



Last fortnight, **Thagap**, in association with the British Council, celebrated the success of their Young Women Social Entrepreneurship Programme (womensoc) at a dedication event. **S. Karitha**, a member of Parliament, was the chief guest. "We are delighted to be gathered here to celebrate the success of the women."

Through the support of the partner organisations, the programme has actively supported women empowerment and women entrepreneurs across India. The impact case study compendium launched today brings together unique journeys of empowerment, entrepreneurship and leadership taken up by women in their local settings," said

Michael Barker, joint director, British Council, South India. "The need of the hour today is sustainable solutions, which lead to economic growth. I congratulate the British Council and Thagap for identifying the gaps in our society today and empowering women with skills to fill those gaps and become agents of social change," added Karitha. The British Council leads the programme by providing master trainers with innovative tools complemented by insights from the global social entrepreneurship scenario. The British Council also provides support and mentoring through partner organisations to clusters of women, for innovative ideas which have potential to convert into a successful social enterprise.



"With the frequency and severity of natural disasters increasing in India, the insurance industry has realised the need to adopt more robust risk management practices. However, the industry faces a significant implementation challenge due to a gap in the availability of reliable location specific risk intelligence. PIER Online is a transformational risk management portal that will make location risk information accessible, affordable and implementable to every stakeholder of the insurance industry," explains **Anup Jindal**, CEO & joint MD, **RMSI**, which has been operating here since 1992. RMSI is one of the few disaster consulting companies with experience in working with both developed and the least developed nations, including crisis affected nations. RMSI has worked extensively with insurers, reinsurers, state and federal governments and multilateral funding agencies that include: AIC, GIC, ICICI Lombard, HDFC Ergo, Reliance General Insurance, SBI General Insurance, the World Bank, IFC, UNDP, UNISDR, ADB and FAO, amongst others. Underwriting profits in the general insurance industry was non-existent for the first half of 2016-17 in part because of natural disasters, and the drought situation. "Given the situation, the government is keen that the sector focuses on curbing these losses by adopting better risk management practices. And PIER Online is just the answer to that!"

Hicare, a home cleaning service provider has drawn up a plan to invest ₹100 crore for expansion, which will take its revenue from the present ₹100 crore to ₹400 crore by 2020. "We are looking at expanding in the B2B segment," says **Himanshu Chakrawarti**, CEO, Hicare, which was founded in 2004 to provide pest control services to residential and commercial customers, pan-India. Hicare was acquired by Danish multinational M in 2009, making Hicare, India's

second largest pest control service provider. In 2014, it found True North formerly India Value Fund Advisors, which manages over \$1.2 billion in assets, had invested in Hicare. "Since then, we have entered into the space of professional home cleaning services in India. We are now introducing home cleaning services, which includes deep cleaning as well as specialist cleaning and niche services, besides looking at expansion in pest control segment, which has a market



size of about ₹6,000 crore," adds Chakrawarti.

MII Institute of Design (Pune) has announced the expansion of the design horizon of its new 5th course in Design Management in India. This programme has design thinking and holistic business management in its roots and students will be able to learn latest design methods combined with real life case studies and applications from the business world. "The 5th aims to produce leaders for business and society, who can leverage



the power of design for business value creation, positive

social impact and overall economic growth," says **Anant Chakradhar**, dean, MII. "The course aims to nurture design leaders who are provided a practical knowledge of design implementation in sync with best business practices". The two-year course will help one to look closely at subjects like design methods & approaches, design & innovation, industry domain exposure/internship, supply chain management, brand experience, etc.