



Successful Eventus International Event in India

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Large turnout for Eventus International in India

SBGI 2018 was held at the Park Hyatt Goa Resort & Spa from the 27th to the 28th of Feb 2018, after lots of anticipation.

The event began with over 150 attendees and a presentation by Tim Shepherd, co-founder of Silver Heritage Group. It was followed by a discussion on gambling and betting in sports legalisation in India, casinos of India, and future of lotteries in India. These all had famous panellists such as: William Howie (Betradar), **Ranjana Adhikari (Nishith Desai Associates)**, and more. There were presentations on key topics like analytics from Andrew Pearson (Intelligencia Limited), about sports integrity and responsible gaming from Kevin Carpenter and Nandan

Kamath (LawNK) respectively. The day ended on a great note with a poker tournament at Deltin Royale.

The Managing Director of Eventus International, Yudi Soetjiptadi, said: “India is definitely the next big thing, with an online gambling being estimated worth as much as 1.5 billion USD but could rise to as much as 4.6 billion USD – or more – in the years to come, it’s time for a change. Regulating online gambling would create jobs, bring in foreign investment, open up a new source of tax income, and protect consumers from the risks of an unregulated market and deployment of responsible gambling awareness campaign. The summit was initiated to create awareness about betting integrity, and we had great support from the industry. Everyone present was eager to make it work for the future of gaming industry in India.”

Day 2 two started with a presentation by Christina Thakor-Rankin (1710 Gaming), followed by a joint presentation from AIGF and a presentation of DFS by Harsh Jain CEO of Dream 11. The rest of Day 2 was filled by four panel discussions focusing on fantasy sports, mobile gaming, poker & rummy in India, horse racing and e-sports in India. Every panel had panellists such as Akshay Jain (Vinfotech), John Loffhagen, Ankush Gera (Junglee Games), Catherine Chauvin (PMU), Gowree Gokhale (NDA), Porus Govekar (William Hill Australia), Madhav Gupta (Baadshah Gaming), Pariekshit Maadishetti (Taj Rummy), Benjamin Föckersperger, Mujahid Rupani & Devesh Kabdwal (Cobx Gaming), Sudhir Mishra (Trust Legal) and more.

There was an immense amount of positive feedback regarding the event – varying from the organisation of it as well as the participation turn out.

SBGI will be rebranded as Strategic Platform for iGaming Conference & Exhibition (SPICE) India 2019!