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From the Secretary General's Desk...

“These are interesting, profitable, and challenging times for the financial sector” is how Raghuram Rajan described the scenario for India's financial sector at 'FIBAC-2016', the annual FICCI-IBA Conference on banking, a couple of weeks before he stepped down as the Governor of the Reserve Bank of India. He called it interesting because the level of competition is going to increase manifold, both for customers as well as for talent, transforming even the sleepest areas in financial services; profitable because new technologies, information, and new techniques will open up vastly new business opportunities and customers and challenging because competition and novelty constitute a particularly volatile mix in terms of risk. The cover story in this issue carries details of the deliberations at the conference.

FICCI organised the conference on 'International Arbitration in BRICS – Challenges, Opportunities and Road Ahead', jointly with the Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance, Government of India and Indian Council of Arbitration in New Delhi on August 27, 2016. Arun Jaitley, Minister for Finance and Corporate Affairs, Government of India, underlined the need to constitute a Task Force of experts and officials to deliberate on the challenges in international arbitration in the BRICS countries and put in place institutional mechanisms to establish arbitral centres in these nations. The conference was inaugurated by Ravi Shankar Prasad, Minister for Law & Justice, Electronics & Information Technology, Government of India, who said that close to 70 per cent of arbitrators in international arbitration proceedings belong to the Western world and the quantum of penalties imposed were heavy which could unsettle the economies of the nations in investor-state dispute settlement.

J P Nadda, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare, has emphasised the need to develop a forum for healthcare providers and professionals to engage in meaningful and interactive discussions with the government entities to enable the transformation and re-engineering of the Indian healthcare industry. The healthcare sector was moving in the right direction and 'Speed, Scale and Skill' were needed to keep the momentum of the drive alive, he said while speaking at the 'FICCI HEAL-2016' on the theme 'Reengineering Indian Healthcare' organized by FICCI in association with the National Health Mission, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India. See report in the pages that follow.

Ram Vilas Paswan, Union Minister for Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, has urged industry to win the trust of the consumers and weed out companies indulging in misleading advertisements which often played with the health of the consumers. The onus was on industry to deliberate on this issue with seriousness and identify factors that are inimical to industry's growth, he emphasised while inaugurating the sixth edition of 'Massmerize', FICCI's annual flagship event on retail, FMCG and e-Commerce. The event was organised with the support of the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution on September 1, 2016 in New Delhi.

The FICCI Grant Thornton Report, 'Real Estate Regulation Act, 2016 (RERA) – Are we ready?' a survey-based report, the first of its kind, reveals that a majority of the respondents are of the view that RERA will bring transparency in doing real estate dealings and thus reduce the litigations. Apart from leading to FDI inflow into the sector, it will improve the ease of availability of financing options in the market and the rule of depositing 70 per cent of sales proceeds in a separate account will help in ensuring timely delivery of the project and eliminate fly-by-night operators from the sector.

We hope you will find the contents of the issue informative and useful.

A. Didar Singh