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## Event Overview

The much awaited 2015 Frost & Sullivan India ICT Awards, currently in its 13th year, will acknowledge exemplary companies and individuals who have pushed the boundaries of excellence – risen above competition and demonstrated outstanding performance in the Information and Communications Technology (ICT) sector in India.

This edition of the 2015 Frost & Sullivan India ICT Awards is scheduled to be held on June 18, in Le Meridien, New Delhi. Over the years, Frost & Sullivan Awards program has attracted leading names in technology, onto a single platform to compete for the most coveted titles in the ICT sector.

Benchmarked against the highest standards of measurement, recipients of these Awards indeed represent the best-in-class. Companies that are commended as Frost & Sullivan's 2014 India ICT Award recipients are those with the diligence, perseverance, and dedication required to develop a successful business plan, to excel in an increasingly competitive global marketplace.

Apart from bringing industry recognition, these Awards offer some key advantages for recipient companies through:

- Higher Employee Morale
- Improved Investor Relations
- Enhanced Visibility for Products or Services
- Increased Value to PR and Marketing Efforts
- Satisfied Shareholders
- Reinforced Positive Client Relationships

## Who's Attending

The participants' profile includes the who's who of the Indian ICT industry, encompassing:

- Top Management: CEOs, CTOs, CSOs, CFOs, COOs, Directors
- Senior Management
- Investors
- Venture Capitalists
- Members from Regulatory Bodies and Industry Associations

## Award Selection Process

The following selection process is employed in benchmarking nominees/contenders and determining the Award recipients:

- Frost & Sullivan analysts shortlist/nominate major contenders in each Award category
- Analyst teams conduct detailed research and assessment on market performance of companies, and table the findings, along with recommendations and justifications (please refer to selection criteria for methodology employed)
- Independent Panel of Judges deliberates the findings of the analyst team and decides on the deserving award recipients

## Award Selection Criteria

Frost & Sullivan follows a rigorous measurement-based methodology to select recipients in each category. Measurement parameters applied to conduct a detailed study of each nominated company on the basis of actual market performance indicators have been listed below. Variations on specific measurements may apply to certain categories (please refer to individual award category description). The base year for the benchmarking study is calendar year 2014.

- Revenue growth
- Market share in specific category and growth in market share
- Demonstrated leadership in new product introduction and innovation
- Breadth of products and solutions
- Major customer acquisitions
- Business/market strategy
- Efficacy of innovation process
- Product service value
- Product service and positioning

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## Award Categories

The 2015 Frost & Sullivan India ICT Award Categories are:

### ENTERPRISE INFRASTRUCTURE

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Audio Conferencing Service Provider of the Year  
Video Conferencing Equipment Vendor of the Year  
Web Conferencing Service Provider of the Year  
Unified Communications Application Vendor of the Year  
Contact Center Application Vendor of the Year  
Work Force Optimization Vendor of the Year  
Network Security Vendor of the Year  
Secure Content Management Vendor of the Year  
Hosted Contact Center Service Provider of the Year  
Managed Video Conferencing Service Provider of the Year  
Technology Innovation Leadership in Cloud Telephony Solutions.

### EMERGING SOFTWARE PRODUCTS AND IT SERVICES

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Visionary Innovation Leadership: Business Intelligence  
Company of the Year: Analytics  
Visionary Innovation Leadership: Enterprise Mobility Applications  
IT Service Provider of the Year  
IT Services Provider of the Year – Banking Financial Services and Insurance Sector  
IT Solutions Provider of the Year - Oil & Gas Sector  
IT Services Provider of the Year – Transportation Sector

### ENTERPRISE TELECOM SERVICES

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Enterprise Mobile Service Provider of the Year  
Enterprise Telecom Service Provider of the Year - Large Enterprise Segment  
Enterprise Telecom Service Provider of the Year - SMB Segment  
Enterprise Data Service Provider of the Year  
Third Party Datacenter Service Provider of the Year  
Enterprise 3G Service Provider of the Year  
Infrastructure as a Service Provider of the Year  
Enterprise Ethernet Provider of the Year  
Captive Datacenter Service Provider of the Year

### MOBILE AND WIRELESS

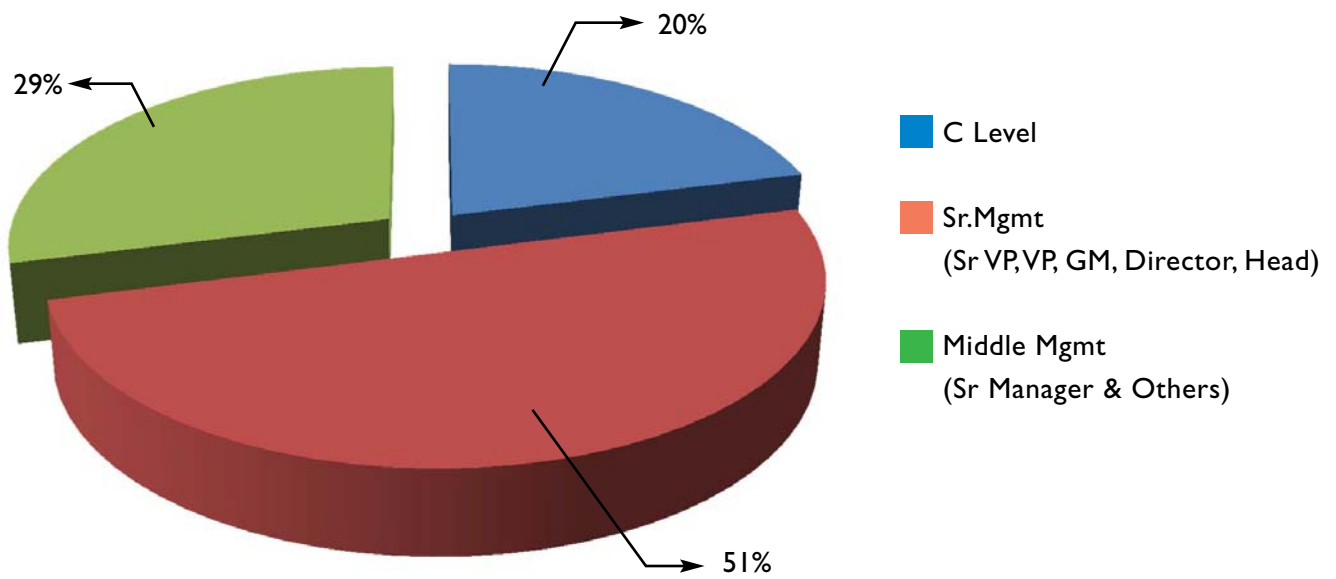
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Telecom Active Infrastructure Vendor of the Year  
Mobile Commerce Company of the Year (B2C)

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**Key Attendees and Profile – 2014**



*\*Others: Managers, Consultants, Corporate Communications*

**Agenda**

**Schedule at a Glance**

06:30 - 07:00 p.m.	Registration
07:00 - 07:10 p.m.	Welcome Note by Frost & Sullivan
07:10 - 08:15 p.m.	Awards Ceremony
08:15 - 08:30 p.m.	Break
08:30 - 09:30 p.m.	Awards Ceremony
09:30 - 09:40 p.m.	Valedictory Speech by Frost & Sullivan
09:40 p.m. onwards	Cocktails, Dinner, and Networking

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## Jury Members



**Ajay Bakshi,**  
Senior Vice President- Business Transformation,  
Aegis Limited

Ajay Bakshi, an accomplished executive with proven ability in consistently and successfully executing enterprise wide IT implementations across 14 countries. Currently the Senior Vice President - Business Transformation with Aegis Limited, he is heading Business Transformation initiatives globally across Aegis Ltd.

He comes with a diverse professional background - from IT, Manufacturing, Floor Operations. He creates his enterprise solutions in such a way that, IT coupled with Business Processes helped organizations move from good to great. His focus as Data Scientist helped employees in organizations to make sense of huge data in their possession.

Ajay's current role revolves around bringing enhancements across organizational processes and procedures, where IT Solutions combined with process enhancements help revenue earning teams and shared services to do more with less. Ajay's key focus is in bringing in new age technologies into the organizational domain, partnering businesses in their organizational journey to excellence, and enhancing service deliveries. Recognized as an expert in 'Change Management', his 76 successful implementations across 11 countries, several verticals, and domains have earned him many awards and a place in the 'CIO 100' list. Few have won the CEO's Award, Tech Senate Intelligent Enterprises Award, Edge Award, and Global HR Awards in the use of IT for HR function four times in a row.

An avid speaker and traveller, he has addressed audiences at many prestigious forums.. Ajay was also a Jury member on Next 100 CIOs, C-Change, CIO Choice, and Start-up Event by NASSCOM.



**Alok K. Brara,**  
CEO & Publisher, India Infrastructure Publishing  
Private Limited

Alok is the publisher of tele.net magazine and the founder/CEO of India Infrastructure Publishing, a company dedicated to providing information, analysis, and insight on infrastructure sectors. The company also publishes Power Line, Renewable Watch, Smart Utilities, and Indian Infrastructure magazines.

He has been involved with the telecom sector since 1989 when he founded a consulting practice in the US. His telecom clients included MCI, Unitel, Ameritech, and Time-Warner.

He has been involved with the telecom sector in India since 1998 when Indian Infrastructure magazine was launched. His involvement with the sector increased after the launch of tele.net in early 2000. He also worked for six years in advertising at JWT New York, where he was a vice-president. He has two Master's degrees in business and marketing from University of Delhi and from Northwestern University at Evanston, Illinois.



**Alok Kumar,**  
Vice President and Global Head- Internal IT and  
Shared Services, TATA Consultancy Services

Alok Kumar is an M.Sc. in Physics and Master of Technology in Computer Science from IIT, Mumbai and has over 29 years of experience in the IT industry.

During this period, he has managed large IT projects and established and managed large Offshore Development Centers in India. He is currently working as Vice President and Global Head of Internal IT and Shared Services Division of TATA Consultancy Services Limited. In this role, he is responsible for managing TCS's IT Infrastructure and Systems worldwide



**Anjani Kumar,**  
CIO, Safexpress Limited

Anjani is CIO for Safexpress group, India's most reputed logistic conglomerate having interest in express cargo, 3PL, and e-commerce logistics. He believes in business alignment of IT and continuous transformation of the business. As a true digital platforms leader, he has brought changes in all the four pillars of Social, Mobility, Analytics and Cloud (SMAC) in Safexpress.

Prior to joining Safexpress, Anjani has worked in the ICT industry for 15 years - IBM Global Services for 14 years including 7 years in the USA and 1 year at Cognizant Tech Services. His last position was digital marketing platforms leader for pharmaceutical and life sciences accounts in IBM. Among other engagements, he has been associated with companies like AT&T, Pfizer, First Data, and Ranbaxy in various capacities.

He has in depth understanding of IT strategy, application landscape, technologies, IT infrastructure, and IT security. Apart from being a PMP certified project manager and an IBM certified senior manager, he is also a sought-after speaker on digital innovation, he is a regular at round table panel discussions in India and abroad. He has received several accolades including that of IBM and IDC.

Anjani holds a BE degree from NIT Rourkela and is an alumnus of Kelly Business School (Indiana University).

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**Anil Kumar Kaushik,**  
*GM-IT and BI, Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited*

Anil Kumar Kaushik is currently working as General Manager IT and BI, Regional Head Quarters with Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL). His current role involves providing IT support to Retail Business Units.

Anil initiated many IT Infrastructure related projects in BPCL, some of which were related to early adoption of new technologies. He set up server virtualization in 2003 with VMware and storage consolidation for development, test, and production environment. He has managed Data Centers, Network, Information Security, Messaging, Procurement, and Contracts of IT assets, End-user support, etc. in his earlier role. He was instrumental in establishing enterprise-wide robust communication infrastructure (comprising MPLS / Leased / Wireless links and VSATs with own hub), Information Security framework, Primary and Disaster Recovery Data Centers, etc. He was responsible for development of B2B, B2C, and other web-based Employee Self Service Applications in Bharat Petroleum.

Anil has also worked with the Oil Coordination Committee (OCC) on deputation for 10 years in two stints. Before coming back to BPCL in 1999, he headed the IT Dept. of OCC. He joined BPCL in June 1981 after completing his Post Graduate Diploma in Automatic Computation from Roorkee University and M.Sc. in Operations Research from Delhi University.



**Avinash Velhal,**  
*Group CIO India, Middle East & South Africa, VP-IT & Process, Atos India*

Avinash is a Certified Independent Director, with 28 years of experience in IT transformations, Mergers and Acquisitions, and global governance, to improve governance standards in Indian companies.

A Visionary Business Technologist with cross functional experience in IT across a wide gamut of areas having driven large IT Transformation projects, Outsourcing, Infrastructure and Service Management Product Development, Quality Assurance, Business Delivery, and Marketing across his service career in Atos, Siemens, and L&T.

He has made valuable contributions at Atos towards a revolutionary approach that moves towards zero mail and an enterprise social network project. He has been acknowledged through various awards like IDC CIO 100, IDG Dynamic CIO 100 2014, and EMC Transformer. He contributes to SPJMIR Institute being their IM Advisory Council member.

He is an Industrial Engineering graduate with a passion towards efficiency and innovation.



**Dinesh Kumar,**  
*CIO, Bajaj Group and Wave Infratech*

Dinesh Kumar has about 42 years' experience in the field. His educational qualifications are B.Tech (Mech.) and MBA from FMS (DU) with Finance as his major. He started his career at SAIL – Durgapur and after working for three years in Maintenance, switched over to IT and was trained at IBM and IIM (A). In 1982 he joined NTPC and was instrumental in architecting and executing IT and communication infrastructure and software applications. SAP implementation in 2007 at NTPC was considered to be the largest and most comprehensive implementation in India at that time.

In October 2010 he joined Bajaj Group as President and CIO and initiated several technological advancements such as implementation of SAP, tele-presence, etc. Since 2014 he has been CIO at Bajaj Group and Wave Infratech, and apart from IT and communications, is involved in implementation of the 'Smart City' concept at Wave Group. He has won many awards and accolades in his career.



**Girish Rao,**  
*Head-IT, Marico Limited*

Girish Rao has more than 24 years of experience, out of which 22 years have been in Marico Ltd. At Marico, he handles the IT for the entire group and has experience in various aspects of IT starting from legacy systems to enterprise mobility and analytics. His passion for understanding business has led him to develop innovative solutions for business challenges.

He has also worked in Mahindra Consulting (Bristlecone) as Head of Technology, and has won numerous awards over the years, which includes 'Global CIO' from Information Week (UBM Group) and 'CIO100-Asia' by Computer World. He joined the elite CIO group in the CIO100 Hall of Fame by winning four times in a row. He holds a Diploma in Computer Management and a Degree in Commerce from Mumbai University.



**Kaushal Kumar Chaudhary,**  
*Executive Director- IT and Information Security, Lanco Group*

Kaushal Kumar Chaudhary has over 28 years of experience in developing the IT and Security blueprint for the organization with short and long term strategies. This is in alignment with the business objective of encompassing IT Operations, Support, Network and Communication Infrastructure Management, Vendor/Service Provider Management, Risk Management, Business Continuity, and Disaster Recovery Planning and Compliance.

Kaushal is an M. Tech. (CS-IIT), MBA (Narsee Monjee Institute of Management Science Mumbai), CISSP, CISA, Diploma in Cyber Law. He has been a recipient of multiple accolades from clients, employers, and industry, including CIO100 Award (IDG), Greatest Corporate Leaders of India Award (DNA), ICONIC IDC Insights Award (IDC), Top 100 CISO Awards (CISO Platform). Kaushal has served in the Indian Navy for 20 years and has been a member of the Inter Service Core Group of Information Security, Ministry of Defence. He has been associated with a number of DRDO projects related to network and data security. Kaushal is presently working as Executive Director-IT and Security for Lanco Group of companies, a major private player in the power and infrastructure segments.

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**Muralidharan Ramachandran,**  
*Vice President & Head-Quality Assurance, Syntel*

Muralidharan Ramachandran has more than 25 years of industry experience having been associated with organizations such as Tata Consultancy Services, Satyam Computer Services Limited, Epicenter Technologies Pvt Ltd, the Aditya Birla Group, and TransWorks Information Services Limited (now known as Minacs Ltd.). He has been in various leadership roles over the last 15 years in areas of information technology and information security in the capacity of CIO, CTO, Chief Information Security Officer, and Head of Quality.

Murali has recently taken over the role as Vice President and Head of Quality Assurance for Syntel. He is responsible for driving all quality improvement and waste elimination initiatives across delivery functions. Murali joined Syntel in 2006 as Chief Information Officer. In his role as the CIO of Syntel, he had the responsibility of driving the strategy, implementation, and operations of the IT infrastructure and application environment enabling the growth of Syntel's IT and KPO businesses.

Murali has been involved in various capacities in designing, implementing, and managing heterogeneous IT infrastructure for leading IT and ITES companies. His last role prior to joining Syntel was with the Aditya Birla Group as CISO, responsible for defining and managing information security policies and architecture.

Apart from his leadership, team building, and people development skills, his technical expertise lies in IT and Systems architecture, IT infrastructure operations, Information Security architecture, Information Security processes, and IT risk management.

He holds a Bachelors Degree in Electronics from Mumbai University and a Master's Degree in Financial Management from Jamnalal Bajaj Institute of Management Studies (Mumbai, India).



**Prakash Dharmani,**  
*Global CIO, Essel Propack Limited*

Prakash Dharmani is the Global CIO at Essel Propack Limited, the largest global specialty packaging company, manufacturing laminated plastic tubes catering to the FMCG and pharma space.

Prakash has done his Chemical Engineering from Pune University and Executive Management program from IIM-B. He is a seasoned executive who has many years of experience in the IT industry. A CIO with deep business acumen and a very strong ability to integrate technology with business, Prakash has more than 22 years of cross functional (Engineering, Manufacturing, Project Execution, System Development, and Implementation) and cross industry (Oil and Gas, Utilities, EPC, Shared Services, 3PL Logistics, and Discrete Manufacturing) –experience in Reliance, Essar and Essel Group and good exposure with teams from diverse cultural and language backgrounds across the Americas, Europe, and Asia Pacific. He has won several prestigious recognitions including the Edge Award, CIO 100 award from IDG, IDC Insight award, and CIO Power List.



**Prasad Patil,**  
*VP-IT Infrastructure, Essar Group*

Prasad Patil leads the Innovation and New Technology initiatives for ESSAR Group, a USD 39 billion corporate in diversified businesses like steel, power, energy, shipping telecommunications, BPO, retail, and EPC.

He heads a team working in verticals like mobility, infrastructure, security, network, voice, open source, green IT, and applications. He has also worked with Mahindra & Mahindra, Ltd and ICICI Bank Ltd.

Prasad has more than 15 years of experience having worked across various facets of IT like operations, projects, information security, solution architect, Center of Excellence for IT innovation, vendor management, IT transformation, IT strategy, etc. across the ITIL portfolio.

Prasad has represented Essar in various industry forums as a Speaker, Expert Panelist, etc. across a varied spectrum of topics on IT. He has a B.E. degree (Mechanical Engineering from University of Mumbai and is an MBA in IT from Sikkim Manipal University. He is also a certified ISMS and ITIL ver. 3 professional, and has completed PMP Study Facilitation Program.



**Rajesh Saboo,**  
*Head-IT Services, Future Group*

Rajesh Saboo is a technocrat with 27+ years of experience in setting up and heading Techno-Functional IT Operations, Enterprise IT Infrastructure and Innovative Solutions, Business Transformation, Strategic Corporate Planning, and IT Programs across industry verticals, out of which the last 15 years was at a leadership level.

He is currently associated with the Future Group - a leading Indian business house with multiple businesses spanning across the consumption space, retail and supply chain, as its Head – IT Services.

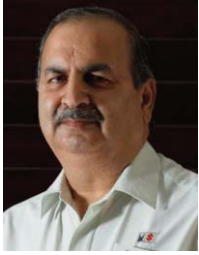
He has strong domain knowledge in IT, Retail (Multi and Single Brand), Manufacturing (Cement, Apparels, and Textiles) and Supply Chain (Cement, Apparels, and Retail). He is a team player with excellent communication and management skills with the ability to relate to people at any level of business and management. He is adept in Enterprise IT Transformation Initiatives, IT Infrastructure Management, IT Operations, Transition Management of Infrastructure Management Services, IT Partners Score Card.

His achievements include re-modelling Infrastructure Managed Services to Integrated Services Management model in 2014, and he won many laurels and accolades for his transformational work. His awards include,

- IDG CIO 100 2014 award in Innovation Category
- CISO Award – Future Group getting TOP 100 CISO for last 3 years
- CIO Award – Top 100 CIO for last 2 years for the initiatives in infrastructure domain
- EMC Software – Best Adoption in Virtualization - 2013

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**Rajesh Uppal,**  
*Executive Director-IT and CIO, Maruti Suzuki India Limited*

Rajesh is the Executive Director - IT and CIO of Maruti Suzuki India Ltd. and is an invitee member on the Maruti Suzuki board. He is also responsible for Maruti's skill development program for its value chain.

Rajesh has a strong belief that IT has taken a very different shape and building software for various automations is now the basic practice. According to him, IT has to play a strategic role by contributing to the revenue, which can be done by improving business processes, reducing operational costs, enabling product innovations, retaining customers or creating fresh avenues for generating revenue, and it all needs to comply with the dynamic regulatory environment. His direction and vision has given Maruti IT a different dimension.

His association with Maruti began in 1985, when he joined the IT team as an executive and was responsible for the initial adoption and evolution of IT systems.

During his long career with Maruti, he has successfully established IT as a critical business function that he heads since 1998 as the CIO. As an extended responsibility, he also led sales dispatch planning of vehicles for 2 years.

Prior to joining Maruti, he worked with the IT department of Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd, India's leading heavy electrical equipment manufacturer. Rajesh is a graduate in Mechanical Engineering from Punjab University.



**Ramandeep Singh Virdi,**  
*Vice President- Group IT, InterGlobe Enterprises Ltd.*

Ramandeep Singh Virdi heads the Group IT function at InterGlobe group of companies. With business interests in aviation, hotels, technology, and reservation systems, InterGlobe has built industry leading businesses in the travel space, and today represents global brands like IndiGo, IBIS, and Travelport that deliver quality and value.

Ramandeep is an IT industry veteran with almost two decades of experience in the areas of IT strategy, security, infrastructure, and complex IT solutions. At InterGlobe, he acts as a catalyst for innovation and change, as an evangelist to drive synergy across varied IT landscapes, and as a guardian to secure business information and assets.

A keen architect and a hands-on technical leader with a strong record of successes in delivering complex IT initiatives, Ramandeep routinely gets involved in solution design and architecture also. He is an avid follower of technology best practices and speaks at major IT and aviation conferences around the world. As a business change leader, he has focused on service level agreements (SLAs) and customer delight in the 6 years he has been with IndiGo and InterGlobe. He has also transformed vendor management by focusing on realizable benefits and pain-gain share contracts.

Before InterGlobe Enterprises, he was with IndiGo for nearly 5 years in a leadership role. He has performed various leadership roles as Director IT at Perfexa Solutions, before moving to head RampGreen Technologies, a subsidiary of vCustomer Services India. Here, he was accountable for developing and launching software products within the Indian Customer Relationship Management (CRM) space, apart from heading the business entity.

Ramandeep holds an M.Tech (Computers and Networks) and an MBA (University of Surrey, UK).



**Sanjeev Prasad,**  
*CIO, Genpact*

Sanjeev is the CIO for Genpact. He is responsible for the company's IT strategy, implementation, and adoption of new technologies. This also includes strategic initiatives such as Business Process as a Service (BPaaS), virtualization, and cloud computing to provide cost-effective, highly-scalable and quick-to-market solutions, products, and platforms for clients globally. He is also responsible for delivering enterprise applications, IT Infrastructure services, and driving IT innovation for the company. A key element of his responsibilities is global information security and compliance.

A respected industry veteran, Sanjeev brings more than 25 years of functional expertise in delivering complex projects across multiple verticals and possesses deep knowledge of diverse IT products and technologies. He joined Genpact in 2006 as an IT leader supporting a key North American financial services company. He has been the India CIO, responsible for India and Philippines operations that included technology solutions, transitions, and service delivery.

An entrepreneur for 10 years, Sanjeev ran a successful IT company, STG International, which went public in 2000. He has also worked for US Fortune 500 companies such as Nortel and Amdahl, where he worked on innovating new digital products and solutions to drive transformational change. He holds a postgraduate degree in engineering from the University of Texas.

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**Tarun Pandey,**  
Senior VP-IT, Aditya Birla Financial Services Group

Widely popular as a change agent and problem solver among his peers and acquaintances, Tarun Pandey is considered one of India's well known CIOs. In fact, Tarun was recognized in 2013 by Computerworld USA as its Premier 100 IT Leaders Honoree from among global CIOs. He has been honored with a plethora of much coveted accolades both in India and abroad, such as International Data Group CIO100, IDC's Insight ICONIC, Information Week's Edge100, APAC CXO Forum's Transformational CIO.

Over two decades, Tarun has gained rich, prolific experience by playing significant roles across sales, marketing, strategic consulting, business operations, enterprise IT functions and has pioneered business-IT transformations at various organizations across financial services, media, and FMCG verticals.

Tarun is, at present, the Senior Vice President of IT at Aditya Birla Financial Services Group.

Prior to being their senior-most technology decision maker, he was the CTO at ING Investment Management (India). He has also worked in senior technology roles at Tata AIG Insurance, Aviva Life Insurance, Hindustan Times, and Coca Cola India. Tarun is a renowned speaker on various business and technology topics at forums and conferences. Recently, Frost & Sullivan (USA) recognized Tarun's cloud computing initiative at Aditya Birla Financial Services Group as the 'Best-in-Class' project in its category in the world, and honored him with the 2015 edition of CIO Impact Award.



**Umesh Mehta,**  
CIO, Jubilant Life Sciences Limited

Umesh is a seasoned executive who has many years of experience in the ICT industry. A CIO with deep business acumen and a very strong ability to weave technology with business, Umesh has 20+ years of experience in the field of Information Technology and has worked with some world renowned manufacturing organizations like Suzuki, Fiat Group, and Essar Group companies. During his long tenure with these companies he has handled domestic as well as international assignments in the field of Information Technology and Supply Chain Improvement and was able to effectively use IT for strategic business advantages.

Umesh in his present position as Chief Information Officer (CIO) is a key decision maker for new IT initiatives and is responsible for managing the IT landscape at Jubilant Group.

Umesh has a degree in Computer Science from Delhi University and is an Alumnus of XLRI-Jamshedpur.



**Vijay Sethi,**  
VP - IS & CIO and Head CSR  
Hero Moto Corporation Limited

Vijay Sethi is the Vice President Information Systems and Chief Information Officer and Head CSR at Hero MotoCorp Ltd. He also serves as a Director on the Board of M/s HMCMM Auto Ltd. (a joint venture of Hero MotoCorp and M/s Magneti Marelli of Italy).

He is a member of various national forums including CII's National Committee on IT, ITeS and e-Commerce, Chairman of MSME subcommittee of CII's IT ITeS Committee, Chairman of IT Committee of Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM). He is also a board member of SAP India User Group (INDUS) and is on the advisory councils of several leading organizations. He is leading the largest industry wide initiative in the automotive industry, which aims at enabling Electronic Data Interchange between OEMs and auto component manufacturers. He has also been a Member of the National Knowledge Council of CII and also a Member of CII Core Group on eInvoicing.

Rated as India's Best CIO, he has won several prestigious recognitions including India's Top 5 Most Respected CIOs, CIO of the Year, CIO Hall of Fame, Super League CIO, Global CIO, India's Best IT Manager, and many others. Vijay was also featured in the list of the world's top 50 CIOs, India's Greatest Corporate Leaders and in the compendium "The Magnificent Heros" - a coffee table book featuring India's top 20 CIOs. He holds a Master's Degree in Industrial Engineering, an MBA in Materials Management and a Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering.



**Vikram Idnani,**  
CIO, Trent Limited

Vikram Idnani heads IT at Trent Ltd., a Tata Enterprise, comprising Westside, Landmark and Star Bazaar retail chains. He is responsible for leading and implementing IT strategy.

He has been on both sides of the retail table providing technology expertise first as a consultant and then as technology head of Trent. As a consultant, he spent almost a decade in the US, consulting for retail and consumer goods firms including Borders, Home Depot, K-Mart, PepsiCo, and interned at JD Williams (UK). He has also worked with airlines, finance, and home building and healthcare industries.

As the technology head at Trent, he has spearheaded SAP implementations for all of Trent's retail businesses. He has led technology change through automation in supply chain and retail store operations and initiatives in e-commerce, mobility, business intelligence, and use of the cloud. He has led Westside and Star Bazaar's entry into open source Linux for their point-of-sale and loyalty programs in 2008, the first such implementation by any retailer in India.

Vikram has a B.E. degree (Computer Engineering) from Mumbai University. He is a British Chevening Scholar and has studied advanced information technology management at Manchester Business School.

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**Vipin Kumar,**  
*Group CIO, Escorts limited*

Vipin Kumar is a computer engineer by profession having around 25 years of rich experience in Information Technology. His focus is to ensure meaningful alignment of IT with overall business goals to generate great value for business. By leveraging both new and existing technologies, he has consistently focused on increasing efficiency, reducing costs, and supporting business competitiveness.

One of his key strengths is managing internal and external customers effectively and ensuring timely delivery of projects, within budgeted costs, for which he has received appreciation and many awards during the course of his career. He has received most of the existing IT awards for executing complex IT projects and transformations. For many of the projects done under his guidance, global case studies have been published.

In his current role as Group CIO for Escorts Ltd, Vipin is responsible for IT consolidation and standardization, IT strategy and innovation, enterprise architecture, process automation, group IT infrastructure, business applications, and evaluation of emerging technologies for business benefit.



**Vivek Khanna,**  
*Senior VP – IT and Finance, Havells India*

Vivek Khanna has 27 years of experience across a wide spectrum of operations including finance and accounts, taxation, commercial, complete back office and factory operations, systems and IT.

As a Chartered Accountant, Vivek started his career with Havells India Limited in 1989 as Deputy Manager, Accounts. A quick learner and an able leader with multiple skill sets, he successfully moved up the ranks. He currently heads Global IT and Systems besides being strategically involved in the Finance and Accounts department. At Havells, Vivek was instrumental in creating back office infrastructure and systems, and pioneered several value added activities. Over the years, he created several technology-enabled solutions to streamline processes and enhance the company's connectivity with its vast workforce and large dealer network.

Vivek's commendable work at various levels has been much appreciated and his articles have been published in various IT magazines, publications, and journals. Vivek has also addressed several IT and related forums as a key speaker. He is currently on the Board of INDUS, a SAP users group in the Indian subcontinent.

Vivek has also been conferred with prestigious industry awards for creating robust technology networks and devising path breaking solutions. Some of these awards include The Indian Express "Intelligent Enterprise Award" in 2013 and 2014, "Innovation Architect in IT" Special Award at CIO 100 in 2013, "Dynamic CIO Award" at CIO 100 Awards in 2014, and The ICONIC IDC Insights Award 2014 in Manufacturing and Logistics Vertical.

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