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The Vizagapatam Chambers of Commerce and Industry



TOWARDS THE NEW NORMAL

THE NEW TEAM FOR 2022-2024 LED BY R. SATISH

AGM held on 24 July 2022



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



It is indeed a great pleasure and honour to take over as President for the term 2022-24 of our prestigious Chamber which is 92 year old institution.

Our heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to outgoing team led by Shri Veermohan for excellent work during the toughest times and kept the VCCI flag flying high. We have a dedicated Executive Committee who are young and dynamic business entrepreneurs with sufficient business experience in their own fields to support us during the next two years. Their roles for the two years is clearly defined to achieve our Chamber goals and objectives.

We VCCI would like to improve our brand image still further by involving all members in various activities organised by Chamber and be a support to them as required and also improve the membership strength in the next two years. We have our VCCI Womens Wing led by Jeeja Valsaraj and VCCI Youth Wing led by Divya Abhilash who will carry on their activities and plan as required for the benefit of the society and their members. We are happy to announce that our first magazine of our Chamber for this tenure has been coordinated and released by our VCCI Youth Wing leader Divya Abhilash and her team and really a fast work in such a short time of 4 weeks.

Looking forward for a great year and your support is always required.

Wish you all the best

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading 'R Satish', is positioned above the printed name.

R Satish
President



SECRETARY'S MESSAGE



Dear Members,

Greetings I am greatly honoured to serve as the Secretary of the august Institution Vizagapatam Chamber of Commerce and Industry and thank all members for their confidence imposed in me.

We have a committee of young experienced professionals who have excelled in their profession and contributed to the growth in their business. And I am confident with all his expertise, dynamism and energy, a successful leader with a vision for the city, President R. Satish will be able to lead in fulfilling the aspiration of the members.

Our President has already energized the committee members with specific tasks and goals. I request all members to participate and make VCCI vibrant, living up to the high standards set up by our illustrious past leaders. All efforts with the sole objective to bless the Exim trade and in turn the society.

The President also has plans to conduct programs in relationship with FICCI/PHD, Delhi, ASSOCHAM/CIA/Embassies and Government agencies to make an impact of VCCI that will be felt by all sections in the society and to make the trade stronger. Lets all join hands to celebrate VCCI.

Let us take advantage of the lessons learnt and make appropriate changes in the functioning of VCCI to ensure a meaningful, purposeful and worthy membership experience for all our members. We can then say that even the pandemic served a purpose. As they say 'Tough times don't last, tough people do'.

We have a strong Women's Wing and Youth Wing which will be of great value to VCCI.

Let us all wish our new President R. Satish all the best and make his year a resounding success.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading 'Rolland Williams'.

Rolland Williams
Secretary, VCCI



R Satish
President

VCCI

NEW COMMITTEE TEAM 2022-24



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Vice President



Rolland Williams
Hon. Secretary



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Immediate Past President



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VCCI GOLF CUP

VCCI conducted competitions for gold and silver categories. 160 players participated in the tournament.



The VIZAGAPATAM CHAMBER of COMMERCE & INDUSTRY, (VCCI) turned 90! To commemorate this important milestone, VCCI has associated with East Point Golf club who recently got A category status from Indian Golf Union to conduct a Tournament. VCCI has instituted a GOLF CUP called The 'VIZAGAPATAM CHAMBER of COMMERCE CUP'. The tournament was played for two days 20th & 21st March. Few players from Bhubaneswar and Hyderabad were invited to play in the East Point Golf Club (EPGC).

The newly renovated golf course is now classified to be a category a golf course by the Indian Golf Union. (IGU) The IGU is the apex body of Golf in the country and all golf courses across India are under its jurisdiction. EPGC committee readily agreed to conduct the golf tournament when VCCI decided to sponsor the golf cup and extended their support in all the activities.

The Chief Guest for the Inaugural Tournament was Lt. Gen. Anbu Devraj, who took over as the President of the Indian Golf Union (IGU) in December 2020. He said that EPGC is one of the best Golf courses in India. He said that, this is his first official visit to any golf club after he took over the President of IGU. Gen Anbu has served as Vice chief of Army staff before taking up this assignment

with IGU. Chief Guest said that he is very happy to know that EPGC is the first Golf course that was defined and developed indigenously with locally available plants and all other material. He expressed that he is delighted about the way it has been designed and he appreciated the idea of water conservation. He said that IGU is planning to take golf to the grassroots level and start the spread of the sport to private and Government schools level. He explained that IGU works with all the golfers and golf clubs to achieve this. Chief Guest appreciated VCCI for its impeccable service to business community and also for sponsoring the Golf tournament as a part of its celebration.

Dr. Dilip Tirky, Chairman of Odisha Tourism and a renowned hockey player was the Guest of honour of the golf tournament. Dr. Dilip has been awarded Padmasri, Arjuna and Eklavya awards for his valuable contribution towards the sport. Dr. Dilip thanked VCCI for inviting him to play golf and also appreciated about the new golf course. As part of the tournament the VCCI conducted competitions for gold and silver categories. 160 players participated in the tournament. The following are the winners of the two categories: Gold winner: Mr. Murali, Silver winner: Mr. Ravi Kumar and overall winner was Mr. Mathew Thomas. Ladies Putting was also conducted by



Women's Wing of VCCI. 1st prize was won by Mrs. Afreen, 2nd prize by Mrs. Sandhya Godey and the Runner up was Mrs. Shilpa.

VCCI President Mr. Veeramohan said that VCCI is in the service of the local industry and business from last 90 years and took every opportunity to promote Vizag across India and the world. He also said that this is the first Golf course of international standard in Andhra Pradesh. This facility will attract many foreign companies to select Vizag as their business destination. He also said that golf tourism got good potential and with this new upgraded golf course Vizag will be on Golf tourism map. VCCI women's wing president Mrs. Hema and Secretary Mrs. Sandhya conducted the prize distribution ceremony and VCCI Secretary Mr. Ravi Godey proposed vote of thanks.



1 Felicitating newly appointed Governor of Mizoram Dr. Hari Babu Garu

VCCI Felicitated and congratulated newly appointed Governor of Mizoram Dr. Hari Babu Garu and hosted Breakfast at Waltair Club.



2 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2021

The Vizagapatam Chamber of Commerce & Industry held its Annual General Body Meeting on 30th July 2021 at VCCI Conference Hall. Mr G Veeramohan, President, VCCI welcomed all the members to the AGM & highlighted about the activities of the Chamber in the past year. Mr Ravi Godey, Hony. Secretary made a detailed presentation on the activities organized & participated by VCCI. Mr Rolland Williams, Hony. Treasurer, briefed the members about the financials of the Chamber. The AGM was ended by Vote of Thanks given by Mr. PV Narasimha Rao, Executive Committee member.

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Seminar on Telepresence Robots

VCCI conducted seminar on telepresence robots in association with Ohmni labs, Sanfrancisco USA at VCCI Conference Hall.

Ohmni Robot is an award-winning telepresence robot that transforms how people connect from their homes, businesses, classrooms, to hospitals. Telepresence robot helping SMBs and Educational Institutes stay connected with their stakeholders from anywhere in the world, through world-class Telepresence Robotic Solutions. Ohmnilabs enables its clients to cut down on travel costs, downtime losses and streamline telecommunications processes.

Mr. Anirudh Ravi Ohmni Specialist and Sales Growth Strategist @ Ohmnilabs is the Key speaker of the seminar. He had given a practical presentation with Robot on how one can operate and control things at work place with the help of Robots.





4

Business Meet with Vietnam Ambassador

The Vizagapatnam Chamber of Commerce and Industry (VCCI) had a meeting with His Excellency Mr. Pham Sanh Chau, India Vietnam Ambassador, Mr. Bui Trung Thuong, Trade Counsellor and their team. Mr. G. VeeraMohan President of VCCI said that VCCI is celebrating its 90th year and from last 90 years the VCCI is serving the business community and the people of Vizag. Which is strategically located on east cost and suitable for Vietnamese to start their businesses.

Later his excellency Mr. Chau addressed the gathering and said that he has visited Visakhapatnam couple of times to study pharma city. He said this time he was happy to meet a wider spectrum of industries through VCCI. His Excellency told that he was very much privileged to see the naval exercise and to meet the Navy Chief.

Mr. Chau told that he tried to help many big companies to improve bilateral trade between Vietnam and India and now he is trying to work with small and medium sized companies to improve the business further. He shared an open invitation to VCCI members to invest in Vietnam and vice versa.

He also said that a big real estate company from Vietnam is planning to develop a mega city project in India and he feels that Vizag is the best place to execute that idea. He said that shortly he will be meeting the honourable Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh with a proposal. He said that Vizag is a beautiful city and he fell in love with this city.

Mr. Chau expressed his interest in expanding their logistics and sea connectivity with Vizag. He then finally told that he and his team would be in touch with VCCI for future business relationship.



Mr. Bui Trung Thuong also addressed the members of VCCI and invited them to visit Vietnam.

Members of chamber also interacted with His Excellency and his team, shared the details about their business activities and interests to do business with Vietnam.

VCCI President Mr. Veeramohan and Secretary Mr. Ravi Godey honoured His excellency Mr. Pham Sanh Chau with a shawl and presented mementos and thanked Mr. Chau and his office members for spending time with VCCI and sharing business opportunities.

5

Interactive Meet on GST - Mr. Bimal Jain

GST Expert CA Bimal Jain is a qualified CA 1994. He is FCA, FCS and LLB. He is the chairman of Indirect Tax Committee of PHD Chamber of Commerce and author of the Book GST and Analysis. He is associated with some of the biggest Trade and Industries organisations and Associations. Before VCCI had a successful seminar on GST. Because of the successful session on GST with CA Bimal Jain during earlier years. VCCI requested him for a interactive session on the new updates GST on 27th Nov 2021. Many VCCI members had attended the session and interacted with the speaker.



6

UK Delegation Dinner Invite

Mr. Alan Gemmell- DHC for Western India & Her Majesty's Trade Commissioner for South Asia and Dr. Andrew Fleming- Deputy High Commissioner will be in Vizag on Monday on 2nd May and have invited us for a small dinner reception at Novotel.



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AGM & EXCELLENCE AWARDS 2022

The Vizagapatnam Chamber of Commerce & Industry held its Annual General Body Meeting on 24th June 2022 at Taj Gateway Hotel Visakhapatnam. On this occasion Mr G Veeramohan, President, VCCI welcomed all the members to the AGM & highlighted about the activities of the Chamber in the past year. Mr Ravi Godey, Hony. Secretary made a detailed presentation on the activities organized & participated by VCCI. Mr Rolland Williams, Hony. Treasurer, briefed the members about the financials of the Chamber.

On this special occasion of the AGM, the VCCI also organized the VCCI Excellence Awards 2022 that were instituted to recognize organizations and individual services during Covid-19. The Recognitions of Covid Response honoured the contributions of individuals, groups, and organizations that worked valiantly over the past two years to keep us safe, healthy, employed, and



informed. Ms. Vanitha Datla, Vice Chairperson & Managing Director, ELICO Ltd was invited as Chief Guest. VCCI has been conducting Excellence Awards since 2018 every 2 years. This was the 3rd successful award ceremony. Through these awards VCCI recognized the organizations who have demonstrated unique vision and achievement in support of our region's economy and betterment of the business community. Women's Wing Secretary Sandhya Godey and member Parveen Hosain conducted the Awards ceremony as emcee's.

Mrs. Vanitha conveyed her heartfelt gratitude for inviting her for the function and gave a very gentle speech about herself and was very happy that so many people rendered relentless services during the pandemic. She congratulated all the winners and said that all the people who did amazing service are winners. The awards function came to an end with the vote of thanks by the newly elected President Mr.R.Satish





AWARDEES LIST - STAR OF INDUSTRY

SNO	AWARD CATEGORY	AWARDEES
1	Excellence Award For Remote Working Practice	Fluentgrid Limited
2	Excellence Award For Exemplary Support For Staff	Manoj Vaibhav Gems & Jewellers Limited
3	Excellence Award For Community Service	CMR Textiles & Jewellers Private Limited
4	Excellence Award For Best Exports Growth	Nekkanti Sea Foods Limited
5	Excellence Award For Best Employment Generation (MSME)	Life Line Foods And Agro Products Pvt Ltd
6	Excellence Award For Best Overall Performing (MSME)	Daspalla Hotels Private Limited
7	Excellence Award For Innovation Of The Year	Lotus Wireless Technologies Pvt Ltd
8	Excellence Award For Star Women Entrepreneur	Usha Gajapathi Raju P
9	Excellence Award For Star Young Entrepreneur	Sarb Raj Singh Anand

VCCI EXCELLENCE AWARDS WINNERS 2022

The VCCI also recognized Covid Response Rewards for individuals for their service and work delivered during Covid to keep us safe, healthy, employed, and informed.

SNO	REWARDS - STAR COVID RESPONSE	
1	Excellence Award For Effective Leadership	Dr. P.V. Sudhakar
2	Excellence Award For Exceptional Service	Dr. K.S.I.G Sastry
3	Excellence Award For Outstanding Management	K. Gnanaveni
4	Excellence Award For Exemplary Service In Blood Distribution	A. S. Raja Voluntary Blood Bank
5	Excellence Award For Exemplary Service In Blood Distribution	Rotary Blood Bank (Vishaka Port City Rotary Charitable Trust)
6	Excellence Award For Exemplary Social Work	G Venkata Ramana Reddy
7	Excellence Award For Outstanding Service	T Bhavani
8	Excellence Award For Outstanding Service	R V S N Murthy
9	Excellence Award For Outstanding Service	G Sasi Bhushana Rao
10	Excellence Award For Support To Msme's	A Ramalingeswara Raju



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No Plastic Drive Campaign

Vizagapatam Chamber of commerce and industry (VCCI), Information Technology Association of Andhra Pradesh (iTAAP) and Fluentgrid limited in association with GVMC has jointly organized program on SAY NO TO SINGLE USE PLASTIC & SAVE ENVIRONMENT an awareness initiative at Fluentgrid office, Rushikonda IT Park, Visakhapatnam.

Dr. G Lakshmisha IAS, Commissioner, Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation graced the occasion as a Chief Guest. Addressing the gathering Dr. G Lakshmisha appreciated VCCI President Sri R Satish, iTAAP Vice President Sri Sudhakar Pantula & Fluentgrid MD & CEO Sri Murali Krishna Gannamani

for initiating movement on SAY NO TO PLASTIC and encouraging the usage of eco-friendly cloth and jute bags at all the organizations associated with them & VCCI.

Ms. Jeeja Valsaraj President of Women's Wing VCCI and Ms. Divya Abhilash President of Youth Wing VCCI and few members from both the wings also participated and supported the No Plastic Drive Campaign.

On this occasion the Commissioner GVMC distributed Cloth & Jute bags & urged all the gathering to support for greener, environmental friendly & pollution free Visakhapatnam and asked all the guest to promote this drive across all sectors of society.





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President

WOMEN'S WING

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Treasurer



Hema Hari
Immediate Past President



Vani Kancharla
Committee Member



A Anusha
Committee Member



DR. Vijaya Ravindra
Committee Member



Sapna Somani
Committee Member



Parveen H
Committee Member



Preethi Sangita
Committee Member



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WOMEN'S WING Events

The Women's Wing VCCI, during the year 2021-2022 conducted a few events despite the restrictions due to COVID safety protocols.



The Natural Living Expo

The event was a huge success in terms of stall participants as well as visitors to the Expo. The event was inaugurated by the Visakhapatnam Mayor Smt Golagani Hari Venkata Kumari and the GVMC Commissioner Dr. G Lakshmisha I.A.S. Various organic and natural products were exhibited and sales too were very encouraging for the stall owners.





10 **Members Speak** a monthly chat show where three Women's Wing members were in conversation with three other members to share their journeys was well received. These conversations brought out unknown facets of the members, highlighted their personal and professional achievements and were major lessons in learning for everyone who participated. 18 members were covered under the Members Speak initiative till now.




11 **Ignite- Harnessing Technology for Business Growth** was a day long seminar that gave in depth insights from leading professionals in the four core areas for digital transformation in business - E-commerce, Cybersecurity, Sales & Marketing and Business Process. These sessions were conducted by Mr Kanthi Dutt, Dr Ananth Prabhu, Mr Niranjana Pagadala and Ms BhagyaShree respectively. A very interesting and hugely encouraging segment of this seminar was the live in-person interaction with three members of the Paalaguttapalle Bags team. Ms Anitha, Ms Uma and Ms Nirmala travelled all the way from the remote village of Paalaguttapalle to Visakhapatnam to share their journey of how they utilised technology to learn, reach out to the world and market their products all over India and to countries abroad. Almost 175 delegates attended this session and left with great learning's from all the sessions.

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Women's Wing AGM 2022

Women's Wing Annual general Body Meeting was conducted on 22nd June 2022 at Hotel Park. Womens Wing members attended the AGM. President Dr. Hema Yadavalli welcomed all the members and highlighted the activities of Women's Wing during the term. Hony. Secretary Ms. Sandhya Godey made a detailed presentation on the activities of Women's Wing. Ms. Vani Kancharla, Hony. Treasurer, briefed the members about the financials of the Women's Wing.





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Keerthana Grandhi
Committee Member



B Venkata Sridhar Burugupalli
Committee Member



YOUTH WING EVENTS



13 AGM

Youth Wing Annual general Body Meeting was conducted on 03rd June 2022 at VCCI Board Room. Youth members attended the AGM. President CV Anirudh welcomed all the members and gave an elaborate speech about the activities that happened during his term. Hon'y Treasurer, Anirudh Kankatala briefed about financials of Youth Wing.



14 Industrial Visit to Sprint Exports -25.09.2021

VCCI Youth Wing arranged an industry visit to Sprint Exports Pvt. Ltd., an exporter of seafood from Visakhapatnam. The personnel at Sprint were kind enough to show us the detailed flowchart of how the shrimp is procured, shipped to their plant in Visakhapatnam, processed here and after value addition, based on each clients' requirement, is packed and shipped in reefer containers to the United States, Europe, South East Asia and Far East.



15 General Body Get Together



16 Committee Meeting at VCCI Office



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