

EPCES Farewell to Commerce Secretary Shri Sunil Barthwal 6 October 2025 | Taj Mahal Hotel, Longchamp

EPCES organised a small function on 6 October 2025 at the Taj Mahal Hotel to bid farewell to Shri Sunil Barthwal, the



Commerce Secretary. The function was attended by EPCES Chairman Shri Badiga Srikanth, Director General Shri Alok Chaturvedi, Vice Chairman Shri Sunil Rallan, and CGC members Shri Vilas Gupta and Shri Sunil Puri, Regional Chairman, NSEZ — along with other council members and industry representatives. The occasion was also graced by government dignitaries including Shri Sunil Barthwal (Outgoing Commerce Secretary), Shri Rajesh Agrawal (Commerce Secretary), Ms. Santosh Sarangi (Secretary, MNRE),



Shri K. Skandan (IAS, Retd.), Shri Shashank Priya (Member, CBIC) and Shri Ajay Bhadoo (DGFT). DG EPCES spelt out Shri Barthwal's initiatives such as holding BoA meeting outside Delhi, coverage of SEZs and EOUs under the RoDTEP scheme and exemption to SEZs and EOUs from the mandatory QCOs. He also welcomed the new Commerce Secretary and hoped that the pending issues will be resolved very soon.



Chairman and Vice Chairman EPCES wishing Shri Barthwal a healthy and happy life post retirement.

EPCES presented Shri Barthwal and Shri Agrawal mementoes. Shri Agrawal assured that he will continue the initiatives taken by Shri Barthwal and will take up all pending issues. Shri Barthwal recalled developments during his tenure and thanked EPCES for its help in policy formulation and conveyed best wishes for the Council's future endeavours. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks from the