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Press Meet

Mr. K.R. Girish, Senior Partner, BSR & Co., (member firm of KPMG) took over as President and Mr. Shekar Viswanathan, Deputy Managing Director, Toyota Kirloskar Motors took over as Vice President of BCIC.

President, Vice President, Immediate Past President Mr. N N Upadhyay and Mr.T.S. Sampath Kumar, Secretary General were present at the first Press Conference held on Wednesday, July 1, 2009. The Press Meet highlighted on the following important issues:

- Action Plan of the BCIC for the first 100 days
- Advantage Karnataka
- Global Investor's Meet.
- Theme of the Chamber for the current year

During the interactions, it was mentioned that the Chamber would be very much keen to work with the State Government in tackling the piquant power situation prevalent in the State. The BCIC called upon the Government to adopt a proactive energy strategy that encourages private sector power

generation, renewable sources, energy audits and new technologies. Mr. Shekar Viswanathan said that the acute power shortage in the State warranted a long-term solution with encouragement to large and captive producers

They also expressed their views on infrastructure and Goods and Service Tax (GST).

The President mentioned that BCIC would like to partner with the Karnataka Government for its 'Second Global Investors' Meet to be held in November 2009 which would continue to help create an atmosphere conducive to industrial growth.

BCIC and KPMG are in the process of compiling a document titled "Advantage Karnataka" on the areas of Karnataka's strengths, opportunities and weaknesses. The report is an attempt to look at ways to put the State back among top industry and investment-friendly destinations in the country. The document would be the voice of the members and others, and would be released by the end of the month.

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(From Left) Mr K.R. Girish, President, Bangalore Chamber of Industry and Commerce, Mr Shekar Viswanathan, Vice-President, and Mr T. Ramappa, Secretary-General, at a press conference in Bangalore on Wednesday. — G.R.N. Sornashekar

Govt urged to adopt proactive energy strategy

Our Bureau
Bangalore, July 1
The Bangalore Chamber of Industry and Commerce has called upon the Karnataka Government to adopt a proactive energy strategy that encourages private sector power generation, renewable sources, energy audits and new technologies. Addressing a press conference, the BCIC's newly elected President, Mr K.R. Girish, and Vice-President, Mr Shekar Viswanathan, said that the chamber would work with the State Government in tackling the immediate challenges of power,

infrastructure and implementation of Goods and Services Tax (GST). The chamber hoped to partner with the Karnataka Government's second Global Investors' Meet, to be held in November, they said. It would continue to help create an atmosphere conducive to industrial growth. Mr Girish, who is Senior Partner, BSR & Co, a member firm of KPMG, observed that there were no serious investors in the power sector. Mr Vishwanathan, who is Deputy Managing Director (Commercial), Toyota Kirloskar Motors Ltd, said the acute

power shortage in the State warranted a long-term solution with encouragement to large and captive producers. BCIC and KPMG are putting together a document called 'Advantage Karnataka' on the areas of Karnataka's strengths, opportunities and weaknesses. The report is an attempt to look at ways to put the State back among top industry- and investment-friendly States. Bangalore has serious traffic woes and the urgent need is to decongest the city and make the best use of available infrastructure, Mr Vishwanathan said.



K R Girish (right), the newly-elected president of the Bangalore Chamber Of Industry & Commerce (BCIC), with former president N N Upadhyay at a press meet in Bangalore on Wednesday. Girish said Karnataka used to be a first mover in capturing investment for industrialization. But in the last few years it has been losing out on investments. "Investor confidence is down and the government needs to be proactive to bring it back," Girish said. BCIC, together with KPMG, is planning to release a booklet stating the advantages and the shortcomings of the state. "The booklet will be the voice of our members and others, and will be released by the end of the month," Girish said.