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Chairperson's Message

The year 2015 - 16 saw a tremendous amount of activity from the Government of India in both establishing a progressive agenda accelerating some of the prior years program. In Prime Minister Modi's second year of governance, India saw many initiatives gather steam: Make in India, Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, Digital India, Start-up India and Skill India. The government also liberalized its FDI policy for almost all major sectors including defense, railways, agriculture and retail. More recently, the notification of 49 percent FDI (under the automatic route) in the insurance and pension sectors was also announced.

The focus on "ease of doing business" has increased the industry's confidence with removal of procedural bottlenecks and simplification of processes. The Finance Minister, in his recent speech in Australia, stated that "India needs to further ease its business processes to boost domestic and foreign investment." The FM's words "this was an important work that is still in progress" echoed sentiments of both the industry and the investors that there is need for fewer and easy approvals.

These policies have yielded good results in attracting FDI. In the first nine months of 2015 - 16, FDI flows were estimated at over U.S. \$ 40 billion, showing a strong growth of 28 percent over the same period in 2014 - 15. The total FDI flows into the country in 2014 - 15 estimated at \$ 44.3 billion grew 23 percent over 2013 - 14. The uptrend in the first nine months of 2015 - 16 suggests that India continues to be a favored destination for foreign investors. I am confident that despite the turbulence & volatility in the global financial markets, India will continue to retain its attractiveness. The low oil prices are a boon for the Indian economy and essential for its continuing strong GDP growth.

The 2016 - 17 budget announcements by the Finance Minister on February 29th laid a firm and enduring foundation for social and economic growth. It outlined the priorities by emphasizing upliftment of the rural and social sectors, healthcare, education skills and job creation which will eventually make India a knowledge based productive nation. Additional resources have been allocated to help improve rural and physical infrastructure. Reforms proposed in the tax regime are noteworthy and offer a simple and non-adversarial tax framework for both direct and indirect taxes.

The past two years, Prime Minister Modi and U.S. President Obama have interacted multiple times and pledged to enhance our bilateral partnership. Both the leaders have taken strong steps to promote peace and prosperity in Asia and collaborate on solutions to address global challenges like climate change. Both sides have committed to reduce carbon emissions as a way to control global warming and temperature increase. This has led to strong expansion in Indo-U.S. economic and business ties. Total trade between the two countries has increased from U.S. \$ 33 billion in 2005 to over \$ 100 billion in 2014 and targeted to reach U.S. 500 billion in the next few years. As per India's official statistics, the cumulative FDI inflows from U.S. from 2000 to September 2014 amounted to about \$13.19 billion, accounting for nearly 6% of the total FDI into India, making U.S. the sixth largest source of foreign direct investment into India. Today, the two countries partner in almost all areas including development of smart cities, clean energy, water conservation, pollution management, defense and maritime security, counter-terrorism partnership, joint research, manufacturing and many more. We at AmCham hope that both the countries will work towards breaking down barriers to trade and investment, exchange state-of-the-art technologies and resolve issues relating to the Bilateral Investment Treaty to help drive increased collaboration.

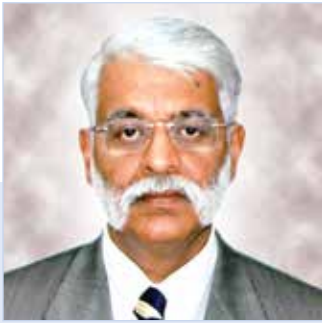
For AmCham, it has been an active year. We have proactively engaged and interacted with the various Government of India departments, particularly with the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion which enabled fast-tracking of U.S. investments to India. We also interacted with the Ministries of External Affairs, Defense, Aviation, Health, Finance, IT and Communications with specific issues. Members of AmCham's sectoral committees regularly met concerned officials to discuss issues impacting specific sectors, prepared knowledge papers and recommendations that were shared with the respective Ministries of the Government of India. Many of our recommendations around budget proposals relating to taxation and defense procurement policy were received well by government departments.

AmCham also interacted with a large number of state governments, particularly those offering projects to U.S. companies to develop smart cities. AmCham participated in discussing partnerships to build smart cities with the states of Maharashtra, Haryana, Rajasthan, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, West Bengal and Madhya Pradesh. A positive development has been that state governments are competing amongst themselves to attract fund inflows. AmCham also participated in the Investor Forums organized by the State Governments of Karnataka, Haryana, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and West Bengal. AmCham members participated in India Aviation 2016 in Hyderabad and DefExpo 2016 in Goa. The following pages in the Annual Report list the events organized by AmCham throughout the year.

Our partnership with the U.S. Embassy in India continued to grow from strength to strength. AmCham continued to provide inputs to the visiting U.S. government delegations and also received briefings from them on the current issues engaging both governments. I am grateful to the U.S. Ambassador Richard Verma and his team including the consulate offices for their collaboration.

I have been privileged to represent you as the Chairperson of AmCham India in 2015 - 16. I was supported by the two Vice-Chairmen, Mr. Richard Rekhy and Mr. Gulshan Sachdev and thank them for their assistance. My sincere thanks to Mr. Atul Dhawan, Hon. Secretary & Treasurer, the members of the National Executive Board, Chairmen of Regional Chapters, Chairmen and Co-Chairmen of Sectoral Committee and the AmCham secretariat for the extensive support I have received. I look forward to us continuing to have a positive impact as we work cohesively to add value to our organizations as well as the nation.

Vanitha Narayanan
Chairperson



Executive Director's Report 2015 - 16

AmCham has continued to emphasize the objectives of seeking new markets for American products and services as well as addressing policy and regulatory issues on behalf of American companies in India.

The year began in full swing with the late President of India, Bharat Ratna Dr. A.P.J Abdul Kalam addressing AmCham members at Kolkata. He highlighted the effort required to bridge the gap between urban and rural India as he spoke on "World Vision 2030: Empowering 3 Billion." This also set the tone for AmCham to continue focus on smart city initiatives. The chamber contributed considerably for the strategic dialogue by providing inputs from members. The chamber achieved a good understanding of issues and challenges impacting U.S. - India economic relations. We also contributed by suggesting key solutions for achieving ease of doing business and thus achieved an important role in the U.S.-India context. The annual door knock delegation to Washington D.C. was led by the Chairperson of AmCham India. Delegates were well received by Senators and Congressmen and participated in the USIBC annual meeting as well. We interacted with Mr. Stefan M. Selig, Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade, U.S. Department of Commerce, in collaboration with DIPP, USIBC and FICCI and spoke about the overall investment environment in India and the U.S. We raised issues relating to specific sectors along with a discussion on the U.S. - India Strategic and Commercial Dialogue 2015.

AmCham engaged in interactive discussions with the state governments of Rajasthan, West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka on smart cities and digital India. We have been constantly updating the 'AmCham Infrastructure and Energy Capability Deck' which functions as a rich resource base outlining the competitive and cutting edge technologies of more than thirty American companies with expertise, products, services, know-how and solutions in the field of infrastructure, energy and smart city domains. An interactive session was also held with the U.S. Deputy Secretary of Commerce, Mr. Bruce Andrews, and an accompanying delegation of 18 American companies on a Smart Cities Infrastructure Business Development Mission to India.

We were honored to support the Government of Andhra Pradesh in the signing of a MoU between the U.S. Trade and Development Agency and the Department of Municipal Administration on funding for drawing up a master plan for Visakhapatnam as a smart city with a consortium of three U.S. companies, AECOM, KPMG and IBM. Under the agreement reached between the U.S. and Indian governments, the USTDA will fund the preparation of a master plan for the smart cities of Visakhapatnam, Ajmer and Allahabad.

AmCham supported the Government of West Bengal at the Bengal Global Business Summit and the Government of Karnataka at the Invest Karnataka 2016 - Global Investors Meet at the beginning of this year.

The Tax, Tariff and Regulatory Affairs Committee met often to amalgamate their issues and address direct and indirect tax related matters with the Ministry of Finance. The year 2015 had been majorly focused on issues such as Income Computation and Disclosure Standards (ICDS), clarity on subsidies in the finance bill, POEM, GST, MAT on FIIIs, GAAR, and BEPS amongst others.

AmCham submitted recommendations proposed by the U.S. defense companies. Discussions with the Ministry of Civil Aviation were to establish an eco-system for encouraging MRO activities, regional air connectivity, issues

relating to cargo operations and related matters. AmCham also supported the U.S. India Aviation Summit 2015. Members met Ms. Susan Kurland, Assistant Secretary for Aviation and International Affairs, U.S. Department of Transportation, for an interactive session to discuss “Make in India,” MRO and regional connectivity, skill development, infrastructure and security protocols etc.

AmCham’s ICT Committee has regularly sent representations to the Department of Electronics and Information Technology and TRAI to bring out issues and solutions on issues impacting the IT, telecom and electronics sectors.

The CSR Committee conducted a number of best practice visits to help members learn and understand about the dos and don’ts of CSR projects. We tried to spread awareness to our members on a wide range of topics such as cervical cancer prevention and control and the changing landscape of higher education globally. We partnered with companies to arrange blood donation camps.

AmCham’s HR Committee conducted various sessions with leaders from all over, it has been a constant endeavour to bring thought leaders on a distinctive platform to share their thoughts and experiences. They also held a “White Paper Competition - Leveraging SMAC for HR” which received a large number of participants. We also met with Mr. Fred Hochberg, Chairman and President of the Export Import Bank of the U.S. The prime focus for Ex-Im has been to support jobs in the U.S., however there are financing opportunities available for U.S. companies in India, especially in the renewable power sector.

On the occasion of the ‘Make in India Week’ in Mumbai, AmCham, in partnership with the U.S. Consulate General of Mumbai, USIBC and EY, organized a series of productive roundtable meetings with the Chief Ministers and senior state representatives from the states of Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh.

We will continue to concentrate on some of the progressive state governments and jointly interact and offer solutions for the Prime Minister’s Digital India, Make in India and Smart City initiatives. We look forward to proactive involvement of members in all upcoming state government interactions.

I would like to thank the admirable guidance and leadership provided by the Chairperson, Ms. Vanitha Narayanan and members of the National Executive Board. Sector committees have dedicated substantial time and resources to cooperatively taking forward their message and making a difference in the economic landscape of U.S. - India relations.

I was ably assisted by the entire AmCham secretariat in fulfilling my duties as the Executive Director of AmCham. My thanks to all.

Ajay Singha
Executive Director

AmCham's National Executive Board 2015-16

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
- One special invitee

Office Bearers

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

Chairperson

Ms. Vanitha Narayanan
Managing Director - India / South Asia
IBM India Pvt. Ltd.

Vice Chairman

Mr. Richard Rekhy
Chief Executive Officer
KPMG in India

Vice Chairman

Mr. Gulshan Kumar Sachdev
Managing Director
Quaker Chemical India Limited

Hon. Secretary & Treasurer

Mr. Atul Dhawan
Regional Managing Partner
Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu India LLP

Immediate Past Chairman

Mr. Banmali Agrawala
President & CEO
GE South Asia

Executive Board Members 2015 - 16

Mr. Atul Dhawan
Regional Managing Partner
Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu India LLP

Mr. Krish Iyer
President & CEO
Wal - Mart India Pvt. Ltd.

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

Mr. Varun Khanna
Managing Director
BD India

Mr. Venkatesh Kini
President & CEO - India and South West Asia
Coca-Cola India Pvt. Ltd.

Mr. Pratyush Kumar
President
Boeing India

Ms. Rekha M. Menon
Chairman - Accenture in India
Accenture India

Mr. Richard Rekhya
Chief Executive Officer
KPMG in India

Honorary Members

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

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

Regional Chapters

Northern Region Council

Chairman

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

Representative

Mr. Rustom J. Desai
Managing Director
Corning India & Telecom Operations

Hyderabad Chapter

Chairman

Mr. Madan Mohan Rao Yalamanchili
Executive Chairman
S&P Capital IQ (India) Pvt. Ltd.

Representative

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

Karnataka Chapter

Chairman

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

Representative

Dr. Pradip K. Dutta
Corporate Vice President & Managing Director
Synopsis (India) Pvt. Ltd.

Eastern Region

Chairman

Mr. Dinesh Agarwal
Partner
Ernst & Young LLP

Representative

Mr. Gulshan Kumar Sachdev
Managing Director
Quaker Chemical India Limited

Tamil Nadu Chapter

Chairman

Mr. Vivekanand Vanmeeganathan
Managing Director
Caterpillar India (Manufacturing Division)

Representative

Mr. Ramkumar Ramamoorthy
Senior Vice President
Cognizant Technology Solutions

Western Region

Chairperson

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

Representative

Mr. Sukanti Ghosh
Managing Director, India
APCO Worldwide India Pvt. Ltd.

Special Invitee

Mr. C. R. Dua
Managing Partner
Dua Associates

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Sectoral Committees 2015 -16

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	Ms. Ritika Ratti Chief Compliance Officer Walmart India Pvt. Ltd.
Aviation	Mr. Palash Roy Chowdhury Country Manager - 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 - Venturing and Emerging Brands Coca-Cola India Pvt. Ltd.	Mr. Harish Krishnan Executive Director, Public Affairs & Strategic Engagement, India & SAARC Cisco Systems (India) Pvt. Ltd.
Defense	Mr. Phil Shaw Chief Executive - India Lockheed Martin India Pvt. Ltd.	Mr. Dennis D. Swanson** VP - Intl. Business Development, Boeing Defense, Space & Security - India Boeing India Pvt. Ltd. Mr. Gaurav Mehndiratta Partner - Global International Corporate Tax KPMG in India
Economic Affairs	Mr. Atul Dhawan Regional Managing Partner Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu India LLP	Mr. Richard Rekhy Chief Executive Officer KPMG in India
Homeland Security	Mr. Nikhil Khanna Country Director & Sr. Executive India Raytheon International Inc.	---

* Till March 2016 ** Till 9th March 2016

Committee	Chairman	Co - Chairman
HR	Ms. Anuranjita Kumar Managing Director & Chief Human Resources Officer, Citi South Asia, Citibank N.A.	---
Information and Communications Technology (ICT)	Mr. Amit Sharma Executive Vice President, President Asia ATC Tower Company of India Pvt. Ltd.	Mr. Naveen Tandon Director - IEA AT&T Communication Services India Pvt. Ltd. Mr. Vivek Vasishtha Country Leader - Governmental Programs IBM India Pvt. Ltd.
Intellectual Property Rights (IPR)	Mr. Balvinder Singh Kalsi *** President - South Asia & ASEAN E. I. DuPont India Pvt. Ltd.	Ms. Sanjit Kaur Batra Senior Legal Counsel E. I. DuPont India Pvt. Ltd.
Manufacturing	Mr. Rustom J. Desai Managing Director Corning India and Telecom Operations	Mr. Rakesh Chitkara **** Vice President Corporate Affairs - GE South Asia GE India Industrial Pvt. Ltd. Corporate Division - India HQ
Medical Devices	Mr. Prabal Chakraborty Vice President and Managing Director Boston Scientific India Pvt. Ltd.	---
Pharma	Mr. Sanjiv Navangul Managing Director Janssen India, Pharmaceutical Company of Johnson & Johnson	Mr. Nick Mitchell Managing Director Phenomenex India
Smart Infrastructure Consortium	Mr. Anil Menon President & Deputy Chief Globalisation Officer Smart + Connected Cities Cisco	---
Supply Chain and Logistics	Mr. Nikhil Kush South Asia Supply Chain Leader E. I. DuPont India Pvt. Ltd.	Mr. Shrini Sarangapani Director Operation Timken Engineering & Research India Pvt. Ltd.
Tax, Tariff and Regulatory Affairs	Mr. Indraneel Roy Choudhury Partner PricewaterhouseCoopers Pvt. Ltd.	Mr. Vikas Vasal Partner KPMG in India
*** Till 1st Feb, 2016 ****Till 17th Nov, 2016		

AmCham Membership 2015 -16

Membership Subscription Status as on 11.04.2016

Table - I

Type of Membership	Total
Corporate	343
Additional	135
Individual	6
Total Membership	484

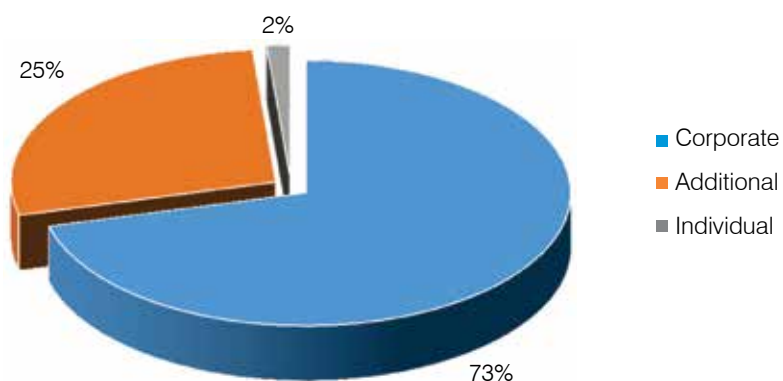
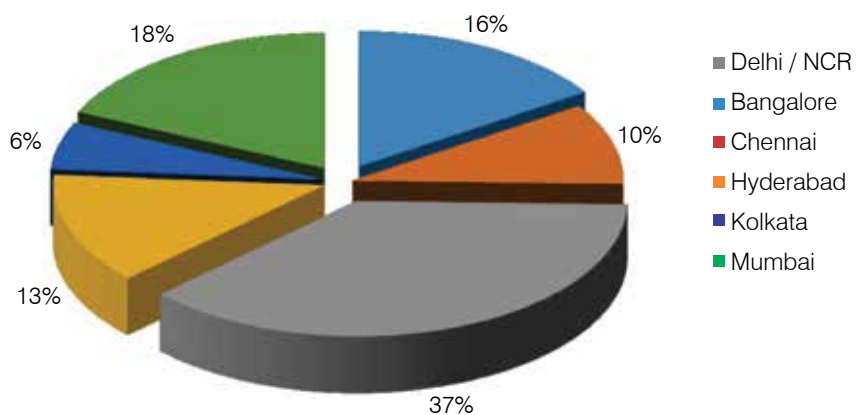


Table - II

Regions	Total
Bangalore	79
Chennai	48
Delhi	179
Hyderabad	63
Kolkata	28
Mumbai	87
Total Membership	484



Analysis of Events Organized by AmCham during 2015-2016

Table - I

Chapter	Number of Meetings
Bangalore	11
Chennai	28
Delhi	130
Hyderabad	18
Kolkata	32
Mumbai	35
Total Events	254

AmCham Meetings and Events Between Regions

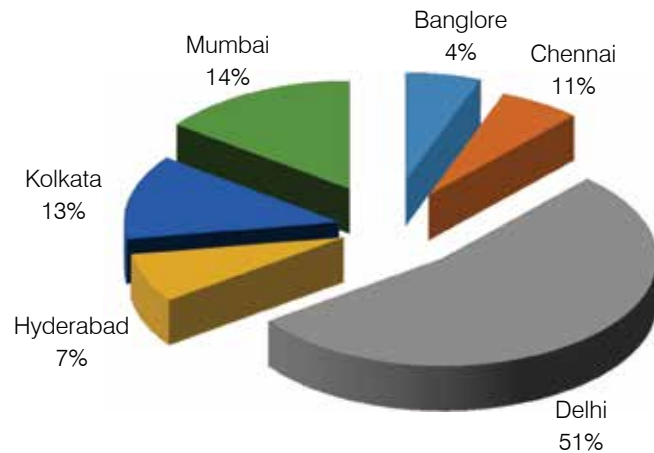


Table - II

Chapter	Number of Meetings
National Board/Regional Executive Committee	14
Sector Committee Meeting	67
Business Meeting/Social Event	84
Meeting with US Government	36
Meeting with Government of India	53
Total	254

AmCham Meetings and Events



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New Members

List of New Members from April 2015 till date

S.No.	Member's Name	Organization
DELHI		
1.	Mr. Vishal Seth	Alcoa India Pvt. Ltd.
2.	Mr. Jagdeep Singh Pahwa	APEX Meadows Pvt. Ltd.
3.	Mr. Devashish Ohri	Avantor Performance Materials India Limited
4.	Mr. Sikander Jain	CH2M Hill
5.	Mr. Satya Gottumukkala	Eli Research India Pvt. Ltd
6.	Mr. R. Balachander	Ernst & Young LLP
7.	Mr. Atulya Chandra	Honeywell Security (A unit of Honeywell International India Pvt. Ltd.)
8.	Ms. Ankhi Das	Facebook India Online Services Pvt. Ltd.
9.	Mr. Soman Rajiv Nair	JAS Forwarding Worldwide Pvt. Ltd.
10.	Mr. Vikas Vasal	KPMG
11.	Mr. Rahul K. Mitra	KPMG
12.	Mr. Mritunjay Kapur	KPMG
13.	Mr. Mahendra Singh Rajawat	KSS Abhishek Safety Systems Pvt. Ltd.
14.	Mr. Subrata Bagchi	PI Advisory Pvt. Ltd.
15.	Mr. Jaideep Mukherji	Smart Power India
16.	Mr. Amandeep Singh Cheema	The Chemours India Pvt. Ltd.
17.	Ms. Ritika Ratti	Walmart India Pvt. Ltd.
18.	Mr. Sarthak RayChaudhuri	Whirlpool of India Limited
BANGALORE		
19.	Mr. Gaurav Singh	Courtyard by Marriott and Fairfield by Marriott
20.	Mr. Anil Menon	Cisco Systems Inc.
21.	Mr. Samir Paranjpe	Deloitte Touche Tohmastu India LLP
22.	Mr. Nitin Prasad	PVH (India) Limited
23.	Mr. Satyanarayana T	Shoretel Communications Pvt. Ltd.
24.	Mr. Prasad Kasinathan	Symbol Technologies India Pvt. Ltd.

25.	Mr. Joydeep Nag	TE Connectivity India Pvt. Ltd.
CHENNAI		
26.	Mr. Ramesh Gogineni	FCA Engineering India Pvt. Ltd.
HYDERABAD		
27.	Mr. Reddy Malledi	CDK Global (India) Pvt. Ltd.
28.	Mr. Naveen Agarwal	Ernst & Young LLLP
29.	Mr. Sanjeev Kumar Deshpande	Itelligence India Software Solutions Pvt. Ltd.
30.	Mr. Suresh Govindarajan	West Pharmaceutical Packaging India Pvt. Ltd.
KOLKATA		
31.	Mr. Ranjan Kaushik Nandi	Richard Design Services India Pvt. Ltd.
32.	Ms. Shirsha Guha	Saint James HRDS India Pvt. Ltd.
33.	Mr. Debdas Sen	TCG Digital Solutions Pvt. Ltd.
MUMBAI		
34.	Mr. Giridhar Baliga	Beckman Coulter India Pvt. Ltd.
35.	Mr. Milind Sudhakar Mainkar	Burns & McDonnell Engineering India Pvt. Ltd.
36.	Mr. Hari Jinaga	Crane Process Flow Technologies India Pvt. Ltd.
37.	Mr. Alok Agrawal	Deloitte Haskins & Sells LLP
38.	Mr. Girish Joshi	Halyard Health India Pvt. Ltd.
39.	Mr. Priyanshu Singh	Honeywell Building Solutions India
40.	Mr. Sanjiv Navangul	Johnson & Johnson Pvt. Ltd.
41.	Mr. Manish Aggarwal	KPMG India Pvt. Ltd.
42.	Mr. Sanjay Shah	Morgan Stanley India Company Pvt. Ltd.
43.	Mr. K.S. Ramesh	Portescap India Pvt. Ltd.
44.	Mr. T. R. Ramachandran	Visa Consolidated Support Services (I) Pvt. Ltd.
45.	Ms. Sunali Rohra	Visa Consolidated Support Services (I) Pvt. Ltd.
46.	Ms. Penny Burt	Visa Consolidated Support Services (I) Pvt. Ltd.

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Highlights of events held in 2015 -16

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Bangalore

Ms. Vanitha Narayanan, Chairperson, AmCham India & Managing Director IBM India greeting Honorable Chief Minister of Karnataka, Mr. K. Siddaramaiah.

Date	Meetings / Events
April - June 2015	Blood donation camps in AmCham member companies in association with Rotary Bangalore
8th - 9th June 2015	<p>AmCham supported BIS Defense and Aerospace Workshop</p> <p>AmCham, in partnership with Bureau of Industry and Security; U.S. Embassy and FICCI organized capacity building in Bengaluru to educate Indian companies on strategic trade controls impacting their industry.</p> <p>A panel discussion focusing on working with U.S. companies in Aerospace & Defense sector was organized. Speakers were Mr. Jonathan T. Ward, Commercial Attaché, Embassy of the United States of America, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Defense Trade Controls, Mr. Kenneth B. Handelman, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Mr. Paul Jensen, CEO, Halo Maritime Defense Systems, Mr. Rajat Duggal, Associate Director, KPMG India Aerospace & Defense Practice, Mr. Nik Khanna, Country Director & Senior Executive - India, Raytheon, Mr. Rajiv Chib, Associate Director - Aerospace & Defense, PricewaterhouseCoopers Pvt. Ltd., Mr. Daryl Mossman, Vice President, Marketing and Sales Space Systems/ Loral (SSL)</p>
24th June 2015	Session on Company Law Compliances in association with EY
13th July 2015	<p>An Exclusive CXO Thought Leadership Program</p> <p>AmCham collaborated with Altair Technologies for an exclusive CXO thought leadership program - <i>The Next Gen Transportation Ideas for Emerging Markets</i>.</p> <p>The main speakers were: Mr. Manu Saale, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, Mercedes-Benz Research & Development India; Mr. Gopichand Katragadda, Chief Technical Officer, Tata Sons; Mr. James R. Scapa, Chairman & Chief Executive Officer, Altair; Mr. Chetan Maini, Technologist, Entrepreneur & Founder, Reva Electric Car Company; and Mr. Nitin Ranade, Vice President, Mahindra & Mahindra.</p>

16th July 2015	<p>Workshop on the Companies Act, 2013 in association with EY</p> <p>AmCham's workshop on the Companies Act, 2013 identified and shed light on various issues related to key regulatory compliances under the new corporate law regime. Ms. Deepa Bhatia Chirayath - Director, Corporate Secretarial Services, EY, detailed the key changes in the regulatory framework and the roles and responsibilities of the management in light of the enhanced compliance and reporting requirements under the Act. Finance, tax, and compliance heads of prominent U.S. companies attended this interactive session.</p>
25th Aug 2015	<p>Meeting with Chief Minister of Karnataka</p> <p>Members of AmCham's National Executive Board, members of AmCham Karnataka Executive Committee and U.S. Embassy officials met with the Chief Minister of Karnataka, Mr. Siddaramaiah, in Bangalore. The Chief Minister was accompanied by Mr. Kaushik Mukherjee, Chief Secretary; Ms. K. Ratna Prabha, Additional Chief Secretary, Commerce & Industries Department; and other officials of the Government of Karnataka.</p> <p>Ms. Vanitha Narayanan, Chairperson of AmCham India; and Managing Director - India / South Asia, IBM India Pvt. Ltd., who led the AmCham group, thanked the Chief Minister for giving AmCham members an opportunity to meet with him. She said that large U.S. companies had invested in Karnataka and AmCham's agenda and focus was to help build digital India and provide technologies for smart cities.</p>
25th Aug 2015	<p>National Executive Board Meeting</p> <p>The third meeting of the National Executive Board of AmCham for the year 2015 -16 was held in Bangalore. The meeting was chaired by Ms. Vanitha Narayanan, Chairperson of NEB; and Managing Director - India / South Asia, IBM India Pvt. Ltd.</p>
25th Aug 2015	<p>Cocktail Dinner with the NEB Members</p> <p>There was an exclusive dinner with the National Executive Board of the American Chamber of Commerce led by the Chairman, Ms. Vanitha Narayanan and the CEOs of other U.S. companies. The U.S. Consulate members and Government of Karnataka bureaucrats were also present. Mr. Gaurav Gupta, Commissioner of Industries, Government of Karnataka, and Mr. Narasimha Raju, Additional Chief Secretary to the CM, GoK, addressed the audience.</p>
2nd Dec 2015	<p>AmCham - EY HR Forum</p> <p>The American Chamber of Commerce, in association with EY India, hosted PAS at the Taj West End, which explored popular topics in the mobility space today.</p> <p>Panelists included EY and business leaders (representatives from IBM, Capgemini, Fidelity, Wipro, Cognizant, HCL, TESCO and Mountain Trail Foods) alongside academicians and the Indian Deputy Commissioner of Income Tax, Mr. K.R. Narayana.</p>
5th Dec 2015	<p>5th Invitational Golf Tournament</p> <p>92 golfers participated in the AmCham 5th Invitational Golf Tournament, held at the Prestige Golfshire, Bangalore. Our partners for the event were Bren Corporation, Textron, Sheraton Grand and Towers, Sagezza, and Timken. The event concluded with an award ceremony followed by dinner.</p>

3rd - 5th Jan 2016

AmCham supported Invest Karnataka 2016 - Global Investors Meet organized by the Government of Karnataka

This event was inaugurated by the Union Minister for Finance, Corporate Affairs and Information and Broadcasting, Mr. Arun Jaitley.

Mr. Inderjit Sial, President & MD, Textron, and Mr. Munesh Makhija, Chairman & Managing Director, GE India Technology Centre, represented the panel for the Aerospace and Defense sector. Mr. Naresh Shah, Vice President, HP India Software Operation, was the keynote speaker for the IT sector.

AmCham members met the Hon'ble CM and his officials and submitted a white paper on facilitating future business in Karnataka; ease of doing business, and the way forward on the pending issues.

The officials included the Chief Secretary, Principal Secretary Department of Industries & Commerce, Principal Secretary Department of Revenue. AmCham was represented by Mr. Inderjit Sial, Chairman - Karnataka Chapter, Mr. Munesh Makhija, Mr. Naresh Shah, Mr. Iqbal Sait, MD, Saggezza and the Regional Director.



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



Honorable Chief Minister Mr. K. Siddaramaiah presenting a bouquet to Ms. Vanitha Narayanan, Chairperson, AmCham India.



Mr. Kaushik Mukherjee, Chief Secretary, Govt. of Karnataka with Ms. Vanitha Narayanan.



Mr. Ajay Singha, Executive Director, AmCham India addressing the meeting with CM of Karnataka.



Ms. K. Ratna Prabha, Additional Chief Secretary, Commerce & Industries Department, Govt. of Karnataka presenting a present to Mr. John M. McCaslin, Minister Counselor for Commercial Affairs, U.S. Embassy.



Ms. Vanitha Narayanan, Chairperson, AmCham India, addressing members during the National Executive Board meeting.



(L-R): Mr. John McCaslin, Mr. Ajay Singha, Mr. Narasimha Raju D.N., Mr. Gaurav Gupta and Mr. Inderjit Sial.



Mr. Amarpal S. Chadha, Partner and India Mobility Leader at EY and Mr. Inderjit Sial, Chairman, AmCham Karnataka and President & MD, Textron India.



The panelists during the AmCham EY HR Forum.



Participants anxiously waiting to tee off!



Mr. Inderjit Sial, President & Managing Director, Texttron and Chairman, Karnataka Chapter, AmCham.

(L-R): Mr. R.P. Sharma, ADGP, Mr. H.C. Kishore Chandra, DGP & Mr. V. Umesh from the Government of Karnataka.





(L-R): Mr. Sunil Shetty, Mr. Atul Ujagar, Mr. Clarence D Souza and Mr. R.B. Tiwari.



Mr. Iqbal Sait, Head of Asia Operations, Saggezza, receiving a trophy.



Mr. Saurbh Bakshi, General Manager, Sheraton Grand, hosted the dinner & prize ceremony with Ms. Sudeshna Ghosh, Regional Director - Karnataka Chapter, AmCham.



The winning team along with Inderjit Sial (middle), Chairman, AmCham Karnataka Chapter with Dr. Raj Kumar Khatri, Principal Secretary, Dept. of Revenue (2nd from the left).



Winners of the golf tournament.



AmCham Chennai

Dr. Sunder Ramaswamy, Director, Madras School of Economics with Mr. Vivek Vanmeeganathan, Chairman, AmCham Tamil Nadu Chapter at the August breakfast meeting.

Date	Meetings / Events
30th April 2015	<p>Analysis of the Foreign Trade Policy 2015 - 2020</p> <p>A detailed analysis and presentation on the Foreign Trade Policy 2015 was given by Mr. B. Sriram, Partner, EY. The new five year Foreign Trade Policy, provided a framework for increasing exports of goods and services as well as creation of employment and increasing value addition to the country, encouraging the <i>Make in India</i> vision of the Prime Minister.</p>
8th May 2015	<p>Breakfast Meeting on Cervical Cancer Prevention and Control</p> <p>AmCham, in collaboration with the U.S. Commercial Service in Chennai, hosted a breakfast meeting. Dr. Ramani Rajendran made a presentation which highlighted the incidences of cervical cancer and detailed preventive measures.</p> <p>Speakers included: Mr. John Fleming, Senior Commercial Officer, U.S. Consulate, Chennai, Dr. Joan Benson, Executive Director, Medical Affairs, Program Partnerships, Merck & Co., Dr. Ramani Rajendran, Prof, Dept. of Obstetrics & Gynecology, Madras Medical College, Chennai, Ms. Suneeta Krishnan, Country Director, Research Triangle Institute Global India Pvt. Ltd., Mr. Aubrey Daniels, Regional Director, AmCham, Tamil Nadu Chapter.</p>
9th May 2015	<p>Tamil Nadu Chapter's Executive Committee Meeting</p> <p>Discussed past events and strategized the activities for the following months.</p>
14th May 2015	<p>Meeting with Dr. Chandra Mohan, Managing Director, Chennai Metro Water Supply & Sewerage Board</p> <p>Topic: CMWSSB plans to meet the demand for water supply for industry and domestic needs. They plan to augment water sources and augment reservoir capacity.</p>

15th May 2015	<p>GST - Transition facilitated by Deloitte</p> <p>This meeting was organized by Deloitte to help AmCham members (CFO, COO, tax managers) to understand the transitional issues when the GST is implemented.</p> <p>GST may cause existing assesses under the central excise, service tax and VAT to obtain a single state-wise centralized registration. This will enable the government to have a wider reach without seeking information already available with the respective authorities. The existing assesses should be allowed a hassle free and paperless transition into GST regime.</p>
19th May 2015	<p>Workshop on Income Computation and Disclosure Standards (ICDS)</p> <p>A meeting with finance and tax professionals was held to give members an update on the salient features of 'Income Computation and Disclosure Standards.' The program was facilitated and sponsored by Deloitte.</p> <p>Facilitators: Mr. Rajesh Srinivasan, Tax Partner - South, Deloitte, Mr. Vipul Zhaveri, Managing Partner - National Taxation Practice Leader, Mr. M. Rathinaswamy IRS, Director, International Taxation, Income Tax Dept. Chennai, Mr. Krishnan Kavaseri, Audit Director, Deloitte</p>
22nd May 2015	<p>Member Companies Plant Visit</p> <p>The Tamil Nadu Chapter took a delegation of 50 employees from member companies for a 5 company plant visit to American manufacturing facilities at Mahindra World City SEZ. Companies visited included NCR Corporation, Federal Mogul, Lincoln Electric, American Axle Manufacturing and Timken. The plant visit was a part of AmCham's sharing best practices by the practitioners program.</p>
28th May 2015	<p>Meeting with Mr. Pankaj Kumar Bansal</p> <p>A meeting was held with Mr. Pankaj Kumar Bansal, Managing Director, Chennai Metro Rail, to discuss transport infrastructure and seamless connectivity in Chennai.</p>
19th June 2015	<p>Analysis of the Impact of the Goods & Services Tax presented by Deloitte</p> <p>This meeting presented by Deloitte was attended by tax and finance managers, CFO's and CEO's from member companies, across manufacturing, services and ITes companies.</p> <p>The event was facilitated by a team of senior directors comprising of Mr. Kumar Kandaswami - Manufacturing Industry Leader, Ms. Anjalika Chopra - Indirect Tax, Mr. Abhijit Katkar - Enterprise Risk Services, Senior Director and Mr. Parameswaran Iyer - Enterprise Applications.</p>
23rd July 2015	<p>Breakfast Briefing on Global Investor Meet</p> <p>Consul General Philip Min gave an outline of his discussions with state govt. officials on the Investor Meet. AmCham members mentioned that corporate investment decisions are being discussed internally and would be finalized closer to the event. However, a few companies such as Ford, Cognizant, NCR, Amway and Sutherland said that they have decided to make the announcement during the event.</p>

27th Aug 2015

Breakfast Meeting

A breakfast meeting was held on “Elephants Can Dance - An Assessment of India's Economic Performance and Potential” by Dr. Sunder Ramaswamy, Director, Madras School of Economics.

It was discussed that India's economic growth can be unleashed with a turn towards free markets and open trade.

Dr. Sunder Ramaswamy elaborated on 10 reasons to be optimistic about the economy: GDP growth estimated to be 8% in 2015 - 16, improving industrial output, healthier government finances, inflation - both retail and wholesale - under control, better than expected monsoon rains, lower trade deficit, current account deficit, forex reserves, increase in investment and healthy demand.

8th - 9th Sept
2015**Tamil Nadu's Global Investor Meet 2015**

The prelude to this event was a cocktail dinner reception hosted by U.S. - India Business Council, IACC and AmCham. This was attended by the USIBC executive delegation led by Ms. Dianne Farrell, Vice President, USIBC, members of AmCham, IACC members, select diplomats from the U.S. Consulate led by U.S. Consul General Philip Min and Tamil Nadu government officials.

On 9th September, Chief Minister J. Jayalalithaa inaugurated the *Investor Meet* at the Chennai Trade Center. USIBC, an official partner organization, led an executive delegation. The summit aimed to help realize the state's vision of inclusive growth through foreign direct investment, job growth, and balanced regional development.

29th Sept 2015

Breakfast Meeting with Mr. Phillip A. Min, U.S. Consul General

U.S. Consul General Phillip Min shared his experiences and reflections on the past year in Chennai.

26th Oct 2015

Interactive Visa Workshop (H-1B and L-A & B Visa Process)

Speakers: Mr. Charles E Luoma-Overstreet, Chief of Consular Services, Chennai, U.S. Consulate; Mr. Brock Fox, Vice Consul, U.S. Consulate; Mr. Rami Fakhoury, CEO, Mr. Matt Morse, Partner, Mr. Prakash Khatri, Advisor from Fakhoury Law Group, Michigan, U.S.

Mr. Brock Fox, Mr. Rami Fakhoury, Mr. Matt Morse and Mr. Prakash Khatri made detailed presentations on immigration aspects and the Employment Visa category. The other topics discussed were: the visa adjudication process at the Consulate; focus on L-1 RFE 's / denials - current scenario and future outlook; H-1B / L-1 reduction in filing fees and the impact this will have on bottom lines of large corporations; H-1B amendments - current status, pros and cons ; green cards; global immigration services; recent updates on global immigration for work.

5th Nov 2015

Program on Air Quality Environmental Aspects of Industries

A program on air quality environmental aspects of industries was held at the Raj Hall. The program was supported by the U.S. Consulate General, Chennai. The featured speaker was Dr. Rashid Shaikh, Director of Science at the Health Effects Institute, U.S.A.

11th Nov 2015	Meeting with Zonal Development Commissioner, Ministry of Commerce <p>This meeting with the zonal development commissioner was to discuss pending issues with the SEZs located in Tamil Nadu.</p>
12th Nov 2015	Tamil Nadu Chapter's Executive Committee Meeting <p>Discussions revolved around the following: outcome of GIM - any measures being taken by the government to ease doing business in the state; reviewed list of speakers for breakfast meetings; engaging with foreign business groups; delay in implementing GST; expansion of membership; fire-side chat; get together in early 2016</p>
20th Nov 2015	Meeting with Ms. Kimberly Jones, Regional Security Officer, U.S. Consulate <p>This meeting was held with select AmCham members to understand the security concerns specifically in Chennai and India in general. This was necessary in light of the recent happenings in cities across the world.</p>
21st Jan 2016	The Future of Manufacturing - Manufacturing Conclave 2016 <p>This event was sponsored by Deloitte and held at the ITC Grand Chola.</p> <p>Topics included: future of manufacturing technologies, additive technologies, IOT, sensors, future of manufacturing supply chain, impact of technology and trade flows, impact of regulatory changes: FTA/GST and the future of manufacturing innovation - cross-industry collaboration, emerging innovation platforms, new innovation approaches.</p>
2nd Feb 2016	Breakfast Briefing Meeting <p>Select AmCham members discussed investment decisions post the Tamil Nadu Global Investor Meet at Madras Club. The meeting was sponsored by Ford India.</p>
8th Feb 2016	Launch of Recharge: Getting #backtocode - an initiative to empower women technologists on a personal career break to return to work <p>The program was hosted at the Westin and sponsored by Papypal. The keynote was "Diversity at PayPal and the Recharge Programme" presented by Jayanthi Vaidyanathan, Director, Human Resources, PayPal India. Another keynote was entitled "Being a Trainblazer" by Dr. Seema Rao, India's 1st Woman Commando Trainer. The panel discussion was on what makes a woman successful. The last keynote was delivered by LinkedIn on "Building a Great Resume."</p>
10th Feb 2016	Breakfast Event on Transfer Pricing (TP) Litigation Management Strategies <p>At the event, PwC experts shared their key experiences in the TP litigation and alternative dispute resolution mechanism to address specific challenges.</p> <p>The event was sponsored by PwC Chennai at Rain Tree Hotel, Alwarpet.</p>
11th Feb 2016	Breakfast Briefing for the Smart Cities Infrastructure Business Development Mission to India <p>A 40 member delegation led by U.S. Deputy Secretary of Commerce Bruce Andrews met with AmCham members in Chennai. PwC made a presentation at the briefing.</p>

11th Feb 2016	Networking Reception with U.S. Deputy Secretary of Commerce and Mission Delegates <p>This evening reception was held at Chamiers & Mowbrays Hall, Hotel Crown Plaza. The evening was sponsored by the Foreign Commercial Service, U.S. Consulate General.</p>
15th Feb 2016	Breakfast Meeting on Global Mobility - Recent Industry Trends <p>The panel speakers were Gangapriya Chakravarthi, Director - HR, Ford India Limited and Latha Nambisan, Director - HR, Servion Global Services. The session was moderated by Deloitte. The topics included immigration, short-term business travellers, and provident fund.</p>
18th Feb 2016	Breakfast Meeting on BEPS <p>This event was for CEOs, CFOs and tax managers. The topic was “The Big Shift - Base Erosion and Profit Shifting - an Assessment of India’s Approach to BEPS” by guest speaker Dr. Albert Jodhimani IRS, Commissioner of Income Tax, International Taxation. This session was moderated by Mr. Ashwin Ravindranath, partner, EY.</p>
3rd March 2016	Breakfast Meeting - Sharing Best Practices on Managing Crisis During Natural Calamities <p>The rains and the floods in Chennai during November and December last year taught all Chennai residents very valuable lessons on how to manage a crisis. No amount of planning and precaution was enough to protect both life and property and manage business continuity.</p> <p>We were happy to have Cognizant, Dow Chemicals, Caterpillar, Ford India, U.S. Consulate and NTT Data share the extent of damage, disaster recovery best practices and business continuity measures that were taken. CB Richard Ellis also made a presentation giving an update on the residential and commercial realty in Chennai post floods.</p>
7th March 2016	Breakfast Meeting on the Impact Analysis of Budget 2016 on Manufacturing <p>Program facilitators from Deloitte included: Mr. Kumar Kandaswamy, Manufacturing Leader, Partner, Consulting; Mr. Rajesh Srinivasan, Manufacturing Leader - Tax, Partner, Tax; Mr. Parikshit Datta, Partner, Transfer Pricing and Mr. L. Sayee Mohan, Director, Indirect Taxation, Deloitte</p>



Dr. Sunder Ramaswamy, Director, Madras School of Economics with Mr. Vivek Vanmeeganathan, Chairman, AmCham Tamil Nadu Chapter and Mr. Aubrey Daniels, Regional Director, AmCham Tamil Nadu Chapter, during a breakfast session.



Mr. Brian Brendel, CIU Chief and Mr. Brock Fox, Vice Consul from the U.S. Consulate General at the August breakfast meeting.



Guest speakers at the visa workshop, L to R - Mr. Matt Morse, Partner, Fakhoury Law Group; Mr. Rami Fakhoury, CEO, Fakhoury Law Group, Mr. Prakash Khatri, Advisor, Fakhoury Law Group; Mr. Brock Fox, Vice Consul - Subject Specialist, U.S. Consulate, Chennai and Mr. Charles E Luoma-Overstreet, Chief of Consular Services, U.S. Consulate, Chennai.



Mr. Charles E Louma - Overstreet, Chief of Consular Services with Mr. Rami Fakhoury, Managing Director of Fakhoury Law Group at the AmCham visa workshop.



Mr. Jerry Kapoor, MD - Modine Thermal Systems raising a question during the visa workshop.



Participants of the plant visit at the NCR manufacturing facility at Mahindra World City SEZ.



Participant seeking clarifications during the interactive session at the visa workshop.

Members in rapt attention as Dr. Sunder Ramaswamy spoke on India's economic potential.





Consul General Mr. Philip Min sharing his thoughts on completing one year at his post in Chennai.



PCO Mr. John Fleming sharing a lighter moment with members.



U.S. Deputy Secretary of Commerce Mr. Bruce Andrews addressing members at the breakfast briefing during the "Smart Cities Infrastructure Business Development Mission to India."



AmCham Delhi

Mr. Prabal Chakraborty, Chairman - AmCham Medical Devices Committee and VP and Managing Director, Boston Scientific India, presenting a memento to H.E. Mr. Maithripala Sirisena, President of Sri Lanka.

Date	Meetings / Events
28th April 2015	<p>23rd Annual General Meeting of AmCham India</p> <p>The 23rd AGM of AmCham was held in New Delhi. This included the statutory AGM; panel discussion and luncheon session.</p> <p>Panel discussion on 'Smart Infrastructure for Digital India - Focus on Sustainable Growth'</p> <p>The panel discussion was chaired and moderated by Ms. Vanitha Narayanan, Managing Director, IBM India Pvt. Ltd.</p> <p>Presentations on various topics were made by the following panelists:</p> <p>Mr. Banmali Agrawala, Chairman, American Chamber of Commerce in India; and President & CEO, GE South Asia (smart energy, smart grid, renewable energy)</p> <p>Ms. Kaku Nakhate, Vice Chairperson, American Chamber of Commerce in India; and President & Country Head (India), Bank of America N.A. (funding of smart cities)</p> <p>Mr. Venkatesh Kini, President - India and South West Asia Coca-Cola India Pvt. Ltd. (supply chain and water)</p> <p>Mr. Varun Khanna, Managing Director, BD India (healthcare)</p> <p>Mr. John M. McCaslin, Minister Counselor for Commercial Affairs U.S. Embassy (smart cities)</p> <p>Mr. Ramkumar Ramamoorthy Sr. Vice President, Cognizant Technology Solutions (social infrastructure including education skills required for <i>Digital India</i>)</p> <p>Mr. Palash Roy Chowdhury, Country Manager - India UTC India Pvt. Ltd. (Pratt and Whitney) (significance and impact of energy efficiency in smart cities and aerospace infrastructure)</p> <p>After a Q&A session, the discussion was concluded by Ms. Vanitha Narayanan.</p>

Mr. Banmali Agrawala, Chairman, AmCham, in his opening observations, spoke about Indo - U.S. relations and AmCham's role in promoting U.S. investment in India. This was followed by the addresses by the guests of honour, Mr. Amitabh Kant, Secretary, Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion, Government of India, and H.E. Mr. Richard R. Verma, U.S. Ambassador to India. Ms. Kaku Nakhate, Vice - Chairperson, AmCham, proposed the vote of thanks.

The luncheon session was followed by the first meeting of the newly constituted National Executive Board of AmCham India.

The first meeting of AmCham's National Executive Board for 2015 - 16 was held in New Delhi. The following were elected office bearers for 2015 - 16:

Chairperson: Ms. Vanitha Narayanan Managing Director, IBM India Pvt. Ltd.

Immediate Past Chairman: Mr. Banmali Agrawala, President & CEO, GE South Asia

Vice Chairman: Mr. Richard Rekhy, Chief Executive Officer KPMG in India

Vice Chairman: Mr. Gulshan Kumar Sachdev, Managing Director, Quaker Chemical India Limited

Hon. Secretary & Treasurer: Mr. Atul Dhawan, Regional Managing Partner, Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu India LLP

28th April 2015

Defense Committee Meeting

The AmCham Defense team met and discussed standard contract document recommendations to DPP 2013 and also crystallized priority points for Secretary U.S. Department of Defense, Dr. Ash Carter's upcoming visit to New Delhi. Mr. Arun Kumar, Director General of the U.S. and Foreign Commercial Service and Assistant Secretary for Global Markets, U.S. Department of Commerce, International Trade Administration, also joined the interaction.

29th April 2015

Meeting with Secretary, Department of Pharmaceuticals (DoP)

A delegation of AmCham - AdvaMed members led by Mr. Sanjay Banerjee, Chair - AdvaMed India Working Group, met with Dr. VK Subburaj, Secretary, Department of Pharmaceuticals to discuss several issues like price control for medical devices, inclusion of medical devices in National List of Essential Medical Devices (NLEMD), preferential treatment in government procurement to medical devices that are "made in India", banning of import of refurbished equipment in India and Uniform Code for Pharmaceutical Marketing Practices (UCPMP) with the secretary.

30th April 2015

Interactive Breakfast Session on 'The Good, the Bad and the Ugly: Exposing Corporate Fraud in Asia' - An AmCham India - FTI Consulting Partnership

Mr. Stuart Witchell, Sr. Managing Director and co-leader of the Asia Pacific Global Risk and Investigations practice of FTI Consulting and Mr. Anuj Bugga, Managing Director, FTI Consulting addressed commonly seen fraud issues in M&A and investment situations; the importance of due diligence from investigative perspectives; and how effective due diligence can help mitigate risks or even uncover deal breakers.

6th May 2015	<p>Cervical Cancer Prevention and Control (CCPC) - Dinner Reception</p> <p>AmCham, in collaboration with the U.S. Commercial Service, participated in a dinner reception on cervical cancer prevention and control.</p> <p>Speakers included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. John McCaslin, Counselor for Commercial Affairs, U.S. Embassy • Ms. Amy Dubois, Health Attaché, U.S. Embassy • Dr. Joan Benson, Executive Director, Medical Affairs, Program Partnerships, Merck & Co. • Dr. Neerja Bhatla, Professor, Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology, AIIMS, New Delhi • Ms. Suneeta Krishnan, Country Director, Research Triangle Institute Global India Pvt. Ltd. • Mr. Ajay Singha, Executive Director, AmCham India
7th May 2015	<p>Meeting with Mr. Santosh Kumar Sarangi, Joint Secretary, Department of Commerce</p> <p>Mr. Ajay Singha, Executive Director, AmCham India, and Ms. Madhvi Kataria, Deputy Executive Director, AmCham met with Mr. Santosh Kumar Sarangi, Joint Secretary, and Ms. Mugdha Sinha, Director, Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry. They discussed various issues including strategic dialogue, ease of doing business, and smart cities.</p>
8th May 2015	<p>Meeting of DPP Defense Sub - Committee</p> <p>AmCham Defense Committee members met to discuss the draft offset review and review summary of recommendations suggested by AmCham Defense Committee to standard contract matrix of DPP 2013.</p>
11th May 2015	<p>Meeting with Stakeholders to Discuss Issues Relating to Indigenous Manufacturing of Medical Devices</p> <p>CDSCO organized a meeting with the stakeholders to discuss issues relating to indigenous manufacturing of medical devices. Several documents including revised checklist for pre screening for acceptability of applications, FAQ's for medical devices and IVD, guidance documents for grant of license and revised schedule MII were discussed during the meeting.</p> <p>From AmCham India, the meeting was attended by some members of the Medical Devices Committee.</p>
12th May 2015	<p>Roundtable Program on 'Smart Infrastructure for Maharashtra' at Mumbai</p> <p>AmCham's Infrastructure Consortium organized a half day roundtable program on smart infrastructure for Mumbai. The event was presented in two panel discussions covering urban infrastructure development (for Mumbai) and <i>Digital India</i>. The industry side was represented by leading U.S. companies such as IBM, UTC, Emerson, GE, Ingersoll Rand, UL, Xylem Inc, Walter P Moore, and 3M India.</p> <p>The discussion was moderated by Mr. Sriharsha Narasimhan, CTO, Future Cities, HP. KPMG provided content support for the program.</p>
13th May 2015	<p>Meeting with Mr. Vinay Mohan Kwatra, Joint Secretary (AMS), Ministry of External Affairs</p> <p>Mr. Ajay Singha and Ms. Madhvi Kataria of AmCham met with Mr. Vinay Mohan Kwatra, Joint Secretary (AMS), Ministry of External Affairs in his office. They discussed issues relating to smart cities, Indo-U.S. relations, commercial and strategic dialogue.</p>

14th May 2015	<p>Meeting with High Commissioner of Maldives</p> <p>Mr. Sanjeev Gupta, Managing Director, Health & Public Service and Corporate Affairs, Accenture Strategy; Mr. Samit Ray, Director - Govt. Affairs, UTC; and Ms. Madhvi Kataria called on H.E. Mr. Ahmed Mohamed, High Commissioner of Maldives.</p> <p>The High Commissioner was joined by Ms. Shazra Abdul Sattar, Deputy Chief of Mission & Minister; and Mr. Ali Sajid Shakir, Third Secretary. The meeting was as a follow-up to AmCham delegation's visit to Maldives in September 2014.</p>
14th May 2015	<p>Meeting with Mr. Ajay Shankar, Chairman, Committee on Ease of Doing Business</p> <p>Mr. Amit Sharma, Executive Vice President, President Asia, ATC Tower Company of India Pvt. Ltd.; Mr. Harish Krishnan, Executive Director, Public Affairs & Strategic Engagement, India & SAARC, Cisco Systems (India) Pvt. Ltd.; Ms. Ambika Khurana, Head - Public Policy Government Programs, IBM India Pvt. Ltd.; Mr. Ajay Singha and Ms. Madhvi Kataria called on Mr. Ajay Shankar, Chairman, Committee on Ease of Doing Business, to discuss some issues with specific focus on the ICT sector that were hampering smooth business operations.</p>
20th May 2015	<p>Anti-Corruption Informational Series Benchmarking and Disseminating Best Practices Monthly Conference Call</p> <p>Topic: "What is a leading, and certification-ready, anti-corruption program?"</p> <p>Speaker: Mr. Philippe Montigny - Chairman, ETHIC Intelligence Certification Committee</p>
20th May 2015	<p>CSR Committee supported the launch of ThumbsUp VEER 2 (Sustainability Initiative to Empower People with Disabilities)</p>
21st May 2015	<p>Tax, Tariff and Regulatory Affairs Committee Meeting</p> <p>The first meeting of AmCham's Tax, Tariff and Regulatory Affairs Committee for the year 2015-16 was held at the office of PwC, Gurgaon, under the chairmanship of Mr. Indraneel Roy Choudhury, Partner, PwC.</p> <p>The committee discussed the plan of work for the year 2015-16 and decided to focus on issues such as Income Computation and Disclosure Standards (ICDS); clarity on subsidies in finance bill; POEM; GST; MAT on FII's; GAAR; BEPS amongst others.</p>
26th May 2015	<p>Defense Committee Meeting</p> <p>The discussions revolved around AmCham Defense Committee leadership, DPP document review and submission timeline, recommendations submitted to CII on the draft offsets policy and the BIS/FCS Aerospace & Defense Outreach program in Bangalore & Mumbai, June 8 -11, 2015.</p>
2nd May 2015	<p>Meeting with Committee of Experts for Amendments to DPP 2013 including Formulation of Policy Framework</p> <p>Select AmCham Defense Committee members met with Committee of Experts for Amendments to DPP 2013 including Formulation of Policy. The committee is headed by Mr. Dharendra Singh, former Union Home Secretary and other members include Dr. Satish B. Agnihotri, Air Marshal S. Sukumar, Lt. Gen. AV Subramaniam, Rear Adm. Pritam Lal, Ex DRDO Scientist Dr. Pralhada, Colonel (Retd) KV Kuber, Mr. Sujit Haridas, DDG, CII, Mr. Sanjay Garg and Mr. Subir Mallick, Joint Secretaries, Ministry of Defence.</p>

3rd - 4th June 2015	<p>AmCham supported Vivekananda International Foundation Conference on “Make and Design in India- Electronics Sector”</p> <p>With a view to evolve the future roadmap towards building comprehensive national capabilities in design and manufacturing in the electronic sector, the VIF, in collaboration with the DRDO and CII, AmCham India, organized an important seminar ‘Design and Make in India - Electronics Sector.’</p> <p>Defence Minister Manohar Parrikar delivered the keynote address at the seminar.</p> <p>Prominent speakers included Dr. Arvind Gupta, Deputy National Security Advisor, Mr. Amitabh Kant, Secretary, Department of Industrial Policy and Promotions, DIPP, Dr. VK Saraswat, formerly Chief of the DRDO and presently Member of the Niti Aayog, Dr. Kiran Kumar, Chairman, Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), and Dr. Gulshan Rai, National Cyber Security Coordinator.</p>
5th June 2015	<p>Welcome Interactive Session with Chief, Office of Defense Cooperation, U.S. Embassy, Captain Robert Ogden</p> <p>AmCham co-hosted a welcome interactive session with the newly installed Captain Robert Ogden, Chief, Office of Defense Cooperation, U.S. Embassy. This meeting served as an important introduction to the ODC Chief and a broad overview of Secretary Carter’s recently concluded visit to India. Over 15 AmCham Defense Committee members participated.</p>
8th - 11th June 2015	<p>AmCham supported BIS Defense and Aerospace Workshop</p> <p>AmCham, in partnership with Bureau of Industry and Security, U.S. Embassy and FICCI organized capacity building workshops at Bangalore and in Mumbai to educate Indian companies on India’s and the United States’ strategic trade controls impacting their industry. The focus was on U.S. Export Controls (EAR and ITAR) - understanding the principles, differences and licensing process behind the main U.S. export control regimes. Simultaneously panel discussions focusing on working with U.S. companies in the aerospace & defense sector were organized.</p>
10th June 2015	<p>HR Committee Meeting</p> <p>AmCham’s HR Committee has formed three sub-committees to focus on specific issues: talent management, impact of digitization & social media on HR; SMAC and future of work.</p>
10th June 2015	<p>The Leader’s Speak Session: ‘Can I Have it All’ by Anuranjita Kumar</p> <p>AmCham’s HR Committee organized a session “Can I Have it All” with Ms. Anuranjita Kumar, Managing Director, Chief Human Resources Officer, Citi South Asia in Mumbai.</p> <p>The forum provided a unique opportunity to interact with Ms. Anuranjita Kumar, also named as HR Leader of the Year recently at the 2015 ABP News HR and Leadership Awards.</p>
11th June 2015	<p>AmCham supported Webinar on Opportunities in India’s Aerospace & Defence Sectors, including Commercial Weather, Satcom and Aviation, organized by the U.S. Embassy</p>
15th June 2015	<p>A Virtual Meet on “Can SMAC transform the future of HR” by Mr. Obed Louissant - IBM, Mr. Abhijit Bhaduri - WIPRO and Mr. Harish Vaidyanathan - Microsoft</p> <p>This virtual meet was a pioneering effort to take the work of the HR Committee to the extended HR teams in AmCham companies.</p> <p>Three eminent speakers were - Mr. Obed Louissant, VP HR, Watson and Research-IBM, Mr. Abhijit Bhaduri, Chief Learning Officer-WIPRO and Mr. Harish Vaidyanathan, Director ISV-Microsoft.</p>

16th June 2015	<p>Medical Devices Committee Meeting</p> <p>A meeting of AmCham's Medical Devices Committee was held under the chairmanship of Mr. Prabal Chakraborty, Chairman, AmCham Medical Devices Committee and MD, Boston Scientific India at the office of Baxter India Pvt. Ltd., Gurgaon.</p> <p>The task forces created during the last committee meeting updated the members on the developments which had taken place since then. Members were updated on the meetings with Telangana State Health Secretary and meeting with Director, AIIMS-Jodhpur. Members agreed to organize a workshop with the Telangana government.</p>
16th June 2015	<p>Meeting with Rajya Sabha Select Committee on GST Bill</p> <p>The Tax and Tariff Committee represented by Mr. Vivek Mishra, Partner – Indirect Tax, PricewaterhouseCoopers Pvt. Ltd.; Mr. Pratik Jain, Partner, KPMG in India; Mr. R. Sridhar, Vice President -Taxation, Hindustan Coca-Cola Beverages Pvt. Ltd.; and Mr. Ajay Singha, met with the Chairman and members of the Rajya Sabha Select Committee on the GST Bill. Besides the Chairman, Mr. Bhupender Yadav, 14 members of the Select Committee were present.</p>
17th June 2015	<p>Anti-Corruption Informational Series Benchmarking and Disseminating Best Practices - Monthly Conference Call</p> <p>Topic: "Seven Controls Companies Can Implement for an Effective Anti-Corruption Program"</p> <p>Speaker: Ms. Wendy Hallgren, Vice President, Corporate Compliance, Fluor Corporation. Ms. Hallgren gave powerful insight to the Seven Controls for an Effective Anti-Corruption Program.</p>
22nd June 2015	<p>Launch of White Paper Contest for Millennials <i>Leveraging SMAC for HR</i></p> <p>The AmCham HR Committee launched the White Paper Contest for Millennials on <i>Leveraging SMAC for HR</i>.</p>
25th June 2015	<p>Ms. Kaku Nakhate, President and Country Head, Bank of America (N.A.) and members from AmCham secretariat visited the IBM R&D Center at New Delhi.</p>
25th June 2015	<p>National Executive Board Meeting</p> <p>The meeting was chaired by Ms. Vanitha Narayanan, Chairperson of AmCham; and Managing Director - India / South Asia, IBM India Pvt. Ltd.</p>
30th June 2015	<p>Meeting with Justice A.P. Shah Committee</p> <p>AmCham was invited for a hearing on MAT issues by the Committee on Direct Taxes headed by Justice A.P. Shah. AmCham was represented by Mr. Young Lee, Executive Director, Morgan Stanley, Finance; Mr. Anjani Sharma, Partner, B S R & Co. LLP; Mr. Keyur Shah, Partner, E&Y; and Ms. Madhvi Kataria.</p> <p>AmCham representatives highlighted the adverse impact of levy of MAT on FII's and how FII's were treated worldwide. The impact this move had on foreign investment was also discussed. A note on MAT was presented to the committee. A power point presentation was also submitted highlighting the main issues relating to MAT.</p>

2nd July 2015	<p>Infrastructure Consortium Meeting with Secretary, Ministry of Urban Development, Government of India</p> <p>A delegation of select members of the Infrastructure Consortium led by Executive Director, Mr. Ajay Singha, met with Secretary Mr. Madhusudan Prasad, Ministry of Urban Development and briefed him on the AmCham engagements with state governments of Rajasthan, Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh on smart cities and digital India.</p> <p>The meeting was followed by a more detailed interaction with Joint Secretary, Dr. Sameer Sharma, where industry representatives from GE, UTC, Ch2M Hill, UL and HP raised specific concerns and sought clarity on implementation aspects and models of engagement for private sector participation for smart city project planning.</p>
2nd July 2015	<p>AmCham co-sponsored the 239th U.S. Independence Day Celebration</p> <p>AmCham co-sponsored the 239th U.S. Independence Day celebrations on July 2, 2015 in New Delhi with a rather interesting theme - America's national sport, baseball.</p> <p>U.S. Ambassador Richard Verma welcomed the guest of honor General V. K. Singh, Minister of State for External Affairs. AmCham members participated in the celebrations.</p>
7th July 2015	<p>CSR Committee Best Practice Visit - Support My School</p> <p>AmCham CSR Committee organized a best practice visit for the committee members to Tapkan School, Tapkan Village, Haryana.</p> <p>The key take away was connecting CSR officials from member companies, learning the best practices followed for a school education project and planning thereafter how they can help this project to do better. More best practice visits will be planned in the future.</p>
7th July 2015	<p>Roundtable: Preparing for the U.S. - India Strategic & Commercial Dialogue</p> <p>AmCham hosted a roundtable discussion with U.S. embassy officials to provide industry inputs for the U.S. - India Strategic & Commercial Dialogue scheduled to take place in Washington D.C. between 20 - 22nd September. The discussion was moderated by Mr. Atul Dhawan of Deloitte and Chairman of AmCham's Economic Affairs Committee.</p> <p>Remarks on the forthcoming dialogue and related issues were made by U.S. embassy representatives Mr. George Sibley, Counselor for Economic Affairs and Environment, Science & Technology, and Mr. John McCaslin, Counselor for Commercial Affairs. Comments were also made by Ms. Jinu Koola, Financial Attaché to India and Mr. Scott Sindelar, Counselor for Agricultural Affairs. Presentations were made on the opportunities and challenges impacting U.S. industry in the following sectors: healthcare, medical devices, agriculture and food processing, pharma, supply chain and logistics, procurement, ICT, energy, manufacturing and IPR. AmCham's Economic Affairs Committee compiled a comprehensive document on the same.</p>
8th July 2015	<p>Meeting with Mr. Amitabh Kant, Secretary, Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion</p> <p>The Chairman of AmCham's Economic Affairs Committee, Mr. Atul Dhawan, Mr. Ramkumar Ramamoorthy, Senior Vice President, Cognizant Technology Solutions and Mr. Ajay Singha, met Mr. Amitabh Kant, Secretary, DIPPP to invite him for a two - phased interaction with AmCham.</p>

8th July 2015	Meeting with Mr. R.N. Choubey, Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation <p>The Chairman of AmCham's Aviation Committee, Mr. Palash Roy Chowdhury, Country Manager - India, UTC India Pvt. Ltd., Mr. Amber Dubey, Partner, KPMG in India; and Mr. Ajay Singha, met Mr. R.N. Choubey, Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation. The issues discussed were: establishment of an eco-system for encouraging MRO activities; regional air connectivity; issues relating to cargo operations and related matters.</p>
16th July 2015	"Smart Cities Mission 2015"- Coordination and Review Call <p>A teleconference call on "Smart Cities Mission 2015" was organized by AmCham's Smart Cities & Infrastructure Consortium. The call was held to apprise members of the status of government-to-government level consultations taking place in the three cities of Vizag, Allahabad and Ajmer.</p> <p>U.S. Government participants from FCS, Mr. John McCaslin, Minister Counselor, and USTDA Regional Director, Mr. Henry Steingass, updated the participating U.S. private sector companies on their recent discussions and follow up developments post the signing of the three MOUs between the States of Telengana, Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan. The roles of various agencies involved in multiple stages of developments were discussed.</p>
17th July 2015	Smart Cities Coordination Conference Call with U.S. Embassy, FCS, Trade Dept. & USTDA <p>The focus of the call was to review the progress of U.S. private sector engagement with Indian stakeholders in smart cities and the way forward. Also discussed was the progress of engagements seen at the gov-to-gov level, particularly in the three cities where the U.S. has been asked to play the lead. The participants included U.S. Embassy's Minister Counselor John McCaslin, USTDA's Regional Director, Henry Steingass and Jamie Merriman, and USIBC's Ketan Thakkar. A number of the infrastructure consortium's member companies participated.</p>
21st July 2015	Meeting with Mr. Vinay Mohan Kwatra, Joint Secretary (AMS), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India <p>A group of AmCham members called on Mr. Vinay Mohan Kwatra, Joint Secretary (AMS), Ministry of External Affairs to provide inputs for the U.S.-India Strategic and Commercial Dialogue scheduled to be held between the two countries in September 2015 in Washington D.C.</p> <p>From the Ministry of External Affairs, Mr. Kwatra was accompanied by Dr. Acquino Vimal, Director (Americas), AMS Division; Mr. K. Nagaraj Naidu, Director (Investments); and Ms. Nabanita Chakrabarti, Under Secretary (AMS). The AmCham group was led by the Chairman of AmCham's Economic Affairs Committee, Mr. Atul Dhawan, Regional Managing Partner, Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu India LLP</p>
21st July 2015	HR Member Showcase for Best Practices Followed Under SMAC - NCR Corporation <p>AmCham HR Committee organized the first of its member showcase initiative, a breakfast session on "Best Practices Followed under SMAC" by NCR Corporation in Mumbai. The forum provided a unique opportunity to interact with Ms. Wendy Smith, Head of New Employee Experiences, NCR Corporation.</p>
24th July 2015	Defense Committee Meeting <p>The committee members met to discuss the amendments to the draft policy recommendations made by the DPP Experts Committee. EY provided brief insights into the report and highlighted its key points.</p>

24th July 2015	<p>Aviation Core Committee Meeting with Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation</p> <p>A core group of AmCham Aviation Committee members met with Mr. R. N. Choubey, Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation and shared with him the challenges faced in the aviation sector.</p>
24th July 2015	<p>AmCham and PwC Seminar on GST</p> <p>AmCham, along with PwC, organized a seminar on GST in New Delhi. The following were the speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Prakash Kumar, CEO, Goods and Services Tax Network (GSTN) • Mr. Gautam Khattar, Partner - Tax & Regulatory Services, PwC • Mr. Vivek Mishra, Partner - Indirect Taxes, PwC <p>Mr. Prakash Kumar made a presentation on various aspects of GST such as model laws and the nationwide IT network for GST and shared some interesting facts and insights on the proposed GSTN framework. Mr. Vivek Mishra moderated the discussion and proposed the vote of thanks. Earlier, Ms. Madhvi Kataria welcomed the speakers and the participants.</p>
29th July 2015	<p>Interactive Meeting with Government of Haryana Officials</p> <p>AmCham organized an interactive session with officials from the Government of Haryana. The government officials present, among others, were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Devender Singh IAS, Principal Secretary, Industries & Commerce and Electronics & IT Department • Mr. Vineet Garg IAS, Managing Director, Haryana State Industrial and Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited • Mr. T.L. Satyaparkash IAS, Deputy Commissioner, Gurgaon • Dr. Abhilaksh Likhi IAS, Director General & Secretary, Information, Public Relations & Cultural Affairs.
3rd August 2015	<p>Meeting of Committee to Fast - Track Implementation of U.S. Investments in India</p> <p>Mr. Amitabh Kant, Secretary, DIPP, called a meeting of the Committee to Fast-Track Implementation of U.S. Investments in India. AmCham members, who had submitted their specific issues, were called for the meeting. Secretary, DIPP responded to the progress made on their concerns with the help of officials from the relevant Ministries.</p>
7th Aug 2015	<p>AmCham supported OPPI Fourth Healthcare Access Summit</p> <p>The Organization of Pharmaceutical Producers of India (OPPI) organized its fourth 'Healthcare Access Summit' in Mumbai. AmCham India was one of the supporting associations during the summit which discussed various measures need to improve healthcare access in India.</p>
11th Aug 2015	<p>Meeting with Urban Development Secretary, Government of Chhattisgarh</p> <p>A meeting with Principal Secretary, Urban Development, Government of Chhattisgarh, Mr. R.P. Mandal, IAS was held in Raipur. The state government was keen to develop Bilaspur as a smart city. A combination of greenfield, retrofit and redevelopment projects as per the GOI guidelines was envisaged.</p>

12th Aug 2015	<p>AmCham, USIBC and FICCI Interact with Officials of Indian and U.S. Government as run-up to U.S. - India Strategic and Commercial Dialogue</p> <p>AmCham, USIBC and FICCI interacted with Ms. Rita Teotia, Secretary, Department of Commerce; Mr. Amitabh Kant, Secretary, DIPP and Mr. Stefan M. Selig, Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade, U.S. Department of Commerce, in New Delhi.</p> <p>Other government officials from DIPP and Department of Commerce were also present. Mr. Selig was accompanied by Mr. Vinai Thummalapaly, Executive Director, Select U.S.A., U.S. Department of Commerce and other officials. Members representing the three organizations spoke the about overall investment environment in India and the U.S. and raised issues relating to specific sectors.</p>
12th Aug 2015	<p>AmCham and USIBC Interact with Mr. Stefan M. Selig, U.S. Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade</p> <p>AmCham along with USIBC organized a closed door meeting followed by an interactive meeting with Mr. Stefan M. Selig. During the closed door meeting, AmCham members raised specific issues as inputs for the forthcoming U.S.-India Strategic and Commercial Dialogue scheduled to be held in September 2015 in Washington D.C.</p>
19th Aug 2015	<p>Meeting with Joint Secretary, DIPP and Director, Department of Commerce</p> <p>AmCham members met with Mr. Rajiv Aggarwal, Joint Secretary, Department of Industrial Promotion and Policy; and Ms. Mugdha Sinha, Director, Department of Commerce, Government of India in New Delhi.</p> <p>The purpose of the interaction was to firm up issues, concerns and challenges which could be taken up during the forthcoming government-to-government Strategic and Commercial Dialogue taking place in Washington D.C.</p>
21st Aug 2015	<p>CSR Committee: Best Practice Visit - Indian Food Banking Network by Cargill India</p> <p>The AmCham CSR Committee organized another best practice visit - food and nutrition. With a tour of the Delhi - Gurgaon Food Bank and its institutional partner, an initiative of India Food Banking Network pioneered by Cargill in India, in partnership with Responset Development Services, DLF Foundation, Reliance Foundation and GAIN (Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition), it proved a great learning platform for many CSR representatives of U.S. companies.</p>
25th Aug 2015	<p>Tax, Tariff and Regulatory Affairs Committee Meeting</p> <p>The second meeting of AmCham's Tax, Tariff and Regulatory Affairs Committee for the year 2015 - 16 was held in Bangalore under the chairmanship of Mr. Indraneel Roy Choudhury, Chairman of the Committee and Partner, PwC. Mr. Vikas Vasal, Co-Chairman of the Committee and Partner, KPMG, was also present.</p> <p>Around 40 members participated. The meeting, inter alia, discussed APA, BEPS, ICDS and GST.</p>
25th Aug 2015	<p>Defense Committee Meeting</p> <p>AmCham Defense Committee members met to deliberate on the Dharendra Singh Committee report on DPP 2013 which was released by the Ministry of Defense.</p>

25th Aug 2015	<p>Homeland Security 2015 - “Safe and Smart Cities”</p> <p>AmCham supported FICCI for the annual program on “Homeland Security 2015 - Safe and Smart Cities” in New Delhi. The program was supported by Telangana State Police and IPS (Central) Association. Experts from government, enforcement agencies and industry discussed security issues for the cities.</p>
28th Aug 2015	<p>Smart City Interaction with Secretary, Urban Development, Government of Chhattisgarh</p> <p>A delegation of AmCham's Smart City Infrastructure Consortium companies interacted with the Principle Secretary, Urban Development, Government of Chhattisgarh Mr. R. P Mandal, who along with other senior officials including Collector & District Magistrate, Mr. P. Anbalagan, Commissioner Bilaspur Municipal Corporation, Ms. Ranu Sahu, Commissioner Bilaspur Division, Mr. Sonmoni Borah, had extensive deliberations on the scope of U.S. private sector participation in Chhattisgarh infrastructure development. The delegation also called on Minister, Urban Development, Govt. of Chhattisgarh.</p>
28th Aug 2015	<p>HR Committee Meeting</p> <p>The AmCham HR Committee Meeting was held under the chairmanship of Ms. Anuranjita Kumar, Chairperson AmCham HR Committee. The first session was a leader's speak session “Can I Have It All?” Ms. Anuranjita Kumar spoke on successfully launching her book by the same title. In the second session, Mr. Sarthak Raychauduri gave a presentation on future of work. In the last session, Ms. Radhaa spoke on talent management and leadership development. Mr. Shaswat Kumar, Partner, AON Hewitt, spoke on refresh and reboot, HR outcomes that HR should own for the new world at work, a talent charter study.</p>
7th Sept 2015	<p>Interactive Session on Investment Opportunities in Infrastructure & Smart Cities in West Bengal</p> <p>AmCham members held an interactive session with the visiting government delegation from West Bengal led by Dr. Amit Mitra, Minister-in-Charge of Finance, Excise, Commerce & Industries, Public Enterprise, Industrial Reconstruction, Commerce and Industry, Government of West Bengal, along with the Principal Secretary Urban Development Mr. Debashish Sen, Principal Secretary S. Kishore, Department of Commerce & Industries, Resident Commissioner Mr. R.D. Meena, and Dr. Krishna Gupta, Managing Director, WBIDC.</p>
7th Sept 2015	<p>AmCham - Telangana Government Health Department Knowledge Workshop on Innovations in Medical Technology</p> <p>AmCham and the Telangana Government Health Department organized a <i>Knowledge Workshop on Innovations in Medical Technology</i> in Hyderabad.</p> <p>The workshop was chaired by Mr. Suresh Chanda, Principal Secretary, Department of Health and Family Welfare, Government of Telangana. Mr. Michael Mullins, Consul General, U.S. Consulate Hyderabad, also attended the workshop. Other stakeholders included Dr. Buddhaprakash M. Jyothi, Health Commissioner, Government of Telangana and medical superintendents, specialist doctors from government hospitals of various districts and AmCham Medical Devices Committee members.</p> <p>Mr. Prabal Chakraborty, Chairman - AmCham Medical Devices Committee and VP and Managing Director, Boston Scientific India, in his welcome remarks emphasized the important role of the medical devices industry in managing the holistic healthcare for the state by addressing the disease burden.</p>
10th Sept 2015	<p>AmCham India Delegation called on President of Sri Lanka</p> <p>Members of the AmCham delegation, led by Mr. Prabal Chakraborty, Vice President & Managing Director, Boston Scientific India Pvt. Ltd., called on the President of Sri Lanka, H.E. Mr. Maithripala Sirisena, in Colombo.</p>

Hon'ble President said that the focus areas for Sri Lanka were agriculture, food processing, dairy farming, IT, tourism, healthcare and infrastructure. He invited U.S. companies to invest in these areas and share their expertise. Sri Lanka offered a hassle free and transparent business environment for investors. Mr. Chakraborty said that the U.S. companies were looking to forging stronger business ties with Sri Lanka.

14th Sept 2015

AmCham - PwC Webcast on Transfer Pricing

AmCham and PwC hosted a webcast on transfer pricing. The speakers from PwC were Mr. Sanjay Tolia, Leader, Transfer Pricing and Mr. Sabine Wahl, Principal and APA Leader. The focus of the discussion was the success of the India APA program, recent High Court decision on AMP expenses, the recent introduction of the APA rollback rules, amendments to the tax law to address longstanding concerns and the resolution of the deadlock between the U.S. and India Competent Authorities on several MAP cases and acceptance of bilateral APAs with India.

16th Sept 2015

Meeting with Mr. Rajiv Aggarwal, Joint Secretary, Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion, Government of India

At the invitation of Mr. Rajiv Aggarwal, Joint Secretary, Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion, Mr. Ajay Singha and Mr. Rishi Shah from Deloitte called on Mr. Aggarwal to discuss the issues presented in the document prepared by AmCham with the help of Deloitte for the U.S.-India Commercial Dialogue.

20th - 22nd Sept
2015

Annual Door Knock Delegation to Washington D.C.

The annual AmCham India door knock delegation to Washington D.C. was led by Chairperson Ms. Vanitha Narayanan to coincide with the U.S. - India Strategic and Commercial Dialogue. The delegation interacted with some of the key players in the dialogue and other decision-makers.

The delegation met with Mr. Arun Kumar, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Global Markets and Director General of the Foreign Commercial Service, U.S. Department of Commerce and Mr. Vinay Singh, Senior Advisor – Global Markets, U.S. Department of Commerce. The delegation also had an interaction with Mr. Amitabh Kant, Secretary, DIPP.

The other meetings were with: Ms. Carolyn Leddy, Senior Professional Staff Member for East Asia and the Pacific and Mr. Frank Polley, Policy Analyst, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Congressman Ami Bera, Co-Chair, Congressional Caucus on India, Mr. Akshai Datta, Senior Legislative Assistant for Congressman Ami Bera, Senator John Cornyn, Co-Chair, Senate India Caucus and Mr. David Hanke, Counsel for National Security Affairs for Senator John Cornyn. The AmCham delegation also participated in the USIBC 40th Anniversary Leadership Summit.

The delegation also met with Ambassador Tim Roemer, Senior Director & Strategic Counselor, Global Political Strategies, APCO Worldwide (former U.S. Ambassador to India) and staff of Senator Maria Cantwell (D-WA), Mr. Jonathan Hale, Senior Advisor to Senator Cantwell, Staff of Congressman Matt Salmon, Chairman, House Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific (House Foreign Affairs Committee), Ms. Lorissa Bounds, Deputy Chief of Staff, Ambassador Robert Holleyman, Deputy, U.S. Trade Representative and Ms. Dawn Shackelford, Deputy Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for India, USTR.

The final meeting was with Ms. Lee Zak, Director, USTDA and her colleagues Mr. Henry Steingass, Regional Director for South and Southeast Asia, Ms. Katherine Michaud, Country Manager, South Asia and Southeast Asia and Ms. Jamie Merriman, Country Manager, South and Southeast Asia.

30th Sept 2015

HR Committee Talent Workshop “Navigating Talent in a VUCA World”

In a first of its kind initiative, HR and talent practitioners in Mumbai converged for a talent workshop *Navigating Talent in a VUCA World*. Conceived and led by the talent management work stream of the HR Committee, the objective of this workshop was to bring together HR and talent thought leadership and co-create a framework for managing talent in the workplaces of the future.

5th Oct 2015	<p>Interactive Session on “Theme Based & Smart Cities for West Bengal”</p> <p>An interactive session was held on <i>Theme Based & Smart Cities for West Bengal</i> for AmCham members to engage with the Urban Development Department of the West Bengal Government. The Principle Secretary, Urban Development Department, Mr. Debashis Sen and Resident Commissioner, Mr. R. D. Meena along with Mr. Sudip Datta, COO, II&FS, addressed the participants.</p>
5th Oct 2015	<p>Pharmaceutical Committee Meeting</p> <p>The first meeting of the AmCham Pharmaceutical Committee for the year 2015 - 16, was held in Mumbai. Mr. Sanjiv Navangul, Chairman - AmCham Pharma Committee and MD, Janssen India, chaired the meeting. The meeting was also attended by Mr. Nick Mitchell, Co-Chair - AmCham Pharma Committee and MD, Phenomenex India, and other members of the AmCham Pharma Committee.</p>
8th Oct 2015	<p>Defense Committee Meeting</p> <p>AmCham Defense Committee members discussed the letter submitted to Minister Parrikar commending the expert committee recommendations. It was decided that the AmCham Defense Committee would hold quarterly meetings with the FICCI Defense Committee, as this would help the two industry associations to address issues jointly and make recommendations to the government. It was also decided that AmCham and the USIBC Defense Committee should have interactions on a regular basis.</p>
13th Oct 2015	<p>HR Committee White Paper Competition Finale</p> <p>AmCham HR Committee concluded its white paper competition - <i>Leveraging SMAC for HR</i> in Mumbai. The white paper competition was launched in June 2015 and received 37 entries bringing the total participation to 74 HR officials. From there 10 teams were shortlisted based on the abstract submissions and finally after submitting a 5000 word white paper, they followed with a presentation.</p> <p>Ms. Anuranjita Kumar Chair - AmCham HR Committee, Mr. Dilpreet Singh, VP-HR (India/South Asia) IBM India and Mr. Ajay Singha gave away the awards.</p>
14th Oct 2015	<p>Interaction with Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Central and South Asian Affairs, U.S. Department of State</p> <p>AmCham and USIBC met with Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Central and South Asian Affairs at the U.S. Department of State, Ambassador William (Bill) Todd, during his visit to India. The discussion revolved around the business climate and operational challenges for U.S. companies in India. Also present in the meeting from the U.S. government were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Sean Stein, Director, Office of India Affairs, Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs, U.S. Department of State • Mr. Erik Liederbach, Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs, U.S. Department of State • Mr. Ivan Boekelheide, Political Officer, Internal Unit, Political Section, U.S. Embassy • Ms. Rachel Duran, Commercial Attache, U.S. Embassy
16th Oct 2015	<p>CSR Committee 3rd Best Practice Visit - Women Empowerment by Federal Mogul</p> <p>The AmCham CSR Committee witnessed their third best practice visit at Vidya School, Gurgaon, facilitated by Federal Mogul. Members toured the school which was managed by Vidya Integrated Development for Youth & Adults.</p>

21st Oct 2015	Defense Committee Meeting <p>AmCham members met to discuss the recent interaction with Defense Minister Manohar Parrikar. As per his ask, AmCham members reviewed the recommendations for the Amendment to DPP 2013 for submission.</p>
28th Oct 2015	Meeting with Officials from the U.S. Embassy in Nepal <p>AmCham organized a meeting with the officials from the U.S. Embassy in Nepal, Mr. Kevin C. Price, Economic and Commercial Officer and Mr. Tapas K. Gupta, Senior Economic Specialist, in the AmCham office.</p> <p>The U.S. Embassy officials explained the economic and political situation in Nepal and great opportunities for American companies in rebuilding Nepal after the earthquake, particularly in the infrastructure sector.</p>
30th Oct 2015	Interaction with Mr. Justin Antonipillai, Deputy General Counsel, U.S. Department of Commerce <p>The Anti-Corruption and FCPA Compliance Committee had a meeting with Mr. Antonipillai, Deputy General Counsel, U.S. Department of Commerce (USDOC), Ms. Dawn Hewett, DGC, Strategic Initiatives and Mr. Mohamed Badissy, Attorney Advisor.</p> <p>AmCham's FCPA Committee was requested to summarize and prioritize the committee member's expert suggestions in regard to ease of doing business issues to be discussed in the next U.S. - India Strategic & Commercial Dialogue. Mr. Anand Dayal, AmCham Anti-Corruption & FCPA Compliance Committee Chairman, along with the Co-Chairperson, Ms. Ritika Ratti, were keen to help the Department of Commerce for the document.</p>
30th Oct 2015	Defense Committee Meeting <p>The AmCham Defense Committee members met to review the offset recommendations submitted to the Hon'ble Defense Minister.</p>
3rd Nov 2015	Smart City & Infrastructure Roundtable with USTDA Director, Ms. Leocadia Zak <p>USTDA informed participants about their work and efforts for the chosen three smart city projects under the U.S. - India agreement. Companies were requested to keep in constant touch to benefit from emerging business opportunities.</p>
3rd - 5th Nov 2015	The U.S. - India Aviation Summit 2015 <p>The U.S. - India Aviation Summit encompassed two days of high-level meetings and discussions between public and private sector leaders from both nations to discuss ways to strengthen the bilateral aviation partnership. AmCham was a key partner for this summit which was co-hosted by the U.S. Trade and Development Agency and India's Ministry of Civil Aviation.</p> <p>The Aviation Summit advanced U.S. - India collaboration in technical, policy and commercial areas.</p>
4th Nov 2015	Aviation Committee Meeting <p>Mr. Rajeev Nayan Choubey, Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation, commented on the Revised Draft National Civil Aviation Policy, 2015 at the 'U.S.-India Aviation Summit 2015' in Bangalore. Members discussed the recently announced draft National Civil Aviation Policy (NCAP) as per his advice.</p>

5th Nov 2015	<p>Exclusive Interaction with Ms. Diane Gherson, Chief Human Resource Officer, IBM</p> <p>Ms. Anuranjita Kumar, CHRO Citi India, moderated the session. Ms. Gherson shared about her life experiences and her work at IBM. She also talked about the innovative work that IBM was doing to keep the organization ahead of the curve in terms of talent management.</p>
5th Nov 2015	<p>Meeting with Mr. R.S. Sharma, Chairman, TRAI</p> <p>Mr. Amit Sharma, Chairman, AmCham ICT Committee, accompanied by Co-Chairman, Mr. Naveen Tandon, Director – IEA, AT&T Communication and Ms. Madhvi Kataria, called on Mr. R.S. Sharma, Chairman, Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) in his office.</p>
5th Nov 2015	<p>Meeting with Mr. Munu Mahawar, Joint Secretary (Americas), Ministry of External Affairs, GOI</p> <p>Mr. Ajay Singha and Ms. Madhvi Kataria called on Mr. Munu Mahawar, who recently took over as Joint Secretary (Americas) in the Ministry of External Affairs. Mr. Mahawar was joined by Dr. Acquino Vimal, Director (Americas).</p>
7th Nov 2015	<p>8th Amateur Invitational Golf Tournament</p> <p>91 golfers participated in the 8th AmCham India Amateur Invitational Golf Tournament (North), held at the Golden Greens course in Gurgaon. The event was sponsored by American Airlines, KPMG India, Lockheed Martin, Honeywell, Amway, Tupperware and Porsche.</p>
9th Nov 2015	<p>Medical Devices Committee Meeting</p> <p>The Medical Devices Committee had its quarterly meeting at the BD office in Gurgaon. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Prabal Chakraborty, Chairman-AmCham Medical Devices Committee. AmCham also invited representatives from CII, FICCI, USIBC and Advamed.</p>
17th Nov 2015	<p>National Executive Board Meeting</p> <p>The fourth meeting of the National Executive Board of AmCham for the year 2015-16, under the chairmanship of Ms. Vanitha Narayanan, Managing Director - India / South Asia, IBM India Pvt. Ltd., was held in Mumbai.</p> <p>Mr. Thomas L. Vajda, U.S. Consul General in Mumbai addressed the meeting.</p> <p>Mr. George N. Sibley, Minister Counselor for Economic, Environment, Science and Technology Affairs, U.S. Embassy, briefed members on a number of meetings that took place in the U.S. in the last few weeks between the U.S. and Indian governments.</p>
17th Nov 2015	<p>Tax, Tariff and Regulatory Affairs Committee Meeting</p> <p>The third meeting of the AmCham Tax, Tariff and Regulatory Affairs Committee for the year 2015-16, under the chairmanship of Mr. Indraneel Roy Choudhury, was held in Mumbai.</p> <p>The focus of the meeting was to shortlist the issues to be raised during the pre-budget meeting with the Revenue Secretary on 10th December 2015.</p>
27th Nov 2015	<p>Pharmaceuticals Committee Meeting</p> <p>A meeting of the AmCham Pharmaceuticals Committee was organized in New Delhi under the Chairmanship of Mr. Sanjiv Navangul, Chairman, AmCham Pharmaceuticals Committee and Mr. Nick Mitchell, Co-Chair, AmCham Pharmaceuticals Committee and MD, Phenomenex.</p>

30th Nov 2015	<p>AmCham Smart City Interaction with USTDA's Technical Advisory Services Team</p> <p>AmCham's Smart City Consortium members had a detailed interaction with USTDA's smart city specialists, the technical advisory team, at ACSA, U.S. Embassy.</p> <p>These experts led by Mr. Doug Shuster, President and CEO of Emerging Markets Infrastructure (EMI), wanted to understand the on-the-ground action and extent of involvement of U.S. companies in various smart city programs across a number of cities in India.</p>
30th Nov 2015	<p>AmCham Defense Committee Meeting with Secretary, Defence Production, Mr. Ashok Kumar Gupta</p> <p>Defense Committee members called upon Secretary, Defense Production, Mr. A K Gupta, who was accompanied by Mr. Harbans Lal Khera, Joint Secretray, DOMW and his team of OSD.</p> <p>The secretary made a presentation on the initiatives taken by the Ministry of Defense for facilitating easier discharge of offset obligations.</p>
2nd Dec 2015	<p>Launch of AmCham HR Talent Toolkit</p> <p>The soft launch for the AmCham Talent Toolkit was held at the Citi Office, Mumbai. As the natural next step to the creation of the talent toolkit, based on the inputs from the previous HR meeting, the talent committee had a soft launch of this toolkit to the extended HR committee members and business leaders. This workshop was facilitated with the objective of bringing together HR and business leaders to validate the content for the toolkit and also incorporate changes as per suggestions.</p>
9th Dec 2015	<p>Defense Committee Meeting</p> <p>The AmCham Defense Committee members met to brief the team on the discussions the core committee members had with the Secretary, Defense Production, Mr. A.K. Gupta and the Joint Secretary, Mr. Harbans Lal Khera. Members agreed to take up further amendment to the offset policy.</p>
10th Dec 2015	<p>Pre-Budget Meeting with Dr. Hasmukh Adhia, Revenue Secretary, Ministry of Finance</p> <p>AmCham and the European Business Group (EBG) were invited by the Ministry of Finance to make a presentation on the pre-budget memorandum which had been submitted earlier.</p> <p>The AmCham team was led by Mr. Indraneel Roy Choudhury, Chairman, AmCham Tax, Tariff and Regulatory Affairs Committee, who made the presentation on direct taxes on behalf of both AmCham and EBG. EBG made a presentation on indirect taxes.</p> <p>Dr. Hasmukh Adhia, Revenue Secretary, was accompanied by Mr. Najib Shah, Chairman, CBEC; Ms. Rani Singh Nair, Member (L&C), CBDT; Mr. Alok Shukla, Joint Secretary (TRU-I), CBEC; Mr. Amitabh Kumar, Joint Secretary (TRU-II), CBEC and Ms. Pragya Saksena, Joint Secretary (TPL-I), CBDT.</p>
12th Dec 2015	<p>Annual Christmas Ball</p> <p>AmCham's Annual Christmas Ball was held in New Delhi. The event was fun filled with music, dance, raffles, games, etc. A large number of AmCham members and officials from the U.S. Embassy and the Government of India, along with their spouses, participated.</p> <p>The event was sponsored by AmCham members.</p>

15th Dec 2015	<p>Meeting with Mr. K. Nagaraj Naidu, Director (Investments), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India</p> <p>Mr. Ajay Singha and Ms. Madhvi Kataria called on Mr. K. Nagaraj Naidu, Director (Investments), Ministry of External Affairs.</p> <p>Mr. Naidu wanted to know specific issues faced by American investors in India. He welcomed issues and suggestions from AmCham on attracting American investment.</p>
16th Dec 2015	<p>Meeting with Mr. Rajiv Aggarwal, Joint Secretary, Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion, Government of India</p> <p>Mr. Ajay Singha and Ms. Madhvi Kataria called on Mr. Rajiv Aggarwal, to express AmCham's interest in participating in the "Make in India" week to be held from 13th to 18th February 2016 in Mumbai.</p>
17th Dec 2015	<p>ICT Committee Meeting</p> <p>A meeting of AmCham's ICT Committee under the chairmanship of Mr. Amit Sharma, along with Co-Chairmen, Mr. Naveen Tandon and Mr. Vivek Vasishtha, Country Leader - Government and Regulatory Affairs, IBM India Pvt. Ltd., was held through a conference call.</p> <p>The meeting discussed issues relating to IoT policy, M2M guidelines, encryption policy, effective public procurement, BIS safety testing, security testing, cloud policy, and data localisation. It was decided that AmCham would send representations on these issues to the concerned government authorities.</p>
18th Dec 2015	<p>Meeting with Mr. Ajay Shankar, Chairman, Expert Committee on Regulatory Approvals</p> <p>Mr. Ajay Shankar, Chairman, Expert Committee on Regulatory Approvals, invited commercial representatives of key missions and country specific chambers, including AmCham, for an interaction. On behalf of AmCham, Ms. Madhvi Kataria along with Mr. Samit Ray, Director – Government Affairs, United Technologies Corporation, participated in the meeting.</p>
18th Dec 2015	<p>AmCham - Cornell - Catalysts Knowledge Breakfast</p> <p>AmCham conducted a thought session on <i>Redefining Innovation</i> with Dr. Soumitra Dutta, Eleventh Dean and Professor of Management and Organizations in the Samuel Curtis Johnson Graduate School of Management at Cornell University.</p>
10th Jan 2016	<p>Breakfast Roundtable of Medical Devices Committee Members with Mr. Arvind Kuma, Principal Secretary (FAC), Government of Telangana</p> <p>A breakfast roundtable meeting of the AmCham Medical Devices Committee members was organized in Hyderabad. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Arvind Kumar, Principal Secretary (FAC), Government of Telangana and Mr. Prabal Chakraborty, Chairman, AmCham Medical Devices Committee, led the discussions from the AmCham side.</p>
14th Jan 2016	<p>Roundtable Interaction with Haryana Government on Investment Opportunities for U.S. Companies in Haryana</p> <p>AmCham, in association with KPMG, organized a roundtable interaction on <i>Investment Opportunities for U.S. Industry in Haryana</i> with the senior administration of the Government of Haryana, led by Principal Secretary Mr. Devendra Singh, (Industries), Divisional Commissioner Gurgaon, Dr. D. Suresh, and Director Industries, Mr. Vivek Atray.</p>

The program was organized as a preview to Happening Haryana - A Haryana Government's Global Investors Summit, being organized in March in Gurgaon.

15th Jan 2016

Meeting with U.S. Senate Armed Services Committee

Senior members of the U.S. Senate Armed Services Committee met with AmCham Defense Committee members. The purpose was to hear from industry about their experiences and challenges in India. Mr. Daniel Lerner, staff member, Mr. Anish Goel, Staff member, and Mr. Jonathan S Epstein, Counsel of the Armed Services Committee, were present. Mr. Phil Shaw, Chairman, AmCham Defense Committee presided over the discussions.

29th Jan 2016

Breakfast Roundtable with Chairman of the Export-Import Bank of the U.S.

AmCham met with Mr. Fred Hochberg, Chairman and President of the Export Import Bank of the U.S. During this visit, Chairman Hochberg met with industry leaders to discuss how Ex-Im Bank, as the official export credit agency of the United States, could advance U.S. - India cooperation on a range of issues from nuclear and renewable power, to aviation and other infrastructure priorities, through Ex-Im financing.

Mr. Pratyush Kumar, President, Boeing India, gave introductory remarks and mentioned the overwhelming opportunity in India for infrastructure growth.

Other members of the delegation and USG present included: Mr. Raymond J. Ellis, VP of Global Business Development, Ex-Im Bank; Mr. Matthew Bevens, Deputy Chief of Staff, Ex-Im Bank; Ms. Ashley Lewis, Press Secretary, Ex-Im Bank; Mr. George Sibley, Minister Counselor for Economic Affairs, Environment, Science & Technology and other U.S. Embassy officials.

3rd Feb 2016

Tax, Tariff and Regulatory Affairs Committee Meeting

The fourth meeting of AmCham's Tax, Tariff and Regulatory Affairs Committee for the year 2015-16 was held at Gurgaon, under the chairmanship of Mr. Indraneel Roy Choudhury, Partner, PwC. The Co-Chairman, Mr. Vikas Vasal, Partner, KPMG, was also present. Members discussed ICDS guidelines, seconement issue, tax refunds, transfer pricing, GST, BEPS, POEM, and APAs.

8th Feb 2016

Interactive Session: Smart City Infrastructure Business Development Trade Mission with U.S. Industry Delegation led by Deputy Secretary, Commerce, Mr. Bruce Andrews

AmCham organized an interactive session with the U.S. Deputy Secretary of Commerce, Mr. Bruce Andrews, and the accompanying delegation of 18 American companies on a Smart Cities Infrastructure Business Development Mission to India. Ms. Lee Zak, Director, USTDA and Mr. Ray Ellis, Vice President of Global Business Development at the Export-Import Bank, were part of the hi-level delegation.

The interactive session had participation from leading smart technology driven and infrastructure focused companies of AmCham (including Accenture, KPMG, IBM, AECOM, UTC, CISCO, GE etc.) Industry representatives provided specific inputs on the opportunities and challenges in retrofit, brownfield and greenfield projects for U.S. private sector engagement.

9th Feb 2016

Breakfast Roundtable of AmCham Pharmaceuticals Committee with Mr. Arvind Kumar, Principal Secretary (FAC), Government of Telangana

A breakfast roundtable meeting with the AmCham Pharmaceuticals Committee members under the chairmanship of Mr. Sanjiv Navangul, Chairman, AmCham Pharma Committee and MD, Janssen India and Mr. Nick Mitchell, Co-Chair, AmCham Pharma Committee and MD, Phenomenex, was organized in Hyderabad. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Arvind Kumar. The Pharma Committee decided to engage with the Telangana government.

10th Feb 2016	<p>Breakfast Roundtable of Medical Devices Committee with Mr. Arvind Kuma, Principal Secretary (FAC), Government of Telangana</p> <p>A breakfast roundtable meeting of the AmCham Medical Devices Committee members was organized in Hyderabad. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Arvind Kumar, Mr. Prabal Chakraborty, Chairman, AmCham Medical Devices Committee, led the discussions from AmCham side.</p>
12th Feb 2016	<p>Meeting with Dr. (Ms.) Aruna Sharma, Secretary, DeitY</p> <p>The Co-Chairmen of AmCham's ICT Committee, Mr. Naveen Tandon, and Mr. Vivek Vasishtha, Country Leader - Govt. and Regulatory Affairs, IBM India Pvt. Ltd., accompanied by Mr. Rahul Jain, Senior Manager - Government Affairs & Public Policy, Dell International Services and Ms. Madhvi Kataria, called on Dr. (Ms.) Aruna Sharma, the newly appointed Secretary, Department of Electronics and Information Technology (DeitY), in her office.</p> <p>The Secretary, DeitY said that she would like to focus on exports from India and manufacturing in India.</p>
12th Feb 2016	<p>Smart Cities Meet hosted by the Government of Andhra Pradesh</p> <p>The Government of Andhra Pradesh hosted a Smart City Meet, in association with AmCham and the U.S. Commercial Service at Visakhapatnam. About 45 AmCham member companies participated in the industry - government meeting. At the inaugural session, Chief Secretary, Mr. S.P. Tucker explained in detail the investment opportunities in different sectors in the state. AmCham represented by Program Director, Ms. Shivani Raina, introduced the AmCham Infrastructure & Energy Capability Deck.</p> <p>Leading the U.S Trade Delegation, Ambassador Richard Verma, in the inaugural session said that the U.S. government was also ready to extend its cooperation in the defense and manufacturing sectors.</p> <p>The Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh graced the occasion with his presence and witnessed the signing of an MoU between the U.S. Trade & Development Agency and the Department of Municipal Administration on funding for drawing up a master plan for Visakhapatnam Smart City, and a consortium of three U.S. companies, AECOM, KPMG, and IBM. Municipal Administration Minister P Narayana, Panchayati Raj Minister Ch Ayyanna Patrudu, HRD Minister Ganta Srinivasa Rao, Chief Secretary SP Tucker, Commissioner GVMC Pravin Kumar, MLAs, MLCs and a number of senior officials were present on the occasion</p>
18th Feb 2016	<p>Conference Call on Companies Law Committee Report - 2016</p> <p>The Companies Law Committee set up by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs recently issued its report suggesting many changes in the Companies Act, 2013. To understand some of the key aspects that impact foreign companies doing business in India, AmCham organized a call.</p> <p>The speakers were: Mr. Vikas Vasal, Co-Chairman, AmCham's Tax & Tariff Committee and Partner, KPMG, Mr. Harinderjit Singh, Partner, PwC and Mr. Vijay Mathur, Chartered Accountant.</p> <p>Over 128 people participated. The presentations were followed by interaction with the participants.</p>
19th Feb 2016	<p>CSR Committee Meeting</p> <p>The first committee meeting of the year for the AmCham CSR Committee was held at Gurgaon. The meeting was well attended with Mr. Deepak Jolly, Vice President - Venturing and Emerging Brands, Coca-Cola India, Chair, AmCham CSR Committee and Mr. Harish Krishnan, Executive Director, Public Affairs & Strategic Engagement, India & SAARC, CISCO Systems, Co – Chair, AmCham CSR Committee, presiding over the meeting.</p>

Professor Jack Sim, Founder, World Toilet Organization, gave an insight on health and hygiene projects revolving around educating people on efficient use of toilets. Also, Ms. Lee-Alison Blum Sibley, an activist showcased her CSR project 'Mamoon and Lee and the World In Between' which originated in Kolkata.

22nd - 23rd Feb
2016

AmCham supported National Conference on Export Controls

AmCham was a supporting partner for the Ministry of External Affairs organized National Conference on Export Controls in Bangalore. The event brought together the major business entities handling defense, dual-use items and technologies, the relevant Government of India officials included those from MEA and DGFT, as well as export control experts from the U.S., Japan and German discussed the SCOMET export control system, recent updates to SCOMET and India's engagement with the multilateral export control regimes (Nuclear Suppliers Group, Missile Technology Control Regime, Wassenaar Arrangement and Australia Group).

23rd Feb 2016

Meeting with Joint Secretary DOMW, Mr. Harbans Lal Khera

AmCham Defense Committee members met with Mr. Harbans Lal Khera, Joint Secretary, Defense Offsets Management Wing, to discuss recommendations submitted by the AmCham Defense Committee on amendments to DPP 2013.

25th Feb 2016

Defense Committee Meeting

AmCham Defense Committee members met to take action on the points raised by Joint Secretary DOMW, Mr. Harbans Lal Khera, during the meeting with AmCham members on 23rd February 2016. The members discussed submitting a detailed recommendation to the ministry with the focus on the multiplier suggestion to encourage investment and indigenization.

25th Feb 2015

AmCham and EY Fraud Investigation & Dispute Services Breakfast Session on 'Compliance trends witnessed in 2015 and the judicial process'

The AmCham Anti-Corruption and FCPA Compliance Committee, in partnership with EY, hosted a session on 'Compliance trends witnessed in 2015 and the judicial process' in Mumbai. Mr. Kiran Jadhav, Former Deputy Inspector General, CBI and Superintendent of Police, CBI spoke on challenges faced by law enforcement agencies or regulators in addressing risks of fraud and anti-bribery and corruption.

Mr. Vinay Garodiya, Director, Fraud Investigation & Dispute Services, EY India, gave a presentation entitled 'A look back into 2015 and what to expect in 2016'. Ms. Kulbir Kaur, Director, Fraud Investigation & Dispute Services, EY India, spoke on rising need of e-discovery and how to manage the document reviews.

26th Feb 2016

Expert Session on Global Mobility and Talent Management: Trends and Trend Reversals

The AmCham HR Committee had an engaging session on *Global Mobility and Talent Management: Trends and Trend Reversals* by Ms. Yogini Joglekar, Asia-Pacific Director, Mountbatten Institute, U.S.A.

29th Feb 2016

ECP Meeting with Ms. Meredydd Evans, PNNL, U.S. Department of Energy

An ECP meeting was held with Ms. Meredydd Evans, Senior Staff Scientist, Joint Global Change Research Institute, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL) to discuss the Energy Conservation Building Code (ECBC) Seminar organized in Visakhapatnam.

The Vishakhapatnam Urban Development Authority (VUDA) and U.S. Department of Energy's Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL) jointly organized this seminar at Vizag and one at GIFT city Gujarat.

29th Feb 2016	<p>Northern Region Council Executive Committee Meeting</p> <p>A meeting of the newly constituted Executive Committee of AmCham's Northern Region Council for 2016-17 was held via concall. The following were elected:</p> <p>Chairman: Mr. Rustom J. Desai, Managing Director, Corning India and Telecom Operations. NRC's Nominee on AmCham's National Executive Board: Mr. Pratyush Kumar, President, Boeing India, Boeing International Corporation India Pvt. Ltd. Vice Chairman: Mr. Vivek Vasishtha, Country Leader - Government and Regulatory Affairs, IBM India Pvt. Ltd.</p>
6th - 8th March 2016	<p>AmCham supported Happening Haryana Global Investors Summit</p> <p>AmCham supported the Government of Haryana and CII, as an associate partner, for this event held in Gurgaon. The Happening Haryana Global Investors Summit was the Haryana government's first-ever concerted effort to attract global investors into the state and it proved to be a great success with the signing of 357 MoUs worth Rs. 5,84,000 crore, and participation by more than 3,000 delegates, including 160 from 12 partner international countries, 15 Union Ministers, global CEOs and industry leaders.</p>
9th March 2016	<p>Medical Devices Committee Meeting</p> <p>A meeting of AmCham's Medical Devices Committee was held in Gurgaon, under the Chairmanship by Mr. Prabal Chakraborty.</p>
15th March 2016	<p>PwC & AmCham's Ind AS Webinar</p> <p>PwC and AmCham organized an Ind AS webinar. The focus of the webinar was on the new landscape of corporate financial reporting under the Indian Accounting Standards (Ind AS) which are substantially converged with IFRS. The webinar covered topics such as India's progress on IFRS convergence and tax and accounting implications companies need to be aware of in moving towards Ind AS. Over 300 persons participated in the webinar.</p>
16th March 2016	<p>Aviation Committee Meeting with Andhra Pradesh CM, Mr. Chandra Babu Naidu and Hon'ble Union Minister Gajapati Raju</p> <p>Mr. Palash Roy Chowdhury, Chairman, AmCham Aviation Committee and Country Manager, Pratt & Whitney, and Amber Dubey, Co-Chairman AmCham Aviation committee and Partner, KPMG, led a team of AmCham Aviation Committee members to meet the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, Mr. Chandra Babu Naidu and Union Minister for Civil Aviation, Mr. Ashok Gajapati Raju. The Chief Minister shared his vision for the state of Andhra Pradesh and welcomed companies to bring investments to the state.</p>
16th - 20th March 2016	<p>AmCham supported FICCI for India Aviation 2016</p> <p>AmCham supported FICCI at the Ministry of Civil Aviation led 5th edition of India Aviation 2016 from March 16 - 20, 2016 in Hyderabad. The civil aviation industry in India is experiencing a new era of expansion driven by factors such as low cost carriers, modern airports, foreign direct investments in domestic airlines, cutting edge information technology interventions and a growing emphasis on regional connectivity. India is the 9th largest aviation market in the world with a size of around USD 16 billion and is poised to be the 3rd biggest by 2020. AmCham members had an opportunity to meet with key stakeholders in the industry and share best practices.</p>

17th March 2016	AmCham and FICCI High Level Interactive Engagement with 5 Key State Governments <p>AmCham planned an interactive session with key officials from the state Governments of Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Haryana, West Bengal, Karnataka, and Madhya Pradesh. Principal secretaries and industry secretaries from the states were present and engaged in key discussions with the members.</p>
23rd March 2016	Defense Committee Meeting <p>AmCham Defense Committee members met to discuss the final letter submitted to Joint Secretary DOMW, Mr. Harbans Lal Khera, on multiplier suggestions and shared the update on meetings/events lined up for DefExpo 2016 in Goa.</p>
26th March 2016	Exclusive Roundtable with Assistant Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation, Ms. Susan Kurland <p>AmCham and USIBC jointly hosted the Assistant Secretary for Aviation and International Affairs, U.S. Department of Transportation, Ms. Susan Kurland, for a closed door interactive session with members.</p> <p>The discussions revolved around "Make In India," MRO and regional connectivity, skill development, infrastructure and security protocols.</p>
27th March 2016	Closed Door Roundtable with U.S. Government Principles and U.S. Industry <p>AmCham and USIBC members were joined by the visiting delegation from the U.S. government which included Counsel General Mumbai, Mr. Thomas Vajda, General Dennis L. Via, Army Material Command and Ms. Ann Cataldo, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Defense Exports and Cooperation, for a closed door roundtable session on the occasion of DefExpo 2016 in Goa. The discussions revolved around the contribution of U.S. industry to 'Make in India,' transfer of technology and other current issues. Around 40 AmCham Defense Committee members were present.</p>
27th March 2016	AmCham and USIBC Joint Reception on Eve of DefExpo 2016 <p>AmCham and USIBC hosted the Counsel General Mumbai, Mr. Thomas Vajda, and other dignitaries from the U.S. government, U.S. industry exhibitors and participants for a reception on the occasion of DefExpo 2016. The event was supported by BAE, Honeywell, Lockheed Martin and Rockwell Collins.</p>
28th March 2016	Interaction with Mr. Kevin Lobo, Chairman and CEO, Stryker and Board Member, AdvaMed <p>The AmCham Medical Devices Committee and a visiting AdvaMed delegation led by Mr. Kevin Lobo, Chairman and CEO, Stryker and Board Member, AdvaMed met in Gurgaon.</p> <p>The delegation included member companies of AdvaMed: Stryker, Boston Scientific, Abbott and Smiths Medical.</p>
28th - 31st March 2016	AmCham supported Ministry of Defence led Defexpo India <p>AmCham supported the Ministry of Defense led Defexpo India 2016, the ninth in the series of biennial land, naval and internal homeland security systems exhibition. Defexpo provided a platform to all the exhibitors to display their latest technologies and products and an opportunity to explore the market and business potential for mutual benefits. Many AmCham Defense Committee members also took up their exhibitor slots and showcased their capabilities under the official U.S. International Pavilion.</p>

7th April 2016

AmCham India's Interaction with Delegation from Sri Lanka

AmCham India participated in a get-together and interactive session meeting with the delegation mounted by AmCham Sri Lanka and the Sri Lanka Convention Bureau in Gurgaon.

The visiting delegation consisted of 15 prominent Sri Lankan tourism companies and the representatives of AmCham Sri Lanka. The purpose was to promote Sri Lanka as a MICE (meetings, incentives, conferences & events) destination.

AmCham India members had an opportunity to meet with the Sri Lankan High Commissioner in India, H.E. Mr. E.R. Weerakoon.

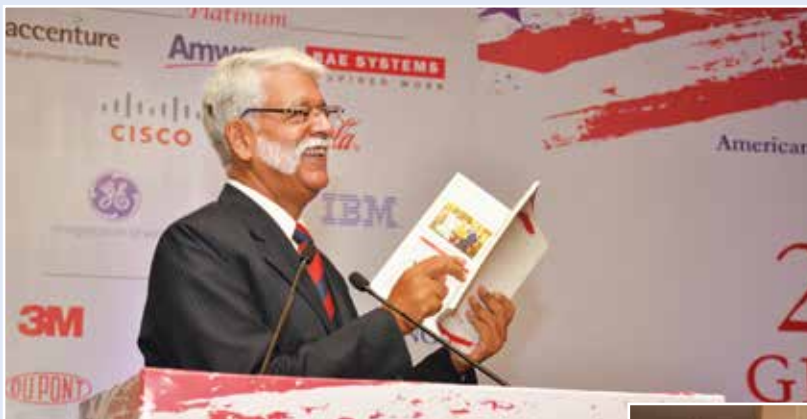
8th April 2015

Meeting with Under Secretary Kendall and Director Webster for an Indo - U.S. Industry Meeting

U.S. Ambassador Richard Verma, Mr. Frank Kendall, Under Secretary of Defense, and Keith Webster, Director, International Cooperation for the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, met key participants from the U.S. and Indian industry and discussed success in Defense Trade & Technology Initiatives (DTTI), avenues of cooperation beyond DTTI, transfer of technology and other issues. Members from Lockheed Martin, Boeing, Raytheon, BAE, GE, UTC and others were present and got an opportunity to share their successes and challenges. Key counterparts from the Indian defense industry were also present.



Panel Discussion on 'Smart Infrastructure for Digital India - Focus on Sustainable Growth' (L-R) Mr. Banmali Agrawala, Ms. Vanitha Narayanan, Ms. Kaku Nakhate, Mr. Venkatesh Kini, Mr. Ramkumar Ramamoorthy, Mr. John M. McCaslin, Mr. Varun Khanna and Mr. Palash Roy Chowdhury.



Mr. Ajay Singha, Executive Director, AmCham India giving a welcome speech during the 23rd Annual General Meeting.



Ms. Madhvi Kataria, Deputy Executive Director, AmCham India escorting Mr. Amitabh Kant, Secretary, Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion, Government of India.



In conversation with U.S. Ambassador to India Mr. Richard R. Verma.



Special session with Ambassador Richard Verma during the 23rd Annual General Meeting.



(L-R): Mr. Ajay Singha, Mr. Banmali Agrawala, Ambassador Richard Verma, Mr. Amitabh Kant and Ms. Kaku Nakhate.



Mr. Amitabh Kant delivering the keynote during the 23rd Annual General Meeting.



(2nd from left) Dr. Neerja Bhatla, Professor, Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology, AIIMS, New Delhi; Dr. Joan Benson, Executive Director, Medical Affairs, Program Partnerships, Merck & Co.; and (far right) Ms. Suneeta Krishnan, Country Director, Research Triangle Institute Global India Pvt. Ltd. during dinner reception on cervical cancer prevention and control.



Mr. Ajay Singha addressing the roundtable program on 'Smart Infrastructure for Maharashtra' in Mumbai.



Consul General Mr. Thomas L. Vajda addressing the workshop on “U.S. - India Aerospace & Defense Strategic Trade & Compliance.”



Mr. Jonathan Ward, Principal Commercial Officer, U.S. Commercial Service addressing AmCham members at the workshop on “U.S. - India Aerospace & Defense Strategic Trade & Compliance.”



AmCham members with Mr. R. P Manda, Principle Secretary, Urban Development, Government of Chhattisgarh and Ms. Ranu Sahu IAS, Commissioner Bilasour.



AmCham members held an interactive session with the visiting Government delegation from West Bengal led by Dr. Amit Mitra, Minister-in-Charge of Finance, Excise, Commerce & Industries, Public Enterprise, Industrial Reconstruction, Commerce and Industry, Govt. of West Bengal.



Dr. Amit Mitra addressing members during Interactive Session with visiting Government delegation from West Bengal.

Ms. Madhvi Kataria giving a welcome speech during a seminar on GST (L-R) Mr. Gautam Khattar, Partner - Tax & Regulatory Services, PwC; Mr. Prakash Kumar, CEO, Goods and Services Tax Network; and Mr. Vivek Mishra, Partner - Indirect Taxes, PwC.



Mr. Prakash Kumar addressing members during the seminar on GST.

Mr. Prabal Chakraborty, Chairman - AmCham Medical Devices Committee and VP and Managing Director, Boston Scientific India during "Knowledge Workshop on Innovations in Medical Technology."





Mr. Suresh Chanda, Principal Secretary, Department of Health and Family Welfare, Government of Telangana addressing members during the workshop.



Mr. Michael Mullins, Consul General, US Embassy, Hyderabad giving concluding remarks during the workshop.



Members of the AmCham delegation with H.E. Mr. Maithripala Sirisena, President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.



AmCham members during annual door knock delegation to Washington D.C.



The AmCham delegation with Senator John Cornyn.



The AmCham delegation with Congressman Ami Bera.



Meeting with Ambassador Tim Roemer, Senior Director & Strategic Counselor, Global Political Strategies, APCO Worldwide.



Ms. Vanitha Narayanan, Chairperson, AmCham India, in conversation with Senator Cornyn.



A cross section of the AmCham delegation during AmCham's door knock.



Door knock participants in conversation with Ms. Lee Zak, Director, USTDA.



AmCham members with the Principle Secretary, Urban Development Department of West Bengal Government, Mr. Debashis Sen.



The Principle Secretary, Urban Development Department of West Bengal Government, Mr. Debashis Sen addressing members.



All the winners of the white paper competition along with the judges and sponsors.



AmCham HR Committee's Chairperson, Ms. Anuranjita Kumar, MD & CHRO Citi South Asia posing a question to one of the winners.



Ms. Anuranjita Kumar, MD & CHRO Citi South Asia with the winners (Axtia) of the white paper competition (category B).

Ms. Akila, Director, Press & Finance, Harvard Business Publishing with the winners (Cognizant) of the white paper competition (category A).





AmCham CSR Committee members at the best practice visit to Vidya School, Gurgaon facilitated by Federal Mogul.



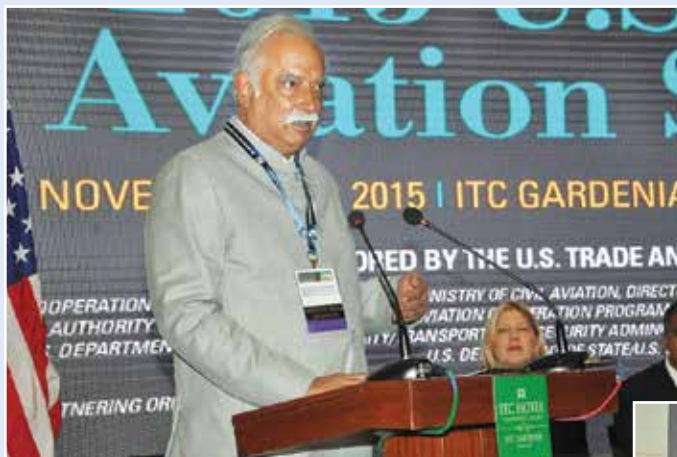
Visit to Vidya's driving courses.



CSR executives at the best practice visit to the Food Bank Warehouse, Gurgaon.



(L-R): Ms. Leocadia I. Zak, Director, USTDA; U.S. Ambassador to India Mr. Richard Verma; Minister of Civil Aviation, Mr. Ashok Gajapathi Raju Pusapati and Chief Minister of Karnataka, Mr. Siddaramaiah during 'The U.S. - India Aviation Summit - 2015.'



Mr. Ashok Gajapathi Raju Pusapati, Minister of Civil Aviation, Govt. of India, delivers the keynote address during 'The U.S. - India Aviation Summit - 2015.'

Mr. Rajiv Nayan Choubey, Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation, GOI during 'the U.S. - India Aviation Summit - 2015.'





All set for 7th AmCham India Amateur Invitational Golf Tournament, 2015 at the Golden Greens Golf Course, Gurgaon.



Members getting ready for AmCham India Amateur Invitational Golf Tournament 2015 at the Golden Greens Golf Club, Gurgaon.



Mr. Aquino Vimal, Director (AMS), Ministry of External Affairs plays the inaugural shot at AmCham Golf Tournament.



Ms. Tyrena Holley, Commercial Attache, U.S. Commercial Service and her team getting ready for a game.



Mr. Phuntsho Norbu Counsellor, (Political), Royal Bhutanese Embassy and Col. Rinzin Dorji of Royal Bhutanese Embassy , along with co - players at AmCham Golf Tournament.



Overall winner - Mr. Steven Gimre, Managing Director, Honeywell receiving trophy from Mr. Jayant Kumar of KPMG.



Mr. Dhruv Singh, Executive Director, Ministry of Railways, winner of handicap 18 & above receiving trophy from Ms. Tyrena Holley.



Refreshment time for the players.



(L-R): Cake cutting ceremony - Mr. Raghav Chandra (NHAI), Mr. Rajiv Aggarwal (DIPP), Mr. Ajay Singha (AmCham India), Ms. Madhvi Kataria (AmCham India), Mrs. & Mr. George Sibley, (U.S. Embassy).



Mrs. & Mr. Rajiv Aggarwal, IAS, Jt. Secretary, DIPP, Ministry of Commerce & Industry in a festive mood.



Mr. Ajay Singha in conversation with Dr. Didar Singh, (FICCI).



(L-R): Mr. John William (Textron India), Mr. Inderpreet Wadhwa (Azure Power), join the Sibleys on the stage.



Mrs. Bakshi receiving the bumper prize of Carrier AC from Mr. Krishan Sachdev (Carrier Midea India Pvt. Ltd.)



Guests at the Christmas Ball 2015.



AmCham members enjoying the evening.



Officials from the U.S. Embassy.



Participants in the couples game receiving their gift hampers.



Ladies receiving gifts for being best dressed as per the theme.



Members of AmCham and EBG who met with the revenue secretary in New Delhi and presented pre budget memorandum.



(L-R): Mr. Bruce Andrews, Ambassador Richard Verma, Ms. Lee Zak and Mr. Raymond J. Ellis.



(L-R): Mr. Dillon Banerjee, Mr. George Sibley, Mr. Fred Hochberg and Mr. Raymond J. Ellis at the breakfast roundtable with Chairman of the Export-Import Bank of the U.S.



Dr. Soumitra Dutta, Eleventh Dean and Professor of Management and Organizations in the Samuel Curtis Johnson Graduate School of Management at Cornell University with members.



Mr. Bruce Andrews, the U.S. Deputy Secretary of Commerce, addressing AmCham members.



Principal Secretary (Municipal Administration) Mr. Karikal Velavan signing the master planning contract with AECOM, KPMG and IBM representatives.



Chief Minister Mr. Chandrababu Naidu felicitates partners AmCham, FCS and USTDA for their support and robust participation in the U.S. - India Partnership on Smart Cities.



Interaction with Union Minister of Civil Aviation, Mr. P. Ashok Gajapathi Raju.



(L-R): Mr. Parul Soni, Global Managing Partner, Thinkthrough Consulting; Mr. T. L. Satyaparkash, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, Gurgaon; Mr. Ajay Singha, Mr. Devender Singh, IAS, Principal Secretary, Industries & Commerce and Electronics & I.T. Department; Mr. Vineet Garg, IAS, MD, Haryana State Industrial & Infrastructure Devt. Corpt. Ltd. and Dr. Abhilaksh Likhi, IAS, DG & Secretary, Information, Public Relations & Cultural Affairs.



Mr. Rahul Jain, Mr. Naveen Tandon, Mr. Vivek Vasishtha, and Ms. Madhvi Kataria meeting Dr. Aruna Sharma, Secretary, Department of Electronics and Information Technology (DeitY).



AmCham, USIBC and FICCI interacted with (L-R): Dr. A. Didar Singh Secretary General, FICCI; Mr. Amitabh Kant, Secretary, DIPP; Mr. Stefan M. Selig, Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade, U.S. Department of Commerce; Ms. Rita Teatitia, Secretary, Department of Commerce; Mr. Vinai Thummalapally, Executive Director, Select USA, U.S. Department of Commerce and Mr. Ajay Singha, Executive Director, AmCham India.



(L-R): Ms. Madhvi Kataria, Deputy Executive Director, AmCham India, Mr. D. Suresh, Divisional Commissioner, Gurgaon, Mr. Richard Rekhy, CEO, KPMG, Mr. Devendra Singh, Principal Secretary (Industries) and Mr. Vivek Atray, Director Industries.



(L-R): Mr. Vibhav Garg, Head-HEGA, Boston Scientific India, Mr. Rakesh Sharma, Head-RA, BD India, Mr. Prabal Chakraborty, Chair, AmCham Medical Devices Committee and VP and Managing Director, Boston Scientific India, Mr. Arvind Kumar, Principal Secretary (FAC), Government of Telangana, Mr. Utkarsh Palnitkar, Head Life Sciences, KPMG and Mr. Badri Nepali, Marketing Manager - Diagnostics, Abbott Healthcare.



AmCham members during FCPA session in Mumbai.



Mr. Deepak Jolly, Coca Cola and Mr. Harish Krishnan, Cisco presiding over the meeting.



CSR representatives from various AmCham member companies.



Members interacting with Mr. Justin Antonipillai Deputy General Counsel, U.S. Department of Commerce.



Exclusive roundtable with Ms. Susan Kurland, Assistant Secretary for Aviation and International Affairs, U.S. Department of Transportation.



Section of members during roundtable with Ms. Susan Kurland.



Gen. Dennis L. Via, Commander of the U.S. AMC, Counsel General Mr. Tom Vajda, Mumbai, Ms. Ann Cataldo, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Army for DEC addressing U.S. participants at the AmCham/USBIC hosted industry roundtable at DefExpo 2016.



Counsel General Mr. Tom Vajda, officially inaugurating the U.S. International Pavilion on the occasion of Defexpo 2016.



Members after AmCham National Executive Meeting.



(L-R): U.S. Ambassador Richard Verma, Mr. Keith Webster, Director, International Cooperation for the Under Secretary of Defense (AT&L), Mr. Frank Kendall, Under Secretary of Defense, U.S. Department of Defense, Brigadier General Robin Fontes, Defense Attache, U.S. Embassy India and Mr. John McCaslin, Minister Counselor, U.S. Foreign Commercial Service.



Ms. Madhvi Kataria speaking to H.E. Mr. E.R.Weerakoon, Sri Lankan High Commissioner to India and Mr. Chinthaka Weerasinghe, Manger - Northern India, Sri Lankan Airlines Ltd.

Dr. Asanka Ratnayake, President, AmCham Sri Lanka addressing the "Meet in Sri Lanka" event in Gurgaon.





AmCham Hyderabad

Mr. K. T. Rama Rao, Minister for Information Technology, Panchayati Raj & MAUD, Govt. of Telangana, lighting the inaugural lamp.

Date	Meetings / Events
13th May 2015	<p>Healthcare Committee Meeting for 3rd Healthcare Conference</p> <p>The Healthcare Committee for the Healthcare Conference to be held in Hyderabad in September 2015, met on May 13th at the office of St. Jude Medical, to discuss the theme and the speakers for the conference. The objectives and outcome of the conference was discussed in detail and it was decided to meet on May 29th at the office of Phenomenex.</p>
15th May 2015	<p>U.S. Visa and ACS Services Session</p> <p>A session was held for AmCham members on U.S. visa and ACS services. Barry, from the U.S. Consulate Hyderabad, began the session talking about the American Citizen Services. Then Mr. Manav Jain, Vice Consul Chief, U.S. Consulate Hyderabad, spoke on visas and answered queries raised by the members present.</p>
19th May 2015	<p>Session on “ Technology - Roadblock to Sleep”</p> <p>The members met at Westin Hyderabad for this session. Dr. Nalini Nagalla, Consultant Pulmonologist, Continental Hospitals spoke to the members and walked them through the various causes and concerns of sleep deprivation and how it is effecting a majority of people, unaware that this could lead to serious consequences.</p> <p>She spoke on the importance of sleep, causes of sleep deprivation, and technology and sleep problems. Some of the benefits of sleep are increased energy, sharper concentration, better decision making, improved memory etc. The effects of sleep deprivation are increased heart rate variability, irritability, risk of diabetes type 2, impaired immune system etc.</p>
29th May 2015	<p>3rd Healthcare Conference Committee Meeting</p>

6th July 2015	Hyderabad Executive Committee Meeting <p>The Executive Committee met and approved the sports event while they were updated on the other events for the coming months.</p>
23rd July 2015	Healthcare Committee Meeting <p>The Healthcare Committee for the Healthcare Conference to be held on September 19, 2015 in Hyderabad met to discuss panellists and the refining of the sessions. The meeting was held at the office of Eli Research India, Hyderabad.</p>
24th July 2015	Session on Changes in Industrial Policy, PF and Incorporation <p>A session was held for members on changes in industrial policy.</p> <p>The Principal Secretary, Commerce, Industries and Energy, addressed the small gathering. Later the panellists comprised of Ms. Uma Devatagupta of Signode India, Dr. Kiranmai Pendyala of AMD, Ms. Padmaja Chowdary of C3i and Mr. Sriram of D.E. Shaw discussed how the changes in PF can be incorporated and encourage savings for the employees, including the UAN (to avoid withdrawal but all transfer) and the pension scheme.</p>
31st July 2015	Sports Coordinators Meeting <p>The sports coordinators meeting for AmCham Sports 2015 was held at S&P Capital IQ. The draws for the team events were conducted at this meeting. There were about 18 teams participating in cricket and the other team events which include - men's volleyball, women's volleyball, throw ball, football and basketball. The rules, regulations and conduct of the sports and the type of equipment being used were presented at this meeting.</p>
11th Aug 2015	Healthcare Committee Meeting <p>The Healthcare Committee met to finalize the details for the 3rd AmCham Healthcare Conference slated to be held on September 19th 2015.</p>
19th Sept 2015	3rd AmCham Healthcare Conference <p>The 3rd AmCham Healthcare Conference was held with an underlying theme of <i>Improving Healthcare Access to Reduce Disease Burden in India</i>.</p> <p>The conference began with a welcome address by Ms. Kiranmai Pendyala, Vice Chairperson, AmCham Hyderabad Chapter and Corp VP HRD, AMD. Mr. Michael Mullins the U.S. Consul General spoke on the progress of India in bringing down infant mortality rate through immunization and vaccination. Also, Mr. Ratan Jalan of Medium Consulting gave the landscape of healthcare.</p> <p>The first panel discussion was on healthcare awareness and prevention which was moderated by Dr. Sanjeev Upadhyaya, Health Specialist, UNICEF. The second panel discussion was on healthcare delivery moderated by Mr. Joseph Nicholas, CEO & President of American Oncology Institute in India. The keynote session was given by Dr. Balaji Utlia, CEO Piramal Swasthya and CEO HMRI. The final session for the day was on healthcare innovation moderated by Mr. Nick Mitchell, MD, Phenomenex India.</p>

20th Sept 2015	AmCham Sports 2015 <p>AmCham Sports began on 20th September with a basketball match at the CA Technologies premises. Nine member companies participated in this event. The event was conducted on September 20th, 26th and 27th. The finals were held between Deloitte and Wells Fargo. Deloitte won with a good margin.</p>
15th Oct 2015	Ernst & Young SEZ Roundtable <p>The AmCham EY SEZ roundtable was held at “the Evolve” Westin Mindspace. Ms. Rithika Gupta, Partner, Ernst & Young made the presentation. She spoke on the window of opportunities for the IT/ITeS sector, and also on concept and incentives – fiscal incentive and regulatory incentives. She gave a bird’s eye view on the regulatory considerations for consolidation and tax considerations for setting up the SEZ unit.</p> <p>She also spoke on the regulations of the department of telecom with respect to IT and ITeS sector and shared the OSP guidelines. The meeting concluded with a round of Q&A.</p>
December 2015	AmCham Sports 2015 <p>The AmCham Hyderabad Sports 2015 began in September and ended on December 13, 2015. The 12 events included cricket, throw ball, volleyball for men and women, football, basketball, badminton, table tennis, tennis, carom, chess, and athletics, were conducted during this period every Saturday and Sunday. Deloitte were the winners in most of the categories.</p> <p>In cricket, Deloitte reclaimed their title this year and Qualcomm were the runners up. Approximately 23 corporates took part in these 12 events. We started with basketball on September 20th which was held at the C.A. India Technology premises. This was followed by cricket which culminated on December 12th followed by carom on December 13th at L.B. Stadium. We are grateful for our sponsors - DST Worldwide Services, Qualcomm, D.E. Shaw, S&P Capital IQ, Synchrony Financial and United Technologies Corporation and also our venue sponsors C.A. India Technologies for opening their venue for the basketball games and St. Jude Medical for hosting the chess event. More than 1,300 people from AmCham member companies participated in AmCham Hyderabad Sports 2015. Basketball, volleyball (men and women) and throw ball (women) and athletics (men and women) were completed as of 23rd October 2015.</p> <p>Basketball, volleyball (men and women) and throw ball (women) and athletics (men and women) were completed as of 23rd October 2015. Volleyball (men and women) matches were held at the L.B. Stadium Grounds, along with throw ball, while athletics were held at the Gachibowli Athletics Stadium. In spite of a slight disruption due to rains, the matches carried on. The volley ball (men and women) and throwball were all won by Deloitte. The cricket matches were held at Vijay Anand Cricket Grounds Shivrampally, NFC and ECIL grounds at the NFC complex.</p>
15th Jan 2016	Hyderabad Chapter Executive Committee Meeting
9th Feb 2016	Business Continuity Program with Ernst & Young <p>AmCham organized this program on business continuity with Ernst & Young in Hyderabad. The focus for this session was on operations, management and crisis management – reaction, first steps when the crisis hits you rather than the traditional business continuity journey.</p>

19th Feb 2016

Annual Day 2016

The AmCham Annual Day 2016 was held at HICC Hyderabad. The chief guest for the occasion was Mr. K. T. Rama Rao, the Minister for Information Technology, Panchayati Raj and MAUD, Government of Telangana.

The guest of honor was Mr. Michael Mullins, Consul General of the U.S. Consulate Hyderabad. Mr. Jayesh Ranjan IAS, Secretary Information Technology, Government of Telangana, was also present.

At the event 15 American companies received awards for being winners and runners up in the sports event that concluded on December 15th, 2016. Also, the 3rd AmCham Healthcare Conference position paper was handed over to the Minister at this event.

Employees from AmCham member companies like DST and Deloitte performed a dance program and an acoustic performance to enthrall the audience. International Paper was one of the sponsor companies for this event.

22nd Feb 2016

Healthcare Committee Meeting for 4th AmCham Healthcare Conference

The committee for the Healthcare Conference, slated to be held at Eli India Global Services, Hi Tech City, was to discuss and brainstorm on the theme and the areas to be addressed.

The members decided to broaden the base to include pharma and life sciences too. Deliberation continued for the theme which would be either - global integration with the sub theme relating to epidemic or epidemic with the sub theme relating to global integration - end stage life threatening diseases (capture and slow down progress of the disease) covering bio similar, data integrity and quality.



Mr. K. T. Rama Rao, Minister for Information Technology, Panchayati Raj & MAUD, Govt. of Telangana, addressing members during AmCham Hyderabad Annual Day 2016.



Mr. Arvind Kumar IAS, Principal Secretary Commerce & Industries & Energy addressing members during a session on changes in industrial policy, PF and incorporation.



Mr. Michael Mullins, U.S. Consul General, Hyderabad; Ms. Ruth Sandya Rodrigues, Regional Director - Hyderabad Chapter, AmCham, and Dr. Kiranmai Pendyala, CVP HR Greater Asia, AMD R&D Center India.



Dr. Nalini Nagalla, Consultant Pulmonologist, Continental Hospitals speaking on the importance of sleep.



Mr. Joseph Nicholas, CEO & President of American Oncology Institute addressing the members during the 3rd AmCham Healthcare Conference.

Dr. Ratan Jalan, the Founder & Principal Consultant, Medium Healthcare Consulting expressing his view during the 3rd AmCham Healthcare Conference - Hyderabad.





A panel discussion on "Healthcare Awareness & Prevention" (L-R): Dr. Nalini N, Pulmonologist, Continental Hospitals; Mr. Sanjeev Upadhyaya, Health Specialist, UNICEF; Dr. Vijay Janagama, Director, Happi/ Prevent NCD Foundation and Dr. Naveen G, VP, Novartis.



Dr. Kiranmai Pendyala, CVP HR Greater Asia, AMD R&D Center India with participants.



AmCham Healthcare Conference panellists.



Luncheon session with Dr. Balaji Utla, CEO Piramal Swasthya & CEO HMRI during the 3rd AmCham Healthcare Conference.



Mr. Manav Jain, Vice Consul Chief, U.S. Consulate Hyderabad responding to queries on visas.



DST Cricket team.



Volleyball match in progress.



Deloitte women's team during throwball match.



Basketball match in progress.



Basketball champions - Deloitte.



Deloitte proves to be the reigning volleyball champion.



On your mark, get set, go!



Women's chess championship in progress.



Session on changes in industrial policy/PF and incorporation (L-R): Ms. Uma Devaguptapu, Director - HR, Asia-Pac & MEA at Signode Industrial Group, Dr. Kiranmai Pendyala, AMD, Ms Padmaja Chowdary, CC3i Healthcare Connections and Mr. Sriram, D E Shaw India Software.



Mr. Jaspreet Singh, Partner - Information Security, EY speaking about business continuity.



Ms. Rithika Gupta, Partner, EY giving the presentation "Window of Opportunities for the IT/ITES Sectors."



Mr. Madhu Poomalil, MD, D. E. Shaw India and Dr. Kiranmai Pendyala, CVP HR Greater Asia, AMD R& D Center India escorting Mr. K. T. Rama Rao, Minister for Information Technology, Panchayati Raj & MAUD, Government of Telangana along with Mr. Jayesh Ranjan IAS, Secretary Information Technology, Govt. of Telangana.



Mr. Madhu Poomalil presenting a memento to Mr. K. T. Rama Rao.



Ms. Ruth Sandya Rodrigues, Regional Director - Hyderabad Chapter, AmCham, delivering welcome speech during Annual Day 2016.



Winners with Mr. K. T. Rama Rao.



A dance performance at Annual Day.



Winners with Mr. Michael Mullins, U.S. Consul General, Hyderabad.



Winners with Mr. Jayesh Ranjan IAS, Secretary Information Technology, Govt. of Telangana.



Champions from various sporting events.



AmCham Kolkata

Mr. Debashish Sen, Principal Secretary Urban Development; Dr. Amit Mitra, Minister-in-Charge of Finance, Excise, Commerce & Industries, Public Enterprise, Industrial Reconstruction, Commerce & Industry, Govt. of West Bengal and Dr. Krishna Gupta, Managing Director, West Bengal Industrial Development Corporation.

Date	Meetings / Events
29th April 2015	Eastern Region Executive Committee Meeting
14th May 2015	Meeting with Ms. Beatrice Cameron, Regional Education Officer for South Asia Mr. Dinesh Agarwal, Chairman and Ms. Britta Leick-Milde, Vice Chairperson, AmCham Eastern Region met with Ms. Beatrice Cameron, Regional Education Officer for South Asia and discussed the feasibility of opening an American School in Kolkata.
27th May 2015	Eastern Region Executive Committee Meeting The first meeting of Executive Committee of 2015-16 was chaired by Mr. Dinesh Agarwal, Chairman and hosted by Hyatt Regency Kolkata.
1st June 2015	All Chambers Meeting with Chief Minister Mamta Banerjee The Government of West Bengal hosted an “all chamber” including the district chambers and captains of industry meeting. This was chaired by Chief Minister Mamta Banerjee. AmCham Eastern Region was represented by Mr. Dinesh Agarwal, Ms. Britta Leick-Milde and Ms. Amada Kidwai.
17th June 2015	Core Committee meeting with Principal Secretary Commerce & Industry on “Ease of Doing Business in West Bengal”
19th June 2015	Breakfast Session on GST with Deloitte The members and guests of AmCham and Deloitte participated in the event. The Regional Director of AmCham Eastern Region, Ms. Amada Kidwai, introduced the speakers, followed by welcome remarks by Mr. Dinesh Agarwal and opening remarks by Mr. Joydeep Datta Gupta, Regional Practice Leader, Deloitte. Mr. Muralidharan, Senior Director - GST Lead Partner, Deloitte made a presentation on operational impact of GST.

Mr. P.S. Easwaran, Senior Director - Supply Chain Strategy Partner, Deloitte made a presentation on transformational opportunities.

Mr. Joydeep Ghosh, Senior Director - SAP Partner, Deloitte made a presentation on technology alignment.

19th June 2015 **Eastern Region Executive Committee Meeting**

23rd June 2015 **Eastern Region partnered with Hyatt Regency Kolkata in a Blood Donation Camp**

This camp was organised in coordination with the Lions Club International, Thakurpukur. Several member companies took part in the CSR initiative of the Hyatt Regency Kolkata.

10th July 2015 **Breakfast Event**

AmCham Eastern Region organized a farewell interactive breakfast session for the U.S. Consul General, Ms. Helen LaFave.

Ms. Amada Kidwai gave the opening remarks, she also welcomed and introduced Mr. Jonathan Ward, Principal Commercial Officer to Kolkata and Mr. Andrew Posner, Public Affairs Officer and Director of the American Center. The welcome address was given by Mr. Dinesh Agarwal.

Mr. Suranjan Bhanja, past chairman of AmCham Eastern Chapter, Ms. Poonam Burman, HR Country Head of Lexmark International and Mr. Rinkish Satyajit, Vice President of PepsiCo spoke about the contributions made by Ms. LaFave to AmCham and Eastern India over the past two years.

14th July 2015 **Roundtable Discussion on Japan's Strategic Trajectory and Implications for India by U.S. Speaker - Mr. Nicholas Szechenyi**

AmCham Eastern Region, in association with the public affairs section of the U.S. Consulate, Kolkata, organized a roundtable discussion.

The guest speaker was Mr. Nicholas Szechenyi, Deputy Director of the Japan Chair at the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), where he is also a senior fellow.

Mr. Dinesh Agarwal opened the discussions and welcomed the American team and the guests from the Japanese Company, MCPI.

17th July 2015 **Meeting on Ease of Doing Business in West Bengal**

AmCham was invited to the meeting on ease of doing business in West Bengal, convened by the Department of Commerce & Industries and Department of MSME & Textiles. This was addressed by officials from the Government of West Bengal and Government of India, followed by interaction with industry representatives. The Chief Secretary, Government of West Bengal, addressed the gathering and presided over the meeting.

24th July 2015 **Interactive Session on Changing Landscape of Higher Education Globally**

An interactive session on *Changing Landscape of Higher Education Globally* featured Mr. Graham Doxey, the Founder of Knod Global Learning Network as the guest speaker.

Mr. Dinesh Agarwal gave the welcome remarks; Ms. Amada Kidwai gave the introductions. The concluding remarks were given by Mr. K.P. Sengupta, Executive Committee member.

30th July 2015	Eastern Region HR/CSR Subcommittee Meeting
7th Aug 2015	Eastern Region Executive Committee Meeting
19th Aug 2015	<p>Meeting with the Dr. Amit Mitra and Dr. Krishna Gupta</p> <p>Mr. Dinesh Agarwal and Ms. Amada Kidwai were invited for a meeting by Dr. Amit Mitra, Minister-in-Charge of Finance, Excise, Commerce & Industries, Public Enterprise, Industrial Reconstruction, Commerce and Industry, Government of West Bengal and Dr. Krishna Gupta, Managing Director, West Bengal Industrial Development Corporation, Government of West Bengal at the WBIDC office, Kolkata.</p> <p>Mr. S. Kishore, Principal Secretary, Departments of Information Technology & Electronics and Commerce & Industries and Mr. Kaushick Saha, Executive Director WBIDC, were also present.</p> <p>The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the <i>Bengal Investment Summit</i> to be held from 7th - 9th January 2016, at Kolkata, and requested AmCham to organize road shows for the West Bengal Government to highlight investment opportunities for members of AmCham India.</p>
21st Aug 2015	<p>Breakfast Interactive Session on the Highlights of the New IT Policy of West Bengal</p> <p>Mr. S. Kishore, Principal Secretary, Departments of Information Technology & Electronics and Commerce & Industries, Government of West Bengal was the chief guest.</p> <p>Mr. Dinesh Agarwal, in his welcome address, said that the Chief Minister's visit to the United Kingdom would bring bilateral prospects in the field of commerce and industry, health, education, art and conservation, urban planning, etc.</p>
23rd Sept 2015	<p>Talk on Safety and Security: Taking Control of our Cyber Future</p> <p>AmCham Eastern Region, in association with the public affairs office of the U.S. Consulate, Kolkata organized a talk on <i>Cyber Safety and Security: Taking Control of our Cyber Future</i>. Ms. Amada Kidwai did the introductions, Mr. Dinesh Agarwal in his welcome remarks spoke about the importance of safety and security of cyber space.</p> <p>Mr. Andrew Posner, Director of the American Centre, introduced the speaker Ms. Melissa Hathaway.</p> <p>Mr. K.P. Sengupta gave the concluding remarks and vote of thanks.</p>
28th Sept 2015	<p>Interactive Breakfast Event with U.S. Consul General, Mr. Craig Hall</p> <p>AmCham organized a "Welcome to Kolkata" interactive breakfast session for the U.S. Consul General Mr. Craig Hall. Ms. Amada Kidwai gave the introductions. Mr. Dinesh Agarwal, in his welcome address, briefed the Consul General on the role of AmCham in Eastern India and spoke about the diversity of events held in the region.</p> <p>Mr. Shiv Bhowmik, Country Head, Joy Global spoke about the ease of living and working in West Bengal, Mr. Rajib Basu, Partner, Risk Consulting, KPMG gave a presentation on the <i>Ease of Doing Business</i> in West Bengal and Eastern India and Mr. Debdas Sen, CEO, TCG Digital highlighted his company's achievement in the state. AmCham Vice Chairman, Mr. Gulshan Sachdev spoke about the ease of doing business in Eastern India and highlighted AmCham activities in the region.</p> <p>Mr. Suranjan Bhanja, past chairman of the AmCham Eastern Chapter, in his concluding remarks and vote of thanks, spoke about the support the U.S. Consulate provided to AmCham and its members.</p>

13th Oct 2015	<p>Interactive Session with Government Delegation from West Bengal led by Dr. Amit Mitra</p> <p>AmCham Eastern Region and Karnataka Chapter held an interactive session with the visiting government delegation from West Bengal led by Dr. Amit Mitra, along with the Principal Secretary Urban Development Mr. Debashish Sen, Principal Secretary S. Kishore, Department of Commerce & Industries, Resident Commissioner Dr. Krishna Gupta, Managing Director, WBIDC and members of his cabinet.</p> <p>The program focused on understanding the approach and programs of the West Bengal government towards investment in the state particularly in the areas of smart infrastructure, future of IT and ITeS and smart cities and West Bengal investment opportunities.</p> <p>Ms. Amada Kidwai introduced Dr. Mitra and his cabinet. The welcome remarks were given by Mr. Inderjit Sial, Chairman of AmCham's Karnataka Chapter. Concluding remarks and vote of thanks were delivered by Mr. Indraneel Chaudhury, Executive Director, PwC.</p>
14th Oct 2015	<p>All Chamber Meeting with Government of West Bengal</p> <p>Dr. Krishna Gupta, Chairman WBIDC and Principal Secretary Commerce & Industry chaired the all chamber meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to invite chambers to participate in the <i>Bengal Global Business Summit 2016</i>.</p> <p>AmCham Eastern Region was represented by Vice Chairperson Ms. Britta Leick-Milde and Regional Director, Ms. Amada Kidwai.</p>
15th Oct 2015	<p>Meeting of Eastern Region with U.S. Embassy Officials</p> <p>Members of the AmCham Eastern Region met with Mr. Daniel Keen, Economic and Commercial Officer, U.S. Embassy Dhaka, members of his team and Mr. Jonathan Ward, FCS Commercial Officer, Kolkata.</p> <p>The topics of discussion included cross-border trade issues and the U.S. Trade Show in Dhaka in November, 2015. Mr. Dinesh Agarwal, AmCham Eastern Regional Chairman, spoke about the problems that investors faced in Bangladesh and give some specific examples.</p>
2nd Nov 2015	<p>Luncheon Meeting with Robert Kemp, Deputy Minister Counselor for Economic, Trade and Technology Affairs of the U.S. Embassy</p> <p>Luncheon meeting at the Bengal Club with Mr. Robert Kemp, Deputy Minister Counselor Economic, Environment, Science and Technology Affairs, U.S. Embassy, New Delhi, Mr. Gaurav Bansal, Political/Econ Office, U.S. Consulate Kolkata, Mr. Jonathan Ward, Principal Commercial Officer, FCS, Kolkata, Mr. Dinesh Agarwal, Chairman AmCham Eastern Region and Amada Kidwai, Regional Director, AmCham ER.</p>
9th Nov 2015	<p>Annual Get-Together hosted by Dr. Amit Mitra</p> <p>This annual get-together was organized for heads of industry, diplomatic missions, honorary consuls, business chambers, ministers, secretaries of departments and members of the art and entertainment community, to meet the Chief Minister of West Bengal, Ms. Mamta Banerjee, in an informal gathering.</p> <p>Ms. Mamta Banerjee greeted the invitees and spoke about the investment opportunities in the state and thanked industry for supporting her government in West Bengal.</p>

2nd Dec 2015	<p>Presentation on B-1 Visa by Ms. Shelly Dittmar</p> <p>Ms. Shelly Dittmar, U.S. Consular Section Chief, U.S. Consulate Kolkata, addressed members of AmCham Eastern Region on the updates and trends on the B-1 visa processing systems. In the networking session that followed, HR managers were able to engage with Ms. Dittmar on a one-on-one basis.</p>
8th Jan 2016	<p>AmCham - USIBC Interactive Breakfast Briefing at the Bengal Global Summit</p> <p>The briefing session commenced with an introduction by Mr. Ajay Singha, Executive Director, AmCham. Mr. Joydeep Datta, Partner, Deloitte made his opening remarks. Mr. Dinesh Agarwal, Partner, EY India and Chairman, AmCham Eastern Region also addressed the meeting.</p> <p>Mr. Sanjay Nayaar, leader of the USIBC delegation, and CEO, KKR India, made his observations.</p> <p>Mr. H. K. Dwivedi, Principal Secretary - Finance, Government of West Bengal was a special invitee. Consul General Craig L. Hall, Mr. Rajat Banerji of Amway, Mr. Ashish Bose of RDSI and Mr. Debashis Chatterjee of Cognizant were also present.</p> <p>Mr. Singha thanked Mr. Joydeep Datta and Deloitte for sponsoring the event.</p>
8th - 9th Jan 2016	<p>AmCham supported The Bengal Global Business Summit 2016</p> <p>The summit was held in Kolkata on 8th and 9th January 2016. The primary purpose of the summit was to attract U.S. investors to West Bengal, as a prelude, AmCham had jointly organized road shows for the West Bengal government in New Delhi and Bangalore.</p>
22nd Jan 2016	<p>CSR's Contribution to West Bengal and North East India and Possible Partnerships</p> <p>U.S. Consul General, Mr. Craig Hall hosted a meeting for members of AmCham on Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR). Mr. Deepak Jolly, Chairman of AmCham's CSR Committee explained the functions of the CSR Committee and the initiatives taken by AmCham member companies.</p> <p>Representatives of Deloitte, KPMG and Genpact were also present and spoke about the various aspects of the CSR activities their organization have undertaken.</p>
5th Feb 2016	<p>Roundtable Discussion on "GST - Impact Areas and The Way Forward"</p> <p>The discussion opened with Mr. Dinesh Agarwal, Partner Tax and Regulatory Services, EY, welcoming members. Mr. Siddarth Jain, Executive Director Indirect Tax, walked members through the various aspects of GST.</p> <p>The session concluded with a vote of thanks by Mr. K.P. Sengupta, Director Data Core and executive committee member.</p>
29th Feb 2016	<p>On-the-Spot Analysis of the Budget 2016-17 with EY</p> <p>AmCham organized the live screening of the budget speech by the Hon'ble Finance Minister at 'The Bengal Club.'</p> <p>Experts from the Big Four shared their views on personal tax, corporate tax, international tax, and indirect tax proposals. Mr. Pulak Saha shared his views on the indirect tax proposals.</p>

14th March 2016

Chat Session to Celebrate Women's Day

This chat session was for AmCham Eastern Region members and guests to celebrate Women's Day. Ms. Amada Kidwai, Regional Director - Eastern Region, AmCham, opened the session by welcoming the audience and the panellists. In her address, she mentioned that the theme for International Women's Day 2016 celebrated on March 8 was gender parity. Mr. Dinesh Agarwal, Chairman - Eastern Region, AmCham, in his opening address spoke on how our society has evolved and come up a long way in encouraging women to take up roles of their interest. The session was concluded by General Manager Hyatt and Vice Chairperson - Eastern Region, AmCham, Ms. Britta Leick-Milde who said, "It was a wonderful interactive session with a very interesting topic. Celebration of womanhood is not only about empowerment but also living a life in a harmonious way."

19 March 2016

AmCham Eastern Region 1st Amateur Golf Tournament in association with United Way Kolkata



Ms. Amada Kidwai, Regional Director, AmCham Kolkata Region giving a farewell speech for Ms. Helen LaFave.



AmCham farewell interactive with U.S. Consul General, Ms. Helen LaFave.



AmCham bid farewell to Ms. Helen LaFave.



Mr. Dinesh Agarwal, Chairman AmCham Eastern Region presenting a present to Mr. Graham Doxey, Founder, Knod Global Learning Network.



Ms. Amada Kidwai delivering welcome speech during “Interactive Session on Changing Landscape of Higher Education Globally.”

Breakfast interactive session on “The Highlights of the New IT Policy of West Bengal” with Mr. S. Kishore, Principal Secretary, Departments of Information Technology & Electronics and Commerce & Industries, Government of West Bengal.





Mr. Gulshan Kumar Sachdev, Vice Chairman, AmCham India and MD, Quaker Chemical welcoming newly elected U.S. Consul General, Mr. Craig Hall.



Mr. Dinesh Agarwal presenting a bouquet to Mr. Craig Hall.



Ms. Shelly Dittmar, U.S. Consular Section Chief addressed members of AmCham Eastern Region on the updates and trends on the BI-1 visa processing systems.



AmCham interactive session with Dr. Amit Mitra.



Ms. Melissa Hathaway briefing members on the internet economy.

Mr. Dinesh Agarwal, Chairman, AmCham Eastern Region greets Principal Secretary Mr. H. K. Dwivedi IAS at the breakfast briefing session.





Principal Secretary Mr. H.K. Dwivedi giving the special address during the breakfast briefing session along with Mr. Sanjay Nayaar, Leader - USIBC delegation and Mr. Craig Hall.



Dr. Sudip Kumar Sinha IAS, Joint Secretary, Finance and Mr. H. K. Dwivedi, Principal Secretary, Finance.



Mr. Ajay Singha, Executive Director, AmCham India making his closing remarks during the interactive briefing session - a prelude to the Bengal Global Business Summit.



Consul General Mr. Craig Hall during the breakfast briefing making his opening remarks.



AmCham members during Bengal Global Business Summit.



(L-R): Mr. Jonathan Ward, Principal Commercial Officer, U.S. Consulate, Mr. Siddarth Jain, Executive Director Indirect Tax, EY, Mr. Dinesh Agarwal, Ms. Amada Kidwai and Mr. Avisekh Jaiswal, Sr. Manager Indirect Tax, EY.



(Far left) Mr. Deepak Jolly, Vice President - Venturing and Emerging Brands, Coca-Cola, addressing the meeting.



Members watching live screening of the budget speech.



AmCham Eastern Region in association with Hyatt Regency, Kolkata, organized a chat session to celebrate Women's Day.



Ms. Britta Leick-Milde, Vice Chairwomen, AmCham Eastern Region giving her closing remarks during a session on GST.

(L-R): Mr. Joydeep Ghosh, Senior Director - SAP Partner, Deloitte, Mr. P.S. Easwaran, Senior Director - Supply Chain Strategy Partner, Deloitte, Mr. Muralidharan, Senior Director - GST Lead Partner, Deloitte and Mr. Joydeep Datta Gupta, Regional Practice Leader, Deloitte.





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(L-R): Mr. Rohit Markan, Director (Sales) Dow Corning, Ms. Surabhi Wahal, Regional Director- Western Region, AmCham India, Mr. Tom Vajda, U.S. Consul General, Mumbai, Mr. Devendra Fadnavis, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Maharashtra and Mr. Sukanti Ghosh, MD, APCO Worldwide India.

Date	Meetings / Events
4th May 2015	Supply Chain & Logistics (SCL) Core Committee <p>The meeting was held to determine the path for the year 2015-2016. It was decided that the committee would continue to hold its monthly concalls covering best practices in supply chain and logistics and will be a platform to share and learn from other members and also hold 4 face-to-face meetings in the year.</p>
11th May 2015	Workshop on 'MICE - Meetings, Incentives, Conventions and Exhibition Travel' <p>AmCham, in co-operation with the U.S. Consulate General in Mumbai, organized a workshop on MICE - meetings, incentives, conventions and exhibition travel.</p> <p>Ms. Rachel Sunden, ACS and CIU Chief - U.S. Consulate Mumbai, welcomed the participants and introduced the aim of the workshop. Mr. Martin Claessens, Commercial Officer, U.S. Consulate Mumbai, shared brief remarks on the simplicity of the U.S. visa application process followed by a presentation on MICE travel. Mr. Michael Oskin, Vice Consul, U.S. Consulate, gave an overview of the online visa application procedure.</p> <p>Ms. Surabhi Wahal, Regional Director - Western Region, AmCham, thanked the U.S. Consulate General in Mumbai for organizing the workshop.</p>
15th May 2015	Western Region Committee (WRC) Meeting <p>The first meeting was held with the agenda of setting up a course of action for the year 2015-2016. This included helping AmCham build bridges with U.S. companies based in Pune.</p>
18th May 2015	Supply Chain & Logistics Committee Concall Meeting <p>An informative presentation was shared by Mr. Raju Bawankar, Supply Chain Leader, Caterpillar India Pvt. Ltd. on 'Ports in India.'</p> <p>An interactive Q&A session that followed addressed challenges faced in terms of lack of availability of truck transport to and from Chennai port and the ideal optimization of container usage to reduce the possibility of wastage of space and time.</p>

3rd June 2015	Supply Chain & Logistics (SCL) Core Committee Meeting <p>The meeting was held to plan for the upcoming SCL face-to-face meeting. GST, skills development and infrastructure were finalized as the key topics to be addressed at the meeting.</p>
1st July 2015	SCL Core Committee Concall Meeting <p>The agenda of the AmCham's SCL Core Committee meeting was to discuss updates on the upcoming AmCham Supply Chain and Logistics Committee event. The core committee unanimously agreed to have a larger outreach to encourage participation.</p> <p>Mr. Nikhil Kush, Chairman, AmCham Supply Chain & Logistics Committee and South Asia Supply Chain Leader, E.I. DuPont India Pvt. Ltd. shared the feedback received from members highlighting the key issues.</p>
9th July 2015	SCL Core Committee Concall Meeting <p>The agenda of the concall was to form a skeletal base for the SCL Committee industry visit to Pune scheduled for December 2015. As a large number of SCL Committee members were based in Mumbai/ Pune, the committee anticipated greater participation.</p>
16th July 2015	SCL Event - With a Special Focus on GST, Skill Development & GST: Implications on Supply Chain & Infrastructure <p>AmCham's Western Region and Supply Chain Committee hosted an event with a special focus on GST, skill development and implications on supply chain and infrastructure. Ms. Surabhi Wahal, Regional Director – Western Region, AmCham India, welcomed the participants, followed by Mr. Nikhil Kush, South Asia Supply Chain Leader, E.I. DuPont India Pvt. Ltd. and Chairman of the Supply Chain & Logistics Committee, AmCham, gave the opening remarks.</p> <p>Mr. Kumar Kandaswami, Senior Director and Mr. Prashant Deshpande, Indirect Tax Leader, Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu India Pvt. Ltd., gave a presentation on fresh perspectives and a clear insight on GST.</p> <p>An interactive Q&A that followed raised questions of the viability of GST for a large country as India and the resultant competition on taxes among states. An insightful presentation on skills challenges in the distribution sector was shared by Mr. Vivek Arya, Managing Director, Rhenus Logistics India Pvt. Ltd.</p> <p>Mr. Abeer Garg, Senior General Manager, CBRE South Asia Pvt. Ltd. gave a presentation on trends in the industrial, land and logistics sector, real estate.</p>
29th July 2015	SCL Core Committee Concall Meeting <p>Members discussed the focus on the forthcoming SCL event.</p>
12th Aug 2015	SCL Core Committee Concall Meeting <p>Participants shared updates on the efforts by members towards the forthcoming SCL meetings and events. Industry experts who could be approached as speakers were decided upon.</p>
19th Aug 2015	SCL Committee Concall - Sharing and Learning <p>Mr. Rajendra Jog, Associate Supply Chain Director, Dow Chemical International Pvt. Ltd. shared best practices in supply chain at Dow.</p>

9th Sept 2015	SCL Core Committee Concall Meeting
	The agenda was to share updates on the forthcoming SCL Committee Meeting scheduled for 15th October 2015.
10th Sept 2015	Uttar Pradesh - Mumbai Investors Conclave
	The 'Uttar Pradesh - Mumbai Investors Conclave' was led by the Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, Mr. Akhilesh Yadav. The event, supported by AmCham, was organized by the Government of UP and their Knowledge Partner Ernst and Young.
	The welcome address was delivered by Mr. Alok Ranjan, Chief Secretary, UP. Chief Minister Akhilesh Yadav invited Industry to invest in UP.
	The conclave ended with a vote of thanks by Mr. Mahesh Kumar Gupta, Principal Secretary - Infrastructure and Industry Development.
10th - 11th Sept 2015	AmCham supported the 7th Edition of the CLO Chief Learning Officers Summit
	AmCham supported the 7th edition of the CLO Chief Learning Officers Summit India. The summit offered a unique platform for aspiring young leaders and entrepreneurs to not only sharpen their skills but it was also an opportunity to learn from some of the luminaries in the industry today. There were engaging discussions through a series of sessions focusing on leadership development, coaching, development and a learning culture among various other topics.
	The many participants, the two day CLO Summit was attended by several members and representatives of AmCham member companies. Member representatives from CA Technologies, Owens Corning and D.E. Shaw India shared their expertise as panel speakers at the summit.
16th Sept 2015	SCL Committee Conference Call - Sharing and Learning
	A presentation on best practices by Owens Corning had been shared with the committee members via email, based on which an informative presentation was shared by Mr. Prakash Laxman, Supply Chain Leader, Owens Corning (India) Pvt. Ltd.
25th Sep 2015	SCL Core Committee Concall Meeting
	The meeting was held to share updates and ideas towards building traction for the forthcoming SCL Committee meeting scheduled for 15th October 2015. Details and availabilities of the speakers for the event were shared. It was also suggested to consider partnering with Kami Kaze for future Supply Chain Committee events.
14th Oct 2015	Roundtable on Global Mobility: How will you achieve the talent management agenda?
	AmCham India in association with Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu India Pvt. Ltd. organized this roundtable.
	Mr. Divya Baweja, Country Leader - Global Employer Services, Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu India Pvt. Ltd. made opening remarks on global mobility.
	Mr. S. V. Nathan, Senior Director & Chief Talent officer, Deloitte India, made a presentation covering challenges that come with employee global mobility such as international dual career network, measuring ROI, compliance risks, security, confidentiality of data and expatriate packages among others.

15th Oct 2015	<p>SCL Event - Roundtable Discussion: With a Special Focus on Skill Development, Logistics & Infrastructure</p> <p>Mr. Nikhil Kush, Chairperson, AmCham SCL Committee gave the opening remarks. Ms. Divya Kumar, Founder and Director, Safeducate made a presentation on <i>Skill Development - Ongoing Trends and New Initiatives</i>.</p> <p>Mr. Krishan Batra, President & CEO, ISM India, made a presentation on <i>Initiatives in Supply Chain by ISM India</i>.</p>
15th Oct 2015	<p>SCL Core Committee Concall Meeting</p> <p>The meeting was held to share updates and ideas for the forthcoming industry visit to the multi modular facility, the G.E. plant in Pune. Considering the limited availability of time for a day's visit, it was decided by members present to visit only GE (the other previously suggested facility being Honeywell - Pune). Committee members were urged to encourage their team members/representatives to leverage on this unique opportunity.</p>
28th Oct 2015	<p>Supply Chain & Logistics (SCL) Core Committee Concall Meeting</p> <p>The core committee in its concall discussed an event on <i>Make in India and Ease of Doing Business</i>.</p>
5th Nov 2015	<p>Interactive Discussion With Consul General Mr. Thomas Vajda</p> <p>Members of AmCham's Western Region Committee met with the U.S. Consul General Mr. Thomas Vajda and senior representatives from the commercial, econ and political section of the U.S. Consulate in Mumbai. The meeting aimed to discuss significant initiatives and outcomes of the U.S. – India Strategic & Commercial Dialogue, the CEO Forum and to explore synergies and opportunities of partnership with AmCham.</p> <p>The meeting began with a welcome address by CG Tom Vajda. Ms. Camille Richardson, Principal Commercial Officer, U.S. Commercial Service shared a brief on the commercial law development program and stressed the U.S. government's involvement in the strategic planning of smart cities in India. The interest for the U.S. government in joining hands with civil society and authorities in helping to develop India's digital infrastructure, water management and health policies, the need to bring India's supply chain infrastructure system on par with international standards and custom mapping to help identify the country's economic strengths were also discussed.</p> <p>Potential opportunities for the U.S. Consulate partnering with AmCham to organize smart city events, government to business meetings, consulate advocacy, AGM co-ordination and social media collaboration were discussed.</p>
18th Nov 2015	<p>Supply Chain & Logistics (SCL) Committee Sharing and Learning Concall</p> <p>Mr. Nikhil Kush welcomed the committee members and the guest speaker for the call, Mr. Tishey Sharma, Head Commercial, Wrigley India. Mr. Sharma shared an insightful presentation on <i>Best Practices in Procurement at Mars India</i>.</p>
19th Nov 2015	<p>Roundtable on India's Economic Outlook - What Lies Ahead!</p> <p>Bank of America Merrill Lynch organized this roundtable. Mr. Asit Bhatia, Managing Director, Global Corporate & Investment Banking, Bank of America, introduced the topic.</p> <p>Mr. Indranil Sengupta, Chief Economist, Director- DSP Merrill Lynch Ltd., shared his views on the country's economic outlook.</p>

19th Nov 2015	Western Region Committee Meeting <p>Ms. Kaku Nakhate, Chairperson of the AmCham WR Committee welcomed members and shared an update on the recently concluded AmCham National Executive Board Meeting held on 17th November 2015 in Mumbai.</p>
26th Nov 2015	Supply Chain & Logistics Core Committee Concall <p>The core committee discussion included updates and ideas for the forthcoming SCL Committee event 2015 in Mumbai.</p>
9th Dec 2015	Supply Chain & Logistics (SCL) Core Committee Meeting <p>The meeting was held to share updates on the committee meeting and event: <i>Presentation and Interactive Discussion on Industrial & Logistics Services, SCM Competencies & Best Practices</i>. Members discussed the means of gaining greater traction for the event, venue details and meeting agenda.</p>
16th Dec 2015	Presentation and Interactive Discussion on Industrial & Logistics Services, SCM Competencies <p>Mr. Nikhil Kush welcomed the participants. Mr. Soumyakant Dwivedi, Head Supply Chain, Becton Dickinson India Pvt. Ltd., shared a presentation on the core competencies in supply chain management. Mr. Dennis Yeo, Managing Director, Asia - Industrial and Logistics Services - CBRE Pvt. Ltd. made a presentation on the market outlook 2016 in the logistics sector with a focus of real estate.</p>
16th Dec 2015	Supply Chain & Logistics (SCL) Committee Meeting <p>At the SCL Committee meeting it was agreed that the committee should focus on external projection of its immense knowledge and efforts in the coming year - through government interaction, CSR outreach and collaboration with other industry forums.</p>
13th Jan 2016	Supply Chain & Logistics (SCL) Committee Sharing & Learning <p>Ms. Surabhi Wahal welcomed the members. Mr. Nikhil Kush shared a few words on the achievements of the committee in the year 2015 and the positive potential that the new year holds.</p> <p>The month's sharing and learning concall led by Ms. Shilpa Ramanathan, Head - Supply Chain at Bard India HealthCare Pvt. Ltd., focused on the consignment and SECM (sale on extended credit) model for fluency brand in India undertaken at Bard India. Mr. Nikhil Kush proposed the vote of thanks.</p>
3rd Feb 2016	Supply Chain & Logistics (SCL) Core Committee Concall Meeting <p>The meeting was held to deliberate the outcome of the recently conducted survey among the committee members. The survey invited views on what kind of activities and initiatives should the SCL Committee undertake/focus on which would be of interest and value. A preferred time for the monthly concalls was also asked.</p> <p>Based on the responses from members, it was decided that the events planned during this year would include panel discussions with industry leaders, government regulators, senior level management from AmCham member companies or from external industry forums. It would also aim to build informal networking platforms for the committee members post face-to-face meetings. It was decided that the annual SCL Committee event would be an industry visit.</p>

5th Feb 2016	<p>Roundtable on GST - Impact Areas and The Way Forward</p> <p>AmCham in partnership with Ernst & Young LLP organized a roundtable on GST.</p> <p>Mr. Sudhir Kapadia, National Tax Leader, Ernst & Young LLP made a presentation on GST.</p>
15th Feb 2015	<p>Roundtable with the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh, Dr. Raman Singh & Senior Officials from the Government of Chhattisgarh</p> <p>AmCham, in partnership with the U.S. Consulate General, Mumbai, USIBC and EY (knowledge partner of the 'Make in India' event), organized a series of roundtable meetings with the Chief Ministers and senior state representatives from the states of Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh.</p> <p>U.S. Consul General, Mr. Tom Vajda, welcomed the Chief Minister and the state representatives of Chhattisgarh, USIBC, AmCham and the participants.</p> <p>Dr. Raman Singh, Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh, in his keynote address spoke on opportunities in Chhattisgarh. Chief Secretary – Chhattisgarh, Mr. Vivek Dhand, made a presentation on 'Credible Chhattisgarh.'</p>
16th Feb 2016	<p>Roundtable with the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Maharashtra, Mr. Devendra Fadnavis and Senior Representatives of the Government of Maharashtra</p> <p>The roundtable with the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Maharashtra, Mr. Devendra Fadnavis and senior representatives of the Government of Maharashtra was well attended by AmCham members. Consul General Mr. Tom Vajda delivered the welcome address. Ms. Surabhi Wahal made brief remarks on AmCham's 500 active members engaged in smart city efforts and 'Make in India.' Mr. Brandon Banner, Sr. Manager, Policy Advocacy, USIBC, shared his remarks on the keen interests of USIBC members in facilitating business in the state of Maharashtra.</p> <p>CM Mr. Devendra Fadnavis, thanked the U.S. Consulate, AmCham, and USIBC for taking this initiative. He stated that the Government of Maharashtra engages dynamically and progressively across the industry. Mr. Fadnavis shared his fervor toward the smart city initiatives in Maharashtra, the state government's plans for the MMRDA region - making it a powerhouse with efficient infrastructure that is integrated with a great backbone, the IT system. In the dialogue on smart cities and infrastructure, members were given a brief synopsis on CIDCO projects under the smart city initiative with a highlight on four focus sectors for any smart city, building basic infrastructure, urban mobility, strong IT backbone, solid waste/liquid waste management and water supply.</p> <p>Mr. Sukanti Ghosh, Co-Chair AmCham Western Region Committee, and Managing Director, APCO Worldwide India Pvt. Ltd., moderated the roundtable and called upon leaders of American companies to take the opportunity to share their experiences.</p>
17th Feb 2016	<p>Roundtable Meeting with the Hon'ble Minister of Commerce, Industries & Employment Ms. Yashodhara Raje Scindia and Senior Representatives of the Government of Madhya Pradesh</p> <p>The roundtable with the Minister of Commerce, Industries & Employment Ms. Yashodhara Raje Scindia and senior representatives of the Government of Madhya Pradesh, commenced with CG Tom Vajda's opening remarks ushering in the open discussion between the GoMP and American companies. This was followed by welcome remarks and introductions by Ms. Surabhi Wahal and Mr. Brandon Banner.</p>

In her address, Ms. Yashodhara Raje Scindia acknowledged the opportunity to present the state of Madhya Pradesh to the American stakeholders present. She dwelled on four strong L's- leadership, labour, location and landmass, which made Madhya Pradesh a land of amplified business opportunities. A presentation on investment opportunities in Madhya Pradesh titled 'Madhya Pradesh - Heart of Incredible India' was shared by Principal Secretary - Department of Commerce, Industry and Employment, GoMP, Mr. Mohammed Suleman, which brought to light the geographical, financial, economic and judicial strengths of the state. Mr. Suleman also focused on the 4 main sectors for business in Madhya Pradesh: food processing sector, IT and ITeS, electronic hardware, manufacturing, urban development and renewable energy.

This was followed by a Q&A session moderated by Mr. Sukanti Ghosh. CG Tom Vajda proposed the vote of thanks.

6th April 2016

Roundtable on “Brand India - How is India Perceived from Within and Without”

The roundtable on *Brand India - How is India Perceived from Within and Without* was organized by the American Chamber of Commerce, in association with Resources Global Professionals.

Mr. Mahesh Krishnamurti, Managing Director, Resources Global Professionals (I) Pvt. Ltd. introduced the complexities and uniqueness that is India. Mr. R. Gopalakrishnan, Author and Corporate Advisor, Mindworks, shared an enlightening talk on the core realities of underlying factors that make India what it is. With experiential examples, Mr. Gopalakrishnan elaborated on India's political and economic evolution while emphasizing that the Indian growth chart has been uniquely distinct compared to its counterparts. Culturally and socially, India has retained much of its original beliefs and structures.

An interactive Q&A session followed. The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Mr. Mark Martyn-Fisher, Country Manager, UPS Jetair Express.



(L-R): Dr. Raman Singh, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh; Mr. Tom Vajda, Mr. Samit Ray, Director - Govt. Affairs, UTC; Ms. Surabhi Wahal and Mr. Sridharan Mani, Director & CEO, AMI India.



Mr. Akhilesh Yadav, Chief Minister of UP speaking at the 'Uttar Pradesh - Mumbai Investors Conclave.'



(L-R): Ms. Surabhi Wahal; Mr. Jun Zhang, Country Manager, IFC; Mr. Tom Vajda, Ms. Yashodhara Raje Scindia, Hon'ble Minister of Commerce, Industries & Employment of MP and Mr. Sukanti Ghosh.



Mr. Jeff Schwartz, Principal with Deloitte Consulting LLP giving a presentation on "Global Human Capital Trends: Insights."



Members during the workshop on 'MICE - Meetings, Incentives, Conventions and Exhibition Travel.'

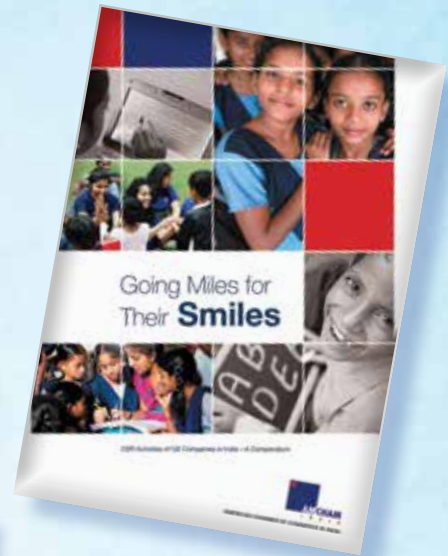
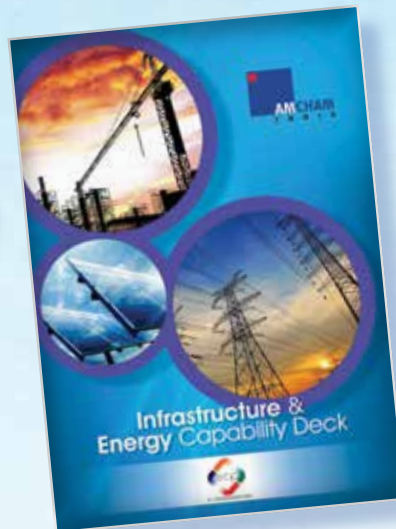


Guest speaker Mr. R. Gopalakrishnan, Author and Corporate Advisor, Mindworks, interacts with the participants at the roundtable on "Brand India - How is India Perceived from Within and Without."

Mr. Vivek Arya, MD, Rhenus Logistics giving presentation on skills challenges in the distribution sector.



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