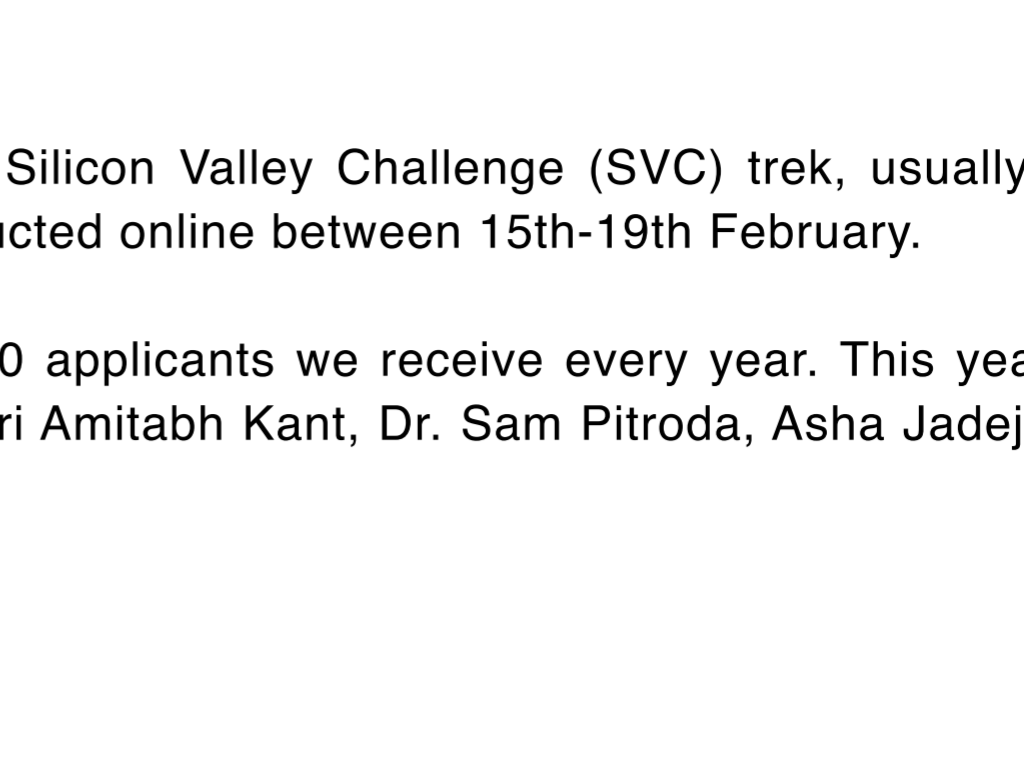


## LOOKING BACK, MOVING FORWARD

As we come to the end of yet another year, we take this opportunity to thank you for being an integral part of AFI's journey towards an empowered community of socially responsible entrepreneurs. Looking ahead towards a hopeful and safe future, we'd like to wish you a *happy and prosperous 2022!*

## CRUISING THROUGH AFI'S 2021

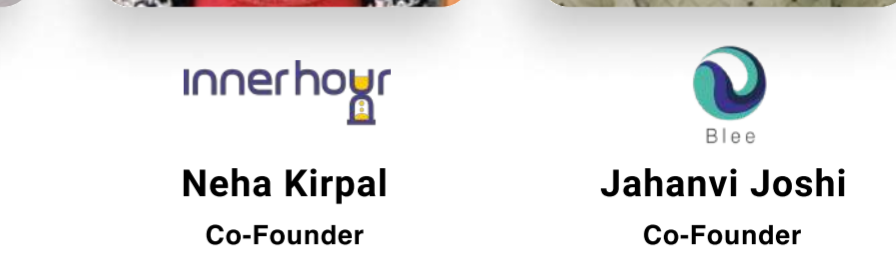
### Our SVC trek became virtual this year



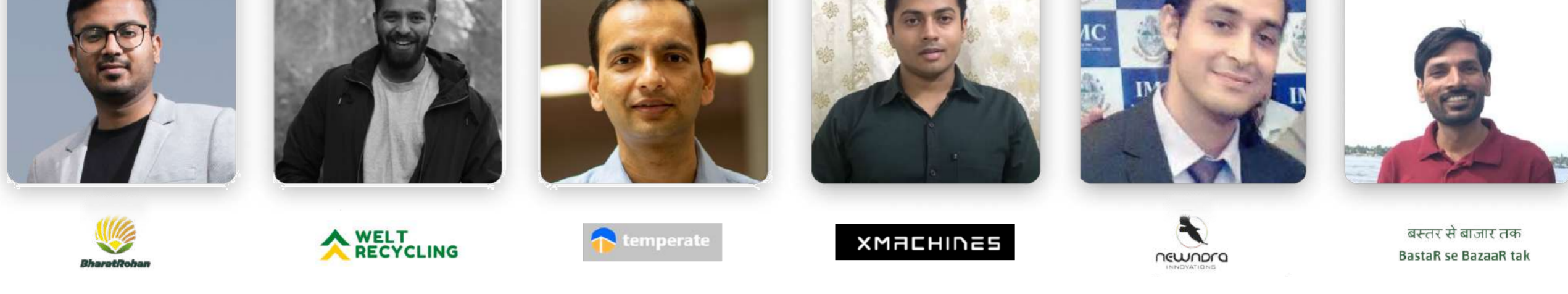
With COVID induced travel restrictions still in force, the Silicon Valley Challenge (SVC) trek, usually a two-week long trek held at Silicon Valley, California, was conducted online between 15th-19th February.

We select 5 leading social entrepreneurs from among 300 applicants we receive every year. This year's trek included sessions with distinguished panelists such as Shri Amitabh Kant, Dr. Sam Pitroda, Asha Jadeja, Mark Kahn and Radhika Shah among others.

### We have got Superstars onboard



#### Women in Social Entrepreneurship (WISE)



- Akshita Sachdeva** - Co-Founder, Trestle Labs
- Pooja Rai** - Founder & CEO, ANTRILL CO-CREATIONS
- Shveta Raina** - Co-Founder, TALERANG
- Dimple Parmar** - Founder & CEO, ZeroChocolo
- Neha Kirpal** - Co-Founder, innerhour
- Jahanvi Joshi** - Co-Founder, SIV

#### Social Entrepreneurship Advisory Services (SEAS)



- Amandeep Panwar** - Initiator & CEO, Ashvahan
- Vikas Shetty** - Founder & Director, WELT RECYCLING
- Vishal Singhal** - Co-Founder, Temperate
- Trivikram Dogga** - Founder & CEO, X-MACHINES
- Ganesh Ram Jangir** - CEO, INNOVORO
- Satendra Singh Lihare** - Co-Founder, SOCIETY OF SERVICE OVER, BEHIND US IS OUR PAST

### Our AFI fellows shining bright



#### Two funding wins

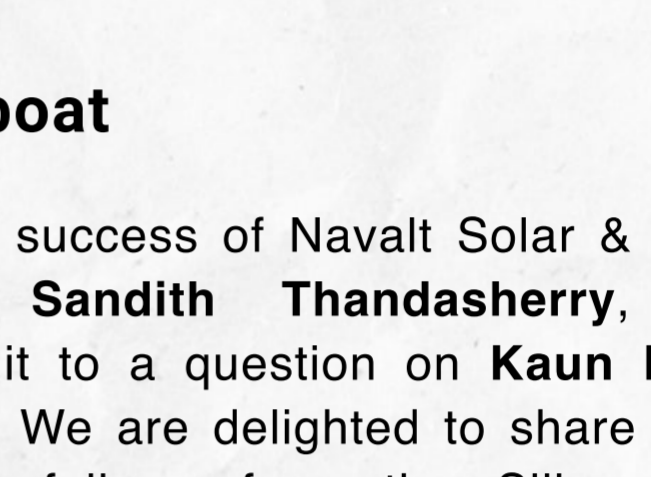
Two of our SVC Trek alumni, **Shashank Kumar** and **Akanksha Hazari**, raised a sum of \$115 million and \$18 million respectively. Shashank founded DeHaat and was a part of the SVC Trek in 2016. Akanksha, founder of LoveLocal was at the SVC Trek in 2014. It gives us great pleasure to celebrate the success of our entrepreneurs.



We wish both **Shashank & Akanksha** the very best for the next phase of their growth journeys. Their wins give us the confidence to continue doing what we do best - identify and support early stage entrepreneurs, provide them with the access to necessary resources and help scale the impact of their ideas.

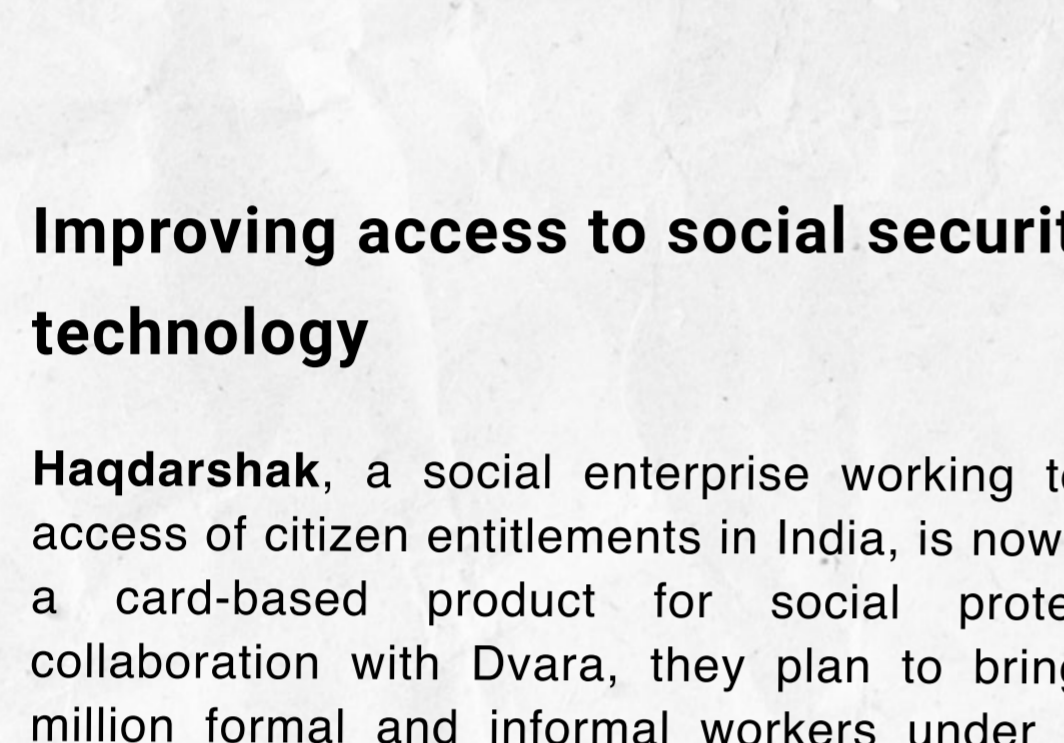
#### Fortune India's 'Most Powerful Women in Business' list

**Ajaita Shah**, founder **Frontier markets**, added another feather to her blooming cap by being featured on **Fortune India's 'Most Powerful Women in Business' list**. Ajaita was an AFI Annual forum fellow in 2013.



#### To KBC on a boat

AFI always shares the success of Navalt Solar & Electric boats founder, **Sandith Thandasherry**, who's innovation made it to a question on **Kaun Banega Crorepati (KBC)**. We are delighted to share that he was one of the fellows from the Silicon Valley Challenge Trek 2017 (SVC). Sandith has recently launched the first edition of his book "**Solar-Electric Boat - Plan, Build and Benefit**".



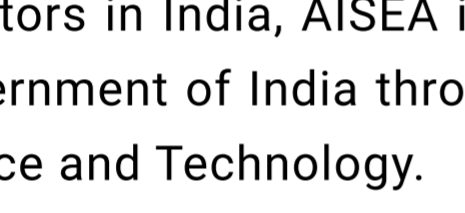
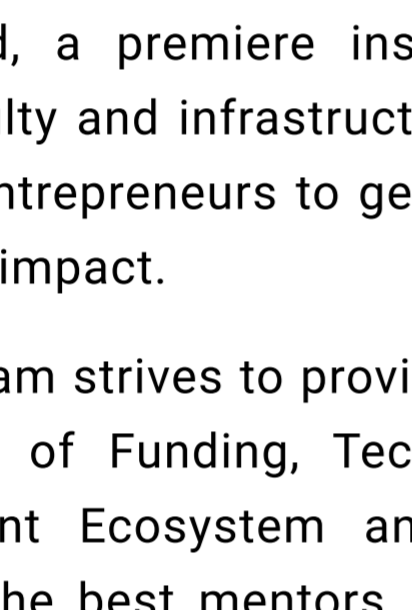
#### Improving access to social security using technology

**Haqdarshak**, a social enterprise working to improve access of citizen entitlements in India, is now launching a card-based product for social protection. In collaboration with Dvara, they plan to bring over 11 million formal and informal workers under the social security net. **Aniket Deogar**, CEO and co-founder, was selected for the **SVC Trek** held in February this year. We are elated to have supported an enterprise like Haqdarshak through our programme.



#### Awarded Most Impactful Start-up by Assistech Foundation

A very special **Women in Social Entrepreneurship (WISE)**, cohort 1, win. **Akshita Sachdeva**, co-founder at **Trestle Labs** won the award for **'Most Impactful Start-up'** at the annual awards by Assistech Foundation which recognises innovation in the field of inclusion and assistive technology. The company also won the National Award for Best Applied Research/ Technological Innovation for their innovative product - Kibo. We are happy to cheer and spread the work done by all our past and current social entrepreneurs, as we always are.



## AFI i-TIC Foundation Social Entrepreneurship Accelerator (AISEA) A partnership with IIT Hyderabad

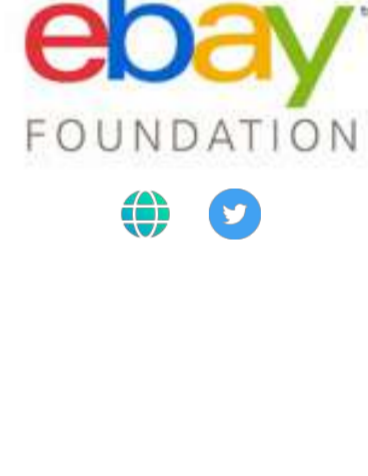
AFI, having a decade long experience in the social impact ecosystem, has partnered with IIT Hyderabad, a premiere institution with world-class faculty and infrastructure for helping tech-enabled entrepreneurs to get to the next level of scale and impact.



The program strives to provide quality support in the areas of Funding, Technology, Industry & Government Ecosystem and is supported by some of the best mentors. As one of the early accelerators in India, AISEA is directly funded by the Government of India through the Department of Science and Technology.

### Our enablers

Throughout our time of enabling social entrepreneurs in India, we have been supported by several foundations and investors. Our ability to help social entrepreneurs scale their ideas is multiplied greatly because of organisations such as IDRF, which aim to put power, not charity, in the hands of the poor.



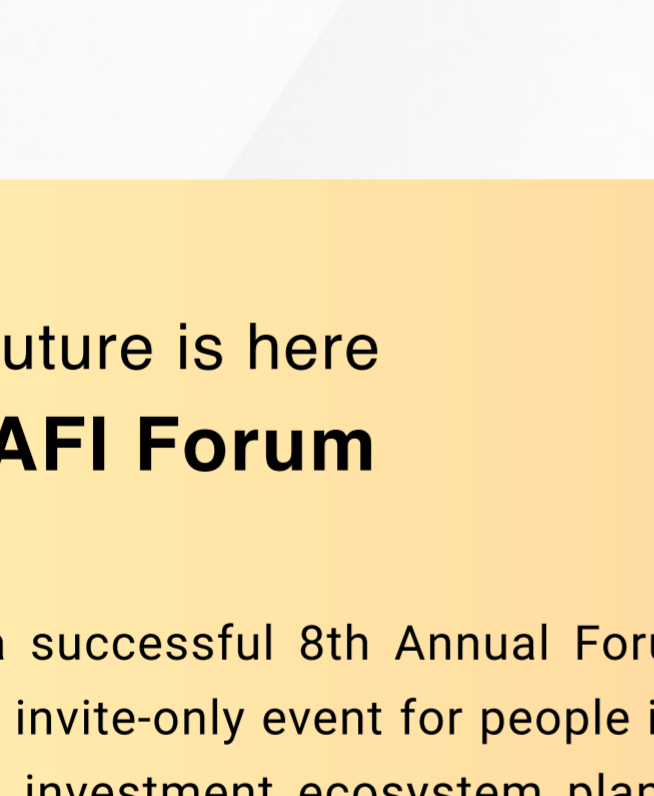
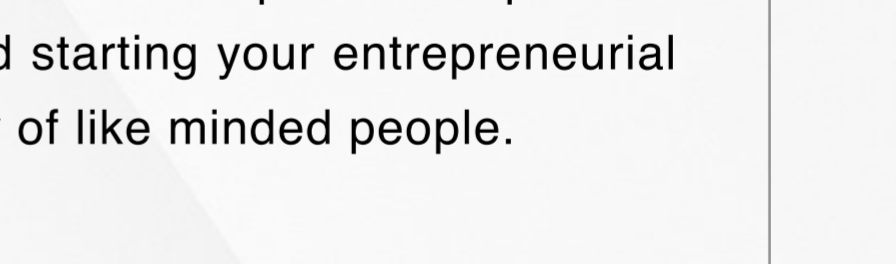
Several foundations and investors have been a part of our journey towards creating a larger impact - eBay Foundation, Motwani Jadeja Foundation, Let's Venture, UN Global Compact, NASSCOM Foundation, Guru Krupa Foundation, eBay India, Deshpande Foundation, Omnivore, etc. Some of the most renowned tech giants, too, joined hands with us through this journey; Intel, Cisco, HP, Infosys, Indigo, Enarr, Nokia, etc.



## WHAT LIES AHEAD FOR AFI IN 2022

We've adapted to the challenges that arose in the last two years through our prompt delivery of virtual mentorship programmes. Since our launch in 2012, we have worked with 800+ entrepreneurs, directly impacting 10 million+ lives across 20 states in India. On our 10 year anniversary in 2022, we commit to our mission to help scale 25 social enterprises to become impact unicorns.

### You too can make a difference Join Cohort 2.0



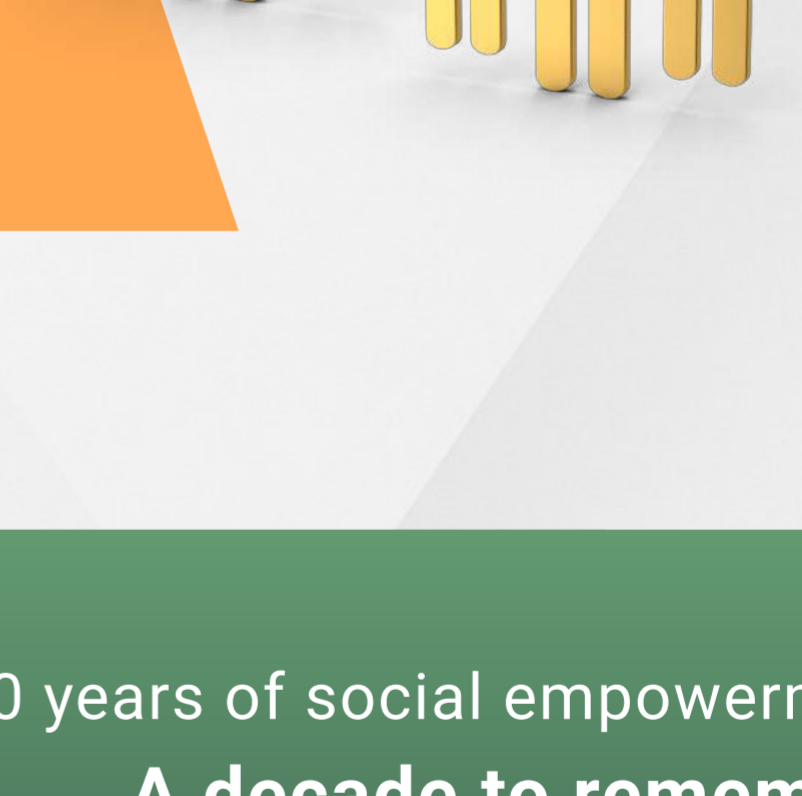
**A note for all the Changemakers.** AFI is launching the next cohort of Social Entrepreneurship Advisory Services (SEAS) & Women in Social Entrepreneurship (WISE). These programs are extremely helpful and empowering for those whose dreams are designed to create a better future for all.

You can achieve your goals and make a positive impact on the world by clicking below and starting your entrepreneurial journey alongside a community of like minded people.

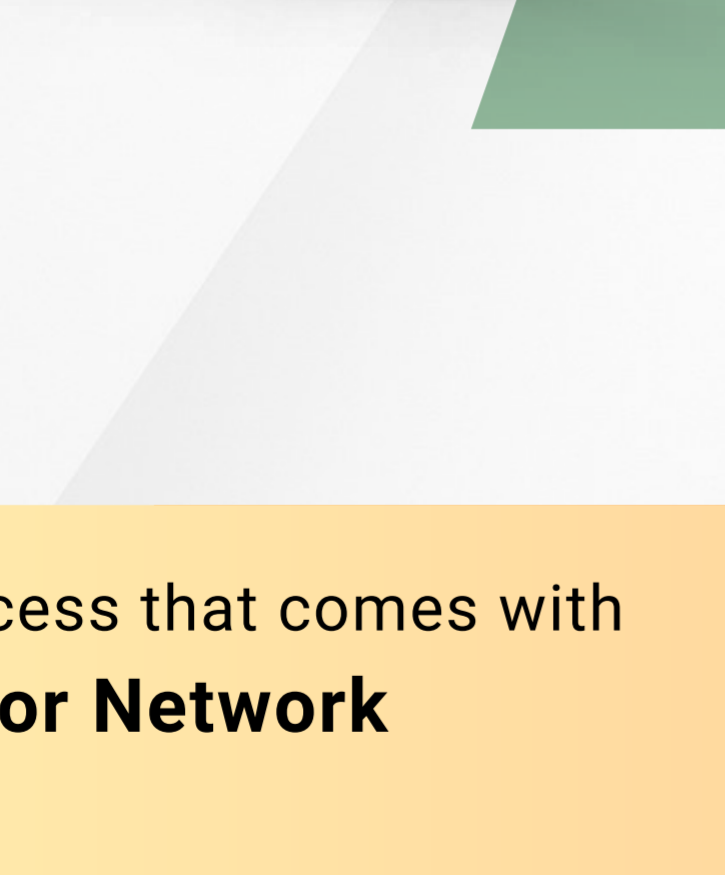
- Sign up here [APPLY FOR WISE](#) [APPLY FOR SEAS](#)

### The future is here 9th AFI Forum

After a successful 8th Annual Forum, our flagship initiative and an invite-only event for people in the impact creation and impact investment ecosystem plans to bring together 100+ social entrepreneurs once again. This is a great platform to expand your network and potentially meet people who could expand your business. The new variant of COVID shall not dampen our spirits. And we hope you're ready to show up too.



### 10 years of social empowerment A decade to remember

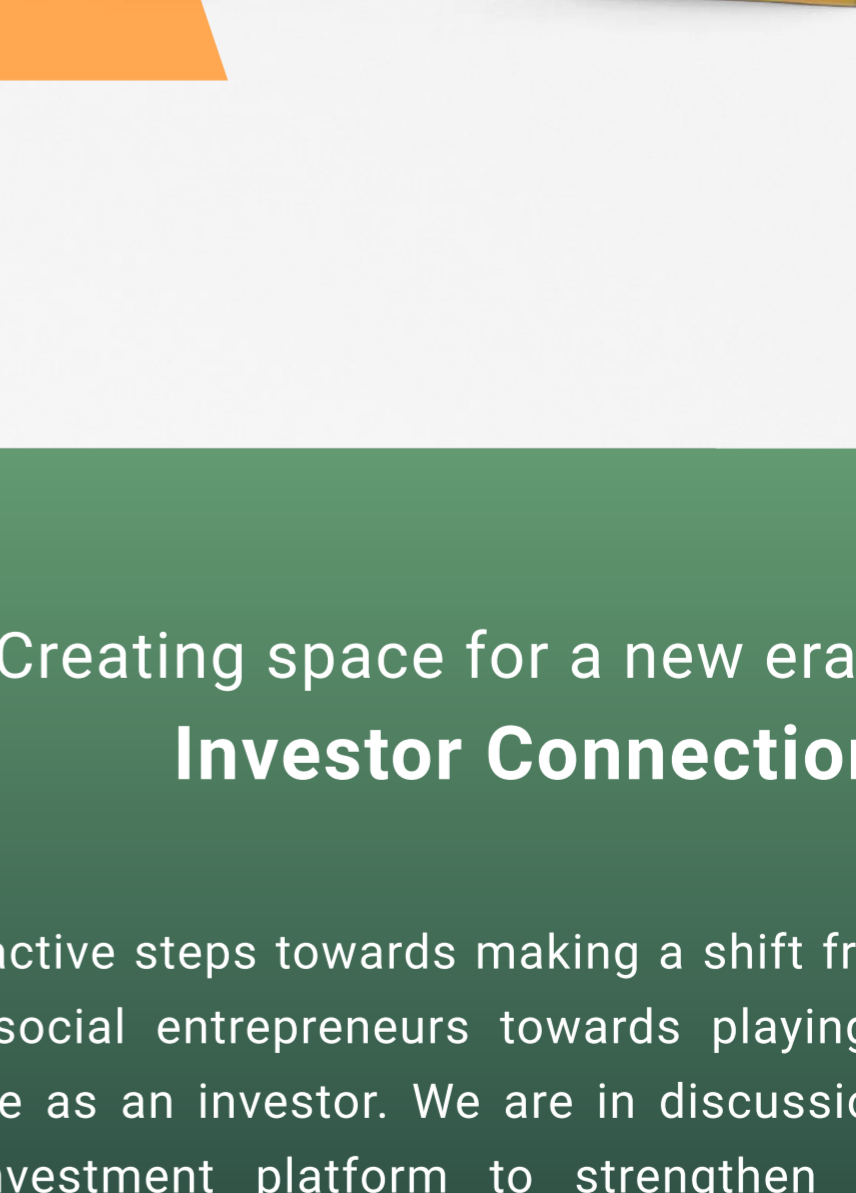


We will officially be a decade old and decade strong collective of people supporting the rise of social entrepreneurship in India. We were there from the beginning and plan to only improve the ways in which we support and impact businesses. We'll keep you in the loop of the events we plan to commemorate this event through our newsletters.

Have you signed up to receive our newsletters? [SIGN UP](#)

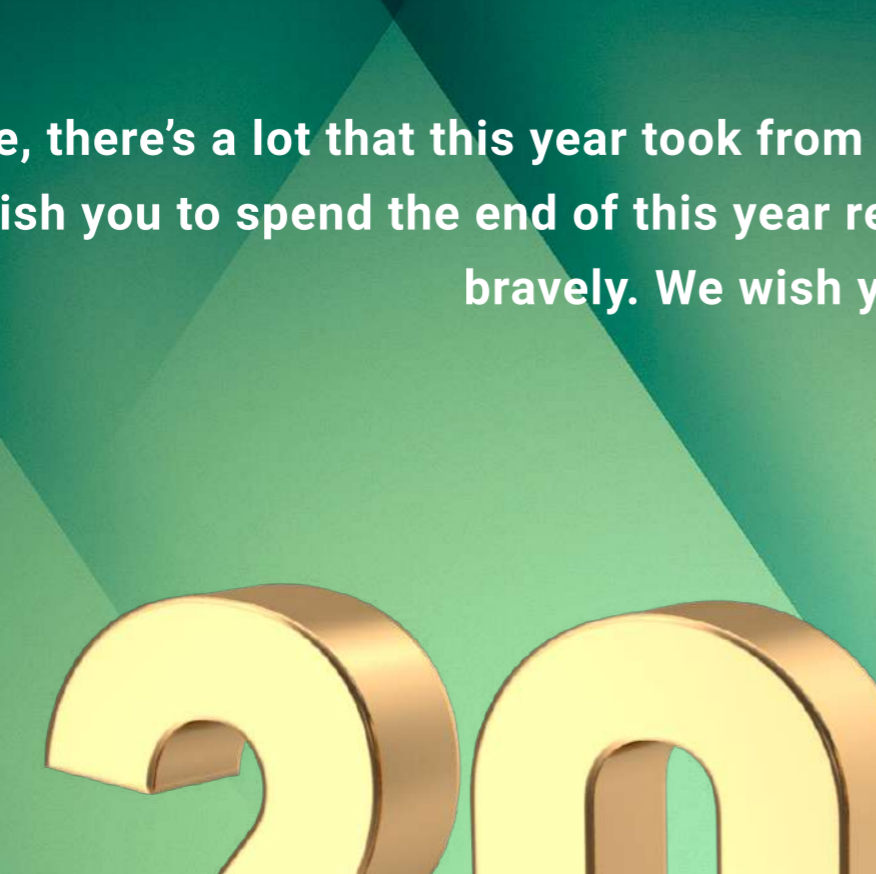
### The success that comes with A Mentor Network

We've observed the crucial role played by mentors at different stages of an enterprise's journey. We wish to increase the impact of this role by creating an active and distinguished network of mentors. This network will be a combined force of mentors we've engaged in the past and new partnerships that we will establish along the way. With a view to improve access to diverse avenues for our social entrepreneurs, we will have experts with business and strategy expertise, policy makers, government partners, bureaucrats and impact investors on-board.



Sign up to be a mentor [CLICK HERE](#)

### Creating space for a new era in Investor Connections



We are taking active steps towards making a shift from incubation of social entrepreneurs towards playing a more direct role as an investor. We are in discussions with a tech-investment platform to strengthen the connections between social entrepreneurs and impact investors, angel investors and VC firms globally.

## WISHING YOU PROSPERITY FROM HERE ON

We agree, there's a lot that this year took from us in terms of a drain of physical and mental resources. So we wish you to spend the end of this year recuperating and gathering yourself to face the next year bravely. We wish you a safe and sound 2022.

