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## Mr. Sunjay J Kapur

President, ACMA and  
Chairman, Sona Comstar

Sunjay J Kapur is the Chairman of Sona Comstar (Sona BLW Precision Forgings Limited), one of India's leading automotive technology companies. Founded in 1995, the company is the largest manufacturer of precision forged gears in the world, with a dominant market share. The business expanded and is primarily engaged in designing, manufacturing, and supplying highly engineered, mission-critical automotive systems and components to automotive OEMs. Headquartered in Gurugram, India, Sona Comstar is a global supplier with nine manufacturing and assembly facilities across India, the USA, Mexico, and China. The company is also a leading supplier to the fast-growing global Electric Vehicle market. In 2021, the company listed on the BSE Ltd. and the National Stock Exchange of India. (NSE Symbol: SONACOMS)

Sunjay is the elected President (2021-2023) of the Automotive Component Manufacturers Association of India. Prior to this, he was Chairman of the Electric Mobility Committee (2015-2016) and Chairman of the Sustainable Development Committee (2014-2017) at ACMA.

Sunjay is also a member of the National Council of Confederation of Indian Industry. He is the Co-Chairman at CII Manufacturing Council (2020–2023), and a member of the CII National Committee on Future Mobility and the Japan Country Committee. Previously, he has been Co-Chairman of CII Smart Manufacturing Council (2017–2020) and successively, elected Chairman of CII Haryana State Council (2020–2021). He is a member of CII Northern Region Council since 2021.

Sunjay was appointed as Member of Board of Governors of The Doon School, India in 2020, and is the Chairman of The Doon School Sports Committee.

Beyond his business, Sunjay was elected as the Global Chairman of the Entrepreneurs' Organization (EO-formerly known as YEO) for 2007–2008. He is the first, and thus far, only person from India to hold this prestigious position.

He has always been passionate about encouraging entrepreneurs in the country. Sunjay's zeal for nurturing young innovators and start-ups led him to collaborate with CNBC for a unique reality show called 'Masterpreneur India'. It aired on CNBC Awaaz in



2015. This program was a path-breaking initiative in identifying and mentoring young entrepreneurs and organizations.

Sunjay completed his schooling from The Doon School, India, following which he attended the Williston Northampton School, Easthampton in Massachusetts, USA. He graduated with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from the University of Buckingham, U.K. In addition to this, he was in the class of 2006 of 'The Birthing of Giants' at MIT, USA (a 3-year program by EO, MIT, and Inc. Magazine). In 2013, he completed his post-graduation from Harvard Business School in Owner President Management. He has also done a program on 'Growth in the Family Enterprise' at the Indian School of Business and University of Pennsylvania (Wharton). He is an alumnus of the revered institutions, The Doon School and Harvard Business School.

Sunjay's love for sport has been intense from his days at The Doon School. He has been House Captain of Hyderabad House and represented the school in swimming, water polo, tennis, and field hockey. In early 2004, Sunjay developed a keen interest for the equestrian sport of polo. His passion for polo led him to play a critical role in bringing the heritage sport to the corporate sector in India. Sunjay is an enlisted member of the Indian Polo Association (IPA). Sunjay, in his personal capacity, has contributed tremendously by incepting and captaining his own polo team- Sona Polo. Sona Polo is amongst the top professional playing teams of the country and has won several prestigious tournaments under his captaincy in India, USA, and the UK.

Sunjay is married to Priya Sachdev Kapur, and has four children - Samaira, Safira, Kiaan, and Azarias. He resides in New Delhi, India.

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## Mr. Kenichi Ayukawa

President, SIAM and  
Executive Vice Chairman, Maruti Suzuki India

- Executive Vice Chairman of Maruti Suzuki India Limited, since April 2022.
- Managing Director & CEO of Maruti Suzuki India Limited for 9 years, from April 2013 till March 2022.
- Under his leadership Maruti Suzuki has strengthened its turnover from INR 42,613 crore (in 2012-13) to INR 83,798 crore (in 2021-22).
- In his career spreading over four decades, Mr. Ayukawa has handled several key assignments at Suzuki Motor Corporation, Japan and in the group's overseas operations.
- He has managed various business profiles, including HR, Operations and Global Marketing.
- He is also the President, Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM), since September 2020.
- Mr. Ayukawa has been recognized as:
  - o Best CEO – Multinational Companies by Forbes India Leadership Awards 2016
  - o Business Today Best CEO - Large Companies consecutively for 5 years 2017-2021
  - o “Champion of Champions Award” 2018, by Business Today.



## Mr. R Dinesh

**President - Designate, CII &  
Executive Vice Chairman, TVS Supply Chain Solutions**

Mr. R Dinesh, a fourth-generation TVS Family member, is a Commerce Graduate and an Associate Member of Institute of Chartered Accountants of India and Institute of Cost & Works Accountants of India. He is the Executive Vice Chairman of TVS Supply Chain Solutions and Director at TVS Automobile Solutions.

Dinesh is the President Designate of CII National Council for FY 2022-23. He is also the Chairman of the CII National Committee on Logistics and Chairs CII Institute of Logistics Advisory Council for FY 22-23. Mr. Dinesh, through his role in CII, played a pivotal role in getting the 'infrastructure status' for the Logistics sector. He is also the Chairman of the CII FBN (Family Business Network) India Chapter Council.

Dinesh has won many awards including, 'Icon of the Year' from ICT Academy of Tamilnadu for the year 2018, 'Entrepreneur of the Year' award for 'Services' category by Ernst & Young in 2017. He is also the recipient of TiECON's 'Next Gen Entrepreneur of the year 2014' award and 'Emerging Entrepreneur' award by CII in 2010.

Dinesh started TVS Supply Chain Solutions (erstwhile known as TVS Logistics) in 1995, the company, under his able leadership has grown multifold to become a billion-dollar company. The company has a presence across continents making it a truly global company and serving customers in over 50 countries. TVS SCS employs around 17,000 strong workforce across the Globe. His other business TVS Automobile Solutions is the largest automotive aftermarket player in India and offers integrated aftermarket services through digital platform – Ki Mobility Solutions, which is an online-to-offline (O-to-O) start-up model.

Dinesh works closely with marquee investor names like Exor International, Mitsubishi Corporation, etc. Currently, the companies under his management have a turnover of around USD 2 Billion and employ more than 25,000 people. He has been instrumental in expanding his companies' operations globally and has set up subsidiaries in Sri Lanka, United Kingdom, Spain, Germany, Thailand, Bangladesh, United States of America, South Africa, Singapore, China and Australia.





## Dr. Pawan Goenka

Chairman, INSPACe &  
Chairman, SCALE Committee

Dr. Pawan Goenka earned his B. Tech. in Mechanical Engineering from IIT, Kanpur and Ph.D. from Cornell University, U.S.A. He is also a Graduate of Advanced Management Program from Harvard Business School. He worked at General Motors R&D Centre in Detroit, U.S.A. from 1979 to 1993. Dr. Goenka joined Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd. in 1993 as General Manager (R&D) and led the development of the Scorpio SUV. Dr. Goenka is credited with building a strong R&D infrastructure, a robust product portfolio for Mahindra and is widely recognised as a statesman of the Indian Auto Industry. Dr. Goenka served on the boards of several Mahindra Group Companies, both domestic and international. He retired from Mahindra as Managing Director and CEO on 1st April 2021.

Dr. Pawan Goenka has received several awards such as the Burt L. Newkirk Award, Charles L. McCuen Achievement Award, the FISITA Medal of Honour, Automotive Man of the Year Award, CV Man of the Year Award, Lifetime Achievement Award & Param Shreshth Award. Dr. Goenka was also honoured with the Lifetime achievement Award for his unparalleled contribution to the automotive industry by The Automotive Component Manufacturers Association (ACMA) in March 2022.

Dr. Goenka received the Distinguished Alumni Award from IIT Kanpur in 2004 and was also conferred with the Doctor of Science (honoris causa) in 2015. He is a Fellow of SAE International and of The Indian National Academy of Engineers and a member of National Academy of Engineers, USA.

Dr. Goenka is past President of SIAM, of the Society of Automotive Engineers India, the ARAI Governing Council, and served as a Board Member of National Skills Development Corporation (NSDC) and a member of Confederation of Indian Industries (CII) National Council. He is currently serving as the Chairman of the Board of Governors of IIT Madras. Dr. Goenka is the Chairperson of Indian National Space Promotion and Authorization Centre (IN-SPACe), Department of Space, Government of India and of the Steering Committee for Advancing Local value-add and Exports (SCALE), an initiative under the Ministry of Commerce & Industry.

Dr. Goenka also serves as an Independent Director on the Board of Sun Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd. and Bosch Limited.

## Mr. Amitabh Kant

Hon'ble Sherpa,  
G20



Mr Amitabh Kant is presently G20 Sherpa of India during its Presidency year. He was CEO, NITI Aayog (National Institution for Transforming India)- the Govt of India's premier policy Think Tank & prior to that Secretary, Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion. He is a member of the Indian Administrative Service, IAS (Kerala Cadre: 1980 batch). He is the author of Branding India-An Incredible Story and has edited “The Path Ahead- Transformative Ideas for India”. Kant has been a key driver of the “Make in India”, Startup India, “Incredible India” and God's Own Country” initiatives that positioned India and Kerala State as leading manufacturing and tourism destinations. These campaigns have won several international awards and embraced a host of activities – infrastructure development, product enhancement, private-public partnership and positioning and branding based on extensive market research.

Amitabh Kant has been the Chairman & CEO of the Delhi Mumbai Industrial Corridor Development Corporation (DMICDC). The Delhi Mumbai Industrial Corridor (DMIC) is being developed by the Government of India as a global manufacturing and investment destination supported by world class infrastructure and enabling policy framework. The DMIC project is aimed at the development of futuristic, smart industrial cities in India which will converge and integrate next generation technologies across sectors. The DMIC cities will address not merely the urbanization requirements of India, but with manufacturing as the main economic base, will also contribute significantly to the economic growth of India.

In his capacity as Secretary (Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion) Govt. of India, he vigorously drove the Ease of Doing Business initiative and ranking of States on outcome parameters. These initiatives have led to India making a quantum jump in the World Bank's Ease of Doing Index and enabled Indian States to compete in the spirit of competitive federalism. He is the Chairman of the Committee to implement Digital Payment in India.

Mr. Kant has been the recipient of Economic Times Policy Change Agent of the Year Award, the Bloomberg TV Personality of the year Award, the NDTV Administrator of the year Award and the Distinguished Fellowship of the Institute of Directors. He is the

recipient of One Globe Award-2016 for leadership in Transforming Governance for the 21st Century. He is also the recipient of Sir Edmund Hillary Fellowship awarded by the Prime Minister of New Zealand. He is a Member of the Steering Board of “Shaping the Future of Production Systems” of World Economic Forum. He is also the recipient of Golden Peacock Award for Leadership in Economic Transformation-2017.

Amitabh Kant has worked as CEO, Delhi-Mumbai Industrial Corridor Corporation, CMD – ITDC, Joint Secretary – Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, Secretary – Tourism, Government of Kerala, Managing Director, Kerala State Industrial Development Corporation, District Collector, Kozikhode and Managing Director, Matsyafed. During his tenure in Kerala he structured the Calicut Airport as a private sector project based on User's Free and developed the BSES Power Project and Mattanchery Bridge under Private Public Partnership. He was also responsible for introducing new technology (fiberglass crafts and outboard motor) in the fisheries sector and launching beach level auctions which substantially enhanced returns to traditional fishermen.

Amitabh Kant did his schooling from Modern School, Delhi, graduation in Economics (Hons) from St. Stephens, Delhi University and M.A from Jawaharlal Nehru University. He is a Chevening Scholar. He has also undertaken a mid-term course with John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University and Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Ahmadabad.





## **Ms. Shradha Suri Marwah**

**Vice President, ACMA and  
Chairperson & Managing Director, Subros**

Shradha Suri Marwah is the Chairperson & Managing Director of Subros Ltd., a 36-year-old company recognised as a leader in the design and manufacture of thermal products for passenger and commercial vehicles. Headquartered in New Delhi, Subros is a joint venture between the Suri Group, Denso Corporation Japan and Suzuki Motor Corporation Japan. Recently, Subros forayed into residential and commercial thermal solutions.

Shradha Joined the company in 2001 and became Managing Director in 2008 and Chairperson & Managing Director in 2021.

Shradha is the elected Vice President (2021–23) of Automotive Components Manufacturers Association (ACMA). She is also the Chairperson of Pillar 1 (Business Development) and Co-Chair of Pillar 2 (Government Affairs & Strategic Affairs). Prior to this she was the Chairperson of Northern Region (2020-21) and Co Chair of Northern Region (2018-20). Shradha has also held various portfolios such as Chairperson of Raw Material Committee, Chairperson of MSME Committee and Chairperson of HR & IR Sub pillar since 2013.

Shradha is also a member of the CII Northern Regional Council and Co-chair of Regional Committee on Advanced Manufacturing and member of CII Manufacturing Council as well as member of Committee on Making Manufacturing Future Ready. She is also an Executive Committee Member of Maruti Suzuki Supplier Welfare Association (MSSWA).

Shradha has a Bachelor's degree in Economics from the University of Delhi. She also went on to earn two post-graduate degrees- a Master's degree in Management and a Master's degree in Economics & Information Systems from The London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), University of London.

## Mr. Shivanshu Gupta

Senior Partner,  
McKinsey & Company



Shivanshu is a Senior Partner in McKinsey's Bangalore office, which he helped found. He has worked in McKinsey's Delhi and Boston offices, serving clients across North America, Europe, India, Japan & Korea.

Shivanshu leads McKinsey's Advanced Industries (includes Automotive, A&D, Advanced Electronics) Practice in Asia. He has helped shape McKinsey's thinking on product development in emerging markets, "Make in India" and serves clients on operational transformations, as well as strategy, business building, and organizational issues. He serves India's-family owned businesses as well as multinationals in the Advanced Industries sector. He leads McKinsey's relationship with several Indian & Global automotive bodies, especially ACMA.

Shivanshu was a founding member of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation in India, where he helped 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. Srikant Inampudi

Senior Partner,  
McKinsey & Company

### Position -

- Srikant is a Senior Partner and Managing Partner of McKinsey's Detroit office. He serves clients across the auto-eco system (i.e., OEM's, auto suppliers, dealers, aftermarket players etc.) and investors in industrial space.

### Most relevant McKinsey engagements -

- More than fifteen years of experience advising executives across the automotive eco system (Vehicle/Truck and Bus OEM's, auto suppliers, auto after-market, Dealers, digital firms that serve auto etc.) to develop corporate strategy, associated portfolio/product strategy, go-to-market strategies especially for new technologies, operational transformation to drive performance of the business and strategic M&A
- Significant experience working in mobility adjacent industries(e.g., Chemicals, Mobility software companies, VC funds and PE firms globally etc.) to understand the implications of auto trends for various BU's or acquisition targets
- Worked with public sector entities (at state and city level) to understand implications of auto trends on economic development and strategies to retrain labor and workforce

### Prior work experience/education -

- Srikant has a MBA from University of Chicago. He is very active in SE Michigan community and is currently a board member at Civilla (Philanthropic start up applying design thinking to solve public sector challenges) and Detroit country day. He retired from United way of SE Michigan board after serving on the board for almost a decade





## Mr. Vinod Aggarwal

Vice President, SIAM and  
MD & CEO, Volvo Eicher Commercial Vehicles

Vinod Aggarwal is the Managing Director & CEO of VE Commercial Vehicles Ltd (VECV), A Joint Venture between Eicher Motors and AB Volvo of Sweden.

He is also the Non-executive member of the Board of Directors of Eicher Motors Limited.

He is an industry veteran with over 41 years of rich experience in general management, finance and operations.

He has been leading VE Commercial Vehicles Limited since 2010. In his long and successful career with Eicher Group, spanning over 39 years, he has held several management positions including the Chief Financial Officer of the Eicher Group and President of Eicher Trucks and Buses.

Over the years, he has won several awards for his contribution to the commercial vehicle industry including the “CV Man of the Year” twice in 2019 and 2014. He was awarded as the “Best CEO- Medium and Heavy Duty truck makers” in 2016 by World Auto Forum and the “Hall of Fame 2015” by Manufacturing Today. In 2019, he was inducted into The Economic Times Polymers Automotive Hall of Fame.

He is currently Vice President of Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM) and President of Automotive Skills Development Council (ASDC).

## Mr. Ganesh Mani S

President and Chief of Operations,  
Ashok Leyland



Automotive business executive with the mission to empower people through transformative approach. A firm believer of using smart technology for sustained excellence. Long term visionary to build a resilient and sustainable organization.

### **PROFESSIONAL CAREER -**

A passionate leader with rich and wide experience of 35 years across multiple functions in the Automobile industry, such as Production, Projects, Planning, Vendor development, Logistics, Plant HR function, HR policy formulation and vector alignment of all stake holders.

He is currently President and COO in Ashok Leyland Limited taking care of 9 Manufacturing plants / Sourcing / Logistics/Projects planning .

He worked as Director –Operations and Board Member of Hyundai Motor India Ltd, guided Hyundai's strategy and operations, and lead the organizations initiatives towards a successful future.

As an ardent lover of Industry 4.0 and Digitalization initiatives, involving motivating 10,000+ human capital, made a digital leap in smart connectivity of machineries in operations. Strong believer towards Sustainable Manufacturing practices with Permaculture as a philosophy driving the factory towards RE 100 and self sustained water resources.

Before joining Hyundai he was Vice President of Maruti Suzuki India Limited where he spent over 27 years across various functions.

### **GLOBAL RECOGNITION -**

Change and Innovation Leaders Award from Hyundai Motor Group's Chairman for his unique initiative of My Place My Pride in HMIL since 2016.

Platinum Award for Excellence for number one performing overseas plant amongst Hyundai Motor Group and made as No-1 Bench marking facilities amongst overseas facilities.

**ACHIEVEMENTS -**

- Doctor of Literature (D.Litt) Honoris Causa in 2020
- Eminent Engineer Award by Institution of Engineers in 2019
- Best Production Head by World Auto Forum in 2017
- Intrapreneur Award by Decision Science Institute, Houston in 2015
- Multiple awards Winner -Management Games and represented the country in global level -2008 / Young managers contest -2009

**EDUCATION -**

- Currently pursuing Global Executive Management – PGPMAX Indian School of Business (ISB), Hyderabad (21-22)
- MBA with double gold medal in Operations and Finance Management, Management Development Institute (MDI), Gurgaon in 2003
- Bachelor of Engineering in Mechanical – AMIE, The Institution of Engineers, Calcutta

**ASSOCIATION -**

- Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), Vice Chairman – CII Chennai Zone (2022 -23)
- Convenor of CII Tamil Nadu Manufacturing panel 2021, connected 10,000+ people across Industry
- Member of esteemed jury panel in Automotive Component Manufacturing Association (ACMA) since 2016





## Mr. Piyush Goyal

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

Piyush Goyal (57) is the Minister of Commerce & Industry (2019-present), Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution (2020-present), Textiles (2021-present) and Leader of the Rajya Sabha (2021-present). He has also held the portfolio of Minister of Railways, Finance, Corporate Affairs, Coal, Power, New & Renewable Energy and Mines previously.

In his tenure as Minister of Commerce & Industry, India achieved its highest ever exports of about \$675 billion in 2021-22. He led the signing of a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) with UAE, the fastest ever negotiated FTA globally and the India-Australia Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement (ECTA), India's 1st agreement with a developed country after a decade. He oversaw the launch of Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Schemes to bring manufacturing at the center stage and emphasize its significance in driving growth and creating jobs.

As Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public distribution, he led the implementation of the world's largest food security programme, Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) by distribution of free foodgrains to nearly 80 crore people over 2 years, providing support to the poor, vulnerable, weaker sections of society, who were affected the most during the COVID-19 pandemic. As Minister of Railways, India achieved the best ever safety record of zero passenger deaths in rail accidents. The Power, Coal and New & Renewable Energy ministries led transformational changes in India's power sector and successfully implemented the world's largest LED bulb distribution programme (UJALA) for energy efficiency. He also received the 4th Annual Carnot Prize in 2018 recognising the pathbreaking transformations in India's energy sector.

During his 35 year long political career, Mr Goyal 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 been the National Treasurer of the Party. In the 2019 Indian General Elections, he was a member of the Manifesto and Publicity Committees. He also headed the BJP's Information Communication Campaign Committee for the Indian General Elections 2014.

Mr Goyal has had a brilliant academic record – all India second rank holder Chartered Accountant and second rank holder in Law in Mumbai University. He was a well-known investment banker and has advised top corporations on management strategy and growth. He also served on the Board of India's largest commercial bank, the State Bank of India and Bank of Baroda. He was also nominated by the Government of India to the Task Force for Interlinking of Rivers in 2002. 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, who have both graduated from Harvard University, USA.



## **Dr. Mahendra Nath Pandey**

**Hon'ble Union Cabinet Minister for Heavy Industries,  
Government of India**

Dr. Mahendra Nath Pandey (born 15 October 1957) is an Indian politician who is a member of the Lok Sabha from the Chandauli parliamentary seat since 2014. He is currently a member of the Bharatiya Janata Party and has previously been the party's Uttar Pradesh unit president. He has also served as the Union Minister of State for Human Resource Development from the year 2016 to 2017.

He is also a member of the cabinet in the government formed for the second time under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. Shri Mahendra Nath Pandey was born in a Brahmin family of Sudhakar Pandey and Chandravati Pandey in Pakhanpur, Uttar Pradesh. He holds a Master's degree in journalism and has also completed his PhD in Hindi from Banaras Hindu University.

In the year 1973, he was elected President of the Students' Union of C.M. Anglo Bengali College. After 5 years, he also became the General Secretary of Banaras Hindu University Students' Union.

In the year 1991, Shri Mahendra Nath Pandey was elected in the Uttar Pradesh Legislative Assembly. In the government formed under the leadership of Shri Kalyan Singh, he was given the responsibility of Minister of State for Housing and Urban Development. He served as Minister of State for Planning (Independent Charge) from 1998 to 2000 and Minister of State for Panchayati Raj from 2000 to 2002.

Shri Mahendra Nath Pandey has also served as Member, Standing Committee on Rural Development and Consultation for the Ministry of Steel and Mines. On 5th July 2016, Shri Mahendra Pandey took the oath as the Union Minister of State for Human Resource Development in the first term of the Modi Government.

In the 17th Lok Sabha, under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, an announcement of the cabinet was made on 31st May 2019 in which Shri Mahendra Nath Pandey was given the charge of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Minister. The responsibility of the Minister of Heavy Industries was given on July 7, 2021.



## Ms. Aditi Shah

Sr. Correspondent,  
Reuters



Aditi Shah is a senior correspondent with Reuters in India and writes on the fascinating business of cars and planes. Working for the international news agency for more than a decade, she has in recent years closely reported on U.S. automaker Tesla's entry attempts in India and how American giants like Ford and GM exited the lucrative, but complex, Indian market. Aditi closely tracks policy, regulatory and geopolitical changes and their impact on the auto industry while also keeping close tabs on the electrification transition in India. She simultaneously covers the fast-growing aviation sector where new airlines are emerging to compete with older ones at a time when safety concerns are in spotlight. Aditi joined Reuters in Mumbai in Dec 2011 prior to which she spent four years working in London for a trade magazine covering the property market. She is based in New Delhi.



## Mr. Sunil Kakkar

Chairperson, SIAM Atmanirbhar Sourcing Group and  
Sr. Executive Director, Maruti Suzuki India

- Graduate in Mechanical Engineering from Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur
- Post Graduate & Gold medalist - MBA from Asian Institute of Technology
- Started his career more than 3 decades ago with Maruti Suzuki India Limited and has worked in Supply Chain and Production verticals. Currently he is heading Supply Chain vertical as Sr Executive Director. He has spent most of his time in supply chain and he was also head of Gurgaon plant for brief period of time
- He was instrumental in setting up the Supply chain of Diesel Engine parts through World Wide Purchasing along with FIAT & General Motors and ensured deep localization.
- He has been involved in setting up of Joint Venture in India with companies from Italy, France and Japan for introduction of Diesel ECU, new technology projects like the AMT, Plastic Fuel tanks and High tensile technology in Sheet metal.
- He is Director on the Boards of couple of JVs of Maruti Suzuki, -> M/s Mark Exhaust Systems Limited and M/s Hanon Climate Systems India Pvt. Ltd.
- Mr Kakkar is the Chairman of the SIAM AatmaNirbhar Bharat / Sourcing Group. He is driving the localization road map for the Indian Auto industry as a focused initiative.
- He has also been nominated as the Honorary Chairman of INVEST Northern Zonal Council.
- Mr. Kakkar has been also awarded the
  - o Best Purchase/Supply Chain Head 2020 and also for 2018 in the Passenger Vehicle Category by World Auto Forum.
  - o He was also awarded the Chief Supply Chain Officer of the Year 2018 – Automotive by Alden Global in collaboration with NASSCOM.

## Mr. Ram Kuppuswamy

CPO & Head Transformation Projects,  
Hero MotoCorp



Ram is a global supply chain, commercial, and operations leader with over 20 years of experience working in Fortune 100 technology companies and has been associated with brands like Airtel, Nokia/ Microsoft, AT Kearney, and VMware.

He has worked across the globe, starting his career in the USA, then moving to Europe, China, India and Singapore.

Ram is a Bachelor of Engineering in Computer Science & Engineering and holds an MBA degree from The Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad (1999).

Ram is married to Ambika and they have two children - Rhea (13) and Raghav (10). Ambika is an ex-banker who has worked with Morgan Stanley and Lehman Bros in New York and was recently an officer on special duty with the Finance Ministry.

In his current assignment in Hero MotoCorp, Ram is leading all the supply chain and procurement requirements for the Organisation and leading a team of over 400 professionals covering Strategic sourcing, In-bound logistics, Supplier Development, Supplier Relationship Management, Vendor Up-gradation and Materials Management. He is also leading the Global Sourcing, New Product Development, enhancement of Technology of local suppliers as well as developing new alliances with Global supplier to enhance the value proposition. Recently, Ram has been given the additional responsibility of driving the Transformation Projects at Hero.

Outside of work, Ram loves to run half marathons, play blitz chess and learn about WWII strategies.

## Mr. Ravneet S Phokela

Chief Business Officer,  
Ather Energy



An alumnus of IMT, Ather Energy's Chief Business Officer, Ravneet S Phokela heads the Marketing, Sales, After Sales & Customer Service and Charging Infrastructure verticals at Ather.

At Ather, he has built the brand by formulating go-to marketing strategies, building key metrics and customer centric initiatives. He also oversees end to end business management for developing Ather's charging infrastructure across India

Starting at Lowe, which he left as Senior Brand Services Director, Ravneet moved to Whirlpool where he was responsible for Marketing Services for India, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh.

He later joined Nokia India in its early days and has been an integral part of its growth story. He led the development of some of their most iconic campaigns such as 'Made for India', which continues to be one of Nokia's most successful campaigns. He also was the India lead for multiple strategic marketing task forces across the APAC region. In 2005, he moved to Nokia Global Marketing in London and as Global Marketing Director, he was in a variety of roles across Strategy & Planning, Marketing Communication, Brand Strategy and Product Development. During his stint at Nokia Global, he also undertook a five-month General Management Program at Harvard Business School sponsored by Nokia.

Ravneet moved back to India in 2012, with PAYBACK India as their Chief Marketing Officer and Head of eCommerce & Business Analytics. He led the development and scaling-up of their eCommerce platform. In 2015, he was recognized as one of the 25 most talented eCommerce professionals in India by the Asia Retail Congress 2015. Before joining Ather in August 2015, Ravneet was the VP and Consultancy Practice Head at Flipkart and had helped set up their marketing consultancy business unit.

## Ms. Mahua Acharya

Managing Director & CEO,  
Convergence Energy Services



Mahua Acharya is the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of state-owned energy transition company, Convergence Energy Services Limited of the Government of India. She holds a master's degree from Yale University.

Mahua has over two decades of experience in carbon markets, renewable energy and organizational management across different countries. She has lived in five countries and worked in over twenty-five. Prior to her role at Convergence, Mahua was the Assistant Director-General of a new multilateral organization the Global Green Growth Institute. She is one of the early pioneers of the carbon market working at the World Bank in Washington DC during the days of the market's inception.

Mahua is co-founder faculty of an executive education program at the Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad, serves on the boards of multiple international entities, and has appeared on international and Indian listings of women in leadership.

Through her work at CESL, she leads the development of an electric-vehicles ecosystem in India. She is working to enable deployment of electric three wheelers, cars, and electric buses at scale. She is also involved in the buildout of charging stations across the country.





## Mr. Josh Foulger

Country Head & MD,  
Bharat FIH

Josh Foulger is the Managing Director of Bharat FIH Ltd (A Foxconn Technology Group Company), since April 2015. Under his leadership, Bharat FIH Ltd has been the manufacturing partner of choice that helps a diverse customer base build mobile phones, EV and consumer electronic products. He is responsible for architecting India site's strategic direction and business development leads the manufacturing operations and the growth opportunities of the company in India, based out of Chennai.

Under Josh's leadership, India operation has expanded its manufacturing facilities to three locations, namely at Sri City, Andhra Pradesh, India Sungavarchatram and Sriperumbudur near Chennai, India. These facilities, collectively, in a short period of time, have expanded its capabilities to manufacturing of casings, mechanics & components, PCBA and final assembly of mobile devices. He has been instrumental in creating a robust electronics manufacturing ecosystem in the regions and grows the business multi-fold, thanks to his relentless pursuit in collaborating with multiple stakeholders; the local and Central Government, industry bodies, suppliers, supply chain, etc. In October 2021, Bharat FIH R&D Centre was established at the IIT Madras Research Park that offers end to end design services and product development that include product design, specification finalisation, tooling and moulding, 4G/5G devices.

As an advocate of 'Make in India' and 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' initiatives of the Govt. of India, Josh is credited by his industry peers for putting India on the global map of electronics manufacturing. The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) has formed an advisory board on making India a \$300 billion electronics manufacturing hub by 2026 called the "Digital India Electronics Mission \$300 Billion" where Josh is a member.

Prior to joining the Company, Josh had spent nearly two decades with Nokia Corporation where he various positions and led America and global operations based out of the U.S., and later he was promoted as President, Nokia Special Economic Zone (SEZ), Chennai, India. He was also responsible for the launch of Nokia's manufacturing operations in India and Vietnam.

Josh is a Post Graduate in Industrial Engineering specializing in Robotics from the University of Texas, Arlington, USA. He has over 27 years of experience in Electronics Manufacturing Operations and Supply Chain Management globally

## Mr. Nitin Gadkari

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



Mr. Nitin Gadkari is the Minister for Road Transport and Highways (RTH), 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.

Mr. Gadkari completed his Post-Graduation in Commerce, besides studying Law and obtaining a Diploma in Business Management. Mr. Gadkari formally entered politics in 1980. Principally he believe 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 also served as PWD Minister in Maharashtra Government and was leader of the opposition in the state legislative council for four consecutive terms.

Mr. Gadkari is committed to adopt a transport fuel which is import-substitute, cost effective, indigenous and pollution-free. Under Mr. Gadkari's guidance, the city of Nagpur was the first city to explore alternative biofuels for transportation including bio-CNG, bio-ethanol and LNG. Mr. Gadkari is also introducing flex fuel engines to be run on 100% ethanol, and launched a first ever tractor run on bi-CNG, thus providing additional income to farmers and the agricultural sector. He is also emphasizes on adoption of Green Hydrogen as clean and indigenous source of energy across various industries and mobility sector. Recently, he has launched a car in Delhi, on pilot basis, which run purely on hydrogen.

Under his supervision, over 70,000 kms of National Highways have been constructed in the last 7 years and 30, 0000 kms of new roads are being constructed currently. Twenty two world class access-controlled Green field expressway projects being led by Mr Gadkari under Bharatmala pariyojana phase-1, are presently in various stages of construction. 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 upcoming high-tech Delhi-Mumbai expressway.

35 multi-modal logistics park, 50 economic corridors and 15 intermodal stations are currently being developed under Mr Gadkari's tenure. 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 project, etc. He is now taking a lead in development of new sustainable mobility and last mile connectivity modes like Ropeway, Cable car, Funicular rail, etc. across the country.

Mr. Gadkari introduced the first ever Vehicle Scrappage Policy which proved to be the fight against pollution in the interest of Road and Vehicle safety. New FASTAG policy is helping commuters to save their fuel and time on toll plazas. Some of his major work includes unprecedented push for R&D in electric vehicles for developing alternative battery chemistries such as Sodium ion and Aluminum ion batteries and hydrogen fuel cells. With waste to wealth policy, Mr. Gadkari is promoting use of new, advanced and recycled waste materials into road construction works. For fast and economical construction, He has mandated large scale use of prefabricated precast concrete elements in the highways projects. He is encouraging tree plantation along the highways, installation of solar panels, rain water harvesting and artificial groundwater recharge systems. Mr. Gadkari is committed for the development of qualitative, time-bound, cost effective and sustainable world-class infrastructures in the country.

During his tenure as the Union Minister 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. During his tenure, first Inland Waterway was developed, and goods movement was commenced between Varanasi and Kolkata, adding new dimension to logistical history of the country.

## Mr. Vinnie Mehta

Director General,  
ACMA



Mr. Vinnie Mehta, Director General, ACMA is an Electrical Engineer from IIT-BHU, an MBA from FMS, University of Delhi and a Masters in International Trade from the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT). He has been actively involved in promotion, growth and development of the auto component industry in India. Prior to joining ACMA, he headed the Manufacturers' Association for Information Technology (MAIT), the apex body of the IT hardware Industry in India.







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