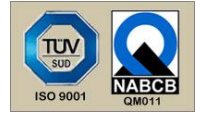




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# Andhra Chamber of Commerce

(INCORPORATED UNDER SECTION 8 OF THE COMPANIES ACT)

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## ACTIVITIES OF THE CHAMBER

Andhra Chamber of Commerce established on August 17, 1928 is one of the leading Chambers of Commerce in India. It is a Company Limited by Guarantee incorporated under the Companies Act. Among those who were actively associated with the Chamber in its early years special mention should be made of **Dewan Bahadur Kommireddi Suryanarayanamurthy Naidu, Shri V. Ramadas Pantulu, Shri Narayandas Girdhardas, Shri Vavilla Venkateswara Sastrulu, Shri Cothuru Ranganayakulu Chetty, Shri B. Papaiah Chetty, Shri Kowtha Suryanarayana Rao, Desodharaka Shri Kasinadhuni Nageswara Rao Pantulu, Andhra Kesari Shri T. Prakasam Pantulu, Dewan Bahadur Balasundaram Naidu, Shri P.T. Kumaraswamy Chetty, Shri Bezwada Ramachandra Reddy and Shri Bezwada Gopala Reddy.** The Chamber is recognised by the Government of India and the Governments of Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu as an accredited spokesman of the business community. The Chamber has been accorded representation on many public and quasi-public bodies constituted by the Government of India and the State Governments.

The Chamber has around 1750 Members and over 50 Chambers of Commerce, Industrial and Trade Associations are its affiliated Members. The Chamber has its offices at Chennai, Secunderabad, Visakhapatnam, Vijayawada and Nellore. Though the Members are mainly drawn from the States of **Tamilnadu, Telangana and Andhra Pradesh, the Chamber has Members in Karnataka, Kerala, Pondicherry and even Delhi, Haryana, Chandigarh, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal.** The Chamber is an affiliated Member of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry, New Delhi, International Chamber of Commerce, Paris, ICC India -- Indian National Committee of International Chamber of Commerce, New Delhi, All India Organisation of Employers, New Delhi and the Council for Fair Business Practices, Mumbai. The Chamber is also an Associate Member of the India Trade Promotion Organisation (ITPO), New Delhi.

The Chamber is one of the bodies authorised by the Government of India as early as 1944 under the International Convention for Simplification of Customs Formalities for issue of Certificates of Origin in respect of Exports from India.

The Chamber functions through 22 Sub-Committees, Industry/Trade Panels under the overall supervision of the Executive Committee. Roughly 75% of the Members are represented on different Sub-Committees and or Panels of the Chamber reflecting wider participation of the Members in the activities of the Chamber and thus its democratic set up.

#### 1. **Information Bulletin:**

The Chamber brings out a Monthly Publication in English – “INFORMATION BULLETIN” (71<sup>th</sup> year of publication) which covers Exports, Imports, Industrial Development. Direct and Indirect Taxes, Labour Laws, Corporate Laws, IPR etc.

## 2. Annual Report:

Published annually. This reviews the activities of the Chamber during the year concerned; and

## 3. Classified Directory of Members:

The Chamber publishes Classified Directory of Members once in two years. The Directory classifies all its Members under more than 2,000 industry and trade classifications

In addition, the Chamber issues a large number of circulars. The Chamber provides as much information as possible to the Members in the furtherance of their industry and or trade.

The Chamber has a well equipped library and reading room which is made use of by Members.

The **Silver Jubilee** of the Chamber was celebrated in 1953. It was inaugurated by Dr. S. Radhakrishnan, then Vice-President of India. The Golden Jubilee was celebrated in 1979 and it was inaugurated by H.E. Shri Prabhudas Patwari, then Governor of Tamilnadu. The **Diamond Jubilee** was celebrated in 1988. The same was inaugurated by Shri M. Arunachalam, then Union Minister of State for Industrial Development, Government of India. The **Platinum Jubilee** of the Chamber was celebrated on August 9, 2003 with H.E. Shri P.S. Ramamohan Rao, Governor of Tamil Nadu as the Chief Guest.

The Chamber office at Secunderabad Celebrated Golden Jubilee on **September 19, 2007**. H.E. Shri N.D. Tiwari, Governor of Andhra Pradesh inaugurated the Golden Jubilee Celebrations. Dr.J.A.S. Giri, is the Vice-President & Chairman of the Secunderabad Advisory Committee.

Inauguration of Chamber's New Office Premises – "**T.G. Venkatesh Bhavan**" and Conference Hall - "**Atluri Koteswara Rao**" at Secunderabad by **Hon'ble Shri K. Rosaiah, Chief Minister**, Government of Andhra Pradesh on September 21, 2009.

Dr.J.A.S. Giri, is the Chairman of the Secunderabad Advisory Committee of the Chamber.

Andhra Chamber of Commerce opened a branch office at Visakhapatnam on November 22, 2008. Shri J. Venkateswarlu, Central Council Member, ICAI inaugurated the Chamber office.

Shri M. Raghavendra Rao, is the Chairman of the Visakhapatnam Advisory Committee of the Chamber.

Andhra Chamber of Commerce opened a New Branch Office at Vijayawada on May 1, 2016.

Shri M. Rajaiah, is the Chairman of the Vijayawada Advisory Committee of the Chamber.

Inauguration of Andhra Chamber of Commerce Business Incubator on April 8, 2017 at Chennai -- Chief Guest Shri N. Ravi, Former Editor-in-Chief of The Hindu, Director, Kasturi & Sons Ltd, our Guest of Honour Shri P.V. Subba Reddy, General Manager, Bank of Baroda.

Shri. K.V. Chowdary, I.R.S., Advisor, Special Investigation Team, Government of India delivered the 10<sup>th</sup> J.V. Somayajulu Memorial Lecture on December 3, 2014. Topic -- "Tax Payer Facilitation, Non adversarial approach, Minimisation of Litigation and Collection of appropriate revenue by Income Tax Department".

The 89<sup>th</sup> Inaugural Day Celebrations of the Chamber was held on September 7, 2016 at Chennai – Dr. Krishna M. Ella, Chairman & Managing Director of Bharat Bio-Tech Ltd., inaugurated the celebrations and addressed the Members

Smt. Ranjini Manian, Founder & CEO, Global Adjustments Services Pvt. Ltd and Shri V. Ramakrishna, COO, S.N.R. Sons Charitable Trust, Coimbatore were honoured with Business Excellence Awards by Dr. Krishna M. Ella on that occasion.

The 90<sup>th</sup> Inaugural Day Celebrations of the Chamber was held on October 17, 2017 at Chennai – Hon'ble Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu, Vice-President of India, inaugurated the celebrations, Nellore Chapter of the Andhra Chamber of Commerce was inaugurated by Hon'ble Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu on that Occasion. Guests of Honour: His Excellency Shri Banwarilal Purohit, Governor of Tamil Nadu, Hon'ble Shri D. Jayakumar, Minister for Fisheries, Personnel and Administrative Reforms, Government of Tamil Nadu, Special Guest, Dr. Pratap C. Reddy, Chairman, Apollo Hospitals Group.

Smt. Vanitha Datla, Managing Director of Elico Healthcare Services Ltd, Hyderabad, Shri Vandemataram Srinivas, Music Director and Singer were honoured with Business Excellence Awards by Hon'ble Shri M.Venkaiah Naidu on that occasion.

### **ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS**

Among the unique activities and achievements of the Chamber, mention may be made of the following:

- (a) Presenting of a Mobile Medical Van to the Corporation of Madras in 1952;
- (b) Sponsoring a 15 Member Small Scale Industries Team to Japan and South East Asia in 1980 (Leader: Shri S. Natesan).
- (c) Sponsoring a 30 Member Business Delegation to Sri Lanka to visit IMEXPRO 2008 exhibition under invitation from Ceylon Chamber of Commerce. Leader of the Delegation: Shri G. Sudhakar, President and Secretary Shri P. Nandagopal. **A Memorandum of Understanding entered into between the Ceylon Chamber of Commerce and Andhra Chamber of Commerce on February 16, 2008.**
- (d) Sponsoring a 12 Member Business Delegation Team to Malaysia and Singapore under invitation from Malaysia-India Chamber of Commerce and Singapore Indian Chamber of Commerce between May 29 and June 4, 2009 (Leader: Shri K.B. Narasimha Prasad and Secretary Shri P. Nandagopal)
- (e) Sponsoring a 11 Member Business Delegation to Colombo, Sri Lanka during October 2010 under invitation from the Ceylon Chamber of Commerce – Leader: Shri R.R. Padmanabhan, Chairman, Foreign Trade Sub-Committee. Secretary: Shri P. Nandagopal.
- (f) Sponsoring a 20 Member Delegation to China between April 15 and 21, 2011. Team Leader Shri R.R. Padmanabhan, Secretary Shri P. Nandagopal.
- (g) A 22 Member Delegation under the Leadership of Shri Kailashmull Dugar, President visited Atlanta, Georgia, USA between September 4 and 14, 2011. **A Memorandum of understanding was entered into between the Andhra Chamber of Commerce and Georgia Indo-American Chamber of Commerce for development of two way trade between India and USA on September 6, 2011.**
- (h) A 25 Member – Business Delegation Tour to Malaysia and Singapore under leadership of Smt V.L. Indira Dutt, President

between April 12 and 17, 2013. The Delegate Members participated in the 10<sup>th</sup> Biennial World Telugu Federation Conference (WTFC 2013) organised by the WTF and Malaysia Telugu Association. The Conference was inaugurated by Hon'ble Dr. K. Rosaiah, Governor of Tamil Nadu.

- (i) A 16 Member – Business Delegation Team under the leadership of Dr. V.L. Indira Dutt, President visited Vietnam, HoChi Minh City and had B2B meetings with Vietnam Chamber of Commerce & Industry and India Business Chamber in Vietnam between July 12 and 15, 2015.
- (j) A 15 Member-Business Delegation Team of Andhra Chamber of Commerce visited Bhutan Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Thimpu, Bhutan between September 2 and 6, 2017.
- (k) Launching and winning of an Income Tax case in the Supreme Court of India holding that Chambers of Commerce are Charitable Institutions working for the promotion of a general object of public utility and are eligible for Income Tax exemption as a Trust.**
- (l) Encouraging community service and contribution for medical, educational, flood, famine, fire, earthquake and cyclone relief, besides civil and National defence and welfare of Jawans and Ex-Servicemen.
- (m) Organising Training Programmes to upgrade the skill and techniques of Executives of Members and Non-Members.
- (n) Free Consultancy Service in Labour, Direct Taxes, Import & Export, Customs, GST, Banking & Finance, Patents Trade Marks & Intellectual Property Rights, Company Law Matters Constitutional & Civil Laws and Technical Standards Inspection & Testing (DGS&D) with a panel of experts on the second Saturday of every month at Chennai and Secunderabad offices of the Chamber for more than four decades.
- (o) Promoting non-formal and continuing education in Business Management, Personnel Management, Materials Management, Road Transport Management and other areas in collaboration with other bodies.
- (p) Organising J.V. Somayajulu Memorial Lectures on topics of Current Economic Importance since 1992.

The Chamber during these 90 years of service has consistently striven its best to promote the commerce and industry of South India in particular and India in general.

Though the Chamber is styled “Andhra Chamber” it has never regarded itself as an organisation serving exclusively any regional interest or linguistic group. Since the motto of the Chamber is “**Progress through commerce and industry**”, the Chamber always seeks to serve towards the progress of the country extending its services willingly to the business community. The Chamber has always kept in view the National context in which all regional problems have to be viewed.

**By continuing to function from Chennai, Secunderabad, Visakhapatnam, Vijayawada and Nellore** the Chamber hopes to serve in the future, as in the past, as a vital link between Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Tamilnadu States and promote the commercial and industrial interests of the country as a whole.

<b>President</b>	:	<b>Dr. V.L. Indira Dutt</b>
<b>Vice-Presidents</b>	:	<b>Shri C. Nagendra Prasad Shri Ch. Venkateswara Rao</b>
<b>Chairmen of Advisory Committee:</b>		<b>Dr. J.A.S. Giri, Secunderabad Shri M. Raghavendra Rao, Visakhapatnam Shri M. Rajaiah, Vijayawada Shri V. Prabhakar Reddy, Nellore</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	:	<b>Dr. M.K. Muthuvelu</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	:	<b>Shri P. Nandagopal</b>

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