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From the Secretary General's Desk...

Climate change affects us all. As Mahatma Gandhi reminded us, "Planet Earth has enough for everyone's need, not for everyone's greed". The onus rests on humanity to ensure the very survival of future generations. While national governments have a big role in tackling climate change, the business community too must take a lead in implementing sustainable solutions and safeguards on the ground. The Paris Climate Change Agreement calls on businesses and corporates to partner with governments in this endeavour.

To deliver this message to the global business, the Business and Climate Summit was organised in New Delhi in August 2017. The key takeaway of the summit was: Indian industries are moving forward on climate action and reaping the benefits but more needs to be done. We bring to you the highlights of the summit in this issue.

'FICCI HEAL 2017' held in August sought to focus on the needs of healthcare consumers and how the health care industry may address them. The 11th edition of the conference provided a platform for a two-way communication between patients and health care providers. We hope these deliberations will help in finding solutions that can transform the health care ecosystem. See report in the pages that follow.

The 14th edition of the Annual Capital Market Conference (CAPAM) was organised in Mumbai on September 6, 2017. The conference deliberated on topics such as Increasing Market Depth, Easing Regulatory Barriers to Investment, Cyber security, Infrastructure Financing, Disinvestment, Competition Law Enforcement and Capital Markets and Growth, Expansion and Remediation.

A FICCI-Deloitte report 'Konected to Consumers' on the retail, FMCG & e-commerce sectors in India states that the consumer goods industry is one of the most dynamic and among the fastest growing industries in India. Consumer retail is an integral part of the industry with a current estimated size of more than INR 45 trillion. It is expected to witness a Compound Annual Growth Rate

(CAGR) of over 10% in the period 2016-21 to reach a size of INR 85 trillion by 2021. Thus, it plays a pivotal role in India's growth story while attracting significant foreign investments and technologies, and generating vast employment opportunities. In this backdrop, FICCI organised the 7th edition of 'Massmerize' in New Delhi on September 7, 2017 (See report).

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

Sanjaya Baru