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THEME: "THE INDIA VISION FOR ONE INDO-PACIFIC:  
TECHNOLOGY IN CONNECTING TRADE AND ECONOMIC PROGRESS."

**26th September -**

Theme: "Emerging Technologies and Their  
Impact on Indo-Pacific Relations."

**27th September -**

Theme: "Strengthening Indo-Pacific Partnerships  
through Technology Collaboration."



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**Mr. Gautam Ray,  
President, BCC&I &  
President - Corporate, RPSG Group**

**Mr. Gautam Ray**, Fellow of The Institution of Engineers, graduated in Electrical Engineering from Calcutta University (erstwhile Bengal Engineering College, Shibpur, presently IITEST) in 1981 and completed Post Graduation in Electrical Power System, from the same Institute in 1983. He was, till recently, Executive Director of CESC Limited, age-old power utility serving the city of Kolkata for more than 100 years and also President (HR), Power Group of RPSG. Presently, he is President- Corporate, RPSG Group. Mr. Ray has an experience of close to 40 years of working in Power System operations and load dispatch, before he migrated to HR & Admin. He was instrumental in working on a collaborative project with Singapore Power for improvement in Distribution Sector. He also established AIPM (Asia Institute of Power Management) under CESC, which imparted training and consultancy services for many power utilities of India and neighbouring countries. He is currently the President of The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry. He is the Chairman of National Safety Council - West Bengal Chapter, Former President - Calcutta Management Association for 2015-16 and 2016-17.



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**Ms. Mikiko Tanaka**  
**Director and Head, South and South-West Asia Office (ESCAP-SSWA), New Delhi UNESCAP**  
**(United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific)**

**Ms. Mikiko Tanaka** is the Director and Head of ESCAP Subregional Office for South and South-West Asia Office, New Delhi effective 2 May 2022. Ms. Tanaka brings over twenty-five years of experience within the United Nations system. She most recently served as the United Nations Resident Coordinator in Guyana and worked with UNDP in Guyana, Yemen, Timor-Leste, Pakistan, Benin, China, Lao PDR and New York. Prior to the UN, she worked for Care International in Thailand and the financial sector in Japan. Ms. Tanaka holds master's degrees in public policy and management from the University of London and in rural development management from Khon Kaen University in Thailand, and a bachelor's degree from the International Christian University in Japan.



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**Ms. Kathy Giles-Diaz**  
**Consul General**  
**U.S. Consulate General Kolkata**

**Ms. Kathy Giles-Diaz** currently serves as the Consul General at the U.S. Consulate General in Kolkata. She oversees U.S. diplomatic efforts and fosters U.S.-India relations across the eleven states of the Kolkata Consular District, which includes West Bengal, Bihar, Jharkhand, Sikkim, and the seven northeastern states of India. Before arriving in India, she was the Public Affairs Advisor at the U.S. Mission to NATO in Brussels, Belgium. Previously, Kathy served as the Director of the State Department's International Media Office and as the Public Affairs Officer at the U.S. Embassy in Riga, Latvia. Kathy's other assignments include Tokyo, Japan; Brussels, Belgium; San Salvador, El Salvador; and Washington, DC. Before joining the State Department, Kathy worked as a television news producer covering the White House and State Department and served as coordinator for an international student exchange program. She holds a B.A. from Wellesley College in biology and Japanese studies and a master's degree in public administration and environmental science from Indiana University. Kathy is joined in her diplomatic journey by her husband, Miguel Diaz, and two teenage children.



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**Dr. V. Anantha Nageswaran**  
**Chief Economic Adviser**  
**Government of India**

**Dr. V. Anantha Nageswaran**, being appointed Chief Economic Adviser in January, 2022, was 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

- (i) Derivatives
- (ii) Can India Grow?
- (iii) 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. He 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, he was 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 was 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.





**Mr. Arnab Basu**  
**President Designate and Chairperson, IT Committee, BCC&I and**  
**Advisory Leader, PricewaterhouseCoopers Pvt Ltd.**

**Mr. Arnab Basu**, President Designate and Chairperson, IT Committee, BCC&I and Advisory Leader, PricewaterhouseCoopers Pvt Ltd. Mr. Arnab Basu is a Partner in PwC India, spearheading the firm's Advisory business, including Consulting, Risk and Deals. He brings rich consulting experience in diverse fields like Business model reinvention, Business Transformation, Operating Model Design, Performance Management, Removing Complexity, and defining Digital Strategy leveraging Enterprise Applications. He sits on PwC's Global Advisory Leadership team and has worked with a range of top tier clients across multiple geographies and industries, including Industrial Manufacturing, Metals & Mining, Oil & Gas. Mr. Basu joined PwC in 2001 post his MBA from IIM Calcutta and specialized in strategy led business transformations using digital platforms and solutions and related Change programs. He is also an Enterprise Apps methodology expert within the global PwC network. Arnab is also responsible for PwC's investments in emerging areas like Climate, Cyber, Gen AI and the corresponding growth strategy and building high performance teams.



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**Mr. Subhodip Ghosh**  
**Director General**  
**BCC&I**

**Mr. Subhodip Ghosh** has 24 years of experience in Chambers of Commerce (with 22 of them in BCC&I). He is focused on expanding BCC&I's reach and work profile covering newer areas of focus which are relevant for the business ecosystem. He is also founder and mentor of BCC&I's Project and Research Division undertaking research based consulting and projects in the International and National spheres. He has published economic / management papers in peer reviewed journals and contributed articles in edited publications and newspapers. He is an alumnus of the US State Department's acclaimed International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP). He is a Masters in Economics with Specialization in World Economy from Jawaharlal Nehru University. Staying fit is a major focus. A full Marathoner and Master Diver – long-distance running, open water diving and cycling are three passions.



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**Mr. Balaji Rajagopalan**  
**Chief Technology Officer (CTO)**  
**State Bank of India**

**Mr. Balaji Rajagopalan** is the Chief Technology Officer (CTO), at State Bank of India. He has previously held the position of Bank Technology Group Head at ICICI Bank, Senior Vice President, Global Consumer Banking at Intellect Design Arena Ltd, Product Line Manager as well as Product Development Manager at Infosys, Project Manager at Polaris Software Lab, Specialist Programmer at Saksoft, and Assistant Engineer at Simpson & Co. Expertise : Enterprise Architecture, Technology Transformation, BFSI domain, Application management, Intelligent Automation with emerging technologies, Business Alignment, Risk Management, Governance, Infrastructure Management, Bank IT Strategy , Partner Management & Financial Management.



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**Mr. Ratan Kumar Kesh**  
**Managing**  
**Director & Chief Executive Officer (Interim)**

**Mr. Ratan Kumar Kesh** has over 27 years of experience across industries in leadership roles. He was recognised as one of the 50 most talented Quality Professionals in India by the World Quality Congress. He was also recognised as one of India's top 25 Emerging Tech Leaders by BIOCON Network in collaboration with MeitY. During his tenures at ICICI Bank, HDFC Bank, Yes Bank, and Axis Bank, he led organisational transformations focusing on technology, digitalisation, governance, quality, and customer satisfaction. He was also among the pioneers in launching Service Quality Framework, Service CRM, and AI COE in major banks. Mr. Kesh holds B.E. (MTech), MBA, and advanced Quality Engineer (QCI, USA) certifications. Additionally, he has completed an advanced leadership course from IIM-A and Harvard.



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**Mr. Raj Jain**  
**Managing Director and CEO**  
**RS Software**

**Mr. Raj Jain** is a visionary entrepreneur in digital payments. He is the founder CEO and Managing Director of RS Software, a company engaged for more than 25 years in the core areas of digital payments. The vision of the Company is to help its clients enhance the economic circumstances of individuals, communities and countries through the transformative power of electronic payments, contribute towards achieving financial inclusion, and make life impacting changes through digital technologies in the way humanity conducts and experiences commerce. RS Software works with global leaders in digital payments, and has built India's digital payment infrastructure.

Raj Jain believes in giving back to society and engages in philanthropic activities. He is deeply involved with Veerayatan, an institution focused on making this world a better place, through the principles of compassion, education, religion and charity.

Raj Jain was acknowledged by Ernst & Young as one of the top 20 Outstanding Entrepreneurs of the Year, and he speaks at various global forums and at universities. He has served on the Executive Council of National Association of Software and Services Companies (NASSCOM), and he is the past Chairman of NASSCOM. He is also a Charter member of TiE (The IndUS Entrepreneurs). TiE is the world's largest global network with a mission is to foster entrepreneurship globally through mentoring, networking, and education. Focus is on generating and nurturing a new generation of entrepreneurs. Raj Jain co-founded the fourth chapter in Silicon Valley of Young Presidents Organisation (YPO). YPO is a global network of young chief executives that connects 24,000 peers and their families in more than 130 countries to learn, exchange ideas and address the challenges leaders face today. Altogether, YPO member run companies employ 20 million people and generate US\$ 9+ trillion in annual revenues.



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**Mr. Sidharth Prashar**  
**DGM - GVLA Business - BD/IS/Govt. Large Accounts Business Group**  
**Tally Solutions Pvt. Ltd.**

**Mr. Sidharth Prashar**, is associated with Tally from the last 13 years, fulfilling the responsibilities that include developing and executing Sales strategies, identifying new business opportunities, building relationships with key stakeholders, negotiating contracts, managing the sale pipeline and responsible for driving sales growth within the enterprise segment.



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**Dr. Raj Rajesh**  
**Director**  
**Department of Economic & Policy Research**  
**Reserve Bank of India**

Raj Rajesh is currently Director (General Manager) and heading the Economic Research Department of the RBI, Kolkata. He has been with the RBI for past 22 years. He also worked at the Banque de France (Paris) in 2022 as a Senior Economist. In his career as a Central Banker, besides working in the Economic Research Department of the RBI, he also worked in the operational departments of the RBI such as Monetary Policy Department, Debt Management Department, and the International Department. He has published his papers on various areas of economics in internal publications of the RBI as also external refereed journals. Besides obtaining his Bachelor's and Master's and M. Phil. degrees from DU and JNU, respectively, he obtained his Ph.D. from IIT Patna. He is a certified Financial Risk Manager (FRM) [GARP, USA] besides being a Certified Associate of the IIBF.



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**Mr. Karthik Srinivasan**  
**Founder & CTIO**  
**Ziksu**

**Mr. Karthik Srinivasan** is the Founder and CTIO (Chief Technology and Innovation Officer) of Ziksu, with more than 20 years of experience at the intersection of financial services and technology across Australia and the APAC region. Karthik has unique expertise in bridging traditional banking systems with modern digital innovations, positioning Ziksu at the forefront of fintech advancements. His career includes significant roles in major banks and global technology firms in Australia, India and APAC region, where he has led digital transformation initiatives and forged various ecosystem partnerships. Karthik's leadership has been instrumental in driving Ziksu's growth and strategic direction in the financial technology landscape.



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**Prof. Dr. Ajitava Ray Chaudhuri**  
**Professor Emeritus and Head, Department of Economics,**  
**Adamas University and Chairperson, Economic Affairs**  
**Committee, BCC&I**

**Prof. Dr. Ajitava Ray Chaudhuri** is a Ph.D from American University (USA) and is Professor and former Head and Coordinator of Centre for Advanced Studies, Department of Economics, Jadavpur University, Kolkata, India. He was a senior Fulbright Scholar at Economic Growth Center, Yale University and Reid Hall Scholar in Residence of Columbia University, Paris Campus. He was visiting faculty at Indian Statistical Institute (Calcutta), Calcutta University and Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (Calcutta). He had undertaken several important projects from UNESCAP, ADB, World Bank, UNDP, PEP, GDN, IPPG, SANEI, Finance Commission, Planning Commission etc. He has also written numerous papers in international and national journals and edited books. Among his notable books are *India's Exports: An Analytical Study* (with Sugata Marjit) published by Oxford University Press and *International Trade in Services in India: Implications for Growth and Inequality in a Globalising World* (with Prabir De) also from Oxford University Press. He also authored two *District Human Development Reports* for West Bengal (with Sushil Halder) published by UNDP and Planning Commission of India. His latest edited book (with Prabir De) is on *Myanmar's Integration with the World*, published as Palgrave Macmillan series by Springer.



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**Mr. Kamal Nath**  
**CEO**  
**Sify Technologies Ltd**

**Mr. Kamal Nath** is an entrepreneurial-mindset driven CEO with 30 years of experience in the IT, Communications, Cloud & Digital industry. He is known for his proven expertise in organizational transformation, growth and building diverse businesses and teams. He is a passionate and highly effective business leader, with a focus on delivering value to his customers. Kamal joined Sify as CEO in 2012, and quickly transitioned it into the leading digital infrastructure partner, helping customers achieve their digital transformation goals built on its world class Data Centers, Cloud & Network assets and wide portfolio of professional and digital services. Prior to joining Sify, Kamal Nath, had a high impact 17-year tenure at HCL Technologies, where in his last assignment as Country Sales & Business Head he led various transformational engagements with large enterprises, incubated new business services, created innovative business models, and developed new and high growth vertical customer segments. He takes keen interest in talent development, coaching & mentorship, and is a vocal advisor on industrial and infrastructural reforms for the industry.



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**Mr. Jay Doshi**  
**MD, Digital, Corporate Units & India**  
**British Telecom Group**

**Mr. Jay Doshi** is responsible for strategy, delivery and operations for BT Group's Enterprise & Technology as well as transforming the Digital experience for 100,000+ colleagues. Jay plays a global role for BT based out of Bangalore. In addition to his role as MD, Jay leads BT's Technology Centre's in India. Prior to BT, Jay has held management positions at TurningPoint, Wisor Telecom (now Synchronoss Technologies), IBM and Siemens. TurningPoint was a startup Jay started in India and grew to 150+ strong building a product for the US market from India. Jay regularly speaks at premier academic institutions. Some of the institutes that Jay has presented at are – Indian Institute of Management Bangalore, Narsee Monjee Institute of Management Studies Bangalore, SDM Institute for Management development Mysore & Acharya B School Bangalore. Jay is an Alumnus of IIM Bangalore (PGSEM 2001 – 2004) and PESIT (BE Electronics & Communications – 1992 - 1996). Jay lives in Bangalore with his family. When he is not busy with work, he spends time reading books and spending time with friends.



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**Mr. Balaji Doraiswamy**  
**South Asia Head, RE & Infra**  
**Oracle India**

**Mr. Balaji Doraiswamy** is the South Asia Head, RE & Infra, at Oracle India. He has also been the Global Head, Real Estate and Facilities Management at Mindtree, the Vice President - Corporate Real Estate at JPMorgan Chase, Manager - Admin and Facilities at Yahoo Software Development India Private Limited., Deputy Manager – Corporate Service at Satyam Computer Services, and Regional Admin in Charge at Amway India.





**Mr. Anirban Banerjee**  
**Global Vice President, Operations**  
**Wipro**

**Mr. Anirban (Ban) Banerjee** is a seasoned professional with extensive experience in driving large-scale digital transformation across banking, capital markets, and insurance industries. With over 25 years of consulting, technology strategy, and delivery leadership experience, Anirban has been instrumental in working with many Fortune 50 clients, helping them transform their businesses. In his current role, Anirban is chartered with improving organizational and operational efficiency to drive sustainable, profitable, and delivery-led growth with client-centricity. He works closely with clients and various Wipro business units in solving complex problems and delivering excellence. Before joining Wipro, Anirban held leadership roles at Avanade (an Accenture company), Ciber Inc., and Satyam Computer Services Limited (now Tech Mahindra). In his previous roles, Anirban led a multi-billion-dollar strategic relationship and digital transformations. Anirban is an alumnus of Madras University. After spending over 2 decades in the US, in early 2024 he relocated back to Kolkata. Someone deeply committed to making a difference in the community, Anirban works closely with the not-for-profit Kolkata Foundation in the areas of Education, Healthcare, and Anti-Sex Trafficking impacting over 100K beneficiaries across West Bengal, India.



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**Mr. C N Raghupathi**  
**Founder Director, Manipal Innovation Leadership and Entrepreneurship School**  
**and Former Head, India Business, Infosys**

**Mr. C N Raghupathi** has close to 40 years of post qualification experience. The last 25 +years have been spent in the Digital field both in India and abroad. Presently associated with Manipal Academy of higher Education as a Professor and Director of a School, Raghu has extensive teaching and proctoring experience in the field of Computer Science. Prior to joining Manipal , Raghu was with Infosys from where he retired on attaining Superannuation in September 2021. During his term at Infosys Raghu held various Positions the final and most significant was Senior VP-Head(CEO) of India business. During his tenure Raghu led many transformational IT projects for the State and Central GovernmentLike APDRP, Income-Tax, GST and MCA. He has also been in Public-Policy making as a Member of many task-forcesWinner of IEEE “ Lifetime achievement award” Raghu holds degrees in EnginerringAnd ManagementHe also sits on the advisory Board of a PE company company and many VC companiesHe consults to a few corporates



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