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The Coming of Age of a Global Innovation Hub

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<i>Thursday 2 June 2022</i>	
08:30 - Ongoing	<i>Registration of participants</i>
09:15 - 09:20 Grand ballroom	<i>Welcome to participants and introduction to the India Global Innovation Connect</i>
09:20 - 10:30 Grand ballroom	<p><i><u>Curtain raiser session</u></i> <i>A transformed startup ecosystem: Meet the players leading the charge</i></p> <p>The dislocations brought by the pandemic have spurred a burst of innovation, with many startups coming up with new technology responses to the constraints and changing needs of individual customers as well as of corporations. New products and services have emerged from the country's startup ecosystem which have already found their market and have the potential for international expansion in areas such as fintech, nanotechnology, digital healthcare, industrial IoT, etc. Who are the entrepreneurs at the forefront of this trend and what makes them successful?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ What are the new consumers trends in B2B and B2C that are changing the product-market fit problematic? What is required to leverage these changes? ✓ Who are the startup founders at the forefront of this trend and what is behind their success? ✓ What is needed to expand and leverage more optimally the new burst of innovation? <p><i><u>Speakers:</u></i> <i>B.J. Arun</i>, Chairman, The Indus Entrepreneurs (TiE) Global Board, USA</p>

	<p>Umang Bedi, Co-founder, VerSe Innovation, India Vaibhav Gupta, Co-Founder & Chief Executive Officer, Udaan, India Derick Jose, Co-Founder & Chief Data Scientist, Flutura Decision Sciences and Analytics, India/USA Hari Menon, Co-Founder & Chief Executive Officer, BigBasket, India Mohandas Pai, Co-Founder & Partner, Aarin Capital, India</p> <p><i>Moderated by:</i> Ralph C. Voltmer, Partner, Head of India Practice, Covington & Burling, USA</p>
<p>10:30 - 11:00 Grand ballroom</p>	<p>Inaugural session</p> <p><i>Keynote speech by:</i> Shri Basavaraj Bommai, Hon Chief Minister of Karnataka</p> <p><i>Moderated by:</i> Claude Smadja, President, Smadja & Smadja Strategic Advisory, Switzerland</p>
<p>11:15 - 11:35</p>	<p><i>Networking break</i></p>
<p>11:35 - 12:50 Ballroom 1</p>	<p><i>Breakout session</i> India as the new Deep Tech hub? The startups seizing the new opportunities</p> <p>India is now close to an inflection point where it will be emerging as the next global DeepTech hub. A NASSCOM report evaluates that close to 20% of all the country's start-ups are now involved in deep tech developments. Indian and foreign VCs developing their portfolio of deep-tech startups are betting on positive factors for the expansion of the sector such as accelerating digital adoption, the broadening of the national skills and talent pool, the more pressing need of corporations for advanced solutions to remain competitive, and a strong policy support, exemplified by the "Atmanirbhar" - self-reliance - policy of the government aiming at the development of an ecosystem propitious to research and innovation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Given the long gestation period for Deep-Tech products and services to technology commercialization, what is required to create partnerships between corporations, Deep-Tech VC funds, academia and government to develop innovation and promote mentorship for deep-tech development? ✓ What assets/comparative advantages can Indian startups leverage more to expand their footprint in deep-tech? ✓ Listen to the success stories of Deep-Tech entrepreneurs.

	<p>✓ What potential for the emergence of Indian deep-tech unicorns? What challenges to overcome?</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i> Arun Chandru, Co-founder & Director, Pandorum Technologies, India Satoshi Nagata, Director, Sagri India, Japan/India Aruna Schwarz, Co-founder & Chief Executive Officer, Stelae Technologies, UK/India Manish Singhal, Founding Partner, PI Ventures, India Pradeep Vajram, Executive Chairman & Chief Executive Officer, AlphaICs, India/USA/Japan</p> <p><i>Moderated by:</i> Saket Agarwal, Founder & Managing Partner, Onnivation, India</p>
<p>11:35 - 11:50 Ballroom 3</p>	<p><i>From innovative ideas to successful companies: Perspectives from Israel</i></p> <p><i>Keynote presentation by:</i> Karin Mayer Rubinstein, Chief Executive Officer & President, Israel Advance Technologies Industries, Israel</p>
<p>11:50 - 13:00 Ballroom 3</p>	<p><i>Last mile connectivity: Converting research faster into business success stories</i></p> <p>It is great to come up with an innovation in technology, sciences or in the technical domain but it is quite different to understand how this innovation can be deployed, what market to target and then to be able to mobilize the necessary resources, set up the right organization and management team to secure perfect execution. Sometimes the problem boils down to the failure to recognize an opportunity. Too many academic institutions in India as well as new startups have to confront many obstacles in trying to commercialize the IP they have produced, quite often due to a lack of effective linkages and synergies between industry and research organizations, insufficient financial resources, or even, deficient protection of IP rights domestically and abroad.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ How to develop the programs and policies that will promote the collaboration between businesses and research organizations ✓ How to foster a more commercially oriented mindset among scientists and researchers? ✓ Are there lessons to be drawn from some countries successful at translating innovative ideas into commercializable products or services? <p><i>Speakers:</i></p>

	<p>Anand Anandkumar, Co-Founder & Chief Executive Officer, Bugworks, India Jagadeesh Gopalan, Senior Professor Dept. of. Aerospace Engineering, Chairman, Center of Excellence in Hypersonics, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, Co-Founder Ykrita Life Sciences, India Manoj Gopalkrishnan, Founder & Chief Executive Officer, Algorithmic Biologics, India Anandi Iyer, Director, Fraunhofer Office India, Germany/India Shrikumar Suryanarayan, Co-Founder, Chairman & Chief Executive Officer, Sea6Energy, India</p> <p><i>Moderated by:</i> Woosuk Kenneth Choi, Editor, Future Planning Desk, The Chosun Ilbo Group, Director General, The Asian Leadership Conference, Republic of Korea</p>
<p>13:10 - 14:30 Grand ballroom</p>	<p>Plenary luncheon</p> <p>Lessons from three decades of startup investing: What makes a startup worth betting on?</p> <p><i>A conversation with:</i> Jonathan Medved, Founder & Chief Executive Officer, OurCrowd, Israel</p> <p><i>Moderated by:</i> Malini Goyal, Business journalist, India</p>
<p>14:45 - 16:10 Grand ballroom</p>	<p>The transformers: Showcasing startup founders shaking up their sector</p> <p>Startup founders take turn to present their company, highlighting the innovative, transformational impact of what they are creating. They also share how they address the challenges of skills and the product-market fit.</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i> Ankit Anand, Vice President - Software and India Business, Sleepiz, Switzerland Peter Choe, Chief Executive Officer, Contents Holdings, Republic of Korea Neils Delore, APAC Head, Flyability, Switzerland Ramkumar Govindarajan, Founder & Chief Executive Officer, Wizfreight, India</p>

	<p>Nakul Kukar, Co-founder & Chief Executive Officer, Cell Propulsion, India Saurabh Tembhurne, Founder & Chief Executive Officer, SoHHytec, Switzerland</p> <p><i>Moderated by:</i> Shaili Chopra, Founder, Gytree & SheThePeople, India</p>
<p>16:30 - 17:45 Ballroom 1</p>	<p><i>Breakout session</i> Maximizing the potential of Public Innovation Platforms for new technology and new businesses</p> <p>A number of success stories, such as UPI and Aadhar in India illustrate the power and potential of Digital Public Goods for generating innovations that are not only opportunities for creating new, profitable businesses but also for improving lives, expanding inclusion and removing frictions in an economy. Although there are issues to be addressed with respect to Digital Public Goods, this model reduces barriers for the next 5 billion people to participate in the digital economy and scales up impact.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ How can innovators make best use of existing digital public goods? ✓ Are we on the cusp of a more broadly used new innovation model – especially with the emergence of Web 3.0? ✓ What challenges need addressing for expanding what could be a new innovation model? ✓ How could the leveraging of a new public platform innovation model help accelerate new technological advances and business creation in domains such as healthcare, e-invoicing, digitalization etc.? ✓ How can Public Innovation Platforms contribute to making India a 10 trillion dollars economy by 2030? <p><i>Speakers:</i> Rakshit Daga, Chief Technology Officer, BigBasket, India Alex "Sandy" Pentland, Media Lab Entrepreneurship Program Director, MIT Media Lab, USA (<i>online</i>) Nirankar Saxena, Deputy Director General, FICCI, Leader S&T activities, Chair of the 6 innovation clusters Govt of India, India Sharad Sharma, Co-Founder, Indian Software Product Industry RoundTable (Isprit), India</p> <p><i>Moderated by:</i> Claude Smadja, President, Smadja & Smadja Strategic Advisory, Switzerland</p>
<p>16:30 - 17:45</p>	<p><i>Breakout session</i></p>

<p>Ballroom 3</p>	<p><i>Designing India's WEB 3.0 innovation roadmap</i></p> <p>With the Web 3.0 data can be interconnected in a decentralized way, with human users and machines able to interact with data. As Web 3.0 networks will operate through decentralized protocols a convergence has already emerged with the blockchain and cryptocurrency technologies with an interoperability and seamless integration allowing them to be used in a wide range of applications with the potential of changing the way companies conduct their business and individuals manage their daily lives. What is required for Indian entrepreneurs and the Indian economy to leverage the potential created by this new technology and even achieve a leadership role in this domain?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ How are Indian startups already beginning to leverage the potential of the Web 3.0 and towards what kind of products and services, from gaming to NFTs and payments? ✓ What skills are needed to power the growth of Web 3.0 innovation in India? ✓ According to a Nasscom Report, 800'000 new jobs could be created in India by new Web 3.0 companies? What government policies are required to help achieve this potential and avoid that Web 3.0 entrepreneurs move to countries offering a more hospitable regulatory environment? <p><u>Speakers:</u> Anirudh Pandita, Founder, Pocket Aces & Loco, India Nitin Sharma, Co-Founder & General Partner, Antler India, Singapore/India Emin Sirer, Co-founder & Chief Executive Officer, Ava Labs, USA (<i>online</i>)</p> <p><u>Moderated by:</u> Naganand Doraswamy, Managing Partner & Founder, Ideaspring Capital, India</p>
<p>16:30 - 17:45 <i>On request bilateral meetings</i></p>	<p><i>Breakout meetings:</i> <i>Connecting startup founders with investors</i></p> <p>Entrepreneurs and investors initiate contact and engage in on-demand, bilateral, "behind closed doors" discussions to explore potential collaboration.</p>
<p>17:55 - 18:55 Ballroom 1</p>	<p><i>Breakout session</i> <i>From the world's back-office hub to technology innovation made in India</i></p>

	<p>While China has taken over the role of “the world’s factory”, India has been seen until recently, almost exclusively, as the “world’s back-office hub”. Back-office activities have contributed tremendously in the last twenty years to India’s economic growth and to its deeper integration into the global economy. However, the country is now at the cusp of developing a new role as a technology innovation provider to domestic corporations as well as to MNCs leveraging innovation coming out of India-based R&D centers and the surge of an entrepreneurial and innovation culture expressed by increasingly creative startups. India ranks now 46 in the Global Innovation Index up from 66th ranking in 2016. However, the next crucial stage to reach is for India to become a significant player in globally scalable product and service technology innovation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ What assets can India leverage for its transition towards becoming a global technology innovation player? ✓ How are Indian startup founders redefining the way India looks at technology innovation and risk? ✓ How do MNCs look at the role India and its startups can play as a prospective major provider of technology innovation? ✓ What are the domains where India could aspire to be a leader in the next five to seven years? What is the potential now and how can it be expanded? ✓ How can corporate India contribute to move from brain drain to brain gain? ✓ What policy push to expand the role of technology innovation in making India a 10 trillion dollars economy by 2030? <p><i>Speakers:</i></p> <p>Amit Kalra, Managing Director, Swiss Re Global Business Services, Switzerland/India Shikha Pillai, Head Strategy, Siemens Healthineers Development Center, Germany/India GNV Subba Rao, Global Head of Quality & Operation Centers, Process Automation Director, ABB Innovation Center, Switzerland/India Hemanth Sheelvant, Innovation Director- Corporate Venture Building, Bosch GMBH, Germany/India Masayuki Toriumi, Managing Director, Sony India Software Center (SISC), India/Japan</p> <p><i>Moderated by:</i></p> <p>Sanjeev Gupta, Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer, Lahari (A GoI Initiative), Chief Executive Officer, Karnataka Digital Economy Mission (KDEM), India</p>
<p>17:55 – 18:55 Ballroom 3</p>	<p><i>Breakout session</i> Green / Climate tech startups: The moment is now</p>

	<p>Fighting climate change is not only a tremendous global challenge; it is also stimulating innovation and creating immediate business opportunities worldwide. Startup founders and VCs in different countries got the message fast with a new wave of climate tech startups emerging in countries such as India, Germany, USA, UK etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ How to sort out the “genuine” climate tech startups - with their credible technology and business plan - from the ones just jumping on the bandwagon given that it is a very broad category crossing into every business sector? ✓ How to fight inertia and reluctance to change, even when climate tech startups have successfully gone through their fundraising and are beginning to scale up? Are public sector incentives and partnerships also needed? ✓ Can investing in climate tech avoid repeating the mistakes made with clean tech a few years ago which led to costly boom and bust? <p><i>Speakers:</i> Tammy Ben-Haim, Consul General, Consulate General of Israel, Israel Achim Burkart, Consul General of Germany, Germany Neeraj Kumar Dasila, Co-Founder & Chief Technology Officer, SmartHelio, Switzerland Oded Distel, Chief Executive Officer, Tal-Ya Agriculture Solutions, Israel Anandhi Gokhale, Investment Manager, Emerald Technology Ventures, Singapore</p> <p><i>Moderated by:</i> Amrita Gandikota, German Indian Startup Exchange Program – GINSEP India Representative & AsiaBerlin Ambassador, Germany</p>
<p>17:55 - 18:55 <i>On request meetings</i></p>	<p><i>Peer-to-Peer Link-up: Indian founders connecting with their peers from other countries</i></p> <p>Small, dedicated, roundtable discussions between specific group of startup founders to share experiences and explore potential synergies</p>
<p>18:55 - 19:40 Ballroom 1 + 3</p>	<p><i>Chasing Fire: The innovator’s edge</i></p> <p><i>A conversation with:</i> Paul Saffo, Technology Forecaster, Professor in the School of Engineering, Stanford University on the future of engineering and the impact of technological change on the future, USA</p> <p><i>Moderated by:</i></p>

	Yael Smadja , Chief Executive Officer, Smadja & Associates, USA
19:40 - 20:00	<i>Networking reception</i>
20:00 - 21:30 Grand ballroom	<p><i>Plenary dinner</i></p> <p><i>Driving Technological innovation: The role of the investor</i></p> <p>VC Funds play an important role in providing the resources for translating innovative ideas and the results of technology research into marketable products and services. They play a crucial role as the most important source of funding and advice in the creation and development of high-technology companies. However, this crucial role is not always fully recognized. There is also the risk that VC executives would rather invest in so-called trendy technologies which may offer a safer return rather than putting their money in startups looking at developing more radical innovations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ How to assess the importance of VC financed-technology innovation? ✓ In what ways is the role of VCs in supporting technology innovation complementary to the one of governments and of corporate-based innovation? ✓ The role of VCs, of a risk culture, has been crucial in making Silicon Valley what it is today. To what extent would you say that the technology potential of a country is in direct relation with the strength and dynamism of this country's VC ecosystem? ✓ Would you recommend any action or policy that would help expand India's VC sector? ✓ Is the aspiration - the dream of - breakthrough innovation a permanent consideration on the mind of a VC executive? <p><i>A conversation with:</i></p> <p>Gururaj "Desh" Deshpande, Co-Founder Sycamore Networks, Founder the Deshpande Center for Technological Innovation at MIT, Founder Deshpande Foundation, USA and Prashanth Prakash, Partner, Accel Partners, India</p> <p><i>Moderated by:</i></p> <p>Claude Smadja, President, Smadja & Smadja Strategic Advisory, Switzerland</p>

<i>Friday 3 June 2022</i>	
<p>09:15- 10:00 Grand ballroom</p>	<p><i>Leading a startup</i></p> <p>It has been 40 years since the establishment of Infosys, yet many of the lessons learnt from building one of the most enduring business institutions are still relevant today. Hear one of India's greatest entrepreneurs talk about key leadership and governance lessons that can help today's startups scale responsibly at home and abroad</p> <p><u><i>In conversation with:</i></u> N.R. Narayana Murthy, Founder Infosys Limited, Founder & Chairman, Catamaran Venture, India</p> <p><u><i>Moderated by:</i></u> Shereen Bhan, Managing Editor CNBC-Tv18, India</p>
<p>10:10 - 11:10 Grand ballroom</p>	<p><i>The transformers: Showcasing startup founders shaking up their sector</i></p> <p>Startup founders take turns to present their company, highlighting the innovative, transformational impact of what they are creating.</p> <p><u><i>Speakers:</i></u> Subramanian Gopalaratnam, Chief Executive Officer & Chief Technology Officer, Resulticks, Singapore Thomas Krapf, Founder & Chief Executive Officer, Riskwolf, Switzerland Alexander Nitsch, Founder & Chief Executive Officer, Oxyprem, Switzerland Nithya Rao, Co-Founder & Chief Executive Officer, Heart it Out, India Yuval Regev, Vice-President, MyOr, Israel</p> <p><u><i>Moderated by:</i></u> Menaka Doshi, Managing Editor, BloombergQuint, India</p>
<p>11:10 - 11:30</p>	<p><i>Networking break</i></p>
<p>11:30 - 12:45 Grand ballroom</p>	<p>Plenary session <i>Betting on India's startup story: How Global VCs and Indian VCs can complement one another to secure capital for innovation?</i></p>

	<p>After the drastic decrease of deal activity in the middle of 2020, the launch of new India-focused funds by global VCs and the resurgence of investments from domestic VCs have shown that India’s startup story is more vibrant than ever. The business risks created by the US-China confrontation and the associated technological de-coupling, India’s specific advantages of population size, fast increasing mobile phone internet penetration and digitalization, as well as the dynamism of the country’s startup ecosystem, create a context that no VC or PE company can afford to ignore. However, with interest rates rising, and valuation multiples declining, startup founders might encounter a more stringent environment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ How can global and Indian VCs complement their respective strength when betting on India’s startup story? ✓ Comparing perspectives on valuations in an evolving capital market between Global and Indian VCs. ✓ How should companies looking for an IPO take into account the new conditions in financial markets ✓ Does this emerging new context change the way VCs look at some fundamentals when considering startup financing? <p><i>Speakers:</i></p> <p>Ranganath M. D., President, Catamaran Ventures, India Kanika Mayar, Partner, Vertex Ventures, USA/India Nao Murakami, Founder & General Partner, Incubate India Fund, Japan/India Ankit Sarwahi, Managing Director, Middle East Investment Partners, United Arab Emirates Nobutake Suzuki, President & Chief Executive Officer, MUFG Innovation Partners, Japan Ganapathy Venugopal (VG), Co-founder & Chief Executive Officer, Axilor Ventures, India</p> <p><i>Moderated by:</i></p> <p>Katy Knight, Associate, Corporate Practice, Covington & Burling, USA</p>
<p>11:30 - 12:45 <i>On request meetings</i></p>	<p><i>Connecting startup founders with investors</i></p> <p>Entrepreneurs and investors initiate contact and engage in on-demand, bilateral, “behind closed door” discussions to explore potential collaboration.</p>
<p>13:00 - 14:30 Grand ballroom</p>	<p><i>Plenary luncheon</i></p> <p><i>Bringing the golden touch: The startup founders who make the difference</i></p>

	<p>A dialogue between two successful entrepreneurs on the pitfalls they had to avoid, what guided their choices, lessons learnt and a reflection on what they wish they would have known or done at a given moment.</p> <p><i>Speakers :</i> Deena Jacob, Co-Founder, Chief Financial Officer & Head of Revenue and Growth, Open, India Nithin Kamath, Founder & Chief Executive Officer, Zerodha, India</p> <p><i>Moderated by:</i> Menaka Doshi, Managing Editor, BloombergQuint, India</p>
<p>14:45 - 15:55 Ballroom 1</p>	<p><i>Breakout session</i> <i>A Fintech moment: Riding the wave of new growth trends</i></p> <p>Global fintech funding reached a record US\$132 billion in 2021, more than double the 2020 amount - with this boom targeting every fintech category. The sector seems well on its way to continue its expansion, boosted by a number of new growth-sustaining trends, such as the rise of neo – cloud – banking and free-floating financial platforms beginning to change the way people transact, the launch of new fintech products attracting the tech-savvy millennial generation, or the way traditional banks are embracing fintech and, in many cases, allying themselves with startups to accelerate and leverage innovation in this domain.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ What are the new developments fintech startups can best bet on for expanding their business? ✓ How to look at the increasing regulatory attention on the fintech industry whether in India or in other countries? What are the Dos and Don'ts from the industry perspective? ✓ How is blockchain adoption creating a competitive advantage for the startups leveraging it? <p><i>Speakers:</i> Taneia Bhardwaj, Director & Head of Consumer Business, Nium, India/Singapore Naveen Bindal, Founder, EnKash, India Raj Gandhi, Co-founder, DollarBull, India Kyujong Hwang, Founder & President, waiker, Inc., Korea Vidhyashankar Sriram, Vice President, Client Solutions, Crayon Data, Singapore/India</p> <p><i>Moderated by:</i> Woosuk Kenneth Choi, Editor, Future Planning Desk, The Chosun Ilbo Group, Director General, The Asian Leadership Conference, Republic of Korea</p>

<p>14:45 - 15:55 Ballroom 3</p>	<p><i>Boosting the transition to E-Mobility: The startups at the forefront</i></p> <p>Governments worldwide are creating new regulations and providing various incentives to accelerate the transition towards E-Mobility. OEMs and startups are moving ahead with technology innovations in the domains of electrifying mobility, batteries, connected mobility, and autonomous driving.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ To what extent does the priority to accelerate the transition to E-Mobility in almost every country represent a golden opportunity for development for innovative startups? What is required from that? ✓ Are the technology solutions already there to ensure the widened and reliable grid necessary for an accelerated adoption of - and transition to - E-Mobility? ✓ How does the efficacy of policies support for the transition to E-Mobility compare across India, Germany, and Israel. ✓ How can E-Mobility startups and innovative companies not only survive the competition from the giant OEMs of the automotive industry, but sustain their role as indispensable players in this domain? <p><u>Speakers:</u> Ilan Ben-David, Co-Founder & Chief Technology Officer, Zooz Power, Israel Satyanarayanan Chakravarthy, Founder, ePlane, India Akshima Ghate, Managing Director, RMI- India, India Juliane Renz, Head of Business Development & Funding, ELO Mobility, Germany Shreyas Shibulal, Founder & Director, Micelio - Micelio - Electric Vehicles, India</p> <p><u>Moderated by:</u> Renuka Kirpalani, Host & Editor the Autocar (Times Network) & Executive Editor Video content Autocar India, India</p>
<p>16:05 - 17:05 Ballroom 1</p>	<p><i>Breakout session</i> <i>India as the land of the Super App?</i></p> <p>The race for super app dominance is well under way in India with heavyweight players such as Jio Reliance, Tata, Paytm and Flipkart on their way to grab huge shares of the potentially immense Indian market, with an already close to a trillion-dollar digital economy an ever-expanding smartphone and internet penetration and many of the characteristics that were behind the rise of China's Super Apps giants.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Leveraging some key national assets ✓ The size of the un-tapped market potential

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ What competition/collaboration interplay between startups and the big players? <p><i>Speakers:</i> Sauvik Banerjee, Founding Chief Technology Officer, Tata Digital and Tata Neu, India Aviral Bhatnagar, A Junior VC, Venture Highway, India Paroma Chatterjee, Chief Executive Officer India, Revolut, UK/India</p> <p><i>Moderated by:</i> Venkat Ananth, Co-founder, The Signal Dot. Co, India</p>
<p>16:05 - 17:05 Ballroom 3</p>	<p><i>Breakout session</i> <i>The next step: from city-clusters to a sustainable countrywide startup/innovation ecosystem</i></p> <p>India is now considered to be the world 2nd largest startup ecosystem. However, most of the startup activity and expansion is mostly concentrated in Bangalore, Gurgaon, Hyderabad, Chennai and Mumbai. Following up on the tremendous achievements of the last fifteen years in this domain, the next step is to see how to expand the present startup configuration into a more broadly expanded, countrywide, ecosystem which would not only help ensure the long-term sustainability of the entrepreneurial/startup trend but also contribute to making India a 10 trillion dollars economy by 2030.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ How to develop the enablers elements of startup ecosystems in other areas of the country which have the potential to become active players in India's startup/innovation story? ✓ Are there untapped or under-utilized resources in parts of India which could be leveraged to accelerate the geographic expansion of the startup ecosystem? ✓ What actions to improve the quality and attractiveness of the IITs which have been created in the last 20 years so that they can fully play their role in skills creation? <p><i>Speakers:</i> Sandeep Alur, Director, Microsoft Technology Center, India/USA Navratan Katariya, Director - Innovation, Entrepreneurship-IoT&AI, NASSCOM CoE - IoT& AI, India Madan Padaki, President, TiE Bangalore, India Shweta Shalini, Member of Parliament, Spokesperson Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), India</p> <p><i>Moderated by:</i> S. Raghotham, Opinion Editor, Deccan Herald, India</p>

<p>17:20 - 18:05 Grand ballroom</p>	<p><i>The New playbook on innovation</i></p> <p>While Silicon Valley was the quasi-exclusive center for innovation and entrepreneurship for the last 40 years, with the rest of the world taking its clues from what was happening in the valley, globalization has radically changed this situation with the worldwide spread of the internet, cross-border dispersion of knowledge and the exponential increase of transnational financial flows. Today new global hubs for startups and innovation like Bangalore, Berlin, Tel Aviv are eroding the Valley monopoly. They are creating new models for entrepreneurship and innovation, showing how startups can emerge, develop, and contribute to change the global technology and business landscape in different conditions than those which made the success of Silicone Valley. This radical change is having tremendous implications for technology innovation, for economic development that we are just beginning to witness.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Are we seeing today the emergence of a global ecosystem for innovation and entrepreneurship? ✓ Are these new hubs for innovation able to compete on an equal footing with Silicon Valley in terms of their attractiveness for investors and potential for innovation? ✓ What are the differences and similarities between what could be called the Silicon Valley model and the Indian or Swiss model? ✓ How will the new global map for innovation look like 10 years from now? <p><u>Opening remarks:</u> India's perspective on innovation B V Naidu, Chairman, Karnataka Digital Economy Mission (KDEM), India</p> <p><u>In conversation with:</u> Alexandre Lazarow, Partner Cathay Innovation, Adjunct professor, Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey, USA and Jonas Brunschwig, Chief Executive Officer, Swissnex in India & Consul General of Switzerland</p>
<p>18:05 - 19:15 Grand ballroom</p>	<p><i>The trends shaping the future of India's startup ecosystem</i></p> <p>India's startup ecosystem has proved its resilience and dynamism, being not only able to go through the difficult times of 2020, but adding about 1800 new startups and twelve unicorns during that year and coming up with innovative products and services meeting the new needs and adapted to the new context created by the pandemic. What will be the factors</p>

	<p>shaping the next phase of evolution of what is now the world's third largest startup ecosystem?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The transformational role of 5G ✓ The impact of India's expanding shift to online and the expansion of SaaS-based solutions ✓ Ever increasing number of startups targeting new markets abroad for growth and business expansion. ✓ The accelerating pace of technology adoption by consumers and businesses, for instance in digital health. ✓ Increasing engagement between corporations and startups <p><i>Speakers:</i></p> <p>Zaran Bhagwagar, Investment Director, Anthill Ventures, Singapore</p> <p>Shaili Chopra, Founder, Gytree & SheThePeople, India</p> <p>Akshaya Kamath, Member of the Board & Chairman India, Innoterra, Switzerland/India</p> <p>Pranav Pai, Founding Partner, 3one4 capital, India</p> <p>Tanmay Saksena, Chief Operating Officer, Tata IMG, India</p> <p><i>Moderated by:</i></p> <p>Jarshad NK, Editor-in-Chief, YourStory, India</p>
<p>19:15 - 19:30 Grand ballroom</p>	<p><i>Closing of the inaugural meeting</i></p> <p>E V Ramana Reddy, Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Electronics, IT & BT, Science & Technology, Government of Karnataka in Conversation with Mr Harshil Mathur, Co-founder & Chief Executive Officer, Razorpay, India</p>
<p>19:30 - 20:00</p>	<p><i>Farewell drinks</i></p>