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## Mr Vinod Aggarwal

President, SIAM and Managing Director & CEO  
Volvo Eicher Commercial Vehicles Ltd.

Mr. Vinod Aggarwal is Managing Director & CEO of VE Commercial Vehicles Ltd (VECV) since 2010, a Joint Venture between Eicher Motors and AB Volvo of Sweden. In a career spanning more than four decades with the Eicher Group, he has held several senior executive management positions including the Chief Financial Officer of the Eicher Group, and President of Eicher Trucks and Buses.

He has been the member of the Board of Directors of Eicher Motors Limited since 2019.

Currently he is also the President of Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM), the apex body of all Automobile Manufacturers including Passenger Cars, Trucks, Buses and Two Wheelers. As President of SIAM, he is intimately involved in driving the initiatives on Sustainability and Decarbonization in the Automotive Industry including alternate fuels, circularity, Safety and electro-mobility.

He is the past President (2021 to 2023) of Automotive Skill Development Council (ASDC), the apex body for skill development in the Automotive Industry as part of Skill India Mission.

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

A commerce graduate from the Panjab University, Mr Aggarwal is a Chartered Accountant (a member of The Institute of Chartered accountants of India) and a Cost and Management Accountant (a member of The Institute of Cost and Management Accountants of India).





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## Mr Sanjiv Puri

President, CII and Chairman & Managing Director  
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Mr Sanjiv Puri is the Chairman & Managing Director of ITC Ltd, a conglomerate with businesses in FMCG, Hotels, Paperboards & Packaging, Agri Business and IT. He is also the Chairman of ITC Infotech India Ltd with its subsidiaries in UK and USA and Surya Nepal Private Ltd.

Mr Puri has articulated an ambitious Sustainability 2.0 vision that will enlarge ITC's contributions to a net-zero economy and meaningfully support national priorities. He was the Chairman of the Expert Group on agri-exports constituted by the 15th Finance Commission, a Member of the NITI Aayog Group on 'Farm to Table-driving India's agriculture sector digitally' and also the Chairman of the 'Action Council on ESG in Business' under the aegis of Business 20 India. He is on the Governing and Executive Board of ISB. He is the Chairman of the Board of Governors of IIT, Gandhinagar and a Member of the BRICS Business Council.

An alumnus of IIT, Kanpur, and Wharton School of Business. Spearheading the 'ITC Next' vision, Mr Puri has driven an extensive strategy reset to build a future-tech, climate positive, innovative and inclusive enterprise.

Mr Puri was conferred with the 'Distinguished Alumnus Award of the year 2018' by the Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur and was bestowed with an Honorary Doctorate by the XIM University, Bhubaneshwar. Mr Puri was recognized with the 'Best CEO Award' by Business Today in 2024. The Asian Centre for Corporate Governance and Sustainability honored him with the 'Transformational Leader Award 2022-23' He was also awarded the 'IMPACT Person of the Year, 2020' Award by Exchange4media.



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## Mr H. D. Kumaraswamy

Hon'ble Union Minister of Heavy Industries and Steel  
Government of India

Mr H. D. Kumaraswamy is currently serving as the Union Cabinet Minister of Heavy Industries and Steel, a position he has held since June 2024. He was elected to the 18th Lok Sabha in the same year, representing the Mandya constituency in Karnataka.

His political career is marked by significant roles, including two terms as the Chief Minister of Karnataka, first from February 2006 to October 2007 and then from May 2018 to July 2019.

Throughout his career, Kumaraswamy has been actively involved in various parliamentary committees. He was a member of the Committee on Food Management in Parliament House Complex in October 2000 and the Committee on Rural Development in August 2009. He was re-elected to the 15th Lok Sabha for a second term in 2009 and has been a member of the Karnataka Legislative Assembly from 2004 to 2008. He was elected to the 11th Lok Sabha in 1996.

Mr H. D. Kumaraswamy has a B.Sc. degree and professional background as an agriculturist.





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## Mr Nitin Gadkari

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

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

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

Under his supervision, over 70,000 kms of National Highways have been constructed in the last 10 years and 30,0000 kms of new roads are being constructed currently. Twenty-Seven world class access-controlled Greenfield expressway projects, being led by Mr. Gadkari under Bharatmala Pariyojana Phase-1, are presently in various stages of construction. They are of around 9000 kms in length and have a capital cost of Rs 4 Lakh Crores. Mr. Gadkari is a proponent of remote connectivity. Most of these Green Field alignments are passing through remote and tribal areas. These Greenfield Highways will promote socio-economic development of remote and tribal areas. He is the man behind marvelous engineering showcases like Bandra-Worli Sea Link, 55 flyovers in Mumbai, India's First Mumbai-Pune Expressway, 14-lane Delhi-Meerut Expressway, Nagpur's Multi-Layer Metro-Rail cum Flyover system and the upcoming high-tech Delhi-Mumbai expressway. The Delhi-Mumbai distance will be covered in just 12 hours. This will change the entire dynamics of passenger and freight movement on this busiest corridor of India.

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





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

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

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

Mr. Nitin Gadkari was born on 27th May 1957 in a middle-class family with roots in agriculture in Maharashtra's Orange-city Nagpur. Mr. Gadkari got involved very closely with the Rashtriya Swayam Sevak Sangh (RSS) and the Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) and took to social work in a big way. Mr. Gadkari completed his Post-Graduation in Commerce, besides studying Law and obtaining a Diploma in Business Management. Mr. Gadkari has been honored with Doctor of Science (D.Sc.) by the Mahatma Phule Krishi Vidyapeeth (MPKV), Rahuri, Ahmednagar in 2021 and Dr. Panjabrao Deshmukh Krishi Vidhyapeeth (PDKV), Akola, Maharashtra in 2022 for his outstanding contributions to the field of agriculture and research for ensuring the financial security of farmers. In 2022, he received Doctor of Literature (D.Litt.) from the Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University, Aurangabad for significant contributions in road and infrastructure development in the country.







## Mr Shailesh Chandra

Vice President, SIAM and Managing Director  
Tata Motors Passenger Vehicles Ltd and  
Tata Passenger Electric Mobility Ltd.

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

In Jan'22, Mr Chandra assumed the responsibility of Managing Director of Tata Motors Passenger Vehicle Limited and Tata Passenger Electric Mobility Limited, subsidiaries of Tata Motors formed in FY22. Along with in-depth understanding of the business, he brought host of functional and general management skills into the role at Tata Motors. He has driven alignment, accountability and commitment in the team to remarkably turnaround the business and re-establish Tata Motors as 3rd largest passenger vehicle manufacturer in India, a feat achieved after a decade. Under his distinguished leadership, passenger vehicle business has grown 4X (vis-à-vis FY20) and electric vehicle business has established a formidable leadership in the Indian market with 85% market share (in FY23) despite multiple global challenges including the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

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

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



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## Mr Nitesh Gupta

Partner and Leader of Auto practice in India  
Mckinsey & Company

Nitesh is a Partner in McKinsey's Gurgaon office and has a total experience of 16+ years in McKinsey.

Mr Gupta leads McKinsey's Automotive and Assembly Practice in India and has worked with many Indian and Global OEMs and Component Suppliers on topics of Strategy, Organization, Business building and Performance transformations leveraging Digital and Analytics across both Operations and Growth.

Mr Gupta holds a MBA degree from IIM Calcutta and B.Tech in Electrical Engineering from IIT Delhi.





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## Mr K N Radhakrishnan

Director & CEO  
TVS Motor Company

Mr KN Radhakrishnan is the Director and Chief Executive Officer of TVS Motor Company, a position he has held since October 2018. With a career spanning decades in the automobile industry, Mr Radhakrishnan is widely recognized for his customer-centric approach, commitment to quality, technological acumen, exceptional leadership skills and unique ability to connect with people.

Under his visionary leadership, TVS Motor Company has achieved significant milestones, including the prestigious Deming Application Prize in 2002 from the Union of Japanese Scientists and Engineers, and the TPM Excellence Award from the Japan Institute of Plant Maintenance in 2004. More recently, he led the company's global expansion and entry into new segments such as electric mobility. With decades of leadership experience, Mr Radhakrishnan has been instrumental in transforming TVS Motor from a local favourite to the fourth-largest two-wheeler manufacturer globally. During his tenure, the company's turnover soared from Rs. 2,955 crores in 2004-05 to Rs. 31,925 crores in 2023-24, with annual sales exceeding 4 million two-wheelers. His leadership also saw the company expand its operations internationally with a plant in Indonesia in 2007 and enter the three-wheeler segment in 2008. Additionally, TVS Motor ventured into the electric mobility segment, delighting over 3.50 lakh customers with its electric vehicles. His leadership style is people centric, marked by a focus on innovation and quality that drives TVS Motor Company to new heights in the global market.

Mr Radhakrishnan's career began at Sundaram-Clayton Automotive Brakes Division, where he held various leadership roles. He holds a Master's degree from the Indian Institute of Technology, Madras, and has completed the Management Education Programme at the Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad. He is also an Executive Committee Member of the Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM) and chairs the Two-Wheeler CEO Council at SIAM.



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## Mr Hisashi Takeuchi

Managing Director & CEO  
Maruti Suzuki India Ltd.

Mr Hisashi Takeuchi has been the Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Maruti Suzuki since 1st April 2022. Mr. Takeuchi joined Suzuki Motor Corporation (SMC) in 1986.

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

Mr Takeuchi joined Maruti Suzuki India Ltd. in April 2021 as Joint Managing Director (Commercial). He is a graduate from the Faculty of Economics, Yokohama National University, Japan.





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## Mr Klaus Zellmer

Chairman – Management Board & CEO  
Škoda Auto a.s.

Mr Klaus Zellmer has been the Chairman of the Board of Management of Škoda Auto a.s. since 1 July 2022.

Mr Zellmer was the Board Member for Sales, Marketing and After Sales at Volkswagen Passenger Cars from September 2020. In this role, he aligned the brand even more consistently with customer needs and advanced the topics of digitalisation and sustainability within the division.

Mr Zellmer was appointed President and CEO of Porsche Cars North America in 2015. Under his leadership, the company significantly increased its deliveries in this strategically important market and sustainably strengthened its position. Mr. Klaus Zellmer has also headed the Customer Centre at the Leipzig Porsche plant and worked as Head of Marketing at Porsche Deutschland GmbH from 2007. In 2010, he took over as Chairman of the Board of Management.

Mr Zellmer has also been previously involved with Dr. Ing. h.c.F. Porsche AG, Porsche Deutschland GmbH and several foreign subsidiaries of the company, including Porsche France and Porsche Cars North America, Inc

After graduating with a degree in Business Administration, he spent three years working at the Institute for Automotive Economics at the Nürtingen-Geislingen University of Applied Sciences from 1994.



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## Mr Kamran Rizvi

Secretary  
Ministry of Heavy Industries

Mr Kamran Rizvi, IAS assumed the office of Secretary, Ministry of Heavy Industries in November 2022. In his current posting, he is overseeing the Ministry's vision to have a globally competitive, green & technology-driven heavy industry manufacturing sector, including automotive and capital goods sectors propelling growth and job creation.

Mr Rizvi joined the Indian Administrative Service (IAS) in 1991 and has acquired versatile experience of about 32 years in various capacities. He served with Uttar Pradesh Government as Principal Secretary to Chief Minister; Secretary and Development Commissioner, Sugar Industries; Secretary, UP Secondary Education; Chairman-cum-Managing Director, UP State Electricity Generation & Transmission Corporation; Commissioner, Rural Development and Director General Poshan Mission. Mr Rizvi joined the Government of India as Joint Secretary and immensely contributed to the world's largest employment programme of MGNREGA by using ICT and innovations in the Ministry of Rural Development. He joined the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs as Additional Secretary in 2019 where he oversaw the matters pertaining to Delhi Region and Urban Transport. He also looked after the charge of CMD, HUDCO.

For his outstanding contribution to civil service, he has been awarded Prime Minister's Award for Excellence in Public Administration in 2011; Commonwealth Association for Public Administration & Management (CAPAM) International Innovation Awards (Gold Medal), 2012 and National Award for e-governance – Outstanding performance in Citizen Centric Service Delivery (Gold) in 2012.

Mr Kamran Rizvi received his B.Tech and M.Tech in Mechanical Engineering from Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi.



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## Mr Anurag Jain

Secretary  
Ministry of Road Transport & Highways

Mr Anurag Jain is an Indian Administrative Service (IAS) Officer of 1989 Batch of Madhya Pradesh Cadre. He assumed the charge of Secretary, Ministry of Road Transport & Highways (MoRTH) in 2023. Before this, he was Secretary, Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) and during that assignment, he led the transformational PM Gati Shakti- National Master Plan, the initiative which received Prime Minister's Award for Excellence in Public Administration in April 2023.

He also has vast experience of Finance, Information Technology, District Administration and Rural Development. Important assignments handled by him include Secretary to Chief Minister, Madhya Pradesh (5½ years); Joint Secretary to Prime Minister (3½ years); Head of Finance Department of Govt. of MP as Additional Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary (Finance) (two years) and Vice-Chairman, Delhi Development Authority.

As Joint Secretary in the Ministry of Finance, Government of India, he is credited with conceptualizing and implementing one of the most successful initiatives 'Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana', the largest financial inclusion programme in the World. As Secretary to the Chief Minister, Madhya Pradesh, he was the prime mover of enactment of Public Service Delivery Management Act, an innovative concept adopted by more than a dozen States in the country. As Secretary, Information Technology, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh, he was instrumental in taking the State to top rungs in e-Readiness Assessment of States and Union Report.



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## Mr S. Sandilya

Past President, SIAM and Group Chairman  
Royal Enfield (A Unit of Eicher Motors Ltd)

Mr S. Sandilya is presently Chairman of the Eicher Group. He joined Eicher in 1975 and has been a part of the growth journey of the Group and held various positions in different business units. He was the Managing Director of Eicher Motors Limited, the Commercial Vehicles Manufacturing business unit of the Group till 1998 before moving to the Group Office to take responsibility for Group Finance and Strategic Planning in addition to being the MD of Eicher Motors. He was appointed Group Chairman and CEO in April 2000. The group's portfolio at that time included Agricultural tractors, Commercial vehicles, Motorcycles, Engineering Components, Engineering Solutions, Garments, Leather Products and Business Consulting Services. He is the Non-Executive Chairman from 2006 after superannuation.

He has been chairman / member on the Board of Directors of a few reputed companies in the auto components, engineering and infrastructure sectors. He was one of the 20 finalists for the Asia Business Leader Award 2002 (ABLA 2002) instituted by CNBC TV 18.

Mr. Sandilya was also the President (Non-Executive) of SOS Children's Villages of India (SOS India) from July 2007 to October 2019. SOS India is a Not-for-Profit organisation which provides care, compassion and career to disadvantaged Children of our society. It is an International Organisation by name SOS Kinderdorf International headquartered in Innsbruck Austria present in 134 countries and SOS India is the largest single country operation.

Mr Sandilya has been Past President of the Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM) and a member of National Council of the Confederation of Indian Industries (CII) for many years. He has also been Past Member of the Board of Lean Global Network, USA and Past President, International Motorcycle Manufacturers Association, Geneva.

With a career spanning more than 55 years, Mr Sandilya started his career in 1969 with DCM group of companies at their Group Headquarters in the Finance function followed by Union Carbide where he worked for five years in three locations namely Delhi, Kolkata and Chennai in Systems as well as Finance and Accounts.

He is a Commerce Graduate from Madras University and an MBA from the Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad.



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## Mr Joykumar Thokchom

Chief Technology Officer - Battery Business Unit  
Sakuu Corporation, United States

Mr Joykumar Thokchom is Chief Technology Officer Battery Business Unit at Sakuu Corporation, United States. He is a Technical Battery expert with high familiarity of material science & device industry.

Mr Thokchom's expertise includes Knowledge of transition from Li-ion to solid state batteries, potential challenges for materials and market shares. He also has extensive knowledge on Inorganic, polymeric and composite solid electrolytes, separator, carbon, binder, cathode and anode materials for batteries.

With more than 20 years of experience in mobility space, in the past, Mr Thokchom has also managed projects from with BrightVolt, Inc., Svolt Energy Technology Company Limited and Great Wall Motor Company Limited. He has experience in experimenting on new types of chemistries and production methods: e.g., SSD battery (3D printing).

He has delivered several presentations at both national and international conferences on the topic of Battery cell chemistry. He holds multiple patents on protective coatings for lithium metal anodes.





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## Mr Jesse Schneider

Chief Executive Officer & Chief Technology Officer  
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Mr Jesse Schneider is Chief Executive Officer and Chief Technology Officer of ZEV STATION LLC, United States. He is also Chair of SAE Wireless Power Transfer Taskforce. He has total experience of over 30 years in mobility space.

Mr Schneider has expertise in Hydrogen and fuel cells design & vehicle integration with major German automakers such as Mercedes Benz and BMW. He has also worked for three zero emission startups, namely Proton Motor Fuel Cell GmbH, Nikola, and Iveco. He has presented in multiple public forums on the topic of Hydrogen powertrain and Eco systems.

Mr Schneider has received the (NOPA) GFO 22 502 "Innovative Hydrogen Refuelling Solutions for Heavy Transport" \$4M grant and GFO 21 604 Clean Transportation Program Rural Electric Vehicle (REV) Charging, \$1.6M grant from the California Energy Commission to help accelerate zero emission vehicle infrastructure.





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## Mr Andreas Tschiesner

Senior Partner and Leader of Global Advanced Industries Practice  
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Mr Andreas Tschiesner is a Senior Partner in McKinsey & Company's Munich office and is the Global Co-Leader of McKinsey's Advanced Industries Practice – composed of Automotive & Assembly, Industrial Electronics, Aerospace & Defense and Semiconductors.

Mr Tschiesner is supporting leading organizations in managing the transition towards sustainable and SW-centric technologies. He is leading McKinsey's cooperation with the WEF (World Economic Council) on circular cars and has led McKinsey's Circularity in Automotive perspective. He is responsible for McKinsey's multi-year cooperation with global and European industry associations such as ACEA and AVERE.

Mr Tschiesner joined McKinsey in 1996 and before McKinsey he worked 4 years for a consultancy specialized in restructuring. Andreas has more than 25 years of experience in working with global automotive OEMs, suppliers, technology organizations and investors. He has led numerous large growth and performance transformation programs in automotive, energy and technology industries.

Supporting organizations in building resilient, sustainable and circular supply chains is an important part of his work. He holds a degree in Material Sciences and an MBA from the University of Vienna.



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## Dr. V. Anantha Nageswaran

Chief Economic Adviser  
Government of India

Being appointed as the Chief Economic Adviser in January 2022, Dr. V. Anantha Nageswaran has been a writer, author, teacher and consultant. He has written a weekly Mint column for fifteen years on Tuesdays, since 2007.

He has co-authored four books: i. The Rise of Finance – Causes, Consequences and Cures; ii. Derivatives; iii. Can India Grow? and iv. The Economics of Derivatives.

He has taught at several business schools and institutes of management in India and in Singapore. He was the Dean of the IFMR Graduate School of Business and a distinguished Visiting Professor of Economics at Krea University.

Dr. Nageswaran was one of the founders of Aavishkaar Venture Capital Fund and the Takshashila Institution. He has served on the Academic Advisory Board of DAV Schools in Tamil Nadu and the Indian School of Public Policy.

He was a part-time member of the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister of India from 2019 to 2021.

In his corporate career spanning seventeen years from 1994 to 2011, Dr. Nageswaran has been a Currency Economist at the Union Bank of Switzerland, Head of Research and Investment Consulting in Credit Suisse Private Banking in Asia, Head of Asia Research and Global Chief Investment Officer at Bank Julius Baer.

He has also served as an independent Director on the Boards of TVS Supply Chain Solutions, Sundaram Fasteners, TVS Sri Chakra Tyres, Delphi TVS and Aparajitha Corporate Services.

In 1985, he received a Post-Graduate Diploma in Management from the Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad. He earned his doctoral degree from the University of Massachusetts in Amherst in 1994 for his work on exchange rate behaviour.



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## Mr Sunil Barthwal

Secretary, Department of Commerce  
Ministry of Commerce and Industry  
Government of India

Mr Sunil Barthwal, an Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer of Bihar Cadre, is a Postgraduate in Economics. He did his B.A. (Hons) Economics from St. Stephen's College, Delhi and his M.A. Economics from J.N.U., Delhi. He has a PG Diploma in Economics of Competition Law from King's College, London.

During his rich and varied experience as an IAS officer, Mr Barthwal has held various administrative positions in the areas of Finance, Social Security, Investment, Infrastructure, Mines, Steel, Energy, Transport etc. in the Government at Central and State level. He has also worked in the Competition Commission of India. Mr Barthwal has been on the Boards of SAIL, NMDC, MECON, MSTC & NIIF. He was the CEO of Employees' Provident Fund Organization, which is the largest social security organization of India. He has been instrumental in many reforms in EPFO resulting in making it more efficient, transparent and delivery-oriented organization.

Mr Barthwal has published articles in journals and other publications. He has represented India in many international forums.

Mr Barthwal held the post of Secretary, Ministry of Labour & Employment, Government of India before joining Department of Commerce.

Mr Barthwal has taken over the charge of Commerce Secretary with effect from 30th September 2022. In the present role, he is shaping the trade agenda of India and during his tenure as Commerce Secretary, India recorded its highest ever exports of US\$ 776 billion.



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## Ms Shradha Suri Marwah

President, ACMA and Chairperson & Managing Director  
Subros Ltd.

Ms Shradha Suri Marwah is the Chairperson & Managing Director of Subros Ltd. Shradha joined the company in 2001, became Managing Director in 2008, and Chairperson & Managing Director in 2021.

Ms Shradha is the elected President (2023-25) of Automotive Components Manufacturers Association (ACMA). She is also the Chairperson of Pillar 2 (Government Affairs & Strategic Affairs) and Pillar 5 (Media, Image building and PR Comm) at the association. Prior to this, she was the Vice President (2021-23), Chairperson of Northern Region (2020-21) and Co-chair of Northern Region (2018-20). She has also held various portfolios at ACMA, such as Chairperson of Raw Material Committee, Chairperson of MSME Committee, and Chairperson of HR & IR Sub pillar since 2013.

She is part of the National Council of Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) for the term 2024-25 and holds various other key positions within the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) including membership in the CII Northern Regional Council. Moreover, Shradha is an active member of the Executive Committee of the Maruti Suzuki Supplier Welfare Association (MSSWA).

Ms Suri has a bachelor's degree in economics from the University of Delhi. She also went on to earn two post-graduate degrees, a master's in management and a Masters in Economics & Information Systems from The London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), University of London.





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