Making
INDIA
Globally Strong.

The Knowledge Chamber
About Us

The Associated Chambers of Commerce & Industry of India (ASSOCHAM) is the country’s oldest apex chamber. It brings in actionable insights to strengthen the Indian ecosystem, leveraging its network of more than 4,50,000 members. With a strong presence in states, and key cities globally, ASSOCHAM also has more than 400 associations, federations and regional chambers in its fold.

Aligned with the vision of creating a New India, ASSOCHAM works as a conduit between the industry and the Government. The Chamber is an agile and forward-looking institution, leading various initiatives to enhance the global competitiveness of the Indian industry, while strengthening the domestic ecosystem. With more than 100 national and regional sector councils. These Councils are led by well-known industry leaders, academicians, economists and independent professionals.

Vision

Empower Indian businesses by instilling knowledge that will serve as a catalyst for growth in a barrier-free, technology-driven global market, allowing them to upscale, align, and emerge as adept players in their respective business areas.

Mission

ASSOCHAM, as a representative institution of Corporate India, encapsulates its members' true, legitimate needs and interests. Its purpose is to influence policy and legislation to promote balanced economic, industrial, and social growth. We believe that education, information technology, business technology, health, community service, and sustainable environment are essential success elements.
Goals

● Inclusive growth for empowered India

  Proactively promote policy proposals that are consistent with the organization’s objective, with the assistance of premier institutions, think tanks, technology and innovation centres, and civil society. Strengthen ties at the national and international levels/forums. Diverse Membership. Be a First Choice Partner for the global business community exploring India as a destination. Establish consensus among stakeholders.

● Yielding knowledge to gain a competitive edge

  ASSOCHAM has established itself as a significant differentiator in the dissemination of tactical and strategic business information that propels initiatives for market consolidation and development in the nation. It acts as a facilitator by educating its members about expanding trends in global marketplaces, providing them with strategies and chances for personal development, and maximizing the utilization of knowledge-based resources.

● Providing a roadmap for expanding Nation Building

  As a result of their alignment with the global economy, numerous sectors of the Indian economy have seen substantial growth, propelling it to the ranks of the world’s fastest growing economies. A variety of recognised and unforeseen obstacles and threats confront the evolving economic order. As a result, ASSOCHAM is spending heavily in cyber security, geopolitical analysis, and the impact of climate change on businesses.
Growth Pillars

ASSOCHAM is driving four strategic priorities -

- **Sustainability**
- **Empowerment**
- **Entrepreneurship**
- **Digitization**

The Chamber believes that affirmative action in these areas would help drive an inclusive and sustainable socio-economic growth for the country.

Sustainability is becoming central to decision-making across the world, as governments, businesses, and civil society embrace a socially responsible framework to enhance the environment. In order to complement India’s Sustainability Movement and take it to the next level, ASSOCHAM has initiated the GEM Green Building Certification Program and GEM Eco-product Certification with the objective to promote environment friendly building design and construction. The GEM green building certification programme enables the architects, planners, designers and project proponents to think and act through the lens of environment, climate, energy and materials usage.

Empowerment is essential to ensure all groups contribute to and fairly benefit from growth processes in a country. ASSOCHAM Empowerment Council is pro-actively working towards creating a platform for people worldwide to speak, share, connect & collaborate for business beyond borders and robustly encouraging and empowering women in business, industry, and commerce across all sectors.

The Indian entrepreneurial spirit has strengthened owing to a supportive regulatory ecosystem, advancements in technology, changing consumer needs, and innovation. ASSOCHAM has been actively participating in the promotion of Entrepreneurial programs in various parts of India and has emerged as the fountainhead of knowledge for the Indian Industry.

The past few decades have seen digitization become an increasingly integral part of our daily lives, and ever since the advent of the COVID-19 pandemic, the digital transformation has accelerated. This year, ASSOCHAM would continue its endeavour in this direction focusing more on 5G and its use cases, technologies like IOT, the financial health of the Sector, and its further growth.
GEM Green Building Certification Program

The Green and Eco-Friendly movement (GEM) of ASSOCHAM is the first indigenous Green Building Certification Program of the nation for new and existing buildings that includes the concept of Sustainability, Energy and Water Efficiency, Waste Management, Fire and life safety, Indoor Air Quality, Daylight, Fresh Air, Human Comfort and UNSDG 2030 goals as guiding parameters.

GEM is supported by various architects, planners, designers, MEP, Fire, Environment and Green consultants from India. The programme has also trained more than 1200 certified green building auditors and professionals. GEM has active chapters in 12 states in India. It has been recognised by five states for availing state FAR and green related incentives.


ASSOCHAM GEM green building council also organises an international conclave every year. The ASSOCHM GEM conclave, expo and awards attracts more than 1500 delegates. The event focusses on built infrastructure and allied sectors in India. The event is graced by National and International Architects, MEP, Environment and Sustainability Consultants, industrialists as delegates and exhibitors from the country. The GEM Conclave, Expo & Awards provide a unique platform for showcasing innovations, ideas and leveraging the power of growing national eco-friendly and green gold network.

IPR Council

The Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) Council at ASSOCHAM is intensively involved with issues pertaining to the protection and enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights.

Under ASSOCHAM National Council on IPR, ASSOCHAM IPFC is working to create awareness about the role of Intellectual Property for comprehensive awareness & training in IPR to all stakeholders.

It has been extensively involved in providing strategic Policy & Advocacy services to the MSMEs for the management of their IPRs & Technology. AIPFC is focusing on enabling MSMEs in understanding, identifying & use intellectual property rights for building competitive advantage and business excellence.

ASSOCHAM, in association with the Ministry of Micro Small & Medium Enterprise, (MSME), Govt. of India has established Intellectual Property Rights Facilitation Centres (IPFC) at Delhi & Bengaluru.
AFCSR

ASSOCHAM Foundation for Corporate Social Responsibility (AFCSR), the social arm under the resolute leadership of apex knowledge is a national level chamber with the rich legacy of over a century identifies social, environmental and sustainable solutions with the paramount objective of creating and enabling a robust environment with equitable goals. It provides an inclusive growth and development by bridging the gender, social, economic disparities in the 'Nation Building' process.

AFCSR as a responsible entity consistently works towards UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) aligning with National interest, assist the corporates in framing their CSR policies and facilitate them for end to end effective implementation of CSR projects with sustainable legal frame ensuring all compliances. AFCSR focuses on road safety awareness, skilling and training programs including the empowerment of persons with disabilities, women empowerment, education, Swacch Bharat-Swasth Bharat, and to organise programs and activities in Healthcare, Hygiene, Nutrition, Environment and Sustainability, Diversity and Inclusion etc.

ASSOCHAM CSR facilitate & guide to conduct overall CSR programs, projects, publication & other activities focusing on socio-economic development indicators with an objective to serve our members & non-member partners with following objectives:

- Policy advocacy and Meetings with Govt.
- Promote industry-government partnership through social and environmental initiatives as per suggested by Government and interest of members
- Recognition of efforts of Private Sectors through organize of Conference and Awards
- To prepare and publish the knowledge papers/Studies
National Councils

- Agriculture
- Animation and Sports Technology
- Arbitration and Mediation
- Asset Reconstruction Companies
- Auto and Auto Ancillaries
- Ayush Task Force
- Banking and Financial Services
- Branding and Marketing
- Capital Markets and Investors Protection
- CFOS Forum
- Chemical and Petrochemical
- Civil aviation and Airport Infrastructure
- Coal
- Commodity Market
- Competition Law
- Corporate Affairs, Company Law and Corporate Governance
- Corporate Bond Market
- CSR
- Cyber Security and Cyber Law
- Data Centre
- Defence and Aerospace
- Digital Communication
- Direct Selling and Consumer Affairs
- Direct Taxes
- Ease of Doing Business and Economic Affairs
- Education
- Electronics and Hardware
- Empowerment
- Entertainment and Media
- Environment and Climate Change
- Fintech
- FMCG
- Food Processing and Value Addition
- Government Procurement
- GEM Green Building Certification Program
- Green Mobility
- Healthcare
- Homeland Security and Disaster Management
- HR & IR Policies and Reforms
- Hydro Carbon
- Hydro Power
- Indirect Tax
- Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code
- Insurance
- Internal Audit and Risk Management
- International Tax
- IPR
- Iron and Steel
- IT and ITES and Digital Commerce
- Leather, Non Leather and Accessories
- Legal Affairs and Regulatory Reforms
- Logistics and Warehousing
- Manufacturing and Capital Goods
- Medical Devices and Diagnostics
- Mines and Minerals
- MSME
- Non Banking Financial Services & Infrastructure Finance
- Pharmaceuticals and Biotechnology
- Power
- Quality and Productivity
- Railways
- Real Estate, Housing and Urban Development
- Renewable and Alternate Energy
- SEZ, Industrial Park and Warehousing
- Shipping, Ports and Inland Waterways
- Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
- Social Inclusion and Affirmative Action
- Sports and Infrastructure
- Startup
- Textiles and Technical Textiles
- Tourism and Hospitality
- Underground Coal and Tunneling
- Water
- Wellness
- WTO, Trade and Investment
- Wine and Beer

State Councils

- Andhra Pradesh
- Bihar
- Central Region
- Chandigarh
- Chhattisgarh
- Delhi
- Eastern Region
- Goa
- Gujarat
- Haryana
- Himachal Pradesh
- Jammu and Kashmir
- Jharkhand
- Karnataka
- Kerala
- Ladakh
- Madhya Pradesh
- Maharashtra
- North East
- Northern Region
- Odisha
- Pondicherry
- Punjab
- Rajasthan
- Southern Region
- Tamil Nadu
- Telangana
- Uttar Pradesh
- Uttarakhand
- West Bengal

International Division

The International Division serves as the front-end of ASSOCHAM globally. It is active in providing business intelligence, promoting networking, and business development opportunities to support the Indian industry’s growth globally and foster international trade and investments for industry members.

Additionally, the division complements and supports the Government of India’s agenda on Economic Diplomacy and Development Partnership in policy advocacy, promoting foreign trade and industrial development by facilitating foreign direct investments (FDI) and supporting balanced development of industries.

The Chamber is committed to helping its members enhance efficiency, competitiveness and expand business opportunities abroad through a range of specialized services and global linkages. ASSOCHAM has global footprints with MoU partner chambers located across the globe.

ASSOCHAM undertakes activities to support and connect Indian industry with foreign partners across the globe.