

Report on

DT3 FICCI's Digital Transformation "Automation & Digital Opportunities" 13th December 2018 (Thursday) at Hotel ITC Grand Chola, Guindy, Chennai

FICCI Tamil Nadu State Council organized the flag ship event DT3- Digital Transformation 3rd Edition with the theme Automation & Digital Opportunities at Chennai on 13th December 2018 wherein more than 300 IT Professionals including CEO/CTO/COO, LoB Heads, Head of Operations, Head of Finance, Head of Strategy, Head of Digital, Head of Multi-Channel, Head of Innovation, Head of Transformation, CIO, Head of IT, eCommerce, Planning from manufacturing & Service Industry and Educational Institutions participated. **TRIL (Ramanujan IT Park)** was the Event Sponsor while The New Indian Express was the Media Partner for the summit. The other associations such as NASSCOM, CIOKlub, eWIT, RAI, TiE, CSI, ISACA, FOUNDER INSTITUTE, PMI, IEEE, SPIN, IOD, TCC, ACC etc supported the summit.

Mr. K. Dinesh, Co-Founder, Infosys who gave the key note address said there is an urgent need to make use of latest digital technologies in solving the problems in the healthcare sector and other necessary sectors. He stressed that as the healthcare sector was suffering from a plethora of problems, especially shortage of manpower, with widespread use of digital disruption, things can be made better. He added that digital technology had the power to change the future of the world. Digital healthcare facilities can allow dissemination of specialised knowledge among the medical community through advanced networks. He further said "With use of technology, we can ensure better healthcare services to our people and can also find solutions to varied problems in the country".

Ms. Sara Greengrass, Political/Economic Officer, US Consulate, Chennai who was the Guest of Honor said that the US and India always worked towards shaping the 21st century, all for the betterment of the people of both the nations in the field of science and technology. She said Both nations have lots of stakes in various aspects of technology, including areas concerning clean energy, agriculture, pollution control and space technology. She further said the US has enormous stake in India's economic growth with investment opportunities in various fields of business.

Dr. C. Velan, Executive Director & Chief Executive Officer, TRIL Infopark Ltd (Ramanujan IT City) who was the Chief Guest called for skill development for using digital technology. He said the country's infrastructure development depended heavily on automation and other technological innovations happening from time to time, and digital disruption can help accelerate the country's economic growth in so many ways. "The realty sector has gained a lot after the use of digital technology, which was not the case some 10 years ago. The sector was disorganised at that point in time,"

Mr. Rajaram Venkataraman, Convener, Technology Panel, FICCI TNSC & CEO, Veltech TBI & Founder and CEO, Navya Insights said that automation had taken over the physical and virtual worlds, adding new value to human life in all possible ways.

Mr. Ar Rm Arun, Chairman, FICCI Tamil Nadu State Council & Chairman, Valingro Group urged entrepreneurs to make fullest use of the digital disruption revolution taking place in the country. He further said the space organisation ISRO has made things possible for taking internet connectivity to remote villages in the country. This has happened because of the country embracing new technologies available in various areas.

Mr Ruban Hobday, Head, FICCI Tamil Nadu State Council proposed the vote of thanks.

After Inauguration, the summit had three plenary sessions (1) Automation, Technology and Trends (2) Digital Relevance and Impact across Industries (3) Panel Discussion on Automation, Digital, Reskilling, Opportunities and Startups which was addressed by eminent speakers including Mr. G. B. Ponmanivannan, Principal Technology Leader, L & T Technology Services, Mr. Manish Bahl, Senior Director, Center for the Future of Work, Cognizant, Mr. Mohan Shetye, CEO, Integral Information Systems, USA, Mr. Madhusudan Shekar, Head of Digital Innovation, Amazon Internet Private Services Pvt Ltd, Mr. Balaji Sundararajan, Practice Manager - AI & Automation, Infosys Ltd, Mr. R. Srinivasan, Executive Vice President & Head – Smart World & Communication, L & T, Mr. Sriram Narayanasami, Vice President, Maersk, Dr. V. Kamakoti, Professor, Department of Computer Science and Engineering, IIT Madras, Mr. Vijayakumar Kumarappan, DGM Global Corporate Security, Tata Communications, Mr. V. Shankar. President, TiE Chennai, Ms. Tanvi Ratna, Policy Counsel, Incrypt Blockchain, EY, Mr. Krishnachytanya Ayyagari, Program Manager, Startup Cloud Ecosystem, Google, Mr. Krishnan Swaminathan, Automation Solutioning Leader, IBM, Mr. Shubha Kasiviswesvaran, Senior Vice President, HR, TNQ Technologies.
