

Report on Interactive Session with H.E. Mr. Chang Nyun Kim, Consul General of the Republic of Korea on 10th September 2025

Venue: Hotel Novotel Vijayawada Varun, Andhra Pradesh

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Organized by: ASSOCHAM Andhra Pradesh

The event was organized by the Andhra Pradesh Chapter of the Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM) at **Hotel Novotel in Vijayawada**. An exclusive Interactive Session was held on 10th September 2025, featuring His Excellency, Mr. Chang Nyun Kim, the Consul General of the Republic of Korea in Chennai. The session aimed to strengthen bilateral ties in the fields of trade and education between India and South Korea, focusing on sectors such as trade investment, infrastructure, education, food processing and smart agriculture.

Mr. Bansidhar Bandi, Co-Chairman, ASSOCHAM AP State Development Council & Vice President, Steel Exchange India Ltd extended a welcome note. Later, Dr. Rangaiah V Setlem, Chair – Agriculture & Food Processing Council, ASSOCHAM Southern Region, Founder & CEO, Womenova Agro Food Park Pvt. Ltd highlighted the initiatives of the Govt of Andhra Pradesh with a special focus on Agro and aquaculture products. Further, Mr. Chiranjiv Choudhary, IFS (Retd.) Secretary to Government (Food Processing), Industries & Commerce Department, Govt of Andhra Pradesh emphasized on the active participation of investors, start up founders and the academic institutions to avail the opportunities provided by the AP Govt and also the Republic of Korea.

Keynote Address by H.E. Mr. Chang Nyun Kim

In his keynote address, Consul General Mr. Kim emphasized the strategic importance of the India-South Korea partnership amidst evolving global geopolitics. He highlighted the shared values and interests between the two nations, particularly in shaping a stable, multipolar Asia. Mr. Kim emphasized the necessity to elevate security cooperation to promote cultural and educational exchanges and to foster greater connectivity among India and South Korea. He encouraged Indian youth and professionals to learn the Korean language, study in Korean Universities and explore career opportunities with Korean companies.

Panel Discussions and Insights

The session featured discussions on various topics pertinent to enhancing Indo-Korean relations:

- **Strategic Partnership:** Mr. Suresh Chukkapalli, Chairman Emeritus of Phoenix Group & Honorary Consul General of the Republic of Korea, spoke on the complementary strengths of both countries and the vast potential for collaboration in manufacturing, R&D, renewable energy, education and technology-led sectors.
- **Investment Climate in Andhra Pradesh:** Mr. Chiranjiv Choudhary, IFS (Retd.), Secretary to Government (Food Processing), Industries & Commerce Department, Government of Andhra Pradesh, provided insights into the state's investment strategies, focusing on the expansion of the food processing industry, thus accelerating industrial growth to drive sustainable practices forward.

Participation and Networking

The event was attended by over 35 senior industry leaders, government officials, and dignitaries, including:

- Mr. Suresh Chukkapalli, Chairman Emeritus, Phoenix Group & Honorary Consul General of the Republic of Korea
- Mr. Chiranjiv Choudhary, IFS (Retd.), Secretary to Government (Food Processing), Industries & Commerce Department, Government of Andhra Pradesh
- Mr. Bansidhar Bandi, Co-Chairman, ASSOCHAM AP State Development Council & Vice President, Steel Exchange India Ltd.
- Dr. Rangaiah V Setlem, Chair – Agriculture & Food Processing Council, ASSOCHAM Southern Region & Founder & CEO, Womenova Agro Food Park Pvt. Ltd.
- Mr. Macha Dinesh Babu, Regional Director, Southern Region, ASSOCHAM

The session provided a platform for participants to engage in meaningful dialogues, exchange insights, and explore strategic opportunities for collaboration between India and South Korea. The Interactive Session with H.E. Mr. Chang Nyun Kim served as a significant step towards fortifying the bilateral relationship between India and South Korea.

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