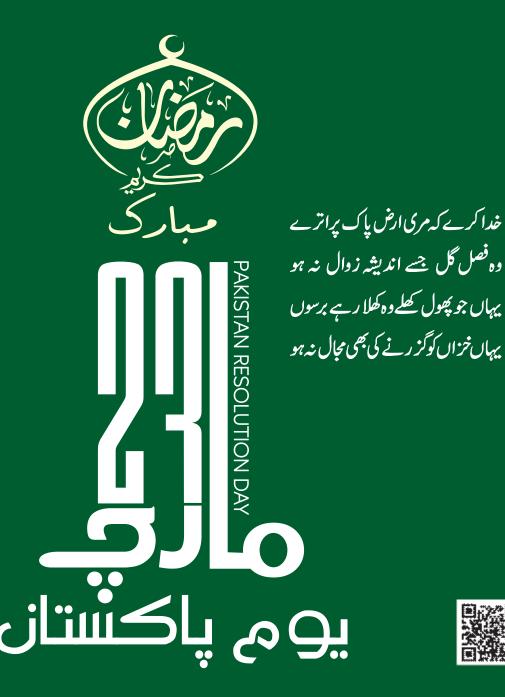


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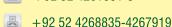
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مجھے اپنی ٹیم کے ہمراہ سیالکوٹ چیمبر کے فرائض منصبی سنجالے 5 ماہ سے زائد کا عرصہ ہو چکا ہے۔اس مختصر عرصہ میں ہم نے بغیر کوئی وقت ضائع کئے سیالکوٹ کی ایکسپورٹ انڈسٹری کے فروغ اور چیمبر ممبران کو دربیش کاروباری مسائل کوحل کروانے کیلئے ہر ممکن کوشش کی ہے۔اس مختصر عرصہ کے دوران اللہ تعالی کے فضل و کرم سے ہم آپ کیلئے جو سہولیات حاصل کرنے میں کامیاب رہے ان کی تفصیل کچھ یوں ہے:۔

(1)۔ ایکسپورٹ سیٹر کے لیے خام مال امپورٹ کرنے کے لیے اسٹیٹ بینک سے بیشگی منظوری کی شرط کا خاتمہ (2)۔ سیشل فارن کرنی اکاؤنٹس کے ذریعے خام مال امپورٹ کرنے کے عوض ادائیگیوں کی اجازت (3)۔ بین الاقوامی نمائشوں بالحضوص امریکہ اور جرمنی میں شرکت کرنے والے چیمبر ممبران کیلئے ویزا کے حصول کیلئے ترجیحی بنیادوں پر appointments کا حصول (4)۔ ممبران کو بہتر دفتری سہولیات کی فراہمی کیلئے "ریاض الدین شخ بلاک " کی ریکارڈ مدت میں تعمیر وافتتاح (5)۔ چیمبر پلیٹ فارم سے مراکش اور کویت کیلئے تجارتی وفو دکی روائلی اور آذر بائیجان و ایتھو پیا کے لئے تجارتی وفو دکا اعلان (6)۔ ترکی اور شام میں زلزلہ متاثرین کی بحالی کیلئے 9 ملین روپے کا عطیہ (7)۔ EPZ سیالکوٹ کے سرمایہ کاروں کے لیے مقامی کرنی میں تعمیراتی سامان خرید نے کی اجازت (8)۔ چیمبر ویب سائٹ پرآن لائن Certificate of Origin فارم کی دستیابی۔

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میں آپ کو اس بات کا پختہ یفین دلاتا ہوں کہ یہ چیمبر ترجیجی بنیادوں آپ کے مفادات کے تحفظ اور سیالکوٹ کی ایکسپورٹ انڈسٹری کی تغمیر وترقی کیلئے اپنا کردارادا کرتا رہے گا۔ مورخہ 8 مارچ 2023ء کووزیراعلی پنجاب عزت آب جناب محسن نقوی صاحب، صوبائی وزراواعلیٰ حکومتی عہد بدران اور مورخہ 00 مارچ 2023ء کو گورز اسٹیٹ بینک آف پاکستان کے ساتھ ہونے والی اعلیٰ سطحی میٹنگز میں ، ہم نے سیالکوٹ انڈسٹریل زون پراجیکٹ کے سیشن-۷، سیفسٹی پراجیکٹ کی تعمیل، سیالکوٹ پپر ورروڈ کی تغمیر کیلئے ضروری فنڈز کے اجراء، ہائی ویز پر موجودا کیسپورٹ انڈسٹریل یونٹس پر عائد 5 فیصدا کیسائز ٹیکس سے اسٹنی ، ایکسپورٹ سیمٹس کیلئے کریڈیٹ انشورنش ، کارپوریٹ کیلئے کریڈیٹ کا جراء اورخام مال کے ٹیرف میں کی سمیت دیگر اہم ایشوز کے فوری حل کا مطالبہ کیا۔ ان شاء اللہ بہت جلدان ایشوز کے والہ سے آپ کے ساتھ اچھی خبریں شیمئر کی جائیں گی۔ بہت شکریہ عدالغفور ملک

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باتیں ایوان کی

میں گھوڑ ہے دوڑانے لگے۔

ایک زمانہ تھا اچھے کلرک کے لئے انٹرمیڈیٹ ہونے کے ساتھ سٹینوگرافر ہونا ضروری ہوتا تھا۔ اس لئے شہر کے گلی کوچوں میں ٹائپ رائٹنگ اور شارٹ بینڈ سکھانے کے سنٹر بنے ہوئے تھے۔ پچہری روڈ پرریلوے پھاٹک کے قریب "بن قرش" نام کا ایک ایسا بی سنٹر تھا محمد اشرف نے اس سنٹر سے ٹائپ رائٹنگ اور شارٹ بہنڈ سکھے کرشینوگر افر کا کورس کھمل کرلیا۔

نوکری کے حصول کا مرحلہ آیا تو محمد اشرف ملک کے دل میں اس امنگ نے جنم لے لیا کہ گھر کے معاثی حالات کو جلد بدلنا ہے۔چنانچہ اخبارات میں نوکری کے اشتہارات و کیھتے و کیھتے ملک صاحب" کالاشاہ کاکو" کی وائٹل ٹیکسٹائل کمپنی میں ملازم ہو گئے۔ایک عرصہ تک کالاشاہ کا کو میں آنا جانالگار ہا مگر پھر ریسوچ کر واپس آگئے کہ تخواہ کازیادہ حصہ شرمیں خرچ ہوجاتا تھا۔

1978ء میں سیالکوٹ کی فٹ بال بنانے والی ایک سمپنی "اے اسحاق " میں مجمد اشرف چھ سورو پے ماہوار پر ملازم ہوگئے۔اس کمپنی میں امپورٹ ایسپورٹ کے کاغذات تیارکرنے کے علاوہ "خطو کتابت" سیکھنے کا بھی موقع مل گیا۔ مجمد اشرف "اے اسحاق کمپنی "کے منیجر مصور حسین شاہ کا ذکر کرتے ہیں تو ان کی آئھوں میں ایک خاص چمک سی آجاتی ہے۔وہ کہتے ہیں اگر مصور حسین شاہ مجھے دفتری امور کے ڈھنگ نہ سکھاتے تو شاید میری شخصیت ادھوری رہ مجاتی۔

1979 میں محمد اشرف ملک اس قابل ہو بھے تھے کہ وہ سیالکوٹ کی کسی بھی کمپنی میں خوداعتادی کے ساتھ کام کر سکتے تھے۔ چنانچہ اپنے وقت کی معروف کمپنی "ایم ایف البی" میں خدمات انجام دینے لگے۔ ملک صاحب نے پوری دلجمعی سے کام کیا کیونکہ انہیں یہاں مزید سکھنے کے مواقع میسر آ رہے تھے۔

1981ء میں مجمد اشرف ملک عراق چلے گئے اور جاپان کی معروف کمپنی Mitsubishi میں کام کرنے لگے ۔ تنخواہ انچھی تھی، چنانچہ ہر مہینے گھر میں ایک معقول رقم سجیجنے لگے تھے۔ جس سے حالات کا پانسا پلٹنے لگا تاہم عسرت ونخوست کے سائے ابھی پوری طرح چھٹنے نہ پائے تھے کہ عراق نے اعلان کردیا کہ کوئی بھی غیر ملکی باشندہ عراق سے باہر رقم نہیں جھبج سکتا۔ ملک صاحب بادل نخواستہ واپس سالکوٹ آگئے۔

1987ء میں ملک صاحب سعودی عرب چلے گئے اور جدہ میں



تریر: واو داحمد چھید ایم اے سابق صدر سالکوٹ چیبرآف کامری ایڈانڈسٹری

ہیڈ مرالہ روڈ کے ساتھ آبادیوں کے نیج "میموجوعا" نام کا ایک چھوٹا سا گاؤں ہے۔ فقیر محمد کا تعلق اس گاؤں کے اعوان قبیلہ سے تھا۔ وہ اوسط درج کے زمیندار تھے۔ سال بھر کے لئے گندم چاول جمع کرکے "بھڑ ولوں" میں جمع کر لیتے اور مطمئن ہوجاتے۔ وہ اچھا زمانہ تھا کہ لوگ زیادہ خواہشیں نہیں بڑھاتے تھے اور نہ بے چینیاں سمیٹ کرحلال وحرام کی تمیز بھولتے تھے۔ بس اللہ اللہ کرتے اور خوش رہتے تھے۔

17 فروری 1954ء کوفقیر محمد کواللہ نے بیٹا عطا کیا تو گھر آنگن میں جیسے چانداتر آیا ہو۔ موسم گل کے قص کے ساتھ فقیر محمد بھی جھوم اٹھے تھوڑی تی زمین پرلہلاتی فصل ان کوا یکڑوں میں پھیلی لگ رہی تھی ۔۔۔۔ بچے کا صدقہ اتار نے کے بعداس کا نام محمد اشرف رکھ دیا گیا۔

"اشرف" گاؤں کے کھلیانوں میں اچھلے کودتے اسکول جانے کی عمر کو پہنچا تو رواج کے مطابق اسے کھیتوں میں بھیجا جانا تھا مگر فقیر محمد خبیں مانے ۔ انہوں نے بیٹے کو اسکول بھیجنے کا فیصلہ کررکھا تھا۔
گاؤں اور اس کے ساتھ جڑے دیباتوں میں دور دورتک پرائمری سکول موجود نہ تھا۔ چنانچہ ننھے "اشرف" کو ماں باپ نے کلیجہ تھام کر اپنے سے جدا کیا اور "نانی اماں" کے پاس سیا لکوٹ کے علاقہ "بارہ پھر" میں بھیج دیا۔ جہاں اسے پرائمری سکول میں داخل کرادیا گیا۔

1971ء میں میٹرک کا امتحان پاس کرنے بعد محمد اشرف خادم علی روڈ پرواقع "علامہ اقبال کا کج" میں داخل ہو گیا اور ایف ایس ی کا امتحان اچھے نمبر ول سے پاس کرلیا۔ مزید پڑھنے کا شوق تھا مگر مالی مجبوریاں آڑے آگئیں چنا نچی محمد اشرف نے پرائیویٹ طور پر بی اے کی تیاری شروع کردی۔ اس دوران ایئر فورس میں پائیلٹ کی جرتی آئی تو محکمیل شوق کے لئے apply کر دیا۔ بظاہر محمد اشرف گھبرو جوان بن چکے تھے مگر ان کے گھٹے ائیر فورس کی عقابی نظروں سے نی نے نہ سکے ۔وہ واپس گاؤں آگے اور بحظامات



ملك محمدا شرف

عرب دنیا کی بہت بڑی کمپنی A.Fatihi میں ملازم ہو گئے۔ انہوں نے انتہائی سمجھ ہو جھ کے ساتھ کام کر کے کمپنی پر اپنی اہمیت کے گہرے اثرات مرتب کر دیئے جس سے چیلنجوں سے عبارت ان کی زندگی برسکوں سمندر کی طرح ثنا نت ہوگئی۔

محمد اشرف ملک کی بیعادت ہے کہ وہ دوسروں پرجلداعتاد کر لیتے ہیں۔جس کا فائدہ اٹھاتے ہوئے ان کا ایک انڈ ویشین دوست ان کی تمام جمع پونجی لے کرر فو چکر ہوگیا۔ محمد اشرف ملک کودھچکا تولگا مگر وہ ایک بہادر انسان تھے، پوری توانائی کے ساتھ نقصان برداشت کرلیا مگر جیرتوں کی کیفیت سے نکلنے کیلئے وہ اکثر سوئے حرم چلے جاتے اور تلافی کیلئے اللہ کے حضور سجدہ ریز ہوکر دعا کرتے رہے۔

1992ء میں والدگرامی انقال فرما گئے تو محمد اشرف ملک مجبوراً سیالکوٹ واپس آ گئے۔ یہاں آ کر ایک شینگ کمپنی میں ملازمت اختیارکر لی اور ساتھ ہی سرجیکل انسٹرومنٹس کے ایک میکر (Maker) کے ساتھ مل کرا کیسپورٹ کا کاروبارشروع کر دیا۔ ایسپورٹ کا سلسلہ کچھ بڑھا تو Shipping Company کی ملازمت چھوڑ دی اورا کیسپورٹ کی طرف توجہ مبذول کردی۔ کی ملازمت چھوڑ دی اورا کیسپورٹ کی طرف توجہ مبذول کردی۔ علیحدہ کمپنی بنالی اور 2017ء میں سیالکوٹ ائر پورٹ کے چیئر مین منتخب ہو گئے تو اس محاذ پر بھی انہوں نے پامردی دکھائی اور تصویرو تشہیر سے بالاتر ہوکر ائر پورٹ کے امور کوفنم وادراک سے آ گئے بھو ایا۔

قارئین کرام! ملک محمد اشرف 03-2002 میں سیالکوٹ چیمبر آف کامرس اینڈ انڈسٹری کے نائب صدراور 20-2019 میں صدر منتخب ہوئے۔ ملک صاحب نے صاحب اختیار طبقہ سے ان کے ہی اچھ میں بات کر کے کم وسائل والے ممبران چیمبر کے مسائل حل کئے۔

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES OF SIALKOT CHAMBER

AWARENESS SESSION ON STATE BANK OF PAKISTAN'S FINANCE SCHEMES



On January 3rd, 2023, a Semiar was arranged on the Financing Schemes of State Bank of Pakistan, wherein Mr. Nisar Ahmed, Senior Deputy Chief Manager, Mr. Safian Taseer-Assistant Director, Mr. Gullam Muhy Ul Deen, Officer, SBP BSC Sialkot and Regional Representatives from HBL, UBL, Askari Bak, Dubai Islamic Bank and Bank of Punjab participated.

Mr. Shafiq Ur Rehman Chairman, Departmental Committee on Banking and Finance welcomed the team of State Bank of Pakistan, BSC Sialkot at the Sialkot Chamber and said that the session would enhance the understanding of members and will help in resolving the issues of those who were being refused by the Commercial Banks. He also mentioned that the establishment of the EXIM Bank branch in Sialkot was in process for which Mr. Nisar Ahmed was transferred to Sialkot, who had experience working with EXIM bank.

Mr. Safian Taseer-Assistant Director-SBP BSC Sialkot explained the Refinance Schemes initiated by the State Bank of Pakistan for the SME sector of Pakistan. He further elaborated that schemes which give the provision to import machinery for export purposes. Mr. Taseer said that depending on the export performance of an exporter and upon the completion of the first scheme, the percentage of interest can be decreased by the Commercial Bank(s) (as per the lending criteria).

The session was followed by a questions and answers session between the team of the State Bank of Pakistan and members of SCCI. It was also proposed by the Chair to designate focal persons from the State Bank of Pakistan BSC Sialkot to visit SCCI once a week to educate the members about the refinance schemes

offered by SBP, which was welcomed by SBP. Mr. Nisar Ahmed, Senior Deputy Chief Manager, SBP BSC Sialkot said that he would forward the suggestion of SCCI to Head Office for consideration.

AWARENESS SESSION OF PAKISTAN CHILDREN'S HEART FOUNDATION (PCHF)



On January 14th, 2023, an Awareness Session was arranged by Pakistan Children's Heart Foundation (PCHF), Mr. Amer Majeed Sheikh, Vice President SCCI: Welcome the Delegation from Pakistan Children's Heart Foundation to SCCI. He mentioned that Sialkot was the only industrial city that was famous for initiating and completing a self-sustainable social project for the betterment of the city including state of an art Hospital for 500 beds. The Vice President of SCCI highlighted that the Test Cricketer Mr. Misbah Ul Hag, join hands with the foundation in the year 2012, to start a hospital that would treat children with heart disease. He requested the Officials of PCHF to brief them about their organization. Mr. Amer Majeed Sheikh mentioned that SCCI would donate PKR 1 million to Pakistan Children's Heart Foundation.

Mr. Farhan Ahmed, CEO of PCHF: briefed that PCHF was a not-for-profit charity organization, registered with the Securities Exchange Commission of Pakistan, as a Section 42 Company. He added that it was established in 2012, PCHF provides fully funded and/or subsidized surgeries through partnerships to impoverished children born with congenital heart disease (CHD) in Pakistan. PCHF's value proposition was as follows:

- a. Financing Surgical Interventions (Project Mohsin)
- b. Building Pakistan's First Dedicated Children's Heart Hospital & Research Institute (CHHRI)
- C. Capacity-Building of Local Healthcare

Professionals (Project Danial)

d. Raising CHD Awareness

Mr. Farhan mentioned that the idea of PCHF began during the treatment of Ayesha Farhan and became a life-long mission of her family and their friends. During the treatment, after witnessing the long queues of families waiting, limited resources of the families, and finding out that due to an acute shortage of specialized staff and resources, the future of any Pakistani child born with CHD was very bleak, Farhan Ahmad, along with his family & friends, formed the initial idea to develop a center of excellence and hospital that would serve the needs of children born with CHD.

Mr. Misbah UI Haq, Board Member: Mentioned that he joined the Foundation in 2018 to establish a state of Heart hospital in Lahore where children with congenital heart disease (CHD). The Former Cricketer mentioned that he planned to visit different cities in Pakistan to educate the people about their project and if someone wanted to contribute to a noble cause. He requested that everyone should spread the information so that many could join hands to make possible the establishment of the Hospital. He added that unfortunately, there were no state-of-the-art facilities where children with the such disease could be treated.

MEETING OF DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AND RISK MANAGEMENT



Mr. Muhammad Shahbaz Saim, Chairman of SCCI's Departmental Committee on Industrial Safety and Risk Management conducted a departmental committee meeting on 15 December 2022 to discuss the importance of promoting industrial safety practices in small and medium enterprises (SMEs) in Sialkot. The committee highlighted the need for safety awareness

and a health and safety culture in the city and industrial premises. A presentation by Mr. Naveed Iqbal, District Emergency Officer, Rescue 1122, emphasized the importance of complying with the Punjab Community Safety Act 2021 and the Building Regulation 2022. The committee proposed the establishment of a mechanism through an MoU to enable Rescue 1122 and civil defense to conduct safety inspections of SMEs in Sialkot City and training sessions for factory employees.

The meeting concluded with the understanding that safety measures and risk management need to be reviewed regularly to ensure the safety of employees and visitors in industrial and high-rise buildings. The committee stressed the importance of promoting general awareness and spreading information regarding the safety of people, plants, and equipment at industrial premises to ensure the long-term survival of SMEs and better serve the business community of Sialkot.

VISIT OF THE AMBASSADOR OF THE USA TO PAKISTAN



On January 24, 2023, Mr. Abdul Ghafoor Malik, President of SCCI Received the Ambassador of the US to Pakistan, His Excellency Mr. Donald Blome along with other officials. While addressing the house President SCCI, mentioned that both the United States of America and Pakistan were celebrating 75 years of bilateral partnership. Mr. Malik emphasized the areas of mutual interest including but not limited to enhanced trading linkages, women empowerment, green environment & sustainable production. Mr. Abdul Ghafoor Malik further mentioned that the United States of America could extend its cooperation, expertise, technological support, and a conceptual framework to promote the

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model of Sialkot, across Pakistan. He said that the USA was the top trading partner of Pakistan and that both countries should focus on further improving the bilateral trade. In this regard, he mentioned cooperation from the US Embassy in exchanging Trade Delegations, Participation in US Based Trade Exhibitions, and finding common grounds for collaboration mutually beneficial for the businesses of both countries.

His Excellency Mr. Donald Blome, US Ambassador: Thanked everyone and in his address shared that the United States was committed to helping Pakistan mitigate the effects of Climate Change, Promotion of Sustainable Energy, Encouraging Women's participation, and enhancing bilateral trade. While interacting with the Business Community of Sialkot the Ambassador expressed his conviction that the partnership between the Sialkot Chamber of Commerce and Industry and the US Embassy would further strengthen and that both countries would support private cooperation important for improving ties in all fields. He added that He had been meeting with numerous Businessmen since his joining to understand the difficulties faced by the Business Community of Pakistan.



Dr. Maryam Nauman, President of WCCIS mentioned that increased economic participation, financial independence for women, gender equality at workplaces, and integration of people with special needs and transgender into the workforce were some of the key objectives of WCCIS. She added that the Chamber had initiated numerous projects to achieve their underlying goals. Dr. Maryam Nauman added that the Chamber was engaged in conducting awareness sessions regarding Workplace Harassment in factories to promote policies that mitigate harassment and

create a safe and favorable working environment for women.

VISIT OF GROUP HEAD BUSINESS, HOUSE BUILDING FINANCE CORPORATION, KARACHI



On January 27, 2023, Mr. Faisal Murad-Group Head Business, House Building Finance Corporation, Karachi visited SCCI to give an introduction about HBFC, how it works, and beneficial for the middle-income group. Mr. Amer Majeed Sheikh, Vice President warmly welcomed his team members.

Mr. Faisal Murad started the session with his brief introduction and he explained about HBFC is established in 1952 based on SBP guidelines and is focused on providing finance for the housing needs of lower- and middle-income citizens with different products that they offering the following Key Products:-

- 01. Ghar Sahulat Scheme (GSS)
- 02. HBFS Khas
- 03. Ghar Ujala Scheme
- 04. Ghar Sahulat Fixed Rate Scheme

Further, he explained the Key Features of HBFC:

- 01. They are offering loans up to 30 million with a minimum deposit of 30% of that loan.
- 02. Tenure varies between 5 to 20 years.
- 03. Eligibility criteria are different for salaried, selfemployed businessmen, and self-employed professionals based on age, stability of income, and retirement plans.
- 04. They are offering a fixed rate i.e. 18.61% based on PKRV whereas banks are giving loans based on KIBOR plus 4%.
- 05. HBFC will adjust the balance amount of the loan from SBP if something happens (accident, the sudden death of an applicant, etc.) during the loan period and claims nothing from their belongings and

grants that plot/house to them as well which the most distinguished feature of it as compared to banks.

- 06. If a single applicant's income is not enough for the loan, then any two persons of the same family (like daughter and father, son and father, mother and son, husband and wife, etc) can jointly apply for the loan.
- 07. HBFC is offering their products in side areas of Sialkot as well like Narowal, Sambrial, Shakargarh, Pasrur, etc.
- 08. If an applicant is doing a job in Sialkot and wants to take a loan on his property in any other city in Pakistan, he can do so with the help of HBFC.

VISIT OF H.E. DR MEHMET PACACI, AMBASSADOR OF THE REPUBLIC OF TURKIYE



On February 02, 2023 His Excellency Dr Mehmet Pacaci, Ambassador of the Republic of Turkiye to Pakistan visited the Sialkot Chamber of Commerce & Industry. Mr. Abdul Ghafoor Malik, President SCCI welcomed the honourable guest and members of this Chamber. He mentioned that Turkiye and Pakistan were brotherly Islamic Countries sharing religious, cultural, and socio-political heritage. He said that both countries shared feelings of love and affection and a bond that was time-tested and inseparable. He shared that both countries were eager to expand bilateral cooperation in diverse fields to benefit from each other's expertise to make progress. He stressed that Pakistan and Turkiye should translate brotherly relations into economic terms as trade remained an untapped area between the two countries. He said that Pakistan as a country was open to foreign investment and look forward to Turkiye taken a lead in this regard. He informed the house that the total trade volume between the two countries, in FY 2021 was 1.13 Billion USD with a balance of trade in

favor of Turkiye at 866 Million USD. He said that SCCI firmly believed that there was a scope to increase the volume of trade as both sides have a huge unexplored trade potential. He requested His Excellency to support made-in-Pakistan products in getting Access to Turkiye as the Surgical Instruments, Work Wear & Gloves, and Sports Apparel had a huge demand in Turkish Markets and Pakistan was known for having excellence in terms of quality in these products.



He shared with His Excellency that Sialkot Chamber of Commerce & Industry is the representative body of the Private Sector of Sialkot had greatly contributed to the economic uplift and development of the country. He said that the city had developed an SME culture highly conducive to business collaborations and joint ventures in various industries in Sialkot. He informed that the exporters were well versed in rules, regulations, and requirements of international trade, which had resulted in exports from Sialkot, being over 10% of the Country's total exports. In the end, he once again thanked H.E. Dr. Mehmet Pacaci for visiting this Chamber. He hoped that his visit to SCCI Would set the foundation for stronger and mutually beneficial trading relations between Pakistan and Turkiye.

His Excellency Dr Mehmet Pacaci, Ambassador of the Republic of Turkiye to Pakistan thanked Mr Abdul Ghafoor Malik, President SCCI and all the other participants of the meeting for their warm welcome. H.E. said that Pakistan and Turkiye had a very good relationship right from the beginning of the countries. H.E. said that Pakistan's support to Turkiye at the time of its formation was unforgettable. H.E. shared with the house that the Government of Pakistan and the Turkish Government were on the same page in terms of cooperation and Trade Development. H.E. shared that the trade relationship between Pakistan and Turkiye

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was not up to the mark. He stressed that their target was to reach up to US\$ 5.0 (B). He informed the house the Turkish Government had agreed to sign Trade and Goods Agreements with different countries, which was passed by the National Assembly. H.E. shared that such agreements would prove to be very beneficial in order to increase Trade Volume. He said that Made in Sialkot products had a huge demand in the Turkish Market. He hoped that in the near future, the people of Turkiye would know a better Sialkot. H.E. suggested that indirect channels used by the export should be discouraged. He said that both countries enjoyed good relations and helped each other through each and every thick and thin. His Excellency once again thanked all the participants of the meeting.

In response to a question His Excellency said that if any member of SCCI had applied for the Turkish Visa, a multiple entry visa would be given to the member of SCCI. Mr. Abdul Ghafoor Malik, President thanked His Excellency Dr. Mehmet Pacaci upon the assurance of priority visas to the members of SCCI on submission of the Chamber's Official Visa Recommendation Letter.

VISIT OF AMBASSADOR OF AZERBAIJAN TO PAKISTAN TO SCCI



On 06 February 2023, H.E. Mr. Khazar Farhadov, Ambassador of the Republic of Azerbaijan visited SCCI. Mr. Abdul Ghafoor Malik, President of SCCI welcomed the H.E. Ambassador of the Republic of Azerbaijan to Pakistan on his visit to SCCI for interaction with the Business Community of Sialkot. The President of SCCI said that both Azerbaijan and Pakistan should put joint efforts to establish channels that promote direct Business to Business linkages. Mr. Malik said that Pakistan foresees Azerbaijan as a brotherly country and was keen to untap the potential that exists on both sides. He mentioned that the Sialkot Chamber of

Commerce and Industry would send a Trade Delegation of prominent Product sectors of Sialkot to Azerbaijan, to have a business to business interactions of the Pakistani business community with Azeri counterparts.



H.E. Mr. Khazar Farhadov, Ambassador of the Republic of Azerbaijan, while addressing the participants of the meeting praised the achievements of the Sialkot Chamber of Commerce and Industry and said that Azerbaijan would be signing a Preferential Trade Agreement with Pakistan, which would help businessmen on both sides to increase economic relations. He added that last year the trade volume of Pakistan and Azerbaijan has increase three times, through joint efforts from both sides. During the meeting, The Ambassador mentioned that Azerbaijan could be a gateway for Pakistani Businessmen to tap neighbouring countries through Azerbaijan with the agreement. The Envoy endorsed the suggestion of President SCCI for sending trade delegations and added that Azeri Mission in Pakistan had already conducted trade delegations with Faisalabad, Islamabad, and Gujranwala Chambers of Commerce and industry, in the past. H.E. Mr. Khazar Farhadov, Ambassador of the Republic of Azerbaijan mentioned that Azerbaijan was open to joining hands for investments with Pakistan to cooperate in the non-oil energy, health, and agriculture sectors.

SEMINAR ON LEAD GENERATION AND EMAIL MARKETING

On February 07, 2023, a seminar was held on Advance Lead Research & Communication under Departmental Committee on SME/Training and Young Entrepreneurs, wherein Mr. Fizan Akbar, Chairman Departmental Committee welcomed the participants to the Sialkot Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Mr. Amer Majeed Sheikh, Vice President of SCCI conducted a prayer for the victims of the recent earthquake in Türkiye and its neighbouring countries. The attendees were reminded of the importance of empathy and solidarity during times of crisis. The Vice President urged everyone to contribute to relief efforts in whatever way possible.



The Vice President of SCCI briefed the audience on cost management and pricing of products. He explained that it was important to consider all aspects and mandatory costs before determining the price of a product. He urged the attendees to conduct a thorough analysis of all costs, including raw material, labor, packaging, transportation, and taxes, before deciding on a price. He emphasized that pricing should be competitive, but also consider the business's profitability.

Mr. Fizan Akbar, Chairman, mentioned at the seminar highlighting the importance of a well-designed website and utilizing social media tools such as Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, and Pinterest to help search for potential clients. He stressed the importance of optimizing the business by using correct search engine optimization (SEO) techniques. The speaker also shared some tips on using social media and websites for marketing. He emphasized the need to have a strong presence on these platforms and to use them to showcase the business and its products.

During the seminar, he also shared useful tips for communicating with customers through useful tools including email marketing, mail track plugin and formats including newsletters prepared through Canva through paid and its role in boosting the exports of the SME Sector.

MEETING OF THE PROJECT COMMITTEE ON SIALKOT INDUSTRIAL ZONE

On February 08, 2023 a meeting of the Project Committee on Sialkot Industrial Zone was held under

the Chairmanship of Mr. Abdul Ghafoor Malik, President SCCI. Mr. Malik welcomed all the participants of the meeting and shared the agenda point which was to Discuss Land use Masterplan report (Revised Option 3).

After due deliberations, the committee unanimously approved the Revised Option 3 of the Land use Master-plan Report with the following further recommendations:

- 1. The number of 5 acres plots should be enhanced to 30 by decreasing the 0.5 acres plots.
- 2. The Commercial Plots should be relocated as such that they are accessible within 1 km of all the factories.
- 3. Separate Bus Stands should be allocated for all blocks.
- 4. The main approach road from Sialkot-Wazirabad should have a boundary wall to avoid commercialization. The corridor should remain exclusive to Zone Enterprises.
- 5. Multiple Bridges should be established over the Saim Nullah.
- 6. Necessary access should be given to accommodate traffic from Daska-Sambrial Road and Wazirabad Road from Canal. NESPAK would share a technical proposal for Sialkot Chamber to take up with authorities.
- 7. Necessary measures should be taken for flood protection of the zone.
- 8. Parks should be located in such a that they are in the center of all the blocks.
- 9. Certain plots should be reserved for the establishment of any projects that may be needed in the future.

MEETING OF DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON GARRISON HQ/CANTONMENT BOARD AFFAIRS



On February 11, 2023, a meeting of Departmental

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Committee on Garrison HQ/Cantonment Board Affairs was held in SCCI. Sheikh Zahid Hameed, Chairman Committee welcomed the Committee members and the following issues would be discussed during the meeting:-

- Due to the lack of proper security arrangements in the hotels in Sialkot and the problems faced by the Chamber Members in the accommodation of their Foreign Customers in Sialkot Cantt.
- Increase in Golf Club fees for Chamber Members
- Meeting with the Federal Minister of Defense Kh.
 Muhammad Asif to solve the problems related to Sialkot Cantt.
- Organized a proposed ceremony to felicitate Mr. Qaiser Gill to represent Pakistan in International Golf Championship Malaysia 2022 and Mr. Zulfiqar Malik for being elected as a member of the Management Committee of Pakistan Cricket Board.
- Organizing a program to pay tribute to the Martyrs of the Pakistan Army on February 16, 2023
- Participation in trade fair "WE-Exhibit 2023" organized under the Women Chamber of Commerce

MEETING OF DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON HOSPITALS & HEALTH SERVICES



On February 11, 2023, a meeting of Departmental Committee on Hospitals & Health Services was held in SCCI. Dr. Muhammad Javaid Deura, Chairman Committee welcomed the Committee members and Highlighted the achievements of the Committee, the doctor said that with the efforts of this committee, we have been able to establish a Medical College and a Social Security Hospital for factory workers in Sialkot. He said that the establishment of medical college in Sialkot has greatly improved the availability of medical facilities. Earlier, people had to go to other districts of Punjab to get quality medical facilities, but now

professors and doctors related to every department are available at the local level. He expressed serious concerns about the common man's access to medical facilities in Public and Private sector hospitals in Sialkot and emphasized the need for improvement.

The following important issues were discussed by the members in the meeting:-

- 1. Due to the non-availability of an Angiography Test for diagnosis of heart diseases at local level, people have to go to Lahore and Wazirabad where patients have to wait for 3 to 6 months for an angiography test. The committee members emphasized the need for the Punjab government to establish a standard cardiology center on the lines of Punjab and Wazirabad Cardiology Center in Sialkot for the convenience of the common man.
- 2. Establishment of a state-of-the-art emergency ward under the supervision of senior doctors to provide initial emergency medical facility to heart patients in Sialkot Allama Iqbal Hospital.
- 3. Necessary measures to improve medical facilities available to workers in Social Security and Public hospitals.

MEETING OF DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON BANKING AND FINANCE



The Departmental Committee on Banking and Finance held a meeting on February 16, 2023, to discuss the State Bank of Pakistan's (SBP) new rule for Authorized Dealers (ADs) in Foreign Exchange. The new rule, Circular 01 of 2023 dated February 13, 2023, requires ADs to ensure the timely realization of export proceeds due to the prevailing economic crisis. The circular had several key points, including a new procedure that requires ADs to compare the weighted average buying

rate published by SBP on the date of realization with the same rate published by SBP on the last day of the prescribed period. If full export proceeds are not realized within the prescribed period, and if the rate on the realization date is higher than the last day of the prescribed period, the ADs shall convert the export proceeds at the higher rate but pay the exporter at the lower rate and keep the difference in a separate account.

The ADs shall also submit a weekly statement of these differences to SBP. The committee recommended that SBP should act as the facilitator for exporters, and the data of the exporters should be shared so that the Sialkot Chamber can pursue and investigate the matter with the relevant members. An extension of at least 6 months should be granted, and the Governor State Bank of Pakistan should be requested to withdraw the said circular with a one-point agenda. A letter should also be written to the President and Chairman Banking Committee FPCCI and all trade bodies related to the export sector for collaboration and to provide resistance to the Government.

During the meeting, Mr. Abdul Gafoor Malik, President SCCI, expressed concerns that the ultimatum of 2 weeks was not sufficient to realize the said amount, and suggested that an extension of 6 months should be granted. Mr. Fazal Jillani, Chairman AirSial, seconded this suggestion and proposed that the State Bank of Pakistan should share the data of the exporters who were not able to realize the payments in due time. Mr. Amer Majeed Sheikh, Vice President of SCCI, and Mr. Akmal Javed, Senior Vice Chairman, suggested that the relevant data should be requested from the SBP and that the government should advise a better framework to stabilize the dollar rate so that the exporters could realize their amount in due time. Mr. Wahub Jahangir, Senior Vice President, proposed that an extension should be requested until the 31st of December, given the current political and economic situation. Finally, the committee decided to request an extension until the 31st of December 2023 from SBP considering the current political and economic situation.

MEETING OF DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON GLOVES INDUSTRY

Meeting of the Departmental Committee on Gloves Industry held on February 16, 2023, under the chairmanship of Mr. Afzaal Bhatti. He welcomed all the committee members to the meeting. He suggested that

solar panels should be installed in Factories to minimize the cost which had multiple benefits. He also informed that laborers acquired advances from Companies and did return on stipulated time and some of them left the factory without paying their remaining dues due to which Company owners had to face difficulties to recover the money. He shared that import duties had been increased and large companies had availed the opportunity to import raw material through EFS Scheme but they could not sell locally, whereas SMEs could not get benefit from this scheme. He added that the matter should be taken up with concerned Government officials for facilitation in this regard and import duty should also be decreased, by less than 5 % to facilitate the SMEs. He said that a unique software would be developed for maintaining records of laborers so that blacklisted laborers could be traced and their previous working history as well. The Committee Members endorsed Mr. Afzaal Bhatti in the said regard and assured their cooperation to resolve the issues of the Gloves Industry.



Mr. Ahmed Imtiaz Khan, EC Member said that a mechanism would be developed to resolve the issue of Advances in labor and shortage of skilled workforce with mutual coordination and cooperation. He said that the Industry of Sialkot should also work on the development of sustainable materials for which Universities should be taken up on board and awareness-raising seminars should also organize on sustainable materials.

Chaudhry Jahangir Rashid, EC Member said NOC requirements should be compulsory before hiring the laborers. He suggested that EDF Board should be taken up on board for the provision of funds regarding Research & Development for the Industry and the provision of skills training related to the Industry. Mr. Fezan Majeed Kapur said that Industry was down falling

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day by day hence, we should introduce new technology in the Industry to compete in International Market.

After due deliberation, it was decided in the meeting that software would be developed for maintaining records of the workers of all Factories so that issues could be addressed related to the laborers.

MEETING OF DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON FBR, CUSTOMS, SALES TAX, FEDERAL TAXATION AND EXCISE & PROVINCIAL TAXATION



On February 20, 2023 a meeting of Departmental Committee on FBR, Customs, Sales Tax, Federal Taxation and Excise & Provincial Taxation was held at the Sialkot Chamber of Commerce & Industry. Ch. Ahmed Zulfiqar Hayat, Chairman Committee, welcomed the all the participants of the meeting. He highlighted the agenda points of the meeting which were (i) To formulate proposals for Federal Budget 2023-24 for onward submission to the concerned departments, (ii) To deliberate on issue of notices to Export Oriented Companies of Sialkot issued by Punjab Revenue Authority and (iii) To discuss tax related issues of the business community of Sialkot.

After due deliberation, the house unanimously approved that;

- Proposals for Federal Budget 2023-24 duly approved by the Committee along with Tariff recommendations prepared by Research and Development Department, would be submitted to the concerned departments for consideration.
- Ii) A letter would be addressed to Mr. Usman Ahmed Gondal, Enforcement Officer, PRA Sialkot, to hold all PRA notices in abeyance and avoid issuance of any fresh notices until the matter would be amicably settled through discussion with the Chairman PRA.
- lii) Mr. Aftab Hussain Nagra would help coordinate a meeting with the Chairman PRA to discuss and

- resolve Withholding Sales Tax issue pertaining to companies of Sialkot.
- Iv) A letter would be addressed to The Chief of Exports FBR with copy to Minister for Finance, Chairman FBR and Chief of Refunds to rectify systemic issue and streamline Refund Payment Orders to avoid accumulation of Sales Tax refunds of exporters.
- V) A meeting would be coordinated with Member IR Operations FBR for acceptance of recommendations of Trade Bodies and Chamber in respect of purchases to be presumed in determination of 5% Withholding Sales Tax liability of the exporter companies.

INAUGURATION AND MOU SIGNING CEREMONY WITH PUNJAB INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY BOARD (PITB)



On February 22, 2023, an Inauguration and MoU Signing Ceremony with Punjab Information Technology Board (PITB) Mr. Abdul Ghafoor Malik, President SCCI welcomed Mr. Qasim Afzal, Additional Director General, Punjab Information Technology Board (PITB), Mr. Arslan Manzoor, Joint Director, Mr. Shams ul Islam, Senior Program Manager, Syed Umar Saeed, Program Manager and officials from Labor Department Sialkot to the meeting. He also thanked the Executive Committee members for their participation in the meeting. He appreciated the project "Establishment of Job Centers across Punjab Province" initiative of the Punjab Government only to create a link between potential Employers and Workers and to provide maximum facilitation in the placement of the Job. He sincerely hoped that the inauguration of the KIOSK Machine, developed by PITB, would prove to be very beneficial to create a link between the employer and the job seeker.

Mr. Qasim Afzal, Additional Director General, PITB

thanked President SCCI and all the participants of the meeting for their warm welcome. He also thanked Sialkot Chamber for joining hands together with PITB to fill the gap between the employer and the job seeker.



Mr. Abdul Ghafoor Malik, President of SCCI inaugurated KIOSK Machine placed in the Riaz-ud-Din Sheikh Block of SCCI. On the inauguration Mr. Shams ul Islam, Senior Program Manager had given the demonstration and shared that within 04 months, more than 20,000 workers/ Job Seekers across Punjab are registered on Punjab Job Center Portal to date 750 workers are registered from Sialkot Districts. He said that as per the architect of the system/Database, PITB had different fields in respect of skilled workers/ semi-skilled workers/ formal workers/ informal workers, and professionals. He informed that the stakeholders after signing an MoU would be able to fetch the required data accordingly. He added that with time, the outputs from stakeholders may also be added with categories as per responses/suggestions. He further shared that on behalf of the Labour and HR Department, PITB executed the project as per PC1 requirements. "The integration of different stakeholders like NADRA, TEVTA, Chamber of Commerce, Police, and Financial Institutions will be part of this project to facilitate the worker and employer, he added.

After the Inauguration, on behalf of Sialkot Chamber, Mr. Abdul Ghafoor Malik, President SCCI, and on behalf of PITB Mr. Qasim Afzal, Additional Director General signed an MoU for the project of establishment of a job center in the Punjab province.

VISIT OF MR. RICHARD PHILLIPS, CONSULAR SECTION CHIEF AT THE UNITED STATES CONSULATE IN LAHORE

On February 23, 2023, a meeting was held with Mr.

Richard Phillips, Consular Section Chief at the US Consulate in Lahore, to discuss challenges faced by US citizens residing in Sialkot. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Abdul Gafoor Malik, President of the Sialkot Chamber of Commerce & Industry (SCCI), who welcomed Mr. Phillips and his team and emphasized the cordial relationship between the SCCI and the US Consulate Lahore.



The meeting discussed challenges faced by US citizens in obtaining various services from the US Consulate and Embassy, including visa delays, passport renewals, medical visas, and queries related to B1/B2. The participants raised concerns about administrative processes causing visa delays and refusals, appointment bookings for business visas and trade delegations, and the criteria to judge the legitimacy of a person's business interests with US counterparts. Mr. Phillips assured the participants that the US Consulate was committed to providing efficient and effective services and nominated a focal person to collect the queries raised by the SCCI. The meeting concluded with both parties expressing their hopes for stronger ties between the US and Pakistan.





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MEETING OF DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON WOMEN ENTREPRENEURS



On February 24, 2023, a meeting of the Departmental Committee on Women Entrepreneurs was held under the Chair of Mrs. Gulzaib Waqas Awan. She briefed that the Women Chamber of Commerce & Industry Sialkot will be organizing an exhibition by the title of "WE-Exhibit 2023" to showcase the exceptional talent & potential of women entrepreneurs on March 2023 at Family Park, Sialkot Cantt. She said that Sialkot Chamber extended full cooperation and support to the Women Chamber in all matters especially for organizing a successful exhibition. She also appreciated the financial contribution of the Sialkot Chamber as a Sponsor for managing the expenses of the Exhibition.

Mrs. Lubna Tubsim informed me that a meeting with Capt. Atta Muhammad Khan, Advisor, Ombudsman Regional Office Sialkot was held on February 21, 2023. She informed that Ombudsman Office was providing relief to women by addressing their issues related to property rights, and harassment at the workplace, and the complaints of women were entertained without charging any fee. She said that Ombudsman assured her that applications would receive with the reference of the Sialkot Chamber and would be addressed on a priority basis. She said that women were unaware of the working of such institutions hence awareness would be created for women of the community in collaboration with the Ombudsman Office Sialkot. She shared that a strong liaison would be developed between WCCIS, Ombudsman Office, and Sialkot Chamber for the empowerment of women.

It was decided that an awareness-raising seminar for women entrepreneurs would be organized in March 2023, before Ramazan-ul-Mubarak.

MEETING OF DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY & PUBLICATION



On February 25, 2023, a meeting of the Departmental Committee on Library and Publication was held under the Chairmanship of Mr. Arshad Latif Butt, Chairman Committee. In the meeting, important issues such as the Request for an increase in Chamber Bulletin printing rates received from the Printer, Changing the format of the Chamber Bulletin to make it more informative, and delivery of the Chamber Bulletin and upgrading of the Chamber's Library were discussed. The Chairman Committee said that to make the Bulletin more informative for the members, its format has been completely changed and new features are also being added to it.

He said that for the information and encouragement of the Chamber Members, each bulletin contains one Success Story of a Female Entrepreneur, business-related banking laws, articles related to modern business trends, national and international brands, economic country profiles, business startups, Success Stories of Young Entrepreneurs, Research Reports related to business marketing and introduction of new products in the export industry of Sialkot will be included in the Bulletin. Apart from this, in the committee meeting, a detailed discussion was also held on the up-gradation of the Chamber's Library and further improvement of the distribution of Bulletins.



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مورخه 23 جنوری 2023 کوسیالکوٹ کی سپورٹس اور ٹیکسٹائل انڈسٹریز میں بجلی اورآگ کی وجہ ہے جنم لینے والے حادثات سے ورکرز کی قیمتی جانوں اور املاک کو محفوظ بنانے کے حوالہ سے آگاہی فراہم کرنے کیلئے GIZ، سید احمد اعوان ، سنٹر فار امپورومنٹ آف ورکنگ کنڈیشنز اینڈ انوائر نمنٹ (SAA-CIWCE) اور سیالکوٹ چیمبر آف کامرس اینڈ انڈسٹری کے باہمی اشتراک سے اس اہم روڈشو (آگاہی سیمینار) کا اہتمام کیا گیا۔ روڈشو کی صدارت نائب صدر سیالکوٹ چیمبر جناب عامر مجمیدشخ صاحب نے کی۔ تقریب میں کی صدارت نائب صدر سیالکوٹ چیمبر جناب عامر مجمیدشخ صاحب نے کی۔ تقریب میں جناب صادق اکبر صاحب ، ٹریننگ کوآرڈینیٹر ، SAA-CIWCE اور جناب کاشف شنم اوصاحب، ڈائر کیٹر قداد نے شرکت کی۔ قرائر کیٹر تعداد نے شرکت کی۔ ڈائر کیٹر تعداد نے شرکت کی۔ دائر کیٹر تعداد نے شرکت کی۔

نائب صدر سیالکوٹ چیمبر جناب عامر مجید شخ نے شرکاء روڈ شوسے خطاب کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ حادثہ کوئی بھی ہواس کی بنیادی وجہ السسمان کی جارت ہوئے کہا انتہائی معمولی غلطیاں اتن مہلک اور بڑے حادثات کا سبب بن جاتی ہیں جن کوفراموش کرنا ناممکن ہوتا ہے۔ برقتمتی سے ہمارے ملک میں Human Error کے سبب ہونے والے حادثات کی شرح دیگر ترقی پذیر ممالک کے مقابلے میں کہیں زیادہ ہے جن کا ثبوت

وطن عزیز پاکستان میں حالیہ برسول میں کراچی اور لا ہورسمیت دیگرشہروں میں آتشز دگی کے وہ وا قعات ہیں جن میں نہ صرف سینکٹر وں افراد شعلوں کا کفن پہن کراپی فیتی جانوں سے ہاتھ دھو بیٹھے بلکہ کروڑ وں روپے مالیت کے قیمتی املاک بھی نذر آتش ہو گئیں۔ بلاشبدان تمام حادثات کی بنیادی وجو ہات میں ملک میں مروجہ تو انین پر عملدد آمد میں کو تاہی ، آگ سے بچاؤ کی سے خواف ، Awareness کی کی اور فیکٹر یوں وضعتی نوٹش کیلئے ضروری حفاظتی تدابیر سے انحراف ، Awareness کی کی داور فیکٹر یوں وضعتی نوٹش میں ہنگامی حالات سے نیٹنے کیلئے درکار حفاظتی آلات کا نہ ہونا شامل ہے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ آج کا بیا ہم روڈ شو اس حوالہ سے انتہائی اہمیت کا حامل ہے کہ اس میں آگ سے بچاؤ کے حوالہ سے ضروری آگاہی فراہم کی جارہی ہے۔

سینظر فارامپر وومنٹ آف ورکنگ کنڈیشنز اینڈ انوائرمنٹ (CIWCE) سے سیداحداعوان نے ٹیکسٹائل اور کھیلوں کی صنعتوں میں آگ اور برقی تحفظ کوفر وغ دینے کے لیے مہم کی اہمیت پرایک پر برنٹیشن دی۔انہوں نے مہم کے رویے میں تبدیلی کے اہداف کی بنیاد پر تبادلہ خیال کیا، جو پیشہ ورانہ تفاظت اور صحت کے شعبے میں ماہرین کے ذریعے کیے گئے متعدد مطالعات پر بنی ہیں۔مہم کے مقاصد آگ کے خطرات کے بارے میں بیداری پیدا کرنا، کارکنوں اور مینچرز کو آگ یا بجلی کے خطرے کی صورت میں رقمل کے بارے میں تعلیم وینا، اور آگ اور

گراؤنڈنگ باارتھنگ

الیکٹریکل مثینوں اور ٹولز کی گراؤنڈنگ یا ارتھنگ مثین اور انسان دونوں کیلئے فائدہ مند ثابت ہوتی ہے۔اس کی وجہ سے اضافی کرنٹ انسان اور مثین کونقصان پہنچائے بغیر زمین میں چلاجا تاہے

البيشريكل رسك اسسمنك

اپنی فیکٹر یوں اور کام کی جگہ پرالیکٹر یکل رسک اسسمنٹ کرائیں تا کہ<mark>پ کومعلوم ہو کہ آپ</mark> کی فیکٹری میں کونساار یازیادہ خطرناک اور کونسا کم ہے۔اس کے ساتھ ساتھ دسک اسسمنٹ آپ کوخطرات کا پیۃ لگا کران کوکٹرول کرنے کے قابل بناتی ہے۔

سرکٹ بریکر

تمام مشینوں کے ساتھ مناسب کمپیسٹی کے سرکٹ بریکرز کا ہونا بہت ضروری ہے۔ یہ بر<mark>یکرز</mark> ولٹیج کے کم یازیادہ ہونے کی صورت میں مشین اور ورکرز کی حفاظت کرتے ہیں۔ یا در کھیئے کہ ہرمشین کیلئے مخصوص بریکرز کا استعال کرنا چاہیے۔

لاگ آؤٹ ۔ فیک آؤٹ

مشینوں اور الیکٹر یکل سٹم کی مرمت کے دوران حادثات سے تحفظ کویقینی بنانے کیلیے بجلی کے سیلے کیلے کیلئی ان کو کے سیل کا کر بند کر دیا جاتا ہے تا کہ کوئی شخص ان کو غلطی سے بھی نہ چلا سکے۔ لاگ آؤٹ اور ٹیگ آؤٹ کیلئے ہمیشہ تربیت یافتہ ور کرز کو ذمہ داری دی جانی چا ہیں۔ لاگ اور ٹیگ لگانے اور ہٹانے کی ذمہ داری ایک ہی شخص یا گروپ کو سونی جانی چاہیے۔

ذاتی حفاظت کاسامانPPE

بجلی کا کام کرتے ہوئے ولیج کی مناسبت سے ذاتی حفاظتی سامان لیعنی گلوز ،سیفٹی شوز ، ہیلمٹ ،حفاظتی لباس ،حفاظتی عینک وغیرہ کا استعال یقینی بنا ئیں _زیادہ ولیج کیلئے ربڑکی انسولیشن والے چڑے کے گلوز استعال کریں ۔ علاوہ ازیں لائیوالیکٹریکل سٹم میں کام کرتے سراور چہرے کی حفاظت کیلئے صداستعال کریں ۔

بنگامی حالات سے نمٹنے کا طریقہ

بجل ہے متعلق دوطرح کی ہنگا می صور تحال ہوسکتی ہے۔

1- كرنك لكنا 2-زياده ياكم ويئي كى وجه م مشيزى پراثر

کرنٹ لگنے کی صورت میں بھی بھی ورکرز کو پکڑ کر بجلی ہے دور کرنے کی کوشش نہ کریں۔اییا کرنے گئے کی صورت میں بھی بھی ورکرز کو پکڑ کر بجلی ہے دور کرنے ہے میں سونچ کو بند کریں۔ ایسا اگر میں سونچ دور ہو تو کسی خشک کپڑے، رسی یالکڑی کی مدد سے متاثرہ شخص کو بجلی ہے دور کریں اور فیرا ابتدائی طبی امدا دفرا ہم کریں اور ایمر جنسی نمبرز پراطلاع دیں۔ کم اور زیادہ ویٹے کے سے بچاؤ کیلئے مناسب کییسٹی کے سرکٹ بریکرز کا استعمال کریں۔ زیادہ یا کم ویٹے ہونے کی

برقی آلات کے مناسب استعال اور ان سے نیٹنے کے بارے میں عوامی بیداری کوفروغ دینا ہے۔

جی آئی زیڈ (GIZ) جناب صادق اکبرنے کہا کہ ٹیکٹائل اور فیشن کی صنعت ملکی معیشت اور افرادی قوت میں اہم شراکت دار ہے لیکن اسے ناقص پیشہ ورانہ تحفظ، کم اجرت اور ماحولیا تی انحطاط جیسے چیلنجز کا بھی سامنا ہے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ ہم بنیا دی طور پر ٹیکٹائل صنعت کوجد ید خطوط پر استوار کرنے، پیداواری ماحول و حالات کو انسان دوست بنانے، ماحولیا تی معیارات اور مسابقت کو بہتر بنانے کے لیے سرکاری اور نجی اسٹیک ہولڈرز کو امداد فراہم مرتے ہیں۔ انہوں نے سیالکوٹ کی ٹیکٹائل اور کھیلوں کی صنعتوں میں آگ اور برتی حفاظت کی اہمیت کے بارے میں آگاہی فراہم کرتے ہوئے درج ذیل حفاظتی تدابیرا ختیار کرنے کی ضرورت بیز وردیا۔

فيكثريون مين بجل سے لاحق ہونے والےخطرات

- * كرنٹ لگنا
- 🖈 ننگی اورکٹی ہوئی تاروں کی وجہ سے شارٹ سرکٹ ہونااورآ گ لگنا
 - * بجلى كاجھٹكا لگنے كى وجهسے اونچائى سے كرنا
 - * ہائی ولیٹے کی وجہ سے جسم کا جلنا
- 🖈 کم اورزیاده وولیچ کی وجهہ ہے مشینری اور پراڈ کٹس کاخراب ہونا

بجلی کے کام میں احتیاطی تدابیر

معائنه كانظام

تمام مثینوں اور کبیلز تاروں کے ریگولرمعائنہ کا نظام تشکیل دیں۔ شفٹ شروع کرنے سے پہلے اپنی مثین اور ٹولز کا جائزہ لیس کہ ان کی تاریں کہیں سے گئ ہوئی تو نہیں ہیں۔ اگر تاریں بھری اور گئ ہوئی ہوں تو فوراً ان کی ترتیب اور مرمت کا بندوبست کریں یا اپنی فیکٹری کی انتظامیہ کوآگاہ کریں تا کہ کرنٹ گئے اور شارٹ سرکٹ سے بچاجا سکے

اوورلوڈ نگ

کام کرتے ہوئے اس بات کا خیال رکھیں کہ الیکٹر یکل پینلز، سونج بورڈ زاور تاروں پراس کی کیسٹی سے زیادہ لوڈ نہ ڈالیس۔ ایسا کرنے سے شارٹ سرکٹ اور تاروں کے بھلنے سے مشینوں کے خراب ہونے اورآگ لگنے کا ندیشہ بڑھ جاتا ہے۔ تمام پینلز اور تاروں کوان کی کیسٹی کے حساب سے نشاندہ کی کریں۔

اليكثر يكل سلم كي حفاظتي مرمت

تمام کیبلز اورالیکٹریکل ٹولز اورمشینوں کی حفاظتی مرمت کواس کے سپلائر کے بتائے گئے ٹائم ٹیبل کے مطابق کریں۔اپیا کرنے سے قیمتی جانوں اور مال دونوں کونقصان سے بچایا جا سکتا ہے۔ Feb, 2023 / March, 2023

صورت میں مشین کوابمر جنسی بٹن سے بند کر دیں۔علاوہ ازیں بجلی کی وجہ سے آگ لگنے کی صورت میں فائز الارم بجا کریاز ورز ورسے چلا کرسب لوگوں کوآگاہ کریں اورا بمرجنسی پر کال کریں۔

آگ ہے بچاؤ کیلئے احتیاطی تدابیر

آ گانسان کی بهترین دوست اور بدر بن دشمن ہے

آگ لکنے کی عام وجوہات

مندرجہ ذیل وجو ہات کی بناریک بھی کام کرنیکی جگہ پرآ گ لگ سکتی ہے

- آتش گیرمادوں کے پاس سگریٹ بینا
- بجل کے تارول میں شارٹ سرکٹ کا ہونا
 - کیمیکازی بے ترتیب سٹورت کا ہونا
 - ویلڈنگ،گرائنڈنگ اورکٹنگ کرنا
 - بجلی کے آلات کا خراب ہونا
 - چولہےاور ہیٹرز کااستعال وغیرہ

آگ کیسے چیلتی ہے؟

کن<mark>د کشن: آگ کی وجہ سے اس کے قریب قریب موجود چیزیں ڈائریکٹ حرارت کی وجہ سے س</mark> گرم ہونا شروع ہوجاتی ہیں اورآگ کے پھیلاؤ کا سبب بنتی ہیں

ہوا کی گرمی: آگ کی وجہ سے ہوا گرم ہو کرار دگر دکھلتی ہے اور اپنے قریب پڑی چیزوں کوا تنا گرم کردیتی ہیں کہوہ جلدآ گ پکڑلیتی ہیں

ریریش: آگ سے نکلنے والی انفرا ریڈ گرام شعا ئیں جب کسی چیز سے ٹکراتی ہیں تو اپنی حرارت ان چیز ول میں ٹرانسفر کردیتی ہیں اور یوں ان چیز ول کوگرم کر کے آگ کا سبب بنتی ہیں۔

آگ کی مختلف اقسام اوران کو بجھانے کا طریقہ

کلاس A فائر: کیڑے، گھنے، ککڑی اور کو کلے میں لگنے والی آگ کو کلاس A فائر کہا جاتا ہے۔ اس کو بجھانے کیلئے پانی استعال کیا جاتا ہے۔ پانی کے استعال سے پہلے اس بات کو تقینی بنائیں کہ بجلی کی سپلائی مکمل طور پر بند ہو چکی ہے۔ بجلی والی آگ کو بجھانے کیلئے پانی ہر گز استعال نہ کریں۔

کلاس Bفائر: مائع جات جیسا کہ پٹرول، ڈیزل، گریس اور ہائیڈرلک آئل وغیرہ میں گئے والی آگے کاس Bفائر: مائع وغیرہ میں گئے والی آگ کلاس Bفائر کہلاتی ہے۔ اسے بچھانے کیلئے فوم والے فسل السل الیکسٹینٹ فوم کی تہہ بن جاتی ہے۔ اس سے تیل کی سطیر فوم کی تہہ بن جاتی ہے۔ ہے اور آکسیجن نہ ملئے سے آگ بچھ جاتی ہے۔

کلاس<mark>C فائز: گیسوں جیسا کہ سوئی گیس، ویلڈنگ گیس، پروپین، LPG وغیرہ میں لگنے والی آگ کلاس کی میں شار ہوتی ہے۔اس کو بجھانے کیلئے ڈرائی کیمیکل پاؤڈراستعال کیا</mark>

جا تا ہے۔ بیکلاس A والی آگ کے علاوہ ہوتم کی آگ بجھانے کیلئے استعال کیا جاسکتا ہے۔

کلاس D فائر: میٹل لیتن دھا توں جیسا کہ میہ گئیشیہ ، ٹائیشیم ، پوٹاشیم ، زنک اور کیلشیم
وغیرہ میں لگنے والی آگ کلاس D میں آتی ہے۔ اس کو بجھانے کیلئے ڈرائی کیمیکل پاؤڈر
استعال کیا جا تا ہے۔

کلاس عالم: بجلی کی چیزوں جیسا کہ الیکٹریکل پینل مشینوں اورٹرانسفار مروغیرہ میں لگنے والی آگ کا سکتار ہوتی ہے۔اس کو بجھانے کیلئے کاربن ڈائی آگسائیڈ والے ایسکسٹیدنگیدوشد (CO2) زیادہ کارگر ثابت ہوتے ہیں۔ کاربن ڈائی آگسائیڈ گیس آگسجن کی کی پیدا کر کے آگ کو بجھانے میں مدودیتی ہے۔

کلاس کایا آفائز: اس کو پیش کلاس فائر بھی کہتے ہیں، یہ ایسی آگ ہے جو گرم کھی اور کو کنگ آئل وغیرہ میں لگتی ہے۔ اس کو پکن فائر بھی کہا جاتا ہے۔ اس آگ کو بجھانے کیلئے Wet کیمیکل پاؤڈراستعال کیا جاتا ہے۔ یہ ایسکسٹیدنگیو شد کلاس کی آگ کو بجھانے کے علاوہ ہوتم کی آگ کیلئے استعال کیا جاسکتا ہے۔

آ گ كاپية چلانے كيليے ديوائسز كااستعال

آگ کا پیة چلانے کیلئے مختلف قتم کے آلات لگائے جاتے ہیں جیسا کہ سموک Detector فائر الارم اور ہیٹ Detector وغیرہ ان تمام آلات کا با قاعد گی سے معائنہ بہت ضروری ہے تا کہ ان کی آفادیت کویقینی بنایا جاسکے۔

آگ لگنے کی صورت میں کیا کیا جائے؟

آگ لگنے کی صورت میں فوراً فائر الارم آن کریں، اگر فائر الارم موجود نہ ہوتو "آگ آگ" چلا کر دوسروں کوآگ گاہ کریں۔اگرآپ کوآگ بجھانے والے آلات کا ستعمال آتا ہے تو آگ بجھانے کی کوشش کریں ورنہ ہنگامی انخلاء کے راستوں سے ہوتے ہوئے آسمبلی ایریا یعنی اکھے ہونے کی جگہ پر پہنچ جائیں۔فیکٹری میں آگ دیکھتے ہی بتائے گئے ایمرجنسی نمبرز پرفوراً اطلاع دیں۔

آگ سے بچاؤ کیلئے انتظامات

🚺 آگ سے بچاؤ کیلئے ورکرزاور فیکٹری انتظامیہ کوچاہیے کہ مندرجہ ذیل ہدایات بڑمل کریں۔

🖊 ائش گیر مادہ کی کم سے کم مقدار سٹور کریں

🖊 آتش گیر مادوں کے نزدیک سگریٹ نوشی ہر گز نہ کریں بلکہ کسی محفوظ مقام پر سمو کنگ ایریا بنا ئی<mark>ں۔</mark>

🖊 آتش گیر مادوں کے استعمال کی جگہ پر حفاظتی ہدایات آویز ا<mark>ل کریں</mark>

🖊 تمام در کرز کوآتش گیر مادوں کے محفوظ استعال کی تربیت فراہم کری<mark>ں</mark>

◄ بجل كے تاروں كا با قاعدگى سے معائنہ كويفينى بنائيں تا كه ك<mark>ى ہوئى كيبل يا اوور لوڈ نگ</mark>
 كى وجہ ہونے والا شارٹ سركٹ آ گ كا باعث نه بن سكے۔

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n the hustling bustling life, travelling is a great escape to get rid of a robotic life and learn something interesting every moment. Through vivid exposure, it reaches various experiences of life. Fortunately my business of export of Sports Goods, has been such that I had to travel extensively, especially in Europe, USA and the Middle East, to gain orders for my products from old as well as new customers and this enabled me to gain experiences which I would not have gained without travelling and these experiences related to all spheres of life, for instance washing my clothes, sometimes cooking by myself and walking by carrying heavy bags for miles, to save money from taxi-travel, if and when it was not necessary. I enjoyed profundity of all such experiences, living by my ownself alone with simplicity to do everything with own hands. It is rightly said that one learns more in travel than from anything else. Travelling coupled with education plays its part (as it is rightly said 'sonay pai sohaga'). Education so to say, serves as a wonderful guide in travelling. Both - travelling and education, augment each other to understand the world affairs more correctly, closely and comprehensively. Travel is an education in itself, as also taught by the sage people in history.

People travel for various purposes, such as enjoyment, education, employment and exploring the depth of the

world. But a common benefit imparted by travelling is that it broadens the views and perceptions of mind and soul. It develops the understanding level and sharpens the ideas and thoughts, regarding understanding various cultures intrinsically. In contrast, for some people, it provides a great opportunity to explore the beauty of nature and thus convert their negative thoughts to positive ones, by praising the magnificent scenery of nature. The mid night sun for example, is a natural phenomenon that occurs during the summer months from June to September, in places north of Arctic Circle including north of Norway, Sweden and Finland etc. and in the south of the Antarctic Circle.



As it is known that the earth is not 100% round but has an oval shape and that "the earth is rotating at a titled axis relatively around the sun and since the earth's axis

at Arctic (or Antarctic) is titled more towards the sun, the countries placed there get an appearance of the 'midnight sun'. This circle peaks in summer months and the sun emerges at mid-night from the horizon once again after having completely set down and gives a red-burning light. It is charming to see the comeback of the sun in that hour, which is called 'midnight sun'. Only some precautions are taken, wearing a special glasses and that's all for the body. Nothing else to worry about!!

Similarly, some people find travelling as a medium to groom their personalities, enhance their confidence level and enrich their treasures of knowledge from whichever strata of society they may belong to. Travelling surely changes one's personality and makes him decent, intelligent, independent and self-confident. In short, travelling is not only beneficial for your physical health but also for your mental health. It enlarges longevity of your life-span and definitely improves your mental health. It gives you self-confidence as well as the power to stick firmly to your vision or perspective. It will not be wrong to say that in one way or another, it inhabits a new soul into your body.



Moon was closest to earth on Jan 21, 2023 after 993 years i.e the 'Middle Ages'

Orbiting Earth near Arctic Ocean at the North Pole between Russia and Canada, the Moon comes so close to the Earth that it looks like it is about to crash into it. The moon completes this cycle in just 30 seconds and covers the sun for 5 seconds before disappearing immediately ... Enjoy nature's beautywonders ... One has to be extremely lucky to be there at that time. (My dear readers: if you would like me to send to you the 'Video' of this marvel of nature which I have been helped to capture; I can do so through the

publisher cum owner of this magazine).



(Symposium of Vienna-Austria)

Lastly in my eagerness, once travelling in Sweden for selling my products viz. Ski gloves, Ice-hockey, Bandy gloves and all fitness articles produced here; and staying too long there, I decided to go up to the north of Sweden in order to quench thirst of my knowledge. It is where many tourists go to see the wonders of nature; where the day's sun sets down in the evening time but after that during mid-night once again springs up for an hour or two depending on how north you are up on the globe of earth. This hour comes in summer-time and is called 'Mid-Summer Night-Sun'. People throng there to see the wonders of nature. I stayed for five days in the city Kiruna during my travel in the north of Sweden. My hotel room had been placed with heavy thick-dark curtains because when during the night the sun once again sprouts up in the sky with enough daylight, the curtains will help overcome the temporary light and restore darkness required for necessaryundisturbed sleep. I was told by the manager of the hotel in advance about this change over called 'Midnight Sun'. I had studied in the geography class of my school and now I was there to see it personally and experience it after 17 years. What a great luck it was for me to be there and practically visualize and experience what I had studied in Matriculation. The Hotel people of Kiruna had informed me beforehand upon my arrival about this and not to get panicked by this natural phenomena creating a most enjoyable atmosphere when the day-light returns in the mid of the night. The 'Midnight Sun' comes from April to August every year. 'Hollywood' had produced a romantic movie after Shakespeare's novel 'Midnight Sun' in 2018. The film I saw in a Cinema in Vienna, close to the 'Symposium of Vienna - Austria', in the company of my dear Viennese business friend, Thomas in 2019. An anxious and cautious life must continue gracefully for everybody. (To be continued)





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