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Foreword

Dear Members,

It is with great pleasure that I introduce the PAFI Annual Report 2023-24. Going through the highlights of the preceding year I am proud of what our team has achieved in taking forward the mission of PAFI.

It was a pivotal moment as we hosted the 10th Annual Forum in October 2023 that brought leaders and experts from industry, government, think tanks and media together to engage for action-oriented outcomes on the theme-INDIA'S VISION @2030: 3rd LARGEST ECONOMY-Issues, Ideas, Implementation. Prolific discussion on areas that impact us all led to a confluence of ideas on tackling the impact of geopolitics on business, strategies for the promotion of investments-domestic and FDI, consultations on partnering for state-driven growth, and next steps for addressing challenges of climate action, diversity, as well as sector-specific strategies towards fortifying India's path to robust growth.

Forum Highlights on the PAFI website share these details and will be a valuable policy navigator for all stakeholders. We also released a PAFI Coffee Table Book capturing our journey to commemorate ten years of the Annual Forum.

Anticipating the deep interest of our members, we launched the PAFI Councils to facilitate greater engagement on sectoral and issue-based lines with both internal and external stakeholders. The councils include- Agriculture, FMCG, and Food Processing Council, Digital Technology Council, Healthcare Council, and SAFE Public Policy—Strengthening Access, Fairness and Equity in Public Policy. As chair of the SAFE initiative, I am encouraged by the appetite for efforts to integrate more standards for diversity and inclusion into our organisations.

As always, our interactive PAFI dialogues with senior representatives of government continue to be well-received and are contributing towards strengthening public policy conversations.

A special word for The Young PAFI initiative that has taken off and is committed to nurturing young talent in public affairs. In collaboration with our knowledge partner ISPP, PAFI has released a survey-based report on "Public Affairs in India—An Evolving Landscape", which explores the state of public affairs



Vinita Sethi

President, PAFI
SVP & Chief Public Affairs
Apollo Hospitals Group

as a profession in India, along with opportunities in the field as well as areas that need support. As public policy practice evolves in response to changes in the global and domestic environment, PAFI aims to revisit the subject regularly to offer its members deep insights.

Last but not least, PAFI has a new home. In January 2024, the PAFI Secretariat moved to a new office shared with the Internet and Mobile Association of India in Okhla Phase III, New Delhi.

Looking ahead, I believe PAFI will continue to be a leader in driving stakeholder engagement in public policy, building more capacity, conducting policy-focused research, and strengthening evidence-based recommendations to relevant stakeholders. Our expansion to more sectors, collaborations and broadening of research themes will cement our role as a leading public policy institution, drawing on our members' experiences to make the policy ecosystem more resilient and innovative.

Thank you to all PAFI Founding members and Past Presidents for your continued guidance to the PAFI mission. Special thanks to our expanding network of members for enriching participation in our efforts. Of course, none of this would have been possible without the dedication and hard work of the PAFI Secretariat.

Reaffirming my full support and commitment to PAFI's incoming President and the team, I urge all our members and supporters to pledge our collective commitment to the PAFI mission to advance our network, convening, research, and consultations on policy impact in 2024-25.

Post Meeting Meet-up



Message from

Director General



T. S. Vishwanath

Director General, Past President &
Founding Member, PAFI
Principal Adviser, ASL – Legal

Dear members and patrons,

The last year has been exciting. We have added new work streams, including sector-specific councils, and have expanded the Secretariat to strengthen the deliverables for members.

To enhance the PAFI brand and effectiveness, the focus of the policy dialogues has been to invite speakers who address issues of importance to the membership. In the process, we have also added new members!

To grow PAFI, we, as members of India's only organized association of public affairs professionals, may want to focus on five pillars.

- **Build** – **Leverage** – **Outreach**
- **Organize** – **Multiply (BLOOM)**

Build: As an organization, we need to continue to build new networks across the country and globally.

Leverage: PAFI has an exceptionally well-networked membership, and all members need to help the organization strengthen itself by leveraging its strengths and networks.

Outreach: PAFI will have to continue reaching out to all stakeholders to remain relevant. We must stay focused and ensure that all stakeholders find value in engaging with PAFI.

Organize: To build the outreach, we need

to expand the platforms of engagement for members, which will help attract a larger number of companies to PAFI.

Multiply: A more robust and deeply networked organization will help PAFI increase membership and also help forge partnerships with like-minded organizations.

I look forward to working closely with all the founding members, past presidents, the President for 2024-25, Deepshikha Dharmaraj, the leadership team, and the management committee and the entire membership to continue building PAFI. I especially want to thank our outgoing President, Vinita Sethi, for her support and advice. Ajay Khanna has been a coach for many years, and his support has helped me grow the organization after I took over as the DG in November 2022.

Our PAFI team, Lakshmi Kanchaan, Executive Director, Deep Pal, Director and Mehak Vasudev Chadha, Deputy Director, have been at the forefront of engaging with the membership and ensuring that PAFI delivers value. I look forward to engaging and collaborating with all members to build a more robust and valuable PAFI.

PAFI Dialogues

PM's Vision for India's Tech Decade - A Deep Dive

11 MAY 2023



Rajeev Chandrasekhar, Minister of State for Electronics & IT and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Government of India

Investment opportunities in Tamil Nadu Interaction with Minister for Industries

22 SEP 2023



T.R.B. Raaja, Minister for Industries, Investment Promotion & Commerce, Government of Tamil Nadu

India's Amrit Kaal – Implications on the Private Sector

27 SEP 2023



Suman Bery, Vice Chairperson, NITI Aayog

India @ 2030, Priorities of CII & Initiatives

27 SEP 2023



Chandrajit Banerjee, Director General of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)

The State Elections and Way to 2024

07 DEC 2023



Varghese R. George, Resident Editor, Delhi, The Hindu
Aditi Ananthanarayanan, Political commentator and former broadcast journalist

Interaction



S. Krishnan, Secretary, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, Government of India

Ease of doing Business, Cost of Doing Business and Logistics



Rajesh Kumar Singh, Secretary, Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Government of India

Strengthening Trust between Business and Stakeholders

19 JAN 2024



Rohit Kumar Singh, Secretary, Department of Consumer Affairs, Government of India

Women led development - Opportunities for the Industry

14 FEB 2024



Indevar Pandey, Secretary, Ministry of Women & Child Development, Government of India

Evolving Trust in institutions and the nature of today's multi-stakeholder business environment

22 MAR 2024



Matthew Harrington, Global President, COO, Edelman

Strategizing India's Economic Rise Globally

26 APR 2024



Dammu Ravi, Secretary (Economic Relations), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India

FICCI's Public Policies Plan for 2024-25

02 MAY 2024



Shailash K. Pathak, Secretary General, FICCI (Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry)



PAFI Councils

PAFI Councils were set up to address the needs of members to engage with each other along sectoral and issue-based lines. Active drafting of critical legislation across sectors and shifts in consumption and expenditure patterns have necessitated a more hands-on approach to public policy. Simultaneously, changes in the world order and realignments in the global supply chain underscore the need for deeper engagement with internal and external stakeholders.

Agriculture, FMCG and Food Processing Council

The council facilitates closed-door discussions and exchange of ideas related to the FMCG, agriculture and food processing industries and provides a platform for engagement among the PAFI membership and external stakeholders.



Chair – **Devashish Dasgupta**, Managing Committee member, PAFI and Head – Government & Corporate Affairs, Hindustan Unilever Limited

The first meeting of the Agriculture, FMCG, and Food Processing Council was held in New Delhi on 7 December 2023. The members shared ideas to enhance the role of PAFI and its members in approaching issues concerning agriculture, FMCG, food processing and associated sectors.

A presentation was made by Saifur Rahman Faridi, Partner, Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co. on “The emerging landscape in the Agriculture, FMCG and Food Processing sectors.” It highlighted issues such as guidelines surrounding “Green Washing;” the Jan Vishwas Bill passed in the Parliament, and issues that the industry can highlight for being taken up in the next edition of the Jan Vishwas Bill; mandatory declarations in packaging, and the role of industry working with the government in combating fake goods.

Digital Tech Council

The council spearheads comprehensive discussions concerning critical issues within the digital economy domain. It aims to emerge as a trusted, credible, and dependable interlocutor between the government and industry.



Chair – Virat Bhatia, Immediate Past-President, PAFI

The first meeting of the PAFI Digital Tech Council was held in New Delhi on 20 July 2023 under the Chatham House Rule. The agenda and focus of the council were discussed amongst members.

The discussion was followed by a presentation by Vivan Sharan, Partner, Koan Advisory, titled 'India Digital Governance Outlook 2023-24'.

The presentation and discussion were followed by a second presentation. Ambassador Arun Kumar Singh, former Indian ambassador to the United States, spoke on India-U.S. technology cooperation and the Initiative on Critical and Emerging Technologies (iCET) between the two countries.

Healthcare Council

The council takes a holistic view of the healthcare and associated sectors, moving beyond specific legislations or the pharma sector and deliberates on questions of wellness, health management, challenges to public health, and the role of technology.



Chair – Ishteyaque Amjad, Past President, PAFI, Managing Director, Policy & Government Affairs, Abbott Healthcare Pvt. Ltd.

The first meeting of the PAFI Healthcare Council was held in New Delhi on 6 October 2023.

Members raised universal healthcare coverage, preventive health measures, Make in India, Atmanirbhar Bharat, and opportunities for companies to manufacture locally as some of the issues that the council could take up in subsequent meetings.

Krishna Sarma, Managing Partner, Corporate Law Group, shared her thoughts on 'The emerging healthcare landscape in India.' She highlighted trends in Healthcare, Healthcare Financing and Insurance Sectors. The ensuing conversation discussed upcoming challenges and opportunities in the health and wellness space for India.

A conversation with C.K. Mishra, Former Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, on 'The prospects and challenges for the healthcare sector in India and how the private sector can partner with the government', took up the points that had emerged from the first conversation. Mr. Mishra emphasised the private sector's role in markets beyond metro cities. He urged the industry to focus on emerging threats, such as rising non-communicable diseases in India.

SAFE Public Policy—Strengthening Access, Fairness and Equity in Public Policy

The initiative works to build the diversity and inclusion agenda in all member organisations. It aims to help educate, engage, and promote dialogue among stakeholders to ensure equality of access and opportunity.



Chair – Vinita Sethi, President, PAFI, SVP & Chief Public Affairs, Apollo Hospitals Group

In the first meeting of SAFE Public Policy, held in New Delhi on 25 August 2023, the Chairperson, shared ideas shared to enhance the presence of women in decision-making roles, creating secure work environments for all, increasing women's workforce participation, acknowledging the importance of the CARE economy, establishing inclusive models for rural and urban areas, and promoting sustainability.

Apoorva Bapna, Chief Culture Officer, WPP India, shared her thoughts on 'Gender Divide and Beyond—How to Build Diversity in an Organisation's DNA.' She highlighted the significance of diversity in organisational success and outlined strategies to encourage it. The need to celebrate women leaders as role models and the challenges in reintegrating women post-break were discussed in the ensuing conversation.

A very engaging conversation with Dr. Rajiv Kumar, former vice-chairperson of NITI Aayog and Chairman of Pahle India Foundation, on the topic, 'The Urban Approach to Policymaking', followed. Dr. Kumar underscored the need for policymakers to understand the differences between urban and rural India and emphasised the role that industry associations can play to bridge the divide.

Young PAFI

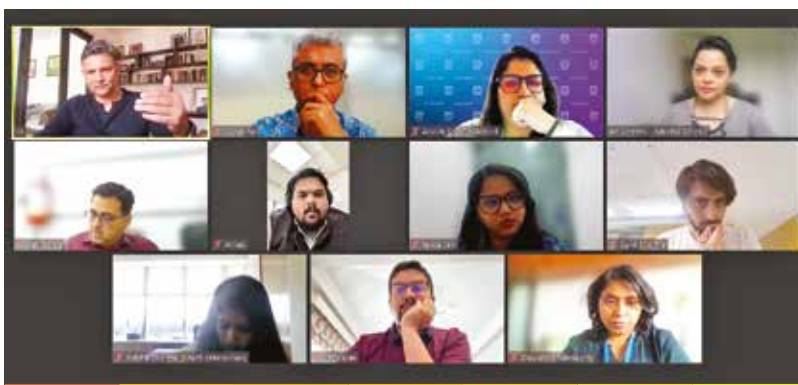
Young PAFI is an initiative to grow and nurture young talent in public affairs. It operates through specific activities under three key pillars: Awareness, education, and career pathing. It aims to identify the needs of young corporate and public affairs professionals across sectors and bridge the gaps to upgrade the skills and knowledge they need to excel in their careers and thrive as public affairs professionals.

The initiative envisions growing and nurturing a community of informed young public affairs leaders capable of navigating complexities and building responsible and impactful policy engagement. The programme aims to support aspiring individuals of PAFI member companies with the knowledge and the skills they need to excel in their careers and thrive as Public Affairs professionals.

The long-term growth of PAFI as a platform for public affairs professionals has much to do with how relevant and compelling its offerings are for young professionals. The young will grow to take on leadership positions in their organisations. Young PAFI aims to increase the touch points within the member companies through targeted engagement opportunities for professionals up to mid-level.



Online session by TS Vishwanath



Online session by Chetan Krishnaswamy



Online session by Medha Girotra

Capacity Building and Collaborations



Since its inception, PAFI has been committed to growing and nurturing talent in public affairs by helping them upgrade their skills and knowledge to excel as public policy professionals. Additionally, the organisation connects with like-minded organisations to work towards accelerating pathways for women in leadership, especially in the corporate sector.

In this context, the PAFI leadership, led by the President, participate in stakeholder consultations centred on women in India Inc. in association with organisations such as Udaiti Foundation, Dasra and Catalytic Corps. PAFI leadership and members regularly interact with junior and mid-level professionals in member companies. Sessions are organised in institutions such as the Indian School of Public Policy, Ashoka University, and Kautilya School of Public Policy to impart insights needed to navigate the intricate nexus of public policy, stakeholder engagement, and strategic communications.

In keeping with its commitment to capacity building, PAFI has come out with the report “Public Affairs in India: An Evolving Landscape” in May 2024, which explores the state of public affairs as a profession in India. The report offers insights gathered and meticulously analysed by knowledge partner ISPP through surveys and deep-dive interviews conducted with Public Affairs professionals working across organisations and sectors in India. The study takes off where the November 2022 report “Public Affairs Career in India – A Turning Point”, left off. As the profession evolves in response to domestic and global changes, this is part of PAFI’s endeavour to understand the pulse of the profession and its future to inform its members.



10th Annual Forum

India's Vision @2030: 3rd Largest Economy
Issues, Ideas, Implementation
26 & 27 Oct 2023



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With theme of **INDIA'S VISION @ 2030: 3rd LARGEST ECONOMY** – Issues. Ideas. Implementation., the Forum had more than 65+ panellist in 11 sessions, over one and half days of engaging discussions on a variety of subjects

Highlights

Sessions with:

Hardeep Singh Puri, Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas and Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs, Government of India

Smriti Zubin Irani, Minister of Women and Child Development and Minister of Minority Affairs, Government of India

Amitabh Kant, Sherpa G-20, Government of India

- 65+ Speakers / Panellist comprising of Ministers, Secretaries, Parliamentarians, Economists, CEOs and Journalists
- 11 Sessions
- 30 Sponsors
- 23 Supporters



PAFI's Annual Forum is a platform for interactive deliberations via discussions, debates, and dialogues. More importantly, it sets the direction for conversations on long-term, broader policy and economic agenda, emerging from active participation and interaction by a diverse set of stakeholders. These include ministers and officials representing central and state governments, global and multilateral organizations, CEOs, media, think tanks, academia, and legislators.



Release of Coffee Table Book

Ajay Khanna, Forum Chairman and Co-founder, PAFI, opened the 10th Forum. To celebrate the Annual Forum's growth and its role in engagement between business, government and other stakeholders, a Coffee Table Book capturing the journey of PAFI's Annual Forum was released. The first copy of the book was presented by Vinita Sethi, President, PAFI, to Prema Sagar, Founding President and Co-Founder, PAFI and Chairperson, BCW India Group.



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Felicitation of Amitabh Kant

A memento was presented to **Amitabh Kant**, Sherpa G-20, Government of India, by Prema Sagar, Founding President and Co-Founder, PAFI and Chairperson, BCW India Group. On behalf of PAFI's Founding Members and Managing Committee, Ajay Khanna, Forum Chairman and Co-Founder, PAFI and Virat Bhatia, Forum Co-Chairman and Immediate-Past President, PAFI, expressed their appreciation for his continued support and guidance to PAFI from its inception.



Session 1

India's place in the world



Session 2

Securing India's Road to Growth



Session 3

Leading the Global Pursuit for Energy Security



Session 4

Prosperity through Diversity and Inclusion



Session 5

Empowering the Gig Economy



Session 6

Balancing Sustainability with High Growth



Session 7

The Road from G20



Session 8

Web 3: The India opportunity



Session 9

Deep Tech, AI, and the Emerging Policy Landscape



Session 10

Building Resilience at a Time of Geopolitical Challenges



Session 11

An Atmanirbhar Bharat to Lead Global Growth



Gala Dinner





Impact – Media

Social Media

During the month of October, the content (posts, creatives, and videos) only from PAFI social media handles reached out to over **30,000** users across social media platforms.

All of this was completely organic.

Average engagement rate on LinkedIn was around **9.4%** and X **7.8%**, against the industry average of **2-3%**.

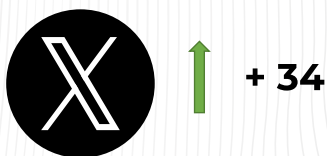
Across all social media platforms, over **15** days, PAFI social media handles added over **250** followers.

Record **83** posts live-tweeted from the sessions of the 10th Annual Forum.

The X posts sentiment was overwhelmingly neutral to positive.

Setting New Records!

2,523 Followers



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Content via PAFI X handle only
Our X earned 27.4K impressions over this 31 day period

34 New Followers

Top Follower followed by 225K people



Navika Kumar

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PAFI's 10th Annual Forum came to a close following three engaging sessions on Day 2. Here's a glimpse of the exceptional panelists and speakers from diverse industries and Government who made Day 2 a huge success!
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New followers

34

Likes

176



Retweets without comments

82



Engagement rate

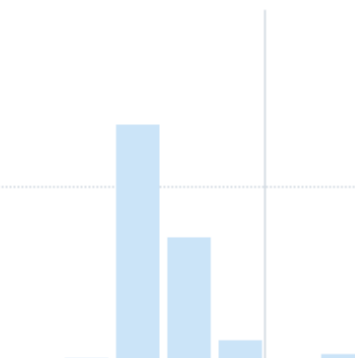
7.8%

Oct 31
0.6% engagement rate



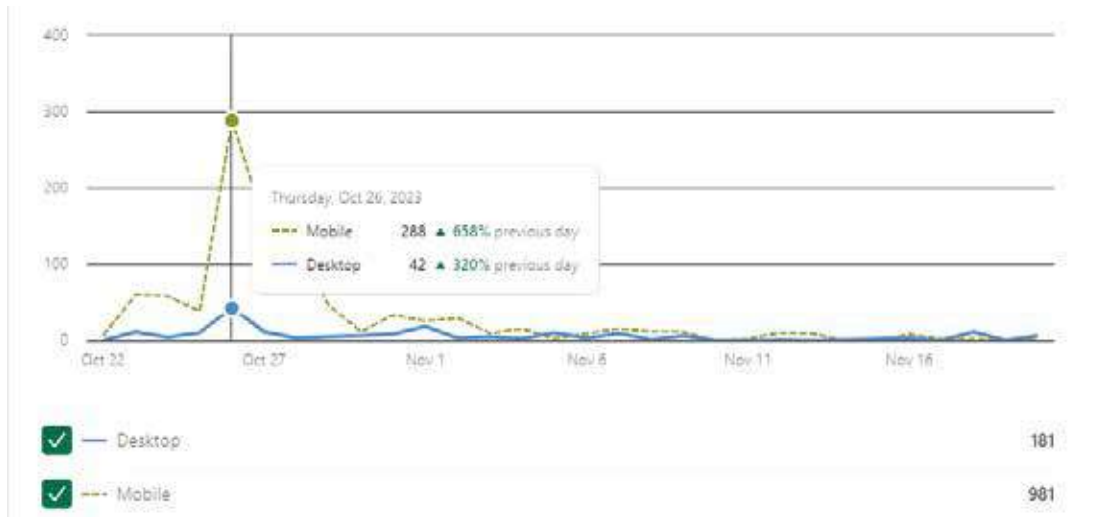
20.0K

10.0K



LinkedIn

Maximum page views on the days of event



Highest follower gain on the days of event



Follower highlights

2,365 Total followers

161 New followers in the last 30 days
▲ 22%

Instagram

Insights

Accounts reached 197 >

Accounts engaged 49 > +16.6%

Total followers 125 > +25%

Profile Visits 181 +126%

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TCS challenge: Filing a \$450mn order void



India Inc to roll out 9-10% hike, focus on retaining talent

10th ANNUAL FORUM

Leading the Global Pursuit for Energy Security



Hardeep Singh Phari
Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs, and Minister of Petroleum & Natural Gas, Government of India



Left: Chairpersons, Managing Director, India, India House, Mumbai together with Minister Phari, Mumbai, India

Opening Session



Left: Chairpersons, Prime Minister, India, India House, Mumbai together with Minister Phari, Mumbai, India



Ajay Khanna
President, Thomson & Reuters India

India's place in the world



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Securing India's Road to Growth



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India 5: The India opportunity



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Deep Tech, AI, and the Emerging Policy Landscape



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India Inc to roll out 9-10% raise, focus on retaining talent



Prosperity through Diversity and Inclusion

L-R: Anand Subramanian, Shriya Shrivastava, Shriya Shrivastava, Shriya Shrivastava, Shriya Shrivastava, Shriya Shrivastava



Shruti Zubin Inani
Member of Planning & Co-ordination and Director of Planning, Ministry of Planning, Government of India



Anshul Kant
Member of Co-ordination of India



The Road from Q29

L-R: Shriya Shrivastava, Shriya Shrivastava, Shriya Shrivastava, Shriya Shrivastava, Shriya Shrivastava, Shriya Shrivastava, Shriya Shrivastava



Empowering the City Economy

L-R: Shriya Shrivastava, Shriya Shrivastava, Shriya Shrivastava, Shriya Shrivastava, Shriya Shrivastava, Shriya Shrivastava, Shriya Shrivastava



Balancing Sustainability with High Growth

L-R: Shriya Shrivastava, Shriya Shrivastava, Shriya Shrivastava, Shriya Shrivastava, Shriya Shrivastava, Shriya Shrivastava, Shriya Shrivastava



Building Resilience in a Time of Geopolitical Challenges

L-R: Shriya Shrivastava, Shriya Shrivastava, Shriya Shrivastava, Shriya Shrivastava, Shriya Shrivastava, Shriya Shrivastava, Shriya Shrivastava



All-Weather Share to Lead Global Growth

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Media Coverage

Don't allow gender to be used as shield for corruption: Smriti Irani on Mahua row

Updated on 26 Oct 2023 10:09 AM



New Delhi, Oct 26 (PTI) Union minister Smriti Irani on Thursday said gender should not be allowed to be used as a shield for corruption as that would be a great disservice to the women who have fought for equality.

The women and child development minister made the remarks while responding to a question in a panel discussion organised by the Public Affairs Forum of India. Irani was asked if TMC MP Mahua Motra, facing allegations of taking bribes for raising questions in Parliament, is being targeted for her lifestyle because she is a woman.

"The matter is before the ethics committee so it would be unbecoming of me to comment on it but I would say that a distinction has to be made between corruption and the way of life," Irani said.

[Click here to read detailed story.](#)

"THE FIRST CONSIDERATION IN THE NEW PARLIAMENT BUILDING WAS THE WOMEN RESERVATION BILL" - SMT. SMRITI IRANI

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"The Bill has a methodology for implementation and also envisages a procedure to go back to the Parliament after 15 years for re-evaluation."

26 October 2023, News-Bharat: In a stellar gathering at the 10th edition of the Public Affairs Forum of India (PAFI), the Minister of Women & Child Development, Minister of Minority Affairs, Government of India, Smt. Smriti Irani spoke about women in various spheres, be it corporate or rural areas. The minister emphasized the need for women to actively participate in the workforce.

Highlighting the importance of the Women Reservation Bill, the Minister mentioned, "The Bill will ensure reservation for women for 15 years, and after 15 years, we go back to the Parliament to again reflect on the need for it and again find constitutional boundaries."

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भ्रष्टाचार के डाल के रूप में 'जैडट' का इस्तेमाल करने की अनुमति नहीं दी जागी चाहिए: रमृति इरानी

Updated on 26 Oct 2023 10:09 AM



नई दिल्ली, 26 अक्टूबर (पीटीआई): महिला और बाल विकास विभाग की मंत्री स्मृति इरानी ने बुधवार को कहा कि भ्रष्टाचार के लिए जैडट (जैडटी) का उपयोग करने की अनुमति नहीं दी जानी चाहिए क्योंकि यह उन महिलाओं के लिए बुरा सबूत बन सकता है जो महिलाओं के लिए लड़ रही हैं।

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Women Reservation Bill makes 2.8 million women adept at fighting elections: Irani



New Delhi, Oct 26 (ANI) Union Minister for Women and Child Development Smriti Irani on Thursday said the Narendra Modi-led government has passed the Women Reservation Bill 2023, which makes 2.8 million women adept at fighting elections. Participating at a Public Affairs Forum of India (PAFI) event, Irani said, "Women fight elections for legislative representation as well as parliaments. Politically, 2.8 million women are adept at fighting elections. That is the power of women in our country."

"Our government has passed a bill that has a methodology for the implementation of the Bill and also envisages the procedure to go back to the Parliament after 15 years," she said. "The earlier Bill did not give a framework for implementation of the Bill," she added. The Minister further added, "The first working legislation discussed in the new parliament building was the Women's Reservation Bill and it is a testament to how much we have grown as a nation".

The Union Minister also asked the business community to "step up" to take the onus of providing equal opportunity for women. "How much of government do you need to your best to bring about change, and how much do you want," she said, adding "Women need to be included in a diverse range of topics of discussion rather than being put in a box of just certain domains".

"There is only so much that policy can do, our businesses and industry need to walk the talk," Irani added. UNI-AN-009
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Pointing out that presently the size of China's economy is four times of India, Kant said, "To catch up with China, we will have to grow at 10 per cent."



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India poised to become USD 5 trillion economy: Kant - Amitabh Kant (File Photo)

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New Delhi: India is poised to become a USD 5 trillion economy and the challenge for the country will be to grow at 8-9 percent for the next three decades, India's G20 Sherpa Amitabh Kant said on Thursday.

Addressing an event organised by Public Affairs Forum of India (PAFI) here, Kant said India's economy can't grow at higher rates without the support of the private sector.

Hardeep Singh Puri envisions India's economy reaching \$4 trillion by year-end and \$10 trillion by 2030

Puri highlighted that India has the world's most extensive metro network, surpassing the United States

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Talking about the US-India Business Council (USIBC) Puri said, "USIBC is dedicated to the prosperity and happiness of people in India in energy-consuming countries & we share a strong partnership in the energy sector, particularly with regard to Green Energy Transition. We are using our genius and talent to transform in the ways that inspire the entire world."

Union Minister of Housing & Urban Affairs and Petroleum & Natural Gas, Hardeep Singh Puri, stated that India is poised to reach a \$4 trillion economy by the end of the year and is projected to attain a \$10 trillion economy by 2030. He also emphasised the significance of the growing India-US relationship, highlighting the importance of collaboration in areas such as green energy and others to promote mutual growth.

Addressing the 10th Annual Forum of the Public Affairs Forum of India (PAFI), Puri said, "India will be a \$4 trillion economy by the end of the year and \$10 trillion by 2030. The growth of India-US ties is important. Areas like green energy and others will be significant for collaboration to foster mutual growth."

Logistics costs need to come down to make supply chains efficient: WayCool's Karthik Jayaraman

By Garima Bora, ET Online · Last Updated: Oct 26, 2023, 12:20:33 PM IST

Synopsis

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Supply chains around the world have seen a tremendous transformation in the last couple of years. However, certain factors are still keeping supply chains inefficient. **Karthik Jayaraman**, co-founder of **WayCool Foods**, says there is a need for a demand-led supply chain, technology assistance and lower **logistics** costs to make supply chains more efficient.

"I think we are in a transition phase when it comes to large supply chains. While old industries are now going into the automotive phase, there are other components still operating at fairly high levels of inefficiency. We measure that supply chain and trade with efficiency and responsiveness. Due to a lot of inefficiencies in the supply chain, such as in price volatility, the system can break — something we experienced with tomatoes this time," he said, speaking at Public Affairs Forum of India's **PAFI's** 10th Annual Forum 2023 in New Delhi on Thursday.

Delhi to Host Global Partnership on AI Summit in Dec: Official

Our Bureau

Bengaluru: The national capital will host the Global Partnership on Artificial Intelligence (GPAI) summit in December this year, which will see participation from all member countries, a senior official at the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) said on Friday.

Abhishek Singh, managing director and chief executive of Digital India Corporation and



National e-Governance Division of MeitY, revealed about the summit at a Public Affairs Forum of India event on Friday.

"It will take some time for AI to be able to develop the cognitive skills like humans. However, by that time, humans will be able to use AI tools to create something new that AI can't create. So, the debate that AI will take over as humans does not have merit," he said.

Singh added that we need to have a delicate balance between innovations and regulations. "India's AI strategy is focused on driving innovations in AI, and also ensuring responsible and ethical development in AI," he said.

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New Delhi to host global AI summit in December this year: Digital India Corporation CEO

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Synopsis

The announcement of the summit comes on the heels of Indian nonprofit tech think tank ISPIRT being chosen by the UN Secretary-General to represent India at the newly launched UN AI Advisory Body.



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India & US have great potential to cooperate on green hydrogen: Puri

By Geema Bora, ET Online - Last Updated: Oct 26, 2023, 03:16:33 PM IST

Synopsis

Puri said that in 15-2 years, India's metro system will be the second-largest in the world, larger than the United States' metro system.



Puri lauded the country's metro connectivity system.

India and the United States are important for each other, and have the gravitas and immense potential to cooperate on green hydrogen, said Hardeep Singh Puri, Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas.

Speaking at Public Affairs Forum of India's 10th Annual Forum 2023 in New Delhi on Thursday, he said India

will be doing 20% ethanol blending by 2025. India and the US can work together on the plan to make ethanol from agricultural waste.

"We are facing challenges on the energy front and we are working towards affordability, availability and sustainability. Green hydrogen, which is the fuel of the future, will succeed because India and the US individually will go after that," he said.

India poised to become USD 5 trillion economy; challenge is having 8-9 pc growth for next 3 decades: Kant

Amitabh Kant has said that India will become a \$5 trillion economy but the challenge for the country will be to grow at 8-9 per cent for the next three decades. Kant added that India's economy will have to grow at 10 per cent to catch up with China.

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"This is India's moment. India is poised to become a USD 5 trillion economy," he said, adding that the government has pushed the limit on infrastructure.

Aggregators need to take responsibility of gig workers: Labour Secretary Arti Ahuja

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Aggregators are required to take responsibility of their gig workers and portability of benefits like social security, health insurance of these informal workers should be ensured, said a senior official.

Speaking during a session of 10th Annual Forum of the Public Affairs Forum of India (PAFI), Union Labour Secretary Arti Ahuja said, "aggregators need to take responsibilities of their Gig workers." She further said that the 'National Steering Committee' is there to ensure that aggregators do their responsibilities towards their Gig workers and provide health insurance, accidental insurance and social security for them.

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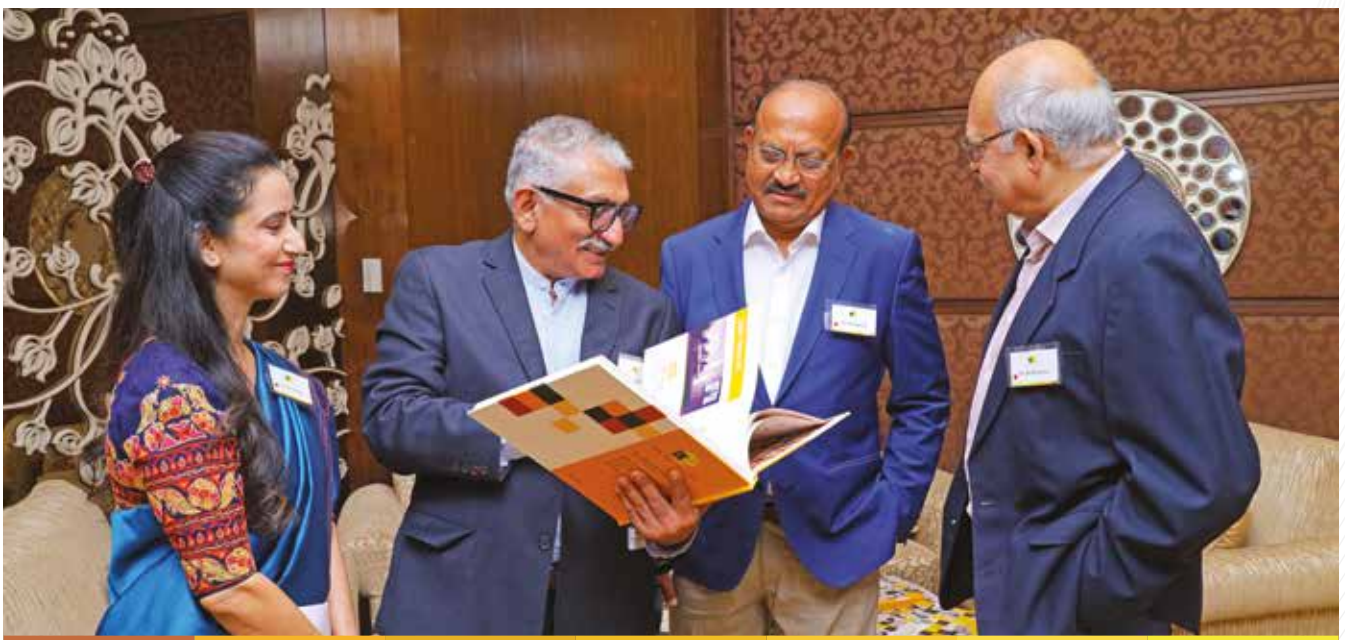
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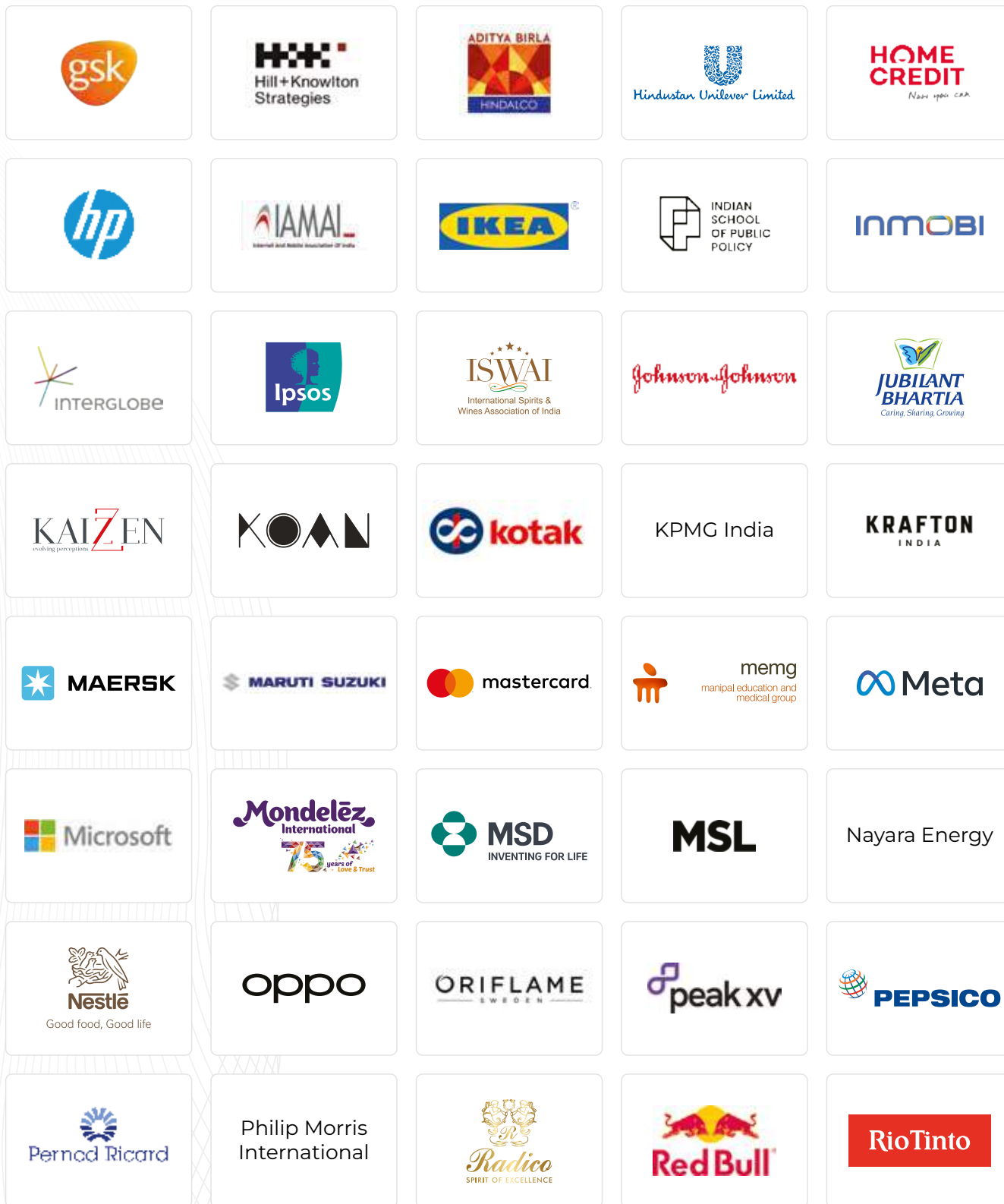


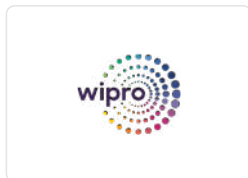
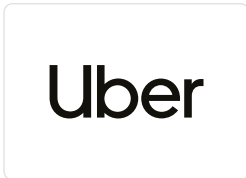
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