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1ST APRIL 2023 TO 31ST MARCH 2024



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International MSME Day



Interactive Sessions with Union Ministers, GoI



Meeting with Shri. M.B. Patil, Minister for Medium and Large Industries, GoK



GeM Portal Registration



Millets Mela

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Events of Laghu Udyog Bharati – Karnataka

9. April 1, 2023 Clinic on Wheels Healthcare at your doorstep
10. April 1, 2023 India: The World's Next Biggest Sourcing Hub- A Session with Dr. S Jaishankar
11. April 20, 2023: India: A Key Player in the New Economic Order Interaction with Dr. Sudhanshu Trivedi Rajya Sabha Member
12. April 25, 2023: Sthapana Divas (Foundation Day)
13. May 5, 2023: Session with Rajeev Chandrasekhar
14. June 27, 2023 World MSME Day 2023
15. July 29, 2023: Annual Members Meet
16. August 8, 2023, Meeting with MB Patil
17. August 15, 2023 Independence Day at LUB-K
18. August 16, 2023, Curtain: IMS: 2023: Curtain Raiser
19. September 22, 2023 VTPC Webinar on IPR
20. November 21, 2024 GST Audit: Government Perspective
21. November 25, 2023: IISc Challekere
23. January 8, 2024 Interactive Meeting with Shri Das MSME Secretary
24. February 1: Union Budget 2024-25

Flagship events

25. November 2-4, 2023 India Manufacturing Show 2023
26. February 29-March 2, 2024: Valvx 2024: Conference cum-Expo
27. March 16 and 17, 2024: Food Fest- Experience Millets
28. March 23, 2024: MSMEs' growth in Viksit Bharat, Navigating Tomorrow's Opportunities Peenya
29. February 23, 2024: GeM Portal Registration
30. March 30, 2024 IT Act 43b(h)
31. September 17: Celebration of Vishwakarma Day by Districts Units
32. EDP: December 22, 2023 MLA Academy for Higher Learning
33. March 12, 2024: LUB-K MSME Excellence Award

District Units Event Reports

34. February 7, Inauguration of Kalaburagi Unit and IISc EDP
35. March 26, Inauguration of Tumakuru Unit and Prashiksana Varga
36. August 19: Hosapete Unit Inauguration
37. August 26, Belagavi Unit Reconstitution
38. October 28: Hubballi Unit Reconstitution
39. December 16, 2023: Hassan Unit Reconstitution
40. January 16, 2024: Inauguration of Davanagere Unit
41. September 29: Udupi and Mangalore Artisans Meet and Test
42. Puttur
43. Ramanagara
44. Mysuru (New Team August 12, 2023)
45. Mangalore
46. Davanagere (BIET)
47. Bangalore North
48. Bangalore South

Women Entrepreneur Cell of Laghu Udyog Bharati Karnataka

49. April 25 Sthapana Diwas
50. Millet Conference August
51. Namma Expo: Products Mela
52. Swavalambi Bharat Abhyas varga
53. EDP
54. Kusuri Mane

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NOTICE

Hon'ble Members,

23rd Annual Members Meeting

of

Laghu Udyog Bharati – Karnataka

Will be held on **Saturday October 26, 2024 at 11.00 AM**

Venue : LUB-K Office, IMS Foundation Conference Hall

No. 614, 100 Feet Ring Road, 2nd Floor,
Banashankari 3rd Stage, Kittur Rani Chennamma Circle,
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AGENDA

1. To Consider and adopt the Report of the Committee of Management and Audited accounts for the period from 01.04.2023 to 31.03.2024.
2. To appoint the auditor for the year 2024-2025 and fix the remuneration.
3. To transact any other business that may be placed before it by the Committee of Management.

Place: Bangalore
Date: 01/10/2024

K Narayana Prasanna
General Secretary

If there is no quorum for the notified members meet, the same shall be adjourned & the adjourned meeting will be held at 11.30 AM with the same agenda at the same venue.

Note: Any member wishing to raise any matter should notify the General Secretary's office in writing at least seven days prior to the date of the Annual Members Meeting. Mail can be sent to info@lubkarnataka.org

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ದಿನಾಂಕ : 26-10-2024 ಶನಿವಾರ

ಸ್ಥಳ : ಎಲ್.ಯು.ಬಿ.ಕೆ ಕಛೇರಿ, ಐ.ಎಂ.ಎಸ್. ಫೌಂಡೇಶನ್ ಹಾಲ್,

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ವಿಷಯ :

1. ದಿನಾಂಕ : 01-04-2023 ರಿಂದ 31-03-2024 ಅವಧಿಯ ಕಾರ್ಯಕಾರಿ ಮಂಡಳಿಯ ವರದಿಯನ್ನು ಹಾಗೂ ತನಿಖೆಯಾದ ಲೆಕ್ಕಪತ್ರಗಳನ್ನು ಪರಿಶೀಲಿಸಿ ಒಪ್ಪಿಗೆ ನೀಡುವಿಕೆ
2. 2024-25 ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ಲೆಕ್ಕ ಪರಿಶೋಧಕರ ನೇಮಕಾತಿ ಮತ್ತು ಗೌರವಧನ ಕೊಡುವ ಬಗ್ಗೆ.
3. ಯಾವುದೇ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿಷಯವನ್ನು ಆಡಳಿತ ಮಂಡಳಿಯ ಅನುಮತಿ ಮೇರೆಗೆ ಚರ್ಚಿಸಬಹುದು

ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು :

01/10/2024

ಕೆ. ನಾರಾಯಣ ಪ್ರಸನ್ನ

ಗೌರವಾನ್ವಿತ ಪ್ರಧಾನ ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿ

ಸಭೆ ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 11.00 ಕ್ಕೆ ಆರಂಭವಾಗಲಿದೆ. ಅಧಿಸೂಚಿತ ಸದಸ್ಯರ ಸಭೆಗೆ ಯಾವುದೇ ಕೋರಂ ಇಲ್ಲದಿದ್ದರೆ, ಅದನ್ನು ಮುಂದೂಡಲಾಗುತ್ತದೆ. ಮತ್ತು ಮುಂದೂಡಲ್ಪಟ್ಟ ಸಭೆಯನ್ನು ಅದೇ ಸ್ಥಳದಲ್ಲಿ ಅದೇ ಕಾರ್ಯಸೂಚಿಯೊಂದಿಗೆ 11.30 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ ನಡೆಸಲಾಗುತ್ತದೆ.

President's Message



**Dear Members,
Warm greetings,**

It is rare honour and opportunity to serve our members and the MSME fraternity in general as President of our organization - Laghu Udyog Bharati Karnataka for the second term.

The calendar year (2023-24) has just concluded.

In the heart of India's dynamic economic ecosystem, Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) play an instrumental role in driving growth and employment. They are the backbone of our nation's economy, contributing significantly to GDP and fostering innovation. However, the journey of an MSME entrepreneur in India is riddled with an array of challenges.

Access to Finance: The most significant challenge faced by MSME sector is securing adequate and timely financing. The complex maze of procedures, collateral demands, and high-interest rates often deter entrepreneurs from obtaining loans. Initiatives like the Mudra Yojana, CGTMSME and other industry-related schemes by government of India and the State governments have aimed to bridge this gap, but more needs to be done to make financing accessible and affordable.

Regulatory Compliance:

It is a jigsaw puzzle for MSME sector when it comes to regulatory compliances. It is often said that there are close to 50 requirements to be fulfilled before solution is found. Navigating through a slew of government regulations and compliance requirements can be overwhelming. Ensuring adherence to GST, labour laws, environmental standards, and other statutory obligations can be a significant burden, especially for small businesses with limited resources. LUB-K on numerous occasions has petitioned with the government to prune the Ease of Doing Business regulation.

Infrastructure and Technology:

It is a known fact that scarce infrastructure and inadequate access to technology hinder the growth of MSMEs. From outdated machinery to limited connectivity, these issues reduce productivity and competitiveness. The government's 'Digital India' campaign has made strides, but continued investments in infrastructure and technology are essential.

Market Access:

MSMEs often struggle to reach broader markets, both domestically and internationally. They need better networking opportunities, trade fairs, and e-commerce platforms to showcase their products and services. Government programs like 'Make in India' and 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' should be leveraged to enhance global market access.

Skilled Workforce:

Finding and retaining skilled talent remains a challenge. Skill development initiatives must be tailored to MSME needs, and collaborations with educational institutions should be fostered to bridge the skills gap.

Competition and Innovation :

In an era of rapid technological advancements, MSMEs must constantly innovate to stay competitive. However, limited resources and lack of research and development facilities pose a considerable challenge.

Delayed Payments :

One of the most significant issues faced by MSMEs is the delayed payment by larger corporations. This can lead to cash flow problems and hinder business expansion. Streamlining payment processes and enforcing timely payments is crucial.

Sustainability and Environment :

With growing environmental concerns, MSMEs must transition towards more sustainable and eco-friendly practices. This transition can be expensive and challenging, but it's crucial for long-term growth and meeting global standards.

Policy Advocacy :

MSMEs need a stronger voice in policy formation. Entrepreneurs should actively engage with industry associations, chambers of commerce, and government bodies to articulate their concerns and seek favourable policies.

Resilience and Adaptation :

The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the importance of resilience and adaptability. MSMEs must be prepared to face unforeseen challenges and disruptions by embracing digital technologies, flexible business models, and risk management strategies.

I am happy to mention that on all the above front Laghu Udyog Bharati-Karnataka has been in the forefront pitching aggressively with both the state and central governments to effect quick and radical changes, for the very simple reason that the world is looking at India as the next sourcing hub. The MSMEs need to get quickly equipped to meet the challenges to serve the globe with their high precision, quality-embedded products and services if India has to seize this once in a lifetime business opportunity.

And to make this happen it becomes imperative that we strengthen and expand our organization both in terms of reach and enhanced membership. In this direction, we have during the last year started our new Units in Mangaluru, Davanagere, Tumakuru, Hosapete, and two Women Cells- Bengaluru North and Belagavi. Likewise plan to have many more units across the state and increase our membership base.

We also had a very eventful year with good number of programs, activities, and interactive meetings with various Government offices, Corporate Heads and industry associations.

My sincere thanks to members for your unstinted support and cooperation extended to me at every stage and wish the team full success in all their endeavours.

With best regards

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Sachin B Sabnis

President, Laghu Udyog Bharati - Karnataka

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- Laghu Udyog Bharati is a registered all India organization for MSMEs in India since 1994.
- It has membership spread over the length and breadth of the country covering more than 700 Districts in the Country and with a membership base of 45,000 across India.
- In Karnataka LUB-K is present in 16 Districts and with a membership of 2000.

LUB-K is involved in activities vis-à-vis:

- Laghu Udyog Bharati is a Pan India Organisation working exclusively to Promote MSMEs
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- Host Capacity building programmes for Entrepreneurs Development and aspire Entrepreneurs
- Organises Industrial Visits to showcase best practices & encourage MSMEs to adopt and replicate the same at their workplaces.
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KARNATAKA : GATEWAY OF INDIA

Karnataka is a land of immense opportunity and innovation. It is ideally positioned to make the future happen today. The State's manufacturing competence, is supported by critical enablers such as: thriving ecosystem, highly skilled and talented workforce, empowering institutional and policy environment; favourable business climate and robust infrastructure.

Government has taken many initiatives to enhance its stature as one of the leading high-tech industrialized States in the country and is in the forefront of attracting investments from across the country and abroad.

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Infrastructure is central to the State's effort to deliver inclusive and robust growth. With good rail, road and air connectivity, logistic support, and excellent tele-communication network the State's robust physical infrastructure has created a conducive environment for industrial development.

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Karnataka has continued its progressive journey and are among the top states in several indicators like GDP, per capita income, sustainable development goals, technology and innovation, foreign direct investment, exports, startups, IT services, good governance practices. The Human Development Index was 0.432 in 1999 which has increased to 0.644 in 2022. The State has contained its fiscal deficit below 4% of the GSDP. Economic Survey 2023-24 mainly focuses on the performance of government schemes and policies, macro-economic indicators achievements challenges, and way forward for accelerating the wheel of economic development with equity, efficiency, and sustainability.

SNAPSHOT

- Ranked No. 1 in NITI Aayog's Innovation Index, Karnataka is home to 400 out of Fortune 500 companies
- Karnataka is a leader in India's technology sector, both in terms of investments and exports. Many new business opportunities in Karnataka are emerging in auto, electronics, food processing, heavy machinery and textiles industries.
- Karnataka is well connected to all major markets with 2 international airports, 47 national highways, 145 state highways and a rail network of 3,818 km. The state has a coastline of 320 km with 13 minor ports and one major port in Mangaluru. The Bengaluru - Mumbai Economic Corridor and Chennai - Bengaluru Industrial Corridor pass through the State.
- Karnataka is the #1 service exporting State in the country and is recognized as an "Achiever" under the DPIIT Ease of Doing Business ranking.
- Karnataka stands first in the world to set up a 2,050 MW Solar Park at Pavagada, amongst the five biggest photovoltaic solar power parks in the world.

- Karnataka is also home to the third largest startup ecosystem in the world and emerged as one of the Best Performers in the State Startup Ranking 2021.

Karnataka has an outstanding industrial ecosystem for all major industries to take advantage of:

- Karnataka is the Silicon Valley of India
- Karnataka is home to 400+ MNCs with global R&D centres
- Bangalore alone produces 60% of total value of machine tools manufactured in India
- Karnataka is the second highest producer of Special purpose and heavy electrical machinery in India
- Karnataka is the second largest chip design hub in the country
- Karnataka is the largest software exporter in India

Enhanced Facilitation Process to Ensure Transparency

- Facilitation act amended for improving EODB
 - 11 approvals relaxed by introducing moratorium
 - Option of 30-year long moratorium
 - 7 departments comprehensively covered
- Karnataka land reforms act amended for improving ease of land procurement
 - Entrepreneurs can now directly purchase land from farmers
- Transparent and convenient approval process
 - Single portal for all approvals and clearances
 - Time bound grievance handling

Infrastructure and Logistics

Served by 13 major National Highways; 2nd highest road density among major states in India

Major port at Mangalore along with 9 other minor ports in the state; 300-400 km access to Chennai, JNPT and Krishnapatnam ports

2 International airports and 6 Domestic airports in the state; Bengaluru Airport is the 3rd largest airport in India

Power Surplus State with highest installed capacity of renewable energy (18.8 GW) in country; 63% of installed capacity is renewable

6 ICDs (Inland Container Depots) & 5 CFSs (Container Freight Station) developed in the state

Only State in India to have 2 industrial corridors- CBIC (Chennai-Bengaluru) & BMEC (Bengaluru-Mumbai)

Feasibility study proposed for Hyperloop corridor between Bengaluru Airport and Bengaluru city.

Skilled Workforce

Largest workforce at the intersection of advanced manufacturing, building blocks (AI, IoT) and skilled manufacturing craftsmanship

Provision to avail 'Fixed term employment' to optimize labour capacity to cater to seasonality

Recent amendments made to facilitate women's work timings in night shifts, between 7 PM to 6 AM

- Overtime limit per quarter increased from 75 to 125 hours with the amendments to the Factories Act
- Exemption limit for Industrial Disputes Act increased from 100 to 300 workers
- Exemption limit for Contract Labor Act (seeking licenses) increased from 20 to 50 workers

A Thriving R&D Culture

Accounting for 44% of India's R&D Centres, Karnataka is now a global leader in technological innovation. Dedicated facilities for various clusters ensures a robust research environment. Karnataka is home to research pioneers like:

- Google's 1st engineering centre outside US, focusing on Artificial intelligence and Machine Learning
- Intel's largest design centre outside US, focusing on 5G technology
- General Electric's largest R&D centre outside US, focusing on reverse innovation and Internet of Things
- Samsung's largest R&D centre outside South Korea, focusing on Samsung Gears and AI virtual assistant

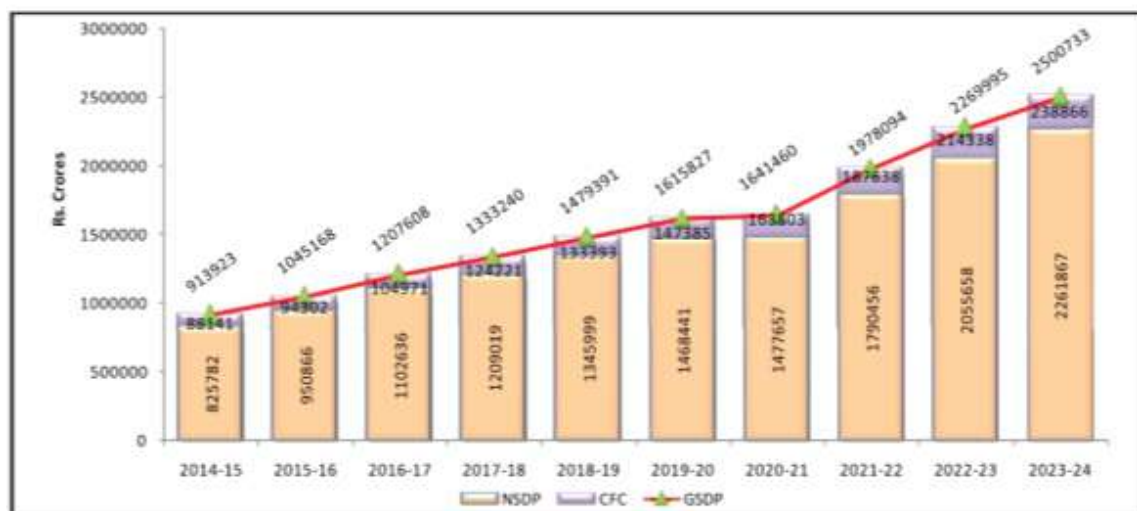
Additionally, the state is also paving the way for several aviation research organizations and is working on establishing a research centre for electric vehicles.

Demographics

Over 67% of Karnataka's population is in the working age group of 15-59 years.

Karnataka, the 8th most populated state in India, is home to about 5% of the country's total population. The state's population of 69 million is equivalent to the population of the United Kingdom.

- Largest software exporter in India
- Aerospace: Largest producer of aerospace and defence equipment in India
- Coffee: Largest producer of coffee in India



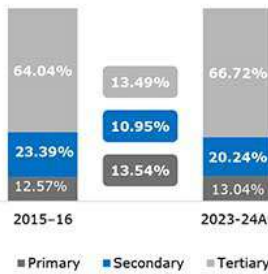
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ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT

GSDP of Karnataka at Current Prices



GSVA Composition by Sector at Current Prices



Merchandise Export from Karnataka (US\$ billion)



Note: - [^]CAGR in Rs, GSDP - Gross State Domestic Product, GSVA - Gross State Value Added, FDI- Foreign Direct Investment, AE-Advance Estimate, *Until July 2023.
Source: Directorate of Economics & Statistics of Karnataka, Central Statistics Office, Sector-wise %, share of GSDP, Directorate of Economics & Statistics of Karnataka, Central Statistics Office, Economic Survey 2020-21, 22-23

ADVANTAGES



Rich Talent Pool

Termed as the Knowledge Capital of India.
IT hub of India and the fourth-largest technology cluster in the world.



Significant Agriculture Base

As per the Economic Survey 2023-24, the total production of sugarcane in the state was 58.31 million tonnes in 2023-24.
Third-largest producer of plantation crops in the country.



Tourism

Karnataka boasts of diverse flora and fauna and 320 kms of natural coast-line.
World heritage sites at Hampi and Pattadakal.



Growing Exports

Total exports from the state stood at US\$ 27.93 billion in FY23 and US\$ 25.87 billion in FY22.
Sectors such as biotechnology, computer software and electronics are major contributors.

KEY GOVERNMENT POLICIES AND OBJECTIVES



National Education Policy 2020

In August 2021, Karnataka became the first state to announce the issue order to implement the National Education Policy 2020 from FY22 onwards.



Karnataka Tourism Policy 2020-25

To boost private investment across the tourism sector.



Energy Conservation and Energy Efficiency Policy 2020-25

To supplement national-level efforts for implementation of various energy-efficiency and energy conservation programmes.



Industrial Policy 2020-25

Make Karnataka the most preferred investment destination through inclusive, sustainable and balanced growth.



IT Policy 2020-25

The policy is focused on continued development of infrastructure, markets, ecosystem, talent and ease of doing business to support growth of the IT industry in the state.

GOVERNMENT VISION-2030 FOR THE STATE



Infrastructure

Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation.



Education

Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all.



Energy

Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all.



Industry

Achieve a sustainable and orderly process of industrialisation and urbanisation.

LAGHU UDYOG BHARATI - KARNATAKA

ANNUAL MEMBERS MEET July 29, 2023

The 22nd Laghu Udyog Bharati-Karnataka Annual Members Meet was organised on July 29, 2023 where a large number of LUB-K members participated in the Annual event.

This year it was an election year. Shri. Srikanta Dutta, All India Vice President, LUB, was appointed as Election Officer to oversee the election process.

At the start of the Annual Members Meet Dr. Sachin Sabnis and Shri. K Narayana Prasanna were renominated to the respective posts. Both were unanimously re-elected to the two-year term (2023-25). The election process was completed smoothly.

Shri. Ghanshyam Ohja, All India General Secretary was the Chief Guest at the 22nd Annual Members Meeting along with Shri. Thippeswamy and Dr. Jayaprakash.

President Dr. Sachin Sabnis initiated the proceedings of the 22nd Annual Members Meet.

Shri. K Narayana Prasanna, General Secretary LUB-K presented the Secretary's report to our members which was followed up by Shri. Lakshmisha, Treasurer LUB-Karnataka presenting the Financial Statement for FY 2022-23 to the members. The Members were also apprised of the appointment of the Auditor for the year 2023-24.

Delivering his presidential address Dr. Sachin B Sabnis said that Annual Members Meet is a good networking occasion for all members of LUB-K to meet and interact freely. He also mentioned to the members that LUB-K team in the last few years has been networking with various government and private entities and voicing MSME issues on a regular basis.

Dr. Sabnis said that the whole of 2022-23 was very encouraging for the manufacturing sector especially, the MSME segment as the OEMs and large corporates started their upward swings. He was of the opinion that MSMEs are now at an inflection point where business opportunities are there for the business who are seeking to expand. All that the MSME business owners now need to do is pick the right treads and move fast, as India in the next few years is going to be the manufacturing hub of the world.

He requested LUB-K members to gear-up and take up challenges of facing the neo economic challenges which is based on quality and precision by way of quickly adopting to technology and re-engineering processes to suit the fast-changing manufacturing dynamics of the world.

Shri. K Narayana Prasanna, General Secretary, LUB-Karnataka presented the Secretary's Report to the members. He said moving forward, LUB-K has a greater responsibility towards empowering MSMEs in the coming months. He assured that LUB-K will leave no stone unturned to make LUB-K the most preferred MSME organisation in the coming months.

The LUB-All India General Secretary Shri. Ghanshyam Ohja, LUB-K Mentor Shri. N Thippeswamy and Dr. Jayaprakash, Prabhari LUB-K and Dakshina Prant Sah Karya Vaha, RSS also graced the occasion and shared their thoughts with the members.

During the afternoon session, Shri. Ghanshyam Ohja interacted with the Office Bearers and members of LUB-K.

Shri. K Narayana Prasanna, General Secretary, LUB-Karnataka proposed the vote of thanks and formally concluded the 22nd Annual Members Meet.

LUB-K ACTIVITY REPORT APRIL 1 2023 TO MARCH 31, 2024

As we close calendar year 2023-24, it was a hectic and memorable year for the industry more so for MSMEs. As economic uncertainties ended and the tech-led innovations taking over industry circuits, it was an exciting time for the industries to revamp their business models and practices to stay intact and also move a notch up in the competitive market.

Notwithstanding the upside geopolitical disturbances is and continuing fear of disruptive technologies still haunting the globe, the domestic economy set to be on a better footing with good signs for quick adaptive survival.

For the micro, small and medium enterprise (MSME) sector, the year 2023 started with the Union Budget 2023-24 amid giant expectations as the industry was hoping for a clear growth path by way of infrastructure and economic boost.

Interestingly, the budget highlighted the industry as a critical sector for India's economic growth that makes up for about 45 per cent of the total manufacturing output.

As a result of the Indian market's resilience and agility, businesses across the board have showed up a healthy balance sheet and with a potential to subsequently witnessed growth in the coming year. This growth and expansion came with the need for capital.

Additionally, technology and digital capabilities have advanced. There is no doubt that industry has witnessed some critical changes over the last year and that is fostering a steady growth in this crucial sector.

There is no second thought that India harnessed the technology and power of digitally empowered enterprises, to ensure that the economy rebounded from the deep disruptive impact of COVID-19 pandemic quite quickly.

If that was the micro level effect, at the macro level, India as a nation has moved several notches up in the global economy in the last two years. There is a tectonic geopolitical shift happening and India is being looked upon as the next manufacturing hub of the world, an alternative to China. The concept derisking business from China is a great business opportunity for India which needs to quickly seize this opportunity. It is the most opportune time for India to capitalise on this new world leader status and move fast to establish its flag in the domains of innovation and rolling out quality products and service.

Keeping this as the basis, LUB-K through the year, met several thought leaders, politicians and domain experts to see that a paradigm shift is achieved. In this backdrop, LUB-K Office Bearers were in constant touch with policy makers to regularly amend administrative and procedural matters to ease the functioning of industry and support the MSME sector to move to the next growth path.

In addition to the advocacy role, LUB-K continued its member-connect activities vis-à-vis: hosting conferences, webinars, meeting business delegations, promoting rural entrepreneurship, supporting FPOs and women-led businesses, creating new infrastructure in the Healthcare sector and submitting policy inputs to the government.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS: APRIL 1 TO APRIL 22, 2023

April 1, 2023: Launch of Clinic on Wheels, Healthcare at your doorstep: Moving to the Rural Masses

As part of its CSR initiative, **IMS Foundation** in association **Laghu Udyog Bharati-Karnataka** launched its first in the series **"Clinic on Wheels"**

Jagadguru Sri Sri Sri Dr. Nirmalanandanatha Mahaswamji, Pontiff, Sri Adichunchanagiri Mahasamsthana Math, blessed the project. **Shri. B L Santhosh**, National Secretary-Organisation, Bharatiya Janata Party was also present at the launching ceremony.

Clinic on Wheels is a digitally enabled moving Health Clinic. The main aim is to screen the complete health of people based out of Rural and Tribal parts of India and provide them with complete Healthcare facilities at their door step. While doing so, the system also takes the responsibility to educate them to adapt a healthy lifestyle and support them to uplift their socio-economic status.

April 1, 2023: India: The World's Next Biggest Sourcing Hub- A Session with Dr. S Jaishankar, Minister for External Affairs

Laghu Udyog Bharati -Karnataka in association with IMS Foundation organised an exclusive interactive session with Dr. S Jaishankar, Minister for External Affairs on the topic India: The World's Next Biggest Sourcing Hub As expected, the hall was jam-packed with over 350 industry leaders from across Bengaluru, representing all industry verticals more so, entrepreneurs involved in exports were part of this exclusive programme.

Delivering the keynote address Dr. S Jaishankar spoke extensively on a wide range of topics amazing the audience with his signature style answers.

He more than once said that Karnataka is making a crucial contribution to the economic progress. He also commended the government for its leadership in EoDB, encouraging startups, attracting FDI, generating unicorns and fostering technology by said it is exemplary. On a macro level he said that growing defence exports, introduction of Covaxin, rollout of 5G shows that India is showcasing its capabilities and global image of the nation is changing.

April 2, 2023: India: Meeting with Harish Hande, Founder Selco Foundation

The meeting focused on five collaborative verticals namely

1. Modern space design concept integration for Livelihood space for MSMEs in home or in micro factories (Redesign Kasuri Mane as a model center)
2. Strengthen the Innovation thought process in Entrepreneurs under the TechBharat and Utpad Samuh initiatives (Select 5 ITIs and RUDSETIs and develop as a Center of Incubation for Entrepreneurs)
3. Work with the 281 Women Entrepreneurs and strengthen in terms of Innovation training, technology upgradation, financial linkages, product innovation, Communication channel (Workshop with all the Entrepreneurs in Bangalore.)
4. FPO diversification and development program in terms of members adopting modern technology and practices, strengthening local ecosystem (Identify potential FPO and do a need assessment for problem statements and potential interventions)

5. Fostering Local Innovation and adoption of modern practices (identify select clusters and work with entrepreneurs to modernise processes and unlock innovations.)

April 2, 2023: Meeting with Triune Exhibitors

A meeting was organised with Triune Exhibitors to take stock of the hosting of IMS expo as well as conference details.

April 18, 2023: Business Opportunities in Millet

An exploratory meeting was organised with Women entrepreneurs on the business opportunities in Millets. Shri. Karan Kumar, explained the concept of the project whereby women leaders can float a company and sell their millet-based food products on a mass scale.

April 20, 2023: India: A Key Player in the New Economic World Order: An Interactive Session with Dr. Sudhanshu Trivedi

Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha

Laghu Udyog Bharati -Karnataka in association with IMS Foundation organised an exclusive interactive session with Dr. Sudhanshu Trivedi on the topic India: India: A Key Player in the New Economic World Order. Over 125 industry leaders from across Bengaluru, were part of this exclusive programme.

Dr. Sudhanshu Trivedi spoke extensively on how India will y another two decades will regain its global supremacy as the turn of the cycle in once again coming back to India. He also deep dived on issues like Veda, Yoga, Vedic Maths and a whole lot of astrophysics aspects with one common emphasis that the next decade belongs to India.

Calendar of Events: April 22, 2023 to May 30, 2023

April 22, 2023: 16th Executive Committee Meeting

Laghu Udyog Bharati -Karnataka convened its 16th Executive Committee Meeting to discuss several agenda points.

April 24, 2023: Meeting with Auditors

A meeting was convened to formalize the new initiative of Laghu Udyog Bharati-Karnataka on forming women-led Millets Aggregator project thru a SPV. Shir Bhojaraj, Shri. Lakshmisha and Shri. Rakshith participated in the meeting.

April 25, 2023: LUBL 28th Sthapana Diwas Celebrations

Laghu Udyog Bharati's 28th Sthapana Diwas was celebrated across that Karnataka districts. The Sthapana Diwas was very unique this time as it included Membership Drive, Corporate Social activities, hosting of EDP and Skill Development programmes and Honouring of key industry leaders at district centres.

April 25, 2023: LUB-K: 28th Sthapana Diwas Celebrations at State Office

The Sthapana Diwas was celebrated with great reverence at the State office also. Dr. Manjula, Director of Mahila Samakhya Karnataka who was the Chief Guest at the event, was honoured by the Women Cell of LUB-K for her unstinted and selfless service and contribution to the welfare and development of Self Help Groups (SHGs) across the state.

May 2, 2023: Millets Aggregator Meeting

The third in series of Millets Aggregator Meeting was convened to choose 15 Directors of the Special Purpose Vehicle project. After a lot of deliberations, a list of 15 Director was names to represent the Millets Aggregator project henceforth. The Directors have agreed for a shareholding of 1 percent.

May 5, 2023: Interactive session with Shri. Rajeev Chandrasekhar, Hon'ble MoS for Electronics, IT, Skill Development and, Entrepreneurship

Continuing the series of programmes with Union Ministers, an Interactive session with Shri. Rajeev Chandrasekhar, Hon'ble MoS for Electronics, IT, Skill Development and, Entrepreneurship was organised in Bangalore South. The theme chosen for the session was "Evolving Outlooks and Growth Opportunities for MSMEs". The programme was tightly scheduled as the Minister had another meeting. Over 130 industry leaders.

Shri. Chandrasekhar expressed that India is one country which will continue to economically grow and if the same momentum continues India will be the next super power by 2030. Answering to a few questions Shri. Chandrasekhar said that a lot of innovations and technological upgradations are happening in the Country and it is time that MSMEs need to effectively tap those in order to move to the next level of growth.

May 9, 2023: Office Bearers Meeting

The Office Bearers was convened to Membership Drive and organisations matters of importance.

May 9, 2023: Meeting with Shri. Chandrashekar, Founder SASMOS

An LUB-K delegation led by Shri. H V S Krishna, Chairman IMS Foundation visiting the office of Sasmos HET Technologies to brief about the forthcoming India Manufacturing Show 2023 scheduled for November 2-4, 2023 at BIEC, Bengaluru. In principle Shri. Chandrashekar agreed to participate in the IMS 2023 and also actively support getting overseas participation also to this international exhibition.

May 15, 2023: Millets Aggregators: Board of Directors Meeting

A special meeting of the 15 directors was held on the Millets Aggregator Platform, to discuss the way forward of the project.

May 16, 2023: District Unit Leaders Meeting

The regular District Unit leaders meeting was held to seek feedback on membership drive and other organizational matters.

May 23, 2023: Meeting with Bangalore North Team

A meeting was convened to discuss accounts and other co-related matters with the Bangalore North Team.

May 23, 2023: Core Committee Meeting

A Core leaders meeting was held to discuss LUB-K Balance Sheet for fiscal 2022-23 and also about hosting the 22nd Annual Members Meeting.

May 30, 2023: 17th Executive Committee Meeting

The Core Committee meeting was convened to discuss finalization of Balance Sheet for fiscal 2022-23, fix date to host Annual Members Meeting and also deliberate on the organizational matters of LUB-K.

June 12 Meeting 2023: Dr. V Manjula, Mahila Samakya Karnataka

Office Bearers met with Dr. V Manjula, Mahila Samakya Karnataka to explore jointly organising programmes to support Self Help Groups in Karnataka.

June 13, 2023: Clinic on wheels Meeting

The Head Srinivasa Educational Charitable Trust Shri. Manoj Kumar met with the Office Bearers to sign the MoU on the Mobile medical bus which will be handed over them to conduct free medical camps in and around Nelamangala in Karnataka for a period

June 18, 2023: Meeting with Dr. Ashok Alur

A meeting was held with Dr. Ashok Alur to finalise the FPO project that needs to be submitted to a company under the CSR initiative. Dr. Ashok Alur reviewed the set parameters of the company and assured that he will draft the proposal according to their requirement.

June 18, 2023: Awareness Conference on Sustainable & Circular Bharat: Towards Zero Waste in Metals Processing

Ministry of Mines and Ministry of Steel, Government of India in collaboration with JNARDDC and Ministry of Mines PSU (NALCO) and Ministry of Steel PSUs (NMDC & MSTC) along with Material Recycling Association of India organised an event to mark the celebration of the "Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM) - CIRCULAR ECONOMY Campaign - 2023", which is based on Sustainability/ Lifestyle for Environment (LiFE). AKAM's main objective is to increase awareness about scrap recycling and waste utilisation.

Dr. Sachin Sabnis was the Special Invitee at the Conference where he made a presentation on the strength of the Metal Recycling.

June 23 Meeting 2023: The first Board of Directors Meeting of Milletzkart

After the completion of forming the Milletzkart India Pvt. Ltd. company, the first Board of Directors meeting was convened to discuss the next course of action on the new initiative of IMS Foundation.

June 27 2023: World MSME Day

As part of the World MSME Day Laghu Udyog Bharati in Association with Rotary and TJSB hosted a half-day on the theme Overseas Business Opportunities for Women Entrepreneurs.

The conference focused on creating awareness on various business opportunities that are open for women Entrepreneurs and how they can tap various avenues to realize their business projects. TJSB Bank presented various bank schemes available for Women-led businesses while GEM Portal showcased business opportunities available to be tapped on the Government eMarket place.

Over 40 women business participated in the event.

June 28, 2023: Orientation programme for Milletzkart Directors

An orientation programme was conducted by Shri. Naveen Lakkur, Innovation Coach, Institute of Innovation to the newly appointed Directors of Milletzkart. It was a day long orientation comprising of various subjects with specific focus on how to start and upscale this new Millets Aggregator Platform.

June 30, 2023: International MSME day: Pennsylvania

The first in the series of Webinar coinciding with World MSME day was hosted with Pennsylvania. It was hosted by Directors of Pennsylvania Representative office Ms. Sushama Kanetkar and Ms. Supriya Kanetkar. Both explained were business opportunities for MSME sector in the Pennsylvania region.

July 1, 2023: World MSME Day: Product Development Business Opportunities

On the occasion of World MSME Week celebrations Laghu Udyog Bharati in Association with IMS Foundation hosted a half-half-day event on July 1 2023 on the theme product development Business Opportunities for MSMEs in Bengaluru.

The conference focused on creating awareness on various business opportunities that are being offered by Defence PSUs like HAL, NAL, DRDO, Goa Shipyard and others with specific reference to MSMEs. SASMOS HET Technologies also participated.

Over 120 MSME business leaders participated in the event.

July 4, 2023: International MSME Week Overseas Business Opportunities for MSMEs: Region Taiwan

Continuing the webcast series, Laghu Udyog Bharati-Karnataka in association with IMS Foundation hosted the International MSME Week (June 27 to July 4, 2023) coinciding with the World MSME Day on theme Overseas Business Opportunities for MSMEs in Bangalore.

Shri. Jules Shih, Director, Taipei World Trade Center Chennai hosted the one-hour webinar where he showcased his country's offerings on various mutually beneficial business opportunities for MSME sector.

The objective of this Webinar was to give an overview as well as bring awareness to our members on the various export promotion and business development opportunities with specific reference to MSMEs in Taiwan.

July 5, 2023: Milletzkart-2nd Board of Directors Meeting

The second of Board of Director was held to discuss the formalities of administration of the aggregator platform

July 8, 2023: 18th Executive Committee Meeting

July 13, 2023: Software Platform (IMNSO) for Millets Company

A presentation was made by IMNSO company for the proposed creation of Digital Platform for the Milletzkart company promoted by women-entrepreneurs. Shri. Karan Kumar, Shri. Rajgopal, Ishanth, Smt. Manjula, Ms. Bhavana Kashyap, Smt. Sandhya Walvekar, Smt. Hemarajesh and others participated in the meeting

July 14 Aug 2023 Milletzkart Meeting

Milletzkart meeting was convened to discuss various organizational aspects. The Board of Directors participated in the meeting.

July 14, 2023 Meeting With Jitendra Singh (DRDO)

A meeting was organised to discuss on the active participation of DPSUS and Defence Forces for the forthcoming IMS 2023. Since Shir Jitendra Singh has a good connect in the DPSUs and the Defence Forces, he was roped into the IMS fold to support and guide the participation in IMS 2023.

July 14, 2023 Core Committee Meeting

A Core Committee Meeting was held with core members of LUB-K to discuss organisational matters.

July 15, Meeting With Shri. Devendrappa: Finnovation Assessor

Shri. Devendrappa, an CSR assessor from Finnovation held a meeting with Office Bearers to under the activities that LUB-K/IMS Foundation is involved in. He was extensively briefed about the various activities of the organisation including Gramashilpi and FPOs. He expressed his appreciation toward a range of activities that LUB-K and IMS Foundation are engaged in.

July 19, 2023: Meeting With Hoardings And Banners for IMS 2023

Shri. Senthil and Shri. Gowtham met with Office Bearers to discuss the installation of Hoardings and Banners for the forthcoming IMS 2023 at various prime locations of Bengaluru and outskirts.

July 20 2023 Millets Meeting With Neoltex Business Solution

The Board of Directors of Milletzkart met with Shri. Ranjith Head of Neoltex Business Solution. He presented the virtual platform Solution for Display, Marketing and Sales of Milletzkart's products and services on the lines of Amazon and Flipkart.

July 24, 2023 Meeting With Triune Exhibitors

The Office Bearers of IMS Foundation met with Triune Exhibitors to discuss the modalities of hosting IMS 2023. Aspects relating to Exhibitor participation, Sponsorships, State and International participation, promotion of IMS 2023 at various fora and other related subjects were deliberated at the meeting.

July 29, 2023 Annual Members Meeting at BMS College

The 22nd Annual Members Meeting was held at BMS College of Engineering. This year it was an election year. Shri Srikanta Dutta was appointed as Election Officer to oversee the election process.

At the meeting Dr. Sachin Sabnis and Shri. K Narayana Prasanna were re-elected to the two-term (2023-25). The election process was completed smoothly.

Shri. Ghanshyam Ohja, All India General Secretary was the Chief Guest at the 22nd Annual Members Meeting along with Shri. Tippeswamy and Dr. Jayaprakash.

Aug 7, 2023 Meeting With Shri. Ashwin Gowda, IRS MD-KSDC

In a rare gesture from a government top Officer, Shri. Ashwin Gowda, IRS, Managing Director, Karnataka Skill Development Corporation (KSDC) visited LUB-K Office. It was a close-door meeting with Shri. Ashwin Gowda. It was understood that Shri. Gowda is willing to support LUB-K's select activities especially, Agriculture Export Facilitation Centre and Skill Development programmes.

Aug 16, 2023 IMS 2023 Curtain Raiser Meeting

Laghu Udyog Bharati-Karnataka and in association with IMS Foundation organised a Curtain Raiser to showcase the India Manufacturing Show: IMS 2023 in New Delhi Shri. Pralhad Joshi, Hon'ble Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Shri. V. Muraleedharan, Hon'ble Minister of State for External Affairs graced the occasion and inaugurated the Curtain Raiser along with Dr. Samir Kamat, Chairman DRDO.

The main objective of the Curtain Raiser was to showcase the India Manufacturing Show: IMS 2023 to Embassy Heads which is scheduled to be held in November 2, 3, 4, 2023 at Bengaluru International Exhibition Centre, Bengaluru.

Over 150 attendees including top bureaucrats, domain experts, Trade/Commercial Officers of Embassies, senior officers of Armed Forces representing respective Chiefs of Indian Army, Navy & Air Force, officials of Defence Production, Diplomats, senior dignitaries from ISRO, HAL, CSIR, DST and leading aerospace industry leaders from L&T Defence, Dassault Aviation etc. participated in the Curtain Raiser.

Aug 19, 2023 Hosapete Unit Inauguration

LUB-K inaugurated a new Unit in Hosapete.

Shri. Nagendra Prasad has been elected as New President, LUB Hosapete Unit while Shri. Satish Gupta is the New Secretary of LUB Hosapete Unit.

Shri. B Somashekar, Joint Director-District Industry Centre, Bellary & Vijayanagar District was the Chief Guest at the inaugural session along with Shri. Bharamalingana Gouda G, President- Hospet Theosophical Lodge, Shri. Ashok Jeera, Secretary-Hospet Theosophical Lodge, Shri. I. G Kashinath, President-Hospet Industrial Estate Entrepreneur Association, Dr. Sachin Sabnis, President, Laghu Udyog Bharati-Karnataka and Shri. Ravi Kumar, Joint General Secretary, Laghu Udyog Bharati-Karnataka.

Shri. Satish, Executive Committee Member, Laghu Udyog Bharati-Karnataka hosted a special session on financial literacy to the members.

Aug 21, 2023 Meeting With Sourcing Partner-Australia

In order to explore possible collaborations with LUB-K, Shri. Alen Pinto and Steve Grigoriadis from Sourcing Partner-Australia held a meeting with Shri. Bhojaraj. Ms. Bineesha, Executive Director, International Institute of Waste Management (IIWM) and Shri. Shanmugam also participated in the meeting to explore business opportunities in Waste Management and Under Ground Drilling Machines.

Aug 26, 2023 IMS Conference Meeting

A meeting was convened to discuss the modalities of hosted the three-day Conference as a concurrent event at IMS 2023. A broad outline was draft for all the three-days.

Aug 26, 2023: Belagavi Unit Installation Ceremony

The LUB Belagavi Unit has been now reconstituted. Shri. Nitin Landge took over as the new President of LUB Belagavi Unit while Shri. Mahesh Inamdar as new Secretary.

Aug 31, 2023: 1st Executive Committee Meeting

Sept 4 2023 Meeting With Brigadier Rajeev Kapoor

A meeting was convened with Brigadier Rajeev Kapoor to explore the possibility of hosting IMS 2023 conferences for Day 1 and Day 3. Brigadier Kapoor in principle agreed to be part of the Conference Committee. He also agreed to source quality speakers for the Conference especially in the Aerospace and Defence sectors.

Sept 5 2023 OB Meeting

OB Meeting was convened to discuss on update the members on the progress of IMS 2023 and other organizational matters of LUB-K.

September 11, 2023: Taiwan Trade Mission: Product and B2B Meeting

Laghu Udyog Bharati-Karnataka was invited to make a presentation on Tier-2 and Tier3 cities in Karnataka.

Shri. B S Srinivasan, Vice President, Laghu Udyog Bharati-Karnataka was the Guest of Honour at the inaugural session and he delivered the presentation. He emphasised that "There is a huge opportunity in the coming years for incorporation of smart technologies in every sphere of life to make it more sustainable and mitigate climate change."

Parallely the Taiwan External Trade Development Council (TAITRA) had organised a B2B match making session where leaders from Electronic, Networking, Telecommunication & Green Energy Industry, etc. invited to explore networking and business opportunities. These manufacturers demonstrated the latest technologies, shared their competitive edge and best practices, which basically help Indian companies to create valued-added, smart manufacturing products and solutions.

For the B2B meeting Three Companies from LUB-K participated:

1. Supram Industries
2. Unielec Switchgears P Ltd.
3. BluNet Ventures Pvt Ltd

12 Sep 2023 2nd Women EC Meeting

The Women EC Meeting was organised to discuss the forthcoming programmes and tour itinerary of Women leaders in various districts

Sept 15, 2023 IMS 2023 Meeting with Triune Exhibitors

A joint meeting was held with our Marketing Team M/S Triune Exhibitors to take stock of the stall bookings and other related issues.

Sept 15, 2023 IMS 2023 Vishwakarma Jayanti

LUB-K organised Vishwakarma Jayanti across Karnataka. As instructed by HO, individual companies performed pooja and honoured their staff for their contributions.

Sept 20, 2023 High Potential NAL Technology for commercialization

Shri. K Narayana Prasanna, General Secretary, Laghu Udyog Bharati-Karnataka (LUB-K) was invited to deliver a presentation on High Potential NAL Technologies for Commercialization and how MSMEs can play a vital supporting role in the faster roll out of products and services.

The session provided opportunities to commercialize technologies with high market potential by MSMEs and Startups. Also focused on joint Collaboration with risk and cost sharing partnership in key areas of co-development in aerospace.

Shri. Prasanna emphasised the fact that MSMEs have the capability to maintain high standards, quality and ethics. All that they want is provide them the requisite specifications and they will roll out top-notch products and services. A good handholding, cushioned financial support is all that is needed for the MSMEs to excel and be part of the growth of any PSU in the country.

In Conclusion, he said that MSMEs in the country are capable of producing world class products and services when given right opportunities to co-develop and co-create.

Sept 20, 2023 IMS Conference Meeting

Meeting was organised to take explore speakers for the IMS conference with Brigadier Rajeev Kapoor.

Sept 21, 2023 Meeting With Gnani Innovation Pvt Ltd

Shri. Ananth Nagaraj, Head of Gnani. AI made a presentation on their app which will support wide coverage of IMS 2023 using Social network platforms.

September 25, 2023: Intellectual Property Rights with VTPC

Continuing the Knowledge Capsule series Laghu Udyog Bharati –Karnataka in association with Visvesvarya Trade Promotion Centre (VTPC), Department of Industries & Commerce Government of Karnataka hosted a webinar on Intellectual Property Rights on the theme “Leveraging IP Tools to Drive Profitability in Entrepreneurship & Business”

Smt. Prabhavathi Rao, Facilitator - Intellectual Property Initiatives, VTPC-Dept of Industries & Commerce, Govt of Karnataka spoke extensively on Karnataka Government's Centre for Export Promotion in nurturing exports and Intellectual Property.

Smt Rao gave an insight into the Activities of VTPC and its holistic support in all round development of MSMEs, be it Trade, Exports, IP and GI initiatives.

Demystifying the Intellectual Property Spectrum with spotlight on Significance of IP tools in Entrepreneurship/ and Business by Dr. MN Bheemesh, Senior Advisor, ALMT Legal, Bengaluru.

September 25, 2023: Awareness and Orientation Programme at Bagalakote

LUB-K organised an awareness and orientation programme at Bagalakote where industry leaders participated. Shri. Sandeep Parvatikar made a presentation on LUB-K's initiatives and activities. Industry leaders who participated at the meeting have evinced keen interest in becoming a member of LUB-K.

September 29, 2023 Issue Artisan Cards To Artisans of Belagavi District

IMS Foundation and Laghu Udyog Bharati Karnataka Belagavi Unit jointly with Office of the Handicrafts Department organised an Issue of Artisans Cards to Artisans of Belagavi. Skill Tests were organised for the artisans. Development Commissioner, Handicrafts (Dharwad) officials were present at the skill test session.

From Laghu Udyog Bharati President Shri. Nitin Landge, Secretary Mahesh Inamdar, State EC Member Shri. Basavaraj Rampure, Vinit Harkuni & Belagavi unit EC Member Shri. Prashant Patil were present

Around 70+ new Artisans participated and demonstrated their art work.

September 29, 2023 District Out Reach Programme at Hubballi

A District Out Reach Programme was organised at Hubballi. Dr. Sachin B Sabnis, President, Laghu Udyog Bharati Karnataka, Shri. Narayana Prasanna, General Secretary and Shri. Bhojaraj CN addressed the industry captains.

September 30, 2023: LUB-K: 2nd EC Meeting

The 2nd Executive Committee Meeting was held where EC and OB members participated.

October 11, 2023; Reconstitution of Laghu Udyog Bharati-Hassan Unit

Laghu Udyog Bharati - Karnataka reconstitute the Laghu Udyog Bharati-Hassan Unit on October 11, 2023.

The following are the new Office Bearers of the Laghu Udyog Bharati-Hassan Unit for a term of two years (2023-2025).

Laghu Udyog Bharati-Hassan Unit

<i>SI</i>	<i>Officer Bearers</i>	<i>Designation</i>
01	Shri. H. R Madan Kumar	President
02	Shri. R. Shivananda	Secretary

IMS Special Meeting:

Over the last one month special meetings to prepare for IMS 2023 have been held. Leaders have travelled across Karnataka and India to invite exhibitors and speakers and garner support for business visitors.

Mini road shows have been held in various trade and business Associations to promote IMS 2023.

October 28, 2023: LUB-K: 3rd EC Meeting

The 3rd Executive Committee Meeting was held where EC and OB members participated.

October 28, 2023: Special IMS 2023 Meeting

The final meeting to freeze all loose ends related to the hosting of IMS 2023 was chaired by Shri. HVS Krishna. All stakeholders were present at the meeting

Each of the members were designated with a specific task for the three-day IMS 2023 in Bengaluru.

November 8, 2023: Thanks giving IMS 2023 Meeting

Shri. HVS Krishna had convened a thanks giving meeting for successfully conduct India Manufacturing Show. Mementos were handed to all the members for their tireless services at IMS 2023.

November 10, 2023: IMS 2023- Facilitation to Brigadier Rajeev Kapoor

Brigadier Rajeev Kapoor who was responsible for driving the IMSCON 2023 conference was facilitated for his immeasurable contribution in hosting high profile conference at IMS 2023. He was solely responsible for roping in renowned speakers for Day 1 and Day 3 of the IMSCON Conference.

November 11, 2023: IMS 2023- Facilitation to Prof Jitendra Singh

Similarly, Prof. Jitendra Singh who was responsible for getting several DPSUs to participate in the IMS 2023 was facilitated for his immense contribution. He along with Chairman Shri. HVS Krishna travelled across India to seek the participation of DPSUs for IMS 2023.

November 21, 2023: Conference on GST Audit: Government Perspective

Laghu Udyog Bharati-Karnataka hosted a conference on GST Audit on the theme "Government Perspective" on November 21, 2023. Dr B V Murali Krishna, Additional Commissioner of Commercial Taxes (Zone-2) addressed a hybrid session where all district unit leaders participated. Dr Krishna spoke on various clauses and sections of the GST law in his two-hour session. During the open session Dr. Krishna informed that GST Council, based on the regular feedback from the industry constantly tweaks and simplifies the filing mechanism. Over 85 participants attended the hybrid session.

December 1, 2023: Inauguration of Agricultural Export Facilitation Centre

A new facility was inaugurated on December 1, 2023 under the LUB-K-IMS Foundation banner with a grand Homa. This new full-fledged facility can be utilised for hosting conferences and training purposes.

The facility has been sourced for a particular project however, it can be utilised for other purposes as well. Henceforth, LUB-K-IMS Foundation can use this facility instead of hiring halls in hotels. The facility can house about 100 people in one sitting and also has a pantry and other infrastructure ready for use.

AEFC will be official launched sometime in February next month.

December 2, 2023: 4th EC Meeting

The 4th Executive Meeting was convened to discuss Membership and other organisation matters of LUB-K

December 6, 2023: IMS Foundation Trust Meeting

The IMS Trust Meeting was convened to discuss various organisation matters of IMS Foundation including briefing of IMS Activity during 2022-2023 and approval of Financial Statement for FY 2022-23.

December 6, 2023: LUB-K Core Team Meeting

A special LUB-K Core Team Meeting was called to discuss and chalk out forthcoming programmes.

December 21, 2023: LUB-K IISc Challekere Design Awareness for Innovative MSMEs & Students

Continuing the knowledge capsule series, Laghu Udyog Bharati Karnataka conducted a One-day program jointly with MSME CoE on Design Awareness for Innovative MSMEs & Students at SDC IISc Challakere, Chitradurga on December 21, 2023.

Dr. T.V. Prabhakar, Principal Investigator MSME CoE IISc, Dr. Subba Reddy, Principal Investigator SDC IISc Challakere, Project Scientist MSME CoE Shri. Srinivas M Jamkhandi and Retd. Prof. H.S. Jamadagni of DESE IISc, were the key speakers who spoke on the Design and innovation topics.

Shri. Ravikumar, KASSIA General Secretary delivered the concluding remarks requesting support for skill training of manpower for CNC operations which is a dire necessity in the precision manufacturing industry.

Over 40 MSMEs including 6 industry leaders from Challakere Chamber of Commerce participated in the day long programme.

December 26, 2023: Meeting with Dr. M Mahesh IAS, CEO and Executive Member KIADB

Shri. K Narayana Prasanna met with Dr. Mahesh IAS, CEO and Executive Member, KIADB and submitted a memorandum listing out grievances faced by LUB-K members with regard to land allotment, increase in land price and improvement of infrastructure handled by KIADB.

December 29, 2023: LUB-K: 5th EC Meeting

LUB-K: 5th Executive Committee Meeting.

Jan 2, 2024 OB Meeting

Office Bearers meeting was held to discuss Membership Drive and chart out District programmes for the next three months.

Jan 4, 2024 Meeting with IMS 2023 Partner Triune Exhibitions

Office Bearer met with IMS 2023 marketing partner Triune Exhibitions to finalize financial agreement as per the MoU signed to host the IMS 2023 exhibition-cum-Conclave.

Jan 9, 2024 Meeting With Shankar Patil Monenakoppa

Former Government of Karnataka Minister for Textiles Shri. Shankar Patil Monenakoppa visited our office to discussion agri market linkages with LUB-K. Shri. Bhojaraj briefed various schemes and market linkage avenues to the Minister and two agriculture experts Prabhakar and Yogesh.

Jan 12, 2024 Meeting With BJP Economic Cell

Shri. Gireesh from the BJP IT Cell had a meeting with Shri. Bhojaraj. Shri. Bhojaraj exhaustively briefed about various initiatives and activities that LUB-K is involved and how it is supporting MSME sector and promoting rural artisans and entrepreneurship in Karnataka. Shri. Gireesh was also briefed about IMS 2023 and TechBharat initiatives which is promoting Manufacturing and start up ecosystem in the Country.

Jan 16, 2024 LUB-K and IISc Program on Innovation at BIET

Continuing its knowledge capsule series to the MSMEs and Student community, the MSME Centre of Excellence, Indian Institute of Science (IISc) in association with Laghu Udyog Bharati-Karnataka (LUB-K), IMS Foundation and Bapuji Institute of Engineering and Technology organised a daylong Conference on the theme Design Awareness Program for Innovating MSMEs & Students on January 16, 2024 at BIET Campus-Davanagere.

Key Speakers included:

Prof. Y. Vrusha Bhendrapa, Director, BIET, Davanagere

Dr. H. B. Aravind, Principal, BIET, Davanagere

Shri. Rajendra Namdev Kadam, Joint Director, District Industry Centre, Davanagere

Dr. Sachin B Sabnis, President, LUB-Karnataka

Dr. T V Prabhakar, Principal Research Scientist &, Principal Investigator (MSME Centre of Excellence) Dept of Electronic Systems Engg. IISc

Prof. H S Jamadagni, Former Head (MSME Centre of Excellence), Dept of Electronic Systems Engg. IISc

Shri. S. M. Jamkhandi, Proj. Scientist (MSME-CoE), Dept of Electronic Systems Engg, IISc.

Shri. K Narayana Prasanna, General Secretary Laghu Udyog Bharati-Karnataka

Topics that were discussed included:

Cutting-Edge Technologies for MSMEs

Power of Innovation & Curiosity

Identification of Innovative ideas & Scheme Support

Promotional Schemes of MSME-Ministry for MSMEs

Skill Development Activity/Courses at HAL-IISc-SDC

Entrepreneurship Journey – Challenges & Opportunities for MSMEs (Case Study – Toys)

Over 700 students and 50 MSME industry leaders participated in the daylong event.

Jan 16, 2024 Davanagere Unit Formation

Continuing the efforts of expanding LUB-K's presence in Districts across Karnataka, a new unit was established in Davanagere on January 16, 2024.

In a simple ceremony, Dr. Sachin Sabnis, President LUB-K and Shri. Narayana Prasanna General Secretary, LUB-K formally announced the names of the Davanagere unit. Shri. Hanumanta Rao was nominated as President and Shri. Basavaraj as Secretary of the new unit.

Jan 17, 2024 Skill Development Meeting

Industry coach Shri. Dinakar Krishna Murthy had a meeting with Office Bearers to explore the possibilities of hosting Technical sessions with MSME units with the intention of upscaling them to the next growth level. Programmes related with the following was discussed at the meeting:

- Technology intervention and adoption
- GST-Government Perspective, Support from ERP Services
- Banking, Credit Flow, Contract Management, Financial Literacy
- MSME/ Industry Policies and Schemes
- MSME- Capability building, Turnover, Profit
- Skill Development-Capacity Building
- Quality Circles
- Lean Manufacturing Principles: Lean Management, TPM, TQM, Six Sigma
- Quality Management Systems (QMS)
- Production Planning and Control
- Supply Chain and Logistics Management
- Project Management

Jan 30, 2024 Meeting with U GRO NFBC Bank

The Founding member of U Gro a Non-Banking Financial Corporation met with office bearers to explore a tie-up with LUB-K to provide credit to its members. The NFBC bank is offering credit in the bracket of Rs. 1 Lakh to Rs. 3 crores with less documentation hassles. The date for the first Credit facilitation programme with U GRO will be finalised shortly.

Jan 31, 2024: 6th Executive Meeting

The 6th Executive Meeting was on January 31, 2024 where the OB/EC and District unit leaders participated

Feb 1, 2024: Interim Union Budget And Tally Program

Union Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs, Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman presented the Interim Budget for FY 2024. In view of this a live viewing of budget session was organised for the benefit of our members. Post the budget presentation, LUB-K had organised a post-analysis session where Shri. Ravindranath Kaushik and Shri. Satish R deciphered the interim budget for the members.

On the same afternoon, Tally Solution hosted a programme highlighting their upgrade software Prime 4.0

Shri. Yugal Singh, Business Manager- Tally Solutions Host the session for us.

He spoke on the features of TallyPrime related to:

1. GST enhanced features (Billing, configuration, Reconciliation and filing)
2. E-invoicing and Ewaybill
3. Digital payment
4. Owners dashboard and reports, which were all beneficial to MSME sector.

Feb 31, 2024: EDP Program Hole Narasimha Pura in Hassan

A EDP programme was organised at HN Pura, Hassan where outgoing students of were apprised of the business opportunities available for them to opt for as a career.

Feb 7, 2024: LUBK-IISc Innovation Program at Kalaburagi

Indian Institute of Science (IISc) in association with Laghu Udyog Bharati-Karnataka (LUB-K), IMS Foundation and Sharanbasva University organised the third in the series knowledge capsule session on the theme Design Awareness Program for Innovating MSMEs & Students on February 7, 2024 at Sharnbasva University Campus, Kalaburagi.

- DrTV Prabhakar, Chief Research Scientist (DESE), & Principal Investigator (MSME-CoE)
- Prof. H.S. Jamadagni, Retd. Professor DESE IISc
- Shri. S M Jamkhandi, Project Scientist (DESE), & Former Director (MSME-Ministry)
- Shri. K Narayana Prasanna, General Secretary, Laghu Udyog Bharati-Karnataka
- Dr. Lakshmi Patil Maka, Dean of Sharnbasva University
- Dr. Basanti Ghanti, Sharnbasva University

Over 80 MSME leaders and 300 students participated in the day-long session.

Feb 11 2024: Pre-Budget Meeting with CM

Chief Minister Shri. Siddaramaiah had convened a pre-budget meeting with Trade and Business Associations to discuss industry issues. Laghu Udyog Bharati submitted a pre-budget memorandum to the State Government.

Feb 23, 2024: Government E-Market Place (GeM Portal) Registration programme

Laghu Udyog Bharati-Karnataka and IMS Foundation in association with GeM Portal is organised the Government E-Market Place (GeM Portal) Registration programme on February 23, 2024.

The basic objective of this programme was to create awareness on the massive business opportunities that Government E-Market Place (GeM Portal) offers to the MSME sector and also to offer free registration of the business units on the spot.

Government e Marketplace (GeM) facilitates online procurement of common use Goods & Services required by various Government Departments / Organisations / PSUs. It aims to enhance transparency, efficiency and speed in public procurement. It provides the tools of e-bidding, reverse e-auction and demand aggregation to facilitate the government users, achieve the best value for their money.

Six State and Central PSUs also showcased their requirements to Co-develop/Co-create products and services jointly.

At the programme over 50 members were onboarded to GeM portal and also several members got their grievance addressed on the spot.

Shri. Ajit B Chavan, Additional CEO & Chief Seller Officer & Social Inclusion, Government e Marketplace was the Chief Guest while Shri. Srinivasa, Additional Director Industry and Commerce was the Guest of Honour at the programme which was attended by over 150 members.

Feb 21, 2024: B S Srinivasan was honoured with All India Management Association

Shri. B S Srinivasan was honoured with Dr. J S Juneja Award for Creativity and Innovation for MSME. This award was for his contribution towards toy industry. He has supported 5500 artisans in India to upgrade themselves.

Feb 28, 2024: Valvx Exhibition

Karnataka Valve Manufacturing Association in collaboration with Laghu Udyog Bharati Hubballi Unit is organising a three-day conference on Valves in Hubballi starting from Feb 29 to March 2, 2024. This is the first exhibition from the newly formed KVMA in Hubballi to promote manufacture of Valves and Pumps.

Feb 29 to March 2, 2024: Valvx Exhibition-Cum-Conference

Karnataka Valves Manufacturers Association in association with LUB-Karnataka inaugurated the first edition of Valvx 2024 Exhibition-cum-Conference in Hubballi to regain its epithet of being the Valves and Pumps capital of India with the establishment of Valves Cluster in this city.

Shri. Pralhad Joshi, Minister Parliamentary Affairs delivered the Valedictory address and several top domain experts made presentations at the four-day event. On all the three days, Vendor development was also hosted where over 50 exhibitors participated in this niche exhibition.

Feb 29, 2024: Meeting with Shri. Dinakar Murthy

A meeting was held to discuss the implementation of Lean project amongst LUB-K Members with Shri. Dinakar Murthy. It will shortly be implemented.

March 16 & 17, 2024: Food Fest: Experience Millets-Exhibition-cum-Conference

In the backdrop of celebrating the success of Millets rejuvenation in the country, Laghu Udyog Bharati and IMS Foundation, in association with Big Foundation organized "Food Fest-Experience Millets: Aahara Mela" on March 16 and 17, 2024, at BMS College of Engineering, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru. The two-day event exclusively focused on millets as a grain. This Exhibition-Cum-Conclave event was an all-India trade show primarily aimed at bringing together micro, small, and medium industries and connecting them with potential buyers, thereby bringing Millets back on the Indian dining table as a staple food once again.

The exhibition, saw over 73 stalls displaying a wide array of Millet-based products. While the concurrent two-day conference showcased on the theme "Destination Millets", covered various topics including Innovation in Millets, Market Trends and Demand Analysis, supply chain logistics and quality, Financial & Business support, Networking & Collaboration opportunities. Over 250 delegates actively participated in the conference.

For the general public a recipe-making Competition was hosted to encourage culinary creativity

and promote the use of millets in everyday cooking. Two participants were honoured with a cash prize at the competition which was handed over by celebrity Chefs Shri. Vijay Baskaran and Ms. Parul Gupta.

Impact

Two-day Exhibition-Cum-Conference Event

73 Stalls

25,000 Footfalls (2 days)

48 Business Collaborations

Rs. 1 Cr. Business Turnover

Market Linkages for all Exhibitors

March 23, 2024: MSME Conference: MSMEs' growth in Viksit Bharat Navigating Tomorrow's Opportunities

Laghu Udyog Bharati-Karnataka organised a MSME conference titled "Navigating Tomorrow's Opportunities" in Bengaluru.

This half-day event will focus on three important industry-verticals namely:

- Affordable Smart Manufacturing for MSMEs
- Cost Management Techniques for MSMEs
- Best Practices Implementation by MSMEs

Three eminent business coaches shared their thoughts on these three topics.

Shri. AN Chandramouli, Chief Executive Officer, ANCM Management Consultants

Shri. Dhiraj Ramakrishnan, Vice President-Products, Maxbyte Technologies

Shri. Sethuraman, Strategic Business Consultant, Sethuraman & Associates

The goal of the conference was to get promoters think beyond the existing business environment and create a blueprint for attaining future growth by assisting them in overcoming day-to-day operational issues.

Over 60 MSME leaders participated.

March 26, 2024: Inauguration of Laghu Udyog Bharati-Tumakuru Unit

Laghu Udyog Bharati-Tumakuru Unit was inaugurated on March 26, 2024 in the presence of Shri. Prakash Chandra ji, Organising Secretary, LUB.

Shri. Ravi Shankar was nominated as President and Shri. Sriharsha as Secretary on the new unit in Tumakuru.

As part of the event, a Prashikshana Varga was also held where Shri. Prakash Chandra ji, spoke to the audience on various issues pertaining to the growth of MSMEs in the country.

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Clinic on Wheels

Healthcare at your doorstep: Moving to the Rural Masses

April 1, 2023

As part of its CSR initiative, **IMS Foundation** in association **Laghu Udyog Bharati-Karnataka** launched its first in the series “**Clinic on Wheels**” on **April 1, 2023** in **Bengaluru**.

Jagadguru **Sri Sri Sri Dr. Nirmalanandanatha Mahaswamiji**, Pontiff, Sri Adichunchanagiri Mahasamsthana Math, blessed the project. **Shri. B L Santhosh**, National Secretary-Organisation, Bharatiya Janata Party was also present at the launching ceremony.



Clinic on Wheels: A digitally enabled moving Health Clinic



Jagadguru Sri Sri Sri Dr. Nirmalanandanatha Mahaswamiji, Pontiff, Sri Adichunchanagiri Mahasamsthana Math inaugurating the programme

Clinic on Wheels is a digitally enabled moving Health Clinic. The main aim is to screen the complete health of people based out of Rural and Tribal parts of India and provide them with complete Healthcare facilities at their door step. While doing so, the system also takes the responsibility to educate them to adapt a healthy lifestyle and support them to uplift their socio-economic status.

Other key organisations involved in the **Clinic On Wheels project** included **Madhurima Sewa Sanskar Foundation, Saptagiri Institute of Medical Science, Ananta Charitable Education Society and United Phosphorus Limited.**

Delivering the welcome address Dr. Sachin Sabnis, President, Laghu Udyog Bharati-Karnataka said that we expect more such Clinic of Wheels to be launched and moving across the width and breath of rural regions serving the poor masses with quality healthcare at their doorsteps.

He said that although the government has introduced multiple health programs under the National Health Mission, and established around 30,000 Primary Healthcare Centres in the country, majority of PHCs lack manpower and infrastructure. There are areas beyond the reach of these programs and people do not have access to basic health infrastructure and services. It is here the Clinic on Wheels will play a very major in providing quality healthcare services to the untouched masses.



Dr. Sachin Sabnis, President, LUB-K delivering the welcome address



Shri. B L Santhosh, National Secretary-Organisation, Bharatiya Janata Party and Shri N Tippeswamy, Dakshina Madhya Kshetra Karyavaha addressing the audience



Making healthcare innovative in its affordability and accessibility is a biggest challenge the world continues to face. Coupled with access to information and technology, improvement in healthcare policies and re-organizing healthcare delivery systems to address basic aspects like cleanliness and hygiene in achieving Universal Health Coverage.

Clinics on Wheels are an innovative model of healthcare delivery that could help alleviate health disparities in

vulnerable populations and individuals with chronic diseases. Clinic on Wheels are particularly impactful in offering urgent care, providing preventative health screenings, and initiating chronic disease managements. By opening their doors directly into communities and leveraging existing community assets, Clinic on Wheels can offer tailored, high-impact and affordable health care that responds dynamically to the community's evolving needs.

He said that although some consider Clinic on Wheels as alternatives to other healthcare models, patients have reported that it serves as a platform to help them navigate the more intricate systems of the wider healthcare structure and to connect them with the medical and social resources in their community. In many contexts, Clinic on Wheels can and do play an integral part in a healthcare system, providing accessible and sustainable care with quality that matches traditional healthcare settings.



Shri K Narayana Prasanna, General Secretary, LUB-K, and Dr. Swapna Singh, Co-Founder AMCI addressing the audience



Shri N Tippeswamy, Dakshina Madhya Kshetra Karyavaha and Dr. Swapna Singh, Co-Founder AMCI were also present on the occasion. Shri K Narayana Prasanna, General Secretary, Laghu Udyog Bharati – Karnataka proposed the vote of thanks. In all over 250 Doctors, Paramedics, Medical Institutions, labs and other stakeholders were present at the inaugural function in Bengaluru.



India: The World's Next Biggest Sourcing Hub- A Session with Dr. S Jaishankar, Minister for External Affairs

April 1, 2023

Laghu Udyog Bharati -Karnataka in association with IMS Foundation organised an exclusive interactive session with Dr. S Jaishankar, Minister for External Affairs on the topic India: The World's Next Biggest Sourcing Hub, on April 1, 2023 in Bengaluru.

As expected, the hall was jam-packed with over 350 industry leaders from across Bengaluru, representing all industry verticals more so, entrepreneurs involved in exports were part of this exclusive programme.

Delivering the keynote address Dr. S Jaishankar spoke extensively on a wide range of topics amazing the audience with his signature style answers.



Dr. S Jaishankar inaugurating the interactive session in Bengaluru



Dr. S Jaishankar addressing the industry captains

He more than once said that Karnataka is making a crucial contribution to the economic progress. He also commended the government for its leadership in EoDB, encouraging startups, attracting FDI, generating unicorns and fostering technology by saying it is

exemplary. On a macro level he said that growing defence exports, introduction of Covaxin, rollout of 5G shows that India is showcasing its capabilities and global image of the nation is changing.

On the G20 Presidency Dr. Jaishankar said that it presents a good opportunity that can be leveraged for long term growth. Today, reliable supply chains; trusted digital reputation

and democratization of technology are propositioning that India presents to the world he added. Dr. Jaishankar assured the MSME industry by saying that Government sees MSMEs as the core of Atmanirbhar Bharat and it ranks foremost in our priorities.

Earlier, delivering the welcome address, Dr. Sachin Sabnis, President Laghu Udyog Bharati-Karnataka showcasing Karnataka said that it is a global innovation and startup hub with more than 400+ global R&D Centres and 4000+ startups in Bangalore. It ranks 1st in NITI Aayog's India Innovation Index, and the 3rd highest number of startups globally are located in Bangalore.

Traditionally Karnataka has been an engineering hub. Belagavi is known for its world class Foundries and Iron casting industry, while Hubballi-Dharwad region has been the renowned for Pumps and Valves.



Dr. Sachin Sabnis, President Laghu Udyog Bharati-Karnataka showcasing Karnataka

He said Karnataka has emerged as a technology, services, and knowledge hub of the country drawing a niche for itself. This largely gets explained by the plethora of job opportunities in the State, leading to migration of labour from across the country to Karnataka. In addition to the Engineering Hub, Karnataka is also well placed in business verticals like automobile, agro, aerospace, textile/garments, and biotech.



Shri. TK Ramesh, Managing Director, Ace Micromatic and Shri. Anantha, Co-Founder, Gnani.ai placing sharing their thoughts with the MEA

He said that the state has sector specific Special Economic Zone (SEZs) for key industries such as IT, biotechnology, engineering, food processing and aerospace. Karnataka is the IT hub of India and home to the fourth-largest technology cluster in the world.



Vote of Thanks being proposed by K Narayana Prasanna, General Secretary, LUB-K

In Conclusion, he said that Karnataka is one of the top business destinations for investments from not only home but overseas as well.



Industry leaders at the interactive session

As part of the programme, three presentations were presented to Dr. Jaishankar which included: the forthcoming India Manufacturing Show-IMS 2023, Manufacturing Eco- system in Karnataka by TK Ramesh, MD, Ace Micromatic and Karnataka: A Digital Gold Mine by Anantha, Co-Founder, Gnani.ai

An Interactive Session with Dr. Sudhanshu Trivedi, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha

April 20, 2023:

As part of the interactive sessions organised with Union Ministers and Members of Parliament, Laghu Udyog Bharati-Karnataka had a session with Dr. Sudhanshu Trivedi, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha, Government of India on the theme: India: A Key Player in the New Economic World Order. Dr. Sudhanshu who spoke on the subject extensively said that the world is moving very fast towards new economic world order. Moving and implementing new systems following the Covid pandemic. And India is not missing this golden opportunity.



He said that **Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav** is the perfect time to think about how India can play a global leadership role in the coming years.

A few global consultancy firms have been projecting that in 2030 India's GDP is expected to be \$8.4 trillion and will overtake Japan as Asia's second-largest economy. The global power balance is increasingly moving from west to east. The old-world order is on its last legs and the role and importance of the G7 have been greatly diminished by the rise of the developing world. The G7 has increasingly become an institution in search of a role.

It is time for India to sustain and strengthen its own trajectory of rapid economic growth and show the world that it is capable of realizing its developmental goals within the system of liberal democracy because no argument can be more powerful and alluring than the economic success of India. Going by the World Bank paper, India could pull the last 10 percent of its population out of extreme poverty well within a decade. The IMF study finds consumption inequality in 2020-21 decreased to its lowest level in 40 years because of government intervention that doubled free grain rations to 800 million people during the Covid-19 pandemic. India is no longer the country with the most extreme poverty.



Reshaping and realignment of the world order will be a unique opportunity for India to reassess its foreign policy, economic policy and geopolitical strategy and strengthen its claim for global leadership.

Shri. HVS Krishna, Chairman: IMS Foundation, Shri. Ashwathnarayan, President, Laghu Udyog Bharati-North Unit and Shri. Mayank Kaushik, Secretary, Laghu Udyog Bharati-North Unit spoke at the event where over 100 industry leaders, domain experts and students participated.

Laghu Udyog Bharati-Karnataka

29th Sthapana Divas

April 25, 2023

The Annual Foundation Day Sthapana Divas was observed on April 25, 2023 this year. Laghu Udyog Bharati commemorated the 29th Sthapana Divas with lot of reverence and adulation. The day was dedicated to the growth of the MSME sector with great pomp and fervour at your district units.

LUB has completed, close to three decades of grandeur year, serving the micro and small industries across India. On Sthapana Divas LUB repledges itself with a strong commitment from all its members to abundantly contribute to the nation's economy by producing quality products and services to the end consumers of India and overseas.

On this special occasion, several of the LUB-K District Units celebrated Sthapana Divas by inviting Government/Industry leaders to speak on the MSME. It also honoured senior Business Leaders and also took up the Membership Drive to enrol Members into LUB-K.

At the state level LUB-K's Women Entrepreneur Cell organised a special lecture with Dr. V Manjula, Director, Mahila Samakya Karnataka.

The series of lectures organised by Laghu Udyog Bharati District at various Units on Sthapana Divas was well attended.

Sthapana Divas is basically a day where all members join hands and replodge their commitment towards the progress and development of MSME sector which is India's economic backbone.

Sthapana Divas:Tumkur Unit



Sthapana Divas: Hassan Unit



Office Bearers of Laghu Udyog Bharati-Karnataka met Shri. M B Patil, Hon'ble Minister for Large and Medium Industries and Infrastructure Development, Government of Karnataka at his residence today.

During the meeting, Shri. Patil was appraised about the issues related to MSME sector. The Minister who responded positively said that he will personally look into the issues faced by the MSME sector and resolve the same at the earliest.

Sthapana Divas Laghu Udyog Bharati-Karnataka Women Entrepreneurs Cell



Interactive session with Shri. Rajeev Chandrasekhar, Hon'ble MoS for Electronics, IT, Skill Development and Entrepreneurship

May 5, 2023:

Continuing the series of programmes with Union Ministers, an Interactive session with Shri. Rajeev Chandrasekhar, Hon'ble MoS for Electronics, IT, Skill Development and, Entrepreneurship was organised in Bangalore South.



The theme chosen for the session was "Evolving Outlooks and Growth Opportunities for MSMEs". The programme was tightly scheduled as the Minister had another meeting. Over 130 industry leaders participated in this programme.

Shri Chandrasekhar expressed that India is one country which will continue to economically grow and if the same momentum continues India will be the next super power by 2030.

Answering to a few questions Shri Chandrasekhar said that a lot of innovations and technological upgradations are happening in the Country and it is time that MSMEs need to effectively tap those in order to move to the next level of growth.



World MSME Day

Overseas Business Opportunities for Women Entrepreneurs

June 27, 2023 Bengaluru

As part of the World MSME Day Laghu Udyog Bharati in Association with Rotary and TJSB hosted a half-day on June 27, 2023 on the theme Overseas Business Opportunities for Women Entrepreneurs.

The conference focused on creating awareness on various business opportunities that are open for women Entrepreneurs and how they can tap various avenues to realize their business projects. TJSB Bank presented various bank schemes available for Women-led businesses while GEM Portal showcased business opportunities available to be tapped on the Government eMarket place.

Over 40 women business participated in the event.



June 30, 2023: International MSME day: Pennsylvania

The first in the series of Webinar coinciding with World MSME day was hosted with Pennsylvania. It was hosted by Directors of Pennsylvania Representative office Ms. Sushama Kanetkar and Ms. Supriya Kanetkar. Both explained were business opportunities for MSME sector in the Pennsylvania region.

July 1, 2023: World MSME Day: Product Development Business Opportunities



On the occasion of World MSME Week celebrations Laghu Udyog Bharati in Association with IMS Foundation hosted a half-half-day event on July 1 2023 on the theme product development Business Opportunities for MSMEs in Bengaluru.

The conference focused on creating awareness on various business opportunities that are being offered by Defence PSUs like HAL, NAL, DRDO, Goa Shipyard and others with specific reference to MSMEs. SASMOS HETTechnologies also participated.

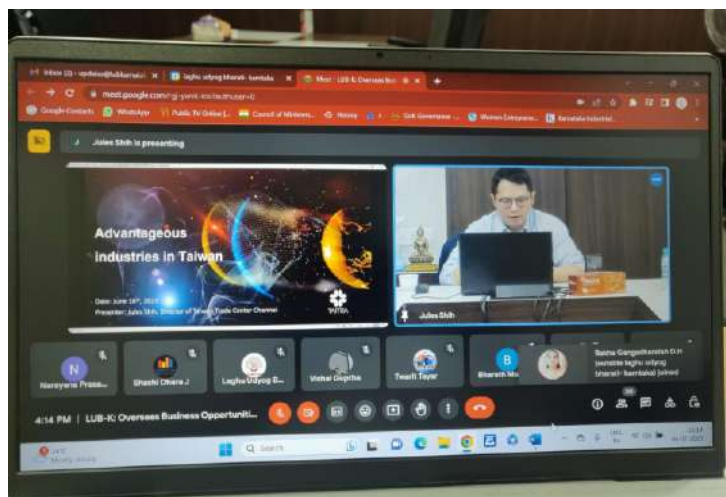
Over 120 MSME business leaders participated in the event.

July 4, 2023: International MSME Week Overseas Business Opportunities for MSMEs: Region Taiwan

Continuing the webcast series, Laghu Udyog Bharati-Karnataka in association with IMS Foundation hosted the International MSME coinciding with the World MSME Day on theme Overseas Business Opportunities for MSMEs in Bangalore.

Shri. Jules Shih, Director, Taipei World Trade Center Chennai hosted the one-hour webinar where he showcased his country's offerings on various mutually beneficial business opportunities for MSME sector.

The objective of this Webinar was to give an overview as well as bring awareness to our members on the various export promotion and business development opportunities with specific reference to MSMEs in Taiwan.



22nd Annual Members Meet

July 29, 2023

Laghu Udyog Bharati-Karnataka's Annual Members Meeting was held in Bengaluru. Inaugurating the 22nd AMM Dr. Sachin B Sabnis said that MSMEs play a vital role in building the economy. More so, with advent of the importance and significance of MSMEs have grown manifolds as was demonstrated during the last two years. There is a huge opportunity for MSMEs to scale up to greater heights as many new avenues have opened up for business relations.



Dr. Sachin Sabnis addressing LUB-K members, 6th AMM

He further said that now the manufacturing activities is very swiftly being shifted to India especially, the US, Europe and the UK seriously contemplating moving their manufacturing bases to India. This base shifting has already begun in the last couple of months and many proactive MSMEs have hugely benefited from this tectonic change.

In addition, he said that there is no doubt that the core activity of the Laghu Udyog Bharati-Karnataka, that of, organising workshop, seminars, events, knowledge sharing, industrial visits and others will to continue with more vigor. Our strategic MOUs with few skills' development organizations will also foster strong future partnerships so as to build skill sets and knowledge repository.

We have several new initiatives charted out for this coming year like Heal Rural India mission, Setting up of Agriculture Facilitation Centres, Millets Aggregator Platform. And of course, TechBharat 4.0, IMS 2023, Gramashilpi and many more will continue to scale up to greater heights in its upcoming editions.

Shri. Narayana Prasanna, General Secretary reading out the Secretary's Report to the Members said that, 2022-23 was a memorable year for the industry: from economic uncertainties, tech-led innovations to radical policy support and surviving on thin margins, the Year 2022 reflected tectonic shifts for various industries in the market. It was an exciting time for the industries to revamp their

business models and practices to stay intact and ahead in the market, as the competition and survival skills was a tight rope walk. Notwithstanding the upside geopolitical risks and continuing fear of coronavirus still haunting some parts of the globe, the domestic economy largely seems unaffected by this upheaval and even possible signs of a global recession.



Members of LUB-K

As it was an election year, Dr. Sachin Sabnis and Shri. Narayana Prasanna was re-elected to the respective posts unopposed. The Election process was seamlessly hosted by Shri. Srikanta Dutta, All India Vice President, Laghu Udyog Bharati who was appointed as the Election Officer to oversee the 2023-25 election.



LUB-K Members at the AMM

The LUB-All India General Secretary Shri. Ghanshyam Ohja, LUB-K Mentor Shri. N Thippeswamy and Dr. Jayaprakash, Prabhari LUB-K and Dakshina Prant Sah Karya Vaha, RSS also graced the occasion.

Meeting with Shri. M B Patil, Hon'ble Minister for Large and Medium Industries and Infrastructure Development, Government of Karnataka

August 8, 2023

Office Bearers of Laghu Udyog Bharati-Karnataka met **Shri. M B Patil, Hon'ble Minister for Large and Medium Industries and Infrastructure Development, Government of Karnataka** at his residence to discuss various issues related to MSMEs in the state.

During the meeting, Shri. Patil was appraised about various procedural and administrative issues that the MSME sector faces and sought his personal intervention to redress it, so that, Karnataka continues to be one of the most preferred investment destinations in India.

The Minister who responded positively said that he will personally look into the issues faced by the MSME sector and resolve the same at the earliest.



77th Independence Day at LUB - Karnataka Office

August 15 2023

As part of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, LUB-K unfurled the National Flag in its office. Veteran Industrialist and Laghu Udyog Bharati - Karnataka Mentor Shri. Yajna Narayana Kammaje was gracious enough to accept the invite and hoisted the National tricolour atop our building.



Shri. Yajna Narayana Kammaje hoisted the National Flag.



Addressing LUB-K members Shri. Yajna Narayana Kammaje shared his vast experience and the amazing entrepreneurial journey with the LUB-K members.

IMS 2023 Curtain Raiser Meeting

India Manufacturing Show - 2023

August 16, 2023

Laghu Udyog Bharati-Karnataka and in association with IMS Foundation organised a Curtain Raiser to showcase the India Manufacturing Show: IMS 2023 in New Delhi. Shri. Pralhad Joshi, Hon'ble Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Shri V. Muraleedharan, Hon'ble Minister of State for External Affairs graced the occasion and inaugurated the Curtain Raiser along with Dr. Samir Kamat, Chairman DRDO.

The main objective of the Curtain Raiser was to showcase the India Manufacturing Show: IMS 2023 to Embassy Heads which is scheduled to be held in November 2, 3, 4, 2023 at Bengaluru International Exhibition Centre, Bengaluru.

Over 150 attendees including top bureaucrats, domain experts, Trade/Commercial Officers of Embassies, senior officers of Armed Forces representing respective Chiefs of Indian Army, Navy & Air Force, officials of Defence Production, Diplomats, senior dignitaries from ISRO, HAL, CSIR, DST and leading aerospace industry leaders from L&T Defence, Dassault Aviation etc. participated in the Curtain Raiser.

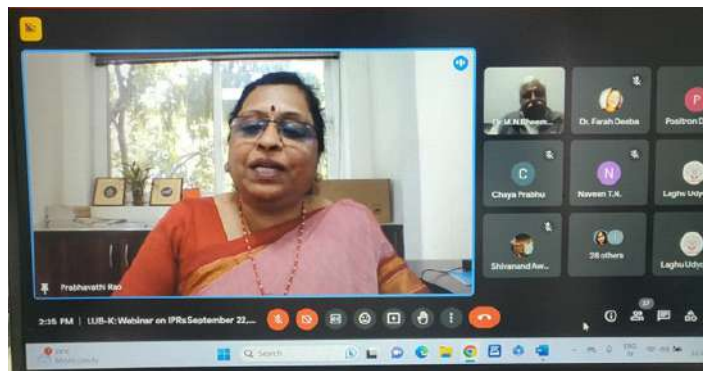


Webinar on Intellectual Property Rights Leveraging IP tools to drive profitability in Entrepreneurship & Business

September 22, 2023

Continuing the Knowledge Capsule series Laghu Udyog Bharati –Karnataka in association with Visvesvarya Trade Promotion Centre (VTPC), Department of Industries & Commerce Government of Karnataka hosted a webinar on Intellectual Property Rights on the theme “Leveraging IP Tools to Drive Profitability in Entrepreneurship & Business”

Shri K Narayana Prasanna, General Secretary, LUB –Karnataka delivering the welcome address briefly introduced the various initiatives and activities that LUB-K is involved for the benefit of participants.



Smt. Prabhavathi Rao,
Facilitator - Intellectual Property Initiatives,
VTPC-Dept of Industries & Commerce,
Govt of Karnataka addressing the participants

Session 1:

Smt. Prabhavathi Rao, Facilitator - Intellectual Property Initiatives, VTPC-Dept of Industries & Commerce, Govt of Karnataka spoke extensively on Karnataka Government's Centre for Export Promotion in nurturing exports and Intellectual Property

Smt. Rao gave an insight into the Activities of VTPC and its holistic support in all round development of MSMEs, be it Trade, Exports, IP and GI initiatives.

Session 2:

Demystifying the Intellectual Property Spectrum with spotlight on Significance of IP tools in Entrepreneurship/and Business by Dr. M N Bheemesh, Senior Advisor, ALMT Legal, Bengaluru

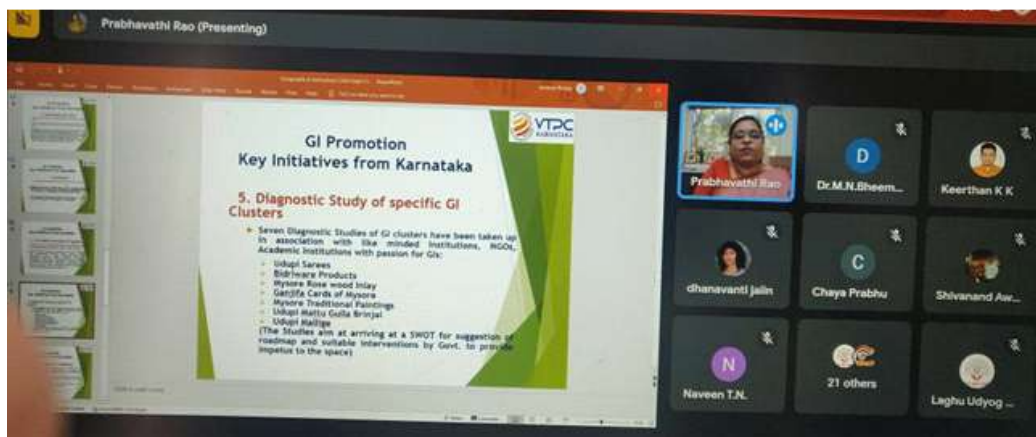
Dr. Bheemesh spoke on “Intellectual Property Rights and its significance in Entrepreneurship and Business”. His presentation began with explaining the various aspects of IPR vis-à-vis what is Patent and copy right etc. with videos along with power point presentation.



Dr. M N Bheemesh
Senior Advisor, ALMT Legal,
Bengaluru delivering the presentation on IPRs

He said that “it is innovation that distinguishes between a leader and a follower” and mentioned that, ideas are not patentable unless it is developed into a working model. He also highlighted about the politics of Artificial Intelligence and opined that, today the nation is ruled by financialization, globalization and digitization.

He cited interesting case studies like PepsiCo's withdrawal of the case filed against the Gujarat farmers, contribution of Dr. Raghunath Mashelkar and Oncologist Dr Vishal Rao and their discoveries. He distinguished patentable and non-patentable inventions in India and around world. over the image copyright and trade secret.



Participants at the Webinar

Session 3:

Geographical Indications, a lesser known but powerful IP tool impacting the grassroots/artisans (Govt. of Karnataka Initiatives in GI promotion would be covered) by Smt. Prabhavathi Rao, Facilitator – IP Initiatives VTPC

As the Country echoes 'Vocal for Local' and 'Local to Global', the significance of heritage products gains paramount importance. One such category of products is the Geographical Indications (GI) tagged products which have the power to economically transform and impact the marginalised farmers and artisans of any region or geography.

It is a matter of pride that out of a total of 484 GI products registered by the country as on date, Karnataka holds the lion's share of the pie, with maximum products in its GI basket, numbering 45. These products are across the Agricultural, Handicrafts, Manufactured Goods and Food Stuffs segments. The State is also a pioneer in the country to announce a first of its kind exclusive Geographical Indications Policy to support the GIs

Few of the GI products are Dharwad Peda, Channapatna Toys, Gulbarga Tur dal, Sirsi Supari, Bidriware and many more.

The session which was attended by over 60 participants concluded with Q&A session. Ms. Dhanvanthi Jain Executive Committee Members (Women Cell), LUB-K thanked the guest speakers and formally concluded the session by proposing the vote of thanks.

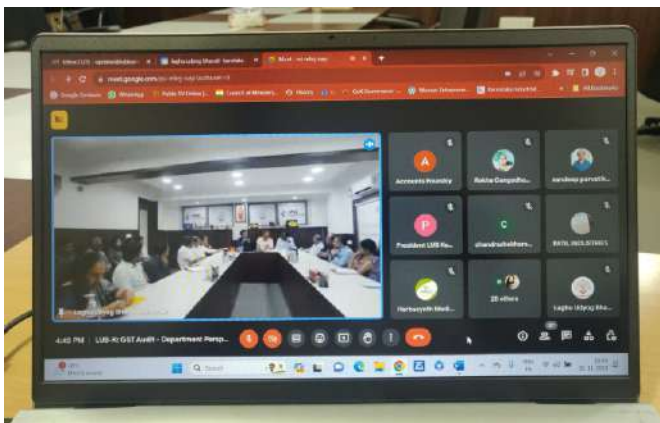
Conference on GST Audit: Government Perspective By Dr. B.V. Murali Krishna

November 21, 2023:

Laghu Udyog Bharati-Karnataka hosted a conference on **GST Audit on the theme “Government Perspective”** on November 21, 2023. Dr. B V Murali Krishna, Additional Commissioner of Commercial Taxes (Zone-2) addressed a hybrid session where all district unit leaders participated.



Dr. B V Murali Krishna, Additional Commissioner of Commercial Taxes (Zone-2) addressing the members



Dr Krishna spoke on various clauses and sections of the GST law in his two-hour session. During the open session Dr. Krishna informed that GST Council, based on the regular feedback from the industry constantly tweaks and simplifies the filing mechanism. Over 85 participants attended the hybrid session.

LUB-K Core Team Visits IISc Challekere Campus Chitradurga District

November 25, 2023

A core team of Laghu Udyog Bharati-Karnataka comprising of Shri Narayana Prasanna and Shri B S Srinivasan visited the IISc Challekere Campus, Chitradurga District- Skill Enhancement initiative for Micro & Small Industries/ Enterprises complex on November 25, 2023 to discuss and explore joint programmes for upskilling MSMEs across Karnataka districts.

The discussion was very fruitful and it has been decided that IISc and LUB-K will jointly host a series of Design Awareness Programmes for Innovating MSMEs and Students at various districts in Karnataka. The first of the series will kick-off on December 21, 2023 at the HAL-IISc campus.

The centre, a product of a unique collaboration between HAL and IISc, will impart high end skills in manufacturing, including in the aerospace sector.

The goal of the SDC is to create a large pool of trained personnel to address vital skill development gaps in our country, crucial for economic growth and self-sufficiency. It is a natural outgrowth of a successful training programme for rural science and mathematics teachers that IISc initiated in 2011 at the Challakere campus.

The intended target audience for skill development at the centre includes engineers, supervisors and faculty members of technical institutes. Training will cover both skill upgradation and also acquisition of new skills. More than 50 percent of the course duration will be devoted to hands-on learning in well-equipped laboratories. The faculty members for the courses will be selected from IISc and other leading organisations, including HAL.



**LUB-K and IISc officials exploring
joint programmes**



LUB-K and IISc Team at the IISc campus

Interactive session with Shri. SCL Das, IAS, Secretary, Ministry of MSME, Government of India

January 8, 2024, Bengaluru

The Department of Industries and Commerce, Government of Karnataka convened a meeting with Shri. SCL Das, IAS, Secretary, Ministry of MSME, Gol with Industry Associations on January 8, 2023 in Bengaluru.

Shri. SCL Das, IAS, Secretary, Ministry of MSME, Government of India interacting with business and trade association office bearers in Bengaluru

Addressing industry association office bearers in Bengaluru, Shri. Das said he has begun a tour of all the states to get firsthand feedback on the challenges and difficulties that the MSME sector is facing. He said that the Central government is very keen to address all the issues faced by the MSMEs, as it is fully aware of the enormous contribution to the nation. He assured that all common issues will be addressed on priority and which come well within the purview of the law.



Each of the industry associations submitted representation to the Secretary for his redressals. A few of the common issues discussed at the meeting included the following :

Shri K Narayana Prasanna submitting a memorandum to the Shri. Das

- PMS Scheme: Increase cap from 60 to 300 MSMEs so as to encourage MSMEs to participate and benefit from the business networking.
- NSIC Scheme: Raw Material Scheme to be relooked.
- Minimum Wage policy to be tapered down as Karnataka is the second highest as far as minimum Wages is concerned. One single Central Policy to be introduced based on regional parity

- Interest Subvention scheme to be introduced
- BI Bill on Discounting Schemes to be strengthened
- Anti-Dumping policy to be changed as it is affecting efficiency of MSMEs
- Waiver of tax on Rental properties which is very high.
- Classification of MSME categorization to be changed to benefit specific sector of industry units.
- GeM portal: Registration is a difficult process. Need to be simplified.
- Udyam Portal: Traders should be kept out of this registration and restricted only to industries.
- GST Refunds to be speeded up so as to support MSMEs which are cash-strapped
- Create Land Bank in Kalaburgi: 100 Acres to house 400 units
- Simplify Cluster Development Scheme: Right now, it is very cumbersome
- Entrepreneurship Development in the State: All Departments including Banks, be housed in one place so as improve and promote more enterprises to start in the State
- Bank Loans: Do away with rating system as they affect the credit off-load from Banks

Shri. SCL Das, Secretary, Ministry of MSME GoI informed that:

- GST Facilitation Centres will be established in states soon
- Export Facilitation Centre in all industrially strong states soon
- Facilitation support for Software upgradation and technology upgradation will be facilitated on demand from the state



The Office Bearers of over 15 business associations and trade bodies were present at the meeting.

LUB - K Interim Union Budget And Tally Program

February 1, 2024

Union Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs, Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman presented the Interim Budget for FY 2024. In view of this a live viewing of budget session was organised for the benefit of our members.

Post the budget presentation, Laghu Udyog Bharati-Karnataka (LUB-K) had organised a post-analysis session where Shri Ravindranath Kaushik and Shri Satish R deciphered the interim budget for the members.



Shri Ravindranath Kaushik deciphering Union Budget 2024



Shri Satish R explaining the finer points of Union Budget 2024

On the same afternoon, Tally Solution hosted a programme highlighting their upgrade software Prime 4.0. Shri. Yugal Singh, Business Manager- Tally Solutions Host the session for us. He spoke on the features of TallyPrime related to:

1. GST enhanced features (Billing, configuration, Reconciliation and filing)
2. E-invoicing and E-waybill
3. Digital payment
4. Owner's dashboard and reports, which were all beneficial to MSME sector.

Over 40 Industry leaders participated in the programme.



Laghu Udyog Bharati-Karnataka Bengaluru North Chapter MSME Excellence Awards-2024

March 12, 2024

In order to recognise and encourage innovation and R&D amongst Laghu Udyog Bharati-Karnataka Bengaluru North Chapter has instituted MSME Excellence Awards. This year it organised the event on a grand scale and honoured a select MSME leaders for their outstanding contribution in Innovation and R&D initiatives.

Dr. Sachin Sabnis, President Laghu Udyog Bharati-Karnataka said "MSME business owners who have been honoured with Laghu Udyog Bharati-MSME Award 2024 for their outstanding contribution in the space of innovation and product development drawn from different industry verticals. I want more such innovations to happen so that the society at large benefits."



**Shri. Tejasvi Surya, Member of Parliament,
addressing the gathering**

Awards and honours bestowed upon individuals, not only motivate the awardees to scale up to greater heights, but also inspire others to emulate them and move the next growth level. The tradition of recognizing and rewarding people for their good work has been ingrained in LUB-K culture and is an intrinsic part of its ethos.

Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) sector has emerged as a highly vibrant and dynamic sector of the Indian economy over the last five decades. MSMEs are the power engines of the economy. It constitutes over 90 percent of total enterprises in most of the economies and are

credited with generating highest rate of employment growth and also account for a major share of industrial production and exports.

Despite this worthy picture, MSMEs face a lot of challenges on a day-to-day basis, but still continue to grow at a healthy pace year-on-year.

Shri Tejasvi Surya, Member of Parliament delivering the keynote address said that MSMEs not only play crucial role in providing large employment opportunities at comparatively lower capital cost than large industries but also help in industrialization of rural and backward



**Dr. Sachin Sabnis delivering the welcome
address at the awards ceremony**

areas, thereby, reducing regional imbalances, assuring more equitable distribution of national income and wealth thereby, engaging the demographical dividend equitably.

The Government needs to have a standalone policy approach to support and foster the growth of MSME sector so that MSMEs continue to innovate and manufacture mass-based products and services and also contribute to the National exchequer and to the socio-economic development of the country on an equally footing.



One of the awardees being honoured at the ceremony

Over 29 MSME business owners were honoured for their outstanding contribution towards innovation and product development. In addition, 3 Lifetime achievement awards and one Special Award in recognition of Service to the MSME.

In all LUB-K had received over 206 applications for the Awards.

Shri Sanjay Bhat, President Laghu Udyog Bharati-Karnataka Bengaluru North Chapter said that it was very demanding and difficult process to select the application as many were on equal footing on the selection criteria. We had a put in a very eminent jury of panellist to select companies to honour them with this most coveted LUB- MSME Award 2024.



Shri. P Ramdas, Founder-Director, Ace Designers Bangalore and Dr. S Devarajan, Senior Vice President, TVS Motor Company also address the audience where over 200 business owners were present at the awards function.

MSME Conference: MSMEs' growth in Viksit Bharat Navigating Tomorrow's Opportunities

March 23, 2024:

Laghu Udyog Bharati-Karnataka organised a MSME conference titled "Navigating Tomorrow's Opportunities" in Bengaluru.



Shri. AN Chandramouli, addressing the Industry Leaders.

This half-day event focused exclusively on three important industry-verticals namely:

- Affordable Smart Manufacturing for MSMEs
- Cost Management Techniques for MSMEs
- Best Practices Implementation by MSMEs

Three eminent business coaches shared their thoughts on these three topics.

- **Shri. AN Chandramouli**, Chief Executive Officer, ANCM Management Consultants
- **Shri. Dhiraj Ramakrishnan**, Vice President-Products, Maxbyte Technologies
- **Shri. Sethuraman**, Strategic Business Consultant, Sethuraman & Associates

The goal of this conference was to get promoters think beyond the existing business environment and create a blueprint for attaining future growth by assisting them in overcoming day-to-day operational issues.



Over 60 MSME leaders participated.

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International MSME Day

Product Development and Business Opportunities for MSMEs

July 01, 2023

As part of the International MSME Day Laghu Udyog Bharati-Karnataka invited top PSUs to showcase their co-development opportunities with MSMEs. HAL, DRDO, NAL, Goa Shipyard and several private OEMs invited MSMEs to be part of their development programmes to co-create products for mass consumption.

Every year on June 27th, International MSME Day is celebrated across the world to honour their role in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). MSMEs account for up to 90 percent of businesses, 60 percent of employment, and they account for half of global GDP.

Dr. Sachin Sabnis, President, LUB-K delivering the welcome address said that MSMEs in emerging markets especially a country like India faces unique problems in product development. Limited purchasing power, high price sensitivity, limited design skills and experience, lack of qualified vendors and inappropriate engineering resources are a few that keep bothering the developing of more new products.

Manufacturing sector is emerging as an integral part in the country's economic growth, with positive performance of key sectors like automotive, engineering, chemicals, pharmaceuticals, and consumer durables.

The Indian manufacturing industry generated 16-17 percent of India's GDP pre-pandemic and is projected to be one of the fastest growing sectors.

The machine tool industry was literally the nuts and bolts of the manufacturing industry in India. Today, technology has stimulated innovation with digital transformation, a key aspect in gaining an edge in this highly competitive market.



Dr. B K Das, Director, Defence Research and Development Organisation inaugurating the programme



Dr. Sachin Sabnis addressing the gathering

Technology has today encouraged creativity, with digital transformation being a critical element in gaining an advantage in this increasingly competitive industry. The Indian manufacturing sector is steadily moving toward more automated and process-driven manufacturing, which is projected to improve efficiency and enhance productivity.

The positive developments in the manufacturing sector, driven by production capacity expansion, government policy

support, heightened M&A activity, and PE/VC-led investment, are creating a robust pipeline for the country's sustained economic growth in the years to come.

India now has the physical and digital infrastructure to raise the share of the manufacturing sector in the economy and make a realistic bid to be an important player in global supply chains.

In this segment, Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises sector has emerged as a highly vibrant and dynamic sector of the Indian economy over the last five decades. MSMEs are the power engines of the economy.

Over 150 MSMEs participated in the day-long programme



Dr. Abhay A Pashilkar, Director, National Aerospace Laboratories showcasing opportunities with MSMEs



Shri. Subramanian M, HoD-Commercial, Goa Shipyard Limited at the programme



Shri. Chandrashekar HG, Founder and Managing Director, SASMOS HET Technologies



Ms. Vidya Biradar, Chief-Indigenization, Hindustan Aeronautics Limited



Participants at the Programme

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India Manufacturing Show IMS 2023 Aerospace and Defence / General Engineering Expo November 2-4, 2023 at BIEC, Bengaluru

With every edition passing, **India Manufacturing Show** continues to grow and gain momentum as India's most preferred and premier Manufacturing show. The 6th Edition of India Manufacturing Show was certainly no exception, as it not only bigger in magnitude but also very distinctive and niche as the who-is-who of the aerospace, defence and general engineering companies participated in full strength.

The Flagship event of **Laghu Udyog Bharati-Karnataka** and **IMS Foundation**, the three-day **6th Edition of India Manufacturing Show 2023** was held on **November 2-3-4, 2023 at BIEC in Bengaluru**. Like the previous edition, the Ministry of Defence, Government of India extended its full support for **India Manufacturing Show 2023**.

The 6th Edition of IMS 2023 created a record of sorts as over 273 DPSUs and Corporate India both Large and MSMEs showcased their latest innovative products and services. The Exhibition saw over 14,371 Business Visitors visiting the stalls. In all exhibitor marketing representatives totaled to around 2,974 and were physically present on all three days. Over 107 VIPs, 82 Media personnel and 950 Students visited the two Halls.

As the true platform for businesses in every sector of the manufacturing industry, India Manufacturing Show has delivered tangible business benefits for both exhibitors showcasing their products and services,



Shri HVS Krishna, Chairman, IMS Foundation receiving
Shri Rajnath Singh, Raksha Mantri at BIEC, Bengaluru

and industry visitors sourcing the same. We are delighted that the exhibition has continued to foster growth in the Indian market and play a key role in offering real business opportunities for companies.

The participating companies at the expo had hugely benefited both commercially and vendor expansion base in this edition. It was recorded that several MSMEs and large corporates struck business deals worth several crores in the three-day event. For the first time, DPSUs openly scouted for vendors to source precision components and also made a clarion call for MSMEs to actively participate in co-create/co-develop activities of these organisations.



Shri Rajnath Singh, Raksha Mantri who was the Chief Guest inaugurated the Exhibition along with Shri. Tejasvi Surya, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Shri Baba Kalyani, Managing Director, Bharat Forge Limited and Shri, Arun Ramchandani, Executive Vice President & Head, L&T Defence.

Preamble for IMS 2023:

Post-covid, India has earned a new epitaph: "Inevitable India." Not just enthusiasts within our country, but also echoed by global analysts: That India is emerging as the next great economic power. Goldman Sachs has professed that India will become the world's second-largest economy by 2075, and the FT's Martin Wolf opined that by 2050, India's purchasing power will be whopping 30 percent larger than that of the U.S.

The simple reason for the global focus on India and shift towards this South Asian nation is the massive cost and technology benefits that each of the advanced nations are going to derive on the long-term basis.

And what is driving nations towards India: There are several positive trends converging, from different sides of the Indian business ecosystem: demand, supply, and the system-wide facilitating factors; in combination, they can transcend economic cycles, macro shocks, and policy reversals.



Industry leaders at the Inaugural session of IMS 2023

In this backdrop, many of the overseas nations are keenly looking at India as the next Manufacturing and Investment Hub of the world. And India is ready to offer customized products and services designed and attuned to the global needs and demands on a single platform.

India's greatest challenge will be to make its inevitability tangible and believable to the many constituencies that wish to see India succeed and what better platform than **India Manufacturing Show 2023, as it will just showcase this emerging power dynamics of our county to the world.**

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Raksha Mantri Shri. Rajnath Singh delivering the keynote address at IMS 2023

Raksha Mantri Shri. Rajnath Singh inaugurated the three-day 'India Manufacturing Show' in Bengaluru, on November 02, 2023. The central theme of the event was 'Make in India, Make for the World'.

Delivering his keynote address at the three-day India Manufacturing Show 2023, being organised by Laghu Udyog Bharati-Karnataka and IMS Foundation in Bangalore on November 2, 2023, the Raksha Mantri described the small-scale industries as the backbone of India's economy that contribute immensely to the development of the nation. "Small industries are the motor of the Indian economy. The faster the motor runs, the quicker the vehicle of the economy moves," he said, also crediting the small industries for maintaining stability in the economy.

Shri Rajnath Singh highlighted the important contribution of these industries to the socio-economic development of the country. "Compared to investment made, small industries create more employment opportunities than large industries. They also ensure a more even dispersion of wealth in society. Many MSMEs are doing well in exports and are becoming a part of the global supply chain of the world's biggest companies. Heavy industries, too, play a big role in the nation's development, but the country cannot fully progress by ignoring small industries," he said.



Shri Rajnath Singh releasing the IMS 2023 Directory

The Raksha Mantri remembered the time when India was called 'golden bird' and a big reason was that there were many small industries in villages and towns, which provided employment to the people. "In ancient times, there were no large-scale industries in India; they were only small industries. Textile, iron and shipbuilding were the three industries for which India was known all over the world. They showcased our industrial capability," he said.

Shri Rajnath Singh also underlined the ability of small industries to adapt to the changes more easily than large industries. "It is the adaptability of small industries which increases the possibilities of innovation. Many times, small industries bring more innovation than large industries in terms of new products, services and business models," he said.

The Raksha Mantri recalled Father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhi's philosophy on economy, wherein he encouraged to focus on small industries rather than heavy industries. This is due to stronger



Shri Rajnath Singh addressing the dignitaries at IMS 2023

connections of small industries with local communities. Even though their production scale is small, they are better tuned to local needs, he said. Shri Rajnath Singh added that big industries, which have a turnover of thousands of crores, were once small industries, which reflects their importance. He termed the small-scale industries as the youth of industrial development; which possesses more energy, innovation and the ability to create something new. He emphasized that drawing focus towards small industries does not mean undermining the importance of heavy industries.

that thinks back 5000 years and looks ahead at the thousand years. This is because we are not only we are the biggest nation but we are the oldest in terms of Civilization We are all set to become one of the richest countries in the years to come.

Shri Tejasvi Surya, Member of Parliament said: MSME is recognised and rewarded to become big and to not remain stagnant and small. There are still a lot of challenges in accessing skilled manpower, Finance, regulatory compliance. And I am sure all of these challenges will be effectively met with positive response as the government is not only sensitive and nimble, but is committed to a larger vision of making India, the manufacturing hub of the world.

Shri Baba Kalyani Managing Director, Bharat Forge Limited said: The last data point you heard is that the honorable Prime Minister says that we are all heading towards Amrit kaal. It means the time of prosperity; it is not very far. In 2047, when India celebrates hundred years of Independence and it is the dream of every Indian that we should see ourselves as the second or the third largest economy with at least 30 trillion-dollar sector. If India is to go from 3.3 to 30 trillion which is almost 10 times, the manufacturing sector has to increase 20



Shri Rajnath Singh inaugurating the IMS 2023 Exhibition

times to make that happen. So please keep that in mind. The opportunities are great, the opportunities in the defence and Aerospace sector are even greater. So let us harness these upcoming business opportunities.

Shri Arun Ramchandani Executive Vice President & Head, L&T Defence said: "It is apt that the show is held in Bengaluru - The Aerospace and startup capital of India and having the top startup ecosystem globally with 65 percent of India's Aerospace related Exports originating from this state is a preferred investment destination for Aerospace and defense companies. Karnataka's strong ecosystem has blossomed



Shri. Rajnath Singh interacting with Industry captains at the Stalls

with decades of presence of large DPSUs, companies like BHE, today the state is home to all major leaders like Airbus, Boeing and others and is home to 25 percent of India's aircraft and spacecraft industry.

The sixth edition of 'India Manufacturing Show' will provide a platform to the exhibitors to showcase their technologies, equipment and R&D in different sectors, such as aerospace & defence engineering, automation, robotics & drones to the participants. The aim is to bring together best minds, best technologies and best practices while providing business and knowledge sharing opportunities for its participants.

The 6th Edition of India Manufacturing Show: IMS 2023: "Aerospace & Defence and General Engineering Expo" was organized by Laghu Udyog Bharati-Karnataka and IMS Foundation during November 2 to 4 2023 at Bangalore International Exhibition Centre, Bengaluru.

IMS 2023 is a comprehensive International B2B fair, segmented into well-defined technological sections of the engineering and manufacturing industry. India Manufacturing Show (IMS) is the country's premier trade exhibition for organizations from the Aerospace/Defence, Manufacturing, Engineering and allied sectors.

The earlier five editions of India Manufacturing Show were steered by Shri. Anand Mahindra, Shri. Vikram Kirloskar, Shri. Sajjan Jindal, Shri. Baba Kalyani and Shri. Ramadas P. The 6th edition was again chaired by Shri. Baba Kalyani, MD, Bharat Forge Limited.

The 6th edition was organised on a much bigger scale and scope as who-is-who of Overseas and Indian Aerospace, Defence and General Engineering companies participated in this international exhibition.

It also had several B2B and Vendor Development interactions, as several OEMs, DPSUs and Large corporates participated at the expo. Concurrently IMS 2023 has hosted Conferences on topical importance where Policy Makers, CEOs, industry Think Tanks, Domain experts, Scientists and Engineers shared their valued concepts at the segmented and well curated sessions on all the three days of the event with the audiences.



Shri Tejasvi Surya, Member of Parliament at the IMS 2023



Dr Sudhanshu Trivedi, Member of Rajya Sabha addressing corporate leaders

IMS 2023 is a unique platform for technology transfer, innovations, business meets and joint ventures helping to identify potential investors to boost industrial production, collaboration and international trade.

The key focus sectors of the 6th Edition related to five different verticals all related to Aerospace, Defence and General Engineering segments vis-à-vis:



Shri Baba Kalyani Managing Director, Bharat Forge Limited and Shri Arun Ramchandani, EVP & Head L&T Defence addressing the audience



Shri. HVS Krishna, Chairman IMS Foundation welcoming the guests

1. Aerospace and Defence,
2. Automation, Robotics and Drones,
3. Electricals and Electronics,
4. General Engineering,
5. Energy Environment and EV Transportation.

The three-day expo spread over Two Halls was the largest exhibition for Micro Small and Medium Enterprises in Aerospace and Defense and General Engineering industries in Bengaluru. IMS 2023 provided a great business opportunity for MSMEs from diverse Industry sectors like Auto Industry, Industrial

Engineering, Electronics and Automation etc. to showcase their capabilities to the OEMs, DPSUs and Armed Forces.

The 6th Edition close to 300 exhibitors displaying their latest technological innovations to the world and it will see more than high quality 14,000 business visitors at the show. The exhibitors in the event include leaders from large global and Indian OEMs, Defense PSUs and Ordinance Factories as well as DRDO Labs.

DPSUs like DRDO, ISRO, HAL, ADA, Ordinance Factory, BEL, BHEL, BEML also extended their support to the Expo. Top International Aerospace companies exhibited their latest innovations at the Exhibition.

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Dr. Sachin B Sabnis, President, Laghu Udyog Bharati-Karnataka delivering the theme setting address at IMS 2023

The primary objective of Vendor Development Program was to develop MSMEs as competitive manufacturers and suppliers of components required by large industries for local and overseas market through international linkages. It is a known fact that Vendor development is one of the popular techniques of strategic sourcing, which improves the value we receive from suppliers. And Laghu Udyog Bharati and IMS Foundation being in the forefront promoting Vendor Development among Entrepreneurs, the last day was entirely dedicated for this purpose. Laghu Udyog Bharati, Karnataka and IMS Foundation in association

Indian Defence Forces hosted this Vendor Development Programme for MSME Sectors where a cross-section of companies participated.

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Industry Leaders at IMSCON

Even this year the focus area that of Aerospace and Defence was consciously curated so as to promote Government of India Atmanirbhar Bharat concept where Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji's objective is to achieve atleast 30-40 percent indigenization component.

Buoyed by the massive response and huge success of IMS 2023, Laghu Udyog Bharati-Karnataka and IMS Foundation already announced the dates for the 7th edition. The India Manufacturing Show

IMSCON 2023

Conference concurrent to IMS 2023 Exhibition

2023 will be hosted on November, 2025 at BIEC, Bengaluru. As the largest and most influential manufacturing show in the India, we will continue to support the industry on all levels - delivering business results, promoting exchange of knowledge, and recognizing excellence. We look forward to another successful show in 2025.

Conference Themes for all the Three days:

Day 1: One Post Lunch Session

- A. MSMEs Future Ready India@100

Day 2: Three sessions

- A. Outlook on Indian Economy and Potential
- B. India Emerging as a Global Manufacturing Hub
- C. India: The Next Global Investment Destination

Day 3: Three sessions

- A. Energising MSME for Defence and Aero Sector
- B. India Emerging as a Global Aerospace Player
- C. Capacity Building & Emerging Technologies in Aerospace and Defence Sector

Day 1: Technical Session

THEME : FUTURE READY MSME INDIA



Dr. B K Das, DG, DRDO and Dr. G Satheesh Reddy Garu, Former SA to RM



Shri APVS Prasad, Chief Executive, CEMILAC

Day 2: Technical Sessions



Day 3: Technical Sessions



Padma Shri Dr. Krishnadas Nair



Maj Gen C.S. Mann VSM



Rear Admiral I.S. Grewal



Air Cmde S. Rajesh, PhD



Panel Discussion - India Emerging as a Global Aerospace Player Opportunities, Challenges & Way Forward



Panel Discussion - Capacity Building & Emerging Technologies in Aerospace and Defence Sector



Glimpses of IMS 2023 Exhibition Area



Government E-Market Place (GeM Portal) Registration Programme

February 23, 2024

Laghu Udyog Bharati-Karnataka and **IMS Foundation** in association with **GeM Portal** organised the Government E-Market Place (GeM Portal) Registration programme in Bengaluru.

The basic objective of this programme was to create awareness on the massive business opportunities that Government E-Market Place (GeM Portal) offers to the MSME sector and also to offer free registration of the business units on the spot.

Government e Marketplace (GeM) facilitates online procurement of common use Goods & Services required by various Government Departments / Organisations / PSUs. It aims to enhance transparency, efficiency and speed in public procurement. It provides the tools of e-bidding, reverse e-auction and demand aggregation to facilitate the government users, achieve the best value for their money.

Dr. Sachin Sabnis said that MSMEs are being encouraged to market their products on the e-commerce site, especially through Government e-Marketplace (GeM), owned and run by the government, wherefrom Ministries and PSUs (public sector undertakings) source their procurement.

Shri Ajit B Chavan, Additional CEO & Chief Seller Officer & Social Inclusion, Government e Marketplace inaugurating the event said GeM Portal offers a wide range of business opportunities to all members who get onboarded into the portal.

Shri. Shrinivasa, Additional Director, Department of Industry and Commerce, Government of Karnataka sharing his thoughts advised Industry leaders to avail various business opportunities promoted by GeM portal for the development of MSMEs.



Dr. Sachin B Sabnis, President, LUB-K inaugurating the event. Shri Ajit B Chavan, Addl. CEO & Chief Seller Officer & Social Inclusion Government e Marketplace, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, GoI, Shri. Shrinivasa, Additional Director-Department of Industry and Commerce, GoK, Shri. Paramshivam T P, Business Head, UGRO Capital Limited, Shri. P S Srikanta Dutta, All India Vice President, Laghu Udyog Bharati, Shri. Narayana Prasanna, General Secretary, Laghu Udyog Bharati-Karnataka are seen in the pic.



Release of the GeM Portal brochure

Over 150 industry leaders participated in the daylong programme. Close to 40 members were onboarded on the spot, while several industry members had their long pending issues redressed on the spot by the GeM Portal officials.

VALVX Expo-Cum-Conference

Feb 29 to March 2, 2024 at Hubballi

The first edition of VALVX-2024 Exhibition-cum-Conference was organised by Laghu Udyog Bharati-Karnataka in association with Karnataka Valves Manufacturing Association in Hubballi between February 29 to March 2, 2024.

The three-day event is an honest effort by Karnataka Valves Manufacturing Association to carry forward this legacy in multiple ways. Shri Avati said that the primary objective is to encourage the next generation to increase the boundaries of the legacy crafted by the leaders of this industry further followed to get empowered on constant innovations and developments happening globally in Flow Control industry space.



Industry stalwarts inaugurating the first edition of Valvx 2024 in Hubballi



***Shri. Tilak K Vikamshi MD
Microfinish Valves Pvt. Ltd
inaugurating the Valvx 2024 Exhibition***

Shri. Shivanand Avati, President Karnataka Valves Manufacturers Association and Vice President, LUB-Karnataka inaugurating the first edition of Valvx 2024 in Hubballi said that Hubballi will regain its epithet of being the Valves and Pumps capital of India with the establishment of Valves Cluster in this city.

Addressing the industry captains, he said that Hubballi was historically renowned for manufacturing Valves and Pumps three decades ago. But for some reason it lost this space to MNCs. With the establishment of Valves Cluster in Hubballi under the Karnataka Valves Manufacturers Association it is just a matter of time that it will once again regain the lost glory of being the Valve manufacture leader in the country.

At present there are about 500 valve manufacturers in Karnataka and less than 100 manufacturers in Karnataka north.

Hubballi has a history of more than 60 years in valve and pump manufacturing. The present valve business from Hubli is around Rs 1000 Cr and entire Karnataka may be around Rs 8000 Cr. Around 15000 to 20000 direct professionals are working in this field in Karnataka. Indian valve business is about 3BUSD as compared to the present world market of around 100 BUSD. At present Indian contribution is only 3% of the global requirement.

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Stalls at Valvx 2024

by the leaders of this industry further followed to get empowered on constant innovations and developments happening globally in Flow Control industry space.

The Karnataka Valve Cluster will focus primarily on Research and Development, skill development, cluster development, and promotion of Hubballi as a valve & pumps capital.

Hubballi has not only delivered but has also attracted global giants like Flowserve corporation to have a technical collaboration with Microfinish Valves to manufacture and deliver some of the world's finest valves from Hubli. The story gets further interesting when we see that as a general trend company, outside India, acquire Indian companies. But a Hubli-based entrepreneur acquires an MNC company that is Trillium technologies acquired by Swims Technologies.



Shri. Shivanand Avati, President Karnataka Valves Manufacturers Association and Vice President, LUB-Karnataka Delivering the Welcome address at first edition of Valvx 2024

In the year 2020 Karnataka Valve Manufacturers Association with an ultimate intension to establish a Valves Center or Center of Excellence in Hubballi that will address all problems of the valve industries was initiated.

This center of excellence will help to increase the number of valve industries and business of each valve industry and eventually Hubballi will be known as Valve City in the world. It is now called as Pump and Valve City of India. The Association is trying to make Hubballi as the World's Valve Factory as China is World's Factory, they make everything for the world.

VALVX -2024 is not just an exhibition but face of legacy that some great leaders considered to be the pioneer of the Valve industry from Hubli have given us.

To bring all the above right from - new generation to new thought process in one basket, we realized a need to launch a new platform. This marked the birth of KVMA.

Experts opine that there is a lot of scope for Valve business in the export market. Major contribution is by few states of EU, USA and Japan. KVMA is also exploring the potential business and also work on import substation. Even as part of beyond Bangalore initiative this industry cluster will help move to Tier II cities.

KVMA proposes to work on the industry promotion and development verticals vis-à-vis:

1. Incubation and Manpower Development

- o Manpower Development and Training
- o Conduct Entrepreneurship development programs in Valve business.

2. Business Development

- o Conduct B to B Vendor Meets and Tender Participation program

- o Participation in National and International Exhibitions and Trade Fairs
- o Hosting of National and International Exhibitions
- o Organizing International Business Delegations for Technology transfers, B2B & Joint Ventures and Collaborations

3. Technical support

- o Product Validation by Testing
- o Standards Library Support
- o Skill upgradation
- o Certification & Training
- o Helping to establish QMS

Shri. Tilak K Vikamshi MD Microfinish Valves Pvt. Ltd., Shri. Bimal Mehta MD Swims Technologies Pvt. Ltd, Shri Ramesh Shetty, Managing Director Steel Strong Valves Pvt. Ltd., Shri. Nagaraj Divate, Managing Director, Advanced Die Cast and Chairman CII- Hubballi-Dharwad and Shri Raju Patil, President Laghu Udyog Bharati-Hubballi Unit participated in the inaugural session of Valvx 2024. In addition, industry leaders, domain specialists, aspiring entrepreneurs and student community graced the occasion

This event was designed keeping triangular networking in mind to connect the Manufacturer, Supplier and Customer. The exhibition stalls were laid accordingly. In all 55 stalls displayed their latest and innovating products and services.

Food Fest- Experience Millets: Aahara Mela

March 16 and 17, 2024, BMS College of Engineering, Bengaluru

Exhibition-Cum-Conference

March 16, 2024

In the backdrop of celebrating the success of Millets rejuvenation in the country, Laghu Udyog Bharati and IMS Foundation, in association with Big Foundation organized "Food Fest-Experience Millets: Aahara Mela" on March 16 and 17, 2024, at BMS College of Engineering, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru. The two-day event exclusively focused on millets as a grain. This Exhibition-Cum-Conclave event was an all-India trade show primarily aimed at bringing together micro, small, and medium industries and connecting them with potential buyers, thereby bringing Millets back on the Indian dining table as a staple food once again.



Inauguration of Food Fest- Experience Millets : Aahara Mela by Dignitaries



Inauguration of Food Fest- Experience Millets : Aahara Mela by Dignitaries

Delivering the welcoming address Shri. Narayana Prasanna, General Secretary, Laghu Udyog Bharati-Karnataka said that the Millets as a grain is now slowly finding its place back on the dining tables once again. Millets are superfoods that can potentially provide a solution to several diseases and metabolic disorders. Superfoods are food items that claim to confer health benefits resulting from their exceptional nutrient density. He said that in addition, Millets are food grains having high nutritional features and health benefits and are cultivated with minimal water and inputs. They are cultivated across the country in various agro-ecological regions, having less infestation of pest and diseases and thus can be grown easily as organic crops.

Inaugurating the two-day event Shri. G Kamala Vardhana Rao, IAS, Chief Executive Officer, FSSAI, Government of India said that India's journey with millets started in 2017 and gained momentum through the Sustainable Development Goals of 2015. It reached a milestone in 2023. Further he said that Millets are often referred to as Superfood and its production can be seen as an

approach for sustainable agriculture and a healthy world. Multidimensional benefits associated with millets can address the issues related to nutrition security, food systems security, and farmers' welfare. In addition, he said that by consuming Millets, massive health benefits can be derived for the population by way of taming malnutrition which is cause for concern in our country. Millets are superfoods that can potentially provide a solution to several diseases and metabolic disorders. They are also gluten-free and have a low glycemic index, making them ideal for people with celiac disease or diabetes.



Shri. G Kamala Vardhana Rao, IAS
Chief Executive Officer
FSSAI-Gol



Prof. Palanimuthu
Director, NIFTEM – Thanjavur

Prof. Palanimuthu, Director, NIFTEM Thanjavur said that there is no need to give up the food you love. Just replace one or two of the ingredients with millets and you will end up eating a tasty, balanced diet that is nutritious too. He said that Millets constitute an important source of food and fodder for millions of resource-poor farmers and play a vital role in ecological and economic security of India. Indian Millets are nutritionally superior to wheat and rice as they are rich in protein, vitamins and minerals.

He further said that the humble millet, for instance, is a whole grain. An excellent source of nutrition, available freely, right under our very noses, yet largely ignored. Millet, though an integral part of our diet for many generations, has been all but forgotten till recently.

Millets are food grains having high nutritional features and health benefits and are cultivated with minimal water & inputs. They are cultivated across the country in various agro-ecological regions, having less infestation of pest and diseases and thus can be grown easily as organic crops. Consequent to the initiative of the Government of India, the United Nations has declared the year 2023 as the International Year of Millets (IYOM). This will create both domestic and global demand and enhance exports from India. To give impetus to the export of potential products as well as to remove the bottlenecks in the supply chain of nutri cereals, the Government, through Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) has created Nutri Cereals Export Promotion Forum.



Dr. Dayakar Rao
Chief Executive Officer
Nutrihub, IIMR-Hyderabad

Delivering the keynote address Shri Navneet Ravikar, Founder, LeadsConnect & Leads Nextech said that Millets have recently drawn more attention due to their many health advantages, ease of production, need for few inputs, and resistance to climate change. Millets can be used as food, fodder, biofuel, and a raw material for a variety of industrial goods in addition to being used as food.



Shri. K Narayana Prasanna,
General Secretary, Laghu Udyog
Bharati-Karnataka

He said that to connect with customers and sell their products, farmers and processors need market linkages. Direct sales, contract farming, and involvement in agricultural markets are just a few examples of the different ways that market links can be created. While contract farming entails working with a buyer to produce a specific product to meet their requirements, direct sales involve selling items to customers directly. He said that LeadsConnect will play a major role in creating market-linkages so that Millets as a Super food will return back on the Indian dining tables once again.

Addressing the audience Dr. Dayakar Rao B, Chief Executive Officer, Nutrihub, IIMR, Hyderabad said that Nutri-cereals [Millets] are important crops for dry land farmers; they are highly nutritious and are climate-compliant crops. But, overall millet consumption in India has declined over the years. In order to revive the demand of millets in India, various efforts are being done by the central and state governments in India. Alongside, ICAR-IIMR has made an attempt to innovate technologies that enable in developing sorghum/millet-based value-added products through NAIP

subproject, 'Creation of Demand through PCS Millets Value Chain.

He said that ICAR-IIMR and other stakeholders of millets have been striving hard in this present era, to take it to next level of production, utilization and marketing to position millets as 'Smart Foods' sustainable and potential future crops with embedded potential to offer food, feed fodder, nutrition, health and fuel security.

Dr. Rao also said that the envisaged primary mission is to promote economic growth by generating and disseminating Ready-to-Use technologies which create markets, respond to current and future economic demands, and maintain the long-term sustainability of the agricultural resource base. The major output of the strategy is coherent with focused research program by ICAR-IIMR which not only targets technologies that respond to economic opportunities but also link producers to markets and make optimal use of existing technologies and technology providers.



Smt. Brindha
General Manager, NABARD
Regional Office-Bengaluru



Dr. H N Suma
Chief Executive Officer
BIG Foundation

He showcased the power of millets as a health enabler and emphasized the fact that it is time that millets are rebranded and repositioned once again as a 'Smart Food'. He also comprehensively spoke on making millets palatable especially, to the younger generation by saying "Health meets Taste" concept.

Smt. Brinda, General Manager, NABARD Regional Office-Bengaluru said that Millets are highly adaptive to a wide range of ecological conditions and thrive well in rain-fed; arid climate and they have minimal requirement of water, fertilizers, and pesticides. She said that the production of Millets has to increase in the course of next few years.

Dr. HN Suma Chief Executive Officer, BIG Foundation extensively spoke on the business opportunities and collaborative initiatives that BMS College of Engineering offers to entrepreneurs willing to venture in the millet business.

Key outcomes from the two-day event:

1. Networking and collaboration opportunity of SMEs in the food sector
2. Awareness about Millets among the students and general public
3. Business/startup opportunities for SMEs through B2B interactions and B2C sales
4. Knowledge sharing of the food industry through talks delivered by experts
5. Exposure to students to venture in the world of food-related business
6. Networking / Collaborations and supporting SHG, Micro and Small business

The event also witnessed top domain experts from NABARD, NIFTEM-Thanjavur, Nutrihub-IIMR, LeadsConnect, ITC, GFI, Grafitec to name a few sharing their incisive thoughts on the millets sector at that two-day conference sessions.

The exhibition, saw over 73 stalls displaying a wide array of Millet-based products. While the concurrent two-day conference showcased on the theme “Destination Millets”, covered various topics including Innovation in Millets, Market Trends and Demand Analysis, supply chain logistics and quality, Financial & Business support, Networking & Collaboration opportunities. Over 1000 delegates actively participated in the conference.

For the general public a recipe-making Competition was hosted to encourage culinary creativity and promote the use of millets in everyday cooking. Two participants were honoured with a cash prize at the competition which was handed over by celebrity Chefs Shri. Vijay Baskaran and Ms. Parul Gupta.

Impact

- Two-day Exhibition-Cum-Conference Event
- 73 Stalls
- 25,000 Footfalls (2 days)
- 48 Business Collaborations
- Rs. 1 Cr. Business Turnover
- Market Linkages for all Exhibitors

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UNIT PROGRAMME 2023-24

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Reconstitution of Mysuru District

August 12, 2023

A new team of Laghu Udyog Bharati- Mysuru District was reconstituted on August 12, 2023.

Shri T Muralidhar Bhagavat was nominated as the President while Shri Rajappa was retained as Secretary.

The new Laghu Udyog Bharati- Mysuru District Office Bearers seen along with LUB-K Office Bearers

As a priority programme LUB Mysore District Unit took up the issue of industrial waste dumped on the roadside.

KIADB is collecting the maintenance charges from the industrialists, but no work is being initiated.

President and Secretary further suggested that with the support of LUB Karnataka, a meeting with the Secretary-KIADB be organised and get the issue solved. The Secretary also be invited to Mysuru to meet the entrepreneurs and listen to the grievances personally.

A few more programmes proposed for 2023-24 related to Gramashilpi Mela, Women Empowerment and Skill Development verticals.



**The New members chalking out
workplan for 2023-24**

Reconstitution of Belagavi Unit & Special Session on MSME

August 26, 2023

Belagavi Unit which is one of the most active units of Laghu Udyog Bharati-Karnataka reconstituted its Office Bearers with Shri Nitin Landage taking over as the new President while Shri. Mahesh Inamdar getting nominated as Secretary of the Laghu Udyog Bharati Belagavi Unit.

As part of the reconstitution event a special session on MSME was organised. Shri. RK Patil, Founder of Vayuvya Labs Belgaum was the Chief Guest at the event. Guests of Honour being Shree Satynarayan Bhat JD DIC GOK, Shree Arvind Rao Deshpande, Saha Sanghchalak RSS Karnataka Uttar Pranth and Dr. Sachin Sabnis, State President, LUBK.

The outgoing President of Belagavi Jilla Ekai Shri Dayanand Netalkar acknowledged and thanked the members for their collective efforts in successfully conducting Gramshilpi, TechBhat and IMS Road Show. Shri. Shridhar Uppin, Secretary also shared his experience.

State President Dr. Sachin Sabnis ji highlighted the need to uplift socio-economic development in the country, and stressed upon Vyavstha Parivartan for a better society. Shri RK Patil lauded the efforts of LUB and called upon industrialists to take up the challenge of getting over them. Shree Arvind Rao Deshpande urged people to dedicate themselves to the service of society without expectations.

In all over new 60 members were present on the occasion.



Laghu Udyog Bharati-Karnataka: Vishwakarma Jayanti

September 17, 2023

For the first time Laghu Udyog Bharati-Karnataka Chapter celebrated the Vishwakarma Jayanti across several districts in the State.

As we understand, Vishwakarma Jayanti is performed to revere and celebrate the birth of Vishwakarma Deity. This festival is observed to honour the God who is known to be the architect and who created the entire universe and Earth.

Usually down South of India, as part of the Dasara Festivities, Ayudha Pooja is celebrated which is similar to Vishwakarma Jayanti, where the industrial unit is decorated with flowers and colour papers. Ayudha Puja is not just about industry and machineries; it is also celebrated as Saraswati Puja in certain parts of South India. The essence of the ritual lies in offering the workplace to the goddess before using them, seeking her blessings and permission. This act is believed to bring success and prosperity to one's workplace. It also celebrated to thank God for the smooth conduct of the men and machinery in the future as well.

During Ayudha Pooja, factories Owners and employees perform pooja to the machineries and other tools that is used at the workplace. As part of the celebration, Human Capital which plays a key role in maintaining the quality, quantity and cost of the products, is also recognised for their contribution to industry growth.

In this backdrop, Laghu Udyog Bharati Head Office requested LUB-K to celebrate Vishwakarma Jayanti on 17th September, 2023 with Staff members on these following lines:

- Worship Lord Vishwakarma Jayanti with arrangements for Prasad.
- To felicitate one or more outstanding workers of your Unit.
- To provide Scholarships or support in providing books/uniforms and to felicitate the brilliant children of Staff Member/s.
- To organize a Medical Camp for the Staff member and their family.
- Medical Card for Staff members.
- Any other program as per industry unit requirement.

Accordingly, several of the district units in Karnataka performed the Vishwakarma Jayanti with great favour at their workplaces.

Awareness and Orientation Programme at Bagalakote District

September 25, 2023

As part of its expansion of units, Laghu Udyog Bharati-Karnataka explored the possibility of establishing a unit in Bagalakote District in this North Karnataka region.

As an exploratory visit, a senior team from LUB-K conducted an awareness and orientation programme at Bagalakote District on September 25, 2023 to showcase the activities of Laghu Udyog Bharati and how it will directly help MSME industry at this potential industrial-base of Bagalakote.

Shri. Sandeep Parvatikar delivered presentation on various initiatives and activities that LUB-K is involved to the industry leaders at Bagalakote. The meeting was very fruitful as all the industry leaders who were present at the meeting evinced keen interest in becoming a member of LUB-K.

Over 40 MSME units participated in this event.



**Shri Sandeep Parvatikar, EC Member, LUB-K meeting
MSME Leaders in Bagalakote**

Business Outreach Programme at Hubballi District

September 29, 2023

As part of the ongoing Business outreach programme at various district which is held on a regular basis to enroll members into the fold of Laghu Udyog Bharati-Karnataka, a similar session was hosted at Hubballi on September 29, 2023.

The Business Outreach Programme was hosted by Dr. Sachin B Sabnis, President, Laghu Udyog Bharati Karnataka who extensively spoke on the MSMEs role in keeping the Indian manufacturing and services sectors well-oiled and contributing to the exchequer post-Independence era.

Shri. Narayana Prasanna, General Secretary, Laghu Udyog Bharati-Karnataka showcased various initiatives and activities that this apex MSME organisation has been promoting since the last two plus decades. Shri Bhojaraj CN, Secretary who also addressed the industry captains on the occasion, spoke on how to further strengthen the District units.

In addition, a special session was held to showcase the upcoming 6th edition of IMS 2023 Exhibition in Bengaluru and requested Members to actively participate in this International Expo.

Over 40 industry leaders participated.



**Dr. Sachin Sabnis, President,
Laghu Udyog Bharati-Karnataka emphasizing
the MSME Role in the contribution to the
Indian Economy**



Industry captains at the Hubballi session

Gramashilpi Prakosta: Skill Test for Artisans Card

September 29, 2023

Gramashilpi Prakosta: Issue of Artisan Cards To Artisans of Belagavi District

Laghu Udyog Bharati-Karnataka has taken the lead in supporting rural artisans in conserving the rich artefact heritage in Karnataka.

During the last three years, two major and several micro melas have been organised across Karnataka to support the conservation efforts of this rich traditional rural art form which is slowly getting destroyed from the mainstream.

LUB-K has directly intervened on various fronts to support the artisans on several aspects vis-à-vis:

- Get Government support
- Use Contemporary designs
- Training on Wood seasoning
- Use of natural dyes
- Marketing linkages
- Export promotion

Laghu Udyog Bharati-Karnataka is very keen to promote this art form among the young so that they carry this exquisite art form to the next generation.

As a step forward, IMS Foundation and Laghu Udyog Bharati Karnataka Belagavi District jointly with the support of Office of the Handicrafts Department organised an skill test for issue of Artisans Cards to Artisans of Belagavi district under the Gramashilpi Prakosta banner on September 29, 2023.

Commissioner, Handicrafts (Dharwad) officials were present at the skill test session. Around 70 new Artisans participated and demonstrated their art work.

Once the government assesses the skills, it will issue the Artisans Card which entitles them to various government and private agencies benefits.



Vital Life Skill: Dealing with STRESS

October 7, 2023

A crucial session on “Vital Life Skill: Dealing with STRESS!” by Anu Gupta from Aspiro Consulting LLP. Participants will gain actionable insights into identifying, managing, and preventing stress.



Reconstitution of Laghu Udyog Bharati-Hassan Unit

October 11 2023

Laghu Udyog Bharati - Karnataka reconstituted its Hassan Unit in a simple ceremony in Hassan.

The following are the new Office Bearers of the Laghu Udyog Bharati-Hassan Unit took charge for a term of two years (2023-2025). Shri. H. R Madan Kumar was nominated as President, President while Shri R. Shivananda took over as Secretary of the Laghu Udyog Bharati-Hassan Unit.

Issue of Artisan Cards To Artisans of Belagavi District

September 29, 2023

Laghu Udyog Bharati Karnataka Belagavi Unit jointly with Office of the Handicrafts Department organised a skill test to issue of Artisans Cards to Artisans of Belagavi. Skill Tests were organised for the artisans to gauge their skill sets. Development Commissioner, Handicrafts (Dharwad) officials were present at the skill test session.

From Laghu Udyog Bharati President Shri Nitin Landge, Secretary Mahesh Inamdar, State EC Member Shri Basavaraj Rampure, Shri. Vinit Harkuni and Belagavi unit EC Member Shri Prashant Patil were present on the occasion.

Around 70 new Artisans participated and demonstrated their art work to the officials.

Interaction with Joint Director-District Industries Centre Hassan District

October 11, 2023

The Laghu Udyog Bharati-Hassan District was reconstituted with new faces adorning the district unit on October 11, 2023.

Shri. Prakash Yaji, a senior industry leaders took over as the President while Shri. R Shivanand as the Secretary of the LUB Hassan District.

Post the reconstitution of the unit, an interactive session with Shri. Dinesh Thimmaiah Joint Director, District Industries Centre, Hassan division was organised. Several grievances were placed before him for redressal. He has assured the industry leaders that each of the issues will be resolved within the framework of the law with a time bound approach.

The Joint Director also showcased a few government schemes beneficial to the MSMEs based out of Hassan.

Shri. Narayana Prasanna, General Secretary Laghu Udyog Bharati-Karnataka while highlighting the various activities that LUB-K is involved, made a clarion call on the occasion to encourage more Women to turn into Entrepreneurs.

Over 50 members participated at the Seminar.



**Shri. Dinesh Thimmaiah, Joint Director,
DIC Hassan at the event along with
LUB-K Office Bearers**



**Shri. Dinesh Thimmaiah, Joint Director,
District Industries Centre, Hassan
addressing the members**



Industry leaders at the meeting

Gramashilpi Prakosta: Skill Test for Artisans Card Issue of Artisan Cards To Artisans of Udupi & Mangalore

October 18, 2023

Continuing the support for Rural artisans, Laghu Udyog Bharati Karnataka jointly with Office of the Handicrafts Department organised another Skill test programme for Udupi and Mangaluru artisans to issue of Artisans Cards on October 18, 2023 under the Gramashilpi Prakosta banner. The skill test programme was organised with the support of Anegudii Matha.

Around 40 Artisans took the skill test and demonstrated their art work in front of the officials. Shortly they will be issued the Artisans Card.



**Ms. Veena, Assistant Director,
Development Commissioner, Handicrafts (Mangaluru)
personally supervising the Skill Test at Udupi**



**Ms. Veena, Assistant Director,
Development Commissioner, Handicrafts (Mangaluru)
was personally present to oversee the skill test.**

Artisans Mela at Belagavi District

October 25, 2023

A few of the Laghu Udyog Bharati, Women Entrepreneurs participated in the 7-day Crafts and Weaves Artisans Mela organised by Development Commission, Handicrafts, Government of India and Ministry of Textiles on October 25, 2023 in Belagavi.

The Mela was inaugurated by Shri Satyanarayan Bhat Joint Director DIC and CEDOK Director Shri Kotur.

Handicrafts Department Assistant Director Smt. Darshana Raghavan was also present at the inaugural function.

About 25 Artisans had put up stalls at the B2C Mela.



Inauguration of Belagavi Mela



Interactive Session with Industry Leaders

October 28, 2023

As part of forming a new Committee of Laghu Udyog Bharati Hubballi District, an interactive session was organised to understand various issues related to MSMEs in the district.

Shri. Vekappayya R Desai, Director IIT Dharwad, Shri. Shridhar R Nadiger, Uttara Prantha Karyakarini Sadasya, RSS shared their thoughts with industry leaders.

LUB-K also launched and showcased IMS exhibition with a video and pitched for members to take up stalls at the IMS 2023 exhibition.

As part of the event Valve Cluster was inaugurated in Hubballi.



**Shri Shri Parampujya Abhinav
Revansiddeshwar Mahaswamiji Rayana
blessed the event**



Laghu Udyog Bharati-Hubballi Unit Reconstituted

October 28, 2023

A new committee was constituted for the Laghu Udyog Bharati Hubballi unit under. While Shri. Raju Patil continued as President Shri. Prasad Pawate took over as Secretary.

Coinciding with the event a curtain raiser was organised to announce the Valvx Conference. It was inaugurated by Mr. Vekappayya R Desai, Director IIT Dharwad.

Shri Shridhar R Nadiger Uttara Prantha Karyakarini Sadasya RSS was also present on the occasion. The programme was blessed by Shri Shri Parampujya Abhinav Revansiddeshwar Mahaswamiji Rayanal.



Oota From Thota: Farm to Fork

November 12, 2023

LUB Bangalore North District were part of the Oota from Thota (Farm to Fork) along with Garden City Farmers, Adamya Chetana, Rotary Udyog and Hosachiguru.

This was basically organised to spread awareness of growing organic food and consumption of organic food.

Several standalone workshops were conducted at the event. In all over 55 stalls dished out various food items for the general masses.



Interactive Session with MSME-DI, DIC and NSIC Belagavi District

November 29, 2023

Laghu Udyog Bharati Belagavi District in association with Belgaum District Small Scale Industries Association (BDSSIA) organised an interactive session on the topic "Awareness Program on Various Government Schemes of MSME, DIC and NSIC" in Belagavi on November 29, 2023.

Various Government Schemes which are applicable for MSMEs were showcased by Shri M Sreevatsan, Zonal GM, NSIC, Shri Karthik, Asst Director MSME-DFO, and Shri Satyanarayan Bhat, JD, DIC Belagavi.

On the occasion veteran industrialist Shri. Dilip Chitnis, Managing Director Hyloc Hydrotechnic and Director Polyhydron Group was felicitated for his industry contribution.

Over 150 industry leaders participated in the interactive session.



Government officers at the interactive session



**Veteran Industrialist Shri. Dilip Chitnis
being felicitated**



A section of the audience at the session

Abhyas Varga at Belagavi District Belagavi District

December 8, 2023

Laghu Udyog Bharati-Belagavi District Unit organised an Abhyas Varga at Belagavi on December 8, 2023.

On this occasion session was addressed by Shri Narendra Ji, Pranth Pracharak, Karnataka Uttar. He shared his valuable thoughts about Indian economic model that existed for centuries and its importance. He also spoke about role of Karyakarta in organisation building. He also stressed upon Personal Social Responsibility for looking after the society we exist apart from making profits.

During the second session Shri Jagdish Hiremath spoke about his journey as an entrepreneur and the influence of Sangh values in him to take up challenges he faced. He also spoke about ethical management.

Last session of the day was addressed by Dr. Sachin Sabnis, President LUB Karnataka who spoke about the Laghu Udyog Bharati and its activities and role of Laghu Udyog Bharati members in the way they run their enterprises. He also spoke about "Mera Udyog Mera Parivar" concept in building good relations with workforce.

Over 50 participants attended the session.



LUB-K and IISc Program on Innovation at BIET Inauguration of Davengere Unit

Jan 16, 2024

Continuing its knowledge capsule series to the MSMEs and Student community, the MSME Centre of Excellence, Indian Institute of Science (IISc) in association with Laghu Udyog Bharati-Karnataka (LUB-K), IMS Foundation and Bapuji Institute of Engineering and Technology organised a daylong Conference on the theme Design Awareness Program for Innovating MSMEs & Students on January 16, 2024 at BIET Campus-Davanagere.

Key Topics discussed at the seminar included:

- Cutting-Edge Technologies for MSMEs
- Power of Innovation & Curiosity
- Identification of Innovative ideas & Scheme Support
- Promotional Schemes of MSME-Ministry for MSMEs
- Skill Development Activity/Courses at HAL-IISc-SDC
- Entrepreneurship Journey – Challenges & Opportunities for MSMEs (Case Study – Toys)

Over 700 students and 50 MSME industry leaders participated in the daylong event.

Continuing the efforts of expanding LUB-K's presence in Districts across Karnataka, a new unit was established in Davanagere on January 16, 2024.

In a simple ceremony, Dr. Sachin Sabnis, President LUB-K and Shri Narayana Prasanna General Secretary, LUB-K formally announced the names of the Davanagere unit. Shri Hanumanta Rao was nominated as President and Shri Basavaraj as Secretary of the new unit.

Celebration of Vishwakarma Jayanti at District Unit











Design Awareness Program for Innovating MSMEs & Students Kalaburagi

February 7, 2024

MSME Centre of Excellence, Indian Institute of Science (IISc) in association with Laghu Udyog Bharati-Karnataka (LUB-K), IMS Foundation and Sharnbasva University organised the third in the series of knowledge capsule session on the theme Design Awareness Program for Innovating MSMEs & Students on February 7, 2024 at Sharnbasva University Campus, Kalaburagi.

Dr. Lakshmi Patil Maka, Dean, Sharnbasva University welcomed all the speakers and honoured the guests and dignitaries present in the event.



Inauguration of Design Awareness Program for Innovating MSMEs & Students



**Dr. Lakshmi Patil Maka
Dean of Sharnbasva University
welcoming the participants.**

Shri. Narayana Prasanna, General Secretary, Laghu Udyog Bharati-Karnataka delivering the welcome address said that the “Design Awareness Program for Innovating MSMEs & Students” is being hosted on the right time and India is at the inflection point of complete paradigm shift in the way the industry operates and functions now.

Dr. T.V. Prabhakar, Chief Research Scientist DESE, Principal Investigator, MSME CoE, IISc. delivering the Chief Guest address at the Sharnbasva University

He said: “In this transitory period, India is now fast becoming the global manufacturing hub. It is very important that keeping this perspective in the hindsight, Industry need to adopt innovation in every process, so that they are ready to manufacture products for the world with ease and confidence.

He further said: “All of us present here do recognize the fact that, Innovation and disruptive technologies are very essential, to not just excel in what we do, but also to simply survive in this highly competitive global village concept.

Shri Narayana Prasanna said that “Academically speaking Innovation can be defined as a major catalyst for improving the creativity, character and thought process of a company. By stimulating the imagination of employees, an organization can attain desired heights. Therefore, Innovation in Entrepreneurship can open the doors to various opportunities by helping the business keep up with



**Dr. T.V. Prabhakar,
Chief Research Scientist DESE,
Principal Investigator, MSME CoE, IISc.
delivering the Chief Guest address
at the Sharnbasva University**

current market demands and trends.

He concluded by saying: "Innovation is the key to maintain competitive advantage in a market and gain leadership. Ideas are the most essential input for an innovation process to start. Design thinking has long been considered as a prominent growth engine to brace competitiveness of the industry in the market. Also, Innovation plays a key role in providing sustainability and growth for the firm.

While Dr. T.V. Prabhakar, Chief Research Scientist DESE, Principal Investigator, MSME CoE, IISc. delivering his Chief Guest address on the theme "Cutting edge Technologies for SMEs" presented a case study of Machine-based Vision Inspection (MVIS) of Indian Railway Dedicated freight corridor inspection system of carriages using Yolo Object algorithm to check the Wagon Number, EM bolts & pads, missing springs etc. Interaction of humans with virtual elements like Haptic glove controlling a virtual object, use of Augmented Reality & IoT Ex. Telemedicine for remote surgery/ operations, Transfer of dangerous gas from one cylinder to another etc.

He said that the extensive use of AI & ML to overcome traditional barriers of growth and converting traditional lathe to IoT based using Grid Array sensors, Arduino Nicla Vision & Canny Edge software for checking the wear of the cutting tool. Use of Sensors in precision AgriTech, Transportation, Healthcare etc. He emphasised that fact that "Imagination is the Manthra".

Prof. H.S. Jamadagni, Retd. Professor DESE, IISc. addressing on the topic: Innovation & Future Imperatives spoke on how the new technologies of AI/ML, Lithium-Ion Batteries, Blue LED & Optical have created disruption in the way we live, he also deliberated on the Human greed for precious metals, corruption that is destroying the fragile earth that we live on.



Prof. H.S. Jamadagni,
*Retd. Professor DESE IISc. addressing
the MSME leaders and Students
at the Sharnbasva University*



Expressing his concern on the use of technology creating more disparity between Rich and the Poor and decrease in jobs with the advent of Automation, Prof. Jamadagni emphasized the use of Automation in a human-centric way. He said to achieve sustainability, we must reduce energy and power consumption, recover, reuse and repurpose all raw materials and minimize wastage of materials.

He gave the example of Grameena Bank & Grameena Telecom system using aggregation as a business model for viability.



Shri. Narayana Prasanna,
General Secretary,
Laghu Udyog Bharati-Karnataka
delivering the Welcome address

Prof. H.S. Jamadagni reiterated the fact that the Sustainable Development model is the way forward and MSMEs can innovate many new products and processes keeping in mind the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG-17).

Shri. S.M. Jamkhandi, Project Scientist MSME CoE IISc gave an exhaustive presentation on the topic of Innovation, the people desirability, business viability and technical feasibility for the commercialization of Innovation. He also gave examples of types of Innovation like Creative, Destructive, Disruptive, Visible & Invisible.

He elaborated on the triggers of Innovations, the five-step process namely:

Challenging problems, Root Cause Analysis (RCA), Finding Solutions, Brain storm and select and Convert to Concept. Shri. Jamkhandi highlighted the provisions in the DC MSME scheme for Design, Incubation, IPR & Seed Fund.

Shri. B.S. Srinivasan CEO of Vipprof Electronics & VP of LUB K spoke on the importance of innovation in MSME sector as well as the two years of efforts to Revive, accelerate the exponential growth of Heritage & Cultural sector (Handicrafts) Toy Clusters, Kinnal & Channapatna through design innovation with boundary partners MSME units with domain expertise. He explained the process by identifying the problem, root cause analysis, finding solutions, brainstorming and selecting the solution, developing the proof of concept using the 5-trigger principle. He presented an example of innovations that can be done in Food Processing and Packaging Industries which meets the hidden expectations of the customer.

Smt. Madhushree, Founder Silver Spoon Enterprise shared an insight into Women Entrepreneurs activities in Kalaburagi and their vision for next few years.

Dr. Basanti Ghanti, Sharnbasva University summarized the day-long proceedings and put forward her thoughts for taking the ideas of Hackathon at the Institution to a logical end.

Over 80 MSME leaders and 300 students participated in the day-long session.



Dr. Basanti Ghanti,
Sharnbasva University
summarizing the day-long session.

Inauguration of the Laghu Udyog Bharati-Tumakuru Unit

Tumakuru, March 26, 2024 :

Continuing its expansion journey of being present in all the 31 Districts in Karnataka, Laghu Udyog Bharati established yet another new District unit in Tumakuru on March 26, 2024 in the presence of Shri. Prakash Chandra ji, All India Organising Secretary, Laghu Udyog Bharati. With this the total number of full-fledged Units has increased to 15 Districts.



Shri. Prakash Chandra ji, All India Organising Secretary, Laghu Udyog Bharati inaugurating the new Tumakuru unit

Tumakuru is the first II-Tier city which is in the process of replicating the industrial and knowledge success of Bengaluru and has a number of diverse industries verticals based out of this city.

Shri. Prakash Chandra ji, All India Organising Secretary, Laghu Udyog Bharati inaugurating the new Tumakuru unit said that it is very important to be present in all the 31 districts in Karnataka as this will foster a good bargaining strength with the government to push various policies inputs to promote and develop MSMEs in the State.

He said that with the establishment of Tumakuru Unit he was confident that in the next couple of months Karnataka will have many more full-fledged district units in the state.

As part of the inauguration of the new unit, an Abhayas Varga was organised for the Laghu Udyog Bharati-Karnataka Chapter members where Shri. Prakash Chandra ji sharing the historical industries perspective said that at one time, India's GDP stood at 34 percent and due to various deviations, it nose-dived a bit.



Dr. Sachin B Sabnis, President, LUB-K, delivering the Welcome Address

However, he was of the opinion that since there is a stable government now in place, India has all the wherewithal to once again regain its past industrial glory and become a super economic power in the next one-two decades.

Shri. Prakash Chandra ji commended the New President of Laghu Udyog Bharati-Tumakuru Unit Shri Ravi Shankar and Secretary Shri. Sriharsha and requested the team to make the new unit a cynosure of all eyes in the Tumakuru District.

Shri. P S Srikanta Dutta, All India Vice President, Laghu Udyog Bharati, Dr. Sachin B Sabnis, President Laghu Udyog Bharati-Karnataka and

Shri. K Narayana Prasanna, General Secretary, Laghu Udyog Bharati-Karnataka spoke at the event. Several Office Bearers from different districts were also present at the inauguration of Tumakuru Unit.



***Shri. HVS Krishna, Chairman,
IMS Foundation addressing the members***

Post lunch, a Samvad -an interactive meeting with Shri. Prakash Chandra ji was organised with the Members of Laghu Udyog Bharati-Karnataka where each of the district unit leaders listed out activities in their respective districts and also shared their forthcoming programmes to further strengthen Laghu Udyog Bharati-Karnataka's presence in the state.

Over 75 industry captains from diverse industry backgrounds participated in the day long programme.



***Shri. Ravi Shankar, New President of LUB-Tumakuru
Unit delivering the accepting speech***



***New members of Laghu Udyog
Bharati-Tumakuru Unit***

Samvad with Shri. Prakash Chandra ji All India Organising Secretary, Laghu Udyog Bharati



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Programmes of Laghu Udyog Bharati-Karnataka Pranth Inauguration of Hosapete Unit and Seminar on MSME

August 19, 2023

Laghu Udyog Bharati-Karnataka is close to achieving its ambition of having units in all the 31 Districts of Karnataka. Pursuing this ambitious, LUB-K inaugurated yet another new District Unit in Northern part of Karnataka Hosapete.

Shri. Nagendra Prasad was nominated as the President while, Shri. Sathish Gupta took over as Secretary of the new Hosapete Unit.

As part of the inauguration of Hosapete District Unit at Hosapete, a Seminar on MSME was organised on the same day. Shri. B Somashekar, Joint Director-District Industry Centre, Bellary and Vijayanagar District who was the Chief Guest addressed MSME leaders on the various Government schemes.

Shri. Satish, Executive Committee Member, Laghu Udyog Bharati-Karnataka hosted a special session on financial literacy for the members while Shri M J Prasad, Secretary spoke on the role and business opportunities for MSME. Shri. Ravi Kumar, Joint General Secretary who was also present at the event showcased LUB-K's activities.

Over 40 Members attended the special session.



**Dr. Sachin Sabnis, President,
Laghu Udyog Bharati-Karnataka
addressing the new Hosapete Team**



**Shri. B Somashekar,
Joint Director-District Industry Centre, Bellary &
Vijayanagar District was present at the seminar**

Entrepreneur Development Program KLE College of Engineering

October 18, 2023

Laghu Udyog Bharati-Hubballi Unit hosted an Entrepreneur Development Program to trigger the entrepreneurial Mindset of the final year Mechanical students at KLE Engineering College.

Shri Prashant Hebsur delivered the speech covering various aspects of entrepreneurship to the students and requested them to opt entrepreneurship as a career.

The HOD of the Engineering Department of KLE acknowledged that the session was very beneficial for the outgoing students.

LUB-K has offered to conduct the Entrepreneur Development Programs on a regular basis for final year students every year. KLE in principle agreed to the EDP proposal submitted by Laghu Udyog Bharati.

Over 70 students were present at the EDP event.



**Final year engineering students
at the EDP session**

MLA Academy of Higher Learning Innovation and Entrepreneurship Conference

December 22, 2023

As part of the continuing EDP series involving Colleges Laghu Udyog Bharati-Karnataka in association with MLA Academy of Higher Learning on the topic: "Innovation and Entrepreneurship".

Shri. K Narayana Prasanna, General Secretary, Laghu Udyog Bharati-Karnataka addressing the students spoke extensively on the role innovation does for the sustenance of the industry sector.

He said, in this transitory period where India is now fast becoming the global manufacturing hub and in the process of replacing China in a few core sectors. It is very important that keeping this perspective in the hindsight, Industry need to adopt innovation in every process, so that they are ready to manufacture products for the world with ease and confidence.

It is a known fact that the Micro, Small & Medium Enterprise (MSME) sector is one of the largest contributors to India's economy. It contributes 6.11 percent of the country's manufacturing Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and 24.63 percent of the GDP through services activity.

The sector accounts for about 33.4 percent of India's total manufacturing output. It employs more than 120 million people in the country and is the second-largest employer in rural India after agriculture. The MSME sector in India is growing rapidly. More than 50 percent of MSMEs are located in rural areas and the sector accounts for nearly 50 percent of the total exports from the country. It is one of the most important sectors for the growth of the country.

Innovation and disruptive technologies are very essential to not just excel in what the industry does, but also to simply survive in this highly competitive global village concept.

Academically speaking Innovation in Entrepreneurship can be defined as a major catalyst for improving the creativity, character and thought process of a company. By stimulating the imagination of employees, an organization can attain desired heights.

Innovation in Entrepreneurship can open the doors to various opportunities by helping the business keep up with current market demands and trends.

A solid business innovation strategy can be integral to a company's growth and success. But if you ask a dozen different people, What is business Innovation?, you'll likely get a dozen different answers. That is because the role of innovation in business evolves along with the company.

Innovation can be best defined as the art of implementing new ideas, strategies, and thought processes with a vision to introduce or improve the present. Everybody has their own definition of



innovation but the common component in the definition is a focus on newness, improvement, and the spread of ideas and technologies.

India is now focusing more on the manufacturing and increasing domestic value addition, for the very simple reason, that no country can enhance or sustain its position by compromising its manufacturing capabilities. It is here innovation and constant change is very paramount.



Over 200 students participated in the half-day event where Smt. Shailaja Srinivasa, President Malleshwaram Ladies Association, Dr. Lakshmi V, Hon. Secretary, Malleshwaram Ladies Association and Dr. PV Padmaja, Principal, MLA Academy of Higher Learning also spoke on the occasion.

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**WOMEN CELL
2023-24**

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Interactive session with Women Entrepreneurs

August 19, 2023

An Interactive Session with Woman Entrepreneurs was organised on August 19, 2023.

Dr. Manjula, State Programme Director, Mahila Samakha Karnataka addressed the gathering on various Government Schemes for MSMEs and numerous opportunities available for women entrepreneurs.

While Shri Abhishek, Chief Manager-SBI, spoke on the on the Government sponsored Schemes for MSMEs that are available with SBI. Shri Raveendranath

Kaushik, Secretary, Laghu Udyog Bharti, Karnataka, spoke extensively about fundable business project reports.

Over 50 industry leaders participated in the programme.



Inauguration of Women Entrepreneurs Cell at Belagavi

September 26, 2023

Laghu Udyog Bharati-Karnataka is in the forefront of encouraging women to get into entrepreneurship on a large scale as they constitute more than 50 percent of the population. In view of this, LUB-K proposes to have Women Entrepreneur Cells at all the District centres in Karnataka.

In view of this Laghu Udyog Bharati-Karnataka inaugurated the Women Entrepreneur Cell at Belagavi on September 26, 2023. This is the second Women Cell of LUB Karnataka. More such Women Cells will shortly be established in Karnataka.



**The Core team of Women Entrepreneurs
Cell Laghu Udyog Bharati-Belagavi**



**Dr. Sachin B Sabnis seen along
with the new Women's Cell**

Meeting with Women and Child Welfare Minister Smt Lakshmi Hebbalkar

November 21, 2023

Key members of Laghu Udyog Bharati- Belagavi Women Entrepreneurs Cell met with Women and Child Welfare Minister Smt Lakshmi Hebbalkar in Belagavi.

Smt Priya Puranik, State Secretary, Laghu Udyog Bharati, Karnataka and Smt Nalini Vemolkar, Women Cell Chairperson of Belagavi District unit apprised the Minister about various activities.

They also discussed several issues related to women entrepreneurs like securing loan, Industry land, setting up of a Common Facility Centre, etc., with Minister Smt Lakshmi Hebbalkar.

In principle the Minister assured that she will support the Women Entrepreneurship in whatever possible way.



Smt Lakshmi Hebbalkar, Women and Child Welfare Minister, GoK meeting LUB-K Members

Inaugural of Womencell

Inauguration of Laghu Udyog Bharati - Belagavi Unit Women Entrepreneurs Cell



Awareness on First Aid at Domestic Area February 3rd, 2024



Report on International Women's Day Celebration

A Collective Power of Women in Transforming Society

March 17 2024

Introduction

Laghu Udyog Bharati Dharwad Huballi hosted a significant celebration in honor of International Women's Day. Under the theme "A Collective Power of Women in Transforming Society," the event aimed to recognize and celebrate the pivotal role of women in driving positive change and shaping the future of our society. With an impressive turnout of approximately 80 members, the function proved to be a remarkable success, serving as a platform to honor women's achievements and empower them towards greater heights.

Dr. Charantimath's presence graced the occasion, enriching the event with her profound insights and extensive experience in academia and women's empowerment.

Dr. Matikoppa's commitment to education and social upliftment resonated with the theme of the celebration, inspiring attendees with her visionary leadership.

Mr. Suhas Rajput, Guest Speaker for "Her Money Talks": Mr. Rajput's expertise in financial literacy provided attendees with valuable knowledge and practical advice, empowering them to take control of their financial well-being.

Shri S C Patil (Raju), President of Laghu Udyog Bharati, Huballi Cell, presided over the function, delivering an inspiring address highlighting the importance of women's empowerment and the collective efforts that Laghu Udyog Bharati is been doing in various aspects to uplift the society for economic growth.

Recognition of Women Changemakers: Women from diverse backgrounds and professions were invited to the event, and those who have made significant contributions to society were recognized and honored for their exceptional achievements.

Financial Literacy Session: A dedicated one-hour session on financial literacy, facilitated by Mr. Suhas Rajput, provided attendees with valuable insights into managing finances, investment strategies, and economic empowerment, equipping them with the tools to secure their financial futures.

Artisan Cards Distribution: As part of the event, artisan cards were distributed to support local artisans and promote their craftsmanship. This initiative aimed to empower women artisans and create opportunities for economic growth and sustainability.

Exceptional women members who played crucial roles. Dr. Sunanda K, Secretary, served as the Program Coordinator but also took charge as the Master of Ceremonies, ensuring the smooth execution of the event. Smt. Hema Bentur, Secretary, assumed the role of overall in-charge, overseeing the entire program, and specifically spearheaded the distribution of Artisan cards. Smt. Aparna Pujari, an Executive Member, eloquently introduced all the esteemed delegates, setting the tone for the proceedings. Lastly, Smt. Shobha concluded the event with a heartfelt vote of thanks.

Laghu Udyog Bharati Dharwad Huballi



**Attended programme by G.I.Z on Gender Discrimination at work place
Requested G.I.Z resource person to organise this programme women cell
February 5th, 2024**



**International Women's Day Celebration with the support of
T.J.S.B,
March 18th, 2024**



Discussion with Join Director DIC and requested Department support for womencell Joint Director Briefed on Department Schemes, Mudra, PMEGPEtc. And also said tha the will provide Skill Traning,ifneeded. Smt Priya Puranik, State Secretary initiated this meeting. September 28th ,2023



Best wishes from National General Secretary Smt. Anju Bajaj for womencell (OnVideocall) September 29th, 2023



Women Cell members had meeting with State President, Dr Sachin Sabnis and took his advise.



Smt. PriyaPuranik, Smt. NaliniKumar, & Smt. Latahada fruitful Meeting with railway official who is incharge of outlet in railway station Requested for women entrepreneur product outlet at railway station Date: 20 October 2023



Conducted Presentation on Opportunities and Significance of Innovation and IPR on January 23rd, 2024



Gallery



Awardees



Cultural Programme



Exhibitors



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- Karnataka Small Scale Industries Association (KASSIA)
- Peenya Industries Association (PIA)
- Bangalore Chamber of Industry & Commerce (BCIC) and other industry associations for their close interaction.

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- Additional Chief Secretary and principal Secretary of department of Industries and Commerce GOK.
- National Small industries Corporation (NSIC)
- Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB)
- Karnataka Industrial Area Development Board (KIADB)
- Karnataka Council for Technology Up gradation (KCTU)
- Karnataka State Financial Corporation (KSFC)
- Karnataka State Small Industries Development Corporation Limited (KSSIDC)

Banks Like:

- Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)
- Canara Bank
- State Bank of India (SBI)
- Corporation Bank
- Yes Bank
- UGRO Capital
- National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)
- Infrastructure Development Finance Bank (IDFC)
- Thane Janata Sahakari Bank (TJSB)

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