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A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

26th August 2021

It is my privilege to present the Annual Report of the Federation for the year ended on 31st March 2021. The report contains a brief on the key highlights of FGI achievements and events undertaken by FGI during the financial year.

The financial year started on a low trajectory as the country was reeling under the coronavirus and its impact on the economy. Eventually with the development of the anti-covid vaccine we started coming back on track and the industries started showing growth and confidence again. The New Industrial Policy 2020 for Gujarat launched by Hon'ble Chief Minister, Shri Vijaybhai Rupani equally covered all sectors of economy and played its role in providing further vitamins to boost the growth of the Industrial sector.

Though 2020 as a year was marred by the cruel Covid virus, it didn't deter our Federation's spirit. The Executive committee and the secretariat put in all efforts to ensure that our member industries continue to operate smoothly by obtaining due permissions with the cooperation from the Vadodara Collectorate. Adhering to the Covid guidelines, we promptly shifted our mode of events to digital platforms. We organized webinars on topics such as DGFT Rules, Rebuilding People, Business and Trust, Code on Wages, Export Incentives, Cyber Security, Tax Refunds, Innovation, HR, District Export Plan, Book Review Forum, Microsoft Excel Training, Gas Sourcing, Challenges and Opportunities in Logistics and even Online Buyer Seller Meetings with Public Sector Companies such as Indian Oil Gujarat Refinery, Gujarat Alkalies, Power Grid Corporation and BEML Bengaluru.

Dignitaries such as Shri Suresh Prabhu, Former Union Minister and India's Sherpa to G7 and G20, Renowned Ad Guru, Mr. Prahlad Kakar, Chief Economist of IDFC First Bank Ltd., Mr. Indranil Pan addressed our events and webinars.

Our 16th Edition of FGI Awards for Excellence were presented to all the Awardees at the presentation ceremony held in the august presence of Shri Yogesh Patel, Hon'ble Minister of State- Narmada and Urban Housing, Government of Gujarat. Hon'ble Chief Minister of Gujarat, Shri Vijaybhai Rupani gave virtual inaugural address during the presentation ceremony. A total of 260 applications were received for the 13 categories of FGI Awards and also a special FGI Lifetime Achievement Award was conferred upon one of the leading business personalities of the country, Mr. Chirayu R. Amin, Chairman, Alembic Pharmaceuticals Ltd.

FGI took part in several CSR events such as celebration of World Yoga Day, tree plantations, promoting State and Central Government programs and distributing chocolates to slums and NGOs. FGI also signed an MoU with i-Hub a Government of Gujarat body in the virtual presence of Ms. Anju Sharma, IAS, Principal Secretary (Higher & Technical Education), Govt. of Gujarat and Chairman, i-Hub with a goal to nurture innovation and startup ecosystem in Central Gujarat. We also hosted business delegations and envoys from Sweden and United States of America.

The support I have received from all our colleagues in the Managing Committee is really commendable and worthy of placing on record. We have been able to represent the Federation's point of view to our FGI Members, the State and Central Government and other Stakeholders. My team of office bearers and I would like to personally thank them all for their direction and guidance in achieving objectives of FGI.

I am thankful to our consultants for all the advices and expert views and opinions received from time to time on business matters referred to them for advice. I also take the opportunity to express recognition to our staff members at FGI Secretariat for performing their duties devotedly. A special thank you to the media fraternity for their continued support and request them for their co-operation in future.

I would like to reaffirm FGI's commitment to steer the growth of its member industries and we shall continue working closely with the Government for due implementation of policies and initiatives. I also wish the new team of FGI Office Bearers, Mr. Abhishek Gangwal, President, Mr. Tarak Patel, Sr. Vice President, Ms. Arti Basu, Vice President and Mr. Rustom Patell, Hon. Treasurer, all the best in their endeavors.

Sincerely yours,

Manohar Chawla
President, FGI (2019-21)





MANAGING COMMITTEE OF FGI FOR THE YEAR 2020-2021

PRESIDENT

Manohar Chawla

Ashwin Vanaspati Industries Pvt. Ltd.

SR. VICE PRESIDENT

Paresh Saraiya

Transpek-Silox Industry Pvt. Ltd.

VICE PRESIDENT

Abhishek Gangwal

HPS Gases Ltd.

HON. TREASURER

Mr. Bharat Shah

Gautam Infin Ltd.

PATRON MEMBER

Chirayu Amin

Alembic Pharmaceuticals Ltd.

PAST PRESIDENTS

Rakesh Agrawal

Shiva Pharmachem Ltd.

Shivinder Singh Chawla

Reinhardt Teknik

Ram Devidayal

Ashok Patel

Simalin Chemical Industries Pvt. Ltd.

Geeta Goradia

Jewel Consumer Care Pvt. Ltd.

PAST PRESIDENTS - INVITEES

Dr. Viren Patel

Jal R. Patel

Visubhai Patel

Simalin Chemical Industries Pvt. Ltd.

Yogendra Gangwal

Sky Acetylene Co. Pvt. Ltd.

ELECTED MEMBERS

Atul Patel

Enviro Infrastructure Co. Ltd.

Amit Goradia

Kunkel Wagner (India) Pvt. Ltd.

Dilip Shah

Prakash Chemicals International Pvt. Ltd.

Mohan Nair

Sabari Chemicals Pvt. Ltd.

Pranav Doshi

Urja Power Pte Ltd.

Tarak Patel

Tarak Chemicals Ltd

Arti Basu

Parth Projects & Construction Pvt. Ltd.

Hemal Mehta

P-MET High Tech Co. Pvt. Ltd.

Nilesh Shukla

Pioneer Elecmech (I) Pvt. Ltd.

Pooja Ranka

Zydex Industries Pvt. Ltd.

Avant Amin

Dot Graphics LLP

Rustom Patell

Baroda Polyform Pvt. Ltd.

Bharat Desai

Bharat Parenterals Ltd.

Narendra Varma

Gulbrandsen Chemicals Pvt. Ltd.

Sameer Kherra

SEE Linkages Pvt. Ltd.

Vipul Ray

Elmex Electric Pvt. Ltd.

CO-OPTED MEMBERS

Arvind Nopany

Rishi FIBC Solutions Pvt. Ltd.

Dr. Firoz Holia

National Research & Management Centre (NRMCM)

Jatin P. Parikh

Koch Engineered Solutions India Pvt. Ltd.

Neetu Jain

Panache Green Tech Solution Pvt. Ltd.

Rakesh Bansal

Shakun Polymers Pvt. Ltd

SPECIAL INVITEES

Kush Patel

Banco Aluminium Limited

CA Manish Baxi

Purity Flexpack Ltd.

S. K. Rajjada

Piramal Glass Private Limited

CA Sanjeev Shah

Shah Sanjeev & Associates

SECRETARIAT

Premal Dave

Secretary General

FGI SUB-COMMITTEES 2020-21

	NAME OF COMMITTEE	CHAIRPERSON
1.	Agro Committee	Mr. Ram Devidayal
2.	Asset Management, Taxation, Banking and Accounts Committee	Mr. Shivinder Singh Chawla
3.	Awards Committee	Ms. Geeta Goradia
4.	Civic Affairs Committee	Mr. Dilip Shah
5.	Chemical, Pharma & Environment Committee	Mr. Mohan Nair
6.	Constitution Committee	Mr. Rakesh Agrawal
7.	Editorial Committee	Mr. Abhishek Gangwal
8.	Electrical and Energy Committee	Mr. Pranav Doshi
9.	Export Promotion & International Trade Committee	Mr. Amit Goradia
10.	FGI - Expo Committee	Mr. Abhishek Gangwal
11.	Legal Committee	Mr. Manohar Chawla
12.	Membership Drive Committee	Ms. Hemal Mehta
13.	Membership Scrutiny Committee	Mr. Tarak Patel
14.	MSME Committee	Ms. Geeta Goradia
15.	Policy Advocacy Committee	Mr. Atul Patel
16.	Public Relation Committee	Mr. Manohar Chawla
17.	Skill Development, Education and Innovation Committee	Dr. Ajay Ranka
18.	Youth & Women Wing Committee	Ms. Arti Basu

FGI CONSULTANTS

	Area of Consultancy	Advisor
1.	Finance, Business & Restructuring	CA Sunil Vakil Sunil Vakil Associates
2.	GST & other Indirect Taxes	CA Anirudh Sonpal Anirudh Sonpal & Associates
3.	Corporate Affairs	CS Devesh Pathak Devesh Vimal & Co.
4.	Income Tax	CA Milin Mehta K. C. Mehta & Co. - Chartered Accountants
5.	Goods & Service Tax (GST)	Mr. K. B. Shah K. B. Shah & Co. & Mr. Manubhai Vaghela M. B. Vaghela & Co.
6.	Labour Laws	Mr. Sudhir Shah, Advocate Mr. A. D. Parikh, Advocate & Mr. N. P. Jani, Advocate Jani Parikh & Associates

FGI REPRESENTATIVES ON VARIOUS GOVERNMENTAL / NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

CENTRAL & STATE GOVERNMENT COMMITTEES

A. Central Government Committees

1. Central Excise Regional Advisory Committee - Organized and SSI Sector, Vadodara Zone:
Mr. Abhishek Gangwal - Vice President, FGI & Mr. Pranav Doshi, Managing Committee Member, FGI
2. Grievance Committee of Joint DGFT, Vadodara: Mr. Tarak Patel, Managing Committee Member, FGI
3. Customs Clearance Facilitation Committee – Ahmedabad Customs Commissionerate
Mr. Premal Dave, Secretary General, FGI

B. State Government Committees

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. State Level Industrial Advisory Board,
Gujarat State
Mr. Manohar Chawla, President, FGI 3. Gujarat State Crisis Group
Mr. Rakesh Agrawal, Past President, FGI 5. Gujarat Environment Management Institution
(GEMI) Mr. Manohar Chawla, President, FGI 7. Energy Task Force Committee -
Gujarat Urja Vikas Nigam Limited (GUVNL)
Mr. Pranav Doshi,
Managing Committee Member, FGI | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Technical Examination Board,
Govt, of Gujarat
Mr. Premal Dave, Secretary General, FGI 4. Development Council - Chemical
Industry, Govt of Gujarat
Mr. Ram Devidayal, Past President, FGI 6. Development Council - Engineering
Industry, Govt of Gujarat
Mr. Manohar Chawla, President, FGI 8. Electrical Supply Code Review Panel - Gujarat
Electricity Regulatory Commission(GERC)
Mr. Pranav Doshi, Hon. Treasurer, FGI |
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FEDERATION REPRESENTATIVES ON LOCAL COMMITTEES

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Member - Local Board Employees
State Insurance Corporation, Vadodara
Mr. Premal Dave, Secretary General, FGI 3. M. S. University of Baroda
(Senate Member)
Mr. Manohar Chawla, President, FGI 5. Grievance Redressal Cell
Commercial Tax Department, Vadodara
Mr. Bharat Shah, Hon. Treasurer, FGI 7. Investor Facilitation Centre Committee,
Collector office, Vadodara
Mr. Premal Dave, Secretary General, FGI | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Vadodara District Implementation Committee,
ITI, Vadodara
Mr. Manohar Chawla, President, FGI 4. Baroda District Industrial
Advisory Committee
Mr. Premal Dave, Secretary General, FGI 6. Committee for Employment of
Physically Disabled Persons -
Vadodara District
Mr. Premal Dave, Secretary General, FGI |
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FGI REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

1. Forum of Federations, Chambers and Associations of Industries of Gujarat
Ms. Geeta Goradia, President, FORUM and Past President, FGI
2. Vadodara Traffic Education Trust -
Mr. Manohar Chawla - President, FGI –Vice Chairman & Trustee - VTET
3. Gujarat Safety Council, Vadodara
Mr. Premal Dave, Secretary General, FGI
4. ASSOCHAM - Executive Committee, New Delhi
Late Mr. Nitin Mankad–Past President, FGI
5. FICCI Gujarat State Council
Mr. Manohar Chawla- President, FGI

FGI MEMBERS INDIVIDUALLY ON OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

1. Member, Executive Committee, FICCI, New Delhi
Mr. Chirayu Amin, Past President & Patron Member, FGI & FICCI
2. Member – COA, Pharmexcil
Ministry of Commerce & Industry, GOI
Mr. Bharat Desai, Managing Committee Member, FGI
3. Member, FICCI National Executive Committee
Mr. Manohar Chawla - President, FGI

FEDERATION ACTIVITIES 2020-21

PROGRAMMES

- **26th May 2020**

FGI Webinar on "Overview on Latest Notifications, Circulars, Rules in DGFT, Customs & GST for Exporters & Importers"

The webinar was conducted by Expert Faculty on Exports, Mr. Mihir Shah.

The session had covered - overview of Current Situation of Export & Import trade, latest Changes in DGFT, latest Changes in Customs & GST, latest Changes in RBI, changes and Updates with Other Agencies.

- **30th May 2020**

Webinar on Rebuilding – Business, People, Trust

FGI & HR Association of India (HRAI) jointly organized a webinar on REBUILDING – Business, People, Trust.

The technical session was conducted by esteemed guest speakers - Mr. Vikas Shirodkar, Founder & Director, Basil HR, Mr. Vijay Kalra, Head-Mahindra Institute of Quality & Chairman, Central Safety Council, Mahindra Group and well moderated by Dr. Ankita Singh, SVP & Global Head-HR, CIGNEX Datamatics.

- **16th June 2020**

FGI Webinar on "Code on Wages, 2019"

The webinar was conducted by Guest Speaker Ms. Richa Mohanty Rao, Partner, Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas, New Delhi.

The session focused on creating awareness on the codes making participants compliance ready to understand the changes brought in the provisions of the previous Acts and how they impact the wage system of the organizations for easier adaptation and effective enforcement of the Code on Wages 2019 by the stakeholders with transparency and accountability and to be able to undergo a smooth transition.

- **22nd June 2020**

Celebration of 103rd FGI Establishment Day

On the occasion of completion of 102 years of the Establishment Day of the Federation of Gujarat Industries (FGI), tree plantation was done at the FGI Premise.

The members of managing committee who planted tree saplings were - Mr. Manohar Chawla, President, Mr. Abhishek Gangwal, Vice President, Mr. Bharat Shah, Hon. Treasurer, Ms. Geeta Goradia, Past President, Mr. Nitin Mankad, Imm. Past President, Mr. Nilesh Shukla, Managing Committee member, Mr. Pranav Doshi, Managing Committee member and Mr. Premal Dave, Secretary General, FGI.

- **16th July 2020**

FGI Webinar on Export Incentives: An Overview of Current Schemes

The webinar was conducted by Guest Speaker Mr. Mihir Shah, Expert Faculty on Exports.

The session comprised of overview of various export incentives, EPCG scheme, advance authorization / DFIA Duty drawback, Chapter 3 schemes – MEIS / SEIS / Status holder, future position on MEIS & change to RoDTEP, current updates and challenges and other related topics.

- **29th July 2020**

FGI Webinar on Cyber Security for Industries during Covid-19

The webinar was conducted by Esteemed Guest Speaker Dr. Pavan Duggal, Advocate Supreme Court & renowned expert on Cyber law and cyber security.



The session had covered cyber security perspectives such as – current cyber security breach landscape, globally and in India, evolution and growth of cyber security Law and its impact on industry, Indian Cyber Law and its applicability to industries and legal strategies for industries to minimize legal exposure under Indian Cyber Law.

- **7th August 2020**

FGI Webinar on "The 3C Challenges in New Normal"

The webinar was conducted by Esteemed Guest Speaker Mr. Nitin Dixit, Director, BizKraFT and the panelist was Mr. Manoj Agrawal, Executive Director, BizKraFT.

The objective of the seminar was to understand the factors driving the market share in "New Normal", to make out own cost optimization strategy, to understand the key factors which govern the cash flow, to understand and make the supply chain value based rather than cost based.

- **21st August 2020**

FGI Webinar on Changes in Assessment Procedures And Appeals Due to COVID-19 & Issues Related to Tax Refunds

The webinar was conducted by Esteemed Guest Speaker Mr. Prashant Maheshwari, Director – International Tax, Transfer Pricing & Income – Tax Litigations, B S R & Associates LLP

The session had covered issues related to assessment procedures and tax refunds and focused on the process of faceless assessments by Indian Income-tax department.

- **25th August 2020**

FGI Webinar on Recent Changes in EPFO

The webinar was graced by esteemed Chief Guest, Mr. Jayant Kumar Pandey, Regional PF Commissioner-I , EPFO, Vadodara

The other Guest Speakers of the session were Mr. Jai Shankar Prasad, Regional PF Commissioner-II, EPFO, Vadodara, Mr. Sanjay Kumar Rai, Regional PF Commissioner-II, EPFO, Vadodara, Mr. Prashant Priyadarshi, APFC, EPFO, Vadodara.

The session had covered updates on new several digital initiatives by EPFO, Vadodara like E-inspection, Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojna, UAN and KYC and improving ease of living of workers and ease of doing business for employees.

- **28th August 2020**

FGI Innovation Showcase Webinar

The webinar was conducted in association with iCreate. The Keynote address was delivered by Dr. Madhukumar Mehta, Chairman Emeritus and Founding team member, iCreate and Guest Speakers - Mr. Suraj Rajan, Founder, Alluvium IoT Solutions Pvt Ltd., Mr. Tarun Purohit, Founder, Limelight IT Research Pvt. Ltd., Mr. Suket Amin, Founder, Sunbots Innovations LLP, Mr. Navneet Pal, Founder, Crestkiting Retailers Pvt. Ltd., Mr. Prasen Vinchurkar, Founder, Red Carbon Techno Hub gave presentations on their innovative products and offerings. The webinar was moderated by Mr. Siddharth Pareek, Program Manager, iCreate.

The session covered new tools, technology and connectivity and innovative solutions for problems which arise in offices and plants due to covid virus.

- **11th September 2020**

Panel Discussion on "Evolving Role of HR during the Covid-19 Times"

A panel discussion on the "Evolving Role of HR during Covid-19 times" was organized wherein the panellists consisted of expert HR speakers such as Mr. Sarvadaman Rajjada, Chief Mentor, Piramal Glass Pvt. Ltd. & Managing Committee Member, FGI, Mr. Sanjay Suthar, Vice President – HR & IR, Cera Sanitaryware Ltd. and

Mr. Sharad Gangal, Executive-VP – HR, IR & Admin., Thermax Ltd. The panel discussion was moderated by Ms. Richa Mohanty Rao, Partner, Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas.

The expert panellists spoke on the paradigm shift which had been brought forward by the pandemic and how HR today has to be on its toes to ensure that the employees are constantly engaged, productive and do not get bored because of the new normal working conditions. The panel discussion covered on ways and means to capitalize this testing time be it on Transformation, Employee Wellness, Engagement and Safety or Launching New Initiatives.

- **16th September 2020**

Webinar on “District Export Plan – Importance and Way Forward”

This webinar was organized in line with the recent focus of Government of India to develop each district as an Export Hub. The Vadodara DGFT is playing a key role for preparation and implementation of District Export Plan for Vadodara which was thoroughly explained during the webinar by Esteemed Guest Speaker – Dr. Ashis Kumar Dash, Deputy Director General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) of Vadodara.

- **28th October 2020**

FGI Online Buyer-Seller Meet (OBSM) 2020

FGI had organized first batch of online-buyer seller meet to bridge the gap of personal meetings between buyers and sellers which had risen due to the covid hacked business scenario. The tailor-made BSM aimed to facilitate vendor development for prominent Public Sector companies in the country.

We had three batches with Gujarat Refinery – IOCL, BEML Ltd. and Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd. as our esteemed PSU Buyers.

OBSM with First PSU- Gujarat Refinery IOCL

Gujarat Refinery, the Flagship Refinery of Indian Oil was represented by Mr. Swarjit Barua, DGM Materials Purchase, Gujarat Refinery, Mr. Amit Agarwal, Chief Materials Manager Purchase, Gujarat Refinery and Mr. Sandeep Meshram, Sr. Materials Manager Purchase.

OBSM with Second PSU - BEML Ltd. Bengaluru

BEML Ltd. formerly known as Bharat Earth Movers Ltd. is a Central PSU which manufactures a variety of heavy equipment, such as that used for earth moving, transport and mining. The PSU was represented by Mr. Srinivasan T N, Deputy General Manager, BEML Ltd. and Mr. Raghavendra B D, Asst. Manager, BEML Ltd.

OBSM with Third PSU - Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd.

Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd., a ‘Maharatna’ Central Public Centre Enterprise is India’s largest Electric Power Transmission Utility. Mr.T. V. Venkiteswaran, Sr. GM, C&M, Vadodara, Mr. K. K. Thakur, Sr. GM, QA&I Vadodara, Mr. Anurag Arora, DGM, QA&I Gurgaon, Mr. Mani Shekhar, DGM, C&M, Vadodara and Mr. Parvinder Malik, Manager, CS Gurgaon represented Power Grid during the meeting.

All the PSUs presented on their profile and network, their requirements of products & services, their process of procurement, products which require GeM registration, current and upcoming tenders, process of payment and payment cycle and details of person for coordination. After their presentation, an hour was dedicated for Q&A Session for sellers to clear all their doubts and queries.

- **30th October 2020**

Webinar on General Care and Compliances under the Companies Act, 2013

The webinar was conducted by guest speaker CS Devesh Pathak, Proprietor, Devesh Pathak & Associates.

Companies are managed by Managing Director or Directors along with the team of Key Managerial Personnel (KMP’s). They are also responsible for the compliance of the various laws including the Companies Act, 2013 (‘the Act’). Hence, they have to design the Management strategy keeping in view the Act also.

Not only that, the Act and rules also go on changing frequently and COVID-19 has changed the dimensions of compliance of law drastically. Hence, it is also imperative to fine-tune management strategy from time to time. The role of company secretary is very vital especially in compliance of the Act.

In this backdrop, the webinar was organized by FGI in association with ICSI (Vadodara Chapter) to provide some key alerts on the subject

- **5th November 2020**

Webinar on Indian Economy with Mr. Indranil Pan, Chief Economist, IDFC First Bank Ltd.

The webinar was conducted by Guest Speaker Mr. Indranil Pan, Chief Economist, IDFC First Bank Ltd.

The session had covered the economic impact of the 2020 coronavirus pandemic in India which had been largely disruptive and provide valuable guidance on the current state of Indian Economy.

- **10th November 2020**

Webinar on “Decoding the New Labour Codes”

The webinar was conducted by esteemed Guest Speakers Ms. Richa Mohanty Rao, and Mr. Abe Abraham, Partners, Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas.

The session had covered 3 Labour Codes recently passed in the Indian Parliament, namely the Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Code, 2020, the Industrial Relations Code, 2020 and the Code on Social Security, 2020, which had also received the Presidential assent on September 28, 2020.

The guest speakers also provided guidance on analysis of the salient features of the OSH Code, IR Code and the Social Security Code, with a view to help the industry navigate through the key changes being introduced by way of the Labour Codes and guidance on current status of the Labour Codes, Common definitions and concepts across the labour Code, Key differences between new Labour Codes and existing laws and its impact on ease of doing business.

- **13th November 2020**

Diwali Celebration at FGI Secretariat

As one of the biggest and most auspicious festivals in India, Diwali has a huge significance as far as workplace celebrations go.

The FGI staff had celebrated it in traditional way. FGI secretariat office was decorated and sweets were distributed to the employees. A festive staff lunch was also enjoyed during the occasion.

- **25th November 2020**

Interactive Session on ‘The Future of the Future’ with Mr. Prahlad Kakar

The session was conducted by Guest Speaker Mr. Prahlad Kakar, Renowned Brand Guru & Leading Indian AD Film Director and moderated by Mr. Harsh Purohit, Founder & Director, Cognito India, Vadodara.

The session had the discussions about creative and analytical minds and marketers to whom it's necessary to keep themselves up-to-date with constantly changing marketing landscape.

- **27th November 2020**

FGI 2nd Online Buyer-Seller Meet (OBSM) 2020

FGI had organized the second edition of online-buyer seller meet to bridge the gap of personal meetings between buyers and sellers which had risen due to the covid hacked business scenario. The tailor-made BSM aimed to facilitate vendor development for prominent Public Sector companies in the country.

We had two batches with Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd. (BPCL) and Gujarat Alkalies & Chemicals Ltd. (GACL) respectively as our esteemed PSU Buyers.

OBSM with First PSU - Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd. (BPCL)

Bharat Petroleum is India's 'best performing' MAHARATNA Public Sector Undertaking. The Fortune 500 oil refining, exploration and marketing conglomerate was represented by Mr. Sanjay Phulli, Procurement Leader, BPCL, Mr. Gitesh Borde, Procurement Manager, BPCL and Mr. Ajith Sen, Central Estimation Cell, BPCL.

OBSM with Second PSU - Gujarat Alkalies & Chemicals Ltd. (GACL)

GACL is one of the largest producers of Caustic Soda in India, with a production capacity of 1087 Tonnes per Day. The PSU was represented by Mr. Vasant Tupsamudre, Chief General Manager (Material Management), Mr. Harshvardhan Singh, Dy. General Manager (Material Management), Mr. Mukeshchandra Joshi, Additional GM (Material Management) and Mr. Rajesh Kothari, Dy. General Manager, (Project Management).

Both the PSUs presented their profile and network, their requirements of products & services, their processes of procurement, products that require GeM registration, current and upcoming tenders, process of payment & payment cycle and details of person for coordination. After their presentation, an hour was dedicated for Q&A Session for sellers to clear all their doubts and queries. The MSMEs benefited through the meeting deliberations and interaction with top procurement officials of the PSUs.

- **17th December 2020**

Webinar on 'TDS & TCS - Changing Landscape'

The webinar was conducted by Guest Speaker Mr. Prashant Maheshwari, Director – International Tax, Transfer Pricing & Income – Tax Litigations, B S R & Associates LLP.

The webinar had the discussions about issues faced by individuals and companies related to Tax Deducted at Source (TDS) and Tax Collected at Source (TCS) and applicability of TDS and TCS obligations.

Mr. Maheshwari had provided guidance on recent developments in TDS and TCS as well as how to deal with overseas customers in this pandemic situation and to keep them up-to-date with constantly changing marketing landscape.

- **19th December 2020**

Webinar on 'Digital Marketing Strategies for 2021'

The webinar was conducted by Guest Speaker Mr. Alok Bhide, Media, Advertising, Communications and Digital Marketing Professional.

The guest speaker Mr. Bhide explained digital marketing and how it has become a boon for companies despite these uncertain times. He emphasized that while the digital age had already started changing lives across industries and various verticals, the current year mainly saw it grow exponentially. COVID era has certainly changed the way businesses used to function and has shaped a new marketing framework for them. The webinar was organized for the participants to understand Digital Consumer, Digital Marketing Channels & Trends, advertising on widely used social media like Facebook and Instagram and setting up a campaign on Ad manager for Facebook and Instagram. All these topics were covered by the speaker.

- **23rd December 2020**

Webinar on 'E-Invoicing 2.0'

The webinar was conducted by Guest Speaker Ms. Khushboo Kundalia, Director – Indirect Tax, B S R & Associates LLP.

The Central Board of Excise & Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) have notified that e-invoicing will be mandatory for Business to Business (B2B) transactions for businesses having turnover of over Rs. 100 Crore from January 1, 2021. Currently, e-invoicing is mandatory for businesses with turnover of Rs. 500 Crore and more, which has been put into effect from October 1, 2020.

And hence FGI had organized a session to discuss the issues and practical challenges with expert before implementation for companies to gear up their processes and IT systems to enable compliance with the new invoice regulation.



- **12th January 2021**

- **Webinar on 15% Tax Regime - Implication and Strategies**

- The guest speaker for this webinar was CA Suril Mehta, Associate Director, K. C. Mehta & Co.

- The webinar had the discussions about implications, possible pitfalls and strategy for transferring assets to a new company on the subject.

- Mr. Mehta had provided guidance on transfer of process / business / assets that will result into 'splitting off or reconstruction of a business in existence, ideal modality for executing the transfer, GST implications, domestic transfer pricing implications, stamp duty implications on transfer and many more.

- **22nd January 2021**

- **Interactive Session on Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC)- Past, Present & Future with Mr. Bahram Vakil, Founding Partner, AZB & Partners**

- The guest speaker for this webinar was Mr. Bahram Vakil, Founding Partner, AZB & Partners.

- Prior to the enactment of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 ('IBC' or 'Code') India had ranked 136 out of 189 countries in the World Bank's index on the ease of resolving insolvencies. India's weak insolvency regime created a distressed state of credit markets. We needed a major overhaul of reforms that provided for maximizing the asset value.

- Introduction of the IBC provided India with a much-needed insolvency regime which was proactive, incentive compliant, market led and time-bound. The Code has revolutionized insolvency law through its recognition of the wider public interest in resolving corporate insolvencies.

- After the corona period, Government has responded with measures such as moratorium on loan repayments, it is expected that many businesses may still suffer from economic stress in the near future. Keeping up with this requirement, the Insolvency Law Sub-Committee recently released a report proposing a Pre-Pack Insolvency Resolution Framework which is slated to be a major step in India's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. And, the government is working towards a codified Cross Border Insolvency Framework and updates to Individual Insolvency Framework.

- FGI had organized an interactive session on 'Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) - Past, Present & Future' to shed light on the past, present and future of the IBC.

- **29th January 2021**

- **Webinar on 'Profit Leadership'**

- The Guest Speakers were Mr. NC Narayanan, Founder Chairman, SSA Group of Companies, Mr. Ganesh Iyer, Vice Chairman, SSABusiness Solutions, Mr. Naveen Narayanan, Managing Director, SSA International LLC.

- Indian Industries were the worst affected in the disruptions which were caused by Covid. FGI had organized this webinar to improve the morale of the Indian Industries to foresee post COVID 19 scenarios and in order to utilize the potential opportunities in the emerging 'New Normal'.

- The webinar aimed to shift paradigms for "Profit Leadership" with short and long term strategies and covered interesting topics such as - Pre & Post COVID scenario for Indian businesses, potential opportunities due to global trade shift, current weaknesses of industry sectors to utilize the opening market from China, concept of 'Profit Leadership', the emerging best practices for cost optimization, role of leadership to drive profitability and inventory, material and HR cost optimization and several other insights.

- **1st February 2021**

- **Program on Live Viewing of Union Budget 2021-22 held at FGI**

- After the Managing Committee Meeting on 1st February 2021, a live viewing of Budget 2021-22 presented by Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman, Hon'ble Union Minister of Finance was held with Managing Committee Members and Members of Media.

Reacting to the Union Budget, Union Budget 21-22 presented in paperless form was certainly 'A Budget like never before'. Hon'ble Union Minister of Finance did not miss any sector of the economy and wholeheartedly loosened purse strings wherever it was necessary. In the slew of announcements, the important ones for industry were the widening the scope of TDS by proposing to levy a TDS of 0.1% on a purchase transaction exceeding Rs. 50 lakhs in a year. The Budget also proposed to provide that the responsibility of deduction shall lie only on the persons whose turnover exceeds Rs. 10 crore which will also help reduce the compliance burden. The relief from filing ITR provided to senior citizens aged 75 years or above, who only have interest and pension income is also being hailed by the senior citizens. In the midst of the economic slowdown induced by the pandemic, these budget announcements will certainly help individuals and industry to cope up in these uncertain times.

Wide coverage of the views expressed by FGI Office Bearers and Managing Committee members were publicized by leading newspapers and TV channels.

- **3rd February 2021**

Analysis of Union Budget 2021-22

Expert Guest Speaker CA Milin Mehta, Partner, K. C. Mehta & Co., Chartered Accountants conducted the webinar on Analysis of Union Budget 2021 – 22 explaining implications on business & industry sector of the important provisions contained in the Budget.

Leading newspapers and media gave wide publicity of the webinar.

- **10th March 2021**

'Excel in Excel' workshop

The workshop is conducted by esteemed guest speaker Mr. Manoj Chakerwari, IT Consultant and Freelancer (Software, Hardware & Infrastructure) who gave detailed presentation and explained various lesser-known functions of MS Excel.

- **20th March 2021**

FGI Book Readers' Forum - Review of 'The Right Choice' Book

The session was conducted by esteemed guest Mr. Bhaskar Joshi, HR & Management Advisor. He reviewed the book and the insights shared by him during the session were appreciated by one and all.

- **23rd March 2021**

Webinar on Challenges and Opportunities in Logistics Post COVID-19

The webinar was conducted by esteemed guest speaker Ms. Manisha Thaker, Faculty of Exports and Imports who had provided background, details of various aspects of exports and imports viz; myths v/s facts about exporting, composition for Indian exports and products selection post COVID-19, four main pillars of exports, Export challenges and opportunities COVID-19 and its effect, Logistics as an integral part of International transportation and its Impact on international movements, alternative solutions and strategy for exports and ways for efficient logistics post COVID-19 and opportunities for India during post COVID-19.

PROGRAMMES SUPPORTED BY FGI

- **17th July 2020**

Webinar with Vadodara Division of Western Railways

A webinar was organized by Vadodara Division of Western Railways with leading associations of Vadodara which included, Federation of Gujarat Industries and other Chamber of Commerce to interact about policy and various Freight incentive schemes of Railways.

Mr. Premal Dave, Secretary General, FGI attended the meeting.

- **23rd July 2020**

Webinar with Mr. Supreet Singh Gulati, IAS, Director, Employment and Training, Government of Gujarat.

The webinar was organised by Government of Gujarat to interact with leading industry bodies to introduce the Project STRIVE (Skill Strengthening for Industrial Value Enhancement). The project's objective was to improve the relevance and efficiency of skills training provided through Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) and apprenticeships. Mr. Gulati urged the industry bodies to apply for this project.

Mr. Premal Dave, Secretary General, FGI attended the meeting.

REPRESENTATIONS

- **7th April 2020**

Representation made by FGI to Hon'ble PM on behalf of FORUM on Problems faced by Industries / Establishments and suggestions for overcoming the same.

Ms. Geeta Goradia, President, FORUM along with all FORUM members represented to Hon'ble PM to provide a "Comprehensive Relief Package" for industries, MSME and all establishments to remain viable and to survive. Suggestions were provided on Salary and Wages, support in Fixed Costs, Banking and Finance, Support for Export / Import based Enterprises and suggestions to consider post Lockdown period ends.

Copy of the representation was also sent to Hon'ble CM Gujarat, Shri Vijay Rupani, Hon'ble Finance Minister, Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman, Hon'ble Commerce Minister, Shri Piyush Goyal, Hon'ble MSME Minister, Shri Nitin Gadkari, Principal Secretary-Industries and Mines Dept, Shri M K Das, IAS and Industries Commissioner, Dr. Rahul Gupta, IAS.

- **10th April 2020**

Representation made by FGI to Hon'ble Minister of State Narmada, Urban Housing, Shri Yogeshbhai Patel by FORUM on Problems faced by Industries / Establishments and suggestions for overcoming the same.

Hon'ble Minister Shri Yogeshbhai Patel was also appraised by FORUM members vide representation about the issues faced by all industries and was suggested a graded approach to re-open and re-start industrial activities in Vadodara.

- **15th April 2020**

FGI Representation to Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Vijaybhai Rupani for ratification of permitted industrial activities in Gujarat.

Citing the survival of industry especially MSMEs and permanent loss of export business and loss of foreign exchange and the undue gathering and time in issuing permissions to essential manufacturers, FGI represented to Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Vijaybhai Rupani to Permit opening and operating Establishments through an Advertisement with related notifications and orders in all the newspapers with clear instructions and classifications of types of industries permitted.

- **20th April 2020**

FGI representation to Vadodara collector for relaxation of stringent clauses in MHA Order

FGI took up representation against the stringent clauses in MHA Order such as "Establishments shall make arrangements for stay of workers within their premises as far as possible and or adjacent buildings and implement Standard Operating Protocol and "The transportation of workers to workplace shall be arranged by the employers in dedicated transport ensuring social distancing" as these clauses were practically impossible for MSMEs having limited resources. This representation also asked for guidance on re-starting of Export houses and offices in Vadodara as several export orders were pending.

- **21st April 2020**

FGI representation to Hon'ble Gujarat Chief Minister for relaxation of stringent clauses in Undertaking and MHA order.

FGI took up representation to Shri Vijaybhai Rupani, Hon'ble CM against the stringent clauses in the undertakings such as "parents of children below the age of 5 years shall not be allowed in the factory premises" and clause in MHA Order "Establishments shall make arrangements for stay of workers within their premises as far as possible and or adjacent buildings and implement Standard Operating Protocol and "The transportation of workers to workplace shall be arranged by the employers in dedicated transport ensuring social distancing" as these clauses were practically impossible for MSMEs having limited resources. This representation also asked for guidance on re-starting of Export houses and offices in Vadodara as several export orders were pending and also on the movement of goods for issuing Strict directives to police and relevant departments to allow hassle free movement of goods.

- **29th April 2020**

Representation to Vadodara Collector to allow own vehicles to commute to work.

FGI represented to Vadodara Collector to allow two-wheeler without pillion and four wheelers with two persons to commute to work and also sought clarification regarding Mamlatdars issuing two-wheeler passes for all industry members to obtain requisite passes from them.

- **4th May 2020**

FGI Representation to Shri Narendra Modi, Hon'ble PM on Migrant Labour issue

Keeping in view the migrant workers who have been severely panicked and have mostly returned to or intend to return to their native place, FGI wrote to Hon'ble PM Shri Narendra Modi to intervene and convince migrant workers etc. that their future lies at the place where they are and will be secured and taken care of as the current situation will not last for long. Industry and other businesses will start and normalcy regained soon. This was important as the Migrant Labourers were important element for industry and infrastructure and they may not intend to return to their place / State of work because of the pandemic.

- **5th May 2020**

FGI Representation to Shri Vijaybhai Rupani, Hon'ble CM on Gujarat on important issues.

A representation containing important points for the third phase of lockdown such as allowing private offices to operate with 33% strength, migrant workers issues and permission for private vehicles for workers and staff was made to Hon'ble Chief Minister of Gujarat, Shri Vijaybhai Rupani.

- **8th May 2020**

FGI Representation to Shri Vijaybhai Rupani, Hon'ble CM on issue ordinance on the lines of UP & MP

A representation containing important points for existing labour laws in Gujarat are relaxed for a period of three years. We requested that the amendment may not be restricted to new investment but also for existing units. An ordinance similar to 'Uttar Pradesh Temporary Exemption from Certain Labour Laws Ordinance, 2020' can be introduced in the State.

- **20th May 2020**

FGI and FORUM Representation to Dr. Hasmukh Adhia, IAS (Rtd.) to the Committee of Experts formed by Government of Gujarat.

A representation made to the committee regarding following recommendations for consideration:

- Relaxation of Labour Laws for next three years to be applied to all Industries including existing.

- MSME definition
 - MSME Loans
 - Export and Trade
 - EPFO
 - Ease of Doing Business (EoDB)
 - Migrant Labour issue
 - Minimum Wages
 - Power Tariff
 - Miscellaneous Suggestions
- **5th June 2020**
FGI representation to Shri Hitesh Shah, Hon'ble Commissioner of Customs, Mumbai, with a request of acceptance of application for refund made by FGI Member Industry M/s EMCO Meditek Pvt. Ltd., Vadodara

As requested by Member Industry M/s EMCO Meditek Pvt. Ltd., Vadodara (manufacturers of medical equipment, viz. Pulse Oximeter, Syringe Pump, Patient Monitors, etc), FGI made a request to hon'ble Commissioner of Customs to reconsider granting refund of Rs. 40,047/- and Rs. 36,630/- in the interest of justice and strengthening of economy as the MSME constitutes the backbone of Indian economy contributing immensely towards nation's progress.

It was submitted by FGI that under COVID -19 Pandemic crisis as per GOI policy, necessary relief and exemption as per law is required to be given to MSME - EMCO Meditek Pvt. Ltd. whose submission made is genuine, bonafide and just as per law.
 - **5th June 2020**
FGI representation to Shri Nalin Upadhyay, IAS, Hon'ble Municipal Commissioner, Vadodara, with a request for withdrawal of 18% interest imposed by VMC on professional tax payment

FGI had made a representation to Shri Nalin Upadhyay, IAS, Hon'ble Municipal Commissioner, Vadodara for withdrawal of 18% interest imposed by VMC on professional tax payment for March, April and May 2020 & Facilitation of online Payment for PRC Account as requested by FGI Member Industry M/s. Schaeffler India Ltd. Maneja, Vadodara.
 - **17th June 2020**
FGI representation to Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad, Hon'ble Minister for Law & Justice regarding Proposed Decriminalization of Section 138 of Negotiable Instruments Act 1881 – Unwarranted & against Public Interest.

On request of Managing Committee members, FGI had made a representation to Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad, Hon'ble Minister for Law & Justice, FGI regarding Proposed Decriminalization of Section 138 of Negotiable Instruments Act 1881 – Unwarranted & against Public Interest.
 - **25th June 2020**
FGI representation to Shri Piyush Goyal, Hon'ble Minister of Commerce & Industry to restrict imports of cheap polyester Resin from China

As per the request & recommendation received from members, FGI had made a representation to Shri Piyush Goyal, Hon'ble Minister of Commerce & Industry to restrict imports of cheap polyester Resin from China.
 - **30th June 2020**
FGI representation to Shri Vijay Rupani, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Gujarat for allowing the clearance of goods imported from China.



FGI had made a representation to Shri Vijay Rupani, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Gujarat with a request to intervene for allowing the clearance of goods imported (before the ban) from China by Trade and Industry from the port authorities of Gujarat.

31st July 2020

FGI representation to Shri Vijaybhai Rupani, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Gujarat in the matter of various issues affecting industry.

FGI had made a representation to Shri Vijay Rupani, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Gujarat.

The issues included :

- Industrial Accidents – Prosecution of top management for industrial accidents where they are not involved directly.
- Compensation - Employers forced to pay unjustified compensation in fatal industrial accidents due to pressure by local groups.
- Factory Inspector Responsibility – In a factory accident, Police to not start any investigation and let Factory Inspectorate Office i.e. DISH who is primary and technically competent authority to investigate and find root cause.
- Reopening factory after accident – Single window clearance system for the employer to restart operations after accident instead of making him run pillar to post.

5th August 2020

FGI representation to Shri Devendra Kumar, IRTS, Divisional Railway Manager (DRM) to consider relocating the proposed NRTI site.

FGI had made a representation to Shri Devendra Kumar, IRTS, DRM Vadodara to consider relocating the proposed National Rail and Transportation Institute (NRTI) site being built on the Raja Baug garden located in front of the historic Pratap Vilas Palace.

The facade and landscape of the majestic Pratap Vilas Palace, one of the few heritage sites left in in the City, located at Lalbaug, Vadodara is being destroyed because of the construction.

6th August 2020

FGI representation to Shri T. Y. Bhatt, IAS, Managing Director, Madhya Gujarat Vij Company Limited (MGVCL) regarding frequent power failure issue at FGI Member Industry - M/s. Steelsmith Continental Mfg. Pvt. Ltd.

FGI had made a representation to to Shri T. Y. Bhatt, IAS, Managing Director, Madhya Gujarat Vij Company Limited (MGVCL) regarding frequent power failure issue at FGI Member Industry - M/s. Steelsmith Continental Mfg. Pvt. Ltd.

21st August 2020

FGI representation with a request to withdraw / amend notification regarding increase in Minimum wages

A representation was made by FGI to Shri Dilipkumar Viraji Thakore, Hon'ble Minister of Labour and Employment, Government of Gujarat to withdraw or amend notification dated 22nd April 2020

regarding increase of minimum wages of approx. Rs. 14/- per day. Such a vast increase has brought growth and development of our industrial members especially MSMEs to a standstill. They were already suffering because of the pandemic, low or no inflow of revenue and orders, decreasing profits and increasing costs of business sustenance. The unanticipated increase has hurt the industries adversely and has taken a toll on the business owners. FGI believes that this abrupt rise in minimum wages can be avoided at this time of turbulence and has requested Hon'ble Minister to withdraw or amend the said notification at the earliest in the interest of the industries in Gujarat.

- **23rd September 2020**

Representation to Hon'ble MSME Minister, Shri Nitin Gadkari for assistance in availing Capital Subsidy under CLCSS Scheme for our member industry M/s Magirsha Industries Pvt. Ltd.

One of our members MSME companies M/s Magirsha Industries Pvt. Ltd., Vadodara was not able to avail the benefit of Credit Linked Capital Subsidy Scheme (CLCSS) as their bank, ICICI Bank Ltd. was not registered for the said scheme when they had applied. Apparently ICICI bank has registered for the scheme but the last date for application has lapsed. In order to aid our member industry to avail the CLCSS scheme, FGI had written to Hon'ble MSME Minister, Shri Nitin Gadkari to look into the matter as the matter looked genuine and deserving.

- **3rd October 2020**

Representation to review the issues with Government & Semi Government Organizations in release of long due overpayment of FGI Member Industry - M/s. Hydro Filtsep Technologies Pvt. Ltd.

As requested by FGI Member Industry - M/s. Hydro Filtsep Technologies Pvt. Ltd., FGI had made a representation to Mr. H. N. Mevada, General Manager, District Industries Centre to review the issues with Government & Semi Government organizations in release of long due overpayment.

- **12th October 2020**

FGI representation to Shri Ajay Bhushan Pandey, IAS, Hon'ble Secretary (Revenue) & ex-officio Secretary to the GST Council regarding pending Claim of Export Benefit under MEIS Scheme

As representation by FGI Member Industry - M/s. INOX India Pvt. Ltd., FGI had made a request to Shri Ajay Bhushan Pandey, IAS, for outstanding claims of export benefit under MEIS Scheme as they were unable to claim it on DGFT website which was blocked from 23rd July 2020.

- **21st November 2020**

FGI Representation to Shri Nitinbhai Patel, Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister of Gujarat requesting clarifications required for Industry regarding Night Curfew imposed in the state of Gujarat.

FGI had made a representation requesting the clarifications required for Industry regarding Night Curfew imposed.

The same was forwarded to Smt. Shalini Agarwal, IAS, Collector, Vadodara. The DIC shared the notification with FGI containing the information related to the night curfew, which was circulated amongst members.

- **5th December 2020**

FGI Representation to Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Vijay Rupani regarding 'Gujarat Solar Policy 2015'.

FGI had made a representation regarding 'Gujarat Solar Policy 2015' which has been widely utilized by the MSMEs.

FGI noticed certain limitations which MSMEs are facing while availing the incentives under the Solar Policy scheme like Error in Capacity Enhancement Application, no intimation to Discoms for Timing Change and need to increase Deadline for Application.

As the usage of solar power is certainly made encouraging due to the Government of Gujarat schemes, we also made a request to make Gujarat the leading state in the renewable energy sector in the country.

On 29th December 2020, Government of Gujarat announced Solar Policy 2021, which addressed issues raised earlier and shall be beneficial to the industries at large.

- **5th December 2020**

FGI Representation to Dr. Ashis Kumar Dash, ITS, Joint Director General of Foreign Trade, Vadodara regarding delay in importing goods due to Custom Faceless Assessment System

FGI had made a representation regarding Delay in importing goods due to Custom Faceless Assessment System.

We received a response from DGFT Office Vadodara that the said issue is flagged with DGFT, New Delhi to take an immediate step for intervention or else to raise the issue with the Department of Revenue for a suitable solution.

- **8th December 2020**

FGI Representation to Shri Ajay Bhushan Pandey, IAS, Hon'ble Secretary (Revenue) & ex-officio Secretary to the GST Council for relaxation in amount to be spent for the purpose of acquiring new Plant and Machinery from SEZ Re-investment Allowance Reserve Account

FGI had made a representation for relaxation in - amount to be spent for the purpose of acquiring new Plant and Machinery from Special Economic Zone (SEZ) Re-investment Allowance Reserve Account with reference to Clause (1B) of Section 10A of Income Tax Act 1961.

As large capital goods, plant and machineries that need to be capitalized requires capital build up period from 6 months to 24 months but due to COVID-19 many suppliers asked for extension in supply period in view of non-availability of resources.

In view of above, FGI made a request to the authority to consider the plea and grant extension of at least 1 to 2 years for those industries whose 3rd year is completed in financial year 2020-21.

FORUM

- **23rd April 2020**

FORUM representation to Hon'ble Minister of Labour of Gujarat about increase in Minimum wages.

Surprised by a rise of approximately Rs. 14/- per day conveyed vide Labour Department letter

394/2020 dated 22nd April 2020, the FORUM members found it important to take up their grievance in the matter with Shri Dilipkumar Viraji Thakore, Hon'ble Minister of Labour and Employment, Disaster Management, Devsthan, Pilgrimage Development, Government of Gujarat. The said rise was completely unacceptable at this juncture when the industries are considering no increments and pay-cuts and it was hurting the MSMEs. FORUM members under leadership of Smt. Geeta Goradia, President, FORUM requested Hon'ble Minister to withdraw this intimation / notice till the time the things settle down and come up with fresh and reasonable notice later.

- **21st August 2020**

FORUM representation on Withdrawal of Increase in Dearness Allowance hurting MSMEs

A representation was made by FORUM to Shri Dilipkumar Viraji Thakore, Hon'ble Minister of Labour and Employment, Government of Gujarat to withdraw increase in Dearness Allowance since the industrial sector especially MSMEs was already reeling under the pressure created by low demand because of the untimely attack of Covid-19 pandemic and subsequent lockdowns. The industries are not able to absorb the massive increase in manpower costs. At a time when even the Central Government has considered to not increase Dearness Allowance (DA) for this year, Hon'ble Minister was requested to consider withdrawing the increase in DA, in order to reduce the misery faced by the industries especially MSMEs in Gujarat

FOREIGN DELEGATIONS

- **3rd February 2021**

An interactive meeting with Swedish Delegation

The Hon'ble Consul General of Sweden, Ms. Anna Lekvall, Mr. Kamal Bali, Chairperson, Sweden Chamber of Commerce India and President and Managing Director, Volvo Group India visited Federation of Gujarat Industries (FGI) for an interactive meeting with the FGI Managing Committee.

During the meeting several business and investment opportunities available between Gujarat and Sweden were discussed. Hon'ble Consul explained the business environment available in Sweden and how the country has evolved to be one of the most important trade partners for India in Europe. She mentioned how several Swedish multinational companies have made India their home and several are looking for business opportunities to enter the Indian subcontinent and may even consider Gujarat as their destination in India. Mr. Bali stressed on the way Swedish Chamber of Commerce India has been the hand holder and two-way partner of Swedish and Indian Companies and how they can partner with FGI for exploring business opportunities for Gujarat based companies in Sweden and vice versa. Several interesting sectors such as ceramics, glass, industrial design, automobiles and mobility, tourism etc. were brainstormed upon during the interactive meeting. During the meeting the Consul General was appraised about the investor friendly policies of Gujarat and the welcoming and industry supporting culture of Vadodara through a brief presentation by Mr. Premal Dave, Secretary General, FGI.

FGI was represented by Mr. Manohar Chawla, President, Mr. Atul Patel, Past President, FGI, Dr. Ajay Ranka, Former Managing Committee Member, FGI, Mr. Sameer Khera, Managing Committee Member and Mr. Premal Dave, Secretary General, FGI.

- **17th March 2021**

Meeting with Mr. Harold (Lee) Brayman, Commercial Officer, U.S. Commercial Service, U.S. Consulate General, Mumbai at FGI.

Meeting was held with Mr. Harold (Lee) Brayman as a visiting diplomat and Ms. Sangeeta Taneja,

Commercial Officer, U.S. Consulate, Ahmedabad at the FGI Business Centre, Sevasi, Vadodara.

The FGI Executive Committee members have had a very informative exchange of ideas on bilateral trade and ready to propagate some information shared by him to FGI members.

They also had a discussion about business delegation to USA in future when travel resumes.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

- **18th April 2020**

FGI coordinated receiving of Application forms to restart industries falling under Section 15 of the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) Order dated 15th April 2020.

Section 15 of the MHA Order dated 15.04.2020 facilitated restarting of industries which were situated outside municipal corporation limit. All members were made alert about the facility and were sent application forms with undertakings required from their end. Vadodara Collector and DIC authorized FGI to collect these forms and undertakings and coordinate their approvals with DIC office. All members and exporters were informed to route applications through FGI. FGI secretariat was kept open on Sunday, 19th April 2020 to receive the application forms. FGI started receiving and vetting all hard copy application forms and then handed over applications and liaised so well that all companies were given permission to operate outside corporation limit.

- **20th April 2020**

Permission to restart operations outside Municipal Limit.

As receiving physical application forms was a cumbersome process in view of the lockdown restrictions, on request of FGI a blanket permission was issued through a notification by Vadodara Collector and all forthcoming applications were asked to be sent on email with copy to FGI. FGI ensured that the forms and undertakings are duly filled and submitted by industries via email to DIC office. As the notification itself sufficed as permission, the companies were told to not wait for any response but start their operations adhering to the notification guidelines.

- **25th April 2020**

Permission to Restart Export Oriented Unit & Companies with Export Order etc. within Vadodara municipal limit.

FGI received notification from Vadodara Collectorate containing the permission for export-oriented units and companies with pending export orders. FGI members and exporters were made aware about the same and were asked to send required Annexure 6 along with other required documents to DIC office via email with copy to FGI. More than 50 FGI members and exporters took benefit of the permission and restarted their Export operations. As the notification itself sufficed as the permission, the companies were told to not wait for any response but start their operations adhering to the notification and undertaking guidelines.

- **1st May 2020**

Extension of Lockdown

As the number of Covid-19 cases were increasing drastically the Government of India ordered for a second extension in the nationwide lockdown. The lockdown was extended up to 17th May 2020 and

relevant Ministry of Home Affairs Order dated 01.05.2020 was sent to all members of FGI. As per the order certain relaxations were permitted for all Red, Orange and Green Zone cities. Vadodara was put under 'Red Zone' category based on its number of Covid cases.

- **2nd May 2020**

FGI Donation to PM CARES and CM Relief Fund

In solidarity with the cause of curbing the spread of Covid-19 pandemic, FGI generously donated Rs. 2 lakhs to Chief Minister's Relief Fund and Rs. 1 Lakh to PM CARES Fund. Mr. Manohar Chawla, President, FGI visited Collector Madam's office where both cheques were presented to Ms. Shalini Agarwal, Hon'ble Collector Vadodara.

A representation was also handed over raising issues like:

1. Automatic Extension of Permission
2. 4 - Wheeler & Two-wheeler permission
3. Starting of MSME Units in GIDC Areas
4. Permit Private Office with up to 33% strength

- **3rd May 2020**

Gujarat Government Guidelines on Third phase of Lockdown

Gujarat Government notification dated 03.05.2020 with amendments was received. The notification made it clear by amendment and adding point 7 (ii) (h) that "no new relaxation in the Municipal Corporation areas of Ahmedabad, Vadodara, Surat, Bhavnagar & Gandhinagar Cities and in the Municipal areas of Bopal, Bareja, Godhara, Khambhat and Umreth Municipalities. They will be governed by the orders/guidelines issued by Government of India on 15.04.2020 and thereafter until further orders by the State Government."

- **22nd September 2020**

Members requested to forward details of their vacancies for "Online Job Fair" to be organized by Government of Gujarat.

Government of Gujarat is organizing Online Job Fair in the coming month. FGI requested members to forward the details of vacancies in their organizations.

A total of 70 vacancies were notified by the members. FGI had compiled the same and had forwarded the same to the Office of the Asst. Director- Employment, Vadodara.

- **23rd September 2020**

Members requested to provide Industry feedback

Members were requested to provide their feedback regarding various aspects like Manufacturing, Water, Land, Power, GST, Ease of Doing Business, Environmental Clearance, R&D, Startup and Innovation, Expansion of existing business, Skill Development, Infrastructure, Exports, Labour Law, Services etc.

Some companies have forwarded their feedback which had been compiled by FGI.

- **29th October 2020**

Invitation to be the Member of a Group to deliberate on expanding the horizons of Commerce Education in the context of the New National Education Policy (NEP) 2020

An invitation for a semi-formal meeting was received by Mr. Premal Dave, Secretary General, FGI at the BBA Campus, MSU Baroda, for a brain storming session and for valuable inputs and suggestions with regard to how Commerce students can be given practical exposure. It maybe through Internships, Project work or by developing Short Courses that prepares students with Vocational readiness.

Mr. Premal Dave, Secretary General, FGI attended the meeting.

- **30th October 2020**

FGI had raised query regarding "Ground Mounted Solar Power Projects" MSME.

FGI had raised the query to Shri D. M. Jadeja, Dy. Commissioner of Industries (MSME Incentive Branch), GoG, pertaining to the Ground Mount Solar Systems, to know whether an MSME of "Ground Mounted Solar Power Projects" set up for power sale to DISCOM's is eligible for capital and interest subsidy under Gujarat 2020 Industrial Policy Incentives scheme or not?

- **27th November 2020**

CSR activity post Diwali - FGI distributed Chocolates to slums and NGOs in collaboration with Mars International India Pvt Ltd.

FGI in collaboration with Mars International, Sankalp Beautiful World & Born to Win (NGOs) and the United Way of Baroda had organized distribution of Snickers brand chocolates to the underprivileged slum children and NGOs in Vadodara and outskirts districts. FGI Secretariat along with volunteers from Sankalp and United Way distributed the chocolates. We thank Mars International for donating the chocolates.

- **17th January 2021**

Invitation received for Inaugural of Vadodara – Kevadia Colony Railway Line

FGI was invited by Shri Himanshu Mevada, District Industries Commissioner, Vadodara, for the inaugural of new train and railway line between Pratapnagar, Vadodara and Kevadia Colony launched for easing travel to Statue of Unity.

Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated the railway line virtually. The inaugural ceremony at Pratapnagar railway station was graced by Hon'ble Member of Parliament Smt. Ranjanben Bhatt, Hon'ble Minister of State for Narmada & Urban Housing, Govt. of Gujarat Shri Yogeshbhai Patel, Hon'ble Vadodara Collector, Smt. Shalini Agarwal, IAS and several other dignitaries of Vadodara.

The inaugural ceremony was attended by Mr. Manohar Chawla, President, Mr. Dilip Shah & Mr. Bharat Desai, Managing Committee Members, Mr. Premal Dave, Secretary General, FGI and FGI Secretariat. The inauguration was followed by a to and fro journey to Statue of Unity (SOU) in the new train covering all major attractions at SOU.

MANAGING COMMITTEE

- 4th February 2021

Election to the Managing Committee 2021-23

Following are the names of 10 Candidates declared elected uncontested to the Managing Committee 2021 – 23 are as below.

Sr. No.	Candidates	
1	Mr. Avant A Amin Partner, Dot Graphics LLP	Below 40 years
2	Mr. Bharat Shah Managing Director, Gautam Infin Limited	
3	Ms. Hemal D. Mehta Jt. Managing Director, P-MET High-Tech Co. Pvt. Ltd.	Woman
4	Mr. Kush Patel Managing Director, Banco Aluminium Limited	Below 40 years
5	Mr. Mohan Nair Chairman & Managing Director, Sabari Chemicals Pvt. Ltd.	
6	Ms. Neetu Jain Managing Director, Panache Green Tech Solution Pvt. Ltd.	
7	Mr. Nilesh Shukla Executive Director, Pioneer Elecmech (I) Pvt. Ltd.	
8	Mr. Paresh Saraiya Chairman, Transpek-Silox Industry Pvt. Ltd.	
9	Ms. Pooja Ranka Director, Zydex Industries Pvt. Ltd.	
10	Mr. Rustom Patell Director, Baroda Polyform Pvt. Ltd.	

- 19th February 2021

New FGI Office Bearers 2021-23.

The new team of FGI Office Bearers 2021-23 comprises of following members:

1. Mr. Abhishek Gangwal (Director, HPS Gases Ltd.) – President
2. Mr. Tarak Patel (Executive Director, Tarak Chemicals Ltd.) – Sr. Vice President
3. Ms. Arti Basu (Managing Director, Parth Projects & Construction Pvt. Ltd.) – Vice President
4. Mr. Rustom Patell (Director, Baroda Polyform Pvt. Ltd.) – Hon. Treasurer

A good press coverage of the above was reported in leading newspapers.

FGI AWARDS

- 19th January 2021

16th FGI Awards for Excellence – Presentation Ceremony

The 16th FGI Awards for Excellence Presentation Ceremony was held at FGI Business Centre. During the Ceremony Shri Vijaybhai Rupani, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Gujarat delivered the virtual inaugural address and Shri Yogeshbhai Patel, Hon'ble Minister of State for Narmada & Urban Housing, Govt. of Gujarat graced as Chief Guest and bestowed the Award Winners with their respective Awards. The 16th FGI Awards were distributed in form of trophies and plaque certificates to all the Awardees.

Adhering to the Covid guidelines, the presentation ceremony was kept restricted to only the Award winners, their representatives, FGI Managing Committee, Jury Chairpersons and Members of Press and Media.

The Esteemed Award and Certificate of Merit Winners in each category are as here below:

SR. NO.	CATEGORY	AWARD WINNER	CERTIFICATE OF MERIT WINNER
1	FGI Award for "Lifetime Achievement Award"	Shri Chirayu R Amin Chairman, Alembic Pharmaceuticals Ltd.	----
2	Research In Science & Technology	Ami Organics Pvt. Ltd., Surat	Sahajanand Technologies Pvt. Ltd., Surat
3	Pollution Management & Sustainable Practices	Godrej Industries Ltd., Valia, Ankleshwar	Unique Chemicals, Panoli, Dist: Bharuch
4	Outstanding MSME	Bharat Parenterals Ltd., Vadodara	Matrix ComsecPvt. Ltd., Vadodara
5	Outstanding Business Leader	Mr. Chandrakant Patel, CMD, ICE Make Refrigeration Ltd., Gandhinagar.	Dr. Arvind Patel, CMD, SLTL Group (Sahajanand Laser Technology Ltd.), Gandhinagar.
6	Export Performance And Promotion	1. Best Value Chem Pvt. Ltd., Vadodara for MSME Category : 2. Bharat Parenterals Ltd., Vadodara	----
7	Green Business Award	Raymond Limited, Pardi, Dist: Valsad	----
8	Best Practices in HR & IR Policies	Transpek-Silox Industry Pvt. Ltd., Vadodara	----
9	Outstanding Innovation in the field of Agriculture or Food Processing	Captain Tractors Pvt Ltd., Rajkot	Digital Agrimedia, Gandhinagar
10	Outstanding Contribution in The Field of Corporate Social Responsibilities by Industry	L & T Hydrocarbon Engineering Ltd., Vadodara	Huntsman International (I) Pvt. Ltd., Vadodara

SR. NO.	CATEGORY	AWARD WINNER	CERTIFICATE OF MERIT WINNER
11	Outstanding work in the field of Social Welfare / Rural Development by Individual / NGO	Mahavir Foundation Trust, Vadodara	Swadeep Shikshan Vikas Sanstha, Ahmedabad
12	Corporate Information Technology Award	Apollo Tyres Ltd., Vadodara	----
13	Best Charitable Institution Providing Health Services	1. Shree Krishna Hospital, Anand 2. K.G. Patel Children Hospital, Vadodara	Huntsman International (I) Pvt. Ltd., Vadodara
14	Outstanding Start-up	Photom Technologies Pvt. Ltd., Gandhinagar	TecSo Charge Zone Pvt. Ltd., Vadodara

Cheques of Rs. 50,000/- each were also given to Mahavir Foundation and Swadeep Shikshan Vikas Sanstha for their outstanding contributions in social field at the hands of Chief Guest.

On the occasion, welcome speech was delivered by Mr. Manohar Chawla, President, FGI, Brief introduction about the awards by Ms. Geeta Goradia & Vote of thanks by Mr. Abhishek Gangwal, Vice President, FGI.

The event was a grand success & appreciated by one and all and well covered by Electronic and Print Media.

UNION PRE-BUDGET MEMORANDUM

- 19th November 2020

Suggestions invited from Members and Consultants of FGI for Union Pre-Budget Memorandum 2021-2022.

Like every year, this year as well Ministry of Finance, Government of India (GoI) reached out to FGI for submitting recommendations / proposals for Union Pre-Budget submission for the year 2021-22.

STATE BUDGET

- 3rd March 2021

State Budget 2021-22

The Hon'ble Minister of Finance announced the State Budget on 3rd March 2021. FGI welcomed the Government of Gujarat for presenting Gujarat State Annual Budget presented with an outlay of Rs. 2,27,029 crores - the biggest budget outlay till date. The generous provisions made for various infrastructure projects are certainly appreciable and are promising efforts to sustain the business community and residents of our State post pandemic. The Bulk industrial park at Jambusar and medical device industrial park at Rajkot and new GIDC industrial estates planned at various districts of Gujarat are indeed welcome. The heliports planned to be developed at various tourist sites and the 1500 Crores provision for the bullet train project will also play important role in boosting our tourism sector.'

FGI's views on budget was covered in the leading newspapers.

MEETINGS

- **24th April 2020**

Meeting with Vadodara Collector.

Representatives of FGI, VCCI and CII met the Hon'ble Collector of Vadodara, Ms. Shalini Agarwal, IAS to discuss various issues faced by the industries which have been given permission to operate. The meeting was also attended by Commissioner of Police (CP), Superintendent of Police (SP) and District Development Officer (DDO). Various issues such as passes and permissions, social distancing, sticker on vehicles, Sarpanches and Mamlatdar issues etc. were discussed in the meeting. The outcome of the meeting along with the replies by Hon'ble Collector were conveyed to all members and exporters.

- **30th May 2020**

Video Conference meeting with Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Vijay Rupani from District Collector Office

Collector invited to Video Conference meeting with Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Vijay Rupani and Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister Shri Nitin Patel with LDM Banks, National & Private Banks with leading associations of Vadodara district.

Government of Gujarat has asked all Banks to work in close co-operation with Industries & Trade Bodies and expedite sanction and disbursement of loans declared by Government of India under stimulus self-reliant package for MSMEs, etc.

- **26th June 2020**

Video Conference with Hon'ble CM of Gujarat at Collector's office, Vadodara

On the occasion of the first payment to the beneficiaries under the newly announced scheme of 'Gujarat Atmanirbhar Package', Hon'ble CM hosted a VC with the industry captains of Gujarat and unveiled the payment to approximately 13,000 applicants for the amount of Rs 1300 crore through a click of a button. Various leading industry associations were a witness to this session. FGI was represented by the President and Secretary General at the collectorate office.

- **26th June 2020**

One to One Meeting with District Collector, Vadodara

Over the one-to-one meeting / discussion with the district collector, Ms. Shalini Agrawal, it was discussed that Water is larger issue in Vadodara District and sought support to promote Rain water harvesting in the industries. She had urged that FGI should take a lead and promote the same across the industry.

- **19th December 2020**

Meeting under Micro & Small Enterprises - Cluster Development Programme (MSE-CDP) scheme

The MSMEs play a crucial role in the growth of economy in general and industrial sector in particular, because their small size, scale of operations, use of resources, employment potential and entrepreneurship development.

The state government has put great emphasis towards the need to strengthen the cluster in order to make cluster units globally competitive through initiatives like technology upgradation, quality improvement, training of workers, supervisors and entrepreneurs setting up common facilities and thereby achieving better productivity among cluster units.

So, the meeting of MSE-CDP Scheme had undertaken the interventions such as Common Facility Centre, infrastructure development and thematic interventions.

- **5th January 2021**

Meeting with Secretary General, FICCI

A meeting with Mr. Dilip Shenoy, Secretary General, FICCI was organized to discuss about the suggestions that can be given to Government of India for Growth and development of Trade & Industry.

During the meeting recommendations & suggestions were discussed for union pre-budget for representing to the Union Finance Minister.

The synergies between FGI and FICCI were also discussed. It was suggested by FICCI that those members from Managing Committee wanted to be a part of various committees of FICCI can submit their names to secretariat for further process.

- **30th January 2021**

Invitation for meeting Chaired by Ms. Anju Sharma, IAS Principal Secretary Higher and Technical Education, and Chairperson i-Hub at BBA Auditorium, The Maharaja Sayajirao University, Vadodara

FGI had received an invitation from Mr. M Nagarajan, IAS, Director of Higher Education, Government of Gujarat for sharing inputs to develop a holistic Innovation start-up ecosystem involving all possible stakeholders.

The meeting was Chaired by Ms. Anju Sharma, IAS. She requested the industry members to join hands with the Academia and create possibilities for employment, boost start-ups and promote innovation in the state. The whole idea of the meeting was to develop an end-to-end innovation and entrepreneurial eco system in the state of Gujarat.

It was discussed that these days, Startups and Atmanirbhar Gujarat is gaining more importance. It was suggested that FGI should create a Help-Desk for the Start-ups for providing mentorship, production related guidance, joint venture for business, etc.

- **2nd February 2021**

Video Conference under the Chairpersonship of Ms. Sumita Dawra, Additional Secretary, Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT)

The online meeting was held to discuss and promote deemed approval process and clearances to ease potential investments.

Through this meeting the Central Government urged the State Governments to develop and use Single Window system and have the deem approval system so that the approval system is faceless and much more faster. He also mentioned that there are some grievances which were discussed and requested all the industry associations to work along with the government to get the process onboard.

- **9th February 2021**

Meeting with Mr. Rakesh Jha, Additional Commissioner of Income Tax Range – 1, Vadodara at Aaykar Bhavan, Vadoadara

The meeting was held to discuss about the need to promote the Vivaad se Vishwas scheme amongst the Industry Members.

- **18th March 2021**

Meeting with Ms. Anju Sharma, IAS, Principal Secretary (Higher & Technical Education), Govt. of Gujarat and Chairman, i-Hub online on Zoom App

The Federation of Gujarat Industries (FGI) and the i-Hub, an institution established by the Education Department, Government of Gujarat signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) at a hybrid event at FGI Business Centre, Vadodara in the virtual presence of Ms. Anju Sharma, IAS, Principal Secretary (Higher & Technical Education), Education Department Government of Gujarat & Chairperson i-Hub and Mr. M Nagarajan, IAS (Director of Higher Education & Honorary Executive Director i-Hub).

As part of the MoU, FGI and i-Hub will envisage and execute a roadmap on how FGI can co-create a start-up and innovation ecosystem involving academia, incubators and public systems. A pool of start-ups across sectors and region in Vadodara having a minimum viable product ready will be created so that they can be linked with various industries for mentorship and allied support.

FGI will create a mentor pool of industry mentors and engage them in guiding the start-ups in Gujarat and co-create a systematic process where FGI can connect potential start-ups with interested industries for guidance or strategic collaborations. FGI will also create a resource pool through available resource, networks, and platforms of member industries which can be made available to young start-ups which will accelerate the start-ups and work closely with i-Hub to see that industries in Vadodara and nearby districts actively participate in developing local start-up ecosystem. Various joint programs, events with i-Hub will be organized to give exposure to the start-ups and allied stakeholders.

FGI has always supported and promoted industry-academia partnership and the MoU with i-Hub signed today reflects our commitment towards synthesizing the educational and industrial sectors.

The MoU was signed from FGI side by Mr. Manohar Chawla, President, FGI and Mr. Premal Dave, Secretary General, FGI and from i-Hub by Mr. Hiranmay Mahanta, CEO, i-Hub.

IN THE MATTER OF GERC

- **27th March 2021**

FGI Response to Petition by GUVNL before GERC - Case No. 1936 of 2020

FGI filled response to the petition by petitioner GUVNL in the matter under section 86 and other applicable provisions of the Electricity Act 2003, seeking incorporation of provisions of Solar Power Policy 2021 notified by Government of Gujarat vide GR No. SLR-11/2020/77/B1 dated 29.12.2020 appropriately in order dated 08.05.2020 for tariff framework of procurement of power by distribution licensee and others from solar energy projects and other commercial issues for the state of Gujarat and GERC (Net-metering Rooftop Solar PV Grid Interactive Systems) Regulations 2016 as amended from time to time.

IN MATTER OF GERC FOR ADDITIONAL SURCHARGE

- **Petition filed in matter of GERC**

A Petition was to be filed by FGI with GERC. It was proposed that FGI may make the Petition to obtain change in modality of working additional surcharge on Open Access users. This may result in reduction of Additional surcharge which will benefit Open Access user industrial consumers.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 102nd Annual General Meeting of FGI was held online. The Audited Accounts for year ending on 31st March 2020 was passed unanimously. Appointment of Auditor for the ensuing year and activities of Federation for 2019-20 was also passed in the meeting.

Mr. Manohar Chawla, President, FGI had welcomed members at the 102nd Annual General Meeting and the proceedings of the business meeting together with other Office Bearers were conducted successfully.

PRESS / MEDIA

- **12th November 2020**

Pre-Diwali Get-together Meeting with Members of Media

A get together with Members of Press / Media was held at FGI to greet Media Fraternity on occasion of Diwali festival and strengthen rapport between Federation and Members of Media.

A small presentation was shown on Activities of FGI during the year and brief them about the upcoming activities of FGI and also requested to give their coverages and continued support to us.

The get together was Chaired by Mr. Premal Dave, Secretary General, FGI. Diwali pleasantries were exchanged and well wishes were made.

OTHERS

- **21st August 2021**

Webinar on Cluster Development Scheme

MSME Commissionerate had called a meeting with leading industry members and associations to introduce the concept of Cluster Development Scheme.

- **29th August 2020**

Webinar on interaction with Shri Vijay Rupani, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Gujarat on new Industrial Policy of Gujarat 2020

Shri Vijay Rupani, Hon'ble CM of Gujarat, launched the Gujarat Industrial Policy 2020 through live platform and interacted with leading industry members across the state and the country.

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AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO,
FEDERATION OF GUJARAT INDUSTRIES,
BARODA.

We have audited the attached Balance Sheet as at 31st March, 2021 and also the annexed Income & Expenditure Account for the year ended on the same date of Federation of Gujarat Industries, Baroda and report that;

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

The Management is responsible with respect to the preparation of these financial statements that give a true and fair view of the financial position and financial performance of the Federation in accordance with the Accounting principles generally accepted in India. This responsibility also includes maintenance of adequate accounting records in accordance with the provision of Societies (Reg.) Act, 1860 for safeguarding of the assets of the Federation and for preventing and detecting frauds and other irregularities; selection and application of appropriate accounting policies; making judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and design, implementation and maintenance of adequate internal financial controls, that were operating effectively for ensuring the accuracy and completeness of the accounting records, relevant to the preparation and presentation of the financial statements that give a true and fair view and are free from material misstatement whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We have taken into account the provision of the Societies (Reg.) Act 1860, the accounting standards and the matters which are required to be included in the audit report under the provision of the Societies (Reg.) Act 1860, and the Rules made there under.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the generally accepted Standards on Auditing, as applicable. Those Standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and the disclosures in the financial statements and to examining those evidence on test basis. The procedures and the sampling selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the Assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal financial Controls relevant to the preparation of the financial statements that give a true and fair view in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of the accounting policies used and the reasonableness of the accounting estimates made as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion on the financial statements.

1. **We have obtained all the information and explanations which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purpose of our audit.**
2. **In our opinion, proper books of accounts have been kept by the Federation so far as it appears from our examination of the said books.**
3. **The Balance Sheet and Income & Expenditure Account dealt with by this report are in agreement with the books of account.**
4. **In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us, the account, read together with other Notes thereon give a true and correct view :**
 - (i) **In the case of Balance Sheet, of the state of affairs as at 31st March, 2021.**
 - (ii) **In the case of Income and Expenditure Account, of the SURPLUS for the year ended on 31st March, 2021.**
5. **Other matters:**

There are Certain claims and litigations with regards to “Switch Global Expo 2016”. Non acceptability of financial liability for “Switch Global Expo 2016” has been disclosed in Note No.4 of the Accounts of the Federation.

Place : BARODA

Date : 03/09/2021

For V. J. Amin & Co.
Chartered Accountants.



Dharamsinh T. Kesharani
(Partner)

M. No. 047553

UDIN : 21047553AAAABG8616

FEDERATION OF GUJARAT INDUSTRIES, VADODARA
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH 2021

Particulars	Schedule	FGI As at 31 st March 2021	FGI As at 31 st March 2020
Funds	A	13,13,50,345	12,74,48,739
Income & Expenditure Account	B	67,01,729	61,76,864
Total		13,80,52,074	13,36,25,603
Fixed Assets	C	7,18,16,289	7,17,23,266
Investments	D	6,49,66,000	5,79,66,000
Current Assets			
1. Loans & Advances	E	24,24,860	34,65,472
2. Sundry Debtors		95,100	3,87,197
3. Cash & Bank Balance	F	10,80,414	23,22,804
		36,00,374	61,75,473
Less: Current Liabilities & Provisions	G	23,30,589	22,39,136
Net Current Assets		12,69,785	39,36,337
Total		13,80,52,074	13,36,25,603
Notes to the Accounts	L		

The above Balance Sheet to the best of our belief contains a true and correct account of the Funds and liabilities and Property and Assets of the Federation.


As per our report of even date

For V. J. Amin & Co.
Chartered Accountants




Dharamsinh Kesharani
Partner


Place : Vadodara
Dated : 03/09/2021



Abhishek Gangwal
President



Mr. Arti Basu
Vice President



Mr. Tarak Patel
Sr. Vice President



Mr. Rustom Patell
Hon. Treasurer

FEDERATION OF GUJARAT INDUSTRIES, VADODARA
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED ON 31ST MARCH 2021

Particulars	Schedule	FGI (F.Y. 2020-21) (Rs.)	FGI (F.Y. 2019-20) (Rs.)
INCOME		66,87,000	6,678,750
Annual Subscription		49,30,884	4,826,925
Interest on Deposits		930,750	689,500
Advertisement (Bulletin)		4,825,612	4,520,154
Other Income		51,000	2,032,726
Rent Income		-	7,000,000
FGI Awards			
Total	(1)	17,425,246	25,748,055
EXPENSES			
Expenses in respect of properties :	H	955,138	1,124,966
Staff Expenses	I	4,912,945	5,014,662
Administrative Expenses	J	2,050,903	2,413,258
Other Expenses	K	1,952,751	3,993,884
Depreciation	C	2,028,644	1,946,786
Total	(2)	11,900,381	14,493,556
Surplus transferred to Income and Expenditure Account	(1-2)	5,524,865	11,254,499
Total		17,425,246	25,748,055
Notes to the Accounts	L		

The above Balance Sheet to the best of our belief contains a true and correct account of the Funds and liabilities and Property and Assets of the Federation.


As per our report of even date

For V. J. Amin & Co.
Chartered Accountants




Dharamsinh Kesharani
Partner


Place : Vadodara
Dated : 03/09/2021



Abhishek Gangwal
President



Mr. Arti Basu
Vice President



Mr. Tarak Patel
Sr. Vice President



Mr. Rustom Patell
Hon. Treasurer

FEDERATION OF GUJARAT INDUSTRIES, VADODARA
SCHEDULES FORMING PART OF BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH 2021

Particulars	FGI As at 31 st March 2021	FGI As at 31 st March 2020
Schedule A: FUNDS		
General Fund :		
Balance as per last Balance Sheet	67,013,739	6,70,13,739
Add: Addition during the year	2,178,669	-
Balance	69,192,408	6,70,13,739
Corpus Fund :		
Balance as per last Balance Sheet	3,50,00,000	3,50,00,000
Add: Addition during the year	-	-
Balance	3,50,00,000	3,50,00,000
Building Fund :		
Balance as per last Balance Sheet	1,39,35,000	1,39,35,000
Add: Grant from Govt. of Gujarat	-	-
Balance	1,39,35,000	1,39,35,000
Earmark Fund		
Balance as per last Balance Sheet	1,15,00,000	14,42,770
Add: Addition during the year	50,00,000	1,15,00,000
Less: Fund Utilized during the year	32,77,063	14,42,770
Balance	1,32,22,937	1,15,00,000
Total	13,13,50,345	12,74,48,739
Schedule : B INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT		
Opening Balance	61,76,864	64,22,365
Less:- Transfer to Earmark Fund	50,00,000	1,15,00,000
Add/Less: Surplus/(-) Deficit during the year	55,24,865	1,12,54,499
Balance	67,01,729	61,76,864

FEDERATION OF GUJARAT INDUSTRIES, VADODARA
SCHEDULE - "C" FORMING PART OF BALANCE SHEET FIXED ASSETS AS AT 31ST MARCH, 2021

Assets	GROSS BLOCK				Rate %	DEPRECIATION				NET BLOCK	
	Cost As at 01.04.2020	Addition before 30.09.2020	Addition after 01.10.2020	Deduction during year		Cost As at 31.03.2021	For the year 2020-2021	Deduction during year	Upto 31.03.2021	As at 31.03.2021	As at 31.03.2020
A. Land at Khanpur	1,57,75,016	-	-	-	1,57,75,016	0%	-	-	-	1,57,75,016	1,57,75,016
B. Office Building-Sidcup											
-- FGI Business Centre	6,15,98,919	-	-	-	6,15,98,919	1.63%	10,04,062	-	1,09,81,917	5,06,17,002	5,16,21,064
-- Lift	13,81,627	-	-	-	13,81,627	1.63%	22,521	-	2,47,730	11,33,897	11,56,418
C. Furniture & Fixtures	50,68,250	-	-	-	50,68,250	9.50%	1,400	-	50,68,250	-	1,400
D. Office Equipments											
-- Airconditioner	39,24,817	-	4,98,480	57,000	43,66,297	7.07%	2,91,076	-	3,71,9155	6,47,142	4,96,738
-- EPABX System	6,998	-	-	-	6,998	7.07%	495	-	990	6,008	6,503
-- Fax Machine	2,24,399	-	-	-	2,24,399	7.07%	1,27,101	-	1,42,966	81,433	97,298
-- Mobile Instrument	29,500	-	-	-	29,500	7.07%	10,430	-	12,516	16,984	19,070
-- Zerox Machine	7,500	-	-	-	7,500	7.07%	2,120	-	2,650	4,850	5,379
-- Copper lamp	-	-	83,000	-	83,000	7.07%	-	-	2,934	80,066	-
-- Vacume Cleaner	23,475	-	-	-	23,475	7.07%	1,660	-	3,320	20,155	21,815
-- Water Tank	-	-	50,000	-	50,000	7.07%	-	-	1,768	48,232	-
E. Electrical Installations											
-- Electrical Installations	52,11,100	-	-	-	52,11,100	7.07%	3,68,425	-	42,36,868	9,74,231	13,42,656
-- Invertor. DG Set	8,94,546	-	-	-	8,94,546	7.07%	63,244	-	7,38,617	1,55,929	2,19,173
-- Speaker & Microphone	19,21,641	-	7,64,784	-	26,86,425	7.07%	1,62,895	-	15,26,925	11,59,500	5,57,611
-- & Emplifiers	26,501	-	-	-	26,501	7.07%	1,874	-	11,244	15,257	17,131
-- Lawn Cutter Machine	67,190	-	-	-	67,190	7.07%	4,750	-	11,875	55,315	60,065
-- CC TV Cameras	55,920	-	-	-	55,920	7.07%	3,954	-	10,678	45,242	49,196
-- LED -Panasonic	-	-	1,47,960	-	1,47,960	7.07%	-	-	5,230	1,42,730	-
-- Mobile Instrument	-	-	3,800	-	3,800	7.07%	-	-	134	3,666	-
-- Projector	1,87,151	-	-	-	1,87,151	7.07%	13,232	-	26,465	1,60,686	1,73,918
F. Computers											
-- Computers	9,765	-	3,77,645	-	9,765	7.07%	690	-	690	9,075	9,765
-- Scanner HP 3500 C	-	-	-	-	3,77,645	7.07%	13,350	-	13,350	3,64,295	-
-- Canon LBP2900B Printer	-	-	2,53,000	-	2,53,000	7.07%	8,944	-	8,944	2,44,055	-
G. Vehicle											
-- Motor-cyle	37,921	-	-	-	37,921	9.50%	1,149	-	37,921	-	1,149
-- Motor-car	3,82,923	-	-	-	3,82,923	9.50%	36,378	-	3,27,400	55,522	91,900
Total Rs.	9,79,25,144	-	21,78,669	57,000	10,00,46,813		20,28,644	-	2,82,30,520	7,18,16,289	7,17,23,265

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FEDERATION OF GUJARAT INDUSTRIES, VADODARA
SCHEDULES FORMING PART OF BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH 2021

Particulars	FGI As at 31 st March 2021	FGI As at 31 st March 2020
<u>Schedule D: INVESTMENTS</u>		
Fixed Deposits with :		
1. State Bank of India	7,00,000	7,00,000
2. HDFC Ltd.	5,67,66,000	4,92,66,000
3. Union Bank of India	45,00,000	50,00,000
4. RBI Bond (SHCIL)	25,00,000	25,00,000
5. DCB Bank	5,00,000	5,00,000
Total	6,49,66,000	5,79,66,000
<u>Schedule E: ADVANCES</u>		
1. Advance Income Tax (TDS Receivable)	18,95,944	32,76,308
2. GEB Connection SD A/c.	1,78,696	94,980
3. Accrued Interest	9,166	8,916
4. GST / Service Tax Receivable	3,14,382	-
5. Advance of Staff	26,672	85,268
Total	24,24,860	34,65,472

FEDERATION OF GUJARAT INDUSTRIES, VADODARA
SCHEDULES FORMING PART OF BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH 2021

Particulars	FGI As at 31 st March 2021	FGI As at 31 st March 2020
Schedule F: CASH & BANK BALANCES		
A. Cash on hand	61,735	1,06,294
B. In Bank Account with :		
1. State Bank of India SB A/c	1,80,203	11,42,975
2. Union Bank of India SB A/c	2,01,234	8,58,513
3. State Bank of India Current A/c	3,27,757	2,07,374
4. Co-op. Bank of Rajkot Ltd.	6,964	6,126
5. Co-op. Bank of Rajkot Ltd	2,521	1,522
6. ICICI Bank	3,00,000	-
Total	10,80,414	23,22,804
Schedule G :CURRENT LIABILITIES AND PROVISIONS		
1. Advances for Services	13,45,761	12,80,594
2. Statutory Dues Payable	57,943	20,290
3. Sundry Creditors	3,24,366	4,09,148
4. Other Liabilities	6,02,519	5,29,104
Total	23,30,589	22,39,136

FEDERATION OF GUJARAT INDUSTRIES, VADODARA
SCHEDULE FORMING PART OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED ON 31ST MARCH 2021

Particulars	FGI (F.Y. 2020-21) (Rs.)	FGI (F.Y. 2019-20) (Rs.)
Schedule H : EXPENSES IN RESPECT OF PROPERTIES :		
Municipal and other taxes	2,00,225	2,01,200
Repair, Maintenance & other Renovation	6,70,890	8,67,279
Insurance Premium	84,023	56,487
Total	9,55,138	11,24,966
Schedule I : STAFF EXPENSES :		
Salary	4,612,394	47,55,142
Provident Fund contribution	1,36,129	1,52,615
Staff Welfare Expenses	1,15,182	26,650
Gratuity Premium	49,240	80,255
Total	49,12,945	50,14,662
Schedule J : ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES :		
Travelling & Conveyance	7,23,560	5,67,438
Electricity	3,39,230	5,90,280
Office	1,85,702	2,64,293
Postage	98,851	1,04,515
Telephone & Fax	67,311	2,10,550
Bank Charges	12,449	4,032
Audit Fees	2,56,000	55,000
Legal & Professional charges	9,000	2,35,000
Professional Tax	2,400	2,400
Security Charges & Other Expenses	3,56,400	3,79,750
Total	20,50,903	24,13,258
Schedule K : OTHER EXPENSES :		
Publication Expenses	6,13,735	4,66,575
Books and Periodicals	16,134	15,245
Conference and Seminar	2,87,813	10,87,816
Printing & Stationery	1,13,326	1,52,877
Subscription	25,750	22,500
GST Expenses	-	40,371
Event Expenses	3,34,036	11,58,500
CSR Expense	5,61,957	10,50,000
Total	19,52,751	39,93,884

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FEDERATION OF GUJARAT INDUSTRIES, VADODARA
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED ON 31ST MARCH 2021

Particulars	Schedule	FGI (F.Y. 2020-21) (Rs.)	FGI (F.Y. 2019-20) (Rs.)
INCOME		66,87,000	6,678,750
Annual Subscription		49,30,884	4,826,925
Interest on Deposits		930,750	689,500
Advertisement (Bulletin)		4,825,612	4,520,154
Other Income		51,000	2,032,726
Rent Income		-	7,000,000
FGI Awards			
Total	(1)	17,425,246	25,748,055
EXPENSES			
Expenses in respect of properties :	H	955,138	1,124,966
Staff Expenses	I	4,912,945	5,014,662
Administrative Expenses	J	2,050,903	2,413,258
Other Expenses	K	1,952,751	3,993,884
Depreciation	C	2,028,644	1,946,786
Total	(2)	11,900,381	14,493,556
Surplus transferred to Income and Expenditure Account	(1-2)	5,524,865	11,254,499
Total		17,425,246	25,748,055
Notes to the Accounts	L		

The above Balance Sheet to the best of our belief contains a true and correct account of the Funds and liabilities and Property and Assets of the Federation.


As per our report of even date

For V. J. Amin & Co.
Chartered Accountants




Dharamsinh Kesharani
Partner


Place : Vadodara
Dated : 03/09/2021



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President



Mr. Arti Basu
Vice President



Mr. Tarak Patel
Sr. Vice President



Mr. Rustom Patell
Hon. Treasurer



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About FGI

The Federation of Gujarat Industries was founded in the year 1918, in the erstwhile Baroda State, under the progressive rule of Shrimant Sayajirao Gaekwad, who encouraged social reforms and industrial development.

The FGI has its archives full of events associated with the vast industrial growth in and around Vadodara.

The FGI Business Centre at Sevasi consists of a state-of-the-art Auditorium, Exhibition Hall, Board Room and Lush Green Lawns for benefit of the Business and Industrial community.

The Federation has instituted 15 awards in the field of Industrial and Economic excellence including the social sphere to give recognition and support to individuals.

The Federation publishes its bulletin which covers multifarious issues & information useful for the Industries so as to keep them apprised on latest developments in business & industrial matters.

The Federation was the first chamber in Vadodara authorized by the DGFT for vetting and attesting the Certificate of Origin. This facility is now available online (www.fgiindia.com)

The Federation is authorized to issue recommendation letters for Business Visas.



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