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## **Mr. Ajay Tyagi, Chairman, Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)**

Shri Ajay Tyagi took charge as Chairman, Securities and Exchange Board of India, on 01 March 2017. Prior to this, Shri Tyagi was Additional Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance, Government of India, handling the portfolios of Capital Market Division, Investment Division, Infrastructure Division and Currency and Coinage Division.

Shri Tyagi, an Indian Administrative Service Officer of Himachal Pradesh Cadre, has held several responsible positions with distinction in the State and Central Governments.

He did his graduation in Electrical Engineering and Post-Graduation in Computer Science. He also did his Masters in Public Administration from Harvard University.



## **Mr Tuhin Kanta Pandey, Secretary, DIPAM, Ministry of Finance**

Shri Tuhin Kanta Pandey is an Indian Administrative Service (IAS) Officer of 1987 batch from Odisha cadre. He holds a degree of Masters in Economics from Panjab University, Chandigarh and MBA from University of Birmingham (UK).

He has held key positions at senior management level in the Government of India and the Govt. of Odisha, besides serving a stint in the Regional Office of the United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO).

At the State level, he has served as Chief Resident Commissioner of Odisha in Delhi, Addl. Chief Secretary, Finance Department, Health Secretary, Commissioner of Commercial Taxes, Transport Commissioner and Special Secretary, General Administration. In early part of his career, Shri Pandey served as Executive Director of Odisha State Finance Corporation and Managing Director of Odisha Small Industries Corporation, Director of Textiles and as Collector and District Magistrate of Sambalpur District.

At the Central level, Shri Pandey has served as Joint Secretary in the then Planning Commission, Joint Secretary in the Cabinet Secretariat and Deputy Secretary in Ministry of Commerce at the Govt. of India.

In his current position as Secretary, DIPAM, he is responsible for capital management, asset monetisation and disinvestment in Central Public Sector Enterprises in the light of New PSE Policy.

Shri Pandey has acquired wide experience in the areas of Economy & Finance, Industrial Development, Tax administration and has been instrumental in bringing about several institutional innovations, new policies and systems in the Departments and organisations he has served.



## **Dr. Krishnamurthy V Subramanian, Chief Economic Advisor, Ministry of Finance**

Dr. Krishnamurthy V Subramanian, currently the Chief Economic Advisor to the Government of India, is a leading expert on economic policy, banking and corporate governance. A PhD from Chicago Booth and a top-ranking IIT-IIM alumnus, he authored the path-breaking Economic Survey that commends “Ethical Wealth Creation” for a prosperous India. By integrating India’s rich economic and spiritual heritage with modern economic ideas, he advocates ethical wealth creation through a marriage of the invisible hand of the market with the hand of trust.

The 2019 Economic Survey – again authored by Dr Subramanian – laid out the Strategic Blueprint for India to become a \$5 trillion economy by generating a “virtuous cycle” where private investment, growth, and consumption feed into each other. In the 2021 Economic Survey, he advocated counter-cyclical fiscal policy using public capital expenditure to trigger the “virtuous cycle” following the Covid crisis. Drawing on the ideas advocated in his three Economic Surveys, India’s economic policy toward a self-reliant India is now characterized by: (i) sharp focus on economic growth to complement efficient welfare by generating the resources to fund the welfare programs; (ii) growth via private sector occupying the commanding heights of the economy; and (iii) “virtuous cycle” of growth via public investment and structural reforms to enhance both aggregate supply and aggregate demand. The slew of reforms implemented by the Government draw on the ideas advocated by Dr. Subramanian.

Subramanian has brought several ideas to implement welfare programs effectively. His push for the behavioral economics of ‘Nudge’ is acknowledged for its potential to bring behavioral change in India. His idea of Thalonomics – what a common person pays for a vegetarian or non-vegetarian thali – has been acclaimed as the Indian Big Mac Index. Combined with the idea of The Bare Necessities index to measure the reach of water, sanitation, a healthy environment to the common citizen, these ideas enable robust measurement of the reach of welfare programs across India’s large population.

Dr Subramanian is on leave from the Indian School of Business, where he is a professor of Finance. Dr Subramanian has been conferred the Distinguished Alumnus award by his alma mater IIT-Kanpur. Apart from being the youngest Chief Economic Adviser, Subramanian is among the youngest to receive this honour from his alma mater. His research in banking, law and finance, innovation and economic growth, and corporate governance has been published in the world’s leading journals.



## **Dr Saurabh Garg, CEO, Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI)**

Dr. Garg is an IAS officer of Odisha Cadre and has over 30 years of experience at different levels of Government – District, State and the Central Government as well as in the Private Sector and the World Bank.

He has worked on areas like digitalizing agriculture, direct income transfer scheme for farmers, formation of the National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF); improving the Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) policies; preparing the framework for digital payments; revamping of the gold sector policies and has led negotiations for the Bilateral Investment Treaties (BITs). He has also worked in the areas of developing urban and industrial infrastructure.

Dr. Garg is an alumnus of Johns Hopkins University, USA; IIM, Ahmedabad and IIT Delhi.



## **Mr K Rajaraman, Additional Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance**

Shri K. Rajaraman, a senior Indian Administrative Service Officer of Tamil Nadu cadre, is a B. Tech in Electronics & Communications, a first class MBA and Master of Economics.

Starting his career as a Design Engineer in BHEL, Trichy, during his rich and varied experience as an IAS Officer, he had held various administrative positions in the areas of Investment Promotion, Foreign Direct Investment, Public Sector Undertakings, Industrial Infrastructure, VAT Administration, etc. He was MD of Chennai Metro Railways for nearly 4 years during its early construction phase, Commissioner for Commercial Taxes in Government of Tamil Nadu and Joint Secretary Expenditure in Government of India in the recent past. He currently serves as Additional Secretary, Investment, IER and Admn. in the Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance.

He has published articles in Business Line on 'Right to Information' and 'Energy conservation Policy'. He is a certified trainer in Incident Command System for Disaster Management and has served as a Disaster Rescue Team leader in Nagapattinam (Tsunami relief) and Kanchipuram (Floods 2015, 2016). His special interest is in the field of Right to Information, Industrial Policy and Investment Promotion, Human Development, Consumer Protection, Disaster Management, Urban Mobility and Entrepreneurship.





## **Mr. G. Mahalingam, Whole Time Member, Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)**

Mr. Gurumoorthy Mahalingam is a Whole Time Member (Executive Board Member) of Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) looking after Market Regulation Department, Commodity Derivatives Market Regulation Department, Foreign Portfolio Investors, Investigations Departments and the Office of Investor Assistance and Education. He is also at present a Member of the Board of Governors of National Institute of Securities Market (NISM).

Prior to the current assignment, Mr Mahalingam was an Executive Director in the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) looking after the Market operations, both Rupee liquidity and FX operations. In his stint of 34 years with RBI, he has taken on varied roles like Chief Forex Dealer, Chief Investment Dealer for Forex Reserves Management, Head of Debt Management. He has also been actively involved in regulation and development of Money, Bond and Foreign Exchange and Derivative markets in India. His prior assignments in RBI include Bank Examiner as also a Member of Teaching Faculty in RBI's Officers' Training College.

He is a Masters Degree holder in Statistics and Operations Research from the Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur and M.B.A in International Banking and Finance from the Birmingham Business School, UK.



## **Mr. Ananta Barua, Whole Time Member, Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)**

Shri Ananta Barua took charge as Whole Time Member, Securities and Exchange Board of India in Mumbai on August 1, 2018.

Shri Barua looks after Market Intermediaries Regulation and Supervision Department, Department of Debt and Hybrid Securities, Enforcement Department, Legal Affairs Department, Enquiry and Adjudication Department and Board Cell.

Prior to this assignment, Shri Barua served as Executive Director from May 19, 2010 to July 31, 2018 in SEBI. He has handled various departments in SEBI such as Investment Management Department, Department of Debt & Hybrid Securities, Corporate Finance Department, Legal Affairs Department and Enforcement Department.

He was instrumental for developing framework for Issue and Listing of Debt Securities, Alternative Investment Funds (AIFs), Municipal Bonds, REITs & InvITs etc.

Mr. Barua is a Commerce Graduate with LLB both from the University of Delhi. He also holds a Diploma in Management.

Shri Barua was on deputation to Central Bank of Bahrain as Advisor and has also worked with Industrial Finance Corporation of India (IFCI), National Fertilizers Ltd (NFL) and DCM Ltd. He joined SEBI in 1992.



## **Mr. Amarjeet Singh, Executive Director, Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)**

Mr. Amarjeet Singh, working with SEBI for the last 25 years has extensive experience in regulation and supervision of securities markets. He is presently working as Executive Director in charge of Corporate Finance Department dealing with Primary Market reforms, Issuance and listing of securities, Corporate governance, Corporate restructuring, Delisting etc. He also heads the Department of Economic Policy and Analysis at SEBI.

Earlier between 2010 and 2017, he was heading the front office of Chairman, SEBI as his Executive Assistant and also the Office of International affairs. In his earlier stint, he headed the Northern Regional Office of SEBI at New Delhi from 2005 to 2009.

Mr. Singh has been involved in various international regulatory initiatives. He has acted as Sherpa for SEBI's representation on the Board of International Organization of Securities Commissions (IOSCO) for 7 years. He chaired the Assessment Committee of IOSCO during 2016-18 and steered an assessment program for conducting thematic assessments at the global level.

He represents SEBI as a part time member on the board of National Financial Reporting Authority and on the board of Governors of the Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs. During 2017-19, he was on the Board of National Institute of Securities Market (NISM), an institute founded by SEBI.

He has represented SEBI on numerous Committees set up by Reserve Bank of India and Government of India. In the recent years, his nomination on such committees include Member of Core Investment Committee set up by RBI in 2019 post ILFS fiasco, Member of Committee set up by Ministry of Corporate Affairs on Corporate Social Responsibility (2019) and Insolvency Law Committee (2018).

Apart from an MBA, he holds a Master's degree in Economic Policy Management from Columbia University, NY, USA.

He is a Member of the India Advisory Board, Newcastle University Business School, UK.

He is a recipient of Rotary Foundation Educational Award, 2000 for promoting leadership development and international understanding by Rotary International, USA.



## **Mr. S. V. Muralidhar Rao, Executive Director, Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)**

Mr. S.V. Muralidhar Rao Executive Director, Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), presently heads of Investment Management Department (IMD) Collective Investment Scheme (CIS) Regional & Local Offices.

A postgraduate in Commerce and Master in Business Administration, Mr. Muralidhar Rao joined SEBI in the year 1992 and has held various senior positions in SEBI with all around experience of working in the area of Primary Market, Takeovers and Mergers, Market Regulation etc. He is presently member of Mutual Fund Advisory Committee and Alternative Investment Policy Advisory Committee (AIPAC). He represented SEBI as a member of several Committees constituted by Government of India and FSDC Sub-Committee.

Mr. S.V. Muralidhar Rao is presently representing SEBI as a member of International Organisation of Securities Commissions (IOSCO) Policy Committee on Investment management.



**Mr. Alain Carrier, Senior Managing Director & Head of International, Head of Europe, CPP Investments (London)**

Alain is responsible for CPP Investments' international investment activities and the overall management of our global advisory relationships and is also Head of Europe. He has more than 27 years of financial industry experience.

Prior to joining CPP Investments in 2008, he was Managing Director at Goldman Sachs in their Investment Banking division in New York and London. Alain started his career as a lawyer at Sullivan & Cromwell in New York.

Alain holds a Bachelor of Laws (LLB) degree from Laval University in Quebec City, a Master of Laws (DESS) degree from the Sorbonne in Paris and a Master of Laws (LLM) degree from Columbia University.

He currently serves on the boards of Axel Springer, Dorna Sport and Institutional Investors Roundtable (IIR).



## **Mr. Marc-André Blanchard, Executive Vice-President and Head, CDPQ Global**

As Executive Vice-President and Head of CDPQ Global, Mr. Blanchard is responsible for CDPQ's three main regional operations outside of Canada: United States/Latin America, Europe and Asia Pacific. As such, he is responsible for CDPQ's international offices, with the objective of diversifying the portfolio by taking a holistic view in approaching the various markets. In addition to representing CDPQ with key stakeholders in global organizations, his mandate includes ensuring visibility as a partner of choice in targeted geographies. He sits on the Executive and Investment-Risk Committees.

Mr. Blanchard has a solid track record as a lawyer, as well as in business and international affairs. Before joining CDPQ in September 2020, he was Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Canada to the United Nations in New York from 2016 to 2020. In that role, he demonstrated exceptional leadership in promoting better alignment of capital with sustainable development. From 2017 to 2020, he sat on Canada's North American Free Trade Agreement Council. Prior to that, he was Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of McCarthy Tétrault, one of Canada's leading law firms. In the 20 years he worked there, he also served as Managing Partner for Québec, litigator and strategic advisor for companies.

In addition to a Bachelor of Laws from Université de Montréal, Mr. Blanchard holds an LLM in Public International Law from the London School of Economics and Political Science. He also holds a Master's in Public Administration and a Master's in International Affairs, both from the School of International and Public Affairs at Columbia University. He was called to the Québec Bar in 1992.

### **CONNECTIONS**

Very active in the community, Marc-André Blanchard has been a member of the World Economic Forum's Global Future Council on Development Finance since 2019. He also sat on the Boards of Directors of the Conference Board of Canada and the Chamber of Commerce of Metropolitan Montreal. His philanthropic activities include serving as a Director of the WoodGreen Foundation and the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada, as well as chairing the Board of the Institute for Research in Immunology and Cancer at Université de Montréal.

In 2016, Canadian Business ranked him one of Canada's most powerful business leaders. In 2013, Canadian Lawyer ranked him among the 25 most influential lawyers in the country, and Catalyst Canada awarded him the CEO Recognition Award for his leadership on gender diversity. In 2016, he received the Avocat émérite award from the Barreau du Québec.



## **Mr. Uday Shankar, President, FICCI**

Uday Shankar has three decades of experience in the media and entertainment industry. Until recently, he was the President, Asia Pacific of the Walt Disney Company and the Chairman of Star and Disney India. He is presently the President of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI).

Uday led charge for Disney's transformation into a direct-to-consumer company in the most exciting region of the world. Within a year, he led the launch of Disney+ in five countries, making Disney the leading streaming company in Asia Pacific. His successful strategy to launch Disney+ in India through home-grown Hotstar created a new template for Asian markets, which resulted in the subsequent launch of Disney+ Hotstar in South-East Asia. Very few traditional media companies have made a leap to digital as effectively and rapidly as Star and Disney have in India and Asia Pacific.

Prior to his role at Disney, Uday was the President of 21st Century Fox for Asia and the Chairman & CEO of Star India. He took over the leadership of Star India in 2007 and since then transformed Star into one of the largest and most successful media companies in Asia. A believer in the power of local, Uday led the company's aggressive foray into regional and local language programming, transforming Star into a content behemoth. He helped fundamentally redefine India's sports ecosystem by launching domestic sports leagues in Kabaddi and Football and creating a thriving multi-sports culture. Under Uday's leadership, Star also disrupted the country's digital landscape with the launch of Hotstar, and subsequently Disney+ Hotstar, which is India's largest OTT platform for professionally produced content and has gone global in its footprint. With its strong technology muscle, Hotstar has guided the evolution of Star beyond a traditional media institution into a leading consumer technology company.

In addition to his leadership of Star and Disney, Uday has played a key role in shaping the media and entertainment industry in India. He has been at the forefront of landmark reforms for the industry and its consumers including self-regulation and digitization of the television distribution ecosystem. Currently, Uday is the President of FICCI (Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry), being the first media & entertainment executive to lead FICCI. He has earlier been the President of the Indian Broadcasting Foundation (IBF) and the Chairman of FICCI's Media and Entertainment Committee.

A trained journalist, Uday also pioneered the development of TV news ecosystem in India. Prior to Star India, he was the CEO and Editor of Star News, which was the first 24-hour news channel in India. He was also the Editor and News Director at TV Today Group, where he spearheaded the launch of Aaj Tak, a leading Hindi news channel, in 2000 and Headlines Today, a leading English news channel, in 2003. Uday holds an M. Phil in Economic History from the Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi.



## **Mr. Rashesh Shah, Past President, FICCI and Chairman, Edelweiss Group**

Rashesh Shah, Chairman, Edelweiss Group, has three decades of diverse experience in the financial markets and has been instrumental in building Edelweiss into one of India's leading diversified financial services organisations.

Rashesh is passionate about financial services and the role it plays in translating India's vast savings into investments; thereby powering economic growth and development. A regular commentator on macro-economic policies, Rashesh has served as President of FICCI, which is India's apex industry association, in 2017-18.

He has also been a part of the High Level Task Force on Public Credit Registry for India, the Insolvency Law Committee, Executive Committee of the National Stock Exchange as well as the committee to review Insider Trading Regulations set up by SEBI – the country's capital markets regulator.

An MBA from Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad, he also holds a Diploma in International Trade from the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, New Delhi.





**Mr. Sunil Sanghai, Chairman, FICCI National Committee on Capital Markets and Founder and CEO, NovaDhruva Capital Pvt. Ltd.**

- Sunil Sanghai has been a career investment banking professional since 1992
- Prior to founding Nova Dhruva a boutique investment bank, he was at HSBC India as Vice Chairman - Investment Banking and head of Global Banking
- Prior to HSBC he was at Goldman Sachs as Managing Director and co-head of investment banking. He started his career with JM Morgan Stanley/ Morgan Stanley
- Sunil chairs the Committee on Capital markets of FICCI and was also a member of the Government of India committees on Insurance and NBFCs
- Sunil is the member of SEBI-Primary Market Advisory Committee (PMAC)
- Sunil is closely associated with a few philanthropic organizations working towards growth of children



## **Mr. Vijay Chandok, Co-Chair, FICCI Capital Markets Committee and Managing Director & CEO, ICICI Securities Ltd.**

Mr. Vijay Chandok is the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of ICICI Securities Ltd. from May 2019. He has been with the ICICI Group for over 27 years. Prior to his current assignment, he served as the Executive Director on the Board of ICICI Bank. He also served as a Director on the Boards of ICICI Bank UK PLC Ltd, ICICI Bank Canada Ltd., ICICI Bank (Eurasia) Limited and was the Chairman of ICICI Investment Management Company Limited. During his years at ICICI Bank, he was responsible for the International Banking, Small and Medium Enterprises (SME) businesses, Global Markets and Commercial Banking Businesses. He also served the bank in the retail banking group, rural and agri group and the corporate banking group over the years.

Under Mr. Chandok's leadership, ICICI Bank has won numerous accolades including:

Dun & Bradstreet's Best Bank in Private sector for International Business Development consecutively for six years (2011 to 2016).

- 'The Best Borrower from India' for five consecutive years (2012 to 2016)
- The Best Bank for SMEs at the Asiamoney India Banking Awards 2017 - for its automation initiative besides winning the best bank in SME financing by D&B, Asian Banker & Asian Asset Awards over the years.
- Retail Broker of the Year Award 2019 by Outlook Money.
- Outstanding Private Banking Technology Platform offering in the PBWM London Awards 2020.
- Best Customer Experience of the Year in ETBFSI Excellence awards from ICICIdirectGlobal, an overseas investment platform of ICICI Securities Limited.

He is currently a member of the Advisory Committee of NSE, BSE and NSDL. He is also on the Expert Panel of ICICI Prudential AMC – Real Estate Business.

He is a member of the Secondary Markets Advisory Committee constituted by SEBI.

He is also a Co-Chair of the Capital Market Committee of FICCI and on the Advisory Board of CII for Mutual Funds.

Mr. Chandok holds a Master's degree of Mumbai University in Management Studies (MMS) from Narsee Monjee Institute of Management Studies, Mumbai. He also holds a Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering from the Indian Institute of Technology (Banaras Hindu University), Varanasi (formerly IT-BHU). In 2017, Mr. Chandok was conferred with a Distinguished Alumnus Award from NMIMS University.



## **Mr. Vikram Limaye, Managing Director & CEO, National Stock Exchange of India Ltd**

**Mr. Vikram Limaye is the Managing Director and CEO of the National Stock Exchange of India Limited (NSE)** which is the world's largest derivatives exchange and in the top three exchanges globally for cash market trades.

Prior to joining NSE, he was the Managing Director & CEO of IDFC Limited, a diversified financial services conglomerate. He started his professional career with Arthur Andersen in Mumbai in 1987 while pursuing his Chartered Accountancy and worked in the audit and business advisory services groups of Arthur Andersen, Ernst & Young and the consumer banking group of Citibank before going to the US in 1994 to pursue a MBA. After completing his MBA, he worked on Wall Street in USA for 8 years with Credit Suisse First Boston in a variety of roles in investment banking, capital markets, structured finance and credit portfolio management before returning to Mumbai, India in 2004.

He has contributed to various committees of government and industry associations on a range of topics surrounding infrastructure, economic policy, markets, trade, minority affairs etc. He has been a speaker at various domestic and international conferences and has been part of international government delegations for infrastructure and foreign direct investments into India. He has also been on the boards of various corporates, educational institutions and not for profit organisations. Currently he is the Chairman of the Working Committee of the World Federation of Exchanges (WFE) and also a member of the Board of Directors of WFE.

He completed his Bachelors in Commerce from HR College of Commerce & Economics, Chartered Accountancy and a MBA in Finance and Multinational Management from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, USA.



## **Mr. Akash Lal, Senior Partner, McKinsey & Company, India**

Akash Lal is a Senior Partner in the Mumbai office of McKinsey & Company and leads our Financial Institutions practice in India. Akash has served a number of banks and insurers in India, South East Asia, China and Australia. Akash has an M.B.A. with distinction from INSEAD, France.

### **Illustrative engagements include**

- Defining the India entry strategy for a leading global life insurance company
- Building out the platform for digital insurance sales (Life and General Insurance) for India's leading bank
- Building out the digital banking platform for one of India's leading banks.
- Building out the digital retail and Small Business Lending business for one of India's leading private sector banks
- Designing the Asia strategy across wealth and asset management for a leading global investment bank
- Building out the commercial banking credit underwriting and EWS model for a leading South East Asian bank
- Designing the bancassurance growth strategy for one of India's leading Life Insurers
- Building out the micromarket based sales program for one of India's leading life insurers.
- Conducting end to end diagnostic and opportunity identification across the wholesale and international banking business of a leading Australian bank.
- Digital transformation of key customer journeys (trade finance, FX and payments) and client facing interaction channels for India's largest bank.
- Building out the front end client interaction channel strategy and technology architecture across transaction banking and capital markets for a leading global bank in Asia.
- Supporting the CIB transformation of a leading city commercial bank in China- coverage model, product design, performance management architecture, buildout of transaction banking platform.



## **Mr. Sanjeev Bikhchandani, Founder and Executive Vice-Chairman, Info Edge Ventures**

Mr. Bikhchandani's work experience includes an advertising position at Lintas India Limited, a marketing position at HMM Limited (now known as Glaxo SmithKline), and a senior management position at CMYK Printech Private Limited (owner of The Pioneer newspaper). Along with his partner, Mr. Hitesh Oberoi, he won the Ernst and Young – Entrepreneur of the Year award in 2008 for Business Transformation. He also won the Dataquest Pathbreaker Award and the Teacher's Achievement Award for Business in 2008. He is a frequent speaker on entrepreneurship at conferences and at business schools.

He obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics from St. Stephen College, Delhi University in 1984 and a PGDM from IIM-Ahmedabad in 1989.



## **Mr. Promeet Ghosh, Deputy Head, Temasek India**

Promeet Ghosh joined Temasek in 2012 and is currently Managing Director, India, at Temasek Holdings Advisors India Pvt. Ltd.

Prior to Temasek, Promeet spent 20 years as an investment banker. He was involved as a partner in setting up an entrepreneurial venture to provide M&A and advisory services to mid-sized corporates in India. Promeet was also a Managing Director at DSP Merrill Lynch Limited, the Investment Banking arm of Bank of America in India. During his 18-year stint with DSP Merrill Lynch, he held several senior positions including Head, General Industries Group and Head, Corporate Finance Group. Since 2008, he has also been responsible for senior relationships with large conglomerates.

Promeet holds an MBA from the Indian Institute of Management Calcutta and a Bachelor of Engineering from Regional Engineering College Trichy, India.



## **Mr Gopal Jain, Managing Partner & Co-Founder, Gaja Capital**

Gopal Jain is Managing Partner and Co-founder of Gaja Capital, an India-focused growth & buyout firm based in Mumbai. Founded in 2005, Gaja is a leading player in India's private equity market with an exceptional track record of investments and an AUM of over \$500m. Gaja has invested consistently in India's mid-market across themes in education, financial services, consumer and SaaS with a key focus on driving scale and transformation in its portfolio companies via operational value add.

Gopal leads both the executive and investment functions at the firm and has personally led several of the Firm's investments. Gopal has been investing in Indian equities since the age of thirteen and has been a professional investor in the Indian capital markets for almost thirty years. He is one of the more experienced private equity investors in India, having led or co-led over 25 private equity investments since 1995. Several of the companies Gopal has backed have grown 10x in value since the investment. Prior to Gaja Capital, he was country head for the Boston-based View Group one of the pioneers in Indian private equity.

Gopal is an active columnist and is currently member of SEBI's Alternative Investment Policy Advisory Committee and Indian Private Equity and Venture Capital Association's Executive Committee. He has a deep interest in the social sector and leads Gaja Gives which supports a wide and growing number of philanthropic efforts in India. Another unique recent initiative Gaja Business Book Prize aims to encourage entrepreneurship through inspiration.

Gopal is a Graduate in Electrical Engineering from IIT Delhi. He is remembered on the campus for being one of the first graduates from the institute to turn entrepreneur before graduating. He currently lives in Mumbai with his mother Sudesh, wife Chitra and daughters Srishti and Ira.



## **Mr. Atul Mehra, MD & Co-CEO, JM Financial**

Atul Mehra Aged 53 years has done his MMS from Mumbai University and AMP from Harvard Business School.

Atul began his career with JM Financial in 1991 as an Analyst. Worked for 10 years in JM Morgan Stanley In his 28-year career span, he has worked closely with various departments across the investment banking business which has provided him with in-depth overall exposure to the entire gamut of Corporate Finance.

Over the Years he has developed strong relationships with leading Indian Corporates and has led some of the most prestigious transaction in terms of size, innovation and other complexities which have happened both in India and Overseas Market.

Atul is an active participant in various forums like CII, FICCI and in his free time follows on various spots and Music listening.





## **Mr. Shashank Singh, Partner & Head India, Apax Partners**

Shashank Singh is an Equity Partner and Head of the India office of Apax Partners, having helped to start it in 2007. Shashank joined Apax in 2004 in London, where he specialised in Tech & Telecom deals. Shashank has led or participated in a number of key deals at Apax including Infogain, Azentio Software, Fractal Analytics, Healthium Medtech, Mannapuram Finance, Zensar Technologies, Shriram City Union Finance (SCUF), Cholamandalam Finance, GlobalLogic, iGATE, Apollo Hospitals, TIM Hellas, Weather Investments, TDC, Bezeq and Synetrix. He currently serves on the Boards of Azentio, Fractal, Healthium, Zensar and SCUF and was previously on the Boards of GlobalLogic, iGATE and Apollo Hospitals.

Shashank is also the Non-executive Chairman of Dasra (an NGO) and a Trustee of the Apax Foundation, as well as serves on the South Asia Advisory Board of Harvard Business School, the Vice Chancellor's Circle of Advisers for the University of Cambridge and the Executive Committee of the Indian Venture Capital Association (IVCA).

Prior to joining Apax Partners, Shashank was a strategy consultant with Monitor Company, where he advised clients in the telecoms and high technology sectors.

Shashank has an MBA from Harvard Business School, an MA in Economics from Cambridge University and a BA (Honours) in Economics from St. Stephen's College (University of Delhi).



### **Ms Nisha Poddar, Editor-M&A, CNBC TV18**

With about 15 years of experience in business journalism is a market anchor with CNBC-TV18. Her expertise lies in breaking exclusive, stock impacting stories during market hours. Nisha leads the M&A coverage for CNBC-TV18 and has gained credibility after breaking big exclusives like Idea-Vodafone merger much before anyone knew about it. Having covered almost all the sectors and most large corporate houses over a decade and a half of her career, she brings the right depth and perspective in corporate coverage. Her incisive questions and domain knowledge gets the best out of her interviews on important deal announcements. Nisha's signature show Big Deal is popular amongst deal makers and the topics discussed has incited immense interest amongst viewers over the past few years.



**Mr. Ravi Varanasi, President & Chief Business Development Officer, National Stock Exchange of India Limited.**

Ravi spearheads exchange initiatives in the areas of market structure policy and business development across all asset classes traded on the exchange. He also oversees capital raising platforms for main, SME and start up boards, education, skilling, financial inclusion, marketing & corporate communications.

Ravi represents the Exchange in various committees / advisory groups of the Regulator and Ministry of Finance. Ravi has been with the Exchange since 1995 and has wide ranging experience in Business Development, Regulatory and Operational roles.



**Mr. Himanshu Kaji, Co-Chair, FICCI Capital Markets Committee and Executive Director, Edelweiss Financial Services Ltd.**

Himanshu Kaji has over three decades of diverse experience in the areas of business strategy, risk, finance, regulatory frameworks, process reengineering, technology, strategy and implementation across the financial services space.

At Edelweiss Group, he oversees Finance, Governance, Legal, Technology and other shared services. He is co-chairperson of the FICCI Capital Markets committee, a member of the Secondary Market Advisory Committee of SEBI and Trading Member Advisory Committee of the NSE. He is also member of various CII Committees viz; National Forum on NBFCs and HFCs, Financial Markets Committee and Taskforce on FinTech.

In the past, he has served on the board of the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) and played a key role in the overhaul of the Exchange, contributing largely to the demutualisation and corporatisation of BSE. He has been a Corporate Advisor to eminent Indian and global financial services companies. A Chartered Accountant, he holds a Post-Graduate Diploma in Securities Law.



## **Mr. Sujoy Bose, Managing Director & CEO, National Investment and Infrastructure Fund**

Sujoy is a business leader with over three decades of extensive experience in emerging markets investing and project finance, covering infrastructure, industrials and services sectors. During his career, he has worked on projects covering over 50 countries across Asia, Africa, Europe, Middle East, Latin America and the Caribbean.

He joined NIIF as the MD & CEO in 2016 and is currently based in Mumbai.

Prior to joining NIIF, he spent over 25 years at International Finance Corporation (IFC), the private sector investment and financing arm of the World Bank Group. During his tenure at IFC, he has held several leadership positions, with his last position being Director and Global Co-Head, Infrastructure and Natural Resources, based in Washington DC, managing a USD 14 billion portfolio.

Prior to this position, he also served as the Chief Investment Officer and Head of IFC's African Latin American and Caribbean Fund, based in Washington DC, where he managed and led a USD 1 billion regional growth fund to selectively co-invest with IFC.

From 2006-2010, Sujoy led IFC's Mumbai office and was responsible for managing its growth and building a strong team of 40 investment professionals as an important part of IFC's goals for localization of its business. He started his career as a Management Associate with Citibank in Chennai in 1991 as part of the Credit Cards business within the Consumer Banking Group.

Sujoy holds a Bachelor's in Commerce from St. Xavier's College, Kolkata, India and is an MBA in Finance from Rice University, Houston, Texas.



**Mr. R. Govindan: Executive Vice President – Corporate Finance & Chief Risk Officer, Larsen & Toubro Limited.**

Mr. Govindan heads critical functions of treasury, funding, risk management and insurance for the L&T group. He also heads the regional finance and treasury centers outside India. He plays a key role in developing and implementing the treasury policy for the L&T group, including managing the investments and liquidity for the group. He has a keen insight into global markets and manages the treasury and liquidity for the company through all the swings in the markets.



## **Ms. Nipa Sheth, Founder & Managing Director, Trust Group**

Nipa Sheth is the Founder, Director of TRUST Group of companies (TRUST) ([www.trustgroup.in](http://www.trustgroup.in)), a full-service financial services house and a leader in the Indian Bond Market.

Her work contributes an integral part of the fixed income market over two decades. Her wisdom and values extend to benefit her clients viz., large domestic public and private sector banks, large PSU's including Navratnas, Provident Funds, FIs, Endowments and Pension funds, large listed and unlisted corporates in India and high net-worth individuals.

She has been ranked amongst **India's Top 100 "Women in Finance" 2020** which is designed to identify the most successful and respected women professionals working in the areas of finance, financial services, financial education & financial journalism.

Prior to TRUST, Nipa worked with HRS Insight Financial Intermediaries Private Limited (BSE Member) from 1994 to 2001.

Nipa has an excellent academic track record. She is a Chartered Accountant holding an All India Rank (4th) as well as a Chartered Financial Analyst. She held a 4th rank in the Mumbai University and a 1st rank at Narsee Monjee College of Commerce and Economics, during her graduation (Bachelor in Commerce).

Under her aegis, TRUST has

- Participated in almost 2000 private placement issues valuing approximately to Rs.16,200 billion and public debt issues of Rs.5800 billion (from 2008 till Aug 2020)
- Ranked No. 4 in the Thomson Reuters India Debt League Table for the year 2020
- Ranked No. 5 by Prime Database for Commercial Paper placements for the year 2020-21
- Certified as a Great Place to Work for the year 2018-19
- Won the 'Best Bond Adviser - Domestic' by The Asset Country Awards 2018
- Won the IFR Asia's Bond House of the year for 2014 and 2017
- Won the Skoch BSE Award for Innovation and Market Leadership (2017)
- Received BSE's Top Performer Award in Wholesale Debt Market Segment - 8 Years in a row (FY 2011-12 to FY 2018-19)
- Received BSE's Top Performer Award in Primary Market Segment (Debt Public Issue Bids – Members) for the year 2018-19



### **Mr. Harsh Shah, CEO & Whole Time Director, IndiGrid**

Mr. Harsh Shah has extensive experience in infrastructure sector across bidding, financing, operations, M&A and regulatory policy. Mr. Shah was instrumental in setting up IndiGrid, India's first Infrastructure Investment Trust ("InvIT") in the power transmission sector, where he currently serves as the Chief Executive Officer and Whole-time Director. He is also a member of the SEBI Advisory Committee for InvITs and REITs and Financial Markets committee of CII. Previously, Mr. Shah served as the Chief Financial Officer at Sterlite Power Transmission Limited. Prior to joining Sterlite, he has worked with Larsen & Toubro Limited, L&T Infrastructure Finance Company Limited and Procter & Gamble International Operations Pte. Limited.

Mr. Shah holds a Master's degree in Business Administration from the National University of Singapore and a Bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering from the Nirma Institute of Technology, Gujarat University.





## **Mr. Shubham Jain, Senior Vice President & Group Head, Corporate Sector Ratings, ICRA Limited**

With an aggregate work experience of more than 15 years, Mr. Shubham Jain is Senior Vice President and Group-head, Corporate Ratings of ICRA Limited in addition to serving as the chair of the rating committee of the Company.

Mr. Jain handles a diversified portfolio including large and mid-corporates across various key sectors including Real estate, Construction, Infrastructure (Transportation including Roads, Airports, Metro), Cement and Construction equipment. With the help of a team of more than 40 credit analysts spread across branches, he handles a large portfolio of rating cases as well as research responsibility for the above-mentioned sectors.

Mr. Jain has lead the exercise for devising the new rating framework for Infrastructure sector in the country under the aegis of Department of Economic Affairs (MoF). He has also assisted the “Atre Committee” formed by Ministry of Defence to devise the criterion for selection of Strategic Partners from the private sector.

A frequent speaker on various industry forums on Real Estate, Construction and Infrastructure sectors, Mr. Jain has also authored several thought-provoking articles related to his domain sectors. He is a regular on leading business channels and is widely quoted in print media.

Mr. Jain is an Electrical Engineer from the Punjab Engineering College, Chandigarh, and an MBA from Management Development Institute, Gurgaon.



## **Mr. Shardul S. Shroff, Executive Chairman; National Practice Head – Insolvency & Bankruptcy, Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co.**

**Practice** | Corporate

**Professional Memberships** | Supreme Court Bar Association; Delhi Bar Association; Inter-Pacific Bar Association (IPBA); Advocate on Record, Supreme Court of India

**Education** | B.Com (Hons.), Sydenham College Mumbai; L.L.B., Government Law College,

Mr. Shardul S. Shroff is the Executive Chairman at the Firm. He has over 40 years of experience in General Corporate, Mergers & Acquisitions, Insolvency and Bankruptcy, Securities Law, Disinvestment & Capital Markets. Mr. Shroff heads the Insolvency & Bankruptcy practice at the Firm. He is a leading authority on matters related to Corporate Governance, Mergers & Acquisitions, Government Regulation and Bankruptcy & Insolvency Law. He has been instrumental in developing these practice domains in the Firm.

Widely regarded as a pioneer in the field of Corporate Law, Mr. Shroff has participated in the training and drafting of several important economic legislations and company law reforms in India. He was a member of the Insolvency Law Committee, constituted by the Government of India, to review the implementation of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code. Mr. Shroff was also a member of the Committee constituted to review decriminalization of offences under the Companies Act and the Committee on cross-border insolvency, both headed by Injeti Srinivas, Secretary, Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India. He was a member of the Ministry of Corporate Affairs' Committee on Pre-Packaged Insolvency.

Mr. Shroff has been on a number of other high-powered committees appointed by the Government of India including the JJ Irani Committee for amending the Companies Act, the Expert Committee on maintenance of Cost Records and Cost Audit in 2014, the Eradi Committee involved in the insolvency provisions of the Companies Act, 1956, the second Naresh Chandra Committee appointed to look into aspects of SMEs and simplification of Company Law and the Valuation Committee.

As a preeminent expert of his field, Mr. Shroff has been appointed as an independent director on significant boards of Indian companies. He is a member of the US-India Business Council, Vice Chair of the Corporate Counsel Committee of the IPBA Council, the Union Internationale Des Advocats, and the Indo-German Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Shroff is a Member of the CII National Council and the CII International Council. Mr. Shroff is the Chairman of the FICCI Committee on Stressed Assets and he is also the Chairman of the CII Task Force on Insolvency & Bankruptcy. Mr. Shroff is also a member of the CII

National Committee on Financial Markets. Mr. Shroff was a member of the CII Task Force on the Ease of Doing Business, 2017- 2018. Mr. Shroff is the Chairman of the FICCI Committee on Stressed Assets and a member of the Capital Markets Committee. Mr. Shroff has also been appointed as the Senior Vice President on the Society of Indian Law Firms (SILF).

Mr. Shroff has been consistently rated as a leading lawyer by several international fora and publications. **Chambers and Partners 2021** has recognised him as an *'Eminent Practitioner'* for both *Banking & Finance* and *Insolvency & Restructuring*. Clients praise his valuable strategic input, one source noting: *"We have gained immensely from his advice"*. **Chambers and Partners 2021** also recognise Mr. Shroff as a *'Star Individual'* for *Corporate/M&A*. **IFLR1000 2021**, adjudged him as a *'Market Leader'* for Mergers & Acquisitions, Banking & Finance, Restructuring & Insolvency, Capital Markets, Infrastructure, Project Finance and Project Development. Mr. Shroff has been recognised among the Thought Leaders Global Elite for M&A, Global Leaders for Corporate Governance and Project Finance, by **Who's Who Legal, 2021**. He is also recognised as an *'Elite Practitioner'* for Banking & Finance, Capital Markets, Corporate and M&A by **AsiaLaw Profiles 2021**.

He is also recognised in the Hall of Fame for Banking & Finance by **The Legal 500, 2020-21**; among IFLR Asia Best Lawyers by **IFLR, 2019-21**. **India Business Law Journal** profiles him among the among the A-List of India's Top 100 Lawyers & 35 Legal Icons, 2019-20. Most recently, Mr. Shroff was awarded as Lawyer of the Year for Insolvency & Bankruptcy Laws at the **Legal Era Awards, 2021** and Thought Leader – Global Elite for M&A and Global Leader for Corporate Governance and Project Finance by **Who's Who Legal, 2021**.

Mr. Shroff has been recently recognised as one of 'The Game Changers of India, 2018' by The Economic Times for championing high impact legal services. He is also a recipient of the **National Law Day Award** from the President of India, which commends Mr. Shroff as a leading corporate lawyer, *'for his unique contribution to the field of corporate law and leadership in its practice'* and for being *'instrumental in advancement of India's corporate law practice at international standards'*.



## **Mr. Arun Mehta, Managing Director & CEO, SBI Capital Markets Limited (SBICAP)**

Mr. Arun Mehta has been appointed as Managing Director & Chief Executive Office at SBI Capital Markets Limited (SBICAP) in January 2020. Prior to his appointment at SBICAP, Mr. Mehta was the Chief General Manager– Financial Control at the State Bank of India (SBI) Corporate Center, Mumbai looking after the Bank’s Performance Monitoring, Capital Raising and Asset Liability Managements functions.

Mr. Mehta has over 35 years’ experience in banking, having started his career with SBI in 1985. Mr. Mehta has handled various assignments both in India and overseas, across various functions, gaining wide experience in different areas of Banking. His assignments include Vice President (Syndication & Investment) at Hong Kong, Dy. General Manager (Merchant Banking) in International Banking Group handling ECBs, FCTLs, Loan Syndication, General Manager- Mid Corporate Group Ahmedabad responsible for the State of Gujarat as also Diu and Daman and Chief General Manager, Financial Control in the CFO vertical.

Mr. Mehta is a Post Graduate in Economics and a Certified Associate of the Indian Institute of Bankers.



## **Mr. Ashutosh Bishnoi, MD & CEO, Mahindra Manulife Mutual Fund**

Mr. Ashutosh Bishnoi has over 37 years experience in the Consumer Marketing and Financial Service businesses in India. The senior roles held by him in the Mutual Fund business include Chief Marketing Officer of DSP Merrill Lynch Asset Management Ltd., President & CEO of JM Mutual Fund, Executive Director of UTI Mutual Fund and Acting-CEO of L&T Mutual Fund. Notable among his stints in consumer marketing are his tenures at J. Walter Thompson India as Brand Planning Director & Head of Business Development, and as the Publisher of Reader's Digest magazine and books in India. Mr. Ashutosh Bishnoi is a member of the NiSM Committee for Empanelment of Resource Persons and the NiSM Committee for Continuing Education. He studied for an MBA at the Symbiosis Institute of Business Management, Pune and for the Mahindra Universe Program at Harvard Business School, Boston. Mr Bishnoi was a frequent visiting faculty at the erstwhile Indian Institute of Capital Markets, and had a keen involvement in the setup of the National Institute of Securities Market. He is also a member of the Board of AMFI, the association of mutual funds as well as its committee for Investor Awareness.



## **Mr. Navneet Munot, MD & CEO, HDFC Asset Management Co. Ltd.**

Navneet Munot is the MD & CEO of HDFC Asset Management Company Limited, a joint venture of HDFC Ltd. and Standard Life Investments of UK. He joined the firm in February 2021.

Navneet has 27 years of rich experience in Financial Markets. Prior to joining HDFC AMC, he was the Executive director and Chief Investment officer of SBI Funds management Private Limited. Navneet was a key member of the executive committee and was responsible for overseeing investments worth over \$ 150 billion across various asset classes in mutual funds and segregated accounts. Navneet was a Director on the board of SBI Pension Funds (P) Limited.

In his previous assignments, he was the Executive Director & Head – multi-strategy boutique with Morgan Stanley Investment Management and Chief Investment Officer – Fixed Income and Hybrid Funds at Birla Sun Life Mutual Fund.

Navneet is the Chairman of Indian Association of Investment Professionals (CFA society, India).

Navneet is a qualified Chartered Accountant. He also holds a Masters in Accountancy and Business Statistics. He is a Charter Holder of the CFA Institute and CAIA Institute. He has also done Financial Risk Management (FRM).



**Mr. Nilesh Shah, Chairman, Association of Mutual Funds in India & Group President & MD, Kotak Mahindra Asset Management Co. Ltd.**

Nilesh Shah is Group President and Managing Director of Kotak Mahindra Asset Management Company Limited.

Nilesh was part of the team that has received the Best Fund House of the Year Award at all the mutual funds where he worked viz. Kotak MF, ICICI Prudential and Franklin Templeton over last three decades.

Nilesh is Chairman of Association of Mutual Fund in India (AMFI), Member of Mutual Fund Advisory Committee (MFAC) and a part time member of the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister. Nilesh was featured in Top 50 People of India by India Today for CY 20.



## **Dr. Krishna M. Ella, Chairman & Managing Director, Bharat Biotech International limited**

Dr. Krishna Ella, a graduate from the University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore, moved to the US for his MS from the University of Hawaii and Ph.D., from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, before taking a Faculty position at the Medical University of South Carolina-Charleston.

Driven by a vision to develop innovative remedies for developing world healthcare challenges, Dr. Ella returned to India with his wife Suchitra in 1997 to establish Bharat Biotech International Limited, a company that has delivered over 4 billion vaccine doses to the poorest and most underserved in over 123 developing countries through UNICEF, GAVI and other distribution channels.

With over 145 patents, the company has over 16 vaccines in its portfolio and employs more than 1500 people. The company has also received direct and indirect grants of over \$165 million from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, \$4 million from the Wellcome Trust, and other grants from Governments of UK, Norway and India.

Partnering with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and various agencies since 2001, Dr. Ella ensured that Bharat Biotech successfully developed Rotavac<sup>®</sup>, India's first new molecule and the world's most affordable vaccine against Rotavirus induced diarrhoeal infections and death, with the Honourable Prime Minister of India launching the same to save the lives of many children. Under his leadership, the company also developed and launched Typbar TCV<sup>®</sup>, the world's 1st clinically proven and WHO pre-qualified Typhoid Conjugate Vaccine (TCV) and becoming the first company to have proven the efficacy of a Typhoid Conjugate Vaccine through human challenge studies conducted at Oxford University in 2018

Passionate about farming, Dr. Ella is also focused on helping Indian farmers - an area that influenced his life and is closest to his heart, through Biovet, Innova Food Park, Ella Foods and Mallur Farms, by enabling Indian farmers to gain access to previously inaccessible market places through value added products and adoption of advances in agricultural methods, improved post-harvest management practices, and not just on production.

- Innova Food Park, Bangalore, founded under Public-Private Partnership (PPP) models with the Karnataka Government and Indian Government, remains the most successful Food Park in the country with an in-house irradiation facility and also has APEDA, NPPO, USDA, USFDA certifications, amongst others.
- Ella Foods and Mallur Farms are both based in Bangalore, with Ella Foods actively exporting mangoes, fruits and vegetables to the US, European, Australian and Malaysian markets are certified by Spice Board, GoI, FSAAI.



A strong belief that Food and Drug quality should be on par is an idea that drove him towards product quality innovations using irradiation and cryogenic processing facilities to ensure that microbial contamination concerns around e. Coli and Salmonella, evident through the USDA ban on Indian spices due to such contaminations, are addressed.

In addition, Dr. Ella has also founded or acquired the following companies:

- RCC Laboratories, acquired from Harlan Labs, USA, specialises in regulatory mandated pre-clinical safety and ecotoxicology for various industries like bio-pharma, agro-chemical, etc.,
- Biovet, given the utility and economic safety net that livestock provides to farmers, is focussed on animal health vaccines. Based in Bangalore, the company is the largest Animal Vaccine Manufacturing facility in India, and has India's 1st and world's 2nd BSL-3+ production facility.

Dr. Ella's dream is to develop a sustainable ecosystem of healthy people, healthy produce and healthy livestock.

He looks forward to Ella Foods' association with Amazon and aligning with Amazon's quality and sustainability goals.

Dr. Ella's contributions to the development of biotechnology in India has been through his association with several technical committees of the Government such as:

- Former Member, Scientific Advisory Committee to the Cabinet (SAC-C), Government of India
- Member, Governing Body of the Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR)
- Member, Central Food Technological Research Institute (CFTRI)
- Member, Research Council of Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB)
- Member, Technology Information, Forecasting and Assessment Council (TIFAC)
- Member of Governing Body Council, ILS, Bhubaneswar
- Former Chairman, Board of Governors, National Institute of Technology, Warangal

He is also a recipient of more than 100 National and International awards, of which few are mentioned below:

- JRD TATA Best Entrepreneur of the year
- ET Now Special Recognition for Healthcare Industry Award
- Best Innovative Company of the year by Bio Spectrum
- Business Leader of the Year, Pharma Bio World – 2011
- Best Technology and Innovation Award, Prime Minister of India – 2008

Dr. Ella and his team at Bharat Biotech have produced India's 1st Indigenous vaccine for SARS-CoV-2, COVAXIN®. Known for innovation, Bharat Biotech continues to lead with the safest technologies in vaccine manufacturing. Currently, the company is working on 3 different COVID-19 vaccine projects with national and international collaborations.



## **Mr. Ashishkumar Chauhan, MD & CEO, BSE**

Shri Ashishkumar Chauhan is the MD & CEO of BSE (Bombay Stock Exchange), the first stock exchange of Asia. He is one of the founders of India's National Stock Exchange ("NSE") where he worked from 1992 to 2000. He is best known as the father of modern financial derivatives in India due to his work at NSE. He was instrumental in setting up India's first fully automated screen based trading system and first commercial satellite communications network. He also created several path breaking frameworks including Nifty index, NSE certifications in financial markets etc.

From 2000 to 2009, he worked as the President and Chief Information Officer of Reliance group and was also the CEO of the cricket team Mumbai Indians in its formative years. He also handled additional responsibilities as the Head, Corporate Communications for Reliance Group from 2005 – 2006.

He joined BSE as Deputy CEO in 2009 and was appointed as CEO in 2012. He is credited with reviving BSE including making it the fastest Exchange in the World with less than 6 microseconds response time, introduction of Mobile Trading first time in India, state of the art online real time surveillance system, introduction of several market leading products like SME, Currencies, Mutual Funds, Corporate Bonds distribution, Offer for Sale, Offer to buy etc. He was also instrumental in setting up India's First International Exchange "India International Exchange", which was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi in January 2017 at Gandhinagar, Gift City. He has successfully completed the IPO of BSE which was pending for over 10 years. BSE IPO was oversubscribed 51 times with close to 12 lakh applications in January 2017.

Ashish has won several International and Indian awards including:

- Distinguished Fellow, Institute of Directors 2017, New Delhi
- Distinguished Alumnus Award 2016 - IIM Calcutta
- CEO of the Year, Diamond Sabre Awards 2015, Hong Kong
- Indian Business Leader of the Year, Horasis Interlaken/Switzerland 2015
- RH Patil Award for Excellence in Financial Services, June 2015
- Distinguished Alumnus Award, Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay, 2014
- Best CEO in the Financial Markets in the Asia Pacific by the Asian Banker, 2014
- Zee Business Awards- Special contribution in Commodities and Capital Market, 2013
- TOP 50 CIOs, Information Week, US, 2009

He holds a B Tech in Mechanical Engineering from IIT Bombay and a PGDM from IIM Kolkata. He is a Distinguished Visiting professor at Ryerson University, Toronto, Canada.

Due to his work in various fields spanning a quarter of a century, he is considered one of the foremost experts in the fields of Information Technology, Finance, Markets, Micro structure of markets, cricket, telecommunications, organized retail, Oil & Gas refining and Indian social issues.

He is the Chairperson on the Board of Governors (BoGs) of the National Institute of Technology (NIT) Manipur, member of the Board of Governors at IIM Raipur and an Independent Director of the ICSI Insolvency Professionals Agency, a 100% subsidiary company of The Institute of Company Secretaries of India. He is the Chairman of South Asian Federation of Exchanges (SAFE), a forum of 28 member entities from the SAARC region and neighbouring countries which aims to provide platform to share, exchange and promote the technologies, experiences for the rapid growth and development of capital markets and regional as well as global integration. He is a member of the Advisory Committee of Ministry of Micro Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME). He is an Advisor to the Technical Evaluation Committee set up by the Department of Posts for Postal Bank and also a part of several other committees of World Federation of Exchanges ("WFE"), Government of India ("GOI"), Reserve Bank of India ("RBI"), Securities and Exchange Board of India ("SEBI"), Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT), Confederation of Indian Industry ("CII"), Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry ("FICCI"), Indian Merchants Chamber ("IMC"), India UK council ("UKIBC") etc. He is also a Member of the Advisory Committee of the proposed Mumbai University School of Economics and Public Policy. He is also associated with several NGOs and education institutions. His quotes and writings have been published in various newspapers, magazines and journals in India and abroad.



## **Mr. Varun Sridhar, CEO, Paytm Money**

Varun currently leads Paytm Money, the biggest Digital Wealth Management platform in India. He is responsible for driving strategy and leading the wealth management business for Paytm. Varun holds close to two decades of valuable experience in leading the digital transformation journey of some of the top retail banks in India and abroad and is passionate about setting up and scaling businesses from ideation stage.

Varun spent 8 years with BNP Paribas and held various key international positions like Head of Retail Banking in Egypt and Head of Individual clients for a group of retail banks in Paris. He also played a significant role in the acquisition of Sharekhan for BNP Paribas in 2015 and eventually joined the board supporting the development of equity brokerage and mutual fund business. Varun also launched two fintech platforms – realme PaySa and OPPO Kash, while he served as the CEO of OPPO Financial Services. He has been associated with other international banks including Deutsche Bank and Citibank early in his career.

Varun holds an MBA from SDA Bocconi School of Management and graduated from Delhi University.



## **Mr Adhil Shetty, Co-chair, FICCI Fintech Committee and Co-founder and CEO, BankBazaar.com**

Adhil Shetty is the Co-founder and CEO, BankBazaar: an online financial marketplace focused on helping consumers access the right financial products. Adhil's vision is to democratize finance and increase financial inclusion in India through BankBazaar by making personal finance entirely contactless.

Under Adhil's leadership, BankBazaar has grown to become India's leading online financial marketplace with 50+ integrated financial institutions and 100 Mn visitors per quarter. A Fintech thought leader, Adhil is one of the most widely read expert and influencer on personal finance in India. He is the coChair of the FICCI Fintech Committee, and has been part of the LinkedIn Power Profiles List for two years in running.

Adhil has also been named as one of India's best professionals and entrepreneurs under the age of 40 by the Economic Times and Fortune India.

### **About BankBazaar**

BankBazaar, established in 2008 by Adhil Shetty, Arjun Shetty, and Rati Shetty, India's first neutral online marketplace that gives instant customized offers on loans and credit cards. It also provides free consumer credit score on its portal. Supported by global investors such as Amazon, Experian, Sequoia, Fidelity Eight Roads, and WSV, BankBazaar's goal has always been in delivering a marketplace for a simpler, smoother, end-to-end experience in a user's financial journey.

As a pioneer in adapting technology to simplify access to financial products, BankBazaar has been at the forefront of facilitating contactless finance. Over 50 of India's leading financial institutions have chosen to integrate themselves with the platform. These include the biggest nationalized and private banks, NBFCs and Fintechs in India, providing a never-before range of financial products and services.

BankBazaar has offices in Chennai, Bangalore, and Mumbai.



### **Mr. Prashant Vagal, Executive Vice President, NSDL**

Mr. Prashant Vagal is Executive Vice President and Heads the Business Development and Products department in NSDL. He has completed Bachelor of Engineering and MBA in finance and over 24 years of experience in Capital Markets. Mr. Vagal has been associated with NSDL for 23 years now and handled various activities viz., Business Development, Participant and CC Interface, New Product developments, Settlements, Training etc. Mr. Vagal has been a speaker at various forums held internationally.



## **Mr Deepak Ajwani, Editor, ET Online**

Played leadership role across television, print and digital. In the 20 year career till now, I have been responsible for setting up and leading editorial operations, worked with teams in planning and executing strategy, and driven operational improvement strategies across the media businesses.

Led the launch of [www.forbesindia.com](http://www.forbesindia.com) and its iPad edition. Also ran India's largest selling consumer tech magazine Digit. Headed India's first consumer technology website [www.techtree.com](http://www.techtree.com), and was anchor of a Tech show on Bloomberg TV.

Have international work experience in UK and worked with national and international media companies, and thus gained a valuable understanding of global media business operations.

Have deep domain knowledge in the Tech, Media and Entertainment space. Have planned and institutionalised high-impact offline/online properties like the Forbes India Celebrity 100 list, ET Prime Women Leadership Awards, Forbes India Philanthropy Awards, Forbes India Leadership Awards and Forbes India CEO Dialogues.

- Leadership experience in managing start-up ventures that involved hiring, conceptualising strategy, building workplace culture and driving performance improvement to meet desired metrics and goals.
- Have the capability to gauge and identify new business opportunities, work with sales and marketing teams on new growth ideas.
- Have proven track record in building new online and print publications, and scale existing ones to 5-10X growth



## **Mr. Suman Chowdhury, Chief Analytical Officer, Acuité Ratings and Research**

With an aggregate experience of over 25 years in credit ratings, research and risk, Suman leads rating execution, analytical quality, and thought leadership at Acuité. He has held leadership roles in ICRA and CRISIL (Indian subsidiaries of Moody's and S&P) before joining Acuité. He has also worked in the banking sector as Group Head in Credit Risk Management Group of ICICI Bank.

Suman's past roles have given him a solid and diversified exposure to corporate and infrastructure, financial sector as well as structured finance domains. Suman is an MBA from the Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Calcutta, and a graduate in mechanical engineering from the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Kharagpur.





## **Ms. Ambalika Banerji, Executive Director - Direct Investments, National Investment and Infrastructure Fund**

Ambalika is a seasoned professional with over three decades of experience in private equity funds management, equity investment, debt financing, structuring & restructuring advisory in India and across Asia. She joined NIIF in March 2020 as Executive Director – Direct Investments. At NIIF, she oversees all direct investments made by the funds managed by NIIF.

Prior to joining NIIF, she was the CEO & CIO of Neev Fund, managed by SBI Cap Ventures Ltd. At NEEV, she completed final fund negotiations with DFID, UK the majority sponsor, recruited and lead the Fund team and committed a third of the corpus in diverse investments in the renewables & social infrastructure space.

Prior to Neev, Ambalika had spent about 8 years with Macquarie Capital. She started her stint with Macquarie in Singapore and eventually rose to become the Managing Director of Macquarie SBI Infrastructure Fund. She was instrumental in conceptualising the fund, bringing in the sponsors, and raising the corpus of one of the largest India dedicated equity funds at the time, while also , setting up a team of high quality professionals and originating & committing a substantial portion of the funds corpus in marquee transactions in the airports and telecom infrastructure space.

She has worked with several other reputed organizations such as Dresdner Bank AG and Barclays Capital with pan Asian and Indian coverage, across several products from equity investing, PPP, debt advisory and restructuring.

Ambalika started her career with SBI and spent 10 years with the organization managing several large corporate customers of the Bank, their working capital and project financing needs as well as some restructurings.

She has done her Bachelor of Science (Microbiology major) from Mumbai University and holds a Masters in Financial Management from Jamnalal Bajaj Institute of Management Studies.



**Mr. Sundeep Kakar, Managing Director and Senior Relationship Manager,  
Markets and Securities Services, Citibank**

Sundeep is currently the Managing Director and Senior Relationship Manager-Markets & Securities Services for Citi South Asia.

He and his team work with various product partners to provide investors, solutions across segments including equities, fixed income, & commodities.

Sundeep is a Chartered Accountant by profession and has over 28 years of experience (over 14 years in Markets) right from the time he started as an Industrial trainee in Citibank India.

Over the years Sundeep has worked in various parts of the banks from cash management, part of the team that set up first BPO for the Banking Industry, Capital Markets Sales, corporate finance unit and then the team that set up the brokerage and debt distribution company for Citi India.

Sundeep is an active member of various market bodies and forums.



### **Mr. Govind Sankaranarayanan, Vice Chairman, Ecube Investment Advisors**

Senior business transformation leader, who has played a pivotal role in 3 defining success stories of Tata – creating the 2nd largest tea company in the world, largest International telecom carrier & successfully establishing a financial powerhouse for the future, materially contributing to achieving the group’s strategic vision to transform from Indian & Industrial to global & consumer. 25 years’ experience in financial services, telecoms and FMCG, who has managed large complex, multi stakeholder situations, regarded as among the most versatile officers of the TAS with the ability to work well at Board and Operating levels in Financial Services, Telecoms, Business process outsourcing, Automotive Components and Forex Broking, Widely consulted across industry, known columnist.

Currently in partnership with Quantum Advisors for establishing unique small and mid cap ESG Fund, based on strong engagement with promoters.



## **Mr. Rahul Sheth, Head, Sustainable Bonds, Debt Capital Markets, Standard Chartered Bank**

Based out of Singapore, Rahul Sheth is an Executive Director in Standard Chartered's Capital Markets Team. In his role, he globally heads the Sustainable Bonds product and has been responsible for leading pioneering and award-winning green, social and sustainability bond transactions for clients across the bank's footprint.

With 14 years of banking experience spanning Debt Capital Markets and broader financial markets, he has held senior roles across origination and structuring and client advisory. In his current role, he advises governments, supra national entities, corporates and FIs on setting up Sustainable finance frameworks to enable access to ESG focussed investors, across a wide range of capital markets products including green, social, sustainability, sustainability Linked and Transition bonds.

He maintains an active dialogue with ESG focussed funds, regulators and organisations such as the Climate Bonds Initiative, ICMA, ASIFMA, HKFA and others. He is a regular speaker and author on sustainable finance forums.

Prior to joining Standard Chartered in 2010, Rahul worked with Bank of America Merrill Lynch in the Fixed Income Structured Solutions team in Australia, and prior to that, with Citibank.

Rahul holds a master's degree in business administration from the Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad, Business Sustainability Management from the Cambridge Institute for Sustainability Leadership and is a Chartered Accountant from the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India.



## **Mr. Amit Tandon, Founder & Managing Director, Institutional Investor Advisory Services**

Amit Tandon is the founder Institutional Investor Advisory Services India Limited (IIAS) and its managing director since July 2011.

Prior to founding he was the managing director and CEO of Fitch Ratings: India (October 2001-June 2011). Amit took over as CEO of Fitch in India in October 2001. Since his joining Fitch Ratings expanded its India footprint from 18 staff in 2001 to over 110, with 75 analysts, by June 2011. Fitch saw its coverage extend from 50 odd corporates and NBFC's to over 900 national ratings of corporates, banks, NBFC's, infrastructure projects, municipalities, securitization, distress debt pools, public finance ratings. In addition to India, Amit had oversight of Fitch Ratings Lanka operations.

Before joining Fitch, Amit was with the ICICI group for 17 years. He joined ICICI in 1984, as an operations officer, in Delhi where he was involved with project appraisals and post sanction monitoring of projects. He moved to ICICI Securities, when it was formed in 1991. He was Chief Northern Region, and responsible for its PSU relationships on an all-India basis. He moved to Mumbai as Senior Vice President and Head of Investment Banking in December 1998. Some of the transactions worked on include the purchase of Modern Foods by Hindustan Lever Limited (now Hindustan Unilever Limited), purchase of BALCO by Sterlite Industries Limited, the sale of the flavors and fragrances business by Hindustan Levers Limited to Quest Chemicals, sale of the Maharashtra fixed line telecom business by Hughes Tele.com Limited to Tata's, and numerous IPO's, follow-on offerings and debt placements.

Amit is a member of the CII Corporate Governance Committee and the FICCI Capital Markets Committee. He has been a member of the Reserve Bank of India's Technical Advisory Committee on Money, Foreign Exchange and Government Securities Markets and the Kotak Committee on Corporate Governance.

Amit studied economics at St Stephens College, Delhi and has an MBA from the Faculty of Management Studies, Delhi and has an MPhil degree from the University of Cambridge, UK.



## **Mr. Dilip Chenoy, Secretary General, FICCI**

Dilip is currently Secretary General of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI). He leads the permanent secretariat of the industry chamber, which is the largest and oldest apex business organisation in India, and a potent voice for policy change. FICCI represents over 2,50,000 members through Member Bodies covering all the States of India.

Before joining FICCI, Dilip served as Managing Director & CEO of the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC). NSDC fosters private sector investment and initiatives in training and skill development.

Dilip has also worked in several key industry organizations, including SIAM as its Director General. He was a member of the Harvard Business School project under Professor Michael Porter that worked on the competitiveness of Indian industry. With varied experiences of working in the private sector, he advises start-ups including organisations in the digital, education, skills and livelihood space. Dilip has also served as Chairman of an Engineering Institute.

A fellow of the World Academy of Productivity Science (WAPS), he was awarded the Indian Achievers Award in 2018, The Game Changer Award in 2015 and the Rashtriya Media Ratan Award in 2013.



**Ms. Jyoti Vij, Deputy Secretary General, FICCI**

Jyoti is a business economist by training with over 2 decades of experience with Industry Associations. Her main areas of specialisation are Financial Sector, Corporate Laws, Corporate Governance and Economic Affairs. She has done several joint projects with World Bank, European Commission, IMF and other UN organisations. She has also been on some important committees of RBI, Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Corporate Affairs. She was part of the Rules Committee of Companies Act 2013 including that on CSR provision as FICCI representative. With her strong Industry and Government network, she has been instrumental in influencing several policy reforms.