

globally from November 19 to 24.

Focusing on innovative technology solutions in the region, the summit showcased 30 high-potential startups as part of Tenmou's continuous efforts to support the startup ecosystem, facilitate better deal flow, and create more opportunities for business traction in the region.

■ **Mr Al Kooheji speaks at the event**

Janahi stressed the importance of hosting such events in the kingdom.

"As part of Global Entrepreneurship Week, the Mena summit demonstrates one of the potentials of the kingdom's dynamic startup ecosystem. This partner-

Tamkeen chief executive Dr Ebrahim

partner Ryaan Sharif said, "We are grateful for the support of Tenmou and our partnership has been showcased by their recent follow-on investment in two of our startups, Akalati and the Experience Accelerator, and potentially further follow-ons in the near future. Tenmou has been an integral partner to us and we are very happy to be taking this partnership to the next phase by officially signing an MoU to collaborate on investments, events and strategic partnerships."



■ **Members of the Bahrain Chapter of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India**

Role of disruption in growth to be probed at BCICAI conference

MANAMA: Former Indian cabinet minister Suresh Prabhu, also a chartered accountant, will be one of the lead speakers at the upcoming international conference of the Bahrain Chapter of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (BCICAI).

Mr Prabhu will address the topic of disruption and growth at the annual conference to be held on November 29 and 30, built around the theme – Disruption, A Catalyst for Growth.

BCICAI chairman Maheshkumar Narayan announced that over 350 delegates are expected to take part.

This conference will explore the technological changes and workplace structural progress that have disrupted old ways of working and living.

Held under the patronage of Industry, Commerce and Tourism Minister Zayed Alzayani, the conference will take place at the Diplomat Radisson Blu Hotel.

"Chartered accountants are

increasingly seen globally as harbingers of change management in large establishments, companies and also in government policy-making," said Mr Narayan.

"We seek to create a platform to share ideas and update our members and delegates about how they can stay ahead of the curve in professional developments that are shaping their workplace and also their lifestyle in these annual conferences. This year, 2019 is our 11th consecutive annual conference, which was started in 2008."

With the BCICAI strongly affiliated to the Bahrain Accountants Association, the event has been designed to make international expertise accessible to Bahrain's growth story.

The association is keen to reach out to Bahraini business leaders and intellectuals too.

Annual sponsors for the conference are UAE Exchange and

Tally, while title sponsors are GFH Financial Group and Al Hilal Life.

Event sponsors include top audit and advisory firms, KPMG, BDO, Grant Thornton, MMJS VATeGenie and real estate developer Diyar Al Muharraq.

Kalaam Telecom is the ICT sponsor and day sponsors are Bahrain Commercial Facilities Company and Traftco Group, while the automotive sponsor is Ebrahim K Kanoo.

"Delegates include key decision-makers, C-level executives, entrepreneurs, finance and investment professionals representing various work sectors like insurance, banking, retail, manufacturing, advisory, real estate and technology. They will be a witness to participative discussions on significant developments and trends, which has disrupted the status quo and how these factors have in turn become a catalyst for growth," said vice-chairman Sandeep Shah.