

Venture Engine's 'Finale' propels start-ups

Venture Engine's 'Finale' was held on the 23 February. This event not only showcased the resilience of startups, but also ensured that the sector is rebounding, Company sources revealed.

"Despite the setbacks experienced by the start-up sector due to Covid-19, lack of Forex, etc, we are pleased to have successfully completed Venture Engine's tenth year. This is a testament to the strength of this programme, which has helped fast track some of SL's top fundable start-ups from idea to late stage in a very short time span. In many ways, our journey this year has mirrored that of our start-ups. With changes to our programme due to repeated stops and starts, and even an unprecedented extension of our timelines. This year we introduced a new award called the Trailblazer award. This award was keen to shine a spotlight on the success of women entrepreneurs and inspire more women to take part. We will also offer individual mentoring with our group of investment advisors, domain experts and successful founders. The idea of the grant and focused mentorship is to help founders with their 'business pain points'," commented Prajeeth Balasubramaniam, Founder of BOV Capital, Lankan Angel Network and Venture Engine.
