

Our Chairman, Mr. Rakesh Bharti Mittal led CII as its President for 2018-19

It is a matter of great pride that our Chairman, Mr Rakesh Bharti Mittal led CII as its President for the year 2018-19. Under his leadership, CII proactively engaged with government and industry on economic and policy issues.

Some of the key initiatives undertaken during his leadership at CII include National Employment Policy, Recommendations to RBI on Credit to MSMEs, CII Startuppreneur Awards, CII – NITI Aayog Innovation Index for States on Artificial Intelligence, ranking states on Ease of Doing Agriculture, Solar as a 3rd Crop etc. CII gave valuable suggestions and inputs to the government for major reforms such as Goods & Service Tax (GST), Insolvency & Bankruptcy Code (IBC) and doubling farmer's income.



Mr Mittal led 10 CEO's delegations to USA, UK, Japan, Russia, Latin America, Singapore, Spain, Uzbekistan, South Africa, Australia and engaged on global economic issues like trade tariffs, data security, visas, foreign investments etc. CII celebrated 25 years of partnership with the Singapore Government and initiated an Annual Lecture series; the first lecture was delivered by Mr Heng Swee Keat, the then Minister of Finance and now the Deputy Prime Minister of Singapore.



He was part of UK-India CEO Forum which was addressed by Rt. Hon. Theresa May, Prime Minister of UK & Shri Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of India. He also attended the India-Japan Business Leaders' Forum where Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Prime Minister Abe Shinzo addressed CEOs of both countries.

During the year, Mr Mittal met and interacted with several global leaders such as Rt. Hon. Theresa May, Prime Minister of UK, Prime Minister Abe Shinzo of Japan, President Vladimir Putin of Russia, Prime Minister Scott Morrison of Australia, Prime Minister Mark Rutte of Netherlands, Prime Minister Giuseppe Conti of Italy and President Cyril Ramaphosa of South Africa.



Mr Mittal also led the CII delegation at the World Economic Forum (WEF) Annual Meeting at Davos, CII CEO Delegation to Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM), London and Horasis Global India Business Meeting in Spain.



CII undertook social and humanitarian initiatives by extensively contributing to the Flood Relief in Kerala along with 1500 volunteers from various member companies to support families in distress. It also ran a pilot for farm residue management with 3000 farmers across 16,000 acres in Ludhiana and Patiala districts of Punjab which resulted in 80% farmers to adopt zero stubble burning approach.



A global business leader rooted in Indian soil – Rakesh Bharti Mittal led the Indian industry from the front leaving an inspiring legacy for the young business leaders in India.