



## Tamil Nadu State Council

### **FICCI Interactive Session with Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman, Hon'ble Minister for Finance and Corporate Affairs, Government of India held on 13 Sep 2021 at Hotel Hilton, Chennai**

FICCI Tamil Nadu State Council organized an exclusive interactive session with Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman, Hon'ble Minister for Finance and Corporate Affairs, Government of India in Chennai. Industry captains representing various sectors participated and shared their representations and issues to the Minister.

**Dr. GSK Velu**, Chairman, FICCI Tamil Nadu State Council and Chairman and Managing Director, Trivitron Group of Companies, delivered the Welcome Address. He mentioned that the economy is witnessing positive signs of recovery and stated that the various fiscal and monetary policy initiatives undertaken by the Government with reform measures is helping a steady rebound in the economy.

**Mr. N. Srinivasan**, Vice Chairman and Managing Director, India Cements Ltd. mentioned that after China, India is the largest manufacturer of Cements and South India alone produces nearly half of the cement that is manufactured in the country and hence there is a need to take it to other parts of the country due to the huge amount of infrastructural projects that will be happening in the years to come. He also highlighted about the unprecedented rise in the cost of coal that is imported.

**Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman**, Hon'ble Minister for Finance and Corporate Affairs, Government of India, responded to all the representations and promised action wherever feasible and appreciated FICCI for organizing the initiative. She mentioned about the increase in allocation to infrastructure and specifically for the health infrastructure to successfully tide over the pandemic crisis and also briefly mentioned about the special announcements made by the Government for the travel and tourism industry. She also appreciated the industry for offering constructive advice on critical developmental issues. More than 40 industry leaders representing various sectors from Tamil Nadu participated in the session.

Captions: L to R: **Mr. A. Ganesan**, Vice Chairman, Neuberg Diagnostics/Trivitron, Group of Companies, **Dr. GSK Velu**, Chairman, FICCI Tamil Nadu State Council & CMD, Trivitron Group of Companies, **Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman**, Hon'ble Minister for Finance and Corporate Affairs, Government of India, **Mr. N. Srinivasan**, Vice Chairman & MD, India Cements & Former Senior Vice President, FICCI