

SPEECH OF SHRI LA. GANESAN, HON'BLE GOVERNOR OF
MANIPUR AT THE PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATION OF
HINDUSTAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, TAMIL NADU ON 11TH
SEPTEMBER, 2021 AT ITC GRAND CHOLA, CHENNAI

Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu ji,
Hon'ble Vice-President of India,

Shri Banwarilal Purohit ji,
Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu,

Dr. Prathap C. Reddy ji,
Founder Chairman, Apollo Group,

Shri Sathyanarayan R. Dave ji,
President, Hindustan Chamber of Commerce

All the Office Bearers, Council Members and Former Presidents,
Hindustan Chamber of Commerce,

All the distinguished invitees,

Brothers and Sisters,

I am very happy to have come here to be with you all in the Platinum Jubilee Celebration, 2021 of Hindustan Chamber of Commerce, Tamil Nadu. I am happy to extend a warm welcome to our Chief Guest, Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu ji, Hon'ble Vice-President of India who spared his valuable time to grace this celebration.

It is a matter of great satisfaction to know that with a Membership of about one thousand members from various segments of Trade and Commerce, Hindustan Chamber is affiliated to the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry. Well done and congratulations. I offer my hearty felicitations to all members of the Hindustan Chamber of Commerce, Tamil Nadu on this auspicious occasion. Over the years, many eminent personalities have contributed to the high reputation the Hindustan Chamber of Commerce enjoys today. The invaluable and relentless efforts made by the Founders of the Hindustan Chamber of Commerce to represent trade and business in Chennai are, indeed, commendable and

praiseworthy by one and all. Therefore, this is an occasion to remember all of them with gratitude.

Another thing unique about your Chamber of Commerce is that it provides a national identity. Of course, the Chamber of Commerce of various States also impart a national outlook in their own way, even as they create understanding about the history, culture and ethos of their respective regions. India is a wonderful illustration of unity in diversity. It is necessary for our Chamber of Commerce to develop Commerce and Industry to uplift the economic standard of our downtrodden and economically weaker sections of the society.

I do not intend to dilate as all the eminent personalities present here today are well aware of it. Nevertheless, I would like to place my humble opinion as a layman in this field. In a Nation's development, the role of the Commerce and Industry is very crucial towards the development of the economy. Due to the development of Commerce and Industry, the internal trade eventually heightens its pace of development. As you are well aware, the Commerce and Industry have a vast expansion in its own and thus they also have a chamber associated with their functions.

Here, I would like to make a mention that Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) is the largest and the oldest apex business organisation in India. The Federation is closely connected with India's struggle for independence, its industrialization pace after the independence and its emergence as one of the most rapidly growing global economies of the world. However, this is a non-government, non-profit organisation, but this is the pillar of India's business and industry. From influencing business policy to encouraging the debate on the industries, engaging with policy makers and with the civil society, FICCI's views and concerns of industry are vivid. It serves its members from the Indian

Private and Public Corporate sectors and the MNCs as well, drawing its strength from the regional Chambers of Commerce and Industry across States. I am fully confident that endeavours made by the Hindustan Chamber of Commerce will certainly uphold the dignity of FICCI for the economic development of the country in general. I also strongly believe that the Hindustan Chamber of Commerce will certainly provide information and render the consulting services to the public bodies.

With these few words, I once again congratulate all the Members of Hindustan Chamber of Commerce particularly Shri Sathyanarajan Dave who has got a privilege that before him Dave's father and mother had occupied the President's seat for crossing a proud milestone in its long and illustrious journey. May you cross many more milestones of achievement and make a greater contribution to India's emergence as a strong, prosperous and self-confident Nation.

Thank you,

Jai Hind.