Mandate

A need for a national public policy centre with international expertise has long been felt in Rajasthan, in particular at Jaipur.

The upcoming CUTS International Public Policy Centre (CIPPoIC) in the state capital is a step in this direction. Based on the concept of MICE (Meetings, Incentive, Conference & Exhibition), CIPPoIC will have an overall mandate to provide and promote a platform for dialogues, programmes, research, advocacy, networking and capacity building on public policy and related areas such as foreign policy, regional cooperation, decentralisation, governance and many more.

The CIPPoIC will be located in a 5,000 square metres plot in the fast upcoming area of Jagatpura Institutional Area, Jaipur which is situated close to the airport. Construction of the building is about to start, but activities of the Centre will be launched on Friday, July 04, 2014 at a public event in Jaipur.

Targets and Actions

Goals of CIPPoIC will be defined by ‘targets and actions’ rather than ‘aims and activities’ as it is premised upon the following principles:

- Create and not just provide a platform for ideation, dialogue and debate;
- Develop and not just promote a culture of consensus on policy making;
- Inculcate and not just contribute to a thoughtful leadership; and
- Generate outcomes and not just outputs through follow up of the activities.

Credentials

The genesis of CIPPoIC lies in the overwhelming track record of CUTS. To put it succinctly, we reproduce some of the testimonies that echo this claim:

- CUTS, a leading NGO in Jaipur, has long experience working on economic policy issues...they have achieved considerable reputation both nationally and globally
  
  Vasundhara Raje  
  Chief Minister, Rajasthan (2003-2008 & 2014 till date)

- CUTS is the first globalised NGO from India  
  Prof. Jagdish Bhagwati  
  Economist

- CUTS has in fact strengthened the link between grassroots concerns and international policy-making arena
  
  Pascal Lamy  
  Director General, WTO (2005-2013)

- CUTS and UNCTAD have a long history of collaboration on creating a competition culture in the developing world
  
  Supachai Panitchpakdi  
  Secretary General, UNCTAD (2005-2013)

- CUTS has contributed a great deal towards strengthening the democratic processes and structures of our country by enhancing people’s involvement and voice in determining their future, on the one hand, and by promoting debate and discussion on government policies and programmes, on the other
  
  Kamal Nath  
  Union Minister for Urban Development and Parliamentary Affairs (2011-June 2014)

- CUTS is a leading NGO based in India and focussed on public interest issues. Its work with partners from government to grassroots covers trade policy, economic development and governance, human development and social policy. CUTS... has links with many other research institutions around the world.
  
  Peter N Varghese, AO  
  Foreign Secretary, Australia

For more, please visit www.cuts-international.org/Reflections.htm and don’t miss the thoughts that dignitaries around the globe shared to mark 30th Year Anniversary of CUTS, for which please see:

www.cuts-international.org/30thanniversarylectures/
Membership

CIPPoIC will have the following kinds of membership:

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<td>1 Honorary Members</td>
<td>Persons of impeccable integrity and outstanding ability, Central Government Ministers, President, Ex-Presidents, Chief Ministers, Governors etc.</td>
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<td>Persons having interest in education, science, culture, commerce, industry, agriculture or other areas of public policy activity</td>
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| 4 Corporate Members | Corporate Member                                                                     | • 10,00,000 (For companies with turnover up to 300 crores)  
                                    |                                       | • 12,00,000 (For companies with turnover between 301-750 crores)  
                                    |                                       | • 15,00,000 (For companies with turnover above 750 crores)          |
| 5 Institutional     | Institutions which may belong to research and higher learning, a Central Government Department, a State Government Department, or any other Society, Trust, Governmental body or Authority, or any Association or Organisation of persons interested in academic or policy work | Varying from ₹1.00 to ₹3.00 lacs depending upon their annual budget, to be determined by the Governing Council of CIPPoIC |
| 6 Foreign Institutional Membership/Diplomatic Missions/UN Agencies | Foreign Association, Academy, University or Research Organisation. Additionally, Members from Diplomatic missions, United Nations Organisation/agencies and International Civil Servants can become members for the period of their posting | US$7,500 or more                     |

In addition to the above an annual subscription fee would apply at following rates:

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<td>4 Individual Members</td>
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Note:
- The above rates apply to the early bird offer and are likely to increase in future.
- Governing Council reserves the right to admit members and also decide the maximum members per category.

Collaborations

CIPPoIC is an idea waiting to bloom. As part of CUTS family it stands to benefit from an overwhelming network of CUTS from India and around the globe. Amongst others, the network includes:
- Partnership with research organisations and media in over 40 countries
- Five overseas offices in Asia, Africa and Europe
- Partnership with several governmental, multilateral and non-governmental organisations

The CIPPoIC will seek affiliations with similar organisations in India and abroad, thus offering a wide choice of venues for members to take advantage of.
Amenities and Facilities*

And just if you thought, it is all work and no play then this one of a kind institution will be housed in a facility that includes:

- An auditorium of 200-250 seats for multiple uses, such as stage shows and conferences with translating and audio visual facilities
- Three seminar rooms: 60, 45 and 25 seats
- Interaction and exhibition space
- Reception area and visitor's lounge
- Pantry services
- Health club and fitness centre
- Crèche
- Business centre-cum-ante chamber
- Well stocked library with newspapers and magazines
- Guest rooms for overnight stay
- Dining room
- Business lounge

Additionally, all of this will be tucked smartly in a state-of-the-art building complex which is not only environment friendly but also easily accessible by differently-abled persons.

Benefits and Privileges for Members*

CIPPoIC will be a hub and a club of intellectuals, policy makers, researchers, change makers and catalysts. CIPPoIC membership is a means to bring them together and provide them a conducive environment to further their interests and goals of the centre.

Some of the benefits attached to the membership include:

- Access to centre's resources, publications and network
- Invitations to special events
- Exclusive use of dining room and library
- Admission to exhibitions and events for members
- Access to health and fitness club
- Preference and discount on guest rooms and other facilities
- In addition, all Founding, Corporate, Institutional and Individual members will have right to attend/vote at the general body meeting.

Management

A Governing Council presided over by the Chairman will manage the affairs of CIPPoIC. The composition will include the chairman and members. It will be divided into sub committees to manage important functions such as: Membership, Finance, Infrastructure and Programmes.

The first Governing Council will comprise of:

1. Ashok Jha, former Finance Secretary, Government of India, New Delhi, as Chairman of the Board
2. Raj Liberhan, Director, India Habitat Centre, New Delhi
4. M. L. Mehta, former Chief Secretary, Government of Rajasthan, Jaipur
5. G. K. Pillai, former Home Secretary, New Delhi
6. Rima Hooja, Member, National Monument Authority, Jaipur
7. Bibek Debroy, Research Professor, Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi
8. Syeda Hameed, former Member, Planning Commission
9. Rajiv Lall, Executive Chairman, IDFC Ltd, Mumbai
10. Kishore P. Rungra, Chairman, MÄN Structural Ltd, Jaipur
11. Mythili Bhusnurmath, Consulting Editor, Economic Times
12. Pradeep S Mehta, Secretary General, CUTS International, Jaipur
13. C. Raja Mohan, Distinguished Fellow, Observer Research Foundation

* Facility will be ready towards the end of 2016 but the centre will commence activities from 2014

About CUTS

Established in 1983, Consumer Unity & Trust Society (CUTS) is a non-profit, non-governmental organisation working on public interest issues. Its core area of work includes consumer protection, economic policies, trade, competition laws, regulatory issues, human development and social change etc. CUTS has emerged as a non-governmental think and action-tank working on various dimensions of trade, regulation and governance and has over the last three decades strived to fulfill its mission to enable and ensure consumer sovereignty in the framework of social justice, economic equality and environmental balance within and across borders. This is centred on the adage that consumer interests are synonymous with national interest.

Today, CUTS has anchored itself in Jaipur as a reputed international NGO, and has also established its presence throughout the world including Switzerland, Kenya, Zambia, Ghana and Vietnam. For more, please visit: www.cuts-international.org.

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