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IACCGH hosts a **Welcome Reception** for Mayor Annise Parker and the delegates at Khyber, Mumbai



The Consul General of Mumbai briefs the **delegation** on India's political and economic developments



Mayor Annise Parker and members of the delegation speaking to the Indian media



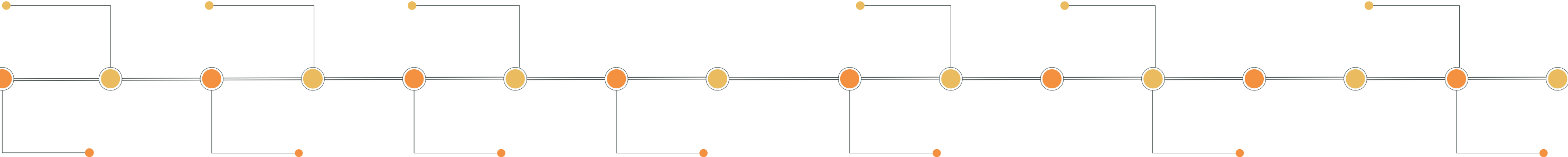
The delegation visits the **Wankhede Stadium** in Mumbai



IACC Mumbai hosts Houston delegation at **Cricket Club of India**



Delegation showcases investment opportunities in Houston to members of the **World Trade Center** in Mumbai



Mayor of Mumbai, Snehel Ambekar welcomes the delegation

Mayor Annise Parker is welcomed at the **Leopold's Café**, Mumbai

Mayor Annise Parker addresses members of the **Asia Society**, Mumbai

IACCGH **President Ashok Garg** along with the delegation visits the **L&T facility**, Mumbai

The delegation meets with senior members of **GAIL**, India

IACCGH invited the US Ambassador to India **Hon. Richard R. Verma** to visit Houston

Mayor Annise Parker & Senior VP of GHP Bob Pertierra with the **PHD Chamber of Commerce**





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IACCGH PLAYS A KEY ROLE IN THE DELEGATION TO INDIA LED BY HOUSTON MAYOR ANNISE PARKER

The 30 member delegation led by Houston Mayor Annise Parker included Bob Pertierra of Greater Houston Partnership (GHP), Port of Houston Authority Commissioners Theldon Branch and Dean Corgey, Houston Airport System Director Mario Diaz, IACCGH President Ashok Garg, Executive Director Jagdip Ahluwalia, Past President Sanjay Ramabhadran, Karun Sreerama of Asset Management Consultants, Bobby Singh of Isani Consultants L.P, and other business leaders, representatives from the Port of Houston Authority and the Houston Airport System.

The week-long mission to Mumbai and Delhi resulted in an MOU between IACCGH, GHP and IACC-India, to facilitate the exchange of information and promote partnerships between Houston and India.

Other highlights included a briefing by the U.S. Consul General, meetings with the Mayor of Mumbai and key business leaders in energy and engineering. The

delegates also showcased investment opportunities in Houston to members of IACC-India, Asia Society and World Trade Center in Mumbai.

The visit to New Delhi was marked by meetings with several high-level Government officials including ministers of Civil Aviation, Petroleum and Natural Gas, Commerce and HRD. An “Invest in Houston” seminar garnered a great deal of attention and interest. Several discussions ranging from opportunities in energy and healthcare to engineering and construction were held.

Members of the delegation also had an hour long meeting with the US Ambassador to India, Richard Verma and appraised him of the rich investment possibilities that exist between Houston and India.

According to Bob Pertierra, Senior VP of Economic Development, GHP, “The timing of a Houston business delegation to India aligns well with the country’s efforts to open trade and investment opportunities with the U.S. and to establish greater economic ties between the two nations.” Mayor Parker acknowledged IACCGH and GHP for helping put the trade mission in place and believed that Houston “will continue to reap the benefits of their hard work well into the future as the relationships initiated this week develop further.”

She also stated that this delegation “accomplished our goal of strengthening the already strong ties that exist between Houston and India.”

Houston and India are bound by extensive business, trade and cultural ties. It is home to over 100,000 Indo-Americans and has more than 700 companies that do business with India. Trade between Houston and India totaled \$4.7 billion in 2014. The Houston/Galveston Customs District ranks as India’s third largest U.S. gateway for international trade by value. India is sixth among Houston’s Asian trading partners and 16th among Houston’s trading partners worldwide.

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