

Report on leadership talk with Mr. Gautam Bambawale, Ex - India's Ambassador to China on 23rd April 2020

A leadership talk was organized by MHRD, AICTE and IIC on Thursday, April 23, 2020 at Twitter live platform. Dr. Abhay Jere, Chief Innovation Officer, MHRD Innovation Cell, talked with Mr. Gautam Bambawale IFS, Rtd. Indian Diplomat, served as India's ambassador in China, Bhutan and Pakistan. He is considered to be an expert in china related matters.

Mr. Gautam Bambawale shared valuable suggestions and explains how this Covid-19 crisis offers unique opportunity for India to present itself in a much better way on global platform. He presented his view that covid-19 crisis may provide us opportunity in three ways 1) Politics 2) Economics 3) Soft issues (Education/ Tourism etc). As world is facing lots of domestic crisis and lack of global leadership during Covid-19 crisis and India could be one of such country who could provide such global leadership. In economic sphere many international companies are thinking to relocate their production out of china to other countries like Malaysia, Vietnam and India. So India must take advantage of relocation of these companies, in keeping with our honourable Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi's ideas of 'MAKE IN INDIA'. In soft side sphere India has the opportunity to attract more foreign students to study at our universities and he strongly pointed that India has to be **very fast to grab the opportunity** in all three areas.

He shared his views that Indian Govt. is putting its best effort to make it easier to do business in India. Many International companies could be attracted because we have certain advantage in India like low labour cost and big market to sale the manufactured product without doing export.

He emphasised that the states Govt. should step forward quickly to grab this opportunity and makes these international companies to invest in India. He reported that Maharashtra and Karnataka Govt. have already started moving in this direction.

He also shared his view on the basic philosophy of India and China. India believe in **VASUDHAIVA KUTUMBAKAM** (i.e. world is one family) which means we believe in humanity so India is helping other countries in Covid-19 crisis with whole heartedly whereas china's philosophy is self centred, they believe in middle kingdom-ship which means they are the centre of every thing. Both philosophies have their own benefits for their countries. India could play a global leadership role after the end of this Covid-19 crisis.

He also presented his view on India-china relationship which has been very complex, but both Govts. are putting their efforts to manage their relationship. Many Chinese companies have started manufacturing in India under 'MAKE IN INDIA'. And he suggested that Indian Govt. Should have close look at **Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)**.

He shared his story when he visited china as an Indian ambassador in April, 2018. Wuhan has become infamous now due to corona crisis but in 2018 it became famous because of first informal summit between the head of two countries (President of China Mr. Xi Jinping and Prime Minister of India Mr. Narendra Modi) after the doklam crisis. It was a place where two countries met and discussed on new India, as a result of

meeting a good understanding was reached on how India and china will work and their future relationship.

He discussed the functioning of two countries. India is a democratic country, where there is a revolution of power and in China, their government is centrally driven and they strictly work on annual targets. So, the whole session was very helpful in understanding the unique opportunity that India could grab after Covid-19 crisis.

Near about 40 faculty members and Aproxx. 350 students were benefited from today's Twitter live platform from Maharaja Agrasen Institute of Technology, Sec-22, Rohini, Delhi-110085.

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