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PAFI STATE DELEGATION **RAJASTHAN**

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RAJASTHAN MISSION HIGHLIGHTS

The Public Affairs Forum of India (PAFI) recently achieved a significant milestone by organising its first-ever State Delegation to Rajasthan. Held in Jaipur on 25 July 2026, the primary aim of this visit was to build strong, long-term relationships with the Government of Rajasthan. Throughout the day, the delegation focused on understanding the state's economic landscape, exploring its policy vision, and identifying practical opportunities for future collaboration.

The carefully planned itinerary provided a comprehensive view of Rajasthan's evolving business environment. The day began with a preparatory lunch at Hotel Clarks Amer, followed by high-level administrative meetings focused on accelerating the 'speed of doing business'. The delegation then attended an insightful PAFI Dialogue on *The Policy Pivot* at the Rajasthan International Centre. This was complemented by an exclusive high tea with the Hon'ble Minister Col. Rajyavardhan Rathore to discuss investment and innovation, before concluding with a networking dinner at the Ashok Club.

As PAFI expands its state-level outreach, this delegation highlighted the importance of extending policy discussions beyond Delhi where rubber meets the road.

Here are the key highlights from the engagements in Jaipur.

The Beginning: Lunch at Hotel Clarks Amer



The day commenced with a welcome lunch at Hotel Clarks Amer, offering delegates an opportunity to convene and review the mission's strategic objectives. This gathering built early momentum, serving as an ideal starting point before the delegation transitioned into a packed schedule of high-level government meetings and policy discussions.

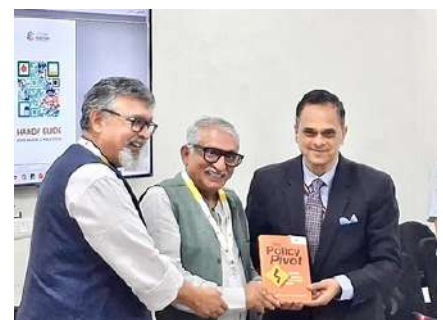
The 'Speed of Doing Business' in Rajasthan

To gain deeper insights into Rajasthan's economic trajectory, the delegation had the distinct privilege of meeting with key state administrative leaders. Highly productive discussions were held with:

- **Mr Srinivas Voruganti**, Chief Secretary, Government of Rajasthan
- **Mr Shikhar Agrawal**, Additional Chief Secretary, Government of Rajasthan



The conversation focused on the state's resolute commitment to accelerating the 'speed of doing business'. Discussions highlighted the new policy reforms and institutional frameworks created to facilitate seamless enterprise operations. Furthermore, delegation members explored significant investment opportunities within Rajasthan's vibrant economy, emphasising how industry and government can collaborate to achieve the state's ambitious growth targets.



Fostering Innovation: Meeting with Hon'ble Minister Col. Rajyavardhan Rathore



Following the public dialogue, the delegation continued its strategic engagements with a high-level meeting with **Col. Rajyavardhan Rathore**, Hon'ble Minister for Industries & Commerce, Youth Affairs & Sports, Information Technology & Communications, Military Welfare, and Planning & Entrepreneurship, Government of Rajasthan.

Led by **Maj Ranjeet Goswami**, Vice President, PAFI and Global Head, Corporate Affairs, TATA Consultancy Services Ltd (TCS), the interaction provided an excellent forum to discuss Rajasthan's policy and investment landscape. The delegation exchanged ideas on strengthening the ease of doing business, attracting greater investments, and fostering innovation. PAFI expresses its sincere gratitude to the Hon'ble Minister for his generous time, hospitality, and thoughtful engagement, which has opened exciting new avenues for continued cooperation.

Panel Discussion: Unpacking India's Strategic Shift at the RIC



Later in the evening, the delegation led an engaging PAFI Dialogue on *The Policy Pivot and the Indian Economy* at the Rajasthan International Centre (RIC).

Moderated by **Ajay Singha**, Member, PAFI, the conversation featured a distinguished panel – **Ajay Khanna**, Founder, PAFI, **Rahul Sharma**, Founding Member and Past President, PAFI and Managing Director, US India Business Council (USIBC), and **Anil Padmanabhan**, Senior Journalist.



The panellists delved into the intricacies of India's evolving policy landscape, reflecting the growing need for constructive engagement between government, business, academia, and civil society. Sincere thanks are extended to **Rakshat Hooja**, Director, Jaipur Virasat Foundation, and the RIC team for hosting the delegation and providing a wonderful platform for this thought-provoking dialogue.

A Fitting Finale: Dinner at the Ashok Club

The successful mission concluded with a networking dinner at the historic Ashok Club, graciously hosted by **Ajay Singha**, Member, PAFI.

This evening reception provided delegates with valuable time to reflect on the day's strategic meetings and share key takeaways while enjoying authentic Rajasthani cuisine. The relaxed atmosphere and excellent conversations served as a fitting end to PAFI's first state mission, effectively cementing new relationships and laying the groundwork for future engagements.



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