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Webinar on Geopolitics, Supply Chains & Market Impact

6th April 2026

An interaction session on “Geopolitics, Supply Chain and Market Impact” with Dr. Arjun Nagarajan, Economist and Fund Manager, Sundaram Asset Management, who shared insights on the evolving geopolitical situation and its implications for global supply chains, energy prices, and markets.

The speaker highlighted India's exposure to energy supply disruptions, potential impact on inflation, currency and growth, and noted that while short-term volatility may persist, India's macroeconomic fundamentals remain relatively resilient. Members found the session timely and useful in understanding the emerging risks and opportunities in the current global environment.



Webinar on Key Changes under Income Tax Act 2025 and Income Tax Rules 2026

10th April 2026

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The Chamber organized a session under the Direct Taxes Committee.

Mr. Raghunathan from BDO India Services Pvt Ltd., shared key insights on the proposed Income Tax Act, 2025.

The session focused on the need to simplify and modernize the existing tax framework by replacing the Income Tax Act, 1961.



He highlighted the emphasis on enhanced compliance, digitization, and rationalization of TDS/TCS provisions.

The discussion also covered improved reporting mechanisms and reduced complexities for taxpayers.

Overall, the session provided valuable clarity on the evolving tax landscape and its implications for businesses.

The webinar was attended by 158 participants. The feedback was positive.



3 Workshop on The Productivity Powerhouse: Mastering Task and Time Management

16th April 2026



The Chamber organized a workshop on “The Productivity Powerhouse: Mastering Task and Time Management” with the objective of equipping participants with a structured and integrated approach to managing tasks and time effectively.

The workshop witnessed active participation of 25 members and professionals across sectors.

The program focused on enhancing productivity through better planning, prioritisation, and execution of daily work. The speaker introduced practical tools and techniques for scheduling, improving focus, and meeting deadlines, while also addressing ways to reduce stress and gain better control over workload.

Key areas covered during the workshop included:

- ▶ Breaking down complex tasks into actionable steps
- ▶ Effective use of time-blocking techniques
- ▶ Application of prioritization frameworks for high-impact work
- ▶ Improving consistency in meeting deadlines and managing deliverables
- ▶ Aligning tasks with individual time and energy levels
- ▶ Building clarity and confidence to reduce overwhelm

The session was highly interactive, with practical insights and real-world applications that enabled participants to reflect on their existing work patterns and adopt more efficient productivity strategies.

Webinar on Driving Business Excellence with Lean Six Sigma, AI & Automation

17th April 2026

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The image shows a promotional graphic for a webinar on the left and a Zoom meeting screenshot on the right. The graphic includes the GELRAD and MCCI logos, the title 'Webinar on Driving Business Excellence with Lean Six Sigma, AI & Automation', the date 'FRIDAY, 17th APRIL 2026, 4.00 PM - 5.30 PM', an overview, a photo of the speaker Ram Josyula, objectives, expected participants, a QR code to register, and contact information for Madras Chamber.

The Chamber, in association with GELRAD, organized a webinar on “Driving Business Excellence with Lean Six Sigma, AI & Automation” to explore how organizations can achieve measurable business impact through the integration of process excellence methodologies and emerging technologies.

The webinar focused on the increasing investments in AI and automation and examined whether these translate into tangible business outcomes. The speaker highlighted how Lean Six Sigma and Design Thinking provide a strong foundation for achieving breakthrough results, both with and without the use of advanced technologies.

It was interactive and insight-driven, with participants gaining practical perspectives on aligning process excellence with AI and automation initiatives.

The webinar was well received, with 26 participants appreciating the clarity of concepts and applicability of the frameworks discussed. It reinforced the importance of integrating structured methodologies with technology adoption to achieve sustained business excellence.

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One Day Training Program on Critical Thinking

21st April 2026

The Chamber organized a One-Day Training Program on Critical Thinking.

The session focused on developing structured thinking, problem-solving, and decision-making skills. Key areas covered included logical analysis, identifying cognitive biases, and applying practical tools such as Root Cause Analysis and the 5 Whys technique. The program included interactive exercises and case-based discussions, enabling participants to apply critical thinking frameworks to real-world workplace situations.

The program also highlighted the importance of critical thinking in building healthy organizational cultures, improving workplace communication, and promoting fair and evidence-based decision-making. Discussions covered unconscious bias, emotional intelligence, workplace civility, and the role of transparent processes in enhancing collaboration and reducing workplace conflicts.



Participants were introduced to various forms of cognitive bias such as confirmation bias, groupthink, affinity bias, and halo effect, along with strategies to recognize and address them in professional settings.

In addition, participants were exposed to a range of practical analytical tools including SWOT Analysis, Decision Matrix, Mind Mapping, Six Thinking Hats, and Scenario Planning techniques. Through role plays, quizzes, and scenario-based activities, the participants developed skills in evaluating assumptions, analyzing risks, balancing ethical considerations, and presenting structured arguments for effective workplace decision-making.

The session was well received, with 28 participants finding it practical and relevant for improving decision-making and analytical capabilities.



He underscored the need for timely and strategic action, particularly in strengthening manufacturing competitiveness and integrating with global value chains. He advocated a dual approach—boosting labor-intensive sectors for employment generation while investing in deep-tech and capital-intensive industries for long-term growth. The importance of skill development, especially in “AI-insulated” roles, was also highlighted.

The address was followed by a conversation with Mr. Raghuvir Srinivasan, Editor, Business Line, covering key issues such as manufacturing growth, private investment, trade strategy, and macroeconomic risks. Discussions pointed to persistent structural challenges, including cost pressures, regulatory constraints, and skill gaps, as well as the need to expand trade engagement and strengthen domestic capabilities.

An interactive open house enabled 150+ members to engage directly with the Chief Economic Adviser.

The program concluded with a vote of thanks by Mr. A. Viswanathan, Vice President, MCCI.



Governing Council Meeting

The Governing Council Meeting was held on 11th April 2026

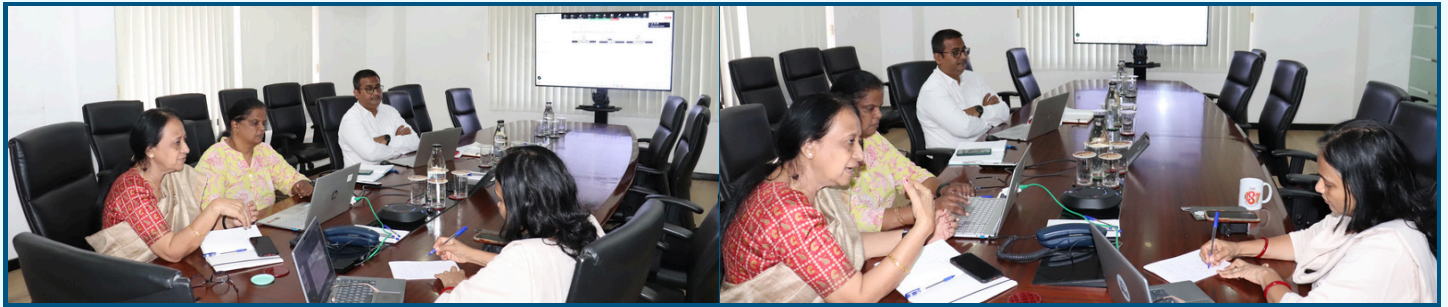


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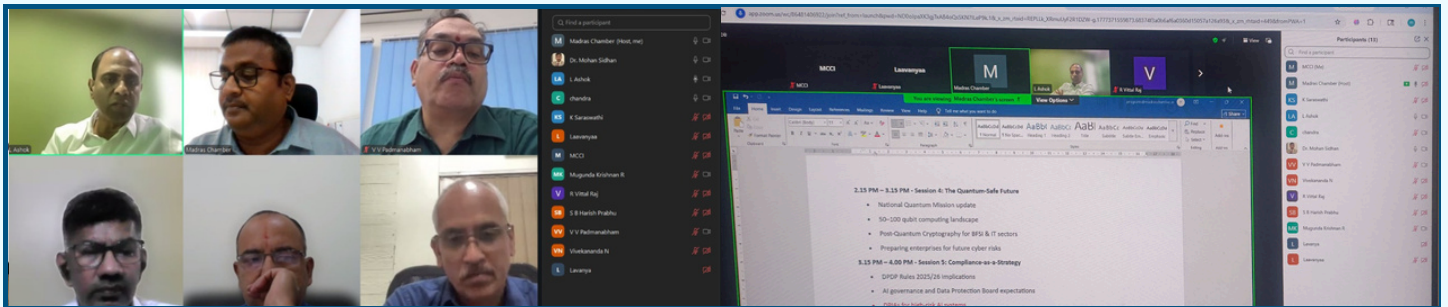
Company Law / Corporate Matters - 7th April 2026



CSR Committee - 10th April 2026 (Hybrid)



IT / ITes Committee - 28th April 2026 (Virtual)



Other Meetings

Meeting with Airports Authority of India (AAI) – Chennai 9th April 2026

Ms.K.Saraswathi, Mr. J. Krishnan, Ms. C. Madhumathi and the Avalon team represented by Mr. Karthik Shankar and Mr. Krishna Prasad met with Mr. Raja Kishore, Director, Airports Authority of India (AAI), Chennai, along with senior officials from the Passenger and Cargo divisions on April 9, 2026.

A brief presentation was made by Avalon Consulting on the Airport Study – Recommendations to Enhance User Experience at Chennai Airport, undertaken in association with the Chamber.

The Director and AAI team appreciated the structured study and informed that several operational improvements have already been implemented in the past 3–4 months, which are expected to address some of the identified concerns.

The report was formally handed over to the Director for review and further action.

AAI and the Chamber agreed to organise a Trade Meet with industry stakeholders to share updates, gather industry feedback, and identify priority improvements.



Meeting with Mr. Kiyotaka Doho, Director General, JETRO, and his team

10th April 2026



Mr. Kiyotaka Doha, Director General of Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO), had a meeting with the Chamber to discuss opportunities for strengthening Indo-Japan business collaboration.

Ms.K.Saraswathi, Mr.J.Krishnan and Mr. Alex Koshy had a discussion with Mr. Doha and his team.

Discussions focused on increasing Japanese investments in Tamil Nadu, facilitating business delegations, and organising joint industry interactions. Both sides expressed interest in working together to promote trade, investment, and partnerships between Japanese companies and Chamber members.



Business Roundtable with the British Deputy High Commissioner

16th April 2026



Mr. Ramkumar Shankar, President, MCCI, attended a dinner reception hosted by the British Deputy High Commission, Chennai. The occasion provided an opportunity to meet Her Excellency Ms. Lindy Cameron, British High Commissioner to India, and present her with a commemorative book on the 190-year history of The Madras Chamber of Commerce & Industry.

The event also marked the welcoming of Dr. Sutapa Choudhury on her assumption of office as the British Deputy High Commissioner in Chennai. The interaction offered a valuable platform to strengthen institutional engagement and foster closer ties between MCCI and the British diplomatic community.



Interaction with Estonia's Maritime Sector

27th April 2026

A networking reception was organised during the visit of the Estonian Cross-Sectoral Business Delegation to Tamil Nadu. The event served as a platform to strengthen economic and business engagement between Estonia and the State.

The programme was graced by H.E. Ms. Marje Luup, Ambassador of the Republic of Estonia to India. The visiting delegation represented a wide range of sectors including maritime, prefabricated housing, health tech, energy, and film & travel.



The Chamber was represented by Mr. Ramkumar Shankar, President, along with GC Members, and representatives from the Logistics Committee, International Cooperation Committee, and other members.

The interaction facilitated meaningful discussions on opportunities for collaboration in areas such as trade, technology, logistics, sustainability, and innovation. It also enabled exchange of perspectives on strengthening bilateral business ties and exploring potential partnerships.

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PROGRAMS - MAY 2026

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Webinar on EU Digital Product Passport: What It Means for Indian Businesses

7th May 2026



The graphic features the MCCI logo and the text 'WEBINAR' at the top. The main title is 'EU Digital Product Passport: What It Means for Indian Businesses' in a red banner. Below it, a subtitle reads 'Preparing Tamil Nadu exporters and manufacturers for new EU product data and traceability rules'. An 'Overview' section describes the one-hour seminar. A 'Speakers' section lists Mr. Raghav Nandakumar and Ms. Ria Jain. A 'Who should attend?' section lists exporters, manufacturers, MSMEs, and managers. A QR code is provided for registration, and the date and time are 'Thursday, 7th May 2026, 4.00 pm - 5.00 pm'. A hand is shown holding a blue 'DIGITAL PRODUCT PASSPORT' card with a QR code. To the right, three screenshots from a video call show participants: a man in a grey shirt, a man in a white shirt, and a woman in a black top.

WEBINAR

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The Madras Chamber

EU Digital Product Passport: What It Means for Indian Businesses

Preparing Tamil Nadu exporters and manufacturers for new EU product data and traceability rules

Overview
This one-hour online awareness seminar, hosted by the Madras Chamber of Commerce and Industry in collaboration with Auroville Consulting, will introduce members to the emerging EU Digital Product Passport (DPP) and its relevance to Indian industry. The session will explain what the DPP is, why it matters for exporters and manufacturers in Tamil Nadu, and the opportunities it creates through better product data and transparency. Participants will gain a practical, non-technical overview tailored for business leaders and functional heads.

Speakers

Mr. Raghav Nandakumar
Team Lead – Sustainability and Climate Services, Auroville Consulting

Ms. Ria Jain
ESG and Sustainability Consultant, Auroville Consulting

Who should attend?
Exporters, Manufacturers, MSMEs, and Managers in sustainability, compliance, quality, and supply chain.

Thursday, 7th May 2026
4.00 pm - 5.00 pm

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The Chamber in collaboration with Auroville Consulting, organised a webinar on “EU Digital Product Passport: What It Means for Indian Businesses.”

The session was held to familiarise members with the emerging EU Digital Product Passport (DPP) framework and its implications for Indian exporters and manufacturers, particularly in the context of evolving product data, transparency, and traceability requirements.

The programme covered key aspects such as:

- ▶ Overview and objectives of the EU Digital Product Passport
- ▶ Relevance for Indian industry, especially exporters and manufacturers
- ▶ Compliance requirements and emerging regulatory trends
- ▶ Opportunities arising from enhanced product transparency and sustainability practices

35 members attended the webinar

Resource Persons - Mr. Raghav Nandakumar, Team Lead – Sustainability and Climate Services, and Ms. Ria Jain, ESG and Sustainability Consultant, Auroville Consulting.

Leading HR in the Age of Generative AI

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14th May 2026



A workshop on “Leading HR in the Age of Generative AI – Empowering HR Leaders for the Future of Work” was organised in the MCCI Conference room. The session witnessed active participation from HR professionals, business leaders, and industry members and focused on the transformative role of Generative AI in HR functions such as talent acquisition, employee engagement, learning, and decision-making. The workshop, led by Mr. M. Murali Sundaram, Technology Consultant, provided practical insights, demonstrations, and actionable strategies, receiving positive feedback from 23 participants and reinforcing the importance of AI readiness in the evolving workplace.



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Meeting with the Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu

18th May 2026

Mr. Ramkumar Shankar, President, Mr. A. Viswanathan, Vice President, MCCI, and Ms. Saraswathi K, Secretary General, had a meeting with the Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Thiru C. Joseph Vijay, at the Secretariat, Chennai.



The meeting provided an opportunity to discuss Tamil Nadu's future economic vision and key priorities for strengthening the State's industrial and investment ecosystem.

The Chamber submitted a comprehensive set of recommendations for accelerating Tamil Nadu's growth and development and reiterated its commitment to partnering with the Government of Tamil Nadu to support policies and initiatives that strengthen the State's competitiveness and promote sustainable economic growth.

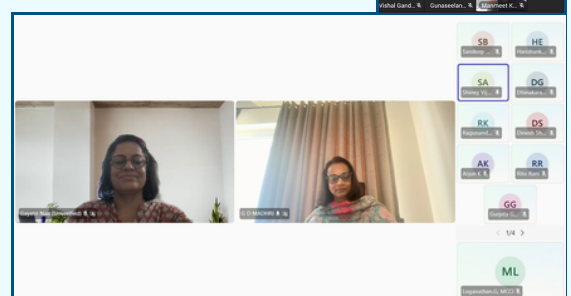
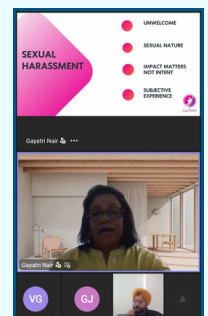


In-house IC Training at Valmet Technologies

14th, 19th, 21st & 26th May 2026

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The Chamber conducted a series of virtual POSH (Prevention of Sexual Harassment) Awareness Training sessions for employees of Valmet across different locations in the country with the support of LexPOSH. The interactive sessions were organised to facilitate wider participation and covered key aspects of the POSH Act, including workplace conduct, roles and responsibilities, Internal Committee processes, complaint mechanisms, prevention, and awareness. The sessions were led by Ms. Gayatri Nair from LexPOSH, whose engaging and insightful presentations encouraged active participation and meaningful discussions throughout the program.



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Webinar on IBC Amendments 2026: Key Developments and Business Implications

18th May 2026



18th May 2026
3.30 pm – 5.00 pm

WEBINAR ON
IBC AMENDMENTS 2026:
KEY DEVELOPMENTS AND BUSINESS IMPLICATIONS

Overview
India's insolvency framework has been significantly strengthened through the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (Amendment) Act, 2026, introducing faster resolutions, stronger creditor rights, improved recoveries, and global best practices.
This joint initiative webinar by the Legal Committee and Company Law Committee will help business leaders, finance professionals, lenders, legal teams, and corporates understand the practical impact of these changes on restructuring, lending, risk management, and business decisions.

Key Takeaways

- ✓ Clear understanding of the latest IBC reforms and implementation direction
- ✓ Awareness of promoter, guarantor, and management responsibilities
- ✓ Strategies to mitigate insolvency risk and preserve enterprise value

Who Should Attend?

- ✓ Business Owners & Promoters
- ✓ CFOs / Finance Heads
- ✓ Company Secretaries
- ✓ Legal & Compliance Teams
- ✓ Bankers / Lenders
- ✓ Insolvency Professionals
- ✓ Investors / Advisors
- ✓ Senior Management Teams

Speaker


Mr. K. K. Balu
(Ex Vice Chairman of Company Law Board) &
Senior Partner,
A. K. Mysamy & Associates LLP

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The Legal Committee and Company Law Committee of the Chamber jointly organised a webinar on “IBC Amendments 2026: Key Developments and Business Implications” on 18th May 2026. The session focused on the key changes introduced through the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (Amendment) Act, 2026, highlighting their implications for businesses, lenders, investors, and corporate decision-making in the areas of restructuring, recovery, and risk management.

The webinar was delivered by Mr. K. K. Balu, Former Vice Chairman of Company Law Board and Senior Partner, A. K. Mysamy & Associates LLP, who provided practical insights into the evolving insolvency framework, implementation challenges, and strategic considerations for businesses. The session witnessed participation of 60 members, resulting in engaging discussions on the changing insolvency landscape.



Workshop on Mastering Data in Excel for Business Analysis

21st May 2026

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The Chamber organised a workshop on “Mastering Data in Excel for Business Analysis – Exploring AI Capabilities”, which received an encouraging response with participation from 26 professionals across industries. The session focused on advanced Excel functionalities, business analytics techniques, and AI-enabled capabilities aimed at improving productivity, data analysis, and decision-making processes.



The workshop was conducted by Mr. Mohamed Rafiq M, Microsoft Certified Trainer, who delivered a practical and engaging hands-on learning experience with real-time business applications.



13 **BANKING ON POSH: The Master Class Series on the POSH Act: Banking & Financial Sector**
22nd May 2026



This specialised training program titled “I See POSH” was organised for Internal Committee (IC) Members in the banking and financial services sector, in association with LexPOSH.

The programme covered key aspects including workplace safety, inquiry procedures, legal documentation, compliance mechanisms, and sector-specific case studies relevant to BFSI organisations.

Mr. Mohit Surana, Chairperson – BFSI Expert Committee, delivered the welcome remarks and highlighted the importance of strengthening workplace compliance frameworks within the sector.

Mr. Narayanan Krishnan, Co-Chair of BFSI, proposed the vote of thanks. The program received positive feedback from 17 participants, reflecting the increasing importance of structured compliance and workplace sensitisation initiatives within the BFSI ecosystem.



Program under CCCCC “The Rise of the Intelligent Infrastructure” – EV, Drones and the Nextgen Mobility

29th May 2026

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The Consultative Committee of City Chambers of Commerce (CCCCC) organised a program titled “The Rise of Intelligent Infrastructure – EVs, Drones & NextGen Mobility”. Mr. G Giridhara Gopal, Director & Chief Executive of Addison & Co, delivered the keynote address, highlighting the importance of innovation-led growth and future mobility solutions.

The programme featured a fireside chat session with Mr. Venkatesh Sai, Co-Founder, Zuppa Geo Navigation Technologies, and Mr. Dinesh Arjun, Co-Founder, Raptee.HV, who shared insights on emerging trends, innovation, and opportunities in the fields of drones, electric mobility, and next-generation infrastructure.

The program was attended by 60 participants



Governing Council Meeting

The Governing Council Meeting was held on 9th May 2026



Expert Committee Meetings

Company Law / Corporate Matters - 12th May 2026

