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APRIL & MAY 2025

5th Batch

**WORKSHOP ON
MASTERING DATA IN EXCEL
FOR BUSINESS ANALYSIS**

EXPLORING AI CAPABILITIES

17th April 2025 (Thursday) | 9:30 am - 5:30 pm

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**SESSION ON
STATE LOGISTICS POLICY**

TUESDAY, 29TH APRIL 2025 | 10.00 AM - 1.30 PM

GRAND CHENNAI BY GRT HOTELS (CONVENTION CENTRE)
T. NAGAR, CHENNAI - 600017

CHIEF GUEST & KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Thiru V. Arun Roy IAS
Secretary to Government
Public Relations, Investment Promotion &
Cooperation Department
Government of Tamil Nadu

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**WOMEN LEADERSHIP
Coffee Connect Session**

23rd May 2025 | 4.00 pm - 5.30 pm

GUEST SPEAKER

Dr. B. Amudha
Director
Regional Meteorological Centre

IN CONVERSATION WITH

Ms. Rama Ravee Tithi
Founder Director
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Webinar

**Speak with your DNA
to live your best**

Friday, 16th May 2025
02:30 pm - 4:30 pm

TOPICS

- Genetic management of non-communicable diseases type 2
- Genetic health optimization for a healthier and just
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RESOURCE PERSON

Mr. Veimarani S
Vice President, IT - Artificial Intelligence
PMCS Private Ltd

**WORKSHOP ON
THE POWER OF GEN-AI TO ADDRESS CURRENT INDUSTRY CHALLENGES**

DATE: FRIDAY, 23RD MAY 2025
TIME: 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM

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Welcome to the Generative AI Program — a learning experience designed to help participants explore the potential of Generative AI. This program covers foundational concepts, real-world applications, business strategies, and hands-on practices to help you build impactful solutions. Whether you're a tech enthusiast, business leader, or developer, the program offers practical insights into the future of intelligent automation.

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- Generative AI Applications
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Workshop on Mastering Data in Excel for Business Analysis – 6th Batch

PROGRAMS - APRIL 2025

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17th April 2025

Workshop on Mastering Data in Excel for Business Analysis – 5th Batch



This was the 5th batch of an exclusive hands-on workshop on Mastering Data in Excel for Business Analysis. Based on the positive feedback received from the participants, this session was organised to give more persons the opportunity to benefit.

19 participants gave positive feedback.



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19th April 2025

Interactive Meeting with Dr. Darez Ahamed IAS, MD & CEO, Guidance Tamil Nadu



This interactive session focused on enhancing the Ease of Doing Business (EoDB) in the State and strengthening collaboration between MCCI and Guidance Tamil Nadu. Dr. Ahamed shared key initiatives, reforms, and opportunities aiming at driving business competitiveness, attracting investment infrastructure development, and sustainable economic growth in Tamil Nadu.



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23rd April 2025

POSH in Action: Training for Internal Committee Members

This was an exclusive workshop specially curated for Internal Committee members, HR professionals, and senior management personnel involved in implementing the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013 (POSH Act). LexPOSH was the Knowledge Partner for this session.



25 members participated and gave a positive feedback

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24th April 2025

Leadership Talk on Disrupting the World Order



The event, titled “Disrupting the World Order”, explored critical geopolitical developments shaping the global landscape and India’s growing strategic influence. Mr. Tirumurti delivered a compelling keynote, reflecting on the disintegration of the post-WWII liberal order and the rebalancing of global power structures.

Participants from diverse sectors appreciated the clarity and depth of the insights shared, gaining a nuanced understanding of the challenges and opportunities in today’s volatile geopolitical environment.

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26th April 2025

Capacity Building Workshop: Empower, Educate, Ensure – 1st Batch @ SRM Group

This was an exclusive training program jointly organized by the Chamber and “I SEE POSH Academia” for the SRM IST Chennai professors.

22 participants were part of this first batch of training and the feedback was positive.



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29th April 2025

Session on State Logistics Policy



This was a joint session with Tamil Nadu Industrial Development Corporation Ltd. (TIDCO), to deliberate on the implementation, impact, and future direction of the Tamil Nadu State Logistics Policy. Mr. V. Arun Roy, IAS, Secretary, Industries, Investment Promotion & Commerce Department, Government of Tamil Nadu, delivered the keynote address followed by Mr. Sandeep Nanduri, IAS, Managing Director, TIDCO, sharing an insightful presentation on the State Logistics Policy,

Valuable insights were shared by distinguished speakers. A very interesting panel discussion, moderated by Mr. Amit Gupta, brought together representatives from Paramount Shipping Services Pvt. Ltd., The Air Cargo Agents Association of India (ACAAI), and key members of the Logistics committee for an engaging and interactive deliberations on the way forward.

More than 80 participants took part and gave positive feedback

There was a wide coverage in the media.

Governing Council Meeting

The Governing Council Meeting was held on 19th April 2025



Expert Committee Meetings

Expert Committee on Company Law / Corporate Matters - 8th April 2025



Other Meetings

18th Annual celebration of Pravda Law Associates - 19th April 2025

Ms. K.Saraswathi, Secretary General of the Chamber was a panel member in the discussion on “Scripting her story, Building the nation.”



Launch of new Indonesian Trade Promotion Centre - 26th April 2025

Ms. K.Saraswathi, Secretary General of the Chamber took part in the launch of the new office of the Indonesia Trade Promotion Centre.

The Indo-Australian Chamber luncheon session “Doing Business with Victoria” - 28th April 2025

Indo-Australian Chamber of Commerce #AustCham India in collaboration with Global Victoria – the trade arm of the Victorian Government – hosted a Networking Lunch Session on 28th April 2025 in Chennai.

Ms. Saraswathi, Secretary General of the Chamber took part in the discussion. It was an engaging and insightful discussion that set the stage for continued collaborations.

Industry Round Table Discussion on the theme “Establishing Childcare Centers in Tamil Nadu to Enhance Female Labour Force Participation” - 30th April 2025



The round table convened key stakeholders from government, industry, and civil society to discuss the need for accessible and quality childcare facilities in Tamil Nadu. It aimed to explore collaborative models for piloting such centers in workplaces and industrial clusters to enhance female labour force participation. The session was chaired by Ms. Mercy Ramya, IAS, Director-cum-Mission Director, Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS), and Tmt. D. Sneha, IAS, Executive Director, SIPCOT. Participants included representatives from MCCI, SICCI, FICCI, and Mr. Amit Kumar, Head, SIG Unit, UNDP India Coordination Centre. Ms. K. Saraswathi, Secretary General of the Chamber, and Mr. G. Loganathan, Lead – Training and Programs, attended the session on behalf of MCCI. The session also saw participation from officials of the Tamil Nadu State Planning Commission, reinforcing the interdepartmental commitment to promoting inclusive childcare models.

CHAMBER IN MEDIA

Tamil Nadu to frame warehousing policy

Our Bureau Chennai

The Tamil Nadu government will soon release a warehousing policy recognising the importance of this infrastructure.

The government felt that the sector had to be given a special focus with a separate policy, said Sandeep Nanduri, Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Industrial Development Corporation (TIDCO).

In 2023, the State had released a Logistics Policy.



(from left) Ramkumar Shankar, President, MCCI; V Arun Roy, TN Industries Secretary; and Sandeep Nanduri, MD, TIDCO, at a session on State Logistics Policy in Chennai on Tuesday.

FOCUS AREAS

Addressing a session on State Logistics Policy organised jointly by The Madras Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Tamil Nadu Industrial Development Corporation on Tuesday, Nanduri said the State's warehousing policy will have four focus areas. The thrust

will be on warehousing standards aligned with the recommendations of the Government of India Warehousing Standards.

On institutional mechanisms, the policy will establish the role of the State government in promotion and investment support and focus on streamlining regulatory requirements and approvals, he said. This is the first meeting with stakeholders on the

warehousing policy, he added.

COMMODITY FOCUSED

On the Delta districts, the policy will lay emphasis on the phase-wise identification and potential districts for existing and future development and expansion of warehousing business. It will take a commodity-based approach to develop commodity-specific standards and

directives for development of new warehousing clusters, he said.

LOGISTICS PARK

Nanduri said the first phase of the Multimodal Logistics Park in Mappadu near Chennai is expected to be operational by 2027. The second such facility is coming up in Coimbatore for which the land acquisition is almost finished. "We are also forming a joint venture with the VO Chidambaram Port in Thoothukudi for the project," he said.

A recent report by Colliers India said that with about 2.2 million sq ft of leasing, engineering firms alone accounted for about one-fourth of the Grade A industrial and warehousing demand in Q1 2025. The sector saw over 2X times growth in leasing activity on an annual basis, led by robust demand in Chennai and Bengaluru.

Gaps in logistics should be addressed: TN industries secy

Times News Network

Chennai: Vital gaps in the logistics should be addressed as the manufacturing is witnessing rapid growth in the state, Tamil Nadu Industries secretary V Arun Roy said. Speaking at the Madras Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MCCI)'s session on state logistics policy on Tuesday, he said while current logistics infrastructure is satisfactory, a lot more needs to be done to improve this, including addressing congestion in roads, reducing transit time from industrial clusters to the ports, improving ports and addressing gaps in cold chain infrastructure.



TAKING STOCK: State Industries secretary V Arun Roy, Sandeep Nanduri, MD TIDCO along with Ramkumar Shankar, president of MCCI among others

"More importantly manufacturing itself is standing at a very critical juncture (as) the pace of growth of manufacturing is quite high. Secondly, the new tariff issues have opened up a lot of opportunities for (the state). A large number of

global supply chains are moving to India or making India part of their investment plans. A good proportion of that is expected to come to Tamil Nadu due to (our) natural manufacturing advantages and our enabling policies. So the pressure on our logistics infrastructure to meet this demand is going to be higher than ever in the next two to three years," he said.

Ramkumar Shankar, president of the MCCI said

the country's logistics market, valued at \$300 billion in 2024, is expected to grow at 8% CAGR and Tamil Nadu is well-positioned as a logistics hub.

He further said that the chamber is working on a study on the existing Chennai Airport to address the bottlenecks for both passenger and cargo movement. "We will present the findings to the government four weeks from now," he said.



Ramkumar Shankar, president, MCCI; V Arun Roy, TN Industries Secretary; and Sandeep Nanduri, Managing Director, TIDCO, during a session on State Logistics Policy on Tuesday. S.R. RAGHUNATHAN

City logistics plan being prepared for Chennai, Coimbatore

The Hindu Bureau CHENNAI

The preparation of city logistics plan for Chennai and Coimbatore has been under way, said Sandeep Nanduri, Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Industrial Development Corporation (TIDCO).

At a session on State Logistics Policy, organised by TIDCO in collaboration with the Madras Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MCCI), Mr. Sandeep made an elaborate presentation, according to which the multi-modal logistics park (Phase I), coming up at Mappadu near Chennai, will become operational by 2027.

"Land acquisition for the multi-modal logistics park in Coimbatore is in the advanced stages," he said.

Net-zero warehouse

Container Corporation of India Ltd (CONCOR) will be setting up a net zero ambient cold storage warehouse at Sriperumbudur,

near Chennai. "We chose this area mainly because we had land there and also because it is the electronics corridor of Tamil Nadu. We have a 1.30 lakh sq. ft. of warehouse space at Sriperumbudur. The tenders will be coming out soon," said G. Gayatri, Area Head - III, CONCOR.

Reducing transit time

Tamil Nadu Industries Secretary V Arun Roy said, "While the current logistics infrastructure is satisfactory, a lot more needs to be done, including addressing congestion on roads, reducing transit time from industrial clusters to the ports, improving ports, and addressing gaps in cold chain infrastructure."

Ramkumar Shankar, Managing Director, Chemplast Sanmar Ltd, and president, MCCI, said, "At present, MCCI is working on a study on the existing airport in Chennai. We will present the findings to the government four weeks from now."

'Concor to set up first 'net zero' ambient warehouse on 50 acres near Chennai'

Our Bureau Chennai

Container Corporation of India Ltd (Concor), a part of the Indian Railways providing logistics services, is getting into niche warehousing by setting up its first net zero warehouse space of 1.30 lakh sq ft at Sriperumbudur, targeting diverse industries including electronics, in the region, G Gayatri, Area Head - III, Concor, said.

Talking to newsmen on the sidelines of a session on State Logistics Policy, or-

ganised jointly by The Madras Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MCCI) and Tamil Nadu Industrial Development Corporation on Tuesday, Gayatri said the facility spanning 50 acres will be built at a cost of over ₹60 crore. The first phase of about 20 acres will be ready in a year, she added.

Based on the Expression of Interest submitted by various parties, Concor is progressing with construction of about 1 lakh sq ft ambient and 30,000 sq ft cold storage, she told *businessline*. The ambient warehouse



G Gayatri, Area Head-III, CONCOR

will have a controlled atmosphere with temperatures maintained between 24°C-29°C and relative humidity around 50-60 per

cent. There are customisation options for adjusting environmental conditions to suit the specific requirements of different types of stored goods, she said.

GREEN LOGISTICS

The 'net zero' facility spanning 13,000 sq m, is part of Concor's effort to achieve sustainable and green logistics. Concor is partnering with The Energy and Resources Institute on this initiative.

Some of the products that may require ambient warehousing are electronics,

pharma, chemicals, FMCG, batteries and leather for preventing damage from environmental factors, she said.

Speaking in a session at the event earlier, Gayatri said Concor's ICE Battery Containers maintain an average of 2°C to 8°C for eight days without power.

This container is better than the usual reefer boxes. Recently, Concor successfully transported these containers to the Andamans, she added.

Concor's share price on the NSE closed at ₹688, up by ₹2.60 (0.38 per cent).

THE TIMES OF INDIA, CHENNAI
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30, 2025

Concor plans ambient temperature warehouse

Tender For The Project At Sriperumbudur Is Estimated To Cost Nearly ₹60 Crore

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Chennai: The Container Corporation of India (CONCOR) plans to build a one lakh sqft warehouse facility at Sriperumbudur near Chennai to cater to the demands of the manufacturing cluster, especially the electronics industry, according to a senior official. The facility is expected to be completed in a year to have ambient temperature.

Speaking at the sidelines of an event on Tuesday, G Gayatri, Area head-III of CONCOR said, "Ambient warehouse, where the temperature is around 20 degree Celsius to 22 degree Celsius, is something which we see as the fu-

ture and the facility will be a net-zero warehouse, aligning with the increasing demands of the industry and

The facility will also have 30,000 sqft of cold storage capacity, said G Gayatri, Area head-III of Concor

part of our sustainability initiatives."

The facility will also have 30,000 sqft of cold storage capacity, she said, adding that the tender will be floated in a month and the project is estimated to cost around Rs 60 crore.

Meanwhile, CONCOR,

the navratna public sector undertaking under the Railway ministry, has around half of its 100-odd LNG trucks in the country in Chennai, as the state has shorter distance to hinterlands and fuelling infrastructure. "The demand here for first mile, last mile connectivity is more here compared to western parts of India. In Tamil Nadu the hinterland is very narrow and most distances are less than 300 km where exclusive rail transport may not be viable. We have already started movements to and from Hosur, Bengaluru, Mysuru and starting operations to Madurai and Tirunelveli," Gayatri said.

சரக்குகளை விரைந்து கையாளும் திட்டம் ஒதுர், மதுரையில் செயல்படுத்த ஆய்வு



■ டி.கே.சி. நிறுவனம், மெட்ராஸ் வந்தக, தொழில் சபையும் இணைந்து, மாநில சரக்கு போக்குவரத்து கொள்கை வரை தலைப்பில் சென்னையில் ஒருநாள் கூட்டம் நடந்தது. இடமிருந்து: எம்.சி.சி.ஐ., செயல்பாட்டு, தலைவர் எம்.சி.ஐ., தலைவர் துறை செயல்பாட்டு அருள் ராஜ், டி.கே.சி. மோலன் இயக்குனர் சந்திர நந்தரி.

செயல்பாட்டு அருள் ராஜ்

பேரிதயாசை: இத்தியாவில் தொழில் வளர்ச்சியில் தமிழகம் முன்னிலையில் உள்ளது. இதற்கு, சரக்கு போக்குவரத்து உதவும் துறை முக்கியம், விமான நிலையங்கள், ரயில், சாலை உள்ளிட்ட உட்கட்டமைப்புகள், நிறுவன மிகப் பணியாளர்கள், எலிநிலம் தொழில் செயல்பாட்டு ஆய்வுகள் போன்றவை காரணம்.

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முதலில்

இதன் வாயிலாக, 83,000 கோடி ரூபாய் முதலீட்டையும், 1.40 - 1.60 லட்சம் வேலைவாய்ப்பை உருவாக்கும் திட்டம் போட்டுள்ளது. இவ்வாறு ஆய்வு, நவீகமடைந்தது.

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7th May 2025
Interactive meeting with Japan Regional Representatives


This interactive meeting focused on the recent challenges encountered by Japanese companies operating in Tamil Nadu in sourcing competitive key components and production materials from ASEAN countries. During the discussion, the Japanese companies expressed interest in exploring opportunities to build an integrated supply chain with neighbouring countries, particularly Sri Lanka, which is home to a number of Japanese medium-sized enterprises capable of producing high-quality parts and materials. They sought the support of the Madras Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MCCI) in facilitating this exploration and potential collaboration.

Members present

Mr. Toyokazu Nagamune, Regional Representative of METI for South Asia, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI), Japan. and
 Mr. Koru Shiraishi, Director General, JETRO Chennai
 Ms.K. Saraswathi, Secretary General, MCCI
 Mr. J. Krishnan, GC Member, MCCI
 Mr. S. Padmanabhan, GC Member, MCCI
 Mr. Udayabhaskar Reddy, Chair, MCCI Logistics Committee
 Mr. Ashwin Vijayakumar, Co Chair, MCCI Logistics Committee

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16th May 2025
Health Series - "Speak with your DNA to live your best" (Webinar)

Dr. Janani shared valuable case studies from her practice, highlighting how genetic insights can be effectively used for lifestyle optimization. Her session was well received and appreciated by the participants.



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19th May 2025

Capacity Building Workshop: Empower, Educate, Ensure – 2nd Batch @ SRM Group

This is part of the Chamber's POSH training initiative exclusively for SRM Group. This was the second batch. 28 faculty who attended the program gave a positive feedback.



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23rd May 2025

Women Leadership Coffee Connect Session (Virtual)



This was the 7th session organized under the Women Business Council. Dr. Amudha shared her inspiring journey, leadership experiences, and insights on resilience and growth in traditionally male-dominated spaces. Her session was highly appreciated by the participants.

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23rd May 2025

Session on The Power of GEN-AI to address Industry Challenges

Mr. Velmaran covered foundational concepts, shared real-world application case studies, and discussed practical business strategies.



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29th May 2025

Workshop on Mastering Data in Excel for Business Analysis – 6th Batch



This was the 6th batch of the hands-on training program on business analysis using Excel. The session was attended by 22 participants and received positive feedback.

Governing Council Meeting

The Governing Council Meeting was held on 10th May 2025



Expert Committee Meetings

Expert Committee on Company Law / Corporate Matters - 14th May 2025



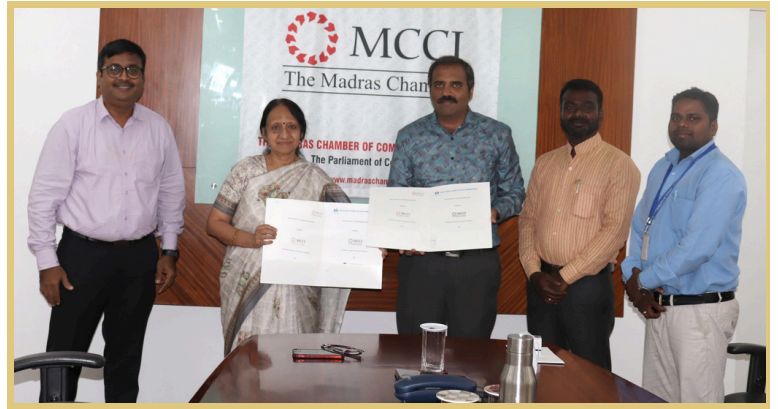
Expert Committee on HR & IR - 28th May 2025



Other Meetings

Exchange of MOU with Hand in Hand Academy of Social Entrepreneurship - 7th May 2025

This Mou is to develop impactful initiatives that will provide students/working professionals with experiential learning, essential skills and access to industry leaders, preparing them to make meaningful contributions to society and the workforce. The same was signed and exchanged.



Panel discussion – Australia India Mobilising Women in Business - 8th May 2025

Ms. Saraswathi, Secretary General took part in this program on behalf of the Chamber

65th Independence Day of TOGO - 8th May 2025

Mr. Alex Koshy, Co Chair, International Cooperation Committee attended the celebrations on behalf of the Chamber.



Ease of Doing Business Round Table Discussion partnering with ASSOCHAM - 9th May 2025



The Tamil Nadu MSME Growth Summit & Exhibition is organized by ASSOCHAM in association with MCCI. The theme of the event is "Driving MSMEs' Competitive Edge", focusing on empowering MSMEs through knowledge-sharing, networking, and showcasing opportunities. 10 representatives from the members of the Chamber took part in the round table discussion and made valuable contributions