

Tamil Nadu State Council

**DT8**

**DIGITAL DISRUPTION AND TRANSFORMATION**

**SUMMIT & EXHIBITION (DT8)**

"Are AI, Electronics, Telecom, and e-Governance the key themes to drive Tamil Nadu towards the Trillion Dollar economy by 2030?"

26th July 2024 (Friday), Hotel Ramada Plaza, Guindy, Chennai

FICCI Tamil Nadu State Council organized its **8th edition** of **DT8-DIGITAL DISRUPTION AND TRANSFORMATION SUMMIT AND EXHIBITION** around the theme, ***"Are AI, Electronics, Telecom, and e-Governance the key themes to drive Tamil Nadu towards the Trillion Dollar economy by 2030?"*** held on 26th July 2024 wherein more than 150 delegates from various sectors across India participated and benefited. VIT University, Rajalakshmi Institute of Technology, Tejas Networks, Anova and Digital SEO were supporting Partners for the conference.

Chief Guest **Thiru. Kumar Jayant, IAS.**, Additional Chief Secretary, Information Technology and Digital Services Department, Government of Tamil Nadu shared that the Tamil Nadu government’s strategic initiatives aim at fostering a conducive environment for digital innovation in the inaugural address. He said the state’s commitment is to become a hub for IT and digital services and discussed ongoing projects that are set to transform Tamil Nadu into a trillion-dollar economy by 2030. Furthermore, he said the Tamil Nadu government’s commitment is to create a favorable environment for digital innovation and transformation. The Chief Guest released the **FICCI Knowledge Paper** on "Are AI, Electronics, Telecom, and e-Governance the key themes to drive Tamil Nadu towards the Trillion Dollar economy by 2030?". Following the release, the DT8 Exhibition was unveiled, showcasing cutting-edge technologies and innovations from various companies and institutions.

The Guest of Honor, **Her Excellency Ms. Michaela Küchler**, Consul General of the German Consulate General in Chennai, offered valuable insights into the strong economic and technological ties between India and Germany. She shared the importance of international collaboration in driving digital transformation and shared examples of how Germany has successfully leveraged technology to achieve economic growth. Ms. Küchler encouraged enhanced collaboration between Tamil Nadu and German companies in areas such as AI, Industry 4.0, and smart manufacturing.

**Mr. Patrick Fernandez**, Advisor to Govt of India on Semi-Conductor Manufacturing, Former Texas Instruments Sr. Executive, USA (online), **Dr. G. Satheesh Reddy**, Scientific Adviser to Raksha Mantri (Minister of Defence), Govt of India and Former Chairman, DRDO (online), **Dr. GSK Velu**, Chairman, FICCI Tamil Nadu State, Council & CMD, Trivitron Healthcare / Neuberg Diagnostics Group of Companies and **Dr. Rajaram Venkataraman**, Convener, FICCI TNSC Technology Panel & Member, FICCI National Committee on ICT also spoke in the conference.