

The transformation of world economy in these VUCA times, makes leadership as much about innovative thinking as much as an art, considering an environment where change is the *only* constant. An environment wherein convergence between seemingly divergent philosophies of self-reliance and globalization is essential. An environment wherein independence and interdependence will go hand in hand. An environment wherein business needs to look at future global partnerships, through the prism of environmental and social sustainability, for inclusive development and growth.

Global leaders would continue to strive for *e*xcellence while making their business resilient and *a*daptable. *L*eadership vision will also focus on *s*ustainability and gender *d*iversity as the precept to 'reimagine the future'. The world has quite successfully survived, then revived and now thrived by finding opportunities in the recent economic, health, travel, and supply chains disruptions. With it came a sense of urgency to ideate, improvise and innovate, to nurture new economic models and development partnerships. This transformation was driven by internet led technological innovations transcending space and time, leading to cross fertilization of knowledge and ideas at a never-before pace.

In this backdrop FICCI brings to you **LEADS** (<u>L</u>eadership, <u>E</u>xcellence, <u>A</u>daptability, <u>D</u>iversity, <u>S</u>ustainability) - an annual global thought leadership initiative. LEADS 2022 will be a 2-day program on 20-21 Sept. 2022 (Tue-Wed), curated as a strategic platform to 'reimagine the world' for global economic prosperity in this age of disruption. It will be a confluence of global leaders, influencers, and opinion shapers across the spectrum of world economy. The program is open to select audience *by invitation only*, on topics of interest across East Asia, Central Asia, South Asia, ASEAN & Oceania, Europe, Africa, West Asia, Americas, and the Pacific. This 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of LEADS will be an in-person event at New Delhi and broadcast on FICCI exclusive, fully secured, online platform (FICCI BIKE).

LEADS 2022 will strive to evolve a consensus on leadership imperatives, over eleven theme sessions curated around manufacturing; food for all; innovation; mobility; digitalization; financing; healthcare; travel & tourism; clean & green environment; global value chains. Global thought leaders will share their vision on this inevitable transition and also address interventions from participants, in a pre-structured open session.

LEADS 2022 will also introduce concept of LEADS LEADERSHIP LOUNGE for a closed-door interaction among select global leaders.

The previous two editions of LEADS have attracted interest of delegates from over 100 countries, with over a 125 global leaders and policy makers sharing their thoughts. Transnational corporations *like Star Disney, Mahindra & Mahindra, Eram Group, Trigyn Technologies, Infosys, CITI, TATA, TCS, Unilever, Ambuja Neotia, Google, JSPL, Panasonic, VIVO* partnered for LEADS in the past.