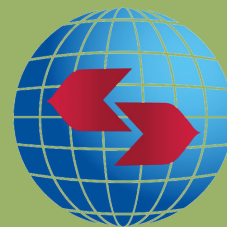


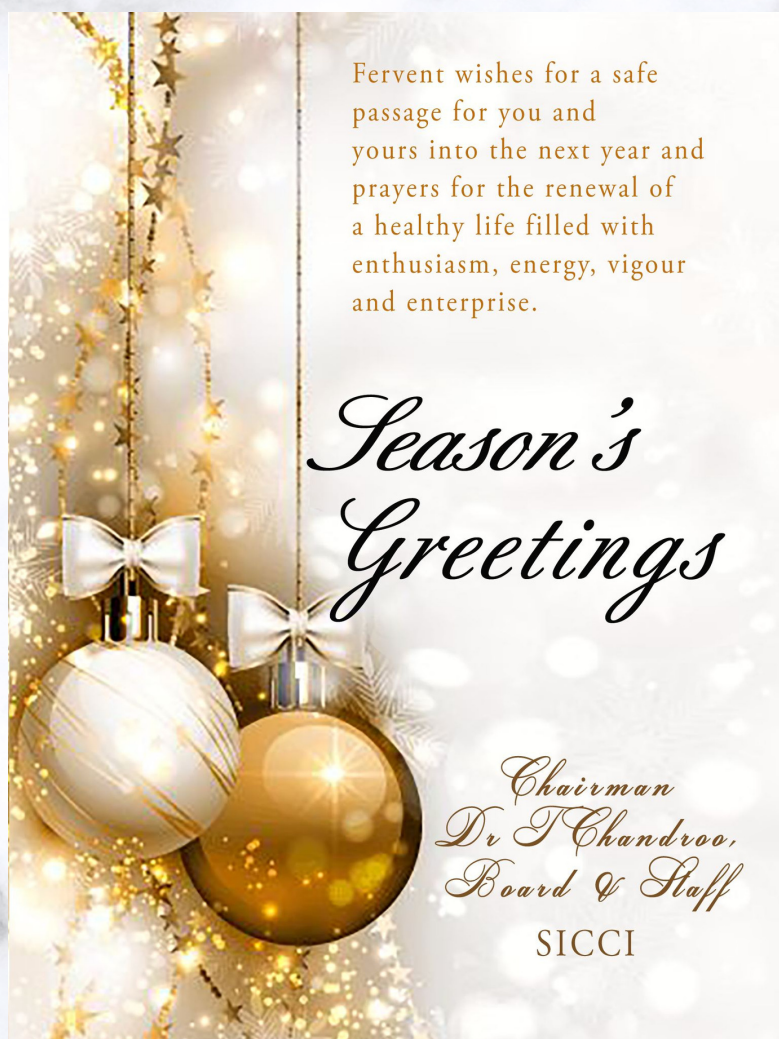
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SEASON'S GREETINGS!

May the new season fill your home with joy, love and peace. Chairman of Singapore Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SICCI), Dr T. Chandroo, Board and Staff will like to wish you and your family a Happy New Year!

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MENTORSHIP@SICCI

On 24th November 2020, SICCI held its first Mentorship@SICCI meeting with several budding entrepreneurs. This is a three-month Mentorship programme. SICCI's Board Directors Mr Parthiban Murugaiyan, Mr Tushar Pritamlal Doshi, Mr Yahiya Khan, and Mr J K Saravana were present to offer their counsel as potential mentors to the mentees. CEO of SICCI Mr Johnson Paul and SME Centre Business Advisor Mr Niranjana K. Doraraj were also on hand to lend their experience to this initiative.

This initial session allowed the mentees to discuss their business proposals and explain the specific challenges they face. In turn, the mentors were able to closely examine the mentees' business plans and difficulties and provide some advice as well as see how best they could be mentored moving forward.

Overall, it was a fruitful session and SICCI looks forward to following up with these budding entrepreneurs. We would also like to thank our Board Directors for volunteering their time and expertise to make this program a success!

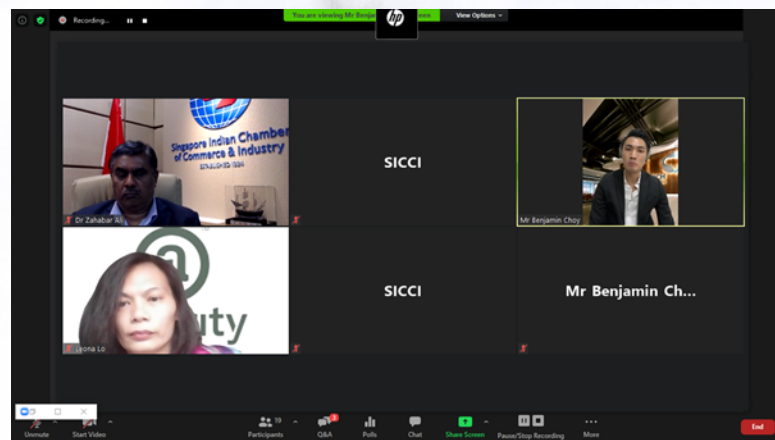
If interested, please do sign up here:
<https://www.sicci.com/mentorshipsicci/> for the next session!



EMPOWER YOUR BUSINESS WITH SINGPASS

On 10th December, SICCI was proud to collaborate with Mr Benjamin Choy and Ms Leona Lo of Assurity Trusted Solutions Pte Ltd for the "Empower your Business with SingPass" webinar. Assurity shared on how businesses can integrate their online business processes with SingPass to accelerate customer acquisition and simplify the customer login process. Through the SingPass integration, businesses will be able to tap into their large customer database. Their customers can also transact with peace of mind.

SICCI would also like to thank its Board Director, Dr Zahabar Ali, for the opening address and expertly moderating the Q&A session.



STAY CONNECTED WITH SICCI!



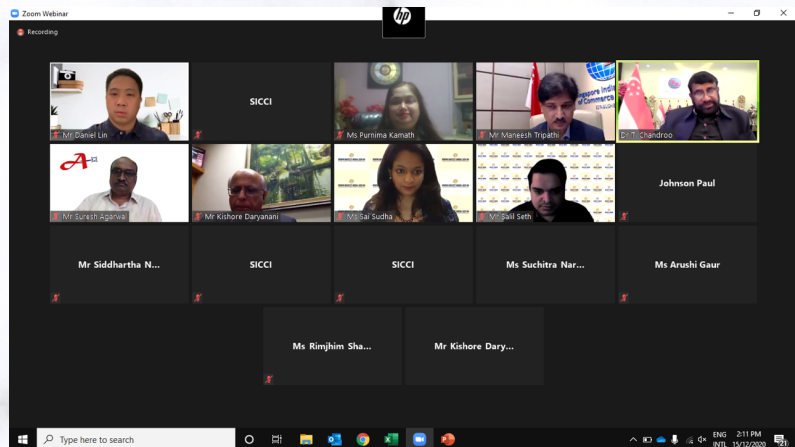
FUTURE OF WORK

On 14th December, SICCI in collaboration with LinkedIn Singapore and TekMonks Pte Ltd, organised a webinar under the theme of 'Future of Work'. 80 attendees participated in this fruitful session.

Mr Tushar Doshi, Board Director from SICCI, gave the opening remarks. Ms Nas Rahim, Talent & Learning Solutions from LinkedIn, shared on the current job landscape in Singapore based on LinkedIn's Data, who are the top employers during the post circuit breaker period, major trends due to COVID-19 and the rise in entrepreneurship. Mr Dewar McCambridge, Technology, Head of Tekmonks Pte Ltd shared on how businesses in Singapore are moving towards a future workplace and how emerging work options, from contingent labour to AI are being managed.

For those who missed this session, please tune into Singapore Indian Chamber's YouTube channel.

BRIDGING THE VIBRANT SG-INDIA START-UP ECOSYSTEM



On 15th December, SICCI in collaboration with Invest India, SGInnovate and FundedHere (Crowd Funding Platform based in Singapore) organised a virtual dialogue session to discuss opportunities in the start-up ecosystems of Singapore and India.

Through this virtual dialogue session, SICCI, SGInnovate, Startup India and Invest India aimed to enable the start-up ecosystem in Singapore and India, to take the leap ahead to expand and become globalised. The dialogue session gave a unique view of the opportunities to the SMEs including aspiring and existing start-ups of both nations and threw light into the future.

The session was graced by Dr Chandroo, Chairman, SICCI and Mr Maneesh Tripathi, Vice Chairman, SICCI and Chairman, International and Bilateral Committee. Ms Purnima Kamath and Mr Kishore Daryanani, Board Directors and IBR Committee Members attended the session. The dialogue session was an effort to create alliances between the Singapore and India start ups.

Mr Siddhartha Nath, Deputy High Commissioner, High Commission of India provided insights on the relevance of this discussion at this pandemic situation. Mr Daniel Lin, CEO Fundedhere, Singapore shared that it is now easy to raise funds for private investors/individuals through the help of technology. Ms Suchitra Narayana, Director Venture Building, SgInnovate shared about Deep Tech start-ups and why Singapore is the best place to launch start-ups. Ms Sai Sudha Chandrasekran, AVP, Invest India and Mr Salil Seth, Senior Manager, Start up, Invest India shared that Invest India handholds the investor throughout their investor journey in India. Mr Suresh Agarwal, Owner, Agarwal Pte Ltd and a member of SICCI shared his testimony of how he was facilitated by High Commission of India, SICCI and Invest India to start his business in India.

DEEPAVALI SANGAMAM BY SIFAS

On 27th November, SIFAS presented Deepavali 'Sangamam' with the theme 'Raise Your Light'. This year's celebrations brought together 11 ethnic community groups for the first time on an online conference. 'Raise your Light' was a three day festival of music and dance performances, with activities such as murukku making competitions and an art exhibition. SICCI's Chairman, Dr Chandroo gave his wishes to the team virtually while Vice Chairman Mr Maneesh Tripathi attended the event,



CATALYSE 2020

On 20th December, "CATALYSE 2020: STARTUP WITH A HEART" e-Conference was convened under the auspices of SICCI AEN (Aspiring Entrepreneur Network). The event was co-sponsored by Lee Foundation. The Collaborating Partners were Narpani Pearavai Youth (NPY), SINDA Youth Club (SYC), Tamils Representative Council Youth Wing (TRC YW), Young Sikh Association - Singapore (YSA).

The objective of this e-conference was to introduce entrepreneurship with a social element to Indian youths so that they can develop enterprises that add more value to the community.

The first half of the conference saw teams pitching their ideas to our renowned judges. The judges shared insightful news on the presentations. Guest-of-Honour for the event was Dr Janil Puthuchery, Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Communication and Information, Ministry of Health. He participated in the discussion and addressed challenges of startups in Singapore.

Our heartfelt gratitude to Dr Janil, judges, panelists - SICCI's Board Director, Mr Parthiban Murugaiyan, Mr Priveen Raj & Mr Simranjit, mentors, participants and attendees, for making the event memorable and successful.



CATALYSE 2020 STARTUP WITH A HEART

Join us at our Entrepreneurship Conference!

An exciting programme lineup awaits including business pitches by our competition participants and a panel discussion with our distinguished speakers!

Sunday, 20th December 2020
10 AM – 2 PM
Web-Conference on Zoom

Our Panelists

- Mr Priveen Raj**
Strategic Advisor
Transformation & Turnaround
- Mr Simranjit Singh**
CEO, Guardant Health AMEA
National Health Innovation Centre Oversight Committee under MOH
- Guest of Honour**
Dr Janil Puthuchery
Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Communications and Information & Ministry of Health
Adviser to Narpani Pearavai
- Mr Parthiban Murugaiyan**
Board Director, SICCI
Chairman of Aspiring Entrepreneurs Network at SICCI
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CHALLENGES FACING WOMEN-IN-TECH (2ND EDITION)

SICCI was delighted to host an exclusive interaction with four of "Singapore 100 Women-in-Tech" professionals in our second edition entitled "Challenges facing women entrepreneurs." The webinar organised by SICCI's Women's Committee - SHE (Sisterhood of Entrepreneurs) was held on Tuesday 22 December 2020.

Chaired by Ms Shobha Tsering Bhalla, Board Director at SICCI and Chairman of SHE@SICCI, Founder and MD, India Se), the dialogue with the panelists debated issues identified by "APEC Policy Partnership on Women and the Economy Report" in their study of 21 countries.

The issues are (not limiting to the following below):

- Limited access to finance
- Gender discrimination
- Lack of mentors and coaching networks
- Lack of skills and experiences
- Fear of failure

Ms Shobha Tsering Bhalla gave the opening remarks. Ms Dipika Chopra (Founder & CEO, REBOOT), Ms Surbhi Krishna Singh (Co-founder & CEO, Firevisor Systems), Ms Jeeta Bandopadhyay (Co-founder & COO, Tookitaki) and Ms Shikha Malhotra (Partner & Mentor for STEM) shared their personal experiences and insightful thoughts on the challenges faced by Women-in-Tech.

For those who missed this session, please watch the whole webinar on Singapore Indian Chamber's YouTube channel.



BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES IN INDIA

Several Indian companies have reached out to us and registered their interest in getting connected with Singapore SME for expansion and investment. Please feel free to reach out to ibd@sicci.com if any of these opportunities interest you.

1. Andhra Pradesh companies are looking at distributing international brands either at state or entire south India levels in one or more of the following categories:
 - Luxury Wall Paints like Lime Plasters etc
 - Furniture
 - Interior Artifacts
 - Vertical Gardens
 - Any other innovative products
2. Indian Trader looking out for traders in Structural Steel & Fabricated Steel Structures & Other Allied Products.
3. Indian Trader is looking for genuine manufacturers/suppliers of silver Mercury liquid in Singapore.
4. Indian Traders are looking for traders in Food products namely: Natural Sesame Seeds-Hulled Sesame Seeds-Black Sesame Seeds - Cumin Seeds-Fennel Seeds-Dill Seeds- Aniseed -Coriander-Fenugreek- Sugar- Rice -Basmati Rice-Non Basmati Rice -Vegetable Oil- Seeds Oil, Spices All type Organic Foods and Wheat grains and wheat flour All types of cereals, Jaggery.
5. Indian Traders are looking for traders in Mint Candy, Personal Care, Perfumery, Pharmaceuticals, FMCG Companies, Menthol Crystals Trader & Importers, Tobacco Flavouring, Etc.
6. Indian Trader is looking for traders in ferrous metals like iron and steel and non-ferrous like aluminum and copper.
7. Indian Trader is looking for trader in sandal wood.
8. The Indian coy deals in manufacturing of plastic parts for Auto, Electrical and the electronic industries based in Delhi and Gurgaon, India and is looking for companies to collaborate from Singapore for future expansion.
9. Indian coy is an exporter of Safety products like Masks, Surgical gloves, Bandages, Surgical cotton, and looking for distributors.
10. The Indian coy is providing E-commerce and customized web solution development services and looking for Partnerships / Tie Ups / any opportunities.
11. Indian coy specializes in Garments, Furniture, Lifestyle Products and Home Furnishings and looking for Partnerships / Tie Ups / any opportunities.
12. The Indian coy is an eminent Manufacturer, Supplier and Exporter of "EDIBLE OILS"-Groundnut Oil, Sesame seed oil and Coconut Oil and looking for Traders, Supplier, Retailer & Importers.

NEW SICCI MEMBERS FOR NOVEMBER 2020

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INDUSTRY: WHOLESALE TRADE
MEMBERSHIP: ORDINARY CORPORATE

FUTUROKNOWLEDGE PTE LTD

INDUSTRY: INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
CONSULTANCY
MEMBERSHIP: ORDINARY CORPORATE

NEW MILLENNIUM CONCEPT

INDUSTRY: EDUCATION
MEMBERSHIP: ORDINARY CORPORATE

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& EQUIPMENT
MEMBERSHIP: ORDINARY CORPORATE

WHITEWAYS SYSTEMS PTE LTD

INDUSTRY: INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
CONSULTANCY
MEMBERSHIP: ORDINARY CORPORATE

TEKMONKS PTE LTD

INDUSTRY: CYBERSECURITY, LEGACY
MODERNIZATION & HYBRID CLOUD
MEMBERSHIP: ORDINARY CORPORATE

ANJU JASWAL

INDUSTRY: BUILDING AUTOMATION,
INDUSTRIAL & PROCESS CONTROL SYSTEMS
MEMBERSHIP: ORDINARY INDIVIDUAL

DEVAN SELVANATHAN

INDUSTRY: INVESTMENT BANKING
MEMBERSHIP: ORDINARY INDIVIDUAL

PAUL NAYAGAM BRIZLEY CAROLSON MICHAEL

INDUSTRY: CHEMICAL MANUFACTURING
MEMBERSHIP: ORDINARY INDIVIDUAL

SARAVANAN BADHRU JAWAHARLAL

INDUSTRY: RENEWABLE ENERGY
MEMBERSHIP: ORDINARY INDIVIDUAL

YERRAMSETTY PADMAJA

INDUSTRY: ENGINEERING DESIGN
& CONSULTANCY
MEMBERSHIP: ORDINARY INDIVIDUAL

NANO CRYSTAL (S) PTE LTD

INDUSTRY: WHOLESALE OF MEDICAL
EQUIPMENT
MEMBERSHIP: ASSOCIATE CORPORATE