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"Companies should not pin their employees and put a lid on their dreams. They should be allowed to do what they want with no restrictions": Mr Rajeev Chandrashekhar

New Delhi, September 23, 2022: "Companies should not pin their employees and put a lid on their dreams. They should be allowed to do what they want with no restrictions, subject to a contract agreement that cannot be violated. There is a shift in the workforce confidence and companies that recognize this will succeed. Everyone wants to monetize and create more value" said Mr Rajeev Chandrashekhar, Minister of State for Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Electronics & IT, Govt. of India, opining on moonlighting.

Speaking at the Public Affairs Forum of India's (PAFI) 9th Annual Forum 2022, Mr Chandrashekhar started his address by saying that "The present government's policies have been, and are being, framed with deep structural changes," and said, "this is a once in a lifetime chance to take the Indian economy up to \$1 trillion."

The Minister of State continued by saying that this growth has to be planned in an orderly fashion and said, "I had recently visited a ₹1,000-crore Lithium-ion battery manufacturing unit in Tirupati set up by an entrepreneur who had no prior knowledge in electronics manufacturing." This, Mr Chandrashekhar said, showed how from being exporters of raw materials such as Lithium, India was now manufacturing and exporting products.

In his welcome address, **Mr Harish Krishnan**, Former President and Founder, Public Affairs Forum of India (PAFI), MD and Chief Policy Officer, Cisco India and SAARC said, "The 9th PAFI Forum has been a tremendous success and the goal of India becoming a \$37 billion economy by 2047 looks very doable."

Mr Chetan Krishnaswamy, Managing Committee Member, PAFI and VP, India Public Policy, Amazon India was the moderator.

The 9th PAFI Forum then concluded with **Mr Himar Arjun Singh**, Chief of Public Policy, **Bharti Enterprises** giving the vote of thanks.

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