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President Message



Mr. Ashok Barat
President

Dear Readers,

It gives me immense pleasure to present to you, this edition of our Newsletter “Business Pulse”. It is indeed a matter of enormous pride for me, to know that our Business Pulse is enjoying so much recognition & assistance from all business quarters.

The Council of EU Chambers of Commerce in India (EU Chambers) organized various activities and these events were very well attended by the Members of the Chambers and other Business Leaders.

This particular issue of the Newsletter carries an in-depth following report:

- EU FILM FESTIVAL 2019 which was organized in association with Delegation of European Union to India and the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India. The festival was held from 20th to 26th September 2019 at National Museum of Indian Cinema, Films Division, 24 Peddar Road, Mumbai. The 23 European films from various European countries were screened over seven days.
- The Presentation on Trade and Investment Opportunities in Ireland was organized on Wednesday 9th October 2019 at Y.B.Chavan Centre, Nariman Point, Mumbai. The meeting was attended by Mr Sandeep Kumar , Indian Ambassador to Ireland and Mr Brendan Ward, Ambassador of Ireland
- EU-India News

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to all the member companies of the Council & look forward to their support and co-operation in all the future activities organized by the Council.

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REPORT OF INAUGURATION OF EUROPEAN FILM FESTIVAL HELD ON 20TH SEPTEMBER, 2019 AT FILM CITY NATIONAL MUSEUM OF INDIAN CINEMA, FILMS DIVISION, MINISTRY OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING, MUMBAI



The 24th European Union Film Festival (EUFF) was inaugurated in Mumbai on Friday, 20TH September 2019 after travelling through seven other Indian cities. The Film Festival was organized by the **Delegation of EU to India in** association with the **Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India**, supported by **The Council of EU Chambers of Commerce in India**. The Film Festival was kick-started with the screening of a Slovakian film "Backstage".

The inaugural ceremony was graced by **Chief Guest Mr. Rakeysh Omprakash Mehra**, a renowned **Bollywood Director, Writer and Producer** along with **Mr. Raimund Magis**, **chargé d'affaires of the Delegation of EU to India** and **Mr. Anil Kumar**, **Film division**.



Speaking about the 24th edition of the European Union Film festival in India **Mr. Raimund Magis** said, "We are glad to showcase Europe's rich cultural diversity and its dynamic and engaging cinematic landscape in Mumbai.

Mumbai is a diverse city replete with cultural flavours and the theme of the films will be well appreciated by Mumbaikars. This year, we bring an array of films exploring themes of self-discovery, dreams of a better future, nostalgia for the past, and human endurance in the face of psychological and situational barriers – universal themes cinemagoers everywhere can identify

with".



The Chief Guest Mr. Rakeysh Omprakash Mehra said "It's a matter of great pride and honour to present 23 films in various languages from 23 EU nations. Showcasing Contemporary Cinema from Europe. We must encourage youngsters in producing more films and exploring more locations. EU has many exotic locations which many filmmakers in Bollywood are exploring."

The EUFF is a six-day long festival which screens 23 award winning EU movies from 23 EU member states such as Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Netherlands, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden and Switzerland. The Film Festival celebrates cinema and culture between India and Europe. The European Union Film Festival (EUFF) brings in the city a selection of some of the finest and most riveting films from Europe. EUFF promises to be a heady cocktail of romantic comedy, period drama, mockumentary, satire, family drama, and socio-political thriller. It is running at Film Division, Auditorium 1, National Museum of Indian Cinema. It is being held between September 20 and 26. The film festival received a very positive response from the Audiences.





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Tejas Nair @tejasnair_ · 22 Sep

Attended my maiden European Union Film Fest today and was totally blown away by the richness of movies. 5 titles back to back and i can't get enough. Classy crowd too.

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Snippets



MOVIE Review

We had watched some movies – basically what we thought as interesting. This is just a review, with a brief introduction to the movie and our personal take on it.

It opened with the Slovakian Film “Backstage”. Very interesting film. The movie was about the story of a talented dance group from a small Slovak town, which strives for a breakthrough in the show business. It was a very interesting play of emotions and reactions and outlook to life conditioned by their success. Extremely interesting and appealing to both the young at heart and the not-so young at heart.



somnolence

The next that we watched was “STYX”, an Austrian film that dealt with the refugee crisis and man’s inhumanity to other men. The entire film was shot on the sea with very interesting interplay of emotions between the doctor, Rike - from Germany, the boy she saves and the various authorities, who refrain from helping. The film does end on a tragic note and needs to be seen to shake people out of their

The third of the series that we saw was the Lithuanian film “Ashes in the Snow”. This is a period film set in the times that Lithuania was held by the Russians, where an aspiring Lithuanian artist and her family are deported to Siberia. Though this could have been a depressing documentary, the director made it gripping by the a riveting story that captures your heart, and reveals the miraculous nature of the human spirit. Extremely well made film.



“RETURN OF SERGEANT LAPINS” - In this witty portrayal of modern Latvian society the absurd meets the comic and nothing is what it seems. It is basically a series of mistaken situations and is very comical and witty. Interesting film.

The Czech film “Tender Waves” is a very lovable film. The shy protagonist Vojta is torn between a choleric father who wants him to become a professional swimmer and a mother who sees him as a talented pianist. It also plays on the love between Vojta and his classmate Ela, a charming synchronized swimmer Again this is the period when Czech was held by the Russians and the movement to free it from the Russians A must-see movie





The German film “ME AND KAMINSKI” was interesting movie about about Manuel Kaminski, a once prominent, now almost forgotten painter, pupil of Matisse and friend of Picasso. It sets the art critic Sebastian Zöllner to chronicle the painter in a book. The movie is a twist that the painter has an advantage over the writer. Taken like a biography.

“MARÍA (AND EVERYBODY ELSE)” – A Spanish film about Maria and the interactions with her family, a father who wants to marry his nurse, her brothers who take advantage of her, her lover who wants to stay married. She wants to be a writer and uses her own story as a plot for her novel. Quite offbeat movie.



The best movie of the lot was “King of the Belgians” a movie from Belgium. It has been made as a documentary about a forced road trip by the King of Belgium, Nicholas III from Istanbul to Belgium and their adventures through rural Europe and multiple countries. Basically a undercover odyssey across the Balkans, a journey that’s loaded with wrong turns and the homeliness of the ordinary folks and the realization that the real world is too different from the rarified air of the palace.

“Little England” a period film set during the World War II, is the Greek entry for the festival. It is about a man in love who cannot marry his girl due to her mother and ends up marrying the younger sister. It shows the interplay between the man, his love and his wife, who stay under the same roof. A slightly longish film that could have removed many repetitive scenes, making it crisper.



The second best was the Romanian film “Beside Me”. The entire film was taken in a single coach of a subway train. Strangers are brought together due to the situation and share their experiences with one another. They all come out with life changing experience. It also changes who we perceive a criminal and an ordinary person

The final one was an Italian film “Drive me home” that brings the friendship between two people born in Sicily. One of them wants to sell the ancestral property, but goes to see his friend, a truck driver and travels across Europe, with his friend bailing him out to retain the property.

The auditorium was packed for all the shows, with some people even standing in the aisles to see a few of the good ones. The movies were excellent, but we could not see all. Our suggestion is that not more than two films are shown in a day,



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REPORT OF THE SEMINAR ON TRADE AND INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN IRELAND HELD ON 9TH OCTOBER AT Y B CHAVAN CENTRE, MUMBAI

The Council of EU Chambers of Commerce in India (EU Chambers) had organized Seminar on Trade and Investment Opportunities in Ireland on 9th October, 2019 at EU Chambers Office, Y. B Chavan Centre, Nariman Point, Mumbai.

The dignitaries present were H.E. Mr. Sandeep Kumar, Ambassador of India to Ireland and H.E. Mr. Brendan Ward, Ambassador of Ireland. The Ambassadors were accompanied by Mr. Gerry Kelly, Consul General, Consulate General of Ireland and Ms. Alison Reilly, Deputy Consul General. Also the seminar was attended by the representatives of several companies from various sectors.



Excerpts from the speech of Mr Ashok Barat, President:

“Your Excellency, Ladies and Gentlemen, a very good evening and I have the pleasure to extend a very warm welcome to all our esteemed guests who are present here. After celebrating a very major festival and seeing such a large audience the very next day, I am highly impressed. I was very keen to meet both the Ambassadors Indian and Irish. This is the first event I am addressing as the President and there is a personal connect as in the last 15 years of my corporate life, I have spent with a company whose owner was an Irish. So, it is very strange coincidence that I am standing here, in the presence of both the Ambassadors, welcoming them, I had the privilege of visiting Ireland few years ago and I am extremely honored and delighted.

It is my pleasure to welcome H.E. Mr. Brendan Ward, Ambassador of Ireland to India and H.E. Mr. Sandeep Kumar, Ambassador of India to Ireland and Mr. Gerry Kelly, Consul General of Ireland in Mumbai. All of you present here are also welcomed to this event. It is an honour for me to serve as the President of the Chamber and to lead the Council in playing a key role in enhancing Bi-lateral relations between India and EU. The EU Chamber which was formed in the year 1992 is one of the foremost trade promotion organizations in India which was established to promote and foster the commercial and economic relations between India and the EU. A detailed presentation on the Chamber's activities will be done by the Director, Dr. Renu Shome.

Let me now move on to India Ireland relations. Relations between India and Ireland are warm and friendly. India Ireland interactions go back to the 19th Century when

a significant number of Irish men joined the British Civil Service, Medical and Engineering Service and colonial Army Regiments in India. During this period, Irish relations and educationist also spread throughout all regions of India. Their contribution to the education system in India is exemplary and I am far proud of it.

The two-way trade between India and Ireland were significant in 2018 at USD 900 million, India's exports to Ireland were worth 560 million and India's imports from Ireland worth 340 million, clearly there is an opportunity to do more.

Main items imported from India were machinery, mechanical appliances, telecommunication equipment, computer accessories, precision equipment and Pharmaceuticals. The main items exported from India were Organic Chemicals, Textiles, Garments, Clothing Accessories, Pharma and Medical devices, machinery and engineering goods plastics. The opening of Irish Consulate General in Mumbai is expected to have improve further trade relations between two countries.

There are approximately 35000 people of Indian origin in Ireland of whom 21500 are PIO's and 13,500 are NRI's the bulk of the community is in healthcare, IT, engineering and senior management positions. The community is well regarded locally and is well familiar with the Irish society.

We do hope that we improve Indo-Irish relations in the coming years and would have long lasting partnership in the future. As the EU Chamber, we just had a brief conversation, number of things will be put both ways as H.E pointed out one is of course promoting Ireland as an Investment destination, as tourist destination and as just a destination for India and Ireland Film Industry. Equally, I think we need to encourage Irish Businessmen in the Indian Market to take advantage of the trade opportunities in India.

One of the things we do, that we will start working on is to take a delegation to Ireland and also hopefully welcome an Irish delegation to India. For those of you who are interested in a delegation, I request you to get in touch with Dr Shome.

Let me now take the opportunity to introduce H.E Mr. Brendan Ward, Ambassador of Ireland to India. Mr. Brendan pursued his B.A from Trinity College Dublin in the year 1982. In the year 1985, he served as the third secretary of the Political Division. In the year 1986, he served as the third secretary of the Embassy of Ireland in Beijing. He served as the third secretary in 1990 in the Economic Division. He was an Ambassador to Ankara and has just taken over his credentials as Ambassador of Ireland to India and concurrently Maldives, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh. It is a wonderful coincidence that we have our honorable Ambassador H.E Mr. Sandeep Kumar, The Ambassador of India to Ireland also amongst us. It is a very kindly of him to

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have joined this function, it's a very rare event as we have the two Ambassador's joining the same function. Thank you very much Sandeep ji.

Mr. Kumar joined the Indian Foreign Service on the 20th of August 1985. He has served various missions abroad in Croatia, Hong Kong, Hanoi, Paris, Cape Town and Kabul from September 2008 to January 2013. From February 2013 to August 2015, he served as the Joint Secretary in the West Asian North Africa Division. From August 2015 to October 2018, he served as the Ambassador of India to Croatia and that's when Dr. Shome met him. So, I think it is a relationship that goes back in past. From November 2018, he has been serving as India's Ambassador to Ireland. He holds an education degree in M.Phil. in Environment and Development from the University of Cambridge in UK, M.Sc. in Security Studies from University of Madras and an LLB from the Delhi University besides BA Hons. in English Literature. He speaks Hindi, English, Chinese, French and German. So, over to Dr Shome. Thank you all for coming. Hope we have a very interrogative and very interesting meeting.



Excerpts from the speech of Dr Shome, Director of EU Chambers:

"Good Evening Everyone. Thank you for coming in such a good number. It is my proud privilege to welcome H.E. Ambassador of Ireland to India and H.E. Ambassador of India to Ireland. Thank you so much for

coming. I'll just run through the activities of the Chamber. The EU Chambers is the foremost Chamber setup in Mumbai in 1992. Its objective is to promote business between Europe and India and as a Chamber, we have been doing a lot of activities focusing on EU-India. The composition of the organization basically comprises of the European as well as Indian entities and our promoter Chambers are the bi-lateral Chambers as well as the bi-national committees. Our Chief Patron is of course the EU Ambassador. Our vision is to provide quality services to our members and to the society in general, enabling them to grow quantitatively and qualitatively and the mission is off course being India's business forum to provide information about EU-India and I think so in a way we are able to connect the European-Indian companies.

We also conduct various activities such as Europe Day, Panel discussion on various topics, hosting business delegation as well as mounting business delegation to various European Countries.

We also disseminate commercial and economic reports from various Indian Embassies containing information on business

leads which are very useful to our member companies. We also help companies in the market entry. These are all the specialized services which are being provided with the help of our members. We also publish Members Directory and Business Pulse our in-house newsletter covering various activities and business information.

Our membership is heterogeneous representing mostly all sectors and our members comprised of Indian and European companies spread all over in various states.

As a Chamber we not only promote trade and investment but also culture between Europe and India and we do many activities related to those as well and in past we have hosted varieties of events.



Excerpts from the Speech of H.E. Mr. Brendan Ward, Ambassador of Ireland to India:

"Good Evening. Thank you EU Chamber for such a beautiful introduction. I would like to thank the Chamber, Dr Shome, Mr. Barat and the patrons of the Council for

organizing this meeting. For a brief, I arrived in India, New Delhi a little over a month ago, so I am far from being an expert even on nourishing the relations. Now there are a few points I would like to make on the subject particularly on the possible Investment and business relations between the countries. And also as mentioned, we are also today joined by the Consul General in Mumbai, Mr. Gerry Kelly and some of his office. The Consulate opened a few months ago and we are still in the establishment phase. We chose Mumbai for the Consulate General because of the tremendous importance of the city as the commercial capital of India. And we hope to take the advantage of all the opportunities.

As it is said, relations between India and Ireland go back quite a long time we have had relations with India since its independence, and our Embassy in Delhi was established 55 years ago. Ireland is ranked the second most globalized economy in the world after Singapore and we see trade and investment and economic cooperation as a two-way flow and many companies in the world have chosen Ireland for their offices. So, Ireland is seen by many countries as a base for operations all of it is very positive. Indian companies also have their base and in present times there are somewhere around 100 companies having their presence in Ireland in the form of mergers and acquisitions of Irish companies and some of these have a presence in Western Europe. I am not going to go into immense detail but my colleague can give you every possible statistic, every possible reason and our very educated English-speaking population and our very business friendly community, our liberal tax regime could be

the reason to choose Ireland.

Major sectors for Foreign Direct Investment include the ICT, in which many Indians and Europe Indian companies operate in Ireland and many Indian Nationality have chosen to make their career in Ireland with these companies. Pharmaceuticals, life sciences, Medical are also very important. Ireland ranks 5th in the financial sector in the World and numerous Indian financial companies have presence in Dublin, Ireland and many places in Ireland. When I was young there were very few Indians in Ireland but now the number is at least 45000 and it is growing rapidly and we are expecting to see it growing further.

In India a population of 45000 people is of that of a village but in Ireland it forms a substantial portion of the population. A lot of Indians in Ireland are working in Irish business and management companies and having an integrated effect on society and are making substantial contribution. Normally, the more distinguished of those also serve in the Irish Government like the Prime Minister's father who is a doctor from Mumbai and he would accompany his son on visits to India, including Mumbai in probably January of next year. Also I am very happy to answer any questions right now on specific issues or to provide contact of the necessary people in Mumbai who will provide detailed answer to your question. Thank you very much."



Excerpts from the speech of H.E. Mr Sandeep Kumar, Ambassador of India to Ireland:

"Thank you, Ashok, Thank you Renu, Brendan, Gerry, Audience. It is a great pleasure to be here. This is my second visit to this institution and I do recognize some of the faces, I had

come here to interact with you when I was the Ambassador in Croatia and we did welcome some of you in Croatia and hope to build that same kind of a bond with you so that it would be possible to a visit Ireland and believe me Ireland has far more possibilities, far more opportunities for trade, business, investment and technology than Croatia. So, we spoke about the ties between India and Ireland which go back to the 19th Century, our freedom struggle movements etc.

It has laid a very strong foundation for a strong political goodwill between our two countries. The question to ask is that every country has strong political relationship with the other country in most cases, but the question to ask is so what? Because we need to sustain this very strong economic, academic, scientific and technology contact. Today all foreign services including Irish focuses on economic diplomacy not political diplomacy that is why we

are here to interact with each one of you. We have taken time to be here as part of this meeting to focus on economic diplomacy and why am I in Mumbai, why is Brendan in Mumbai and not restricted to only New Delhi because it is our Prime Minister's vision, it is their Prime Minister's vision that we need to get out and meet all the provinces of this country and in Ireland in order to reach out to our businesses at all lengths, not just at the top levels which are operating in the capitals but most in the regions at the Small and Medium Enterprise level where we often provide support where ever we can by investment plans, business plans, technology plans and in this context I must stress on the Irish team, Brendan's team, Gerry Kelly who was interacting with most of the people as he walked in. David is the head of the enterprise Ireland, who is doing a fantastic work and taking a huge delegation from Mumbai and Delhi for the trade conference and the Asia Pacific invest conference in Ireland and it is a huge eye opener for us in terms of where Ireland has come from and where it is going in various sectors in respect of one of the fastest growing economies and not just in the EU but in the whole world. For 7 years, they reported maximum growth rate of 7% and so only now with respect to the uncertainty around Brexit the growth rate has predictively come down a bit and so has ours. So, we are the two economy which have had a very higher growth rate and so we also have opportunities in coming together. And our Prime Minister says that each Ambassador needs to adopt a state, we need to come down, we cannot be working in Silos, we are not working in Ivory towers doing our own job it has to be linked to the domestic policy of the country so that the people of the country overall can benefit and that is why we are tasked to go down to the provinces to the states, not just in Ireland, but even here in India to reach out to people at different levels in the provinces to see what we can do, and that's why please do not hesitate to contact us.

We are very approachable for any issues at the Embassy, if you want you can even come to Ireland or you can contact the Irish Embassy here or the Consulate in terms of any support that you need. I can guarantee you that my interaction with Gerry and Brendan and David has been fantastic and we are totally committed to offering 100% support. Brendan mentioned about the Indian community in Ireland is 45000 or so, out of those 5000 are students, so it is a huge community and it is a growing community and more and more students are coming here and we are also trying to build that wind between research and lot of research are happening in areas which may be of your interest and to bring that search and industry together, the youth and the industry together and in that context, there are lot of students who would like to do internships back home so if any of you would be open to provide those kind of



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internships not just to Indian but to Irish people as well. And we have spoken to our universities, academics, institutions they are willing to support that so please do open up. We have identified several areas of common interest, ICT has a huge area in Ireland. In ICT sector we all understand and known India's importance in the ICT sector so it is two main ICT partners coming together.

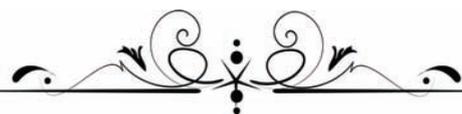
Tourism again is an area of opportunity to both these countries. Ireland is one of the countries which is the most secure, safe, inclusive, tolerant countries in the whole world. I know Brendan didn't mention that was being too modest but I get passionate when I talk about Ireland, it is one of the most secure places to do business, to live and that is why there are more and more Indian's coming there. The very fact that an Indian Origin 38-year-old Indian could get the highest office of the Prime Minister speaks volumes of nature of that society. He was 38 year old when he gained the office, he is 40 years today and when I speak to one of the ministers at the top level officials they say to me "Oh! you are Indian", he is Indian, so you must be lucky and you would be having advantages and I say but you need to show results to get those advantages and that why we are working so hard and I hope the visit of the delegation takes place during the first semester of next year and the whole focus would be business it is not just political which is important, what is more important that how many business contracts can be signed during that visit. So each one of you, we would be looking at you to see and those are the time when lot of decisions get taken, a lot of approvals come across very quickly so that's in way any one of you could contribute to that economic momentum that gets generated at the time of any VVIP visit is definitely going to be very helpful.

We also have the India Ireland business association which is doing amazing work. Every month there are different sectoral themed business meets. So if any one of you wants to get in touch, we are also trying to establish an Indian branch of the India Ireland business association and if that happens we can also encourage you to become members of that and we should sometimes get together and visit there because there are a lot of Indians in the various sectors of the India Ireland business association and the aviation sector is a very big sector in Ireland. Aircraft leasing is very strong in Ireland. There is even huge demand for India and Ireland direct flights. There is a huge demand for that plus both the Governments have commitment to start that but it depends on the commercial viability. There was good meeting with the Airport Authority, the CEO but again it all depends on commercial viability.

It was mentioned that there are about 100 Indian companies that have operations in Ireland but at the same time there are around 70 to 80 good Irish companies that have

business in India and India is a huge market, 1.3 billion people and the Ireland is so much ease of doing business. When I went to Ireland one of my first meeting was with the Deputy Prime Minister who also said that after UK exit the next country should be Ireland and it should be Ireland because it is English speaking, common law system that we also follow, highly skilled work force, low corporate tax, which is only 12.5%. So, these are the benefits that we need to leverage. There are two Embassies which are willing to be your partners, to assist you in every possible manner, so please use those opportunities to the best that we can. We also have some challenges and it is true to mention those challenges because we are working on those challenges. I know we all understand that visa is one issue, which is raised by the business community apart from other communities and there is a big improvement in this issue.

At the Indian Embassy we give visas in two days' time. About here it takes two months as they are still planning their systems and there is also one Indian company which is willing of streamlining visa systems in Ireland and I hope that they get that contract but even otherwise, it is a huge way forward. If you are a spouse of a permit holder, you do not need an additional permit to work in Ireland, so there are lots of these aspects which are every favorable not just to Indians but to all and now they have ensured that the Chinese would be getting multiple entry visas based on case to case, so why not Indian so I hope that it will happen positively and India also offers e-visa's to the Irish citizens. We just want two-way business, two-way trade and academic and intellectual exchanges between the two countries to facilitate that to the best that we can. So, I am going to close with a pitch that please do look at Ireland pretty seriously and similarly I am passing on the same message to the Irish business people as well and they are looking to it as well.



European Union Ambassador presents Letters of Credence to the President of India



The new European Union Ambassador, H.E. Ugo Astuto presented his Letters of Credence to the Hon'ble President of India, Ram Nath Kovind, at an official ceremony at Rashtrapati Bhawan today.

"It is a great honour for me to represent the European Union in India and work for a strengthened strategic partnership between the two of the world's largest democracies." Ambassador Astuto said on the occasion.

The European Union and India upgraded their long-standing relationship to a strategic partnership in 2004, based on their common goals and principles. Since then, the EU and India have been cooperating closely, reinforcing political, economic and people-to-people ties. This cooperation was further broadened at the last summit in 2017 and has received new momentum through the adoption of the EU's strategy on India, in November 2018.

Emphasizing the strong mandate he has received from Brussels to unlock the potential of the EU-India partnership in all its dimensions, the Ambassador said: "The EU and India can draw upon shared values of democracy and pluralism and their common belief in multilateralism to foster a co-operative approach to international relations, upholding the values and principles of the UN Charter. We look forward to further building on our collaboration to tackle key global challenges such as climate change and implementation of Sustainable Development Goals."

The EU and India enjoy strong trade and investment relations and are members of the G20, where they co-operate in shaping the global economic agenda, supporting sustainable development and the multilateral international trade system. The EU is also collaborating with India on several flagship initiatives such as Smart Cities, Clean Ganga, as well as in the context of the International Solar Alliance.

"My objective over the next few years is to further strengthen the well-established partnership and explore new avenues for cooperation with the Indian Government, based on each other's priorities and expectations," he added. "The fight against climate change is a common priority. We have much to gain by working together in the development of the digital economy, which offers

great opportunities and challenges. We shall also further enhance our economic agenda, fostering trade and investments."

Global challenges require global responses. The EU and India are strengthening their cooperation in political and security matters including counter-terrorism and cyber security. Cooperation in research and innovation, education and culture has also gained momentum in the last few years.

The Ambassador said: "The EU has developed a Strategy for Connectivity between Europe and Asia. India is an essential player in this respect. We can cooperate closely in the development of Eurasian connectivity, based on shared principles of transparency, inclusivity and sustainability."

Ambassador Astuto also paid tribute to Mahatma Gandhi on his 150th birth anniversary, recalling his universal messages of truth and non-violence.

About the Ambassador

He entered the Italian Diplomatic Service in 1991. His career in the Italian Foreign Service spans experience in the Embassies in Nairobi and London (including as alternate Director for Italy in the EBRD-European Bank for Reconstruction and Development), in the Permanent Representation in Brussels and in the Embassy in Delhi (2008-2012), where he served as Deputy Head of Mission. From February 2013 until July 2016 he was seconded to the European External Action Service (EEAS) in Brussels, first as Director for South and South East Asia and then as Deputy Managing Director/Director for Asia and the Pacific. From July 2016 to September 2019 he was the Principal Director for Asia in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Rome.

22 DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS AND PLAN INDIA GIRL CHANGEMAKERS TURN THE SPOTLIGHT ON THE MOVEMENT FOR GIRLS' RIGHTS



Plan India's Girl Changemakers from 10 states in India stepped into the roles of Ambassadors and High Commissioners from 22 Diplomatic Missions on October 11, 2019 to mark the International Day of the Girl Child (IDG). The IDG Diplomatic Missions takeovers is a multi-stakeholder collaboration between Plan India and the Delegation of the European Union to India, actively supported by the participating Diplomatic Missions from Australia, Belgium,

Slovakia, Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, Norway, Estonia, Finland, New Zealand, Germany, Israel, Poland, Slovenia, Mexico, Lithuania, Latvia, Ecuador, Sweden, Bulgaria, Argentina and Switzerland. This is the third year that Plan India and Diplomatic Missions have partnered for IDG - a UN-declared international observance day to support greater opportunities for girls and awareness of gender discrimination they endure worldwide.

What the Gender Stats say...

1. Only 11.6% women representatives in the parliament
2. Only 39 % females aged 25 and above acquire some secondary education
3. 26% of women aged between 18-29 years were married before they turned 18
4. 898 females born for every 1000 males in India

Taking senior positions reinforced the need to provide equal opportunities for girls and young women to demonstrate their potential to make decisions and ensure that all girls can 'Learn', 'Lead', 'Decide' and 'Thrive' in a healthy, happy and safe environment, and that their voices are heard, and problems are addressed.

The Girl Changemakers are from Plan-supported communities, representing 10 Indian states: Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Uttarakhand, Delhi, Odisha, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Rajasthan and Jharkhand. Selected based on detailed analysis of their leadership abilities and commitment towards achieving girls' rights in their community, they bring forth their stories of courage and their unequivocal commitment to the larger movement of girls' rights and leadership. On the occasion, girls were provided an opportunity to share their unique perspectives at the national level, and actively participate in the day-to-day operations of Embassies and High Commissioners.

The Takeovers also extended to corporates, government offices, media and local governance bodies. Girl Changemakers from communities supported by Plan India took over 270 Gram Panchayats across the nation. This initiative brought attention to the need to ensure equal power, freedom and representation for girls and women. Through these takeovers, the Girl Changemakers asserted their rights to be heard and seen.

Every year, on 11th October, girls from Plan-supported communities take over positions of power and significance, demonstrating their potential to lead the way into the future championing girls' voice, power and leadership to achieve gender under the 'Girls Get Equal' campaign which is a bold new global initiative that calls for increased investment in girls' power, activism and leadership. As part of the takeovers today, Plan India and the Diplomatic Missions also initiated a digital pledge. The pledge serves as a call to action for the audience that is encouraged to show support for the cause by pledging to do their part so that #GirlsGetEqual.

Mr. Ugo Astuto, Ambassador of the European Union to India speaking on behalf of all the 22 Diplomatic Missions said, "Gender equality is both a matter of justice and a smart investment towards a more equitable and inclusive society. The European Union is a strong supporter of Sustainable Development Goal 5 on gender

equality and women empowerment. We work closely with India and other partners around the world to foster equal opportunities for women and girls. I hope that the takeovers will help to break stereotypes and to encourage girls to follow their dreams, to lead and to realise their full potential"

Ms. Anuja Bansal, Executive Director, Plan India, said, "Gender inequality is a global issue that affects men and women in every country. Opportunities for girls and young women to be heard at a high level are few and far between. They are vastly underrepresented in leadership roles across the globe. Girls' Takeovers provide an opportunity for girls and young women to step up to take positions of power and speak for themselves and the changes they want to see. The platform is an opportunity to highlight significant issues in their communities in a meaningful way with a view to create real change.

We hope to ensure that young women feel that they are represented and what they have to say truly matters. It also encourages girls to find confidence in their own abilities - to envision themselves rightfully as future leaders", she added.

Girl Changemaker Jyothi, from Telangana, who had the opportunity to be part of this initiative said, "Lack of awareness among parents and community on child related issues is one of the major gaps in achieving equal opportunities." As Youth Advocate for Girls Advocacy Alliance, a Plan India Initiative, she believes that equal opportunities are essential to reduce gender disparity. She focusses on issues concerning girls in multiple forums. She further said, "My experience during the Embassy of Switzerland takeover has helped me understand that the world is so much beyond what we already know or have access to and understand. I am grateful to Plan India for giving me the opportunity and will go back even more motivated to work towards the cause and empower girls in my community."

Girl Changemaker Ruby from Delhi took over as Radio Jockey for Radio City said, "It was a great experience to take over the role of RJ Ginnie." As a Champion of Change from Plan India's Safer Cities for Girls programme that works to build safer and inclusive cities for girls and young women, she believes that engaging adolescents is the best way to bring about lasting change.

Globally, Girls Takeovers took place across 60 countries with over 1,000 girls taking charge. Girls took over and broke stereotypes by taking significant positions and voicing their opinions against discrimination, harassment and inequality. The Girl Changemakers, unanimously, sent out a strong message on the urgent need for girls and young women to have equal rights to education, health, socio-economic and political participation. They also called upon their peers and those in power to raise their voice to support girls' rights.

Achieving gender equality is one of the Global Goals (SDG 5) agreed upon by world leaders in 2015, which promises to transform the world by 2030. It is time for equal, fair and just world. Initiatives like the Girls' Takeover by Plan India that are aligned with SDG 5, envision a gender-equal world free from discrimination, harassment and violence.

EU INDIA TO INTENSIFY COOPERATION ON SMART AND SUSTAINABLE URBANIZATION.

Joint action plan on urban development 2019-20 rolled out to address urbanization challenge || 7 Indian cities sign MoU to be part of GCoM, taking the total to 15 || EIB to strive towards launching additional investment projects in the field of Urban transport with a value of up to €1 Billion



The European Union (EU) and India on 19 September, 2019 agreed on a Joint Action Plan 2019-2020 to step up their cooperation in the area of Smart and Sustainable Urbanization. This was announced as a conclusion to the 1st India-EU Urban Forum and 1st Joint working Group on Sustainable Urban Development, which was jointly organized by the EU and India in New Delhi from September 17-18. Five action points under the plan focus on: a) supporting Smart and Sustainable Cities b) promoting investments in sustainable urbanization c) promoting climate action and disaster risk reduction in cities d) Developing effective solid waste management & treatment and promotion of circular economy e) Developing effective water supply & sewage system f) Innovation in Housing.

The India-EU Urban forum was inaugurated by **Shri Durga Shanker Mishra**, Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs along with Mr. Rudolph Niessler, DG REGIO, European Commission and Mr. Raimund Magis, Chargé d'affaires, Delegation of the European Union to India. While the first day of discussions focused on policy, the second day took stock of the city-city cooperation and facilitated businesses cooperation between the two regions. An online EU-India project dashboard was also launched, with the objective to facilitate sharing of best practices on the implementation of urban projects supported by the EU and Member States in India.

At the India-EU Summit in October 2017, the two sides had agreed to a Joint Declaration on Partnership for Smart and Sustainable Urban Development. While the European Union and its Member States have responded to India's urbanisation challenge with a number of initiatives during the last few years, the next phase of implementation will see strengthening and enhancing of cooperation in the area of urban planning, urban environment, sustainable urban mobility, green housing, waste management, waste water treatment, drinking water supply, resource efficiency

and circular economy, clean energy, energy efficiency, ICT solutions and climate change adaptation in cities.

60% of the world's population is estimated to live in towns and cities in the next 10 years with 600 million people estimated to be living in Indian Cities by 2030. Rapid urbanization brings in its own set of challenges. The next phase of implementation will focus on tackling these challenges jointly. Some key action points agreed under the Action Plan are:

- The European Investment Bank (EIB), EU's bank, will strive towards launching additional investment projects in the field of Urban transport with a value of up to €1 Billion. EIB has already financed metro projects upto € 1.6 Billion in India
- EU will continue to support 12 smart cities in India, under the EU-AFD Smart City project, focussing on sustainable mobility, public open spaces, social and organisational Innovation and urban e-governance. EU currently provides € 21.5 million as investment, grants and technical assistance to 3 projects implemented by AFD, with a focus on sustainable urban mobility, green affordable housing and smart cities.
- Enhancing its support on city-to-city pairing and cooperation between 12 Indian and European cities on sustainable urban development, the EU will bring in additional resources till the end of 2020 under the IUC programme. In this phase, the EU will support the implementation of the city plans, which have been drafted together with the respective Indian cities. This programme will contribute to the achievement of India's climate change commitments, and exchange/transfer know-how and capacities with EU cities in the fields of urban sustainable development, energy efficiency and climate action
- The EU will have a strong focus on facilitating involvement of European businesses in the Partnership on smart and sustainable urbanisation. In order to facilitate partnerships between the EU and Indian businesses, the EU will run pilot projects to support companies in identifying partners, access to financing, and adapting technologies and business models to the Indian context. Focus areas will include AI, Internet of Things, block chain, standards for enhanced data management; sensor technologies; smart lighting; groundwater use and drinking water, wastewater treatment and treated water reuse; plastic waste management, e-waste recycling, waste to energy green buildings, energy efficiency, sustainable construction and demolition, green cooling, smart grids; renewable energy grid integration district energy system, solar PV for rooftops, access to modern energy, distributed energy, waste to energy; mobility infrastructure, e-mobility, green Civil Aviation, alternative fuels (in particular biofuels).

7 INDIAN CITIES SIGN THE COMMITMENT FOR THE GLOBAL COVENANT OF MAYORS FOR CLIMATE AND ENERGY

Four Indian cities, namely Bhavnagar, Jamnagar, Junagadh, Kochi signed the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy (GCOM) commitment in presence of Shri Durga Shanker Mishra, Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs and other senior EU officials. This takes the count to 15 Indian cities who have joined this initiative, representing over 25 million people. Other cities who

committed to climate action include Ahmedabad, Gandhinagar, Vadodara, Gangtok, Gwalior, Nagpur, Panaji, Patna, Shimla, Surat and Rajkot. The initiative aims to support the efforts of Indian cities to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and make their communities more resilient toward the effects of climate change. EU's International Urban Cooperation project will support the cities through technical assistance, capacity building and organize exchange visits to share best practices. EU will also provide to cities a suite of tools that will support their efforts to develop effective Climate Action Plans, to mainstream climate issues into the sectoral policies and other climate initiatives.

The Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy is the largest global coalition of cities and local governments voluntarily committed to actively combatting climate change and transitioning to a low-carbon and climate resilient economy. 9,000 cities and local governments across 6 continents and 132 countries are part of this initiative, representing over 800 million people. By 2030, Global Covenant cities and local governments could collectively reduce 1.3 billion tons of CO2 emissions per year.

"The EU India strategic partnership is gaining strength, particularly in our cooperation in India's rapid urbanization. India and EU should deepen their cooperation by pooling in our knowledge, engagement will all stakeholders and create a win-win situation for our societies." Shri Durga Shanker Mishra

"Smart & sustainable urbanisation is at the centre of the cooperation agenda between the EU and India. Our aim is a long-term cooperation platform to address challenges arising from rapid urbanization. I believe that the EU is a unique partner for India, and together we can find integrated solutions to ensure cities are resource efficient & economically viable." Mr. Raimund Magis

"Our greatest challenges are concentrated in cities, as well as the ability to find original & innovative solutions. EU-India city to city cooperation is a step towards empowering cities to find integrated solutions together." Mr. Rudolph Niessler

Background on EU India Partnership on Smart and Sustainable Urbanization:

At the 14th annual summit between India and the EU, held on 06 October 2017, the Prime Minister of India and the Presidents of the European Council and European Commission adopted a Joint Declaration on a Partnership for Smart and Sustainable Urbanisation with a view to step up the cooperation including priority sectors such as the upgrading of Urban Infrastructure for Transport and Sanitation, Developing Smart Cities in India, as well as promoting the New Urban Agenda of the United Nations adopted in 2016. The partnership also envisaged to support Indian flagship programmes such as Swachh Bharat, the 100 Smart Cities Mission and AMRUT.

In November last year the EU's strategy on India clearly spelled out both the necessity to address urban challenges and the opportunities for the EU and India to collaborate on India's sustainable modernisation and sustainable urbanisation agendas. The Urban Forum marks the beginning of the next phase of the implementation of this important joint agenda.

Some key projects under this collaboration:

- support Urban Local Bodies in India to promote integrated urban management actions and improve basic municipal services
- technical assistance on sustainable water management in cities, sewage treatment, solid waste management, air quality and circular economy in cities
- city to city cooperation between Indian and European cities,
- The Ecocities project, promoting use of renewable energy, clean technology and energy efficiency in the delivery of municipal services
- work at State and City level on Implementation of the Energy Efficiency in Buildings Code
- Activities to support cities in developing a sustainable energy and climate mitigation and adaptation programme to contribute to India's NDC and be part of the Global Covenant of Mayors chapter in India;
- The EU-Mumbai Partnership;
- We have carried out Metropolitan Labs in 4 Indian megacities to foster good governance and develop bankable urban projects
- We are cooperating on ICT standardisation for smart cities
- We are cooperating on sustainable urban mobility, and the EIB, the European Union's bank has already financed metro development for 1,6 Billion € in India;
- We are providing a total funding of 21.5 million € in investment grants and technical assistance to 3 projects implemented by AFD, with a focus on sustainable urban mobility, green affordable housing and smart cities;
- We support 12 Indian Smart cities on implementation of projects related to Sustainable Mobility, Public Open Spaces, Social and Organisational Innovation, and Urban E-Governance.



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