



Confederation of Indian Industry



Theme: Building Partnerships for Asia's Next Growth Story
29 September 2026 | Hotel ITC Grand Chola | Chennai

Programme *(as on 9/28/2026 10:41:12 PM)*

0930-1030 hrs		Inaugural Session
0930-0935 hrs	Welcome Address	Mr P Ravichandran Chairman, CII Southern Region and President – Danfoss India Danfoss Industries Pvt Ltd
0935-0940 hrs	Theme Address & Context Setting	Mr Shankar Vanavarayar Chairman, CII Namaste Asia Summit & CII SR Taskforce on International Business Development & South India Positioning and President, Kumaraguru Educational Institutions & Executive Director ABT Industries
0940-0950 hrs	Address	Dr Ravindra Sannareddy Founder & Managing Director Sri City (P) Limited
0950-1000 hrs	Special Address	Mr V K K Rajasekaran President Kuala Lumpur & Selangor Indian Chamber of Commerce & Industry (KLSICCI))
1000-1005 hrs	<i>MoU Signing Ceremony between KLSICCI and CII</i>	
1005-1010 hrs	<i>Launch of Nilgiris India Economic Dialogue (NIED) Logo</i>	
1010-1025 hrs	Address by Guest of Honour	Dr. S Vijayakumar, IAS* Additional Chief Secretary to Government Industries, Investment Promotion & Commerce Government of Tamil Nadu
1025-1030 hrs	Concluding Remarks	Mr Madhu Raghunath Co-Chairman, CII Namaste Asia Summit & CII SR Taskforce on International Business Development & South India Positioning and Chief Executive Officer TVS Vehicle Mobility Solution P Ltd
1030-1045 hrs		NETWORKING TEA



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1045-1145 hrs	SOUTH INDIA & SOUTH ASIA Industry Leaders' Dialogue on Strengthening Regional Value Chains <i>The session will explore opportunities arising from South India's geographic proximity to, and longstanding economic, cultural and maritime ties with, South Asia. It will examine how complementary strengths, emerging opportunities and shared development priorities can be leveraged to deepen trade, investment and business partnerships.</i>	
1045-1050 hrs	Opening Remarks by Session Moderator	Mr Prasanna Rajagopalan Partner ADAP Ventures
1050-1130 hrs	Panel Discussion	Ms Kam Raghavan Chief Commercial Officer MAS Holdings Mr Charath Narsimhan Chief Executive Officer Indian Terrain Fashions Limited Mr Krishna Kumar Nadarajan Senior Vice President Mediterranean Shipping Company (MSC)
1130-1145 hrs	Interaction and Close of Session	



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1145-1215 hrs

SOUTH INDIA & SOUTH ASIA

Diplomats' Perspective on Strengthening Regional Value Chains

The session will bring together diplomats from South Asian countries to share their perspectives on South India, assess their countries' economic engagement with the region, and explore sectoral opportunities and avenues for strengthening economic and bilateral ties.

1145-1150 hrs

Opening Remarks by Session
Moderator

Mr Prasanna Rajagopalan

Partner
ADAP Ventures

1150-1200 hrs

Address

Mr Iftekhar Uddin Shamin

Commercial Counsellor
Bangladesh High Commission, New Delhi

Ms. Aishath Zaifa

First Secretary
High Commission of the Republic of
Maldives, New Delhi

Dr Ganesanathan Geathiswaran

Deputy High Commissioner
Sri Lanka Deputy High Commission

1200-1215 hrs

Interaction and Close of Session



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1215-1315 hrs	BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS FOR ASIA'S NEXT GROWTH STORY: ROLE OF SOUTHERN STATES <i>The session will bring together industry leaders from the Southern States to showcase the region's diverse economic strengths and its growing connections with global markets. The dialogue will seek to identify priority sectors, potential areas of collaboration and actionable business opportunities that can deepen South India-Asia engagement.</i>	
1215-1220 hrs	Opening Remarks by Session Moderator	Mr P Ravichandran Chairman, CII Southern Region and President – Danfoss India Danfoss Industries Pvt Ltd
1220-1300 hrs	<i>Panel Discussion</i>	Mr M Ponnuswami Past Chairman, CII Tamil Nadu State Council and Chairman, CII SR Taskforce on Regulatory Reform & Business Climate and Chairman and Managing Director Pon Pure Chemical India Private Limited Mr M Nadarajan Chairman, CII Puducherry State Council and Managing Director Bergamont Hotels (P) Ltd Mr Rabindra Srikantan Past Chairman, CII Karnataka State Council and Founder & Managing Director ASM Technologies (P) Ltd
1300-1315 hrs	Interaction and Close of Session	
1315-1430 hrs	NETWORKING LUNCH	



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1430-1530 hrs	SOUTH INDIA & EAST ASIA Industry Leaders' Dialogue on Advancing Technology, Innovation & Industrial Excellence <i>The session will showcase South India's and East Asia's technological capabilities, innovation strengths and industrial expertise, while exploring emerging opportunities for collaboration. Discussions will address barriers to deeper industrial cooperation and identify practical solutions to accelerate technology adoption, skills development and institutional partnerships.</i>	
1430-1435 hrs	Opening Remarks by Session Moderator	Mr Rajesh Mittal President & Managing Director Isuzu Motors (P) Ltd
1435 -1515 hrs	<i>Panel Discussion</i>	Dr N Saravanan President & Chief Technology Officer Ashok Leyland Mrs Anitha Unnithan Managing Director Sankar NP Japan (P) Ltd Mr Srikanth V Chief Executive Officer ICT Academy, Tamil Nadu
1515 -1530 hrs	Interaction and Close of Session	



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1530 -1600 hrs	SESSION ON NEXTGEN LEADERS Leading Indian Businesses into a Global Future <i>As Indian businesses expand beyond domestic markets, a new generation of leaders is shaping growth with fresh perspectives, innovative ideas and a global outlook. This session will bring together emerging business leaders to share insights on navigating a rapidly evolving global landscape, harnessing technology and forging future-ready partnerships.</i>	
1530-1535 hrs	Opening Remarks by Session Moderator	Mr Shankar Vanavarayar Chairman, CII Namaste Asia Summit & CII SR Taskforce on International Business Development & South India Positioning and President, Kumaraguru Educational Institutions & Executive Director ABT Industries
1535-1600 hrs	<i>Panel Discussion</i>	Mr Kanishka Arumugam Co-CEO EKKI Pumps Mr Pratheep Chandramohan Managing Director Dolphin Auto Components
1600 hrs	Close of Session	



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1600-1700 hrs	SOUTH INDIA & SOUTHEAST ASIA Industry Leaders' Dialogue on Driving Manufacturing & Supply Chain Partnerships <i>The session will showcase SouthEast Asia's technological capabilities, innovation strengths and industrial expertise, while exploring emerging opportunities for collaboration with South India. Discussions will address barriers to deeper industrial cooperation and identify practical pathways to accelerate technology adoption, skills development and institutional partnerships.</i>	
1600-1605 hrs	Opening Remarks by Session Moderator	Mr M Nadarajan Chairman, CII Puducherry State Council and Managing Director, Bergamont Hotels (P) Ltd
1605-1645 hrs	<i>Panel Discussion</i>	Dr Is. Selvarajoo S Horikrishna Managing Director Hevi Logistics Services SDN BHD Mr Jalal S Rahman Country Manager Royal Brunei Airlines Mr Justin Samuel Director – India Representative Nabati Foods Pvt Ltd Mr Phanthavee Chailert General Manager – India Representative SCG Packaging PCL Dr Ganesh Sethuraman General Manager – India Representative JLK Automation (India) Pvt. Ltd
1645-1700 hrs	Interaction and Close of Session	



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1700-1730 hrs	SOUTH INDIA & SOUTHEAST ASIA Diplomats' Perspective on Driving Manufacturing & Supply Chain Partnerships <i>The session will bring together diplomats from Southeast Asian countries to share their perspectives on South India, reflect on their countries' economic engagement with the region, and identify sectoral opportunities and pathways for deeper bilateral cooperation.</i>	
1700-1705 hrs	Opening Remarks by Session Moderator	Mr M Nadarajan Chairman, CII Puducherry State Council and Managing Director, Bergamont Hotels (P) Ltd
1705-1730 hrs	<i>Panel Discussion</i>	Mr Racha Aribarg Consul General Consulate General of the Kingdom of Thailand Mr Saravana Kumar Consul General Consulate General of Malaysia Ms Amesta Yisca Putri Director Indonesia Trade Promotion Centre, Chennai
1730 hrs	CLOSE OF SUMMIT	