



good number of activities were undertaken. An 'SME EXPO 2007' was organised on 5th - 7th October at the Hyderabad International Trade Expositions Ltd. (HITEX) jointly by our Federation with the Federation of Andhra Pradesh Small Industries Association (FAPSIA), Electronics and Computer Software Export Promotion Council (ESE) HITEX supported by the Government of Andhra Pradesh, SEARCH - The Industrial Sourcebook, official Magazine publication and India Mart - Web partner. Dr. Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy, Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurated the EXPO. Dr. J. Geeta Reddy, Hon'ble Minister for Major Industries, Sugar, Commerce and Export Promotion and Shri Gollapalli Surya Rao, Hon'ble Minister for Small Scale Industries and Khadi village Industries Board, Government of Andhra Pradesh were present.. Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurated the FAPCCI stall and released the FAPCCI Review a Special Issue on SMEs at the EXPO. The event provided, an excellent opportunity to the Small and Medium Enterprises (Now termed as Micro and Small and Medium Enterprises - MSE) to show case their manufacturing capabilities as a precursor to enhancing their marketing skills at national and international level.

FAPCCI's ladies wing organised lectures on 'Goal Setting' on 1st October and 15th October, 2007. "Undirected goals make human life dull, meaningless and purposeless. Therefore, for leading a meaningful and worthwhile life, goal setting is utmost desirable" was the message of the lectures.

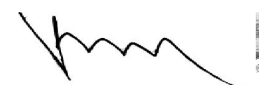
Mr. Hossein Ravesh, Consul General of Islamic Republic of Iran, Hyderabad, was at the Federation House on 16th October, 2007. During the interactive meeting it was observed that the economic ties between Iran and Southern States - Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu are strong. About 140 Indian companies from these states are involved in selling merchandise to Iran for a value of US\$ 485 million while the value of Iranian goods brought was US\$ 347 million. In order to further strengthen and improve relations between the two countries for mutual benefit, Mr. Syed Mehdi Nabzadeh, Ambassador of Iran to India would be interacting with the members of the Federation on 12th December, 2007, besides exploring the possibilities of taking an Indian business delegation to Khorasan Province of Iran.

On 20th October, 2007 Mr. Janusz Bylinski, Consul General of the Republic of Poland, interacted with the members of Federation. Despite growing economic relations between the nations, there still remains a good scope for mutual cooperation in the spheres of manufacture of furniture, information technology, business process outsourcing, engineering, food processing and tourism.

FAPCCI conducted a two-day training programme on 'Role of Mediation in Dispute Resolution' in association with International Centre for Alternative Dispute Resolution (ICADR), Regional Centre, Hyderabad on 23rd and 24th October, 2007. Justice G.S. Singhvi, Hon'ble Chief Justice of High Court Judicature at Hyderabad inaugurated the Programme. A host of legal luminaries - Shri CH.G. Krishna Murthy, Former Member, Law Commission of India, Shri Firdoshali S. Kassam, Mediation Expert, Justice G. Raghu Ram, Hon'ble Judge, High Court of Andhra Pradesh and Shri R. Chenga Reddy, Hon'ble Minister for Law and Courts, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh participated in the proceedings. It was emphasized that mediation has a significant role in litigation. It helps settlement of cases faster and quicker outside the formal judicial process, reduction of pending cases and decrease fresh ones.

Mr. David Malone, Canadian High Commissioner to India was at the Federation House on 29th October, 2007 for a meeting with the members. It was useful. With the proposed establishment of Canadian Trade Office at Hyderabad, the two-way trade and investment opportunities between Andhra Pradesh and Canada are likely to witness further growth.

India International Trade Fair, 2007 shall be held 14-27 November, 2007 - Fateh Maidan, at New Delhi. I am happy to inform that FAPCCI shall have its stall in the trade show.



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