila Bhardwaj, Dir. General of Income Tax and Mr. Kamlesh Varshney, Commissioner - Advance Pricing Agreements.



Panel Discussion on "Review: Manual on Ethics & Integrity" Panelist were: Mr. John McFarland, Sr. VP, Fraud & Integrity Risk, Hill & Associates Group, Ms Margaret Hanson - Muse, Deputy Sr. Commercial Officer, U.S. Commercial Service, U.S. Embassy, Ms Priyanka Sharma, Partner, Dua Associates, Ms Nandita Luthra, Global Compliance Counsel & Dir. Legal, UTC India, Prof. Charles Maddox, Assistant Dir., Michigan - Jindal Centre for Global Corporate and Financial Law & Policy and Mr. Mark P. Schnapp, Co - Chair, White Collar Criminal Practice, Greenberg Traurig.



ECP under the aegis of Amcham India in association with the India Green Building Council, Gujarat Chamber of Commerce, Confederation of Real Estate Developers Association of India and Gujarat Institute of Housing & Estate Developers organized an interactive workshop on "Building a Business Case for Energy Efficiency in Buildings" at Ahmedabad.



From left: Mr. Vijay lyer, Partner, E&Y Pvt. Ltd., Ms Neeru Ahuja, Co - Chairperson, Amcham's Committee on Tax, Tariff & Regulatory Affairs; and Partner, Deloitte Haskins & Sells, Mr. R. Muralidhan, Partner - Indirect Taxes, PwC Pvt. Ltd., Mr. Sanjiv Chaudhary, Chairman, Amcham's Committee on Tax, Tariff and Regulatory Affairs; and Partner, BSR & Company and Ms Madhvi Kataria, Dupty Executive Director, Amcham India.



Ambassador Timothy J. Roemer (former U.S. Ambassador to India) met with select Amcham members.



Mr. Raj Jain, Chairman, Amcham India, releases Amcham Members' Directory - 2012 with Amcham National Secretariat at New Delhi.



Mr. John Macfarland, SVP, Hill & Associates presented on "how the risk of fraud inside organizations exposes them to growing global compliance risk".



The newly constituted Amcham National Executive Board Meeting in progress.



Interactive Session with Mr. Robert Hormats, Under Secretary of State for Economic Growth, Energy and Environment, U.S. Department of State at U.S. Embassy, New Delhi.



Amcham meeting with Ms Maureen Olhausen, Commissioner, U.S. Federal Trade Commission at New Delhi.



An interactive meeting with Dr. Madeleine K. Albright, former U.S. Secretary of State, and presently Chairperson of The Albright Stonebridge Group and Albright Capital Management LLC.



Amcham Roundtable on Intellectual Property Issues in India with Prof. Hannah Buxbaum, Interim Dean, Maurer School of Law, Indiana University, U.S.



Amcham Members met with Ms Susan Kurland, Assistant Secretary, Aviation and International Affairs U.S. Department of Transportation.



New U.S. visa procedures: A Step by Step with Ms Julia Stanley, Minister - Counselor for Consular Affairs, U.S. Embassy, New Delhi.



Ambassador Nancy Powell's briefing with the U.S. Embassy officials, Amcham and USIBC delegations during Aero Show 2013 at Air Force Station Yelahanka, Bangalore.



Amcham India Doorknock - 2012 from June 11 - 12 at Washington D.C. in progress.



Mr. Raj Jain plays the inaugural shot at 5th Amcham India Amateur Golf Tournament 2012.



All set for the game - 5th Amcham India Amateur Golf Tournament 2012.



Mr. Ajay Singha, Mr. Rajiv Mathur, Central Information Commissioner, Central Information Commission and Mr. K S Kim, Chief Executive Officer & Lead Country Manager, ExxonMobil Gas (India) Pvt. Ltd. during Amcham India Golf Tournament.



From left to right: Mr. Jim Bujold, President, Honeywell India, Honeywell International (I) Pvt Ltd., Anil Srivastava, IAS, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation , Air Vice Marshal (Retd) A.J.S. Walia, MD (South Asia), Sikorsky Aircrafts and Dr. Sunil Nigam, Hony. Consultant Cardiologist, Max Hospital.



From left: Mr. Manu Anand, Chairman & CEO, PepsiCo, Mr. Shobhit Agarwal, MD, Protiviti Consulting, Mr. Allen Jeffree Gale, MD, Parsons Brinckerhoff India and Mr. Vikram Bakshi, JV Partner & MD, McDonald's India.



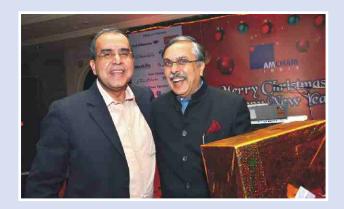
Mr. Raj Jain presenting the winners hampers from PepsiCo.



Amcham Christmas Ball cake cutting ceremony. From (L-R) Mr. Blair Parks Hall, Jr., Ms Judy Reinke, Ms Madhvi Kataria and Mr. Ajay Singha.



Amcham members in festive mood at Amcham Annual Christmas Ball.



Dr. A. Didar Singh, Secretary General of FICCI and Mr. Rakesh Kumar Chitkara, Vice President, GE Corporate Affairs, South Asia.



Ms Hina Nagarajan, Country Manager, Mary Kay Cosmetics Pvt. Ltd. ready to shuffle the lucky dips.



Ms Asha Gupta, Managing Director, Tupperware India Pvt. Ltd. presenting gift hamper to the lucky draw winner.



Amcham members and guests at Christmas Ball.



Ambassador Nancy Powell lighting the diyas on the festive occasion of Diwali.



Ms Hina Nagarajan presenting a traditional Scarf to Ambassador Nancy Powell on the occasion of Diwali.



Ambassador Nancy Powell with Mr. Raj Jain, Mr. Amit Sharma, Chairman, Amcham Northern Region Council, Ms Hina Nagarajan, Ms. Shalini Chakravorty, Mr. Deepak Jolly, Mr. Harish Krishnan and Mr. Ajay Singha during Amcham Diwali Celebration at ACSA Ballfield, U.S. Embassy, New Delhi.



Mr. Amit Sharma welcomed guests at Amcham Diwali Celebrations.



Playing the traditional Dandiya Ras during Diwali celebrations.



Fun games during Diwali celebrations.



Mr. Pritam K. Bhavnani, Chairman, Amcham Defense Equipment Committee & President, Aerospace - India, Honeywell International (I) Pvt. Ltd., honoring the out going Chairman, Mr. Roger Rose, Chief Executive, Lockheed Martin India Pvt. Ltd.



Amcham India bid Farewell to Mr. Blair Parks Hall, Jr. Minister Counselor - Economic, Environment & Science Affairs U.S. Embassy.



Amcham bid farewell to Ms Mary Tarnowka, Deputy Economic Minister - Counselor, of the U.S. Embassy at New Delhi.



Amcham bid farewell to Ms Nicole E. Weber, First Secretary, Economic Affairs, of the U.S. Embassy at New Delhi.



Amcham bid farewell to Ms Annaliese J. Heiligenstein, Economic Officer of the U.S. Embassy at New Delhi.



Amcham bid farewell to Mr. Matthew B. Jones, Economic Officer of the U.S. Embassy at New Delhi.



AMCHAM Hyderabad

Dr. Kiranmai Pendyala, Head HR - India, AMD and Flt. Lt. Bipin Pendyala, guiding the Chief Guest Ms J. Geetha Reddy, Minister for Major Industries.

Meetings / Events
Amcham Hyderabad organized a session for its members on U.S. Visa issues. Mr. Michael Yoder, Vice Consul, U.S. Consulate General Hyderabad along with Ms Samina and Ms Gamya from the Consulate spoke on visas and the relationship between India and America. Mr. Michael Yoder, Vice Consul, U.S. Consulate General, Hyderabad gave a brief on the birth of the Consulate at Hyderabad and increase in the number of visas processed over the years. He also answered queries on visa issues of participants.
Amcham organized a Members' Luncheon meet on Business Opportunities in India - Impediments / Benefits. Mr. Charles Dan Koko, CEO, Infinity Energy was the guest and he spoke on Wind Energy and its benefits and the ample business opportunities in the sector. This was followed by a panel discussion - Mr. Deena Harpanahalli, Country Manager, Invesco and Mr. Madhu Poomalil, Chairman, Amcham, Hyderabad and Director, D E Shaw India, spoke on the obstacles faced as well as the advantages of having an offshore business in India and Hyderabad in particular.
Amcham Hyderabad hosted a lunch for the U.S. Ambassador, Nancy Powell. The people who attended the program were the 8 Excom members of Amcham Hyderabad and 5 members from the Consulate. Mr. Madhu Poomalil chaired the meeting. The ambassador spoke about India - U.S. bilateral ties.
Executive Committee meeting of Amcham at International Paper Office Chaired by Mr. Madhu Poomalil.
Amcham Hyderabad organized a session on 'Diversity & Inclusion' for its members at the C A India Technology office. The panellists were - Dr. Kiranmai Pendyala, Head HR, AMD India, Ms Lori Johnson - Officer, U.S. Consulate General Hyderabad, Mr. Hari Kumar - Principal Deloitte U.S. India Office (U.S.I) Ms Uma Devaguptapu, Director, Corporate HR, ITW India and Mr. Satya Gottumukkala, Executive VP, Anthelio Healthcare; Mr. Madhu Poomalil welcomed the panellists on behalf of Amcham. Mr. Bipin Peneyla gave the keynote address while Mr. Venkatraman Laxmikanth, MD, Broadridge Financial Solutions India was the moderator.
Amcham Executive Committee meeting at St. Jude Medical Office, chaired by Mr. Madhu Poomalil.
The Amcham Executive Committee met with Ms Anjana Modi, India Desk Officer, Washington DC and Mr. Manav Jain, NIV Consul Chief, U.S. Consulate Hyderabad at Taj Deccan. There was a discussion on U.S. Visas and the rate of rejection and how the companies were being affected. Mr. Manav Jain tried to answer the queries raised and also gave some of the reasons for the increased scrutiny of the various categories of applications.
Amcham Hyderabad started off its Sports 2012 - Events conducted on Saturday and Sunday only at various venues in the 12 disciplines. Cricket at the Vijay Anand Grounds and RRC Grounds on September 15, 2012. Eight matches were played on that day. The next day we started off with Basketball at the basketball facility in the CA India Technology campus in Gachibowli, while simultaneously having cricket both at NFC ground and RRC Grounds. The winners of Basket ball was Deloitte and the runners were ADP.

	Football took off on the 29th at the Gymkhana grounds. Deloitte emerged winners and DST Worldwide Services were the runners up. A total of 24 Member Companies participated in the Cricket event.
24th Sept 12	A session was organized to create awareness amongst Amcham members about "Managing Fraud &
24ti13ept 12	Corruption risks in current environment."
	Mr. Sandeep Baldava, Partner - Fraud Investigation & Dispute Services, Ernst & Young Hyderabad was the
	guest speaker for this session.
10+b O o+ 12	A session on Advance Pricing Agreement was held for the Amcham Members. Mr. Rohan from KPMG made
10th Oct 12	a presentation on APA and answered queries from the members. He enlightened the members on the India
	APA team and took them through the APA process viz the Pre - Filing Application, APA Application and actual
	APA. He also specified what the Pre - Filing Application process required in terms of relation to entity,
	transaction etc. The Pre - Filing stage is non binding. He also ran through some of the Key Aspects of APA
	viz Critical Assumptions, Revision of APA etc.
19th Oct 12	Welcome meeting for the new Consular Officers of the U.S. Consulate General Hyderabad with Amcham
1011100112	Members.
8th Nov 12	A session on the new Visa process was organized at the CA India Technologies office. Mr. Manav Jain, the
	NIV chief gave a presentation on the new process and answered queries on the issues related to the new
	process as well as the visas in general.
27th Nov 12	Session on Global Mobility with Mr. Alok Agarwal of E&Y. Topics: Provident Fund regulations for
	"International Workers" and Social Security Agreements; Foreign asset reporting requirements and Tax
	Residency Certificate under the Income tax laws.
5th Dec 12	Executive Committee meeting at CA India Office. chaired by Mr. Madhu Poomalil.
16th Dec 12	A farewell dinner for Mr. Ramesh Jackson, GM Marriott Hyderabad was organized with the Excom
	members at Marriott hotel. The Consul General and few other members of the Consulate were also invited.
	A memento was given to Mr. Ramesh Jackson on behalf of the Hyderabad Chapter. Mr. Jackson served on
	the Excom of Amcham during the year 2012.
23rd Jan 2013	Executive Committee met at Radisson Blu, Punjagutta. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Madhu Poomalil.
14th Feb 13	The Annual Day of the Amcham Hyderabad Chapter was held at the Westin Lawns.
	The Chief Guest for the occasion was Ms J. Geetha Reddy, Minister for Major Industries, Govt. of AP. The
	Guests of Honor were Mr. IY R Krishna Rao, Spl. Chief Secretary, Coop & Agri Mktg, Govt of AP; Mrs. Katherine
	Dhanani, Consul General, U.S. Consulate General Hyderabad, Ms Judy Reinke, Minister Counsellor or Commercial Affairs, U.S. Embassy, New Delhi.
8th March 13	Breakfast meeting with Vice Chancellor of Presidency University, Professor Malabika Sarkar. Topic: -
Ott March 13	Changes in higher education at the National and State level: Merits of partnering with renowned
	universities overseas.
15th March 13	Amcham Hyderabad Preliminary meeting for a Seminar on Healthcare. Mr. Kaustav Banerjee of St. Jude
TOUTTVIATOR TO	Medical and Mr. Satya Gottumukala of Anthelio Health along with Mr. Bipin recommended an organizing
	committee. The Committee would meet on April 5th of finalize the speakers etc.
15th March 13	Metro - Game Changer - session with L&T Metro at Westin. This was initiated by Mr. Deenanath
	Harapanahalli of Invesco along with L&T Metro. How Metro could be a game changer in terms of employee
	transportation, and how we could include various parameters to make Metro more effective.
5th April 13	First Organizing Committee meeting on Healthcare held at St. Jude Medical premises at Begumpet. It
	was decided that the National Level Conference will be held sometime in July. The main theme would
	be "Healthcare - Accessibility and Affordability". The one day Conference would be split into four
	sessions.
15th April 13	Meeting with the Mr. Greg Ballard, Mayor of Indianapolis and his team at Westin Mindspace. Mr. Madhu
	Poomalil, Chairman of AMCHAM welcomed the members and the Indianapolis team. Mr. Bipin Pendyala
	briefed them about Amcham. Ms. Katherine Dhanani, Consul General, U.S. Consulate General
	Hyderabad, spoke on the benefits of Hyderabad as a business destination and a few similarities between
	Hyderabad and Indianapolis. Mayor Greg Ballard spoke at length on how Indianapolis had grown and
	become a favourite destination for business start - ups.



Session on U.S. Visa with Mr. Michael Yoder, Consul Chief, U.S. Consulate General Hyderabad and Mr. Madhu Poomalil, Chairman Amcham Hyderabad Chapter welcoming the gathering.



Panelists - at the podium Dr. Kiranmai Pendyala, HR Director EMEA; Mr. Venkatraman Laxmikanth (Moderator), MD., Broadridge Financial Solutions; Ms Carla Benini, U.S. Consulate General Hyderabad; Mr. Satya Gottumukkala, Anthelio Healthcare Services; Mr. Hari Kumar, Deloitte Consulting; Ms Uma G, HR Head ITW India; at the Session on Diversity & Inclusion.



Welcome to new Consul Officers at Hotel Westin.



Mr. Deenanath Harpanahalli, Country Manager, Invesco and Mr. Madhu Poomalil, speaking on advantages of setting up business in India while keeping an eye on the hurdles too at the meeting with Infinity Energy CEO, Mr. Dan Koko at Novotel, Hyderabad.



Session on Fraud and Corruption Risk with Mr. Sandeep Baldava of Ernst & Young.



Session on U.S. Visa with Mr. Michael Yoder, Consul Chief, U.S. Consulate General Hyderabad in progress.



Mr. James Golsen, Principal Commercial Officer, USCS, South India; Ms Katherine Dhanani, Consul General, U.S. Consulate General Hyderabad, Ms Geetha Reddy, Minister for Major Industries and Commerce, Govt. of AP; Mr. Madhu Poomalil, Ms Judy Reinke, Minister Counsellor for Commercial Affairs, U.S. Embassy; Mr. I.Y.R. Krishna Rao, Spl. Chief Secretary, Coop & Agri Mktg, Govt. of AP at Amcham Annual Day.



Devotional Dance by Ms. Preeti T of S&P Capital IQ.



The team from Oracle receiving their awards from Ms Katherine Dhanani, U.S. Consul General Hyderabad.



Team from Franklin Templeton receiving their awards from Ms Judy Reinke, Minister Counsellor, Commercial Affairs, U.S. Embassy New Delhi.



Performance by the C A Technologies Band.



Amcham Excom meeting with Ms Anjana Modi, India Desk Officer, Washington DC at Taj Deccan, Hyderabad.



AMCHAM Kolkata

Assam Visit December 13 - 14 in support of Ambassador Ms Nancy Powell visit "Experience America" Mr. Aniruddha Lahiri, Eastern Chapter Chairman and Vice Chairman NEB, Chief Secretary of Assam Mr. N.K. Das, and Ms. Amada Kidwai, Regional Director Eastern Chapter.

Date	Meetings / Events
14th May 2012	Amcham Eastern Chapter had its first Executive Committee meeting under the chairmanship of Mr. Aniruddha Lahiri, Chairman Amcham Eastern Chapter and Vice Chairman NEB at SkyTech Office.
17th May 12	Amcham organised a Visa interactive session with the Team Leaders of GENPACT India, Kolkata.
25th May 12	Amcham Eastern Chapter Executive Committee members participated in the "All Chambers Core Committee meeting hosted by West Bengal Industrial Development Corporation. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Partha Chatterjee, the Honorable Ministry of commerce & Industry.
15th -16th June 12	Amcham supported the International Seminar on Climate Change: Impact, Adaptation and Mitigation. Ernst & Young and PWC Pvt. Ltd. spoke at the event under the Amcham banner.
	Mr. Surojit Bose, Associate Director, Sustainability and Climate Change, PwC spoke on "Emerging Truths From Durban (UNFCCC COP 17) - Realities and Lessons for Industry" Mr. Bandyopadhyay Ernst & Young gave the key note address on Financial Instruments for Investments in Climate Friendly and Clean - Tech to Encourage Low Carbon Economic, Growth, Indigenous R&D, Inclusion of Social Entrepreneurs and International Collaboration in Business and Research. The initiative to partner this event was taken by Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta, Executive board member.
18th June 12	Executive Committee Meeting at Skytech Solution office was chaired by Mr. Aniruddha Lahiri.
22nd June 12	Amcham Kolkata Chapter had its annual get - together over cocktails and dinner at the Fortune Loudon. The evening brought together members, friends and supporters, including Government Officials of Amcham Eastern Region. The U.S. Consul General Mr. Dean R. Thompson attended the event. Past Presidents were presented Plaques by the U.S. Consul General in appreciation of their service to the Chamber
12th July 12	Amcham hosted an interactive session with Mr. Dean R. Thompson, the U.S. Consul General in Kolkata. Mr. Aniruddha Lahiri welcomed the Consul General. Mr. Thompson gave his views and how he would like to see the chamber move forward and said that the Consulate and U.S. Government were committed to promoting business in India.
23rd Aug 12	Talk on ServiceTax - Recent changes" for Amcham Members, organized by the Tax sub - committee at the Bengal Club Breakfast meeting
	Amcham organized an interactive session on "Service Tax , the recent Changes", which was driven by the Tax & Regulatory Sub - committee chaired by Mr. Dinesh Agarwal
	The technical session was led by Mr. Sidhartha Jain, Director, Ernst & Young Pvt. Ltd. He took the members through the important changes in service tax brought in by the Budget 2012 with sea change in the concept of levy of service tax (i.e. a shift from positive list to negative list concept). The session was followed by cocktail and dinner.

2nd Aug 12	Executive Committee meeting at Fi-Tex office was chaired by Mr. Aniruddha Lahiri.
5th Sept 12	All Chamber Core Committee Meeting by Minister of Commerce Hon'ble Partha Chatterjee
4th Oct 12	Executive Committee meeting of Eastern Chapter was chaired by Mr. Aniruddha Lahiri.
12th Oct 12	Amcham organized a seminar on Public Private Partnership to highlight the importance of GOI PPP model and suggestions for improving the business climate in India and the eastern region. The Welcome address was given by Mr. Aniruddha Lahiri. Professor Ranjan Das, Chairman and Chief Mentor; The Strategy Academy: Professor of Strategic Management, IIM moderated the discussion. The panelists were Ambassador Ronen, Mr. Sonjoy Chatterjee, Chairman, Goldman Sachs (India) Pvt. Ltd., Mr. Joydeep Ghosh, Partner KPMG, Col. Sabyasachi Bagchi, Chairman, West Bengal Small Industries Development Corporation Ltd. and Mr. Subrat A. Paul.
17th Oct 12	Amcham Eastern Chapter, met with Ms Margaret Hanson - Muse, Counsellor for Commercial Affairs, U.S. Embassy and Ms Janice A. Corbett, Regional Director, Africa, Near East and South Asia, Office of International Operations, Washington DC, at the Oberoi Grand Hotel.
6th Nov 12	Executive Committee Meeting at SkyTech Solution office was chaired by Mr. Aniruddha Lahiri.
30th Nov 12	Executive Committee meeting at SkyTech Solution office was chaired by Mr. Aniruddha Lahiri.
5th Dec 12	Visa talk with the Consular Chief, U.S. Consulate for members on the new visa procedure. Ms Wendy Kennedy, Consular Section Chief along with her team addressed Amcham Eastern Chapter members on recent trends in U.S. Visa processing system
12th Dec 12	Amcham members met with the U.S. Ambassador to Bangladesh hosted by the U.S. Consulate Kolkata.
13th – 14th Dec 12	Amcham supported the American Embassy and the U.S. Consulate in Kolkata on their "Experience America" visit to Guwahati
	A Twelve member Amcham India delegation travelled on a networking and fact finding mission to Guwahati to understand the trade and investment opportunities in a variety of sectors in Assam and the North Eastern region. They met with the Honorable Chief Minister, Mr. Tarun Gogoi and members of the Government of Assam. The delegation was led by Mr. Aniruddha Lahiri.
	Amcham hosted a dinner in honor of Ambassador Nancy Powell to meet members of the Government, Business and a cross section of decision makers in Guwahati.
21st Dec 12	15th Core Committee meeting with Mr. Partha Chatterjee, the Honorable Minister of Commerce & Industry, Represented by Amcham Eastern Chapter Regional Director, Ms Amada Kidwai.
4th Jan 2013	Amcham Eastern Chapter Executive Committee met to discuss the Eastern Chapter's Goals and Objective for 2013. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Aniruddha Lahiri, Chairman Amcham Eastern Chapter and Vice Chairman NEB.
9th Jan 13	The Chief Minister of West Bengal, Ms Mamata Banerjee invited Amcham Eastern Chapter to an all Kolkata Chamber meeting held at Writers' Building.
	Amcham Eastern Chapter was represented by Mr. Aniruddha Lahiri Chairman and Vice Chairman NEB, Mr. Surajit Banerjee Vice Chairman Amcham Eastern Chapter and Ms Amada Kidwai, Regional Director Amcham Eastern Chapter. The meeting was chaired by the Hon'ble Chief Minister, members of her Cabinet. Minister of Commerce & Industry, Mr. Partha Chatterjee, Finance Minister Mr. Amit Mitra, Minister of Urban Development and Municipal Affairs Frihad Hakim, Dr. Krishna Gupta, IAS, Managing DirectorWBIDC and Sr. Officials of their cabinets.
18th Jan 13	Amcham Eastern Chapter Regulatory Sub - committee chaired by Mr. Dinesh Agarwal organized an interactive session on Domestic Transfer Pricing, Advanced Pricing Agreements and Provident Fund - Recent updates. The objective of the sub - committee was to update the members on recent regulatory changes. The event was graced by the presence of Mr S. K. Gupta, Regional Provident Fund Commissioner.
	The technical session on DomesticTransfer Pricing, Advanced Pricing Agreement was led by Mr. Sidhartha Jain, Director - Ernst & Young Pvt. Ltd.

	The Provident Fund updates were given by Ms Surbhi Jain, Manager - Ernst & Young Pvt. Ltd. The Provident Fund Commissioner Mr. S. K. Gupta, who was the guest speaker, spoke about various practical issues relating to provident fund and provided practical solutions to the member's issues/ questions/ concerns.
18th Jan 13	16th Core Committee meeting with Mr. Partha Chatterjee Minister of Commerce & Industry, Represented by Amcham Eastern Chapter Vice Chairman, Mr. Surajit Banerjee.
22nd Jan 13	Amcham Eastern Chapter hosted a member's meet at the Calcutta Football and Cricket Club followed by Cocktails. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Aniruddha Lahiri.
	He discussed about the role of Amcham Eastern Chapter. He would like to see the Eastern Chapter take the lead in helping American Business explore the opportunities that are available in Eastern India to work with the Governments of various states to showcase their States and the business opportunity they offer.
	Mr. Lahiri cited the recent success Amcham members had when the Eastern Chapter supported the U.S. Ambassador's visit to Assam in December 2013. He mentioned that the Executive Committee was committed to holding similar events in other eastern states. The Eastern Chapter would hold its next Economic Summit on The criticality of the Eastern Region in sustaining India's Economic Growth.
8th Feb 13	Executive Committee Meeting Quaker Chemical office was chaired by Mr. Aniruddha Lahiri.
22nd Feb 13	Executive Committee Meeting to nominate NEB Member Quakar Chemical office was chaired by Mr. Aniruddha Lahiri.
26th Feb 13	All member meeting at Fi-Tek office to announce incoming Chairman and discuss EC member
27th Feb 13	Breakfast meeting with Mr. Shusanta Majumdar, IAS, Secretary, Information Technology, Department of Electronics and Information Technology, Government of West Bengal. Topic of discussion: "Destination West Bengal: Overview of its IT policy and incentives"
28th Feb 13	Amcham Eastern Chapter and the IT Sub - committee hosted an interactive budget session at the Conclave where members and guests watched the Finance Minister present the Union Budget 2013 - 14 in the Parliament.
	Mr. Anirudha Lahiri and Mr. Dinesh Agarwal, Chairman IT Sub - Committee opened the session with their view and the following experts give their first reaction on the Finance Minister's Budget 2013 Tax Proposals.
	Mr. Amit Ganatra, Senior Manager Tax, PricewaterhouseCoppers Pvt. Ltd. on Direct Tax Mr Sidhartha Jain, DirectorIndirect Tax, Ernst & Young Pvt. Ltd. on Indirect Tax Mr Amit Poddar, Manager Direct Tax, Ernst & Young Pvt. Ltd. Transfer pricing.
8th March 13	Breakfast meeting with Vice Chancellor of Presidency University, Professor Malabika Sarkar. Topic: - Changes in higher education at the National and State level: Merits of partnering with renowned universities overseas.
15th March 13	Executive Committee meeting Sky-Tech office was chaired by Mr. Aniruddha Lahiri.
5th April 13	Amcham Eastern Chapter hosted a breakfast meeting with General Shankar Roychowdhuy who spoke on "What Corporates can learn from the Armed Forces"
5th April 13	The West Bengal Commerce and Industry Ministry held their 19th Core Committee meeting inviting representative of the various Chambers' in West Bengal to participate. The meeting was chaired by the Honorable Minister of Commerce and Industry, Mr. Partha Chatterjee, and included the Managing Director of the West Bengal Industrial Development Corporation, Principal Secretary of Commerce & Industry and members of the commerce ministry.
	The purpose of the meeting was to ask the various chamber representatives who attended the meeting to assist in bringing in investment to the State and to check what are the problems that the industry was facing. Amcham Eastern Chapter was represented by the Regional Director, Amada Kidwai.



"Experience America" Assam Visit Mr. Aniruddha Lahiri, Eastern Chapter Chairman and Vice Chairman NEB presenting bouquet to U.S. Ambassador Nancy Powell.



Mr. S.K. Gupta, Regional Provident Commissioner, addressing Amcham members during Interactive session on Domestic Transfer Pricing, Advanced Pricing Agreements and Provident Fund - Recent updates.



Panellist: Tax and Regulatory sub - committee Chairman Mr. Dinesh Agarwal, Mr. S.K. Gupta, Regional Provident Commissioner; Mr Sidhartha Jain, Director, Ernst & Young Private Limited and Ms. Surbhai Jain.



Mr. Aniruddha Lahiri and Chief Guest, Mr. Shusanta Majumdar, IAS, Secretary, Information Technology, Department of Electronics & IT and Mr. Rajiv Pujara, Chairman IT Sub committee and EC Member, Interactive breakfast session on Destination West Bengal.



From left: Ms Amada Kidwai, Mr. Aniruddha Lahiri, Chief Guest Professor Malabika Sarkar, Vice Chancellor, Presidency University, Mr. Anirudha Gupta, Mr. Surajit Banerjee, Mr. Dean Thompson, U.S. Consul General and Mr. Jeffery Renue, Public Affairs Director, American Center.



Amcham India delegation with U.S. Ambassador Nancy Powell in Assam.



Mr. Gulshan Sachdev receiving plaque from Mr. Dean Thompson, U.S. Consul General at Amcham Eastern Chapter annual get -together.



Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta receiving a plaque from Mr. Dean Thompson, U.S. Consul General at Amcham Eastern Chapter annual get - together.



Interactive breakfast session on changes in Higher Education at the National and State level: merits of partnering with renowned Universities overseas.



Seminar on Public Privet Partnership. Panelist were: Moderator: Prof. Ranjan Das, Chairman and Chief Mentor, The Strategy Academy. Prof. of Strategic Management, IIM Calcutta, Mr. Joydeep Ghosh, Partner KPMG, Col. Sabyasachi Bagchi, Chairman, West Bengal Small Industries Development Corporation Ltd. Ambassador Ronen Sen, Mr. Sanjoy Chatterjee, Chairman, Goldman Sachs (India), and Mr. Subrat A. Paul.



Audience at the Public Private Partnership Seminar.



Mr. Aniruddha Lahiri welcomed Chief Guest General Shankar Roychowdhury and Vice Chairman Designate Amcham Eastern Chapter Mr. Anirudha Gupta.



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Mr. Peter Haas, Consul General, U.S. Consulate Mumbai addressing Amcham members during the inaugural session of the Amcham India Seminar at IESS 2013.

Date	Meetings / Events
3rd May 2012	Amcham India and FICCI, Centre for Digital Economy Policy Research (C-DEP) and Centre for Knowledge Sovereignty (CKS), NASSCOM and Indian Cellular Association (ICA) organized an exclusive interaction of CEO's of American companies with Mr. Nitin Gadkari, National President, BJP at the ITC Grand Maratha, Mumbai, on the Growth of Digital Economy at the States' level in Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar, Orissa, Uttarakhand, Himachal, Punjab and Karnataka. Mr. Gadkari was supportive of the challenges faced by businesses and extended the support of the Government to resolve issues of concern.
15th May 12	HR Core Committee Meeting. The Agenda included Amcham Bangalore Event topic, speakers and programme structure.
18th May 12	Amcham organized an interactive discussion for members of the Board of Directors of OPIC (Overseas Private Investment Corp) the U.S. Government's development finance institution with Amcham members at Mumbai. The meeting was organized at the Goldman Sachs Office and chaired by Mr. Sonjoy Chatterjee, Chairman, Amcham - Financial Services Committee and Chairman, Goldman Sachs India. The 5 member delegation was led by Mr. Matthew Schneider, Chief of Staff, OPIC. Mr. Peter Haas, Consul General of the U.S. Consulate in Mumbai also participated at the meeting and shared his views on various projects funded by OPIC in India. Delegation members evinced keen interest in funding developmental projects.
15th June 12	HR Core Committee meeting to finalisethe topic, concept note and speaker profile of the HR event to be organized in Bangalore in August '12
21st-22nd June 12	Amcham India participated as a partner organization at The 3rd Annual U.S.A. India Business Summit (UIBS) at the GTRI, Georgia Tech, Atlanta on June 21 & 22 with the theme of "Growing Business and Promoting Entrepreneurship." The event was aimed at bringing investment, partnership and business between United States & India at a common platform and to accelerate growth in key business areas. UIBS 2012 was organized by USA India Initiatives, Inc. (USIII), the Georgia Tech Center for International Business Education & Research (CIBER) and U.S. India Business and Research Center (USIBRC), the Georgia Department of Economic Development, with the support of the U.S. Commercial Service, Metro Atlanta Chamber (MAC), Lufthansa German Airlines, Confederation of Indian Industries (CII), Amcham India, Georgia Chamber of Commerce, MM Activ and a host of sponsoring organizations.

22nd June 12	Amcham and FTI Consulting organized a discussion on 'CEO Transitions & Risks to Enterprise Value' at Hotel Four Seasons, Mumbai. Ms Madhvi Kataria, Deputy Executive Director, Amcham, welcomed and introduced the speaker. Mr. Edward Reilly, Global CEO, Strategic Communications, FTI Consulting, spoke on the importance of 'CEO Transitions & Risks to Enterprise Value' and said that leadership change affects a company's enterprise value. Whether that is positive or negative depends largely on measures taken by boards and CEOs in the months leading to and following the change.
24th - 27th June 1	2 Amcham participated at the Society for Human Resource Management's (SHRM's) 2012 Annual Conference & Exposition held in Atlanta, Georgia. The event aimed at learning, networking & sharing of Global Best practices in the HR Industry, which is an integral part of businesses across the globe.
6th July 12	HR Committee Meeting to introduce new members discusses the inputs from Mercer and inputs on the 64th SHRM Annual Conference.
13th July 12	HR Committee Meeting to finalize on content, design, format of the Panel discussion on Job Evaluation and Market Pricing Practices.
23rd July 12	Amcham in co-operation with the U.S. Consulate in Mumbai organized a Workshop on 'U.S. Visa Process' in Pune. The program was well attended by senior representatives of U.S. companies. Session I was an interactive session with Mr. Aubrey Daniels, Regional Director, Amcham-Tamil Nadu Chapter. Session II was graced by the presence of the Mr. Peter Haas, Consul General of the U.S. Consulate in Mumbai and Vice Consul Hilary Joy Peters. Consul Hilary Peters presented on the Types of Visas, Visa Documentation Process, Interview requisites, FAQ's. The participants were shown informative videos for a better understanding of the visa process. The presentation was followed by a Q&A session and concluded with a networking lunch. H&R Block India Pvt. Ltd. sponsored lunch on the occasion.
11th Oct 12	Amcham organized an interactive meeting with Dr. Raman Singh, Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh in Mumbai. Dr. Singh was accompanied by senior officials from his Govt. including Minister for Commerce and Industry, Secretary, Commerce and Industry; Managing Director, CSIDC and other officials representing various Departments. During the discussion Dr. Singh invited the U.S. companies to participate in the Global Investors Meet and Exhibition 2012 to be held in Naya Raipur from November 1 to 7, 2012. He also invited U.S. companies to invest in the State of Chhattisgarh.
22nd Oct 12	Amcham Mumbai in association with the U.S. Consulate General Mumbai organized a workshop which focused on the revised U.S. Visa Process and the Global Support Strategy for Visa Services. Ms Rosemary Macray, Chief, American Citizens Services, U.S. Consulate General Mumbai made a presentation on the new visa process and shared that the new process would help support and simplify the U.S. visa process. The presentation was followed by a Q&A session.
19th Dec 12	Members of Amcham India participated at the Conference on 'Making Integrity Work for Business'. The conference which was organized by Transparency International India (TII) was supported by Amcham India. The objective of the Conference was to provide a platform where the participants can listen to experts, pool their experiences as well as discuss strategies to embark upon challenges in the areas of Effective Implementation of Integrity Pact, Transparency in Banking Sector, Transparency in Public Private Partnership, and Cartelization in Indian Industries.

25th Jan 2013

Amcham India in partnership with the Consulate General of the United States in Mumbai organised an exclusive walk through tour of the US Visa process for Amcham members. The objective of the event was to take the participants step by step through the new U.S. Visa Process. A mock drill of the entire experience beginning from the payment of the U.S. visa fee, to filling of the DS 160 form, mock interviews which were followed by a tour of the offsite facility. The participants were then taken for an walk through of the Consular section at the Consulate.

14th Feb 13

Amcham organized a Seminar on 'Competition Enforcement in India' in Mumbai. Mr. Peter Haas, Consul General, U.S. Consulate in Mumbai welcomed Mr. Chauhan, DG, Competition Commission of India. During the Key note address Mr. Chauhan informed the participants of the Role, Objectives, Constitution & Key Regulations and Policies of CCI. Ms Kaku Nakhate, Chairman Amcham Western Region and Country Manager & President Bank of America Merrill Lynch in her remarks thanked Mr. Chauhan for the informative presentation underscoring the importance of Compliance and Law to American companies. The meeting was well attended by senior representatives of U.S. companies.

22nd - 23rd Feb 13 CSCMP India 2013 India Conference - 'Creating Effective Supply Chains in a Global Economy' supported by Amcham India.

15th March 13

On the occasion of the 2nd India Engineering Sourcing Show Amcham India in partnership with EEPC India organised an Amcham Seminar with panel discussions on the Defense and Energy Sectors. The half day Seminar which took place at the Bombay Exhibition Centre opened with an Inaugural Session and had Mr. Peter Haas, Consul General, U.S. Consulate Mumbai as the Keynote Speaker. Other esteemed panellist included Ms Kaku Nakhate, Chairperson WR - Amcham India, Mr. Aman Chadha, Chairman, EEPC & Mr. Mahesh Krishnamurty, M.D. Resources Global Professionals (I) Pvt. Ltd. The inaugural session was followed by an engaging panel discussion on 'Revised Defense Offset Guidelines' with a panel of industry experts from the U.S. and Indian industry. The panel was represented by Ms Nidhi Goyal, Director, Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu India, Ankur Kanaglekar, International Strategic Partnership, Boeing International Corp. India Pvt. Ltd., Mr. Amit Pathak, Director - Marketing, Aerospace Sys, UTC India, Col. Rajinder Singh Bhatia, EVP & CEO - Defense & Aerospace Bharat Forge & Mr. G.K. Pillai, MD & CEO, Walchandnagar Industries Limited. The panel speakers shared their views and experiences as well as the impact on the industry. The defense panel was followed by a panel discussion on 'Resource Efficiency & Sustainable Development'. Industry experts from the energy sector shared their comments & experiences engaging in an interactive dialogue with fellow panellist: Mr. K. Balakrishnan, Dir. - Govt. & Regulatory Affairs, UTC India, Mr. Sudhir Agarwal, Sr. Dir., Business Development, Oracle, Mr. Puneet Agrawal, LEED AP, Green Consultant, Wipro Eco Energy, Mr. Jagdish Salgaonkar, Regional MD, Infrastructure Programs, AECOM Asia, Mr. Firoj Kumar Jena, CEO, Clancy Global Consulting Engineers, Mr. Balbir Khera, CEO, Surmount Energy Solutions Pvt. Ltd and the participants. The Seminar was followed by high tea.



Interactive session with Mr. Ajay Kumar Chauhan - IRS, Director General, Competition Commission of India on "Competition Enforcement in India." From L - R: Mr. Peter Haas, Mr. Ajay Chauhan, DG Competition Commission of India, Ms Kaku Nakhate, Chairperson Amcham WR, and Ms Surabhi Wahal, Regional Dir. - Amcham WR.



Ms Rosemary Macray, Consul, U.S. Consulate Mumbai in discussion with an Amcham member during the event.



Ms Rosemary Macray, addressing the participants during the Workshop on 'New U.S. Visa Processing System - (GSS) Global Support Strategy for Visa Services'.



Amcham India along with EEPC India organized a Seminar on the occasion of the 2nd India Engineering Sourcing. The panellist at the inaugural session: From left: Ms Kaku Nakhate, Mr. Peter Haas, Mr. Aman Chadha, Chairman, EEPC & Mr. Mahesh Krishnamurty, M.D. Resources Global Professionals (I) Pvt. Ltd.



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Panel discussion on 'Building Talent Pipelines' (L - R) H.P. Nanda (Dupont), Smita Affinwala (DDI India) Vineet Kaul (Hindalco), Marcel Parker, Lakshmi Nadkarni (Dow India).



Interactive Discussion with members of the Overseas Private Investment Corp. From left: Mr. Matthew Schneider (Chief of Staff, OPIC), Mr. Sonjoy Chatterjee (Goldmann Sachs), Mr. Peter Haas (U.S. Consulate).



Interactive discussion with members of the Overseas Private Investment Corp. (2^{nd} from L - R) Mr. Matthew Schneider, Chief of Staff, OPIC, Mr. Sonjoy Chatterjee, Goldmann Sachs, Mr. Peter Haas, U.S. Consulate.



Participants at the Amcham Seminar at the India Engineering Sourcing Show.



Seminar on 'Competition Enforcement in India'- Discussion in progress.



Amcham India in partnership with the U.S. Consulate, Mumbai organised an exclusive Step by Step Walking Tour of the New U.S. Visa Processing System - (GSS) Global Support Strategy for Visa Services'.