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The Indian American International Chamber of Commerce (AICC) is dedicated to strengthening partnerships between U.S. and Indian businesses, promoting trade, innovation, workforce development, and economic growth. This quarter highlights the chamber's focus on we are growing connections across the workforce, growth, and the future of business.

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A Season of Momentum

Dear Members and Friends of AICC,

AICC has had an incredible second quarter as we continue advancing our **America's AI Workforce Readiness Initiative**. Preparing businesses, professionals, and communities for the future of work, this initiative underscores our mission to strengthen cross-border partnerships through workforce development, expanding strategic partnerships, and meaningful collaboration, we are helping build an ecosystem where opportunity and innovation thrive together.

This quarter also reinforced an important reality: organizations that thrive in times of change are those that prioritize learning and adaptability. Throughout this quarter, we met many AICC brought together founders, entrepreneurs, business leaders, and technology professionals to explore how artificial intelligence and polymakers to explore the evolving challenges and opportunities shaping today's workforce. Conversations ranged from practical implementation of AI tools to transformation in business models to strategic partnerships, workforce upskilling, quantitative transformation, small business growth, and the ethical implications of artificial intelligence in business and economic development.

As we continue advancing the **America's AI Workforce Readiness Initiative**, AICC is also investing in partnerships that scale impact. We are actively exploring and expanding **AI Executive in Residence (EIR) Program**, designed to connect experienced AI leaders with organizations ready to implement meaningful workforce upgrading in partnership with industry associations, chambers, and local community. Together with our workforce readiness efforts and strategic partnerships, this program ensures AICC's commitment to preparing leaders and organizations not just to adapt to AI, but to lead responsible adoption and drive sustainable growth.

What makes AICC unique is our ability to bring together leaders from business, government, academia, and technology to shape practical, high-impact strategies, partnerships, and create opportunities that benefit our members and the communities we serve. As we enter the second half of the year, we are focused on deepening leadership, expanding innovation, and strengthening cross-sector industries.

We look forward to sharing more about what lies ahead, we hope you see more than a recap of events. We hope you see the momentum of a community that is committed to building more strong innovation ecosystems, and working together to create lasting impact.

Thank you for your continued support and engagement. We look forward to continuing this journey together.

RECAP OF EVENTS

Thinking About the Exit Before You Need One

On April 30, AICC hosted an invitation only one-day evening focused on one of the most overlooked topics in entrepreneurship: preparing to exit a company not long before the opportunity arrives.

Supported by Mr. Ashish Gupta, Managing Partner and Bipinchandra Shah, Founder and Chairman of Intellect Design Arena, the event brought together founders, entrepreneurs, investors, and advisors for a candid conversation on succession, acquisition, governance, leadership transitions, and personal readiness beyond a transaction. The panel featured accomplished entrepreneurs and investors including Mr. Ashish Gupta, Srinivas Kandhadai, Mr. Vishal Mehta, Mr. Ajit Rajapakse, and Mr. Ajay Relan.

A key takeaway from the evening was that successful exits only happen by choice. Strong governance, scalable operations, financial discipline, and long-term planning significantly influence both valuation and transition outcomes. Beyond financial readiness, participants explored how founders can begin preparing personally for life after a major transition.

The event reinforced AICC's commitment to creating executive level conversations that helps leaders make strategic decisions while building valuable relationships within the business community.

AI & Digital Transformation in State & Local Governments: Driving Measurable Impact and Innovation

On May 28, AICC hosted a virtual panel discussion featuring senior technology leaders from government and industry to explore how artificial intelligence and digital transformation initiatives across their organizations. The event was sponsored by Deputy Capital and Lucid, together leaders from Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia.

The discussion examined how governments are leveraging artificial intelligence, automation, data analytics, and modern digital platforms to improve public services, operational efficiency, and decision making. Panelists discussed practical applications in areas including cybersecurity, workforce modernization, and broadband and benefits administration to predictive analytics, cybersecurity, AI governance, and interoperable AI assistants.

A recurring theme was the importance of balancing innovation with accountability, transparency and responsible governance. Speakers also discussed workforce frameworks, high quality data, measurable outcomes, and continued human oversight as critical elements for successful adoption. The conversation highlighted technologies that are measurable impact for the communities they serve.

NOAA FTAA Acquisition Policy and Reform Highlights

On May 28, AICC partnered with TILLIT LAW PLLC to host a private executive roundtable focused on the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) FTAA and the evolving defense acquisition landscape.

Supported by Mr. Ashish Gupta, the discussion brought federal contracting attorneys, defense executives, and industry leaders to examine key acquisition reforms that are reshaping how government contracts are awarded and management. Participants explored several important developments, including updates to the definition of "commercial product" and "commercial service" under Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 2.101, the implementation of Section 879 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025, and the Department of Defense's Acquisition Transformation Strategy.

The roundtable also underscored the increasing importance of supply chain visibility, production capacity, and commercial innovation within the defense acquisition ecosystem, giving attendees valuable insights into how contractors can position themselves for success within the evolving federal procurement environment.

AI-Powered Small Business & Economic Future Summit 2026

On May 28, AICC was proud to be part of the **AI-Powered Small Business & Economic Future Summit 2026** in New York City, hosted in collaboration with Congressman Gregory Meeks and Congressman Ami Bera.

The summit brought together congressional leaders, small business owners, chambers of commerce, and international communities to discuss how AI can support small businesses and increase workforce productivity. Congressman Gregory Meeks, Congressman Ami Bera, Jennifer Wilson, Jeremy Neuner, Jeffrey Kessler, Ashish Gupta, Ajit Rajapakse, Vishal Mehta, Srinivas Kandhadai, and Rajeev Khanna participated in discussions on workforce readiness, cybersecurity, digital transformation, and measurable impact for the communities they serve.

Health with AI: Trials & Skills for Career Transition

On June 26, AICC, in partnership with Radiant Digital and Brave State University, hosted a panel with Dr. Sabita Sri Ramaiah and Dr. Ashish Gupta on the topic Workforce Readiness Initiative.

Healthcare leaders, caregiver professionals, job seekers, industry leaders, and trainers for a practical learning experience focused on how AI is changing the healthcare workforce and how people can prepare for new roles and career paths. To build confidence in using emerging technologies in their professional journeys.

The program featured perspectives from Swapna Vin, who spoke about the transition from healthcare to technology, and from Dr. Sabita Sri Ramaiah, who highlighted Dr. Shankar Balachandran, who highlighted AICC's Americas AI Workforce Readiness initiative and the Chamber's commitment to building a cross-cross sector collaboration and L. Larry Kibler, who encouraged participants to embrace continuous learning and adaptability.

The hands on sessions led by Kristan Smith and Alexander Nedelchev helped participants explore practical AI tools and learn how to integrate them into their daily work to bridge gaps in real-world technology. The event reflected AICC's continued commitment to preparing professionals for an AI-driven future through education, collaboration, and applied learning.

WHAT'S COMING NEXT & WHY IT MATTERS

As AICC continues to foster meaningful conversations that inspire leadership and growth, our next event will spotlight the experiences and perspectives of women leaders who have achieved success while navigating the challenges of the workplace.

July 23, 2026, AICC will host **Beyond the Blueprint: Perspectives of Women Leaders** in partnership with Radiant Digital and Brave State University. This is a fireside chat with **Ms. Swapna Vin and Chakravarthy Kandhadai**, **Mr. Ajit Rajapakse**, **Mr. Ashish Gupta**, **Mr. Vishal Mehta**, **Mr. Srinivas Kandhadai**, **Mr. Jeffrey Kessler**, **Mr. Jeremy Neuner**, **Mr. Jennifer Wilson**, **Mr. Rajeev Khanna**, **Mr. Shankar Balachandran**, **Mr. Ashish Gupta**, **Mr. Gregory Meeks**, **Mr. Ami Bera**, **Mr. Larry Kibler**, **Mr. Alexander Nedelchev**, **Mr. Kristan Smith**, **Mr. Sabita Sri Ramaiah**, **Mr. Ashish Gupta**, **Mr. Vishal Mehta**, **Mr. Ajit Rajapakse