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## // Program //

**0800 Hrs. Registration & Networking**

**1000 - 1130 Hrs. Inaugural Session**

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| <b>Welcome</b>           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ms Shradha Suri Marwah</b><br/>President, ACMA &amp; Chairperson &amp; Managing Director, Subros Ltd.</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Industry Keynotes</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr Shailesh Chandra</b><br/>President, SIAM &amp; MD, Tata Motors Passenger Vehicles Ltd. and Tata Motors Passenger Electric Mobility Ltd.</li> <li>• <b>Mr Rajiv Memani</b><br/>President, CII &amp; Chairman and CEO, EY India</li> <li>• <b>Mr Hisashi Takeuchi</b><br/>MD &amp; CEO, Maruti Suzuki India Ltd.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Guest of Honour</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Shri Shaktikanta Das*</b><br/>Principal Secretary to Hon'ble Prime Minister, Government of India</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Chief Guest</b>       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Shri H. D. Kumaraswamy</b><br/>Hon'ble Minister for Heavy Industries &amp; Steel, Government of India</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Vote of Thanks</b>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr Vikrampati Singhania</b><br/>President Designate, ACMA &amp; Managing Director, JK Fenner (India) Ltd.</li> </ul>   |

**1130 - 1200 hrs Tea / Coffee**

**1200 - 1330 hrs Theme Panel Discussion: Navigating Geopolitical Challenges - Creating a Resilient Automotive Supply Chain in India**

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| <b>Keynote Address</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Shri Sunil Barthwal</b><br/>Secretary, Department of Commerce, Government of India</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Lead Presentation</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr Shivanshu Gupta</b><br/>Senior Partner, McKinsey &amp; Company</li> <li>• <b>Mr Brajesh Chhiber</b><br/>Partner, McKinsey &amp; Company</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Panel Moderator</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr Vivek Vikram Singh</b><br/>MD &amp; Group CEO , Sona Comstar</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Panellists</b>        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr Ganesh Mani</b><br/>CEO, Switch Mobility and President &amp; COO, Ashok Leyland Ltd.</li> <li>• <b>Mr Piyush Arora</b><br/>MD &amp; CEO, VW Group – India Region</li> <li>• <b>Mr Vikram Kasbekar</b><br/>Executive Director, Acting Chief Executive Officer and Chief Technology Officer, Hero MotoCorp Ltd.</li> <li>• <b>Mr Kenneth Lim</b><br/>Senior Vice President - Automotive Segment Asia Pacific, Infineon Technologies</li> <li>• <b>Mr Sriram Viji</b><br/>MD, Brakes India Pvt. Ltd.</li> <li>• <b>Mr Guruprasad Mudlapur</b><br/>MD &amp; President, Bosch Group – India</li> <li>• <b>Mr Akash Passey</b><br/>President, ZF India Pvt. Ltd.</li> </ul> |

**1330 - 1430 hrs Networking Lunch**



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### 1430 - 1515 hrs Exclusive Leadership Session & Fireside Chat

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| <b>Moderator</b>      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Mr Hormazd Sorabjee</b><br/>Editor, Autocar India</li></ul>   |
| <b>Vote of Thanks</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Mr Vikrampati Singhania</b><br/>President Designate, ACMA &amp;<br/>Managing Director, JK Fenner (India) Ltd.</li></ul> |

### 1515 - 1615 hrs Valedictory Session

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| <b>Chief Guests</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>H.E. Mr. Maroš Šefčovič</b><br/>Commissioner for Trade and Economic Security,<br/>Interinstitutional Relations and Transparency, European Union</li><li>• <b>Shri Piyush Goyal</b><br/>Hon'ble Minister for Commerce &amp; Industry,<br/>Government of India</li></ul> |
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### 1615 hrs Event Concludes with Tea / Coffee

**Ms. Shradha Suri Marwah**

President, ACMA & Chairperson &  
Managing Director, Subros Ltd.

Shradha Suri Marwah is the Chairperson & Managing Director of Subros Ltd. Subros Ltd was established in 1985 and is a joint venture between the Indian Promoters, Suzuki Motor Corporation, Japan and DENSO Corporation, Japan. The Company is recognized as a market leader in thermal products and technologies and is in technical collaboration with DENSO Corporation Japan. Recently, Subros forayed into residential and commercial thermal solutions. Shradha joined the company in 2001, became Managing Director in 2008, and Chairperson & Managing Director in 2021.

Shradha is the elected President (2023-25) of Automotive Components Manufacturers Association (ACMA). She is also the Chairperson of Pillar 2 (Government Affairs & Strategic Affairs) and Pillar 5 (Media, Image building and PR Comm) at the association. During her long association with ACMA, Shradha has held several eminent positions, including Vice President (2021-23), Chairperson of the Northern Region, and leadership of key committees such as Government & Strategic Affairs, Raw Material, MSME, and HR & IR among others.

Shradha has been part of the National Council of Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) for the term 2024-25. She holds various key positions within the CII including, membership of the CII Northern Regional Council, Chair of CII Task Force on ESG, Chair of CII ASCON Working Group on Competitiveness, Member of CII National Coalition on Future Mobility 2025-26, and CII National Council on Manufacturing Excellence 2025-26. She is also currently the Chair of FICCI Women Empowerment Committee 2025-26.

In July 2025 Government of India has nominated Shradha as one of the five Core Members of the BRICS Women's Business Alliance, India Chapter.

In 2025, Shradha was conferred with the '**OEM Personality of the year**' award by **TimesDrive**'. She has also been declared one of **Fortune India Most Powerful Women in Business 2025**.

Shradha has a Bachelor's degree in Economics from the University of Delhi. Post which, she went to The London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), University of London and attained two post-graduate degrees, a Masters in Management and a Masters in Economics & Information Systems.



**Mr. Shailesh Chandra**

President, SIAM & MD, Tata Motors Passenger Vehicles Ltd. and  
Tata Motors Passenger Electric Mobility Ltd.

Shailesh Chandra is Managing Director of Tata Motors Passenger Vehicle Limited and Tata Passenger Electric Mobility Limited and a member of the Tata Motors Executive Committee.

Shailesh began his career with Tata Motors as a graduate engineer in 1995. A Graduate in Mechanical Engineering from the prestigious IIT Varanasi, he also has a management degree from SP Jain Institute of Management and Research. In addition to this, he is also a Fulbright-Nehru Master's Fellow from Carnegie Mellon University - Tepper School of Business.

During his tenure with Tata Group, he has effectively shouldered multiple responsibilities at Tata Motors and Tata Sons. In 2018, he assumed a responsibility of President, Electric Mobility Business & Corporate Strategy and established Tata Motors as a leader in emerging Electric Mobility space in India. In 2020, he was given the baton to run the Passenger Vehicle Business along with the EV business.

In Jan'22, he assumed the responsibility of Managing Director of Tata Motors Passenger Vehicle Limited and Tata Passenger Electric Mobility Limited, subsidiaries of Tata Motors formed in FY 22. Along with in-depth understanding of the business, he brought host of functional and general management skills in to the role at Tata Motors. He has driven alignment, accountability and commitment in the team to remarkably turnaround the business and re-establish Tata Motors as Yd largest passenger vehicle manufacturer in India, a feat achieved after a decade. Under his distinguished leadership, passenger vehicle business has grown 4X (vis-a-vis FY20) and electric vehicle business has established a formidable leadership in the Indian market with 85% market share (in FY23) despite multiple global challenges including the COVID-19 pandemic.

Shailesh was recognized as 'Man of the Year 2020' by Autocar Professional in Dec'21 , as 'Automobile CEO of the Year' by TopGear in Mar'22, as 'Business Leader of the Year' by CarandBike in Mar'22, and as 'Automotive Personality of the Year' by FASTER in Jul'22 for restarting the engine of growth and turning around Tata Motors in difficult times of COVID pandemic. He was nominated amongst top five finalist for the prestigious World Car Person of the Year 2022'.

**Mr Rajiv Memani**

President, CII &amp; Chairman and CEO, EY India

Mr Rajiv Memani is Chairman and CEO of EY India, the leading professional services organization in India with over 100,000 employees across entities. He is also a member of EY Global Executive board as the Chair of its Growth Markets Council (GMC).

Mr Memani is a trusted advisor to large Indian companies, Private Equity funds and multinational organizations, principally advising them on building confidence, mergers & acquisitions, technology, and smart capital allocation strategies. In his GMC role, his responsibilities include advancing EY's growth markets agenda and connecting their priorities with the global firm's investments.

Prior to becoming the Chairman, Mr Memani established EY India's market-leading Corporate Finance (now Strategy & Transactions) practice in the late 1990s.

Mr Memani is the President of CII for 2025-26. He contributes actively to the public discourse on tax and policy reforms and has been a member of several high-powered Government of India committees, including the Ministry of Finance taskforce that drafted a new Direct Tax Code in 2019.

In addition, Mr Memani is the President of the Board of Him Jyoti School, an institution dedicated to providing quality education to underprivileged girls in Uttarakhand. He is also a Board member of the Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Sirmaur and a member of the governing council of KREA University. Mr Memani has also been the driving force behind EY Foundation, which is active in the areas of education, entrepreneurship for rural women and environment.

Mr Memani is a Chartered Accountant and holds a Bachelor of Commerce degree from Shri Ram College of Commerce, Delhi University.



**Mr. Hisashi Takeuchi**  
MD & CEO, Maruti Suzuki India Ltd.

Mr. Hisashi Takeuchi is the Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Maruti Suzuki since 1st April 2022.

He is a graduate from the Faculty of Economics, Yokohama National University, Japan.

Mr. Takeuchi joined Suzuki Motor Corporation (SMC) in 1986.

From March 2009, became Managing Director, Magyar Suzuki Corporation, Hungary and from June 2019 Managing Officer, Executive General Manager, Asia Automobile Marketing/India Automobile Department at SMC, Japan.

He joined Maruti Suzuki India Ltd. in April 2021 as Joint Managing Director (Commercial).

**Shri Shaktikanta Das\***

Principal Secretary to Hon'ble Prime Minister,  
Government of India

Shri Shaktikanta Das currently serves as Principal Secretary-2 to the Prime Minister of India. He is a distinguished civil servant and former Governor of the Reserve Bank of India, with over four decades of service in Economic Policy, Governance, and Financial Management.

**Personal & Educational Background**

- Born: 26 February 1957, Bhubaneswar, Odisha
- Education:
  - BA & MA in History, St. Stephen's College, Delhi University
  - Postgraduate degree in Public Administration, University of Birmingham
  - Training in financial management at IIM Bangalore and mid-career training at IIM Ahmedabad
  - Honorary D.Litt., Utkal University (2021)

**Civil Service Career**

- 1980 batch IAS officer, Tamil Nadu cadre
- Held key roles in Government of India:
  - Fertilizers Secretary
  - Revenue Secretary
  - Economic Affairs Secretary
- Contributed to major reforms: Demonetisation (2016) and GST rollout
- Served as Member, 15th Finance Commission and India's G20 Sherpa

**Governor of the Reserve Bank of India**

- 25<sup>th</sup> RBI Governor (Dec 2018 – Dec 2024)
- Key initiatives:
  - Led India's monetary and financial response during COVID-19
  - Supported digital payments expansion (UPI) and piloted CBDC
  - Strengthened NBFC sector resilience
- Recognitions: Central Banker of the Year (Asia-Pacific, 2020), Governor of the Year (2023), A+ ratings in 2023 & 2024 by Global Finance

**Principal Secretary-2 to the Prime Minister of India**

- Appointed by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet on 22 February 2025
- Assumed office on 24 February 2025
- Works alongside Dr. P. K. Mishra (Principal Secretary since 2019)
- Appointment reflects focus on economic expertise in PMO decision-making

## Key Milestones

Year / Period	Role / Position
1980	Joined IAS – Tamil Nadu Cadre
2013–2017	Held various Secretary-level positions in the Union Govt
2016–2017	Key role in Demonetisation & GST rollout
2017–2018	Member, 15th Finance Commission & India's G20 Sherpa
2018–2024	Governor, Reserve Bank of India
2025–Present	Principal Secretary-2 to the Prime Minister of India

**Shri H. D. Kumaraswamy**

Hon'ble Minister for Heavy Industries & Steel,  
Government of India

Shri H.D. Kumaraswamy, Hon'ble Union Minister for Steel and Heavy Industries, is a senior political leader with over 25 years of experience in public service. Born on 16th December 1959 in Haradanahalli, Hassan District, Karnataka, he currently represents Mandya Constituency as Member of Parliament in Lok Sabha.

A seasoned political figure, Shri Kumaraswamy began his public service career in 1996 when he was elected to the 11th Lok Sabha from Kanakapura. Over the years, he has held several high-ranking positions, including serving twice as the Chief Minister of Karnataka (2006–2007 and 2018–2019), as well as Leader of the Opposition in the Karnataka Legislative Assembly. He has served multiple terms as both a Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA) and Member of Parliament (MP). He is widely respected for his principled leadership and deep grassroots connect. A progressive agriculturist committed to the welfare of rural communities, he carries forward the legacy of his father, former Prime Minister of India, Shri H.D. Deve Gowda, with a strong focus on social justice, inclusive development, and regional empowerment.

In 2024, he assumed charge as the Minister for Heavy Industries and Steel, Government of India, in the Cabinet of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji. Shri Kumaraswamy has brought renewed energy and strategic focus to India's steel and heavy industries sector. He is spearheading the revitalization and modernization of India's steel, capital goods, and heavy industries ecosystem—aligning with the national vision of Atmanirbhar Bharat (self-reliant India), enhanced industrial competitiveness, and sustainable economic growth.



He has led the revival efforts of Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL), ensuring operational continuity and safeguarding jobs. He also oversaw the launch of the Green Steel Taxonomy, laying the foundation for low-carbon, sustainable steel production aligned with international standards. His tenure has witnessed the acceleration of the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme for Specialty Steel, which is boosting domestic manufacturing, attracting investments, and reducing import dependence. He has actively promoted decarbonization, technology adoption, and circular economy practices in the sector. Through these initiatives, Shri Kumaraswamy is playing a key role in transforming India's steel and manufacturing ecosystem into a globally competitive, future-ready, and self-reliant engine of growth for Viksit Bharat @ 2047.

Minister Kumaraswamy's leadership reflects a blend of regional wisdom and national vision. He is deeply engaged in building global partnerships, attracting strategic investments, and positioning India as a leading manufacturing hub—particularly in the core sectors of steel and heavy industry.

**Mr Vikrampati Singhania**

President Designate, ACMA & Managing Director,  
JK Fenner (India) Ltd.

Mr. Singhania is a fourth-generation industrialist belonging to one of the largest industrial groups in India – J.K. Organisation. J.K. Organisation is an over 140 years old business house with leadership across multiple sectors. The Group is present in more than 100 countries apart from all India presence with annual sales revenue of over US\$ 5 billion. The Group manufactures and markets a wide range of products from Paper, Automobile Tyres, Cement, Auto Components, Textiles, Agri Products, etc. The Group also has a tyre business in Mexico City by the name of JK Tornel S.A. de C.V. and employs 1600 people. The Group also is exploring setting up another manufacturing operation in Mexico for its auto component business.

Mr. Singhania did his Master's Degree in Commerce from Kanpur University and his MBA from Fuqua School of Business, Duke University, USA.

**Positions held**

Mr. Singhania is a Director of J.K. Organisation, Managing Director of J.K. Fenner (India) Ltd, one of the leading automotive & industrial components manufacturing company in the country. He is also Managing Director of JK Agri Genetics Ltd, which produces and markets hybrid seeds. He was the Dy. Managing Director of JK Tyre & Industries Ltd. (one of the largest Tyre manufacturers in India) till January 2016.

He has been involved in managing various industries including Hybrid Seeds, Automotive Tyres, Industrial V-Belts & Oil Seals, Pharmaceuticals, Sugar, Insurance, Power, Clinical Research, etc. He is also responsible for starting CliniRx Research Private Ltd., a full-service Clinical Research Organisation of the Group.

Mr. Singhania is an avid sportsman and in his younger days he has competitively played cricket, squash, soccer etc. He has played for Cricket Sporting Union and has been captain of a number of the school teams. He is involved in the Motors Sports activities of the Organisation. Mr. Singhania is also an avid Golfer and plays regularly and currently is a member of Delhi Golf Club as well as DLF Golf Club in Delhi. Mr. Singhania is also a member of Kolkata Racket Club as well as Chelmsford club in Delhi amongst others.

**Association with Professional Bodies**

- Member of Fuqua Indian Advisory Board of Duke University, USA
- Member of Managing Committee, The Associated Chambers of Commerce & Industry of India (ASSOCHAM).
- Vice President of Automotive Component Manufacturers Association of India (ACMA)



## **Shri Sunil Barthwal**

Secretary, Department of Commerce,  
Government of India

Shri Sunil Barthwal is an accomplished civil servant and a senior Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer of the Bihar cadre. In September 2022, he took charge as the **Secretary, Department of Commerce** in New Delhi.

Before this role, he served as **Secretary in the Ministry of Labour & Employment**, where he worked extensively on policies impacting workers and labour reforms. Over the years, Shri Barthwal has held many important assignments across the Government of India and State Governments, gaining rich experience in diverse areas such as finance, investment, infrastructure, mines, steel, energy, transport, and social security.

An alumnus of **St. Stephen's College, Delhi University**, Shri Barthwal holds a B.A. (Hons) in Economics, and went on to complete his M.A. in Economics from **Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), Delhi**. He further enhanced his academic credentials with a **Post-Graduate Diploma in Economics of Competition Law from King's College, London**.

During his career, he has also worked with the **Competition Commission of India** and served on the boards of several leading organisations, including **SAIL, NMDC, MECON, MSTC, and NIIF**. As the **CEO of the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO)**, Shri Barthwal played a transformative role, driving reforms that made EPFO more efficient, transparent, and delivery-oriented.

Beyond his administrative work, he has written articles for journals and other publications and has represented India in a number of international forums, contributing to global dialogues on commerce and policy.



## **Mr Shivanshu Gupta**

Senior Partner, McKinsey & Company

Shivanshu is a Senior Partner based out of McKinsey's Bangalore office, which he helped found. He has also been based for 6 years in our Boston office

He co-leads our Advanced Industries Practice for Asia which includes automotive, Advanced electronics (incl semicon) and aerospace & defence.

He serves clients across India, Japan, Korea, US & EU across strategy, new products, markets, integrated EBITDA improvement, electrification, India sourcing

He leads McKinsey's relations with several automotive bodies in India. e.g.,: Automotive Component India Manufacturers Association (ACMA) and has published several reports.

He leads "Make in India" special initiative and has formed India-Japan and India U.S. corridors to grow this.

### **Select experience**

Led the first 3rd party service network build out for one of the top Indian suppliers Worked across tier 1 suppliers in India (& Asia), including Indian and MNC, to help reduce cost and create strategy for new portfolios to grow substantially.

India sourcing & Make in India for global OEMs & suppliers including US, Japanese & European India strategy (for India & the world) for global OEMs

Several diligences for EV players including 2w, 4w, light trucks, electronics, semicon

Building an automotive leading 3rd party after market brand/chain

EV business building & battery strategy for 2w OEM & light truck OEM

New product launch & Go-to-market strategy for a major car OEM

Strategy & product market fit for a attacker luxury OEM

Modularity & complexity optimization strategy & transformation for a 2W & truck OEM

He has helped several companies leverage India for manufacturing, sourcing and winning in India market

He is helping several global OEMs & component suppliers building global strategies to defend against Chinese OEMs

He is helping large global OEMs determine specific new market EV growth plans

### **Background and Education**

Shivanshu was the founding member of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation in India where he helped set up the Foundation in India and kick start the HIV prevention program, 'Avahan'

He has an MBA from Harvard Business School (HBS), an MS in Mechanical Engineering from Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), and a B.Tech in Manufacturing Science & Engineering from the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT)



## **Mr Brajesh Chhiber**

Partner, McKinsey & Company

Brajesh Chhiber is a Partner with McKinsey & Company, based in the Delhi office.

- Joined McKinsey in 2007, leader of McKinsey's Advanced Industries Practice
- Advises clients primarily in automotive & assembly sector across a range of topics including growth strategy, operations improvement, M&A and long-term business transformations
- Co-leads McKinsey Center for Future Mobility in Asia – McKinsey's think-tank on new-age mobility disruptions

### **Experience and expertise,**

- **Design and build an 'Integrated Digital Customer Platform' for a leading passenger-car OEM** – significantly raise customer engagement and stickiness, while adding additional revenue pool from lifetime value of ownership
- **EBITDA improvement program at a leading 2-wheeler OEM** – improve EBITDA by 500 basis points over 2 years, along with institutionalizing the cost culture and necessary capabilities to sustain the impact
- **Electric vehicle strategy and business building for an attacker OEM** – identifying segments to attack, building the roadmap on product portfolio and its creation, building partnerships & other enablers
- **Electric vehicle strategy for a power solutions supplier** – identifying opportunities in battery pack, charging infrastructure, laying out the partnership roadmap and implementation plan
- **Front end network design for India's leading passenger car OEM** – analytics led approach to improve service levels while optimizing network cost to increase customer delight
- **Long term growth strategy for a leading auto-component player** - creating the component portfolio view for long term value creation, and building the roadmap incl. identifying JV/ acquisition targets

### **Education & previous experience**

- MBA from Indian School of Business, Hyderabad; B.Tech. from Indian Institute of Technology Delhi
- Prior to McKinsey, worked with Maruti-Suzuki in its engineering division as a product development engineer and was part of the team which developed and localised the block-buster diesel engine (1.3L SDE)

**Mr Vivek Vikram Singh**

MD &amp; Group CEO , Sona Comstar

Vivek is the Managing Director and Group CEO of Sona Comstar, one of the world's leading mobility technology companies, designing, manufacturing, and supplying highly engineered, mission-critical, complex and bespoke systems and components for global OEMs in electric, personalized, intelligent and connected mobility.

Since joining in 2015, Vivek has led sales, operations, strategy and M&A across Sona's operations in India, China, Mexico, Serbia, and the US. Vivek plays a crucial role in capital allocation, strategic decisions for organic and inorganic growth, business development, managing financial stakeholders and performance monitoring of the business units.

Vivek spearheaded the company to foray into the electric vehicle segment and constructed a technology roadmap for futuristic innovation for electric, personalised, intelligent, and connected – EPIC mobility. His EV-focused approach led the company to be one of the leading global EV suppliers, with 35% of its revenues being derived from the EV market. He also led Sona Comstar to a successful ~USD 750 million IPO, which was one of the largest IPOs in the Indian automotive industry.

Vivek also contributes to the industry. He is the chairperson of ACMA's (Automotive Component Manufacturers Association's) Electric Mobility & Telematics Pillar and a member of ACMA's Executive Committee and CII's (Confederation of Indian Industry's) Haryana State Council.

Prior to his current role at Sona, Vivek served as the Group COO & President - Finance for the Sona Group. Before Joining Sona, Vivek spent a decade in advisory firms KPMG and Grant Thornton. Vivek studied at The Doon School, following which he completed his Bachelors in Technology degree from Harcourt Butler Technical University in Kanpur, India. After his graduation, he completed his management studies at the prestigious Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad.

In 2024, he was awarded "CEO of the Year" by Pro MFG Media and also received the "Young Alumni Achiever's Award 2023-24" from his alma mater, IIM Ahmedabad. He was also awarded "Entrepreneurial CEO of the Year" by EY India in 2022 and adjudged by the Economic Times as one of India's "40 under Forty hottest business leaders" in the awards' 2018 edition.



**Mr Ganesh Mani**

CEO, Switch Mobility and President & COO,  
Ashok Leyland Ltd.

Mr. Ganesh Mani has spent over three decades in the driver's seat of India's automotive journey, experiencing both the PV and CV industry. His journey started with Maruti & then with Hyundai – where he was a Whole-time Director & Head of Manufacturing Operations - & is now leading 2 companies, as CEO of Switch Mobility & COO of Ashok Leyland.

Mr. Mani's excellence can also be seen in his academic life. He holds a Mechanical Engineering degree and is a double-gold-medalist MBA from MDI Gurgaon. He further augmented his executive acumen through the PGP-Max 22 at ISB where he was awarded dean's list medallion. These academic credentials underpin his data-driven approach to Business and strategic decision-making.

In addition to his corporate responsibilities, Mr. Mani chairs board of 4 subsidiaries of Ashok Leyland both domestic & international. He actively contributes to the auto industry through multiple leadership roles at CII and GARC, shaping global partnerships and technical standards.

An innovator at heart, Mr. Mani holds seven patents in specialized manufacturing processes and has been honored with multiple awards from global industrial forums and academic institutions for his cross-functional excellence. Outside the boardroom, he is an avid adventurer, pursuing activities that reinforce his philosophy of continuous learning and experimentation.



## **Mr Piyush Arora**

MD & CEO, VW Group – India Region

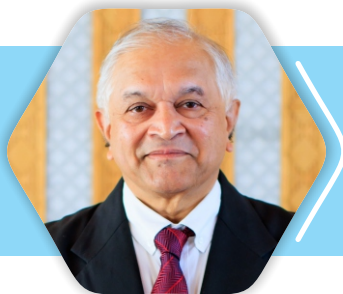
Piyush Arora, an industry veteran with over 3 decades of automotive experience, is the Managing Director & CEO of Škoda Auto Volkswagen India.

Responsible for the Indian operations of Volkswagen Group's Six passenger vehicle brands - Volkswagen, ŠKODA, AUDI, Porsche, Bentley and Lamborghini, Piyush plays an instrumental role in implementing the Group's global growth strategy in the region focusing on transformation and export opportunities.

A Mechanical Engineer from the Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur, Piyush holds an International Business Diploma from Symbiosis International University in Pune.

Hobbies / other passions : Travelling, Golf, Music

Family : Married with 2 children

**Mr Vikram Kasbekar**

Executive Director, Acting Chief Executive Officer and  
Chief Technology Officer, Hero MotoCorp Ltd.

Mr. Kasbekar is the Executive Director, Chief Executive Officer (Acting) and Chief Technology Officer & on the board of Hero MotoCorp Limited. He is also on Board of HMC MM Auto Ltd. and HMCL Niloy Bangladesh Ltd joint ventures. He has contributed for formulating and driving the sustainable manufacturing strategy to meet global standards in manufacturing quality and delivery, New Model & RnD Centre, Projects, Global Parts Centre, Green Initiatives and Compliances. Has been a part of team driving strategic alliances for business growth. He is on various committees on the board.

Mr. Kasbekar brings about close to 5 decades of experience in the field of Operations, Supply Chain, R&D, Manufacturing and Project Engineering. He has been with Hero MotoCorp Limited for 24 years and has contributed significantly to the growth of the organisation. In the Auto industry, he has worked in Commercial Vehicles, Auto Ancillary & Two Wheelers Sectors. A stint at Birla Copper as 'Business Head' gave him exposure to the copper business in which smelters were stabilized & the unit was turned profitable. He is associated as a member of CII National Council.



## **Mr Kenneth Lim**

Senior Vice President - Automotive Segment Asia Pacific,  
Infineon Technologies

Kenneth has a Diploma in Electrical Engineering from Ngee Ann Poly and a Bachelor of Science (Management) from University of London.

In his 30-year in this Industry, he has gained much experience in managing different Channels (Direct Accounts and Distribution Business) and different Market Segment (Commoditised Memories market and Specialised Automotive market) and has appreciated the difference cultures of the world.

### **Positions within the company**

- 2024 Appointed as Head of Automotive Segment Asia Pacific with the reorganisation in March
- 2017 Head of Automotive Region Centre Asia Pacific — Kenneth lead a team of more than 100 staffs comprising of Sales, Marketing, Application Engineers and Centre of Competencies focusing on the growth and development of the Automotive markets in South Korea, India, Australia/NZ and ASEAN countries.
- 2009 He re-joined Infineon as the Head of Sales for Automotive Asia Pacific responsible for customers in China, Taiwan, South Korea, India, ASEAN and ANZ.
- 2006 Kenneth then transferred to Qimonda (Memory spun-off from Infineon) in 2006 to set up the Global Channel and Partners network.
- 1998 Kenneth took up a new role to establish the Distribution Channel and Network for Infineon in Asia Pacific covering China, Taiwan, South Korea, India, ASEAN and ANZ.  
  
During his tenure in the Distribution Channel, he achieved Revenue growth of more than 10 times in 8 years, put in place Distribution Processes and Policies and extended the global distributors into Asia Pacific.  
  
In his time in Distribution Management, he operated out of Hong Kong for 3 years to focus on the distribution business in China and Taiwan.
- 1992 Kenneth Joined Siemens Components as Sales Engineer in Singapore

**Mr Sriram Viji**

MD, Brakes India Pvt. Ltd.

Sriram Viji is the Managing Director at Brakes India and a board member of the TSF group of companies. With a legacy spanning over a century, the TSF group focuses on the automotive and financial services sectors.

Brakes India, established in 1962, is a leading manufacturer of automotive braking systems and ferrous castings in India. The company boasts over 10,000 dedicated employees across 15 plants, supplying systems and components to global OEMs. Brakes India's success is founded on technology leadership, operational excellence, and superior service.

Before joining Brakes India, Sriram spent a decade in the US, gaining diverse industry experience. He worked at McKinsey & Company in New York, serving clients in the banking, media, and pharmaceutical industries. Prior to that, he was a program manager at Microsoft Corporation.

Sriram holds an MBA from the University of Michigan, an M.S. in Computer Science and Aeronautics from Stanford University, and a B.Tech in Aerospace Engineering from the Indian Institute of Technology Madras.

**Mr Guruprasad Mudlapur**

MD &amp; President, Bosch Group – India

Guruprasad Mudlapur has been the President of the Bosch Group in India and the Managing Director of Bosch Limited since July 1, 2023, and Chief Technology Officer of Bosch Limited, since 2022.

He was the Vice President at Robert Bosch Engineering and Business Solutions India (now BGSW) in 2013 where he headed the electronics engineering division and was responsible for design & development of Automotive Semiconductors and Electronics Control Units. He was also the Regional President and Managing Director of Bosch Automotive Electronics Pvt Ltd.

He also managed the project house for Electrification within Bosch India and was responsible for Electrification Engineering unit set-up and building future ready competencies for Electric Light Commercial vehicles, Passenger cars, Hydrogen Internal combustion Engines and Fuel Cell Electric Vehicles.

Prior to joining Bosch, he was with NXP Semiconductors at Singapore and The Netherlands in the area of Semiconductor development for Mobile, Personal Communication and Digital Televisions for almost 15 years.

Mr. Guruprasad holds a bachelor's degree in Electronics Engineering from Bangalore University in 1988 and has completed EGMP at IIM-B in 2011. He is married with two sons. He is an avid cyclist and enjoys reading during his spare time.

**Career Stages in BOSCH group:**

- 2008 General Manager, HW & Semiconductor Engineering, Robert Bosch Engineering and Business Solutions Private Limited
- 2013 Vice President, Electronics Control Unit design & development, Robert Bosch Engineering and Business Solutions Private Limited
- 2016 Regional President & Managing Director of Bosch Automotive Electronics India Private Limited
- 2018 Head - Project House Electrifications, Bosch Limited
- 2022 Joint Managing Director & Chief Technology Officer, Bosch Limited
- 2023 President, Bosch Group in India, and Managing Director, Bosch Limited



**Mr Akash Passey**

President, ZF India Pvt. Ltd.

Akash Passey serves as the President and Head of ZF Group in Region India, a global leader in technology solutions for passenger cars, commercial vehicles, and industrial applications. ZF Group in India encompasses approximately 16,000 employees across 19 manufacturing facilities and 10 engineering centers, with steady growth and recognition across industries, under his leadership.

A seasoned industry leader, Akash has had strong international career spanning multi-functional roles for over three decades in the automotive industry. Prior to his role at ZF Group, he has been the Senior Vice President Region International at the Volvo Bus Corporation, Sweden, contributing significantly as a key member of the Volvo Bus Executive Management team. He led business performance for the International Region, covering strategic markets across Asia Pacific, Africa and the Middle East, China, the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS), and India for over a decade.

Throughout his career, Akash has held strategic positions including serving as a Board member of Sunwin Buses in China and as the Managing Director and CEO of Volvo Buses South Asia. In the latter role, he spearheaded operations in the SAARC region and played a fundamental role in establishing Volvo Bus as a prominent and well recognized brand in India in 2001.

Akash has contributed extensively as a Senior Executive Advisor to the Swedish India Business Council (SIBC) in Stockholm, with insights and expertise to foster business relationships between Sweden and India. Akash views innovative transportation solutions and collaboration with talented global teams as a few of the most rewarding aspects of his career.

In his current role, he leads the strategic management and expansion of ZF Group's operations in India, with a focus on optimizing business strategy, enhancing operational efficiency, and driving talent development. His leadership is instrumental in strengthening ZF Group's brand and aligning diverse business divisions toward a unified presence with a long-term growth trajectory.

**Shri Nitin Gadkari**

Hon'ble Minister for Road, Transport & Highways,  
Government of India

Mr. Nitin Gadkari is the Minister for Road Transport and Highways (RT&H), Government of India. Mr. Nitin Gadkari was born on 27th May 1957 in a middle-class family with roots in agriculture in Maharashtra's Orange-city Nagpur. Mr. Gadkari got involved very closely with the Rashtriya Swayam Sevak Sangh (RSS) and the Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) and took to social work in a big way.

2. Mr. Gadkari completed his Post-Graduation in Commerce, besides studying Law and obtaining a Diploma in Business Management. Mr. Gadkari has been honored with Doctor of Science (D.Sc.) by the Mahatma Phule Krishi Vidyapeeth (MPKV), Rahuri, Ahmednagar in 2021 and Dr. Panjabrao Deshmukh Krishi Vidyapeeth (PDKV), Akola, Maharashtra in 2022 for his outstanding contributions to the field of agriculture and research for ensuring the financial security of farmers. In 2022, he received Doctor of Literature (D.Litt.) from the Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University, Aurangabad for significant contributions in road and infrastructure development in the country.

3. Mr. Gadkari formally entered politics in 1980. Principally, he believes that Politics is an instrument to bring socio-economic reforms in society. He went on to become BJP's State President in Maharashtra in 2005. He was elevated to the post of party's National President at the young age of 52 in 2009. He served as PWD Minister in Maharashtra Government during 1995-99, and was leader of the Opposition in the State Legislative Council for four consecutive terms.

4. Mr. Gadkari is committed to promoting the use of alternative fuels, which are import-substitutes, cost effective, indigenous and pollution-free. Under Mr. Gadkari's guidance, the city of Nagpur was the first city to explore alternative bio-fuels for transport, including Bio-CNG, Bio-Ethanol and LNG. Mr. Gadkari is also introducing Flex-Fuel engines to be run on 100% Ethanol. He also launched the first ever tractor in India, which is run on bio-CNG, thus providing additional income to farmers. He also emphasizes on adoption of Green Hydrogen as a clean and indigenous source of energy, across various industries and mobility sector. Recently, he has launched a car in Delhi, on pilot basis, which runs completely on Hydrogen.

5. Under his supervision, over 70,000 kms of National Highways have been constructed in the last 10 years and 30,000 kms of new roads are being constructed currently. Twenty-Seven world class access-controlled Greenfield expressway projects being led by Mr. Gadkari under Bharatmala Pariyojana Phase-1, are presently in various stages of construction. They are of

around 9000 kms in length and have a capital cost of Rs 4 Lakh Crores. Mr. Gadkari is a proponent of remote connectivity. Most of these Green Field alignments are passing through remote and tribal areas. These Greenfield Highways will promote socio-economic development of remote and tribal areas. He is the man behind marvelous engineering showcases like Bandra-Worli Sea Link, 55 flyovers in Mumbai, India's First Mumbai-Pune Expressway, 14-lane Delhi-Meerut Expressway, Nagpur's Multi-Layer Metro-Rail cum Flyover system and the upcoming high-tech Delhi-Mumbai expressway. The Delhi-Mumbai distance will be covered in just 12 hours. This will change the entire dynamics of passenger and freight movement on this busiest corridor of India.

6. 35 Multi-Modal Logistics Parks, 600 Way Side Amenities, 105 Tunnels, 28 Emergency Landing Strips are currently being developed under Mr. Gadkari's tenure. His Ministry has also received around 285 proposals from State Governments to develop Ropeways. Mr. Gadkari has also initiated a Funicular Rail project in Ladakh which will help swift movement of people and goods (including 2-wheelers & domestic animals).

7. Among his other endeavors, unprecedented progress is evident in port industrialization, national water highway traffic, jetties for coastal tourism, Ganga-Yamuna cleaning, fund raising, asset monetization projects, etc.

8. Mr. Gadkari introduced the first ever Motor Vehicle Scraping Policy in the fight against Pollution and Road & Vehicle safety. The New FASTAG policy introduced by Mr Gadkari, is helping commuters to save fuel and time on Toll Plazas. Some of his major works include, unprecedented push for R&D in electric vehicles for developing alternative battery chemistries, such as Sodium and Aluminum batteries and Hydrogen fuel cells. With his waste to wealth policy, Mr. Gadkari is promoting use of new, advanced and recycled waste materials in road construction works. For fast and economical construction, he has mandated large scale use of pre-fabricated pre-cast concrete elements in the highways projects. He is encouraging tree plantation along the highways, installation of solar panels, rain water harvesting and artificial ground water recharge systems. Mr. Gadkari is committed towards the development of qualitative, time-bound, cost effective and sustainable world-class infrastructures in the country.

9. During his tenure as the Union Minister for Water Resources and Ganga Rejuvenation, the monumental "Namami Gange" project became a mass movement involving central and state government agencies, private sector and foreign investors, NGOs, spiritual and social organizations as well as the common people. With his political stature he resolved Inter-State disputes on Water sharing and River Linking, involving 16 rivers in 11 States in a short span of six months. The first Inland Waterway was developed during his tenure, and goods movement was commenced between Varanasi and Kolkata, adding a new dimension to the logistical history of inland water ways in the country. As a part of Amrit Sarovar Mission, he initiated to develop 40 farm ponds in Akola district in association with PDKV. This would help to create additional water storage in the region. Under his leadership, MoRTH has issued the guidelines for use of excavated material from water bodies in Highway construction.



**Mr Hormazd Sorabjee**  
Editor, Autocar India

Hormazd Sorabjee is widely regarded as India's leading automotive journalist. He is presently the editor of Autocar India magazine, India's best-selling automobile magazine by far.

Hormazd began his career with The Indian Auto Journal in 1986 where he pioneered the concept of automotive journalism and road testing in India. Since then, Hormazd has been closely involved with the auto industry and automotive market and his articles have appeared in major publications in India and abroad.

Considered an authority on the Indian automotive market, Hormazd is widely quoted by the media for his views. He is a regular face on national television and on the jury panel for several international awards.

Hormazd's main love is driving and he has driven in over 70 countries. He has been involved in several long distance expeditions which include drives from Germany to India and Delhi to Paris. He was also a key member of the organising team for the government-led 2012 ASEAN Rally from Singapore to Delhi. Hormazd has also driven to the four corners of India and last year organised a drive from Kashmir to Kanyakumuri in an electric Porsche Taycan to prove that EVs can be driven across the country.

On an average Hormazd drives around 70-80 different cars a year.



## **H.E. Mr. Maroš Šefčovič**

Commissioner for Trade and Economic Security,  
Interinstitutional Relations and Transparency, European Union

**Maroš Šefčovič** (born in 1966) is a Slovak diplomat who since 1 December 2024 has served as European Commissioner for Trade and Economic Security; Interinstitutional Relations and Transparency. In this capacity, he leads the Commission's work on designing and implementing a free and fair trade policy that enables Europe to reach its competitiveness, security and sustainability goals. He is also tasked with working on an effective and modern customs system that can help to protect citizens and support a level playing field for businesses.

European affairs have been at the centre of Mr Šefčovič's career for more than two decades. In 2019, he was appointed Vice-President of the European Commission in charge of Interinstitutional Relations and Foresight, before also taking on responsibility for overseeing the European Green Deal as Executive Vice-President in 2023.

Prior to that, he was elected as a Member of the European Parliament in 2014, while serving from 2010 to 2019 as Vice-President of the European Commission in charge first of Interinstitutional Relations and Administration, and then the Energy Union.

He first served as a European Commissioner from 2009 to 2010, when he was responsible for Education, Training, Culture and Youth. Before that, from 2004 to 2009, he was the Permanent Representative of the Slovak Republic to the European Union, contributing to the country's major integration projects, such as its entry to the Eurozone and the Schengen area. A diplomat by profession, he served between 1992 and 2004 in Zimbabwe and Canada and as Ambassador to Israel.

He graduated from the University of Economy in Bratislava, Slovakia, and the Moscow State Institute for Foreign Relations. He holds a degree as Doctor of Law and a PhD of European Law from Faculty of Law at the Comenius University in Bratislava, Slovakia. He also undertook training in diplomacy at Stanford University, USA.

He wrote a book entitled 'Driving the EU forward – talks with Maroš Šefčovič', focused on his first mandate as the Commission Vice-President. In 2018, he was awarded the title of Doctor Honoris Causa at the Pan-European University in Bratislava, Slovakia.



## **Shri Piyush Goyal**

Hon'ble Minister for Commerce & Industry,  
Government of India

**Piyush Goyal (60)** is the Union Minister of Commerce & Industry and Member of Parliament, North Mumbai Lok Sabha. He has previously served as the Leader of the House in Rajya Sabha and helmed the Ministry of Consumer Affairs and Food & Public Distribution, Textiles, Railways, Finance, Corporate Affairs, Coal, Power, New & Renewable Energy, and Mines.

### **KEY MILESTONES UNDER HIS TENURE:**

- India clocked its **highest-ever exports** of about \$776 Bn in 2022-23
- Led the signing of a **Free Trade Agreement (FTA) with UAE**, the fastest-ever negotiated FTA globally, & **India-Australia Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement (ECTA)**, India's 1st agreement with a developed country after a decade
- Oversaw the launch of Production Linked Incentive (**PLI**) Schemes to boost Make In India
- Led the implementation of the world's largest food security program, **Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY)** by distributing free foodgrains to nearly 80 crore poor and vulnerable people over a 2-year period
- As Minister of Railways, helped India achieve the **best-ever safety record** of zero passenger deaths in rail accidents
- As Power, Coal, and New & Renewable Energy Minister, successfully implemented the world's largest LED bulb distribution program (**UJALA**)
- § Was awarded the **4th Annual Carnot Prize in 2018 in recognition** of pathbreaking transformations in India's energy sector by making energy efficiency a people's movement. Carnot Prize is the most prestigious award in the energy sector given by the Kleinman Center for Energy Policy at the University of Pennsylvania for distinguished contributions to energy policy through scholarship or practice.



## POLITICAL JOURNEY:

During his 35-year-long political career, he has held several important positions at different levels in the world's largest political party, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), and is in its National Executive. He has also been the National Treasurer of the Party.

## PERSONAL LIFE:

He has had a brilliant academic record – an **all-India second-rank holder Chartered Accountant** and a second-rank holder in Law from Mumbai University. He was also a well-known **investment banker**. His father, Late Vedprakash Goyal was Union Minister of Shipping, and the National Treasurer of the BJP for over two decades. His mother Chandrakanta Goyal was elected thrice to the Maharashtra Legislative Assembly from Mumbai. He is married to Seema, an active social worker, and has two children – Dhruv and Radhika.



**Mr. Vinnie Mehta**  
Director General, ACMA

Vinnie Mehta is the Director General of ACMA, the apex body representing the Indian auto component industry. With decades of experience spanning policy advocacy, technology management, and international cooperation, he plays a pivotal role in shaping the industry's roadmap for competitiveness, sustainability, and global integration.

Under his leadership, ACMA has deepened its engagement with global stakeholders, driven the agenda for localization, digital transformation, and supply chain resilience, and fostered alignment with emerging megatrends such as electrification and sustainability. A respected voice in industry circles, Vinnie regularly engages with government bodies, trade partners, and multilateral forums to promote India's auto component sector.

He holds degrees in engineering and management, and brings to the role a rare blend of technical insight and strategic vision.



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