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*Congratulations*

FROM

**IT NEXT**  
FOR THE NEXT GENERATION OF CIOs

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Dear Friends,

This year, as we present the newest cohort of NEXT100 award winners, I am simultaneously gratified and grateful—for the overwhelming support from the community of IT managers and CIOs. When we conceptualized this awards program in the year 2010, the aim was to design a mechanism that would identify young, smart managers who have the potential to become CIOs—and to provide a platform to recognize their abilities and talent.

We have persevered with this objective—and have made diligent efforts to enhance and improve the selection process over the years—without compromising its objectivity and honesty. Admittedly, the journey has had its share of highs and lows—but has been rewarding for everyone involved.

I am genuinely delighted to present, through the medium of this publication, the 15th batch of NEXT100 award winners. These 100 exceptional individuals are amongst the brightest stars of India's IT manager community, and this award recognizes their potential as India's future CIOs.

What differentiates the NEXT100 award from numerous other industry accolades is our commitment to maintaining a robust and unbiased selection methodology that has helped us identify the right people—and retain the trust of the community.

I would like to express my gratitude to the entire CIO community for recognizing and embracing the NEXT100 award as a significant and meaningful career milestone for identifying India's future CIOs. I would also like to thank this year's NEXT100 jury members who have contributed many hours to refining the selection process, making constructive suggestions, and conducting applicant interviews.

I would also like to acknowledge CIOs and past NEXT100 award winners who have encouraged and persuaded colleagues to apply for the awards. Finally, I would like to thank my team for their untiring efforts, year after year, which has helped establish NEXT100 as an industry benchmark.

I am confident that this year's award winners will also go on to accomplish great things in the future. On behalf of the entire team at IT NEXT, the 9.9 Group and the NEXT100 jury, I congratulate each one of you—and wish you great success and a glowing future.

Sincerely,

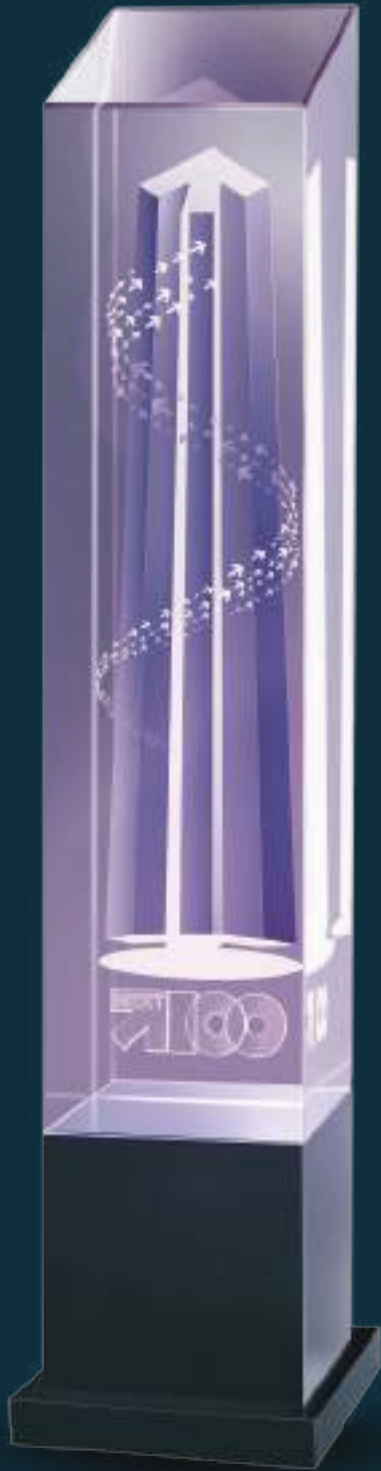


**VIKAS GUPTA**

Director, 9.9 Group & Publisher, IT NEXT







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# AWARDS PROCESS

**662**

IT managers registered for the NEXT100 process

**193**

applicants completed the psychometric tests

**331**

referee and supervisor feedback reports were received

**38**

senior CIOs conducted applicant interviews

**284**

total interviews were conducted by the jury

**80%**

of the winners are below 45 years in age

**78%**

of the winners have 16 or more years of work experience

**67%**

of the winners receive an annual compensation exceeding INR 35 lakhs

**66%**

of the winners have a STEM education background

**63%**

of winners work for organizations with revenues exceeding Rs 2,500 crore

**49%**

of winners want to vacation in a European destination

**48%**

of the winners are from Greater Mumbai and Delhi NCR

**46%**

of the winners are from the services sector of the industry

**40%**

of winners have 10 or fewer people in their IT team

**25%**

of winners cited a parent or spouse as a person they admire

**5%**

of the winners are women

## What's Popular?

### Industry Verticals:

IT & ITES, Manufacturing, BFSI

### Bachelors Degree:

Engineering & Technology, Computer Science, Commerce

### Technical Expertise:

Technology Evaluation & Selection, IT Operations Management, App Development & Management, IT Security Management

### Business & Management Expertise:

IT Strategy & Planning, Project & Program Management, Budgeting & Financial Management, Vendor Management

### Hobbies & Interests:

Travel, Cricket, Music, Reading, Social Service, Cooking

## Methodology

The selection process for NEXT100 2024 commenced in March 2024 with a call for applications. The IT manager community was informed through a series of social media posts, print advertisements, emails and personal messages. By May 2024, when the application closed, there were 662 applicants who had registered for the process.

The selection of this year's award winners was again done through a three-stage process, as in the past. In the first stage, all award aspirants had to complete the NEXT100 application form—and provide detailed personal and professional information, including education, work history, and technical skills. They also had to nominate supervisors and referees who could support their application for the award.

In the second stage, applicants took two psychometric tests: Personality Profile test and Emotional Quotient test. The tests were administered online by Paris-based Central Test International. Every applicant who completed the tests received a free, personalized copy of the assessment reports for reference and self-development.

The NEXT100 jury members approved a set of shortlisting criteria (including education, length and quality of work experience) for the preparation of a ranked shortlist of candidates for the interview stage. Every candidate on the shortlist was independently interviewed by two senior CIOs from this year's list of NEXT100 jury members.



Separately, the NEXT100 team obtained independent evaluations and recommendations for each candidate, from their nominated referees.

The scores and evaluations assigned to all candidates in every stage of the selection process were input into a proprietary scoring model that assigns carefully calibrated weights to various factors. The final list of NEXT100 award recipients, listed in this book, is an outcome of this scoring model.

To ensure that the selection of the NEXT100 awardees is completely fair and unbiased, no member of the IT NEXT editorial team was involved in the selection or elimination of candidates, nor are editors and staff of IT NEXT magazine a part of the jury panel.

As in past years, the NEXT100 awards program draws on the knowledge and support of the CIO community. Forty-four senior executives who comprise the jury of the NEXT100 awards, collectively representing many decades of experience in IT and corporate management, were involved as program advisors, interviewers and selectors this year.

The jury panel debated, deliberated, and decided on the award winner selection process—and conducted detailed interviews of shortlisted applicants. The jury also approved the final list of award winners.

## Psychometric Tests

All applicants for the NEXT100 awards take two psychometric evaluations—a personality test and an emotional quotient test. These tests are administered by Paris-based Central Test. The results of the tests are factored into the total evaluation of the candidate. All candidates who take the evaluations receive detailed personalized reports that can be used for self-development.

The Central Test Personality Inventory for Professionals (CTPI-R) test provides an assessment of work-related personality traits that play a crucial role in performance. According to the test designers, CTPI-R conforms to the standards of scientific validation set out by the International Test Commission, and the American Psychological Association.

The workplace competencies are defined as “clusters of knowledge, skills and attitudes that are predictive of superior performance in a given job”. According to Central Test, the competency scores in the CTPI-R are not a ‘direct assessment’ of competencies but an ‘assessment of proximity’ of the test taker to the profile of others who have demonstrated a high level of that specific competency.

The assumption behind this method of evaluation is that people with similar profiles will be more likely to exhibit similar abilities. As the scores are derived from an assessment of proximity to an ideal profile, they give an indication of the extent to which the candidate is psychologically inclined towards high performance on a specific competency. The score on each dimension of competency also provides an indication of the extent to which the person is trainable on each competency.

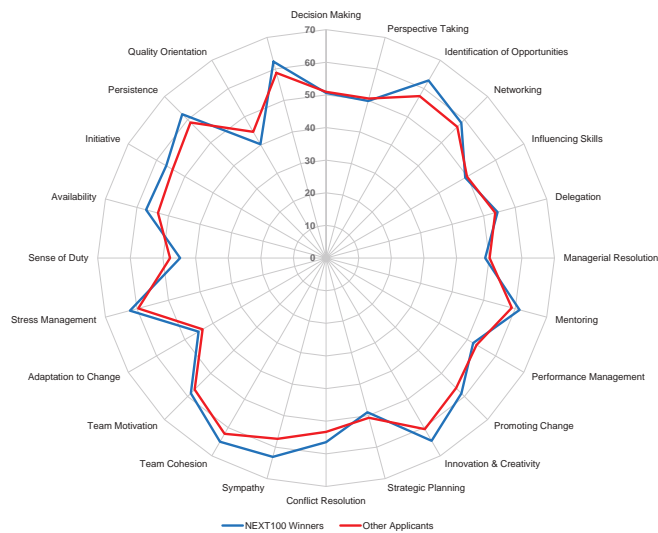
The Emotional Quotient test, introduced in 2018, assesses the ability to perceive, understand and manage one's own emotions and those of others. This is an essential leadership requirement in modern times.

The test measures four dimensions – intra-personal intelligence, personal development, self-assertion, and leadership. The participants are measured across 12 parameters: Adaptability, self-knowledge, self-motivation, self-control, assertiveness, self-confidence, inter-personal skills, self-esteem, optimism, resilience, mediation & influence, empathy & lucidity.



# Workplace Competencies

According to Central Test, the CTPI-R test has been standardized on an international group of 5,000+ working managerial professionals. The test uses a continuous scale of 0 to 100% to deduce 24 competencies that are relevant in the workplace. The conclusions are based on statistical studies and theoretical models. The overall analysis of workplace competencies of NEXT100 applicants reveals that there is not much difference between winners and other applicants when it comes to workplace competencies. The few factors with noticeable differences are Sympathy, Identification of Opportunities, Innovation & Creativity, and Quality Orientation. Overall, all NEXT100 applicants registered low on Sense of Duty and Quality Orientation.



• Sympathy	Effectively identifying and understanding the needs of another person.
• Perspective Taking	Taking a step back to analyze facts and situations objectively before acting or deciding.
• Stress Management	Managing one's own emotions and remaining calm and productive in challenging situations.
• Delegation	Assigning tasks and responsibilities appropriately, according to individual abilities and needs.
• Performance Management	Monitoring, managing and evaluating employees' performance in order to maintain standards and targets.
• Decision Making	Making the best possible choice based on the information available, as well as being able to explain these decisions.
• Conflict Resolution	Maintaining harmony within the team by mediating conflicts.
• Mentoring	Taking responsibility for employees' development and progression by coaching them to help them improve.
• Team Cohesion	Encouraging activities that will enable united and productive teams.
• Innovation/Creativity	Thinking outside the box and looking at things from new perspectives.
• Networking	Making contacts and developing a network of influential people for potential opportunities.
• Managerial Courage	Speaking confidently and setting limits when the situation demands it.
• Persistence	Demonstrating determination and maintaining a high level of energy in the performance of duties.
• Initiative	Seizing opportunities and being a driving force to create or move things forward.
• Strategic Planning	Establishing action plans to anticipate future developments.
• Team Motivation	Leading a group of people towards a common objective by winning their support and pushing them to surpass themselves.
• Promoting Change	Communicating a new vision in an engaging and inspirational manner to encourage involvement.
• Adaptation to Change	Being able to adapt to change, adjusting one's behavior or attitude to an environment and people.
• Availability	Being committed to the organization and being willing to help others whenever possible.
• Identification of Opportunities	Understanding the market perfectly in order to be able to identify and seize business opportunities.
• Influencing Skills	Promoting ideas and convincing others, as well as, communicating in an assertive and tactical manner.
• Sense of Duty	Respecting and adhering to codes of conduct, remaining honest, and being reliable.
• Striving	Constantly seeking to excel and surpass one's goals.
• Quality Orientation	To be meticulous with an eye for detail to ensure the highest level of quality and service.

# Personality Profile



The CTPI-R test provides an assessment of work-related personality traits that play a crucial role in performance. The test measures work personality across 19 dimensions. These dimensions are organized into four groups: People Management, Perception Mode, Self Management and Change Management..

The test results are reported on a scale of 0 to 10, with 0 implying a low level and 10 implying a high level of conformance to the behavioural characteristic.

Both NEXT100 winners and other applicants exhibit a moderately high Experimental personality trait, and low tendency towards control. While NEXT100 winners exhibit a little higher on Surpassing and Adaptability, both groups show high levels in Developing Others, Self Confidence and Optimism.

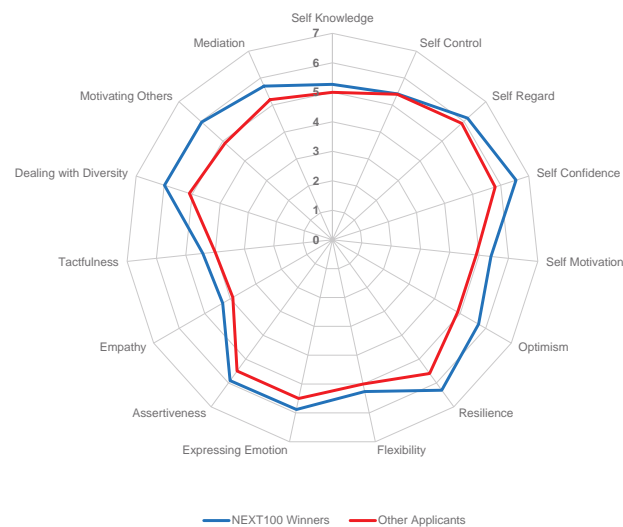




# Emotional Skills

The Emotional Quotient test assesses the ability to perceive, understand and manage one's own emotions and those of others. The participants are measured across 15 parameters: self-knowledge, self-control, self-regard, self-confidence, self-motivation, optimism, resilience, flexibility, expressing emotion, assertiveness, empathy, tactfulness, dealing with diversity, motivating others, and mediation.

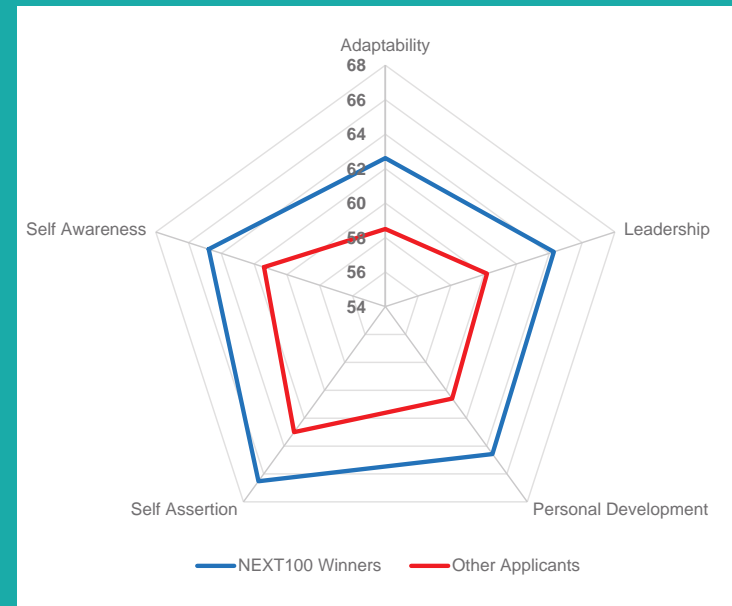
NEXT100 winners show an overall higher level of Self-Confidence, Self-Regard and Resilience. There are marked differences in the levels of dealing with Diversity, Motivating Others, and Optimism when compared to other applicants. However, both groups exhibit lower scores on Tactfulness and Empathy.



# Leadership Suitability Fit



Leadership Suitability Fit evaluates applicants on five dimensions—adaptability, leadership, personal development, self-assertion and self-awareness. While the NEXT100 winners did a little better than other applicants across all dimensions, there was a noticeable difference on the Adaptability and Leadership factors.



- **Self Knowledge**  
Being self-aware means being able to identify what emotions are being felt and what sets them off; it means listening to one's own desires, needs and motivations. People who are self-aware know how to analyze their own reactions and behavior.
- **Self Motivation**  
This trait determines the ability to find the resources within oneself in order to become and remain motivated. People who have this drive will adopt a positive attitude in any situation and will show perseverance and tenacity.
- **Self Esteem**  
Self-esteem corresponds to how much one values oneself. By recognizing their own strengths and weaknesses, people understand what they are worth and they are not dependent on what others think; they thrive more easily.
- **Resilience**  
Resilience is the ability to get back on one's feet after disappointment or failure. By learning from mistakes, people are better able to cope with failure and struggle. High resilience allows people to move forward and not be burdened with regret.
- **Self Control**  
Self-control is an important asset for becoming socially accepted. This refers to the ability to control impulses and excessive reactions such as anger, exasperation, anxiety or melancholy—so that people can think and act calmly in any type of context. People who demonstrate good self-control give an impression of stability. They can cope with difficult situations such as conflict or stress without revealing their feelings and they are able to ease tension.
- **Adaptability**  
Adaptability is an essential characteristic for building good social and occupational relationships and fitting in an environment. Being able to adapt means being able to let go of habits and to easily change points of reference. Adaptable people are able to share opinions and feelings, while taking specific situations and points of view into account.
- **Optimism**  
Optimism is one facet of emotional intelligence and also a result of

- **Self Confidence**  
Being self-confident is, above all, having a strong belief in oneself and in one's abilities. Self-confidence can manifest itself in personal skills allowing us to surpass our own objectives and gain autonomy. It also enables us to tackle challenges and unexpected events more serenely.
- **Empathy and Lucidity**  
Empathy is about putting oneself in another person's shoes and understanding what is on his or her mind, all while staying true to oneself. Being similar to clear-sightedness, empathy helps a person understand the big picture and read between the lines, in terms of psychology (such as figuring out the unspoken goal of someone trying to sound convincing) or facts.
- **Assertiveness**  
Being assertive is the ability to express oneself and make one's voice heard without being uselessly aggressive. Assertive people can find their place more easily in a group and share opinions and feelings more effectively. When a situation calls for confrontation, an assertive person will not turn away. This is why being excessively assertive can be seen as being arrogant.
- **Mediation and Influence**  
This trait evaluates the ability to develop arguments, motivate others and inspires enthusiasm, thanks to a good understanding of who people are and how they react. Mediation and influence also refer to an ability to reconcile diverging points of view in situations of conflict.
- **Interpersonal Skills**  
Having good interpersonal skills means being good at forming and maintaining relationships with others. Being authentic is a must! People who have good relationship skills can easily share their emotions and feelings and they feel comfortable in groups and communicate without difficulty.

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“A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way, and shows the way.”

**John C. Maxwell**



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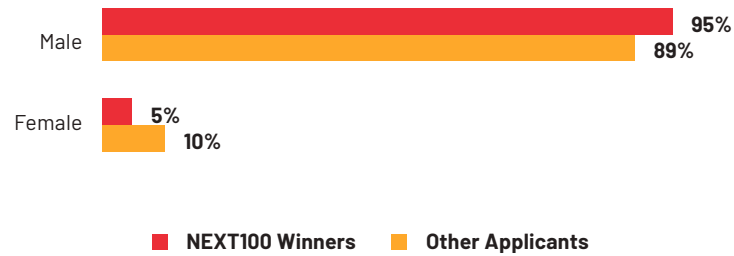


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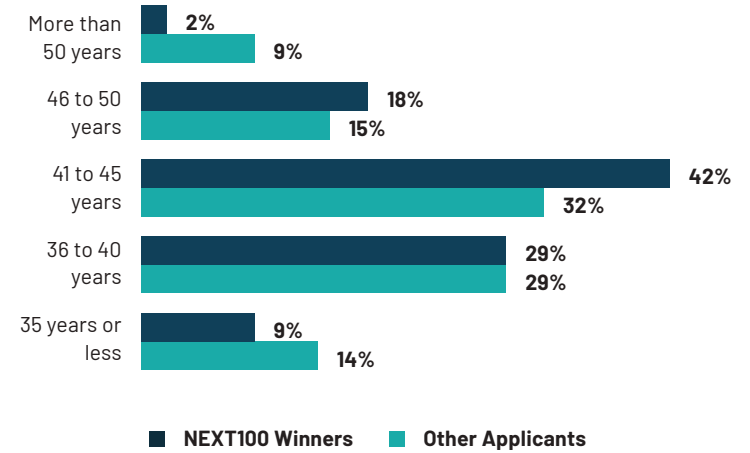




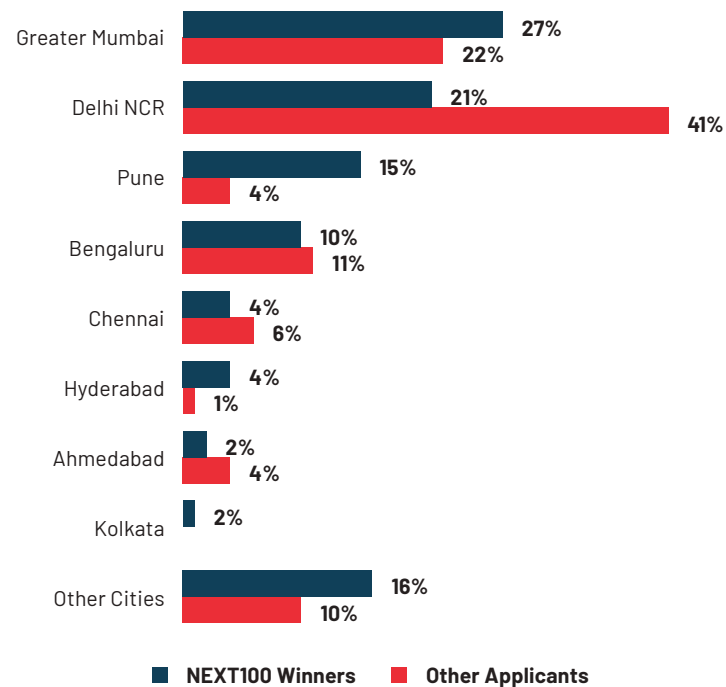
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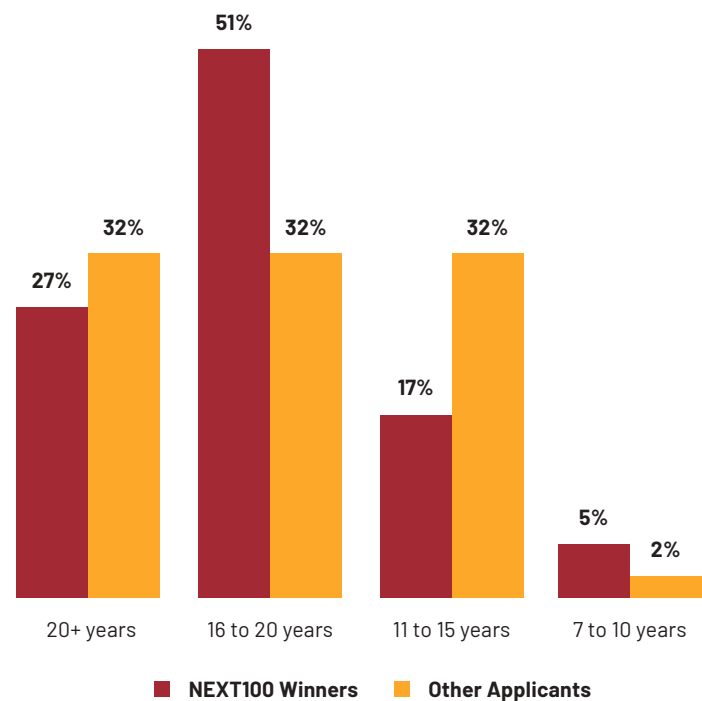
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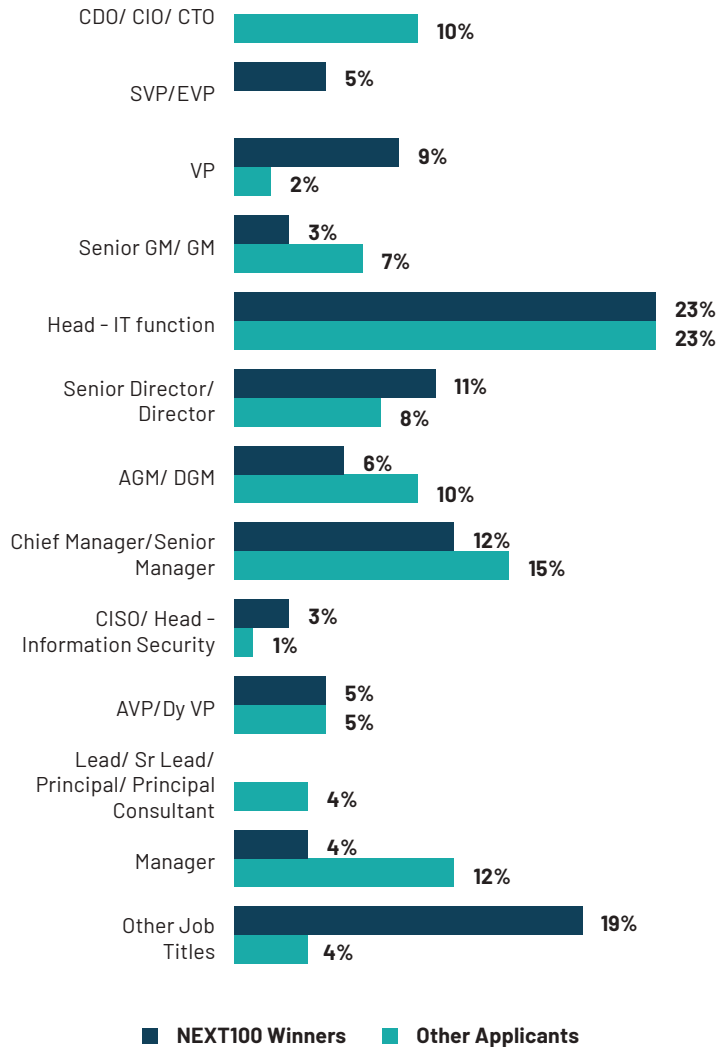
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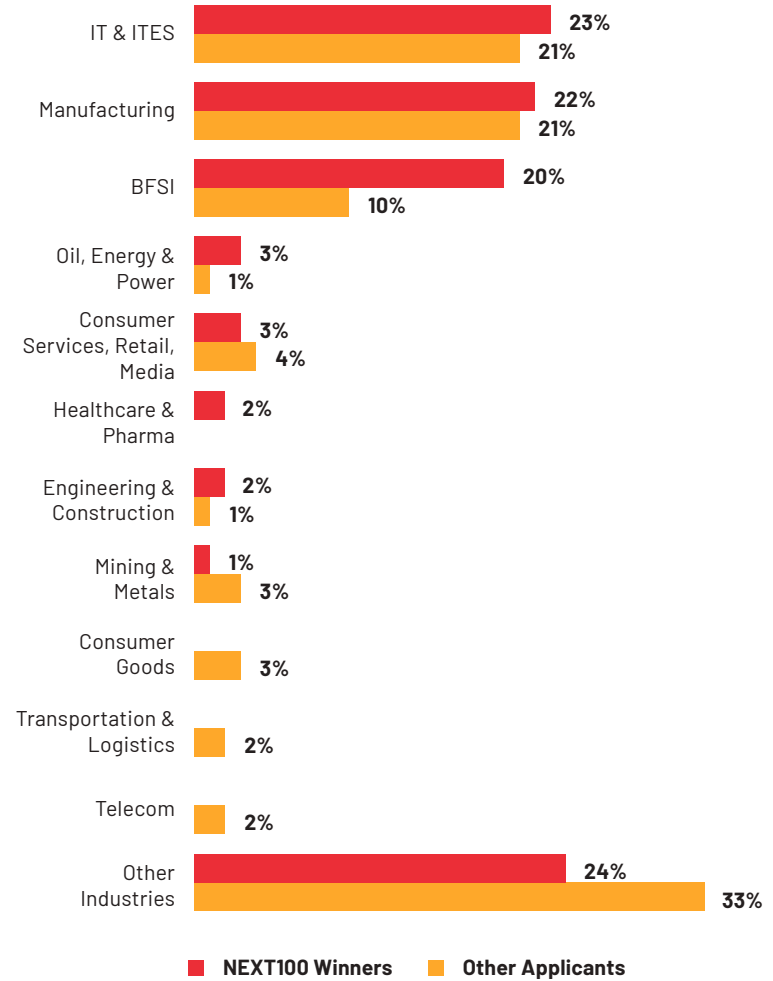




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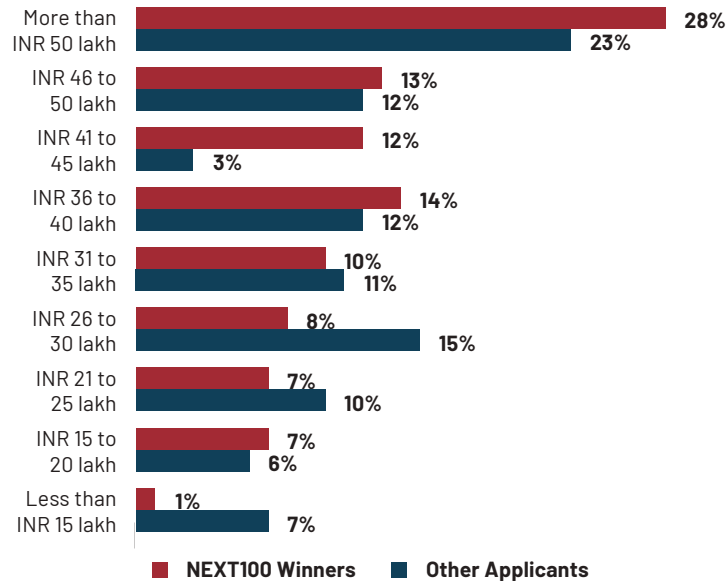


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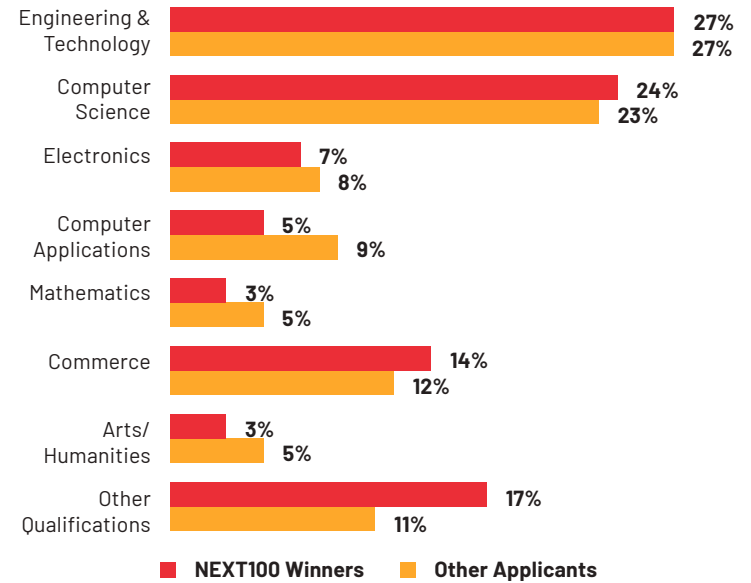




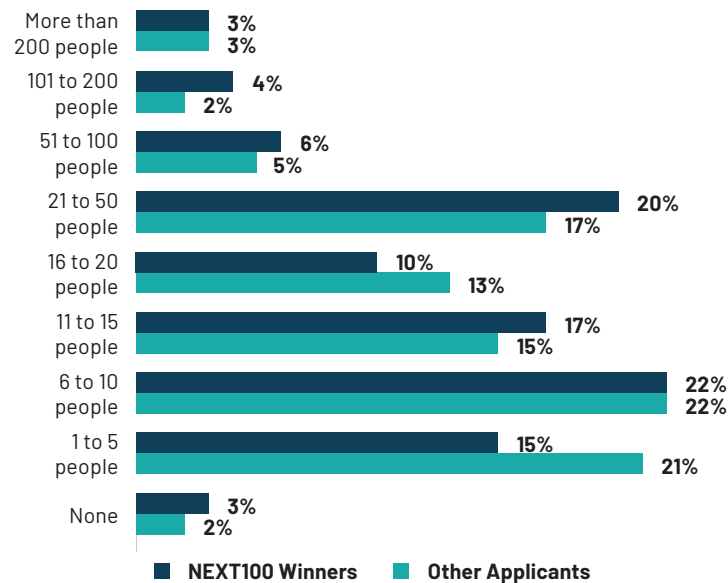
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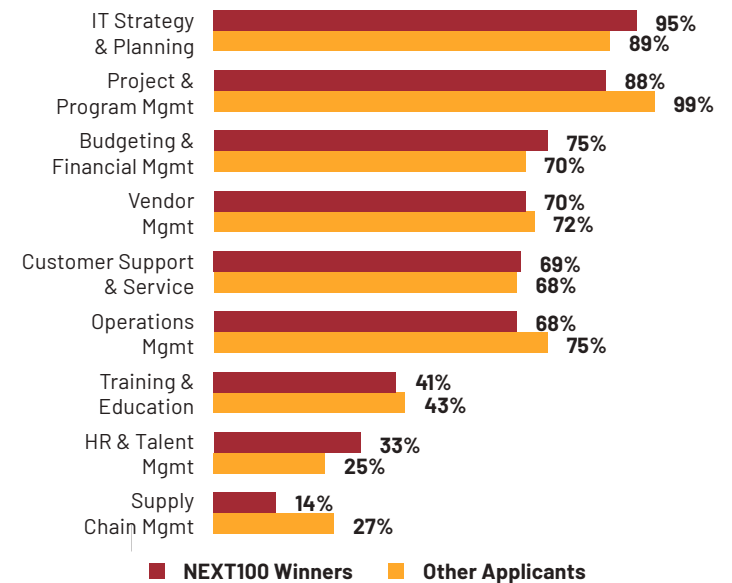
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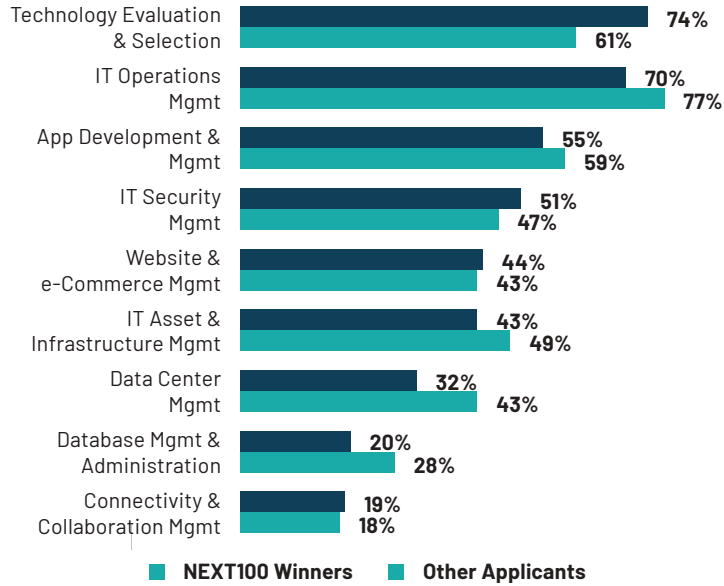


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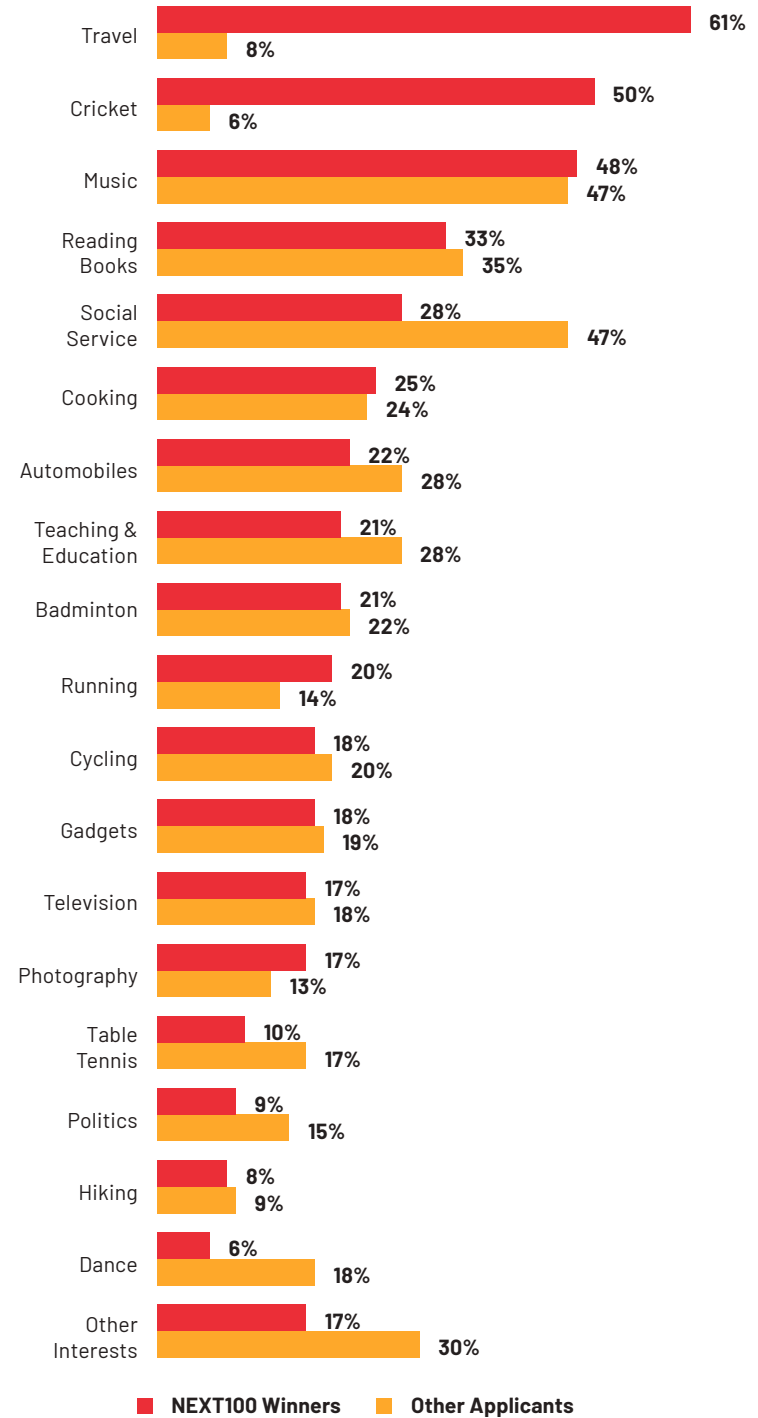




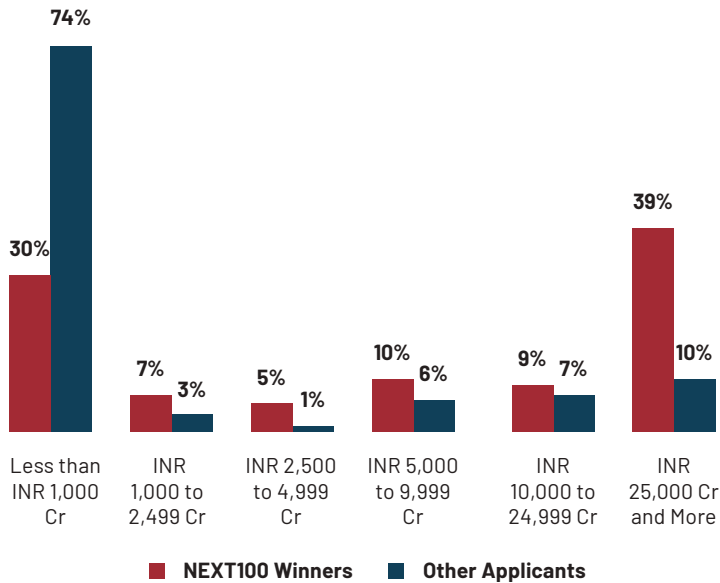
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“Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other.”

**John F Kennedy**



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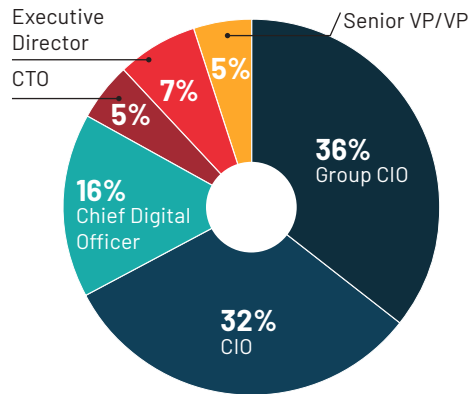


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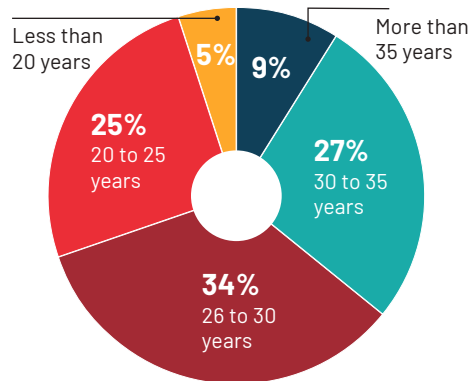
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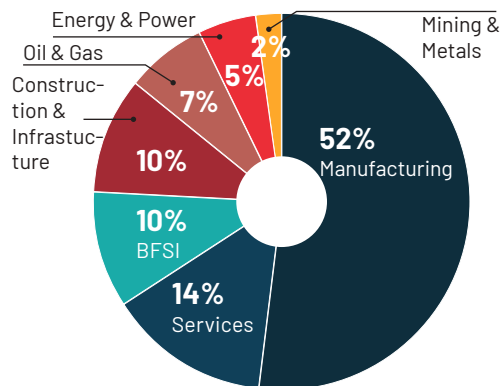
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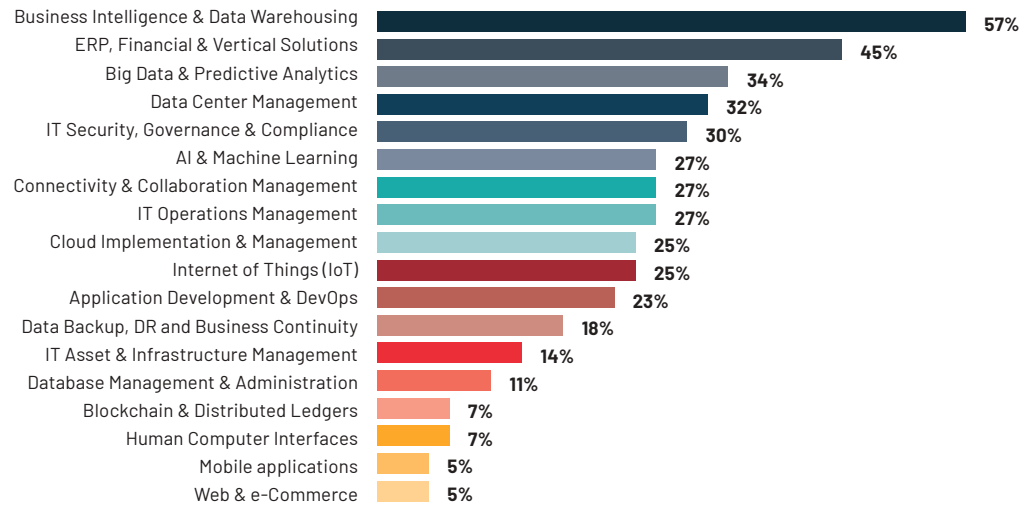
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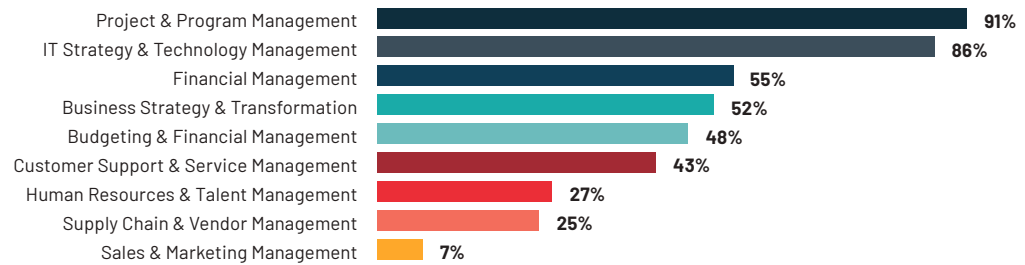
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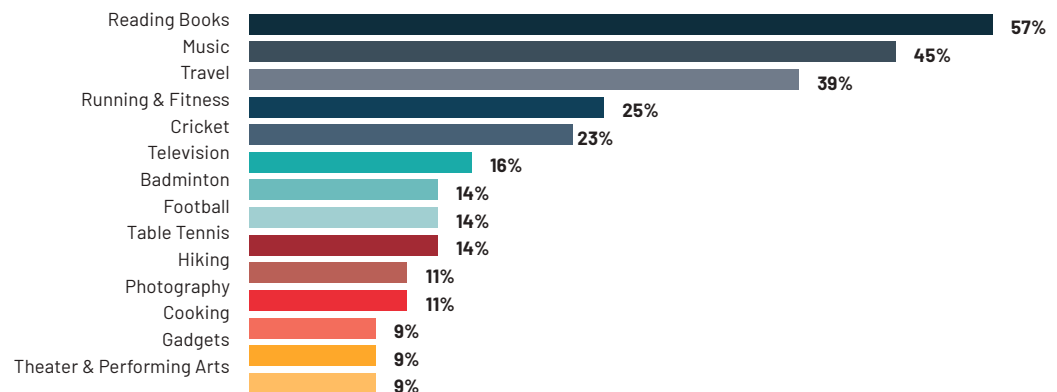
### TECHNOLOGY EXPERTISE



### BUSINESS & MANAGEMENT EXPERTISE



### HOBBIES & INTERESTS





## SHARAD KUMAR AGARWAL

Chief Digital & Information Officer  
JK Tyre & Industries

**Industry:** Manufacturing - Tyres

**Organization Revenue (Rs.):**  
10,000 to 25,000 cr

**Team Size:** 50 to 100 people

**Total Work Experience:** 35 years

**Educational Qualifications:**  
Executive MBA; Bachelor of  
Engineering

**Professional Certifications:** SAP  
Manufacturing

**Technology Expertise:** ERP,  
Financial & Vertical Industry  
Solutions, Internet of Things  
(IoT), IT Operations Management,  
IT Security, Governance &  
Compliance

**Business & Management  
Expertise:** Budgeting & Financial  
Management, Business Strategy

& Transformation, Customer  
Support & Service Management,  
Human Resources & Talent  
Management, IT Strategy &  
Technology Management, Project  
& Program Management, Supply  
Chain & Vendor Management

**Hobbies & Interests:** Automobiles  
& Motorcycles, Music, Reading  
Books, Travel

**Favorite Book or Movie:** The  
Fountainhead

**My Ambition or Dream is to:** See  
India in the league of developed  
nations.



## CHITTI BABU ATREYAPURAPU

Group & Global Chief Information Officer  
Aurobindo Pharma

**Industry:** Manufacturing -  
Pharmaceuticals

**Organization Revenue (Rs.):**  
10,000 to 25,000 cr

**Team Size:** More than 250 people

**Total Work Experience:** 40 years

**Educational Qualifications:**  
Master of Science (Technology),  
Andhra University; Bachelor of  
Science, Kakatiya University

**Professional Certifications:** SCM,  
Blockchain

**Technology Expertise:** AI &  
Machine Learning, Big Data &  
Predictive Analytics, Blockchain  
& Distributed Ledgers, Business  
Intelligence & Data Warehousing,  
Cloud Implementation &

Management, Data Backup, DR  
and Business Continuity

**Business & Management  
Expertise:** Budgeting & Financial  
Management, Business Strategy  
& Transformation, Customer  
Support & Service Management,  
IT Strategy & Technology  
Management, Project & Program  
Management, Supply Chain &  
Vendor Management

**Hobbies & Interests:** Music,  
Television, Yoga





## HARNATH BABU

Chief Information Officer  
KPMG India

**Industry:** Services - Consulting

**Organization Revenue (Rs.):**  
5,000 to 10,000 cr

**Team Size:** More than 250 people

**Total Work Experience:** 23 years

**Educational Qualifications:**  
Masters in Computer Science

**Professional Certifications:**  
Certified Data Protection Professional (FDPPI), AI & ML Training (Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur), MDP-CIO to Digital Strategist (Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore), Certification - Leadership Practicum (Indian School of Business), Digital Now 2.0 (Cornell University)

**Technology Expertise:**  
AI & Machine Learning,

Technology Management, Business Intelligence, Digital Transformation, Enterprise Architecture

**Business & Management Expertise:** Digital Strategy & Implementation, Talent Management, Technology Service Management, Vendor Management, Risk Management, Business Process Re-engineering

**Hobbies & Interests:** Reading Books, Running, Golf, Travel, Exploring New Gadgets

**Favorite Book or Movie:** Atomic Habits by James Clear

**My Ambition or Dream is to:** Be a bestselling author.



## DEBANJAN BANERJEE

Global Service Management Director  
Pernod Ricard India

**Industry:** Manufacturing - Food & Beverages

**Organization Revenue (Rs.):**  
10,000 to 25,000 cr

**Team Size:** 50 to 100 people

**Total Work Experience:** 30 years

**Educational Qualifications:**  
MBA in Finance & Systems; Bachelor of Engineering (Electrical & Electronics)

**Professional Certifications:** Lean Six Sigma (Trained)

**Technology Expertise:** Business Intelligence & Data Warehousing, ERP, Financial & Vertical Industry Solutions, Internet of Things (IoT), IT Security, Governance & Compliance

**Business & Management**

**Expertise:** Financial Management, Human Resources & Talent Management, IT Strategy & Technology Management, Project & Program Management, Sales & Marketing Management, Supply Chain & Vendor Management, Transformation Program

**Hobbies & Interests:** Badminton, Music, Television, Spending time with Children

**Favorite Book or Movie:**  
A Beautiful Mind

**My Ambition or Dream is to:**  
Make a difference in the world.



## SAUGATA BASU

Group Chief Digital & Information Officer  
Kalpataru Group

**Industry:** Construction & Infrastructure - Projects

**Organization Revenue (Rs.):** 10,000 to 25,000 cr

**Team Size:** 50 to 100 people

**Total Work Experience:** 35 years

**Educational Qualifications:** MBA, Xavier Institute of Management; Bachelor of Engineering (Chemical), Regional Engineering College, Durgapur

**Professional Certifications:** SAP

**Technology Expertise:** Blockchain & Distributed Ledgers, ERP, Financial & Vertical industry solutions, IT Operations Management

**Business & Management**

**Expertise:** Financial Management, Human Resources & Talent Management, IT Strategy & Technology Management

**Hobbies & Interests:** Cooking, Hiking, Running & Fitness

**Favorite Book or Movie:** Life is Beautiful by Roberto Benigni

**My Ambition or Dream is to:** Climb Machu Picchu.



## ANIMESH BHATT

Senior Vice President - Airport Operations  
Adani Airports

**Industry:** Services - Transportation & Logistics

**Organization Revenue (Rs.):** 10,000 to 25,000 cr

**Team Size:** 50 to 100 people

**Total Work Experience:** 24 years

**Educational Qualifications:** PG in IT; PGD in Business Management

**Professional Certifications:** Enterprise Leadership Program, ISB, Harvard Business; Strategic Management for CIO, IIM-Ahmedabad; Building Global CIO Competencies, IIT-Mumbai

**Technology Expertise:** AI & Machine Learning, Big Data & Predictive Analytics, Business

Intelligence & Data Warehousing, Development & Rollout of Digital Strategies

**Business & Management**

**Expertise:** Budgeting & Financial Management, Business Strategy & Transformation, Helping Business to Identify the Digital Use Case, Process Reengineering

**Hobbies & Interests:** Cricket, Reading Books

**Favorite Book or Movie:** The Pursuit of Happyness

**My Ambition or Dream is to:** Be a trendsetter in B2C industry.



## APURVA DALAL

Chief Information Officer  
Adani Green Energy

**Industry:** Energy & Power - Renewable Power

**Organization Revenue (Rs.):** 5,000 to 10,000 cr

**Team Size:** More than 250 people

**Total Work Experience:** 30 years

**Educational Qualifications:** Post Graduate Diploma in Management (PGDM)

**Professional Certifications:** Project Management Professional (PMP)

**Technology Expertise:** Application Development & Management, DevOps, Testing, Cloud Implementation & Management, Connectivity & Collaboration Management, ERP, Internet of Things (IoT)

**Business & Management**

**Expertise:** Budgeting & Financial Management, IT Strategy & Technology Management, Project & Program Management

**Hobbies & Interests:** Reading Books

**Favorite Book or Movie:** Coma by Robin Cook



## GOUTAM DATTA

Chief Information & Digital Officer  
Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance Company

**Industry:** BFSI - Insurance

**Organization Revenue (Rs.):** More than 250 people

**Team Size:** 27 years

**Total Work Experience:** 35 years

**Educational Qualifications:** MBA; Master of Computer Applications

**Technology Expertise:** AI & Machine Learning, Application Development & Management, Big Data & Predictive Analytics, Data backup, DR and Business Continuity, Data Center Management, Database Management & Administration

**Business & Management**

**Expertise:** Budgeting & Financial Management, Business Strategy

& Transformation, IT Strategy & Technology Management

**Hobbies & Interests:** Badminton, Music, Theater & Performing Arts

**Favorite Book or Movie:** Upstream by Dan Heath

**My Ambition or Dream is to:** Be a business owner.



## INDRADYUMNA DATTA

Group Chief Digital Officer  
 Jindal Steel & Power

**Industry:** Manufacturing - Steel

**Organization Revenue (Rs.):** More than 25,000 cr

**Team Size:** 100 to 250 people

**Total Work Experience:** 25 years

**Educational Qualifications:** Post Graduate Program (Software Enterprise Management), IIM Bangalore; Bachelor of Technology (Instrumentation), Haldia Institute of Technology

**Professional Certifications:** Certified Scrum Master, Six Sigma Green Belt Certified

**Technology Expertise:** AI & Machine Learning, Application Development & Management, DevOps, Testing, Big Data &

Predictive Analytics, Business Intelligence & Data Warehousing

**Business & Management**

**Expertise:** Budgeting & Financial Management, Business Strategy & Transformation, Customer Support & Service Management, Financial Management, Human Resources & Talent Management, IT Strategy & Technology Management

**Hobbies & Interests:** Football, Gadgets, Music, Reading Books, Running & Fitness, Stamp & Coin Collecting

**Favorite Book or Movie:** The Hungry Tide by Amitav Ghosh



## ASHISH DESAI

Chief Information Officer - Textiles & Renewable Energy  
 Grasim Industries

**Industry:** Manufacturing - Textiles

**Organization Revenue (Rs.):** 25,000 to 50,000 cr

**Team Size:** 25 to 50 people

**Total Work Experience:** 27 years

**Educational Qualifications:** Executive MBA - Strategy Management, Bachelor of Computer Engineering

**Professional Certifications:** Global CIO Certification, ISB

**Technology Expertise:** AI & Machine Learning, Big Data & Predictive Analytics, ERP, financial & vertical industry solutions, Internet of Things (IoT)

**Business & Management**

**Expertise:** Customer Support & Service Management, Financial Management, IT Strategy & Technology Management, Supply Chain & Vendor Management, Logistics

**Hobbies & Interests:** Cricket, Golf

**Favorite Book or Movie:** The Alchemist by Paulo Coelho

**My Ambition or Dream is to:** Open an NGO for underprivileged children, and an old age home.





## PARVEEN DHINGRA

Chief Digital & Information Officer - Enterprise Solution & Digital Infra, STL Digital & Vedanta

**Industry:** Mining & Metals

**Organization Revenue (Rs.):** More than 50,000 cr

**Team Size:** 10 to 25 people

**Total Work Experience:** 25 years

**Educational Qualifications:**

Bachelors in Computer Science

**Professional Certifications:**

Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer (MCSE), Cisco Certified Network Associate (CCNA)

**Technology Expertise:**

AI & Machine Learning, Cloud Management, Connectivity & Collaboration, Infra Management, ERP, IT Security, Governance & Compliance

**Business & Management**

**Expertise:** Budgeting & Financial Management, Business Strategy & Transformation, Financial Management, IT Strategy & Technology Management, Project & Program Management

**Hobbies & Interests:** Cooking, Cycling, Music

**Favorite Book or Movie:**

80% Mindset, 20% Skills by Dev Gadhvi

**My Ambition or Dream is to:**

Visit Australia.



## MANISH GROVER

Executive Director - Strategic IS & IS  
Indian Oil Corporation

**Industry:** Oil & Gas - Refining

**Organization Revenue (Rs.):** More than 25,000 cr

**Team Size:** 100 to 250 people

**Total Work Experience:** 40 years

**Educational Qualifications:**

PGDBM (Marketing & Finance), IMT Ghaziabad; Bachelor of Science, Delhi University

**Technology Expertise:** Big Data & Predictive Analytics, ERP, Financial & Vertical industry solutions

**Business & Management**

**Expertise:** Business Strategy & Transformation, Customer Support & Service Management, IT Strategy & Technology Management, Sales & Marketing Management

**Hobbies & Interests:** Badminton, Cooking, Cricket, Music, Photography, Reading Books, Running & Fitness



## JAYANT GUPTA

Executive Director - IS  
Hindustan Petroleum Corporation

**Industry:** Oil & Gas - Refining

**Organization Revenue (Rs.):** More than 25,000 cr

**Team Size:** 100 to 250 people

**Total Work Experience:** 40 years

**Educational Qualifications:**

M.Tech (Management & Systems), IIT Delhi; Bachelor of Science in Engineering (Electrical), Aligarh Muslim University

**Professional Certifications:** ITIL

**Technology Expertise:** AI & Machine Learning, Connectivity & Collaboration Management, Data Center Management, IT Security, Governance & Compliance

**Business & Management**

**Expertise:** Budgeting & Financial Management, Business Strategy

& Transformation, IT Strategy & Technology Management, Project & Program Management

**Hobbies & Interests:** Football, Golf

**Favorite Book or Movie:** In Pursuit of Happiness

**My Ambition or Dream is to:** See smiling faces all around me.



## ANAND HADGAONKAR

Chief Information Officer - Asia  
Whirlpool Corporation

**Industry:** Manufacturing - Consumer Goods

**Organization Revenue (Rs.):** 5,000 to 10,000 cr

**Team Size:** 100 to 250 people

**Total Work Experience:** 29 years

**Educational Qualifications:**

Master of Management Studies, Bachelor of Electronics & Telecommunication Engineering

**Technology Expertise:**

Application Development & Management, Business Analytics & Big Data, Cloud Services, Connectivity & Collaboration Management, IT Asset & Infrastructure Management, IT Compliance and Risk Management

**Business & Management**

**Expertise:** Budgeting & Financial Management, Customer Support & Service Management, Human Resources & Talent Management, IT Strategy & Planning, Manufacturing Management, Operations Management

**Hobbies & Interests:** Badminton, Hiking, Table Tennis, Travel

**Favorite Book or Movie:**

Bhagwad Gita

**My Ambition or Dream is to:**

Live every day with happiness.



## RAJEEV JORAPUR

Head - MIS  
 Bajaj Auto

**Industry:** Manufacturing - Auto

**Organization Revenue (Rs.):** More than 25,000 cr

**Team Size:** 100 to 250 people

**Total Work Experience:** 35 years

**Educational Qualifications:**

Bachelor of Technology (Chemical), IIT Mumbai

**Professional Certifications:**

Certified Self Empowerment Coach, Life Coach Certification Group (International Coaching Federation approved)

**Technology Expertise:** Advanced Analytics & Enterprise Data Management, Process Mining, IT Compliance and Risk Management

**Business & Management**

**Expertise:** Digital & IT Strategy, Business & Consumer Insights, Smart Manufacturing, Digital Operations, Supply Chain Management, Competency Building

**Hobbies & Interests:** Hiking, Running, Travel, Yoga

**Favorite Book or Movie:**

Leading from the Back to Achieve the Impossible by Ravi Kant, Harry Paul & Ross Reck

**My Ambition or Dream is to:**

Live an inspired life.



## SUDHIR KANVINDE

Chief Information Officer  
 Supreme Industries

**Industry:** Manufacturing - Plastics

**Organization Revenue (Rs.):** 10,000 to 25,000 cr

**Team Size:** 50 to 100 people

**Total Work Experience:** 30 years

**Educational Qualifications:**

Bachelor of Engineering (Electronics); DIE

**Professional Certifications:**

Recipient of Digital India Award 2020, from the Hon. President of India

**Technology Expertise:** ERP, AI & Machine Learning, Internet of Things (IoT), Intelligent Tunnel Control Systems

**Business & Management**

**Expertise:** IT Strategy & Technology Management

**Hobbies & Interests:** Music, Reading & Books, Table tennis, Hockey

**Favorite Book or Movie:** God Must Be Crazy

**My Ambition or Dream is to:**

Contribute in my field of expertise, and make a meaningful impact.





## KAMAL KARNATAK

Group Chief Information Officer & Senior Vice President  
RJ Corp

**Industry:** Manufacturing - Food & Beverages

**Organization Revenue (Rs.):**  
10,000 to 25,000 cr

**Team Size:** 100 to 250 people

**Total Work Experience:** 26 years

**Educational Qualifications:**

PhD from IIT Delhi; Masters in Management Studies; Bachelors in Engineering & Technology

**Professional Certifications:** AI-ML

Certification, IIT Kanpur; Global CIO Certification, ISB; Information Technology Infrastructure Library (ITIL); Certificate of Data Privacy Protection (India)[CDPPI]

**Technology Expertise:** AI & Machine Learning, Data Science, NLP, Internet of Things (IoT), Data

Privacy, Business Analytics & Big Data, Data Center Management

**Business & Management**

**Expertise:** Strategy & Planning, Manufacturing Management, Project & Program Management, Training & Education, Vendor Management

**Hobbies & Interests:** Hiking, Reading Books, Running, Social Service, Teaching & Education, Theater & Performing Arts

**Favorite Book or Movie:** The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People by Stephen Covey

**My Ambition or Dream is to:** Be in a position where I can help others in positive ways.



## VINAY AVADHUT KHARGONKAR

Vice President & Head - Corporate IT  
Larsen & Toubro

**Industry:** Construction & Infrastructure - Projects

**Organization Revenue (Rs.):** More than 25,000 cr

**Team Size:** 25 to 50 people

**Total Work Experience:** 35 years

**Educational Qualifications:**

Bachelor of Engineering (Electronics), Sardar Vallabhbhai National Institute of Technology

**Professional Certifications:**

Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA); Executive management courses from Ross School of Management & Harvard Business School

**Technology Expertise:** AI & Machine Learning, Business Intelligence & Data Warehousing,

Data Backup, DR & Business Continuity, Data Center Management, Human Computer Interfaces (Voice chat bots, etc.)

**Business & Management**

**Expertise:** IT Strategy - Planning & Execution, Technology & People Leadership, IT Operations Management, IT Project & Program Management, Cybersecurity & Compliance

**Hobbies & Interests:** Reading Books, Jogging, Spirituality

**Favorite Book or Movie:** Books on Self-help

**My Ambition or Dream is to:** Leave a legacy behind.





## VINOD KHODE

Group CIO & Senior Vice President  
Varroc

**Industry:** Manufacturing - Auto Ancillaries

**Organization Revenue (Rs.):** 5,000 to 10,000 cr

**Team Size:** 50 to 100 people

**Total Work Experience:** 35 years

**Educational Qualifications:** Master of Business Administration (MIS), Newport University; Bachelor of Science, Nagpur University

**Professional Certifications:** Honours Diploma from NIIT

**Technology Expertise:** Application Development & Management, DevOps, Testing, Business Intelligence & Data Warehousing, Cloud

implementation & Management, Data Backup, DR and Business Continuity

**Business & Management**

**Expertise:** Business Strategy & Transformation, Customer Support & Service Management, Strategy & Technology Management, Project & Program Management, Sales & Marketing Management

**Hobbies & Interests:** Music, Reading Books, Table tennis, DIY

**Favorite Book or Movie:** Barking Up the Wrong Tree by Eric Barker

**My Ambition or Dream is to:** Develop at least 25 IT professionals for leadership positions.



## AMAL KRISHNA

Chief Digital & Technology Officer  
Oil & Natural Gas Corporation

**Industry:** Oil & Gas - Exploration

**Organization Revenue (Rs.):** More than 50,000 cr

**Team Size:** 100 to 250 people

**Total Work Experience:** 34 years

**Educational Qualifications:** Bachelor of Technology (Electronics)

**Professional Certifications:** Project Management Professional (PMP)

**Technology Expertise:** AI & Machine Learning, Big Data & Predictive Analytics, Data backup, DR and Business Continuity, Data Center Management, IT Asset & Infrastructure Management

**Business & Management**

**Expertise:** Business Strategy & Transformation, Customer Support & Service Management, IT Strategy & Technology Management, Project & Program Management

**Hobbies & Interests:** Cricket, Music, Photography, Table tennis

**Favorite Book or Movie:** 3 Idiots

**My Ambition or Dream is to:** Become a recognized leader in IT and digital through lasting societal contributions.



## AASHISH KSHETRY

Chief Information Officer & Senior Vice President  
Asian Paints

**Industry:** Manufacturing - Paints

**Organization Revenue (Rs.):**  
25,000 to 50,000 cr

**Team Size:** More than 250 people

**Total Work Experience:** 33 years

**Educational Qualifications:**  
MBA; Bachelor of Engineering  
(Computer Science)

**Technology Expertise:** Cloud  
Implementation & Management,  
Connectivity & Collaboration  
Management, Data Center  
Management, IT Operations  
Management, Supply Chain &  
Advanced Planning solutions

**Business & Management**

**Expertise:** Budgeting & Financial  
Management, Business Strategy  
& Transformation, Customer

Support & Service Management,  
IT Strategy & Technology  
Management, Project & Program  
Management, Supply Chain &  
Vendor Management

**Hobbies & Interests:** Running &  
Fitness, Television, Travel

**Favorite Book or Movie:** Outliers  
by Malcom Gladwell

**My Ambition or Dream is to:** Keep  
driving change in organizations  
using technology solutions and  
building new business models.



## ANJANI KUMAR

Chief Technology Officer & Executive Vice President  
Tata AIG General Insurance Company

**Industry:** BFSI - Insurance

**Organization Revenue (Rs.):**  
10,000 to 25,000 cr

**Team Size:** More than 250 people

**Total Work Experience:** 25 years

**Educational Qualifications:**  
Post Graduate Executive  
Management Program,  
Indiana University, Bachelor of  
Engineering (Mechanical)

**Professional Certifications:**  
Business of AI from LSE, UK

**Technology Expertise:** AI &  
Machine Learning, Application  
Development & Management,  
Business Intelligence &  
Data Warehousing, Cloud  
Implementation & Management,

Internet of Things (IoT), Mobile  
applications, Web & E-commerce

**Business & Management**

**Expertise:** Budgeting & Financial  
Management, Business Strategy  
& Transformation, IT Strategy &  
Technology Management, Project  
& Program Management

**Hobbies & Interests:** Reading  
Books, Running & Fitness, Travel

**Favorite Book or Movie:** Atomic  
Habits by James Clear

**My Ambition or Dream is to:**  
Improve lives in my home town.



## ASHISH MATHUR

Former Group CIO  
ECU Worldwide

**Industry:** Services -  
Transportation & Logistics

**Team Size:** Less than 10 people

**Total Work Experience:** 35 years

**Educational Qualifications:**  
MBA from XLRI; Bachelor of  
Engineering from BIT

**Professional Certifications:**  
Associate Member of the Institute  
of Engineers

**Technology Expertise:**  
Application Development  
& Management, DevOps,  
Testing, Big Data & Predictive  
Analytics, Business Intelligence  
& Data Warehousing, Cloud  
Implementation & Management

**Business & Management  
Expertise:** Budgeting & Financial

Management, Business Strategy  
& Transformation, Customer  
Support & Service Management,  
Human Resources & Talent  
Management, IT Strategy &  
Technology Management, Project  
& Program Management

**Hobbies & Interests:** Cricket,  
Music, Reading Books, Theater &  
Performing Arts, Travel

**Favorite Book or Movie:** The  
Shawshank Redemption

**My Ambition or Dream is to:** Make  
planet Earth liveable for future  
generations.



## SANJAY MORALWAR

Global Chief Information Officer & Senior General  
Manager - IT, Zydus Lifesciences

**Industry:** Manufacturing -  
Pharmaceuticals

**Organization Revenue (Rs.):** 5,000  
to 10,000 cr

**Team Size:** 100 to 250 people

**Total Work Experience:** 30 years

**Educational Qualifications:**  
Master of Electronics; Bachelor of  
Physics

**Professional Certifications:**  
Information Technology  
Infrastructure Library (ITIL)v4  
Certification

**Technology Expertise:** Cloud  
Services, Connectivity &  
Collaboration Management,  
Data Center Management, DR &  
Business Continuity, IT Asset &

Infrastructure Management, IT  
Compliance & Risk Management

**Business & Management  
Expertise:** Budgeting & Financial  
Management, IT Strategy  
& Planning, Manufacturing  
Management, Project & Program  
Management, Vendor Management

**Hobbies & Interests:** Cooking,  
Cricket, Football, Music, Travel

**Favorite Book or Movie:** Atlas  
Shrugged by Ayn Rand

**My Ambition or Dream is to:** Stay  
simple and deliver 100%.



## AVINASH NAIK

Chief Information Officer  
Bajaj Allianz General Insurance Company

**Industry:** BFSI - Insurance

**Organization Revenue (Rs.):** More than 25,000 cr

**Team Size:** More than 250 people

**Total Work Experience:** 24 years

**Educational Qualifications:**  
Bachelor of Engineering

**Professional Certifications:**  
Project Management Professional (PMP)

**Technology Expertise:**  
Application Development & Management, Cloud Implementation & Management, IT Operations Management, IT Security, Governance & Compliance

**Business & Management**

**Expertise:** Digital Strategy & Transformation, IT Strategy & Technology Management, Project & Program Management

**Hobbies & Interests:** Music, Reading Books, Running & Fitness, Tennis, Travel

**Favorite Book or Movie:** Thinking, Fast and Slow by Daniel Kahneman

**My Ambition or Dream is to:**  
Make significant contributions and positive impact to my organization, industry, and the community.



## RUPESH NAIN

Chief Information Officer & Senior Vice President  
Adani Enterprises

**Industry:** Mining & Metals - Minerals

**Organization Revenue (Rs.):** More than 25,000 cr

**Team Size:** 100 to 250 people

**Total Work Experience:** 30 years

**Educational Qualifications:**  
MBA, UBI Business School; MCA, Kurukshetra University; BS, University College, Kurukshetra

**Professional Certifications:**  
Digital Luminary Program, SB; Digital Business Strategy, IIMB; Leadership Practicum, ISB; Senior Management Program, IIM B; AI/ML Certification, IIT K

**Technology Expertise:**  
Technology Evaluation & Selection, Digital Workspace, Connectivity & Collaboration

Management, ERP, Cloud Computing, Mobility, E-commerce

**Business & Management**

**Expertise:** Enterprise IT Strategy & Planning, Digital Transformation, Budgeting & Financial Management, Portfolio Management, Customer Centricity, Change Management, Talent & People Management

**Hobbies & Interests:** Reading Books, Driving, Music, Sports, Mentoring

**Favorite Book or Movie:** The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People by Stephen Covey

**My Ambition or Dream is to:**  
Contribute meaningfully and sustainably to my organization, country and society at large.





## ASHISH PANDEY

Global Chief Information Officer  
 Dabur India

**Industry:** Manufacturing - Consumer Products

**Organization Revenue (Rs.):** 10,000 to 25,000 cr

**Team Size:** 100 to 250 people

**Total Work Experience:** 18 years

**Educational Qualifications:** M.Tech in Design; Bachelor of Engineering

**Technology Expertise:** AI & Machine Learning, DevOps, Testing, Big Data & Predictive Analytics, Business Intelligence & Data Warehousing, Internet of Things (IoT)

**Business & Management**

**Expertise:** Digital Transformation, Budgeting & Financial Management, Business Strategy

& Transformation, Customer Support & Service Management, Financial Management

**Hobbies & Interests:** Reading Books, Television

**Favorite Book or Movie:** The Negotiator by Frederick Forsyth

**My Ambition or Dream is to:** Do something which supports the livelihood and dreams of at least 1000 people.



## RANJITH RADHAKRISHNAN

Advisor - Technology & former Chief Information Officer  
 TVS Motor Company

**Industry:** Manufacturing - Auto

**Organization Revenue (Rs.):** 10,000 to 25,000 cr

**Team Size:** 100 to 250 people

**Total Work Experience:** 30 years

**Educational Qualifications:** Advanced Management Program, IIM Bangalore; Master of Systems & Information, BITS Pilani; Bachelor of Engineering (Production Engineering)

**Professional Certifications:** Advanced Management Program

**Technology Expertise:** Connectivity & Collaboration Management, Data Center Management, ERP, Financial

& Vertical Industry Solutions, IT Operations Management, IT Security, Governance & Compliance

**Business & Management**

**Expertise:** Customer Support & Service Management, IT Strategy & Technology Management, Project & Program Management, Supply Chain & Vendor Management

**Hobbies & Interests:** Football, Travel

**Favorite Book or Movie:** Thinking Fast and Slow by Daniel Kahneman



## AJAY RAMBAL

Head - IT  
 LG Electronics India

**Industry:** Manufacturing -  
 Consumer Goods

**Organization Revenue (Rs.):**  
 10,000 to 25,000 cr

**Team Size:** 25 to 50 people

**Total Work Experience:** 30 years

**Educational Qualifications:**  
 Bachelors in Computer  
 Applications

**Technology Expertise:** Business  
 Intelligence & Data Warehousing,  
 Data Center Management, IT Asset  
 & Infrastructure Management, IT  
 Compliance & Risk Management,  
 IT Innovation, IT Operations  
 Management

**Business & Management**

**Expertise:** Budgeting & Financial  
 Management, Customer Support &  
 Service Management, IT Strategy  
 & Planning, Project & Program  
 Management, Vendor Management

**Hobbies & Interests:** Music, Travel

**Favorite Book or Movie:** Money  
 Ball by Michael Lewis

**My Ambition or Dream is to:** Be a  
 successful person.



## SHANKAR RAO

Chief Information Officer & Vice President  
 Bosch

**Industry:** Manufacturing - Auto  
 Ancillaries

**Organization Revenue (Rs.):**  
 10,000 to 25,000 cr

**Team Size:** 10 to 25 people

**Total Work Experience:** 28 years

**Educational Qualifications:** MBA  
 (MIS), Lindenwood University,  
 USA; Bachelor of Production  
 Engineering, BMSCE, Bangalore

**Professional Certifications:**  
 PMP, LCA in Information Security,  
 Advance Analytics

**Technology Expertise:** AI &  
 Machine Learning, ERP, Financial  
 & Vertical Industry Solutions

**Business & Management**

**Expertise:** Business Strategy &  
 Transformation

**Hobbies & Interests:** Cricket,  
 Reading Books, Television

**Favorite Book or Movie:** 12th Fail

**My Ambition or Dream is to:** Help  
 the under privileged.



## NITIN KUMAR ROHILLA

Chief Information Officer  
Adani Power

**Industry:** Energy & Power - Power Distribution

**Organization Revenue (Rs.):** More than 25,000 cr

**Team Size:** 50 to 100 people

**Total Work Experience:** 35 years

**Educational Qualifications:** MBA (IT & Systems), Delhi University; Bachelor of Technology (Electrical), NIT Kurukshetra

**Professional Certifications:** SAP Certified PLM consultant, Malcom Baldrige Assessor

**Technology Expertise:** AI & Machine Learning, Big Data & Predictive Analytics, Blockchain & Distributed Ledgers, Business

Intelligence & Data Warehousing, ERP, Financial & Vertical Industry Solutions, Human Computer Interfaces (Voice, chat bots, etc.)

**Business & Management**

**Expertise:** Business Strategy & Transformation, Customer Support & Service Management, IT Strategy & Technology Management, Project & Program Management

**Hobbies & Interests:** Cricket, Running & Fitness, Table tennis, Teaching & Education

**Favorite Book or Movie:** 3 idiots



## KRIPADYUTI SARKAR

Group Chief Information Officer  
Ambuja Neotia Group

**Industry:** Construction & Infrastructure - Real Estate

**Organization Revenue (Rs.):** 10,000 to 25,000 cr

**Team Size:** 10 to 25 people

**Total Work Experience:** 25 years

**Educational Qualifications:** MBA; BE in Electronics

**Professional Certifications:** Project Management Institute (PMI), SAP HANA, Salesforce Certification

**Technology Expertise:** AI & Machine Learning, Application Development & Management, DevOps, Testing, Business Intelligence & Data Warehousing,

Cloud Implementation & Management, Connectivity & Collaboration Management

**Business & Management**

**Expertise:** Budgeting & Financial Management, Business Strategy & Transformation, Customer Support & Service Management, IT Strategy & Technology Management, Project & Program Management

**Hobbies & Interests:** Cricket, Music, Travel

**Favorite Book or Movie:** The Matrix

**My Ambition or Dream is to:** Transform rural education via technology.





## PAWAN SATYAWALI

Global Chief Information Officer & Senior Vice President  
Tata Consumer Products

**Industry:** Manufacturing -  
Consumer Products

**Organization Revenue (Rs.):**  
10,000 to 25,000 cr

**Team Size:** 50 to 100 people

**Total Work Experience:** 29 years

**Educational Qualifications:** MBA

**Professional Certifications:** Six  
Sigma Black Belt

**Technology Expertise:**  
Application Development  
& Management, DevOps,  
Testing, Business Intelligence  
& Data Warehousing, Cloud  
Implementation & Management,  
Connectivity & Collaboration  
Management

**Business & Management  
Expertise:** Customer Support &

Service Management, IT Strategy  
& Technology Management

**Hobbies & Interests:** Badminton,  
Cricket, Travel

**Favorite Book or Movie:** Winning  
by Jack Welsh

**My Ambition or Dream is to:** Stay  
healthy and happy.



## RAHUL SHARMA

Chief Information Officer  
Tata Projects

**Industry:** Construction &  
Infrastructure - Projects

**Organization Revenue (Rs.):**  
10,000 to 25,000 cr

**Team Size:** 100 to 250 people

**Total Work Experience:** 30 years

**Educational Qualifications:**  
Bachelor of Engineering; Masters  
(Construction Management);  
Honors Diploma (Software  
Technology and Systems  
Management)

**Professional Certifications:**  
Certified Lead Auditor

**Technology Expertise:** AI &  
Machine Learning, Big Data &  
Predictive Analytics, Business  
Intelligence & Data Warehousing,  
Connectivity & Collaboration

Management, ERP, IT Operations  
Management

**Business & Management  
Expertise:** Business Strategy &  
Transformation, IT Strategy &  
Technology Management, Project  
& Program Management, Strategic  
Sales, Mergers & Acquisitions,  
Business Operations, Corporate  
Social Responsibility

**Hobbies & Interests:** Automobiles  
& Motorcycles, Music, Reading  
Books, Social Service

**My Ambition or Dream is  
to:** Leverage technological  
advancements to bridge the  
digital divide in India, and promote  
access to information and digital  
services even in remote and  
underserved areas of the country.





## GOVIND SINGH

Group CIO & Executive Director  
 Dalmia Bharat

**Industry:** Manufacturing - Cement

**Organization Revenue (Rs.):**  
 10,000 to 25,000 cr

**Team Size:** 100 to 250 people

**Total Work Experience:** 35 years

**Educational Qualifications:** MBA  
 (Information Management)

**Professional Certifications:** SAP,  
 Network, IT Security

**Technology Expertise:**  
 Application Development &  
 Management, Cloud Computing,  
 Data Management, Databases,  
 SAP, Business Intelligence

**Business & Management  
 Expertise:** Strategic Planning,

Stakeholder Management, Budget  
 Management, Collaboration/  
 Communication, Risk & Change  
 Management, Team Management,  
 Audit & Compliance

**Hobbies & Interests:** Long Drives,  
 Photography

**Favorite Book or Movie:**  
 Interstellar

**My Ambition or Dream is to:**  
 Pursue farming and flower  
 cultivation.



## UMACHARAN SINGH

Chief Information Officer  
 CEAT

**Industry:** Manufacturing - Tyres

**Organization Revenue (Rs.):** More  
 than 10,000 cr

**Team Size:** 100 to 250 people

**Total Work Experience:** 25 years

**Educational Qualifications:** PGCM,  
 XLRI; BE in Computer Science,  
 NIT-Prayagraj

**Technology Expertise:** Business  
 Analytics, Big Data, Cloud  
 Services, IT Innovation, IT Security

**Business & Management  
 Expertise:** Customer Support  
 & Service Management, Human  
 Resources & Talent Management,  
 IT Strategy & Planning,  
 Manufacturing Management

**Hobbies & Interests:** Football,  
 Theater & Performing Arts

**Favorite Book or Movie:** New  
 Human Revolution by Dr. Daisaku  
 Ikeda

**My Ambition or Dream is  
 to:** Continue to work for the  
 happiness of people by activating  
 inherent goodness in their lives  
 on the principles of Daishonn's  
 Buddhism.



## DHEERAJ SINHA

Global CIO & Executive Vice President  
Sun Pharmaceutical Industries

**Industry:** Manufacturing -  
Pharmaceuticals

**Organization Revenue (Rs.):** More  
than 25,000 cr

**Team Size:** More than 250 people

**Total Work Experience:** 35 years

**Educational Qualifications:**

MBA, Management Development  
Institute; Bachelors in Technology,  
Birla Institute of Technology,  
Mesra

**Professional Certifications:**

Strategic Leadership Program,  
Brown University; Management  
Certification Course, IMD  
Lausanne, Switzerland on  
'Orchestrating Winning  
Performances'

**Technology Expertise:** IT

Operations Management, IT  
Project & Program Management,  
IT Security, Technology Evaluation  
& Selection

**Business & Management**

**Expertise:** IT Strategy & Planning,  
Project & Program Management,  
Supply Chain Management

**Hobbies & Interests:** Gadgets,  
Television, Automobiles, Football,  
Table tennis, Chess

**Favorite Book or Movie:** Pearl  
Harbor

**My Ambition or Dream is to:**

Be able to provide inputs and  
influence kids to become good and  
complete human beings having  
the right values.



## REJIN SURENDRAN

Global Chief Information Officer  
Wipro Enterprises

**Industry:** Manufacturing -  
Consumer Goods

**Organization Revenue (Rs.):**  
10,000 to 25,000 cr

**Team Size:** 100 to 250 people

**Total Work Experience:** 23 years

**Educational Qualifications:**

Master of Management; Bachelor  
of Technology

**Technology Expertise:** AI &  
Machine Learning, Big Data  
& Predictive Analytics, Cloud  
Implementation & Management,  
ERP, Financial & Vertical Industry  
Solutions, Internet of Things (IoT),  
IT Security

**Business & Management**

**Expertise:** Budgeting & Financial  
Management, Business Strategy

& Transformation, Financial  
Management, Human Resources  
& Talent Management, Project  
& Program Management, Supply  
Chain & Vendor Management

**Hobbies & Interests:** Hiking,  
Music, Reading Books, Gardening

**Favorite Book or Movie:** What Got  
You Here Won't Get You There by  
Marshall Goldsmith

**My Ambition or Dream is to:** Use  
technology for doing good.



## CHETAN TRIVEDI

Global Chief Information Officer  
 SLT Digital (Vedanta Hindustan Zinc)

**Industry:** Mining & Metals - Zinc Management, IT Innovation

**Organization Revenue (Rs.):** More than 25,000 cr

**Team Size:** 100 to 250 people

**Total Work Experience:** 30 years

**Educational Qualifications:** Bachelors in Engineering & Technology; PG Diploma (Data Science)

**Professional Certifications:** Global CIO Certification from ISB-Hyderabad; Certified Blockchain Expert

**Technology Expertise:** IT & Digital Strategy, Digital Transformation, Application Development & Management, BI & Data Warehousing, Data Center Management, IT Innovation

**Business & Management Expertise:** Budgeting & Financial Management, Customer Support & Service Management, IT Strategy & Planning, Project & Program Management, Supply Chain Management, Stakeholders Management, Organization Change Management

**Hobbies & Interests:** Astrology, Badminton, Cycling, Movies, Reading Books, Travel

**My Ambition or Dream is to:** Associate and contribute to a large-scale social impact initiative.



## RAJESH UPPAL

Member - Executive Committee  
 Maruti Suzuki India

**Industry:** Manufacturing - Auto Management, IT Project & Program Management, Website & E-commerce Management

**Organization Revenue (Rs.):** More than 25,000 cr

**Team Size:** More than 250 people

**Total Work Experience:** 40 years

**Educational Qualifications:** Bachelor of Engineering (Hons) (Mechanical), Thapar Institute of Engineering & Technology, Patiala, 1981

**Professional Certifications:** Global CIO Certification

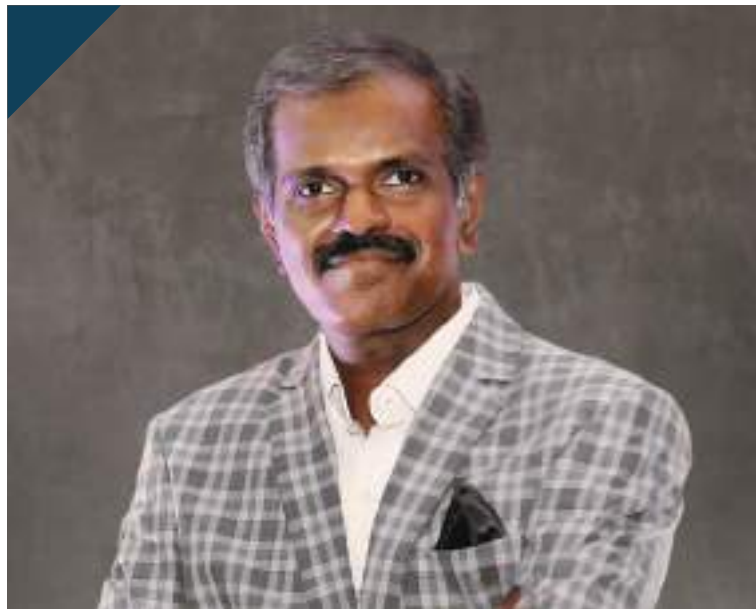
**Technology Expertise:** Application Development & Management, IT Innovation, IT Operations Management, IT Compliance & Risk

**Business & Management Expertise:** IT Strategy & Planning, Training & Education, Supply Chain Management

**Hobbies & Interests:** Reading Books, Gadgets

**Favorite Book or Movie:** The Future is Faster than You Think by Peter H, Diamandis & Steven Kotler

**My Ambition or Dream is to:** Contribute significantly to the society and its development.



## SENDIL KUMAR VENKATESAN

Chief Technology Officer  
Shriram Capital

**Industry:** BFSI - NBFC

**Organization Revenue (Rs.):**  
More than 50,000 cr

**Team Size:** 100 to 250 people

**Total Work Experience:** 30 years

**Educational Qualifications:**

MBA, Annamalai University;  
Bachelors in Computer Science,  
Bharthiar University; Executive  
Program in Business Management,  
IIM Calcutta

**Professional Certifications:**

Executive Program in Business  
Management

**Technology Expertise:** Cloud  
Implementation & Management,  
Connectivity & Collaboration  
Management, Data backup, DR  
and Business Continuity, Data

Center Management, IT Asset &  
Infrastructure Management

**Business & Management**

**Expertise:** Human Resources &  
Talent Management, IT Strategy &  
Technology Management, Project  
& Program Management

**Hobbies & Interests:**

Music, Photography, Television,  
Travel

**Favorite Book or Movie:**

Ikigai by Francesc Miralles and  
Hector Garcia

**My Ambition or Dream is to:**

Become a CEO.



## ANNAPURNA VISHWANATHAN

Chief Information Officer  
Cummins India

**Industry:** Manufacturing - Auto  
Ancillaries

**Organization Revenue (Rs.):** 5,000  
to 10,000 cr

**Team Size:** More than 250 people

**Total Work Experience:** 18 years

**Educational Qualifications:**

MBA, IIT Delhi; Bachelor of  
Engineering (Electronics)

**Technology Expertise:** ERP,

Financial & Vertical Industry  
Solutions, Internet of Things  
(IoT), IT Operations Management,  
IT Security, Governance &  
Compliance

**Business & Management**

**Expertise:** Business Strategy &  
Transformation, Human Resources  
& Talent Management, IT Strategy  
& Technology Management,  
Project & Program Management

**Hobbies & Interests:** Reading

Books, Running & Fitness, Travel





## NEETI WAHI

Chief Digital & Information Officer  
Indus Towers

**Industry:** Telecommunications - Towers

**Organization Revenue (Rs.):** 25,000 to 50,000 cr

**Team Size:** 50 to 100 people

**Total Work Experience:** 24 years

**Educational Qualifications:** MBA

**Professional Certifications:** Six Sigma Certified, Certified Scrum Master

**Technology Expertise:** Application Development & Management, Business Intelligence & Data Warehousing, IT Strategy & Architecture, DR and Business Continuity, IT Service Management, IT Security

**Business & Management Expertise:** Budgeting & Financial

Management, Business Strategy & Transformation, Process Re-engineering, Financial Management, IT Strategy & Technology Management, Project & Program Management

**Hobbies & Interests:** Reading Books, Fitness & Yoga, Teaching & Education, Travel

**Favorite Book or Movie:** No Rules Rules by Erin Meyer & Reed Hastings

**My Ambition or Dream is to:** Build an O&M setup that runs 100% on technology. And, to run a full marathon.



## YOGESH ZOPE

Chief Digital Officer & Senior Vice President  
Bharat Forge (Kalyani Group)

**Industry:** Manufacturing - Auto Ancillaries

**Organization Revenue (Rs.):** 5,000 to 10,000 cr

**Team Size:** 100 to 250 people

**Total Work Experience:** 31 years

**Educational Qualifications:** MS in Engineering Business Management, Warwick University; Bachelor of Engineering (Computers), Pune University

**Professional Certifications:** Global CIO, ISB, Hyderabad; CIO Certification on Business Innovation & Governance, ISB, Hyderabad; Strategic IT Management for CIOs, IIM, Ahmedabad; Leading Digital Transformation, IIM, Bangalore

**Technology Expertise:** Industry

4.0, BI & Data Warehousing, Data Backup, UR & BCP, Data Center Management, Database Management & Administration

**Business & Management Expertise:** IT Strategy & Planning, Project & Program Management, Budgeting & Financial Management, Human Resources & Talent Management, Sales Management

**Hobbies & Interests:** Reading Books, Music, Photography, Social Service

**Favorite Book or Movie:** Life is Beautiful by Roberto Benigni

**My Ambition or Dream is to:** Become a passionate change agent in personal & professional life playing the role of catalyst.

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“The task of the leader is to get their people from where they are to where they have not been.

**Henry Kissinger**



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# BIHAG ACHARYA

Senior Deputy General Manager  
Larsen & Toubro

**Birthday:** 19-September

**Educational Qualifications:** Bachelor of Computer Science

**Technical Expertise:** Application Development & Deployment, Business Intelligence & Data Warehousing, Database Management & Administration, IT Strategy & Planning, Outsourcing Management, Technology Evaluation & Selection, Web Site Management

**Business & Management Expertise:** Budgeting & Financial Management, Customer Support & Service Management, Human Resources & Talent Management, IT Strategy & Planning, Operations Management, Project & Program Management, Vendor Management

**Work Experience:** 20 years

**Current Team Size:** 51 to 100 people

**Past Employment:** Deputy General Manager, Larsen & Toubro; Assistant General Manager, Larsen & Toubro; Senior Manager, Larsen & Toubro

**Hobbies & Interests:** Cricket, Table Tennis, Television

**Favorite Book or Movie:** The Last Poisoners of 6 by Neeraj Chawla

**Dream Vacation:** Austria

**Person I Admire:** PN Subramanian



# NIKITA AGARWAL

Senior Advisor  
IBM

**Birthday:** 03-September

**Educational Qualifications:** Master of Management Studies; Bachelor of Engineering & Technology

**Professional Certifications:** SAP HANA

**Technical Expertise:** Application Development & Deployment, IT Operations Management, IT Compliance and Risk Management, Outsourcing Management, Technology Evaluation & Selection, Training & Education, Vendor Management

**Business & Management Expertise:** Budgeting & Financial Management, Customer Support & Service Management, Human Resources & Talent Management, Operations Management, Project & Program

Management, Training & Education, Vendor Management

**Work Experience:** 8 years

**Current Team Size:** 6 to 10 people

**Past Employment:** Senior Manager, Dishman Pharmaceuticals & Chemicals; Project Manager, Baxter Pharmaceutical

**Hobbies & Interests:** Cooking, Gadgets, Photography, Table Tennis, Travel

**Favorite Book or Movie:** The Alchemist by Paulo Coelho

**Dream Vacation:** Las Vegas

**Person I Admire:** Indira Nooyi



# ASEEM AGRAWAL

Senior Manager - IT  
Asian Paints

**Birthday:** 08-March

**Educational Qualifications:** Master of Management Studies; Bachelor of Engineering & Technology

**Professional Certifications:** Internal Auditor Certification

**Technical Expertise:** Application Development & Deployment, IT Operations Management, IT Strategy & Planning, Technology Evaluation & Selection, Vendor Management, Web Site & E-commerce Management

**Business & Management Expertise:** Budgeting & Financial Management, Customer Support & Service Management, IT Strategy & Planning, Project & Program Management, Vendor Management

**Work Experience:** 11 years

**Current Team Size:** 11 to 15 people

**Past Employment:** Member - Technical Staff, Oracle

**Hobbies & Interests:** Badminton, Painting, Arts & Crafts, Reading Books, Table Tennis, Teaching & Education

**Favorite Book or Movie:** Tuesdays with Morrie by Mitch Albom

**Dream Vacation:** Switzerland

**Person I Admire:** Agatha Christie



# K ARULRAJ

Deputy Director - IT & Compliance  
 Mobius Knowledge Services

**Birthday:** 20-September

**Educational Qualifications:** Master of Business Studies; Bachelor of Business Studies; Diploma in Computer Applications

**Professional Certifications:** Certified Ethical Hacker (CEH), Information Technology Infrastructure Library (ITIL), Microsoft Certified Programmer (MCP)

**Technical Expertise:** Datacenter Management, IT Operations Management, IT Asset & Infrastructure Management, IT Compliance and Risk Management, IT Security & Security Operations, IT Strategy & Planning

**Business & Management Expertise:** Budgeting & Financial Management, Customer Support & Service Management, IT Strategy & Planning, Operations Management, Project & Program Management, Training & Education, Vendor Management

**Work Experience:** 24 years

**Current Team Size:** 21 to 50 people

**Past Employment:** Senior Manager - IT & Compliance, Mobius Knowledge Services; Manager - IT, Mobius Knowledge Services; Team Leader, String Information Services

**Hobbies & Interests:** Cricket, Cycling, Music, Social Service, Travel

**Favorite Book or Movie:** Ponniyin Selvan by Kalki Krishnamurthy

**Dream Vacation:** Paris

**Person I Admire:** Ratan Tata





# GAUTAM AVASTHI

Manager - Cyber Security Engineering  
IBM

**Birthday:** 16-November

**Educational Qualifications:** PG Diploma; Bachelor of Commerce

**Professional Certifications:** Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP)

**Technical Expertise:** Datacenter Management, IT Operations Management, IT Asset & Infrastructure Management, IT Security & Security Operations, IT Strategy & Planning, Outsourcing Management, Technology Evaluation & Selection

**Business & Management Expertise:** IT Strategy & Planning, Operations Management, Project & Program Management, Training & Education, Vendor Management

**Work Experience:** 20 years

**Current Team Size:** 11 to 15 people

**Past Employment:** Manager - SOC, DXC Technologies; Lead - IT Operation, IBM Daksh

**Hobbies & Interests:** Cricket, Hiking, Music, Reading Books, Running

**Favorite Book or Movie:** Journey Home by Radhanath Swami

**Dream Vacation:** Japan

**Person I Admire:** Bhakti Vedant Swami Prabhupad



# SACHIN BALI

Head - IT & Chief Information Security Officer  
 Azure Power

**Birthday:** 17-July

**Educational Qualifications:** Masters;  
 Bachelor of Commerce

**Professional Certifications:** Cisco  
 Certified Network Associate (CCNA),  
 MCSE, CIS, Information Technology  
 Infrastructure Library (ITIL), SAP

**Technical Expertise:** Disaster  
 Recovery & Business Continuity,  
 Datacenter Management, IT Operations  
 Management, IT Asset & Infrastructure  
 Management, IT Compliance and Risk  
 Management, IT Security & Security  
 Operations, IT Strategy & Planning

**Business & Management Expertise:**  
 Budgeting & Financial Management,  
 Customer Support & Service  
 Management, IT Strategy & Planning,

Operations Management, Project &  
 Program Management, Supply Chain  
 Management, Training & Education

**Work Experience:** 26 years

**Current Team Size:** 6 to 10 people

**Past Employment:** Deputy General  
 Manager - IT Infra & SAP, Towervision  
 India

**Hobbies & Interests:** Cricket, Music,  
 Gardening

**Favorite Book or Movie:** Who Moved My  
 Cheese? by Spencer Johnson

**Dream Vacation:** Europe

**Person I Admire:** Nitin Gadkari



# KALYANI BHADAURIA

Project Manager - IT  
Redaptive Services

**Birthday:** 31-May

**Educational Qualifications:** Master of Computer Applications; Bachelor of Computer Science

**Professional Certifications:** Project Management Professional (PMP)

**Technical Expertise:** Application Development & Deployment, Disaster Recovery & Business Continuity, IT Operations Management, IT Strategy & Planning, Technology Evaluation & Selection, Vendor Management

**Business & Management Expertise:** Budgeting & Financial Management, Customer Support & Service Management, IT Strategy & Planning, Operations Management, Project

& Program Management, Vendor Management

**Work Experience:** 16 years

**Current Team Size:** 1 to 5 people

**Past Employment:** Enterprise Application Manager, Redaptive Services; Senior Project Manager, Renault India; Deputy Manager, Maruti Suzuki India

**Hobbies & Interests:** Automobiles, Dance, Reading Books, Social Service, Travel

**Favorite Book or Movie:** Gaban by Munshi Premchand

**Dream Vacation:** Banaras

**Person I Admire:** Shail Bhadoria



# NIKUNJ BHAMBHA

Regional Head - IT & Project Head - Digital  
Transformation, Healthcare Global Enterprises

**Birthday:** 14-June

**Educational Qualifications:** Master of Engineering & Technology;  
Bachelor of Commerce

**Professional Certifications:** PRINCE2 Practitioner (Project  
Management), Information Technology Infrastructure Library (ITIL),  
Cisco Certified Network Associate (CCNA), Microsoft Certified  
Professional (MCP)

**Technical Expertise:** Application Development & Deployment,  
Disaster Recovery & Business Continuity, Connectivity, Telecom &  
Collaboration Management, IT Operations Management, IT Security  
& Security Operations, IT Strategy & Planning

**Business & Management Expertise:** Budgeting & Financial  
Management, Customer Support & Service Management, IT  
Strategy & Planning, Operations Management, Project & Program  
Management, Vendor Management

**Work Experience:** 18 years

**Current Team Size:** 21 to 50 people

**Past Employment:** Senior Manager, Altus Learning; Manager, TV18  
Broadcast

**Hobbies & Interests:** Cricket, Gadgets, Politics, Running, Travel

**Dream Vacation or Destination:** Europe

**Person I Admire:** Mahatma Gandhi







# ATISH BHANUSHALI

Senior Vice President - IT & Head - Cloud Infra and Devops, HDFC Bank

**Birthday:** 22-January

**Educational Qualifications:** PG Diploma in E-Business; Diploma in Computer Technology

**Professional Certifications:** Google Cloud Certified Cloud Digital Leader, Microsoft Certified Azure Administrator Associate

**Technical Expertise:** Disaster Recovery & Business Continuity, Datacenter Management, IT Security & Security Operations, IT Strategy & Planning, Network Operations Centre (NOC) Management, Outsourcing Management, Technology Evaluation & Selection

**Business & Management Expertise:** Budgeting & Financial Management, Customer Support & Service Management, IT Strategy & Planning, Project & Program Management, Training & Education, Vendor Management

**Work Experience:** 21 years

**Current Team Size:** 51 to 100 people

**Past Employment:** Senior Vice President & Head - IT Infrastructure, Yes Securities; Vice President & Head - DC Infrastructure, IDFC FIRST Bank; Associate Vice President - IT, Kotak Mahindra Bank

**Hobbies & Interests:** Cycling, Table Tennis, Swimming

**Favorite Book or Movie:** 3 Idiots

**Dream Vacation:** Europe

**Person I Admire:** Ramesh Lakshminarayanan



# MANOJ KUMAR BHARDWAJ

Head - IT Infrastructure & Cloud  
 HPCL-Mittal Energy

**Birthday:** 09-May

**Educational Qualifications:** Bachelor of Computer Science

**Professional Certifications:** Project Management Professional (PMP), Information Technology Infrastructure Library (ITIL)

**Technical Expertise:** Disaster Recovery & Business Continuity, Datacenter Management, Connectivity, Telecom & Collaboration Management, IT Operations Management, IT Compliance and Risk Management, IT Security & Security Operations

**Business & Management Expertise:** Budgeting & Financial Management, Customer Support & Service Management, IT Strategy & Planning,

Operations Management, Project & Program Management

**Work Experience:** 21 years

**Current Team Size:** 1 to 5 people

**Past Employment:** Head - Project Management IT Infra, Stmicroelectronics; Customer Support Engineer, Computer Clinic India

**Hobbies & Interests:** Badminton, Cooking, Cricket, Travel

**Favorite Book or Movie:** The Shiva Trilogy by Amish Tripathi

**Dream Vacation:** Zambia

**Person I Admire:** Narendra Modi



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“A genuine leader is not a searcher for consensus but a molder of consensus.”

**Martin Luther King Jr**



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BHATIA

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# CHARANJIT BHATIA

Head - Cyber Security CoE  
Bata Brands SA

**Birthday:** 04-May

**Educational Qualifications:** Master of Management Studies; Bachelor of Engineering & Technology

**Professional Certifications:** Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA)

**Technical Expertise:** Datacenter Management, IT Operations Management, IT Asset & Infrastructure Management, IT Compliance and Risk Management, IT Security & Security Operations, IT Strategy & Planning, Technology Evaluation & Selection

**Business & Management Expertise:** Budgeting & Financial Management, IT Strategy & Planning, Operations Management, Project & Program Management, Training & Education, Vendor Management

**Work Experience:** 22 years

**Current Team Size:** 6 to 10 people

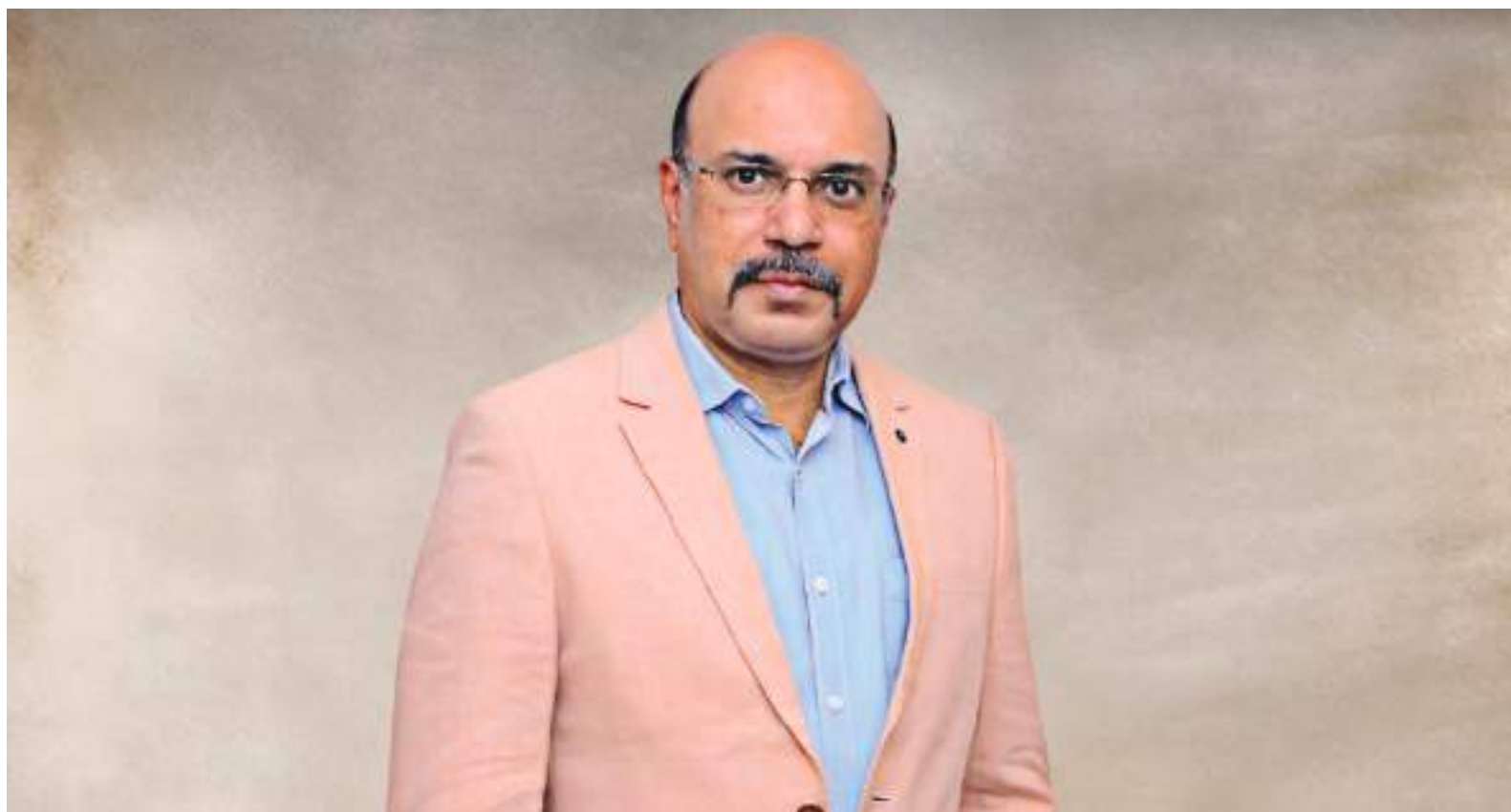
**Past Employment:** Department Manager - IT (GRC), Honda Motorcycle & Scooter India; Project Manager, BT Group

**Hobbies & Interests:** Automobiles, Cricket, Music, Photography, Television

**Favorite Book or Movie:** Gulliver's Travels by Jonathan Swift

**Dream Vacation:** Europe

**Person I Admire:** Narendra Modi



# ABHIJIT CHAKRAVARTY

Executive Vice President  
Kotak Mahindra Bank

**Birthday:** 22-March

**Educational Qualifications:**  
Bachelor of Engineering & Technology

**Technical Expertise:** IT Asset & Infrastructure Management, IT Compliance & Risk Management, IT Security & Security Operations, IT Strategy & Planning, Network Operations Centre (NOC) Management, Technology Evaluation & Selection, Vendor Management

**Business & Management Expertise:** Budgeting & Financial Management, Customer Support & Service Management, IT Strategy & Planning, Operations Management, Project & Program Management, Training & Education, Vendor Management

**Work Experience:** 30 years

**Current Team Size:** 101 to 200 people

**Past Employment:** Senior Vice President, HDFC Bank; Vice President - Infrastructure Services, Axis Bank; Head - Projects & Service Delivery, Reliance Jio Infocomm

**Hobbies & Interests:** Badminton, Cooking, Music, Reading Books, Teaching & Education

**Favorite Book or Movie:** Art of War by Sun Tzu

**Dream Vacation:** Switzerland

**Person I Admire:** Sam Manekshaw



# ROHIT CHAMOLI

Senior Technical Manager - Cloud Solutions  
Wipro Technologies

**Birthday:** 06-February

**Educational Qualifications:** Bachelor of Engineering & Technology

**Professional Certifications:** Project Management Professional (PMP), Information Technology Infrastructure Library (ITIL)

**Technical Expertise:** Disaster Recovery & Business Continuity, Datacenter Management, IT Operations Management, IT Asset & Infrastructure Management, IT Compliance and Risk Management, IT Security & Security Operations, Web Site & E-commerce Management

**Business & Management Expertise:** Budgeting & Financial Management, Customer Support & Service

Management, IT Strategy & Planning, Operations Management, Project & Program Management, Vendor Management

**Work Experience:** 16 years

**Current Team Size:** 6 to 10 people

**Past Employment:** Manager - ICT, Ericsson India Global Services; Enterprise Network Lead, Bharti Airtel

**Hobbies & Interests:** Cooking, Music, Politics, Social Service, Travel

**Favorite Book or Movie:** You are Born to Blossom by Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam and Arun Tiwari

**Dream Vacation:** Maldives

**Person I Admire:** My Mother



# GUNJAN DHIRAJ DEDHIA

Deputy Vice President  
SBFC Finance

**Birthday:** 02-May

**Educational Qualifications:** Advanced Management Program for Corporate Leaders (AMPCL-04), IIM-Indore; Master of Engineering & Technology; Bachelor of Commerce

**Technical Expertise:** Application Development & Deployment, Business Intelligence & Data Warehousing, IT Compliance and Risk Management, IT Strategy & Planning, Technology Evaluation & Selection, Vendor Management, Web Site & E-commerce Management

**Business & Management Expertise:** Budgeting & Financial Management, Customer Support & Service Management, Human Resources & Talent Management, IT Strategy & Planning, Operations Management, Project & Program Management, Vendor Management

**Work Experience:** 12 years

**Current Team Size:** 16 to 20 people

**Past Employment:** Manager, Kotak Mahindra Bank; Deputy Manager, Axis Bank; Assistant Manager, HDFC Bank

**Hobbies & Interests:** Football, Gadgets, Hiking, Photography, Running

**Favorite Book or Movie:** Originals by Adam Grant

**Dream Vacation:** Switzerland

**Person I Admire:** Ratan Tata





# GAURAV DEMIWAL

Associate Vice President  
Genpact India

**Birthday:** 18-October

**Educational Qualifications:** Master of Computer Applications; PG Diploma in Management Studies; Bachelor of Commerce; Diploma in Engineering & Technology

**Professional Certifications:** Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer (MCSE), Certified Scrum Master, Information Technology Infrastructure Library (ITIL)

**Technical Expertise:** Disaster Recovery & Business Continuity, IT Strategy & Planning, Technology Evaluation & Selection, Vendor Management

**Business & Management Expertise:** Budgeting & Financial Management, IT Strategy & Planning, Project & Program Management, Vendor Management

**Work Experience:** 19 years

**Current Team Size:** 1 to 5 people

**Past Employment:** Senior Infrastructure Lead, Protera India; Infrastructure Lead, Bechtel India

**Hobbies & Interests:** Cricket, Music, Learning New Technologies

**Favorite Book or Movie:** How to Win Friends & Influence People by Dale Carnegie

**Dream Vacation:** Australia

**Person I Admire:** Virat Kohli



# GLEND DSOUZA

Strategy Lead - Group Technology Office  
 Mahindra & Mahindra

**Birthday:** 05-November

**Educational Qualifications:** Master of Management Studies; Bachelor of Electronics

**Technical Expertise:** Application Development & Deployment, Business Intelligence & Data Warehousing, IT Security & Security Operations, IT Strategy & Planning, Network Operations Centre (NOC) Management, Technology Evaluation & Selection, Training & Education

**Business & Management Expertise:** Customer Support & Service Management, Human Resources & Talent Management, IT Strategy & Planning, Project & Program

Management, Training & Education, Vendor Management

**Work Experience:** 15 years

**Current Team Size:** 1 to 5 people

**Past Employment:** Senior Systems Engineer, Infosys; Business Analyst, Aditya Birla; Business Analyst, Nayara Energy

**Hobbies & Interests:** Hiking, Music, Reading Books, Running, Travel

**Favorite Book or Movie:** Stranger by Albert Camus

**Dream Vacation:** Belize

**Person I Admire:** Elon Musk





# NAVIN GADHVI

Deputy Manager - IT  
Suzuki Motor Gujarat

**Birthday:** 03-March

**Educational Qualifications:** Diploma in Computer Science

**Professional Certifications:** Cisco Certified Network Associate (CCNA), Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA), Certified Information Security Manager (CISM)

**Technical Expertise:** Disaster Recovery & Business Continuity, Datacenter Management, Database Management & Administration, Connectivity, Telecom & Collaboration Management, IT Operations Management, IT Asset & Infrastructure Management

**Business & Management Expertise:** Budgeting & Financial Management, Customer Support & Service

Management, IT Strategy & Planning, Operations Management, Project & Program Management, Training & Education, Vendor Management

**Work Experience:** 15 years

**Current Team Size:** 6 to 10 people

**Past Employment:** Deputy Manager - IT, Balkrishna Industries

**Hobbies & Interests:** Automobiles, Cricket, Dance, Music, Reading Books

**Favorite Book or Movie:** Martin Luther

**Dream Vacation:** Norway

**Person I Admire:** Freedom Fighters

# SRIDHAR GANESH

Head - IT  
Quantum Knits

**Birthday:** 26-July

**Educational Qualifications:** Master in Computer Applications;  
Bachelor of Computer Science

**Professional Certifications:** Cisco Certified Network Associate  
(CCNA)

**Technical Expertise:** Business Intelligence & Data Warehousing,  
Disaster Recovery & Business Continuity, Database Management &  
Administration, IT Operations Management, IT Security & Security  
Operations, Web Site & E-commerce Management

**Business & Management Expertise:** Budgeting & Financial  
Management, IT Strategy & Planning, Operations Management,  
Project & Program Management, Supply Chain Management

**Work Experience:** 15 years

**Current Team Size:** 11 to 15 people

**Past Employment:** Manager - IT, Quantum Knits; Assistant Manager  
- IT, Quantum Knits; Network Engineer, Quantum Knits

**Hobbies & Interests:** Automobiles, Cricket, Music

**Favorite Book or Movie:** The Hidden Language of Computer  
Hardware and Software by Charles Petzold

**Dream Vacation:** Bangkok

**Person I Admire:** ED Anandkrishnan





# MANOJ GARG

Deputy General Manager  
Bennett, Coleman & Company

**Birthday:** 21-August

**Educational Qualifications:** Master of Computer Science

**Professional Certifications:** Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer (MCSE)

**Technical Expertise:** Disaster Recovery & Business Continuity, IT Operations Management, IT Security & Security Operations, Technology Evaluation & Selection, Vendor Management

**Business & Management Expertise:** IT Strategy & Planning

**Work Experience:** 23 years

**Current Team Size:** 6 to 10 people

**Past Employment:** Project Manager, Coforge

**Hobbies & Interests:** Cycling, Travel, Reading Books

**Favorite Book or Movie:** Microsoft KB articles

**Dream Vacation:** Switzerland

**Person I Admire:** My Mother





# VIKAS GARG

Chief Technology Officer  
Mind IT Systems

**Birthday:** 02-September

**Educational Qualifications:** Bachelor of IT, Delhi University

**Technical Expertise:** Application Development & Deployment, Disaster Recovery & Business Continuity, Outsourcing Management, Technology Evaluation & Selection, Training & Education, Vendor Management, Web Site & E-commerce Management

**Business & Management Expertise:** Budgeting & Financial Management, IT Strategy & Planning, Operations Management, Project & Program Management, Training & Education, Vendor Management

**Work Experience:** 20 years

**Current Team Size:** 101 to 200 people

**Past Employment:** Technical Manager, MakeMyTrip India; Project Manager, Educomp Solutions; Programmer & Analyst, Infosys

**Hobbies & Interests:** Automobiles, Cooking, Cricket

**Favorite Book or Movie:** Three Idiots

**Dream Vacation:** Mars

**Person I Admire:** NR Narayana Murthy



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“Leadership  
is unlocking  
people’s  
potential to  
become better.”

**Bill Bradley**



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# SATISH GARIMELLA

Deputy General Manager - IT  
Ramco Cements

**Birthday:** 17-May

**Educational Qualifications:** Master of Science in Software Systems; Bachelor of Computer Applications

**Technical Expertise:** Application Development & Deployment, Disaster Recovery & Business Continuity, Datacenter Management, Database Management & Administration, Connectivity, Telecom & Collaboration Management, IT Asset & Infrastructure Management

**Business & Management Expertise:** Budgeting & Financial Management, Customer Support & Service Management, IT Strategy & Planning, Operations Management, Project & Program Management, Vendor Management

**Work Experience:** 17 years

**Current Team Size:** 11 to 15 people

**Past Employment:** Assistant General Manager - IT, Ramco Cements; Senior Manager - IT, Ramco Cements

**Hobbies & Interests:** Badminton, Cricket, Social Service, Television, Theater & Performing Arts

**Favorite Book or Movie:** iCon Steve Jobs by Jeffrey S Young and William L. Simon

**Dream Vacation:** Vietnam

**Person I Admire:** My Father





# SUMAN GHOSH

Project Management Professional  
British Telecom

**Birthday:** 30-November

**Educational Qualifications:** PG Diploma in Business Studies; PG Diploma in Management Studies; Bachelor of Physical Sciences

**Professional Certifications:** Information Technology Infrastructure Library (ITIL), Projects IN Controlled Environments (PRINCE2), Cisco Certified Network Associate (CCNA), Certified Ethical Hacker (CEH)

**Technical Expertise:** Connectivity, Telecom & Collaboration Management, IT Operations Management, IT Compliance and Risk Management, IT Security & Security Operations, IT Strategy & Planning, Training & Education

**Business & Management Expertise:** Customer Support & Service

Management, IT Strategy & Planning, Operations Management, Project & Program Management, Training & Education, Vendor Management

**Work Experience:** 21 years

**Past Employment:** Facility Manager - Information Systems, Indian Oil Corporation; Assistant Manager - IT, Spencers Retail; Operations Manager - Wipro Infotech

**Hobbies & Interests:** Cricket, Music, Painting, Teaching & Education, Travel

**Favorite Book or Movie:** Wings of Fire by Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam

**Dream Vacation:** Switzerland

**Person I Admire:** Satya Nadella



# SOURABH GIRDHAR

Chief Technology Officer  
Care.fi Technological Solutions

**Birthday:** 04-August

**Educational Qualifications:** Master of Engineering & Technology; PG Diploma in Engineering & Technology; Bachelor of Electronics

**Professional Certifications:** AWS Architect, SOA Architect, Green Software Professional

**Technical Expertise:** Application Development & Deployment, Disaster Recovery & Business Continuity, Database Management & Administration, IT Operations Management, IT Asset & Infrastructure Management, Training & Education, Vendor Management

**Business & Management Expertise:** Customer Support & Service Management, IT Strategy & Planning,

Project & Program Management, Supply Chain Management, Training & Education

**Work Experience:** 18 years

**Current Team Size:** 16 to 20 people

**Past Employment:** Engineering Manager, OLX Autos; Engineering Manager, Ameriprise India; Senior Developer, Nomura Securities India

**Hobbies & Interests:** Gadgets, Music, Reading Books, Travel

**Favorite Book or Movie:** The Almanack of Naval Ravikant: A Guide to Wealth and Happiness by Eric Jorgenson

**Dream Vacation:** Kerala

**Person I Admire:** My Father



# AJAY GOEL

Assistant General Manager - IT  
KDDL

**Birthday:** 03-December

**Educational Qualifications:** Master of Computer Applications;  
Bachelor of Arts

**Professional Certifications:** Information Technology Infrastructure  
Library (ITIL)

**Technical Expertise:** Disaster Recovery & Business Continuity,  
Database Management & Administration, IT Asset & Infrastructure  
Management, IT Compliance and Risk Management, IT Security &  
Security Operations, Vendor Management

**Business & Management Expertise:** Budgeting & Financial  
Management, Customer Support & Service Management, IT  
Strategy & Planning, Vendor Management

**Work Experience:** 25 years

**Current Team Size:** 6 to 10 people

**Past Employment:** Deputy Manager - IT, Chenab Textiles;  
Programmer, Sikka Papers

**Hobbies & Interests:** Music, Politics, Reading Books, Teaching &  
Education

**Favorite Book or Movie:** Satya ke Prayog by Mahatma Gandhi

**Dream Vacation:** Switzerland

**Person I Admire:** My Mother





# SANJAY GOSWAMI

Group Head - IT  
Maithan Alloys

**Birthday:** 18-October

**Educational Qualifications:** Bachelor of Commerce

**Professional Certifications:** CCNSP, NSE, AWS

**Technical Expertise:** Application Development & Deployment, Datacenter Management, IT Operations Management, IT Asset & Infrastructure Management, IT Compliance and Risk Management, IT Security & Security Operations, IT Strategy & Planning

**Business & Management Expertise:** Budgeting & Financial Management, Customer Support & Service Management, IT Strategy & Planning, Operations Management, Project & Program Management, Vendor Management

**Work Experience:** 22 years

**Current Team Size:** 6 to 10 people

**Past Employment:** Head - IT, Printech; System Admin, SSI

**Hobbies & Interests:** Singing, Cooking, Social Service, Travel

**Favorite Book or Movie:** The Secret by Rhonda Byrne

**Dream Vacation:** Maldives

**Person I Admire:** Gopal Verma





# JAY GOVANI

Cloud Architect  
Axis Mutual Fund

**Birthday:** 15-July

**Educational Qualifications:** Bachelor of Engineering in Computer Science

**Professional Certifications:** AWS Certified Solutions Architect

**Technical Expertise:** Application Development & Deployment, Disaster Recovery & Business Continuity, IT Operations Management, IT Asset & Infrastructure Management, IT Strategy & Planning, Technology Evaluation & Selection, Vendor Management

**Business & Management Expertise:** IT Strategy & Planning, Operations Management, Project & Program Management

**Work Experience:** 10 years

**Current Team Size:** 6 to 10 people

**Past Employment:** Lead - Technology, Synchron; Application Specialist, Symantec; Application Developer, IBM

**Hobbies & Interests:** Badminton, Table Tennis, Travel

**Favorite Book or Movie:** The Snowball Warren Buffet by Alice Schroeder

**Dream Vacation:** Switzerland

**Person I Admire:** Nithin Kamath





# SHUBHAM GOYAL

Senior Manager - Solution Architecture  
Accenture

**Birthday:** 22-April

**Educational Qualifications:** Master of Business Studies; Bachelor of Engineering & Technology

**Professional Certifications:** Project Management Professional (PMP)

**Technical Expertise:** Technology Evaluation & Selection

**Business & Management Expertise:** IT Strategy & Planning

**Work Experience:** 11 years

**Current Team Size:** 1 to 5 people

**Past Employment:** Senior Pre-Sales Consultant, Jiffy.ai; Senior Sales Consultant, Oracle; Senior Business Analyst, Ramco Systems

**Hobbies & Interests:** Cooking, Cycling, Reading Books, Running

**Favorite Book or Movie:** Trust by Francis Fukuyama

**Dream Vacation:** Antarctica

**Person I Admire:** Narendra Modi

# MITESH GOYANI

Deputy General Manager - IT  
Kalpataru Projects International

**Birthday:** 05-October

**Educational Qualifications:** Bachelor of Engineering in IT

**Professional Certifications:** International Project Management Association (IPMA Level D), Automation Anywhere Master RPA Professional, Information Technology Infrastructure Library (ITIL) v3

**Technical Expertise:** Application Development & Deployment, Business Intelligence & Data Warehousing, Vendor Management, Web Site & E-commerce Management

**Business & Management Expertise:** Customer Support & Service Management, Project & Program Management, Vendor Management

**Work Experience:** 18 years

**Current Team Size:** 11 to 15 people

**Past Employment:** Manager, Accenture Services; Tech Lead, Syntel

**Hobbies & Interests:** Badminton, Cricket, Cycling, Hiking, Table Tennis

**Favorite Book or Movie:** The Alchemist by Paulo Coelho

**Dream Vacation:** Finland

**Person I Admire:** Shrimad Rajchandra







# GAURAV GUPTA

Head - IT Infrastructure  
Fleet Management

**Birthday:** 09-August

**Educational Qualifications:** Master of Management Studies;  
Bachelor of Computer Science

**Professional Certifications:** Information Technology Infrastructure  
Library (ITIL), Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer (MCSE), ISO  
27001 Lead Auditor

**Technical Expertise:** Disaster Recovery & Business Continuity,  
Database Management & Administration, Connectivity, Telecom &  
Collaboration Management, IT Operations Management, IT Asset &  
Infrastructure Management, IT Compliance and Risk Management

**Business & Management Expertise:** Budgeting & Financial  
Management, Customer Support & Service Management, IT  
Strategy & Planning, Operations Management, Project & Program  
Management, Training & Education, Vendor Management

**Work Experience:** 15 years

**Current Team Size:** 6 to 10 people

**Past Employment:** Associate Vice President - IT, Edelweiss  
Securities; Manager - Technology, Emeritus

**Hobbies & Interests:** Automobiles, Cycling, Gadgets, Running,  
Travel

**Favorite Book or Movie:** CISM Manual

**Dream Vacation:** Kashmir

**Person I Admire:** Yogi Adityanath



# MANISH KUMAR GUPTA

Vice President  
Deutsche Bank

**Birthday:** 10-June

**Educational Qualifications:** PG Diploma in Management Studies; Bachelor of Engineering & Technology

**Professional Certifications:** Google Certified Professional

**Technical Expertise:** Application Development & Deployment, Business Intelligence & Data Warehousing, IT Operations Management, IT Asset & Infrastructure Management, IT Compliance and Risk Management, IT Strategy & Planning, Technology Evaluation & Selection

**Business & Management Expertise:** Customer Support & Service Management, Human Resources & Talent Management, IT Strategy

& Planning, Project & Program Management, Vendor Management

**Work Experience:** 23 years

**Current Team Size:** 21 to 50 people

**Past Employment:** Software Development Manager, ADP India; Technical Lead, RBS; Technical Team Lead, WNS Global Services

**Hobbies & Interests:** Badminton, Cricket, Music, Teaching & Education, Television

**Favorite Book or Movie:** Good To Great by Jim Collins

**Dream Vacation:** Italy

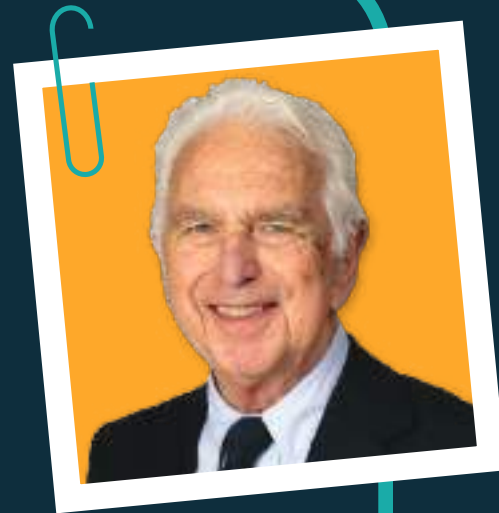
**Person I Admire:** Mary Kom



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“Leadership is the capacity to translate vision into reality.”

**Warren Bennis**



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# NITIN GUPTA

Senior Manager  
Energy Efficiency Services

**Birthday:** 18-July

**Educational Qualifications:** Chartered Accountant; Master of Commerce

**Professional Certifications:** SAP ERP, SAP HANA

**Technical Expertise:** Business Intelligence & Data Warehousing, IT Operations Management, IT Strategy & Planning, Technology Evaluation & Selection, Training & Education, Vendor Management

**Business & Management Expertise:** Budgeting & Financial Management, Customer Support & Service Management, IT Strategy & Planning, Project & Program Management, Training & Education, Vendor Management

**Work Experience:** 16 years

**Current Team Size:** 11 to 15 people

**Past Employment:** Assistant Consultant, Tata Consultancy Services

**Hobbies & Interests:** Automobiles, Cooking, Gadgets

**Favorite Book or Movie:** Wings of Fire by Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam

**Dream Vacation:** Venice

**Person I Admire:** Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam





# BABURAO HATOLE

Head - IT  
Bhilosa Industries

**Birthday:** 16-April

**Educational Qualifications:** Master of Computer Science; Bachelor of Computer Science

**Professional Certifications:** Microsoft Certified Programmer (MCP), Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer (MCSE), Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer (MCSE)

**Technical Expertise:** IT Operations Management, IT Asset & Infrastructure Management, IT Compliance and Risk Management, IT Security & Security Operations, IT Strategy & Planning, Training & Education, Vendor Management

**Business & Management Expertise:** Customer Support & Service

Management, IT Strategy & Planning, Operations Management, Project & Program Management, Vendor Management

**Work Experience:** 21 years

**Current Team Size:** 51 to 100 people

**Past Employment:** Head - IT, Vinati Organics

**Hobbies & Interests:** Cycling, Music, Running, Travel

**Favorite Book or Movie:** Shiv Chidambar Mahagurucharitra

**Dream Vacation:** Singapore

**Person I Admire:** Shiv Chidambar Mahagurucharitra



# SANJAY JAISWAL

Head - Applications & IT Security  
Nuvama Wealth Management

**Birthday:** 29-June

**Educational Qualifications:** Bachelor of Physical Sciences

**Professional Certifications:** Certified Ethical Hacker (CEH), ISO 27001 Lead Auditor

**Technical Expertise:** IT Operations Management, IT Asset & Infrastructure Management, IT Compliance and Risk Management, IT Security & Security Operations, IT Strategy & Planning, Network Operations Centre (NOC) Management, Web Site & E-commerce Management

**Business & Management Expertise:** Budgeting & Financial Management, Customer Support & Service Management, Human Resources & Talent Management, IT Strategy & Planning, Operations Management,

Project & Program Management, Vendor Management

**Work Experience:** 17 years

**Current Team Size:** 6 to 10 people

**Past Employment:** Information & Cybersecurity Expert, Intellect Design Arena; Senior Information Security Consultant, Capgemini; Senior Analyst, Accenture

**Hobbies & Interests:** Cooking, Gadgets, Photography, Travel, Instrumental Music

**Favorite Book or Movie:** India After Gandhi by Ramachandra Guha

**Dream Vacation:** Finland

**Person I Admire:** Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam

# PANKAJ JASAL

Director - IT  
Dell Technologies

**Birthday:** 26-September

**Educational Qualifications:** MBA in IT; Bachelor of Engineering in Electronics & Communication

**Professional Certifications:** Control Objectives for Information and Related Technology (COBIT5), ITIL, Agile CSM, Advanced Director Leadership Program

**Technical Expertise:** IT Operations Management, IT Asset & Infrastructure Management, IT Strategy & Planning

**Business & Management Expertise:** Customer Support & Service Management, IT Strategy & Planning, Operations Management, Project & Program Management

**Work Experience:** 20 years

**Current Team Size:** 21 to 50 people

**Past Employment:** Technology Manager - Internet Services, Wells Fargo; Principal Consultant / Technical Account Manager, Zenith Infotech

**Hobbies & Interests:** Badminton, Cricket, Cycling, Reading Books, Social Service

**Favorite Book or Movie:** The Leader Who Had No Title by Robin Sharma

**Dream Vacation:** Hawaii

**Person I Admire:** My Father







# AINDRI JHA

Associate Director  
KPMG Global Delivery Center

**Birthday:** 27-February

**Educational Qualifications:** Bachelor of Engineering & Technology

**Professional Certifications:** Certified Information Security Manager (CISM), Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA), Project Management Professional (PMP), Certified Scrum Master (CSM), Six Sigma

**Technical Expertise:** Disaster Recovery & Business Continuity, IT Operations Management, IT Asset & Infrastructure Management, IT Compliance and Risk Management, IT Strategy & Planning, Training & Education, Vendor Management

**Business & Management Expertise:** Customer Support & Service Management, IT Strategy & Planning, Operations Management, Project & Program Management, Training & Education

**Work Experience:** 19 years

**Current Team Size:** 21 to 50 people

**Past Employment:** Director, Numerator; Senior Manager, TCS

**Hobbies & Interests:** Cycling, Politics, Social Service, Teaching & Education

**Favorite Book or Movie:** Wuthering Heights by Emily Brontë

**Dream Vacation:** Bali

**Person I Admire:** My Father



# MILIND KANBUR

AVP, Function Head - Data Management Office  
 Societe Generale Global Solution Centre

**Birthday:** 24-February

**Educational Qualifications:** Master of Business Management Studies; Bachelor of Computer Applications

**Professional Certifications:** Coaching Agile Transitions (ICP-CAT), Agility in The Enterprise (ICP-ENT) & Certified Agile Coach (ICP-ACC) from ICAgile, NLP Practitioner Certification, PRINCE2 Practitioner, PMO-Certified Practitioner, OKR Certified Practitioner, Professional Scrum Master - PSM, Leading SAFe - from Scaled Agile

**Business & Management Expertise:** Budgeting & Financial Management, IT Strategy & Planning, Operations Management, Project & Program

Management, Training & Education, Vendor Management

**Work Experience:** 18 years

**Past Employment:** PMO Lead, Shell and ANZ Operations & Technology; Project Management Consultant, Oracle India; Program Manager, Unisys

**Hobbies & Interests:** Cooking, Cricket, Music, Photography, Reading Books

**Favorite Book or Movie:** Make Your Bed by Admiral William H McRaven

**Dream Vacation:** Egypt

**Person I Admire:** Atal Bihari Vajpayee





# YOGESH KANTAK

Head - Enterprise Application  
PGP Glass

**Birthday:** 07-February

**Educational Qualifications:** Master of Engineering & Technology in AI/ML; Master of Business Studies; Bachelor of Engineering & Technology

**Professional Certifications:** Six Sigma Black Belt (SSBB), Certified Design Thinking Professional, Oracle Certified Professional (OCP)

**Technical Expertise:** Application Development & Deployment, Business Intelligence & Data Warehousing, IT Strategy & Planning, Technology Evaluation & Selection, Vendor Management, Web Site & E-commerce Management

**Business & Management Expertise:** Budgeting & Financial Management, Customer Support & Service

Management, Human Resources & Talent Management, IT Strategy & Planning, Operations Management, Project & Program Management, Vendor Management

**Work Experience:** 20 years

**Current Team Size:** 16 to 20 people

**Past Employment:** Delivery Manager, Wipro; Team Lead, Polaris Financial Technology; Senior Consultant, SRC

**Hobbies & Interests:** Sky Diving, Theater & Performing Arts, Travel

**Favorite Book or Movie:** The Alchemist by Paulo Coelho

**Dream Vacation:** The Caribbean

**Person I Admire:** Steve Jobs

# JASBIR KHANUJA

ERP Director  
NTT Data

**Birthday:** 04-May

**Educational Qualifications:** Master of Computer Science; Bachelor of Commerce

**Professional Certifications:** Projects IN Controlled Environments (PRINCE2), SAP HANA, Project Management Professional (PMP), SAP Analytics, Oracle Certified Specialist (OCS)

**Technical Expertise:** Application Development & Deployment, Disaster Recovery & Business Continuity, Database Management & Administration, IT Strategy & Planning, Technology Evaluation & Selection, Web Site & E-commerce Management

**Business & Management Expertise:** Budgeting & Financial Management, IT Strategy & Planning, Operations Management, Project & Program Management, Training & Education, Vendor Management

**Work Experience:** 18 years

**Current Team Size:** 6 to 10 people

**Past Employment:** Senior Manager - Regional Lead for EMEA, Cloud4C Services; Global Service Delivery Manager, Katalyst Software Services

**Hobbies & Interests:** Automobiles, Reading Books, Social Service, Teaching & Education, Travel

**Favorite Book or Movie:** Life 3.0 by Max Tegmark

**Dream Vacation:** Kashmir

**Person I Admire:** My Father





# MANOHAR KOSURU

Director  
Vertafore India

**Birthday:** 17-August

**Educational Qualifications:** Master of Business Studies; Bachelor of Life Sciences

**Professional Certifications:** Information Technology Infrastructure Library (ITIL)

**Technical Expertise:** IT Operations Management, IT Asset & Infrastructure Management, IT Compliance and Risk Management, IT Security & Security Operations, IT Strategy & Planning, Network Operations Centre (NOC) Management, Outsourcing Management

**Business & Management Expertise:** Budgeting & Financial Management, Customer Support & Service Management, Human Resources & Talent Management, IT Strategy & Planning, Operations Management, Project & Program Management, Vendor Management

**Work Experience:** 20 years

**Current Team Size:** 101 to 200 people

**Past Employment:** Assistant Vice President, JP Morgan Chase; Senior Consultant, Deloitte Shared Services India

**Hobbies & Interests:** Cooking, Cricket, Reading Books, Social Service, Teaching & Education

**Favorite Book or Movie:** Relax It's Only Uncertainty by Philip Hodgson and Randall White

**Dream Vacation:** Gangtok

**Person I Admire:** My Father





# SHRENIK KOTHARI

Regional Infra Head - IT  
 Gestamp Automotive India

**Birthday:** 18-March

**Educational Qualifications:** Master of Computer Applications; Bachelor of Commerce

**Professional Certifications:** Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer (MCSE)

**Technical Expertise:** Datacenter Management, IT Asset & Infrastructure Management, IT Compliance and Risk Management, IT Security & Security Operations, IT Strategy & Planning, Network Operations Centre (NOC) Management, Vendor Management

**Business & Management Expertise:** Budgeting & Financial Management, Customer Support & Service Management, IT Strategy & Planning, Project & Program Management,

Supply Chain Management, Vendor Management

**Work Experience:** 22 years

**Current Team Size:** 11 to 15 people

**Past Employment:** Regional Assistant Manager, Gestamp India Automotive; Senior Engineer, Gestamp India Automotive

**Hobbies & Interests:** Automobiles, Cricket, Music, Social Service, Travel

**Favorite Book or Movie:** Books on Time Management

**Dream Vacation:** Europe

**Person I Admire:** My Father



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“The art of leadership is saying no, not saying yes. It is very easy to say yes.”

**Tony Blair**



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KRISHNAKUMAR

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LUTHRA

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MAHESHWARI

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MAJUMDER

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# HARISH KRISHNAKUMAR

Senior Manager - Systems  
Asian Paints

**Birthday:** 03-June

**Educational Qualifications:** Master of Management; Bachelor of Engineering & Technology

**Professional Certifications:** Internal Auditor Certification

**Technical Expertise:** Application Development & Deployment, IT Operations Management, IT Strategy & Planning, Outsourcing Management, Technology Evaluation & Selection, Web Site & E-commerce Management

**Business & Management Expertise:** IT Strategy & Planning, Operations Management, Project & Program Management, Supply Chain Management

**Work Experience:** 11 years

**Current Team Size:** 21 to 50 people

**Past Employment:** SAP Consultant, Deloitte Consulting

**Hobbies & Interests:** Cricket, Gadgets, Music, Reading Books, Tennis

**Favorite Book or Movie:** The Immortals of Meluha by Amish Tripathi

**Dream Vacation:** Italy

**Person I Admire:** Bhavish Aggarwal



# ALOK KUMAR

Senior Manager - IT  
Laguna Clothing

**Birthday:** 13-June

**Educational Qualifications:** Master of Computer Science; Bachelor of Computer Science

**Technical Expertise:** Application Development & Deployment, Database Management & Administration, IT Operations Management, IT Asset & Infrastructure Management, IT Compliance and Risk Management, IT Security & Security Operations, IT Strategy & Planning

**Business & Management Expertise:** Budgeting & Financial Management, IT Strategy & Planning, Operations Management, Project & Program Management, Supply Chain

Management, Training & Education, Vendor Management

**Work Experience:** 19 years

**Current Team Size:** 6 to 10 people

**Past Employment:** Manager - IT, Jindal Aluminium; Developer, National Informatics Centre Services

**Hobbies & Interests:** Cycling, Music, Running, Travel, Writing

**Favorite Book or Movie:** Wings of Fire by Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam

**Dream Vacation:** Kailash Mansarovar

**Person I Admire:** Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam



# RAVI KUMAR

Associate Vice President  
Central Depository Services (India)

**Birthday:** 15-January

**Educational Qualifications:** PG Diploma in E-Business Studies, Welingkar Institute of Management & Research; Bachelor of Engineering & Technology, Mumbai University

**Professional Certifications:** Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP), Project Management Professional (PMP), AWS Certified Solutions Architect - Associate (SAA), Microsoft Certified: Azure Administrator Associate (AZ-104), Cisco Certified Network Professional (CCNP)

**Technical Expertise:** Disaster Recovery & Business Continuity, Datacenter Management, IT Operations Management, IT Security & Security Operations,

**Business & Management Expertise:** Customer Support & Service

Management, Human Resources & Talent Management, IT Strategy & Planning, Operations Management, Project & Program Management

**Work Experience:** 16 years

**Current Team Size:** 21 to 50 people

**Past Employment:** AVP, Axis Bank; Manager, Capgemini Technology Services India; Project Manager, Dimension Data India

**Hobbies & Interests:** Cricket, Music, Teaching & Education, Television, Travel

**Favorite Book or Movie:** 12th Fail by Anurag Pathak

**Dream Vacation:** Hawaii

**Person I Admire:** Subhash Chandra Bose



# SUJEET KUMAR

Deputy General Manager  
API Holdings

**Birthday:** 14-March

**Educational Qualifications:** Bachelor of Computer Science

**Professional Certifications:** VMware Certified Professional (VCP),  
Certified Ethical Hacker (CEH)

**Technical Expertise:** IT Operations Management, IT Asset &  
Infrastructure Management, IT Compliance and Risk Management,  
IT Security & Security Operations, IT Strategy & Planning,  
Technology Evaluation & Selection, Vendor Management

**Business & Management Expertise:** Budgeting & Financial  
Management, Customer Support & Service Management, IT  
Strategy & Planning, Vendor Management

**Work Experience:** 19 years

**Current Team Size:** 11 to 15 people

**Past Employment:** Senior Manager, Dhii Health Tech; Manager,  
LifeSpring Hospitals; Assitant General Manager, Apollo Health &  
Lifestyle

**Hobbies & Interests:** Badminton, Cycling, Hiking, Music, Travel

**Favorite Book or Movie:** The Monk Who Sold His Ferrari by Robin  
Sharma

**Dream Vacation:** Iceland

**Person I Admire:** Narendra Modi





# VIKASH KUMAR

Product Manager - AI  
Titan Company

**Birthday:** 10-October

**Educational Qualifications:** Master of Management Studies;  
Bachelor of Engineering & Technology

**Technical Expertise:** Application Development & Deployment,  
IT Strategy & Planning, Outsourcing Management, Technology  
Evaluation & Selection, Training & Education, Vendor Management,  
Web Site & E-commerce Management

**Business & Management Expertise:** IT Strategy & Planning, Project  
& Program Management, Vendor Management

**Work Experience:** 13 years

**Current Team Size:** 6 to 10 people

**Past Employment:** Software Engineer, Axiom Interconnect  
Solution

**Hobbies & Interests:** Cooking, Music, Photography, Reading Books

**Favorite Book or Movie:** You Can Win by Shiv Kherra

**Dream Vacation:** Bali

**Person I Admire:** Rahul Dravid



# MADHU KURIAN

Principal & Practice Head - BFSI Advisory  
Tech Mahindra

**Birthday:** 17-March

**Educational Qualifications:** MBA; MA in Economics; Bachelor of Engineering & Technology

**Professional Certifications:** TOGAF, AWS Solution Architect, IT Service Management (ITSM)

**Technical Expertise:** Application Development & Deployment, Disaster Recovery & Business Continuity, Database Management & Administration, IT Strategy & Planning, Technology Evaluation & Selection, Vendor Management

**Business & Management Expertise:** Budgeting & Financial Management, IT Strategy & Planning, Operations

Management, Project & Program Management, Vendor Management

**Work Experience:** 19 years

**Current Team Size:** 11 to 15 people

**Past Employment:** Director - Strategy & Operations, Bizplx Solutions; Group Manager - Technology Strategy, HCL Technologies

**Hobbies & Interests:** Reading Books, Running, Tennis, Travel

**Favorite Book or Movie:** The Old Man and the Sea by Ernest Hemingway

**Dream Vacation:** Iceland

**Person I Admire:** Prof. Muhammad Yunus





# RAHUL LAD

General Manager - IT  
Rich Products & Solutions

**Birthday:** 16-July

**Educational Qualifications:** Master of Business Studies; Bachelors

**Professional Certifications:** Information Technology Infrastructure Library (ITIL)

**Technical Expertise:** Application Development & Deployment, Datacenter Management, Connectivity, Telecom & Collaboration Management, IT Operations Management, IT Compliance and Risk Management, IT Strategy & Planning

**Business & Management Expertise:** Budgeting & Financial Management, Human Resources & Talent Management, IT Strategy & Planning, Operations Management, Project &

Program Management, Supply Chain Management, Vendor Management

**Work Experience:** 27 years

**Current Team Size:** 1 to 5 people

**Past Employment:** Deputy General Manager - IT, Rich Products & Solutions; Senior Manager - IT, Rich Products & Solutions; Manager - IT, Rich Products & Solutions; Executive - IT, Swastik Rubber Product

**Hobbies & Interests:** Badminton, Cricket, Dance, Music, Television

**Favorite Book or Movie:** You Can Win by Shiv Khera

**Dream Vacation:** Italy

**Person I Admire:** Narendra Modi



# ROHIT LUTHRA

Director - IT  
Marsh McLennan

**Birthday:** 30-June

**Educational Qualifications:** Master of Computer Science; Bachelor of Computer Applications

**Professional Certifications:** Cisco Certified Network Associate (CCNA), Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer (MCSE)

**Technical Expertise:** IT Operations Management, IT Asset & Infrastructure Management, IT Strategy & Planning, Outsourcing Management, Technology Evaluation & Selection, Vendor Management

**Business & Management Expertise:** Budgeting & Financial Management, Customer Support & Service Management, IT Strategy & Planning, Operations Management, Project & Program Management, Vendor Management

**Work Experience:** 22 years

**Current Team Size:** 21 to 50 people

**Past Employment:** Program Lead, Wipro

**Hobbies & Interests:** Automobiles, Badminton, Cricket, Music, Travel

**Favorite Book or Movie:** Team of Teams by General Stanley McChrystal

**Dream Vacation:** Switzerland

**Person I Admire:** Narendra Modi





# RANGESH MAHESHWARI

Director  
Orange Business Services

**Birthday:** 04-March

**Educational Qualifications:** Master of Management Studies;  
Bachelor of Electronics

**Professional Certifications:** Project Management Professional (PMP), ISO 9001 Internal Auditor, Six Sigma, Program Management Professional (PgMP)

**Technical Expertise:** Application Development & Deployment, Business Intelligence & Data Warehousing, Disaster Recovery & Business Continuity, IT Operations Management, IT Strategy & Planning, Outsourcing Management

**Business & Management Expertise:** Budgeting & Financial Management, Customer Support & Service Management, Human Resources & Talent Management, IT Strategy & Planning, Operations Management, Project & Program Management, Vendor Management

**Work Experience:** 25 years

**Current Team Size:** 51 to 100 people

**Past Employment:** Team Leader, HCL Technologies; Systems Engineer, Tata Consultancy Services

**Hobbies & Interests:** Social Service, Table Tennis, Travel

**Favorite Book or Movie:** Ignited Minds by Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam

**Dream Vacation:** New Zealand

**Person I Admire:** My Father



# INDRAJIT MAJUMDER

Head - InfoSec Risk Management & Deputy  
Vice President, Bandhan Bank

**Birthday:** 13-October

**Educational Qualifications:** PG Diploma  
in Management Studies; Bachelors

**Professional Certifications:** Certified  
Scrum Master

**Technical Expertise:** Datacenter  
Management, Connectivity, Telecom  
& Collaboration Management, IT  
Compliance and Risk Management,  
IT Security & Security Operations,  
IT Strategy & Planning, Technology  
Evaluation & Selection, Vendor  
Management

**Business & Management Expertise:**  
Budgeting & Financial Management,  
Customer Support & Service  
Management, Human Resources &  
Talent Management, IT Strategy &

Planning, Operations Management,  
Project & Program Management,  
Vendor Management

**Work Experience:** 23 years

**Current Team Size:** 16 to 20 people

**Past Employment:** Deputy Vice  
President - Bandhan Bank; Program  
Director - Kloudspot; Head of Networks  
& CyberSecurity, DXB Entertainment

**Hobbies & Interests:** Cricket, Music,  
Photography, Reading Books, Travel

**Favorite Book or Movie:** The Art of War  
by Sun Tzu

**Dream Vacation:** Spiti Valley

**Person I Admire:** Ratan Tata



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“The key to successful leadership today is influence, not authority.”

**Ken Blanchard**



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**KAUSHIK  
MAJUMDER**

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**GOPI  
MEDABALIME**

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**PRAKASH  
CHANDRA  
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NAYAK**

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**TAPASRANJAN  
PARIDA**

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# KAUSHIK MAJUMDER

Global IT Head - IT Infrastructure, Digital &  
Center of Excellence, Hubergroup

**Birthday:** 14-April

**Educational Qualifications:** PhD in Management Studies; MBA in IT

**Professional Certifications:** Innovation Management from International Business Management Institute, Germany, ISO 31000:2009 Certified in Risk Management Principles & Guidelines, Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP) Training & Implementation, Six Sigma Certified

**Technical Expertise:** Application Development & Deployment, Business Intelligence & Data Warehousing, Disaster Recovery & Business Continuity, Datacenter Management, Database Management & Administration, Connectivity, Telecom & Collaboration Management

**Business & Management Expertise:** Budgeting & Financial Management, Customer Support & Service Management, IT Strategy & Planning, Operations Management, Project & Program Management, Vendor Management

**Work Experience:** 23 years

**Current Team Size:** 51 to 100 people

**Past Employment:** Head - Digital Services & Information Protection - South Asia, BASF India; Head - IT - South Asia, Linde India

**Hobbies & Interests:** Hiking, Music, Photography

**Favorite Book or Movie:** Complete Works of Swami Vivekananda by Swami Vivekananda

**Dream Vacation:** Europe

**Person I Admire:** Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam



# GOPI MEDABALIME

Project Manager  
Infor India

**Birthday:** 24-November

**Educational Qualifications:** Master of Engineering & Technology; Bachelor of Engineering & Technology

**Professional Certifications:** Project Management Professional (PMP), Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA)

**Technical Expertise:** Application Development & Deployment, Disaster Recovery & Business Continuity, IT Operations Management, IT Asset & Infrastructure Management, IT Security & Security Operations, IT Strategy & Planning, Outsourcing Management

**Business & Management Expertise:** Budgeting & Financial Management, IT Strategy & Planning, Operations

Management, Project & Program Management, Supply Chain Management, Vendor Management

**Work Experience:** 17 years

**Current Team Size:** 6 to 10 people

**Past Employment:** Deputy General Manager, Orient Cement

**Hobbies & Interests:** Badminton, Cricket, Social Service, Television, Travel





# PRAKASH CHANDRA MISHRA

General Manager - IT  
RR Kabel

**Birthday:** 15-October

**Educational Qualifications:** Diploma in  
Computer Applications

**Professional Certifications:**  
Foundation & Pragmatics in Cyber  
Security, IIT-Delhi

**Technical Expertise:** Application  
Development & Deployment, Database  
Management & Administration, IT  
Operations Management, IT Asset &  
Infrastructure Management, IT Security  
& Security Operations, IT Strategy &  
Planning, Technology Evaluation &  
Selection

**Business & Management Expertise:**  
Budgeting & Financial Management,  
Customer Support & Service  
Management, Human Resources &

Talent Management, IT Strategy &  
Planning, Operations Management,  
Project & Program Management,  
Vendor Management

**Work Experience:** 18 years

**Current Team Size:** 16 to 20 people

**Past Employment:** Technical Support  
Engineer, Samsonite India

**Hobbies & Interests:** Cricket, Gadgets,  
Photography, Travel

**Favorite Book or Movie:** The Alchemist  
by Paulo Coelho

**Dream Vacation:** Switzerland

**Person I Admire:** Padmashree  
Rameshwar Lal Kabra



# NAVEEN MITTAL

Vice President - IT Operations  
RateGain

**Birthday:** 26-March

**Educational Qualifications:** MBA in IT; Bachelor of Arts

**Professional Certifications:** Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP), Information Technology Infrastructure Library (ITIL)

**Technical Expertise:** Disaster Recovery & Business Continuity, Connectivity, Telecom & Collaboration Management, IT Compliance and Risk Management, IT Security & Security Operations, IT Strategy & Planning, Vendor Management

**Business & Management Expertise:** Budgeting & Financial Management, Customer Support & Service Management, IT Strategy & Planning, Operations Management, Project & Program Management, Supply Chain Management, Vendor Management

**Work Experience:** 25 years

**Current Team Size:** 16 to 20 people

**Past Employment:** Head - IT, TBO TEK

**Hobbies & Interests:** Automobiles, Cooking, Cricket, Gadgets, Travel

**Favorite Book or Movie:** The Power of Your Subconscious Mind by Joseph Murphy

**Dream Vacation:** Munich

**Person I Admire:** Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam





# SUMIT MUDIRAJ

Senior Vice President - Digital  
Transformation & Growth, Realatte

**Birthday:** 01-November

**Educational Qualifications:** Master of Business Studies; Bachelor of Engineering & Technology

**Technical Expertise:** Application Development & Deployment, Business Intelligence & Data Warehousing, IT Strategy & Planning, Technology Evaluation & Selection, Training & Education, Vendor Management, Web Site & E-commerce Management

**Business & Management Expertise:** IT Strategy & Planning, Project & Program Management, Training & Education, Vendor Management

**Work Experience:** 12 years

**Current Team Size:** 21 to 50 people

**Past Employment:** Coach, upGrad; Digital Lead - D2C, Pilgrim

**Hobbies & Interests:** Cooking, Teaching & Education

**Favorite Book or Movie:** Mindset by Carol S Dweck

**Dream Vacation:** Kasol

**Person I Admire:** Manmohan Singh



# JITESH NAIR

Practice Lead  
Infosys

**Birthday:** 01-December

**Educational Qualifications:** Bachelor of Commerce

**Technical Expertise:** Application Development & Deployment, Business Intelligence & Data Warehousing, Datacenter Management, Database Management & Administration, IT Operations Management, Training & Education, Web Site & E-commerce Management

**Business & Management Expertise:** Budgeting & Financial Management, Customer Support & Service Management, IT Strategy & Planning, Operations Management, Project & Program Management, Training & Education

**Work Experience:** 17 years

**Current Team Size:** 1 to 5 people

**Past Employment:** Associate Consultant, Tata Consultancy Services; Tax Consultant, Datamatics

**Hobbies & Interests:** Automobiles, Dance, Television, Travel, Writing

**Favorite Book or Movie:** Upagamah by Jitesh Nair

**Dream Vacation:** Andaman & Nicobar Islands

**Person I Admire:** Albert Einstein



# NITIN NARKHEDE

Chief Manager  
Skoda Auto Volkswagen India

**Birthday:** 30-January

**Educational Qualifications:** PG Diploma in Management Studies; Diploma

**Professional Certifications:** Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer (MCSE), Enterprise Architect with Togaf 9.1 Business Analyst (BA) with Coepd, ISMS with DNV, ISO 27001:2013 Lead Implementer with SGS, Professional Scrum MasterTM, CMMI-1.3-SVC/ CMMI-1.3-Dev, PMP Certification Training, ITIL

**Technical Expertise:** Business Intelligence & Data Warehousing, Datacenter Management, Database Management & Administration, IT Strategy & Planning

**Business & Management Expertise:** Budgeting & Financial Management, Customer Support & Service Management, IT Strategy & Planning,

Operations Management, Project & Program Management

**Work Experience:** 32 years

**Current Team Size:** 21 to 50 people

**Past Employment:** Senior Manager - IT Infrastructure, Volkswagen India; Deputy Manager - IT, ThyssenKrupp Electrical Steel India; Assistant Manager - IT, EBG India

**Hobbies & Interests:** Automobiles, Badminton, Cycling, Hiking, Social Service

**Favorite Book or Movie:** Three Laws of Performance by Dave Logan and Steve Zaffron

**Dream Vacation:** Bali

**Person I Admire:** Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel



# BHUSHAN NARSINGHANI

Global Head - Tech, Delivery & Platforms  
(Digital & Analytics), UPL

**Birthday:** 01-October

**Educational Qualifications:** PG Diploma in Management Studies;  
Bachelor of Engineering in Electronics

**Professional Certifications:** SAP Analytics Cloud, Information  
Technology Infrastructure Library (ITIL), SAP BW on HANA 7.5

**Technical Expertise:** Business Intelligence & Data Warehousing,  
Database Management & Administration, IT Strategy & Planning,  
Outsourcing Management, Technology Evaluation & Selection,  
Vendor Management, Web Site & E-commerce Management

**Business & Management Expertise:** Budgeting & Financial  
Management, Human Resources & Talent Management, IT  
Strategy & Planning, Operations Management, Project & Program  
Management, Training & Education, Vendor Management

**Work Experience:** 18 years

**Current Team Size:** 21 to 50 people

**Past Employment:** Lead - Analytics, UPL; Manager, Kansai Nerolac  
Paints

**Hobbies & Interests:** Badminton, Cricket, Music, Television, Travel

**Favorite Book or Movie:** The Secret of Leadership by Prakash Iyer

**Dream Vacation:** Switzerland

**Person I Admire:** My Parents





# AJAYA KUMAR NAYAK

Solution Architect  
Hippo Stores Technology

**Birthday:** 01-July

**Educational Qualifications:** Master of Computer Science; Bachelor of Computer Science; Diploma in Computer Science

**Professional Certifications:** Microsoft Certified Programmer (MCP)

**Technical Expertise:** Application Development & Deployment, Database Management & Administration, IT Operations Management, IT Security & Security Operations, Outsourcing Management, Technology Evaluation & Selection, Training & Education

**Business & Management Expertise:** IT Strategy & Planning, Project & Program Management, Training & Education

**Work Experience:** 18 years

**Current Team Size:** 11 to 15 people

**Past Employment:** Solution Architect, Axtria - Ingenious Insights; Lead Software Developer, Comm100

**Hobbies & Interests:** Cricket, Reading Books, Stamp & Coin Collecting, Teaching & Education, Television

**Favorite Book or Movie:** Rich Dad Poor Dad by Robert Kiyosaki and Sharon Lechter

**Dream Vacation:** Greece

**Person I Admire:** Bill Gates



# TAPASRANJAN PARIDA

Head - IT  
SFC Environmental Technologies

**Birthday:** 25-May

**Educational Qualifications:** Bachelor of Computer Science

**Professional Certifications:** Cisco Certified Network Associate (CCNA), Project Management Professional (PMP), Information Technology Infrastructure Library (ITIL)

**Technical Expertise:** Application Development & Deployment, Connectivity, Telecom & Collaboration Management, IT Asset & Infrastructure Management, IT Security & Security Operations, IT Strategy & Planning, Technology Evaluation & Selection

**Business & Management Expertise:** Budgeting & Financial Management, IT

Strategy & Planning, Project & Program Management, Vendor Management

**Work Experience:** 20 years

**Current Team Size:** 1 to 5 people

**Past Employment:** AGM - IT, Xotik Frujus; Senior Manager - IT & ERP, Carysil; Manager - IT, Sirmaxo Chemicals

**Hobbies & Interests:** Cricket, Football, Music, Tennis, Trekking

**Favorite Book or Movie:** Uri

**Dream Vacation:** Kedarnath

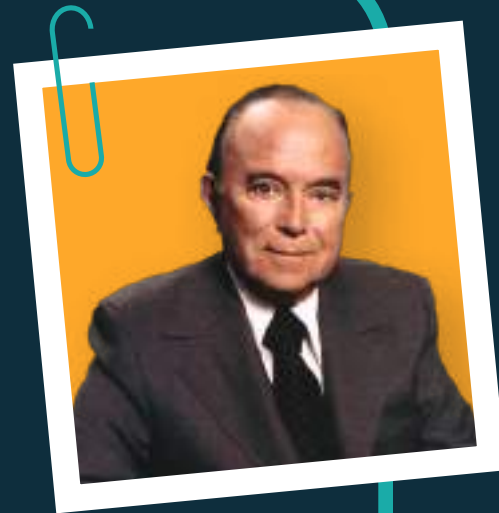
**Person I Admire:** Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam



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“The quality of a leader is reflected in the standards they set for themselves.”

**Raymond Albert Kroc**



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**SANMAN  
PARVALKAR**

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**DIPESH  
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**RAHUL  
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**KETAN  
PRAJAPATI**

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# SANMAN PARVALKAR

DWE Engineering Lead  
AON

**Birthday:** 21-July

**Educational Qualifications:** Bachelor of Commerce

**Professional Certifications:** Cisco Certified Network Associate (CCNA), Microsoft Certified Programmer (MCP), Red Hat Certified Engineer (RHCE), GNIIT, NIIT, Certified in Cybersecurity (CC), ISC2, Microsoft Certified Solutions Associate (MCSA)

**Technical Expertise:** IT Operations Management, IT Strategy & Planning, Technology Evaluation & Selection, Training & Education, Vendor Management, Web Site & E-commerce Management

**Business & Management Expertise:** Budgeting & Financial Management, Customer Support & Service Management, Human Resources & Talent Management, IT Strategy & Planning, Operations Management, Project & Program Management

**Work Experience:** 20 years

**Current Team Size:** 11 to 15 people

**Past Employment:** Tech Ops Lead, AON Global Insurance Brokers; System Center SME, Mcdermott; System Admin, Wipro

**Hobbies & Interests:** Cooking, Gadgets, Photography, Reading Books, Table Tennis

**Favorite Book or Movie:** 21 Lessons For the 21st Century by Yuval Noah Harari

**Dream Vacation:** Paris

**Person I Admire:** Elon Musk



# DIPESH PATEL

Deputy Vice President - Cloud Network &  
Security Engineering, HDFC Bank

**Birthday:** 22-September

**Educational Qualifications:** PG Diploma in Business Studies; Bachelor of Engineering in Electronics & Communication

**Professional Certifications:** Prisma Certified Cloud Security Engineer (PCCSE), Microsoft Certified - Azure Security Engineer Associate (AZ-500), Azure Network Engineer Associate (AZ-700), Azure Administrator Associate (AZ-104), Security Operations Analyst Associate (SC-200)

**Technical Expertise:** Connectivity, Telecom & Collaboration Management, IT Operations Management, IT Security & Security Operations, IT Strategy & Planning

**Business & Management Expertise:** Budgeting & Financial Management, Customer Support & Service

Management, IT Strategy & Planning, Operations Management, Project & Program Management

**Work Experience:** 19 years

**Current Team Size:** 21 to 50 people

**Past Employment:** Manager - Enterprise Solution & Service Delivery Architect, Reliance Jio Infocomm; Technical Architect - COE (Network and Security Infrastructure), Capgemini Technology Services India

**Hobbies & Interests:** Cricket, Music, Photography, Teaching & Education

**Favorite Book or Movie:** Corporate Chanakya by Radhakrishnan Pillai

**Dream Vacation:** Switzerland

**Person I Admire:** Dhirubhai Ambani



# RAHUL PATEL

Chief Information Security Officer  
Trust Capital Services (India)

**Birthday:** 30-September

**Educational Qualifications:** Bachelor of Engineering & Technology

**Professional Certifications:** Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA), Certified Information Security Manager (CISM)

**Technical Expertise:** IT Operations Management, IT Asset & Infrastructure Management, IT Compliance and Risk Management, IT Security & Security Operations, IT Strategy & Planning, Network Operations Centre (NOC) Management, Technology Evaluation & Selection

**Business & Management Expertise:** Budgeting & Financial Management, Customer Support & Service

Management, IT Strategy & Planning, Operations Management, Project & Program Management, Training & Education, Vendor Management

**Work Experience:** 19 years

**Current Team Size:** 11 to 15 people

**Past Employment:** Project Manager, NSEIT; Senior System Administrator, iSmart International

**Hobbies & Interests:** Automobiles, Cooking, Reading Books, Running, Travel

**Favorite Book or Movie:** The Art of War by Sun Tzu

**Dream Vacation:** New Zealand

**Person I Admire:** Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam



# ABDULLA PATHAN

Senior Vice President & Head - Solutions & Practices  
LearningMate Solutions

**Birthday:** 02-July

**Educational Qualifications:** Master of Science in Business Analytics; Bachelor of Engineering & Technology

**Professional Certifications:** Google Certified Professional

**Technical Expertise:** Application Development & Deployment, Business Intelligence & Data Warehousing, Disaster Recovery & Business Continuity, IT Operations Management, IT Strategy & Planning, Technology Evaluation & Selection, Web Site & E-commerce Management

**Business & Management Expertise:** Budgeting & Financial Management, IT Strategy & Planning

**Work Experience:** 27 years

**Current Team Size:** More than 200 people

**Past Employment:** Account Delivery Director, Vice President, Polaris Financial Technologies; Global Delivery & Solutions Head Europe & India, Hoonar Tekwurks Consulting

**Hobbies & Interests:** Social Service, Teaching & Education

**Favorite Book or Movie:** Sapiens by Yuval Noah Harari

**Dream Vacation:** Florence

**Person I Admire:** Barrack Obama





# PRAVIN PATIL

Vice President & Head - IT Infrastructure & Chief IT Security Officer, Reliance General Insurance Company

**Birthday:** 01-June

**Educational Qualifications:** PG Diploma; Bachelors; Diploma in Electronics

**Professional Certifications:** Certified Information Security Manager (CISM), Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer (MCSE), Project Management Professional (PMP)

**Technical Expertise:** Disaster Recovery & Business Continuity, Datacenter Management, IT Operations Management, IT Security & Security Operations, IT Strategy & Planning, Technology Evaluation & Selection, Vendor Management

**Business & Management Expertise:** Budgeting & Financial Management, Customer Support & Service Management, Human Resources & Talent Management, IT Strategy & Planning, Operations Management, Project & Program Management, Vendor Management

**Work Experience:** 25 years

**Current Team Size:** 6 to 10 people

**Past Employment:** Manager - IT, Angel Broking; Team Lead, 3i Infotech

**Hobbies & Interests:** Cricket, Music, Politics, Social Service

**Dream Vacation:** Europe

**Person I Admire:** My Parents



# DEEPAK PATKAR

Manager - IT  
Asian Paints

**Birthday:** 17-September

**Educational Qualifications:** Master of Business Studies; Bachelor of Engineering & Technology

**Professional Certifications:** Cisco Certified Network Associate (CCNA)

**Technical Expertise:** Connectivity, Telecom & Collaboration Management, IT Operations Management, IT Asset & Infrastructure Management, IT Security & Security Operations, Network Operations Centre (NOC) Management, Outsourcing Management

**Business & Management Expertise:** Budgeting & Financial Management, Customer Support & Service Management, IT Strategy & Planning, Operations Management, Project

& Program Management, Vendor Management

**Work Experience:** 15 years

**Current Team Size:** 11 to 15 people

**Past Employment:** Manager - Technology, Intelenet Global Services; Senior Network Engineer, i-Source Infosystems; Technical Support Engineer, AGC Networks

**Hobbies & Interests:** Cooking, Cricket, Music, Photography, Social Service

**Favorite Book or Movie:** Shivaji Maharaj The Greatest by Dr. Hemantraje Gaikwad

**Dream Vacation:** Paris

**Person I Admire:** Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam



# AJITH JOEL PETER

Assistant General Manager - IT  
Ramco Cements

**Birthday:** 03-February

**Educational Qualifications:** Master of Engineering & Technology; Bachelor of Engineering & Technology

**Professional Certifications:** Cisco Certified Network Associate (CCNA)

**Technical Expertise:** Disaster Recovery & Business Continuity, Datacenter Management, IT Operations Management, IT Asset & Infrastructure Management, IT Compliance and Risk Management, IT Security & Security Operations

**Business & Management Expertise:** Budgeting & Financial Management, Customer Support & Service Management, Human Resources & Talent Management, IT Strategy &

Planning, Operations Management, Project & Program Management, Vendor Management

**Work Experience:** 17 years

**Current Team Size:** 11 to 15 people

**Past Employment:** Senior Manager - IT, Ramco Cements

**Hobbies & Interests:** Cooking, Cycling, Music, Social Service, Travel

**Favorite Book or Movie:** The Holy Bible

**Dream Vacation:** England

**Person I Admire:** Jesus Christ



# MAHESWARAMOORTHY PONNUSAMY

Senior Manager - IT  
Jayem Automotives

**Birthday:** 04-June

**Educational Qualifications:** Master of Business Studies; Bachelor of Computer Science

**Professional Certifications:** Information Technology Infrastructure Library (ITIL)

**Technical Expertise:** Disaster Recovery & Business Continuity, Datacenter Management, IT Operations Management, IT Strategy & Planning, Outsourcing Management, Technology Evaluation & Selection, Vendor Management

**Business & Management Expertise:** Budgeting & Financial Management, Customer Support & Service Management, IT Strategy & Planning, Operations Management, Project & Program Management, Supply Chain Management, Vendor Management

**Work Experience:** 20 years

**Current Team Size:** 11 to 15 people

**Past Employment:** Manager, Jayem Automotives; EDP Incharge, Phoenix

**Hobbies & Interests:** Automobiles, Cricket, Politics, Running, Tennis

**Favorite Book or Movie:** Ponniyin Selvan by Kalki Krishnamurthy

**Dream Vacation:** Kashmir

**Person I Admire:** My Father





# SHAILENDRA PORWAL

Senior Manager - IT  
Pearson India

**Birthday:** 24-October

**Educational Qualifications:** Bachelor of Computer Science

**Professional Certifications:** Cyber Security and Privacy (IIT, Madras - NPTEL), Microsoft 365 Certified: Messaging Administrator Associate, Microsoft 365 Certified: Azure Solution Architect Expert, Microsoft Certified: Security, Compliance, and Identity Fundamentals

**Technical Expertise:** Application Development & Deployment, IT Operations Management, IT Compliance and Risk Management, IT Security & Security Operations, IT Strategy & Planning, Technology Evaluation & Selection, Vendor Management

**Business & Management Expertise:** Budgeting & Financial Management, Customer Support & Service Management, IT Strategy & Planning, Operations Management, Project & Program Management, Vendor Management

**Work Experience:** 12 years

**Current Team Size:** 6 to 10 people

**Past Employment:** Senior Consultant, Expleo Group; Senior Consultant, ANDRITZ HYDRO; Wintel Administrator, Wipro

**Hobbies & Interests:** Automobiles, Badminton, Cooking, Cricket, Social Service

**Favorite Book or Movie:** Atomic Habits by James Clear

**Dream Vacation:** Switzerland

**Person I Admire:** Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam



# KETAN PRAJAPATI

Head - IT  
 Zenex Animal Health India

**Birthday:** 21-July

**Educational Qualifications:** Bachelor of Engineering & Technology

**Professional Certifications:** Information Technology Infrastructure Library (ITIL), Microsoft Certified: Azure for SAP Workloads Specialty, Cisco Certified Network Associate (CCNA), SAP HANA

**Technical Expertise:** Application Development & Deployment, Disaster Recovery & Business Continuity, Database Management & Administration, IT Operations Management

**Business & Management Expertise:** Budgeting & Financial Management, Customer Support & Service

Management, Human Resources & Talent Management, IT Strategy & Planning, Project & Program Management

**Work Experience:** 17 years

**Current Team Size:** 16 to 20 people

**Past Employment:** Head - IT Infrastructure, Accenture; SAP Consultant, Torrent Pharmaceuticals

**Hobbies & Interests:** Cricket, Music, Photography, Teaching & Education, Television

**Favorite Book or Movie:** 7 Habits of Highly Effective People by Stephen R Covey

**Dream Vacation:** London

**Person I Admire:** My Father



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“Innovation distinguishes between a leader and a follower.”

**Steve Jobs**



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**SENTHIL KUMAR**  
RAMAN

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**MEHUL**  
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**RAMESH**  
RETHNASIROMONI

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SHANMUGAM

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**RAJNISH KUMAR**  
SHARMA

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# SENTHIL KUMAR RAMAN

Senior Architect & Head - IT Digital Solutions  
Tata Technologies

**Birthday:** 03-July

**Educational Qualifications:** Master of Computer Applications;  
Bachelor of Commerce

**Professional Certifications:** Information Technology Infrastructure  
Library (ITIL), PProjects IN Controlled Environments (PRINCE2)

**Technical Expertise:** Application Development & Deployment,  
Business Intelligence & Data Warehousing, Disaster Recovery &  
Business Continuity, IT Strategy & Planning, Technology Evaluation  
& Selection, Vendor Management, Web Site & E-commerce  
Management

**Business & Management Expertise:** Budgeting & Financial  
Management, Customer Support & Service Management, Human  
Resources & Talent Management, IT Strategy & Planning, Project &  
Program Management, Training & Education, Vendor Management

**Work Experience:** 24 years

**Current Team Size:** 51 to 100 people

**Past Employment:** Project Manager - Digital Solutions, Tata  
Technologies

**Hobbies & Interests:** Music, Reading Books, Travel

**Favorite Book or Movie:** Kanaiyazhiyin Kadaisi Pakkangal  
by Sujatha

**Dream Vacation:** Europe

**Person I Admire:** Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam



# MEHUL RAVAL

Senior Manager  
Erhardt+Leimer (India)

**Birthday:** 10-October

**Educational Qualifications:** Bachelors;  
Diploma

**Professional Certifications:** ISO 27001:  
2023 ISMS Lead Auditor

**Technical Expertise:** Disaster Recovery  
& Business Continuity, IT Operations  
Management, IT Security & Security  
Operations, IT Strategy & Planning,  
Outsourcing Management, Technology  
Evaluation & Selection, Vendor  
Management

**Business & Management Expertise:**  
Budgeting & Financial Management,  
Human Resources & Talent  
Management, IT Strategy & Planning,  
Project & Program Management,  
Vendor Management

**Work Experience:** 26 years

**Current Team Size:** 1 to 5 people

**Past Employment:** Assistant Manager,  
Biotech Vision Care

**Hobbies & Interests:** Cricket, Gadgets,  
Music, Travel

**Favorite Book or Movie:**  
Vivekacadamani by Adi Shankaracharya

**Dream Vacation:** Venice

**Person I Admire:** My Wife



# RAMESH RETHNASIROMONI

Senior Director - Data & Analytics  
GE Vernova

**Birthday:** 01-November

**Educational Qualifications:** Bachelor of Engineering in Electrical & Electronics

**Technical Expertise:** Business Intelligence & Data Warehousing, IT Operations Management, IT Asset & Infrastructure Management, IT Compliance and Risk Management, IT Security & Security Operations, IT Strategy & Planning, Outsourcing Management

**Business & Management Expertise:** Budgeting & Financial Management, IT Strategy & Planning, Operations Management

**Work Experience:** 18 years

**Current Team Size:** 21 to 50 people

**Past Employment:** Senior Director, Data Governance, GE Gas Power; Director, Platform & Cloud Operations & Data Governance, GE Gas Power; Audit Manager, Corp Audit Staff, GE Corporate

**Hobbies & Interests:** Painting, Photography, Television, Travel

**Favorite Book or Movie:** The Zahir by Paulo Coelho

**Dream Vacation:** Ireland

**Person I Admire:** Sylvester Stallone



# VISHVAJEET SARAF

Senior Principal Technology Architect  
Infosys

**Birthday:** 29-July

**Educational Qualifications:** Bachelor of Electronics & Telecommunication; Diploma in Business Management

**Professional Certifications:** LeanIX APM

**Technical Expertise:** Application Development & Deployment, IT Security & Security Operations, IT Strategy & Planning, Technology Evaluation & Selection

**Business & Management Expertise:** IT Strategy & Planning, Project & Program Management

**Work Experience:** 22 years

**Current Team Size:** 51 to 100 people

**Past Employment:** Associate, Cognizant Technology Solutions; Engineer, Larsen & Toubro; Engineer - R&D, Propellex Solutions

**Hobbies & Interests:** Poetry, Reading Books, Theater & Performing Arts

**Favorite Book or Movie:** Siddhartha by Hermann Hesse

**Dream Vacation:** Budapest

**Person I Admire:** Rafee Tarafdaar





# JITIN SETHI

Assistant General Manager - IT  
Panasonic Life Solutions India

**Birthday:** 27-June

**Educational Qualifications:** PG Diploma; Bachelor of Arts

**Professional Certifications:** Project Management Professional (PMP), Information Technology Infrastructure Library (ITIL)

**Technical Expertise:** Application Development & Deployment, Business Intelligence & Data Warehousing, Disaster Recovery & Business Continuity, Datacenter Management, Database Management & Administration, Connectivity, Vendor Management

**Business & Management Expertise:** Budgeting & Financial Management, Customer Support & Service Management, IT Strategy & Planning, Operations Management, Project & Program Management, Training & Education, Vendor Management

**Work Experience:** 24 years

**Current Team Size:** 1 to 5 people

**Past Employment:** Manager, Boston Consulting Group

**Hobbies & Interests:** Automobiles, Cooking, Music, Social Service, Travel

**Favorite Book or Movie:** Rich Dad Poor Dad by Robert Kiyosaki and Sharon Lechter

**Dream Vacation:** London

**Person I Admire:** My Father



# MITUL SHAH

Head - Infrastructure Security Risk  
IndusInd Bank

**Birthday:** 28-January

**Educational Qualifications:** Master of Computer Science; Bachelor of Commerce

**Professional Certifications:** Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP), Certified Information Security Manager (CISM), ISO 27001 Lead Auditor

**Technical Expertise:** Application Development & Deployment, IT Operations Management, IT Asset & Infrastructure Management, IT Compliance and Risk Management, IT Security & Security Operations, Technology Evaluation & Selection, Training & Education

**Work Experience:** 16 years

**Current Team Size:** 21 to 50 people

**Past Employment:** Senior Information Technology Manager, Axis Bank; Data Security & Governance Lead, Visa

**Hobbies & Interests:** Badminton, Cricket, Music, Photography, Travel

**Favorite Book or Movie:** Hacking, Art of Exploitation by Jon Erickson

**Dream Vacation:** France

**Person I Admire:** Elon Musk



# PRASHANT SHAH

Head - IT  
DecBectochem Engineering

**Birthday:** 23-July

**Educational Qualifications:** Master of Computer Applications; Bachelor of Computer Applications

**Professional Certifications:** Microsoft Certified Programmer (MCP)

**Technical Expertise:** Application Development & Deployment, Disaster Recovery & Business Continuity, Datacenter Management, Connectivity, Telecom & Collaboration Management, IT Operations Management, IT Asset & Infrastructure Management

**Business & Management Expertise:** Budgeting & Financial Management, Customer Support & Service Management, IT Strategy & Planning, Operations Management, Project &

Program Management, Training & Education, Vendor Management

**Work Experience:** 16 years

**Current Team Size:** 6 to 10 people

**Past Employment:** Deputy Manager - IT, GMM Pfadler

**Hobbies & Interests:** Cooking, Cycling, Gadgets, Politics, Travel

**Favorite Book or Movie:** Three Mistakes of My Life by Chetan Bhagat

**Dream Vacation:** My Home

**Person I Admire:** My Grandfather



# RAMANATH SHANBHAG

Associate Vice President & Senior Principal  
Technology Architect, Infosys

**Birthday:** 24-May

**Educational Qualifications:** PG Diploma in Business Finance; PG Diploma in Software Technology, NCST; Bachelor of Engineering in Electronics

**Professional Certifications:** Chartered Financial Analyst, ICFAI, Independent Directors Databank Online Proficiency Assessment, IICA

**Technical Expertise:** Application Development & Deployment, IT Asset & Infrastructure Management, IT Strategy & Planning, Technology Evaluation & Selection, Training & Education, Web Site & E-commerce Management

**Business & Management Expertise:** Budgeting & Financial Management, Human Resources & Talent Management, IT Strategy & Planning, Project & Program Management, Training & Education

**Work Experience:** 26 years

**Current Team Size:** 101 to 200 people

**Past Employment:** Chief Product Architect (NGIN), Infosys; Practice Sales & Consulting Head (Digital & Integration, APAC), Infosys; Senior Consultant, Capgemini Consulting India

**Hobbies & Interests:** Badminton, Football, Music, Reading Books, Running

**Favorite Book or Movie:** Fountainhead by Ayn Rand

**Dream Vacation:** Kashmir

**Person I Admire:** Nandan Nilekani





# SELVARAJ SHANMUGAM

Senior Vice President - AI & Generative AI  
Exela Technologies

**Birthday:** 12-July

**Educational Qualifications:** PhD in AI (Pursuing); Executive MBA;  
Master of Computer Application

**Professional Certifications:** Google Cloud Generative AI Badge, Pega  
Certified Lead System Architect, Project Management Professional  
(PMP), Microsoft Certified Professional (MCP), Celonis Certified  
Solution Professional

**Technical Expertise:** Application Development & Deployment,  
Business Intelligence & Data Warehousing, IT Strategy & Planning,  
Outsourcing Management, Technology Evaluation & Selection, Training  
& Education, Web Site & E-commerce Management

**Business & Management Expertise:** Budgeting & Financial  
Management, Customer Support & Service Management, Human  
Resources & Talent Management, IT Strategy & Planning, Project &  
Program Management, Training & Education, Vendor Management

**Work Experience:** 25 years

**Current Team Size:** More than 200 people

**Past Employment:** Chief Technology Evangelist, AI & GenAI, TCS

**Hobbies & Interests:** Cycling, Music, Reading Books, Teaching &  
Education, Television

**Favorite Book or Movie:** One Minute Manager by Ken Blanchard and  
Spencer Johnson

**Dream Vacation:** My Home

**Person I Admire:** My Parents





# RAJNISH KUMAR SHARMA

Senior Manager  
Teleperformance

**Birthday:** 05-June

**Educational Qualifications:** MBA in Information Systems; Bachelor of Computer Science in IT

**Professional Certifications:** Designing Microsoft Azure Infrastructure Solutions (AZ-305), Microsoft Certified: Azure Virtual Desktop Specialty, VMware Certified Professional (VCP), Nutanix Certified Professional (NCP)

**Technical Expertise:** Datacenter Management, IT Operations Management, IT Strategy & Planning, Network Operations Centre (NOC) Management, Technology Evaluation & Selection, Vendor Management

**Business & Management Expertise:** IT Strategy & Planning

**Work Experience:** 18 years

**Current Team Size:** 21 to 50 people

**Past Employment:** Manager - Virtualization & Cloud, Genpact

**Hobbies & Interests:** Badminton, Reading Books, Running, Table Tennis

**Favorite Book or Movie:** 80% Mindset  
20% Skills by Dev Gadhi

**Dream Vacation:** Europe

**Person I Admire:** Sudha Murty



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“Leadership is the art of giving people a platform for spreading ideas that work.”

**Seth Godin**



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# NISAR AHMAD SIDDIQUI

Associate Vice President - Application Engineering  
Bajaj Allianz General Insurance

**Birthday:** 05-June

**Educational Qualifications:** Master of Computer Applications

**Professional Certifications:** Project Management Professional (PMP)

**Technical Expertise:** Application Development & Deployment, IT Strategy & Planning, Outsourcing Management, Technology Evaluation & Selection, Training & Education, Vendor Management

**Business & Management Expertise:** Budgeting & Financial Management, Customer Support & Service Management, IT Strategy & Planning, Project & Program Management, Training & Education, Vendor Management

**Work Experience:** 17 years

**Current Team Size:** 21 to 50 people

**Past Employment:** Technical Lead, Wipro; Project Lead, TechProcess Payment Services & Clover Infotech; Senior Software Engineer, Accord Fintech

**Hobbies & Interests:** Badminton, Cooking, Cycling, Running, Social Service

**Favorite Book or Movie:** 7 Habits of Highly Effective People by Stephen R Covey

**Dream Vacation:** Maldives

**Person I Admire:** My Mentors



# ASHUTOSH SINGH

Associate General Manager  
HCL Tech

**Birthday:** 09-March

**Educational Qualifications:** Master of Computer Applications; Bachelor of Computer Science

**Technical Expertise:** Application Development & Deployment, IT Operations Management, IT Security & Security Operations, Outsourcing Management, Technology Evaluation & Selection, Training & Education, Web Site & E-commerce Management

**Business & Management Expertise:** Budgeting & Financial Management, Customer Support & Service Management, Human Resources & Talent Management, IT Strategy & Planning, Operations Management, Project & Program Management

**Work Experience:** 19 years

**Current Team Size:** 21 to 50 people

**Past Employment:** Senior Consultant, Capgemini; Technical Lead, BrickRed Technologies

**Hobbies & Interests:** Badminton, Cricket, Travel

**Person I Admire:** Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam



# RAJNEESH SINGH

Vice President - IT & SAP  
Rays Power Infra

**Birthday:** 28-November

**Educational Qualifications:** PG Diploma in Management Studies; Bachelor of Engineering & Technology

**Professional Certifications:** ISO 9001 Internal Auditor, SAP ERP, SAP HANA, Six Sigma, ISMS Lead Auditor

**Technical Expertise:** Application Development & Deployment, Business Intelligence & Data Warehousing, Technology Evaluation & Selection, Training & Education, Vendor Management, Web Site & E-commerce Management

**Business & Management Expertise:** Budgeting & Financial Management, Customer Support & Service Management, Human Resources & Talent

Management, IT Strategy & Planning, Operations Management, Supply Chain Management, Training & Education

**Work Experience:** 19 years

**Current Team Size:** 6 to 10 people

**Past Employment:** PQS, Sobha Developers; Senior Manager - SAP - Planning & Quality, Mahindra World City (Jaipur)

**Hobbies & Interests:** Cricket, Gadgets, Running, Social Service, Travel

**Favorite Book or Movie:** Five Point Someone by Chetan Bhagat

**Dream Vacation:** Maldives

**Person I Admire:** My Father



# AJAY SINGLA

Senior Manager - Global Technology Engineering  
TMF Services India

**Birthday:** 09-January

**Educational Qualifications:** Bachelor of Engineering & Technology

**Professional Certifications:** Microsoft Certified Programmer (MCP), Cisco Certified Network Associate (CCNA), Microsoft Certified Programmer (MCP)

**Technical Expertise:** Disaster Recovery & Business Continuity, Datacenter Management, Connectivity, Telecom & Collaboration Management, IT Operations Management, IT Asset & Infrastructure Management, IT Security & Security Operations

**Business & Management Expertise:** Budgeting & Financial Management, Customer Support & Service Management, Human Resources & Talent Management, IT Strategy & Planning, Operations Management, Project & Program Management, Vendor Management

**Work Experience:** 21 years

**Current Team Size:** 21 to 50 people

**Past Employment:** Principal Architect, Remote Extensions; Technical Lead, Convergys India Services

**Hobbies & Interests:** Cricket, Reading Books, Running, Social Service, Travel

**Favorite Book or Movie:** Shiva Trilogy by Amish Tripathi

**Dream Vacation:** Switzerland

**Person I Admire:** Ratan Tata





# RAJNEESH SRIVASTAVA

Vice President  
Axis Bank

**Birthday:** 10-July

**Educational Qualifications:** MBA in Business Leadership; Executive Postgraduate in IT & Management; Bachelor of Engineering in IT

**Professional Certifications:** Project Management Professional (PMP), Information Technology Infrastructure Library (ITIL)

**Technical Expertise:** Application Development & Deployment, Disaster Recovery & Business Continuity, Datacenter Management, IT Operations Management, IT Strategy & Planning, Technology Evaluation & Selection

**Business & Management Expertise:** Budgeting & Financial Management, Customer Support & Service Management, IT Strategy & Planning, Operations Management, Project & Program Management

**Work Experience:** 16 years

**Current Team Size:** 21 to 50 people

**Past Employment:** Associate Director, Subex; Associate Director, NTT Data Services

**Hobbies & Interests:** Photography, Reading Books, Running, Social Service, Teaching & Education

**Favorite Book or Movie:** Amp It Up by Frank Sliotman

**Dream Vacation:** Hawaii

**Person I Admire:** Ratan Tata



# MUSTAFAUDDIN SYED

Manager - Project Management  
 Rackspace Technology

**Birthday:** 28-November

**Educational Qualifications:** Master of Business Studies; Bachelor of Commerce

**Professional Certifications:** Project Management Professional (PMP), PRjects IN Controlled Environments (PRINCE2), Information Technology Infrastructure Library (ITIL), Six Sigma

**Technical Expertise:** Datacenter Management, IT Operations Management, IT Asset & Infrastructure Management, IT Strategy & Planning

**Business & Management Expertise:** Budgeting & Financial Management, Customer Support & Service Management, Human Resources &

Talent Management, IT Strategy & Planning, Operations Management

**Work Experience:** 15 years

**Current Team Size:** 16 to 20 people

**Past Employment:** Program Manager, Cloud4C Services; Integration Lead, Optum Global Solutions

**Hobbies & Interests:** Automobiles, Cooking, Cricket, Gadgets, Teaching & Education

**Favorite Book or Movie:** Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK) by Mohammed Ahmad S Al-Shamsi

**Dream Vacation:** Kashmir

**Person I Admire:** My Wife



# VELAYUTHAM T

Assistant General Manager  
Karur Vysya Bank

**Birthday:** 04-December

**Educational Qualifications:** MBA;  
Master of Computer Science; Bachelor  
of Computer Science

**Professional Certifications:** Oracle  
Certified Professional (OCP)

**Technical Expertise:** Disaster Recovery  
& Business Continuity, Datacenter  
Management, Database Management  
& Administration, IT Operations  
Management, IT Security & Security  
Operations, Vendor Management

**Business & Management Expertise:**  
IT Strategy & Planning, Operations  
Management, Vendor Management

**Work Experience:** 20 years

**Current Team Size:** 21 to 50 people

**Past Employment:** Chief Manager,  
Karur Vysya Bank

**Hobbies & Interests:** Music, Reading  
Books, Television

**Favorite Book or Movie:** Tirukural by  
Thiruvalluvar

**Dream Vacation:** Kodaikanal

**Person I Admire:** My Father



# JITESH TALREJA

Enterprise Architect  
Mahindra & Mahindra

**Birthday:** 26-October

**Educational Qualifications:** Bachelor of Engineering & Technology;  
Diploma in Engineering & Technology

**Professional Certifications:** SAP MDM

**Technical Expertise:** Application Development & Deployment, IT Security & Security Operations, IT Strategy & Planning, Technology Evaluation & Selection, Training & Education, Web Site & E-commerce Management

**Business & Management Expertise:** Budgeting & Financial Management, Customer Support & Service Management, IT Strategy & Planning, Operations Management, Project & Program Management, Supply Chain Management, Training & Education

**Work Experience:** 16 years

**Current Team Size:** 21 to 50 people

**Past Employment:** Consultant, Capgemini Technology Services India

**Hobbies & Interests:** Cricket, Chess

**Favorite Book or Movie:** Five Point Someone by Chetan Bhagat

**Dream Vacation:** Switzerland

**Person I Admire:** Narendra Modi





# NITIN TALWAR

Vice President - IT  
Reliance Nippon Life Insurance

**Birthday:** 24-August

**Educational Qualifications:** PG Diploma in IT; Bachelor of Engineering

**Professional Certifications:** Certified Scrum Master

**Technical Expertise:** Application Development & Deployment, IT Operations Management, IT Strategy & Planning, Technology Evaluation & Selection

**Business & Management Expertise:** IT Strategy & Planning, Project & Program Management, Vendor Management

**Work Experience:** 16 years

**Current Team Size:** 16 to 20 people

**Past Employment:** Vice President - IT, Aviva Life Insurance Co India; Project Manager, Sunlife Asia Delivery Center; Project Leader, Newgen Software Technologies

**Hobbies & Interests:** Cycling, Gadgets, Music, Riding

**Favorite Book or Movie:** Power of Subconscious Mind by Joseph Murphy

**Dream Vacation:** Andaman & Nicobar Islands

**Person I Admire:** Steve Jobs



# DIVIK THAREJA

Associate Director  
To The New

**Birthday:** 27-July

**Educational Qualifications:** Executive Program in IT Management, IIM-Lucknow; Bachelor of Engineering

**Professional Certifications:** ICAgile Certified Professional - Enterprise Agile Coaching (ICP-ENT), Certified Scrum Professional - Scrum Master (CSP-SM)

**Technical Expertise:** Application Development & Deployment, Disaster Recovery & Business Continuity, IT Operations Management, IT Strategy & Planning, Technology Evaluation & Selection, Training & Education

**Business & Management Expertise:** Budgeting & Financial Management, Customer Support & Service Management, Human Resources &

Talent Management, IT Strategy & Planning, Operations Management, Project & Program Management, Training & Education

**Work Experience:** 15 years

**Current Team Size:** 51 to 100 people

**Past Employment:** Associate Manager, Accenture Services

**Hobbies & Interests:** Cricket, Reading Books, Teaching & Education, Travel, Cooking

**Favorite Book or Movie:** Start With Why by Simon Sinek

**Dream Vacation:** Hawaii

**Person I Admire:** Warren Buffet



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“The function of leadership is to produce more leaders, not more followers.”

**Ralph Nader**



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# AAMUKTHA VENKATA TIRUMALAREDDY

Associate Vice President  
Cloud4C Services

**Birthday:** 20-June

**Educational Qualifications:** Bachelor of Computer Science

**Professional Certifications:** Project Management Professional (PMP)

**Technical Expertise:** Disaster Recovery & Business Continuity, Datacenter Management, IT Asset & Infrastructure Management

**Business & Management Expertise:** Budgeting & Financial Management, Customer Support & Service Management, Project & Program Management

**Work Experience:** 15 years

**Current Team Size:** 16 to 20 people

**Past Employment:** Remote Support Analyst, IBM India; Program Manager, CtrlS Datacenters; Team Lead, Accenture India

**Hobbies & Interests:** Cooking, Dance, Social Service, Travel

**Favorite Book or Movie:** Focus on What Matters by Darius Foroux

**Dream Vacation:** Maldives

**Person I Admire:** My Father



# GUNJAN TIWARI

Head - IT  
Terumo India

**Birthday:** 14-July

**Educational Qualifications:** Master of Management Studies (ISB); MS in IT; Bachelor of Engineering in Computer Science

**Professional Certifications:** Information Technology Infrastructure Library (ITIL), Six Sigma, Project Management Professional (PMP), SAP HANA

**Technical Expertise:** Application Development & Deployment, Business Intelligence & Data Warehousing, Disaster Recovery & Business Continuity, IT Operations Management, IT Compliance and Risk Management

**Business & Management Expertise:** Budgeting & Financial Management,

Customer Support & Service Management, Human Resources & Talent Management, IT Strategy & Planning, Operations Management

**Work Experience:** 15 years

**Current Team Size:** 1 to 5 people

**Past Employment:** IT Business Partner - APAC, Philips; Program Manager - Panasonic

**Hobbies & Interests:** Cycling, Dance, Reading Books, Teaching & Education, Travel

**Favorite Book or Movie:** Wings of Fire by Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam

**Dream Vacation:** Switzerland

**Person I Admire:** Steve Jobs





# MAHESH TOSHNIWAL

General Manager & Group Head - IT Operations  
Jindal Steel & Power

**Birthday:** 09-May

**Educational Qualifications:** Bachelor of Engineering & Technology

**Professional Certifications:** Certified Information Security Manager (CISM)

**Technical Expertise:** Disaster Recovery & Business Continuity, IT Operations Management, IT Asset & Infrastructure Management, IT Compliance and Risk Management, IT Strategy & Planning, Technology Evaluation & Selection, Vendor Management

**Business & Management Expertise:** Budgeting & Financial Management, Customer Support & Service Management, Human Resources & Talent Management, IT Strategy &

Planning, Operations Management, Project & Program Management, Vendor Management

**Work Experience:** 15 years

**Current Team Size:** 51 to 100 people

**Past Employment:** Head - IT, UltraTech Cement; Manager - IT Corporate & Group Initiative, Vedanta

**Hobbies & Interests:** Music, Social Service, Television, Travel, Singing

**Favorite Book or Movie:** Wings of Fire by Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam

**Dream Vacation:** Kailash Mansarovar

**Person I Admire:** My Father



# PRAVEEN SAI KUMAR TUTIKA

General Manager  
IB Group

**Birthday:** 24-June

**Educational Qualifications:** MBA; Bachelor of Mathematics

**Professional Certifications:** Project Management Professional (PMP), Information Technology Infrastructure Library (ITIL)

**Technical Expertise:** IT Operations Management, IT Asset & Infrastructure Management, IT Compliance and Risk Management, IT Security & Security Operations, IT Strategy & Planning, Outsourcing Management, Technology Evaluation & Selection

**Business & Management Expertise:** Budgeting & Financial Management, Customer Support & Service Management, Human Resources & Talent Management, IT Strategy & Planning, Project & Program Management, Training & Education, Vendor Management

**Work Experience:** 20 years

**Current Team Size:** 1 to 5 people

**Past Employment:** Head - IT Infrastructure & PMO, Emami Agrotech; Project Manager - IT Transformation, IBM India

**Hobbies & Interests:** Music, Reading Books, Social Service, Teaching & Education, Travel

**Favorite Book or Movie:** Orbit Shifting by Rajiv Narang and Devika Devaiah

**Dream Vacation:** Goa

**Person I Admire:** Gokul Ranganathan





## VENKATASUBRAMANIAN VENKATARAMAN

Deputy General Manager - IT  
City Union Bank

**Birthday:** 02-March

**Educational Qualifications:** Master of Computer Applications;  
Bachelor of Mathematics; Bachelor of Law

**Professional Certifications:** Certified Associate of Indian Institute  
of Bankers

**Technical Expertise:** Application Development & Deployment,  
Business Intelligence & Data Warehousing, Datacenter  
Management, IT Operations Management, IT Strategy & Planning,  
Outsourcing Management, Vendor Management

**Business & Management Expertise:** Budgeting & Financial  
Management, Human Resources & Talent Management, IT Strategy  
& Planning, Project & Program Management, Vendor Management

**Work Experience:** 36 years

**Current Team Size:** More than 200 people

**Past Employment:** Delivery Project Executive, IBM India; Senior  
Business Consultant, Temenos India; Officer, Karur Vysya Bank

**Hobbies & Interests:** Cricket, Travel

**Favorite Book or Movie:** Arthamulla Indhu Matham by Kannadasan

**Dream Vacation:** Las Vegas

**Person I Admire:** Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam



# PIYUSH VIRULKAR

Manager  
Mercedes Benz India

**Birthday:** 06-November

**Educational Qualifications:** Master of Management Studies; Bachelor of Engineering & Technology

**Professional Certifications:** PSM, Safe Agilist, ESG Professional, DevSecOps, Grey Belt, Mahindra Yellow Belt

**Technical Expertise:** Connectivity, Telecom & Collaboration Management, IT Operations Management, IT Compliance and Risk Management, IT Strategy & Planning, Outsourcing Management, Vendor Management

**Business & Management Expertise:** Budgeting & Financial Management, Customer Support & Service Management, IT Strategy & Planning, Operations Management, Project

& Program Management, Vendor Management

**Work Experience:** 12 years

**Current Team Size:** 1 to 5 people

**Past Employment:** Manager, KPMG India; Deputy Manager, Mahindra & Mahindra

**Hobbies & Interests:** Automobiles, Cricket, Music, Social Service, Television

**Favorite Book or Movie:** Art of Thinking Clearly by Rolf Dobelli

**Dream Vacation:** Europe

**Person I Admire:** Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam





# HIMANSHU WADIA

Director - Infrastructure & BSS  
Amdocs

**Birthday:** 27-September

**Educational Qualifications:** MDP (IIM-Calcutta); PGDBM; Bachelor of IT

**Professional Certifications:** Information Technology Infrastructure Library (ITIL)

**Technical Expertise:** Application Development & Deployment, Disaster Recovery & Business Continuity, Datacenter Management, Connectivity, Telecom & Collaboration Management, IT Operations Management, IT Asset & Infrastructure Management, Network Operations Centre (NOC) Management

**Business & Management Expertise:** Customer Support & Service Management, IT Strategy & Planning,

Operations Management, Project & Program Management

**Work Experience:** 17 years

**Current Team Size:** 101 to 200 people

**Past Employment:** Deputy General Manager - Infrastructure & Tools, HCL Technologies; Delivery Head - Tools & Data Centre Solutions, Airtel

**Hobbies & Interests:** Automobiles, Gadgets, Hiking, Photography, Reading Books

**Favorite Book or Movie:** Discovery of India by Jawaharlal Nehru

**Dream Vacation:** Kashmir

**Person I Admire:** Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam



# AJAY YADAV

Head - IT & SAP  
SBL Homeopathy

**Birthday:** 09-July

**Educational Qualifications:** Master of Business Administration;  
Master of Computer Applications; PG Diploma in Cyber Law;  
Bachelor of Science

**Professional Certifications:** Microsoft Certified Professional (MCP),  
SAP HANA

**Technical Expertise:** Application Development & Deployment,  
Disaster Recovery & Business Continuity, IT Operations  
Management, IT Security & Security Operations, Outsourcing  
Management, Training & Education, Vendor Management

**Business & Management Expertise:** Budgeting & Financial  
Management, Customer Support & Service Management, Human  
Resources & Talent Management, IT Strategy & Planning, Project &  
Program Management, Training & Education, Vendor Management

**Work Experience:** 19 years

**Current Team Size:** 11 to 15 people

**Past Employment:** Head - IT, Arshiya; Head - SAP, Saraya Industries

**Hobbies & Interests:** Cricket, Music, Politics, Running, Teaching &  
Education

**Favorite Book or Movie:** The One Minute Manager by Ken Blanchard  
and Spencer Johnson

**Dream Vacation:** Bangkok

**Person I Admire:** Steve Jobs





# PRADEEP KUMAR YADAV

Chief Software Architect  
Danske Bank

**Birthday:** 12-December

**Educational Qualifications:** Bachelor of Engineering in Computer Science

**Professional Certifications:** CTO, ISB

**Technical Expertise:** Application Development & Deployment, Disaster Recovery & Business Continuity, IT Compliance and Risk Management, IT Security & Security Operations, IT Strategy & Planning, Technology Evaluation & Selection, Training & Education

**Work Experience:** 17 years

**Current Team Size:** 11 to 15 people

**Past Employment:** Chief Cloud Architect, SpanIdea Systems; Technical Manager, Aultix Innovations

**Hobbies & Interests:** Running, Reading, Social Service, Television

**Favorite Book or Movie:** Domain Driven Design by Eric Evans

**Dream Vacation:** Ladakh

**Person I Admire:** Narendra Modi



# VIKAS YADAV

Vice President - IT  
Livpure

**Birthday:** 04-January

**Educational Qualifications:** PG Diploma in Business Studies; Bachelor of Engineering & Technology

**Professional Certifications:** SAP HANA, SAP ERP

**Technical Expertise:** Application Development & Deployment, Business Intelligence & Data Warehousing, IT Strategy & Planning, Outsourcing Management, Technology Evaluation & Selection, Web Site & E-commerce Management

**Business & Management Expertise:** IT Strategy & Planning, Operations Management, Project & Program Management, Supply Chain Management, Vendor Management

**Work Experience:** 21 years

**Current Team Size:** 21 to 50 people

**Past Employment:** General Manager, International Tractors; Deputy General Manager, Minda Corporation

**Hobbies & Interests:** Automobiles, Cricket, Running, Table Tennis

**Favorite Book or Movie:** Sholay

**Dream Vacation:** Mauritius

**Person I Admire:** My Father



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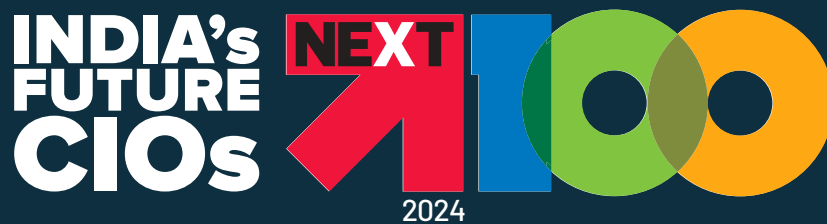
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