

## *Continued Engagement With the United States!*

### *Three City Immigration Seminars (Mumbai, Pune & Ahmedabad)*

#### *Managing Immigration and Visas in Uncertain Times*

The current US administration has introduced many changes to immigration policies and there are multiple bills awaiting legislation by Congress. In the meantime, US employers are faced with uncertainties, unpredictability and ambiguous denials, making it hard to plan for future growth in the US. However, USA continues to remain open for business. However, it is important to assess and understand the current policies and regulations and their potential impact on Indo-US trade. Therefore the Indo-American Chamber of Commerce (IACC) in association with the US Consulate General, Mumbai organized **Immigration Seminars in three cities, Pune, Ahmedabad, and Mumbai**, which focussed on enlightening the participants on the changing laws of Immigration and recent developments that could affect Indian businesses.

By hosting these seminars, the IACC brought several stake holders and corporate leaders to have an open discussion and help the audience demystify. The seminars included keynote speeches and viewpoints of Senior US government speakers, industry captains, business stake holders, and qualified US immigration attorneys.

Participants attending the seminars primarily included business heads in charge of the US market, immigration and/or HR professionals, immigration department heads, investors who wish to know more about getting a green card through EB-5 investments.

Apart from the unwavering support of the U.S. Consulate for the Tri-city Seminar, IACC also got support from partners like **Colorado Regional Centre, Ernst & Young, EB5 Capital and Vintage Media Productions. LawQuest** was the Knowledge Partner for the seminar. Associations like **SEAP, GESIA and USIIC** also partnered with the Chamber to make this initiative a huge success.

## Event Glimpses

January 11, 2019 | Pune

Panel discussion – “H-1Bs and L-1s – Still a viable option?”



L to R: Ms. Nirali Goradia, Director - Africa, India & Middle East (AIM) Advisory Services, Ernst & Young LLP, Mr. Ram Prasad, Branch Chairman, IACC – West India Council, Pune Branch, Mr. Nitinchandra Shende, Head Global People Operations, Persistent Systems Ltd., Ms. Poorvi Chothani, Esq., President IACC – West India Council and Managing Partner, LawQuest, Mr. Anupal Banerjee, Chief Human Resources Officer, Tata Technologies, Mr. Jignesh Thakkar, Partner - Advisory Services, Ernst & Young LLP and Mr. Naushad Panjwani, VP IACC – WIC

Panel Discussion II - Student and Business Visas – the best way forward.



L to R: Mr. Prasanna Joshi, VP – Admin & Facilities, Xpanxion International Pvt. Ltd., Prof. T. M Sathyanarayanan, Director, Overseas Education Consultancy Services (OECS), Ms. Poorvi Chothani, Esq., President IACC – West India Council and Managing Partner, LawQuest, Mr. Amit Nagle, Lead – Immigration, Persistent Systems Ltd. and Mr. Jignesh Thakkar, Partner - Advisory Services, Ernst & Young LLP.

January 25, 2019 | Ahmedabad



L to R: Ms. Poorvi Chothani, President IACC – West India Council and Managing Partner, LawQuest, Anand Vasani, Director – Advisory Services Ernst & Young LLP, Mr. Manoj Balwani, Senior Vice President, Mobility, Citiustech and Mr. Tejinder P. S. Oberoi, Executive Director, Cygnet Infotech

Session on EB-5



Mr. Johan Segerdahl, Managing Partner, Regional Colorado Centre

February 07, 2019 | Mumbai

## Inaugural Session



L to R: Ms. Rakhi Panda, Regional Director, IACC – WIC, Ms. Poorvi Chothani, Esq., President IACC – West India Council and Managing Partner, LawQuest, Mr. Robert Batchelder, Consular Section Chief, US Consul General, Mumbai and Mr. Naushad Panjwani, Vice President IACC – WIC

## Panel Discussion on “H-1Bs, L-1s, B-1s: Still viable options?”



L to R: Ms. Poorvi Chothani, Esq., President IACC – West India Council and Managing Partner, LawQuest, Mr. Manoj Balwani, Vice President, CitiusTech, Mr. Senthil Nayagam K, Senior Vice President & Global Head-Revenue Assurance & Chief Learning Officer, Hexaware Technologies, Mr. David Willey, ACS & CIU Unit Deputy Chief, U.S. Consulate General, Mumbai and Mr. Jignesh Thakkar, Partner – Advisory Services, Ernst & Young LLP

## Session on Investment Opportunities in Pennsylvania



**Ms. Supriya Kanetkar, Associate Director, Pennsylvania Trade & Investment Office - India**

## Session on EB-5



**Ms. Jennifer Richmond, Vice President, Colorado Regional Centre**



**Mr. Deepesh Deshmukh, India Representative – Colorado Regional**

## Presentation by U.S. Commercial Services



**Ms. Jigna Mehta, Commercial Specialist, U.S. Commercial Services, The U.S. Consulate General, Mumbai**