



Tamil Nadu State Council

## **Tamil Nadu Young Leadership Summit & Awards 2024**

***Empowering Tomorrow's Leaders, Today***

On 5<sup>th</sup> November 2024 between 4pm to 8pm at Hotel Leela Palace, Chennai

**FICCI's Tamil Nadu State Council** in association with **VELS Group as Knowledge Partner** organized the 1<sup>st</sup> edition of Tamil Nadu Young Leadership Summit & Awards 2024, celebrated young entrepreneurs on who are transforming the business landscape with their innovation and leadership. The summit gathered around 200 delegates, including industry experts, policymakers, and business consultants, to recognize the contributions of young leaders. Naturals, Hindustan Institute and Veda Corp were Esteemed Sponsors for the event.

**Dr. Palanivel Thiagarajan, Hon'ble Minister for Information Technology and Digital Services, Government of Tamil Nadu**, was the Chief Guest and delivered the inaugural address. He emphasized that industry associations like FICCI play a key role in nurturing young entrepreneurs and fostering innovation. He noted that these organizations create an environment conducive to entrepreneurship, while the government's role is more limited. He also highlighted their impact on job creation, innovation, and driving economic growth in India.

**Dr. Preethaa Ganesh, Convenor of FICCI TN Young Leaders Panel and Vice President of Vels Group of Institutions**, highlighted Tamil Nadu's potential with 74% of its population in the productive age group. She outlined a clear vision of reaching a \$1 trillion economy by 2030, driven by the youth's creativity and innovation, and celebrated their contributions to transforming the state into a knowledge and innovation hub.

**Dr GSK Velu, Chairman, FICCI Tamil Nadu State Council & CMD, Trivitron Healthcare / Neuberg Diagnostics Group of Companies in his Presidential Address**, he highlighted the state's vibrant start-up ecosystem and its potential to become a Silicon Valley, while appreciating the State Government's support and guidance for emerging businesses.

**Dr. Ishari K. Ganesh, Founder, VELS Group of Institutions**, spoke about his commitment to education and ethical business, reflecting on his institution's growth over three decades.

**Dr. A. Velumani PhD., Creator, Thyrocare**, highlighted four key qualities—patience, focus, knowledge, and discipline that contributed to his success. His philanthropic approach has played a key role in growing his business, making him an inspiration to aspiring entrepreneurs.

**Mr. C. K. Kumaravel, Co-Founder & CMD of Naturals Salon & Spa**, congratulated FICCI and the young leaders for their achievements, emphasizing the vital role of MSMEs in India. He highlighted the opportunity for India to advance globally, a mission he believes lies with entrepreneurs—the "new age freedom fighters"—who drive economic growth and infrastructure by creating jobs.

**Mr Bhupesh Nagarajan, Co-Chairman, FICCI Tamil Nadu State Council & Founder and CEO, Indira Group of Companies**, closed the event by urging young entrepreneurs to take risks and pursue ambitious goals, fueling further economic development and job creation in Tamil Nadu.

The summit highlighted the transformative potential of Tamil Nadu's young leaders and FICCI's commitment to nurturing this new generation of visionaries.