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Chairman's Message

The worlds' strongest and largest democracies - the United States of America and India, share a strong & diverse relationship, encompassing trade, investment, education, security & defense and financial services etc. The economic liberalization in India in the 1990's led to many strategic partnerships between the two countries and propelled Indo - U.S. relations to new heights.

Indo - U.S. trade in goods and services has grown rapidly in the past five years and today exceeds U.S. \$ 100 bn. U.S. investments in India are in the region of U.S. \$ 11 bn and they form about 6% of the total FDI inflows into India. Investments cover Energy, Health, Higher Education, Science & Technology FMCG, Automobiles, IT, Telecom, Financial Services etc.

The ongoing relationship between the two countries is carried out through various dialogues such as U.S. - India Strategic Dialogue; Energy Policy Dialogue; U.S. - India Economic & Financial Partnership Dialogue; Homeland Security Dialogue; The U.S. - India Hi-tech Cooperation Group etc. These forums enable the two Governments to hold discussions and find solutions to any challenges impacting growth and progress. Increased dialogue in the regulatory forums and a more transparent regulatory regime on both sides will certainly help stimulate the Indo - U.S. relations.

Some areas in the Indo - U.S. bilateral relations have been seeing trying times, like the challenges and discussions on IPR issues in the pharmaceutical sector, market access and uncertainty in taxation. I am sure that the issues will turn a full circle soon, as the foundations of the Indo - U.S. strategic relationship are very strong.

The U.S. companies in India are engaged in activities which ensure they contribute to the development of the society and through these activities, they fulfil their CSR obligations. Amcham is vigorously supporting these efforts and has a Committee focused on CSR, which is actively involved in working with both the industry and regulators.

U.S. companies have contributed greatly to the development of the Indian economy in terms of revenue, employment generation, skill development and R&D, Women empowerment etc.

At Amcham, we engage regularly with the Indian and U.S. Governments to highlight the impediments in bilateral relations and address the concerns of the industry from time to time. Amcham has provided inputs to Governments on a number of subjects such as Taxation, Corporate Affairs, IT & Telecommunications, Civil Aviation and Defence.

The last 10 years have been a witness to not only diversified, but also stronger Indo – U.S. ties, particularly in the areas of nuclear energy, homeland security, defence and civil aviation etc. However, lately this relationship has been undergoing tough times and serious efforts are required from both sides to restore the growth phase. Both countries are facing trade issues, which again can be resolved by mutual discussions and confidence building.

President Obama defined the Indo - U.S. ties as 'One of the defining partnerships of the 21st Century'. Amcham wholeheartedly supports his vision and is working to make this a reality. We have a lot to share in innovative technology, energy & power, communication technology, education & skill development and also bringing on board efficiencies in technology and partnerships in many more fields. The time is ripe for pressing the refresh button and walk the talk together.

India awaits with anticipation a new Government and, a renewed relationship with the U.S. Amcham has been working to ensure a healthy and open dialogue between the regulators, governmental agencies and the industry. We look forward to enhanced positivity in the Indo - U.S. relations and shall continue to contribute our might towards achieving and maintaining a win-win situation for both.

I would like to put on record my thanks and appreciation of the efforts of the Chairpersons & Co - Chairpersons of all Sector Committees, Regional Chairmen and the members of the National Executive Board. They have been very generous with their time in helping the committees grow and contribute meaningfully towards addressing relevant issues and embarking upon projects to showcase the positive efforts and contributions of the U.S. industry in India.

I would like to thank the U.S. Embassy officials for the support and cooperation they extend to our members and towards the activities of Amcham India.

As I move on to new responsibilities in my company, I am giving up my position of the Chairman of the American Chamber of Commerce, India. A position, which I must put on record, I enjoyed holding. My interactions with the members of Amcham and the secretariat, have been very interesting and enjoyable. I wish to thank the membership of Amcham for their continued support. I wish Amcham and its team the very best.

Lowell C. Paddock

Chairman

(1st April 2013 - 1st March 2014)



Executive Director's Report

2013 - 14

U.S. companies in India continue to witness robust growth rates in an environment plagued with regulatory pitfalls, unpredictable tax environment and growing concerns on the lack of decision making and effective governance. This has been a challenging year for Amcham India as we expanded our programs and events calendar substantially. Amcham membership comprises exclusively of U.S. companies across all industries. U.S. MNCs are household names in the country and contribute substantially to the socio - economic progress and the growth story of the nation. While creating large employment opportunities within India, U.S. companies contribute substantially to the Governments tax revenue from the organized sector.

Sector Committee Chairmen and Co - Chairmen contributed their valuable time to lead and shape up activities of their respective Sector Committees. The committees on ICT, Defense, Aviation, Tax & Tariff, HR, Supply chain, CSR and Medical Devices have gained considerable momentum in the preceding year. Several representations were made to Government on issues impacting U.S. business and our members interests. Interactions with the Indian Central and State Government officials and regulators were arranged and informal dialogues took place with Ministries of Commerce, Defense, Finance, Aviation, Consumer Affairs, Health and Agriculture. This has improved our understanding of changing Government regulations and rules and placed member companies in a better position to plan their growth trajectory across India. Regulatory affairs, Government relations and Advocacy efforts continue to be the main stay of Amcham activities. Consultations were also undertaken jointly with FICCI as well as the USIBC to ensure effectiveness in advocacy efforts. Research papers, special reports, newsletters and publications were brought out and the big four have been most generous in giving their time as knowledge partners to support Amcham.

The Chairmen and Executive Committees of Regional Chapters of Amcham have been very active and spent quality time to ensure the success of Amcham programs in the regions. Relations with some of the State Governments have further improved and issues of local concern were successfully addressed through their interactions. Regional Chapters organized programs on Transfer Pricing, new Companies Act, Supply Chain Management, IPR, Taxation, Market Access, FCPA, Energy etc. Networking events like Golf Tournament, Christmas Ball, Sports competition, Festival get - together's were organized in various locations across the country by the regional chapters.

As the business sentiment in the country dipped the need to identify the causes for the perceived downswing became imperative. Amcham decided to document these factors and worked to compile "Challenges impacting U.S. Business in India". This publication has been brought out by Deloitte for Amcham and the document will be used extensively to address our issues with the Government. CBRE has also taken up the task of bringing out a publication on "The Real Estate scenario in India" and the document is in final stages of review to be published shortly. Members discussed the possibility of documenting the "Contributions of U.S. industry to India's economy." This effort was finally assigned to ICRIER and the independent publication is being released at the AGM this year. It is envisaged that this publication will add value to our advocacy efforts and will spearhead our interface with the leadership and policy makers in the new regime.

Ongoing CSR initiatives of U.S. MNCs range from water conservation, environment issues, nutrition needs to education, healthcare and training program etc. A compilation of CSR activities of leading U.S. MNCs in the

country has been brought out by Amcham. We are grateful to the U.S. Ambassador for supporting this effort. The Amcham CSR Committee is addressing the new regulatory framework for CSR activities to get a better understanding for efficient compliance by members. They also share information and experiences of ongoing CSR projects and interface with NGOs to examine new areas for social action.

The HR committee has been active on addressing “People” issues and organized workshops on sexual harassment at the workplace, interactions with young leaders, Inspirational leadership and HR practices in corporations. They plan a national event with multiple stakeholders in 2014. Similarly the Supply Chain and Logistics group engages members across several sectors and seeks to identify bottle necks in the supply chain and address systemic failures in logistics management in the country.

Jointly with the U.S. Embassy & Consulates we organized interactive sessions with U.S. Ambassador Nancy Powell in different cities. Officials from the Commercial, Economic and Consular sections of the Embassy met members on Visa Procedures, Healthcare, IT, CSR, Trade & Investment, IPR etc.

Multi - industry delegations by Amcham India have travelled to the United States to meet U.S. Senators and other U.S. Government officials. Delegations also visited India’s neighboring countries like Bhutan, Sri Lanka, Nepal and Bangladesh where they met with senior Government functionaries and business people. A Medical Device team met the Directorate General of Drug Administration of Bangladesh to discuss the Medical Devices Regulations in Bangladesh.

CEOs of a few Amcham companies engaged in manufacturing were invited to meet the NSA, the Deputy Chairman Planning commission and officials in the Prime Ministers’ office to give inputs for the Prime Minister’s visit to the US. We were a supporting organization for the U.S. - India Aviation Summit 2013 which was organized by the USTDA in cooperation with the Government of India in Washington DC.

With membership fee remaining stagnant for the last several years, the revenue collected from membership dues remains unchanged. Contributions from sponsorships have not grown substantially to cover the vast increase in activities and subsequent impact on expenditure. This has resulted in the income expenditure difference narrowing down and revenue surplus is at a fair balance. Considering that financial reserves are healthy we are set on the path of healthy expansion of Amcham activities in the year ahead. With a new Government expected to take office soon, our Chamber has its task cut out. Armed with some of the documents mentioned above, our interface will prove fruitful with the new leadership. We are confident that the new set of policy makers and political leadership will address concerns of U.S. companies in the larger interests of India’s economic growth and development. Continued financial support by Amcham members will ensure that our diversified programs will reach out to State level Governments and other stakeholders. We look forward to active participation of Amcham members in all Amcham activities and outreach efforts in the coming year.

Ajay Singha
Executive Director

AMCHAM'S National Executive Board 2013-14

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. Lowell Paddock*
President and Managing Director
General Motors India Pvt. Ltd.

Vice Chairmen:

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

Mr. Gulshan Kumar Sachdev
Managing Director
Quaker Chemical India Limited

Hony. Treasurer and Secretary

Mr. Atul Dhawan
Partner
Deloitte Haskins & Sells

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Senior Advisor - India Enterprise
IBM India Pvt. Ltd.

Dr. Narindra Bachlaus
Chief Executive Officer
ExxonMobil Company India Pvt. Ltd.

Mr. Surajit Banerjee
Managing Director
Fi-Tek LLC

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

Mr. Sanjay Koul
Managing Director - India
Timken India Limited

*Till 1st March 2014

Mr. Pratyush Kumar
President, Boeing India; VP - Boeing International
Boeing India

Mr. V. Laxmikanth
Managing Director
Broadridge Financial Solutions (India) Pvt. Ltd.

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

Mr. Ramkumar Ramamoorthy
Senior Vice President
Cognizant Technology Solutions

Mr. Richard Rekhy
Chief Executive Officer
KPMG in India

Mr. Amit Sharma
Executive Vice President, President Asia
ATC Tower Company of India Pvt. Ltd.

Mr. Rajinder Sharma
Director
E. I. DuPont India Pvt. Ltd.

Mr. Atul Singh
Group President - Asia
The Coca-Cola Company

Mr. Joginder Singh**
President & Managing Director
Ford India Pvt. Ltd.

Mr. Rajiv Singh
Managing Director
Datacard India Pvt. Ltd.

Mr. Vivekanand Vanmeeganathan
General Manager
Caterpillar India Pvt. Ltd.

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

Hony. Members

Mr. John M. McCaslin
Minister Counselor for Commercial Affairs
U.S. Commercial Service
Embassy of the United States of America

Mr. George N. Sibley
Minister Counselor for Economic, Environment, Science and Technology Affairs
Embassy of the United States of America

**Till 1st Feb. 2014

AMCHAM INDIA

Sectoral Committees 2013 -14

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

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

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

Committee	Chairman	Co - Chairman
Anti-Corruption (FCPA Compliance)	Mr. Anand S. Dayal Partner Koura & Company, Advocates	---
Aviation	Mr. Palash Roy Chowdhury Managing Director - India (Pratt & Whitney – CS&GS) United Technologies Corporation India Pvt. Ltd.	Mr. Amber Dubey Partner KPMG in India
Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)	Mr. Deepak Jolly Vice President - Public Affairs & Communication Coca - Cola India Pvt. Ltd.	--
Defense Equipment	Mr. Pritam K. Bhavnani President, Aerospace - India Honeywell International (I) Pvt. Ltd.	Mr. Phil Shaw Chief Executive - India Lockheed Martin India Pvt. Ltd. Mr. Gaurav Mehndiratta Partner - Global International Corporate Tax KPMG in India
Direct Selling	---	Mr. Yoginder Singh Sr. Vice President - Legal & Corporate Affairs Amway India Enterprises Pvt. Ltd.
Economic Affairs	Mr. Atul Dhawan Partner Deloitte Haskins & Sells	Mr. Richard Rekhy Chief Executive Officer KPMG in India
Electronic Payments	Mr. Anish Shah President & CEO GE Capital	Mr. Shailesh Baidwan Chief Executive Officer - India American Express Banking Corp.

Committee	Chairman	Co - Chairman
Homeland Security	Cmde (Retd.) Gyanendra Sharma Country Head - India Northrop Grumman International Inc.	Mr. Nikhil Khanna Country Director & Sr. Executive India Raytheon International Inc.
HR Forum	Ms Anuranjita Kumar Country Human Resources Officer Citi India	---
Information & Communications Technology (ICT)	Mr. Amit Sharma Executive Vice President, President Asia ATC Tower Company of India Pvt. Ltd.	Mr. Naveen Tandon Director - International External Affairs AT&T Communication Services India Pvt. Ltd. Mr. Vivek Vasishtha Country Leader - Government Programs IBM India Pvt. Ltd.
Infrastructure	Mr. Arun Kumar Jain Managing Director Fluor Daniel India Pvt. Ltd.	---
Insurance	Mr. Rajesh Relan* Managing Director & Country Manager PNB MetLife India Insurance Company Limited	---
Intellectual Property Rights (IPR)	Mr. Rajinder Sharma Director E. I. DuPont India Pvt. Ltd.	Ms Sanjit Kaur Batra Senior Legal Counsel E. I. DuPont India Pvt. Ltd.
Manufacturing	Mr. Rustom J. Desai Managing Director, Corning India & Telecom Operations Corning India	Mr. Rakesh Kumar Chitkara VP Corporate Affairs - GE South Asia GE India Industrial Pvt. Ltd.
Medical Equipment & Devices	Mr. Prabal Chakraborty Vice President & Managing Director Boston Scientific India Pvt. Ltd.	Mr. Gautam Khanna** Executive Director, Health Care Business 3M India Limited
Pharmaceuticals	Mr. Anish Bafna Managing Director Baxter (India) Pvt. Ltd.	---
Supply Chain & Logistics	Mr. Anshuman Neil Basu Regional Executive Director Council of Supply Chain Management Professionals India Pvt. Ltd.	---
Tax, Tariff and Regulatory Affairs	Ms Neeru Ahuja Partner Deloitte Haskins & Sells	Mr. Sudhir Kapadia Partner & National Tax Leader Ernst & Young LLP
*Till March 2014	**Till April 2014	

AMCHAM Membership 2013 -14

Membership Subscription Status as on 10.04.2014

Table - I

Type of Membership	Total
Corporate	375
Additional	110
Individual	8
Total Membership	493

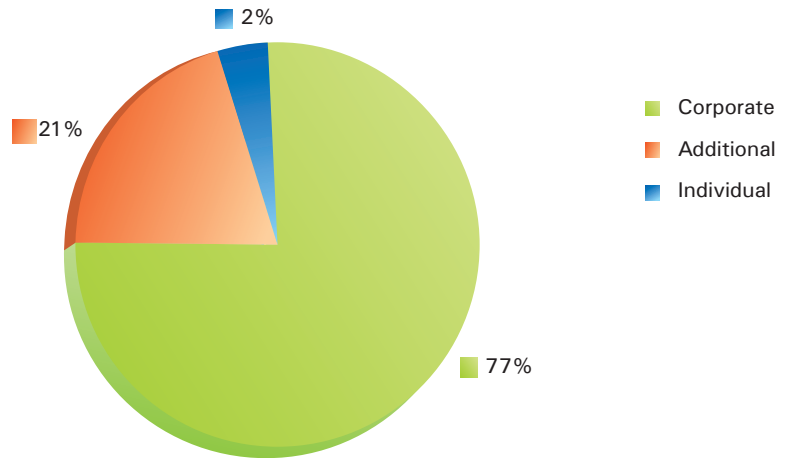
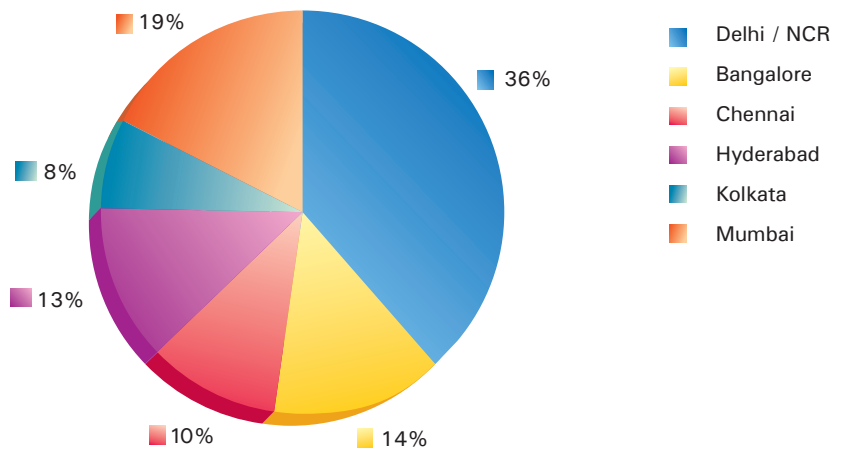


Table - II

Regions	Total
Delhi / NCR	178
Bangalore	75
Chennai	51
Hyderabad	67
Kolkata	32
Mumbai	90
Total	493



Analysis of Events Organized by Amcham during 2013-2014

Table - I

Chapter	Number of Meetings
Bangalore	34
Chennai	32
Delhi	116
Hyderabad	17
Kolkata	43
Mumbai	30
Total Events	272

Amcham Meetings and Events Between Regions

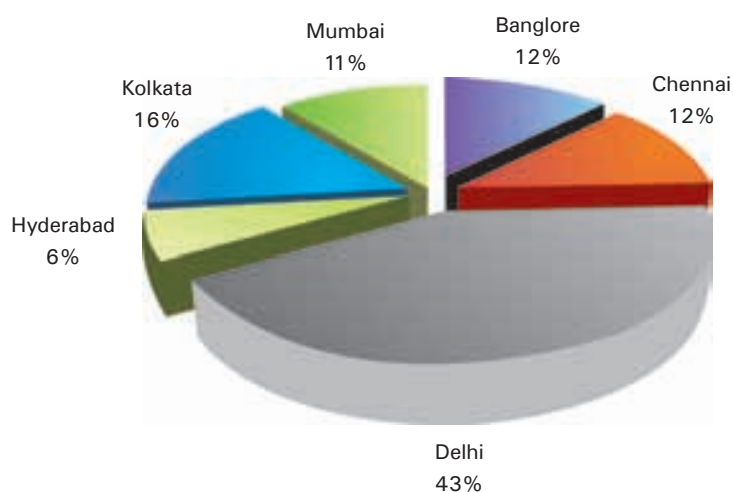
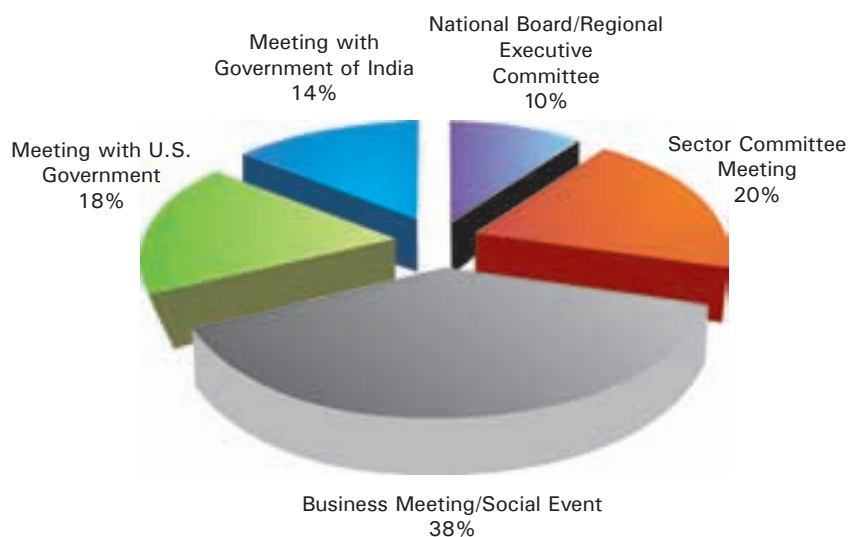


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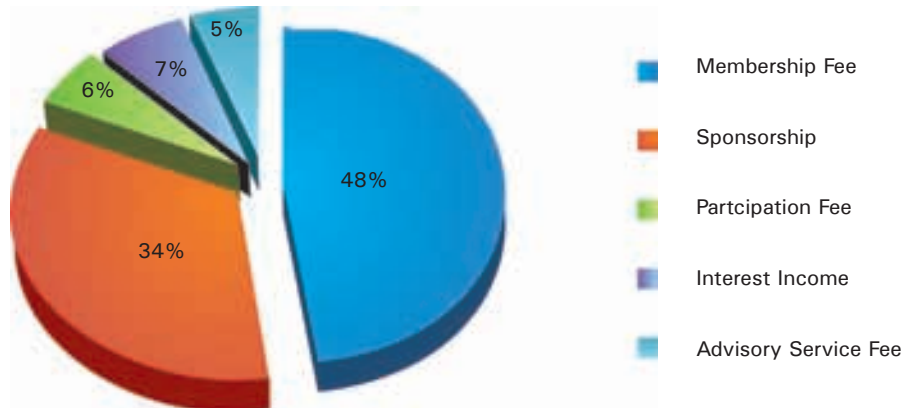
Chapter	Number of Meetings
National Board/Regional Executive Committee	27
Sector Committee Meeting	53
Business Meeting/Social Event	104
Meeting with U.S. Government	49
Meeting with Government of India	39
Total Events	272

Amcham Meetings and Events



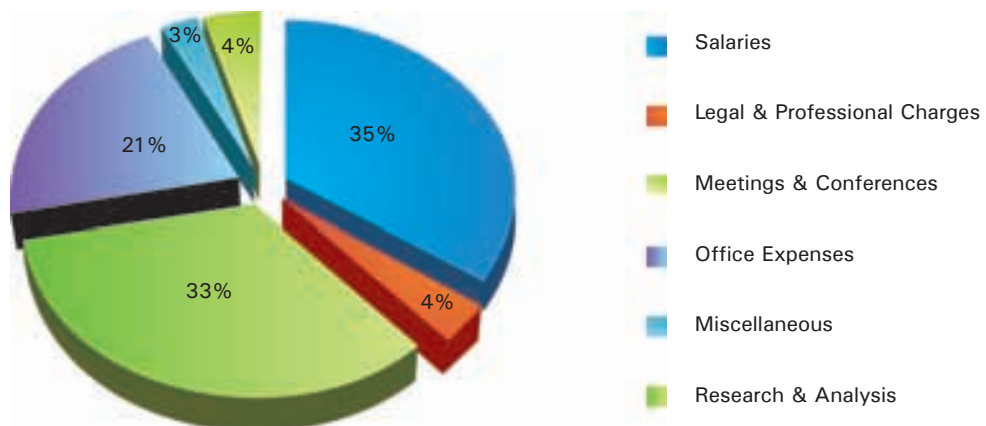
Income Analysis

Revenue Received



Expenses Analysis

Revenue Spend



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New Members

List of New Members from April 1st 2013 till date

S.No.	Member's Name	Organization
DELHI		
1.	Ms Abby Pratt	Advanced Medical Technology Association (AdvaMed)
2.	Mr. Kuldip Nar	Aidmatrix Foundation
3.	Ms Lizum Mishra	Amazon Seller Services Pvt. Ltd.
4.	Mr. Naveen Tandon	AT&T India
5.	Mr. Mark Simpkins	BAE Systems India Services Pvt. Ltd.
6.	Mr. J K Agrawal	BTI Consultants India Pvt. Ltd.
7.	Mr. Achyuta Narayan Bakshi	Cambridge Energy Resources Pvt. Ltd.
8.	Mr. Atul Ahluwalia	CMGRP India Pvt. Ltd.
9.	Mr. Gaurav Verma	Covidien Healthcare India Pvt. Ltd.
10.	Mr. Sarveshwar Shrivastava	Encyclopaedia Britannica India Pvt. Ltd.
11.	Mr. Anant Naik	First Solar Power India
12.	Ms Gauri Padmanabhan	Heidrick & Struggles India Pvt. Ltd.
13.	Mrs. Elizabeth Hernandez	Hewlett Packard India Sales Pvt. Ltd.
14.	Mr. Saurabh Singh	Hewlett Packard India Sales Pvt. Ltd.
15.	Mr. Gaurav Chopra	HKS India Design Consulting Pvt. Ltd.
16.	Ms Valsa Williams	Intel Technology India Pvt. Ltd.
17.	Mr. Neeraj Jain	Scholastic India Pvt. Ltd.
18.	Mr. Dilip Puri	Starwood Asia Pacific Hotels & Resorts Pvt. Ltd.
19.	Mr. Vivek Nath	Towers Watson India Pvt. Ltd.

BANGALORE

20.	Mr. K. Ganesh	Bank of America, N.A.
21.	Mr. Ramarathnam Varadadesikan	Caterpillar India Pvt. Ltd.
22.	Mr. Sanjay Thirumalai	GT US Shared Service Center India Pvt. Ltd.
23.	Mr. Thimmaiah NP	Meritor CVS India Pvt. Ltd.
24.	Mr. Sudhansu Panigrahi	US Technology International Pvt. Ltd.
25.	Mr. Sivakumar Kandaswamy	Weber - Stephen Barbecue Products India Pvt. Ltd.

CHENNAI

26.	Mr. R. Murali	BorgWarner Morse Tec India Pvt. Ltd.
27.	Mr. Shanmugam Nagappan	Datcert Consulting Pvt. Ltd.

HYDERABAD

28.	Mr. Anurag Asthana	Covidien Engineering Services Pvt. Ltd.
29.	Mr. Ramesh K. Mirakhur	LPS India Solutions Pvt. Ltd.
30.	Mr. Prakash Bodla	UTC Fire & Security India Limited, HRDC

KOLKATA

31.	Mr. Subhro Banerjee	Amway India Enterprises Pvt. Ltd.
32.	Ms Indrani Chatterjee	PricewaterhouseCoopers Service Delivery Center (Kolkata) Pvt. Ltd.

MUMBAI

33.	Mr. Luis Manickam	Aramark India Pvt. Ltd.
34.	Mr. Sandeep Arunbhai Patel	CignaTTK Health Insurance Company Limited
35.	Mr. Rohit Markan	Dow Corning India Pvt. Ltd.
36.	Mr. Rohan Vaziralli	ELCA Cosmetics Pvt. Ltd.
37.	Mr. Sudhir Kapadia	Ernst & Young LLP
38.	Mr. Anuj Bugga	FTI Consulting
39.	Mr. Deepak Manchanda	Johnson Controls Automotive Limited
40.	Mr. Don Schulte	PACCAR India Pvt. Ltd.
41.	Mr. Ketan Dhamanaskar	Zoeits India Limited

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Highlights of Events Held in 2013-14



AMCHAM Bangalore

Ms Jennifer McIntyre, Consul General, U.S. Consulate, Chennai and Ms Nisha Desai Biswal, Assistant Secretary of State for South and Central Asian Affairs during a meeting.

Calendar of Meetings/Events for the Year April 2013 - April 2014

Date	Meetings / Events
9th May 2013	Amcham - E&Y Human Capital Forum event, to provide a platform for industry professionals to share their experiences, knowledge and challenges in the Global Mobility landscape, was held at the Taj Vivanta. The topics covered were Global mobility - Recent updates and trends; Deputation Structures - Tax challenges; Benefits for cross border assignees and cost competitiveness and Provident Fund for International Workers & Global Immigration.
9th May 13	An Interactive meeting was held with Mr. J. LeRoy Ward, Executive Vice President Product Strategy & Management, ESI International, where he explored the value of project management as reported by industry leaders and described the eleven project management success factors that save companies time and money.
17th May 13	Breakfast session on the "Latest trends in Indian Transfer Pricing & Advance Pricing Agreements (APAs) as a Solution" by Mr. Miller Williams, Partner/Principal Transfer Pricing Controversy Services; Mr. Vishweshwar Mudigonda, Transfer Pricing Partner, Deloitte and Mr. Vishal Rai, Associate Director, Tax and Regulatory Services, Ernst &Young at the Taj Vivanta.
26th May 13	Breakfast meeting with Ms Jennifer McIntyre, Consul General to South India, and Mr. James Golsen, Commercial Consul and Principal Commercial Officer, South India, U.S. Consulate Chennai, with Amcham members at the Oberoi.
3rd June 13	Cocktail reception hosting the newly appointed Amcham National Executive Board Chairman and President & MD, General Motors India, Mr. Lowell Paddock at the Oberoi, Bangalore.
6th-8th June 13	Amcham participated in the Vendor Development and Technology Show organized by the Peenya Industries Association, PIA, India's most significant cluster of MSMEs and co - organised by Government of Karnataka.
10th June 13	Meeting with Mr. Marlon J. Grullón, Regional Security Officer, American Consulate General, Chennai, to discuss security issues affecting U.S. companies in Karnataka and how the U.S. Consulate could assist businesses.

16th July 13	Meeting with Mr. Michael Cathey, Deputy Chief of Consular Section, U.S. Consulate, Chennai, was hosted by the top management of a few leading U.S. companies at a cocktail session and Amcham CEOs at the Leela Palace, Bangalore.
17th July 13	Amcham participated in Trade Commissioners' Meet at ITC Gardenia, Bangalore, hosted by the Association of Bangalore Animation Industry (ABAI).
22nd July 13	Amcham Karnataka ExeComm Meeting held at the Oberoi.
29th July 13	Amcham participated in the roundtable interaction organized by the Government of Karnataka with Mr. Salman Khurshid, Hon'ble Minister for External Affairs, Government of India, at the Taj West End, Bangalore.
30th July 13	Amcham delegation met with the Principal Secretary to Government of Karnataka, Department of Information Technology, Mr. I.S.N. Prasad, to discuss the Bangalore ITE.biz, the Government of Karnataka's flagship event.
23rd Aug 13	Walk - through of the Visa process was organised at the American Consulate General in Chennai to give the corporate experts a good understanding of the personal interview process at the consulate and to clear their doubts on the U.S. visa process, to know more about H1, L1 blanket and individual visa process, learn about MICE and visa for training programs, understand about B1/B2 visa for employees and families travelling to the USA, and benefit from the interactive process. It consisted of a short tour of the facilities at the consulate and an interactive session.
24th Aug 13	Amcham participated in small and exclusive gathering of CEOs of Bangalore - based companies with Dr. Ami Bera, member of the current U.S. Congress, organized by the Emergent Institute to explore ways to improve and increase cooperation between the States of California and Karnataka in particular and between the U.S. and India in general.
26th Aug 13	Amcham CEOs participated in a 'CEO dialogue' at Hotel Royal Orchid, organized by the Social Venture Partners India, to discuss the "Venture Philanthropy - Leveraging collective capital, talent and time for greater social impact."
12th Sept 13	Amcham Karnataka ExeComm Meeting, followed by a dinner meeting with Mr. George Sibley, the new Minister Counselor for Economic, Environment, Science and Technology Affairs (who joined the U.S. Embassy, New Delhi, on May 31, 2013) at the Taj West End, Bangalore.
26th Sept 13	The Non - Immigrant Visa Chief, Chennai U.S. Consulate, Mr. Christopher Rose and his new team of visa officers had an exclusive meeting with HR/Travel/Global mobility managers from U.S. companies at the Taj West End, Bangalore. It was a chance for Amcham companies to meet with the visa officers informally and get their issues resolved.
27th Sept 13	<p>The American Chamber of Commerce in India, Karnataka Chapter, hosted Bangalore city's prominent corporate leaders to a cocktail dinner at the newly opened J.W. Marriott, as a pre - event to the Amcham - TIMKEN Invitational Golf Tournament. Among the attendees were Mr. Vikram Kirloskar and Mrs. Gitanjali Kirloskar; Mr. Avinash Vashistha, Chairman and Managing Director, Accenture Services Pvt. Ltd.; Mr. Naresh Shah, Dr. Narindra Bachlaus, CEO, Exxonmobil India; Mr. Inderjit Sial, President and MD, Textron India; Mr. Atul Ujagar, Country Director, Nike Sourcing India; Mr. Indraneel Chaudhury, Executive Director, PwC; Mr. Naresh Shah, President, Hewlett Packard India Software Operations, R&D; Dr. Pradip Dutta, MD, Synopsys India; and others.</p> <p>Mr. Christopher Rose, Non - Immigrant Visa Chief, U.S. Consulate Chennai and his team of visa officers were special guests. Several bureaucrats from the Government of Karnataka – Mr. Maheshwar Rao, Chief Commissioner of Industries; Mr. R. B. Tiwari, Chief Commissioner, Service Tax; Mr. S. K. Sahai, Chief Commissioner, Income Tax; were also present.</p>

28th Sept 13	<p>The Amcham - TIMKEN Invitational Golf Tournament 2013 was held at the Karnataka Golf Association. Among the golfers were top CEOs of American and Indian companies, bureaucrats from the Government of Karnataka and other corporate leaders. The event was co - hosted by Timken India. The RMZ group and EMC were platinum sponsors. Textron, Saggezza India, Northern Trust, Crown Relocations, Amway India, Ingersoll Rand, Ascendas, Hinduja Global Solutions, Big Banyan Wines, Kodiak Networks, Decathlon, Evergreen, Jacobson, Viv Johns and Kingfisher were the other sponsors.</p> <p>Mr. Vijay Menon emerged champion garnering 37 stableford points to pip the second placed Mr. Prashant Paul by two points in the top category, with Mr. Adit Morzaria placed third. Mr. N.P.Thimmaiah bagged the honors in the 16 - 24 handicap category with a total of 41 stableford points followed by Mr. Gaurav Sahgal and Mr. Joey Khoo.</p>
22nd Oct 13	<p>Amcham Karnataka participated at the CEO Conclave at the Bangalore ITE.biz at The Lalit Ashok. Amcham was a supporting organization for the Bangalore ITE.biz.</p>
23rd Oct 13	<p>Amcham Karnataka Chapter, held a Panel Discussion at the Bangalore ITE.biz, the Government of Karnataka's flagship on "Bangalore: Global R&D Powerhouse – The Way Forward. Dr. Gopichand Katragadda, Managing Director, GE John Welch Technology Center; Mr. Naresh Shah, President, Hewlett Packard India Software Operation Pvt. Ltd., ESSN, R&D; S. Sreehari, Managing Director, Novell Software Development (I) Pvt. Ltd.; and Mr. Mohan Kalyan, Senior VP and Head of Bangalore Operations, Cognizant Technology Solutions were the panelists.</p>
18th Nov 13	<p>Minister Counselor for Commercial Affairs, Mr. John McCaslin, U.S. Embassy, New Delhi, met with the Amcham Karnataka Executive Committee. He was accompanied by the Commercial Consul of the U.S. Consulate Chennai, Mr. James Golsen.</p> <p>Mr. McCaslin was briefed by the Amcham Executive Committee about doing business in Karnataka and the challenges U.S. companies face. Dr. Narindra Bachlaus, Managing Director, Exxonmobil India; Mr. Bunt Bohra, Managing Director, Goldman Sachs; Mr. Ganesh Murthy, CFO, Mphasis; Mr. Amarpal Chadha, Partner, Ernst and Young and other industry members were part of these discussions.</p>
19th Nov 13	<p>Amcham organized a seminar on "Ethics and Compliance." In this session on 'Addressing Fraud and Corruption Risks in the Current Environment', Ernst & Young India's Fraud Investigation & Dispute Services team, aimed to familiarize the audience with the emerging trends in fraud and corruption risks in India, the impact of regulations on the business and what leading companies are doing to ensure compliance with these regulations for their operations in India. Speakers and panelists included Minister Counselor for Commercial Affairs, Mr. John McCaslin, U.S. Embassy, New Delhi; Mr. Sandeep Baldava, Partner & Leader (South), Fraud Investigation & Dispute Services, Ernst and Young; Mr. Bhaskar Rao, IGP (IPS); and Ms Mona Dange, Chief Compliance Officer & Counsel for GE India.</p>
14th Dec 13	<p>The Amcham X'mas dinner for members and their families was held at the Ballroom of the J.W. Marriott. The evening was sponsored by RMZ Corp, First American, Herbalife India, Honeywell Technology Solutions, United Spirits Limited, Sungard Technologies, and Harman International. Mr. Leonard Roberts, former Amcham Karnataka Executive Committee member and Mr. Vikram Shah, former Vice Chairman of the Karnataka chapter were felicitated at the dinner. The Commissioner of Industries, Government of Karnataka, Mr. Maheshwar Rao; Addl Director General of Police & Managing Director KSPHC, Mr. Praveen Sood and Mr. R.B. Tiwari, Commissioner Service Tax, were also present. The Master of Ceremonies was the popular RJ Nathan. The audience was entertained with music from the Retro Store.</p>
18th Dec 13	<p>A breakfast meeting was organised with the Chief of Consular Services, U.S. Consulate, Chennai, Mr. Nicholas Manring, and his new team of visa officers at the J.W. Marriott. Accompanying officers of the U.S. Consulate were Ed Cox, Dan Deming, Coco Downey, Paul Hanna and Vidyalakshmi Selvam. Senior management from the HR/Travel department from companies such as IBM, HP, Ingersoll Rand, Cognizant, Northern Trust and others met with the new team and resolved a lot of their visa issues.</p>

8th Jan 2014	<p>Amcham participated at the interactive session 'Vision for IT, Entrepreneurship, Innovation and e-Governance for Karnataka', organized by NASSCOM and the Department of Information Technology, Government of Karnataka.</p> <p>Mr. Srivatsa Krishna, IAS, Secretary to the Government, Department of IT and Mr. Rentala Chandrasekhar, IAS (Retd), the new President of NASSCOM, addressed the gathering on their plans for the IT sector in Karnataka.</p>
15th Jan 14	<p>Security briefing by Mr. Marlon J. Grullón, Regional Security Officer, American Consulate General, Chennai, India was held at the Ritz Carlton, to discuss security issues in the region and specific to Amcham companies.</p> <p>The meeting was specifically meant for Security and Administration heads of U.S. Companies. Among those who participated were heads of security from IBM, Ingersoll Rand, Marriott Group, Cognizant, Dell, Northern Trust and Goldman Sachs. American nationals working in Bangalore also attended the session.</p>
24th Jan 14	<p>Amcham Karnataka ExeComm Meeting was held at J. W. Marriott. Events planned for the year were discussed. It was decided to continue with the Government of Karnataka interaction with a meeting with the new Chief Secretary, Government of Karnataka, Mr. Kaushik Mukherjee.</p>
29th Jan 14	<p>As part of the Consulate's ongoing efforts to ease travel to the United States, Mr. Eric Swinn, Vice Consul, U.S. Consulate General Chennai, and Ms Vidya Selvam, BEP representative, met with Amcham companies in Bangalore for informal one - on - one meetings to address any questions related to visa matters, at the U.S. Commercial Services office.</p> <p>Among the companies that participated were Yahoo, Dell, Grant Thornton, MOOG, UL India, and Dover Corporation. CEOs and heads of the HR/Travel departments met with the Consular officials.</p>
3rd Feb 14	<p>American Karnataka Chapter, in association with Ernst and Young and NASSCOM, held a Roundtable on 'Transfer Pricing - Recent Controversies and Updates' at the J.W. Marriott. Mr. E Miller Williams. Jr. Principal Partner, Transfer Pricing Services – Ernst and Young, U.S.; Mr. Ameet Kapur, Executive Director - Transfer Pricing Services and Mr. Rajendra Nayak, Partner - International Tax Services, were the main speakers. Financial heads of most U.S. companies attended the Roundtable.</p>
27th Feb 14	<p>Breakfast meeting with Ms Laurie Farris Executive Director for Asia, Global Markets, International Trade Administration, and Amcham Karnataka ExeComm members at the Ritz Carlton, Bangalore. Issues discussed were (i) Taxation (ii) IPR and (iii) Market Access in India, and how these were individually impacting U.S. companies.</p> <p>Mr. Indraneel Chaudhury, Executive Director, PwC; and Mr. George Mathew, Managing Director, Exeter India, led the discussions.</p>
4th March14	<p>Breakfast meeting with Assistant Secretary of State for South and Central Asian Affairs, Ms Nisha Desai Biswal, Ms Jennifer McIntyre, Consul General, U.S. Consulate, Chennai; and other senior members of the U.S. Commercial Services at the Taj West End, Bangalore.</p> <p>Dr. Narindra Bachlaus, CEO, ExxonMobil Company India Pvt. Ltd.; Mr. Avinash Vashistha, Chairman and Managing Director, Accenture Services India Limited; Mr. Atul Ujagar, Country Director - India, Sri Lanka, Pak, Nike India; Mr. Pradip Dutta, Managing Director, Synopsys (India) Pvt. Ltd.; Mr. Hari Vasudev, Yahoo Center Head India; Chengappa, Partner, PwC; Mr. David Ranson, Managing Director, MOOG India; Mr. Manoj Menon, Senior Vice President, Operations, Sungard Technologies; and Mr. Iqbal Sait, Managing Director, Saggezza India briefed the visiting delegation on the business climate and the support the Consulate could provide.</p>
20th March14	<p>Amcham Karnataka ExeComm Meeting.</p>
9th April14	<p>Visa Session with Mr. Michael Cathey, Deputy Chief of Consular Section; and Mr. Christopher Rose, Non - Immigrant Visa Chief, U.S. Consulate, Chennai.</p>
April/May 14	<p>Amcham Karnataka Chapter and Rotary - Bangalore organized Blood Donation Camps at all Amcham member companies.</p>



Counselor for Commercial Affairs, Mr. John McCaslin, U.S. Embassy, New Delhi, addressing the participants at EY's session on "Addressing Fraud and Corruption Risks in the Current Environment." From left: Dr. Pradip Dutta, MD, Synopsys India; Mr. Bhaskar Rao, IGP (IPS); Mr. Sandeep Baldava, Partner & Leader (South), Fraud Investigation & Dispute Services, EY.



Mr. Ameet Kapur, Executive Director, Transfer Pricing Services; Mr. E Miller Williams. Jr., Principal Partner, Transfer Pricing Services - EY, U.S.; and Mr. Rajendra Nayak, Partner, Intl. Tax Services at the "Roundtable on Transfer Pricing - Recent Controversies and Updates".

Mr. Atul Ujagar, Country Director, Nike Sourcing India with Mr. Praveen Sood, IPS, Addl. Director General of Police, at Amcham Karnataka's X'mas event held at the J.W. Marriott.





Mr. Mohan Kalyan, Senior VP and Head of Bangalore Operations, Cognizant Technology Solutions; Mr. Naresh Shah, President, Hewlett Packard India Software Operation Pvt. Ltd, ESSN, R&D; Mr. S. Sreehari, Managing Director, Novell Software Development (I) Pvt. Ltd.; at Amcham's panel discussion "Bangalore: Global R&D Powerhouse – The Way Forward" at the Bangalore ITE.biz 2013.



Mr. Atul Ujagar, Amcham Karnataka ExeComm member; welcomes the participants to the Amcham - Timken Golf Tournament at the KGA.



Mr. Debashis Patnaik, Sr. Director, EMC, winner of the Amcham category, with Dr. Narindra Bachlaus, CEO, Exxonmobil India, and Chairman of the Amcham Karnataka Chapter, and Mr. Yash Joshi, MD, RMZ Corp.



Mr. Maheshwar Rao, Commissioner - Industries, Government of Karnataka; and Mrs. Gitanjail Kirloskar giving away prizes at the Amcham - Timken Golf Tournament pre - event.



Mr. Ajay Singha, Executive Director, Amcham India, felicitates Mr. Christopher Rose, Non-Immigrant Visa Chief, U.S. Consulate, Chennai, at the pre - event to the Amcham - Timken Golf Tournament.



Mr. Manoj Menon, Execomm Member, Amcham Karnataka, hands over the plaque to Mr. Vikram Shah, ex-chairman Amcham Karnataka, for his contribution to the chamber.



Mr. Atul Ujagar, Mr. Naresh Shah, Mr. George Mathew, MD, Exeter India; Ms Ines Miranda, Regional Director, Amcham Karnataka Chapter; and Mr. Harsh Manglik at the cocktail event.



Popular RJ Nathan gives away prizes at Amcham Karnataka's X'mas event.



Amcham members and families enjoying Amcham Karnataka's X'mas dinner at the ballroom of the J. W. Marriott.



AMCHAM Chennai

Mr. Narayan Shekar of CDG Boeing, Mr. Nicholas Manring, Deputy Consul General, Chennai and Ms Vidya Rajarao, Partner PWC at the April breakfast meet on Transparency in business - Fraud Prevention and Detection at the Hilton.

Date	Meetings / Events
5th June 2013	<p>A meeting was organized as a follow up to the Emerging Kerala investment summit meet held in September 2012. The U.S. Consul General, Ms Jennifer McIntyre led a delegation comprising prominent US companies operating in Trivandrum and Kochi for the meeting with the Chief Minister Oommen Chandy. The Chief Minister outlined the measures taken by the government to support U.S. businesses in the State and offered to render all assistance to U.S. companies. He requested the delegation to bring to his notice any grievance that required redressal.</p> <p>In the evening Amcham hosted a dinner reception for the representatives of U.S. businesses and the Consulate staff comprising American Consul General Ms Jennifer McIntyre, Principal Commercial Officer Mr. James Golsen, and Mr. Christopher Rose, Consul, Non - immigrant Visa section.</p>
5th July 13	A session was organised on the Volatility of the Indian Rupee – Impact on Indian economy, the Guest Speaker was Mr. Rohit Gupta, Director in Fixed Income, Currencies & Commodities (FICC), Bank of America in India
10th July 13	A group of 41 students currently pursuing a course in International Business in various colleges in the USA visited Chennai as part of their curriculum. Amcham organized an interactive session with the students and two Amcham members made presentations on their operations in India. Mr. K. Venkatachalam, Executive Director, PWC made a presentation on the Indian economy and the various aspects of doing business in India.
18th July 13	<p>Amcham organized a Visit to Ford India manufacturing plant at Maraimalai Nagar. The objective of the visit was to observe firsthand the innovations and best practices in the Ford manufacturing plant and to see how a Ford car was manufactured.</p> <p>A presentation on the operations of the Plant and its salient features was made to the 54 delegates who participated in this tour, followed by a walk through the manufacturing process commencing with the stamping shop and culminating in the assembly.</p>
23rd Aug 13	Walk through of the Visa process at the American Consulate General in Chennai.
29th Aug 13	A Breakfast Meeting was held on Managing Transfer Pricing, APA's and Safe Harbour Regulations, by PWC Chennai.

11th Sept 13	Executive Board Member Mr. R. Ramkumar represented Amcham at a meeting with Mr. George Sibley, Minister Counselor for Economic, Environment, Science and Technology Affairs at River House, residence of Consul General Ms Jennifer McIntyre.
16th Sept 13	The Human Capital Forum was held facilitated by Ernst & Young, at Taj Vivanta.
25th Sept 13	U.S. Foreign Commercial Service, Networking meeting was held to present the FCS trade agenda for 2013 - 2014 at Hyatt Regency.
19th Oct 13	Amcham Tamil Nadu Chapter Executive Committee Meeting was held at Caterpillar Corporate Office.
24th - 26th Oct13	ECP participated at the Green Buildings Congress 2013.
31st Oct13	Presentation on Companies Act 2013, highlighting sections which have a significant impact on MNC's operating in India. The presentation was facilitated by Ernst & Young.
1st Nov 13	Amcham Tamil Nadu Chapter Chairman Mr. Vivek Vanmeeganathan meets Consul General Ms Jennifer McIntyre and Principal Commercial Officer Mr. Jim Golsen to discuss Amcham – Consulate joint programs.
8th Nov 13	Select EC members meet with Consul General Ms Jennifer McIntyre & PCO Mr. Jim Golsen to chalk out joint programs.
15th Nov 13	A meeting was held with select members of the Executive Committee of Amcham's Tamil Nadu Chapter to chalk out programs for the chapter.
16th Nov 13	A meeting was held of the Executive Committee of Amcham's Tamil Nadu Chapter, to discuss the suggestions received from Amcham members through the circulated survey
28th Nov 13	Amcham organized a breakfast meeting on 'The Real Estate Regulation and Development Act, 2013 – impact on residential, business, industrial, SEZ and IT parks sectors'.
23rd Dec13	<p>Amcham organized a meeting on 'Responding to Workplace Sexual Harassment', facilitated by Dr. Swarna Rajagopalan, Managing Trustee, The Prajnya Trust.</p> <p>This meeting was held to create awareness on the new Act titled 'The Sexual Harassment of Women at the Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act 2013'. It is now mandatory for every company to constitute an Internal Complaints Committee. Some Amcham members have already established the POSH Committee – Prevention of Sexual Harassment.</p>
23rd Jan 2014	January Breakfast Meeting on Challenges of Operating Globally. Speaker: Mr. Partha Kundu, Executive Director & Ms Sanjukta Pal, Associate Director, PWC. This was an interactive session where PWC shared its experiences of advising clients on the challenges of 'Operating Globally'.
30th Jan 2014	<p>Amcham Tamil Nadu Chapter organized a visit to the Caterpillar Plant at Tiruvallur, with the objective of facilitating Amcham members, to observe firsthand, the innovations and best practices in the Caterpillar manufacturing plant and to take a tour of the facilities. They observed the many innovations that have been introduced at the plant.</p> <p>The participants from member companies benefited by observing and absorbing best practices at the workplace. The visit provided a great opportunity for employees at various levels, across functions, to meet and interact with their counterparts from the Caterpillar facility.</p>
8th Feb14	Amcham Tamil Nadu Chapter held a meeting of its Executive Committee. The topics discussed included a Mega CSR event; Meeting on Transport Infrastructure in Chennai involving the Railway, Mass Rapid Transport System, Metro Rail, Metropolitan Transport Corporation and the Traffic Police; Workshop on Skill Development; Industry Visits; MNC success story in Tamil Nadu, Golf Tournament and Meeting of all Foreign Business Groups in Chennai.

5th March 14	Networking dinner meet with Timken President and CEO Mr. James W Griffith, Consul General Chennai and select Amcham members.
7th March 14	<p>Conference on “Understanding the H1B, H3 and L Visa process”</p> <p>Facilitated by the Consular Section of the American Consulate General in Chennai. Overview by Mr. Nicholas Manning, Chief of Consular Services</p> <p>Objective: To give the corporate experts a good understanding of the processes for H1B, B3 and L Visa categories Give an opportunity to get doubts on the US visa process cleared Learn about MICE and Visa for Training programs</p> <p>Benefit from the interactive process.</p>
10th March 14	<p>Meeting with Industries Secretary Mr. C.V. Shankar, IAS on the policy initiatives of the Tamil Nadu government as announced in the Budget - Tamil Nadu Industrial Policy 2014, Tamil Nadu Automobile and Auto Components Policy 2014 and Tamil Nadu Biotechnology Policy 2014.</p> <p>Mr. CV Shankar IAS, Principal Secretary consented to address Amcham members on the policy initiatives during the Amcham breakfast meeting. He also agreed to meet with the Amcham Manufacturing committee at the Secretariat at a mutually convenient date.</p>
25th March 14	<p>Amcham Manufacturing committee headed by Mr. Rustom J. Desai of Corning and select members met with Mr. C V Sankar IAS, Industries Secretary at the Tamil Nadu Secretariat.</p> <p>Objective: to discuss - Tamil Nadu New Industrial Policy 2014 review - how it will attract investment to the state. Global investor Meet - Overview and Objectives - TN Government. To share with the government of TN, what American manufacturing companies’ experience has been thus far in India. Mr. Rustom Desai, Mr. Rakesh Chitkara, Mr. Vivek Vanmeeganathan and Mr. Vasant Bennett. Discussion on the way forward, how TN and U.S. companies can do more together.</p>
25th March 14	Meeting at National Productivity Council facility to see firsthand the state of the art facility and also to discuss a broad framework to bridge the gap in higher Education through Amcham sponsored Connected thinking in Core Engineering program. This was attended by select Executive Committee members.
28th March 14	Breakfast meet to discuss the alliance with the National Productivity Council – select members of the Executive Committee.
1st April 14	Meeting at Le Meridien between Dr. Dharmalingam of NPC and select Executive Committee members to discuss the alliance with the National Productivity Council.
5th April 14	Meeting of the Executive Committee at madras Cricket Club to discuss the NPC alliance on Connected Thinking in Core Engineering, CSR event, Breakfast Meetings, Amcham AGM etc.
7th April 14	Meeting of select Executive Committee members with a high level team of the National Productivity Council headed by Mr. Harbhajan Singh IAS, Director General, NPC to forge an understanding with the NPC in Chennai to provide an intensive 5 day training module to engineering students in their final year. A Certificate in the joint names of NPC and Amcham will be issued to the students at the end of the course. The certificate would help the student when any American company comes for campus recruitment. This program has Deloitte as our Knowledge Partner.
22nd April 14	Amcham Breakfast Meet - to brief all members of the TN Chapter on the program with the National productivity Council and to get the support of members on committing a part of their CSR spend by sponsoring the training program.



Chief Consul Mr. Nick Manning and his team at the Conference on Immigrant Visa at Hotel Hilton.



Consul Mr. Shayne Gallagher responding to a question during the Conference on Immigrant Visa at Hotel Hilton.

A section of the participants at the Conference on Immigrant Visa.





Mr. Rohit Gupta, Director in Fixed Income, Currencies & Commodities (FICC), Bank of America addressing members at the July breakfast meeting on The Volatility of the Indian Rupee and its impact on the Indian economy.



A section of members networking during the breakfast meeting.



Mr. Anil S Ravi of Envestnet posing a question to the PWC team during the meeting on Transfer Pricing, APA's and Safe Harbour regulations.



Mr. Vasant Bennett, Managing Director Barry - Wehmiller International Resources, listening in rapt attention to the presentation at an Amcham breakfast meeting.



Mr. Vivek Vanmeeganathan, Chairman of the Tamil Nadu Chapter making a point during the November breakfast meet on Real Estate.



Ajay Singha participated at the January breakfast meet at Chennai.



Dr. Swarna Rajagopal and Mr. Narayan Shekar during the December breakfast meeting on Responding to Workplace Sexual Harassment.



Mr. Vivek Vanmeeganathan, Chairman, Tamil Nadu Chapter listening to Ms Sanjukta Pal, Director – PWC at the January breakfast meeting.



Mr. Suresh Subramaniam addressing members during the meeting on Companies Act 2013, highlighting sections which have a significant impact on MNC's operating in India. Facilitated by Ernst & Young



AMCHAM Delhi

Special Session with Ambassador, Ms Nancy Powell during the 21st Annual General Meeting of Amcham India.

Date	Meetings / Events
30th April 2013	<p>21st Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Amcham India.</p> <p>Nobel Laureate Dr. R.K. Pachauri, Director General, TERI and U.S. Ambassador Nancy Powell were the Chief Guests.</p> <p>Dr. Raghuram G. Rajan, Chief Economic Adviser to the Government of India, in his Keynote Address delivered at the Luncheon Session, said that the Government had made efforts to reduce the capital account deficit and was moving ahead to control the inflation, particularly the food inflation.</p> <p>A Panel Discussion was held on 'Role of Innovation and Technology in an Emerging Economy'. The Panelist were: Mr. Raj Jain, Chairman, Amcham India; & MD & CEO, Bharti Walmart; and President, Walmart India, Mr. Siraj Azmat Chaudhry Chairman, Cargill India Pvt. Ltd., Mr. Jeffrey M. White President, India & SAARC, Cisco Systems (India) Pvt. Ltd., Mr. Prabal Chakraborty, VP & Managing Director, Boston Scientific India Pvt. Ltd. and Mr. Aijaz Tobaccowalla, Managing Director, Pfizer Limited</p> <p>During the Statutory AGM, brief presentations were made by select sectoral committee chairperson/ Chairman. These included: Presentation & Adoption of Audited Accounts for 2012 - 13 by Mr. Atul Dhawan, Hony. Treasurer & Secretary, Amcham India; Partner, Deloitte Haskins & Sells; Mr. Gautam Khanna, Co - Chairman, Amcham Medical Devise Committee; Executive Director, Health Care Business, 3M India Limited; Cmde (Retd.) Gyanendra Sharma, Co - Chairman, Amcham's Homeland Security Committee; Country Head - India, Northrop Grumman International Inc.; Ms Neeru Ahuja, Co - Chairperson, Amcham's Tax, Tariff and Regulatory Affairs Committee; Partner, Deloitte Haskins & Sells; Mr. Anish Shah, Chairman, Amcham's Electronics Payment Committee; President & CEO, GE Capital Services India.</p>
3rd May 13	ECP members met with Mr. Ratan P.Watal, Secretary, Ministry of New & Renewable Energy (MNRE) – Mr. Watal discussed MNRE's policy initiatives on Solar & Renewable.
6th May 13	Members of Amcham's Defense Equipment Committee had a meeting with Dr. S.B. Agnihotri, Director General (Acquisition), Ministry of Defense, Government of India to introduce him to Amcham and to brief him on the policy advocacy undertaken by the committee.
8th May 13	Amcham and ESI International jointly organized an interaction with Mr. J. LeRoy Ward, Executive Vice President, Product Strategy & Management, ESI International, over breakfast at New Delhi. Over 50 persons participated. Mr. Ward spoke about the 'Value of Project Management'. His talk was followed by Q&A from the floor.

13th May 13	<p>Meeting of Amcham's Defense Equipment Committee was held to share the outcomes of the meeting with Dr. Agnihotri, Director General (Acquisition), Ministry of Defense, Government of India and deliberate on action points:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Submission of a list of current TAA related issues faced by U.S. companies by end of May 2013. 2) Submission of the Existing Offset cases being faced by members by Mid June.
15th May 13	Mr. Amit Sharma, Chairman, Amcham's ICT Committee; and Executive Vice President, President Asia, ATC Tower Company of India Pvt. Ltd., along with a few members of the ICT Committee called on Mr. M.F. Farooqui, the newly appointed Secretary, Department of Telecommunications.
15th May 13	A meeting of the Executive Committee of Amcham's Northern Region Council was held at the office of Deloitte, Gurgaon. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Amit Sharma, Chairman, Amcham's Northern Region Council; and Executive Vice President, President Asia, ATC Tower Company of India Pvt. Ltd.
15th May 13	A meeting of Amcham's Tax, Tariff and Regulatory Affairs Committee was held at the office of Deloitte, Gurgaon. The meeting was chaired by Ms Neeru Ahuja, Chairperson, Amcham's Tax, Tariff and Regulatory Affairs Committee and Partner, Deloitte Haskins & Sells.
24th May 13	A meeting of Amcham's CSR Committee was held at Gurgaon. There was a presentation on the new CSR provisions by Mr. Nikhil Pant, the Chief Program Officer, National Foundation for CSR, Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs.
27th May 13	Board Meeting of U.S. - India Energy Cooperation Program. Discussion was focused on upcoming Reverse Trade Missions, Government engagements and participation at the ECBC initiatives with other USG agencies.
28th May 13	Meeting of Amcham's Manufacturing Committee at Gurgaon – the meeting was chaired by Mr. Rustom Desai, Chairman, Amcham's Manufacturing Committee & Managing Director, Corning India and Telecom Operations, Corning India. Members drew out the key priorities at the centre and the state level; and action plan for the year 2013.
29th May 13	The Amcham Secretariat in Delhi organized a Farewell Reception honoring Ms Judy R. Reinke, Minister Counselor for Commercial Affairs, U.S. Foreign Commercial Services, U.S. Embassy, in appreciation for the outstanding support and guidance provided to Amcham India.
17th June 13	<p>Amcham organized a breakfast meeting with Former U.S. Secretary of State, Ms Madeleine Albright.</p> <p>Secretary Albright spoke about "The Evolving Governance Trends and its Impact on Economic Activity" which was followed by an interaction with participants. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Atul Dhawan, Chairman of the Economic Affairs committee of Amcham and Partner, Deloitte India and was sponsored by Herbalife International India Pvt. Ltd.</p>
18th June 13	Amcham along with Ernst & Young, as a Knowledge Partner organized a roundtable discussion on "Conflict Minerals & Dodd Frank Act" at Ernst & Young's office. The session was chaired by Mr. Dipankar Ghosh, Advisory Partner - Climate Change & Sustainability Services. Mr. Indra Guha, Associate Director, Climate Change and Sustainability Services made a presentation on the topic of "Conflicts Minerals". Almost everyone participated in the discussion that followed the presentation, which addressed various concerns and queries.
24th June 13	To celebrate the successful conclusion of the fourth round of Strategic Dialogue, Amcham hosted a business reception on "Fueling Economic Growth" in New Delhi in honour of the U.S. delegation that accompanied U.S. Secretary of State, Mr. John Kerry, to India for U.S. - India Strategic Dialogue. On this occasion, MOUs were signed by TDA for the grants they allocated to some companies.
25th June 13	ECP members had an interactive session with the USTDA Director Ms Leocadia Zak, on the sidelines of the U.S. - India Strategic Dialogue. USTDA's award of two grants to private sector Indian partners for clean energy promotion viz Demand Side Management (DSM) and Shale gas exploration was discussed.

25th June 13	<p>Meeting of the Medical Devices Committee was held under the chairmanship of Mr. Prabal Chakraborty, MD–Boston Scientific India and was Co-chaired by Mr. Gautam Khanna, Executive Director 3M Healthcare. The agenda of the meeting was to discuss the way forward for the committee for the coming year.</p> <p>The committee decided on the specific agenda for the group for the year which included formation of some sub-committees to address challenges facing the sector, events, outreach meetings with various State Governments. The meeting was well attended by member companies and the various activities are already underway.</p>
1st July 13	<p>Meeting of Amcham’s Electronic Payments Committee held at Gurgaon was chaired by Mr. Anish Shah, Chairman, Amcham Electronic Payments & President & CEO, GE Capital. The meeting focused on how to operationalize and expand 4 modules which were: Developing Charter, Framework on Electronic Payments; Taxation Eco System (Potential Incentives & Disincentives); Operational Infrastructure; Fraud Awareness Seminar</p>
1st July 13	<p>Ms Madhvi Kataria, Deputy Executive Director, Amcham, had a meeting with Mr. U.K. Singh, Joint Secretary (Plant Protection), Department of Agriculture, Government of India, to discuss issues concerning the proposed import regulation for insecticides etc. She requested Mr. Singh for regular interaction with representatives of Amcham’s agri-based member companies.</p>
2nd July 13	<p>Breakfast meeting with Mr. William S. Pinckney, CEO & MD – Amway India – The meeting was attended by US Embassy officials, senior officials of Amway and other Amcham members. The discussion focused on the current condition of the Direct Selling Industry and how the potential damage to the companies could be mitigated.</p>
11th July 13	<p>Meeting of Amcham’s CSR Committee with Mr. John A Beed, Mission Director, Minister Counselor for International Development - USAID, U.S. Embassy FAQs were presented by Mr. Sudhir Singh Durganpur (KPMG Study).</p> <p>Mr. Beed was extremely happy to attend the session and since it was his 4th week in India, he said he was enormously excited to understand and learn from the members of the committee as USAID is fundamentally recalibrating its partnership with companies.</p>
10th - 12th July 13	<p>An Amcham Delegation of 10 senior representatives of US companies (United Technologies, GE, Timken, KPMG, Pfizer, Sikorsky, Boeing, Lockheed Martin, D.E Shaw) travelled to Washington D.C as part of Amcham’s annual Doorknock initiative. As part of the two day program, the delegation called upon the important Govt functionaries from the US Senate and Congress, and members of industry associations. Meetings were held at the respective offices of Senators’ Jean Shaheen, Mark Warner, Tom Udall, Congressmen Roskam and Ami Bera at The Capitol. These Senators are members of the India Caucus which is a bipartisan coalition and forum for senators to work closely with Indian government officials and Indian - Americans in promoting U.S. - India bilateral relations.</p> <p>The delegation was led by Mr. Zubin Irani, Senior Managing Director, United Technologies.</p>
15th July 13	<p>Meeting of Amcham’s Defense Equipment Committee was held to review the documents prepared as requested by Dr. Agnihotri, Director General (Acquisition), Ministry of Defense.</p>
17th July 13	<p>Mr. Ajay Singha, Executive Director and Ms Madhvi Kataria, Deputy Executive Director of Amcham called upon Mr. Rajeev Aroa, Joint Secretary, Department of Commerce, Government of India, and discussed the visit of Amcham’s doorknock delegation to U.S. and issues impacting Indo - U.S. trade and investment.</p>
17th July 13	<p>Meeting with Mr. John McCaslin, Minister Counselor Foreign Commercial Service, Mr. Greg O’Conner, Commercial Officer, Mr. Jitender Jassal, Commercial Specialist, Mr. Jim Andrus, DHS Head, Mr. Nik Khanna, Raytheon, Mr. Ajay Singha, Amcham and Ms Udaya Arun, Amcham. Agenda was to discuss the Ministry of Home Affairs led Homeland Security Conclave organized by Department of Homeland Security (DHS), U.S. Embassy and supported by Amcham to be held in New Delhi from Dec 3rd - 5th at Vigyan Bhavan.</p>

18th July 13	Mr. Sanjeev Gupta, Managing Director – Corporate Affairs, Accenture Services Pvt. Ltd., and Ms Madhvi Kataria called on H.E. Mr. V. Namgyel, Ambassador of Bhutan to India, to discuss the visit of Amcham’s delegation to Bhutan.
24th July 13	Meeting of Amcham – FICCI Defense Committees to discuss the procurement and production procedures between the U.S. companies and Indian partners.
25th July 13	<p>Meeting of Amcham Manufacturing Committee was chaired by Mr. Rakesh Chitkara, Co - Chairman Amcham’s Manufacturing Committee & Vice President Corporate Affairs - GE South Asia, GE India Industrial Pvt. Ltd.</p> <p>Members discussed Progress of the Sub - Committees; State Government engagement plan; Tax issues; FDI Reforms; USG Government Engagement.</p>
31st July 13	Amcham organized a Farewell Reception for Mr. Pat Cassidy, Commercial Officer, Foreign Commercial Services of the U.S. Embassy in New Delhi. Mr. Cassidy and his entire team had a very cordial relationship with Amcham and lent their support to us on all occasions.
31st July 13	Mr. Atul Dhawan, Chairman, Amcham’s Economic Affairs Committee (Partner, Deloitte Haskins & Sells) and Mr. Ajay Singha, Executive Director, Amcham called on Dr. Alok Sheel, Secretary, Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister, and discussed developments on the U.S. - India economic front, the recent slew of economic reforms and the way forward as also movement on the proposed Bilateral Investment Treaty and other initiatives emanating from the ongoing bilateral dialogues between the two countries.
2nd Aug 13	Meeting of Amcham’s Defense Committee was held to discuss the outcomes and chart a way forward for further interactions between the Amcham/FICCI Defence Committee.
2nd Aug 13	A few members of Amcham based in Noida representing IT sector, had a discussion about issues impacting their businesses in India with H.E. Ms Nancy J. Powell, U.S. Ambassador to India and other senior officials from the U.S. Embassy at CSC Facilities at Noida.
4th -7th Aug 13	<p>A 20 member Amcham delegation visited Bhutan from August 4 - 7, 2013. The delegation was led Mr. Avinash Vashistha, Chairman and Managing Director, Accenture India Pvt. Ltd.</p> <p>The delegation had the privilege of getting an audience with the King of Bhutan, His Majesty Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck. His Majesty said that the Bhutan economy was opening up to FDI, particularly in areas such as infrastructure, education and health. The main concern was that investment should not impact the environment of the country. The delegation also had meetings with the following: Lyonchen Tshering Tobgay, Hon’ble Prime Minister of Bhutan, Lyonpo Norbu Wangchuk, Minister of Economic Affairs , Lyonpo Mingbo Dukpa, Minister of Education, Lyonpo Tandin Wangchuk, Minister of Health, Mr. Karma Yonten, CEO of Druk Holding and Investments, Secretary, Ministry of Information and Communications, Mr. Sonam Tobgay, Officiating CEO, Bhutan Postal Corporation Ltd., Mr. Nidup Dorji, CEO, Bhutan Telecom Ltd. and Director, Bhutan Power Corporation Ltd.</p> <p>The delegation was supported by the Bhutan Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI) and had active participation from their Vice President, Secretary General, Head of International Affairs, and members of BCCI.</p>
5th Aug 13	H.E. Ms Nancy J. Powell, U.S. Ambassador to India, invited select members of Amcham for a discussion over lunch. Some of the core issues impacting U.S. business in India were discussed.

6th Aug 13	<p>Amcham hosted a breakfast meeting with Deputy Assistant Secretary Ms Holly Vineyard in New Delhi. The discussions ranged across issues faced by the companies on Market Access Compliance, Regulatory issues.</p> <p>This was the first meeting DAS Vineyard had with the industry on her India visit from 6 - 7 August 2013. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Ajay Singha.</p>
6th Aug 13	<p>A delegation of senior Amcham members representing telecom, e-payments, infrastructure and healthcare met with Dr. Arvind Mayaram, Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance, and Joint Secretary, Mr. Rajesh Khullar to discuss issues and concerns that the industry was presently facing in areas of telecom, Infrastructure, Pharmaceutical/healthcare, and e-payment & financial services. The meeting was interactive and the Secretary recognized that certain areas such as telecom and infrastructure were in need of immediate attention and said that due course of action was being pursued by the Government to address the specific issues.</p>
8th Aug 13	<p>An interactive session was held with a group of senior Amcham members from Deloitte, Boeing, ATC and Honeywell at a meeting organized with Dr. Alok Sheel, Secretary, Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister, to put forward the industry's perspectives on the current economic scenario with specific reference to key drivers of the economy such as telecom, Defense services, energy, manufacturing and infrastructure. A number of areas were discussed and the Secretary was receptive to suggestions presented in areas of Defense offsets and spurring of defense related engineering work in India, telecom policy mandate on Renewable fuel source and the industry's concerns in other energy/ power consuming sectors and processes, as well as specific manufacturing, taxation and financial services related matters. A document titled U.S.-India Economic Engagement – Addressing Key Challenges was presented to the Secretary by the participant Amcham members.</p>
13th Aug 13	<p>A meeting of Amcham's National Executive Board (NEB) was held at the office of General Motors India Pvt. Ltd., Gurgaon. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Lowell Paddock, Chairman, Amcham and President and Managing Director, General Motors India Pvt. Ltd.</p>
13th Aug 13	<p>Amcham India organized an Anti-corruption Compliance Master class in New Delhi. Subject matter specialists conducting the program included Mr. John McFarland, Head-Fraud prevention and Integrity Risk Services Hill and Associates, Mr. Anand Dayal, JD cum laude (Cornell) U.S. Attorney at Law, Chairman of Amcham's Anti - corruption committee and Ms. Margaret Hanson-Muse, Deputy Senior Commercial Officer, U.S. Commercial Service, U.S. Embassy, New Delhi. Industry speakers also shared their experiences with participants and case studies from the Indian context were taken up for discussion. The event was well attended by Amcham members.</p>
19th Aug 13	<p>Meeting of Amcham's Sub - Committee on Offsets. The committee leads – Mr. Arijt Ghosh, Honeywell, Mr. Gaurav Mehndiratta, KPMG, Mr. Ankur Kanaglekar, Boeing and Ms Udaya Arun, Amcham met to identify and discuss the high impact key action points to focus on future discussions between the Amcham – FICCI sub-committee on offsets.</p>
22nd Aug 13	<p>Amcham India hosted a welcome reception in honour of Mr. John M. McCaslin, Minister Counselor for Commercial Affairs and Mr. George N. Sibley, Minister Counselor for Economic Affairs at ACSA, New Delhi.</p> <p>Mr. Ajay Singha introduced Mr. John M. McCaslin and Mr. George N. Sibley and also welcomed Ambassador Nancy J Powell.</p>

23rd Aug 13	<p>The Tax, Tariff and Regulatory Affairs Committee of Amcham organized a Roundtable Discussion on 'Transfer Pricing' on at Gurgaon. Ms Neeru Ahuja, Chairperson of the Committee (Partner, Deloitte Haskins & Sells) delivered the Welcome Address and Mr. Sudhir Kapadia, Co - Chairman (Partner & National Tax Leader, Ernst & Young LLP in India) moderated the Panel Discussion on 'Advance Pricing Agreements – India's experience so far'. Mr. Kamlesh Varshney, Commissioner of Income Tax, Advance Pricing Agreements was the Chief Guest, who participated in the discussion and responded to all the issues raised by the participants. The panelists included Mr. Sanjeev Gupta, Managing Director – Corporate Affairs, Accenture Services Pvt. Ltd.; Mr. Amit Rana, Vice President – Taxes, GE Capital Services India; Mr. Deepak Dhanak, Vice President and Global Head – Tax, EXL Service; and Dr. M.S. Vasan, Director – Finance, General Motors India.</p> <p>The following presentations were made:</p> <p>Marketing Intangibles – The road ahead of LG Ruling by Mr. Vijay Iyer, Partner – Tax & Regulatory Services, Ernst & Young LLP in India</p> <p>Safe Harbour Rules by Mr. Tarun Arora, Senior Director, Tax – Transfer Pricing, Deloitte Touché Tohmatsu India Pvt. Ltd.</p> <p>R&D activities – Effect of new circulars by Mr. Manoj Pardasani, Partner - Transfer Pricing, BSR & Co.</p> <p>Equity adjustments – Taxing share capital and secondary adjustments by Mr. Nishant Saini, Associate Director, PWC</p>
23rd Aug 13	<p>Amcham organized a Workshop on 'Low Cost Airports and Regional Connectivity' under the Chairmanship of Honorable Secretary of Civil Aviation, Mr. K. N. Shrivastava.</p> <p>Along with Amcham members, key representatives from the Indian Civil Aviation industry participated. In addition to MoCA officials, other important officials from the ministries/ departments of the Government of India impacting the aviation sector were present at the workshop. The workshop was led by Mr. Palash Roy Chowdhury, Chairman Amcham Civil Aviation Committee and Country Manager (India) - Pratt & Whitney.</p>
26th Aug 13	<p>A meeting of the Smart City Team under the auspices of the Northern Region Council of Amcham was held at the office of Cisco Systems (India) Pvt. Ltd., Gurgaon, to discuss the Report prepared by Booz & Co. on 'Smart City Gurgaon'. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Harish Krishnan, Vice Chairman of Northern Region Council (Director, Global Government Affairs, Cisco Systems (India) Pvt. Ltd.). The members present identified two areas where Amcham member companies could participate to enable intelligent urbanization of Gurgaon. These are improving transportation and public safety and security.</p>
5th Sept 13	<p>Mr. Anshuman Neil Basu, Chairman, Amcham's Committee on Supply Chain and Logistics (Regional Executive Director, Council of Supply Chain Management Professionals India Pvt. Ltd.), Mr. Rameesh Kailasam, Senior Director, APCO Worldwide India Pvt. Ltd.; and Mr. Ajay Singha, Executive Director, Amcham, had a meeting with Mr. Sanjit Singh, Director, Department of Commerce in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India. Mr. Sanjit Singh has kindly agreed to address American companies and give a presentation on 'Special Economic Zones (SEZs) – facilities and advantages of operating out of SEZs' and take their complaints and suggestions for improving the eco-system in the existing SEZs.</p>
6th Sept 13	<p>Mr. Anshuman Neil Basu, Chairman, Amcham's Committee on Supply Chain and Logistics (Regional Executive Director, Council of Supply Chain Management Professionals India Pvt. Ltd.); Mr. Rameesh Kailasam, Senior Director, APCO Worldwide India Pvt. Ltd.; Mr. Rajat Banerji, Head – Corporate Affairs, Amway India Enterprises Pvt. Ltd.; Mr. Ajay Singha, Executive Director, Amcham, and Ms Surabhi Wahal, Regional Director, Amcham Western Region, had a meeting with Ms Margaret Hanson - Muse, Counselor for Commercial Affairs; Ms Olga Ford, Commercial Officer and the FCS team from the U.S. Embassy.</p> <p>FCS will consider approving and supporting the forthcoming event of CSCMP to be held in India. It was also decided to have an exclusive Amcham event along with the visit of President of CSCMP.</p>
6th Sept 13	<p>A meeting of Amcham's Committee on Supply Chain and Logistics was held under the chairmanship of Mr. Anshuman Neil Basu, Regional Executive Director, Council of Supply Chain Management Professionals India Pvt. Ltd., at Gurgaon. This was a well attended meeting by persons from various industry segments. A need to bring efficiency in supply chain and logistics management was specially felt as the Government continued to address transportation, ports, railways and warehousing in isolation and not as logistics industry. It was, therefore, felt that logistics should be recognized as an independent industry segment by the Government. Need for sustained interaction with Government was emphasized.</p>

9th Sept 13	The Amcham Defense Core Committee Mr. Pritam Bhavnani, Honeywell, Mr. Gaurav Mehndiratta, KPMG, Mr. Phil Shaw, Lockheed Martin and Ms Udaya Arun, Amcham met to have a preparatory meeting to go over the documents that have been submitted to the DG (Acq) highlighting the Offset issues and pending TAA's.
9th Sept 13	The Medical Devices Committee Meeting was held at Gurgaon and discussions centered around various issues of concern to the Medical Devices Industry. Action plans were decided and the committee has formed sub-groups to address each of the issues. The meeting was well attended by the membership.
12th-14th Sept 13	ECP co - partnered with U.S. Commercial Service to organize Finance Roundtable Event at 7th Renewable Energy India Expo 2013 at Greater Noida.
13th Sept 13	The Core Committee of Amcham's Defense Equipment Committee had a meeting with Dr. S.B. Agnihotri, Director General (Acquisition), Ministry of Defense, Government of India in his office. Policy issues relating to offset and procurement were discussed and suggestions were offered by Amcham.
13th Sept 13	Amcham Pharmaceuticals Committee met at Gurgaon to discuss the way forward for the group for the coming year.
18th Sept 13	The Core Committee of Amcham's Civil Aviation Committee met to discuss further inputs on the upcoming U.S. - India Aviation Summit. The subject for panel discussion, panel speakers and special invitees from the Indian industry were discussed.
18th Sept 13	The Core Committee of Amcham's Defense Equipment Committee along with members of USIBC/FICCI Defense Committee met Mr. Ashton Carter, U.S. Deputy Secretary of Defense in New Delhi. Cooperation for co - production in India and possible new initiatives in the defense sector were discussed.
19th Sept 13	Select CEOs of U.S. manufacturing companies in India were invited to meet the officials in the Prime Minister's Office to give inputs for the forthcoming visit of the Indian Prime Minister, Dr. Man Mohan Singh, to the U.S. The investment climate in the country for manufacturing companies and the challenges faced by them were taken up. The discussion centered around manufacturing, tax regime and the eco - system for foreign investors in India. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Montek Singh Ahluwalia, Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission, and attended by the National Security Adviser (NSA), Mr. Shivshankar Menon, and JS PMO, Mr. Jawed Ashraf.
20th Sept 13	The Core Committee of Amcham's Defense Equipment Committee met Mr. Gokul Chandra Pati, Secretary (Defense Production), Ministry of Defense, Government of India in his office. The discussion centered around co - production of defense equipment and hardware and possible cooperation between defense public sector units (DPSUs) and Indian private sector players.
24th Sept 13	Meeting of Amcham National Executive Board with Chairmen / Co - Chairmen of Sectoral Committees at Gurgaon.
30th Sept - 3rd Oct 13	Amcham partnered/supported the CORCON 2013 – International Conference on Corrosion.
1st Oct 13	Roundtable Discussion jointly organized by Amcham and NACE International Gateway India with members of U.S. delegation participating in the International Conference on Corrosion.
1st Oct 13	Meeting of the Amcham's Manufacturing Committee was held at Gurgaon.
10th Oct 13	Meeting of the Amcham's IPR Committee was held at Gurgaon.
11th Oct 13	A meeting of Amcham's ICT Committee was held at the office of ATC Tower Company of India Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi, under the chairmanship of Mr. Amit Sharma, Executive Vice President, President Asia, ATC Tower Company of India Pvt. Ltd. The agenda included safety testing; cloud computing; cybersecurity; PMA 'G'; etc.

19th Oct 13	<p>The 6th Amcham Amateur Invitational Golf Tournament took place at the Golden Greens Golf & Country Club, Village Sakatpur, Gurgaon. This full day event included golf, lunch and prize distribution over a cocktail reception.</p> <p>Members of Amcham, senior dignitaries from the Government of India, select invitees of the U.S. Embassy and Indian corporate participated in the event.</p> <p>This year, the annual event was sponsored by: KPMG India, EMD Locomotive Technologies Pvt. Ltd., Brown Forman Worldwide LLC, Coca - Cola India, ExxonMobil Gas (India) Pvt. Ltd., and Honeywell International India Pvt. Ltd.</p>
24th Oct 13	<p>Amcham organized a round table discussion in New Delhi on “Industry Engagement in Shaping Government policies: U.S. - India experience” where lead speakers included Mr. Dhanendra Kumar, IAS, former Chairman Competition Commission of India & Executive Director World Bank, Ms Ann Weeks, Vice President Global Govt. Affairs, Underwriters Laboratories (UL), Mr. Atul Dhawan, Partner, Deloitte Haskins and Sells, Mr. John McCaslin, Commercial Affairs, U.S. Embassy and Mr. Ajay Singha, Executive Director of Amcham India.</p> <p>Participants included representatives from Bank of America, Du Pont, Arthur D Little, PNB Metlife, Lockheed Martin, Exxon Mobil, Coca - Cola etc. It was an interesting discussion which gave an insight into some of the pertinent issues related to the vast area of industry – Govt. interface with examples from the Indian and US experiences.</p>
28th Oct 2013	<p>Meeting with Mr. Steve Van Andel, Chairman of the Board, Chamber of Commerce of the United States of America was jointly organized by U.S. Commercial Service, American Chamber of Commerce in India and Chamber of Commerce of the United States of America, over cocktails and dinner.</p>
29th -31st Oct 13	<p>Amcham was the supporting organization for the U.S. - India Aviation Summit 2013 which was organized by The U.S. Trade and Development Agency (USTDA), in cooperation with the Government of India and the U.S. - India Aviation Cooperation Program at the Grand Hyatt Washington in Washington, D.C. from October 29 – 31, 2013.</p> <p>The agenda focused on: India Airspace Safety, Efficiency and Easing ATC Congestion Airport Infrastructure Development/Financing and Runway Safety and Emergency Response General Aviation/Business Aviation and Helicopter Expansion, Aviation Security and Air Cargo Infrastructure Development Environmental Issues and Best Practices Airspace Utilization Airline Economic and Regulatory Issues Aviation Training and Educational Needs.</p> <p>The summit was addressed by key policy makers and Industries from both Indian and U.S. aviation representatives, including senior - level officials from the U.S. and Indian governments, as well as leading industry experts and aviation corporate executives. Government of India’s delegation of 30 top aviation and airport officials was also present during key deliberations at the Summit.</p> <p>Several Amcham members were present during the Summit and had opportunities to interact with key policy makers from both the Governments as well as fellow industry representatives.</p>
30th Oct 13	<p>Breakfast with Chairman of the Board, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Washington D.C., Mr. Steve Van Andel (Chairman of Amway). The meeting was attended by Chair/Co - Chair of Amcham’s sectoral committees, senior officials of the U.S. Embassy and Amway officials. The discussions focussed on the key opportunities and challenges for the various industries operating in India.</p>
31st Oct 13	<p>Amcham Supported U.S. Government’s “Select USA 2013 Investment Summit” to promote Indian investments in USA at Washington D.C.</p>
6th Nov 13	<p>Members of Amcham Defense Committee met and discussed the Agenda for the next meeting with Director General (Acquisition) and Mr. Ashok Kumar Meena, JS, DOMW. The upcoming Amcham buyer/supplier meet on sidelines of MSME Defexpo at Bangalore, December 2013 was also discussed. Lastly the meeting between FICCI/Amcham offsets subcommittees was covered during the discussions.</p>

15th Nov 13	Amcham and Council of Supply Chain Management Professionals (CSCMP) organized a Talk on 'Effective Supply Chain - Challenges and Opportunities' over breakfast. The key speakers at the event were Mr. Rick Blasgen, CEO & President – Council of Supply Chain Management Professionals (CSCMP), Dr. Nancy Nix, Member of the CSCMP Board of Directors, Mr. Raj Jain, Advisor – Bharti Group, Mr. Chandramohan Gupta – Director - Supply Chain, Coca - Cola India.
18th Nov 13	Amcham Defence Committee members met to discuss inputs from members for the upcoming meeting with Mr. Ashok Kumar Meena, JS, DOMW, the way forward for inputs required for the Amcham brochure on Defense sector in India vis - a - vis U.S. companies (to be shared with Indian and U.S. Government) & Amcham's presence during the MSME - Supplier Meet at Bangalore in December 2013.
20th Nov 13	Amcham Anti - Corruption Monthly Call.
21st Nov 13	Ambassador Ms Nancy J. Powell, invited a few members of Amcham for a briefing on U.S. India Relationship. Amcham was represented by Mr. Amit Sharma, Executive Vice President, President Asia, ATC Tower Company of India Pvt. Ltd.; Mr. Rajeev A. Vaidya, President - South Asia, E.I. Dupont India Pvt. Ltd.; Mr. Karan Bajwa, Managing Director - India, Microsoft Corporation India Pvt. Ltd.; Mr. K.S. Kim, Chief Executive Officer & Lead Country Manager, ExxonMobil Gas (India) Pvt. Ltd.; Mr. Prabal Chakraborty, Vice President & Managing Director, Boston Scientific India Pvt. Ltd. and Mr. Ajay Singha, Executive Director, Amcham. This interaction was held at the Roosevelt house, New Delhi.
21st Nov 13	<p>Amcham, BBG and EBG jointly organized a Presentation by KPMG on 'The Companies Act 2013 – Raising the bar on the Governance' at Gurgaon, which was followed by cocktails. Mr. Richard McCallum, MD, UK India Business Centre and Mr. Mark Runacres, Secretary, Delhi BBG, welcomed and briefly addressed the participants. The objective of the event was networking with industry representatives and gain understanding on the Companies Act, 2013 (the new act).</p> <p>The KPMG India team shared their understanding on the important changes and developments to help companies assess the impact and develop a clear strategy on compliance and governance. The presentation highlighted the importance of the 6 critical themes which need to be clearly understood, namely: increased reporting framework; higher auditor accountability; easier restructuring by rationalizing multilayered structures and simplifying rules for merges; emphasis on investor protection; wider director and management responsibility; and inclusive CSR agenda.</p>
26th Nov 13	Amcham had a meeting with Mr. Pankaj Agrawala, Secretary - Department of Consumer Affairs, Government of India. The purpose of the meeting was to better understand the Indian economic landscape as well as to seek advice on how the direct selling industry could best achieve its potential in India, where it has the capacity to provide livelihood, as also to understand a better way to navigate this industry forward in view of the fact that pyramid and Ponzi schemes have muddied the waters.
3rd-5th Dec 13	Ministry of Home Affairs conducted a Homeland Security Conclave organized by Department of Homeland Security (DHS), U.S. Embassy and supported by Amcham. Amcham members participated and gave presentations on Maritime Security, Surveillance and Command Control, Response to Mass Casualty, Crime Investigation and Forensics.
3rd Dec 13	<p>Amcham organized an Interactive Session on IPR Issues with Mr. Damian Murphy, U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee's Senior Professional Staff, along with Ms Kalpana Reddy - First Secretary for Intellectual Property – South Asia, Embassy of the United States of America and Representatives of the U.S. Embassy in India at the U.S. Embassy, New Delhi.</p> <p>The members who shared their concerns on IPR were Ms Sanjit Kaur Batra - Senior Legal Counsel, E.I. DuPont India Pvt. Ltd. (IPR Issues in Agri Sector); Mr. Vipin Behari Aggarwal, Microsoft-India operations (IPR Issues in IT Sector); Mr. Anish Bafna, Managing Director, Baxter (India) Pvt. Ltd. (IPR Issues in Pharma Sector).</p>

5th Dec 13	<p>The second roundtable of the CEO - CHRO breakfast series was held at New Delhi. The series provides a platform for HR professionals to interact with CEOs and understand their perspective on how HR has evolved & is evolving especially in the VUCA context and how they have leveraged HR in their organizations.</p> <p>Mr. Richard Rekhy, CEO - KPMG in India, gave a very insightful and thought provoking talk on 'CEO - HR Partnership - Driving Transformation in Chaos'. His talk centered around the role HR should play in an organization – a support role or that of a partner. He emphasized the importance of a motivated workforce and engagement drivers for employees. The interactive talk concluded with a Vote of Thanks by Mr. Manmohan Bhutani, President - Fiserv.</p>
9th Dec 13	<p>The Board meeting of U.S. India Energy Cooperation Program was held at Ingersoll Rand's Corporate Office. The agenda for the meeting was to discuss the recent grants awarded by U.S. Trade and Development Agency to ECP member ICF international. The grant was awarded for a feasibility assessment and pilot test to replace stationary diesel engines at Idea Cellular Limited's telecom towers with fuel cells, solar panels, and batteries. The grant signing ceremony took place on 2nd December 2013 at the Mumbai Consulate in the presence of Ambassador Powell. The other important announcement was the taking over of Mr. Venkatesh Valluri, Chairman and President Ingersoll Rand India, as the Chairman of the Energy Cooperation program from 2014 onwards. Members put forward their inputs on the focus areas that were to be addressed in the year 2014 and their participation at the upcoming U.S. India Energy Dialogue.</p>
12th Dec 13	<p>Amcham Civil Aviation Core Committee - Mr. Palash Roy Chowdhury, Chairman - Civil Aviation Committee, Mr. Amber Dubey, Co - Chairman - Civil Aviation Committee and Ms Udaya Arun, Program Lead, Aerospace & Defense - Amcham, met with Secretary Shri K. N. Shrivastava at New Delhi, to thank him for his leadership role and support in spearheading all the efforts made by the Amcham Civil Aviation Committee. Secretary Shrivastava has been a great support for all initiatives by Amcham, like the two large scale workshops under his aegis on MRO and Low Cost Airports and Regional Connectivity at which he presided. The workshops had participation from all Joint Secretaries and other decision makers at the Ministry of Civil Aviation. Secretary Shrivastava also addressed the challenging issues being faced by the industry at the U.S. - India Aviation Summit at Washington DC on October 29 - 31, 2013.</p>
14th Dec 13	<p>Amcham's Annual Christmas Ball was held at ITC Maurya Hotel, New Delhi. This year, the theme was Hawaiian. The event was attended by Amcham members with their spouses, officials from the U.S. Embassy and guests.</p> <p>The fun and frolic filled evening included raffle, games, dance, live band followed by dinner.</p>
5th Dec 13	<p>Meeting of the Amcham Manufacturing Committee in Gurgaon was chaired by Mr. Rustom Desai. The committee decided to Propose infrastructure issues that impede progress/could encourage investment if fixed in various states. Subsequently, the committee had a meeting with Mr. CV Shankar – IAS, Principal Secretary to Government of Tamil Nadu – Industries Department.</p>
16th Dec 13	<p>Amcham Defense Committee members met to discuss the agenda for the meeting with the present DG (Acq), recommendations for the meeting with Mr. Ashok Kumar Meena, JS (DOMW), engaged participation between Amcham & other Industry bodies like FICCI, interactions for January 2014, member's views on conducting a OEM - MSME, Amcham's role in Defexpo 2014, February 6 – 9 at New Delhi.</p>
17th Dec 13	<p>The meeting of Amcham's Tax, Tariff and Regulatory Affairs Committee was chaired by Ms Neeru Ahuja, Chairperson of the Committee and Partner, Deloitte Haskins & Sells.</p> <p>Ms Saloni Roy, Partner, Deloitte Haskins & Sells, made a presentation on 'Service Tax – Recent Issues and Challenges'. Ms Neeru Ahuja made a presentation on 'Looking Back at 2013 & Year Ahead 2014 - Round - up of Important Tax Developments'.</p>
18th Dec 13	<p>Amcham Anti - Corruption Committee had the monthly Teleconference and the Guest Speaker was Dr. Bruce Horowitz, Partner, Paz Horowitz Roalino Garces.</p>

20th Dec 13	The meeting of Amcham's ICT Committee was chaired by Mr. Amit Sharma, Executive Vice President, President Asia, ATC Tower Company of India Pvt. Ltd., and Chairman of the Committee. Issues such as PMA; Safety Testing; M2M; E-waste/RoHS; Unified License; Centralized Monitoring System (CMS); and cloud computing were discussed.
9th Jan 2014	<p>The Amcham Civil Aviation Committee met to discuss the way forward for the year 2014 under the Chairmanship of Mr. Palash Roy Chowdhury, Managing Director, Pratt & Whitney.</p> <p>It was decided that Amcham's key focus areas for 2014 should be:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) MRO 2) Regional Connectivity and Low Cost Airports 3) Ongoing advocacy on aviation issues and opportunities
9th Jan 14	<p>The meeting with Dr. Arvind Mayaram, Secretary – Department of Economic Affairs - Ministry of Finance, focussed on Financial Services, Civil Aviation (MROs) Infrastructure, Taxation and Manufacturing. The Financial services issues were well received and action will be taken by the DEA.</p> <p>On Taxation issues, the Secretary suggested Amcham should be more robustly engaged with the Advance Ruling authorities and address individual matters there. The Secretary kindly agreed to meet members of the manufacturing groups separately as it required discussion and understanding for further action.</p> <p>Civil Aviation: MROs – The matter will now be put by Amcham before Secretary Revenue.</p> <p>On infrastructure projects, while appreciating our viewpoint, the Secretary felt that specific orders cannot be issued on adopting new norms for processing tenders and granting of contracts as this may amount to interference.</p>
15th Jan 14	At the Amcham Anti - Corruption & FCPA Compliance Committee Monthly Teleconference, the Guest Speaker was Mr. Jasmeet Wadhwa, General Counsel, International Paper – India.
22nd Jan 14	<p>A meeting was held with U.S. Ambassador Powell at the 3M office, Gurgaon. Ambassador Powell met the Healthcare Committee members to discuss the Medical Devices Bill and the impact it would have on stakeholders. The Ambassador was given a brief tour of the 3M facility before the meeting started. During the meeting, members discussed about their CSR initiatives in India and also the contribution they have made in the country in terms of innovation and advancements.</p> <p>Amcham members who met the Ambassador were Mr. Sanjay Banerjee, Managing Director, Zimmer India Pvt. Ltd; Mr. Prabal Chakraborty, Vice President & Managing Director, Boston Scientific India Pvt. Ltd.; Mr. Dilip Rajan, Country Head & GM of Abbott Diabetes Care India (ADC), Abbott; Mr. Anish Bafna, Managing Director, Baxter (India) Pvt. Ltd. and Mr. Gautam Khanna, Executive Director – Healthcare Business, 3M India.</p>
22nd Jan 14	Amcham organized a Roundtable discussion with the U.S. Ambassador Ms Nancy Powell for Amcham members from the ICT sector. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Amit Sharma, Chairman of the Amcham ICT Committee and Executive Vice President, President Asia, ATC Tower Company of India Pvt. Ltd. Discussions centered around the Government of India's December 2013 decision to eliminate the Preferential Market Access (PMA) policy for private sector procurement, which was seen as a positive move and upcoming policy issues.
28th Jan 14	<p>Amcham in association with Thomson Reuters organized an interactive session on "Tax Technology Risk Management".</p> <p>The event was attended by Tax Experts and CFO's of American companies. Ms Neeru Ahuja, Chairperson, Amcham's Committee on Taxation & Partner, Deloitte Haskins & Sells gave the welcome speech & presentation on 'Global Tax Compliance- Management & Technology'. Ms Priyanka Gupta, Solutions Consultant, Thomson Reuters gave an introduction of Thomson Reuters followed by presentations by Mr. Patrick Trapp, Partner, Ernst & Young LLP on 'Managing Tax Risk & Transforming Tax Operations'; Mr. Priyjit Ghosh, Partner, KPMG on 'Practical Aspects of Tax Technology from an Indian Business Perspective' and Mr. Sandeep Khurana, Head - Market Development, Thomson Reuters on 'Tax Risk Mitigation using Tax Technology'.</p> <p>Mr. Rajiv Chugh, Partner, Tax & Regulatory Services, Ernst & Young LLP concluded the session.</p>

5th Feb 14	With the recent downgrade of DGCA to Category II by FAA and its implications on the US Aviation sector in India, AMCHAM organized an interactive session over breakfast for the Aviation Committee members with the FAA, U.S. Embassy and USTDA administrators to seek their guidance on the subject and also offer suggestions for consideration. There was a focused conversation on matters of flight safety, ATF tax policy, ATC/ATM upgradation, and other related topics.
6th Feb 14	On the occasion of Defexpo 2014, AMCHAM & USIBC jointly organized a Roundtable Discussion over breakfast with the visiting U.S. Government Officials for Defexpo 2014 at New Delhi. The opening remarks were shared by Ms Ann Cataldo, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Defense Exports & Cooperation and Ms Karen Garvey, Principal Director for Security Cooperation Operations, DSCA. Senior Members of Amcham Defense Committee participated and shared their views with the team
6th Feb 14	Members of the Energy Efficiency & Building Design working Group (EEBDG) of ECP had a discussion with Ms Meredydd Evans, Senior Staff Scientist at Pacific Northwestern National Laboratory (PNNL) to develop content for a training module as part of the groups' capacity building efforts. A training workshop is proposed for augmenting capacities of Urban local bodies for implementation of the Energy Efficiency Building Code in some states that have mandated the implementation of the ECBC code.
6th Feb 14	Members of ECP had an interaction with India Smart Grid Forum President Mr. Reji Pillai on ways of engagement for U.S. companies in the 14 pilot projects that are in execution mode. Mr. Pillai shared the Smart Grid vision and Roadmap Document with the team and informed them about the proposed launch of a National Smart Grid mission.
18th Feb14	The Amcham Anti - corruption & FCPA Compliance committee met at ACSA, New Delhi. Mr. Anand Dayal, Chairman- Amcham Anti Corruption & FCPA Compliance Committee Meeting, chaired the meeting. The meeting was held to discuss and chart out the activity calendar for 2014 for the committee. Mr. U.S. Dutt, IPS (Retired) was invited as the guest speaker. Amongst the various initiatives discussed were FCPA bootcamps across different cities in India and a revamp of the Amcham & Hill & Associates handbook on FCPA Compliance.
19th Feb 14	The Anti - corruption Committee's telecom is part of the "Anti - Corruption Informational Series" and the purpose is to share information amongst Amcham member companies, to get practical insights on market access and compliance strategies. The Guest Speaker for this telecon was Ms Priyanka Sharma, Partner, Dua Associates. Priyanka presented on India's Anti-Bribery Legislative Landscape.
19th Feb 14	Amcham, BBG and EBG jointly organized a Presentation cum Panel discussion on "Elections – Risks and Rewards for Business" at The Metropolitan Hotel, New Delhi. Eminent panelists were Mr. Anil Padmanabhan, renowned journalist: Mr. Swapan Das Gupta, senior journalist and political commentator: and Dr. A. Didar Singh, Secretary General, FICCI. Mr. Jan Zalewski, expert on political and security risks in India at Control Risks chaired the session.
24th Feb 14	Meeting of Amcham defence Equipment committee was held to Prepare for DG Acquisition meeting, Report on DefExpo, and Review - Amcham's document on "Addressing Key Challenges : U.S. - India Economic Engagement"
24th Feb 14	A meeting was held on the Insurance Sector in India with a Focus on FDI Bill and "Banks as Insurance Brokers". The meeting was attended by Senior members from PNB Metlife and Ms Zeba Riyazuddin, Mr. Greg O' Connor and Mr. William Foster from the U.S. Embassy. The meeting focused on Foreign Direct Investment Capped at 26 % ; Banks as brokers – its positive and negative impact on consumers, insurers, banks, and the economy
5th March 14	The Amcham Civil Aviation Committee met under the Chairmanship of Mr. Palash Roy Chowdhury, Managing Director, Pratt & Whitney to discuss the way forward for the year 2014 and to discuss Amcham's Role at INDIA AVIATION 2014 - Amcham/USIBC interactive session on 12th March, and Site visit on MRO/Manufacturing on sidelines of India Aviation.

5th - 7th March 14	<p>A 19 member Amcham delegation visited Sri Lanka on the 6th and 7th of March 2014. The visit was coordinated by Amcham Sri Lanka and the U.S. Embassy in Colombo. The delegation was led by Mr. Vishal Wanchoo, Vice President Growth Initiatives & Business Development, General Electric Company.</p> <p>The delegation had the privilege of meeting with Dr. Lalith Chandradasa, Adviser to President, Mr. Ajith Nivaard Cabraal, Governor, Central Bank of Sri Lanka, Mr. Maithripala Sirisena, Minister of Health, Ms Pavithra Wanniarachchi, Minister of Power & Energy, Mr. S. M. Gotabaya Jayarathne, Secretary, Ministry of Telecom and Information Technology and Dr. R.H.S. Samarathunga, Secretary, Ministry of Petroleum Industries, Dr. B.B. Jayasundera, Secretary, Ministry of Finance</p> <p>The delegation also had meetings with the following: Mr. Milinda Moragoda, Senior Adviser to President, and Dr. Indrajith Coomaraswamy, Deputy Chairman, Pathfinder Foundation, Dr. Hussain Niyaz, Deputy High Commissioner, Maldivian High Commission, Colombo, Hon. Faiszer Musthapha, Deputy Minister of Investment Promotion and Dr. Lakshman Jayaweera, Chairman, Board of Investment Mr. Basil Rajapakse, Minister of Economic Development, USAID, U.S. Embassy officials.</p> <p>The visit was coordinated by Amcham Sri Lanka and the U.S. Embassy in Colombo.</p>
6th March 14	Meeting of Amcham Defence Committee was held with Dr. Asha Ram Sihag, DG (Acquisition), Ministry of Defense and Joint Secretaries (Air, Land, Navy) and Joint Secretary (DOMW) to introduce him to the Chamber and the advocacy undertaken by the committee.
6th March 14	Meeting of Amcham Civil Aviation Core Committee members was held with Mr. Ashok Lavasa, Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation, Government of India. This was an introductory meeting with Secretary Lavasa and he was acquainted with the advocacy work done by the committee in the past and also apprised of the workshops conducted by Amcham during the past year at the Ministry of Civil Aviation.
11th March 14	<p>On the side lines of U.S. - India Energy Dialogue, an exclusive interaction for ECP members was held with Secretary Moniz and the accompanying USTDA Director Lee Zak.</p> <p>ECP - Amcham members also participated at the "Conference on Financing Renewable and Energy Efficient Technologies" organised in partnership with CII at New Delhi where Secretary Moniz and Dr. Montek Singh Ahluwalia were the guests of honor.</p>
11th March 14	Amcham India Medical Devices team met with the officials from Directorate General of Drug Administration (DGDA) – Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh at their office in Dhaka. The delegation spoke about many issues relating to the Medical Devices industry in Bangladesh and offered our support to the DGDA in drafting of the Regulations.
12th March 14	Amcham and USIBC jointly hosted an exclusive Interactive Roundtable for the U.S. Aviation companies at India Aviation 2014 and welcomed USTDA Director Leocadia Zak and other embassy officials to seek their guidance and also offer suggestions for consideration on the recent FAA directive to DGCA and had focused discussion on matters of MRO, low cost airports, flight safety etc.
12th March 14	Amcham India Medical Devices team met with the Director General DGDA, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh. The team reiterated their concerns and their support in drafting of the regulations in Bangladesh.
14th March 14	Meeting of Amcham Defence Equipment Committee was held to apprise the group of the meeting with Dr. Sihag and also the ensuing meeting of KPMG with DOMW in order to seek inputs on offset related issues of Amcham members.
18th March 14	ECP members from Honeywell, Ingersoll Rand and United Technologies met with BEE secretary Mr. Sanjay Seth and took his inputs on the status of the Energy Conservation Building Code and its enforcement at the state level.
20th March 14	ECP Director met with senior Govt officials from the Energy and Urban Development Departments in Rajasthan as part of USAID delegation to present the USAID PACE-D "Action Plan on Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Deployment in the state of Rajasthan".
26th March 14	Meeting of Amcham's Sub - Committee on Offsets. The committee leads – Mr. Arijt Ghosh, Honeywell, Mr. Gaurav Mehndiratta, KPMG, Mr. Ankur Kanaglekar and Mr. George White, Boeing and Ms Udaya Arun, Amcham met to identify and discuss the high impact key action points to focus on future discussions between the AMCHAM – FICCI sub-committee on offsets.

27th March 14	Meeting of Amcham and Ficci sub-committee on offsets. Industry representatives from U.S. and India discussed common roadblocks in the current Defense offsets and discussed the way forward.
4th April 14	Meeting with Padmashri D.R. Kaarthikeyan, Former Director, Central Bureau of Investigation, Rtn M.S. Upadhye, Head of Security Delhi Metro and Capt. B.N. Yadav, Head of Security, Indian Institute of Technology to discuss possible synergies with Amcham on the Homeland Security sector.
9th April 14	Meeting with Honeywell leadership at Amcham office. Mr. Ajay Singha and Ms Udaya Arun, Program Manager met with Mr. Anant Maheshwari, President & CEO, Honeywell India, Mr. Balaji Ekambaram, Senior Director and Mr. Ashwini Chanan, Director, Government Relations, Honeywell. The meeting was to apprise the team on the activities undertaken by the Homeland Security Committee during the past couple of years.
14th April 14	Meeting with the FAA representatives in India, Ms C. J. Collins and Mr. Amit Kumar. Ms Collins shared her views on the recent implications in the aviation industry and suggested measures to resolve them. From Amcham the team was led by Mr. Palash Roy Choudhury, Chairman of Amcham's Aviation Committee and Ms Udaya Arun, Program Manager, Aviation at Amcham.
14th April 14	Meeting of Amcham's ICT Committee under the chairmanship of Mr. Amit Sharma, ATC Tower Company of India Pvt. Ltd.
14th April 2014	<p>Amcham and FICCI successfully participated in a high level dialogue led by Mr. Banmali Agrawala of GE. The discussion focused on addressing present challenges U.S. companies are facing in India. On the eve of a new government, US industry has joined hands with FICCI to develop a single voice to address policy. U.S. industry shares mutual concern with the Indian government that the forthcoming tax regime should be transparent, non - retrospective and a simplification of procedures. Topics discussed included IPR issues and taxation. Amcham will work with FICCI to address specific sectorial issues and continue dialogue in the future surrounding U.S. - India relations. FICCI is working towards a short term and long term agenda for the new government to address pertinent issues.</p> <p>Companies represented from Amcham included GE, Deloitte, United Technologies Corporation, E.I. Dupont, Lockheed Martin, APCO Worldwide, Honeywell International, Boeing and Boston Scientific.</p>
15th April 14	<p>Meeting with High Commissioner of Sri Lanka in India</p> <p>Ms Madhvi Kataria and Mr. Rakesh Kumar Chitkara, Vice President Corporate Affairs - GE South Asia, GE India Industrial Pvt. Ltd., called on H.E. Mr. Prasad Kariyawasam, High Commissioner of Sri Lanka in India, and briefed him on the visit of Amcham India's delegation to Sri Lanka on 6th and 7th March 2014 and the follow - up action.</p>
15th April 14	Amcham's Medical Device Committee met to discuss the way forward for the year and address other issues of relevance and action points for the committee for the same. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Prabal Chakraborty, Chairman of the Medical Device Committee and Vice President & MD – Boston Scientific India.
16th April 14	Seminar on 'Companies Act – A Reality Now!' jointly organized by Amcham, EBG and BBG Knowledge Partner: KPMG India.
21st April 14	Amcham's Defense Core Committee – Mr. Pritam Bhavnani, Honeywell, Mr. Gaurav Mehndiratta, KPMG, Mr. Phil Shaw, Lockheed Martin, Mr. Pratyush Kumar, Boeing, Mr. Kamal Deep Sanan, BAE Systems and Ms Udaya Arun, Amcham met to have a preparatory meeting to discuss the Agenda for meeting with Mr. Ashok Kumar Meena, Joint Secretary, Defense Offsets Management Wing (DOMW), Ministry of Defense.
22nd April 14	Amcham's Defense Committee members – Mr. Pritam Bhavnani, Honeywell, Mr. Gaurav Mehndiratta, KPMG, Mr. Phil Shaw, Lockheed Martin, Mr. Pratyush Kumar, Boeing, Mr. Nik Khanna, Raytheon, Mr. Inderjit Sial, Textron, Mr. Kamal Deep Sanan, BAE Systems, Mr. Ajay Singha and Ms Udaya Arun, Amcham called upon Mr. Ashok Kumar Meena, Joint Secretary, Defense Offsets Management Wing (DOMW), Ministry of Defense.
25th April 14	22nd Annual General Meeting of Amcham.



Members of Amcham India delegation to Bhutan with the King of Bhutan, His Majesty Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuk.



Members of Amcham India delegation with Lyonchen Tshering Tobgay, Hon'ble Prime Minister of Bhutan.

A group photo with Lyounpo Mingbo Dukpa, Minister of Education, The Royal Government of Bhutan.





Dr. Raghuram G. Rajan, Chief Economic Adviser to the Government of India, delivering his Keynote Address at the Luncheon Session of Amcham India's AGM.



The delegation with Ms Yeshey Chenchen Lham, Head BSD, Bhutan Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI).



Nobel Laureate Dr. R.K. Pachauri, Director General, TERI during the 21st Annual General Meeting of Amcham India.



During the Statutory AGM, select sectoral committee chairperson/Chairman. From left: Mr. Ajay Singha, Mr. Ramkumar Ramamoorthy, Vice Chairman, Amcham India; & Senior Vice President, Cognizant Technology Solutions, Ms. Neeru Ahuja, Co-Chairperson, Amcham's Tax, Tariff and Regulatory Affairs Committee; Partner, Deloitte Haskins & Sells; Mr. Anish Shah, Chairman, Amcham's Electronics Payment Committee; President & CEO, GE Capital Services India, Cmde (Retd.) Gyanendra Sharma, Co-Chairman, Amcham's Homeland Security Committee; Country Head-India, Northrop Grumman International Inc.; Mr. Gautam Khanna, Co-Chairman, Amcham Medical Equipment Committee; Executive Director, Health Care Business, 3M India Limited.



A Panel Discussion on 'Role of Innovation and Technology in an Emerging Economy'. The Panelist were: From left: Mr. Ajay Singha, Mr. Siraj Azmat Chaudhry Chairman, Cargill India Pvt. Ltd., Mr. V. C. Gopalratnam, VP, Information Technology, Global IT Services Leader & CIO- APJC, Cisco System India, Mr. Venkatesh Valluri, Member, Amcham's National Executive Board; and Chairman & President, Ingersoll Rand (India) Ltd. Dr. R.K. Pachauri, Mr. Raj Jain, & MD & CEO, Bharti Walmart; and President, Walmart India, Mr. Prabal Chakraborty, VP & MD, Boston Scientific India Pvt. Ltd. and Mr. Aijaz Tobaccowalla, MD, Pfizer Limited



Dr. Montek Singh Ahluwalia, Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission of India delivers the keynote address during the conference on "Financing Renewable and Energy Efficient Technologies".



U.S. Secretary of Energy Mr. Ernest Moniz addressing during conference on 'Financing Renewable and Energy Efficient Technologies' organised in partnership with CII at New Delhi



Amcham India in partnership with CII organised Conference on "Financing Renewable and Energy Efficient Technologies". From left: Dr. Tapan Sahoo, Co-Chair, Frontier Technology Group, SIAM and VP (Engineering), Maruti Suzuki India Ltd, Ms Anita Karnik, SBI, Capital Markets, Dr. Ajay Mathur, Dir. General, BEE, Mr. Venkatesh Valluri, Chairman, ECP and President and Ms Jamie Merriman, Country Manager, South Asia, U.S. TDA.



Mr. Anurag Mishra, Sr. Clean Energy Specialist, USAID PACE - DTA Program, Mr. Inderpreet Wadhwa, CEO & Founder, Azure Power, Mr. Tarun Kapoor, JS, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, Mr. Sumant Sinha, Co - Chair, CII National Committee on Renewable Energy and Chairman & MD, Renew Power, and Mr. Suresh Sugavanam, MD, Underwriters Laboratories during Conference on "Financing Renewable and Energy Efficient Technologies".



Amcham India, BBG and EBG jointly organized a Presentation cum Panel discussion on "Elections – Risks and Rewards for Business". Mr. Ajay Singha presenting bouquet to Dr. Didar Singh, Secretary General, FICCI.



Ms Neeru Ahuja welcoming Mr. Kamlesh Varshney, Commissioner of Income Tax, Advance Pricing Agreements during the Panel Discussion on 'Advance Pricing Agreements – India's experience so far'.



From left: Ms Nirupama Rao, Indian Ambassador to the U.S., Mr. Anthony Foxx, U.S. Secretary of Transportation, Mr. Ajit Singh, Minister of Civil Aviation, India, Ms Leocadia Zak, Director of the U.S. TDA and Mr. Henry Steingass, Regional Dir. for South & Southeast Asia at USTDA.



Mr. K.N. Shrivastava, Secretary of Civil Aviation (extreme right) seen here with Ms Leocadia Zak, Director of the U.S. TDA and Mr. Henry Steingass, Regional Director for South and Southeast Asia at USTDA and U.S. Aviation company representative.



Amcham Door Knock - 2013 delegations with former Ambassador to India H.E. Mr. Timothy Roemer.



Amcham Door Knock delegation team at Washington, D.C., Capitol Hill.



A presentation cum Panel discussion on "Elections – Risks and Rewards for Business" Eminent panelists were (From left): Mr. Swapan Das Gupta, Sr. Journalist & Political Commentator, Mr. Anil Padmanabhan, Renowned Journalist, Dr. A Didar Singh, and Mr. Jan Zalewski, expert on political and security risks in India at Control Risks.



Amcham India and ESI International jointly organized an interaction with Mr. J. LeRoy Ward, Executive Vice President, Product Strategy & Management, ESI International, over breakfast at New Delhi.



Amcham India hosted a welcome reception in honor of Mr. John M. McCaslin, Minister Counselor for Commercial Affairs and Mr. George N. Sibley, Minister Counselor for Economic Affairs at ACSA, New Delhi.



ECP - Amcham members with U.S. Secretary of Energy Mr. Ernest Moniz and Ambassador, Ms. Nancy Powell during the conference on "Financing Renewable and Energy Efficient Technologies" organised in partnership with CII at New Delhi.



To celebrate the successful conclusion of the fourth round of Strategic Dialogue, Amcham hosted a "Fueling Economic Growth" business reception in New Delhi in honour of the U.S. delegation that accompanied U.S. Secretary of State, Mr. John Kerry, to India for U.S. India Strategic Dialogue.

Amcham in association with Thomson Reuters organized an interactive session on "Tax Technology Risk Management". Ms. Madhvi Kataria, Mr. Patrick Trapp, Partner, EY LLP, Ms. Neeru Ahuja, Ms. Priyanka Gupta, Solutions Consultant, Thomson Reuters, Mr. Rajiv Chugh, Partner, Tax & Regulatory Services, EY LLP and Mr. Sandeep Khurana, Head - Market Development, Thomson Reuters.





Amcham organized a Roundtable discussion with the U.S. Ambassador Ms Nancy Powell for Amcham members from the ICT sector.



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 India organized an Anti-corruption Compliance Master class at New Delhi. Mr. John McFarland, Head-Fraud prevention and Integrity Risk Services Hill & Associates, Mr. Anand Dayal, JD cum laude (Cornell) U.S. Attorney at Law, Chairman of Amcham's Anti-corruption committee and Ms Margaret Hanson - Muse, Deputy Senior Commercial Officer, U.S. Commercial Service, U.S. Embassy, New Delhi and Mr. Ajay Singha





Mr. Steve Van Andel, Chairman of the Board, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Washington D.C., and Chairman of Amway addressing Amcham members.



Roundtable Discussion on 'Transfer Pricing' at Gurgaon. From left: Mr. Deepak Dhanak, VP & Global Head – Tax, EXL Service; and Dr. M.S. Vasani, Dir. – Finance, General Motors India, Mr. Sudhir Kapadia, Co - Chairman of the Committee (Partner & National Tax Leader, EY LLP in India); Mr. Kamlesh Varshney, Commissioner of Income Tax, Advance Pricing, Mr. Sanjeev Gupta, MD – Corporate Affairs, Accenture Services Pvt. Ltd.; Mr. Amit Rana, VP – Taxes, GE Capital Services India.



Meeting of Amcham's Defense Committee in progress.



Amcham members meeting with Mr. William S. Pinckney, CEO & MD – Amway India.



Amcham organized a Farewell Reception for Mr. Pat Cassidy, Commercial Officer, Foreign Commercial Services of the U.S. Embassy in New Delhi.



Meeting of Amcham National Executive Board with Chairmen / Co - Chairmen of Sectoral Committees at Gurgaon.



Mr. Basil Rajapakse, Minister of Economic Development of Sri Lanka meeting Amcham India delegation.



Dr. B.B. Jayasundera, Secretary, Ministry of Finance, and Mr. Suren Rajanathan, President, Amcham Sri Lanka

Members of Amcham India delegation attending a meeting.





Mr. Vishal Wanchoo, Vice President Growth Initiatives & Business Development, General Electric Company, presenting a memento to Mr. Ajith Nivaard Cabraal, Governor, Central Bank of Sri Lanka.



Mr. Christopher Corkey, Economic Officer, U.S. Embassy in Sri Lanka, Mr. Milinda Moragoda, Senior Adviser to President of Sri Lanka and Mr. Sanjeev Gupta, Managing Director - Corporate Affairs, Accenture Services Pvt. Ltd.



Mr. Maithripala Sirisena, Minister of Health, and Mr. Nihal Jayathilake, Secretary, Health of Sri Lanka



Meeting of Amcham India delegation with officials of the U.S. Embassy in Sri Lanka – L to R: Mr. Vishal Wanchoo, Mr. William Weinstein, Deputy Chief of Mission, U.S. Embassy in Sri Lanka; H.E. Ms Michele J. Sison, U.S. Ambassador in Sri Lanka; and Mr. Suren Rajanathan, President, Amcham Sri Lanka.



Amcham India delegation with officials of the U.S. Embassy in Sri Lanka and members of Amcham Sri Lanka.



All set for 6th Amcham India Amateur Invitational Golf Tournament, 2013 at the Golden Greens Golf & Country Club, Gurgaon.



Mr. Lowell Paddock, Chairman, Amcham India, President and Managing Director, General Motors India Pvt. Ltd. welcome the participants during Amcham India Amateur Invitational Golf Tournament.



Ms Neelam Rudy and her friends getting ready for a game.



Mr. Lowell Paddock presenting a hamper to Mr. Sunil Mehrotra, IPS, Addl. Director General of police, Jaipur along with Mr. Nitin Atroley, Partner-COO Markets, KPMG.



Winners with trophies during the Amcham Golf Tournament.

Amcham golfer at pre-function area for the registration of Amcham India Amateur Invitational Golf Tournament 2013





Ms Madhvi Kataria, Deputy Executive Director, Amcham India along with representatives of sponsors during Amcham Annual Christmas Ball cake cutting ceremony.



Mr. John M. McCaslin, Minister Counselor for Commercial Affairs and Mr. George N. Sibley, Minister Counselor for Economic Affairs and Ms Margaret Hanson-Muse, Deputy Senior Commercial Officer, U.S. Commercial Service, U.S. Embassy, New Delhi during Amcham Christmas Ball.



Amcham team welcomes the members during the Annual Christmas Ball.



Mr. Krishan Sachdev, Managing Director, Carrier Media India Pvt. Ltd. announcing the winner of the Carrier Air Conditioner sponsored by UTC.



Amcham members dancing all the way during the Annual Christmas Ball.



In festive mood Mrs. and Mr. Mr. Jaswinder Ahuja, Corporate Vice President and Managing Director, Cadence Design Systems (I) Pvt. Ltd.



Amcham members all set for the Amcham Christmas Ball.



Mrs. and Mr. Deepak Jolly, Vice President - Public Affairs & Communication, Coca - Cola India Pvt. Ltd. in Hawaiian theme during the Annual Christmas Ball.



Amcham members in festive mood at Amcham Annual Christmas Ball.



Amcham Team during the Annual Christmas Ball.



Amcham India's National Executive Board meeting in progress.

The Rock & Raga band playing at the Christmas ball.





AMCHAM Hyderabad

Mr. V. Laxmikanth, Managing Director, Broadridge Financial Solutions (India) Pvt. Ltd. giving a token of appreciation to Consul General Mr. Michael Mullins at the Amcham Healthcare Conference held.

Date	Meetings / Events
13th May 2013	The Amcham Hyderabad Executive Committee met at the Office of S&P Capital IQ over a breakfast meet. The purpose of the meeting was to update the Excom members of the progress in the Healthcare session and also chalk out programs for the coming months.
27th May 13	Several members of Amcham met with the ICRIER team to discuss on the "Impact of U.S. FDI" in India. Dr. Ray made a presentation and members were requested to fill up questionnaires to help in the research being conducted by Amcham and ICRIER.
7th June 13	<p>Event on 'Significant Changes in U.S. Tax laws affecting tax year 2013 / FATCA' - A session was organized for Amcham members with Deloitte on the above subject at their office in Gachibowli in Meenakshi IT Park, Hyderabad. Mr. Michael Spudowski, Partner Deloitte spoke at this session. The Agenda for the day was</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual Income tax Provisions • Transfer Tax Provisions & Planning • Reporting Requirements for FBAR and Form 8938 • Passive Foreign Investment Companies (PFICs) • Payroll reporting • FATCA <p>Mr. Spudowski began with an Introduction and Overview of the individual and transfer tax landscape 2012 - 2013 and touched on Ordinary Income top rate, Capital gains & dividends top rate, Health Care reform increases, PEP and Pease limitations, AMT relief and Estate and gift tax parameters.</p> <p>Ms Bahroze Kamdin from Deloitte Haskins & Sells Mumbai spoke on what is Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA). FATCA is a new chapter in the US Internal Revenue Code. Chapter 4 was added by the Hiring Incentives to Restore Employment (HIRE) Act. It seeks to identify U.S. Taxpayers having accounts at Foreign Financial Institutions (FFIs) and attempts to enforce reporting of those accounts through withholding.</p>
24th June 13	Farewell breakfast for Consul General, U.S. Consulate, Hyderabad - Ms Katherine Dhanani, the U.S. Consul General. Amcham Hyderabad had a farewell breakfast for her. She spoke on the relationship between the Consulate and Amcham and said she enjoyed her stay here and also the city of Hyderabad. The members thanked her for her constant support and for always being there for Amcham.

14th Sept-15th Dec 13	<p>The Amcham Sports event 2013 which began on September 14, 2013 commenced with Cricket. There were a total of 12 events: Cricket, Basketball, Throw ball (Women), Volley Ball (Men and Women), Tennis, Football, Table Tennis, Badminton, Chess, Carom and Athletics.</p> <p>These were conducted from September 14th through December 15th on weekends at various venues across the city of Hyderabad. A total of 1400 employees spread across 28 member companies participated in this event.</p> <p>The sponsors for the event were DST, D.E. Shaw, Qualcomm and S&P Capital IQ. CA India Technologies opened their premises for the Basketball and Tennis matches and St. Jude Medical opened their premises for the Chess matches. The event was organized with the help of The Sportz Managers.</p>
21st Sept 13	<p>Amcham Healthcare Conference – Amcham Hyderabad held its first Conference for the Healthcare Sector at Trident Hotel. The Organizing Committee comprised of Mr. Kaustav Banerjee, Country Manager, St. Jude Medical, Mr. Satya Gottumukkala, Country Manager, Anthelio Healthcare, Mr. Bipin Pendyala, Past Chairman, Amcham Hyderabad, Mr. Kalyan Chakravarthy, Sr. Director, Parexel, Dr. Balaji Utlal, CEO, HMRI.</p> <p>The conference theme was “Healthcare for all – Accessibility & Affordability” which was divided into four segments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Healthcare Financing • Healthcare Delivery • Innovation • Wellness & Prevention
3rd Oct 13	<p>Amcham Hyderabad Chapter Executive Committee Members met at Broadridge Financial Solutions for the Executive Committee meeting. An update on the Healthcare Conference for given to the Board. The U.S. Consul General, Mr. Michael Mullins joined us for this meeting.</p>
20th Nov 13	<p>Amcham Hyderabad organized a networking dinner with Consul General, Mr. Michael Mullins and Minister Counselor Commercial Affairs, Mr. John McCaslin.</p> <p>Dr. Kiranmai Pendyala, Amcham Hyderabad Executive Committee member and HR Director - EMEA AMD, gave the Welcome Address. Consul General Mr. Michael Mullins was highly appreciative of the efforts of Amcham Hyderabad and expressed willingness to work more closely with Amcham. He made a special mention of the Amcham Healthcare Conference.</p> <p>Mr. John McCaslin spoke about the trade relations between the U.S. & India. The number of American companies in Hyderabad is growing and he looks forward to more trade delegations to encourage investment.</p>
26th Nov 13	<p>The Amcham – EY Human Capital Forum was held at Hotel Westin. The meeting opened with Opening Remarks by Dr. Kiranmai Pendyala. The address was followed by Mr. Sonu Iyer of Ernst & Young on Global Mobility – Current Environment and Trends. A half day event, the forum was split into three sessions :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deputation Structure – Tax Challenges associated with various inbound deputation structures – Corporate Tax, Personal Tax and Indirect tax. This was addressed by prominent industry members. • Provident Fund regulations for International workers. This session was addressed by Mr. K V Sarveswaran, Additional Central PF Commissioner AP and Orissa and Mr. P Rajasekhar Reddy, Regional PF Commissioner, Hyderabad. • Panel discussion on ‘Challenges and Best Practices in Mobility’. The panelists were representatives from the Industry. <p>The event concluded with remarks from Mr. Jayesh Sanghvi, Partner & National Leader International Tax Services, Ernst & Young</p>
16th Dec 13	<p>The Executive Committee of Amcham Hyderabad Chapter met at Trident. An update of the events for the quarter and plans for the year 2014 were shared.</p>
16th Dec 13	<p>Amcham Hyderabad organized a dinner meeting with the delegation of the American Council of Young Political Entrepreneurs, the Consulate officials including the CG Mr. Michael Mullins and the Amcham Executive Committee members. It was an informal gathering with discussions centering on variety of issues.</p>

20th Jan14	Amcham Hyderabad Chapter held the Executive Committee Meeting at the Broadridge Facility. Mr. Ajay Singha, Executive Director of Amcham joined us for this meeting. There was a discussion on the Annual Day to be held in February and the elections for the Hyderabad chapter to be held in March 2014.
23rd Jan14	<p>Amcham Hyderabad organized an Interactive Session on Foreign Corrupt Practices Act - FCPA. Mr. Rajiv Khanna, Seyfarth Shaw LLP, USA and Mr. Sandeep Baldava, Ernst & Young LLP, addressed the gathering.</p> <p>The session highlighted the stringent view taken by the regulators across the globe on non-compliance; what constitutes proper and improper gifts, travel and entertainment expenses; the nature of facilitating payments, as mentioned in the Resource Guide to the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, latest developments in the U.S. around FCPA ("Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, 1977) and Corporate Governance that impacts global operations of U.S. Companies; key regulatory developments in India etc.</p>
24th Jan 14	Amcham Hyderabad organized a Session on 'Global Mobility'. Mr. Scott Flicker spoke on Program Compliance Management and Governance, Cost Control and Cost management of Global Mobility, Enhancing the Value of the Global Mobility Function. Mr. Flicker said in his address that leading or world - class mobility requires focus on three objectives simultaneously - Operational excellence to rapidly fill immediate needs, Integrate with talent to support leadership development, Formalize a mobility strategy to migrate capability to new markets.
19th Feb 14	<p>The CSR Water Symposium was organized by Amcham in support with USAID, U.S. Consulate Hyderabad and Unlimited India and was sponsored by International Paper. The Symposium was held at Westin Mindspace and was attended by over 70 delegates.</p> <p>Mr. Laxmikanth, MD, Broadridge financials and past Chairman Amcham Hyderabad, gave the Welcome Address. Mr. Michael Mullins, Consul General, while congratulating Amcham for organizing the symposium, expressed a keen desire for Hyderabad to be at the forefront of the USAID initiative. Such events form a forum wherein all stakeholders can share a platform to learn and work towards achievement of the common goal.</p> <p>Ms Kathryn Stevens encouraged the participants to think about how to scale up ideas to achieve the goal. She introduced the distinguished panel of speakers, who were Mr. Harvey Koh, Associate Partner, Monitor Group; Ms Jayamala Subramaniam, CEO Arghyam; Ms Neelima Khetan, CSR & Sustainability Head, Coca - Cola, India; Mr. Ravindra Sewak, Country Director, Safe Water Network, India and Mr. Rampraveen Swaminathan, Vice President, International Paper India.</p>
28th Feb 14	<p>Amcham Hyderabad Chapter Annual Day 2014 was held at Hotel Westin. The program began with a devotional dance by Ms Preeti Tatambotla of S&P Capital IQ.</p> <p>Mr. Madhu Poomalil, the Chairman of the Hyderabad Chapter welcomed the guests for the evening and apprised them on the activities of Amcham for the year, the first Healthcare Conference organized by the Hyderabad Chapter in September 2013 and the CSR Initiatives by Amcham.</p> <p>Mr. Michael Mullins congratulated Amcham on its various initiatives. A cheque was presented to the Special Invitee for the evening Ms Arunima Sinha, who is the first female amputee to climb Mount Everest. A special song was sung by Mr. Lukose Anand of Deloitte and we had a performance by the C A India Band. Mr. Madan Mohan Y, Vice Chairman of Amcham Hyderabad Chapter gave the Vote of Thanks.</p>
6th March 14	<p>Amcham Hyderabad organized a session on Energy Efficiency at hotel Westin. Mr. Gaurav Bansal, Energy Policy Analyst of NRDC India Initiative, introduced Dr. David B Goldstein, the Co - Director of NRDC's energy program in San Francisco, the speaker for the event.</p> <p>Dr. Goldstein, an energy efficiency expert, gave a presentation on the 'Advantages of Energy Efficiency and its Impact on Economy'.</p> <p>Mr. Bhaskar Deol, India representation NRDC spoke in the Indian context citing examples of Energy Efficiency buildings viz. retrofit from Godrej Bhawan, Mumbai and the Infosys Building in Hyderabad. Energy saving automatically brings down the costs, in about six months to two years.</p>
8th April 14	Amcham Hyderabad organized a Session on CSR Policy with KPMG at Hotel Westin. About 32 Corporate participated in this session. Mr. Rony Antony, Director, KPMG in India, Hyderabad, was the speaker at the session and he addressed the group on the nuances of the CSR Policy vis-à-vis the Companies Act 2013.



The Consul General of the U.S. Consulate Hyderabad Mr. Michael Mullins felicitating Ms Arunima Sinha, the first female amputee to climb Mount Everest.



Mr. Hari Narayana, Ex IRDA Chief, giving the Keynote Address at the Amcham Healthcare Conference.

Mr. Madhu Poomalil, Chairman of Amcham Hyderabad giving the welcome address at the First Healthcare Conference of Amcham held in Hyderabad.





Mr. Nimish Parekh, CEO, United Health, Moderator for the Healthcare Financing Session, along with the panelists.



Ms. Leocadia I. Zak, Director, USDA, addressing the gathering at the Amcham - USIBC Aviation Reception.



Panelists at the CSR Water Symposium held at Hyderabad.



Energy Efficiency Meet at Hyderabad in March 2014.



Some of the Senior Leadership of Amcham Hyderabad at the Annual Day of the Chapter.



Mr. George B. Patrick II, Deputy Secretary, South Carolina, Department of Commerce sharing a few words at a Session on the CSR Policy with KPMG at Hotel Westin.



One of the Teams receiving their prizes at the Amcham Annual Day.



Amcham Volley Ball tournament S&P Capital IQ Women Winners.

Basketball runners up team CA India at the Amcham Basket Ball tournament.





AMCHAM Kolkata

Inaugural lamp lighting of a blood donation camp by U.S. Consul General Ms Helen LaFave.

Date	Meetings / Events
11th May 2013	Amcham Eastern Chapter had its annual get - together over cocktails and dinner at the Tollygunge Club. The evening brought together members, friends and supporters, including Government Officials of Amcham Eastern Region. The U.S. Consul General Mr. Dean R. Thompson and Mrs. Thompson attended the event. Mr. Aniruddha Lahiri the immediate past president of Amcham Eastern India and Vice Chairman NEB was presented a plaque from the U.S. Consulate General in appreciation of his service and guidance for 2012 - 2013.
17th May 13	<p>Amcham Eastern Chapter in Association with Hyatt Regency hosted a breakfast panel discussion on 'Inconvenient Truth – Saving Our Wetlands, a necessity, not an option'. The event was held at Hyatt Regency.</p> <p>The moderator was Dr. Dipayan Dey, Chairman of South Asian Forum for Environment. The Panelists were Mrs. Bonani Kakkar, President Public United for Better Living in Calcutta (PUBLIC), Mr. Marc Lorenz, General Manager Hyatt Regency and Mr. Clinton Tad Brown, Political and Economic Officer of the U.S. Consulate, Kolkata.</p> <p>Ms Amada Kidwai, Regional Director of Amcham Eastern Chapter did the introduction, Mr. Gulshan Sachdev, Vice Chairman NEB gave the Welcome remarks and Mr. Joydeep Datta Gupta gave the vote of thanks.</p>
28th May 13	First EC meeting for 2014 and an all member meeting was followed by lunch at Fi - tex office.
11th June 13	Meeting of Executive Committee of Amcham Eastern India Chapter.
27th June 13	<p>Amcham Eastern Chapter hosted an interactive breakfast meeting at the Bengal Club, and invited a guest speaker Mr. Vikram Sen, IAS Principal Secretary, Tourism to speak on "Tourism in West Bengal."</p> <p>Ms Amada Kidwai did the introductions. Mr. Surajit Banerjee, Chairman Amcham Eastern Chapter in his welcome remarks said that the tourism industry is mostly in the private sector and is the best and fastest way of generating jobs. He further added that Tourism is a fiercely competitive market, requiring skills, talent, enterprise and a government that backs the industry.</p>
12th July 13	Breakfast Meeting was held with Mr. Dean Thompson, U.S. Consul General in Kolkata, Mr. Dean Thompson spoke on the importance of partnership between Amcham Eastern Chapter and the Consulate. He praised Amcham participation in taking a delegation of American Investors to Assam in December 2012, its organizational skills in holding seminars, talks, CSR activities and meetings with the government of West Bengal and stake holders of the state. He said that Amcham Kolkata is making a difference in the Eastern Region.
19th July 13	Executive Committee Meeting of Amcham's Kolkata Chapter was held at Deloitte & Touche office.

26th July 13	<p>Amcham Eastern Chapter hosted an interactive meeting and invited guest speaker Dr. Krishna Gupta, IAS Managing Director, West Bengal Industrial Development Corporation to speak on the West Bengal Governments Short, Medium and Long Term Strategies.</p> <p>Amcham Eastern Chapter Chairman, Mr. Surajit Banerjee in his welcome remarks said the Government needed to take some bold steps to implement policies that can make West Bengal once again an economic and financial powerhouse of India.</p> <p>Mr. Dinesh Agarwal, EC Member and Chairman of Amcham Eastern Chapter subcommittee did the introduction and Mr. Joydeep Datta Gupta, Amcham EC member made the concluding remarks and also moderated the lively Q&A session.</p>
5th Aug 13	Amcham Eastern India Chapter HR Forum Inaugural Meeting was held at Lexmark Office.
6th Aug 13	Amcham Eastern Chapter Economic Sub - Committee kick - off meeting.
7th Aug 13	Mr. Surajit Banerjee, Chairman, Eastern Chapter represented Amcham at the 22nd Core Committee meeting headed by Kumari Mamta Banerjee, Chief Minister of West Bengal at Writers Building.
23rd Aug 13	Amcham Eastern Chapter Knowledge sub - committee organized a Talk and interactive session by Professor Soumitra Sengupta on the "Mysteries of the Universe".
3rd Sept 13	Kick off Meeting of IT Sub - Committee of Amcham Kolkata Chapter.
5th Sept 13	Meeting of HR Forum of Amcham Kolkata Chapter HR Sub-Committee.
6th Sept 13	Amcham Eastern Chapter organized a luncheon interactive session with Ambassador Nancy J. Powell and Consul General Ms Helen LaFave and SCO (FCS) Mr. John McCaslin.
13th Sept 13	A breakfast Interactive Session was organized on International Transfer Pricing including Safe Harbour Rules and Advance Pricing Agreement plus New Companies Act, 2013. Speakers were Mr. Aditya Hansa, Senior Manager, PwC; and Mr. Achin Bhattacharyya, Manager, KPMG.
3rd Oct 13	Executive Committee Meeting of Amcham Kolkata Chapter.
5th Oct 13	Amcham Eastern Chapter in association with Hyatt Regency organized a "Wetland Walk" as a follow - up on the Panel Discussion on "Inconvenient Truth – Saving Our Wetlands, a necessity, not an option."
7th Oct 13	A Meeting of IT Sub - Committee of Amcham Kolkata Chapter was held.
28th Oct 13	<p>Amcham hosted an interactive luncheon meeting with Mr. George N. Sibley, Minister Counselor for Economic, Environment, Science and Technology Affairs, U.S. Embassy, New Delhi on 28th October 2013 at Kolkata.</p> <p>Mr. Surajit Banerjee, Chairman, Amcham Eastern Region, welcomed Mr. Sibley to Kolkata. In his welcome remarks, he said that on the economic front, in 2012 India became the world's third largest in purchasing power terms, surpassing Japan and now behind only China and the United States. Its trade in goods and services is close to a trillion dollars, and is expected to double every seven years. This dynamism has expanded opportunities for U.S. business. U.S. exports of goods to India have increased close to 700 per cent in the last decade. Exports of services have doubled in the last four years.</p> <p>Mr. Sibley highlighted, in his remarks, the strong relationship the Embassy and Amcham had both at the national level and the regional level. He acknowledged the key role Amcham events such as this play in providing the opportunity to U.S. Government officials and American business representatives to network and exchange views in an informal atmosphere on a regular basis.</p> <p>Mr. Sibley noted that bilateral trade between the U.S. and India has grown five fold since 2001 and is likely to reach \$100 billion by the end of this year. While India continues to be an attractive market for American companies, he spoke about some of the challenges American companies doing business in India face like issues with patent protection, caps on Foreign Direct Investments in various sectors, local content requirements and lack of transparency in transfer pricing methodologies. During the interactive session he addressed questions ranging from the U.S. Federal Reserve tapering to the shale gas boom in the U.S.</p>

7th Nov 13	Meeting of Executive Committee Amcham Kolkata Chapter.
7th Nov 13	Core Committee of all Chambers met with Minister of Commerce & Industry on “Bengal Leads” 2014. The meeting was to request All Chambers, Business Heads of both Large Medium and Small Scale to participate.
8th Nov 13	Meeting of IT Sub - Committee of Amcham Kolkata Chapter.
15th Nov 13	Amcham Eastern region in conjunction with the Commercial Section of the U.S. Consulate in Kolkata, organized a Round Table Discussion between the U.S. Embassy Trade Center in Dhaka and members of Amcham Kolkata Chapter. Dr Asif Ayub and Ms Sayeda S Rahman of the U.S. Embassy Trade Center in Dhaka briefed Amcham members about the general business and political environment and the specific sectors of opportunity in Bangladesh. Members from companies already doing business in Bangladesh shared their experiences in this highly interactive session.
15th -16th Nov 13	Amcham Eastern Chapter was invited to participate in CUTS International Stakeholders' Conference - Assessment of Bangladesh-India Trade Potentiality - Need for Cross-Border Transport Facilitation & Mutual Recognition of Standards".
25th Nov 13	The Amcham Eastern Region Executive Committee had a meeting to discuss the NEB and draft inputs for Bengal Leads.
26th Nov 13	Amcham Eastern Region participated in a meeting with Dr. Krishna Gupta WBIDC on Bengal Leads.
29th Nov 13	<p>Amcham Eastern Chapter organized an interactive session over breakfast on “Companies Act 2013” at the Hyatt Regency. The Amcham Eastern Region Chairman - Mr. Surajit Banerjee thanked Ernst & Young for sponsoring the session. He mentioned that the Company law is progressive and is a big step towards improving transparency. Mr. Kamal Agarwal, Audit Partner, SRBC & Associates LLP opened the session and shared his observations. The EY team presented their observations on the Companies Act 2013. Mr. Sidhartha Jain, Tax Director, EY LLP also addressed the gathering on the Related Party Transactions and the interplay between the Arm’s Length Pricing (ALP) requirements as proposed under the Companies Act 2013 and that under the Income Tax Law.</p> <p>The speakers observed that the Act has brought in several new features around CSR, nominations of women in the Board of Directors, Penalties for frauds & non - compliance, Rotation of Auditors, Rotation of independent Directors, Compulsory Reporting of internal financial controls, Related Party Transactions and many more. India Inc looks forward to its journey with the Companies Act with interest.</p>
2nd Dec 13	Amcham Eastern Region participated in the 23rd Meeting of Core Committee of WBDIC which was held at Nabanna, Howrah. The meeting was chaired by the Chief Minister of West Bengal, Kumari Mamata Banerjee. The CM & CS elaborated on some key projects on the anvil and sought participation on direct or PPP mode from industrialists.
9th Dec 13	A meeting of Amcham Eastern Chapter HR Forum was organised at Lexmark.
10th Jan 2014	Amcham Eastern India Chapter organised an interaction with Dr. Shamik Sural, Professor at IIT Kharagpur on ‘Gait based Human Recognition’. Dr. Sural is a leading international name in research on computer security, with his focus on gait based human recognition, especially in real-life situations where occlusion is one of the major factors impeding accuracy. Gait or the style of walking of a person is the only perceivable unique bio - metric feature of an individual that can be studied from a distance. The session proved to be very interesting and interactive.
13th Jan14	Amcham participated in the 24th Core committee meeting, the Chief Minister of West Bengal Ms Mamta Banerjee, had with Industry and Chamber heads. Various issues of relevance to the industry were discussed by the Chair.
15th Jan 14	Meeting of Kolkata Chapter Executive Committee was held.

6th Feb 14	<p>Amcham's Eastern Region, HR Sub Committee hosted a Seminar on "Changing Trends of Insurance in India". The speakers, Mr. Sudip Indani and Mr. Ayush Sharma are from Almondz, one of the Global Leading Insurance Advisors. The Seminar focused on Insurance Policies related to employee benefits, various practices and how they are evolving with the changing business environment. It also touched upon the Director and Officers Liability under the recently enacted Indian Companies Act of 2013.</p> <p>The event was sponsored by Lexmark International (India) Pvt. Ltd. and their Global Insurance partner Almondz. The speakers were Mr. Namit Mahajan, Country Head – Liability, Almondz; Mr. Jayesh Gadekar Country Head – Employee Benifits, Almondz.</p>
25th Feb 14	Meeting of Amcham's National Executive Board was held under the chairmanship of Mr. Lowell Paddock, Chairman, Amcham India; and President and Managing Director, General Motors India Pvt. Ltd
25th Feb 14	Amcham India delegation led by Mr. Lowell Paddock, along with members of the National Executive Board and Sectoral Committee Chairmen called on Dr. Amit Mitra, Minister - in - Charge, Department of Finance; Excise, of Commerce & Industries, of Public Enterprises, Industrial Reconstruction, Government of West Bengal.
25th Feb 14	<p>Round table discussion featuring Dr. Krishna Gupta, Managing Director, West Bengal Industrial Development Corporation, accompanying officials of the West Bengal Government.</p> <p>Ms Laurie Farris, Executive Director for Asia - Global Markets, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Mr. John M. McCaslin, Minister Counselor for Commercial Affairs, U.S. Embassy and Mr. George N. Sibley, Minister Counselor for Economic, Environment, Science and Technology Affairs, U.S. Embassy were also be present.</p>
25th Feb 14	A Panel Discussion on "Emerging East" The speakers are Prof Sugata Bose, Gardiner Professor of History at Harvard University and Professor Anup Sinha, Professor of Economics at Indian Institute of Management, Kolkata.
6th March 14	EC meeting to select NEB Representatives, incoming chairman and vice chairman
31st March 14	Leading U.S. companies under the aegis of Amcham Eastern Chapter as part of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative organized a blood donation camp in collaboration with the Indian Red Cross Society and in association with Hyatt Regency and Pepisco Holdings. The Camp was held at Hyatt Regency.
3rd April 14	<p>Amcham Eastern Chapter supported the U.S. Consulate and U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) in Association with the Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry at a Symposium on "Corporate Social Responsibility, Bringing the Stakeholders Together."</p> <p>The event brought together development agencies/foundations and corporate on a common platform to network and discuss the scope of CSR activities and to explore opportunities of partnerships.</p> <p>Mr. Diptarag Bhattacharjee, Vice President East, Amway India was part of the panel at the discussion. Apart from speaking about Amway's initiatives he also highlighted Amcham Eastern Chapter's CRS events that have been held. These initiatives have made significant impact in terms of indirect job creation, growth of private equity funding, improving the livelihood standards of rural communities, and reducing the knowledge gap, thus contributing towards Indian society at large. The event gave representatives of U.S. Companies an opportunity to meet and network with the NGO's and Corporate who have also partnered with USAID on various programs.</p>
12th April 14	Amcham Eastern Chapter Annual get - to - gather.



Members of the Amcham National Executive Board with Mr. Amit Mitra , Minister for Finance & Excise, Commerce & Industries, Government of West Bengal.



Ambassador of U.S.A to India H.E. Ms Nancy J. Powell, addressing members of Amcham Eastern Chapter.



Inconvenient Truth – Saving Our Wetlands, a necessity, not an option. U.S. Consul General Kolkata Mr. Dean Thompson at the podium giving the keynote remarks.



Talk on “Emerging East” From left: Mr. Surajit Banerjee, Chairman Amcham Eastern India, Mr. Lowell Paddock, Chairman Amcham India, Prof Sugata Bose, Gardiner Professor of History at Harvard University, Professor Anup Sinha, Professor of Economics at Indian Institute of Management, Kolkata and Me. Joydeep Datta Gupta, EC Member.



Counselor for Economic Affairs & Environment, Science & Technology, U.S. Embassy, New Delhi, Mr. George Sibley addressing Amcham Eastern Chapter members.

Ms Amada Kidwai, Regional Director, Amcham Eastern Chapter welcoming Mr. Vikram Sen, IAS, Principal Secretary, Tourism in West Bengal.





Farewell Breakfast for Consul General Mr. Dean Thompson. 1st Row: Mr. Debasis Basu, Mr. Ranjan Nandi, Mr. Dinesh Agarwal, Mr. Surajit Banerjee Chairman, Amcham Eastern Chapter, Mr. Joydeep Datta Gupta, Mr. Suranjan Bhanja, Vice Chairman Amcham Eastern Chapter, 2nd row – Mr. Richard Craig, Principal Commercial officer U.S. Commerce Services, Ms Amada Kidwai, RD, Mr. Dean Thompson, U.S. Consul General, Mr. Gulshan Sachdev, Vice Chairman, NEB and Mr. Vinay Mishra.



Interactive Luncheon session with Mr. George N. Sibley, Ms Lee Alison Sibley, Ms Amada Kidwai, RD and Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta, Partner KPMG Kolkata.



Mr. Gulshan Sachdev, Member Amcham NEB & Vice Chairman and M.D. Quaker Chemicals presenting a hamper to Ms Bonani Kakkar, President of People United for Better Living in Calcutta.



Interactive Session with Dr. Shamik Sural, Professor, IIT Khargapur.



Mr. Gulshan Sachdev giving the concluding remarks during the meeting.



Amcham Members Eastern Chapter during Amcham Annual Get together.



Morning Walk at the East Kolkata Wetlands with Amcham members as a follow up to the "Talk on Saving the East Kolkata Wetlands".



Ribbon Cutting at the Blood Donation Drive by U.S. Consul General Ms Helen Lafave.



Annual get - together for 2014, Mr. Dean Thompson former to Kolkata with Mr. Aniruddha Lahiri Chairman Amcham Eastern Chapter 2012 - 13.



AMCHAM Mumbai

From left: Ms Kaku Nakhate, Chairperson, Amcham Western Region & President & Country Head (India), Bank of America; Mr. Lowell Paddock, Chairman NEB (Amcham) & President & Managing Director, General Motors India and Ms Surabhi Wahal, Regional Director, Western Region - Amcham India during NEB meeting at Mumbai.

Date	Meetings / Events
5th June 2013	Amcham organised the kick off meeting of its HR committee under the chairmanship of Ms Anuranjita Kumar, Country Human Resources Officer, Citi at the Citi Office in Mumbai. Based on the results of a recently conducted survey of Amcham and recommendations of members, 3 sub - groups were created for focussed planning of objectives & activities for the year. On the occasion, guest speakers from Deloitte made a presentation on a survey (Deloitte) on Global and India Human Capital Trends'13 - "Resetting Horizons: Human Capital Trends 2013"
14th June 13	Amcham India in partnership with LRN organised a workshop on 'Driving a Competitive Advantage – Values, Culture & Governance – The Key Differentiators'. The workshop focused on How organizations can elevate behaviour - behaviour being the single most important differentiator for a company and brand in the 21st century marketplace. An esteemed panel which included (key note speaker) Mr. Mani Chacko, Senior Advisory Leader, LRN, Mr. Mahesh Krishnamurti, MD, Resources Global Professionals (I) Pvt. Ltd., Mr. Michael J Surface, Partner, PWC & Mr. Akhil Shahani, Director, Kaizen Private Equity shared their thoughts and experiences on the topic.
24th June 13	Amcham organised the kick off meeting of its newly constituted Supply Chain & Logistics committee under the chairmanship of Mr. Anshuman Neil Basu, Regional Executive Director, Council of Supply Chain Management Professionals India Pvt. Ltd. Senior participants defined the objectives, vision & activities of the committee as well as helped structure the next steps for active engagement of the members.
29th July 13	Amcham India in partnership with Bank of America organised a workshop on 'The Falling Indian Rupee – The Story So Far & The Road Ahead on 29th July '13. On the occasion Mr. Rohit Gupta, Director, Fixed Income, Currencies & Commodities (FICC) & Mr. Indranil Sen Gupta, India Economist, Bank of America made an insightful presentation on the INR. The presentation was followed by an engaging Q&A session. The meeting which was well attended by a cross section of industry representatives was hosted by Bank of America.
5th Aug 13	<p>A meeting of Amcham's Tax, Tariff and Regulatory Affairs Committee was held in the office of Ernst & Young, Mumbai. The meeting was chaired by Ms Neeru Ahuja, Chairperson of the Committee and Partner, Deloitte Haskins & Sells with Mr. Sudhir Kapadia, Partner & National Tax Leader, Ernst & Young LLP, as Co-Chairman.</p> <p>Two presentations were made covering: Issuance of Shares (transfer pricing debate) by Deloitte. Mr. K.M. Chandrasekhar Report on Foreign Portfolio Investment by Ernst & Young.</p>
8th Aug 13	Meeting of Amcham's HR Committee was held.

29th Aug 13	Round Table Discussion was organized of representatives from U.S. companies with Ambassador Powell to discuss Investment Opportunity & Challenges faced by U.S. companies doing business in Maharashtra 'Special Focus on Pune'.
4th Sept13	An interactive discussion was held on 'U.S. - India Business Climate' with Mr. John McCaslin, Minister Counselor for Commercial Affairs, U.S. Embassy, over breakfast.
13th Sept 13	Amcham India in partnership with the Consulate General of the United States in Mumbai organised an exclusive walking tour for Amcham members. The objective of the event being 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 went on to a conducted tour of the offsite facility. The participants were then taken for a walk through the Consular Section at the Consulate. The event concluded with a Q&A session with senior representatives of the Consular Section followed by tea. The highlight of the event was the gracious presence and addresses of Mr. Julia Stanley, Minister Counselor for Consular Affairs, U.S. Embassy and Mr. Peter Haas, U.S. Consul General in Mumbai.
26th Sept 13	As part of Amcham's HR Committee's initiative, an interaction was organised with Mr. Swarup Choudhury, MD, Thomson Reuters on the topic of "CEO - HR Partnership - Driving Transformation in Chaos". This was part of the CEO - CHRO Power Breakfast Series. The meeting which was hosted by Thomson Reuters was well attended and saw Mr. Choudhury make an interesting presentation on 'VUCA' – an acronym coined by the US Army College to reflect on Volatility, Uncertainty, Complexity and Ambiguity. This was followed by an engaging interaction with the participants. Swarup shared his journey with many personal examples. He spoke of the importance of HR and the significance of HR having a seat on the table and with focus and purpose, a corner office. He cited the example of Thomson Reuter whose global CEO, Mr. Jim Smith was the Global Head of Human Resources before becoming Chief Operating Officer of The Thomson Corporation.
17th Oct 13	<p>Amcham's HR Committee in partnership with People Matters, organized The Young HR Leaders Forum - Business Aspects from HR' at Mumbai. The event which was organized at the Citi office in Mumbai saw an interesting turn out of young and aspiring HR professionals. On the occasion, the panelists and participants were welcomed by Ms Surabhi Wahal, Regional Director, Amcham – Western Region which was followed by an Address by Ms Anuranjita Kumar, Chairperson, Amcham's HR Committee and Country Human Resources Officer, Citi Group. Mr. Devraj Shetty, Managing Director, LRN made the keynote address on "Building a Human Operating System." Mr. Shetty shared his experiences and told the participants of the essence and importance of trust & ownership in organisations.</p> <p>The keynote address was followed by a Panel discussion with five distinguished young awardees of the 'Are You In the List' Contest organized by People Matters and DDI. The session which was moderated by Ms Ester Martinez, Co - Founder & Editor-in-Chief, People Matters Media saw an engaging and motivating discussion. The panelists included Mr. Dhruv Desai (Angel Group), Ms Prachee Sonchal (Voltas), Ms Rashmi Sharma (Aon Hewitt), Mr. Tahseen Wahdat Wassan (Essar Group) and Mr. Sumit Neogi (Reliance Industries Ltd.), who shared their learning and experiences.</p> <p>The program ended with Concluding Remarks and Vote of Thanks by Ms Poonam Sharma, Chief Diversity Officer & VP – Human Resources, Citi Group in India.</p>
28th Oct 13	Amcham India organized a Roundtable discussion with Mr. Sanjit Singh, Director, Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, GOI on Special Economic Zones at Mumbai. The welcome address was delivered by Ms Kaku Nakhate, President & Country Head (India), Bank of America. The keynote speaker, Mr. Sanjit Singh made a very detailed presentation on SEZ's and their benefits. He addressed important incentives such as exemption from Central and State levies; single window clearance; income-tax exemption; net foreign exchange learnings; domestic sale and other key issues. Mr. Singh encouraged members to consider SEZ's as they were lucrative to the industry and reach out to him for any extended guidance and support. The meeting ended with a lunch hosted by Bank of America.

7th Nov 13	<p>The SCL Committee meeting was held at the office of CSCMP in Mumbai. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Neil Basu, Chairperson of the Committee and Regional Executive Director, Council of Supply Chain Management Professionals India Pvt. Ltd. Mr. Umesh Madhyan, National Head Infrastructure and Logistics, Hindustan Coca - Cola Beverages Pvt. Ltd. joined the meeting as guest speaker and made an intensive presentation on Collaborative Transport, a key focus area of the Committee. Based on the discussions at the meeting three focus areas were defined by the members for the year 2013 - 2014: Collaborative Transport, Collaborative Warehousing and GST.</p>
13th Nov 13	<p>Amcham Western Region hosted its first National Executive Board (NEB) meeting at Mumbai. Ms Kaku Nakhate, Chairperson, Amcham Western region & President & Country Head (India), Bank of America played host to the board members on the occasion.</p> <p>The meeting was chaired by Mr. Lowell Paddock, Chairman NEB (Amcham) and President & Managing Director, General Motors. Mr. Paddock invited the special invitee & Guest of Honor - Mr. Peter Haas, Consul General of the U.S. Consulate in Mumbai, to address the esteemed members. Mr. Haas introduced the new Principal Commercial Officer at the U.S. Consulate in Mumbai, Ms Camille Richardson and spoke of the support & opportunities of collaboration with the Consulate with the members of Amcham. He appreciated the good work being done by Amcham in fostering bilateral trade and economic relations between the two countries. Mr. George Sibley & Mr. John McCaslin seconded his thoughts.</p> <p>Mr. Neil Basu, Chairperson of the SCL committee & Regional Executive Director of CSCMP presented on the Supply Chain & Logistics (SCL) Committee of Amcham. The initiatives of the committee were well received by all members. Mr. Sarab Preet Singh, Head –Talent Acquisition, L&D, Citi India N.A. presented on Amcham’s HR Committee. Board members appreciated the focus & activities of the committees, further kindling interest in organizing a national event in the space of CSR, with a special focus on the efforts of US companies. The event is proposed to be held in Mumbai. There were discussions on the other agenda points.</p>
13th Nov 13	<p>Amcham Mumbai organized a Cocktail Reception ‘Cocktails & Conversations’ to welcome and greet members of Amcham’s National Executive Board in Mumbai. The reception which was held at the Trident, was attended by the Western region members, special invitees and the Board members and others from the region. The evening was a perfect occasion to enjoy the flavors of American and Indian cuisine over cocktails, which were hosted by our esteemed members - H&R Block India Pvt. Ltd., Johnson & Johnson Medical & RGP. The evening continued with a presentation on ‘Global Energy Outlook 2040’ and concluded with dinner.</p>
13th Nov 13	<p>On the occasion of the first visit of Amcham’s National Executive Board members to Mumbai, Amcham Western Region in collaboration with Exxonmobil Company India Pvt. Ltd. organized a presentation on ‘Global Energy Outlook 2040’.</p> <p>The presentation on ‘Global Energy Outlook 2040’ was organized by Amcham Western Region in collaboration with Exxonmobil Company India Pvt. Ltd. Dr. Narendra Bachlaus, Chief Executive Officer, ExxonMobil Company India Pvt. Ltd. & Mr. K S Kim, CEO & Lead Country Manager from ExxonMobil Gas (India) Pvt. Ltd. welcomed the august gathering and shared the importance and significant role & Global trends of Energy in the international arena. The keynote speaker was Ms Elissa Sterry, VP, Intermediate Business, ExxonMobil USA.</p> <p>Elisa gave an in-depth presentation on ‘Global Energy Outlook 2040’ focusing on key issues, such as Global Progress driving demand, Demand driven by Industry growth, Transportation demands, Liquid & Natural Gas supply & demand shifts & How energy usage has and will evolve over time . The program concluded with the Vote of Thanks by Amcham which was followed by dinner sponsored by Exxonmobil.</p>
20th Nov 13	<p>The third HR Committee Meeting was held at the office of Citibank, Mumbai. The meeting was chaired by Ms Anuranjita Kumar, Chairman - Amcham HR Committee.</p> <p>The Committee hosted a guest speaker, Mr. Ajith Nair, Leader - Organisational Surveys and Insights Practice, Towers Watson. Mr. Nair presented on ‘Sustainable Employee Engagement’. The presentation was very well received by the committee members. The members also discussed the work plan going forward.</p>

29th Nov 13	<p>Amcham Mumbai, in partnership with FTI Consulting organized an interactive session on the 'First 48 hours of an Investigation'. Ms Vandana Tanna, Country Manager & CFO, American International Group Inc., gave the Welcome Address. Mr. Stuart Witchell, Senior Managing Director of the Global Risk and Investigations practice of FTI Consulting, in his address shared insights and tips on detecting frauds, how to plan and prepare for an investigation and a few eye-opening case studies. His presentation was followed by an interactive session with the participants. The well attended event closed with concluding remarks & Vote of Thanks by Mr. Alok Gupta, MD, Reichhold India Pvt. Ltd</p>
3rd Dec 13	<p>In an endeavor to bring thought leaders on a distinctive platform to share their experiences, Amcham's HR Committee, in partnership with LRN, organized a session on 'HOW: Inspirational Leadership in the Era of Behavior'. The keynote speaker Mr. Dov Seidman, Founder and CEO of LRN, made an interesting & insightful presentation focusing on principled performance which is instrumental in global companies navigating the myriad legal and regulatory environments they face, while fostering the values and improving their corporate culture.</p> <p>Mr. Seidman shared why 'How' you do anything is more significant than 'What' you do. He shared statistics on the engagement levels of employees, scaling of behavior & interesting ways of motivating & inspiring the workforce. Dov believes that today's leadership is more about creating waves like the Mexican wave and that Empowerment is all about creating freedom from and not creating freedom to. He spoke of the essence of TRIP T – Trust; R – Risk; I – Innovation; P – Progress</p> <p>Mr. Mahesh Krishnamurti, Managing Director, RGP concluded the interesting event with the Concluding Remarks & Vote of Thanks.</p>
17th Dec 13	<p>Amcham Western Region, in partnership with Ernst & Young LLP, organised a Roundtable Discussion on 'Companies Act 2013'. In - depth & insightful presentations were made by Mr. Dolphy D'Souza, Head of Technical Directorate, Assurance services (member firm of EY) on Global Key aspects of Accounting & Auditing, Corporate Governance. Mr. Amrish Shah, Transaction Tax Partner, EY on Merger & Acquisitions and Tax related implication. Mr. Hitesh Sharma, International Tax partner on Related Party and Mr. Debtosh Mishra, Manager – Advisory, E&Y on Corporate Social Responsibility.</p> <p>The session concluded with a Vote of Thanks by Mr. Arvind Sonawane, Director - Corporate Counsel, Thermo Fisher Scientific India Pvt. Ltd.</p>
17th Jan 14	<p>The Amcham SCL committee meeting was held in Mumbai. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Neil Basu, Chairperson of the Committee and Regional Executive Director, Council of Supply Chain Management Professionals India Pvt. Ltd. Mr. Prashant Deshpande, Indirect Tax - Leader, Deloitte Haskins & Sells, joined the meeting as the Guest Speaker and made an intensive presentation on GST. Mr. Umesh Madhyan, National Head Infrastructure and Logistics, Hindustan Coca - Cola Beverages Pvt. Ltd., shared an update on Collaborative Transport as well as the pilot of the project. Mr. Rohit Mathur, DGM-Commercial, Mosaic India Pvt. Ltd., made a presentation on Mosaic & the Fertilizer Supply Chain Mosaic.</p>
27th Jan14	<p>A workshop was organised in Nashik (Maharashtra) on the US Visa Process with a special focus on B1/ B2 & General Visa Category. The event was organised by VUSA (Visit USA), an organisation formed with the support of the U.S. Consulate General.</p> <p>Amcham Western Region supported the event and invited member companies in the region as an outreach initiative. The workshop aimed to facilitate a better understanding of the visa processes for employees to travel to the U.S. for business meetings, conferences, training programs, work, etc.</p>
30th Jan 14	<p>Amcham Western Region in partnership with E&Y LLP organised a Roundtable Discussion on 'Transfer Pricing – Recent Controversies and Updates'. The well attended meeting saw insightful presentations by and engaging discussions with EY experts Mr. Vijay Iyer, Tax Partner and National Leader - Transfer Pricing Services, EY; Mr. E Miller Williams, Jr. Principal, Transfer Pricing and Mr. Ameet Kapoor, Executive Director - Transfer Pricing Services, EY. Mr. RohanVaziralli, Country Manager, ELCA India presented the Vote of Thanks. The event concluded with informal discussions over lunch which was hosted by E&Y LLP.</p>

21st Feb 14	<p>Amcham India's Supply Chain & Logistics Committee in collaboration with the Amcham Tax & Tariff Committee organized a Panel Discussion on "E-Commerce and the Tax Implications for your Supply Chain". Ms Neeru Ahuja, Chairperson, Amcham's Tax & Tariff Committee & Partner, Deloitte Haskins & Sells emphasized the role of E-commerce in shaping of business and the significance of E-Commerce, Supply Chain & Taxation. She encouraged participants to make use of Amcham's forums to put forth industry issues to be taken up by the committees with the Government.</p> <p>The speakers were Mr. Sandeep Prakash, Regional Head Amway India Enterprises Pvt. Ltd, Mr. Rajesh Bhatia, Managing Director - Sales - Federal Express Corporation, Mr. Prashant Deshpande, Indirect Tax Leader -Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu India Pvt. Ltd. and Mr. Rohinton Sidhwa, Tax Partner - Deloitte Haskins & Sells. Mr. Abhay Kekre, Member of SCL Committee & Director India CLS Asia Pacific, Johnson & Johnson Medical India, gave the Vote of Thanks.</p>
17th March 14	<p>'Rang Barsey'- Holi Get-together of Amcham's WR members was organized and attended by special invitees along with spouses.</p>
20th March 14	<p>Amcham India in partnership with the Consulate General of the United States, Mumbai and the Bombay Chamber of Commerce and Industry organized a seminar on "Attrition of Women in Urban Organised Sector" at the Consulate General of the United States, Mumbai. The US Consul General Mr. Peter Haas gave the opening address which was followed by the welcome address by Ms Surabhi Wahal, Regional Director – Western Region, Amcham India. Ms Neera Saggi, President, Bombay Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Chairperson Fem Power who presented on the 'Statistical Overview on Representation of Women in Urban Organized Sector. Ms. Gauri Deshmukh, Head – HR, Bank of America N.A., Mr. Indrajeet Sengupta, Director – HR, Johnson & Johnson Medical, Mr. Prashant Salgaonkar, Head HR, Lubrizol Advanced Materials India Pvt. Ltd., Ms. Revathi Roy, Founder-Forshe, Founder and promoter- Viira Cabs, Mr. Prasad Chandran, Advisor, BASF Group India and Ms. Mahua Chowdhury, Managing Partner, Solomon & Roy. Each one of the speakers either presented or shared their experience in the field and it was a terrific build-up to a fantastic interaction session.</p>
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7th April 14	<p>Select USA Road Shows by U.S. Foreign Commercial Services (FCS) supported by Amcham India.</p>



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From Left: Mr. Richard Zielenski, U.S. Consulate, Mr. Rustom Desai, MD, Corning India & Telecom Operations, Mr. Peter Haas, Consul General, Ms Kaku Nakhate, H.E. Nancy J. Powell, US Ambassador to India, Mr. Lowell Paddock, Mr. Ajay Singha, Ms Surabhi Wahal, Regional Director – Western Region, Amcham India

Mr. Sanjit Singh, Director, Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Govt. of India sharing benefits of SEZs during the meeting.





Panelists in discussion – Attrition of Women in the Urban Organised Sector



Mr. Abhay Kekre, Amcham SCL Committee Member & Director India CLS Asia Pacific, Johnson & Johnson Medical India making the vote of thanks at the Panel Discussion on “E-Commerce and the Tax Implications for your Supply Chain” on 21st February, 2014.

Mr. Swarup Chaudhury, MD, Thomson Reuters India Pvt. Ltd. speaking to the participants at the event.





Ms Anuranjita Kumar, Country HR Officer, Citi India and Chairperson of Amcham HR Committee welcomes the committee members.



Interactive Session with Mr. Dov Siedman, Founder, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of LRN



Participants at the Roundtable Breakfast Discussion on 'Companies Act 2013'



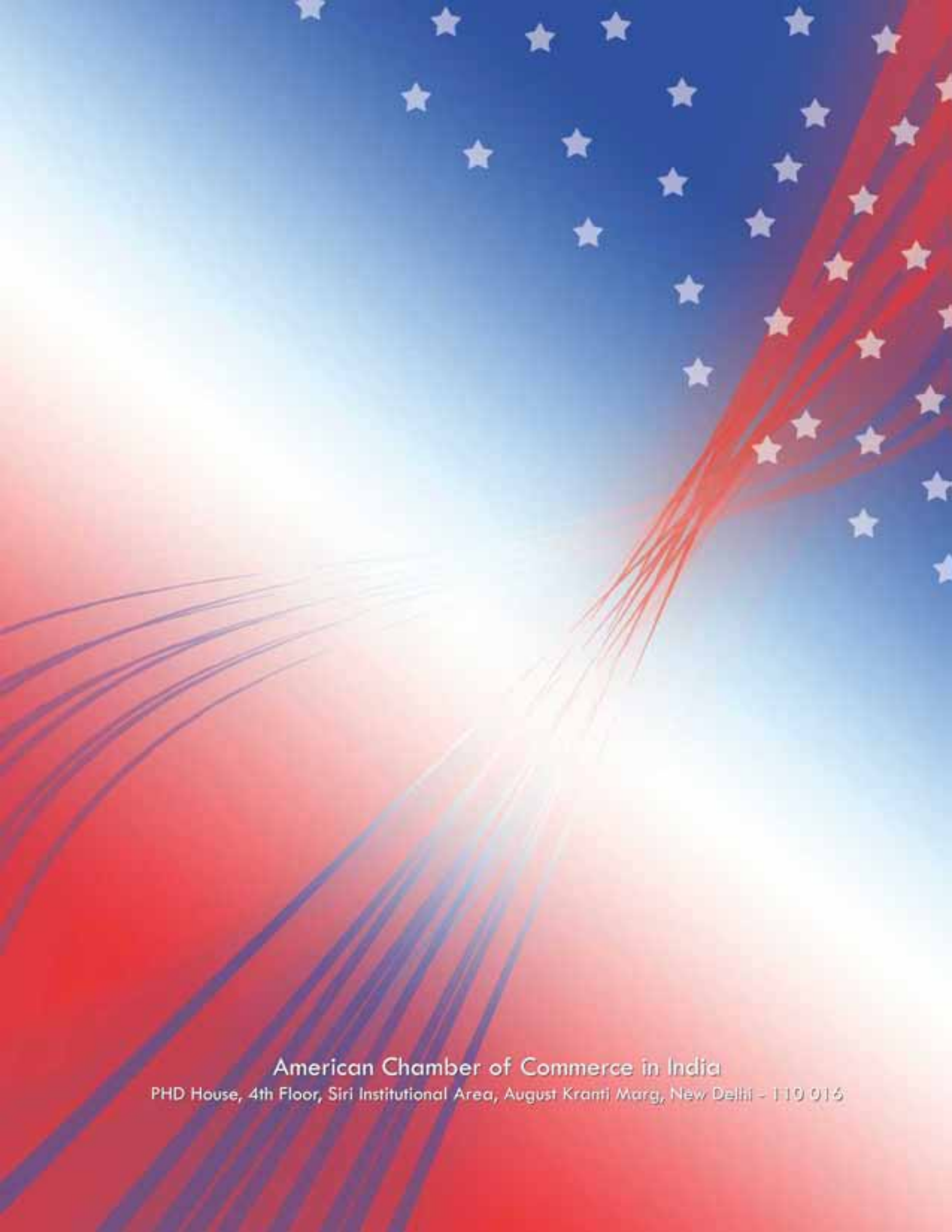
U.S. Consul General Mr. Peter Haas addressing the participants at the Round table discussion on "Attrition of Women in Urban Organized Sector".



Participants at the "Transfer Pricing - Recent Controversies & Updates"



NEB Committee members and Amcham Western region members at the cocktail reception.

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