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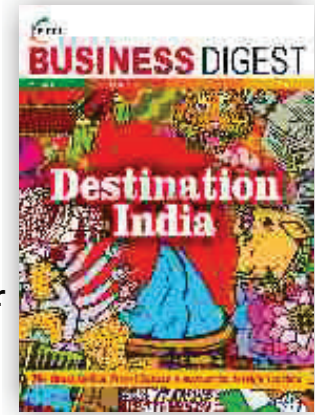
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From the Secretary General's Desk...

FICCI's flagship event in the tourism sector, The Great Indian Travel Bazaar, has over the years, emerged as a landmark event to promote inbound tourism. The figures speak for themselves. Foreign tourists arrivals in India grew by 4.4 per cent last year and foreign exchange earnings rose by 2.3 per cent. This year's Travel Bazaar, the eighth in the series, was the largest-ever congregation of Foreign Tour Operators and Indian tourism industry players. It hosted over 270 international buyers from more than 50 countries and with 500 sellers of the Indian tourism product participating in the pan-Indian global mart. We carry a report in this issue.

The Chamber, in partnership with the Indo French Chamber of Commerce and Industry, organised a special address by Nicolas Sarkozy, former President of the French Republic on 'France, Europe, India: Challenges and Opportunities' at FICCI Federation House. Sarkozy came out strongly in support of India's candidature for a permanent seat for India at the UN Security Council. He lauded the 'Make in India' campaign and informed the gathering that the campaign message was well received within France. See report in the pages that follow.

The first edition of Maritime India Summit 2016 was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on April 14, 2016 in Mumbai. The summit had a two-day conference organized by the Ministry of Shipping, Government of India in collaboration with FICCI. The conference was aimed at fostering interaction between stakeholders through B2B and G2B meetings. It had special sessions on investment opportunities in maritime sector where senior officials from the Government made presentations highlighting the areas of interest to private investors. Elaborating on the measures taken by his government, Prime Minister Modi said that to promote ease of doing business under the 'Make in India' programme, India plans to mobilise investment of Rs 1 lakh crore in the port sector. Additionally, five new ports are proposed to be developed to meet the increasing demand of the export-import trade which will rise in proportion with the fast-growing Indian economy.

The country is moving towards modern and innovative policing. In the recent past, many security and law enforcement agencies in India have made concrete efforts in tackling the security challenges of modern Indian cities. The Indian police forces have introduced new innovations in policing to overcome new challenges, and to fulfil the aspirations of the citizen for better security. Thus, the best practices adopted by the police forces need recognition, appreciation, dissemination and replication. FICCI, with its commitment to homeland security, has initiated 'FICCI SMART Policing Awards' to felicitate best practices in SMART Policing. Haribhai Parathibhai Chaudhary, Minister of State for Home Affairs, Government of India and Maninderjeet Singh Bitta, Chairman, All-India Anti-Terrorist Front, felicitated the winners of FICCI SMART Policing Awards 2016. On the occasion, Harshvardhan Neotia, FICCI President, indicated that the Chamber would be happy to work with the State Police Forces and Central Armed Police Forces on various projects and programmes which can lead to implementation of various SMART Policing initiatives across India. This issue carries a report and the names of the award winners.

We look forward to your feedback and comments.

A. Didar Singh