



Summary of high-powered Roundtable discussion at Vidhana Soudha

On the occasion of the Golden Jubilee celebrations, the Indo American Chamber of Commerce is organised a Round Table discussion on Friday, 30th Nov 2018 from 11-1200 hrs at Room no 313, Vidhana Soudha, Bengaluru. This was a high-powered Roundtable to discuss "Accelerating Karnataka–US Business Partnerships".

Round table was attended by Shri S K Sarkar National President Indo-American Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Vikram Mangharam Chairman IACC Karnataka, Mr. Kris Gopalakrishnan, Co-founder of Infosys, Mr. Shekar Vishwanathan, MD of Toyota Kirloskar Motors Ltd, Executive council members of IACC from across all sectors on Industry, Mr. Deepak Sood, Mr. Biswas and Mr. Ashraf -MD Skill development Corporation Government of Karnataka

Purpose of the round-table was to elicit ideas on improving Karnataka skills ecology and strengthening areas of Cooperation with the Indo-American chambers of Commerce and its member companies in India and United States of America.

Mr. Biswas, Secretary of Labour and skill development made a Presentation highlighting the various initiatives and programs undertaken by Government of Karnataka including "Shramasamarthyam, Disha, Skills on wheels, Disha and international immigration on 1M-K ", some of the programs such as Skill on wheels, Jaikousal. Mr. Sarkar sought to work closely with Government of Karnataka and offer support to start initiatives to become success.

Mr. Vikram commented that the vocational education and training in the country was demanded and there was a strong need for establishing academic linkage. He referred solutions to educated unemployed and proposed to strengthen Re-skilling learning centres by conducting training programs from visiting professors from United States of America and introducing modern training methods.

Mr. Kris Gopal Krishnan shared the experience of training the Adivasi Women in growing Coffee of a certain category which fielded highest return in Export market worldwide. He suggested a mechanism to increase the jobs created in the US companies in India and be prepared to provide a pipeline of talent.

Reference was made to the MIRI project in Gulbarga where rural women were trained and empowered to access large market and improve sustainable business.

Mr. Shekar Vishwanathan, Dr Mantha , Mr. Deepak Sood , Mr. Greg of Zoom Cars , Ms. Sangeeta Kulkarni, Mr. Ashraf and Dr. Manohar Chikkanna participated in the discussion.

Hon'ble minister Shri R V Deshpande Suggested to train the Youth and empower them with the Skills which are most suitable to them. It is most important to create first generation entrepreneur and provide resource. He Invited IACC member companies to partner with Government of Karnataka to upgrade and improve the overall skills with the best of technology and resources. He also invited companies through IACC to adopt ITI's and improve their performance and to send students to US for internship to learn and access state of art training and exposure.

A letter of Intent to collaborate with IACC and Government of Karnataka was exchanged on this occasion.

