

SICC-SBHI Leadership Lecture

## Excellence in innovation & technology

Ashok Ramachandran, *President & CEO, Schindler India*

November 15, 2019, Pune



*The first SICC-SBHI Leadership Lecture 2019 was delivered by Mr. Ashok Ramachandran, President & CEO, Schindler India on November 15, 2019 at Taj Blue Diamond, Pune on the subject of "Excellence in innovation & technology".*

In his visually appealing presentation, Ashok Ramachandran outlined the thought processes and strategies which went behind the rapid growth of Schindler in India. He postulated that it was a combination of the organisations' emphasis on innovation and technology, which was logical, given that Schindler represents the best-in-class of Swiss technology.

**Mr. Othmar Hardegger**, Consul General of Switzerland in Mumbai, in his address as the Guest of Honour, briefed members about the highlights of diplomatic efforts in the area of developing an enabling platform for the promotion of business and people relations between the two countries.



**Mr B Balaji**, President SICC-Pune and Managing Director, Sulzer India welcomed around 90 SICC members in the region and guests to the function. He recalled the successful organisation by the Pune Chapter of events during the year which focused on experience sharing between CEOs of members companies.

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**Ashok Ramachandran** stated that the success of Schindler in India, was a consequence of its relentless pursuit of customer-focused innovation. Innovations based on international product developments are adopted based on the perceived receptivity of the local market.

The interactive session was particularly interesting, with audience members asking searching questions and the Guest Speaker responding with aplomb and refreshing candour.

**Mr Upendra Deglurkar**, Vice President, SICC- Pune and President LE, Bobst India, in his Vote of Thanks, acknowledged the deeply engrossing Lecture delivered by Ashok Ramachandran. He thanked the Guest of Honour, Consul General Othmar Hardegger for his enduring support to the Chamber, particularly to members of the Pune Chapter.



Alluding to his relinquishing his role as Vice President of the Pune chapter, he deemed it his privilege to serve the Chamber and assured of his continued support to the chamber in fulfilling its objectives. He wished all success to the incoming Vice President, SICCI-Pune **Mr Anil Kudal**, Managing Director, Rieter India Ltd.

Consul General Hardegger, SICC-Pune President Mr Balaji and Mr Deglurkar all alluded to the efforts of **Larry D'Souza**, in building the chamber in India over the last 8 years and conveyed their best wishes for his future endeavours.



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Martin Kriegner, *Region Head-Asia, LafargeHolcim*

November 26, 2019, Mumbai



*The SICC-SBHI Leadership Lecture 2019 was organised at the St Regis Hotel, Parel, Mumbai on November 26, 2019. Dr. Martin Kriegner, Region Head- Asia, Lafarge Holcim delivered the Lecture on the subject " Excellence in innovation and technology.*

In his presentation, Martin Kriegner shared the journey, challenges and successes of Lafarge Holcim and the uncompromising approach to quality, values and social responsibility. His insights were based on the experience garnered from his considerable professional experience and corporate achievements.

His presentation described in detail the emphasis placed by LafargeHolcim on innovation and technology, which he communicated through the story of its pursuit of excellence. Dr Kriegner fielded several questions from the audience who appeared deeply interested in the processes and interventions adopted by Lafarge Holcim during their corporate journey.



The Guest of Honour, Swiss Consul General Mr. Othmar Hardegger, in his opening remarks informed the guests about the developments in the Swiss-Indian industrial and commercial ties. He also covered recent and proposed efforts to promote bilateral relations.

He took the opportunity to thank Mr. Larry D'Souza, who is relinquishing office as CEO, SICC-India after over eight years and recognized his support to the Consulate General of Switzerland in Mumbai and the Swiss Business Hub India over the years.

Earlier, Dr. Shравan Subramanyam, President, SICC India and Managing Director, Roche Diagnostics India, welcomed around 110 members of the Swiss Indian business community in the region. He spoke of the growth of SICC in India over the past 11 years and acknowledged the role played by Larry D'Souza in this process.



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On the occasion, President SICC India Dr Shравan Subramanyam announced that **Mr. Colonel Chandhoke**, Managing Director, Victorinox India would assume office of President, SICC India-West with effect from November 27, 2019.

**Mr Satish Rao**, Chairman & Managing Director, Firmenich Aromatics India would be the Vice President of SICC India-West.



**Mr. Colonel Chandhoke**, President Elect, SICC India and Managing Director, Victorinox India while delivering the Vote of thanks, congratulated the Guest Speaker for his incisive address. He was grateful to Consul General Othmar Hardegger for his consistent support to the chamber.

He acknowledged the role of **Mr Sanjeev Dhar** who was laying down office as President of SICC India-West after completing his term of two years. Colonel thanked the chamber for the honour bestowed on him and assured of his best endeavour to continue to promote the objectives of the chamber among the members in the region.

*The evening was topped off by camaraderie shared over cocktails and dinner.*

L-R: Shравan Subramanyam, Martin Kriegner, Larry D'Souza, Othmar Hardegger, Colonel Chandhoke



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