

TiE SoCal 2019: Indian-American Sushil Tyagi Entice The Crowd with Ocean Exploration



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FREMONT, CA: The TiE SoCal ended its 2019 year of activity with a well-attended meet at the Sheraton Hotel on Nov. 13. The event featured the founder of Berkeley Marine Robotics and keynote speaker Sushil Tyagi. The [Indian American entrepreneur](#) is married to the daughter of Senator Elizabeth Warren, and his classmate Amelia Warren.

The program started with a brief highlight and celebration of accomplishments by the TiE SoCal Chapter under the two terms of the current president, Smita Bagla, which included the launch of TiE SoCal Angels that enabled investment of over one million dollars in member startups. During her tenure Partnerships with significant investment, groups were also launched, and the number of active TiE SoCal charter members increased from 20 to 62.

Tyagi started his talk with his personal journey, his father was a hardworking policeman, and he began his journey from a village in India. He used to move every year wherever his father was posted and won a scholarship to IIT Delhi and then moved to UC Berkeley to specialize in ocean engineering. After his MBA, he worked as a management consultant for PWC in their media and technology group in Los Angeles.

Tyagi further engaged the crowd with an informative and enlightening session on [ocean exploration](#). He mentioned that 90 percent of the oceans and 95 percent of the seafloor are still unmapped. Also fascinating was that there are more than three million shipwrecks carrying history and mystery, and of those less than one percent have been explored. He also mentioned that ocean exploration is expensive, dangerous, and complicated because no GPS or Wi-Fi is present underwater. His company and others are working towards resolving some of the hurdles of underwater navigation and communication through [autonomous robotics](#).

The last session was a chat by Navneet Chugh, a founding member of TiE SoCal, with Tyagi. Chugh emphasized the critical role of the 4.2 million people from India in today's American economy.