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Tamil Nadu Govt's Flagship Technology, Entrepreneurship & Skills Summit to Bring Ecosystem Top Guns on One Platform

All roads of technology and entrepreneurship ecosystem will lead to Chennai, as the Electronics Corporation of Tamil Nadu Limited (ELCOT), Government of Tamil Nadu organizes Asia's largest summit on technology and innovation, titled Uagine Chennai, from March 23-25, 2023, at the Chennai Trade Centre here. The theme of the Conference is "Leave the future behind".

Tamil Nadu is aspiring to become a trillion-dollar economy by 2030 and Uagine Chennai '23 is one of the key initiatives in this endeavour. Policymakers, CXOs, leading start-up entrepreneurs, technology experts, skill developers, academia, thought leaders, and representatives from technology sectors will congregate to discuss, deliberate, debate and suggest future paths for driving growth and development of the technology and entrepreneurship ecosystem. Uagine will provide networking opportunities with more than 250 ecosystem veterans and over 10 thousand delegates. Spread over three days, the summit will feature keynotes, fireside chats and panel discussions along with investment pitches, product showcases, technology showcases and release of thought leadership reports.

The summit is bringing for the first time the famed Blue Ocean Awards to India. Mrs. Lise Talbot Barré, Consul General of France in Pondicherry and Chennai, Thiru T. Mano Thangaraj, Hon'ble Minister for Information Technology & Digital Services Department and Dr. Neeraj Mittal IAS, Principal Secretary, Information Technology & Digital Services, Government of Tamil Nadu, formally announced France as the country partner of Uagine Chennai and launched the Indian edition of Blue Ocean Awards, at a press conference here today.

Dr. Neeraj Mittal said that Blue Ocean Awards are debuting in India for the first time in Uagine. They will be a launching pad for budding deeptechpreneurs to take their ideas to the world.

Blue Ocean Awards will be given to winners of a pitching competition that will be evaluated by an international jury. The awards will be given away in three categories: Baby (for start-ups with investments of less than Euro 2 million), Mentor (for start-ups with investments of more than Euro 2 million), and Societal (for start-ups creating a new market with positive impacts on society). The awards are open for nominations till January 31, 2023. (Website link: [Blue Ocean Awards India | Umagine Chennai](https://umaginechennai.com/programs/blueoceanawards) <<https://umaginechennai.com/programs/blueoceanawards>>)

The partners of Umagine Chennai '23 include France in India, Indo-French Chamber of Commerce (IFCC) and La French Tech, STPI, ICTAcademy, IITM research park, iTNT Hub, Wadhvani Foundation, The / Nudge Institute, StartupTN, ISBA, Ubersaga, Indian Angel Network, TheChennai Angels, US-India Strategic Partnership Forum, and INDIASPORA.

The Event Partner for Umagine Chennai is Confederation of India Industry (CII) and The Mobile Association of India (IAMAI) is the supporting Partner.

The advisors to Umagine Chennai '23 include eminent personalities namely,

Mr. Amit Narayan, Founder & CEO, Autogrid Systems; Ms. Aruna Sundararajan, Former Secretary, Steel, IT And Telecom, Government Of India; Prof. Ashok Jhunjunwala, President , IITM Research & IITM Incubation Cell, IITM Research Park; Mr. Avnish Sabharwal, Managing Director, Accenture Ventures & Open Innovation; Mr. Deepak Bagla, President, World Association of Investment Promotion Agencies; Mr. Ganapathy Gangadharan S, Chief Innovation Evangelist - Communication, Media, Entertainment & Information Services Bu, Tata Consultancy Services; Mr. Kewyn George, Council Member - Future IT And Emerging Technologies, Govt Of Tamil Nadu; Mr. Kris Gopalakrishnan, Chairman, Axilor Ventures & Co-founder, Infosys; Mr. M Madhavan Nambiar, Former Secretary, MeitY, Civil Aviation, Government Of India; Mr. M. R. Rangaswami, Founder, Indiaspora, Corporate Eco Forum & Co-Founder, Sand Hill Grp; Mr. Miten Mehta, Global Alliance Officer - Google Cloud, Fractal.ai; Ms. Padmaja Ruparel, Co-Founder & President, Indian Angel Network (IAN); Ms. Priya Rajan, Managing Director, Silicon Valley Bank; Mr. Rajat Tandon, President, Indian Private Equity & Venture Capital Association (IVCA); Mr. Rajesh Abhichandani, Head - Risk And Compliance, Bharat FIH; Mr. Ravi Arora, Vice President, Group Innovation, Tata Sons; Mr. Satyakam Arya, Managing Director & CEO,

Daimler India Commercial Vehicles; Prof. Soumitra Dutta, Dean, Said School Of Business, Oxford University, and Prof. V. Kamakoti, Director, IIT Madras.

Highlights of Uagine Chennai '23:

3 Days | 7 Tracks | 100+ Sessions | 150+ Exhibitors | 250+ Speakers | 10K+ Delegates
The seven focus areas include Green Mobility, Future of Digital, AgriNext, Climate Change & Sustainability, Healthcare & Lifesciences, New Frontiers and Tech for Good, showcasing technologies such as AI ML, Data Sciences, Blockchain, Web3, Cybersecurity, AR VR, and Advance Connectivity 5G/6G among others.

For more information on Uagine Chennai '23 please visit:

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