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# **Regional President's Activities Report 2020-21**

**IACC Southern Region**

## **TITLE**

**PROGRAMS done in the  
Southern Region during  
the Presidential Year  
2020-21**

**Oct. 2020 to Sept. 2021**



## **IACC Southern Region 2020-21**

<b>Regional Initiatives &amp; Programs</b>	<b>– 15</b>
<b>IACC Tamil Nadu Branch Programs</b>	<b>– 19</b>
<b>IACC AP&amp;TS Branch Programs</b>	<b>– 15</b>
<b>IACC Karnataka Branch Programs</b>	<b>– 10</b>
<b>IACC Kerala Branch Programs</b>	<b>– 8</b>
<b>Total Number of Programs</b>	<b>– 67</b>



## TITLE

**A briefing session to  
the newly elected  
IACC Branch  
Committee Members,  
Southern Region**

## Date

**October 17, 2020**

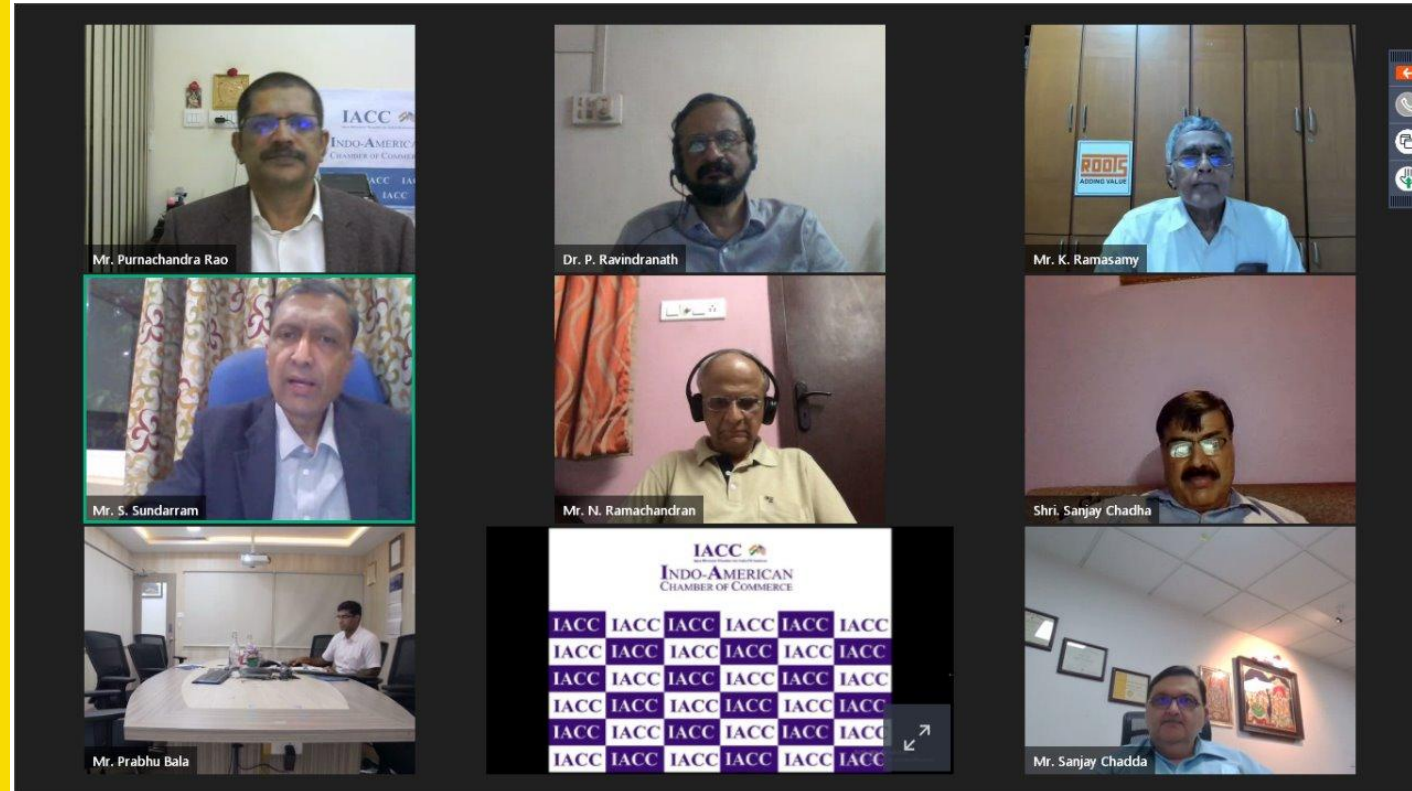
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# TITLE

**STRAIGHT TALK –**  
**Virtual discussion**  
**with**  
**Shri Sanjay Chadda**  
Additional Secretary  
Dept. of Commerce  
Govt. of India

Date  
**October 14, 2020**

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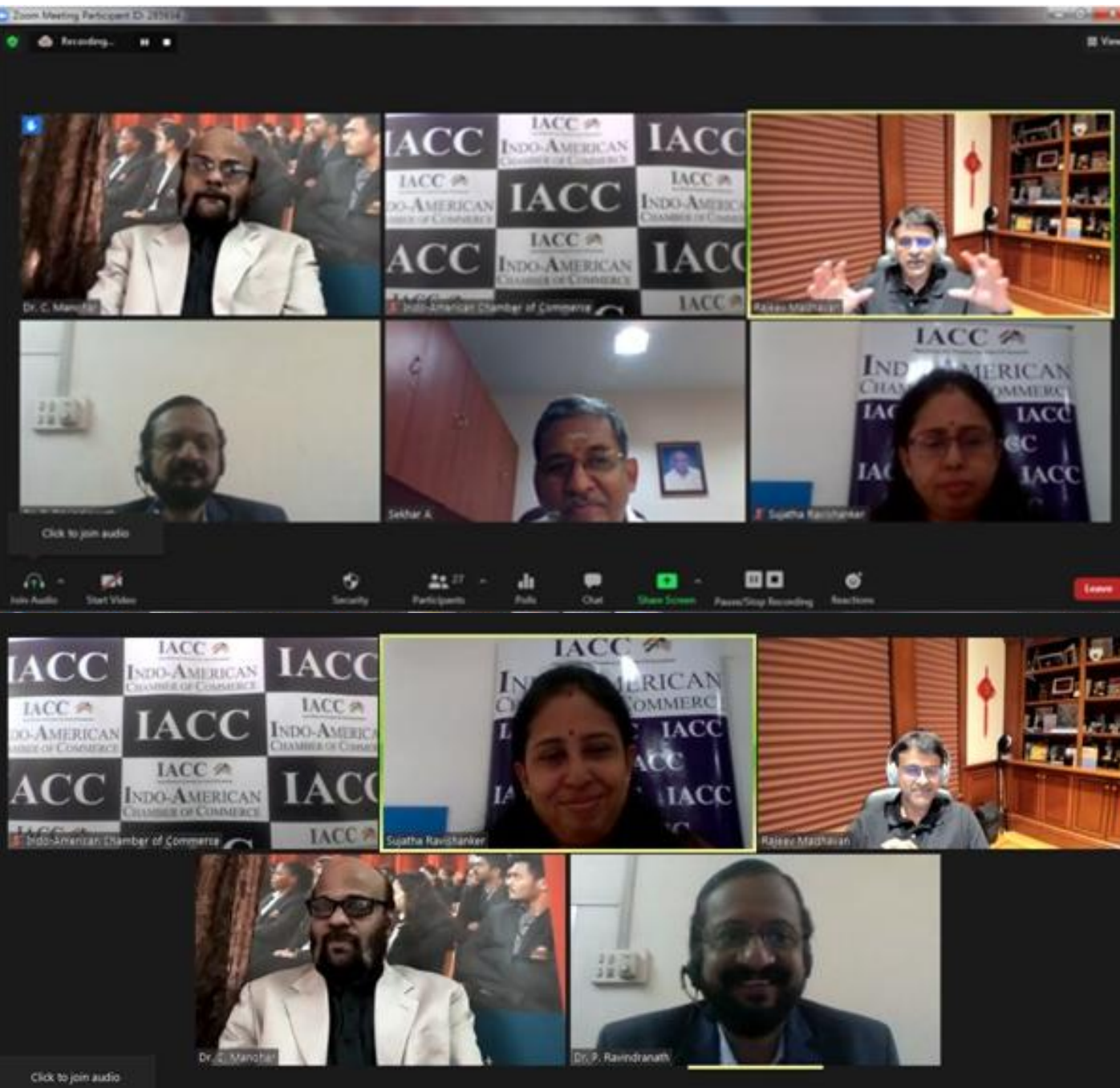
## **STRAIGHT TALK - Strategies to build a successful Start-up**

### Date

**March 04, 2021**

### Speaker:

**Mr. Rajeev Madhavan**  
Founder &  
General Partner  
Clear Ventures, USA



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## Interactive Session

## “An update on U.S. Visa Services”

# Date

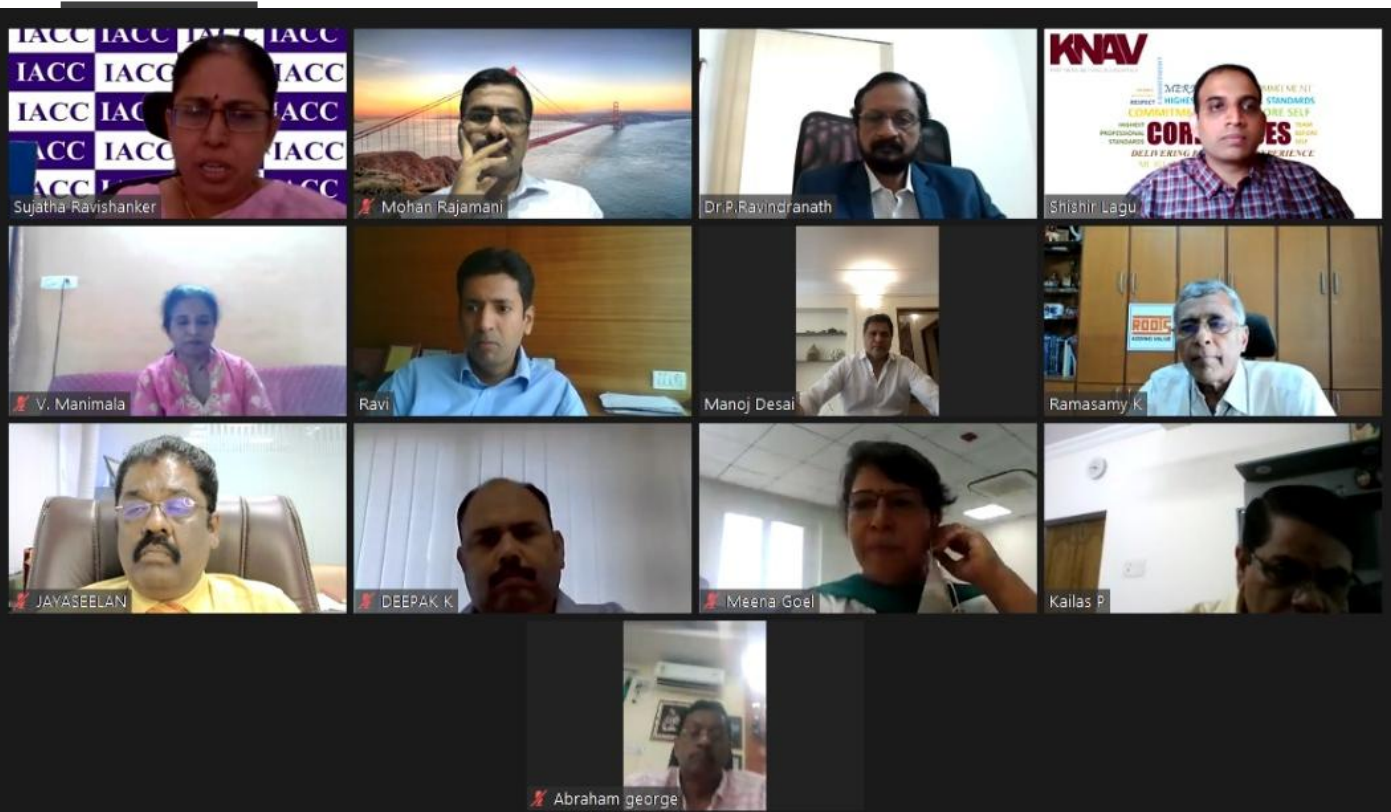
November 18, 2020

# Speakers:

**Ms. Kathryn Flachsbart**  
Chief of Consular Services

**Mr. Carlton Benson**  
Non-Immigrant Visa Chief  
American Consulate  
General, Chennai





## TITLE

**Virtual Discussion with  
Mr. Manoj Desai  
Counselor for  
Commercial Affairs, US  
Consulate, Chennai**

## Date

**April 16, 2021**



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## Pitch Perfect!

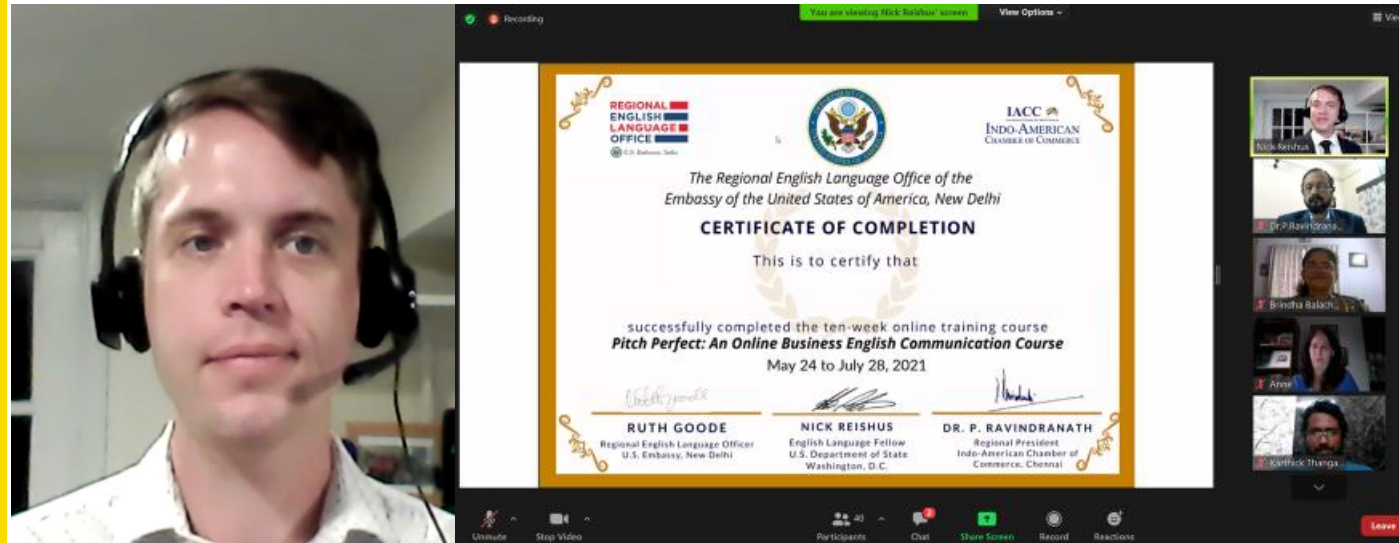
### An online Business English Communication Course

## Date

May 24 – July 29, 2021

## Faculty:

Mr. Nick Reishus,  
a Virtual English  
Language Fellow from  
Washington D.C.





## TITLE

**Transforming the Finance Function with RPA - Program with WTC & IMA**

## Date

**June 03, 2021**

## Speaker

**Ms. Loreal Jiles**

Director of Research  
Digital Technology &  
Finance Transformation  
IMA, U.S.A.



# Transforming the Finance Function with RPA



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## TITLE

# **GST Input Tax Credit: Scope-Issues-Challenges**

## Date

**June 23, 2021**

## Speaker

**Adv. K. Vaitheeswaran**  
K. Vaitheeswaran & Co  
Advocates & Tax  
Consultants



## TITLE

**Discussion on  
'U.S. Higher Education  
Opportunities'**

## Date

**July 12, 2021**

## Speakers:

**Ms. Shanthi Mohan**  
Adviser, EducationUSA

**Ms. Aparna**  
Adviser, EducationUSA





# TITLE

**Welcome & Interaction  
with  
Ms. Judith Ravin  
U.S. Consul General**

## Date

**July 23, 2021**



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# OPPORTUNITIES IN FOOD PROCESSING & COLD CHAIN SECTORS

■ **August 26, Sep 1-2 & 8-9, 2021**

● **06:30 p.m. to 08:00 p.m. (IST)**

● **ZOOM meeting**

## SESSION TOPICS

- Inaugural / An overview of Indian Food Processing Industry in India
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## SESSION - 1

### Inaugural / An overview of Food Processing Industry in India

## EMINENT SPEAKERS



**Dr. P. Ravindranath**  
Regional President  
IACC (South)



**Mr. Sumant Bhargavan**  
Executive Director  
ITC Ltd.



**Mr. S. Purnachandra Rao**  
National President  
IACC



**Mr. Manoj Desai**  
Counselor for Commercial  
Affairs- South India  
U.S. Consulate  
General Chennai



**Mr. Gopalkrishnan Shanker**  
CEO  
Madras Consultancy Group



**Mr. Manoj Paul**  
Director & General Manager  
Heat and Control  
(South Asia) Pvt Ltd





# TITLE

## Southern Regional Summit

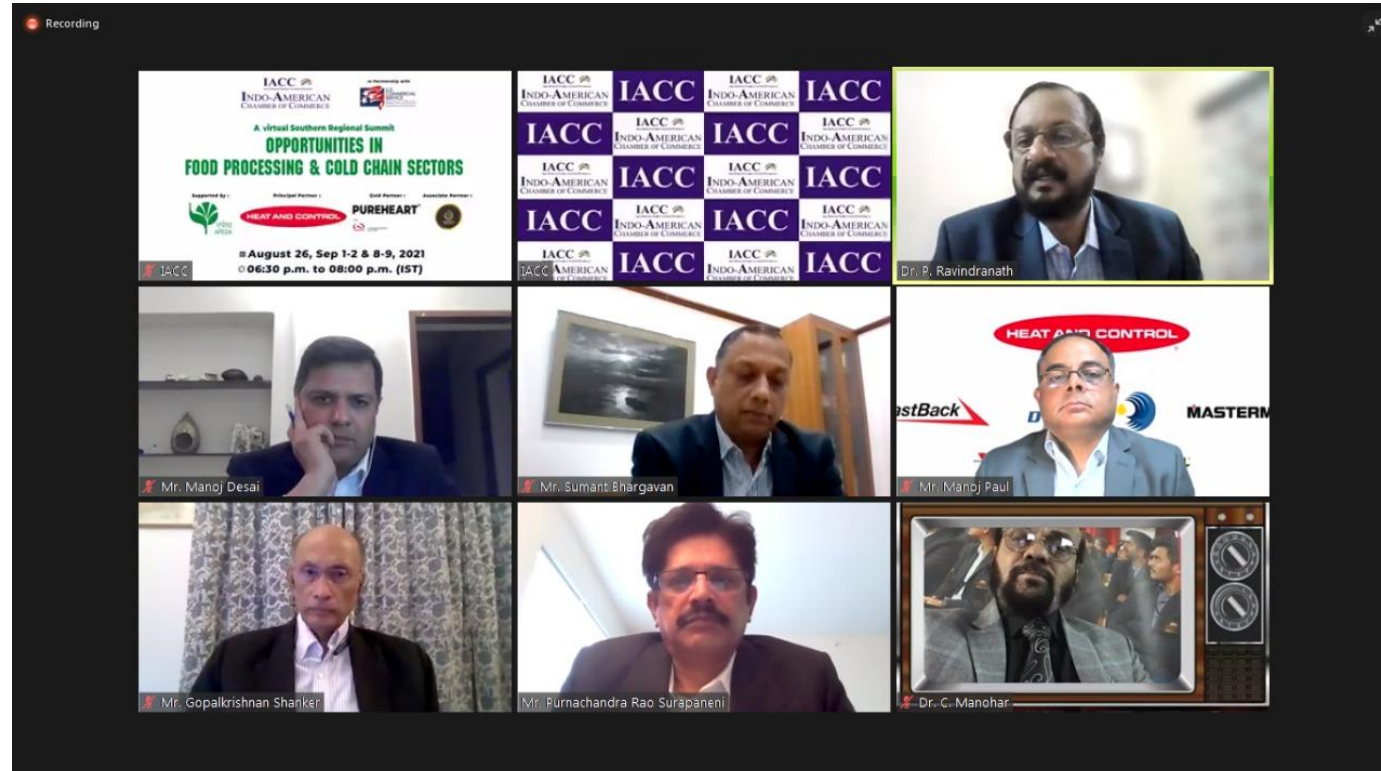
## “Opportunities in Food Processing and Cold Chain Sectors”

# Date

August 26, 2021

# Session - 1

Inaugural Session & An overview of Food Processing Industry in India



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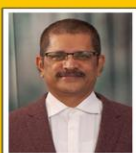
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## SESSION - 2

**Export - Import opportunities  
with USA in Food processing sector**

## EMINENT SPEAKERS



**Dr. Tarun Bajaj,**  
Director, APEDA



**Mr. Lazaro Sandoval**  
Senior Agricultural Attache for the  
Office of Agricultural Affairs  
U.S. Consulate General-Mumbai



**Mr. Bob Bauer**  
President  
Association of Food Industries, USA



**Mr. Anil Kumar P**  
Joint Director (Marketing)  
The Marine Products Export  
Development Authority



**Mr. Atul Ganediwala**  
Managing Director  
Paradigm Services Pvt Ltd



**Mr. Ganesh Nair**  
President, Wenders LLC



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## Southern Regional Summit

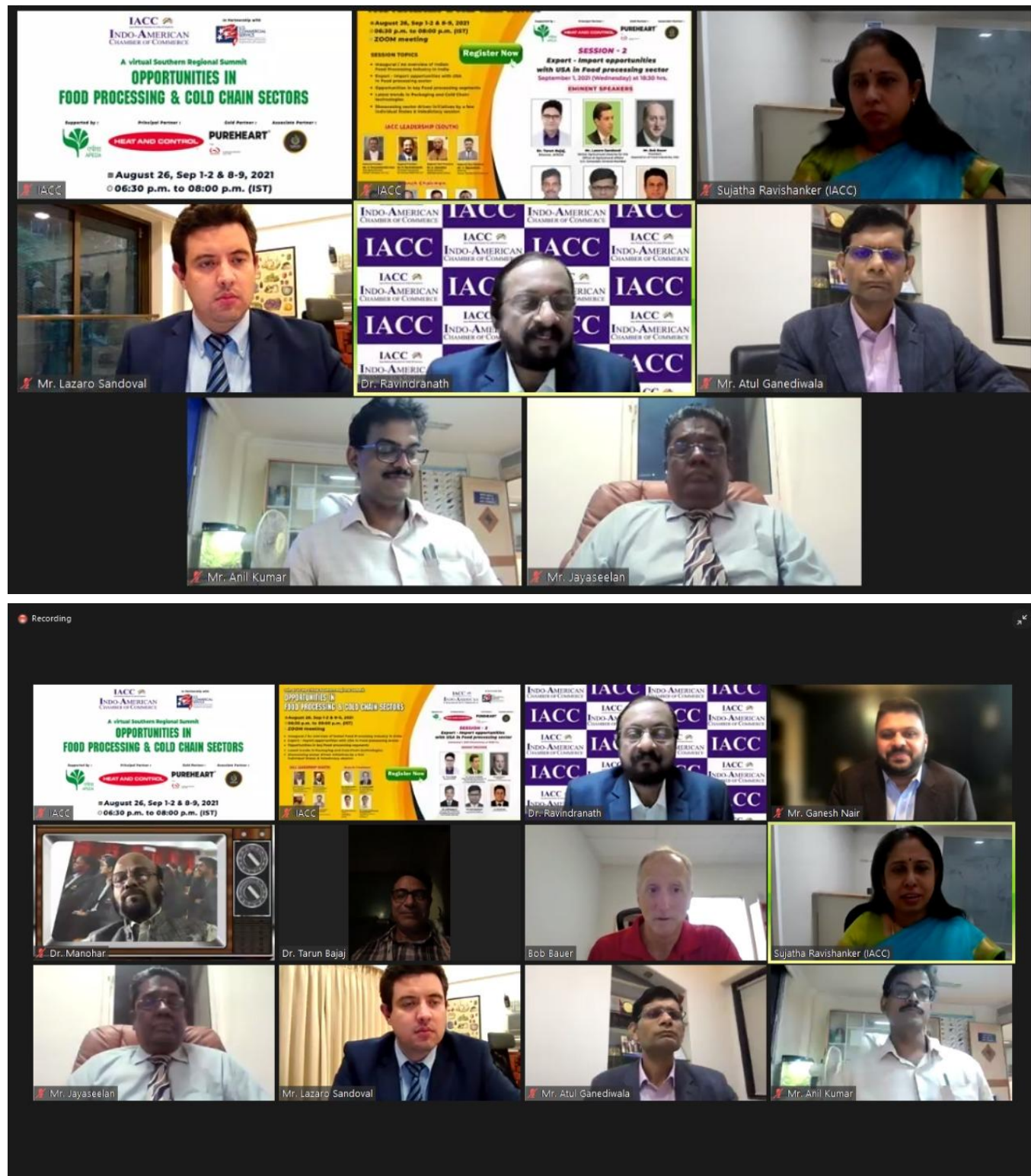
### “Opportunities in Food Processing and Cold Chain Sectors”

## Date

September 01, 2021

## Session - 2

Export – Import Opportunities with USA in Food Processing Sector





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**SESSION - 3**  
**Opportunities in key**  
**Food processing segments**  
**September 2, 2021 (Thursday) at 18:30 hrs.**

## EMINENT SPEAKERS



**Prof. Rajeshwar S Matche**  
Chief Scientist  
Head Food Packaging Technology  
CSIR-Central Food Technological Research Institute



**Mr. Manoj Paul**  
Director & General Manager  
Heat & Control (South Asia) Pvt Ltd  
Chennai



**Mr. Hassan Harakeh**  
Regional Sales Manager-M.E. & Africa  
Reading Bakery Systems,  
Dubai (U.A.E.)



**Mr. Yash Joshi**  
Business Development  
Manager/Spiral Platform Specialist  
Intralox India Pvt. Ltd



# TITLE

## Southern Regional Summit

### “Opportunities in Food Processing and Cold Chain Sectors”

## Date

September 02, 2021

## Session - 3

Opportunities in key Food Processing Segments



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## SESSION - 4

### Latest trends in Packaging and Cold Chain technologies

September 8, 2021 (Wednesday) at 18:30 hrs.

## EMINENT SPEAKERS



**Dr. Tanweer Alam**  
Director in Charge,  
Indian Institute of Packaging (IIP)



**Mr. Shiven Khanna**  
Director, Business Development  
Global Cold Chain Alliances  
(India Div.)



**Mr. Jorge Izquierdo**  
Vice President, Market Development  
Packaging Machinery Manufacturers  
Institute, USA



**Mr. Srikanth Ramamurthy**  
Business Head - Liquid Packaging  
Parksons Packaging, Pune



# TITLE

## Southern Regional Summit

### “Opportunities in Food Processing and Cold Chain Sectors”

## Date

September 08, 2021

## Session - 4

Latest trends in  
Packaging and  
Cold Chain  
Technologies



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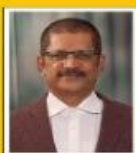
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## SESSION - 5

**Showcasing sector driven initiatives by  
a few individual States & Valedictory session**

**September 9, 2021 (Thursday) at 18:30 hrs.**

## EMINENT SPEAKERS



**Shri. Pratap Bhimireddy**  
Special Representative  
Investment Promotion &  
Infrastructure Development  
Govt. of Andhra Pradesh



**Shri. Jayesh Ranjan, IAS**  
Principal Secretary  
Industries & Commerce Dept.  
and Information Technology,  
Electronics and Communication  
Dept., Govt. of Telangana



**Mr. C. Samayamoorthy, IAS,**  
Agriculture Production  
Commissioner and Secretary,  
Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Dept.,  
Govt. of Tamil Nadu

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**Dr. Manoj Kumar Mohapatra**  
Minister (Commerce)  
Embassy of India  
Washington D.C., USA

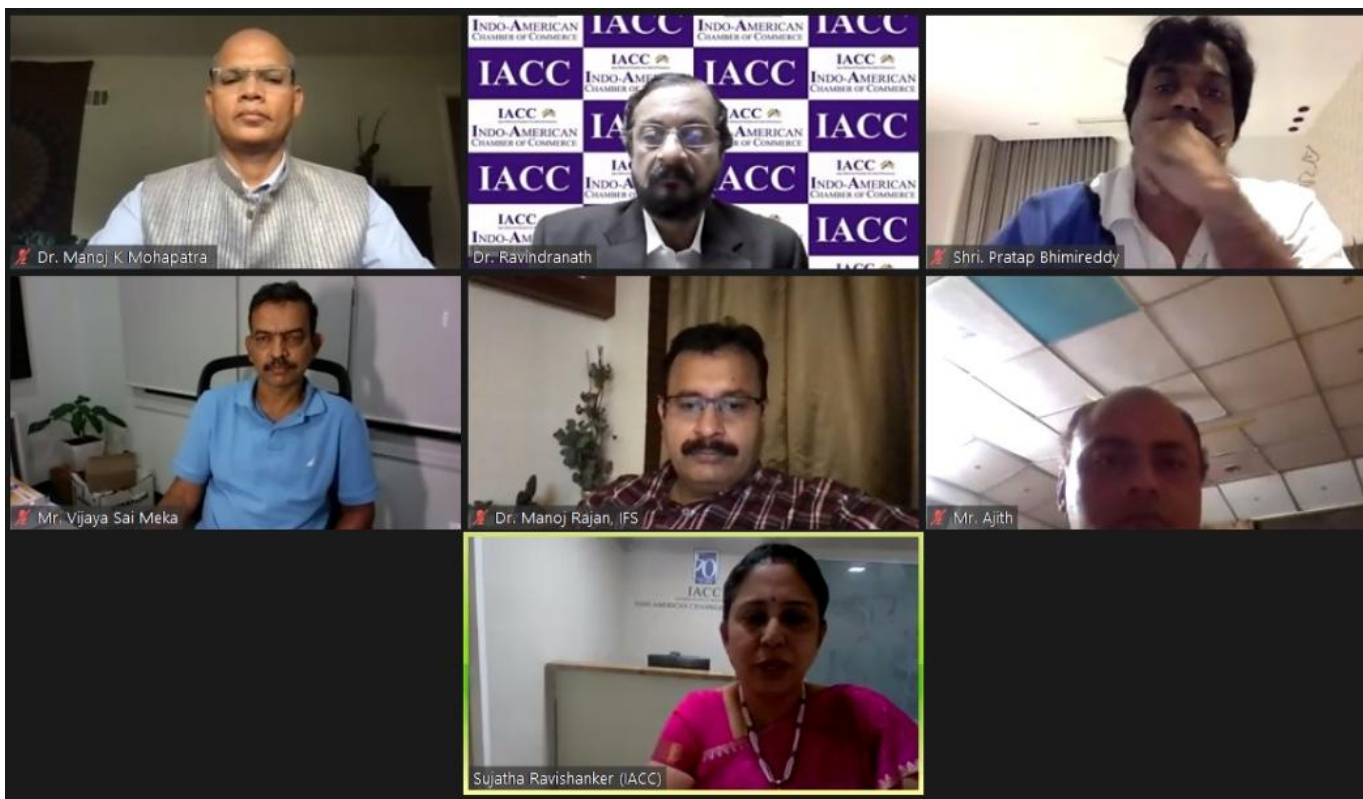


**Dr. Manoj Rajan, IFS**  
Special Secretary  
Food Processing &  
Harvest Technology  
Govt. of Karnataka



**Mr. Harikishore S, IAS**  
Director, Industries and  
Commerce Department  
Govt. of Kerala





## TITLE

### **Southern Regional Summit**

### **“Opportunities in Food Processing and Cold Chain Sectors”**

## Date

**September 08, 2021**

## Session - 5

Showcasing sector driven initiatives by a few individual states & Valedictory Session



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*A Virtual Southern Regional Summit*

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## MESSAGES



Dear members of IACC,  
Greetings!

As I write this message, it reminded me that it was around this time a year ago, that the restriction was placed on international travel. It has been a long, challenging year for all of us.

I would like to congratulate Dr. P. Ravindranath, Regional President and his team on launch of digital newsletter "Dakshin" - to voice the numerous business booster activities and achievements of the Branches in IACC's Southern region.

In spite of the lockdowns, IACC has not lost the momentum and moved ahead with its mission and vision by organising various sector focused webinars, virtual round tables, town hall meetings and panel discussions at pan India level in association with the U. S. Government's mission in India, India Government's mission in the U.S. and partner associations. All these virtual interactions have been very informative. However, I cannot wait to be physically present with IACC members and colleagues for our future events once everything is back to normal.

IACC has a network of ten offices linking the members from across India. To cover the bases in the U.S., IACC works through a network of similarly focused Chambers of Commerce. Our objective is to leverage this network and deliver value to IACC's members and the business community in both countries. IACC is committed to supporting Indian and American businesses to develop and increase bilateral trade and investment.

I am happy to inform you that Dr. Ravindranath and his team have scheduled the first Regional Summit on 'Opportunities in Food Processing & Cold Chain Sectors' in August/September 2021. All four Branches in the South India would be hosting one segment of this Summit.

Other IACC offices have lined up their own flagship events such as 2nd Indo-US Services Summit, Economic Summit, Annual Convention and Indo-American Corporate Excellence Awards, to name a few.

Trade between our two countries has touched nearly \$150 billion but there is still significant untapped potential in the bilateral commercial relationship. By encouraging the small and medium businesses in both the countries we can shoot at the shared goal of US\$ 500 billion, in two-way trade.

While the pandemic circumstances are demanding, with the support of policy makers, economists, industry experts and business owners, we should be able to return to normal. Most certainly, better days are ahead for us - thank you for your ongoing efforts to keep our Chamber strong. It's a pleasure serving as IACC President - as always, please call upon IACC for information and assistance in the Indo-US trade related activities.

Please stay tuned as we will be organising more interesting events on various sectors.

I wish everybody the best of luck. I hope and pray this coronavirus pandemic ends soon. Keep well and take care!

Thank You!

Purnachandra Rao  
National President, IACC



Dear members of IACC,  
Greetings to all of you!

We are going through a challenging time because of the pandemic, and a lot of restrictions are imposed on our personal life as well as business. I am given the opportunity to serve you as the Regional President during this period, and the challenges are many.

Now nine months of the current presidential year are over. But we never lost our focus, and converted the challenges into opportunities. Members of IACC South India Council and our Southern Regional Office worked really hard to make this happen.

We have a dynamic leadership at the national level with Mr. Purnachandra Rao as the National President. He extended all support to the region by involving in all our REC meetings, and giving proper guidance and support on all matters.

EC members, Branch Chairmen, Branch Committees and Branch Secretariats in the region also supported SIC well, and this made a huge difference.

Even though we are going through difficulties, we had a very active period over the last nine months as far as the activities of the region are concerned. We already had around 50 programs organised by the 4 branches in the region, and 10 programs initiated by the SIC. And more programs are coming up in the coming months.

Some of the important programs were in the areas of US Business VISA, Doing Business with US, US Students VISA, Higher Education in US, Interactive Session for US Subsidiary Companies, Strategies to build Start-Ups in US, Life Sciences Industry in Pennsylvania, Business English Course (Pitch Perfect), etc.

Other major programs organised were on New Labour Codes in India, Social Security Code, Occupational Safety Code, E-Invoicing 2.0, Analysis of Indian Union Budget 2021, Changes in GST, Customs and IT Acts, Export and other Challenges for MSMEs, Business Analytics, interaction with various Ministries under the Straight Talk Series, etc.

Almost all our programs were on virtual platform, hence we made them open to all our members in the Southern Region.

We are currently running 2 Business English Communication Courses (Certification Course with 10 sessions each for 2 batches having 120 participants) titled "Pitch Perfect" for our members. We are planning to continue this program because of the request received from our member organisations.

We are going to have the Virtual Regional Summit on "Opportunities in Food Processing & Cold Chain Sectors" in the months of August and September 2021 which will be done in 5 sessions. This is a new initiative by the SIC.

At our REC meeting, we decided to have a digital newsletter named "Dakshin" to communicate all the activities and forthcoming activities of the region, useful information on INDO-US business, and also introducing our new members in the region. I am sure this digital newsletter will evolve as a wonderful medium for communication among the members. I would also like to thank our IACC member, Rho Consulting (P) Ltd. for sponsoring this issue of Dakshin E-News.

Wish you all the very best!

Dr. P. Ravindranath  
Regional President (South), IACC

## TITLE

Dakshin Enews

Digital Newsletter

IACC Southern Region

1<sup>st</sup> Issue

Oct. 2020 to June 2021

2<sup>nd</sup> Issue

July to Sept. 2021



**SIC Vision Plan 2020-'30**  
Indo-American Chamber of Commerce (IACC)  
South India Region

*Developed by*  
**Regional Executive Council (South)**  
**during the Presidential Year 2020-21**

**TITLE**

**Vision Plan**  
**IACC Southern Region**  
**2020 - 2030**

**Date**

**September 25, 2021**







### **Regional President's Recognition**

Best IACC Branch of Southern Region in 2020-21 for the well-balanced activities during the Presidential Year 2020-21

### **Criteria for deciding on the Award**

1. Membership Retention & Subscription Fee Raised (Apr. 2020 to March 2021 & April – Sep. 2021).
2. Quality of Programs.
3. Surplus Funds generated by the Branch.
4. Service Offered to Members.
5. Branch's active involvement in the Regional activities.
6. Excellent coordination between the Branch Chairman & the Branch Committee with the Regional President.
7. Implementation of decisions of the Regional Council and the Executive Council.
8. No procedural lapses.



**IACC Tamil Nadu Branch  
Regional President's Recognition as the  
Best Branch in the Region 2020-21**

## **TITLE**

### **Regional President's Recognition**

IACC Branch for  
well-balanced  
activities

Presidential Year  
2020-21

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**Secretary General Mr. Kamal Vora**

**All National Executive Council Members &  
Regional Presidents – North, West & East**

**All the SIC Members & Branch Chairmen**

**Staff members of IACC Regional Office & Branches in South**

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