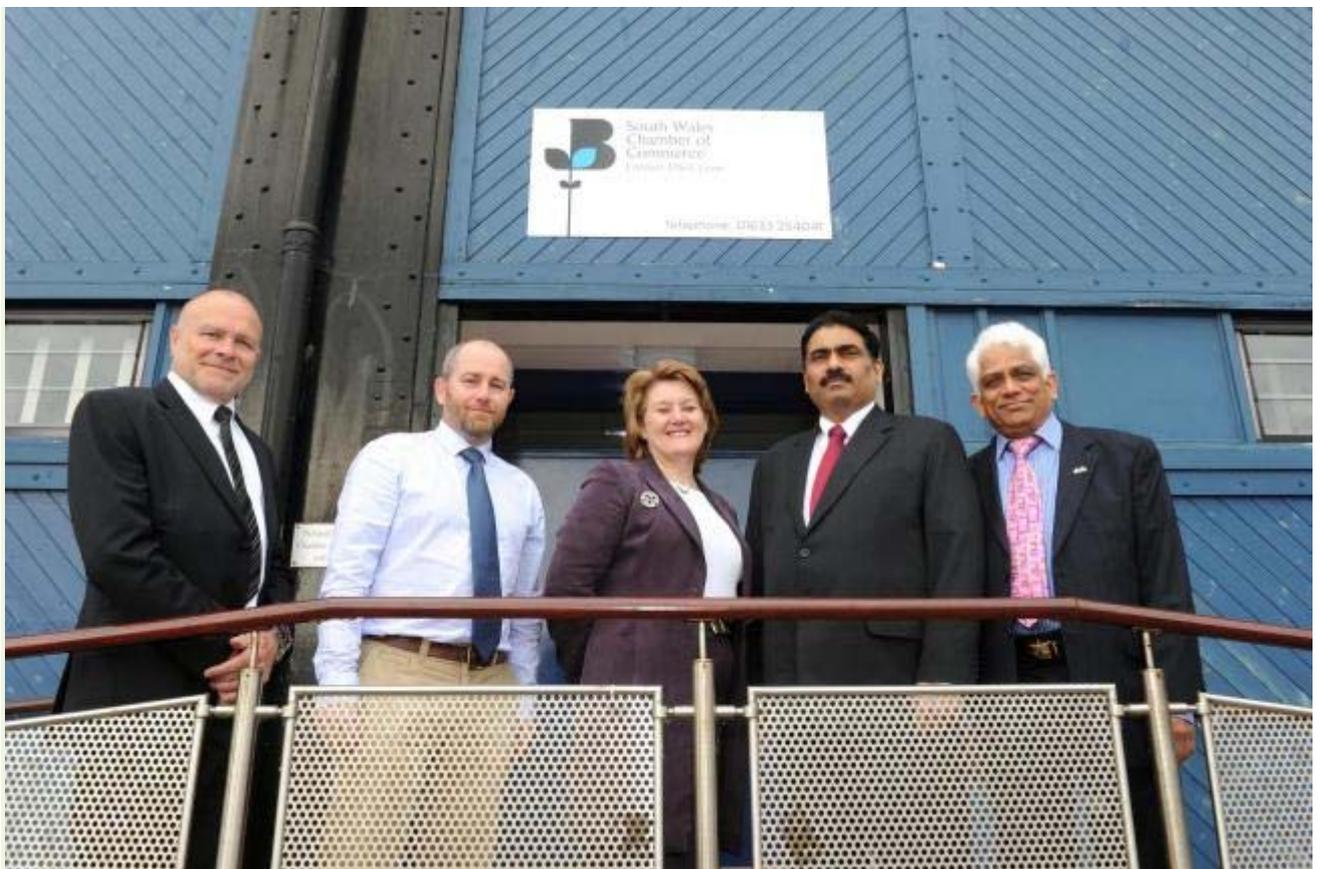


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Business and education links strengthened between India and Wales after Chamber of Commerce meeting



(From left) Julian Rose (South Wales commerce chamber head of finance), Dr Paul Davies (USW), and Liz Maher (President of the South Wales Chamber of Commerce) with Chandrakant Salunkhe – Founder & President SME Chamber of India and Satyandva Patel

BUSINESS links between India and South Wales were discussed yesterday as the president of the SME Chamber of India visited the South Wales Chamber of Commerce.

Chandrakant Salunkhe met with the Newport-based south wales chamber president Liz Maher.

Ms Maher said the meeting, at the chamber's Enterprise Way headquarters, helped to move forward business links and maintain a strong relationship offering 'mutual benefit' to both countries.

“Access to an established business network in India will bring a wealth of knowledge that our members can access to give them the confidence to move into new markets,” Ms Maher added.

“Within our chamber network we have a range of businesses that already export to India and we are looking to support others looking to develop an export market.”

Both chambers also discussed educational support with University of South Wales business development co-ordinator Paul Davies.

Mr Salunkhe said: “We will support the university to get students here from India to study and to provide an entrepreneurship or internship to the students that are looking to get a job within business or the trade market.”

Mr Davies said: “We feel that the plans that the SME Development Chamber has to support start up entrepreneurs and particular female entrepreneurs chime well with our graduate development programs.

“We will certainly be looking at the opportunities to deliver both distance learning and work placements for our own students and for Indian students looking to enhance their business skills.”

Mr Salunkhe is in the UK for a week, and also met with Welsh first minister Carwyn Jones yesterday afternoon.