



From the President

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... is a famous Roman quote by Julius Caesar which means – *Experience is the teacher of all things!*

My Dear Members,

I wish you all a very Happy and a Prosperous new year. With 2019 swinging in, I pray and hope well-being for all my members, friends and stakeholders. May each day of 2019 be blessed with rays of hope, joy, love, knowledge, progress, health and sunshine. Bidding 2018, an adieu – it brings me pride to happily express that the Chamber was instrumental in spreading knowledge by holding various seminars and conferences along with partnering the government in various issues at various stages! Just as fruitful and impactful, 2018 has been for us – I hope to see our esteemed institution reach newer heights, open new arenas for us to reach and excel.

This year has a series of interesting events lined up, the most notable one being – the General Elections which is considered as the largest show on earth where a hundred and twenty crore Indians will vote for 543 seats, followed by some other global events some of them being – the ICC Cricket World Cup, the FIFA Women's World Cup, the Rugby World Cup, the European Parliament election, final call on Brexit etc. In a nutshell, I foresee 2019 as a revolutionary and an eventful and exciting year.

Learning is a continuous process and is something which can never be stopped. In Mahatma Gandhi's words – "Live as if you were to die tomorrow, learn as if you were to live forever!" for, learning is the only key to experience and experience is one of the main mantras of a successful man. In Oprah Winfrey's words – "Turn your wounds into wisdom!" and that can happen only when we develop the ability to learn from our experiences. It is thus said, failing before succeeding is more important because success might give us pride, while failure

gives us experience! History is evident, successful men have conquered positions while experienced men have conquered lands! We, at the Chamber through an experience of nearly nine decades have known that there is no knowledge without learning and no learning without experience and thus, I would like to spread this word and ask my members to follow the motto – “Carpe Diem!” which means – “Seize the Day!”

While, we talk about experience – it was this experience that helped one single man to draft the Constitution of one of the largest Democracies in the world. While, we enter 69th Republic day this January, 26th – I would like to urge and convey to my countrymen to use the fundamental rights righteously and constitutionally and to obey, follow and respect the fundamental duties responsibly to help this great nation, see a new dawn!

Talking about our nation, one of its notable features are its festivals which are full of colours and light! This month, on the 14th will see a grand celebration of *Makarsankranti*. Through the years, this festival has reached the masses and is famous as the kite-flying festival but a lesser known fact about this festival is that it is observed according to solar cycles. Being a festival that celebrates the solar cycle, it almost always falls on the same Gregorian date every year – the 14th January. Also, this is that one rare festival in India, which is known by differing names in different parts of the country. While in North India it is called Maghi, in Assam it is called Magh Bihu and in Tamil Nadu, Pongal.

CTC Events

This month will see a range of events from cultural to educational. “**Surila Yarana**” is a musical evening of togetherness for and by the members of Chamber, their families and student members scheduled on the 11th January, 2019. I have witnessed preparations and rehearsals and hard work put in by Bhavesh Joshi, Vijay Bhatt, Kishore Vanjara, Varsha Galvankar and many others. I expect melodious evening

This month will also see a CTC Box Cricket Tournament on the 12th January. Cricket is like running an organization – it needs team work, motivation, strategy, flexibility, risk assessment. To lighten the mood post tax season, the Chamber is organising the 5th edition of the **CTC Box Cricket Tournament with record 30 boys teams and 6 girls teams playing,**

As much as sports, vocal skills are equally important for the overall personality development of an individual. Debate is the art of dialectic, that puts questioning, reasoning, critical thinking and logic at the heart of the trivium. These are all essential attributes of a great education and to be able to do them well can help ensure that young people perform well academically and indeed, socially. Keeping this in mind, the Chamber is

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pleased to announce a **Debate Competition with HR College of Commerce & Economics for college students on 18th & 19th January** at the H.R. College premises. We expect atleast 25 to 30 colleges to participate in this event.

The registrations for the **5th International Study Tour to Central and East Europe** have now been closed. This year saw an overwhelming response with approximately 90 members registered and we look forward to see a successful and memorable trip.

This month, the Chamber's iconic event – **The Dastur Essay Competition** has been announced for Law Students and Article trainees, where essays on current topics are invited and then the same are judged by senior professionals. We, at the Chamber believe that young students are the future leaders of our nation. Writing, a dying art today, is an important tool for encouraging the young fresh minds with novel ideas to express themselves on topics of professional interest. I would urge all young minds to participate in this competition.

Both RRCs are receiving overwhelming response from members and we shall close registrations for them. Members are requested to register to avoid disappointment.

Our joint initiatives with various sister organisations on **Workshop on GST Law** will begin from 17th January and will be end with Brainss Trust session on 14th March.

Chamber has also organised its **Lecture Meeting on TDS PROCEDURES COVERING ISSUES ON PROCESSING BY CPC** on 29th January with presentation by TDS department Mumbai, CPC Bengaluru and CPC Ghaziabad. Members are requested to send their queries in advance.

Special Story for January, 2019 on **“Fund Raising for Corporates”** will be useful for members to advise their clients for various funding options. It covers entire gamut of subject of fund raising. I thank Mr. Makarand Joshi, Company Secretary for preparing the design and structure of this special story and also authors who have made timely contribution.

Grazie

(Thank you),

Hinesh R. Doshi
President