

# ANNUAL REPORT 2017 - 2018



**AMCHAM**  
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## Chairman's Message

The world economy has been showing signs of growth notwithstanding the rising trade protectionism and financial market volatility. The Indian economy, on the other hand, continues to be one of the fastest growing. In the last 3 to 4 years, the Indian government has unveiled a string of reforms including two big bang reforms like the GST and demonetization which allowed the Indian economy to move into a cashless economy. Early this year, the Indian government raised FDI caps in several sectors and eased FDI rules for single brand retail (allowing 100% FDI in single brand under automatic route), non - banking financial companies and construction. These measures will enable India to increase its share in the global FDI inflow. Foreign investors have responded positively by bringing new investments or expanding their existing investments and remain optimistic of India's growth story. Thus, 2018 will be a year of consolidation and it is predicted that the economy will grow by more than 7%. The U.S. - India strategic partnership continues to grow. This relationship has seen many pluses in the recent past.

- Bilateral trade has more than doubled since 2006 and is estimated to reach \$ 140 billion in 2017.
- U.S. - India trade in defense has expanded considerably and joint military exercises are conducted regularly. The first shipment of America crude oil to India is an important milestone in bilateral trade ties.
- The U.S. government is providing technical assistance for three Indian cities - Ajmer, Allahabad and Visakhapatnam identified by India for building into smart cities.
- Officials from the two countries talk more frankly on more issues than ever before.

Presently, the Indian market is the most attractive because of a large and expanding middle class population, pool of skilled manpower and a conducive environment for setting up R&D centers. New digital technologies are becoming the drivers of business creating new sources of revenue for MNCs. This leads to great opportunities for U.S. - India cooperation, particularly in defense, ICT, agriculture and healthcare sectors to name a few. There are great opportunities for developing India's infrastructure sector. India needs to invest \$ 1.5 trillion over the next 10 years to meet its infrastructure needs. Both countries can expand their cooperation in technical training, capacity building and best practices. To sustain growth, India needs to continuously make progress with its reform agenda like land and labor reforms. At the same time, both India and the U.S. should be committed to a global trade system which is rule based, transparent and participative and allows greater market access to each other's markets.

To realize the full potential of U.S. - India partnership, AMCHAM has played a pivotal role by advocating with the Indian and U.S. governments on behalf of U.S. companies. AMCHAM has shared its views on important Indian government policies such as defense offsets, PMA, security testing, public procurement, price controls on medical devices, taxation, and GST, to name a few. AMCHAM has also submitted its view on policies put up by the government on public domain such as privacy of data, cyber security, new telecom policy, clinical trials and the new Direct Tax Law.

Throughout the year, AMCHAM has received great support from the U.S. Embassy and Consulates. The U.S. Ambassador to India, who is the Honorary President of the Chamber, and his entire team provided our members an opportunity to meet with visiting U.S. government delegations and brief them on American companies' operations in India. We cherish this relationship and look forward to a stronger partnership in the years to come.

It has been a pleasure to serve as the Chairman of AMCHAM for two consecutive terms. It provided me with an opportunity to meet senior Indian and U.S. government leaders, officials and business leaders and engage with them on various issues. As I conclude my Chairmanship, I would like to place on record my sincere thanks to each and every member of the National

Executive Board who have shared my responsibilities and have represented AMCHAM at various government meetings and forums. My special thanks to Mr. Atul Dhawan, Honorary Secretary & Treasurer, who took the responsibility of monitoring and streamlining AMCHAM's financials. Mr. Ranji Dua has always provided his wise counsel on constitutional and other legal matters. My personal thanks to him.

The Chairmen of the regional offices in Bengaluru, Chennai, Hyderabad, Kolkata, Mumbai and New Delhi, carried out activities and interacted with state governments regularly on the opportunities and challenges faced by U.S. companies operating in India. We met with the Chief Ministers of West Bengal, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Telangana and Maharashtra, along with senior Government officials. This has enabled AMCHAM to keep the state governments abreast of U.S. industry's issues and opportunities for partnering in India's growth, particularly in PM Modi's initiatives like 'Make in India,' 'Skill India,' 'Smart Cities,' 'Swachh Bharat' and 'Digital India.' I would like to thank the regional Chairmen for their support. I also owe my sincere thanks to the Chairmen of the sectoral committees who spent time and shared knowledge in deliberating on sector specific industries. The committee Chairmen have been instrumental in making numerous representations to the government on specific subjects.

Last but not the least, I would like to thank the entire secretariat for ably carrying out their responsibilities to make AMCHAM the most representative chamber for U.S. companies in India.

**Pratyush Kumar**  
Chairman



## Director General CEO's Report 2017 - 18

It has been an eventful year for U.S. - India relations. Leaders of both countries - Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Donald Trump met in June and November, followed by telephonic conversations and discussed issues ranging from terrorism, security and defense, to trade and investment and emphasized expanding the strategic partnership between the two countries.

Senior U.S. Government delegations visited India and met with AMCHAM members: Secretary of State, Mr. Rex Tillerson, Secretary of Energy, Mr. Rick Perry, Representative Nancy Pelosi, Under Secretary USDA, Mr. Ted McKinney, Assistant USTR Mr. Mark Linscott, Mr. Rob Joyce, Special Assistant to the President and Cybersecurity Coordinator at National Security Council, Mr. Robert L. Strayer Deputy Assistant Secretary for Cyber and International Communication and Information Policy, U.S. Department of State, Ms. Lisa Curtis, Deputy Assistant to the President and Senior Director for South and Central Asia at the National Security Council, Ms. Cara Abercrombie, previously the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for South and Southeast Asia, Senator Coons, Senator Merkley, Mr. Joseph Felter, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for South and Southeast Asia, Mr. Randall Shriver, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Asian and Pacific Security Affairs U.S. Department of Defense, Ambassador Alice Wells, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs, U.S. Department of State and Lieutenant General Charles Hooper, Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency. During AMCHAM's annual door knock delegation to D.C. in June, members called upon many more U.S. government officials.

AMCHAM held meetings with senior Indian government officials including Foreign Secretary Mr. Vijay Gokhale, Defence Secretary, Mr. Sanjay Mitra, Secretary Defence Production, Dr. Ajay Kumar, Director General (Acquisition), Mr. Apurva Chandra and the DOMW In-Charge, Mr. Rajib Sen, Secretary, DIP, Mr. Ramesh Abishesk, among others, from the Ministries of External Affairs, Commerce and Industry, Finance, Urban Development, Defence, Health, Chemicals and Pharmaceuticals, Communications, Electronics and Information Technology and other government organizations such as TRAI, PMO and NITI Aayog.

Our interaction with the U.S. Embassy in New Delhi and the Consulates across India is ongoing. During closed door meetings, members discussed hindrances in doing business in India and measures to resolve obstacles. We are indeed grateful to the U.S. Mission for their input, feedback and continuous support.

At the state level, regional offices have met with Chief Ministers in Karnataka, Maharashtra, and Tamil Nadu to explore opportunities for U.S. investment and measures to reap the full potential of U.S. - India cooperation.

The Western Region's signature event 'India: 2018 & Beyond' marked Ambassador Juster's first address to AMCHAM in Mumbai. The region also participated in Magnetic Maharashtra and held a roundtable with senior state government officials from Gujarat. Our Karnataka Chapter's signature event with keynote speaker Mr. Azim Premji, Chairman of WIPRO Ltd and the AMCHAM - Timken Invitation Golf Tournament were highlights in Bengaluru. In Kolkata, the Eastern Region was honored to be addressed by the former President of India, Mr. Pranab Mukherjee, supported the Bengal Global Business Summit with a 13-member delegation and even hosted Ambassador Juster for his first official business address there.

The Tamil Nadu Chapter has a breakfast meeting every month with relevant subject matter experts on topics such as artificial intelligence, education and employability and cyber security. Our Hyderabad Chapter held the 5th AMCHAM Healthcare Conference and a Future of Work Conference. The signature Hyderabad Chapter Sports 2017 was a success with 29 companies, 1,335 participants, competing in 12 events over a period of 5 months - playing every weekend!

AMCHAM's Defense Committee discussed ways of enhancing bilateral defense cooperation, joint development of military

hardware and issues relating to technology transfer. During meetings with government officials members discussed ways of expanding the U.S. - India defense trade partnership and deliberated on the issue of offsets.

The Civil Aviation Committee decided to conduct workshops under Secretary, MoCA's chairmanship on regional connectivity, safety, air transport operations, bilateral traffic rights, maintenance, repair and overhaul, air cargo, 'Make in India' and also cover skill building, low cost airports and airport navigation.

In the past year, price controls on coronary stents and knee implants created an incredibly challenging environment for the medical technology industry. AMCHAM has worked collaboratively with all stakeholders to develop a solution that addresses the government's concerns about excessive markups and affordability while preserving the environment for innovation. The Ayushman Bharat National Health protection scheme (AB-NHPS) is a positive move and industry is looking forward to partner with the government for successful implementation of the scheme.

AMCHAM's Pharmaceuticals Committee submitted inputs on the New Pharma Policy and the new rules for clinical trials to the relevant departments. The IPR Committee hosted meetings with the visiting USG officials and raised concerns regarding the IPR policy released in 2016.

The Tax Committee actively interacted with the government through representations on GST, final guidelines for establishing Place of Effective Management (POEM) in India, and new rules for voluntary disclosure of income. Pre and post budget memoranda were submitted based on the inputs received from members. AMCHAM deliberated on the U.S. Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA) – a massive tax reform package. The Tax Committee's plea has been to bring about transparency and consistency in tax policies.

The ICT Committee met with senior government officials in TRAI, DoT and MeitY and congratulated the government for the Digital India initiative. Representations to the government covered steps to ease of doing business in India and issues impacting U.S. business such as product safety, RFPs, public procurement, IoT, broadband and telecom issues.

The Cyber Security Committee organized a roundtable on 'Securing Digital India' with key stakeholders, decision makers and industry leaders. The keynote address was given by Mr. Sanjay Kumar Verma, Additional Secretary (Cyber Diplomacy), Ministry of External Affairs. AMCHAM submitted its response on data protection framework for India to MeitY based on inputs sent by members.

The Energy Cooperation Program (ECP) dealt with energy related issues and interacted with USTDA Acting Director, Ms. Enoch Ebong during her visit to India. During the ECP meetings, key areas of concern such as regulatory risks, procurement challenges and standards were identified.

The Infrastructure and Smart Cities Committee identified and took steps to solve lacunae in processes for RFPs and tenders in smart cities and infrastructure projects. The committee formed a panel of consultants from KPMG, PWC, CH2M Hill and Underwriter Laboratories to address problems that arise at the drafting of the RFP level by project management consultant firms for smart cities and infrastructure projects. The committee created sub-committees to address specific projects such as the Ganga Action Plan, Kumbh Mela and the Ana Sagar Lake.

The Agriculture and Food Processing Committee would support the government's vision of 'doubling farmer's income by 2020.' The committee engaged with consulting firm Grant Thornton for a knowledge paper to advise the target audience on measures

and models that have been globally successful and can be replicated in India to achieve explosive growth in food related exports and strengthen the supply chain to minimize wastage in food production and procurement.

AMCHAM's Supply Chain & Logistics Committee provided a platform to network and collaborate with other industry bodies, both in the private and government domain, and to highlight and addresses country level issues and challenges. Keeping in line with the theme of the committee - technology and innovation, the committee organized 'Sharing and Learning' events, forums to present best practices, government engagements, industry visits and topical event forums (GST, e-way bill) and last but not the least the annual event with the overarching theme of 'Innovation and Technology.'

The Manufacturing Committee had a joint meeting with the Supply Chain and Logistics Committee in Chennai. Committee members met with the Government of Tamil Nadu to discuss manufacturing challenges and successes in the state. The committee spearheaded a photo exhibition entitled 'Make in India 2.0' that was displayed at AGM to compliment the 'Make in India' panel discussion.

The CSR Committee hosted interactive sessions with USAID and WaterHealth. The committee surveyed members to explore ways to collaborate with USAID. AMCHAM, in partnership with the U.S. Embassy, launched the second CSR photo exhibition 'U.S. Companies Partnering in India's Inclusive Growth' at the American Center in April. A commemorative CSR book was created with 57 entries from AMCHAM members highlighting the CSR activities of U.S. companies in India.

The HR Committee focused on the theme future of work by organizing a webinar, a white paper competition and a conference. The HR Committee's Future of Work Conference 2017 was focused on future of work and all aspects that entails for HR. The committee formed three subcommittees on upskilling, talent management and capability, inclusion and diversity and digitization of HR.

The Anti-Corruption & FCPA Compliance Committee met to discuss various topics like impact of bribery and corruption on the APAC region, demonetization, third party risk management and mitigation, due diligence of sub-contractors and how to address government requests and effectiveness of compliance training. The committee also organised a successful Anti-Corruption Compliance and Risk Management Master Class 2017 with a panel of distinguished speakers.

In concluding, I would like to thank our Honorary President, the U.S. Ambassador, officials in the U.S. Embassy and the Consulates, Chairmen of AMCHAM, Mr. Pratyush Kumar, the two Vice-Chairman, Mr. Arun M. Kumar and Mr. Gulshan Kumar Sachdev, Mr. Atul Dhawan, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer and members of the National Executive Board for their support. We deeply appreciate their commitment. I would also like to thank the regional chairmen, chairmen of the sectoral committees and the entire AMCHAM membership. I would not have been able to carry out my responsibilities without the support of the secretariat team.

**Ranjana Khanna**  
Director General CEO



# AMCHAM's National Executive Board 2017-18

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 chairpersons
- Immediate past chairperson
- Six members elected by regional chapters
- Two honorary members from the U.S. Embassy
- One special invitee

## Office Bearers

**Honorary President - U.S. Ambassador**  
**H.E. Mr. Kenneth I. Juster**

### Chairman

Mr. Pratyush Kumar  
President  
Boeing India

### Vice-Chairman

Mr. Arun M. Kumar  
Chairman and CEO  
KPMG in India

### Vice-Chairman

Mr. Gulshan Kumar Sachdev  
Managing Director  
Quaker Chemical India Pvt. Ltd.

### Hon. Secretary & Treasurer

Mr. Atul Dhawan  
Partner  
Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu India LLP

### Executive Board Members 2017 - 2018

Mr. Arijit Ghosh  
President & Managing Director  
Textron India Pvt. Ltd.

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

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

Mr. Kaher Kazem \*  
President & Managing Director  
General Motors India Pvt. Ltd.

Ms. Rekha M. Menon  
Chairman & Sr. Managing Director Accenture in India  
Accenture Services Pvt. Ltd.

Ms. Vanitha Narayanan  
Chairman  
IBM India Pvt. Ltd.

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

#### **Special Invitee**

Mr. C. R. Dua  
Chairman  
Dua Associates

#### **Honorary Members**

Mr. Patrick Santillo  
Minister Counselor for Commercial Affairs  
U.S. Embassy

Mr. Robert Garverick  
Minister Counselor for Economic Affairs and Environment, Science and Technology  
U.S. Embassy

#### **Regional Chapters**

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

###### *Chairman*

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

###### *Representative*

Mr. T. Krishnakumar  
President - India & South West Asia  
Coca-Cola India Pvt. Ltd.

##### **Eastern Region**

###### *Chairman*

Mr. Debdas Sen  
CEO  
TCG Digital Solutions Pvt. Ltd.

###### *Representative*

Mr. Gulshan Kumar Sachdev  
Managing Director  
Quaker Chemical India Pvt. Ltd.

\*Till 25<sup>th</sup> August 2017 \*\*Till October 2017

**Hyderabad Chapter***Chairperson*

Dr. Kiranmai Dutt Pendyala  
Corporate Vice President, HR, COO  
AMD R&D Center India Pvt. Ltd.

*Representative*

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

**Karnataka Chapter***Chairman*

Mr. Iqbal Sait  
Head of EMEA Operations  
Saggezza India Pvt. Ltd.

*Representative*

Mr. Paresh Shah  
CEO  
Syniverse Technologies India Pvt. Ltd.

**Tamil Nadu Chapter***Chairman*

Mr. Ramkumar Ramamoorthy  
Executive Director, India  
Cognizant Technology Solutions

*Representative*

Mr. Rajan Aiyer  
Managing Director - GM, SAARC Region  
Trimble Information Technologies India Pvt. Ltd.

**Western Region***Chairman*

Mr. Mahesh Krishnamurti  
Managing Director  
RGP India Pvt. Ltd.

*Representative*

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

# AMCHAM India

## Sectoral Committees 2017-18

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 chairperson (one of the AMCHAM members) appointed by the chairperson / executive board. All members are invited to join the committees which fall under their respective industry.

Committee	Chairperson	Co-Chairperson
Agriculture and Food Processing	Mr. Ram Mudholkar * President, DuPont South Asia & Business Director, DuPont Crop Protection E. I. DuPont India Pvt. Ltd.	Mr. Siraj Azmat Chaudhry Chairman Cargill India Pvt. Ltd.
Anti-Corruption & FCPA Compliance	Ms. Ritika Ratti Chief Ethics & Compliance Officer & Head of Anti-Corruption Walmart India Pvt. Ltd.	---
Aviation	Mr. Palash Roychowdhury Managing Director - Pratt & Whitney Board of Director - UTCIPL United Technologies Corporation	Mr. Ankur Kanaglekar Director - Strategy & Business Development Boeing India Pvt. Ltd.  Mr. Amber Dubey Partner and Head - Aerospace and Defense KPMG in India
Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)	Mr. Harish Krishnan Managing Director, Public Affairs & Strategic Engagement, India & SAARC Cisco Systems (India) Pvt. Ltd.	---
Cyber Security	Mr. Deepak Maheshwari Director, Government Affairs, India & ASEAN Symantec Software Solutions Pvt. Ltd.	Mr. Arijit Sen Director, Global Government Relations & Public Policy Dell International Services India Pvt. Ltd.
Defense	Mr. Phil Shaw Chief Executive Lockheed Martin India Pvt. Ltd.	Mr. Michael Koch Vice President Boeing India Defense, Space & Security  Mr. Gaurav Mehndiratta Partner - Tax & Regulatory, Aerospace & Defense KPMG in India

\*Till Dec 2017

Committee	Chairperson	Co-Chairperson
Economic Affairs	Mr. Nitin Atroley Office Managing Partner Delhi KPMG in India	---
HR Committee	Mr. D. P. Singh ** VP - Human Resource (India/South Asia) IBM India Pvt. Ltd.	Mr. Sameer Mathur *** Senior Vice President - Human Resource Citibank N.A.
Information and Communications Technology (ICT)	Mr. Amit Sharma Executive Vice President and President Asia ATC India	Mr. Vivek Vasishtha Executive Director & Country Leader - IBM India, South Asia IBM India Pvt. Ltd.  Mr. Naveen Tandon Director - IEA AT&T Communication Services India Pvt. Ltd.
Infrastructure and Smart Cities	Mr. Arun Kumar Jain Managing Director Fluor Daniel India Pvt. Ltd.	Dr. Jaijit Bhattacharya Partner, Govt. & Infrastructure Cities & Innovation KPMG in India  Mr. Samit Ray Director, Government Affairs & Public Policy United Technologies Corporation
Intellectual Property Rights (IPR)	Ms. Sanjit Kaur Batra Legal Head (South Asia) E. I. DuPont India Pvt. Ltd.	Ms. Meenu Chandra Director - IPR, Legal and Corporate Affairs Microsoft Corporation India Pvt. Ltd.  Mr. Apurva Mehta Director - Government Affairs, India & South Asia Qualcomm India Pvt. Ltd.
Manufacturing	Mr. Sanjay Koul Chairman & Managing Director Timken India Limited	Mr. Amit Bansal Managing Director Corning India
Medical Devices	Mr. Prabal Chakraborty Vice President and Managing Director Boston Scientific India Pvt. Ltd.	Mr. Madan Krishnan Managing Director - India India Medtronic Pvt. Ltd.
Pharmaceuticals	Mr. Sanjiv Navangul Managing Director - Janssen India Johnson & Johnson Pvt. Ltd.	Mr. Rakesh Chitkara Sr. Director - Global Government Affairs Abbott Healthcare Pvt. Ltd.
Supply Chain and Logistics	Mr. Srinu Sarangapani Director Operations Timken Engineering & Research India Pvt. Ltd.	Mr. Milind Tailor Head - Supply Chain Management Diebold Systems Pvt. Ltd.
Tax and Tariff	Ms. Neeru Ahuja Partner, Business Tax Deloitte Haskins & Sells LLP	Ms. Garima Pande Partner - Tax & Regulatory Ernst & Young LLP

\*\*Till Jan 2018 \*\*\* Till Jan 2018

# AMCHAM

## Membership 2017-18

Table – I

Type of Membership	Total
Corporate	333
Additional	134
Individual	5
<b>Total Membership</b>	<b>472</b>

AMCHAM Type of Membership

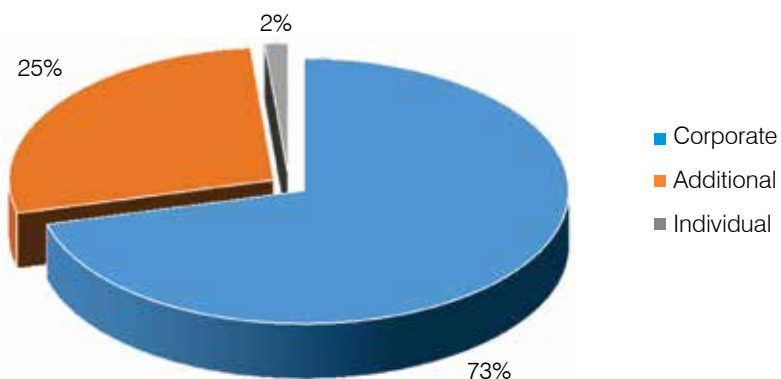
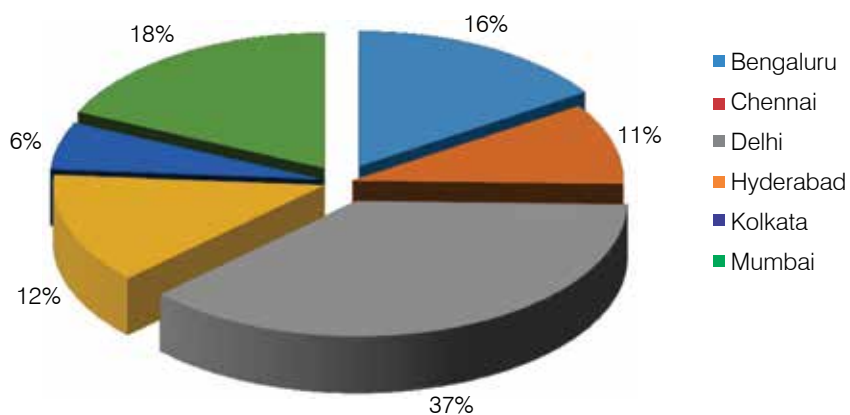


Table – II

Regions	Total
Bengaluru	75
Chennai	51
Delhi	172
Hyderabad	58
Kolkata	29
Mumbai	87
<b>Total Membership</b>	<b>472</b>

AMCHAM Regions Wise Members



# Analysis of Events Organized by AMCHAM during 2017-2018

Table – I

Chapter	Number of Meetings
National Board/Regional Executive Committee	27
Sector Committee Meeting	48
Business Meeting/Social Event	76
Meeting with U.S. Government	43
Meeting with Government of India	39
<b>Total</b>	<b>233</b>

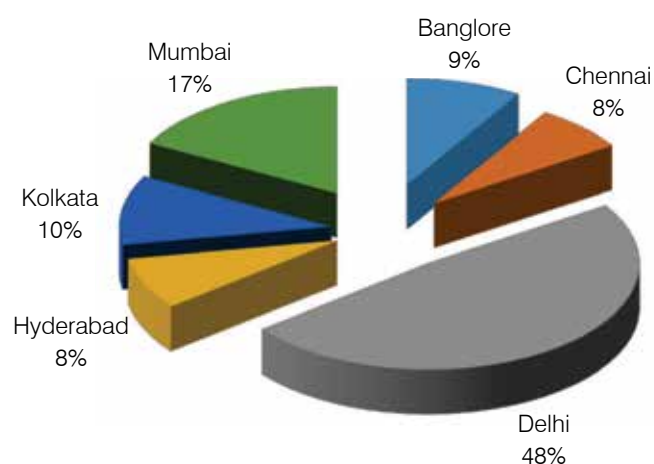
AMCHAM Meetings and Events



Table – II

Chapter	Number of Meetings
Bengaluru	20
Chennai	18
Delhi	113
Hyderabad	19
Kolkata	24
Mumbai	39
<b>Total Events</b>	<b>233</b>

AMCHAM Meetings and Events Between Regions



# AMCHAM

## New Members

### List of New Members from 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2017 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018

S.No.	Member's Name	Organization
<b>DELHI</b>		
1	Mr. Puneet Kumar	Accenture Solutions India Pvt. Ltd.
2	Mr. Ankur Malhotra	Accenture Solutions India Pvt. Ltd.
3	Mr. Yash Kansal	APCO Worldwide
4	Mr. Bardley Schoener	Association for the Advancement of Medical Instrumentation
5	Ms. Sheema Vohra	Brand USA
6	Mr. Saurabh Singh	Cisco Systems (India) Pvt. Ltd
7	Mr. R.K. Goyal	Cytozyme Laboratories, INC.
8	Ms. Neelu Khatri	Honeywell International India Pvt. Ltd.
9	Ms. Anubhuti Kaul Bhrany	HP India Sales Pvt. Ltd.
10	Mr. Anshu Bagai	Jeunesse Global India Pvt. Ltd.
11	Mr. Jaijit Bhattacharya	KPMG India
12	Mr. Amarjeet Singh	KPMG India
13	Mr. Pradeep Udhas	KPMG India
14	Mr. Nitin Atroley	KPMG India
15	Mr. Saket Modi	Lucideus Technologies
16	Mr. Abhijeet Kamalakar Pawar	R1RCM Global Pvt. Ltd.
17	Mr. Michael Green	Sannam S4
<b>Bengaluru</b>		
18	Mr. Sreekant Velagapudi	Aryaka Networks India Pvt. Ltd.
19	Mr. Raju Shahani	Christel House India
20	Mr. Rakesh Singh	Citrix
21	Mr. Deepankar Banerjee	ExxonMobil Lubricants Pvt. Ltd.
22	Mr. Saju James	Fragomen Immigration Services India Pvt. Ltd.



23	Mr. Balaji Shankar	Honeywell Technologies Solutions Lab
24	Mr. Sathyamurthy B	Kewaunee Scientific Corporation
25	Mr. Satish N. Hiremath	Koncepo Scienteck International Pvt. Ltd.
26	Ms. Shalini Pillay	KPMG India
27	Mr. James Allen Brandt Jr	Lowes Services India Pvt. Ltd.
28	Mr. Sethu Seetharaman	Mphasis Limited
29	Mr. Raghurama Kote	Opteamix India Business Solutions Pvt. Ltd.
30	Mr. Sudhansu Panigrahi	US Technology International Pvt. Ltd.
31	Mr. Kiron D Shah	Velankani Software Pvt. Ltd.
<b>CHENNAI</b>		
32	Ms. Sonja Benkovich	American International Academy India Pvt. Ltd.
33	Ms. Sonja Benkovich	Astroved.com Pvt. Ltd.
34	Mr. Narayanan Ramaswamy	KPMG India
35	Mr. C. Sampath Kumar	PAR Formulations
<b>HYDERABAD</b>		
36	Mr. Ramesh Maddukuri	Elptico IT Solutions Pvt. Ltd.
<b>KOLKATA</b>		
37	Mr. Jerry Daniel	3M India Limited
<b>MUMBAI</b>		
38	Mr. Muneeb Ansari	APCO Worldwide India Pvt. Ltd.
39	Mr. Kaustubh Pethe	Bank of America NA
40	Mr. Shailesh Nema	Michelman Pvt. Ltd.
41	Mr. Viren Joshi	SIGMA Electric Manufacturing Corporation Pvt. Ltd.
42	Mr. Saleem Khan	United Way of India
43	Mr. Abhijit Shah	Walter P Moore Engineering India Pvt. Ltd.

## AMCHAM

## Highlights of events held in 2017 - 18

AMCHAM  
Bengaluru

Mr. Pratyush Kumar, Chairman, AMCHAM India and President, Boeing India presenting Honorable Chief Minister of Karnataka, Mr. Siddaramaiah with a bouquet

Date	Meetings / Events
29th May 2017	<b>Karnataka Chapter Executive Committee Meeting</b> <p>The meeting was chaired by Mr. Iqbal Sait, Chairman - Karnataka Chapter, AMCHAM and Head of Asia Operations, Saggezza Inc. The outgoing Chairman of AMCHAM Karnataka, Mr. Pradip Dutta, thanked the ExeComm members for their support. The incoming Chairman, Mr. Iqbal Sait, thanked Dr. Dutta for his leadership and asked for the support of the committee to make the coming year a success.</p>
5th Jun 2017	<b>Session on GST Update in association with Grant Thornton</b> <p>AMCHAM, in association with Grant Thornton in India, hosted a breakfast session on 'Goods &amp; Services Tax - Industry Specific Issues.' The key areas of concerns and challenges for industry regarding the GST law were highlighted. The session was conducted by Mr. Suresh Rohira and Mr. Madhur Harlalka from Grant Thornton.</p>
9th Jun 2017	<b>Leadership Conclave - 'Design the Difference' hosted by Altair</b> <p>As part of Altair's 'Design the Difference' campaign, a unique leadership conclave was organized in association with AMCHAM India. The panelists and speakers included: Mr. Kamal Bali, MD, Volvo India; Mr. Alok Nanda, COO, GE India Technology Centre, GM - Engg., GE Aviation, India; Dr. P.S. Nair, Jedi Commander, Structures and Mechanisms, TeamIndus; Mr. Bhaktha Keshavachar, CTO and Co-founder, Ezetap Mobile Solutions Pvt. Ltd.; Dr. Jagdish Chaturvedi, Director - Clinical Innovation, InnAccel; and Mr. Jeff Brennan, Chief Marketing Officer, Altair. Mr. Pavan Kumar, MD, Altair India, welcomed participants, followed by presentations by the speakers.</p>
27th Jun 2017	<b>Farewell for Mr. John Fleming, Principal Commercial Officer, U.S. Consulate General Chennai</b> <p>AMCHAM bid farewell to the outgoing Commercial Consul, Mr. John Fleming. Mr. Paresh Shah, Vice Chairman - Karnataka Chapter, AMCHAM and Sr. Vice President and GM, Syniverse Technologies Services India Pvt. Ltd., thanked Mr. Fleming for the appreciation and reiterated AMCHAM Karnataka's support to the Consulate. On the occasion, Mr. Fleming presented a Certificate of Appreciation to the AMCHAM Karnataka Chapter for being a partner in significantly advancing U.S. commercial interests in South India</p>

14th Jul 2017	<b>Breakfast Session on Energy Neutral Buildings and Smart Corporate Offices</b> <p>AMCHAM organized a session on energy neutral buildings and smart corporate offices in Bengaluru. The speakers included Dr. C. Velan, Executive Director &amp; CEO, TRIL Infopark Ltd, Tata Realty, Dr. Benny Raphael, Associate Professor, IIT Chennai and Ms. Gayathri Chauhan, Regional Manager, APAC and Middle East, U.S. Green Building Council. The session was moderated by Mr. Marnik Vermeulen, Director, Real Estate Strategy &amp; Operations - South Asia, IBM.</p>
26th Jul 2017	<b>U.S. Immigration Session - Trumped! The Changing Face of Business Immigration in the Age of Trump</b> <p>AMCHAM in association with Scarborough Law L.L.C., hosted a breakfast session entitled 'Trumped! The Changing Face of Business Immigration in the Age of Trump' in Bengaluru. The session was conducted by Ms. Stephanie Scarborough, a leading immigration attorney with more than 10 years' experience in U.S. and Canada immigration. The focus of the session was on how immigration had changed in the Trump era and what to expect in the coming months.</p>
4th Aug 2017	<b>Karnataka Chapter Executive Committee Meeting</b> <p>Karnataka Executive Committee Meeting was held under the Chairmanship of Mr. Iqbal Sait, Chairman, AMCHAM Karnataka. The past events were reviewed and the forthcoming meetings were discussed.</p>
4th Aug 2017	<b>Breakfast Session with Mr. Darpan Jain, Commissioner for Industrial Development and Director of Industries and Commerce, Government of Karnataka</b> <p>AMCHAM conducted a breakfast session with Mr. Darpan Jain. The Chairman of AMCHAM's Karnataka Chapter and MD of Saggezza India, Mr. Iqbal Sait, welcomed Mr. Jain to the meeting. He spoke of the long association AMCHAM had with the Government of Karnataka. Mr. Darpan Jain said he was happy to be addressing the AMCHAM members. He said that he was also in charge of the Directorate of Urban Land Transport (DULT) and would welcome any questions in that regard. He talked about how providing good infrastructure for industries was vital for industrial development and, therefore, industrial parks were being established which had water and power connectivity.</p>
30th Aug 2017	<b>Breakfast Meeting with Mr. James M. Fluker, Commercial Consul &amp; Principal Commercial Officer - South India, U.S. Consulate General, Chennai</b> <p>AMCHAM's Karnataka Chapter hosted a breakfast meeting with Mr. James M. Fluker. Mr. Paresh Shah, Vice Chairman - Karnataka Chapter, AMCHAM and GM, Syniverse Technologies, welcomed Mr. Fluker and gave him a brief about AMCHAM Karnataka's long association with the U.S. Commercial Services.</p>
19th Sep 2017	<b>Breakfast Meeting with Consul General Robert Burgess, U.S. Consulate, Chennai</b> <p>The CEOs of AMCHAM's Karnataka Chapter met with Consul General Robert Burgess of the U.S. Consulate, Chennai, at a breakfast meeting. Mr. Iqbal Sait welcomed Consul General Burgess and spoke about the long association the Karnataka Chapter had with the consulate.</p>
26th Sep 2017	<b>Karnataka Chapter Executive Committee Meeting</b> <p>AMCHAM's Karnataka Chapter Executive Committee meeting was hosted by Mr. Pradip Dutta. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Iqbal Sait.</p>
28th Oct 2017	<b>AMCHAM - Timken Invitational Golf Tournament 2017</b> <p>The AMCHAM - Timken Invitational Golf Tournament 2017 was held at Prestige Golfshire with participation of 108 golfers. CEOs of U.S. companies, senior bureaucrats from the Government of Karnataka and senior management of Indian corporates participated. Timken India Ltd. was the co-host along with AMCHAM while Saggezza Inc. was the platinum sponsor. The gold sponsors were Dell, EMC and Britannia. The silver sponsors included Bren Corporation, Netapp India, Jubilant Motorworks (Audi), Sandisk India, M. Moser Design Associates, Hinduja Global Solutions, Altair, Decathlon, Scarborough Law, KPMG, Trufit and Hill. The hospitality partner was Courtyard by Marriott and Fairfield Marriott.</p>

7th Dec 2017	<b>Karnataka Chapter Executive Committee Meeting</b> <p>The meeting was hosted by Mr. Sanjay Koul. The Chairman Mr. Iqbal Sait welcomed all the ExeComm members and thanked Mr. Koul for hosting the ExeComm meeting. Mr. Koul gave a brief of the AMCHAM Manufacturing Committee meeting which was held in Chennai and was chaired by him. Mr. Iqbal Sait gave a synopsis of the NEB meeting held in Mumbai. Ms. Ines Miranda gave details of AMCHAM - Timken Invitational Golf Tournament 2017.</p>
12th Dec 2017	<b>CSR Session - Reaching Your Impact</b> <p>AMCHAM organized a CSR session entitled 'Reaching Your Impact' in association with ChildFund India. The Embassy Group sponsored the event. Ms. Shaina Ganapathy, Head of Corporate Outreach, Embassy Group, welcomed participants from leading U.S. companies based in Bengaluru. Mr. Atul Ujagar, Country Director, Nike India, Sri Lanka and Pakistan and Executive Committee Member - Karnataka Chapter, AMCHAM Karnataka, gave the opening remarks. The keynote speaker was Dr. Manoj Chakravarti, COO, Centre for Corporate Governance &amp; Citizenship, IIMB. Other panelists were Mr. Biren Ghose, Country Head, Technicolor, Mr. Dushyant Singh, Senior Advisor, McKinsey &amp; Co., Mr. Santosh Abraham, VP, NASSCOM Foundation, Mr. Venkatesh Valluri, Chairman, Valluri Technology Accelerators &amp; Valluri Change Foundation and Ms. Neelam Makhijani, Country Director/CEO, ChildFund India. Mr. Raju Shahani, MD, Christel House India, moderated the panel.</p>
11th Jan 2018	<b>Karnataka Chapter Executive Committee Meeting</b> <p>The Executive Committee Meeting was hosted by Mr. Atul Ujagar. Mr. Iqbal Sait welcomed all the ExeComm members. Mr. Atul Ujagar and Ms. Ines Miranda gave details on the CSR session entitled 'Reaching Your Impact' held in association with ChildFund India. This was followed by discussion on the NEB meeting to be held on February 7th 2018. It was proposed that Mr. Azim Premji, Mr. Nandan Nilekani, Mr. Vinod Dasari, Mr. Manish Sabharwal or Mr. Amit Agarwal be invited to speak. There was a discussion on the next Chairman and Vice-Chairman. Since the majority were in agreement, it was resolved that Mr. Iqbal Sait and Mr. Paresh Shah would continue as Chairman and Vice-Chairman respectively for the year 2018-2019.</p>
7th Feb 2018	<b>National Executive Board Meeting</b> <p>The fourth meeting of AMCHAM's National Executive Board was held in Bengaluru, under the chairmanship of Mr. Pratyush Kumar, Chairman, AMCHAM India, and President, Boeing India. Mr. Iqbal Sait, Chairman - Karnataka Chapter, AMCHAM India and Head of EMEA Operations, Saggezza, made a presentation on the activities of the Karnataka Chapter. Mr. Hitesh D. Gajaria, Partner, KPMG made a presentation on direct tax proposals in Union Budget 2018 to the NEB, along with Mr. Sachin Menon, who covered indirect taxes.</p>
7th Feb 2018	<b>National Executive Board Interaction with the Honorable Chief Minister of Karnataka, Mr. Siddaramaiah</b> <p>The National Executive Board members of AMCHAM met with the Chief Minister of Karnataka, Mr. Siddaramaiah, in Bengaluru. Mr. Pratyush Kumar, Chairman, AMCHAM and President, Boeing India, thanked the Chief Minister for his time and support and emphasized that AMCHAM members were committed to Karnataka. Members introduced themselves and highlighted their footprint in the state.</p>
7th Feb 2018	<b>Meeting with the Honorable Minister for Large &amp; Medium Industries, Mr. R. V. Deshpande</b> <p>The AMCHAM India delegation led by Mr. Pratyush Kumar, Chairman, National Executive Board and President, Boeing India, met with the Minister R.V. Deshpande. The Minister welcomed the delegation and assured U.S. companies that the government would support them in all the investments in the state. Members raised concern over the state of infrastructure and hoped that it would be improved soon, as it would increase investments from U.S. companies.</p>

7th Feb 2018

**Karnataka Chapter Signature Event 'The Indo - U.S. Partnership'**

The Karnataka Chapter hosted AMCHAM's National Executive Board members led by Chairman, Mr. Pratyush Kumar, President, Boeing India, in Bengaluru. The evening started with a panel discussion on 'Innovation in Manufacturing' moderated by Mr. Sanjay Koul, Chairman - Manufacturing Committee, AMCHAM and Chairman & Managing Director, Timken India Ltd. with Mr. Munesh Makhija, Managing Director, GE India Technology Center and Mr. Lakshminarayan. This was followed by a presentation by Mr. Biren Ghose, Country Head, Technicolor India, about the Hollywood-Bengaluru connection. The keynote speaker was Mr. Azim Premji, Chairman Wipro Limited, who recalled his years of experience with Indo-U.S. relations. Consul General Robert Burgess, Chennai, also addressed the audience.

7th Mar 2018

**Exclusive Workshop on Design Thinking for the C'Suite on 'Executing Strategy on Design Thinking in a VUCA World' with Strategy Execution and Duke Corporate Education**

AMCHAM India, in association with Strategy Execution and Duke Corporate Education, conducted a workshop on 'Design Thinking in a VUCA World' in Bengaluru. The speakers included Mr. Nikhil Raval, MD, Duke CE and Mr. Ajay Parasrampur, Design Thinker. The key takeaway was an overview of how to deploy design thinking for results in today's VUCA (volatile, uncertain, complex and ambiguous) world.



(Center) Mr. John Fleming, Principle Commercial Officer, U.S. Consulate Chennai, presenting a Certificate of Appreciation to AMCHAM's Karnataka Chapter for advancing U.S. commercial interests throughout South India



Ms. Stephanie Scarborough, Scarborough Law L.L.C., leading a session on U.S. immigration under the new administration for members in Bengaluru



AMCHAM members at a meeting with Mr. Darpan Jain, Commissioner for Industrial Development and Director of Industries and Commerce, Government of Karnataka in Bengaluru





Members of AMCHAM's Karnataka Chapter with Mr. James M. Fluker, Commercial Consul & Principal Commercial Officer - South India, U.S. Consulate General, Chennai in Bengaluru



(L-R) Mr. Joseph Bernath, Political/Economic Officer, U.S. Consulate Chennai, Mr. Paresh Shah, Vice Chairman - Karnataka Chapter, AMCHAM and GM, Syniverse Technologies, Consul General Robert Burgess, U.S. Consulate Chennai, Ms. Ines Miranda, Regional Director - Karnataka Chapter, AMCHAM, Mr. Bunty Bohra, CEO, Goldman Sachs and Mr. Iqbal Sait, Chairman - Karnataka Chapter, AMCHAM



Mr. Iqbal Sait, Chairman - Karnataka Chapter, AMCHAM with U.S. Consul General Robert Burgess, Chennai



Mr. Iqbal Sait, Chairman - Karnataka Chapter, AMCHAM, welcoming the participants during the AMCHAM - Timken Golf Tournament



Mr. Arvind Kapur, CEO and Co-founder, SaggiZZa Inc. and Mr. Iqbal Sait, Chairman - Karnataka Chapter, AMCHAM and Head of Asia Operations for SaggiZZa Inc., along with noted film director Mr. Mani Ratnam (center), all set for AMCHAM - Timken Invitational Golf Tournament 2017 in Bengaluru





Mr. Sanjay Koul, Chairman - Manufacturing Committee, AMCHAM and Chairman and MD, Timken India and co-host of the golf tournament in Bengaluru, delivering the vote of thanks to the participants and sponsors



Mr. Sanjay Koul, presenting the winner's trophy to Mr. Aiyappa Madappa for the longest drive of the tournament

Noted film director Mr. Mani Ratnam presenting the winner's trophy to Mr. Naresh Shah for (16 and above) category at the golf tournament in Bengaluru





At a CSR session 'Reaching Your Impact' in Bengaluru (L-R) Ms. Ines Miranda, Regional Director - Karnataka Chapter, AMCHAM, Mr. Dushyant Singh, Sr. Advisor, McKinsey & Co., Mr. Venkatesh Valluri, Chairman, Valluri Change Foundation, Ms. Neelam Makhijani, Country Director/CEO, ChildFund India, Mr. Raju Shahani, MD, Christel House India, Mr. Santosh Abraham, VP, NASSCOM Foundation, Ms. Shaina Ganapathy, Head of Corporate Outreach, Embassy Group, Mr. Atul Ujagar, Country Director, Nike India, and Dr. Manoj Chakravarti, COO, Centre for Corporate Governance & Citizenship, IIMB



The AMCHAM National Executive Board and Karnataka Chapter Executive Committee members with keynote speaker for the evening, Mr. Azim Premji, Chairman Wipro Ltd., in Bengaluru





Mr. Iqbal Sait, Chairman - Karnataka Chapter, AMCHAM giving introductory remarks during AMCHAM Karnataka Chapter signature event 'The Indo - U.S. Partnership'



Mr. Azim Premji, Chairman Wipro Ltd. delivering the keynote address at AMCHAM's signature event - 'The Indo - U.S. Partnership'



(L-R) Consul General Robert Burgess, Mr. Iqbal Sait, Mr. Azim Premji and Mr. Pratyush Kumar, thanking Mr. Premji

Panel Discussion on 'Innovation in Manufacturing' with Mr. Munesh Makhija, Managing Director, GE India Technology Centers; Mr. Sanjay Koul, Chairman & Managing Director, Timken India Ltd.; and Mr. Lakshminarayan at AMCHAM Karnataka's signature event - The Indo - U.S. Partnership





NEB members, Karnataka Chapter Executive Committee members, Consul General Burgess and U.S. Embassy officials with the Chief Minister of Karnataka, Mr. Siddaramaiah and Mr. R. V. Deshpande, Minister for Large & Medium Industries, Govt. of Karnataka



Mr. R. V. Deshpande, Minister for Large & Medium Industries, Government of Karnataka, addressing AMCHAM's National Executive Board members at Vidhana Soudha



AMCHAM Karnataka Executive Committee Members



## AMCHAM Chennai

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister, Mr. Eddapadi K. Palaniswami with AMCHAM India National Executive Board members and Tamil Nadu Executive Committee members

Date	Meetings / Events
20th Apr 2017	<p><b>Breakfast Meeting: Smart Business Infrastructure - Authorized Economic Operator, Customs &amp; Central Excise</b></p> <p>AMCHAM's breakfast meeting on 'Smart Business Infrastructure - Authorized Economic Operator, Customs &amp; Central Excise' was held in Chennai. Mr. Aubrey Daniels, Regional Director – Tamil Nadu Chapter, AMCHAM chaired the meeting. The guest speakers were Mr. Santosh Dalvi, Partner - KPMG, Mr. Sunil Kumar Sinha IRS, Commissioner of Customs &amp; AEO Program Manager and Dr. Anchita Pandoh IRS, Assistant Commissioner of Customs, AEO Program. The event was facilitated and sponsored by KPMG.</p>
23rd May 2017	<p><b>Meeting with the Tamil Nadu State Government on Disaster Management</b></p> <p>AMCHAM's Tamil Nadu Chapter held a meeting with Dr. K. Satyagopal, Principal Commissioner for Revenue Administration to discuss with American companies based in Chennai how CSR can be used to compliment the work being done by the government in water conservation.</p>
26th May 2017	<p><b>Breakfast Meeting: Smart Business Infrastructure - Experience of living and working in Chennai</b></p> <p>AMCHAM, in partnership with the U.S. Foreign Commercial Service, held a breakfast meeting. Mr. R. Ramkumar, Chairman - Tamil Nadu Chapter, AMCHAM, chaired the meeting, which featured guest speaker Mr. John Fleming, Principal Commercial Officer, U.S. Foreign Commercial Service, Chennai.</p>
26th May 2017	<p><b>Meeting with Ms. Shilpa Prabhakar Satish IAS, Executive Vice Chairperson, Tamil Nadu Guidance Bureau</b></p> <p>Mr. R. Ramkumar, Chairman -Tamil Nadu Chapter, AMCHAM and Mr. Aubrey Daniels, Regional Director - Tamil Nadu Chapter, AMCHAM, had a meeting with Ms. Shilpa Prabhakar Satish, Executive Vice Chairperson, Tamil Nadu Guidance Bureau, to explore ways by which AMCHAM can work with the government of Tamil Nadu and also to open a channel by which American companies can find solutions to challenges in business operations in the state.</p>
15th Jun 2017	<p><b>Breakfast Meeting: Panel Discussion on the Goods &amp; Service Tax</b></p> <p>AMCHAM's Tamil Nadu Chapter held a panel discussion on GST. The members of the panel were Mr. Soumyaranjan Biswal, Advisor, KPMG in India, Mr. K. Sivarajan, Partner, PwC, Mr. L. Sayee Mohan, Partner, Deloitte, Mr. B. Sriram, Partner, EY. The session was moderated by Mr. A. Viswanathan, BS&amp;B Safety Systems India Limited.</p>

23rd Jun 2017	<p><b>Breakfast Meeting: Smart Business Infrastructure - Cyber Security in the Digital Age</b></p> <p>A breakfast meeting on smart business infrastructure in the digital age was organized. Mr. R. Ramkumar, Chairman - Tamil Nadu Chapter, AMCHAM, chaired the meeting. The featured guest speaker was Mr. Bithal Bhardwaj, Chief Information Security Officer, GE Africa and South Asia.</p>
20th Jul 2017	<p><b>Breakfast Meeting: Smart Business Infrastructure - 'Education, Employment and Employability; India's Challenges and Opportunities'</b></p> <p>A meeting on 'Education, Employment and Employability; India's Challenges and Opportunities' was organized in Chennai. Mr. R. Ramkumar, chaired the meeting and Mr. Manish Sabharwal, Chairman, TeamLease Services India Ltd., was the guest speaker.</p>
18th Aug 2017	<p><b>Meeting with the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Mr. Edappadi K. Palaniswami</b></p> <p>To coincide with the AMCHAM National Executive Board meeting in Chennai, the Tamil Nadu Chapter organized a meeting with the Chief Minister. This was attended by several members of the National Executive Board led by Mr. Arun Kumar, Vice Chairman, AMCHAM and Chairman and CEO, KPMG in India. Consul General Robert Burgess and Mr. Robert Kemp, Acting Minister Counselor EEST, U.S. Embassy, were part of the AMCHAM delegation.</p> <p>The Tamil Nadu government was represented by Mr. MC Sampath, Minister for Industry, Ms. Girija Vaidyanathan, Chief Secretary, Mr. Atulya Misra, Principal Secretary, Industries Department, Mr. M.S. Shanmugam, Additional Secretary, Industries Department, Ms. Shilpa Prabhakar Satish, Executive Vice Chairperson, Tamil Nadu Industrial Guidance Bureau, Ms R. Vasuki, Managing Director, SIPCOT, Mr. B. Elangovan, Managing Director, TIDEL Park and Mr. T K Ramachandran, Principal Secretary, Information Technology Department.</p>
18th Aug 2017	<p><b>National Executive Board Meeting</b></p> <p>The second meeting of the National Executive Board (2017-18) was held in Chennai. The meeting was attended by Chairman, Mr. Pratyush Kumar (President, Boeing India), Vice-Chairmen, Mr. Gulshan Kumar Sachdev (Managing Director, Quaker Chemical India) and Mr. Arun M. Kumar (CEO, KPMG in India), along with other members and officials from the Economic and Commercial Sections of the U.S. Embassy.</p>
18th Aug 2017	<p><b>Meeting with Mr. M.C. Sampath, Minister for Industry, Government of Tamil Nadu and Senior Government Secretaries</b></p> <p>Members of the AMCHAM National Executive Board, Consul General Robert Burgess, Mr. Robert Kemp, U.S. Embassy along with Ms. Ranjana Khanna, Director General CEO, AMCHAM and Ms. Madhvi Kataria, Deputy Director General of AMCHAM, had a meeting with the Minister for Industry Mr. M.C. Sampath and several secretaries of the government of Tamil Nadu.</p>
18th Aug 2017	<p><b>Networking Evening and Talk Show</b></p> <p>The Tamil Nadu region hosted a networking evening for members of the National Executive Board, members of the Tamil Nadu Chapter, prospective members and the newly arrived officers at the U.S. Consulate in Chennai. Mr. R. Ramkumar, Chairman - Tamil Nadu Chapter, AMCHAM, welcomed all the guests and said that this was indeed a great opportunity to meet and greet especially at a time when the city of Chennai was celebrating its founding on August 22, 1639, from whence the modern city of Madras grew and laid the foundations of the British Empire.</p>
14th Sep 2017	<p><b>Breakfast Meeting to Welcome Consul General Burgess and New Officers at the U.S. Consulate</b></p> <p>AMCHAM's Tamil Nadu Chapter held a breakfast meeting to welcome Consul General Robert Burgess and other new officers at the U.S. Consulate in Chennai. Mr. Rajan Aiyer, Vice Chairman - Tamil Nadu Chapter, AMCHAM, chaired the meeting.</p>



8th Nov 2017	<p><b>Breakfast Meeting on Artificial Intelligence</b></p> <p>AMCHAM's Tamil Nadu Chapter held a breakfast meeting on artificial intelligence entitled 'Why the recent excitement in artificial intelligence? An introduction to deep reinforcement learning.' The guest speaker was Professor Dr. B. Ravindran, Head - Robert Bosch Centre for Data Science and Artificial Intelligence (RBC-DSAI) &amp; Associate Professor, Department of Computer Science and Engineering, IIT Madras. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Rajan Aiyer, Country Head, Trimble Information Technologies, India.</p>
5th Feb 2018	<p><b>Breakfast Meeting on the Impact of Union Budget 2018 on the Manufacturing and Technology Sectors</b></p> <p>AMCHAM's Tamil Nadu Chapter, with Deloitte as the knowledge partner, held a breakfast meeting on the impact of Union Budget 2018 on the manufacturing and technology sectors. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Rajan Aiyer, Vice Chairman - Tamil Nadu Chapter, AMCHAM. The meeting began with an overview of the Union Budget 2018 by Mr. P.S. Easwaran, Partner Consulting, Deloitte in Chennai.</p>
10th Apr 2018	<p><b>U.S. Industry Roundtable with Ambassador Kenneth I. Juster and Visiting U.S. Government Principals</b></p> <p>AMCHAM, USISPF and USIBC co-hosted a closed door roundtable in Chennai on the eve of DefExpo. The roundtable participants included the U.S. industry along with visiting U.S. government principals. Major General Bryan E. Suntheimer, Deputy Commanding General, Army National Guard, Consul General Robert G. Burgess, U.S. Consulate, Chennai, BG David Edward Brigham, Defense Attaché, U.S. Embassy, Captain Robert F. Ogden, Chief, ODC India, U.S. Embassy also joined the discussion. The welcome remarks were given by Mr. Pratyush Kumar, Chairman, AMCHAM and President, Boeing India. Mr. Kumar spoke about the progress of the U.S. - India relationship in the past decade and how the future looks better with the strategic partnership between the two countries. The keynote address was given by U.S. Ambassador Kenneth I. Juster. Ambassador Juster encouraged an open discuss with the U.S. industry to understand their perspective and suggestions on further improvement of the U.S. - India relationship. This discussion was moderated by Mr. Dave Sutton, Director, Lockheed Martin.</p>
10th Apr 2018	<p><b>U.S. Industry Networking Reception with Ambassador Kenneth I. Juster</b></p> <p>AMCHAM, USISPF and USIBC co-hosted a reception for Ambassador Kenneth I. Juster, visiting U.S. government principals, U.S. industry exhibitors and participants on the eve of DefExpo 2018. The welcome address was given by Mr. Phil Shaw, Chairman - Defense Committee and NEB Member, AMCHAM and Chief Executive, Lockheed Martin India. This was followed by a keynote address by Ambassador Kenneth I. Juster. In the vote of thanks, Mr. Michael Koch, Co-Chairman – Defense Committee, AMCHAM and Vice President - South Asia, International Business Development, Boeing International Corporation, thanked Ambassador Juster and his team for the continued support. The event was supported by BAE, Boeing, Honeywell, Lockheed Martin and Textron.</p>



Mr. John Fleming, Principal Commercial Officer, U.S. Consulate Chennai, recognizing AMCHAM's Tamil Nadu Chapter as a partner of the U.S. Foreign Commercial Service in advancing U.S. commercial interests throughout south India



Mr. John Fleming, addressing members at a breakfast meeting with Mr. Ramkumar Ramamoorthy, Chairman - Tamil Nadu Chapter, AMCHAM





Participants at the Tamil Nadu Chapter's panel discussion on the Goods & Service Tax held in Chennai



Panel discussion on GST with (L-R) Mr. Soumyaranjan Biswal, Advisor, KPMG, Mr. K. Sivarajan, Partner, PwC, Mr. L. Sayee Mohan, Partner, Deloitte, Mr. B. Sriram, Partner, EY and moderator Mr. A. Viswanathan, BS&B Safety Systems India Limited



Vice Consul Nathan Leonard giving members a visa update during the June breakfast meeting at Chennai



Mr. R. Ramkumar, Chairman - Tamil Nadu Chapter, AMCHAM and Mr. Bithal Bharadwaj, CISO - GE addressing members during the meeting on cyber security in the digital age

Mr. Arun Kumar, Vice Chairman, AMCHAM and Chairman & CEO, KPMG in India, presenting an AMCHAM commemorative book to Mr. M. C. Sampath, Minister for Industries, Government of Tamil Nadu







Participants at a breakfast meeting titled 'Cyber Security in the Digital Age' held in Chennai



(L-R) Mr. Iqbal Sait, Karnataka Region Chairman; Mrs. R. Vasuki IAS, M D, SIPCOT; Mr. T. K. Ramachandran IAS, Principal Secretary, IT Department; Mr. Atulya Misra IAS, Principal Secretary, Industries Department; Mr. M. C. Sampath, Minister for Industries, Mr. Robert Burgess, Consul General, U.S. Consulate General Chennai; Mr. M. S. Shanmugham IAS, Additional Secretary, Industries Department; and Mr. B. Elangovan, MD, TIDEL Park



Members of AMCHAM's NEB and the Tamil Nadu region felicitate Mr. R. Ramkumar on his elevation as Executive Director of Cognizant - India Operations and Mr. A. Viswanathan presenting him with a bouquet



Mr. R. Ramkumar, Chairman - Tamil Nadu Chapter, AMCHAM and Executive Director, Cognizant, welcoming guests at the networking evening

Consul General Robert Burgess, U.S. Consulate General, Chennai, addressing guests at the networking event





Mr. Arun Kumar, Vice Chairman - AMCHAM India and Chairman & CEO, KPMG in India, addressing members during the opening session of 'Madras and its American Connection'



Mr. V. Sriram, a chronicler of Madras history and story teller during his talk show on 'Madras and its American Connection'



Ms. Ranjana Khanna, Director General CEO, AMCHAM India, addressing guests and thanking partners for supporting the networking event





AMCHAM's National Executive Board members with the Tamil Nadu Chapter Executive Committee in Chennai



(L-R) Mr. Paresh Shah, National Executive Board Member, AMCHAM and Sr. VP & GM - India, Syniverse Technologies Services, Mr. James M. Fluker, Commercial Consul & Principal Commercial Officer - South India, U.S. Consulate General, Chennai and Mr. Mahesh Krishnamurti, Chairman -Western Region, AMCHAM and MD, Resources Global Professionals India



(L-R) Consul General Robert Burgess, Mr. James Fluker, Commercial Consul, Mr. Kent May, Consular Chief and Mr. Rajan Aiyer, Vice Chairman - Tamil Nadu Chapter, AMCHAM and Managing Director, Trimble Navigation



Members of AMCHAM's Tamil Nadu Chapter at an event to welcome new officials to the U.S. Consulate Chennai



Mr. Rajan Aiyer welcoming members for a meet on artificial intelligence in Chennai



Mr. Rajan Aiyer addressing members during the meeting on the impact of Union Budget 2018





Participants at a breakfast meeting on artificial intelligence in Chennai



Participants at the breakfast meeting on 'Impact of Union Budget 2018 on the Manufacturing & Technology Sectors' in Chennai





(L-R) BG David Edward Brigham, Defense Attaché, U.S. Embassy, Ambassador Kenneth I. Juster, U.S. Embassy, Major General Suntheimer, Deputy Commanding General, Army National Guard and Consul General Robert G. Burgess, U.S. Consulate, Chennai



Ambassador Kenneth I. Juster delivering the keynote address at the U.S. industry networking reception on the occasion of DefExpo in Chennai



Ambassador Kenneth Juster speaking at the U.S. industry roundtable along with visiting U.S. government principals in Chennai



## AMCHAM Delhi

Mr. Suresh Prabhu, (the then Union Minister of Railways), presently the Commerce and Industry Minister, GOI, delivering the keynote address during AMCHAM's 25th AGM

Date	Meetings / Events
4th May 2017	<p><b>25th Annual General Meeting</b></p> <p>AMCHAM celebrated its 25th anniversary in New Delhi. The theme of this event was 'The Future of U.S. - India Economic Synergy.' Ms. Ranjana Khanna, Director General, CEO, AMCHAM India, gave the welcome remarks and presented the annual report to members. This was followed by remarks by Mr. Pratyush Kumar, Chairman, AMCHAM. The audited accounts for 2016-17 were presented by Mr. Atul Dhawan, Honorary Treasurer &amp; Secretary, AMCHAM. Mr. Madhu Poomalil, Managing Director, D. E. Shaw India Pvt. Ltd., proposed the passing of accounts and Mr. Arun Kumar Jain, Managing Director, Fluor Daniel India Pvt. Ltd., seconded it.</p> <p>Ms. Ranjana Khanna announced the appointment of M/s Walker Chandiok and Co. LLP as the auditors for 2017-18. She also announced the election results of the new National Executive Board for 2017-18 which were ratified by members of the general body.</p> <p>Opening Session: Pathway to the Defining Partnership of the 21st Century</p> <p>Ms. Ranjana Khanna, set the tone for the session and introduced Mr. Pratyush Kumar, Chairman, AMCHAM India. She also shared some introductory remarks about the guest speakers - Ambassador Lalit Mansingh, former Foreign Secretary and Ambassador to the U.S.; Ambassador Richard Verma, former U.S. Ambassador to India and Ambassador Meera Shankar, former Indian Ambassador to the U.S.</p> <p>Ms. Ranjana Khanna, introduced Ms. MaryKay Carlson, Chargé d'Affaires, U.S. Embassy, and requested Mr. Pratyush Kumar, Chairman, AMCHAM India, to introduce Mr. Jayant Sinha, then Minister of State for Civil Aviation, Government of India, for the session on 'The Future of U.S. - India Economic Synergy.'</p> <p>Ms. Vanitha Narayanan, Immediate Past Chairperson, AMCHAM and Chairman, IBM India, in her closing remarks, mentioned that a silver jubilee was a significant milestone and said that the publication brought out on the occasion gave a retrospective look into the past 25 years of AMCHAM.</p> <p>Mr. Suresh Prabhu, (the then Union Minister of Railways), presently the Commerce and Industry Minister, GOI, delivered the keynote address during the luncheon session.</p>

4th May 2017	<p><b>National Executive Board Meeting</b></p> <p>During the first meeting of the National Executive Board of AMCHAM for the year 2017 - 18, the following were elected as office bearers for the year 2017 - 18: Chairman: Mr. Pratyush Kumar, President, Boeing India; Vice-Chairman: Mr. Arun Kumar, Chairman and CEO, KPMG in India; Vice-Chairman: Mr. Gulshan Kumar Sachdev, Managing Director, Quaker Chemical India Limited and Hon. Secretary &amp; Treasurer, Mr. Atul Dhawan, Partner; Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu India LLP.</p>
10th May 2017	<p><b>Interactive Session with Honorable Nancy Pelosi, Minority Leader, U.S. House of Representatives</b></p> <p>During the visit of Honorable Nancy Pelosi, Minority Leader of the United States House of Representatives, and the accompanying Congressmen, an interaction was organized to apprise them of AMCHAM member's activities and outreach. Copies of the publication "The India Journey - 25 Years of India-U.S. Business Partnership" brought out by AMCHAM to commemorate its silver jubilee was presented to the visiting delegates. AMCHAM was represented by its Chairman, Mr. Pratyush Kumar, a few members of the National Executive Board, and Director General CEO, Ms. Ranjana Khanna.</p>
12th May 2017	<p><b>IPR Committee Meeting</b></p> <p>A meeting of the AMCHAM's IPR committee was organized with the objective to brainstorm the agenda to be taken up by the committee for the year 2017-18. Ms. Sanjit Kaur Batra, DuPont was appointed as the new Chairperson for AMCHAM's IPR Committee and Ms. Meenu Chandra, Microsoft, was appointed as the Co-Chairperson. Ms. Apurva Mehta, Qualcomm was appointed as the second Co-Chairperson for the committee.</p>
15th May 2017	<p><b>Dinner Reception for Mr. George Sibley, Minister Counselor for Economic Affairs and Environment, Science and Technology, U.S. Embassy</b></p> <p>AMCHAM hosted a farewell reception for Ms. Lee Alison Sibley and Mr. George Sibley, Minister Counselor for Economic Affairs and Environment, Science and Technology, U.S. Embassy in New Delhi. Ms. Ranjana Khanna, Director General CEO, AMCHAM, welcomed attendees. Mr. Pratyush Kumar, Chairman, AMCHAM and President, Boeing India, in his opening remarks, expressed gratitude for Mr. Sibley's support over the years. Ms. MaryKay Carlson, Chargé d'Affaires, U.S. Embassy spoke about the contribution the Sibleys have made to the U.S. Mission in India.</p> <p>The dinner reception was well attended and included AMCHAM's past Chairman, Mr. Banmali Agrawala, President &amp; CEO, GE South Asia, as well as members of AMCHAM's National Executive Board, Mr. Arun Kumar, Chairman &amp; CEO, KPMG in India, Mr. Ranji Dua, Chairman, Dua Associates and Mr. Arijit Ghosh, President &amp; Managing Director, Textron India, as well as Mr. Munu Mahawar, Joint Secretary (Americas), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India. This event was made possible by the following partners: Amazon, Baxter and KSS Abhishek Safety Systems.</p>
16th May 2017	<p><b>Conference Call with U.S. Trade &amp; Development Agency Officials</b></p> <p>A conference call with U.S. Trade &amp; Development Agency Officials was held to discuss steps that could be taken to revive the Energy Cooperation Program (ECP) and to work out an agenda for ECP in 2017. They were of the opinion that ECP focus had shifted from the central government to the state governments. It was decided that more interaction is required going forward.</p>
16th May 2017	<p><b>Meeting with Mr. Richard Rossow, Wadhwani Chair at CSIS</b></p> <p>Ms. Ranjana Khanna, Director General CEO, AMCHAM, had a meeting with Mr. Richard Rossow, Wadhwani Chair in U.S.-India Policy Studies at the Centre for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), to share and understand the future of the economic partnership. Mr. Rossow has been involved in U.S.-India engagement in various capacities. CSIS would be hosting a roundtable with think tank experts for the AMCHAM door knock delegation during their visit to Washington D.C.</p>

18th May 2017	<p><b>Meeting with Mr. Munu Mahawar, Joint Secretary (Americas), Ministry of External Affairs</b></p> <p>Ms. Ranjana Khanna, Director General CEO, AMCHAM, called on Mr. Munu Mahawar, Joint Secretary (Americas), Ministry of External Affairs, and discussed collaboration opportunities in the forthcoming visits.</p>
18th May 2017	<p><b>Meeting with Mr. Anil Kumar Jain, Additional Secretary, Niti Ayog</b></p> <p>AMCHAM met with Mr. Anil Kumar Jain, Additional Secretary, Niti Ayog. Ms. Ranjana Khanna, Director General CEO, AMCHAM and Ms. Shailja Kaushal, Program Director, AMCHAM attended the meeting to discuss the Energy Cooperation Program (ECP). He shared that the Govt was investing 100 billion dollars in the energy sector and also planning to set up an R&amp;D center in Gurgaon. He invited interested U.S. companies to be part of the project.</p>
19th May 2017	<p><b>Meeting with Dr. Shrikar Keshav Pardeshi, Director, PMO</b></p> <p>Dr. Jaajit Bhattacharya, Co-Chairman - Infrastructure and Smart Cities Committee, AMCHAM and Partner, KPMG, along with Ms. Ranjana Khanna and Mr. Debasish Roy, Program Director, AMCHAM, met Dr. Shrikar Keshav Pardeshi, Director, Prime Minister's Office, to push forward AMCHAM's agenda on smart cities in India. During the meeting, AMCHAM pressed for an effort by the government to identify the problems faced by the smart cities agenda under three heads: 1) governance and accountability issues, 2) funding issues and 3) regulatory issues. Dr. Pardeshi was open to AMCHAM detailing and quantifying such problems through the committee so that the PMO can pass it on to the Ministry of Urban Development.</p>
19th May 2017	<p><b>Northern Region Council Executive Committee Meeting</b></p> <p>The first meeting of AMCHAM's Northern Region Council Executive Committee for the year 2017-18 was held under the Chairmanship of Mr. Varun Khanna, Managing Director, BD India, with Mr. Subrata Bagchi, Senior Managing Director, Protiviti India Member Pvt. Ltd., as Vice Chairman, in Gurgaon.</p> <p>It was decided that the Northern Region Council would focus on the states of Punjab, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh. Members will share best practices in healthcare, innovation, R&amp;D and GST. The Northern Region Council will organize a program on GST titled "GST - Beyond Tax." This would be held some time towards the end of July. The NRC will discuss issues relating to ease of doing business including RFPs and procurement.</p>
23rd May 2017	<p><b>Cyber Security Committee Meeting</b></p> <p>The newest AMCHAM committee, the Cyber Security Committee, met for the first time. Mr. Deepak Maheshwari, Chairman - Cyber Security Committee, AMCHAM and Director Government Affairs, India &amp; ASEAN, Symantec, Mr. Arijit Sen, Co-Chairman - Cyber Security Committee, AMCHAM and Director Global Government Affairs &amp; Public Policy, Dell, and Mr. Chad R. Norberg, Trade Unit Chief, U.S. Embassy, attended the meeting in the AMCHAM office, along with Ms. Ranjana Khanna, Director General CEO, AMCHAM India.</p>
24th May 2017	<p><b>Defense Committee Meeting</b></p> <p>The Defense Committee discussed the documents submitted to the DG (Acquisition) office. A final request to all members was made for any additional items for submission/consideration. AMCHAM's Defense Committee engagement with Parliamentary Standing Committee on Defense was discussed and the team was updated about AMCHAM's upcoming meetings. All members were invited to participate at the annual door knock to Washington D.C. from 25th - 28th June.</p>
25th May 2017	<p><b>Anti-Corruption &amp; FCPA Compliance Committee's Breakfast Meeting in association with PwC</b></p> <p>The Anti-Corruption &amp; FCPA Compliance Committee met for a breakfast meeting. This meeting was led by Ms. Ritika Ratti, Chairperson - Anti-Corruption and FCPA Compliance Committee, AMCHAM and Senior Director, Chief Ethics and Compliance Officer &amp; Head of Anti-Corruption, Walmart India. Mr. Rahul Lalit, Partner, Advisory, PwC, gave a presentation on the 'Impact of Bribery and Corruption on the APAC Region and Demonetization.'</p>

29th May 2017	<p><b>Meeting with Mr. Santosh Jha, Joint Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs and DCM Designate, Indian Embassy, Washington D.C.</b></p> <p>A meeting was held with Mr. Santosh Jha. Mr. Pratyush Kumar, Chairman, AMCHAM India, and President, Boeing India; Ms. Kaku Nakhate, Member of National Executive Board, AMCHAM and President &amp; Country Head (India), Bank of America N.A.; Mr. Phil Shaw, Chairman - Defense Committee, AMCHAM and Chief Executive - India, Lockheed Martin India.; Mr. Prabal Chakraborty, Chairman - Medical Devices Committee, AMCHAM and VP and MD, Boston Scientific India Pvt. Ltd., and Mr. Ankur Malhotra, VP - Govt. Relations and Public Policy, Accenture Services, participated. They updated Mr. Jha on the concerns of U.S. companies operating in India.</p>
30th May 2017	<p><b>Meeting with Mr. Rajiv Aggarwal, Joint Secretary, Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion</b></p> <p>A meeting with Mr. Rajiv Aggarwal was held to discuss DIPP partnering with AMCHAM members through their initiative on 'Start Up India' along similar lines as the Innovation Growth Program being spearheaded by Lockheed Martin. Mr. Phil Shaw, Chairman - Defense Committee, AMCHAM and Chief Executive - India, Lockheed Martin India., updated Mr. Aggarwal on the 10 year old program, leading to commercialization of 400 innovations and generating revenue of \$1 billion in the Indian economy. DIPP offered its support to work on a PPP model for 'Start Up India' and generate technology requirements to U.S. companies.</p>
31st May 2017	<p><b>Interactive Roundtable with Chargé d'Affaires MaryKay Carlson, U.S. Embassy</b></p> <p>Chargé d'Affaires MaryKay Carlson, U.S. Embassy, hosted a closed door interactive roundtable for AMCHAM's leadership at ACSA, U.S. Embassy in New Delhi. CDA Carlson welcomed members and gave a brief overview of the economic and political landscape between both countries. Mr. Gulshan Sachdev, Vice Chairman, AMCHAM and MD, Quaker Chemical India, gave opening remarks. Ms. Ranjana Khanna, Director General CEO, AMCHAM and Mr. Pratyush Kumar, Chairman, AMCHAM and President, Boeing India, also gave remarks.</p> <p>CDA Carlson was joined by Mr. Patrick Santillo, Minister Counselor for Commercial Affairs, Mr. Chad Norberg, Trade and Technology Unit Chief, Mr. Mark Wallace, Agricultural Attache - India, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Major Joshua Hallada, Director, Defense Cooperation in Armaments (DCA), Office of Defense Cooperation, Ms. Dinah McDougall, Commercial Officer, U.S. Embassy and Ms. Rachel Duran, Commercial Officer.</p>
1st Jun 2017	<p><b>Tax, Tariff &amp; Regulatory Affairs Committee Meeting</b></p> <p>The first meeting of the Tax, Tariff &amp; Regulatory Affairs Committee of AMCHAM India for the year 2017-18 was held under the Chairmanship of Ms. Neeru Ahuja, Partner, Business Tax, Deloitte Haskins &amp; Sells LLP. The work plan for the year was discussed. The focus of the discussion was on GST and a sub-group on GST was formed to focus on issues relating to GST.</p>
9th Jun 2017	<p><b>Meeting with Students from the University of Texas</b></p> <p>A group of business students from the University of Texas, Dallas, met with AMCHAM India in the office of APCO, New Delhi. Mr. Rameesh Kailasam, Deputy Managing Director, APCO Worldwide India Pvt. Ltd., made a presentation on the Indian economy and business environment. Ms. Madhvi Kataria, Deputy Director General, AMCHAM India, spoke about the role and vision of AMCHAM India.</p>
14th Jun 2017	<p><b>HR Committee Breakfast Meeting with KPMG</b></p> <p>The first HR Committee meeting for the year 2017-18 was held at the KPMG office in Bengaluru. Ms. Ines Miranda, Regional Director - Karnataka Chapter, AMCHAM, introduced Mr. D.P. Singh, Chairman - HR Committee, AMCHAM and Vice President - Human Resources (India/South Asia), IBM.</p> <p>Ms. Shalini Pillay, Head HR, KPMG gave a presentation based on KPMG's best practices 'KPMG Internal Story for New Joiners,' which focused on encouraging employees to believe in the values and goal of their workplace. This was followed by Mr. D. P Singh's presentation on an IBV study (IBM Institute of Business Value) entitled 'Upskilling India: Building India's Talent Base to Compete in the Global Economy.'</p>



16th Jun 2017

**CSR Committee Meeting**

The first meeting of AMCHAM's CSR Committee for 2017 - 2018 under the Chairmanship of Mr. Harish Krishnan, Managing Director, Public Affairs & Strategic Engagement, India & SAARC, Cisco Systems (India) was held at the Cisco office in Gurgaon. Ms. Ranjana Khanna, Director General CEO, AMCHAM, gave opening remarks. Ms. Valerie Swope, Program Coordinator, AMCHAM, gave a brief overview of 2016 - 2017 committee activities. There was a video presentation on IBM's program P-Tech by Ms. Joyeeta Das, Program Manager, Corporate Citizenship and Corporate Affairs, IBM India.

19th Jun 2017

**Interactive Session with Ms. Enoch T. Ebong, Acting Director, U.S. Trade and Development Agency**

AMCHAM hosted an interactive session with Ms. Enoch Ebong, Acting Director, USTDA and her team during their visit to India. The meeting was focused on the future of U.S. - India economic collaboration and the roadmap from USTDA for various sectors going forward. Ms. Ranjana Khanna, Director General CEO, AMCHAM, made welcome remarks. Ms. Enoch Ebong was introduced by Ms. Mehnaz Ansari, Country Representative - South Asia, USTDA.

Mr. Naveen Tandon, Co-Chairman - ICT Committee, AMCHAM and Director - International External Affairs, AT&T, spoke about the importance of carbon footprint while implementing telecom projects. Ms. Aslesha Khandeparkar, Country Head & Senior Director, Oracle India, spoke of Oracle's contribution to the power sector. Mr. Shailendra Kumar, Project Director, Flour Daniel India, revealed that they had successfully implemented a bottoms upgrade with Bharat Petroleum with support from USTDA. Mr. A.N Bakshi, Managing Director, Cambridge Energy Resources, spoke at length about his company working on projects to convert telecom towers using diesel to ethanol to solar energy.

21st Jun 2017

**Conference Call of the Sub-Group on Good and Service Tax**

A sub-group had been set up by AMCHAM's Tax, Tariff and Regulatory Affairs Committee under the chairmanship of Mr. Atul Gupta, Senior Director, Deloitte Haskins and Sells LLP, to discuss and analyze issues relating to GST and decide the way forward.

25th - 28th Jun  
2017**Annual Door Knock to Washington D.C. 2017**

The annual AMCHAM India door knock delegation to Washington D.C. was led by AMCHAM's Chairman, Mr. Pratyush Kumar, President, Boeing India, to coincide with Prime Minister Modi's visit to D.C. The main purpose of the door knock was to inform and sensitize U.S. policy-makers on issues impacting U.S. investments in India. The delegation interacted with many of the important players in the economic relationship and other key decision-makers.

AMCHAM, with knowledge partner KPMG in India, published 'The India - U.S. Dynamic - Better Together,' a document to leave behind with U.S. government officials during the door knock. The document provided an industry perspective on India's economy, the U.S. - India dynamic and highlighted some of the key industry related challenges faced by U.S. companies operating in India.

On 26th June, the door knock began with a roundtable hosted by CSIS with think tank policy leaders in the U.S. - India partnership. Some of the participants in the discussion included Mr. Rick Rossow, Wadhvani Chair in U.S. India Policy Studies, the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), Ambassador Teresita Schaffer, Brookings Institute, Mr. Sadanand Dhume, American Enterprise Institute, Ms. Tanvi Madan, Brookings Institute, Mr. Irfan Nooruddin, Georgetown University, Ms. Emily Paragamian, Georgetown University, among others.

The delegation met with Ambassador Thomas Shannon, Under Secretary for Political Affairs, U.S. Department of State. Later, the delegation proceeded to the Pentagon for a meeting with Mr. David Helvey, Assistant Secretary of Defense in the Bureau of Asian and Pacific Security Affairs in the Office of the Secretary of Defense and Ms. Cara Abercrombie, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for South and Southeast Asia.

within the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Asian and Pacific Security Affairs. The final meeting for the day was with Representative Ami Bera (D-CA). In the evening the delegation dinner was hosted by Dell.

On 27th June, the delegation met with Representative George Holding (R-NC), Co-Chair of the House India Caucus. The group attended the U.S. - India Business Council's 42nd Leadership Summit where the Honorable Mike Pence, Vice President of the United States delivered the keynote address. Other featured speakers included Ambassador Navtej Sarna, Ambassador of India to the U.S., Representative Pete Sessions (R-TX), Representative George Holding (R-NC), Co-Chair U.S.-India House Caucus and Representative Tulsi Gabbard (D-HI), Co-Chair U.S.-India House Caucus. Post lunch, the delegation met with Representative Judy Chu (D-CA). The day concluded with a reception hosted by AMCHAM's Chairman at the Boeing Company in Arlington, VA.

On 28th June, the delegation met with Ms. Diane Farrell, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Asia, U.S. Department of Commerce. From the Office of South Asia, Mr. Jed Diamond, Deputy Director, Ms. Megan Hyndman, International Trade Specialist, Mr. Erol Yesin, International Trade Specialist, Ms. Noor Sclafani, Mr. Jonathan Goldberg, International Trade Specialist and Ms. Bhavna Vishwakarma, Commercial Specialist, U.S. Embassy, joined the meeting. Next, the delegation split up and some attended a meeting with Representative Pramila Jayapal (D-WA) while others met with Mr. Charles Hall, Acting Chairman, Ex-Im Bank. Later, the group met with Mr. Mark Linscott, Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for South and Central Asian Affairs, along with Ms. Tanya Menchi, Deputy Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for South and Central Asia and Mr. Brendan Lynch, Director for India, USTR.

The delegation proceeded to the USDA office in Arlington, VA to meet with Ms. Enoch Ebong, Acting Director, United States Trade and Development Agency. Mr. Henry Steingass, Regional Director, South and Southeast Asia, Ms. Heather Lanigan, Country Manager for South Asia and Ms. Alissa Lee, Country Manager, South Asia, also joined the meeting. Next the group went to the Embassy of India to meet with Ambassador Navtej Sarna, Indian Ambassador to the U.S. and Mr. Santosh Jha, DCM Designate, Indian Embassy. For a meeting with the Co-Chair of the Senate India Caucus, Senator Mark Warner (D-VA), the delegation went to the Capitol. The day concluded with a meeting at the White House with Ms. Anjana Modi, Director for India and the Subcontinent, National Security Council.

3rd Jul 2017

#### **Aviation Committee Meeting**

AMCHAM's Aviation Committee met and they decided to focus on the implementation aspects of policy framework especially with states since AMCHAM had submitted many policy recommendations. AMCHAM led stand alone trade missions, reverse trade missions, an annual summit and events around other big aviation shows, were also discussed. Airport infrastructure, MRO and 'Make in India' and skill development was also discussed.

3rd Jul 2017

#### **Meeting with Ms. Aruna Sundararajan, Secretary, Department of Telecommunications**

A few members of AMCHAM's ICT Committee, led by its Chairman, Mr. Amit Sharma, Executive Vice President and President Asia, ATC India and Co-Chairman, Mr. Naveen Tandon, Director - IEA, AT&T Communication Services India Pvt. Ltd., called on Ms. Aruna Sundararajan, Secretary, Department of Telecommunications. From AMCHAM, Ms. Madhvi Kataria, Deputy Director General, joined the meeting.

4th Jul 2017

#### **Meeting with Mr. R.S. Sharma, Chairman, TRAI**

A few members of AMCHAM's ICT Committee led by its Chairman, Mr. Amit Sharma, Executive Vice President and President Asia, ATC India and Co-Chairman, Mr. Naveen Tandon, Director - IEA, AT&T Communication Services India Pvt. Ltd., called on Mr. R.S. Sharma, Chairman, TRAI. Members discussed issues related to VNO. These licenses did not differentiate between B2B and B2C licenses and led to double taxation. Mr. Sharma agreed that this was a genuine problem of double taxation. Mr. Naveen Tandon would be sending a note to Mr. Sharma on multi-parenting. Members appreciated that TRAI had adopted a number of positive measures in the last few months. Members were hoping that the M2M policy will be announced soon and the cloud consultation paper, for which chambers had sent their views, would also be finalized soon.

10th Jul 2017	<b>Briefing Session with Visiting Officials from USTR</b> <p>AMCHAM organized a briefing session over breakfast for visiting officials from USTR. AMCHAM members from IPR, Medical Devices and Pharmaceuticals committee participated. The USTR delegation included Ms. Tanya Menchi, Deputy Assistant USTR for South and Central Asia, Mr. Brendan Lynch, Director for India at USTR and Mr. Conor Harrington, Director for Intellectual Property and Innovation at the office of USTR. Ms. Sanjit Kaur Batra, Chairperson - IPR Committee, AMCHAM, made opening remarks and briefly touched upon some of the issues. Mr. Apurva Mehta, Co-Chair - IPR Committee, AMCHAM, welcomed USTR officials and thanked the U.S. Embassy for giving AMCHAM the opportunity for this briefing session with members.</p>
11th Jul 2017	<b>Meeting with Global Entrepreneurship Summit (GES) Delegation</b> <p>Mr. Pratyush Kumar, Chairman, AMCHAM India and President, Boeing India; Mr. Atul Dhawan, Honorary Secretary &amp; Treasurer, AMCHAM India and Partner, Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu India LLP; Mr. Saket Modi, Chief Executive Officer, Lucideus Technologies; and Ms. Madhvi Kataria, Deputy Director General, AMCHAM India, met with U.S. government officials from Washington DC in New Delhi to discuss the forthcoming Global Entrepreneurship Summit (GES) to be held in India in November of this year.</p>
11th Jul 2017	<b>Defense Committee Meeting with DOMW</b> <p>Members of AMCHAM's Defense Committee met with Economic Advisor and In-charge DOMW, Mr. Rajib Sen. Mr. Phil Shaw, Chairman - Defense Committee, AMCHAM and Ms. Udaya Arun, Director - Aerospace &amp; Defense, AMCHAM, along with members from Boeing, Honeywell, Textron and KPMG attended the meeting. Members went through the committee's recommendations on offsets, and volunteered to send more information, with respect to best practices from around the world, to Mr. Sen.</p>
12th Jul 2017	<b>Infrastructure and Smart Cities Committee Meeting</b> <p>AMCHAM's Infrastructure and Smart Cities Committee met under the Chairmanship of Mr. Arun Kumar Jain, Managing Director, Fluor Daniel India and Co-Chairman Mr. Pawan Gupta, Vice President, AECOM. Members discussed bidding for smart city projects.</p>
20th Jul 2017	<b>Meeting with Secretary, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY)</b> <p>A few members of the ICT Committee of AMCHAM India led by its Co-Chairmen, Mr. Naveen Tandon, Director - IEA, AT&amp;T Communication Services India Pvt. Ltd. and Mr. Vivek Vasishtha, Executive Director and Country Leader - Government and Regulatory Affairs, IBM India Pvt. Ltd. met with the new Secretary of MeitY, Mr. Ajay Prakash Sawhney.</p> <p>Members had a productive interaction with the Secretary and issues such as public procurement (Model RFP 2.0/GFR), CRO, CRI, encryption and IoT policy, manufacturing and R&amp;D were discussed. The Secretary, MeitY, said that the suggestions made by the members were very useful and timely and requested for a note on the issues.</p>
27th Jul 2017	<b>Con-Call of Sub-Group on Goods and Service Tax</b> <p>A con-call of the sub-group on GST was organized. Mr. Atul Gupta, Senior Director, Deloitte Haskins and Sells LLP, sought members' views on whether any issues need to be taken up with the Ministry of Finance and GST Council. It was agreed that a follow-up note on anti-profiteering would be prepared and sent to the government. The points sent by Amazon would also be included. A note on the export of service would also be prepared as there were large number of issues in terms of filing/accepting of LUT.</p>



28th Jul 2017	<p><b>Meeting with Mr. Vinay Pratap Singh, Deputy Commissioner of Gurgaon</b></p> <p>Members of the Northern Region Council led by Mr. Varun Khanna, Managing Director, BD India., called on Mr. Vinay Pratap Singh, Deputy Commissioner of Gurgaon. Mr. Khanna shared the Northern Region Council's capability deck with Mr. Vinay Pratap Singh which provided details on the activities of some of the U.S. companies having their offices in North India, particularly in Gurgaon, and their contribution in terms of employment, investment and revenue generated.</p> <p>Mr. Vivek Vasishtha, Executive Director &amp; Country Leader - IBM India, South Asia, and other members offered technologies by U.S. companies to meet the needs of the Haryana Government. Skill development, safety and security, road transportation, and CSR activities were discussed. Mr. Vinay Pratap Singh said that he would like to see synchronized efforts of U.S. companies in the CSR sphere as presently all companies were working individually. Mr. Varun Khanna said that AMCHAM member companies would like to go beyond CSR activities and offered solutions and technologies which would promote the growth of Gurgaon.</p>
28th Jul 2017	<p><b>Meeting with Dr. D. Suresh, Commissioner, Gurgaon Division</b></p> <p>Members of the Northern Region Council led by Mr. Varun Khanna, Managing Director, Becton Dickinson India Pvt. Ltd., had a meeting with Dr. D. Suresh, Commissioner, Gurgaon Division. Ms. Madhvi Kataria, Deputy Director General, AMCHAM, spoke about AMCHAM and Mr. Varun Khanna gave an overview of the activities of the members of AMCHAM in the Northern Region Council. The capability deck prepared on the basis of inputs received from companies based in the northern region was shared with Dr. Suresh. There was discussion on the areas in which U.S. companies were operating in Haryana, the employment generated, etc. AMCHAM requested Dr. Suresh to pinpoint the areas where American companies could assist the Government of Haryana. Lack of skill development in Haryana was a major cause of concern. Dr. Suresh said that a forum could be put together where government officials from Gurgaon District and AMCHAM members could interact once a month.</p>
28th Jul 2017	<p><b>Defense Committee Meeting</b></p> <p>The Defense Committee members were briefed about the meeting with Economic Advisor and In-charge DOMW Mr. Rajib Sen. Members went through the committee's recommendations on offsets and were requested to share inputs with respect to best practices from around the world.</p>
28th Jul 2017	<p><b>Meeting with Ambassador Frank G. Wisner, International Affairs Advisor, Squire Patton Boggs</b></p> <p>AMCHAM hosted an interactive session with Ambassador Frank G. Wisner (former U.S. Ambassador to India). Ms. Madhvi Kataria, Deputy Director General, AMCHAM, welcomed and Mr. Ankur Kanaglekar, Director – Strategy &amp; Business Development, Boeing International Corp India Pvt. Ltd., made opening remarks. Ambassador Frank G. Wisner shared his views on the state of the U.S. economy and U.S. - India relations. Members shared opportunities and challenges relating to defence, IT, manufacturing and medical devices.</p>
31st Jul 2017	<p><b>Roundtable on the Future of U.S. - India Relations with Mr. Nelson Cunningham, President, McLarty Associates</b></p> <p>AMCHAM members met with Mr. Nelson Cunningham, President and Co-Founder, McLarty Associates, for a session on the future of U.S. - India relations at the office of BAE Systems India. Mr. Nik Khanna, Managing Director - India, BAE Systems India Services (Pvt.) Ltd., introduced Mr. Cunningham and gave opening remarks. Mr. Nelson Cunningham gave an overview of McLarty's and their history with India. Ms. Ranjana Khanna, Director General CEO, AMCHAM, thanked Mr. Cunningham for his support of the U.S. - India economic partnership and an excellent interactive session.</p>

2nd Aug 2017	<p><b>Anti-Corruption Compliance and Risk Management Master Class 2017</b></p> <p>The Anti-Corruption &amp; FCPA Compliance Committee organized an Anti-Corruption Compliance and Risk Management Master Class. The master class began with a welcome address by Ms. Ranjana Khanna, Director General CEO, AMCHAM and introduction of former U.S. Ambassador to India (1994-97), Ambassador Frank G. Wisner, International Affairs Advisor, Squire Patton Boggs.</p> <p>Ms. Ritika Ratti, Chairperson - Anti-Corruption &amp; FCPA Compliance Committee, AMCHAM and Chief Ethics &amp; Compliance Officer &amp; Head of Anti-Corruption, Walmart India, gave an introduction explaining the theme and overview of the sessions for the day. She further thanked the partners for supporting the master class, Kobre &amp; Kim and KPMG in India. Various experts presented their views during the sessions which were well attended.</p>
3rd Aug 2017	<p><b>Defense Committee Meeting with Ms. Cara Abercrombie</b></p> <p>AMCHAM's Defense Committee members met with Ms. Cara Abercrombie, previously the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for South and Southeast Asia, U.S. Department of Defense, in New Delhi. Currently she is researching and writing at Carnegie Endowment for International Peace but continues to be affiliated to the DoD. Members discussed the U.S.-India defense climate and the challenges and opportunities the sector currently faced.</p>
8th Aug 2017	<p><b>Interactive Session on Innovation, Technology and Management Approaches to Remain Competitive and Succeed in the Energy Sector</b></p> <p>AMCHAM's ECP member companies met for an interactive session on 'Innovation, Technology and Management Approaches to Remain Competitive and Succeed in the Energy Sector' under the Chairmanship of Mr. Rajendra Shrivastav, Market Business Leader, AES India in Gurgaon.</p> <p>Ms. Mehnaz Ansari, Country Representative - South Asia, USTDA also attended this meeting and emphasized that USTDA was keen to revive the Energy Cooperation Program (ECP).</p>
11th Aug 2017	<p><b>Interactive Session on Proposed U.S. Tax Reforms</b></p> <p>An interactive session on proposed U.S. tax reforms was jointly organized by AMCHAM India and Deloitte in Gurgaon. Ms. Madhvi Kataria, Deputy Director General, AMCHAM, welcomed members and guests and Ms. Neeru Ahuja, Chairperson – Tax and Tariff Committee, AMCHAM and Partner, Business Tax, Deloitte Haskins &amp; Sells LLP, made opening observations and introduced the speakers.</p> <p>Deloitte U.S. global leaders, Ms. Terri LaRae, U.S. Tax Reform Leader and International Tax Partner, Ms. Janet Moran, Global TMT Tax Leader and Principal in the New York office of Deloitte Tax LLP, and Ms. Nancy Millett, Global C&amp;IP Tax Leader, shared their insights on the tax proposals, how to be ready for the tax reforms, proposed corporate and individual tax law changes that have been released to date, conditions that could hasten or hinder action on tax reform this year, background on U.S. process on tax legislation, global trends in tax reform and how to be prepared and what the India taxpayer must think about today.</p> <p>Mr. Rohinton Sidhwa, Partner, Deloitte Haskins and Sells LLP, gave the closing remarks and proposed the vote of thanks.</p>
21st Aug 2017	<p><b>Meeting with Mr. Munu Mahawar, Joint Secretary (Americas), Ministry of External Affairs</b></p> <p>Ms. Ranjana Khanna, Director General CEO, AMCHAM India, called on Mr. Munu Mahawar, Joint Secretary (Americas), Ministry of External Affairs to discuss upcoming G2G engagements.</p>
23rd Aug 2017	<p><b>Meeting with Dr. C. Muralikrishna Kumar, Sr. Adviser (CIT and I), NITI Aayog</b></p> <p>Ms. Ranjana Khanna, Director General CEO, AMCHAM India, called on Dr. C. Muralikrishna Kumar, Sr. Adviser (CIT and I), NITI Aayog. An interaction was held to discuss possible engagement of AMCHAM India in the forthcoming GES.</p>

23rd Aug 2017	<b>HR Committee Meeting</b> <p>The HR Committee Meeting was held in Mumbai. Mr. D.P. Singh, Chairman - HR Committee, AMCHAM and Vice President - Human Resources (India/South Asia), IBM India gave the introduction and opening remarks.</p> <p>In the previous meeting the committee had decided to plan events around three themes, namely, upskilling, talent management, capability; inclusion and diversity, and the digitization of HR. Ms. Shalini Pillay, Head HR, KPMG, who is leading the 'Inclusion and Diversity' group presented the group's idea of a maturity model and its assessment based on various dimensions. The participants discussed and deliberated the various dimensions and suggested additional dimensions that should be included. It was decided that the group needed to define at least 3 outcomes after the completion of the maturity model assessment. Presentations were made on 'Digitization of HR' and 'Upskilling, Talent Management, Capability.'</p>
25th Aug 2017	<b>Defense Committee Meeting</b> <p>AMCHAM's Defense Committee members discussed offset issues - retrospective applicability of offset changes, India value addition, scope of services for offset discharge, levy of penalties and offset discharge by group companies. AMCHAM's recommendations on strategic partnership policy were also discussed.</p>
30th Aug 2017	<b>ICT Committee Meeting</b> <p>A meeting of AMCHAM's ICT Committee was held and chaired by Mr. Vivek Vasishtha, Executive Director &amp; Country Leader – IBM India, South Asia, IBM India Pvt. Ltd. The agenda included issues relating to public procurement, CRI, CRO, cyber security, policy on privacy, security and ownership of data.</p> <p>Other than AMCHAM members, there was participation from the U.S. Embassy and IBM global leaders. Mr. Stephen W. Braim, Vice President Government &amp; Regulatory Affairs, IBM Asia Pacific, China, Japan, shared his global perspectives on IT and Mr. David N. Barnes, Vice President, Global Workforce Policy, IBM Corporation, discussed labour laws, employment rules and practices.</p>
31st Aug 2017	<b>Meeting with Ms. Debashree Mukherjee, Joint Secretary, Prime Minister's Office</b> <p>Ms. Ranjana Khanna, Director General CEO, AMCHAM India, along with Mr. Debasish Roy, Program Director, called on Ms. Debashree Mukherjee, Joint Secretary, Prime Minister's Office, to discuss the AMCHAM Ganga Action Plan with end-to-end solutions prepared by the Infrastructure and Smart Cities Committee.</p>
1st Sep 2017	<b>Meeting with Mr. Rajiv Agarwal, Joint Secretary, Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion</b> <p>Ms. Ranjana Khanna, Director General CEO, AMCHAM India, called on Mr. Rajiv Agarwal to share and follow up on the feedback received from members. Mr. Agarwal requested AMCHAM to send inputs at least 10 days prior to the meeting with Secretary, DIP, to enable their inviting the concerned officials from other Ministries.</p>
6th Sep 2017	<b>Meeting with Mr. Suresh Prabhu, Minister of Commerce and Industry</b> <p>Mr. Atul Dhawan, Honorary Secretary &amp; Treasurer, AMCHAM and Ms. Ranjana Khanna, Director General CEO, AMCHAM, met Mr. Suresh Prabhu, Minister of Commerce and Industry, to congratulate him on his new portfolio. Increasing exports was one of the top priorities indicated by the Minister. He sought a note from AMCHAM members strategizing for increase in exports by 20%.</p>
6th Sep 2017	<b>Meeting with Mr. Hitesh Kumar S. Makwana, Executive Director (Projects), National Mission for Clean Ganga</b> <p>Following the meeting with Ms. Debashree Mukherjee, Joint Secretary, Prime Minister's Office, Mr. Jaijit Bhattacharya, Co-Chairman - Infrastructure and Smart Cities Committee, AMCHAM and Partner, KPMG in India, Mr. Raman Kumar, Associate Director, Civil &amp; Infrastructure - WUD, AECOM, and Ms. Ranjana Khanna, Director General CEO, AMCHAM India, had a discussion with Mr. Hitesh S. Makwana, as a follow-up on the Ganga Action Plan. Mr. Makwana shared an update on the proposed project in Haridwar. It was suggested that a follow-up meeting be done with Dr. Raghav Langer, Program Director (National Mission for Clean Ganga) and Additional Secretary (Sustainable Development Goals - 2030), in the Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation.</p>

11th Sep 2017	<p><b>Cyber Security Committee Meeting</b></p> <p>AMCHAM's Cyber Security Committee's first meeting was held at the American Center. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Deepak Maheshwari, Chairman of the Cyber Security Committee and was well attended with support from the U.S. Embassy and the Commerce Department. It was decided that the committee would create a roadmap for the next 18 months focused on government to government bilateral framework, data protection, critical infrastructure protection, internet of things, standards and best practices.</p>
21st Sep 2017	<p><b>Interactive Session with Mr. Rob Joyce, Cyber Security Advisor to the White House National Security Council</b></p> <p>AMCHAM India hosted an interactive session with Mr. Rob Joyce and his team at ACSA, U.S. Embassy. The session commenced with a welcome address by Ms. Ranjana Khanna, Director General CEO, AMCHAM India. From the U.S. Embassy, Mr. Robert Garvercik, Minister Counselor for EEST and Mr. Joshua Johnson, Technology Officer, attended the meeting. Some of the topics of discussion included the U.S. – India cyber framework, capacity building, information sharing, privacy rules/laws, data protection, adhaar card and IPR.</p>
21st Sep 2017	<p><b>Interaction with Assistant USTR for South and Central Asia, Mr. Mark Linscott</b></p> <p>AMCHAM interacted with Mr. Mark Linscott, Assistant USTR for South and Central Asia, U.S. Trade Representative, at the U.S. Embassy in New Delhi. Mr. Linscott was accompanied by Ms. Valerie Dees, Director, Office of South Asia, U.S. Department of Commerce and a team from USTR which included Ms. Tanya Menchi, Deputy Assistant U.S. Trade Representative, South and Central Asia and Mr. Brendan Lynch, Director for India, Office of Central and South Asian Affairs, among others. From the U.S. Embassy, Mr. Scott Sindelar, Minister Counselor for Agricultural Affairs, Mr. Patrick Santillo, Minister Counselor for Commercial Affairs, Mr. Brian Brendel, Deputy Minister Counselor for EEST and Ms. Aileen Nandi, Deputy Minister Counselor for Commercial Affairs, attended the meeting.</p> <p>Ms. Ranjana Khanna, Director General CEO, AMCHAM, made welcome remarks. Mr. Arijit Ghosh, National Executive Board Member, AMCHAM and President &amp; Managing Director, Textron India, in his opening remarks talked about transparency, taxation and public procurement. Mr. Prabal Chakraborty, Chairman - Medical Devices Committee, AMCHAM and Vice President and Managing Director, Boston Scientific India, emphasized that the medical devices sector still faced challenges with price control.</p>
25th Sep 2017	<p><b>Interaction with Mr. Ramesh Abhishek, Secretary, DIPP</b></p> <p>AMCHAM met with Mr. Ramesh Abhishek, Secretary, Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion, GOI, in New Delhi. Ms. Ranjana Khanna, Director General CEO, AMCHAM, welcomed members and thanked the Secretary for his time. Secretary Abhishek was accompanied by Mr. Rajiv Aggarwal, Joint Secretary, DIPP, and Ms. Margaret Gangte, Director, DIPP and Invest India representatives.</p> <p>Mr. Amit Bansal, Co-Chairman - Manufacturing Committee, AMCHAM and Managing Director, Corning India, made opening remarks on the overall challenges to the manufacturing industry in India, such as, the need for clarity on the new public procurement policy, support from local authorities on infrastructure obstacles, interpretation of HSN codes pertaining to GST, modernization and integration of port facilities and labor laws, among others. Prior to the meeting, AMCHAM submitted a detailed document with company specific challenges and proposed solutions.</p>
25th Sep 2017	<p><b>Manufacturing Committee Meeting</b></p> <p>The first meeting of AMCHAM's Manufacturing Committee under the Chairmanship of Mr. Sanjay Koul, Chairman &amp; Managing Director, Timken India Ltd., and Co-Chairmanship of Mr. Amit Bansal, Managing Director, Corning India, was held. Ms. Ranjana Khanna, welcomed members. Mr. Sanjay Koul gave a brief overview of the history of the committee. He stressed the importance of having a manufacturing committee meeting in different states to be able to meet with the government secretariats in Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, and Karnataka, so that the AMCHAM manufacturing brand could be more identifiable. Mr. Amit Bansal emphasized that manufacturing was a key focus for India with the 'Make in India' campaign, especially considering the economy was going downhill and the government was eyeing a stimulus package.</p>

27th Sep 2017	<b>Defense Committee Meeting</b> <p>AMCHAM's Defense Committee members held a meeting to discuss a range of issues on offsets and procurement as well as guidelines for framing criteria for vendor selection/prequalification in buy (Indian – IDDM) and buy and make (Indian) cases.</p>
27th Sep 2017	<b>Defense Committee Meeting with Dr. Joseph Felter, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Defense, South and South Asia, U.S. Department of Defense</b> <p>AMCHAM's Defense Committee members met with Dr. Joseph Felter to learn about the U.S. government's views and perceptions on the Indian defense sector. Dr. Felter discussed the U.S. - India Joint Statement issued by Secretary Mattis and Minister Sitharaman after their meeting and its implications for the U.S. defense industry players with respect to their business in India. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Pratyush Kumar, Chairman, AMCHAM.</p>
11th Oct 2017	<b>Agriculture and Food Processing Committee Meeting</b> <p>A meeting of AMCHAM's Agriculture and Food Processing Committee was held in the office of E.I. DuPont, Gurgaon. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Ram Mudholkar, President, DuPont South Asia &amp; Business Director, DuPont Crop Protection, E. I. DuPont India Pvt. Ltd., and Chairman of the Committee. It was announced that Grant Thornton would be a knowledge partner for AMCHAM's Agriculture and Food Processing Committee. Representatives from Grant Thornton made a presentation on GT-AMCHAM collaboration. It was decided that GT would prepare a document on the capabilities/success stories of American companies in the agriculture and food processing industry.</p>
17th Oct 2017	<b>Pre-Diwali Reception to Welcome a Visiting U.S. Congressional Delegation in partnership with KPMG and USISPF</b> <p>KPMG in India, in partnership with AMCHAM and USISPF, hosted a reception to welcome a visiting U.S. Congressional delegation in New Delhi. The delegation was led by Representative Lamar Smith (R-TX), Chairman of the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology. Other members of the delegation included Representative Ami Bera (D-CA), Representative Mo Brooks (R-AL), Representative Dana Rohrabacher (R-CA), Representative Thomas Massie (R-KY), Representative Darren Soto (D-FL), Representative Mark Sanford (R-SC) and Representative Brian Babin (R-TX). Mr. Arun Kumar, Vice Chairman, AMCHAM and Chairman &amp; CEO, KPMG in India, gave the opening remarks. Mr. Jeffrey Sexton, Minister Counselor for Public Affairs, U.S. Embassy, also addressed the gathering.</p>
24th Oct 2017	<b>Infrastructure and Smart Cities Committee Meeting</b> <p>The AMCHAM Infrastructure and Smart Cities Committee converged at the UTC office at Gurgaon for the second committee meeting. The proceedings were Chaired by Mr. Arun Kumar Jain, Managing Director, Fluor Daniel and Co-Chaired by Mr. Samit Ray, Director, United Technologies Corporation.</p>
25th Oct 2017	<b>Interaction with Secretary Rex Tillerson, U.S. Department of State</b> <p>Secretary Rex Tillerson, U.S. Department of State, met with AMCHAM leadership at the Roosevelt House in New Delhi. AMCHAM leadership including, Mr. Pratyush Kumar, Chairman, AMCHAM and President, Boeing India, Mr. Atul Dhawan, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, AMCHAM and Partner, Deloitte, Mr. Arun Jain, NEB Member, AMCHAM and MD, Fluor Daniel India, Mr. Phil Shaw, Chairman – Defense Committee and NEB Member, AMCHAM and Chief Executive, Lockheed Martin India, Mr. Prabal Chakraborty, Chairman – Medical Devices Committee, AMCHAM and VP &amp; MD, Boston Scientific India, Mr. Siraj Chaudhry, Co-Chairman - Agriculture and Food Processing Committee, AMCHAM and Chairman, Cargill India, Mr. Manish Agarwal, Country Manager, H-D Motor Company India, and Ms. Ranjana Khanna, Director General CEO, AMCHAM, interacted with Secretary Tillerson on issues and concerns of U.S. companies in India. The Secretary was joined by Ambassador Alice Wells, Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs, U.S. Department of State and Chargé d'Affaires MaryKay Carlson, U.S. Embassy.</p>



31st Oct 2017	<p><b>Anti-Corruption &amp; FCPA Compliance Committee Meeting</b></p> <p>The Anti-Corruption &amp; FCPA Compliance Committee met for a breakfast meeting at the Amazon office, New Delhi. The opening remarks were given by Ms. Ritika Ratti, Chairperson - Anti-Corruption &amp; FCPA Compliance Committee, AMCHAM and Chief Ethics &amp; Compliance Officer &amp; Head of Anti-Corruption, Walmart India.</p>
31st Oct 2017	<p><b>CSR Committee Roundtable with USAID and WaterHealth</b></p> <p>The CSR Committee organized a roundtable with USAID and WaterHealth at the Cisco Systems (India) office in Gurgaon. Ms. Ranjana Khanna, Director General CEO, AMCHAM, welcomed members and introduced. Mr. Mark White, Mission Director, USAID/India and Mr. Nehal Sanghavi, Senior Advisor for Innovation and Partnership, USAID/India.</p> <p>Mr. Harish Krishnan, Chairman - CSR Committee, AMCHAM and MD, Public Affairs &amp; Strategic Engagements, Cisco India &amp; SAARC, Cisco Systems (India)., provided an overview of AMCHAM's CSR Committee. All participants highlighted their company's CSR focus areas. Ms. Jacqueline Lundquist, Chief Serendipity Officer, WaterHealth International, talked about her endearing history with India, successful partnership with USAID/India and how WaterHealth was transforming the way people get water in underserved areas of India. Ms. Nandini Dasgupta, Head - Funding India, WaterHealth India, gave a presentation outlining the way their centers had improved family health, household savings and WASH awareness. Mr. Tushar Kalia, Senior Director, Goodera, shared an analysis of CSR trends for 2016-2017.</p>
1st Nov 2017	<p><b>Energy Innovation Reception in partnership with CSIS</b></p> <p>The Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) partnered with the Ministry of New &amp; Renewable Energy and the Shakti Sustainable Energy Foundation to inaugurate the first workshop of the U.S. - India State and Urban Initiative. A reception at the Roosevelt House, U.S. Embassy, supported by AMCHAM, Azure Power, Shakti Sustainable Energy Foundation and Tata Power, brought together key U.S. states, universities and research institutions with their Indian counterparts to highlight the various development initiatives and solutions-oriented innovations that were being undertaken.</p> <p>Opening remarks were made by Charge D'Affaires MaryKay Carlson, U.S. Embassy. Mr. Anand Kumar, Secretary, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, Mr. Richard M. Rossow, Senior Advisor and Wadhvani Chair in U.S.-India Policy Studies, CSIS, and Mr. Krishan Dhawan, CEO, Shakti Sustainable Energy Foundation made observations.</p>
2nd Nov 2017	<p><b>U.S. - India Subnational Energy Workshop in partnership with CSIS</b></p> <p>AMCHAM supported the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) for the 'U.S. - India Subnational Energy Workshop' held in New Delhi. The workshop was a first of its kind subnational energy dialogue between the United States and India.</p>
3rd Nov 2017	<p><b>AMCHAM - USISPF Roundtable Discussion with Under Secretary, Mr. Ted McKinney, U.S. Department of Agriculture</b></p> <p>A roundtable was organized with Under Secretary, Mr. Ted McKinney, U.S. Department of Agriculture, along with USISPF. Mr. Ramesh Chand, Member, NITI Aayog, Mr. P. K. Swain, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, GOI, Mr. Scott Sindelar, U.S. Minister Counselor for Agricultural Affairs and Ms. Marianne McElroy, Assistant Deputy Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service, Office of Trade Programs, USDA, were also present.</p>
14th Nov 2017	<p><b>Meeting with Invest India Representatives</b></p> <p>Ms. Ranjana Khanna, Director General CEO, AMCHAM India, and Ms. Madhvi Kataria, Deputy Director General, AMCHAM India, met with representatives of Invest India in their office to discuss organizing roundtables on specific sectors. It was agreed between Invest India and AMCHAM that the first roundtable would be on the ICT sector and followed by another roundtable on healthcare and medical devices.</p>

14th Nov 2017	<p><b>Meeting with Mr. Rajiv Aggarwal, Joint Secretary, DIPP</b></p> <p>Ms. Ranjana Khanna and Ms. Madhvi Kataria, met with Mr. Rajiv Aggarwal, Joint Secretary, Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion, to discuss follow-up regarding issues sent by AMCHAM members during a meeting with Secretary, DIPP.</p>
15th Nov 2017	<p><b>Meeting with Mr. Apurva Chandra, Additional Secretary Defence Production, Ministry of Defence</b></p> <p>AMCHAM met Mr. Apurva Chandra at the Ministry of Defence. Mr. Phil Shaw, Chairman - Defense Committee, AMCHAM and Chief Executive, Lockheed Martin India, Mr. Michael Koch, Co-Chairman - Defense Committee, AMCHAM and Vice President - South Asia, International Business Development, Boeing and Mr. Gaurav Mendiratta, Co-Chairman - Defense Committee, AMCHAM and Partner, International Tax and Regulatory Services, India, KPMG along with Ms. Ranjana Khanna, Director General CEO, AMCHAM were present with a few other members of the Defense Committee.</p>
16th Nov 2017	<p><b>Meeting with Mr. Sanjay Mitra, Defence Secretary, Ministry of Defence</b></p> <p>Mr. Phil Shaw, Mr. Michael Koch and Mr. Arijit Ghosh, NEB Member, AMCHAM and President &amp; Managing Director, Textron India along with Ms. Ranjana Khanna, met with Mr. Sanjay Mitra, Defence Secretary, Ministry of Defence.</p>
16th Nov 2017	<p><b>Defense Committee Meeting</b></p> <p>The Defense Committee met at the Lockheed Martin India office. The members were briefed by Mr. Phil Shaw, on the meeting with Mr. Sanjay Mitra, Defence Secretary and Mr. Apurva Chandra, Additional Secretary Defence Production. The Committee discussed strategic partnerships, offsets and how to achieve ease of doing business. The Committee welcomed Mr. Robert Garverick, Minister Counselor for Economic Affairs Science and Technology, U.S. Embassy and discussed its participation in the DefExpo.</p>
20th Nov 2017	<p><b>Meeting with Dr. Ajay Kumar, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Electronics &amp; Information Technology (MeitY)</b></p> <p>Ms. Ranjana Khanna, along with Mr. Arijit Sen, Co-Chairman - Cyber Security Committee, AMCHAM and Mr. Ambrish Bakaya, Director Corporate Affairs, HPE India, attended the meeting hosted by MeitY to have a discussion on inputs submitted by stakeholders on the Draft Notification on Public Procurement of Cyber Security products. Dr. Ajay Kumar, said that this was the first round of interaction and all stakeholders were welcomed to submit their further suggestions/inputs.</p>
21st Nov 2017	<p><b>Briefing on the U.S. - India Trade Policy Forum &amp; Commercial Dialogue with Mr. Robert Garverick, Minister Counselor for Economic, Environment, Science and Technology Affairs and Mr. Patrick Santillo, Minister Counselor for Commercial Affairs, U.S. Embassy</b></p> <p>AMCHAM organized a briefing with U.S. Embassy officials at the American Center, New Delhi, on the outcomes of the U.S. - India Trade Policy Forum and the U.S. - India Commercial Dialogue that took place at the end of October in Washington D.C. Ms. Ranjana Khanna, Director General CEO, AMCHAM, made opening remarks and introduced the speakers from the Embassy who also served as honorary members of AMCHAM's National Executive Board.</p> <p>Mr. Robert Garverick, Minister Counselor for Economic, Environment, Science and Technology Affairs, U.S. Embassy and Mr. Patrick Santillo, Minister Counselor for Commercial Affairs, U.S. Embassy briefed AMCHAM members.</p>

22nd Nov 2017

**ICT Committee Meeting**

A meeting of AMCHAM's ICT Committee was held in New Delhi. The meeting was chaired by the Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Amit Sharma, Executive Vice President and President Asia, ATC India. Members discussed issues relating to the new Telecom Policy expected to be announced in 2018, M2M and cloud, telecom and IT products testing, and data privacy. Going forward, it was decided that AMCHAM would organize a roundtable discussion with DIPP and Invest India on ICT. Members were requested to send their inputs in advance so that the same could be forwarded to DIPP and Invest India for review and involvement of other concerned departments.

22nd Nov 2017

**Interactive Session with Mr. Robert L. Strayer, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Cyber and International Communication and Information Policy, U.S. Department of State**

Members of AMCHAM's ICT and Cyber Security Committees met with Mr. Robert L. Strayer, for an interactive session on ICT and cyber security issues in New Delhi. The meeting was chaired by the Chairman of the ICT Committee, Mr. Amit Sharma. The Chairman of the Cyber Security Committee, Mr. Deepak Maheshwari, was also present.

27th Nov 2017

**Manufacturing Committee and Supply Chain and Logistics Committee Joint Meeting**

The second meeting of AMCHAM's Manufacturing Committee under the Chairmanship of Mr. Sanjay Koul, Chairman & Managing Director, Timken India Limited was a joint meeting with the Supply Chain and Logistics Committee under the Chairmanship of Mr. Srinivasan Sarangapani, Director Operations, Timken Engineering and Research India, was held at the Madras Cricket Club in Chennai. Mr. Iqbal Sait, Chairman - Karnataka Chapter, AMCHAM, hosted the meeting. The committees discussed plans for a joint event at the end of February that would feature senior government representatives and a couple panel discussions with possible topics such as DGFT or FCPA.

27th Nov 2017

**Manufacturing and Supply Chain and Logistics Committees Interaction with Government of Tamil Nadu Officials**

Members of AMCHAM's Manufacturing Committee and the Supply Chain and Logistics Committee met with Mr. Atulya Misra, IAS, Principal Secretary, Industries Department, Government of Tamil Nadu along with Mr. M. S. Shanmugam IAS, Additional Secretary, Industries Department and Mr. K. Balasubramanian, Deputy Secretary, Industries Department. From AMCHAM the meeting was led by Mr. Sanjay Koul, Chairman - Manufacturing Committee, AMCHAM and Chairman & Managing Director, Timken India and Mr. Srinivasan Sarangapani, Chairman - Supply Chain and Logistics Committee, AMCHAM and Director Operations, Timken Engineering and Research India. Mr. Iqbal Sait, Chairman - Karnataka Chapter, AMCHAM and Head of EMEA Operations, Saggezza India, was also present.

29th Nov 2017

**Reception for Ambassador Mark Green, Administrator, USAID**

Ms. Ranjana Khanna, Director General CEO, AMCHAM India, along with Mr. Vivek Vasishtha, Executive Director and Country Leader Government and Regulatory Affairs, IBM India and Mr. Anand Rishi, General Program Manager - Sirturo, Janssen Pharmaceutical of Johnson & Johnson, attended a reception for Ambassador Mark Green, Administrator, USAID, who was in India for the Global Entrepreneurship Summit. The reception was hosted by Mr. Mark White, Mission Director, USAID. Participants discussed ways to partner with USAID and learned about the development work happening in India.

30th Nov 2017

**Aviation Committee Meeting**

The Aviation Committee met at the UTC office, Gurgaon. The meeting commenced with a welcome address by Ms. Ranjana Khanna, Director General CEO, AMCHAM India, and opening remarks by Mr. Palash Roy Chowdhury, Chairman - Aviation Committee, AMCHAM and Managing Director - India, Pratt & Whitney. The committee formed four subgroups on 1) general aviation 2) innovation 3) skill development and 4) airport infrastructure and decided to focus on these four key areas in 2018. The other topics of discussion included the top priority states that could be engaged for taking forward the committee's agenda.

4th Dec 2017	<p><b>Smart Cities and Infrastructure Summit 2017</b></p> <p>AMCHAM's Smart Cities and Infrastructure Summit 2017 brought together government officials from Gujarat Transmission Company, Gujarat Electrical Grid Company, Energy Efficiency Services and the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation to meet with members to discuss needs for technology that the government had at various levels. AMCHAM member companies spoke about how they could fulfill the government's vision on smart cities and also brought forth issues that companies faced during the bidding process and implementation.</p> <p>Companies explained about the cutting-edge technologies they had offered to the government at various levels of project implementation. In the Inaugural session, Mr. Harish Krishnan, Managing Director, Public Affairs &amp; Strategic Engagements, Cisco Systems, India &amp; SAARC and Mr. Ashwini K. Channan, Director Government Relations, Honeywell International (India) made remarks.</p> <p>The chief guest was Dr. Sameer Sharma, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs. Other distinguished guests were - Ms. Aileen Crowe Nandi, Deputy Minister Counselor for Commercial Affairs, U.S. Embassy and Ms. Mehnaz Ansari, Representative, India, South and Southeast Asia, USTDA.</p> <p>Co-Chairman of the AMCHAM Infrastructure and Smart Cities Committee, Dr. Jaijit Bhattacharya, outlined the path that AMCHAM wished to follow in helping the government to fulfill the smart cities mission. Co-Chairman, Mr. Samit Ray, stressed on the need to connect with the chief minister's offices in states for greater interaction. He cited the quote "India under builds and China over builds" to explain the problems with Indian planning for smart cities.</p>
5th Dec 2017	<p><b>Anti-Corruption &amp; FCPA Compliance Committee Breakfast Meeting</b></p> <p>The Anti-Corruption &amp; FCPA Compliance Committee held a breakfast meeting at the Walmart India office in Gurgaon. Opening remarks were made by Ms. Ritika Ratti, Chairperson - Anti-Corruption &amp; FCPA Compliance Committee, AMCHAM and Chief Ethics &amp; Compliance Officer &amp; Head of Anti-Corruption, Walmart India. Based on the suggestions received from members in the last meeting, AMCHAM organized an interactive discussion on 'Due Diligence of Sub-Contractors' and 'How to Address Government Requests.' Members shared their experiences in detail and best practices based on their dealings with sub-contractors/third party vendors.</p>
7th Dec 2017	<p><b>Presentation of Pre-Budget Memorandum to Ministry of Finance</b></p> <p>AMCHAM and the European Business Group (EBG) presented the Pre-Budget Memorandum 2018-19 to the Chairman, CBDT and his team in the Ministry of Finance. The AMCHAM team was led by Ms. Neeru Ahuja, Chairperson - Tax and Tariff Committee, AMCHAM and Partner, Business Tax, Deloitte Haskins &amp; Sells LLP. A presentation on indirect taxes was made on behalf of AMCHAM by Mr. Abhishek Jain, Partner – Indirect Tax Services, Ernst &amp; Young LLP. EBG made a presentation on direct taxes.</p>
12th Dec 2017	<p><b>Meeting with Ms. Radha S. Chauhan, CEO, Government e-Market</b></p> <p>A few members of AMCHAM met with Ms. Radha S. Chauhan in her office. Members shared their experiences with the Government e-Market portal and requested for guidelines to streamline the process, rate contracts, add new products and new companies and allow for change in prices. Ms. Radha S. Chauhan said that they were looking into all these issues and requested for information from members to make the GeM portal more effective and transparent.</p>
14th Dec 2017	<p><b>Energy Cooperation Program (ECP) Meeting</b></p> <p>An Energy Cooperation Program (ECP) meeting was held in New Delhi. Ms. Madhvi Kataria, Deputy Director General, AMCHAM, welcomed members and Mr. Rajendra Shrivastav, Chairman - Energy Cooperation Program, AMCHAM and Country Manager (India), AES India Pvt. Ltd. gave opening remarks.</p>

From USTDA, Ms. Alissa Lee, Country Manager, South Asia and Ms. Mehnaz Ansari, Country Representative – South Asia, joined the meeting over a call and updated members on the U.S. Gas Infrastructure Exports Initiative and Standards and Conformance Cooperation Program (SCCP) workshops planned in 2018. Ms. Dinah McDougall, Commercial Officer, U.S. Embassy, shared details on the upcoming Smart Grid & Energy Storage Trade Mission planned for March 2018.

16th Dec 2017

**Annual Christmas Ball 2017**

AMCHAM organized its annual Christmas Ball in New Delhi. Mr. Pratyush Kumar, Chairman, AMCHAM and President, Boeing India, along with Ms. Ranjana Khanna, Director General CEO, AMCHAM, welcomed participants and wished everyone happy holidays. U.S. Embassy officials, Indian government officials, AMCHAM members, along with their spouses, attended the fun filled evening.

AMCHAM thanked all the sponsors for their support.

19th Dec 2017

**Securing Digital India**

AMCHAM's Cyber Security Committee, in partnership with Dell, organized a roundtable on 'Securing Digital India' with key stakeholders, decision makers and industry leaders.

Mr. Arijit Sen, Co-Chairman - Cyber Security Committee, and Director - Global Government Relations & Public Policy, Dell, gave opening remarks. This was followed by remarks by Mr. Robert Garverick, Minister Counselor Economic Affairs and Environment, Science and Technology, U.S. Embassy, Mr. Sanjay Kumar Verma, Additional Secretary (Cyber Diplomacy), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, Mr. Pratyush Kumar, Chairman, AMCHAM India, President, Boeing India, Dr. C. S. Mohapatra, Adviser (Financial Stability) and Secretary of Financial Stability & Development Council (FSDC), Department of Economic Affairs, Government of India and Mr. Ravinder P. Singh, Director Strategic & Mega Business, Dell EMC.

The second session included experts Mr. Rakesh Kharwal, Country Manager - Security Business, IBM India, Mr. Subrata Bagchi, Senior Managing Director, Protiviti India and Dr. C. S. Mohapatra Adviser (Financial Stability) and Secretary of Financial Stability & Development Council (FSDC), Department of Economic Affairs, Government of India.

11th Jan 2018

**Anti-Corruption & FCPA Compliance Core Committee Meeting**

The Anti-Corruption & FCPA Compliance Core Committee meeting took place in the Bausch & Lomb office in Gurugram. Opening remarks were made by Ms. Ritika Ratti, Chairperson - Anti-Corruption & FCPA Compliance Committee, AMCHAM. There was an interactive discussion on how to measure the effectiveness of compliance training, both internal and external. Each member shared the tools that their organization uses to measure the effectiveness of internal trainings held throughout the year. The core committee also discussed the action plan for 2018 - 2019 and the potential topics for the 2018 FCPA Master Class.

16th Jan 2018

**Roundtable with Ambassador Richard Verma and Ambassador Nirupama Rao, Co-Chairs, Center for American Progress U.S. - India Task Force**

With the increasing importance of the U.S. - India partnership to advancing shared interests in global peace, prosperity, and freedom, AMCHAM organized a roundtable with the Co-Chairs for the Center for American Progress Task Force on U.S.- India Relations, Ambassador Richard Verma and Ambassador Nirupama Rao, at the office of Lockheed Martin India in New Delhi. Ms. Ranjana Khanna, welcomed participants and Mr. Pratyush Kumar, gave the opening remarks.



17th Jan 2018	<p><b>Interaction with Ambassador Alice Wells, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of South and Central Asia Affairs, U.S. Department of State</b></p> <p>AMCHAM held an interactive discussion with Ambassador Alice Wells. Mr. Robert Garverick, Minister Counselor for Economic Affairs and Environment, Science and Technology, U.S. Embassy, introduced the visiting delegates and Ms. Ranjana Khanna, welcomed the participants. Mr. Phil Shaw, Chairman - Defense Committee and NEB Member, AMCHAM and Chief Executive, Lockheed Martin India, gave an update on the defense partnership.</p>
2nd Feb 2018	<p><b>Breakfast Interaction with Lieutenant General Charles Hooper, Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency</b></p> <p>AMCHAM met with Lieutenant General Charles Hooper and his team at ACSA, U.S. Embassy for a breakfast interaction. Ms. Ranjana Khanna and Mr. Pratyush Kumar welcomed Lieutenant General Charles Hooper. The opening remarks were delivered by Mr. Phil Shaw, Chairman - Defense Committee, AMCHAM. He focused on U.S. - India defense sector and its growing relationship. Mr. Michael Koch, Co-Chairman - Defense Committee AMCHAM and Vice President - South Asia, International Business Development, Boeing, thanked Lieutenant General Hooper and gave the closing remarks.</p>
15th Feb 2018	<p><b>Tax and Tariff Committee Meeting</b></p> <p>A meeting of AMCHAM's Tax and Tariff Committee was held in the Deloitte office, Gurgaon. The meeting was Chaired by Ms. Neeru Ahuja, Partner, Business Tax, Deloitte Haskins &amp; Sells LLP, with Ms. Garima Pande, Partner - Tax &amp; Regulatory, Ernst &amp; Young LLP, as the Co-Chair. The meeting discussed tax proposals announced in the Union Budget, issues relating to BEPS, anti-profiteering provisions and other challenges under GST.</p>
19th Feb 2018	<p><b>Meeting with Mr. Apurva Chandra, DG Acquisition, Ministry of Defence</b></p> <p>AMCHAM's Defense Committee members met with Mr. Apurva Chandra, DG (Acquisition), Ministry of Defence and his team. The key discussion points were increase in ease of doing business, strategic partnerships and the MoD procurement process. AMCHAM members gave a few suggestions which were appreciated by Mr. Apurva Chandra. He expressed his interest in making such interactions regular to discuss and understand U.S. industry's perspective.</p>
20th Feb 2018	<p><b>Economic Affairs Committee Meeting</b></p> <p>The first meeting of AMCHAM's Economic Affairs Committee was held in Gurgaon under the Chairmanship of Mr. Nitin Atroley, Chairman - Economic Affairs Committee, AMCHAM and Office Managing Partner Delhi, KPMG in India. Members brainstormed on the agenda for 2018 - 2019. Some of the topics discussed included trade, tariffs, capital markets, investment promotion, healthcare infrastructure, electric vehicles, aadhaar card challenges, ease of doing business and the insolvency bankruptcy code. The committee decided to create a survey for AMCHAM members on ease of doing business.</p>
21st Feb 2018	<p><b>Defense Committee Meeting</b></p> <p>The Defense Committee meeting was chaired by Mr. Phil Shaw, Chairman - Defense Committee, AMCHAM and Chief Executive, Lockheed Martin India and Mr. Michael Koch, Co-Chairman - Defense Committee, AMCHAM and Vice President - South Asia, International Business Development, Boeing International Corporation. Members were briefed on the meetings with Mr. Rajib Kumar Sen, Economic Advisor and In-Charge DOMW and Mr. Apurva Chandra, DG (Acquisition), MoD. Members discussed issues to be raised in the upcoming meeting with Secretary Defence Production, Mr. Ajay Kumar. Increase in ease of doing business, strategic partnerships and offsets were a few topics that were finalized and discussed at length.</p>

26th Feb 2018	<p><b>Meeting with Dr. Ajay Kumar, Secretary Defence Production</b></p> <p>Dr. Ajay Kumar, Secretary Defence Production, met with AMCHAM's Defense Committee members at his office. Key points of discussion were offsets, strategic partnerships, increase in ease of doing business and DTTI. The AMCHAM team was led by Mr. Phil Shaw and Mr. Michael Koch.</p>
26th Feb 2018	<p><b>Medical Devices and Pharma Committee Meeting with Mr. Darrel Ching, Principal Commercial Officer, U.S. Embassy</b></p> <p>Members of AMCHAM's Medical Devices and Pharmaceuticals Committees met with Mr. Darrel Ching, Principal Commercial Officer, U.S. Embassy. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Prabal Chakraborty, Chairman - Medical Devices Committee, AMCHAM and Vice President and Managing Director, Boston Scientific India.</p>
12th Mar 2018	<p><b>Ask the Consultants: Infrastructure and Smart Cities Committee Meeting</b></p> <p>AMCHAM's Infrastructure and Smart Cities Committee, under the leadership of Mr. Samit Ray, Co-Chairman - Infrastructure and Smart Cities Committee, organized a session with consultants to address challenges that members faced regarding smart cities. The panel of experts from consulting firms who advised member companies and members from the U.S. Embassy discussed the shortcomings in the RFPs, contracts, appendices etc. Mr. Amit V. Singh from PWC, Mr. Sameer Jain from KPMG, Mr. Anil Kumar from CH2M Hill and Mr. Puneet Randeo from Underwriter Laboratories formed a panel of consultants to advise members on hitches experienced during the procurement process in India's smart cities and infrastructure space.</p>
13th Mar 2018	<p><b>Anti-Corruption &amp; FCPA Compliance Core Committee Meeting</b></p> <p>The Anti-Corruption &amp; FCPA Compliance Core Committee Meeting took place at the Coca-Cola office in Gurugram. The opening remarks were given by Ms. Ritika Ratti, Chairperson – Anti-Corruption &amp; FCPA Compliance Committee, AMCHAM and Chief Ethics &amp; Compliance Officer &amp; Head of Anti-Corruption, Walmart India. There was an interactive discussion on the following topics: control mechanisms that can be implemented for CSR activities in India to avoid risk under FCPA or anti-corruption laws, contributory factors for India being ranked 81 in the Global Corruption Perceptions Index in 2017 vs. 79 in 2016, increasing regulatory scrutiny of bribery and corruption - is it a media hype or actual execution at the ground level, parent-subsidiary liability under FCPA, internal audits and/or internal action initiated for contravention of compliance policies/directives and how youth in India can play an important role in building a corruption-free country. Members decided that the Anti-Corruption &amp; FCPA Masterclass 2018 should be hosted in August. The committee would begin work towards the agenda and logistics in the next meeting.</p>
13th Mar 2018	<p><b>CEO's Interaction with Foreign Secretary Mr. Vijay Gokhale</b></p> <p>Prior to his U.S. visit, AMCHAM CEO's interacted with the Foreign Secretary to update him on the U.S.-India economic partnership. The Foreign Secretary was briefed on the current scenario and the challenges faced by U.S. industry across sectors. Defense was particularly highlighted due to the forthcoming 2+2 Dialogue to be held in Washington D.C. in April. Mr. Gokhale was accompanied by Mr. Munu Mahawar, Joint Secretary (Americas) and Dr. Rajesh Ranjan, Director (Americas). The Foreign Secretary thanked AMCHAM for arranging the interaction and suggested that this should be a regular feature to keep him apprised on Indo - U.S. developments. He offered to take up various issues raised by AMCHAM with the concerned Ministries.</p>
19th Mar 2018	<p><b>CSR Committee Meeting</b></p> <p>AMCHAM's CSR Committee met under the Chairmanship of Mr. Harish Krishnan, Managing Director, Public Affairs &amp; Strategic Engagement, India &amp; SAARC, Cisco Systems (India). The purpose of the meeting was to brainstorm and plan a full day CSR event with cross-sectoral panel discussions aimed at identifying and addressing challenges, needs and avenues for capacity building in CSR.</p>

19th Mar 2018	<p><b>Webcast on U.S. Tax Reforms with Deloitte as a Knowledge Partner</b></p> <p>AMCHAM, with knowledge partner, Deloitte, organized a webcast on 'U.S. Tax Reforms' and its impact on U.S. and non-U.S. based multinationals. The speakers were subject matter experts, Ms. Nancy Millet, Partner, Deloitte U.S. and Mr. Charles Umsted, Managing Director, Deloitte U.S. Their presentations were followed by Q&amp;A with AMCHAM members. The discussion was moderated by Mr. Rajesh H. Gandhi, Tax Partner, Deloitte India.</p>
26th Mar 2018	<p><b>Infrastructure and Smart Cities Committee Meeting</b></p> <p>Members of AMCHAM's Infrastructure and Smart Cities Committee met under the Chairmanship of Mr. Arun Kumar Jain, MD, Fluor Daniel India. The meeting was Co-Chaired by Dr. Jaijit Bhattacharya, Partner, KPMG and Mr. Samit Ray, Director, Government Affairs, United Technologies Corporation. Since the last committee meeting, Mr. Sameer Jain, Director, Smart Cities, KPMG, shared the smart city proposals and their specifications. Members discussed the restrictions U.S. companies were operating within, what was holding them back from bidding or participating in any other manner in the contracts for smart cities, the concept of open loop standards for payments in smart cities and difficulties in obtaining licenses.</p>
28th Mar 2018	<p><b>Agriculture and Food Processing Core Committee Meeting</b></p> <p>AMCHAM's Agriculture and Food Processing Committee met under the Chairmanship of Mr. Siraj Azmat Chaudhry. The Co-Chairs of the committee, Ms. Neelima Dwivedi from Pepsico and Mr. Raju Kapoor from Corteva, were present. It was decided that the committee should concentrate on objectives that are unique to AMCHAM and not replicate what the other business chambers were doing and highlighted that AMCHAM worked actively with the U.S. Embassy. Since AMCHAM was the sole chamber representing American companies, the core committee concluded to start off with activities that were peculiar to and generic to American companies. The Chairpersons agreed that the committee should have a mission statement that covers seed companies, pre-harvest companies, post-harvest companies, food processing and finally packaging and marketing companies. Grant Thornton discussed the knowledge paper the committee plans to bring out and requested inputs.</p>
2nd Apr 2018	<p><b>AMCHAM - U.S. Embassy CSR Photo Exhibition: U.S. Companies Partnering in India's Inclusive Growth</b></p> <p>AMCHAM, in partnership with the U.S. Embassy, launched the second CSR photo exhibition 'U.S. Companies Partnering in India's Inclusive Growth' at the American Center. The exhibition was inaugurated by Ambassador Kenneth Juster and attended by U.S Embassy and USAID officials. Ms. Ranjana Khanna, introduced the Ambassador and welcomed guests. Remarks were made by Ms. Kaku Nakhate, NEB Member, AMCHAM and President and Country Head (India), Bank of America and Mr. Harish Krishnan, Chairman - CSR Committee, AMCHAM and MD, Public Affairs &amp; Strategic Engagements, Cisco India &amp; SAARC, Cisco Systems (India).</p> <p>A panel of judges from the U.S. Embassy voted to select the best 23 photos displayed in the exhibition from the following member companies: Abbott India, Acclaris Willis Towers Watson, AMD R&amp;D Center India, American International Academy India, ChildFund India, Cisco Systems, Citi Bank, EY India, Franklin Templeton International, Genpact, Honeywell India, Jacobs Engineering, Johnson &amp; Johnson, Kewaunee Scientific Corporation, Lockheed Martin, Lowe's Services India, Lubrizol Advanced Material India, MetLife Global Operations Support Center, Monsanto India, PAR, PwC India Foundation, Qualcomm India and WABCO India.</p>
5th Apr 2018	<p><b>Roundtable on Global Trade Conflicts: Impact on U.S. - India Ties</b></p> <p>AMCHAM, USISPF and USIBC co-hosted a round-table on 'Global Trade Conflicts: Impact on U.S. - India ties' with Mr. Randall Schriver, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Asian and Pacific Security Affairs, U.S. Department of Defense and Ambassador Alice Wells, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs, U.S. Department of State.</p>

9th Apr 2018

**Interactive Session with Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for South and Central Asia, Mr. Mark Linscott**

AMCHAM hosted a luncheon roundtable for Mr. Mark Linscott, Assistant USTR for South and Central Asia, U.S. Trade Representative, on 9th April at the U.S. Embassy in New Delhi. The meeting was focused on the U.S. - India economic relationship and future engagement on bilateral trade policy. The following USG officials were also present: Ms. Diane Farrell, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Asia, U.S. Department of Commerce, Mr. Tom Vajda, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for South Asia, U.S. Department of State, Mr. Erland Herfindahl, Deputy Assistant, USTR, Mr. Brendan Lynch, Director for India, USTR, Mr. Sam DuPont, Director for ICT Services & Digital Trade, USTR, Mr. Vishal Amin, Intellectual Property Enforcement Coordinator (IPEC), The White House, Mr. Rob Garverick, Minister Counselor for Economic Affairs and Environment, Science and Technology, U.S. Embassy, Ms. Aileen Nandi, Deputy Minister Counselor for Commercial Affairs, U.S. Embassy.

Ms. Ranjana Khanna, Director General CEO, AMCHAM gave the welcome remarks. Ms. Jyotsna Ghoshal, Executive Director, MSD, chaired the meeting. Some of the challenges mentioned by members included gaps in enforcement of policies, preferential market access for local products, pricing of patented products, increase in tariff in certain sectors, etc.





(L-R) Ms. Ranjana Khanna, Director General CEO, AMCHAM, Ambassador Richard Verma, Mr. Pratyush Kumar, Chairman, AMCHAM, Ambassador Meera Shankar and Ambassador Lalit Mansingh



Ms. MaryKay Carlson, Chargé d'Affaires, U.S. Embassy, addressing members during AGM on the future of U.S. - India economic synergy



(L-R) Ms. Ranjana Khanna, Mr. Jayant Sinha, Minister of State for Civil Aviation, Government of India, Mr. Pratyush Kumar, Ms. MaryKay Carlson and Ms. Vanitha Narayanan, Immediate Past Chairperson, AMCHAM and Chairman, IBM India, releasing the AMCHAM compendium “U.S. Companies - Partners in India’s Inclusive Growth” at AGM



The release of a commemorative volume entitled “The India Journey - AMCHAM India celebrates 25 years of American companies’ contribution to India’s economy, society and U.S. - India friendship” at AGM





Newly elected National Executive Board members for the year 2017-18 during AMCHAM's 25th AGM



(L-R) Ms. Ranjana Khanna, Director General CEO, AMCHAM, Mr. Pratyush Kumar, Chairman, AMCHAM and President, Boeing India, Mr. George Sibley, Minister Counselor for Economic Affairs and Environment, Science and Technology, U.S. Embassy, Mrs. Lee Alison Sibley, Ms. MaryKay Carlson, Chargé d'Affaires, U.S. Embassy and Mr. Munu Mahawar, Joint Secretary (Americas), Ministry of External Affairs, Gol



AMCHAM met with students from the University of Texas visiting India as part of their B.S. in global business



(L-R) Ms. Madhvi Kataria, Deputy Director General, AMCHAM, Mr. Hubert Zydorek, faculty member from the Naveen Jindal School of Management, University of Texas at Dallas and Mr. Rameesh Kailasam, Deputy Managing Director, APCO Worldwide India

(L-R) Ms. Aslesha Khandeparkar, Country Head & Sr. Director, Oracle India, Ms. Mehnaz Ansari, Country Representative - South Asia, USTDA, Ms. Enoch Ebong, Acting Director, USTDA, Ms. Ranjana Khanna, Director General CEO, AMCHAM and Mr. Henry Steingass, Regional Director for South and Southeast Asia, USTDA at a roundtable in New Delhi







Senator Mark Warner, Co-Chair Senate India Caucus, with AMCHAM's door knock delegation



AMCHAM's door knock delegation with Mr. Thomas Shannon, Under Secretary for Political Affairs, U.S. Department of State in Washington D.C.



The door knock delegation with Representative Judy Chu, Member of the U.S. House of Representatives from California



The door knock delegation at the Indian Embassy with Ambassador Navtej Sarna, Indian Ambassador to the U.S.





Delegates with Mr. David Helvey, Assistant Secretary of Defense in the Bureau of Asian and Pacific Security Affairs in the Office of the Secretary of Defense and Ms. Cara Abercrombie, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for South and Southeast Asia within the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Asian and Pacific Security Affairs and other officials at the Pentagon



The door knock delegation with Representative George Holding, Co-Chair of the House India Caucus



Ms. Anjana Modi, Director for India and the Subcontinent, National Security Council, with the door knock delegation on the steps of the White House



AMCHAM's door knock delegation with Ms. Enoch Ebong, Acting Director, U.S. Trade and Development Agency and her team at the USTDA office in Arlington, VA



(L-R) Mr. Brendan Lynch, Director for India, USTR, Ms. Tanya Menchi, Deputy Assistant USTR and Mr. Conor Harrington, Director for Intellectual Property and Innovation, USTR, at a briefing with AMCHAM members in New Delhi





Mr. Arun Kumar Jain, Chairman - Infrastructure and Smart Cities Committee, AMCHAM and Mr. Pawan Gupta, Co-Chairman Infrastructure and Smart Cities Committee, AMCHAM at a recent committee meeting



(L-R) Mr. Puneet Kumar, MD - Govt. Relations Lead, India, Accenture, Mr. Arijit Sen, Director, Global Govt Relations and Public Policy, Dell, Mr. Harish Krishnan, Managing Director, Public Affairs & Strategic Engagement, India & SAARC, Cisco Systems (India) and Mr. Ajay Prakash Sawhney, Secretary of MeitY



Members of AMCHAM's Infrastructure and Smart Cities Committee at a meeting in Gurgaon





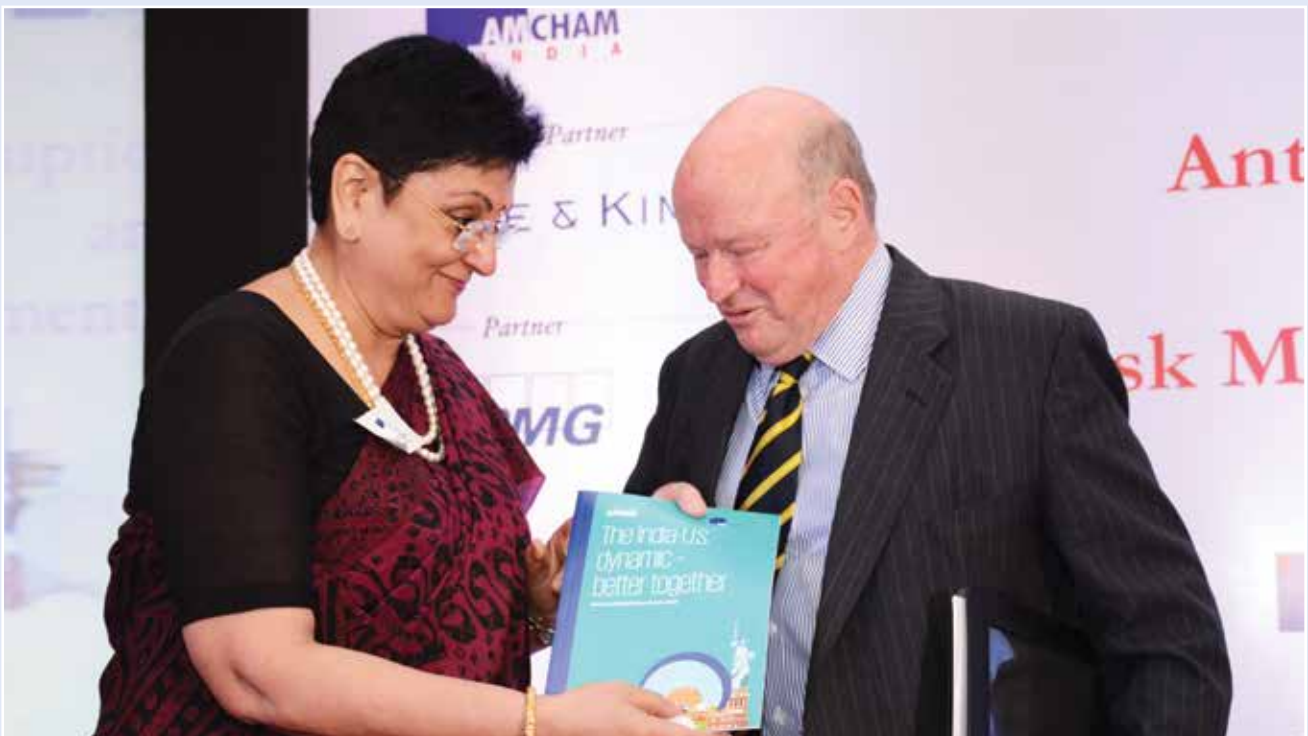
Ambassador Frank Wisner, International Affairs Advisor, Squire Patton Boggs with AMCHAM members and Mr. Sunil Mehta, Past Chairman of AMCHAM, at a roundtable in New Delhi



Mr. Vinay Pratap Singh, DC, Gurgaon, with Northern Region Council members led by Mr. Varun Khanna, Managing Director, BD India



AMCHAM members at a roundtable session on the future of U.S. - India relations with Mr. Nelson Cunningham, President, McLarty Associates



Ms. Ranjana Khanna, presenting Ambassador Frank Wisner the AMCHAM publication 'The India - U.S. Dynamic - Better Together'





Ambassador Frank Wisner, International Affairs Advisor, Squire Patton Boggs delivering the keynote address at the Anti - Corruption Compliance and Risk Management Master Class



'Third Party Risk Management and Mitigation - Lessons Learned' with Mr. Vasu Muthyala, White-Collar, Corporate & Individual Investigations, and Enforcement Partner, Kobre & Kim and Ms. Shukla Wassan, Executive Director - Legal & Corporate Affairs, South Asia, Hindustan Coca-Cola Beverages



Mr. Ashish L. Sawkar, FBI, Legal Attaché, U.S. Embassy, speaking on the FBI's role in anti-corruption investigations



Mr. Jagvinder S. Brar, Partner, Forensic Services, KPMG, speaking about 'Shell Companies in India - Corruption and Money Laundering'



Ms. Naomita Royan, Sr. Associate, Baker & McKenzie and Ms. Yindi Gesinde, Sr. Associate, Baker & McKenzie



Ms. Isabella Detwiler, Deputy Minister Counselor, Economic, Environment, Science and Technology, U.S. Embassy



Mr. Rahul Lalit, Partner, Advisory, PwC presenting on 'ISO 37001 Standard and Certification'



Mr. S.R. Wadhwa, IRS (Retd.), Chairman, Income Tax Settlement Commission Board Member, Transparency International India



Mr. Anuj Bugga, Senior Managing Director, FTI Consulting, during an in-depth discussion about a case study with a FCPA violation



Ms. Ritika Ratti, Chairperson - Anti-Corruption & FCPA Compliance Committee, AMCHAM and Chief Ethics & Compliance Officer & Head of Anti-Corruption, Walmart India, giving closing remarks





Deloitte U.S. global leaders at an interactive session on proposed U.S. tax reforms with Ms. Neeru Ahuja, Chairperson - Tax and Tariff Committee, AMCHAM and Partner, Business Tax, Deloitte Haskins & Sells LLP and Ms. Madhvi Kataria, Deputy Director General, AMCHAM, in Gurgaon



Mr. Atul Dhawan and Ms. Ranjana Khanna with Mr. Suresh Prabhu, Minister for Commerce and Industry, Government of India



Members of AMCHAM's Cyber Security Committee at the inaugural meeting at the American Center in New Delhi



Mr. Deepak Maheshwari, Chairman - Cyber Security Committee, AMCHAM and Director Government Affairs, India & ASEAN, Symantec, addressing the Cyber Security Committee





AMCHAM members with Mr. Rob Joyce, Cyber Security Coordinator, National Security Council, with his team and U.S. Embassy officials



(L-R) Mr. Patrick Santillo, Minister Counselor for Commercial Affairs, U.S. Embassy, Mr. Scott Sindelar, Minister Counselor for Agricultural Affairs, U.S. Embassy, Mr. Mark Linscott, Assistant USTR for South and Central Asia, and Ms. Valerie Dees, Director, Office of South Asia, U.S. Department of Commerce



(L-R) Mr. Rajiv Aggarwal, Joint Secretary, DIPP, Mr. Ramesh Abhishek, Secretary, DIPP and Ms. Margaret Gangte, Director, DIPP, at an interaction with AMCHAM members in the office of Invest India, New Delhi



(L-R) Captain Robert Ogden, ODC Chief, U.S. Embassy, Dr. Joseph Felter, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense South and South Asia, U.S. Department of Defense, Mr. Pratyush Kumar, Chairman, AMCHAM and President, Boeing India and Mr. JP Hoefling, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, at a Defense Committee meeting





Secretary Rex Tillerson, U.S. Department of State, with AMCHAM leadership at the Roosevelt House, U.S. Embassy in New Delhi



(L-R) Ambassador Alice Wells, Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs, U.S. Department of State, Mr. Manish Agarwal, Country Manager, H-D Motor Company India, and Mr. Pratyush Kumar



Mr. Phil Shaw, Chairman - Defense Committee and NEB Member, AMCHAM and Chief Executive, Lockheed Martin India meeting Secretary Rex Tillerson in New Delhi





(L-R) Mr. Tushar Kalia, Senior Director, Goodera, Mr. Harish Krishnan, Chairman - CSR Committee, AMCHAM and MD, Public Affairs & Strategic Engagements, Cisco India & SAARC, Cisco Systems (India), Ms. Ranjana Khanna, Mr. Mark White, Mission Director, USAID/India, Mr. Nehal Sanghavi, Sr. Advisor for Innovation and Partnership, USAID/India and Ms. Jacqueline Lundquist, Chief Serendipity Officer, WaterHealth International at a CSR Committee roundtable



(L-R) Mr. Ramesh Chand, Member (Agri), Niti Aayog, Mr. Ted McKinney, Under Secretary for Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs, USDA, Mr. Mukesh Aghi, President, USISPF and Ms. Ranjana Khanna at a roundtable in New Delhi

Mr. Anand Kumar, Secretary, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, GOI, speaking at CSIS's first ever 'U.S. - India Subnational Energy Workshop' in New Delhi





Members of AMCHAM's Cyber Security Committee, ICT Committee and U.S. Embassy officials with Mr. Robert L. Strayer, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Cyber and International Communication and Information Policy, U.S. Department of State



Mr. Palash Roychowdhury, Chairman - Aviation Committee, AMCHAM and Managing Director - India, Pratt & Whitney, addressing the Aviation Committee in Gurgaon

Dr. Sameer Sharma, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs and Mission Director, Smart Cities Mission, Government of India, giving the keynote address at the Smart Cities and Infrastructure Summit in Gurgaon







Members of AMCHAM's Aviation Committee at a committee meeting at the UTC office in Gurgaon



(L-R) Mr. Debasish Roy, AMCHAM, Mr. Samit Ray, Co-Chairman - Infrastructure and Smart Cities Committee, AMCHAM and Director Govt. Affairs and Leader, Smart Cities, UTC, Dr. Jaijit Bhattacharya, Co-Chairman - Infrastructure and Smart Cities Committee, AMCHAM and Partner, KPMG, Ms. Aileen Crowe Nandi, Deputy Minister Counselor for Commercial Affairs, U.S. Embassy, Mr. Harish Krishnan, MD, Public Affairs & Strategic Engagements, Cisco Systems, India & SAARC, Dr. Sameer Sharma, Mr. Ashwini K. Channan, Director Govt. Relations, Honeywell International (India), Ms. Ranjana Khanna, AMCHAM India and Ms. Mehnaz Ansari, Representative, India, South and Southeast Asia, USTDA



Ms. Ranjana Khanna, Director General CEO, AMCHAM, giving welcome remarks during AMCHAM's Annual Christmas Ball 2017



Ms. MaryKay Carlson, Chargé d'Affaires, U.S. Embassy, picking a lucky draw during AMCHAM's Annual Christmas Ball 2017





(L-R) Mr. Patrick Santillo, Minister Counselor for Commercial Affairs, U.S. Embassy, Ms. Kathy Santillo, Ms. Jo Sindelar and Mr. Scott Sindelar, Minister Counselor for Agricultural Affairs, U.S. Embassy at the Christmas Ball



(L-R) Mr. Chad Norberg, U.S. Embassy, Ms. Ashmita Sethi, Boeing, Mr. Pratyush Kumar, Chairman, AMCHAM, Ms. Gargi Kumar, Ms. Choubey and Mr. R.N. Choubey, Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation, Gol at AMCHAM's Christmas Ball in New Delhi



Game winners at the Christmas Ball



Members participating in a couples game at the Christmas Ball





Members enjoying a game during the Christmas Ball



(L-R) Dr. C. S. Mohapatra Adviser (Financial Stability) and Secretary of Financial Stability & Development Council (FSDC), Department of Economic Affairs, GoI, and Mr. Sanjay Kumar Verma, Additional Secretary (Cyber Diplomacy), Ministry of External Affairs, GoI, being presented with AMCHAM's 2018 calendar at 'Securing Digital India'



(L-R) Dr. C. S. Mohapatra Adviser (Financial Stability) and Secretary of Financial Stability & Development Council (FSDC), Department of Economic Affairs, GoI, Mr. Arijit Sen, Co-Chairman - Cyber Security Committee, AMCHAM India and Director - Global Govt. Relations & Public Policy, Dell, Mr. Sanjay Kumar Verma, Additional Secretary (Cyber Diplomacy), Ministry of External Affairs, GoI, Mr. Pratyush Kumar, Mr. Robert Garverick Minister Counselor Economic Affairs and Environment, Science and Technology, U.S. Embassy and Ms. Ranjana Khanna



Members with Ambassador Alice Wells, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs, U.S. Department of State and other senior U.S. Embassy officials at a roundtable on defense in New Delhi





Members with Ambassador Richard Verma and Ambassador Nirupama Rao, Co-Chairs, Center for American Progress U.S. - India Task Force, at a roundtable in New Delhi on the task force report 'The United States and India: Forging an Indispensable Democratic Partnership'



(L-R) Mr. Phil Shaw, Chairman – Defense Committee and NEB Member, AMCHAM and Chief Executive, Lockheed Martin India, Ambassador Alice Wells, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs, U.S. Department of State and Mr. Rob Garverick, Minister Counselor for Economic, Environment, Science and Technology Affairs, U.S. Embassy



(L-R) Ambassador Juster with Mr. Gulshan Sachdev, Vice Chairman, AMCHAM and Managing Director, Quaker Chemical India, and Ms. Ranjana Khanna, Director General CEO, AMCHAM, at a welcome reception for the Ambassador at the U.S. Embassy



AMCHAM members interacting with Mr. Vijay Gokhale, Foreign Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, in New Delhi





Ambassador Kenneth Juster inaugurating the AMCHAM - U.S. Embassy CSR Photo Exhibition: U.S. Companies Partnering in India's Inclusive Growth at the American Center in New Delhi



(L-R) Mr. Harish Krishnan, Cisco Systems (India), Ambassador Kenneth Juster, Ms. Kaku Nakhate, Bank of America and Ms. Ranjana Khanna, AMCHAM India, at the launch of the CSR photo exhibition in New Delhi



Ambassador Kenneth Juster perusing the AMCHAM - U.S. Embassy CSR photo exhibition





## AMCHAM Hyderabad

AMCHAM's 5th Healthcare Conference, Dr. Kiranmai Pendyala, Chairperson - Hyderabad Chapter, AMCHAM and VP Corp AMD India, with Consul General Katherine Hadda, U.S. Consulate Hyderabad

Date	Meetings / Events
17th May 2017	<b>Site Visit to WaterHealth Plant</b>  A group of AMCHAM members visited the Water Health Centre in Tukkugudda. They toured the plant and gained an understanding of how the business works. The plant is for the benefit of the local community living there, hence WaterHealth conducted a study prior to setting up the plant to understand the feasibility and the economic condition of the residents living in Tukkuguda, a village which is about 11 kms from the Shamshabad Airport in Hyderabad.
24th May 2017	<b>Healthcare Conference Committee Meeting</b>  The committee for the 5th AMCHAM Healthcare Conference met at the office of Eli Global India and discussed the conference flow at length. Frost & Sullivan confirmed to be the knowledge partners for this conference.
27th May 2017	<b>Session on U.S. Visas</b>  Approximately 40 members attended a session on U.S. visas that was held at the office of AMD. The session began with an introduction by Dr. Kiranmai Pendyala. Mr. Adam Ferguson, Fraud Prevention Manager from the U.S. Consulate Hyderabad gave a presentation on U.S. visas followed by Q&A.
12th Jun 2017	<b>Hyderabad Chapter Executive Committee Meeting</b>  AMCHAM's Hyderabad Chapter Executive Committee met at the office of Qualcomm to discuss and plan the way forward. Ms. Sandya Rodrigues, Regional Director - Hyderabad Chapter, AMCHAM, went through a presentation with the agenda and other items for approval. Dr. Kiranmai Pendyala and Mr. Shashidhar Reddy, Vice Chairman - Hyderabad Chapter, AMCHAM and VP Engineering, Qualcomm Hyderabad, along with other members present discussed various programs at length. The budget for AMCHAM Hyderabad Sports for the year was approved and they were updated about the progress on the Healthcare Conference scheduled for September.
4th Jul 2017	<b>Future of Work Committee Meeting</b>  The committee comprising the Chairperson and Vice Chair of the AMCHAM Hyderabad Chapter, along with MD's of Broadridge, D.E. Shaw, India Head HR of International Paper and Partner Deloitte Hyderabad met at the Office of Broadridge Financial Solutions to discuss the way forward for the Future of Work Conference in Hyderabad.

27th Jul 2017	<b>Sports Coordinators Meeting</b> <p>A meeting of all the Sports Coordinators from various AMCHAM member companies participating in AMCHAM Sports - 2017 was held at the office of S&amp;P Global.</p>
31st Aug 2017	<b>5th AMCHAM Healthcare Conference Committee Meeting</b> <p>The committee for the 5th AMCHAM Healthcare Conference met at the office of St. Jude Medical (Abbott) and discussed the final details of the conference.</p>
15th Sep 2017	<b>AMCHAM's 5th Healthcare Conference: Impact of Current Geo Political Situation on Healthcare</b> <p>The 5th AMCHAM Healthcare Conference was chaired by Dr. Kiranmai Pendyala, Chairperson - Hyderabad Chapter, AMCHAM. Consul General Katherine Hadda, was the guest of honor.</p> <p>Dr. Balaji Utlal, the CEO of Kriya Health, gave the keynote address. Dr. N.K. Singh, representing Frost &amp; Sullivan, the knowledge partner for the conference, spoke on the landscape of healthcare. 'Innovation in Healthcare' was presented by Ms. Divya Prakash Joshi of Medtronic Hyderabad. The panelists included: Dr. Akhilesh Sharma of Dr. Reddy's, Mr. Sujiv Nair, CEO of Telangana Academy for Skill and Knowledge (TASK) and Mr. Krishna Prasad, clinician.</p> <p>The moderator for the second session was Mr. Satya Gottumukkala. The panelists included Mr. Kshitij Chaudhary of Invest India, Mr. M Sathya Sunder of Abbott and Dr. N.K. Singh of Frost &amp; Sullivan.</p> <p>The luncheon keynote address was given by Mr. Jayesh Ranjan, Principal Secretary - Information Technology, Industries &amp; Commerce and Textiles - Government of Telangana. The third session was moderated by Dr. Ambuj Chaturvedi of Medtronic.</p>
16th Oct 2017	<b>Hyderabad Chapter Executive Committee Meeting</b> <p>The Executive Committee of the Hyderabad Chapter met at the office of United Technologies Corporation - HRDC to plan for the Annual Day and to give an update on the status of AMCHAM Sports and the Future of Work Conference.</p>
25th Oct 2017	<b>Future of Work Conference - Hyderabad</b> <p>The Future of Work Conference was held at the Westin Mindspace. The inaugural session began with Dr. Kiranmai Pendyala, Chairperson - Hyderabad Chapter, AMCHAM and Corp VP HR EMEA, AMD. Consul General Katherine Hadda from the U.S. Consulate Hyderabad spoke on the need to bridge the gap with educational institutions geared up as the future of tomorrow. Mr. Utkarsh Palnitkar, National Head Infrastructure - Government and Healthcare, National Head - Life Sciences Practice, KPMG, spoke on managing geographic diverse work teams and the challenge of data security across digital networks.</p> <p>Other panelists were: Mr. Abhishek Tomar, MD India Operation, S&amp;P Global; Ms. Rajita Singh, HR Head, Broadridge Financial Solutions; Mr. Mukund Menon, Director HR &amp; Communications for India Region, International Paper and Mr. Shashidhar Reddy, Vice Chairman - Hyderabad Chapter, AMCHAM and VP Qualcomm, gave the vote of thanks and thanked the sponsors, CDK Global India, United Technologies, S&amp;P Global, International Paper, Belcan and Broadridge for a successful event.</p>
28th Nov 2017	<b>Meeting with Tom Vadja, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, U.S. Department of State</b> <p>The AMCHAM Hyderabad Executive Committee members met Mr. Tom Vadja and his team over lunch on the sidelines of GES and discussed various issues.</p>
30th Nov 2017	<b>AMCHAM - USAID Meeting on TB with Minister of Health</b> <p>A few of the AMCHAM members attended the meeting held for awareness of TB at the TB Centre Sanathnagar, Hyderabad.</p>

12th Dec 2017	<b>Hyderabad Chapter Executive Committee Meeting</b>  The Hyderabad Chapter Executive Committee met to plan for Annual Day and to review the sports program. It was decided to have Annual Day on February 23rd 2018.
18th -19th Jan 2018	<b>AMCHAM - Catalyst - MARC Leaders Workshop - Engaging Men as Change Agents</b>  A few AMCHAM members joined the MARC Leaders Workshop held at the office of PAREXEL. The workshop gave an insight on how to be a change catalyst in a changing world and how we can adapt these changes to our current working environment.
2nd Feb 2018	<b>'Budget Connect' in association with Ernst &amp; Young</b>  AMCHAM organized 'Budget Connect' in association with Ernst & Young at the Westin. There was a presentation on two major points: direct tax proposals which included individual tax proposals, changes and benefits, measures to stimulate growth - promotion of start-ups, levy of distribution tax, long term capital gain etc., proposals to generate revenues which touched on commodity transaction taxation, digital economy taxation etc. and rationalization measures. Indirect tax proposals included incentivizing 'Make in India,' power to conduct audit and dispute resolution measures.
5th Feb 2018	<b>Hyderabad Chapter Members Meet</b>  AMCHAM's Hyderabad Chapter held a Members Meet, at the Westin to elect the new Chairman and Vice Chairman for the Hyderabad Chapter and plan the way forward. Mr. Shashidhar Reddy of Qualcomm was elected the Chairman and Mr. Prakash Bodla of UTC HRDC was elected the Vice Chairman.
23rd Feb 2018	<b>Hyderabad Chapter Annual Day - 2018</b>  The Annual Day of AMCHAM's Hyderabad Chapter commenced with a welcome dance by a team from DST Worldwide services. This was followed by Dr. Kiranmai Pendyala, Chairperson - Hyderabad Chapter, AMCHAM, giving the welcome address and an overview of the activities of AMCHAM during the past year. She encouraged members to be actively involved in AMCHAM activities. U.S. Consul General Katherine Hadda spoke on the warm relationship between AMCHAM and the Consulate and also the strengthening of Indo - U.S. ties. Ms. Suchitra and Dr. Krishna Ella spoke on their journey in healthcare.  The winners and runners up of the various sporting events held during the period September 2017 to January 2018 received prizes from guests – Dr. Suchitra, Dr. Krishna Ella and Mr. Nimmagada Prasad. Mr. Shashi Reddy, Vice Chairman – Hyderabad Chapter, AMCHAM, thanked all the sponsors and the employees of the member companies (DST, CDK, AMD, SumTotal and Synchrony) for such wonderful performances. The evening concluded with a band performance by Synchrony Financial.
5th Apr 2018	<b>Session on BlockChain</b>  During the recent AMCHAM event held at Westin Hyderabad on April 5th 2018, the Blockchain Center of Excellence team from Broadridge Financial Solutions India Private Limited presented a 2 hour session on blockchain, its origins and the impact on business of the future. The session provided the audience with fundamentals of blockchain, how it is being used in enterprises as 'Distributed Ledger Technology' with focus on privacy and confidentiality. A key focus of the presentation centered around evaluating the benefit of using blockchain and the importance of network effect as a key driver for blockchain success. Broadridge associates extrapolated on public blockchains to permissioned ledgers with real world examples bringing practitioners view.





Participants at the session on U.S. visas in Hyderabad



The inaugural session of AMCHAM's 5th Healthcare Conference (L-R) Dr. Balaji Ulla, CEO Kriya Health, Dr. Kiranmai Pendyala, Chairperson - Hyderabad Chapter, U.S. Consul General Katherine Hadda and Dr. N.K. Singh, Frost & Sullivan



A session on 'Value Based Healthcare' with (L-R) Mr. Arif Fahim, Abbott, Ms. Joanne Sullivan, PAREXEL, Mr. Ambuj Chaturvedi, Medtronic, Mr. Syam Adusumili, Optum Health and Mr. Jeremy Canady, U.S. Medical Innovations, during AMCHAM's 5th Healthcare Conference in Hyderabad



A session on 'Innovation in Healthcare' with (L-R) Mr. Divya Prakash Joshi, Medtronic, Mr. Krishna Prasad, Clinician, Mr. Akhilesh Sharma, Dr. Reddy's, and Mr. Sujiv Nair, CEO, Telangana Academy for Skill & Knowledge (TASK), during AMCHAM's 5th Healthcare Conference in Hyderabad



Dr. Kiranmai Pendyala, Chairperson - Hyderabad Chapter, AMCHAM India presenting a memento to Mr. Jayesh Ranjan, Principal Secretary, Information Technology and Textiles, Government of Telangana





Women's single table tennis championship in progress



Discus throw women's event in the progress during Hyderabad Sports event



Cricket match in progress



Deloitte triumphs in basketball during AMCHAM Hyderabad Sports





Runners up for women's volleyball



Winners of AMCHAM Cricket 2017 - Qualcomm



Dr. Kiranmai Pendyala, Chairperson - Hyderabad Chapter and NEB Member, AMCHAM and VP Corp HR, AMD, Consul General Katherine Hadda, U.S. Consulate General Hyderabad, and Mr. Utkarsh Palnitkar, National Head Infrastructure – Government and Healthcare, National Head - Life Sciences Practice, KPMG, during the inaugural session of the Future of Work Conference in Hyderabad on 25th October



'Future of Leadership' panel (L-R) - Dr. Kiranmai Pendyala, Chairperson - Hyderabad Chapter, Ms. Sheila Vinczeller, Chief Diversity Officer, International Paper, Mr. Prakash Bodla, VP Engineering and Centre Head, Hyderabad Research & Design Centre of UTC, Mr. V. Laxmikanth, NEB Member, AMCHAM and MD, Broadridge Financial Solutions Inc.





'Future of HR' session at the Future of Work Conference in Hyderabad (L-R) Mr. Sushant Dwivedy, Sr. VP, Aspiring Minds, Mr. Sunil Bijlani, VP HR Asia, Synchrony Financial, Mr. D.P Singh, Chairman - HR Committee, AMCHAM and VP - HR India & South Asia, IBM India and Mr. Mukund Menon, Director - HR & Communications, India Region, International Paper



'Future of Work' - Panel Discussion on Future of Work / Technology. (L-R) Mr. V. Laxmikanth, MD, Broadridge, Dr. Balaji Utlia, CEO Kriya Health, Mr. Jaideep Agarwal, Deloitte and Mr. Ramesh Loganathan, Professor, IIT





'Future of Work' - Panel Discussion on Future of Worker / Jobs. (L-R) Mr. Abhishek Tomar, MD S&P Global, Mr. Ranjan Patnaik, Director, DuPont, Mr. Arijit Sarker, Director - India Operations, Google and Mr. Reddy Malleedi, MD, CDK Global



Team behind the 'Future of Work' Conference in Hyderabad



(L-R) Dr. Krishna Ella, Founder Bharat Biotech, Dr. Kiranmai Pendyala, Chairperson AMCHAM India, Hyderabad Chapter, Ms. Katherine Hadda, U.S. Consul General, Hyderabad and Mr. Nimmagada Prasad, Social Entrepreneur, lighting the lamp for Annual Day 2018



Consul General Katherine Hadda presenting an award in recognition of the oldest participant in AMCHAM sports to Mr. V Laxmikanth, MD Broadridge



Dr. Kiranmai Pendyala presenting a memento to Dr. Suchitra Ella, Co-founder, Bharat Biotech





Dr. Kiranmai Pendyala, Chairperson AMCHAM Hyderabad Chapter and Mr. Shashidhar Reddy, VP Engineering, Qualcomm India, giving away a memento to Mr. Nimmagadda Prasad, a social entrepreneur



Verizon India Team receiving sports awards from Ms. Katherine Hadda, U.S. Consul General, Hyderabad



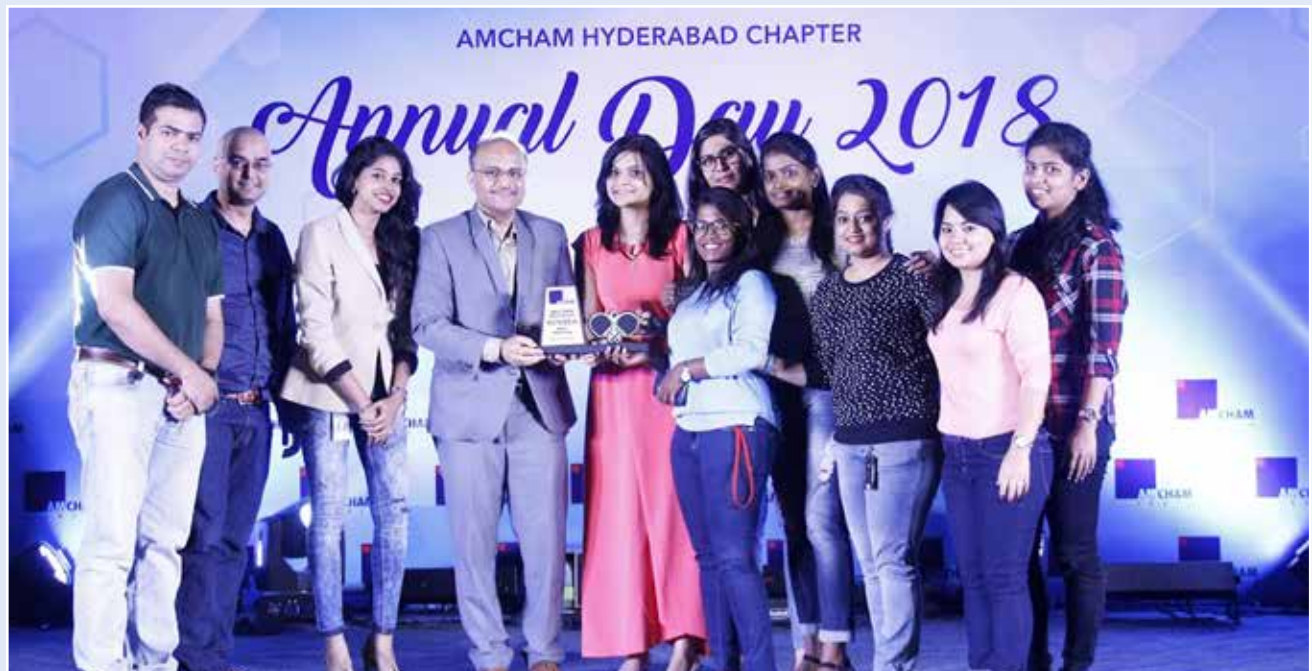


Sports winners and runners up receiving their prizes from Ms. Katherine Hadda



More winners with Consul General Katherine Hadda





Sports winners and runners up receiving their prizes from Mr. Prakash Bodla, Executive Director, HRDC UTC



Champions from various AMCHAM Hyderabad sporting events



## AMCHAM Kolkata

(L-R) Mr. Gulshan Sachdev, Vice Chairman, AMCHAM, presenting the Honorable Dr. Pranab Mukherjee with a token of appreciation, along with Mr. Debdas Sen, Chairman - Eastern Region, AMCHAM

Date	Meetings / Events
8th May 2017	<b>Meeting with Mr. Debdas Sen, Chairman, AMCHAM Eastern Region</b>  Members had their first meeting with Mr. Debdas Sen, Chairman of Eastern Region to discuss his plans on how he would like to take the region forward.
8th May 2017	<b>Meeting with Dr. Krishna Gupta, IAS, Principal Secretary Departments of Information Technology &amp; Electronics, Government of West Bengal</b>  AMCHAM had a one-on-one meeting with Dr. Krishna Gupta to discuss the new IT policy for West Bengal and its relevance for industry.
19th May 2017	<b>Eastern Region Executive Committee Meeting</b>  Mr. Debdas Sen, Chairman - Eastern Region, AMCHAM, chaired the Executive Committee meeting. He updated members on the AGM and first NEB meeting of 2017. The focus of the meeting was the membership drive and events for 2017. He requested members to assist in the membership drive for the ER. The meeting was hosted by TCG Digital Solutions.
22nd May 2017	<b>Meeting with Dr. Krishna Gupta, IAS, Principal Secretary Departments of Information Technology &amp; Electronics, Government of West Bengal</b>  Dr. Krishna Gupta, IAS, held a meeting in his office inviting representatives of different chambers in Kolkata who had IT committees or who had a strong IT presence in the state. There were also a few industry members present who were involved in IT operations in the state. AMCHAM was represented by the Regional Director, Ms. Amada Kidwai.
12th Jun 2017	<b>Event on GST &amp; GSP - ASP - Latest Development, Impact Areas and Way Forward</b>  AMCHAM, in association with EY as their knowledge partner, organized a roundtable discussion on the goods and service tax, 'GST & GSP - ASP - Latest Developments, Impact Areas and Way Forward' with speakers Mr. Dinesh Agarwal, Partner - Tax & Regulatory Services, EY and Mr. Sidhartha Jain, Partner - Indirect Tax, EY. Mr. Debdas Sen, Chairman - Eastern Region, AMCHAM and CEO, TCG Digital Solutions, hosted the event.



26th Jun 2017	<p><b>Talk by Dr. Mammen Chandy, Director, Tata Medical Center on Cancer - Its Spread, Awareness, Control and Cure</b></p> <p>AMCHAM in association with PwC India, organized a session on -‘Cancer - Its Spread, Awareness, Control.’ Dr. Mammen Chandy was the chief guest. Mr. Avijit Mukherjee, Regional Managing Partner, PwC East, gave the welcome address, closing remarks and vote of thanks. Mr. K.P. Sengupta, Immediate Past Chairman and Co-Chairman Data Core Systems, gave the introductory remarks.</p>
21st Jul 2017	<p><b>Panel Discussion on Security in a Digital Era</b></p> <p>AMCHAM organized a panel discussion on ‘Security in a Digital Era’ in Kolkata. The U.S. Consul General, Mr. Craig Hall, was the guest of honor. The panelists were - Mr. Partha Sengupta, Head IT Shared Services ITC, Mr. Biswajit Maiti, Associate Partner and IT leader at IBM, Mr. Somak Shome, Director Cyber Security Practices, PwC and Mr. Koushik Nath, Leader Enterprise Network and Data Center Technologies, Cisco Systems.</p>
12th Aug 2017	<p><b>Eastern Region Executive Committee Meeting</b></p> <p>Mr. Debdas Sen, Chairman - Eastern Region, AMCHAM, chaired the Executive Committee meeting. The focus of the meeting was the membership drive, upcoming events with an emphasis on the economic seminar. He updated members on the various events the region had organized till date and mentioned that all the events were well attended. He requested members to assist in the membership drive for the ER. The meeting was hosted by TCG Digital Solutions.</p>
17th Aug 2017	<p><b>Meeting with U.S. Embassy Dhaka Officials on the Business Environment and Economic Scenario of Bangladesh</b></p> <p>Members of AMCHAM met Mr. Syeda Shahrazad Rahman, Commercial Specialist, U.S. Embassy Dhaka, Mr. Mahadi Sirat, Economic/Commercial Specialist, U.S. Embassy Dhaka, and Mr. Jonathan Ward, U.S. Commercial Officer, U.S. Consulate Kolkata, in Kolkata. The topics of discussion included cross-border trade issues, investment opportunities in Bangladesh and the U.S. Trade Show in Dhaka in November 2017. Mr. Debdas Sen, gave the welcome remarks and vote of thanks.</p>
23rd Aug 2017	<p><b>Meeting with Ms.Vandana Yadav, IAS Managing Director, West Bengal Industrial Development Corporation</b></p> <p>A courtesy call was made on Ms. Yadav as she had just taken over as the Managing Director, West Bengal Industrial Development Corporation (WBIDC). The objective of the meeting was to brief Ms. Yadav on the role of AMCHAM in the region.</p>
1st Sep 2017	<p><b>Interactive Breakfast Session with Mr. Debashish Sen, IAS Additional Chief Secretary and Principal Secretary in charge of Information Technology and Electronics, Government of West Bengal</b></p> <p>Mr. Debdas Sen chaired an interactive breakfast session with Mr. Debashish Sen, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary, Government of West Bengal, in-charge of Department of Information Technology and Electronics, and Chairman - MD, WBIDCO and Chairman of New Kolkata Development Authority (NKDA) and Naba Diganta Industrial Township Authority (NDITA).</p>
14th Sep 2017	<p><b>Eastern Region Executive Committee Meeting</b></p> <p>Mr. Debdas Sen, Chairman - Eastern Region, AMCHAM, chaired the Executive Committee meeting. The focus of the meeting was on upcoming events in the coming months, with emphasis on the Economic Seminar. He updated members on the NEB meeting held in Chennai on August 18th. The meeting was hosted by TCG Digital Solution.</p>

21st Sep 2017	<p><b>An Interaction Session with Mr. Thomas Hilleary, Economic Unit Chief, Office of India Affairs, U.S. Department of State</b></p> <p>AMCHAM hosted an interaction session with visiting U.S. government official Mr. Tom Hilleary. Mr. Hilleary was responsible for the State Department's efforts on a full range of U.S. - India economic, environment, science and technology, and health cooperation. Mr. Debdas Sen, welcomed Mr. Hilleary on his first visit to Kolkata.</p>
12th Oct 2017	<p><b>Inauguration of Biswas Bengal Convention Center and Meet and Greet event hosted by Chief Minister Ms. Mamta Banerjee</b></p> <p>The Chief Minister of West Bengal, hosted a meet and greet event for industry leaders and heads of Chambers in West Bengal. This event was to showcase and inaugurate the new convention center. This provided networking opportunities. Ms. Banerjee also asked those present to assist in bringing delegations for the West Bengal Business summit 2018.</p>
15th Nov 2017	<p><b>Eastern Region Executive Committee Meeting</b></p> <p>Mr. Debdas Sen, Chairman - Eastern Region, AMCHAM chaired the Executive Committee meeting and discussed the two major upcoming Eastern Region events - an address by the Honorable Dr. Pranab Mukherjee on 'Inclusive Growth' and the annual Eastern Region get-together for members.</p>
20th Nov 2017	<p><b>Eastern Region Annual Signature Event on 'Inclusive Growth'</b></p> <p>The annual signature event on 'Inclusive Growth' in Kolkata was addressed by the 13th President of India, the Honorable Dr. Pranab Mukherjee. Dr. Mukherjee addressed AMCHAM members, other business leaders and members of the diplomatic community on 'Inclusive Growth.' Ms. Amada Kidwai, Regional Director - Eastern Region, AMCHAM, gave welcome remarks. Mr. Debdas Sen introduced the Honorable Dr. Mukherjee and Mr. Gulshan Sachdev, Vice-Chairman, AMCHAM, proposed the vote of thanks.</p>
7th Dec 2017	<p><b>Eastern Region Annual Get-Together</b></p> <p>AMCHAM's Eastern Region had its annual get-together over cocktails and dinner at the Tollygunge Club. The evening brought together members, friends and supporters, including government officials. U.S. Consul General Craig Hall attended along with his team from the U.S. Consulate. Consul General spoke on the importance of U.S. - India relations. Mr. Debdas Sen, gave the opening remarks and Ms. Amada Kidwai, gave the introduction. The evening provided members and guests an opportunity to network with each other, government officials and the U.S. Consulate officials in an informal gathering.</p>
15th Jan 2018	<p><b>AMCHAM supported the Bengal Global Business Summit - 2018</b></p> <p>AMCHAM India, and its Eastern Region, supported the Government of West Bengal to attract U.S. investors to do business in the state. As a prelude to the event, on January 15th, the Honorable Chief Minister Mamta Banerjee hosted a dinner for delegates, chambers of commerce, industry, diplomats and government at Eco Park. This gave guests the opportunity for networking and to have informal discussions. Those present got the opportunity to meet with the Chief Minister, Finance Minister, Additional Chief Secretaries and senior government officials.</p>
25th Jan 2018	<p><b>Roundtable on U.S. Business and Ease of Doing Business in the Eastern Region with Mr. Robert Garverick, Minister Counselor EEST, U.S. Embassy</b></p> <p>AMCHAM hosted a roundtable discussion with Mr. Robert Garverick, Minister Counselor for Economic, Environment, Science and Technology Affairs, U.S. Embassy, in Kolkata. Mr. Joydeep Datta Gupta, Eastern Region Executive Committee Member, AMCHAM and Partner, Deloitte Touché Tohmatsu India LLP welcomed Mr. Garverick. AMCHAM members briefed Mr. Garverick on the presence of American companies in the region and on the opportunities and challenges of doing business in West Bengal and Eastern India, touching on issues like availability of land, labor, and the general investment climate in the region.</p>

1st Feb 2018	<p><b>On-the-Spot Budget Analysis with Knowledge Partner Ernst &amp; Young</b></p> <p>The live viewing and interactive session on Budget 2018 was organized in association with EY as the knowledge partner, at the EY Kolkata office. The session started with inaugural remarks on the expected budget proposals given by Mr. Dinesh Agarwal, Partner, Tax &amp; Regulatory Services, EY, followed by live viewing of the Budget 2018 speech delivered by Hon'ble Finance Minister, Mr. Arun Jaitley.</p>
7th Feb 2018	<p><b>Interactive Session with U.S. Ambassador to India, Kenneth I. Juster</b></p> <p>AMCHAM in partnership with the Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI) hosted the U.S. Ambassador to India for an interactive session with members of the business community, think tanks and press.</p> <p>Ambassador Juster, in his address, thanked AMCHAM and the BCCI for hosting him on his first business address in Kolkata. Mr. Gulshan Sachdev, Vice Chairman - AMCHAM introduced Ambassador Juster. Mr. B. B. Chatterjee, Senior Vice President, BCCI, gave welcome remarks. Mr. Debdas Sen, Chairman - Eastern Region, AMCHAM, moderated the Q&amp;A. Mr. Deb A. Mukherjee, Vice President, BCCI, gave the vote of thanks.</p>
15th Feb 2018	<p><b>Investment Opportunity Session with the ICT Division of the Government of Bangladesh</b></p> <p>AMCHAM's Eastern Region, in partnership with the ICT Division of the Government of Bangladesh, hosted an investment opportunity session in Kolkata. One-on-one meetings with the Bangladesh team of officials and companies that were looking for opportunities to invest in Bangladesh were held, followed by a presentation by the Government of Bangladesh.</p> <p>The dinner was presided over by the ICT Secretary, Mr. Subir Kishore Chowdhury, Government of Bangladesh and his team and attended by major IT/ITeS companies from Kolkata. Mr. Debdas Sen, did the introductions and welcomed the delegation. Mr. Subir Kishore Chowdhury, Secretary ICT Division gave the keynote address and Mr. Sami Ahmed, Component Team Leader (IT/ITES), LICT Project, made a presentation on Digital Bangladesh.</p>
20th Feb 2018	<p><b>Eastern Region Executive Committee Meeting</b></p> <p>Mr. Debdas Sen, Chairman - Eastern Region, AMCHAM, chaired the Executive Committee meeting. The focus of the meeting was on forthcoming events through April 2018. He updated members on events that the region had hosted or participated in since the last meeting held in November 2017. He mentioned the signature event on inclusive growth with the former President of India, Dr. Pranab Mukherjee, Annual Get-Together where a number of IAS officers and IPS officers attended the Bengal Global Business Summit and U.S. Ambassador's, interactive session with AMCHAM members, in partnership with BCCI. He also updated members on the session AMCHAM organized in partnership with the ICT Division of the Government of Bangladesh.</p>
9th Mar 2018	<p><b>Panel Discussion in Honor of Women's Day on #PressforProgress</b></p> <p>AMCHAM's Eastern Region in association with Hyatt Regency Kolkata organized a session on gender diversity on #PressforProgress for AMCHAM Eastern Region members and guests to celebrate Women's Day. The event was graced by eminent personalities from all walks of life who shared their experience in their journey to success through a panel discussion. Mr. Debdas Sen, Chairman - Eastern Region, AMCHAM gave opening remarks, Ms. Brigit Holms, General Manager Hyatt and member of AMCHAM's ER Executive Committee, gave the welcome address. Ms. Ondrilla Dutt, CEO, Open Doors, moderated the session and Ms. Amada Kidwai gave the vote of thanks.</p>





(L-R) Mr. K.P. Sengupta, Immediate Past Chairman – Eastern Region, AMCHAM, Dr. Mammen Chandy, Director, Tata Medical Center, Kolkata and Mr. Avijit Mukherji, Regional Managing Partner, PwC East



Consul General Craig Hall, U.S. Consulate General Kolkata, speaking at an event on 'Security in a Digital Era'



(L-R) Mr. Partha Sengupta, Head IT Shared Services ITC, Mr. Biswajit Maiti, Associate Partner and IT leader in IBM, Mr. Amit Malik, Vice Chairman - Eastern Region, AMCHAM and Director Public Sector and Services, Cisco Systems, Mr. Somak Shome, Director Cyber Security Practices PwC, Mr. Koushik Nath, Leader Enterprise Network and Data Center Technologies, Cisco Systems



AMCHAM Eastern Region members with Mr. Debashish Sen, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary and Principal Secretary in charge of Information Technology and Electronics, Government of West Bengal



(L-R) Mr. Gulshan Sachdev, Vice Chairman, AMCHAM and MD, Quaker Chemical, Mr. Debashish Sen, IAS Additional Chief Secretary and Principal Secretary in charge of Information Technology and Electronics, GoWB, and Mr. Debdas Sen, Chairman - Eastern Region, AMCHAM and CEO, TCG Digital





(L-R) Ms. Amada Kidwai, Regional Director - Eastern Region, AMCHAM, Mr. Ajay Bandopadhyay, Partner, Infrastructure, Govt. and Healthcare, KPMG, Mr. Surajit Banrjee, MD, Fi-Text, Mr. Dinesh Agarwal, Partner - Tax and Regulatory Services, EY, Mr. Amit Mallik, Vice Chairman - Eastern Region, AMCHAM and MD, Public Sector & Services, India & SAARC, CISCO, Mr. Jonathan Ward, Principal Officer, U.S. Commercial Service, Mr. Debdas Sen, Chairman - Eastern Region, AMCHAM and CEO TCG Digital Solutions, at the Bengal Global Business Summit in Kolkata



Mr. Debdas Sen, giving welcome remarks during the Eastern Region annual get-together





Ms. Lee Alison Sibley singing a Tagore song and entralling the audience at the Eastern Region annual get-together in Kolkata



Eastern Region members with Mr. Debdas Sen and U.S. Consul General Craig Hall at the annual get-together



Mr. Gulshan Sachdev introducing Ambassador Juster at an event in Kolkata



(L-R) Ambassador Kenneth I. Juster, U.S. Ambassador to India, Mr. Gulshan Sachdev, Vice Chairman, AMCHAM, Mr. B. B. Chatterjee, Sr. VP, BCCI, Mr. Debdas Sen, Chairman - Eastern Region, AMCHAM, Consul General Craig Hall, U.S. Consulate General Kolkata and Mr. Deb A. Mukherjee, VP, BCCI



Mr. Debdas Sen, giving opening remarks at an event to celebrate Women's Day



Ms. Brigit Holms, GM Hyatt Regency and member of AMCHAM's ER Executive Committee giving the vote of thanks during #PressforProgress



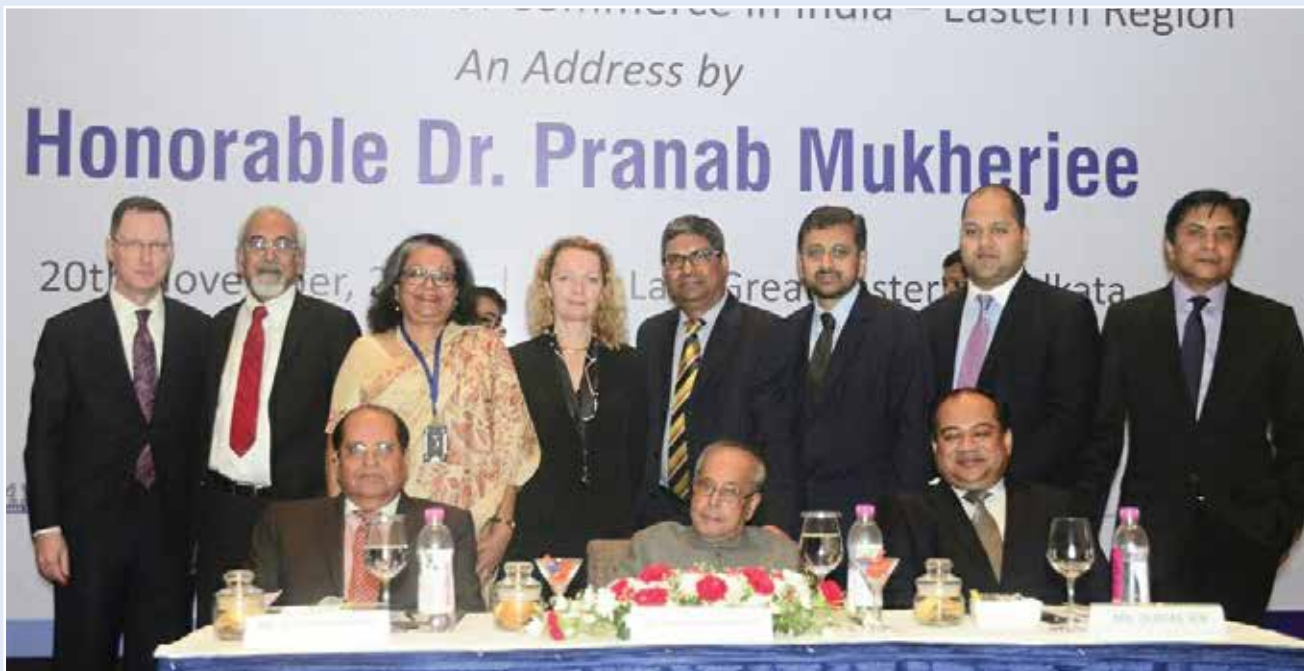


Panelists of #PressforProgress (L-R) Ms. Priya Eidhani, Sr. Pilot and Trainer, Indigo Airlines, Ms. Monica Liu, Entrepreneur/ Restaurateur, Ms. Seema Sapru, Principal Heritage International, Ms. Ondrilla Dutt, Moderator and CEO, Open Doors, Ms. Lisbeth Johansen, Founder of LittleBigHelp , NGO in Denmark and Ms. Isheeta Ganguly, Indian American singer, playwright and screenwriter



AMCHAM's Eastern Region Executive Committee members with the panelists of #PressforProgress





At the Eastern Region annual signature event on inclusive growth (L-R back row) U.S. Consul General Craig Hall, Mr. K.P. Sengupta, Past Chairman - Eastern Region, AMCHAM, Ms. Amada Kidwai, Ms. Birgit Holm, Mr. Dinesh Agarwal, Former Chairman - Eastern Region, Mr. Surajit Banerjee, Former Chairman - Eastern Region, Mr. Abir Chattaraj, Executive Committee Member, Mr. Ranjan Nandi, Executive Committee Member (L-R front row) Mr. Gulshan Sachdev, Vice Chairman, AMCHAM, Honorable Dr. Pranab Mukherjee, and Mr. Debdas Sen, Chairman - Eastern Region, AMCHAM



AMCHAM's Eastern Region members at an on-the-spot budget analysis with EY



A roundtable discussion with Mr. Robert Garverick, Minister Counselor for Economic, Environment, Science and Technology Affairs, U.S. Embassy



## AMCHAM Mumbai

Members of AMCHAM's National Executive Board with the CM of Maharashtra, Mr. Devendra Fadnavis, in Mumbai on 6th December

Date	Meetings / Events
6th Jun 2017	<b>Western Region Committee Meeting</b> <p>The first meeting of AMCHAM's Western Region Committee for 2017 - 2018 was held at EY. The meeting commenced with an opening address by Ms. Surabhi Wahal, Regional Director - Western Region, AMCHAM India. The welcome address was given by Mr. Mahesh Krishnamurti, Chairman - Western Region, AMCHAM and Managing Director, Resources Global Professionals (I) Pvt. Ltd. and Ms. Kaku Nakhate, National Executive Board Member, AMCHAM and Country Head, Bank of America N.A.</p>
12th Jun 2017	<b>Supply Chain and Logistics Committee Meeting</b> <p>The first meeting of AMCHAM's Supply Chain and Logistics (SCL) Committee for 2017-2018 was held at the Dow Chemical International office. The meeting commenced with opening remarks by Ms. Surabhi Wahal, Regional Director - Western Region, AMCHAM India and welcome remarks by Mr. Milind Tailor, Co-Chair - Supply Chain &amp; Logistics Committee, AMCHAM India and Head of Indirect Procurement &amp; Electronic Security Asia Pacific, Diebold Systems Pvt. Ltd. As part of the learning and sharing forum, a special address was made by Mr. Sudhir Shenoy, CEO, Dow Chemical International Pvt. Ltd.</p>
13th Jun 2017	<b>Webinar on Waste to Energy: Opportunities for U.S. Businesses in India</b> <p>The direct line webinar on 'Waste to Energy: Opportunities for U.S. Businesses in India,' an initiative of the U.S. Consulate General, Mumbai, was supported by AMCHAM India. The webinar commenced with welcome remarks by Mr. Thomas Vajda, Consul General, U.S. Consulate General, Mumbai. The session was a platform for opportunities in the growing market for companies to further understand navigation of the commercial landscape from government, businesses, and U.S. research consortiums thus opening doors to U.S. green technology in India.</p>
15th Jun 2017	<b>Roundtable Interaction with Senior State Government Officials of the Government of Gujarat</b> <p>AMCHAM India, in partnership with the U.S. Consulate General Mumbai and the U.S. - India Business Council, met with key officials of the Government of Gujarat at Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar. The roundtable interaction was attended by Mr. M.K. Das, Principal Secretary to the Government of Gujarat, Industries &amp; Mining Department, Consul General Tom Vajda, U.S. Consulate Mumbai, Mr. Notty Theriot, Director, USIBC, Ms. Kaku Nakhate, National Executive Board Member, AMCHAM and President &amp; Country Head (India), Bank of America N.A.</p>

21st Jun 2017

**Farewell Lunch in Honour of Mr. Thomas L. Vajda, Consul General, U.S. Consulate General Mumbai**

AMCHAM India, in partnership with IACC and USIIC, organized a farewell lunch to bid adieu to Consul General Mr. Thomas (Tom) L. Vajda. Leaders of each partner organizations - Mr. Mahesh Krishnamurti, Chairman - Western Region, AMCHAM and MD, RGP India, Mr. Sunder Advani, President, IACC Western Region and Dr. V. Rangaraj, Founder Chairman, USIIC, addressed the gathering.

Ms. Kaku Nakhate, Member - National Executive Board, AMCHAM India and Country Head, Bank of America, Ms. Sangeeta Pendurkar, MD, Kellogg India Pvt. Ltd., Mr. Prashant Pansare, MD, Inteliment Technologies (India), Dr. L. S. Kanodia, Chairman, Datamatics Group, Mr. C. Venkataramana, MD, Mr. Sunil, HiTech India Infra and Mr. M Jagannath Rai, MD, Titan Sea & Air Services, shared interesting and heartwarming insights on their personal experiences of working with Consul General Vajda. The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Ms. Ranjana Khanna, Director General CEO, AMCHAM India.

14th Jul 2017

**Enhancing and Accelerating Responses to the Needs of Orphan and Vulnerable Children (OVC): A Consultation & Learning Workshop**

AMCHAM India, as a supporting partner to the Karnataka Health Promotion Trust and USAID, jointly with Maharashtra State AIDS Control Society (MSACS), Maharashtra District AIDS Control Society (MDACS) and NACO, organized a CSR consultation and learning workshop on 'Enhancing and Accelerating Responses to the Needs of Orphan and Vulnerable Children (OVC)' in Mumbai.

Speakers included: Mr. Mohan HL, Managing Trustee, KHPT, Professor Shalini Bharat, Deputy Director, TISS, Mr. Dwipal K. Bose, Mentor and Advisor, Social and Rural Enterprises, Dr. Padmaja Keskar, Executive Health Officer, MCGM & PD, MDACS and Ms. Sangeeta Kaul, Sr. Project Management Specialist, USAID. The presidential address was shared by Mr. Parimal Singh, IAS, Project Director, MSACS. The chief guest of the event was Ms. Leena, a young girl living with HIV, who provided dignity and hope through her message.

17th Jul 2017

**Supply Chain and Logistics Core Committee Meeting**

Keeping in line with the continuing theme for the year - technology and innovation, inputs were collated by the core committee members on structuring the plan for the next few months of AMCHAM's Supply Chain and Logistics Committee.

Core committee members also discussed long term plans for the SCL Committee which included development of skill sets, building competence in supply chain functions, creating tools or modules that can be used as reference by smaller companies and building events/activities with a learning/practical outcome.

24th Jul 2017

**Roundtable Meeting with Ms. Fatema Sumar, Millennium Challenge Corporation: Opportunities to Partner in Development Projects & Economic Growth**

AMCHAM India and the U.S. Consulate General Mumbai, met with Ms. Fatema Sumar, Regional Deputy Vice President, Europe, Asia, Pacific and Latin America, Millennium Challenge Corporation to discuss opportunities to partner in development projects and economic growth.

Ms. Surabhi Wahal, Regional Director - Western Region, AMCHAM India, spoke about the keen interest of AMCHAM India to find a synergy for partnership between its members and the Millennium Challenge Corporation in fostering growth and development. The interaction focused on policies, funding mechanism, cross border projects, bidding opportunities in international projects for U.S. companies in India and other relevant aspects. AMCHAM's strengths and initiatives across industry sectors brought much interest to the dialogue.



26th Jul 2017

**Roundtable with Ambassador Frank G. Wisner (U.S. Ambassador to India 1994-97), International Affairs Advisor, Squire Patton Boggs**

A roundtable was held with Ambassador Frank G. Wisner (U.S. Ambassador to India 1994-97), International Affairs Advisor, Squire Patton Boggs on 'U.S. - India Bilateral Relations: The Ongoing Dialogue Between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and U.S. President Donald Trump and the Implication to India/U.S. Commercial Interests,' Mr. Mahesh Krishnamurti, Chairman - Western Region, AMCHAM and Managing Director, RGP India made opening remarks.

Ms. Jennifer Larson, Acting Consulate General, U.S. Consulate General Mumbai, stated that India was no longer seen as a rising country, but a risen country, and it was the responsibility as leaders to uphold it. Ms. Kaku Nakhate, National Executive Board Member, AMCHAM and President & Country Head, Bank of America, N.A. proposed the vote of thanks.

27th Jul 2017

**Supply Chain and Logistics Committee's Sharing and Learning Concall Session on 'How Will GST Aid and Help Design the Supply Chain Network?'**

To discuss the impact, implications and opportunities in supply chain that GST has created for both organizations and their value chain, AMCHAM's Supply Chain and Logistics (SCL) Committee, in partnership with Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu India LLP, organized a sharing and learning concall session on 'How Will GST Aid and Help Design the Supply Chain Network?'

The guest speaker was Mr. Easwaran Subramanian, Consulting Partner, Deloitte ToucheTohmatsu India who leads the supply chain and manufacturing operations practice for the firm in India.

28th Jul 2017

**Western Region Committee Meeting**

The second meeting of Western Region Committee was held over a concall. Mr. Mahesh Krishnamurti, along with Ms. Kaku Nakhate reviewed the past events which included specialized and topical events, learning and sharing forums, advocacy initiatives, as well as engagement and interaction with senior leaders and representatives of state governments.

2nd Aug 2017

**Roundtable on '30 Days of the GST Regime'**

AMCHAM India, in partnership with EY India, organized a roundtable on '30 Days of the GST Regime' in Mumbai. Ms. Surabhi Wahal, Regional Director - Western Region, AMCHAM, made the opening remarks and gave brief introductions of the panel speakers. The panelists were - Mr. Gregory Taevs, Principal Commercial Officer, U.S. Consulate General, Mumbai, Mr. Hitesh Sharma, Western Region Committee member, AMCHAM, and Partner, National Head of Life Science Industry, EY India, Mr. Divyesh Lapsiwala, Tax Partner - Indirect Tax Services, EY India and Mr. Sanket Desai, Director - Indirect Taxes, EY India, shared valuable insights on sector specific implications, challenges and the impact that GST has had on businesses and industries since its levy on 1st July. The session concluded with a vote of thanks by Mr. Matthew Timmons, Western Region Committee member, AMCHAM, and Managing Managing Director - South Asia, Lubrizol Advanced Materials India Pvt. Ltd. The event was hosted by EY India.

10th Aug 2017

**AMCHAM supported Executive Workshop: Leadership and Strategic Execution in a Chaotic World**

AMCHAM supported an executive workshop on 'Leadership and Strategic Execution in a Chaotic World,' an initiative of TwentyEight Strategy Execution and Duke Corporation Education in Mumbai. The event was a platform for corporate leaders to learn and discuss challenges and strategies to manage today's VUCA (volatile, uncertain, complex and ambiguous) world.

The morning began with a welcome by Mr. Krishnendu Sen, Regional Manager, TwentyEight Strategy Execution. He introduced the speakers for the day - Mr. Tim Wasserman, Chief Learning Officer, TwentyEight Strategy Execution, Mr. Nikhil Raval, Managing Director of India, Duke Corporation Education and Ms. Sandhya Karpe, Managing Director of Singapore, Duke Corporation Education.

28th Aug 2017

**Western Region Committee Meeting**

AMCHAM's Western Region Committee meeting was held in Mumbai. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Mahesh Krishnamurti, Chairman - Western Region. By a consensus of committee members present, Mr. Ron Reed, Managing Director - Petroleum & Chemicals, Jacobs Engineering India Pvt. Ltd. was appointed as AMCHAM's Western Region Committee Vice-Chairman.

28th Aug 2017

**Welcome Reception in Honor of Mr. Edgard D. Kagan, Consul General, U.S. Consulate General Mumbai**

AMCHAM's Western Region welcomed the new U.S. Consul General to Mumbai, Mr. Edgard D. Kagan, over a working breakfast with members of the region. Ms. Surabhi Wahal, welcomed members. Mr. Mahesh Krishnamurti, gave opening remarks. Ms. Kaku Nakhate, captured the success of AMCHAM's door knock delegation to Washington D.C.

Consul General Kagan began his remarks by commending the commitment and engagement of AMCHAM's members. The floor was then opened to discussion with Consul General Kagan. Members spoke of their experiences of working with AMCHAM and the U.S. Consulate, the impact of their interactions with leaders of the state government as well as the challenges faced and issues that they would like to address in forthcoming events. The Consul General appreciated the insightful discussion and closed with a promise to listen and action to the best of his ability. The welcome reception concluded with a vote of thanks and concluding remarks by Mr. Ron Reed, Vice Chairman - Western Region Committee, AMCHAM and Managing Director - Petroleum & Chemicals, Jacobs Engineering India Pvt. Ltd. The event was powered by Abbott Healthcare Pvt. Ltd.

19th Sep 2017

**Roundtable Interaction with Ms. Jenna Daugherty on 'Addressing Global Health Issues by Creating Social Value Through Business Expertise: Helping People Live Healthier, Fuller Lives'**

AMCHAM India, in partnership with Abbott Healthcare Pvt. Ltd., organized a roundtable interaction with Ms. Jenna Daugherty on 'Addressing Global Health Issues by Creating Social Value Through Business Expertise: Helping People Live Healthier, Fuller Lives' at the Abbott office. The event commenced with welcome remarks by Mr. Bhasker Iyer, Vice President, EPD India, Abbott Healthcare Pvt. Ltd.

Ms. Kaku Nakhate, through her address shed light on the efforts of AMCHAM India and U.S. companies to influence the community and leave a favorable impact on society. The keynote speaker was Ms. Jenna Daugherty, Divisional VP, Global Social Responsibility, Abbott Laboratories Inc.

26th Sep 2017

**Webcast on 'Base Erosion and Profit Shifting (BEPS) - India Spotlight Adoption and Enforcement Actions' in partnership with Deloitte**

AMCHAM India, in partnership with Deloitte India, organized a webcast on 'Base Erosion and Profit Shifting (BEPS) - India Spotlight Adoption and Enforcement Actions.' Mr. Samir Gandhi, Partner, Deloitte India, setting the stage as well as introducing of the speakers.

The experts from Deloitte, Mr. Rajesh Gandhi and Mr. Rohan Phatarphekar, took participants through a valuable and detailed analysis of the implications of the BEPS action plans, highlighting treaty abuse, permanent establishment, intangibles, digital economy, transfer pricing documentation, equalization levy and country-by-country reporting. The session concluded with closing remarks by Mr. Samir Gandhi, who thanked participants for joining the session and AMCHAM India for the opportunity to partner on this significant topic.

28th Sep 2017	<p><b>Learning &amp; Sharing Session on Sales &amp; Operations Planning in Supply Chain Management</b></p> <p>AMCHAM India's Supply Chain and Logistics Committee organized a learning and sharing session on 'Sales &amp; Operations Planning in Supply Chain Management' at the Deloitte Office in Gurgaon. Mr. Srinivasan Sarangapani, Chairman - Supply Chain and Logistics Committee, AMCHAM and Director Operations, Timken Engineering &amp; Research India, gave the welcome remarks.</p> <p>The highlight of the event was an expert talk on 'Sales &amp; Operations Planning in Supply Chain Management' by Ms. Neha Chaturvedi, Pre Sales LoB Solutions, SAP. As part of the industry sharing session at the event, Mr. Umesh Madhyan, National Head Infrastructure and Logistics, Hindustan Coca-Cola Beverages, through a presentation, shared a broad dos and don'ts of various FMCGs put together from forecasting and S&amp;OP point of view. The session concluded with remarks by Ms. Ranjana Khanna, Director General CEO, AMCHAM, who thanked the speakers and the participants for joining, and stated that it was indeed a great learning experience.</p>
28th Sep 2017	<p><b>Supply Chain and Logistics Committee Meeting</b></p> <p>AMCHAM's Supply Chain and Logistics Committee Meeting was held at the Deloitte India office in Gurgaon. Ms. Surabhi Wahal opened the meeting. Welcome remarks were made by Mr. Srinivasan Sarangapani, Chairman - Supply Chain &amp; Logistics Committee and Director Operations, Timken Engineering &amp; Research India Pvt. Ltd. Ms. Ranjana Khanna, Director General CEO, AMCHAM India also addressed.</p>
10th Oct 2017	<p><b>Breakfast Session on Tax Technology and the U.S. Policy</b></p> <p>AMCHAM, in partnership with EY India, organized a breakfast session on 'Tax Technology and the U.S. Policy' in Mumbai. Mr. Sudhir Kapadia, National Tax Leader, EY India, welcomed participants and introduced the speakers: Ms. Kate Barton, Vice Chair - Tax, EY America, Mr. V. S. Parthasarathy, Group CFO, Group CIO, Chairman Mahindra eMarket Ltd., Member of the Group Executive Board, Mahindra &amp; Mahindra Ltd., Mr. Rahul Patni, Partner, Tax Technology &amp; Transformation, EY India. The panel included experts from EY - Ms. Sharda Cherwoo, Americas Tax Leader for Intelligent Automation, EY America, Mr. Milan Sheth, National Director and Partner, Technology Global Leader, Robotics and AI, EY India and Mr. Martin J. Fiore, Americas Tax Talent Leader.</p>
11th Oct 2017	<p><b>Western Region Committee Meeting</b></p> <p>AMCHAM's Western Region Committee (WRC) meeting was held. Mr. Mahesh Krishnamurti, Chairman - Western Region, AMCHAM, welcomed participants. Committee members actively discussed, the developments and next steps leading to the Western Region's signature event scheduled on, 6th December 2017 in Mumbai.</p>
30th Oct 2017	<p><b>Learning &amp; Sharing Session on 100 Days of GST: Gains &amp; Pains</b></p> <p>AMCHAM's Supply Chain and Logistics Committee organized a learning and sharing session on '100 Days of GST: Gains &amp; Pains.' Mr. Milind Tailor, Co-Chairman - Supply Chain and Logistics Committee, AMCHAM and Head of Indirect Procurement &amp; Electronic Security Asia Pacific, Diebold Nixdorf Pvt. Ltd., welcomed participants, introduced the speakers and set the stage for discussion.</p> <p>The speakers were: Mr. Prashant Deshpande, Indirect Tax Leader, Deloitte India and Mr. Nishit Shah, Manager, Deloitte India. The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Mr. Milind Tailor. The event was hosted by Diebold Nixdorf Pvt. Ltd.</p>
31st Oct 2017	<p><b>Western Region Committee Meeting</b></p> <p>AMCHAM's Western Region Committee meeting was held under the Chairmanship of Mr. Mahesh Krishnamurti. The committee discussed the developments and next steps leading to the Western Region's signature event scheduled for 6th December 2017 in Mumbai. The discussion was followed by a brief overview by Mr. Matt Timmons, Managing Director – South Asia, Lubrizol Advanced Materials India Pvt. Ltd. on AMCHAM's 'Western Region: Impact Statement' sharing insights on the project's key objective, progress and next steps.</p>



6th Nov 2017	<b>Supply Chain and Logistics Core Committee Meeting</b> <p>At the meeting of AMCHAM's SCL Core Committee keypoints of the discussion were the white paper on standardization opportunities in transport; proposed meeting of AMCHAM's SCL Committee in partnership with AMCHAM's Manufacturing Committee in Chennai and proposed industry visit in January '18. The meeting concluded with closing remarks by Mr. Srinivasan Sarangapani.</p>
14th Nov 2017	<b>Western Region Committee Meeting</b> <p>The Western Region Committee meeting was held to discuss the developments and next steps leading to the Western Region's signature event scheduled for 6th December 2017 in Mumbai.</p>
15th Nov 2017	<b>AMCHAM supported India Supply Chain Conference 2017: Supply Chains: Managing in Times of Upheaval</b> <p>AMCHAM India as an associate partner to ASCP organized the India Supply Chain Conference 2017 on the overarching theme 'Supply Chains: Managing in Times of Upheaval.' The conference was a world class platform for discussions amongst business and academic leaders with a view to seeking novel and innovative solutions to positively transform supply chain challenges into opportunities for all business verticals in India.</p>
6th Dec 2017	<b>Western Region's Signature Event - India: 2018 and Beyond</b> <p>AMCHAM's Western Region organized its signature event under the overarching theme of 'India: 2018 &amp; Beyond.' The significant event also marked Ambassador Kenneth I. Juster's first address to AMCHAM India. Ms. Ranjana Khanna, Director General CEO, AMCHAM India, welcomed the gathering of industry leaders, AMCHAM's NEB members and senior representatives of the U.S. government. Mr. Mahesh Krishnamurti, Chairman - Western Region, AMCHAM, welcomed the guests. Mr. Arun Kumar, Vice-Chairman, AMCHAM and Chairman and CEO, KPMG in India, also addressed.</p> <p>The keynote speakers of the evening were: Mr. Prashant Jain, CIO, HDFC Mutual Fund Jain, Ms. Vanitha Narayanan, Immediate Past Chairperson, AMCHAM and Chairman, IBM India Pvt. Ltd., Ms. Kaku Nakhate and Mr. Rachid Fergati, Managing Director, UPS. Mr. Gulshan Kumar Sachdev, Vice Chairman, AMCHAM India, in his concluding remarks thanked Ambassador Kenneth Juster, the esteemed speakers, the sponsors, AMCHAM members present and the leaders of AMCHAM's Western Region for coming together to create an impactful signature event.</p>
6th Dec 2017	<b>National Executive Board Meeting</b> <p>The third meeting of AMCHAM's National Executive Board was held in Mumbai. The new U.S. Ambassador to India, Ambassador Kenneth I. Juster, addressed the board meeting as Honorary President of the chamber. Mr. Pratyush Kumar, Chairman, AMCHAM India, welcomed the Ambassador and discussed the U.S. - India strategic partnership. This was followed by an introduction of board members and brief comments by each of them, sharing their experience of doing business in India. AMCHAM welcomed Mr. Robert Garverick, Minister Counselor for Economic Affairs, Environment, Science and Technology, U.S. Embassy, to the board.</p> <p>Mr. Mahesh Krishnamurti, Chairman - Western Region, made a presentation on the Western Region. Mr. Sanjay Koul, Chairman - Manufacturing Committee, AMCHAM and Chairman &amp; Managing Director, Timken India, made a presentation on manufacturing in India and gave an overview of the manufacturing committee's activities.</p>

6th Dec 2017	<p><b>National Executive Board Members Meeting with the Hon'ble CM of Maharashtra Mr. Devendra Fadnavis and Senior Member of the State Government of Maharashtra</b></p> <p>Members of AMCHAM 's National Executive Board met with the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Maharashtra, Mr. Devendra Fadnavis, along with senior representatives of the state government at Sahyadri Government Guest House in Mumbai. The 16 member AMCHAM delegation led by Mr. Pratyush Kumar, Chairman, AMCHAM, had a candid and insightful discussion with the Hon'ble CM. The senior government officials present included Mr. Praveen Pardeshi, Additional Chief Secretary to the Hon'ble CM, Mr. Sunil Porwal, Additional Chief Secretary Industries, Mr. Rajgopal Devara, Principal Chief Secretary and Chief Protocol Officer, Mr. Suresh Kakani, Vice Chairman and MD, Maharashtra Airport Development Company Ltd., Mr. U.P.S. Madan, Metropolitan Commissioner and Additional Chief Secretary, MMRDA, Mr. S.V.R. Srinivas, Principal Secretary IT, Mr. Sanjay Sethi, CEO, MIDC and Mr. Nitin Kareer, Principal Secretary, Urban Development Department.</p>
24th Jan 2018	<p><b>Western Region's Telecon Voting of Western Region Committee Office Bearers 2018 - 19</b></p> <p>Following the nominations received from AMCHAM WR Members for the 3 Office Bearer positions of AMCHAM's Western Region Committee 2018 - 2019, a telecon was held to undertake the elections to the respective candidatures. Members unanimously elected Mr. Mahesh Krishnamurti as the Chairman, Mr. Hitesh Sharma as Co-Chairman and Ms. Kaku Nakhate (Bank of America N.A.) for the NEB.</p>
2nd Feb 2018	<p><b>Roundtable on Budget 2018 - Impact Analysis</b></p> <p>AMCHAM India, in partnership with knowledge partner EY, organized a roundtable on 'Budget 2018 - Impact Analysis.' Mr. Sudhir Kapadia, National Tax Leader, EY India, in his introductory address shared detailed inputs from this year's budget and its implications. The experts from EY - Mr. Hitesh Sharma, Tax Partner &amp; National Leader - Lifesciences, EY, Mr. Uday Pimprikar, Tax Partner - Indirect Tax Services, EY and Mr. Tejas Desai, Partner, EY, shared their expertise with details highlighting the impact of Budget 2018. The event was well attended by finance and tax leaders of AMCHAM member companies. The session concluded with a vote of thanks by Ms. Ursula Thakkar, Managing Director, South Asia, Lubrizol Advanced Materials India Pvt. Ltd.</p>
6th Feb 2018	<p><b>Western Region Committee Meeting</b></p> <p>During AMCHAM's Western Region Committee meeting, members discussed the WR project 'Impact Statement' and ideated towards the proposed meetings and events in the region for the near future. Members were updated on the newly elected WRC 2018 - 2019 that would be instated w.e.f. AMCHAM India's AGM in April 2018.</p>
6th Feb 2018	<p><b>Informal Chat with Consul General Edgard D. Kagan, U.S. Consulate General Mumbai</b></p> <p>AMCHAM's Western Region organized an informal chat with Consul General Edgard D. Kagan, U.S. Consulate General Mumbai. The morning began with Consul General Edgard D. Kagan being escorted on a special tour of the Abbott Healthcare office which was led by Mr. Bhasker Iyer, Vice President, EPD India, Abbott Healthcare Pvt. Ltd.</p> <p>This was followed by an informal chat which provided an excellent opportunity to AMCHAM members to hear from the Consul General on key economic and strategic issues. The session commenced with opening remarks by Mr. Mahesh Krishnamurti, followed by welcome remarks by Mr. Bhasker Iyer. Consul General Edgard D. Kagan shared an overview of the U.S. - India economic and bilateral relationship. Ms. Kaku Nakhate, brought forth insightful views and questions on issues faced in the medical devices sector, transfer pricing, smart cities, ease of doing business etc.</p> <p>Mr. Ron Reed, Vice Chairman - Western Region, AMCHAM and MD - Petroleum &amp; Chemicals, Jacobs Engineering India Pvt. Ltd. proposed the vote of thanks. The event was hosted by Abbott Healthcare Pvt. Ltd.</p>

20th Feb 2018

### U.S. - India Trade Roundtable Discussion with the Hon'ble CM of Maharashtra Mr. Devendra Fadnavis and U.S. Consul General Edgard D. Kagan

On the occasion of Magnetic Maharashtra Convergence 2018: Global Investor Summit, AMCHAM in partnership with the U.S. Consulate General Mumbai, organized a 'U.S. - India Trade Roundtable' chaired by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Maharashtra, Mr. Devendra Fadnavis and U.S. Consul General Edgard D. Kagan.

The 40 member delegation of U.S. companies was led by Consul General Edgard D Kagan. Delegation consisted of Mr. Arun Kumar, Vice Chairman - AMCHAM and Chairman and CEO, KPMG in India, Mr. Mahesh Krishnamurti, Chairman - Western Region, AMCHAM and MD, RGP and Mr. Pradeep Lankapalli, MD, South Asia, Thomson Reuters. Senior leaders of Jacobs Engineering India Pvt. Ltd., John Deere India Pvt. Ltd., Citibank, Kimberly-Clark Hygiene Products Pvt. Ltd., Ecolab and Corning India, addressed the Hon'ble Chief Minister by sharing their specific industry issues, suggestions on ease of doing business, as well as success stories of their experience in Maharashtra.

14th Mar 2018

### Western Region Committee Meeting

AMCHAM's Western Region Committee meeting commenced with reviews and comments on past events and meetings held in the Western Region. The committee actively discussed the progress of the WR project 'Impact Statement' and ideated towards proposed meetings and events in the region for the near future.

14th Mar 2018

### Supply Chain & Logistics Committee's Session on E-Way Bill - The Road Ahead

AMCHAM's Supply Chain and Logistics Committee in partnership with knowledge provider EY organized a session on 'E-Way Bill - The Road Ahead' in Mumbai. The session was held with the objective of understanding the requirement, identifying the concern areas and challenges of the E-Way Bill to journey into the new compliance with minimum disruption to business.

Mr. Milind Tailor, Co-Chairman - AMCHAM Supply Chain & Logistics Committee, AMCHAM, and Head of Indirect Procurement & Electronic Security Asia Pacific, Diebold Nixdorf Pvt. Ltd. welcomed participants. Through his introductory remarks Mr. Suresh Nair, Partner - Indirect Tax, EY India, introduced the topic and the speakers. The experts from EY included: Ms. Smita Bhandari, Partner - Indirect Tax, EY India, Mr. Ravikumar Yanamandra Director - Indirect Tax, EY India and Mr. Uday Pimprikar, Tax Partner - Indirect Tax Services, who shared their expertise highlighting the applicability, responsibilities and key features of the E-Way Bill. The event was well attended by supply chain leaders of AMCHAM member companies. The session concluded with a vote of thanks by Mr. Ravi Sundararaj, Procurement Manager, Solenis Chemicals India Pvt. Ltd.





Consul General Thomas L. Vajda, U.S. Consulate General, Mumbai with AMCHAM members at the farewell lunch in his honor



(L-R) Ms. Ranjana Khanna, Director General CEO, AMCHAM India, Ms. Kaku Nakhate, Member - National Executive Board, AMCHAM and Country Head, Bank of America, Consul General Thomas L. Vajda, U.S. Consulate General, Mumbai, Mr. Mahesh Krishnamurti, Chairman - Western Region, AMCHAM and MD, RGP India and Ms. Surabhi Wahal, Regional Director - Western Region, AMCHAM India



Ms. Surabhi Wahal, Regional Director - Western Region, AMCHAM, speaking as part of the plenary panel at the Consultation & Learning Workshop



Professor Shalini Bharat, Deputy Director, TISS speaking at a workshop on 'Enhancing and Accelerating Responses to the Needs of Orphan and Vulnerable Children (Seated L-R) Mr. Mohan HL, Managing Trustee, KHPT, Ms. Sangeeta Kaul, Sr. Project Management Specialist, USAID, Mr. Parimal Singh, IAS, Project Director, MSACS, Mr. Dwipal K. Bose, Mentor and Advisor, Social and Rural Enterprises, Dr. Padmaja Kesar, Executive Health Officer, MCGM & PD, MDACS and Ms. Surabhi Wahal





Ms. Surabhi Wahal with U.S. Consulate General Mumbai officials welcoming Ms. Fatema Sumar from the Millennium Challenge Corporation



(L-R) Ms. Kaku Nakhate with Ambassador Frank G. Wisner, International Affairs Advisor, Squire Patton Boggs and Mr. Mahesh Krishnamurti





AMCHAM's Western Region members at a roundtable on '30 Days of the GST Regime' hosted by EY



Interaction and brainstorming at the Western Region Committee meeting in Mumbai (L-R) Mr. Matthew Timmons, MD - South Asia, Lubrizol Advanced Materials India, Mr. Christopher Grossman, Chief Economic & Political Affairs, U.S. Consulate General, Mumbai and Mr. Arjun Vaidyanathan, Partner, KPMG



(L-R) Ms. Surabhi Wahal, Mr. Mahesh Krishnamurti, Consul General Edgard D. Kagan, Ms. Kaku Nakhate, Mr. Ron Reed and Mr. Matt Timmons at a welcome event in Mumbai for the new Consul General



AMCHAM's Western Region members with Mr. Edgard D. Kagan and representatives of the U.S. Consulate at a welcome reception in honour of Consul General Kagan





Participants at the roundtable interaction with Ms. Jenna Daugherty, Divisional VP, Global Social Responsibility, Abbott Laboratories Inc. on 'Addressing Global Health Issues by Creating Social Value Through Business Expertise: Helping People Live Healthier, Fuller Lives' in Mumbai



Ms. Surabhi Wahal, presenting a bouquet to guest speaker Ms. Jenna Daugherty at a CSR event





At the National Executive Board meeting in Mumbai (L-R) Mr. Atul Dhawan, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, AMCHAM and Partner, Deloitte, Ms. Ranjana Khanna, Director General CEO, AMCHAM, Mr. Pratyush Kumar, Chairman, AMCHAM, Ambassador Kenneth Juster, Ms. Kaku Nakhate, NEB Member, AMCHAM and U.S. Consul General Edgard Kagan



Ambassador Kenneth Juster addressing AMCHAM members in Mumbai (L-R seated on the dais) Ms. Ranjana Khanna, Mr. Arun Kumar, Mr. Mahesh Krishnamurti and U.S. Consul General Edgard Kagan



Mr. Mahesh Krishnamurti presenting Ambassador Juster with AMCHAM's 25th anniversary commemorative book

Keynote speaker Mr. Prashant Jain, CIO, HDFC Mutual Fund, during an interactive Q&A along with Ms. Kaku Nakhate



Fireside chat on 'India: 2018 & Beyond' with Ms. Vanitha Narayanan, Immediate Past Chairperson, AMCHAM and Chairman, IBM India and Ms. Kaku Nakhate

Mr. Rachid Fergati, Managing Director, UPS, speaking at the Western Region's signature event





Consul General Edgard D. Kagan warmly welcomed by Mr. Bhasker Iyer, Vice President, EPD India, Abbott Healthcare with (L-R) Ms. Kaku Nakhate, Mr. Mahesh Krishnamurti, Mr. Ron Reed and Ms. Surabhi Wahal



U.S. Consul General Edgard D. Kagan along with members of AMCHAM's Western Region



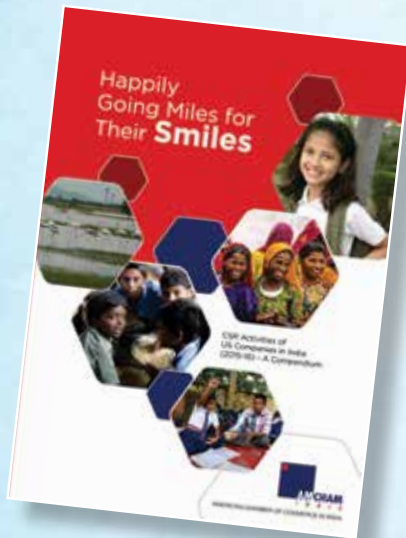
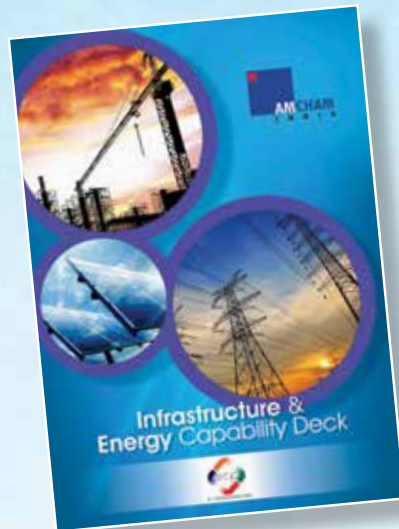


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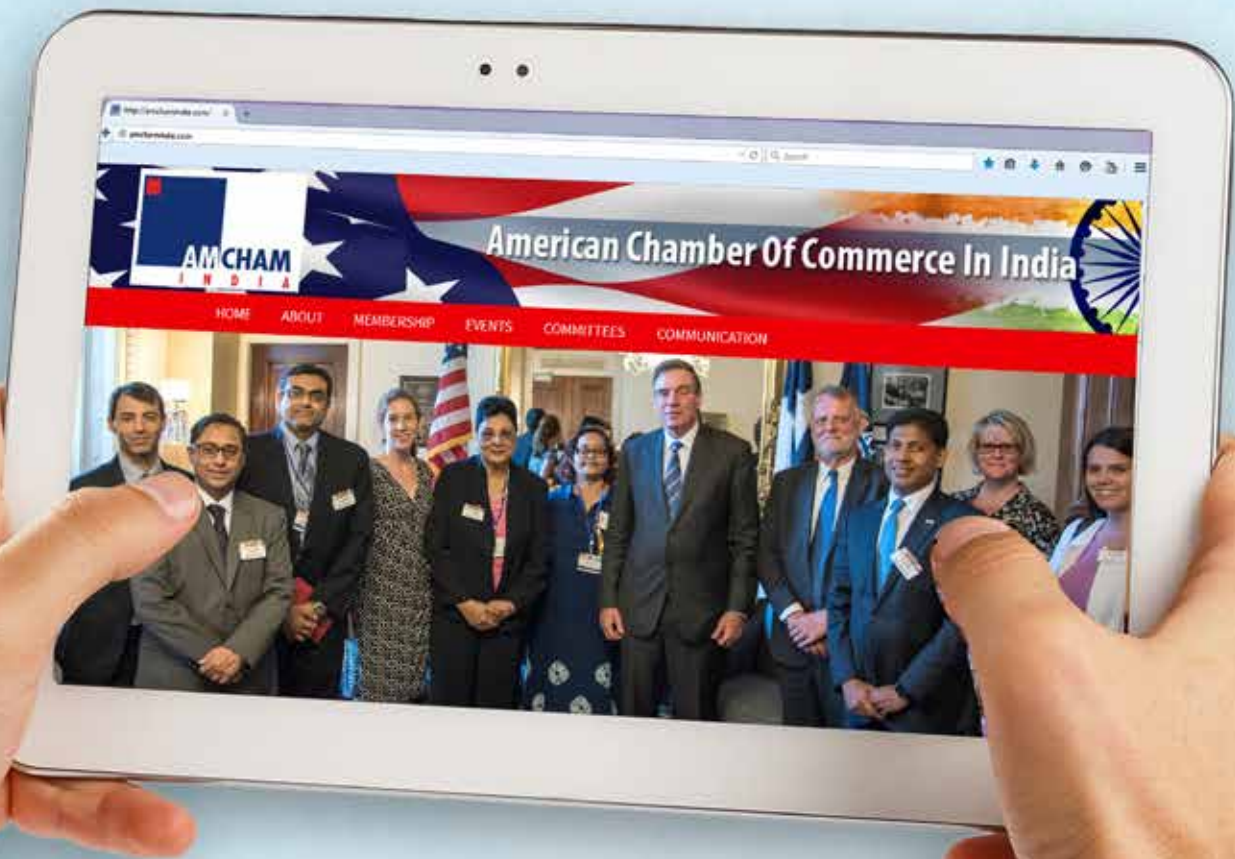
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*Helping kiranas modernize & enable them to prosper  
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*Helping small farmers become market savvy,  
enhance productivity through training on good agronomy  
practices & linkage with markets*

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