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Striving for Leadership and Sustainability

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<i>Thursday 1st June 2023</i>	
08:30 - Ongoing	<i>Registration of participants</i>
09:30 - 10:10 <i>Grand Ballroom</i>	<p>Opening plenary <i>Technology at an inflection point: Managing the potential, addressing the risks</i></p> <p>Sam Altman, the creator of ChatGPT, is warning the US Senate about the possible risks involved in the use of some AI applications and is urging for regulations to address them. Similarly, the risks of inappropriate and/or repressive utilizations of facial recognition technologies are now widely discussed; and governments are still at pain to counter the ways blockchain technology is being utilized for money laundering and the financing of criminal activities. Regulations are sprouting out against the infringements to personal privacy as Data is the new oil of the 21st century economy. So while the benefits of disruptive technologies innovations are well recognized, new and increasing concerns are expressed about their possible negative societal and political implications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ What ways to prevent that disruptive technologies get out of control and go wrong? ✓ How to address the increasing issue of trustworthiness of AI ? Can we trust decision making by AI - risks of unethical behavior, lack of transparency and explainability, DeepFake and misinformation ? ✓ What balance between efficient regulations to prevent abuses and concern for not unduly hampering technology developments? ✓ Beyond regulations what ethical guidelines should orient the activities of startup founders and researchers as they develop innovations with a transformative impact? <p><u><i>Speakers:</i></u> BV Naidu, Chairman, Karnataka Digital Economy Mission, India</p>

	<p>Mohandas Pai, Chairman, Aarin Capital, India Miriam Reiner, Professor Israel Institute of Technology (Technion), Founder & Chief Executive Officer, VRNeurocogLab, Technion, Israel</p> <p><u>Moderated by:</u> Claude Smadja, Chairman, Smadja & Smadja Strategic Advisory, Switzerland</p>
<p>10:15 - 11:30 Grand Ballroom</p>	<p>A VC Executives Roundtable</p> <p><i>The road to profitability and resilience in a new funding era: A leaner, even more innovative startup ecosystem</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The new metrics for funding ✓ What kind of startups will thrive through the downturn – and how? ✓ A more arduous path towards unicorn status? ✓ How will the momentum towards the expansion of India's startup ecosystem be sustained in the new context? ✓ What kind of diversification of funding are we beginning to see? What implications? <p><u>Speakers:</u> Pankaj Gupta, Founder, EthAum Venture Partners, Singapore Nilesh Kothari, Co-Founder & Managing Partner, Trifecta Capital Partners, India Salil Pitale, Joint Managing Director & Co-Chief Executive Officer, Axis Capital, India Prashanth Prakash, Co-Founder & Partner, Accel Partners, India Sudhir Rao, India Managing Partner, Celesta Capital, USA/India</p> <p><u>Moderated by:</u> Ralph C. Voltmer, Partner, Head of India Practice, Covington & Burling, USA</p>
<p>11:30 - 11:45</p>	<p><i>Networking break</i></p>
<p>11:45 - 13:00 Grand Ballroom</p>	<p><i>Meet the disrupters</i></p> <p>Selected, highly innovative, startup founders present their company, highlighting the transformative impact of what they are creating.</p>

	<p><u>Speakers:</u> Gaurav Agarwal, Co-Founder, Gamezop, India Pulkit Baldev, Co-Founder & Chief Executive Officer, Metalbook, India Geetha Manjunath, Founder, Chief Executive Officer & Chief Technology Officer, Niramai Health Analytix, India Raghuveer B K, Founder & Chief Executive Officer, Nivetti Systems, India Shruthi Rao, Co-Founder & Chief Executive Officer, Adapt ready, USA Miriam Reiner, Professor Israel Institute of Technology (Technion), Founder & Chief Executive Officer, VRNeurocogLab, Technion, Israel David Suter, Chief Executive Officer, Fast Sense, Israel</p> <p><u>Moderated by:</u> Vishal Krishna, Founder, Editor and Head of Content & Media UpStream Life, India</p>
13:00 - 14:00	Buffet lunch
14:00 - 15:30 Ballroom 3	<p><i>Striving for leadership in the sustainability / Clean Tech sector</i></p> <p>Part one: Leveraging the drivers in India's sustainability/Clean-Tech sector:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ What factors are sustaining the expansion of startups in the Clean Tech sector? ✓ What assets could India leverage more? ✓ How does India compare to what is happening in that sector in other parts of the world? <p>Part two: What policies and actions to join the sustainability/Clean-Tech global leaders club</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ What role for startups in upping India's global role in the sector? ✓ How could corporate/startup partnerships contribute? ✓ What additional policies are needed? <p><u>Speakers:</u> David Glazer, Chief Executive Officer, 3R-T, Israel Yossi Levi, Chief Executive Officer, Todos Tech, Israel Prasanta Sarkar, Co-Founder & Chief Executive Officer, Newtrace, India</p>

	<p>Guruprakash Sastry, Associate Vice President, Climate Action Head, Infosys, India</p> <p>Shreyas Shibulal, Founder & Director, Micelio - Micelio - Electric Vehicles, India</p> <p>Akshay V. Singhal, Founder & Chief Executive Officer, Log9 Materials, India</p> <p>Denis Tudor, Founder & Chief Executive Officer, SwissPod Technologies, Switzerland</p> <p><i>Moderated by:</i> Jose Jacob Kalayil, Director & Curator, The India Advantage Summit & Future ICT Forum, India</p>
14:00 - 15:30 Ballroom 1	<p><i>Striving for leadership in the Fintech sector</i></p> <p>Part one:</p> <p>Leveraging the drivers in India's Fintech sector:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ What factors are sustaining the expansion of startups in the Fintech sector? ✓ What assets could India leverage more? ✓ How does India compare to what is happening in that sector in other parts of the world? <p>Part two:</p> <p>What policies and actions to join the Fintech global leaders club:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ What role for startups in upping India's global role in the sector? ✓ How could corporate/startup partnerships contribute? ✓ What additional policies are needed? <p><i>Speakers:</i> Mitesh Jain, Co-Founder & Chief Technology Officer, Symbo, Singapore</p> <p>Aishwarya Jaishankar, Co-Founder, Hyperface Technologies, India</p> <p>Abhishant Pant, Founder, The Fintech Meetup, India</p> <p>Shruthi Rao, Co-Founder & Chief Executive Officer, Adapt ready, USA</p> <p>Kenta Yoshida, Director, MUFG, Japan</p> <p><i>Moderated by:</i> Vivek Gupta, President, Head Wholesale Banking Products, Axis Bank, India</p>

<p>15:30 - 16:45 Ballroom 1</p>	<p><i>Innovation partnerships: Creating an innovation dynamic through ecosystems collaboration</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ How can Indian incubators curate suitable collaboration platforms between different startup ecosystems? ✓ Key success factors for successful innovation partnerships ✓ Addressing the IP ownership allocation issue ✓ Leveling the playing field between established businesses and new players <p><u>Speakers:</u></p> <p>Tammy Ben-Haim, Consul General of Israel to South India, Israel Jonas Brunschwig, Chief Executive Officer, Swissnex in India & Consul General of Switzerland, Switzerland Anandi Iyer, Director, Fraunhofer Office India, Germany Shivi Jain, Senior Program Manager, German Entrepreneurship, Germany Raja Mukherjee, Co-Founder & Chief Executive Officer, The GAIN, India</p> <p><u>Moderated by:</u></p> <p>Siddhartha Anand, Vice President Startup & Innovation, Karnataka Digital Economy Mission (KDEM), India</p>
<p>15:30 - 16:45 Ballroom 3</p>	<p><i>Leveraging Industry and Academia partnerships to join the ranks of Innovation leader countries</i></p> <p>The lesson from successful innovation leader countries is clear: No innovation leadership without strong R&D, no strong R&D without enough digital talent being created and without efficient industry-academia partnerships.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Why has the industry-academia R&D partnership been so far lagging behind in India compared to other countries? Do we now see a change of mindset in that domain in corporate India as a whole? ✓ How to accelerate the change of mindset across India's academic world towards a more growth-oriented R&D? ✓ Government policies and funding have been redirected towards supporting R&D in technologies identified as important for India's technology overhaul. How can industry and academia leverage that trend to boost R&D partnerships? ✓ Beyond the government role in providing the conditions to generate much needed digital skills, how can industry and academic work together and create these essential skills?

	<p><u>Speakers:</u></p> <p>Ravi Arora, Vice President, Group Innovation, Tata Sons, India</p> <p>Michael Jan Kendzia, School of Management and Law, Department International Business, University of Zurich, Switzerland</p> <p>Rishiksha T Krishnan, Director & Professor in the Strategy area, Ram Charan Chair Professor in Innovation and Leadership, Indian Institute of Management Bangalore, India</p> <p>Sumit Kumar, Chief Business Officer, TeamLease Education Foundation, India</p> <p>Miriam Reiner, Professor Israel Institute of Technology (Technion), Founder & Chief Executive Officer, VRNeurocogLab, Technion, Israel</p> <p><u>Moderated by:</u></p> <p>Madan Padaki, Founder & Chief Executive Officer, 1Bridge, President, TIE Bangalore, India</p>
16:45 - 17:00	Networking break
17:00 - 18:15 Grand Ballroom	<p>Public market investors and the funding of technology innovation</p> <p>As the pace of venture investment has overall declined this past year and cheap credit is drying up how can public markets take up the slack for funding technology innovation? The number of IPOs for startups have in the same way collapsed not only in India but in the US and many other countries in the world. So, many start-ups will have to tap public markets over the next few years. Before doing that they have to understand the perspective of public market investors and draw on the experience of some of the listed tech platforms. Public market investors are very different from private markets and they have slightly different expectations and investment criteria.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ What are the key differences in terms of criteria between the public market and the private investors approach to investment that start-up founders need to consider? ✓ What public market Investors Look For in a Startup ? ✓ How public markets value the new age companies? ✓ What does it mean in terms of adjustments in the way start-up founders need to map out their development strategy? <p><u>Speakers:</u></p> <p>Ashish Gupta, Chief Investment Officer, Axis Mutual Fund, India</p> <p>Mrinal Singh, Chief Executive Officer & Chief Investment Officer, InCred Asset Management, India</p>

	<p>Manish Saxena, Fund Manager, PineBridge Investments, USA/India</p> <p><u>Moderated by:</u> Rajiv Anand, Deputy Managing Director, Axis Bank, India</p>
<p>18:15 - 19:15 Brainstorming Ballroom 3</p>	<p><u>Ahead of the curve</u></p> <p><i>Towards the second wave of Health Tech innovation</i></p> <p>Covid 19 generated the emergence of a number of Health Tech startups – with many of them scaling up their activities since the end of the pandemic.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ What new care models or specialized services are emerging to provide patient-centric solutions? ✓ What assets to leverage to provide “made in India” Health Tech for the world? ✓ What could be the impact of the new funding conditions on the the Health Tech sector development? ✓ What specific challenges do Health Tech startup founders still need to overcome? <p><u>Speakers:</u> Gaurav Agarwal, Co-Founder, Tata 1MG, India Kumaar Bagrodia, Founder & Chief Executive Officer, NeuroLeap, India Nikhil Kurele, Co-Founder, Noccarc Robotics, India Yaacov Michlin, Chief Executive Officer, Biolight Life Sciences Ltd. Israel Advanced Technologies Industries (IATI) Co-Chair, Israel Peter Nguyen, Co-Founder & Chief Executive Officer, BuyMed, Vietnam</p> <p><u>Moderated by:</u> Vishal Krishna, Founder, Editor and Head of Content & Media, UpStream Life, India</p>
<p>18:15 - 19:15 Brainstorming Ballroom 1</p>	<p><u>Ahead of the curve</u></p> <p><i>Femtech as a next Big Thing?</i></p> <p>Femtech is a fast-emerging sector in India as well as in several countries, with an accelerating expansion over the last few years. The global Femtech market is expected to be worth 50 billion dollars by 2025. Indian startups in the sector are growing at a 17% pace and the rate of</p>

	<p>expansion is the same or even higher in some other countries, with women health and wellness driving the sector's growth.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ What challenges do FemTech startup face in developing their activities? How to address the impact of still existing social and cultural taboos or of a male-dominated investment ecosystem on the development potential of the sector? ✓ How could FemTech startups disrupt the healthcare sector in the coming years by bringing capital and talent to fulfill unmet needs? ✓ With cyber threats ever more acute, how can FemTech startups address the challenge of data protection given the very private nature of the data they collect and use for their services? <p><u>Speakers:</u> Saraswati Chandra, Co-Founder, Cranberry.fit, India Rohit M A, Co-Founder & Managing Director, Cloudnine Hospitals, Managing partner, PeerCapital, India Noa Muzzafi, Founding Partner & Israel Director, Asia Bridge, Israel Sanjana Rao, Co-Founder & Scientific Communications Lead, Miyara, Switzerland Sanjith Shetty, Founder, Miror, India Ekta Tibrewal, Founder, Savage, India</p> <p><u>Moderated by:</u> Geraldine Lüdi, Founder, Josei, Switzerland</p>
<p>18:15 - 19:15 Brainstorming Junior Ballroom</p>	<p><u>Ahead of the curve</u></p> <p><i>Operationalizing the Metaverse to deliver sustainable business outcomes</i></p> <p>Whether it is for improving education and training, enhancing customer experiences, improving business operations efficiency, or enterprise applications, the business applications of the Metaverse are beginning to be leveraged by established companies and startups.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ How far can companies already go in Metaverse use for business creation and as growth engine? ✓ Making the difference between the hype and the already actionable Metaverse business use ✓ What challenges still to overcome to achieve the full operationalization of the Metaverse for business? <p><u>Speakers:</u></p>

	<p>Sandeep Alur, Director, Microsoft Technology Centre, India/USA Madan Padaki, Founder & Chief Executive Officer, 1Bridge, President, TIE Bangalore, India Yuvraj Tomar, Co-Founder & Chief Executive Officer, CloudWorx Technologies, India</p> <p><u>Moderated by:</u> Winslow Taub, Partner, Covington & Burling, USA</p>
19:15 - 19:45	Networking reception
19:45 - 21:30	<p>Seated gala dinner</p> <p>Exponential innovation: Managing the “new normal” for business and society</p> <p>May you live in exponential times. This is the 21st century version of the oft-told proverb about the blessing (and curse) of living in “interesting times”. Moore’s law is at the heart of this shift; but exponential innovation in areas from genomics to energy and climate dramatically illustrate how our time is defined by multiplying exponentials in myriad fields far beyond the digital revolution. The short term challenge is to master risk anticipation in a way allowing for effective responses to these exponential challenges. The larger opportunity lies in identifying the leading edge of large-scale changes already passing unnoticed. Overlook the change and you will be utterly unprepared for the next revolution, but understand it and you will be in a position to craft transformative strategy.</p> <p><u>Keynote speaker:</u> 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><u>In conversation with:</u> Amitabh Chaudhry, Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer, Axis Bank Ltd, India Ganapathy Venugopal (VG), Co-Founder & Chief Executive Officer, Axilor Ventures, India</p> <p><u>Moderated by:</u></p>

	<p>Kenneth Choi, Editor/Director General The Chosun Daily Newspaper, Founder The Asian Leadership Conference, Republic of Korea</p>
<p>Friday 2nd June 2023</p>	
<p>09:15 - 10:00 Grand Ballroom</p>	<p><i>India as the last frontier mega consumer market: The pivotal role of technology</i></p> <p>In April 2023 India became the world's most populous country. In the past decade – except for the Covid disruption – the country has registered 5 to 7.5% annual growth and its consumer class is estimated to be at around 480 million people, increasing on average by 20-25 million people per year. One key – and very promising - feature of India's consumer picture is the average young age – 30 to 35 – of the Indian consumer. However a huge percentage of the consuming population live in rural areas. A handicap partly compensated by the widespread reach of mobile phone and the internet and fast digitization and adoption of new technologies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ What are India's key Consumer Trends? ✓ What is the impact new consumer types - GenZ, expectations of new consumers of T2/T3 cities? ✓ With 700 million of internet users at this stage, are there ways to measure the impact of internet, mobile phone and digitization on consumption growth in India? ✓ How can startups leverage the new opportunities of this growing consumer market ✓ How could the Indian market be the “proving ground” for B2C products and services developed in India to be disseminated in other promising emerging market countries? <p>Pratik Pal, Chief Executive Officer, Tata Digital, India <i>In conversation with:</i> Claude Smadja, Chairman, Smadja & Smadja Strategic Advisory, Switzerland</p>
<p>10:15 - 11:15 Grand Ballroom</p>	<p><i>Sourcing global products and services innovation from India: The road ahead</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ How are MNCs increasingly tapping on innovation made in India to sustain their competitive edge and market leadership through innovation? ✓ Leveraging the role of the country's startup ecosystem in India's positioning as an emerging global innovation hub

	<p>✓ According to some studies, India accounts for 45% of the world's Global Capacity Centers -GCC – set by MNCs. What additional actions could help consolidate the country's position as the destination of choice for GCCs?</p> <p><u>Opening remarks:</u> Dr. E V Ramana Reddy, Additional Chief Secretary Department of Electronics, IT & BT, Science & Technology, Gvt of Karnataka</p> <p><u>Speakers:</u> Prashant Gokhale, Managing Director, Bühler India, Switzerland Rajashree R, Chief Marketing Officer, Tata Consultancy Services (TCS), India</p> <p><u>Moderated by:</u> Sujit John, Deputy Resident Editor, The Times of India, India</p>
11:15 - 11:30	Networking break
11:30 - 12:45 Ballroom 1	<p>Striving for leadership in the EVs sector</p> <p>Part one: Leveraging the drivers in India's EVs sector</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ What factors are sustaining the expansion of startups in the EVs sector? ✓ What assets could India leverage more? ✓ How does India compare to what is happening in that sector in other parts of the world? <p>Part two: What policies and actions to join the EVs global leaders club:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ What could be the impact of the recent lithium discoveries? ✓ What role for startups in upping India's global role in the sector? ✓ How could corporate/startup partnerships contribute more? ✓ What additional policies are needed? <p><u>Speakers:</u> Sanjay Krishnan, Co-Founder & Chief Executive Officer, Lithium Urban Technologies, India Nakul Kukar, Chief Executive Officer, Cell Propulsion, India Amitabh Saran, Co-Founder & Chief Executive Officer, Altigreen Propulsion Labs, India</p>

	<p>Vivek Srivatsa, Head of EV Sales and Marketing Strategy, Tata Motors, India</p> <p><u>Moderated by:</u> Manuj Khurana, Vice President, Ather Energy, India</p>
<p>11:30 - 12:45 Ballroom 3</p>	<p><i>Striving for leadership in the Bio-Pharma sector</i></p> <p>Part one: Leveraging the drivers in India's Bio-Pharma sector :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ What factors are sustaining the expansion of startups in the Bio-Pharma sector? ✓ What assets could India leverage more? ✓ How does India compare to what is happening in that sector in other parts of the world? <p>Part two: Defining the policies and actions to join the Bio-Pharma global leaders club:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ What role for startups in upping India's global role in the sector? ✓ How could corporate/startup partnerships contribute more? ✓ What additional policies are needed? <p><u>Speakers:</u> Brijesh Damodaran Nair, Founding Partner, Auxano, India Viswanadham Duppatla, Vice President, Bio-Pharma Innovation & Head, Life Science Incubator, India Leela Maitreyi, Director, Collaborations and Business Development, Bugworks Research, India</p> <p><u>Moderated by:</u> Madanmohan Rao, Research Director, YourStory Media, India</p>
<p>11:30 - 12:45 Brainstorming Junior Ballroom</p>	<p><u>Ahead of the curve</u></p> <p><i>Driving the Supply chains digitization: Meet the new players</i></p> <p>While geopolitical factors, climate change considerations, the evolving notion of just-in-case rather just-in-time are contributing to reshape global supply chains, a number of startups are emerging as key players and innovators in this domain in the B2B as in the B2C areas. They are riding the digitization wave, optimizing the capabilities of IoT and AI to create new paradigms in the logistics and supply chain industries.</p>

	<p>✓ How will startups and corporates end-users manage together the supply chains disruptions which will continue to occur, moving towards ever faster, more reliable, more sustainable, more cost-efficient supply chains?</p> <p><u>Speakers:</u> Pulkit Baldev, Co-Founder & Chief Executive Officer, Metalbook, India Satya Chakravarthy, Co-Founder, The ePlane Company, India Dheeraj Tiwari, Co-Founder & Chief Executive Officer, CapGrid, India Denis Tudor, Founder & Chief Executive Officer, SwissPod Technologies, Switzerland</p> <p><u>Moderated by:</u> Vishal Krishna, Founder, Editor and Head of Content & Media UpStream Life, India</p>
12:45 - 13:45	Buffet lunch
13:45 - 15:15 Ballroom 1	<p><i>Government/Corporates/Startups synergies for harnessing the power of AI</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ How government programs and corporate actions can combine more effectively to fully use the capabilities of AI towards Digital India? ✓ How can corporations and startups combine the use of so called “big data” and so-called “small data” to go much further in the capabilities of AI and Machine Learning? ✓ Is small data “the next big thing in Data science” as some scientists have predicted? If so, how can it be used to create more new applications? Are there some lessons to be learnt from successes achieved in this domain? ✓ What are the key focus areas for an expanded access to – and use of – AI? ✓ With the government prioritizing the adoption of AI and ML, robotics, blockchain what kind of opportunities for Deep Tech startups to develop their innovations? <p><u>Speakers:</u> Derick Jose, Co-Founder, Flutura Decision Sciences and Analytics, India/USA Pascal Kaufmann, Founder, Starmind, Founder & Group Chief Executive Officer, Mindfire, Switzerland</p>

	<p>Yasuhiro Nose, Co-Founder, I'm besideyou.inc, Japan Eli Schwartz, Research Scientist, IBM Research AI, Israel</p> <p><u>Moderated by:</u> Mahima Marin, General Manager, Karnataka Digital Economy Mission (KDEM), India</p>
<p>13:45 - 15:15 Ballroom 3</p>	<p><i>Striving for leadership in the Aerospace sector</i></p> <p>Part one: Leveraging the drivers in India's Aerospace sector :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ What factors are sustaining the expansion of startups in the Aerospace sector – especially drones and rocket launchers? ✓ What assets could India leverage more? ✓ How does India compare to what is happening in that sector in other parts of the world? <p>Part two: What policies and actions to join the Aerospace global leaders club:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ What role for startups in upping India's global role in the sector? ✓ How could corporate/startup partnerships contribute more to technology innovation in the sector? ✓ What additional policies are needed? ✓ What is the potential for developing Indian OEMs in the aerospace sector? <p><u>Speakers:</u> Srinivasan Dwarakanath (Dwaraka), Strategic Advisor in Aviation and Aerospace, Adjunct Faculty Indian Institute of Science, India Ankit Mehta, Founder & Chief Executive Officer, ideaForge Technology, India Ishan Sahgal, Chief Executive Officer, Anavia AG, Switzerland Aruna Schwarz, Co-Founder & Chief Executive Officer, Stelae Technologies India/United Kingdom Kunal Shrivastava, Co-Founder, SUIND, Switzerland Vipul Singh, Co-Founder & Chief Executive Officer, AEREO, India</p> <p><u>Moderated by:</u> Kenneth Choi, Editor/Director General The Chosun Daily Newspaper, Founder The Asian Leadership Conference, Republic of Korea</p>

<p>13:45 - 15:15 Brainstorming Junior Ballroom</p>	<p><u>Ahead of the curve</u></p> <p><i>Joining – and being a winner – in the global chips race</i></p> <p>While a great number of chips produced by global manufacturers are being designed in India, the country has been so far absent from the club of global players in the strategic semiconductors industry. A situation that the government is now aiming to change with a slew of initiatives and incentives to try to boost the development of a strong semiconductor design and manufacturing ecosystem.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Are the incentives and policies implemented by the government the right response to the challenges involved in creating a strong national semiconductor ecosystem? ✓ What role can the increasing number of startups involved in fabless and fablab chips play alongside MNCs and Indian corporations? ✓ What would be the most appropriate strategy to make of India a significant player in the chips race, playing on the country's assets and mitigating the existing or structural weaknesses? <p><u>Speakers:</u> Manu Nair, Co-Founder & Chief Executive Officer, Synthara, Switzerland Gadhadar Reddy, Chairman & Chief Executive Officer, Nopo Nanotechnologies, India Chinnu Senthilkumar, Managing Partner, Exfinity Ventures, India Anshuman Tripathi, Member, National Security Advisory Board (NSAB), India</p> <p><u>Moderated by:</u> Sujit John, Deputy Resident Editor, The Times of India, India</p>
<p>15:30 - 16:45 Ballroom 3</p>	<p><i>What a changing VC landscape could mean for startup funding</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Is the decrease in funding from global US VCs creating new opportunities for involvement from VCs and LPs from Europe, the Gulf countries or Asian ones? ✓ Global VCs and LPs are considered to still have a lot of dry powder at their disposal. Could we see a lot of investment money being released in the period ahead, given the continuing developments in domains such as AI, IoT, blockchain, Big Data? ✓ While seed funding has remained quite active, late-stage funding has declined substantially. How long will this trend continue? ✓ The VC business has always been a cyclical one? How long will this cycle last? Could we see the next cycle bringing the industry

	<p>FemTech companies disrupt the back to the levels of 2021 or even higher?</p> <p><u>Speakers:</u> Francisque Lebrunie, Venture Partner, Super Capital, France Ben Mathias, Managing Partner, Vertex Ventures SEA & India, Singapore Yaacov Michlin, Chief Executive Officer, Biolight Life Sciences Ltd. Israel Advanced Technologies Industries (IATI) Co-Chair, Israel Pranav Pai, Founding Partner, 3one4 capital, India Patricia Sosrodjojo, Partner, Seedstars, Switzerland Nandan Venkatachalam, Principal, Axilor Ventures, India</p> <p><u>Moderated by:</u> Katy Knight, Associate, Covington & Burling LLP, United Kingdom</p>
<p>15:30 - 16:45 Ballroom 1</p>	<p><i>Delivering the “right” IP ecosystem for a would-be innovation superpower</i></p> <p>While the government has taken several measures to strengthen and expand IP protection, such as creating a Cell for IPR Promotion and Management, many of these measures have yet to come into force and a number of lacunas subsist that need to be addressed. And IP protection remain a concern for MNCs establishing operations in India and for startups not always well equipped to protect and monetize the IP they create.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ What are the next steps to establish an IP framework up to the highest international standards? ✓ What measures to a full-fledged, efficient, faster enforcement of IP protection rules? ✓ How to better equip innovative startups to assess, protect and monetize the IP they create? <p><u>Speakers:</u> Ravi Bhola, Managing Partner, K&S Partners, India Renju Harikumar, Director Global Innovation Protection, Accenture, India/USA Nidhi Mathur, Venture partner, Axilor Ventures, India Winslow Taub, Partner, Covington & Burling, USA</p> <p><u>Moderated by:</u> Madanmohan Rao, Research Director, YourStory Media, India</p>
<p>17:00 - 18:10</p>	<p><i>Meet the disrupters</i></p>

<p><i>Grand Ballroom</i></p>	<p>Selected, highly innovative, startup founders present their company, highlighting the transformative impact of what they are creating.</p> <p><u>Speakers:</u> Vishal Chopra, Co-Founder & Chief Executive Officer, WeRize, India Manu Nair, Co-Founder & Chief Executive Officer, Synthara, Switzerland Ram Shoshan, Chief Executive Officer, BeAir, Israel Ezhil Subbian, Co-Founder & Chief Executive Officer, String Bio, India Denis Tudor, Founder & Chief Executive Officer, SwissPod Technologies, Switzerland</p> <p><u>Moderated by:</u> Jose Jacob Kalayil, Director & Curator, The India Advantage Summit & Future ICT Forum, India</p>
<p>18:15 - 19:15 <i>Grand Ballroom</i></p>	<p><i>How Innovation in the next five years will differ from what it was in the last five years: Getting ready for it</i></p> <p>Whether because of radical changes in the global geopolitical and economic landscape restricting technology transfers, or because of the need to innovate more with less funding or because the change of priorities and expectations in the business world as well as in the society at large, there is a prevailing notion that the directions and priorities in technology innovation in the years ahead will be different from what we have seen recently.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ What role can Quantum computing play in supporting and accelerating the innovation process? ✓ Will technology innovation be increasingly geared towards creating a cleaner, safer, and more inclusive world? What implications for startups and for funding? ✓ How to assess the increasing impact of the global regulatory trends on disruptive technologies and privacy protection on how innovation is evolving? ✓ Sustaining innovation in tight financial conditions: Towards a greater emphasis on frugal innovation ("Jugaad") <p><u>Speakers:</u> Maria Anselmi, Head of Start-ups and Next-Generation Innovators Division, Innosuisse, Switzerland</p>

	<p>Naganand Doraswamy, Founder & Managing Director, IdeaSpring Capital, India Florin Müller, Head of Swiss Business Hub India, Switzerland</p> <p><u>Moderated by:</u> Sujit John, Deputy Resident Editor, The Times of India, India</p>
19:15 - 19:30 Grand Ballroom	<i>Connecting the dots</i>
19:30 - 20:00 Foyer	<i>Farewell drinks</i>