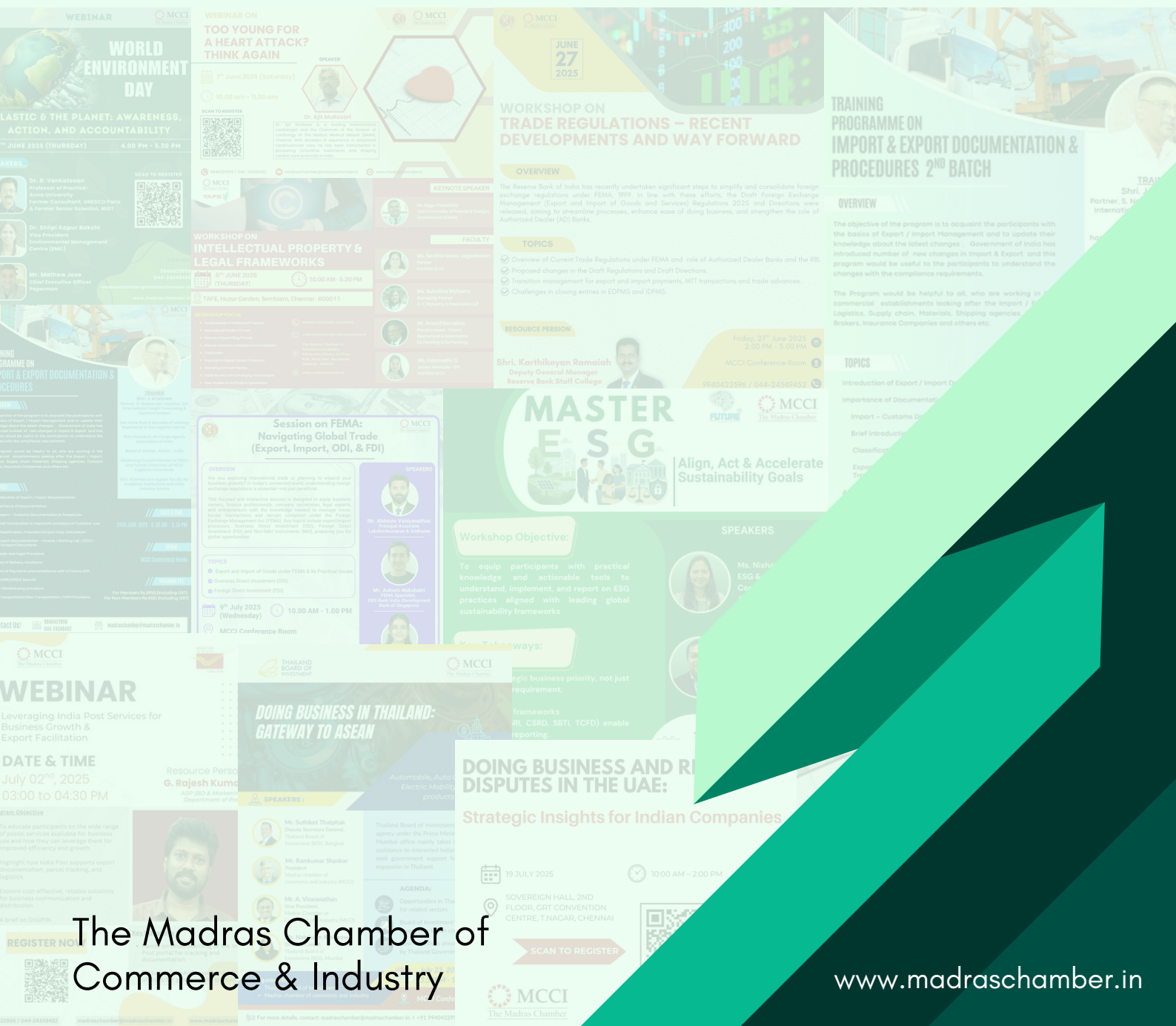


CHAMBER IN-TOUCH

JUNE & JULY 2025



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WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY
CLIMATE & THE PLANET: AWARENESS, ACTION, AND ACCOUNTABILITY
1st JUNE 2025 (THURSDAY) 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM

WEBINAR ON
TOO YOUNG FOR A HEART ATTACK? THINK AGAIN
7th June 2025 (Saturday)
10:30 am - 11:30 am

WORKSHOP ON
TRADE REGULATIONS – RECENT DEVELOPMENTS AND WAY FORWARD
JUNE 27 2025

TRAINING PROGRAMME ON
IMPORT & EXPORT DOCUMENTATION & PROCEDURES 2ND BATCH

WORKSHOP ON
INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY & LEGAL FRAMEWORKS
8th JUNE 2025 (THURSDAY) 10:00 AM - 5:30 PM

Session on FEMA:
Navigating Global Trade (Export, Import, ODI, & FDI)
9th July 2025 (Wednesday) 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

MASTER ESG
Align, Act & Accelerate Sustainability Goals

DOING BUSINESS IN THAILAND: GATEWAY TO ASEAN

DOING BUSINESS AND RESOLVING DISPUTES IN THE UAE:
Strategic Insights for Indian Companies

WEBINAR
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July 02nd, 2025
03:00 to 04:30 PM

The Madras Chamber of Commerce & Industry

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Workshop on IP and Legal Frameworks @ TAFE

5th June 2025

This was an exclusive session on IP, patents and copyrights for TAFE.

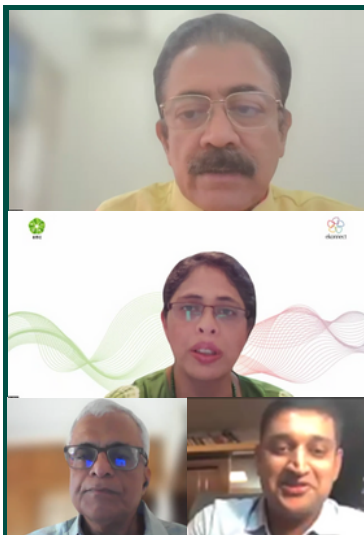
In his key note address. Mr. Oggu Prasad Rao, Joint Controller of Patents & Designs, Government of India highlighted the evolving IP ecosystem and its strategic relevance for corporates followed by sessions by the experts on fundamentals of IP, Patents and filing process, copyrights and digital content protection, branding, domain names, trademarks.

Ms Savitha Kesav Jagadeesan, Partner, Kochhar & Co., Ms.Subathra Mysamy, Managing Partner, A K Mysamy & Associates LLP and Mr.Anand Barnabas Practice Head – Patent, Mechanical & Automotive, De Penning & De Penning were the resource persons.

20 Senior officials from TAFE attended the workshop and the feedback was positive.


2

Webinar – “Plastic & the Planet: Awareness, Action, and Accountability”

5th June 2025


A webinar was organized to commemorate World Environment Day.

Dr. Venkatesan delivered a talk on "Plastics and the Blue Economy: Risks, Responsibilities, and Innovations," followed by Dr. Shilpi Kapur who spoke on "Circular Economy Solutions as a Key to Plastics Pollution Accountability and Action."

Mr. Mathew concluded the session with insights on plastics and related compliance requirements.

The webinar received positive feedback from participants.

3

Webinar – “Too Young for a Heart Attack? Think again”

7th June 2025



Dr. Ajit Mulasari addressed the audience on early warning signs, preventive measures, and lifestyle factors influencing heart health. Dr. Mulasari also shared insights from clinical experience and answered participants’ queries during an engaging Q&A session.

The program received an excellent response and was well appreciated for its relevance and practical value.

4

Training Program on Import & Export Documentation and Procedures

24th June 2025

This Training Program on Import & Export Documentation & Procedures was held with the objective to equip participants with essential knowledge of Export/Import Management, the latest government regulations, and compliance procedures in international trade.

Mr. J. Krishnan, Partner – S. Natesa Iyer Logistics LLP was the resource person.

The Key Focus Areas included :-

- Introduction to Import/Export Documentation
- Customs Documentation, Procedures, and Laws
- Invoice, Packing List, COO, Transport Docs
- Terms of Delivery (Incoterms) & Payments (LCs/UCP)
- AEO/DPE/DPD/E Sanchit, VGM, Warehousing & Transport regulations
- Appeals and Legal Provisions

The sessions were engaging, insightful, and well received by all the participants.



5

Building Resilience to Heat Stress in MSMEs

26th June 2025



DD Commemorating MSME Day (June 27), the Chamber in collaboration with WRI India and FaMe TN organized a focused workshop on “Building Resilience to Heat Stress in MSMEs” at the MCCI premises in Chennai.

This session brought together MSME stakeholders to understand and act upon the growing risks of extreme heat on enterprises and their workforce.

Key Highlights of the Workshop:

- Effects of heat stress on physical and economic health of MSMEs
- Low-cost industrial solutions and infrastructure adaptations
- Worker safety, workplace cooling measures, and awareness tools
- Government financing options for MSME resilience

Speakers & Experts Included:

Impact of Heat on Physical and Economic Health of MSMEs -

Dr. Vidhya Venugopal, Country Director, National Institute for Health and Care Research (NIHR)

- Government Preparedness to tackle Heat Stress:

Dr. Senthil Kumar, JD, CD DPH

- Innovative Infrastructure to address heat: Mr. Vijaya Kumar Serma Durai, Conserve Consultants
- Financing solutions: Mr. Ravideshik BM, NIC & WRI India Team.
- on data, tools, and implementation strategies

In the Session, bilingual heat stress awareness posters were released by Mr. Sarathi S, Chair of MCCI's Manufacturing Committee, along with the expert speakers,

Ms. Saraswathi K , Secretary General, MCCI and representatives from WRI India.

An engaging Q&A session helped clarify real-time challenges faced by MSMEs and provided actionable insights.



Trade Regulations : Recent Developments and Way Forward

27th June 2025



This workshop on Trade Regulations – Recent Developments and Way Forward was led by Mr. Karthikeyan Ramaiah, Deputy General Manager, Reserve Bank Staff College.

The session covered:

- FEMA and AD Banks – current frameworks and evolving roles
- Proposed changes in Draft Foreign Exchange Regulations & Directions
- Export/Import payment transitions, MTT transactions, and trade advances
- Practical insights into EDPMs and IDPMS closure challenges

The feedback was positive and a few participants have expressed the need for a full-day workshop to explore these topics in greater depth.



Governing Council Meeting

The Governing Council Meeting was held on 14th June 2025



Expert Committee Meetings

Expert Committee on Company Law / Corporate Matters - 10th June 2025



PROGRAMS - JULY 2025

7

Leveraging India Post Services for Business Growth & Export Facilitation!

2nd July 2025

The webinar on India Post services for business and export facilitation was successfully conducted, with active participation from MCCI members and stakeholders.

Mr. G. Rajesh Kumar, ASP (BD & Marketing), Department of Posts, delivered an insightful session covering:

- Efficient use of India Post services for business logistics and export documentation
- Cost-effective communication and parcel solutions
- Tracking tools and a brief on DIGIPIN
- Live demo and exclusive Q&A session

The interactive session was well-received by the participants, with meaningful queries addressed by the speaker and India Post officials.



8

Navigating Global Trade under FEMA: Export, Import, ODI & FDI

9th July 2025

This session under the company law was specially designed to help professionals manage FEMA-related processes more effectively and stay updated with the latest regulatory requirements.

Key Topics Included:-

- Export and Import of Goods under FEMA & Practical Issues
- Overseas Direct Investment (ODI)
- Foreign Direct Investment (FDI)





The Resource persons were

Mr. Ashwin Nakshatri, FEMA Specialist, DBS Bank India

- Mr. Abhinov Vaidyanathan, Principal Associate, Lakshmikumaran and Sridharan attorneys Sridharan

- Ms. Snikdha Balaji, Associate, Lakshmikumaran and Sridharan attorneys Sridharan

The program was attended by 30 persons and the feedback was positive.



MCCI – CSR Awards Jury Meeting

10th July 2025



The MCCI TAFE CSR Awards have been instituted to recognize high-impact CSR projects implemented in Tamil Nadu through collaborative efforts between corporates, government agencies, NGOs, and active community participation.

This year, the Chamber received 50 applications, which were assessed by Impacttree, the agency engaged for the evaluation process. Based on their review, 11 applications were shortlisted, and after the field visits, 6 applications were shortlisted.

The shortlisted applicants made their final presentations before the jury, and the winners were declared as follows :-

- Swami Vivekananda Rural Development Society (SVRDS) and Super Autoforge – Winner
- Sportz Village Foundation and Latent View Analytics Ltd – First Runner Up
- Banyan Academy of Leadership in Mental Health and Sundaram Fasteners Ltd. – Second Runner up.

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Master ESG: Align, Act & Accelerate Sustainability Goals

11th July 2025



This workshop was designed to provide participants with practical knowledge and actionable tools to understand, implement, and report on ESG (Environmental, Social, and Governance) practices in line with leading global sustainability frameworks.

The workshop's focus was to understand ESG as a strategic business enabler, not just a compliance mandate

Learn to align with standardized reporting frameworks (e.g., BRSR, GRI, CSRD, SBTi, TCFD)

Gain insights on data-driven tools to monitor and improve ESG performance

Explore GHG emissions tracking and climate risk management strategies

Enable cross-functional collaboration for seamless ESG integration

The Resource persons were

Ms. Nisha Hingole, ESG & Sustainability Consultant and Solution Architect

Mr. Rohit Bansal, Co-Founder, ZOEI

The program was attended by 25 persons and the feedback was positive.



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Interaction meeting with Mr. Arun Roy IAS, Secretary to Govt. Industries Department, Government of Tamil Nadu

12th July 2025

The Chamber had an engaging interaction with Mr. Arun Roy, IAS, Secretary to Government, Industries Department, Government of Tamil Nadu, along with the President, Vice President, and General Council Members of MCCI.



The discussion covered key aspects of Tamil Nadu's industrial growth, current opportunities, and areas for strengthening collaboration between the industry and the government.

Valuable insights were shared on upcoming initiatives and policies aimed at boosting industrial development and creating a more business-friendly environment in the state.



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Training Program on Import & Export Documentation & Procedures (2nd Batch)

16th July 2025



Resource Person: Mr. J. Krishnan, S.Natesa Iyer Logistics LLP

The 2nd batch of the training program on EXIM was held in the MCCI Conference room.

The feedback from 27 members was positive.



13

Doing Business and Resolving Disputes in the UAE: Strategic Insights for Indian Companies

19th July 2025

A Joint event with Lex Creditus and AK Law Chambers was organised at GRT Grand Convention Centre



Hon'ble Justice Mr. M. Sundar, Judge, Madras High Court set the context by briefly outlining the enforcement framework for foreign arbitral awards in India, with a specific focus on the unique challenges surrounding awards from the UAE. He highlighted the legal gap due to the lack of a reciprocal notification and stressed the importance of expressly stating the governing law for the arbitration agreement to avoid enforcement hurdles.

There were two round table discussions on the topics

- Assessing the strategic value of the DIFC and ADGM courts for cross-border dispute resolution.
- Doing Business in the UAE: Legal and Commercial Perspectives.

The event was attended by 50 persons and the feedback was positive.

Chief Guest: Hon'ble Justice Mr. M. Sundar, Judge, Madras High Court

Hon'ble Justice Ms. R. N. Manjula, Judge, High Court of Madras

Panelists:

Mr. U.R. Sriram Shankkar, Partner, Lex Creditus

Dr. Mahmood Hussain, Founding Partner, M&Co. Legal.

Mr. Anirudh Krishnan, Managing Partner, AK Law Chambers

Mr. Tariq Khan, DIFC Practitioner and Head of International Arbitration, M&Co. Legal

Mr. Ajit Kumar Mishra, Director, Ircon International Limited

Mr. Prasanna Natarajan, Partner, Lex Creditus

Ms. Goda Raghavan, Partner, AK Law Chambers

Mr. Amba Prasad, Vice President & Head– Legal Team, Larsen & Toubro.

Mr. N. L. Rajah, Senior Advocate



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**Round Table Discussion on Doing Business in Thailand:
Gateway to ASEAN**
23rd July 2025


The Chamber organized a round table discussion to highlight opportunities for Indian companies—particularly in the sectors of Automobile, Auto Components, Electric Mobility, and related products and services—to explore business expansion in Thailand with the support of the BOI.

The session was led by Mr. A. Viswanathan Vice President, MCCI, and Ms. Saraswathi K, Secretary General, Madras Chamber MCCI, and featured keynote remarks by: - Mr. SuthiketThatpitak, Deputy Secretary General, Thailand Board of Investment (BOI), Bangkok - Ms. NakrisornKlaikew, Director Consul, Thailand Board of Investment (BOI), Mumbai EV and automotive sector leaders participated actively in the discussions on: - Emerging investment opportunities in Thailand - Thailand's position as a strategic gateway to ASEAN - Government incentives and BOI facilitation for Indian industries

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189th Annual General Meeting & CSR Awards Function
25th July 2025

The 189th AGM of the Chamber was held at Hotel Hilton, Guindy.

During the Business Session, the Governing Council and the Expert and Working Committees for the year 2025–2026 were formally announced. The standard agenda items were then taken up and adopted with the unanimous consent of the members.

In the Public Session, Mr. Vellayan Subbiah's address was well received by the 270+ participants.





In the Public Session, The MCCI CSR Awards 2025 were presented to the winners.

In the first category, the following were the winners.

Swami Vivekananda Rural Development Society (SVRDS) and Super Auto Forge – Winner
Sportz Village Foundation and Latent View Analytics Ltd. – First Runner Up
Banyan Academy of Leadership in Mental Health and Sundaram Fasteners Ltd – Second Runner up

In the Second Category Rane Group was recognized for their contribution in the rural education.



The feedback from members was overwhelmingly positive.



Governing Council Meeting

The Governing Council Meeting was held on 12th July 2025



Expert Committee Meetings

Expert Committee on IT/ITES - 3rd July 2025



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CHAMBER IN MEDIA

Indian entrepreneurs need to take risks at scale: Vellayan Subbiah

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Chennai: Indian entrepreneurs should get out of their comfort zone and be willing to take risks at scale, said Vellayan Subbiah, executive chairman of Cholamandalam Investment and Finance company. Speaking at the Madras Chamber of Commerce and Industry's annual general meeting on Friday, he said India can learn from Chinese industrial policy and systematic efforts to dominate the crucial sectors.

"For all developing countries, manufacturing is crucial for growth and currently the share of manufacturing in India's GDP is around 14%. Less than 10% of India's potential is realised right now, which is very low than many Asian manufacturing powers. We need to learn from them," he said.



WORDS OF WISDOM: Vellayan Subbiah, executive chairman of Cholamandalam Investment and Finance company, speaking at the event

He further said, "We have fundamentally rethink the composition of our manufacturing to be relevant as a country in the long term and build research and capabilities in crucial sectors."

"The profit pool in automobiles is moving from metals towards electronics in the vehicle and India imports most of them like motor con-

rollers, displays, BMS. As an industry, why are we not moving towards that?," he added. Vellayan Subbiah said India should plan for long-term growth aligned with evolution of future technologies. "Capital is no longer a constraint but technology and the ability to take risk is India is significantly under investing in R&D," he said.

