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end-use industries of

electronic appliances,

concentrated mostly

in UP and Delhi- NCR

(more than 50%).

However, plastic processing in other

auto, packaging

(including bulk

packaging),

plasticulture

applications,

etc. which are

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Make in India to change Delhi-NCR business landscape



Dastics are derived from petrochemicals and are increasingly found in automotive, construction, electronics, healthcare, textiles and consumer goods industry. Hence with the increasing presence of

Kamal Poddar, Managing Director, Choice Group region coupled with

due to proximity of ports, the consumption of plastics was so far more tilted in the western part of the country, accounting for close to 50%. However, the commissioning of Indian refineries in the western Oil Corporation's petrochemical complex

options of importing at Panipat has opened up the doors for the North Indian market to set up downstream polymer processing units to cater to the demand of the landlocked states. According to a FICCI report, the bulk of

consumption in northern India is from





The western

reservoir of skilled class manufacturing infrastructure across the country with focus good infrastructure on railways, roads, ports and inland industrial relations. manufacturing hub in to the GDP at 17% North India deriving compared to 36% in China, 23% in Korea

and Germany. To ensure success of the initiative and turn the dream of India as a manufacturing hub into ground reality, the government has announced several incentives such as declaring the road sector as an industry,

regulatory compliance, improvement in resource management programme, duty-free manufacturing sectors and 25% tax on the new manufacturing companies. Overall, the reduction in logistics cost through rail-port connectivity, availability

of raw-material feedstock within the region, the pro-active policies of the government, the huge investment interest by global majors and most importantly a huge consumption is set to redefine the manufacturing landscape in the Delhi-NCR region in particular and across the country in general.



waterways and housing for all. India has a lower contribution from the manufacturing sector simplification of

imports of certain identified equipment for construction plants, FDI of up to 100 per cent in certain market for

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A Robust Platform for Indian Manufacturers

Dr Naushad Forbes

ake in India' is an innovative, **V** multi-pronged campaign launched by the government to reenergize the manufacturing sector. Introduced at a time when manufacturing growth was subdued, it envisions raising the contribution of the sector to 25 per cent of our aspirations to

process, creating 100 million new jobs. It also aims at integrating Indian goods in global value chains. CII has strongly welcomed and supported the Make in India mission as it believes that it can catalyse new job creation of the scale

necessary to achieve

the GDP and, in the become a developed nation. The prime minister's action plan to transform the manufacturing sector is practical and relevant and CII is committed to partnering with the government.

The manufacturing percentage point sector, estimated to increase in grow at 9.5 per cent in manufacturing growth, 2015-16 over a growth could create as many as 20-30 million of 5.5 per cent in 2014additional iobs. 15, contributes about

17 per cent to GDP and Make in India employs 12 per cent of engages several key the Indian workforce. It drivers to boost the is estimated that 10-12 manufacturing effort. Under 'Ease of Doing million young people will enter the Business', India aims workforce each year to achieve a rank of for the next two 50 in the World Bank **Doing Business** decades and each 1 indicators in the next three years. A coordinated programme has been initiated across ministries and state governments to

increase administrative efficiency through simplified, timebound and online processes. Infrastructure and industrial corridors with world-class facilities and connectivities constitute the second pillar of the Make in India programme. Industrial Corridors have been identified across the country, comprising National Investment and Manufacturing Zones as manufacturing and urban hubs. In addition, Foreign Direct Investment is being encouraged by further opening up sectors and facilitating entry of overseas investors. Technology, innovation and design are central to Make in India, Intellectual Property

Partnerships with large firms will enable manufacturing outsourcing opportunities across a range of sectors for tier-1 and lower-tier suppliers. Under Ease of Doing Business, setting up and registering units is being facilitated, and returns and labour regulations are undergoing simplification through online processes. In alignment with the government's policies, CII has undertaken many initiatives under the Make in India umbrella. We were privileged to be the exclusive partner for the mega-event, Make in India Week, hosted by the Government of India and the Government Mumbai in February India Week was



of capacity-building programmes for manufacturing firms that help them attain global benchmarks.

Innovation and technology are core strengths for CII and we are engaged in creating awareness and strengthening capacities of Indian enterprises through several partnership programmes with state governments and

overseas institutions. It

is critical to build the

innovation pipeline in

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manufacturing

companies, given the

advent of the Fourth

Industrial Revolution

including additive

manufacturing,

robotics, and the

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Make in India is truly

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