

Press Release
Advisory Council for Future

Information Technology Department of Tamil Nadu has been in the forefront of IT promotion, Procurement of IT products and services, e-Governance and establishing state-of-the-art IT infrastructure. .

Government of Tamil Nadu has constituted Advisory Council for Future – IT Sector & Emerging Technologies to advise the State leadership for proactive policy changes that would enable the state to benefit from emerging technologies and promote innovation.

The Council will guide Information Technology Department regarding IT/ ITES promotion and facilitation initiatives, provide feedback on behalf of IT Industry, provide technical inputs, act as an independent think tank, enhance the Department's public standing and assists the Department in designing strategic initiatives to achieve \$1 trillion economy goal. Recommendations of the Council shall be sent to Government for its consideration.

First Meeting of Advisory Council for Future - IT Sector & Emerging Technologies was held on 22.11.2021 at Secretariat chaired by Thiru. T. Mano Thangaraj, Hon'ble Minister for Information Technology with following Advisory Council members.

1	Dr. Neeraj Mittal, I.A.S., Principal Secretary Information Technology Department
2	Thiru. Ajay Yadav, I.A.S., Managing Director, ELCOT
3	Thiru N.G. Subramaniam, Chief Operation Officer, TCS.

4	Thiru Kris Gopalakrishnan, Co-founder, Former CEO & Managing Director, Infosys Technologies.
5	Prof. Bhaskar Ramamurthi, Director IIT Chennai.
6	Thiru. Madhavan Nambiar I.A.S., (Retd.) Ex-Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation, Government of India, Secretary, Department of Information Technology, Government of India, CMD TIDCO, CMD ELCOT.
7	Thiru. P.W.C Davidar, I.A.S(Retd), Former Additional Chief Secretary, Govt of TN, Advisor - TNeGA.
8	Dr. Sandhya Chintala, VP NASSCOM Sector Skill Council.
9	Thiru Murugavel Janakiraman, CEO, Matrimony.com Limited.
10	Thiru.Vijay Anand, Founder, The Startup Centre, Chennai.
11	Thiru. Kewyn George, Director - IS at Expeditors.
12	Thiru Suresh Sambandam, Managing Director /Chief Executive Officer, Kissflow

The Advisory Council will review the existing ICT eco-system and discuss about the paradigm shift from services-driven growth to growth in product development. The Council members recognized the need for focusing on Startup ecosystem and technologies such as Robotics, Gaming, Artificial Intelligence, Blockchain, Genetic engineering etc. The need for Skill development and curriculum update to ensure the young workforce employability in the light of wider spread of Emerging Technologies was discussed. Improving Tamil Nadu's readiness to adopt new technologies in hardware manufacturing was highlighted. The discussion on IT/ITES starkly highlighted the fact that all sectors and products are now IT based with embedded software there was growing recognition that the growth in services sector has to be captured to achieve the \$1 trillion goal by 2030.

The Council planned a roadmap to help Tamil Nadu to attract more companies and expand business in Tamil Nadu and create more job opportunities in Tier 2 / Tier 3 cities, come up with the recommendations to boost technology innovation ecosystem.

The following officials have attended the meeting: Dr. Neeraj Mittal, IAS, Principal Secretary, IT Department, Thiru P.W.C Davidar, I.A.S (Retd), Advisor - TNeGA, Thiru K. Vijayendra Pandian, IAS., Director of e-Governance/CEO, Thiru. Ajay Yadav, IAS., Managing Director, ELCOT, Thiru S. Balachander IAS., Joint Director of e-Governance, Thiru A.K Kamal Kishore IAS., Managing Director, TANFINET and the members of Advisory Council for Future - IT Sector & Emerging Technologies.

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