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Programme schedule

Day
01

March
17

Agenda

8:45 AM - 9:30 AM

Registration

9:30 AM - 11:00 AM

Welcome Address

Mr. Bharat Garg,
President, IIA India - Delhi Branch

Opening Remarks

Ms. Uma Prakash,
President, IIA India

Special Address

Mr. Stephen Coates, President, ACIIA

Keynote Address

Mr. Suresh Narayanan, Chairman &
Managing Director, Nestle India Ltd.

Special Address

Mr. Gopal Krishna Agarwal, Strategic
Advisor to Government on Economic
Affairs and Independent Director

Theme Address

Mr. Himanish Chaudhuri, Partner,
Risk Advisory, Deloitte India

Vote Of Thanks

Mr. Sidheshwar Bhalla,
Sr. Vice President, IIA India

11:00 AM - 11:15 AM

Tea Break

11:15 AM - 11:20 AM

**IIA India Women's Forum -
Scaling New Heights**

Mr. Dinesh Bahl,
Founder and Managing Partner,
Sahni Natarajan and Bahl

11:20 AM - 12:00 PM

**Think Right - No Matter What
Sister B K Shivani,** International
Spiritual & Rajyoga Meditation
Teacher, Brahma Kumaris

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

Cyber Security And IT Auditing

Moderator: Mr. Burzin Dubash, Founder &
CEO, Burzin Dubash Advisory

Panellists:

- **Mr. Mohit Kapur,** Vice President,
Corporate Audit, EXL Service
- **Mr. Arjun Bhaskaran,** Director -
CyberSecurity and GRC, SPC NXT
- **Mr. Rajeev Batra,** CIO, Bennett
Coleman and Co. Limited
- **Mr. Alok Gupta,** Founder and CEO,
Pyramid Cyber Security and Forensic

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

**From Clues to Conclusions: How
Forensic Science and Internal
Auditing Work Together**

Moderator: Mr. Amit Gupta,
Partner, Risk Advisory, Deloitte India

Panellists:

- **Mr. Chris Dicks,** Director, Risk Advisory,
Deloitte China
- **Mr. Niraj Kumar,** VP & Group Head of
Internal Audit, Forensic & Risk, OYO
- **Mr. Anant Bhatia,** Partner, Bhatia & Bhatia
- **Mr. Ghanshyam Singla,** Group Head of
Internal audit, Risk & Forensic, Paytm

2:00 PM - 2:40 PM **Lunch**

2:40 PM - 3:30 PM

**Disruptive New Technologies and
Emerging Frontiers**

Moderator: Mr. Deepak Wadhawan,
Former CEO - IIA India

Panellists:

- **Mr. Babu Thiagarajan,** Global
Head of FX and Securities Technology &
India Technology, OSTTRA
- **Mr. Vinod Kashyap,** Director of Audit
Services, NGDB UAE
- **Mr. Abhishek Gupta,** Co-Founder,
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- **Mr. Kabir Ahmed Shakir,**
CFO, Tata Communications

3:30 PM - 4:00 PM

**Reimagining Internal Audit: Integrated,
Solution Driven and Proactive**

Mr. Karan Gupta, Partner - Consulting
& Practice Development, SPC NXT

4:00 PM - 4:15 PM

Tea break

4:15 PM - 4:45 PM

**Internal Audit Battleground -
Excelling in IA through Strategy
Games & Simulations**

Mr. Kottaram V Ramesh, Founder Director
& Chief Vision Officer at SkillsDA

4:45 PM - 5:30 PM

**Green is the New Black: How ESG is
Changing the Business Landscape**

Moderator: Mr. Vikram Gera, Senior VP
TR Chadha and Co.

Panellists:

- **His Excellency Mr. David Pine,**
High Commissioner of New Zealand
- **His Excellency Mr. Paulias Korní,** High
Commissioner of Papua New Guinea
- **Her Excellency Ms. Marlene Inemwin
Moses,** High Commissioner of Nauru
- **Ms. Emily Roper,** Minister Counsellor
Policy, Australian High Commission

5:30 PM - 5:35 PM

Vote of Thanks

Mr. Amit Sharma, Secretary,
IIA India - Delhi Branch

**Inaugural
Session**



Programme schedule

Day
02

March
18

Agenda

9:00 AM - 9:30 AM Networking

9:30 AM - 9:35 AM Welcome Address
Ms. Sana Baqai,
Vice President, IIA India - Delhi Branch

9:35 AM - 10:05 AM IA Skills And Competencies:
Staying Relevant
Mr. Stephen Coates,
President ACIIA

10:05 AM - 10:15 AM IIA India - Upwards And Onwards
Mr. Nikhel Kochhar,
Chief Advisor, IIA India

10:15 AM - 10:45 AM Agile Auditing
Mr. Prashant Chikhal, Director,
Assurance Risk Advisory, Nexdigm

10:45 AM - 11:15 AM Technology As Enabler Of Internal Audit
Mr. Sambhav Gaur,
Associate Director - Innovation,
Fidelity International
Ms. Yukti Arora, Managing Partner,
Aumyaa Consulting

11:15 AM - 11:30 AM Tea Break

11:30 AM - 12:00 PM Fraud Indicators in Internal Audit
Mr. Naval Kishore Bajaj, Head Corporate
Audit and Assurance, Yokogawa India

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Future Boardrooms - Challenges &
Strategy to Navigate in a Volatile World
Moderator: Mr. Sumant Chadha,
Managing Partner, TR Chadha & Co LLP
Panellists:

- **Mr. Sridar Iyengar**, Chairperson, Audit Committee, Dr. Reddy's Laboratories
- **Mr. Richard Rekhy**, Entrepreneur, Board Member and Former CEO, KPMG India
- **Mr. Monish Gaurav Chatrath**, Managing Partner, MGC Global Risk Advisory
- **Mr. Pradeep Chaturvedi**, Vice President, Institute of Directors

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Lunch

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM Digital Financial Transformation -
Risks and Opportunities
Moderator: Mr. Subhashis Nath, Founder
& Executive Chairman, Global Risk
Management Institute
Panellists:

- **Mr. Vikas Garg**, Co-Founder, Kredmint Technologies
- **Mr. Dhruv Dhanraj Bahl**, Chief Business Officer - Merchant Lending, BharatPe
- **Mr. Deepak Abbot**, Co-Founder, Indiagold

3:00 PM - 3:30 PM Astrologically Speaking (Deep Dive
into Divinity)
Mr. Sidheshwar Bhalla, Jyotish Acharya
& Risk Professional

3:30 PM - 3:45 PM Vote of Thanks, Felicitations
& Lucky Draw
Mr. Vinod Panicker,
Treasurer, IIA India - Delhi Branch

3:45 PM - 4:00 PM Evening Tea

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BHARAT GARG

**President
IIA India - Delhi Branch**

Bharat is currently working as Head of Audit, at Fidelity International, India. He is also associated with IIA, Delhi Chapter and IIA, India, as President and Board Member, respectively. He was also instrumental in publishing the monthly magazine “Internal Audit Today” for IIA India.

He is a Chartered Accountant and Company Secretary with over two decades of experience in Internal audits, Process and Compliance reviews, Investigations, Operational Risk management, and Revenue Assurance. Bharat is also a CIA and currently pursuing CISA certification.

Bharat’s exposure spans all three sectors - Consulting, Private and Public and he has worked in reputed organisations like Deloitte, PwC, Vodafone, RBS etc. Over the years, Bharat has got diverse exposure in multiple industries like BFSI, Telecom, Manufacturing and FMCG.

UMA PRAKASH

**President
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Uma Prakash is a chartered accountant and a certified fraud examiner with more than two decades of experience in the areas of risk management, internal audit, and allied domains. She is currently a Director in Capri Professional services. She is passionate about the profession and always looking out for new, efficient and innovative ways of executing the work.

Prior to establishing her own consulting practice, she worked with Ernst and Young. She has established extensive footprints in Tamil Nadu in the Internal Audit and Internal Control and ERM domain. She has played leadership role in her career mentoring large project teams, serving global clients and developing practice innovations. She has assisted state and government agencies in extensive value fraud investigation.

She was the first woman president of Chennai IIA in 2014 and is currently serving as the First lady president of All India. Mrs. Uma Prakash is a regular faculty at the Regional Training Institute, a Government body for more than a decade. She is also speaker at ICAI and the ICMA. She is socially active and involved in various social activities. She is also a passionate Classical musician and enjoys teaching for community development and is involved in multiple social activities.



STEPHEN COATES

President
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Stephen is the immediate Past President of IIA Australia, President of the Asian Confederation of Institutes of Internal Auditors (ACIIA), and a member of the IIA's International Internal Audit Standards Board (IIASB). Stephen's focus within Asia includes working with business leaders and internal audit professionals across 19 jurisdictions (including India) to strengthen and enhance their representation of the profession and engaging with like-minded industry groups. As an experienced internal audit professional, he continues to advise governments, leading companies, and not-for-profit organisations on protecting and enhancing organisational value and share what good internal auditing services look like. He Chairs several Audit Risk & Improvement Committees and leads boards towards strategy in line with transparent and accountable governance. Stephen guides organisations as they manage emerging risks across the Asian region. Recent engagements in Australia, Brunei, Malaysia, Indonesia, and Vietnam attest to his regional focus. Stephen is a foodie, loving casual dining in all its versions and complexity. In his spare time, he creates online content and mentors new professionals. He divides his time between boating and fishing Australia's Gold Coast and enjoying the delights of Vietnam's Ha Long Bay.

SURESH NARAYANAN

Chairman & Managing Director
Nestlé India Limited



Suresh Narayanan is the Chairman and Managing Director of Nestlé India Limited. He was appointed CMD in August 2015 and is on the Board of Directors of Nestlé India Limited. He also serves as the Chairman of the CII National Committee on Food processing Industries. He is an Independent Director on the Board of Asian Paints Limited and the Board of Governors of the Advertising Standards Council of India (ASCI). Under his leadership, Nestlé India has been recognized by several media houses and industry forums. He was recognized as 'MNC in India of the year' in 2022 by the All India Management Association. In 2021 he was featured among the Top 101 Male Gender Equality Champions Globally. In the same year, Nestlé India was conferred Outstanding Company of the year by CNBC TV18 India Business Leader Awards (IBLA). In 2020 Business Standard awarded Nestlé India as the MNC of the year, while Business World recognized Nestlé India for Best Financial Performance in the MNC Category and also bestowed 'Purpose and Resilience'. He was conferred CNBC-AWAAZ Best Performing Leader for the MNC category in 2020. He was also honoured as the Entrepreneurial CEO at EY Entrepreneur of The Year™ 2020. Business Today awarded him "Best CEO - FMCG" for two years consecutively, in 2019 and 2020. He was recognized among the "Most Valuable CEOs" in 2019 by Business World. Under his leadership, Nestlé India won the "Best Governed Company Award for 2018" from Asian Centre for Corporate Governance & Sustainability. Suresh was honoured as Best CEO at the Forbes India Leadership Awards 2017 in the Multinational category. Suresh joined Nestlé in 1999 as Executive Vice President for Sales in India. His international career commenced in Nestlé Indochina in 2003, and he has also served in the Philippines, Singapore, Egypt and NEAR (North East Africa Region). He began his career as a Management Trainee with Hindustan Unilever, where he held numerous positions of increasing responsibility in Sales, Marketing and General Management. He has also worked with Colgate Palmolive in India. He has participated in the Nestlé Leadership Programme of the London Business School. He has delivered talks at NASSCOM forums, various Corporates, NUS School of Business-Singapore, American University-Cairo, Columbia University, Army War College Mhow, Naval War College-Goa and Business Schools such as IIMs, ISB etc. in India.



GOPAL KRISHNA AGARWAL

**Strategic Advisor to GoI on Economic Affairs &
Independent Director on Various Boards**

He is an accomplished professional with a diverse finance, economics, and governance background. He is an economic thinker, author and political & social activist. He is a Chartered Accountant, an MA in Economics, and a B. Com (Hons) graduate, providing him with a strong foundation in financial analysis, strategic planning, and business management. He is the BJP national spokesperson for economic affairs.

He has held key positions in several prestigious organisations, including the North Eastern Electric Power Company, Bank of Baroda, Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd, ICSI (IIP), and Vogue Commercial Co Ltd, where he has demonstrated exceptional leadership skills and financial acumen. His extensive professional experience has helped him develop a deep understanding of financial markets, corporate governance, and regulatory compliance.

In addition to his professional experience, Gopal Krishna Agarwal has significantly contributed to economics and finance. He is the National President of the Association of NSE, Commodity Participant Association, and Depository Participants Association and serves on the Managing Committee of the PHD Chamber of Commerce. He is the past President of the Association of National Exchanges Members of India (ANMI), the only association of financial market intermediaries. He has also served on several government task forces and councils, including the Task Force MSME, the Ministry of Finance, the Board of Governors Institute of Corporate Affairs, MoCA, the Governing Council, the Institute of Company Secretaries, and the SEBI Committee on Secondary Markets.

As the National Convener of the Chartered Accountants Cell and Economic Cell for the BJP, Gopal Krishna Agarwal has played a key role in shaping economic policies and promoting the interests of chartered accountants.





HIMANISH CHAUDHURI

**Partner, Banking and Capital Market- Leader and
Internal Audit Market Offering Leader
Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu India LLP,**

Himanish Chaudhuri is a Partner within the Risk Advisory function of Deloitte India. He is a Banking and Capital Market Leader and an Internal Audit Market Offering Leader.

He has over 25 years of Financial Services experience as a consultant across India and international markets, especially Asia Pacific. He has experience managing large asset portfolios and working on several strategic initiatives in the Banking Industry. He has worked with several cross-functional teams across geographies during his professional career. He has rich experience in several risk solution engagements for large financial services groups, Banks, Non-Banking Financial Services, Insurance, Capital Markets and Asset Management entities.

He has led the Financial Services Risk Advisory practice for another Big 4 consulting firm in India. He has also led multiple engagements for large Financial Service Groups and Banks during this period.

Currently, a few of his key clients include leading banks in India, where he is advising them on their digital banking products as well as India's domestic payment network, an entity focused on innovation in payment systems through flagship solutions such as Rupay UPI (Unified Payments Interface), BHIM (Bharat Interface for Money) among others.

As a risk advisory leader for financial services, he has led multiple advisory engagements for a majority of the leading Banks and Insurance companies across the facet of solutions such as audit and risk transformation, banking transitions, regulatory change, corporate governance, strategic reviews, process management credit, market and operational risk management.

His experience includes leading the business development team for a global payment network and anchoring its consulting activities in India. He was also a member of their Board of Directors in India. He advised, led and structured large deals in the payments network space with major banks in India

He led and was a core team member for strategic projects in Retail Banking, Wealth Management, Treasury, Sales Management and Credit Process Transformation in India and Asia Pacific for a global bank.

He has been an advisor in M&A transactions for Consumer Asset/Retail Banking Portfolios with a combined deal size above US 6 billion across Taiwan, Japan, Korea, Indonesia and India.





SIDHESHWAR BHALLA

**Sr. Vice President
IIA India**

Sidheshwar Bhalla (Sid) is the Senior Vice President and member of the India Board of The Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA). He is the former President of IIA, Delhi Chapter. Sid is a Senior Director with SNB India Private Limited. Before this, he was associated with KPMG, GE, EY, Deloitte, BDO and Mazars.

With over 20 years' experience as a Chartered Accountant and Company Secretary, Sid has led multiple engagements related to Corporate Governance. These have included Enterprise Risk Management, Internal Audits, Business Process Improvement/Re-engineering/Transformation, designing frameworks for governance, risk, compliance and control across different sectors including manufacturing, automotive, FMCG, retail, hospitality, healthcare and Energy & Natural Resources. He has worked across geographies in more than ten countries.

Sid is an avid speaker on Corporate Governance at multiple forums, including the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India, Institute of Company Secretaries of India, Institute of Directors, Institute of Internal Auditors, Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs, PHD Chambers of Commerce, Institute of Management Accountants, Bhartiya Vitta Salahkar Samiti and the Department of Public Enterprises. He is a 'Specialist Editor' with Lexis Nexis for A. Ramaiya's 'Guide to Companies Act 2013' 19th edition, and M C Bhandari on 'Company Law procedures' 25th edition.

To nurture his passion, Sid qualified as a 'Jyotish Acharya' from the Bhartiya Vidya Bhavan in 2003 (achieved Rank 2) and spends his pastime reading horoscopes.

DINESH BAHL

**Founder & Managing Partner
Sahni Natrajan & Bahl**



Dinesh Bahl is the senior partner of SNB. He is one of the founder partners of this firm.

He is a seasoned professional who has made his mark as an expert in personal taxation and has expanded his repertoire to become one of the most respected practitioners in the country in the fields of accounting, auditing and management consulting.

He has served as the President of the Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA), Delhi Chapter and as President of IIA India. He has served on the Boards of some public quoted companies from the House of Tatas and has been a Member of Audit Committees. He is one of the most prolific and articulate speakers on topics of professional interest at seminars and programmes organised by professional bodies, including the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) and the Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA), India. He is a faculty member for the General Management Courses conducted by the ICAI for young accountants.

His leadership skills and professional competence have won him professional accolades galore. His visionary ideas and high sense of ethics have brought the firm to where it is today.

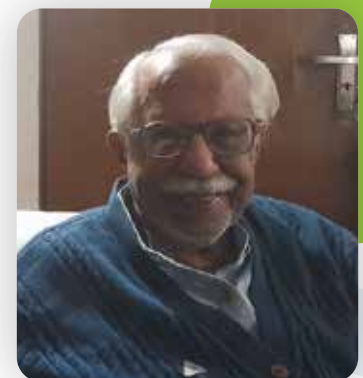


BURZIN DUBASH

**Founder & CEO
Burzin Dubash Advisory**

He is a risk management expert with almost three decades of experience advising clients to implement their Operational Risk & Transformation agenda, enhancing Corporate Governance & Risk Culture, and combining technology and process skills to aid Process Improvements, thereby enhancing controllership, reducing costs and increasing efficiency. His experience spans diverse sectors such as consumer, telecom, technology, retail, services, hospitality and social impact. His current focus is on engaging with entrepreneurs and young leaders in helping them scale their businesses through improved risk management, design and implementation of structured processes, effective use of technology and upgrading their talent agenda. In his immediate prior role as a Partner with Deloitte Risk Advisory, he led Deloitte India's foray into transforming its Internal Audit practice through enhanced technology, process standardisation and agile techniques. He was the Talent & Learning Partner for a team of 1300+ professionals with Accounting & Internal Controls practice. Before Deloitte, he had an entrepreneurial stint as part of the founding team that set up Axis Risk Consulting - an independent global risk advisory firm. This was later sold to an SEC-listed major. At Axis, he held joint ownership for leading and managing the strategic direction and the firm's day-to-day operations. He also spearheaded the firm's growth in the Asia Pacific region. Burzin is a Chartered Accountant, a Certified Internal Auditor and a Certified Fraud Examiner. He is a Fulbright Fellow, having completed the Fulbright-Nehru-CII Fellowship Program at the Tepper School of Business, Carnegie Mellon University. He currently serves on the executive council of the Institute of Internal Auditors, India. In his personal time, Burzin is extremely passionate about Cricket. He currently captains the Bombay Gymkhana members team and is a proud member of the 40+ team that has won the Mumbai Inter-club 40+ cricket tournament three years running. He has also toured Australia, South Africa, UAE, Scotland, Singapore and other countries to play Cricket.

SARDARI LAL AGARWAL



Sardari Lal Agarwal joined SNB in 1984 and is considered to have pioneered modern internal auditing in India. He qualified as a Chartered Accountant in 1949 and went on to become a Certified Internal Auditor from IIA Florida. He retired from Hindustan Lever as the Chief Internal Auditor. He has been on the Board of Governors of the Institute of Internal Auditors - Delhi Chapter since 1985. His rare insight honed by rich industry exposure and varied professional experience provides the right direction & guidance to the young professionals at SNB. His reputation as an extremely knowledgeable trainer has spread far and wide. There is hardly a programme held in the field of internal audit where he is not invited to serve as a faculty member.



MOHIT KAPUR

Vice-President, Corporate Audit
EXL Service

Mohit Kapur has 20 years of experience in financial services and various technology roles, including technology audit (third line), risk and compliance (first line), application development, and consulting. Currently, he is managing global technology audit, IT SOX, and audit automation programmes at EXL Services.

His prior work experiences included Bank of America, where he managed APAC and Global audit assignments; other experiences included Royal Bank of Scotland (now Natwest Bank), Fidelity Investments, etc. He has experience in auditing and risk management in cyber security and emerging technologies, including artificial intelligence/machine learning, robotics, cloud, and remote working technologies, and has extensively covered the regulatory landscape in Asia, the UK and the US. He has worked with various cross-functional teams to design and deliver information assurance frameworks adopting multiple industry best practices while addressing underlying risks and designing associated controls. He is a regular visiting faculty at various universities, including, amongst others, the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT, New Delhi), etc. and has undertaken extensive knowledge transfer sessions across various industries.

ARJUN BHASKARAN

Associate Director - Cybersecurity
SPC Next Consulting Pvt. Ltd. (SPC NXT)



Arjun is a Cybersecurity and Enterprise IT expert with 33 years of experience in the BFSI sector. In the last two decades, he has been the CTO/CIO/CISO in several Fintech and Insurtech organisations. He has built several Enterprise and Mission-critical applications in the Insurance and Healthcare domains for market-leading organisations. These included Medi Assist TPA, Tata Group TPA and TTK Healthcare.

He has strong competencies in spearheading Digital Transformation by implementing diverse, cutting-edge technologies to achieve strategic alignment between IT and Business objectives, structures and processes. He is a former Board Director at a Tata Group subsidiary (2009-2012) and a consultant to the Toyota Kirloskar Group for three projects (2014-18). He spent 11 years with the Unit Trust of India group (1989-2000).

Arjun is a founding team member of Axis Bank 1994 and UTI Securities 1994. He implemented the 2nd ISO 27001:2013 ISMS and 1st ISO 22301 BCMS in the Indian Insurance industry at TTK Vidal TPA in 2013. He implemented ISO 27001:2005 ISMS in 2007 at India's largest Pharmaceuticals Analytics company, currently a Unicorn. He developed the Cyber Risk Measurement & Modelling Engine under a research fellowship with the Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur, in 2021. Later, in Oct 2022, he launched a Cyber Insurance Underwriting Engine under the India-ASEAN partnership in Jakarta. Arjun is an MBA in Finance from the Jamnalal Bajaj Institute of Management Studies, Mumbai, and an MA in Economics from the University of Madras. He is an ISO Lead Auditor - 27001, 22301, 27701, 9001 and has a Fellowship in Cybersecurity from IIT Kanpur.



RAJEEV BATRA

Chief Information Officer (CIO) and member of the Executive Committee (EC) Bennett, Coleman & Co Ltd. (BCCL)

Rajeev is the Chief Information Officer (CIO) and member of the Executive Committee (EC) at Bennett, Coleman & Co Ltd. (BCCL), the largest publishing company in India and South Asia. BCCL and its subsidiaries (called The Times Group) are present in every existing media platform - newspapers, magazines, books, TV, radio, internet, event management, outdoor display, music, movies and more. It includes The Times of India - the largest English publication in the world. With more than 30 years of industry experience, Rajeev is responsible for driving the strategic and tactical adaptation of Information Technology at the Times Group.

Before joining BCCL, Rajeev was with MTS India, a JV of Sistema JSFC, Russia and Shyam Telecom, as Chief Information Officer and Member of the Management Committee. He is also on the Advisory Board of Sistema JSFC investment, Sistema Asia Fund in India.

Rajeev has held strategic positions as President, Group IT in Reliance ADA Group and Chief Architect & VP at Bharti Airtel. He played a pivotal role in USD 3.2 Bn Bharti-IBM strategic IT outsourcing deal, which became a Harvard Business School case study. With work experience across India and USA, he has worked for companies like eVector Inc. (Intel-Reuter portfolio company), Escotel (now Vodafone-Idea), Dell Perot Systems (now Dell-EMC), Samtech Infonet and DHL Worldwide (Airfreight Ltd.).

He is recognised in the industry for his outstanding professional accomplishments and contributions and has been felicitated with several prestigious industry awards and recognitions.

He is also a thought leader and is frequently invited to present his views as a speaker in several public forums and as an author in publications of repute.

Rajeev has contributed industry-specific views and shared experiences in public forums like CII, Tele Management Forum (TMF), Economic Times ETIG, Accenture GCF, CNBC, Bloomberg UTV, and several publications of repute.

Rajeev has a bachelor's degree in engineering (BE Electronics), a university rank, and a post-graduate diploma in advanced computer programming & systems analysis. He has also done a General Management course for executives (Airtel Leadership) at IIM Ahmedabad.





ALOK GUPTA

**Founder & CEO
Pyramid Cyber Security & Forensics**

With over 34 years of rich and varied experience in the Information and Communications Technology (ICT) industry, Alok, as a parallel entrepreneur, co-founded several ICT companies such as Samtech, AirJaldi & Pyramid with innovations and solutions in the field of Artificial Intelligence, Cyber Security & Internet.

As a past member of the National Committee on Information Technology for the Confederation of Indian Industries (CII), Alok advised and provided deep insights into how Indian enterprises and the government can leverage the use of ICT and Information Security to compete and grow in the global economy.

As a member of The IndUS Entrepreneurs (TiE), Alok mentors young entrepreneurs.

He is the President of the Alumni Association of the Birla Institute of Management Technology and the alumni representative on the board of BIMTECH.

Alok is a faculty with the Institute of Chartered Accountants (ICAI) for The Forensic Accounting and Fraud Detection (FAFD) programme.

He is also the founding member of the DSCI Cyber Forensic Forum (DCFF), representing the Digital Forensic industry.

Alok has been appointed a member of the Incubator Investment Advisory Committee of the Atal Incubation Centre.

He is the Principal Advisor of Broadband India Forum, an independent think tank that works to develop and enhance the broadband ecosystem. (www.broadbandindiaforum.in)

Alok has been a frequent speaker at various events, workshops and forums in India and abroad. He has been writing articles and columns for leading newspapers and magazines and has been covered in national newspapers, television and radio.





AMIT GUPTA

Partner, Risk Advisory
Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu India LLP.

Amit is a Chartered Accountant with over 21 years of professional experience in Financial, Process & Business Risk Advisory Services. He has managed client relationships and execution of multiple business process risk consulting, internal control review and Sarbanes-Oxley (SOX) engagements.

Amit is a Certified Green Belt from Genpact and has a core internal audit experience of more than 18 years.

Most recently, Amit has been engaged in Internal Audits and Business Process Reviews at one of the largest oil and gas exploration companies in India and some of the other organisations, including the largest private sector fertiliser manufacturing group in India and a US\$ 500 million U.S.-based relocations business of a Fortune 5 company.

Amit was also a member of the Corporate Law and Corporate Governance Committee of ICAI and a member of the Internal Auditing Standards Board of ICAI during 2010-19. He has authored a Technical Guide for Planning Risk-Based Internal Audits and a Technical Guide on Internal Audit for the Sugar Industry, published by ICAI.

Prominent clients served by him include the Adani Group, Torrent Group, Brahmaputra Crackers & Polymers, GAIL, Powergrid Corporation, NTPC, NHPC, UPC, ONGC Limited, ONGC Videsh, Oil India, Jindal Stainless Group, Zuari Industries, Paradeep Phosphates Ltd, Chambal Fertilisers & Chemicals Ltd, TRW Inc., Dalmia Cements (Bharat) Ltd., General Electric and ITC Ltd.

He has also been involved with different industry forums in delivering learning sessions on Corporate Governance, Internal Audit and Quality Assessments.

CHRIS DICKS

Internal Audit Offering Leader
Deloitte Asia Pacific.



Chris is based in Beijing and works across the Asia Pacific to support clients in reviewing and enhancing their Internal Control Environment through three key building blocks.

- » Enhancing the client's internal control framework
- » Assuring the client's most critical risks, and
- » Partnering with organisations to embrace the Future of Control.

He has over 20 years of experience managing large and complex global engagements, and coordinating with stakeholders, to meet challenging deadlines. Chris regularly leads work in China for global companies playing the role of bridging the requirements of the Head Office and local operations.

One area that Chris has and continues to focus on is Transforming Deloitte's Internal Audit service to make the integration of Digital, Technology, Analytics and Tools a central part of its offering.



NIRAJ KUMAR

**VP & Group Head of Internal Audit, Forensic & Risk
OYO**

Niraj Kumar is a Chartered Accountant with over 22 years of experience in Risk Management, Internal Auditing and Assurance, Fraud Management, Revenue Assurance, Business Process Designing, Internal Controls, Governance and SOX Compliances.

He is the Group Head of Internal Audit, Fraud and Risk Management for one of the world's leading technology-based hospitality start-ups, "OYO Hotels and Homes," operating in 50+ countries.

Before joining OYO, Niraj worked with KPMG as Executive Director in the Advisory function. He has also worked with some of the retail marquee organisations in the world, like Carrefour India (a French Retail company) as Head of Internal Audit, Walmart India (the world's largest retail company), Reliance Retail (India's largest retail company) and Max India (the prestigious Indian conglomerate).

Niraj's experience perfectly blends the Corporate, Consulting and Start UP world, allowing him to impact good governance significantly. During his stint in KPMG in a leadership position, he facilitated many companies in establishing strong pillars of corporate governance and consecutively demonstrated greater value to external and internal stakeholders. Consumed with the idea of "Always deliver more than expected", Niraj approaches Internal Audit to deliver "Value addition". He transformed internal audit from an assurance provider to a trusted partner for business & leadership. He is a dynamic professional who always strives to innovate to help companies grow.

He believes in sharing knowledge with his peers and young upcoming professionals through various forums and seminars organised by the ICAI, IIA, FICCI and other professional forums, and he is also a regular speaker at different management schools across India.

Niraj is one of India's most influential audit leaders and leading professionals in the Start-up, E-commerce and Retail Segments in Governance. He has recently been conferred with prestigious awards like

- » *Asia's 100 Power Leaders in Finance 2022 by White Page International London.*
- » *"Indian Achievers Award 2021" for outstanding Professional Work by Indian Achievers Forum.*
- » *The Global Choice Awards - Global Excellence and Leadership in Audit by Xel Research.*
- » *Audit Excellence Awards for Audit Productivity team 2022 by IIA.*
- » *Chief Internal Auditor of the Year in the 2nd edition of Audit World and Summits by Transformance.*
- » *Internal Audit Team of the Year in 2nd edition of Audit World and Summits by Transformance.*



ANANT BHATIA

Partner
Bhatia & Bhatia

He has been actively involved in professional service for the past 18 years. Before joining the firm, he worked with PriceWaterhouseCoopers (PwC) and Ernst & Young (E&Y) for about five years, where he handled Tax and Regulatory work for various international and offshore clients.

In B&B, his primary responsibilities with respect to clients have been assessing inherent business risks and performing risk assessments at the audit entity and process levels. This is done by preparing audit planning documentation, conducting walkthroughs, and assessing the internal control environment through control and substantive testing.

His work also involves the evaluation of the adequacy and effectiveness of key controls and potential business concerns by analyzing available documentation, asking insightful questions to identify root causes and drawing the appropriate conclusions. His work entails documentation of the results of work performed in the Department's automated work paper system according to Departmental methodologies and documentation standards.

GHANSHYAM SINGLA

Group Head of Internal Audit, Risk & Forensic
Paytm



He is a senior professional with over 22 years of experience in Risk Management, Internal Audit, Control oversight, Governance, Forensic, SOX and Compliance Frameworks in Investment Banking, Fintech and Telecom giants in India, the US, the UK and the Asia Pacific countries.

He has implemented and upgraded control and audit functions in large corporates.

A qualified Chartered Accountant and Company Secretary, he has attained certifications and diplomas from ACCA UK and ISACA USA.

Ghanshyam has handled various leadership roles in large telecom companies and global investment banks. He was the Senior Vice President of Barclays at its Chief Controls Office and the Vice President - Operational Risk & Control at Credit Suisse.

He is known for his exceptional senior stakeholder management and collaboration skills and his ability to inspire individuals at all levels of the organisation. He has handled several large teams and is known for his excellent leadership skills.



DEEPAK WADHAWAN

*Former Member, Global Executive Leadership
Team & Advocacy Committee
IIA Global*

Deepak Wadhawan is a career internal auditor. He has held senior roles as CEO of IIA India and Senior Advisor at KPMG India. Before this, he was in the internal audit practice for 22 years.

Over the years, Deepak has been a quick adapter of new methods and technology, including Business process, BPR, ERP, and ERM and in his early days did a stint as CEO of a tech startup.

He now uses his understanding of technology and audit to create advisory and auditing frameworks for emerging technology. He is a regular speaker on this subject – he spoke at the IIA International Conferences, including the 2018 Dubai Conference on Auditing Bots, the 2022 Chicago conference on Auditing Blockchain and is speaking at the 2023 Amsterdam conference on Auditing Biases in AI & digital applications.

He has been on IIA Global Committees, including the Global Executive Leadership Team and the Global Advocacy Committee and is an Advisor to IIA India.

Deepak provides services through an online internal audit & risk advisory website dewahelpdesk.com. His professional certifications include CA, CPA and CIA.

BABU THIAGARAJAN

*Global Head of Technology, FX and Securities
OSTTRA*



Babu, as CTO, is steering the strategic direction and ongoing evolution of the mission-critical technology platforms that underpin the FX & Securities business to offer a multi-asset service suite across trade processing, credit and risk, and the trade lifecycle.

Babu has been in the Technology industry for more than 28 years, playing various roles in building technology-led businesses or delivering technology platforms and solutions for Banking and Financial Services organisations such as Fidelity, Standard Chartered etc.

He has served on management teams and boards, defined strategic plans, and implemented them into realised value. The key to success has been his ability to continuously balance the three dimensions of legacy, contemporary and emerging technologies and ways of working.



VINOD KASHYAP

Director of Audit Services
NGDB, UAE

He is Head of the Indian Delegation, ISO/TC 295 “Audit Data services”, Member ISO/TC 307 AHG 2 “Guidance on Auditing DLT Systems”, Member of the National Council for Internal Audit, Risk & Management, The Associated Chamber of Commerce & Industries (ASSOCHAM), Member, National Council for Corporate Affairs, Company Law & Corporate Governance, The Associated Chamber of Commerce & Industries (ASSOCHAM) and Member, Board of Advisors, MIT College of Business, MIT-ADT University. He is also the Director of NextGen Knowledge Solutions Private Ltd.

Vinod has done his B.Com.(Hons.), FCA and DISA (ICAI). He has the honour of being the only Chartered Accountant in the history of ICAI who has spoken at some of the most prestigious conferences and platforms:

- » Transformative Technologies Workshop (Annual Conference, American Accounting Association).
- » Plenary Meeting of ISO/TC 295 “Audit Data Services”.
- » World Continuous Auditing & Reporting Symposium (WCARS).

He works on the Digitalisation of Taxes, Audit Data Standards (ADS), Blockchain and Cryptocurrencies. He regularly speaks at international conferences.

ABHISHEK GUPTA

Co-Founder and Partner- Assurance and Advisory,
Pierian Services Pvt. Ltd.



He is a Transformation champion with two decades of experience in the area of Global Assurance and Advisory Services. He is a leading expert in the off-shoring industry and brings in immense knowledge and customer insights for serving both global and domestic clients.

He has been awarded with the prestigious Global “Transformation” and “Emerging Leader” awards.

Before founding this venture, he had been part of the core EY Leadership team and has also worked with Temasek holdings and PwC.

Also, a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India, Abhishek is passionate about education, skills and technology advancement. He is a keynote speaker and sits on the advisory boards of various prestigious institutes.



KABIR AHMED SHAKIR

**Chief Financial Officer
Tata Communications**

In this role, he is responsible for the strategic financial management of the company.

He is on the Boards of STT Global Data Centres India Private Limited, Tata Communications Collaboration Services Private Limited, and Tata Communications (South Korea) Limited. He brings 30 years of experience with a sharp focus on growth, strong business processes, functional excellence and operational execution across diverse industries and geographies. He has extensive experience in global markets managing complex businesses and categories, international treasury, global supply chain and global finance. Before Tata Communications, Kabir was the Chief Financial Officer at Microsoft India, responsible for its overall finance leadership across all entities in India. Preceding this, he spent over 23 years with Unilever in leadership roles across multiple geographies as the International Funding Director in the Netherlands, Global Supply Chain Finance Director in the UK, CFO of the Home and Personal Care business in India and Global CFO for the Skincare category in the UK. Passionate about technology and how it will shape the future of finance, Kabir is an angel investor, a board adviser and a mentor to many startups.

KARAN GUPTA

**Partner & Practice Development Leader - Consulting
SPC Next Consulting Pvt. Ltd. (SPC NXT).**



He is a Forensic Accounting & Investigation Expert with over 15 years of experience. He is the National Leader at SPC Group for Forensics and Risk Advisory, having extensive experience in Money Laundering, Banking Frauds, International Money trail tracing and arbitration. Karan has carried out Forensic investigations of cumulative value over \$10 Billion. He is an advisor to large corporates, national and foreign banks, and Enforcement agencies like the Central Bureau of Investigations, Serious Fraud Investigation Offices for Fraud Risk Management PMLA, FEMA, RBI and AML. He has immense professional experience in his field of expertise. He has conducted forensic investigations of more than 75 cases, including Defence Deals, Banking Frauds, Insurance Fraud, Money Laundering, and Senior and Mid management frauds in Auto-component, Pharmaceutical, Infrastructure, Real Estate and Retail. Karan has multiple years of professional work experience in the Forensic and Risk division of KPMG, India, and has worked on some of the largest cases. He has conducted an assignment relating to Anti-corruption & bribery: Reporting to UK & US governments as per the relevant Acts for foreign companies. He has also run background checks and research on directors, promoters and top managerial employees. He has prepared and vetted Whistle Blowing Policies of multi-national organisations. He has also led teams for undertaking Financial Due Diligence of several large companies, including Auto Comp, for both Buy and Sell side transactions. Karan has conducted the delisting of Denso India Limited - a large auto comp player listed on NSE & BSE. He joined BMR Advisors in 2011 in their Investment Banking (Mergers & Acquisitions) division as a transaction Advisory Consultant. He has developed Risk Framework for Sales, Procurement, HR & Payroll, Administration, Legal and Statutory compliance processes for several companies. He has also conducted internal audit reviews of Procurement, Production and Inventory management across various locations in India for several companies. Karan is a Chartered Accountant (CA) and a Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE). He is a Commerce graduate from the University of Delhi. He is a registered Valuer for Securities or Financial Assets.



KOTTARAM V RAMESH

**Founder Director & Chief Vision Officer
SkillsDA**

Kottaram V Ramesh is a dynamic leader and management thinker in INGU's Knowledge Academy under its brand SkillsDA, India.

He is a National Cyber Security Scholar, passionate Entrepreneur, Thought Leader by nature, Cyber Security Consultant & Cyber Management Expert, Founder Director, and Chief Vision Officer at SkillsDA.

SkillsDA gives hands-on training to mid-management executives and professionals.

SkillsDA is a unique platform that brings academia, industry and skilled staff together to delight the end customers.

SkillsDA offers training for the technical staff in collaboration with the Industry/Brand owners in line with industry specifications. Individuals who wish to upskill and train themselves can access SkillsDA training & certification. Customers can access these trained staff directly through the SkillsDA app/website.

In a quest to bring emerging technologies to non-tech areas, SkillsDA has embarked on creating AI-based gamified learning for ease of learning and understanding. Courses and training like Certified Financial Fraud Investigator and Certified E-commerce Fraud Analyst are highly appreciated by learners.

SkillsDA, through its knowledge partner Saras, has emerged as a most-sought-after learning platform for Internal Audit Games and a Simulation Portfolio that has three very exciting courses/kinds of training:

- » *Internal Audit Management Strategy Game*
- » *Internal Audit Quotient (self-assessment)*
- » *Internal Audit Situation response Simulator*





VIKRAM GERA

**Senior Vice-President
TR Chadha and Co. LLP, Chartered Accountants**

Vikram Gera is a highly accomplished Senior Vice President at TR Chadha and Co. LLP, Chartered Accountants. With a focus on business development, client relationship management, and direct tax matters, he has been an integral part of the TRC team for several years.

During his tenure, Vikram has successfully managed various domestic and multinational clients, including Fortune 500 companies, in taxation and other regulatory matters.

He has a wealth of experience in taxation and regulatory matters and has been instrumental in helping clients navigate complex regulatory frameworks. He has dealt extensively with the regulatory authorities in India, such as the Income Tax Department, the Reserve Bank of India, the Central Board of Direct Taxes, The Foreign Investment Promotion Board, the Ministry of Finance, the Ministry of Commerce, the Ministry of Industry and the Ministry of Labour.

Vikram is also an accomplished leader and has held several important positions in the business community. He is the Chairman of the India Oceania Business Association (IOBA) and was the Co-Chairman of the International Affairs Committee of the PHD Chamber of Commerce (for East Asia, South East Asia & Oceania). Additionally, he has been a member of the Direct Tax Committee at the PHD Chamber of Commerce.

He led the delegation on behalf of the PHD Chamber of Commerce, with the Honorable Vice President of India, Mr Venkaiah Naidu, to Serbia, Malta and Romania in September 2018.

He is also an active member of several business groups, including The British Business Group, The European Business Group, ASSOCHAM, FICCI, CII, the Indo-American Chamber of Commerce, the Indo-German Chamber of Commerce and the Indo-French Chamber of Commerce. His involvement in these organisations has allowed him to develop a vast network of contacts in the business community.

Vikram has a Bachelor's degree in Commerce and a degree in Law. He has travelled extensively across various countries, giving him a unique perspective on global business trends.





HIS EXCELLENCY DAVID PINE

New Zealand's High Commissioner to India and Bangladesh and the Country's Ambassador to Nepal

He is a seasoned diplomat who was New Zealand's High Commissioner to Malaysia and Brunei Darussalam from March 2011 to December 2014 and New Zealand's Ambassador to the Philippines from 2006 to 2008. Before this, he had postings in New York, Canberra, and Kuala Lumpur and has been Director of the economic division in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

David took a break from the foreign ministry and advised top corporates and academic institutions from 2015 to 2019. These included ASEAN Advisory, KYS Aventura, San Miguel Corporation, Christchurch City Council, University of Otago, International Rugby Academy of New Zealand (IRANZ), and the New Zealand Government.

In 2017, David chaired the Advisory Group to select New Zealand's Centres of Asia Pacific Excellence, a \$34.5 million investment by the Government.

From 2018-2019, he chaired the Government's Trade for All Advisory Board, a group of senior New Zealand leaders from a broad range of sectors formed to advise the Government on how to make trade work better for all New Zealanders. He presented the Board's report to the Government in November 2019.

David is on the Canterbury United Nations Association Trust Boards and the Flying Nun Foundation. He is an Adjunct Senior Fellow at the School of Languages, Social and Political Sciences at the University of Canterbury.

David has a BA (Hons) in Political Studies and an LLB from the University of Otago.

HIS EXCELLENCY PAULIAS KORNI

High Commissioner of Papua New Guinea



Paulias Korn has been the High Commissioner of Papua New Guinea (PNG) to India since May 2019, with accreditation to Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Maldives.

The PNG High Commission plays a key role in promoting and enhancing Papua New Guinea's national interests in the countries of accreditation, hence encouraging trade. The Mission, therefore, has a responsibility to represent Papua New Guinea in its bilateral relations with each of these countries.

Before this, he was the Permanent Secretary (Departmental Head of the PNG Ministry of Communication/ICT, Govt of PNG from mid-2012 to mid-2018, after serving as Deputy Secretary of this Ministry from 2005.

Mr Korn served as a senior manager in the Trade and Commerce Ministry from 1995 to 2004.

He holds tertiary education credentials from the University of PNG and Boston University, USA. He has travelled widely around the globe.



HER EXCELLENCY MARLENE INEMWIN MOSES

High Commissioner of Nauru

Marlene Moses is a highly accomplished diplomat and public servant from the Pacific island nation of Nauru. She has served in various capacities in her country's government and represented Nauru on the world stage at the United Nations and other international organisations.

Moses began her career in 1983 as a Foreign Affairs Officer for the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade in Nauru. She went on to serve as Consul in Tokyo, Japan, and as Consul-General in Auckland, New Zealand, and Melbourne, Australia.

In 2003, Moses was appointed Ambassador E&P and Deputy Permanent Representative at the Permanent Mission of Nauru to the United Nations. She served as Ambassador E&P at the Permanent Mission to the UN from 2005 to 2020. She was also the E&P non-resident Ambassador to the United States from 2006-2020.

In 2020-2021, she served as the Executive Chair of the Nauru Rehabilitation Corporation (NRC).

Moses has also contributed to various international committees and organisations. She was Chair of the UN-based Pacific Small Island Developing States (PSIDS). In 2016, she was the Vice President of the 70th Session of the UN General Assembly. In 2018, Moses established the Group of Friends on Climate and Security with Germany.

She has chaired several committees, including the Nauru Economic Committee, the Nauru Lands Negotiations Committee and the Select Committee for the Higher Ground Initiative (HGI).

Moses studied at Monash University and Canberra College of Advanced Education in Australia.

Her extensive experience and expertise in diplomacy and international affairs make her a highly respected and valued member of the global community.





EMILY ROPER

Head of the Policy Branch
Australian High Commission

She has extensive experience in senior policy and legal roles in the Australian Government. Most recently, she established and led the implementation of the Foreign Arrangements Scheme in Australia's Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT).

She has also led international engagement on criminal justice issues, including cybercrime; administration of Australia's UN and autonomous sanctions regimes; sea law policy and advising; and strategic Antarctic issues in DFAT.

Before joining DFAT, Emily worked in Australia's Attorney-General's Department, where she held senior executive roles, including in strategic policy; ran the portfolio's contestability and capability reviews; and led a range of national security and international criminal justice initiatives, including designing and delivering programmes to further international cooperation to counter terrorism and people smuggling.

Emily has previously worked in Australia's immigration and employment departments as a lawyer in Sydney and the United Kingdom.

AMIT SHARMA

Secretary
IIA India - Delhi Branch



Amit Sharma is the Vice President, Corporate Audit for a US-based MNC - EXL Service, heading its Internal Audit and Fraud investigations across APAC. He is also a Board of Governors member of the IIA Delhi Branch, on the executive committee, and functions as the Secretary for the IIA Delhi Branch.

He brings over 22 years of experience and expertise across IT, Manufacturing, Banking & Insurance industries in various functional domains of Internal Audits, Risk Management & Compliance.

He is an Electronics Engineer, a Certified Internal Auditor (CIA), Certified Information Security Auditor (CISA), Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE), Certified Six Sigma Master Black Belt (CSSMBB) and has a Certification in Risk Management Assurance (CRMA).

He is also a recognised Thought Leader in Audit, Governance, Risk Management, Compliance (GRC) and Fraud. He has spoken in various forums across IIA & ISACA.



SANA BAQAI

**Vice-President
IIA India - Delhi Branch**

Sana Baqai is a Senior Partner of KYSB & Associates and the present Vice-President of the IIA India, Delhi Branch. She has been the Chief Editor for the 'Internal Audit Today' publication of the Institute of Internal Auditors, India, from 2020 to 2022, taking it to new heights. She was honoured as the Founder and President of The Institute of Internal Auditors, Delhi Chapter Women's Circle, at the Annual Delhi Chapter Conference in 2019.

Sana has recently co-authored book "Fraud Prevention & Detection Through Internal Controls" for the SME Sector published by IIA India.

She has been the President, Jaipur Audit Club of IIA India Delhi Chapter (2020-22). She has been an empanelled faculty at the ICAI - Ethical Standards Board since 2019 and has been a lifetime member of the Institute of Directors since 2018.

A Chartered Accountant with more than 17 years of experience, she is known as an implementer with excellence in audits, management consultancy, taxation, internal audit, strategic planning and leadership focusing on organisational profitability achievement.

Sana has developed an online teaching platform www.studykhazana.com to provide education for all. Sharmila Tagore awarded Sana for creating "The best emerging online Education Portal in North India" at the World Education Summit in 2018 in New Delhi. Sana has taught Audit as a subject to CA Intermediate students. She is the author of CA- Intermediate Auditing and Co-Author of CA-Final Direct Tax books.

An effective communicator with strong analytical skills and effective people management and leadership abilities, Sana has been a regular speaker on the Code of Ethics, Internal Audit and many other topics at various platforms of ICAI, ICSI and Indian universities and has participated in more than 200 seminars and webinars.

She has been a fellow member of the ICAI since 2006 and a member of the ICSI since 2010. A Commerce graduate from DU, she went on to earn an LLB degree. She holds a Diploma in Information System Auditor (DISA) and certifications in Concurrent Audit of Banks and Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) from the ICAI.





NIKHEL KOCHHAR

Chief Advisor
IIA India

Nikhel Kochhar is the Chief Advisor of IIA India, a position he has held since 2019. He is also a Senior Partner at JHS & Associates LLP since 2019.

He is a highly accomplished professional with extensive experience in corporate governance & strategy, risk management, internal controls and risk-based internal audit, organisational systems and processes and corporate & institutional training.

He is a Chartered Accountant FCA (ICAI) and a Certified Internal Auditor (IIA, USA). He obtained his Bachelor's degree in Economics from Delhi University and completed his ISC at The Doon School. He has held various leadership positions, including CEO of IIA India from 2018 to 2019 and a member of the Global Executive Leadership Team of IIA Global.

He was a Managing Partner at N. Kochhar & Co. (1990 - 2019) and served on the Board of companies in India/USA. He chaired the Audit & Risk Management Committees as an Independent Director (2018- 2021).

In addition to his professional experience, Nikhel Kochhar is actively involved in volunteer work. He served as the President of IIA Delhi and Chair of Advocacy for IIA India from 2014 to 2018. He is a member of the Selection Committee for Board members of The Doon School and the Executive Committee of The Doon School Old Boys' Society (1996 - 2000 & 2010 - 13). He chaired the Financial Sub-Committee. He is a member of the Indian Public Schools Society (IPSS) and the FORE Society (FORE School of Management).

Nikhel's sectoral exposure is extensive and includes industries such as advertising, automotive, auto components, aviation, BFSI, chemicals, education, engineering, government, healthcare, hospitality, infrastructure, IT, glass, leather, machine tools, media, NGO, pharmaceuticals, software and steel.

He enjoys travelling, Golf, swimming and networking.





PRASHANT CHIKHAL

Director-Assurance & Risk Advisory
Nexdigm

He carries over two decades of experience in risk management, risk-based process reviews, internal controls, risk-based internal audit, regulatory compliance, fraud investigations, and corporate governance across various industries with a focus on financial services.

At Nexdigm, he is responsible for Assurance & Risk Advisory services, including Forensics, ensuring high-quality service delivery, sustaining the current business, and growing the practice across industries and geographies.

Throughout his tenure, Prashant has led the Internal Audit function in renowned insurance, automobile, and media organisations. He has supported the business transformation of firms aligned with their mission, vision, and values through corporate governance framework design and implementation. Prashant holds capabilities in implementing digital changes for clients, developing annual risk-based audit plans, preparing frameworks for fraud risk assessments, and working closely with corporate and IT teams to set up business continuity plans.

He has conducted various in-house training for firms on Risk and Controls Assessment and external sessions on Enterprise Risk Management (ERM).

Prashant is a qualified Chartered Accountant (CA) from the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) and holds a Fellowship from the Insurance Institute of India. He is also a Commerce Graduate from HR College, Mumbai.

He enjoys outdoor sports and often spends the weekends playing football, cricket, and tennis.





SAMBHAV GAUR

**Associate Director - Innovation
Fidelity International**

He is leading Engineering and Tech Prototyping within the global innovation team at Fidelity International, working as ‘Associate Director - Innovation’. He joined Fidelity in 2013.

Sambhav is an IIM-Calcutta alumnus and an engineering graduate with a focus and experience in emerging technologies and problem-solving.

With over 15 years of experience in engineering and developing applications for enterprises, as a core member of a global innovation group, he experiments and creates forward-looking solutions to business challenges, and adoption in FIL’s ecosystem, helping the organisation to always remain on the cutting edge of technology.

He has been analysing technologies like Blockchain, Artificial Intelligence, Virtual Reality, and Knowledge Graph, and their application in the asset management industry for the last five years. He helped in the research, formulating, and driving technology enablement by mixing conventional and emerging technologies for varied business use cases.

YUKTI ARORA

**Founder & Managing Partner
Aumyaa Consulting**



Yukti Arora is a partner at a women’s collaborative consulting firm, Aumyaa Consulting Services. She is presently the Chairperson of the IIA Delhi Chapter Women’s Forum.

She is a Chartered Accountant, a law graduate and a CISA, with 23 years of experience in technology and business risk consulting.

She has seen both sides of the table and worked in the industry in a large listed company and a Big 4 consulting firm. She specialises in the domain of emerging technology audit and advisory.

She is currently focussing on developing her firm, which has the vision to empower women to become leaders in their professional domain.



NAVAL KISHORE BAJAJ

Head Corporate Audit and Assurance
Yokogawa India

Naval Kishore Bajaj is a Fellow Chartered Accountant, a Certified Internal Auditor (IIA), a Certified Information System Auditor and a Forensic Accountant. He brings over 17 years of experience in Risk Advisory, Internal Audits, IFC/JSOX, Forensic Investigations and Enterprise Risk Management.

Currently, at a Japanese multi-national organisation Yokogawa India Ltd., listed on the Tokyo Stock Exchange, Naval leads activities related to Internal Audit, Japanese SOX, Internal Financial Controls (IFC), and Enterprise Risk Management for India Region (covering India, Bangladesh, Nepal, Bhutan and Sri Lanka).

He has been recently awarded as one of “India’s 20 Most Influential Audit Leaders” by Transformance Forums. He has co-authored a book titled “Fraud Prevention & Detection Through Internal Controls”, published by IIA India.

Naval has worked with multiple industries such as Industry Automation Engineering, Automobile, IT/ITES, Telecom, FMCG, and Foreign Exchange. He has worked in multicultural environments with professionals hailing from nine countries across India, Japan, Europe, Asia and the US.

He has experience setting up new audit functions and driving change management within the organisations where he has worked. He successfully implemented ERM and IFC Frameworks and designed management controls for dealers-related activities.

Naval has participated in the erstwhile Expert Study Groups of ICAI, which formulated and revised the Standards on Internal Auditing (SIAs) and Forensic Accounting and Investigation Standards (FAIS). He is also a regular speaker and a faculty member at various prestigious forums such as ICAI, ICSI, IIA, PHD Chambers, IICA, RMNext, BVSS, Transformance Forums, DOST and Corporate Professionals.

He currently serves as President of the Bangalore Chapter of Bhartiya Vitta Salahkar Samiti (BVSS), a leading think tank of finance professionals which advises the government on various policy matters regarding the Economy, Corporate Governance and Taxation voluntarily.

Naval has also contributed as a Board of Studies (Guest Member) in reviewing the Masters in Commerce syllabus of Jyoti Niwas College (a deemed university). In the latest syllabus, he helped include topics related to Audits, Internal Audits, and Enterprise Risk Management to help students get practical insights into these upcoming professional domains.



SUMANT CHADHA

Managing Partner
TR Chadha & Co. LLP

Sumant Chadha is a senior partner of the 76-year-old T R Chadha & Co LLP, one of India's leading chartered accountancy firms, where he has been serving since 1984. He currently heads its Risk and Advisory practice, which employs around 250 people and provides financial and advisory services to numerous MNCs and reputed Indian companies. With extensive experience across multiple industries and service lines, Sumant is a distinguished figure in finance and advisory services and has held many important positions in finance and accounting.

He is the Past President of the Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA) India, which is affiliated with IIA Inc., USA, and he is part of their Advocacy team in India. The IIA is a global professional association dedicated to advancing the internal audit profession. Sumant's contributions to the organisation have been instrumental in promoting best practices in internal audit and ensuring high professional standards. He is known for his dedication to the industry and commitment to sharing his knowledge and expertise.

Sumant is an alumnus of the prestigious Shri Ram College of Commerce, Delhi University. He holds a Law degree and has been awarded the Raunaq Education Foundation Gold Medal for securing the first rank in CA in north India and the second rank nationwide.

He has significantly contributed to finance and accounting, serving on various committees and boards.

In addition to his role at IIA, Sumant Chadha has also served as a special invitee to the National Advisory Committee on Accounting Standards (NACAS) for implementing IND AS in India, the Internal Audit Standards Board (IASB), the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board (AASB), and the Committee for Members in Practice (CMP) of ICAI. These committees and boards are responsible for setting accounting, auditing, and assurance standards and ensuring their implementation across various industries.

Sumant's expertise in corporate affairs has also made him a prominent figure in the industry. He was the Chair of the Corporate Affairs Committee of the PHD Chambers of Commerce and served on its Managing Committee. He has also served on many boards as an independent director, providing strategic guidance to various companies.

He is the co-author of two books on Corporate Laws, widely regarded as authoritative texts in the field. He regularly speaks at seminars sponsored by various professional organisations, demonstrating his passion for sharing his knowledge and expertise.





SRIDAR IYENGAR

**Chairperson, Audit Committee
Dr Reddy Laboratories Ltd**

Sridar Iyengar is the Chairman of the Board of ICICI Venture Funds Management Company Limited, and a Director on the Board of Dr Reddy Laboratories Ltd and Aster DM Healthcare.

He has previously served on the Boards of Infosys Technologies, ICICI Bank, Mahindra Holidays and Resorts and other companies. He is the Co-founder of The Sounding Board, and an independent mentor investor in early-stage startups and companies.

Earlier, he was a senior partner with KPMG in the US and UK and served three years as the Chairman & CEO of KPMG's operations in India.

He is an Independent Advisor to a number of companies, particularly those operating in the United States and India corridor, including Blume Venture Advisors and Bessemer Venture Partners.

For more than 36 years, he has worked with many companies, advising them on strategy and other issues.

He is a founding charter member of TiE and remains active with TiE India and its global organisation, as well as the Silicon Valley and Mumbai chapters. He was previously Chairperson of the American India Foundation's Clinton Fellowship for Service in India program, and is involved with the Foundation for Democratic Reforms in India.

Sridar has been organising youth immersion programmes in India for several years through his leadership collective 360+. You can read more about what inspired him to give back through his programme in his blog for Indiaspora.

He serves, or has previously served, on the Board of a number of organisations, including America India Foundation, ICICI Bank, Infosys Technologies Limited, Club Mahindra Holidays and Rediff.com.

He holds a Bachelor of Commerce (Hons.) degree from Calcutta University, India. He is a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales and has completed the Executive Education course at Stanford University.





RICHARD REKHY

**Entrepreneur, Board Member & Former CEO
KPMG India**

Richard Rekhy is an entrepreneur and a Board Member. He is the former Chief Executive Officer of KPMG in India, where he was a member of the Global Board and the Council of KPMG International.

He has over 39 years of experience in Consulting and Professional Services and has worked in Arthur Andersen, Ernst & Young and KPMG where he has spearheaded the firm in various capacities. He is admired for his clinical approach towards corporate governance and enterprise risk management.

He is a qualified chartered accountant in India. Besides, he is serving on the KPMG Dubai Board, helping the Dubai firm in its transformation journey. Richard is a mentor and an Angel Investor. He mentors start-ups and young professionals in Consulting. Richard is also associated with a non-profit organisation focused on education for the underprivileged and senior care. He has contributed significantly to inspiring and mentoring the youth who need assistance and guidance.

He is a member of the All India Management Association (AIMA) Board of Governors of the Management and Entrepreneurship and Professional Skills Council (MEPSC). He is a member of the Board of Governors - Asian School of Business Management (ASBM) and IIM Sambalpur. Further, he is also a member of the Advisory Committee Board of Smile Train India's (STI), CFO Collective Advisory Council and one of the founder members of Will Forum in India. He is also an Advisor to SpeakIn (Asia's largest speaker bureau empanelling expert speakers for regional events).

Richard is affiliated with leading business enterprises at home and abroad, and is also an active member of diverse industry associations and trade bodies. He is a speaker at International and Domestic Forums.

He has travelled extensively around the globe and is a respected voice on various social and economic issues.





MONISH GAURAV CHATRATH

**Managing Partner
MGC Global Risk Advisory LLP**

Monish has extensive international work experience spanning more than 32 years. He has worked with renowned firms like Arthur Andersen, KPMG, Grant Thornton, Mazars, Schlumberger, Barista Coffee & Exl Services. His exceptional work as CFO at Barista Coffee earned him a nomination for the coveted CFO of the Year Award in 2001.

He is a Chartered Accountant, an accredited Data Protection Officer and a certified practitioner for GDPR, with accreditations reviewed and endorsed by the European Risk Policy Institute. He is currently the Managing Partner of MGC Global Risk Advisory LLP, a member firm of Allinial Global.

He has worked in various senior management positions in India, the Far East Asia and the Middle East and has significant experience setting up controls, processes, financial dashboards and governance frameworks in these roles. He has served clients across several industries in the areas of oilfield services (Cairn Oil & Gas, Vedanta Limited, Sara Sae Pvt. Ltd, GAIL (India) Limited, Jubilant Energy, GeoPetrol, GeoEnpro, etc.), life sciences and pharma sector, telecom, ITES, hospitality, real estate, construction, biotechnology & life sciences, financial services, manufacturing, retail and the United Nations (UNOPS & UNDP). He was an office bearer on the Board of Governors of the Institute of Internal Auditors of India (Delhi Chapter) in 2005 and was on the Board of Governors of the Doha Chapter of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India in 1998. He is a past member of the Delhi Premier Rotary Club and the Delhi Mid Town Rotary Club. He is currently the Chairman of the Corporate Governance Council of the CMAI and an active position holder on the EMEIA Membership Committee of Allinial Global.

Recognitions:

- » Amongst India's 50 fastest-growing CEOs in 2017
- » Amongst India's 30 Most Trusted CEOs in 2018
- » Amongst Formidable Leaders of 2022
- » Nominated for CFO For the Year while he was in the industry.

Under his leadership, MGC Global has been recognized as one of the '10 Most Promising Risk Advisory Services Firms' in 2017 and as the 'Company of the Year' in 2018 & 2019' (both in the category of risk advisory services), one of the 'Top Exceptional Companies to Work For' in 2020, amongst the 'Top 25 Customer Centric Companies' in 2020 and 'The Consultant of the Year' in 2021 (in the category of risk advisory services).

Monish was closely involved with the production of several publications on corporate governance, which include - 'Governance Matters' & 'Governance Matters for India Inc'. He has been anchoring panel discussions on Corporate Governance on ET NOW (a leading business channel) in India. Several publications have featured his articles and views on various corporate governance aspects.



PRADEEP CHATURVEDI

**Vice President
The Institute of Directors, India**

Pradeep Chaturvedi is the Vice President of the Institute of Directors, India and is associated with UN international agencies. He has been the Director on the Board of Winsome Breweries.

He focuses on technology interventions in Board and senior management, mainly for climate resilience and ESG, with a thrust on Future Boards. He is also an Advisor FAO and former Chairman of the Institution of Engineers, Delhi. Additionally, he is the Chairman of the Emerging Technologies Committee of the Institution of Engineers.

A mechanical engineer, he has been involved with the Environment and Energy Policy and planning and implementing energy projects under the UN Agencies for over three decades in India and other Asian and Pacific countries.

He has been conferred the Engineer of the Year 2013 Award of the Federation of Engineering Institutions of Asia and the Pacific for his lifetime contribution.

He was a member of the Perspective Planning Group of the Planning Commission; and a member of the Energy Policy Expert Group.

SUBHASHIS NATH

**Founder & Executive Chairman
Global Risk Management Institute (GRMI)**



He is the Founder and Former SVP & Enterprise Risk & Compliance - Service Line Leader at Genpact. He was responsible for driving growth and new digital solution development in its risk domain, including sustainability, anti-corruption, enterprise risk management, third-party risk management, internal audit and SOX.

Subhashis was the founding partner of Axis Risk Consulting in 2004, which he sold to Genpact in 2008. Before Genpact ERC Axis, he spent nearly two years with the Global Center of Excellence of Ernst & Young and about nine years with Arthur Andersen. He was part of the core team that built the Risk Consulting practice of Arthur Andersen in India.

He is a thought leader in the FICCI-GRMI Risk Taskforce initiative, which has created a 'Model Risk Code' for Indian corporates. A Chartered Accountant by profession, Subhashis authors thought leadership papers. He is a Board, Audit Committee and Risk Committee member at a mid-sized NBFC company in India. He is an active industry speaker at forums across the United States, Europe, Malaysia and India, leveraging his experience working with clients across the globe. He has been a panellist and chair at various International and domestic forums. He is also a visiting faculty in leading Business Schools in India, including IIMs, FMS, ISB, MDI, NMIMS, and IMI, and has delivered over 2,000 hours of risk management sessions globally.

For more than 25 years, Subhashis has focused on process consulting, internal audit, risk management, and governance. He has created an impact by leveraging his deep domain knowledge of key risk areas to develop digital assets for risk and compliance. His experience includes building internal control centres of excellence for global enterprises and implementing hybrid delivery models, combining on-shore and off-shore solution delivery.



VIKAS GARG

Co-Founder and CEO
Kredmint Technologies

He is having more than 20 years of experience in finance, fund raise, banking and fintech.

Prior to laying the foundation stone of Kredmint Technologies, he served as the CFO of a listed Payments and Fintech company in India. He is also on board of various companies in India.

Vikas has deep insight and experience of financial inclusion strategy at scale.

DHRUV DHANRAJ BAHL

Chief Business Officer - Merchant Lending
BharatPe



An enigmatic industry operation wizard, Dhruv Dhanraj Bahl is the Chief Business Officer (CBO) - Lending at BharatPe. In this role, he is responsible for leading the business's asset & liability side, facilitating an INR 3,000+ Cr book across unsecured loans, BNPL and co-lending partnerships. A thought leader in financial services and consumer tech, Dhruv has a rich industry experience, spanning over a decade and a half in establishing and propelling businesses in the financial services and healthcare sector on the growth pathway. Soon after joining BharatPe as Head of Operations in January 2020, he was entrusted with the responsibilities of COO due to his exemplary performance in the company.

Before joining BharatPe, Dhruv was in the leadership team at Roadzen, donning the hat of the Chief Business Officer and steering the early-stage start-up's growth across geographies. During his time here, he built the start-up from scratch to over \$30 Mn in revenue with tie-ups with marquee financial services organisations like Societe Generale and AXA.

Previously, he worked in Airtel Payments Bank as Head - B2B (Institutional & Corporate Sales)/Value Chain Alliances.

He was heading operations at Paytm during demonetisation when he successfully led the organisation to tackle an infinite demand situation virtually overnight. Before that, he led strategy and management consulting projects across multiple geographies, sectors and capabilities during his stint at Bain & Co.

At Bain & Co., Dhruv gained the experience of managing projects in over ten countries, which added to his exposure at INSEAD of associating with people from over 90 nationalities, helping him gain a global outlook and distil issues to the core after removing all cultural and interpersonal biases. As one of the early team members of Fortis Healthcare, Dhruv gained an extensive understanding of leading P&L and conducting business operations in the healthcare industry as he grew through the ranks. Being one of the first 50 employees of the newly-formed Fortis Corporate Group, he had significant contributions in making the network of hospitals grow from 6 to over 60 in 6 years – an impressive ten-fold growth – which is equivalent to adding a new hospital every 1.5 months. An MBA from INSEAD, Dhruv holds a B.Sc. in Biomedical Engineering from Boston University and a Masters in Financial Engineering from Cass Business School.

An avid traveller, he loves cooking, writing, watching movies, and spending time with his family.



DEEPAK ABBOT

Co-Founder
Indigold

He is one of India's most respected internet product and growth minds who writes on growth strategies at growthbug.com.

Deepak has over 20 years of experience across Gaming, Software and Payments as Chief Product Officer & Chief Operating Officer.

He is sought after by start-up founders, VCs & established consumer product companies for guidance on growth, marketing, product development & analytics.

He has worked in leadership positions with Times Internet, Reliance & Paytm in his previous stints. He is currently the cofounder of indigold which provides platform for secured lending to banks & NBFCs

VINOD KRISHNAN PANICKER

Treasurer
IIA India, Delhi Branch



He is a Chartered Accountant from ICAI and has done his Masters of Science in Consultancy Management from BITS Pilani and an MBA from IIFT.

He is a qualified CIA, CCSA, CGAP and ICWA. He has 27 years of professional experience in Internal Audit, Risk Management and Internal Controls in various industries covering automobiles, hotels, real estate, logistics, Oil & Gas and IT storage products.

He has work experience spanning both the industry and the consulting profession. He is involved in internal audits of companies covering the ancillary automobile industry, manufacturing, hospitals and pharmaceuticals.

His audit experience includes Physical Security Audit, review of physical access control mechanism to the data centre, Laptop & Desktop Configurations and Sensitive Data Handling.



CMA VIJENDER SHARMA

President (2022-23)
The Institute of Cost Accountants of India

CMA Vijender Sharma is a Council Member of The Institute of Cost Accountants of India for 2019-23. He has been the Vice President of the institute during 2021-22.

He is a Fellow Member of the Institute of Cost Accountants of India and a Law Graduate. He has been a leading practicing Cost Accountant since 1998 and an Insolvency professional since January 2017. His dynamism is embedded with rich experience of over 23 years in diversified areas of Financial, Cost and Management Accounting, Internal Audit, Management Consultancy, Forensic Audit, Insolvency and Liquidation.

He has been actively associated with the institute in various capacities since 2007. He has been a Council Member of the Institute of Cost Accountants of India (2015-19). He has been Chairman of committees such as Public Finance & Government Accounting, Election Reform Committee, Professional Development & CPD Committee and International Affairs Committee.

He has been a Regional Council Member of the North India Regional Council of the Institute of Cost Accountants of India (NIRC-ICAI) from 2007-2011 & 2011-2015. He has been Chairman of (2012-2013 and 2014-2015) and performed in various capacities as RCM.

He is an active member of the Insolvency Professional Agency of the Institute of Cost Accountants of India (IPA-ICAI), Insolvency Professional of Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India, the PHD Chamber of Commerce - Committee for Insolvency & Bankruptcy Code, Committee for National Council on MSME & Committee for Indirect Tax, ASSOCHAM-Committee for Forensic Audit, Committee for Direct Tax Committee, & Committee of Law & Justice Committee and the Association of Certified Fraud Examiner (ACFE).

He has developed advocacy for the profession with maximum representation to the different authorities of Central & State governments, Public & Private enterprises through a dedicated, focused, strategic approach combined with aggressive follow-up.

CMA Vijender Sharma has been a speaker at various programmes and seminars for the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG), Insolvency & Bankruptcy Code, Goods and Services Tax (GST), Forensic Department, Excise Department and the Service Tax Department.





MANOJ AGARWAL

**Vice-President, Corporate Audit
EXL Service**

Manoj Agarwal is a highly experienced professional in internal audit and risk management. He is currently leading the internal audit and risk management department of one of the largest Indian speciality footwear retailers.

He has over two decades of experience delivering assurance and advisory services to management in retail, facility management, and BFSI industries. Before this, he was heading the internal audit and risk management of Indian operations of ISS A/S and was the IT/ITES industry vertical leader for ANB Consulting.

Manoj is also actively involved in volunteer leadership roles with IIA Global in various professional roles. He is a member of the International Internal Audit Standard Board for 2019-2025. Earlier, he was a member of the Professional Issues Committee (Later, Guidance Development Committee) from 2013-2017.

He is currently serving as the Vice President of ACIIA on a voluntary basis (2022-2023). He is the Treasurer for the IIA India Chapter (2022-2023). He is also the Training Committee Chairman for IIA India since 2019. In addition to this, Manoj has also served as a Strategic Advisory Board Member of IRM India Affiliate during 2020-2022 and was in the ITAF Task Force of ISACA in 2020.

His thought leadership on risk and control is well-known in the industry, and he writes a blog about it on LinkedIn and at www.tools4governance.com. ISACA and IIA have also published his blogs.

Manoj has obtained the CIA and CRMA certifications from the Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA-USA) and the CISA certification from ISACA, USA. He is a fellow Chartered Accountant (CA) and a Diploma holder in Information System Audit (DISA) from the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI).





RAJIV GUPTA

CA, CFE, CISA, Data Scientist

Rajiv Gupta is a Data Scientist, CFE, CA and CISA. He is a leader and subject matter expert in emerging technology risks, advanced data analytics, Internal Controls, governance and driving organisational culture change. He is the Vice President & Group Head- Internal Audits at Flipkart Internet (a Walmart group company).

Before this, he worked as Senior Vice President - Global Audits at Diageo, Head of Internal Controls for India & South West Asia at Coca-Cola and Assurance Manager with PwC in India & London.

He is the author of the “Technical Guide on Internal Audit of Beverage Industry”, published by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI).

In 2022, he was recognised as one of the Top 20 Thought Leaders in India in the domain of Audits & Governance.

He is a guest speaker with various professional bodies, including IIM Bangalore, ACFE, the Institute of Chartered Accountants, ISACA, The Institute of Internal Auditors and the National Academy of Direct Taxes.



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